

Bus Routes in C++

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#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <unordered_map>
#include <queue>
#include <unordered_set>

using namespace std;

int
numBusesToDestination(vector<vector<int>>& routes, int S, int T) {
    int n = routes.size();
    unordered_map<int, vector<int>>
map;

    // Building a map of bus stops to their
    // respective bus routes
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
        for (int j = 0; j < routes[i].size(); ++j)
        {
            int busStopNo = routes[i][j];
            map[busStopNo].push_back(i);
        }
    }

    queue<int> q;
    unordered_set<int> busStopVisited;
    unordered_set<int> busVisited;
    int level = 0;
    q.push(S);
    busStopVisited.insert(S);

    // Performing BFS to find the
    // minimum number of buses
    while (!q.empty()) {
        int size = q.size();
        while (size-- > 0) {
            int currentStop = q.front();
            q.pop();
            if (currentStop == T) {
                return level;
            }

            if (map.find(currentStop) !=
map.end()) {
                vector<int>& buses =
map[currentStop];
                for (int bus : buses) {
                    if (busVisited.count(bus) > 0)
                    {
                        continue;
                    }

                    vector<int>& busRoute =
routes[bus];
                    for (int nextStop : busRoute)
                    {
                        if
(busStopVisited.count(nextStop) > 0) {
                            continue;
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
        }
        level++;
        while (size-- > 0) {
            int nextStop = q.front();
            q.pop();
            busVisited.insert(nextStop);
            for (int bus : map[nextStop]) {
                vector<int>& busRoute =
routes[bus];
                for (int nextStop : busRoute)
                {
                    if (busStopVisited.count(nextStop) > 0)
                    {
                        continue;
                    }
                    q.push(nextStop);
                    busStopVisited.insert(nextStop);
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
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Input:

```
routes = {
    {1, 2, 7},
    {3, 6, 7}
};
src = 1;
dest = 6;
```



High-Level Idea:

The code builds a graph where each **bus stop** connects to **bus routes**, then performs **BFS** starting from the source stop to find the **minimum number of buses** needed to reach the destination.

🔄 Dry Run Table (Iterative BFS)

Iteration	Level	Queue Contents	Current Stop	Bus Routes from Stop	New Stops Added to Queue	Bus Visited	Comments
Init	0	[1]	-	-	-	-	Start from stop 1
1	0	[1]	1	[0]	[2, 7]	{0}	Stop 1 is in route 0; enqueue 2, 7
2	1	[2, 7]	2	[0]	-	{0}	Bus 0 already visited
3	1	[7]	7	[0, 1]	[3, 6]	{0, 1}	Route 1 has 6 (destination!)
4	2	[3, 6]	3	[1]	-	{0, 1}	Already visited bus 1
5	2	[6]	6	[1]	-	{0, 1}	🎯 Destination reached

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        q.push(nextStop);
busStopVisited.insert(nextStop);
    }
    busVisited.insert(bus);
}
}
}
}
++level;
}
return -1; // If destination is not
reachable
}

int main() {
    // Hardcoded input values
    vector<vector<int>> routes = {
        {1, 2, 7},
        {3, 6, 7}
    };
    int src = 1; // source bus stop
    int dest = 6; // destination bus stop

    cout <<
numBusesToDestination(routes, src,
dest) << endl;

    return 0;
}

```

✓ Result:

The `level` when we reach stop 6 is **2**, but since levels are **incremented after each BFS layer**, and the first bus was taken at level 0:

☞ **Minimum buses required = 2**

🏁 Final Output:

2

Output:-

2