## Permutation in C++

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#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void permutations(int cb, int nboxes, int items[], int
ssf, int ritems, string asf) {
  if (cb > nboxes) {
     if (ssf == ritems) {
       cout << asf << endl;
     return;
  }
  for (int i = 0; i < ritems; i++) {
     if (items[i] == 0) {
       items[i] = 1;
       permutations(cb + 1, nboxes, items, ssf + 1,
ritems, asf + to_string(i + 1);
       items[i] = 0;
     }
  }
  permutations(cb + 1, nboxes, items, ssf, ritems, asf
+ "0");
}
int main() {
  int nboxes = 3;
  int ritems = 2;
  int cb = 1;
  int ssf = 0;
  int items[ritems] = {0}; // Initialize items array with
0s
  permutations(cb, nboxes, items, ssf, ritems, "");
  return 0;
}
```

## **Step-by-step Execution:**

- 1. **cb = 1:** We are at the first box. We try all possible items (1 and 2) in the first box.
  - o **Item 1:** 
    - items[0] = 0, we mark it as used (items[0] = 1).
    - Recursively call permutations(2, 3, [1, 0], 1, 2, "1").
- 2. **cb = 2:** We are now at the second box. We check all possible items (1 and 2).
  - Item 1: (items[0] = 1, already used, so skip).
  - o **Item 2:** 
    - items[1] = 0, we mark it as used (items[1] = 1).
    - Recursively call permutations(3, 3, [1, 1], 2, 2, "12").
- 3. **cb = 3:** We are at the third box. We try all possible options:
  - Item 1 and Item 2: Both are already used.
  - Add 0 to indicate the third box remains empty.
    - Recursively call permutations(4, 3, [1, 1], 2, 2, "120").
- 4. **Base case:** cb = 4, output 120.

## **Result:**

- We print 120 as a valid permutation.
- 5. **Backtrack:** Unmark the second item (items[1] = 0), and proceed to the next option in cb = 2.
  - o **Item 2**:
    - items[1] = 0, mark it as used (items[1] = 1).
    - Recursively call permutations(3, 3, [1, 1], 2, 2, "20").
- 6. **Base case:** cb = 4, output 120.

Output:-

120