

## Factorial in C++

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#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int fact(int n) {
    if (n == 0) {
        return 1;
    } else {
        int prev = fact(n - 1);
        return n * prev;
    }
}

int main() {
    cout << fact(6) << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

### Step 1: Initial Call

- Function: fact(6)
- Input:  $n = 6$
- Condition:  $n \neq 0 \rightarrow$  **Not base case**
- Action: Call fact(5) and calculate  $6 * \text{fact}(5)$

### Step 2: Call fact(5)

- Function: fact(5)
- Input:  $n = 5$
- Condition:  $n \neq 0 \rightarrow$  **Not base case**
- Action: Call fact(4) and calculate  $5 * \text{fact}(4)$

### Step 3: Call fact(4)

- Function: fact(4)
- Input:  $n = 4$
- Condition:  $n \neq 0 \rightarrow$  **Not base case**
- Action: Call fact(3) and calculate  $4 * \text{fact}(3)$

### Step 4: Call fact(3)

- Function: fact(3)
- Input:  $n = 3$
- Condition:  $n \neq 0 \rightarrow$  **Not base case**
- Action: Call fact(2) and calculate  $3 * \text{fact}(2)$

### Step 5: Call fact(2)

- Function: fact(2)
- Input:  $n = 2$
- Condition:  $n \neq 0 \rightarrow$  **Not base case**
- Action: Call fact(1) and calculate  $2 * \text{fact}(1)$

### Step 6: Call fact(1)

- Function: fact(1)
- Input:  $n = 1$
- Condition:  $n \neq 0 \rightarrow$  **Not base case**
- Action: Call fact(0) and calculate  $1 * \text{fact}(0)$

### Step 7: Call fact(0)

- Function: fact(0)

- Input:  $n = 0$
- Condition:  $n == 0 \rightarrow$  **Base case**
- Action: Return 1

#### Step 8: Return Values

- **Return to fact(1):**
  - Calculation:  $1 * \text{fact}(0) \rightarrow 1 * 1 = 1$
  - Return: 1
- **Return to fact(2):**
  - Calculation:  $2 * \text{fact}(1) \rightarrow 2 * 1 = 2$
  - Return: 2
- **Return to fact(3):**
  - Calculation:  $3 * \text{fact}(2) \rightarrow 3 * 2 = 6$
  - Return: 6
- **Return to fact(4):**
  - Calculation:  $4 * \text{fact}(3) \rightarrow 4 * 6 = 24$
  - Return: 24
- **Return to fact(5):**
  - Calculation:  $5 * \text{fact}(4) \rightarrow 5 * 24 = 120$
  - Return: 120
- **Return to fact(6):**
  - Calculation:  $6 * \text{fact}(5) \rightarrow 6 * 120 = 720$
  - Return: 720

Output:-  
720