

# ACM Lab – HS 2015

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You won't need the fancy features of C++. Look up how to

- do IO using `cin/cout`
- use `vector` (C++ dynamic arrays) from STL
- sort vectors (of structs) according to a given predicate
- (maybe) use `stacks/priority queues` from STL

and you will be fine.

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If you like the type of problems presented in this lab, then sign up for the local ACM competition!

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- timelimit: solution is too slow
- wrong-answer: the program outputs a wrong answer
- assertion-failure SIGABRT: memory screwup or assertion failure
- segmentation-fault SIGSEGV: memory screwup
- run-error: nonzero exit status (main should return 0)
- forbidden: bad syscall or other safety