

# BF instructions

The basic concept of BF is very simple. **Imagine a very large array of integers.** You can...

... <b>move left and right</b> on it with	<b>&lt;</b> and <b>&gt;</b> ,
... <b>increment and decrement</b> the current cell with	<b>+</b> and <b>-</b> ,
... <b>loop</b> until zero with	<b>[</b> and <b>]</b> , and
... <b>do input and output</b> (one character at a time) with	<b>,</b> and <b>.</b>

## (Some of the) EBF additions

**Variables** are named locations on the tape. Define them with `:var_name`  
and go to them with `$var_name.`

**Macros** are reusable snippets of code. Define them with `{mac_name body}`  
and insert them with `&mac_name.`

**Self-balancing brackets:** this EBF code `(>>>) :a:b $a(-$b+)`  
compiles into this BF code `[>>><<<] [->+<].`

**Multiplicative notation** curbs repetition and aids readability. `3+`  
compiles into `+++.`

More details, examples, and language features can be found at <https://code.google.com/p/ebf-compiler/>.

# EBF++ additions

**Libraries** and other files can be included with this syntax:

```
!'filename'
```

**Macros** have been extended with arguments.

```
{mac_name \ arg1 \ arg2... \\  
  body (can contain %arg1...)}  
&{mac_name / arg1 / arg2...}
```

**Arrays and structs** have been added, though in this version of EBF++, they can only exist together. Specifically:

- you **cannot** create structs by themselves, and
- **every** array is an array of some kind of struct.

You can declare a struct type like this:

```
:=Point { x y }
```

Then you can define an array, either by...

size:

```
::square Point 4
```

or by supplying initial values:

```
::triangle Point  
  { 0 0 / 0 1 / 1 0 }
```

You can go to an index in an array, either by...

specifying a numerical index:

```
$:triangle 2
```

or a variable containing the index:

```
$_!triangle index_var
```

Now you're in a struct. You can access a member like this:

```
$$x
```

And you can iterate over array elements like this:

```
~triangle {  
  body (can contain $$x...)}  
}
```