

DSA Lab: 10



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Scenario:

You are working in an automated warehouse where products are stored on shelves in increasing order of size. Due to a system upgrade, all the items on Shelf A need to be moved to Shelf C while preserving their order. A temporary Shelf B is available for intermediate storage. The robot moving the items has the following constraints:

- **Only one item can be moved at a time.**
- **A larger item cannot be placed on top of a smaller item.**
- **The robot must follow an optimal sequence to minimize the number of moves.**

Task:

Write a recursive function to determine the sequence of moves required to transfer all items from Shelf A to Shelf C, using Shelf B as a temporary holding space.

Source Code:

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#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

// Recursive function to solve the problem
void moveItems(int n, char fromShelf, char toShelf, char tempShelf) {
    if (n == 1) {
        cout << "Move item from " << fromShelf << " to " << toShelf << endl;
        return;
    }
    // Step 1: Move n-1 items from 'fromShelf' to 'tempShelf' using 'toShelf' as temporary
    // storage
    moveItems(n - 1, fromShelf, tempShelf, toShelf);

    // Step 2: Move the nth item directly from 'fromShelf' to 'toShelf'
    cout << "Move item from " << fromShelf << " to " << toShelf << endl;

    // Step 3: Move the n-1 items from 'tempShelf' to 'toShelf' using 'fromShelf' as temporary
    // storage
    moveItems(n - 1, tempShelf, toShelf, fromShelf);
}

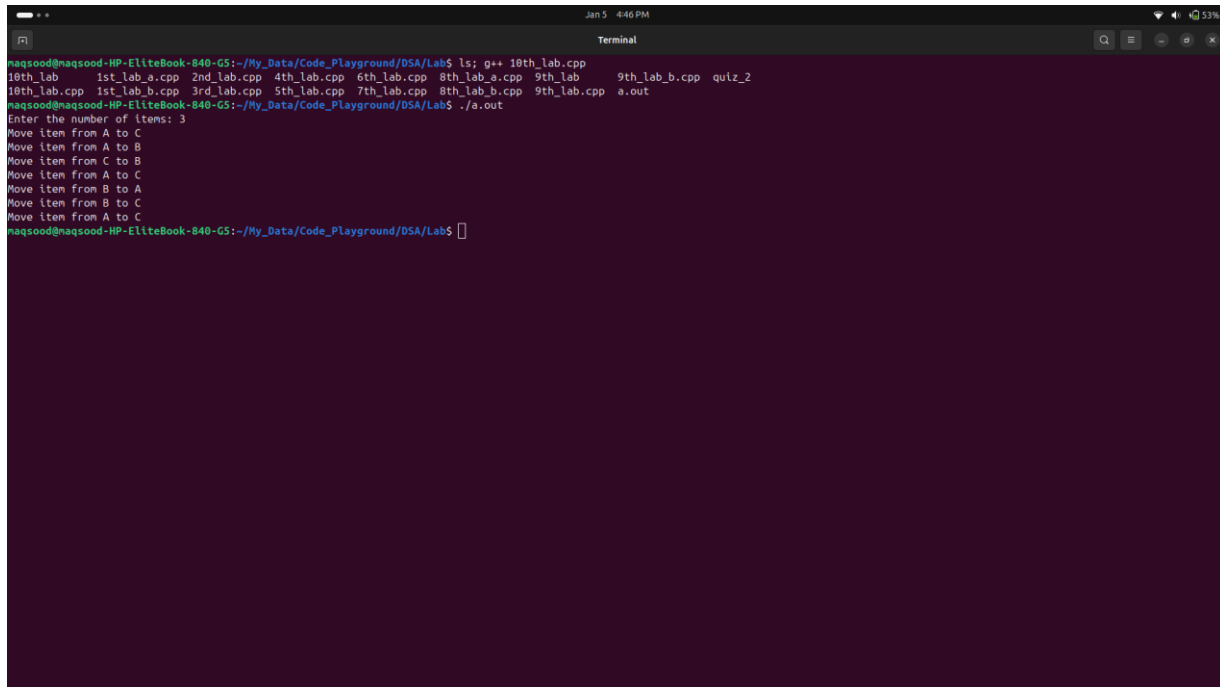
int main() {
    int n; // Number of items on Shelf A
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cout << "Enter the number of items: ";
cin >> n;

// Call the recursive function
moveItems(n, 'A', 'C', 'B');

return 0;
}
```

OUTPUT:



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10th_lab      1st_lab_a.cpp  2nd_lab.cpp  4th_lab.cpp  6th_lab.cpp  8th_lab_a.cpp  9th_lab      9th_lab_b.cpp  quiz_2
10th_lab.cpp  1st_lab_b.cpp  3rd_lab.cpp  5th_lab.cpp  7th_lab.cpp  8th_lab_b.cpp  9th_lab.cpp  a.out
maqsood@maqsood-HP-EliteBook-840-G5:~/My_Data/Code_Playground/DSA/Lab$ ./a.out
Enter the number of items: 3
Move item from A to C
Move item from A to B
Move item from C to B
Move item from A to C
Move item from B to A
Move item from B to C
Move item from A to C
maqsood@maqsood-HP-EliteBook-840-G5:~/My_Data/Code_Playground/DSA/Lab$
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The End