

## Paint Houses in C++

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#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>

using namespace std;

int main() {
    // Input array representing costs to paint each
    // house with three colors
    vector<vector<int>>> arr = {{1, 5, 7}, {5, 8, 4}, {3, 2,
9}, {1, 2, 4}};
    int n = arr.size(); // Number of houses

    // Initialize dp array
    vector<vector<long long>>> dp(n, vector<long
long>(3, 0));

    // Base case: First row initialization
    dp[0][0] = arr[0][0];
    dp[0][1] = arr[0][1];
    dp[0][2] = arr[0][2];

    // Fill dp array from second row onwards
    for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {
        dp[i][0] = arr[i][0] + min(dp[i - 1][1], dp[i - 1][2]);
        dp[i][1] = arr[i][1] + min(dp[i - 1][0], dp[i - 1][2]);
        dp[i][2] = arr[i][2] + min(dp[i - 1][0], dp[i - 1][1]);
    }

    // Find the minimum cost to paint all houses
    long long ans = min(dp[n - 1][0], min(dp[n - 1][1],
dp[n - 1][2]));

    // Output the minimum cost
    cout << ans << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

### Input Matrix (Cost of painting houses):

House 0: [1, 5, 7]  
House 1: [5, 8, 4]  
House 2: [3, 2, 9]  
House 3: [1, 2, 4]

We denote the colors as:

- 0 → Red
- 1 → Blue
- 2 → Green

### DP Table Filling Explanation:

House	dp[i][0] (Red)	dp[i][1] (Blue)	dp[i][2] (Green)
0	1	5	7
1	5 + min(5,7) = 10	8 + min(1,7) = 9	4 + min(1,5) = 5
2	3 + min(9,5) = 8	2 + min(10,5) = 7	9 + min(10,9) = 18
3	1 + min(7,18) = 8	2 + min(8,18) = 10	4 + min(8,7) = 11

### ✓ Final DP Table:

House	Red	Blue	Green
0	1	5	7
1	10	9	5
2	8	7	18
3	8	10	11

### 📄 Output:

The minimum total cost is:

min(8, 10, 11) = 8

Output:-  
8