

## Count zeroes in C++

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#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int cnt = 0;

int countZerosRec(int input) {
    // Base case for initial input of 0
    if (input == 0 && cnt == 0) {
        return 1;
    }

    // Base case for recursion
    if (input == 0) {
        return cnt;
    }

    // Check if the current last digit is zero
    if (input % 10 == 0) {
        cnt++;
    }

    // Recursive call to process the next digit
    return countZerosRec(input / 10);
}

int main() {
    cout << countZerosRec(10034) << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

### Dry Run of the Function

#### Input:

input = 10034

#### Step-by-Step Execution

##### Initial Call:

countZerosRec(10034)

- input % 10 = 4 (last digit is not 0).
- Recursive call:

countZerosRec(1003)

##### Second Call:

countZerosRec(1003)

- input % 10 = 3 (last digit is not 0).
- Recursive call:

countZerosRec(100)

##### Third Call:

countZerosRec(100)

- input % 10 = 0 (last digit **is** 0).
- cnt++ → cnt = 1.
- Recursive call:

countZerosRec(10)

##### Fourth Call:

countZerosRec(10)

- input % 10 = 0 (last digit **is** 0).
- cnt++ → cnt = 2.
- Recursive call:

countZerosRec(1)

##### Fifth Call:

countZerosRec(1)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>input % 10 = 1</code> (last digit is not 0).</li><li>• Recursive call:  <code>countZerosRec(0)</code></li></ul> <p><b>Base Case (Sixth Call):</b></p> <p><code>countZerosRec(0)</code></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>input == 0</code>, so return <code>cnt</code>.</li><li>• <code>cnt = 2</code>.</li></ul> <p><b>Backtracking and Final Output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Fifth Call:</b> Returns 2.</li><li>• <b>Fourth Call:</b> Returns 2.</li><li>• <b>Third Call:</b> Returns 2.</li><li>• <b>Second Call:</b> Returns 2.</li><li>• <b>Initial Call:</b> Returns 2.</li></ul>
Output:- 2	