

## Longest Palindromic substring In C++

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#include <iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;

int LongestPalindromicSubstring(string str) {
    int n = str.length();
    bool dp[n][n];
    int len = 0;

    // Initialize dp array
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        dp[i][i] = true;
    }

    // Check for substrings of length 2
    for (int i = 0; i < n - 1; i++) {
        if (str[i] == str[i + 1]) {
            dp[i][i + 1] = true;
            len = 2; // Update length of longest
palindromic substring
        } else {
            dp[i][i + 1] = false;
        }
    }

    // Check for substrings of length > 2
    for (int g = 2; g < n; g++) {
        for (int i = 0, j = g; j < n; i++, j++) {
            if (str[i] == str[j] && dp[i + 1][j - 1]) {
                dp[i][j] = true;
                len = g + 1; // Update length of longest
palindromic substring
            } else {
                dp[i][j] = false;
            }
        }
    }

    return len;
}

int main() {
    string str = "abccbc";
    int longestPalSubstrLen =
LongestPalindromicSubstring(str);
    cout << longestPalSubstrLen << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

### Step-by-Step Dry Run

#### Step 1: Initialize DP Table (g = 0)

Each **single character** is a palindrome (dp[i][i] = true).

	a	b	c	c	b	c
a	✓					
b		✓				
c			✓			
c				✓		
b					✓	
c						✓

**Longest palindrome so far: len = 1** (since all single characters are palindromes).

#### Step 2: Substrings of Length 2 (g = 1)

We check adjacent characters str[i] == str[i+1].

	a	b	c	c	b	c
a	✓	✗				
b		✓	✗			
c			✓	✓		
c				✓	✗	
b					✓	✗
c						✓

**Updated longest palindrome: len = 2** ("cc" at dp[2][3]).

**Step 3: Substrings of Length 3+ ( $g \geq 2$ )**

For substrings of length  $g + 1$ , we check:

$dp[i][j] = (str[i] == str[j]) \text{ AND } dp[i+1][j-1]$

**For  $g = 2$  (substrings of length 3):**

	a	b	c	c	b	c
a	✓	✗	✗			
b		✓	✗	✗	✓	
c			✓	✓	✗	✗
c				✓	✗	✗
b					✓	✗
c						✓

**Updated longest palindrome: len = 3 ("bccb"**  
at  $dp[1][4]$ ).

**For  $g = 3$  (substrings of length 4):**

	a	b	c	c	b	c
a	✓	✗	✗	✗		
b		✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
c			✓	✓	✗	✗
c				✓	✗	✗
b					✓	✗
c						✓

**Updated longest palindrome: len = 4 ("bccb"**

at dp[1][4]).

For g = 4 (substrings of length 5):

	a	b	c	c	b	c
a	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	
b		✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
c			✓	✓	✗	✗
c				✓	✗	✗
b					✓	✗
c						✓

No update to len (remains 4).

For g = 5 (full string, length 6):

	a	b	c	c	b	c
a	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
b		✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
c			✓	✓	✗	✗
c				✓	✗	✗
b					✓	✗
c						✓

Final longest palindrome: len = 4 ("bccb").

Final Answer

The longest palindromic substring in "abccbc"

	has length 4 ("bccb").  Output: 4
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