

Before completing this lab, you must be able to access the C++ language in either of these ways:

- Install a Unix-style system on your laptop.
- Connect to the cs-intro.ua.edu server.

Instructions for doing both of these options can be found on Blackboard.

Write two C++ programs `hollow.cpp` and `solid.cpp` that behave as follows. Each program accepts one command line argument which is an integer `N`. The program `hollow.cpp` uses nested loops to display the three hollow shapes as shown on the left below. The program `solid.cpp` uses recursion (no loops) to display the three solid shapes as shown on the right below. Each shape has exactly `N` characters 'X' on each side. Hint: as part of your recursive solution, write a recursive helper function that displays `m` copies of character `c`. To verify that you are not using any loops in the `solid.cpp` program, use the Unix `grep` command as shown.

<pre>g++ hollow.cpp -o hollow ./hollow 5</pre>	<pre>grep while solid.cpp grep for solid.cpp g++ solid.cpp -o solid ./solid 5</pre>
<p>Hollow parallelogram leaning left:</p> <pre>XXXXX X...X X...X X...X XXXXX</pre> <p>Hollow parallelogram leaning right:</p> <pre>XXXXXX X...X X...X X...X XXXXX</pre> <p>Hollow diamond:</p> <pre> X X.X X...X X.....X X.....X X.....X X...X X.X X</pre>	<p>Solid parallelogram leaning left:</p> <pre>XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX</pre> <p>Solid parallelogram leaning right:</p> <pre>XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX</pre> <p>Solid diamond:</p> <pre> X XXX XXXXX XXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXX XXXXXXX XXXXX XXX X</pre>

The solid diamond shape is considered optional, and can earn extra credit.

Please carefully read the following requirements:

- Try to write the program individually, because you will learn more that way. However, if you get stuck and don't know how to proceed, you can ask the instructor or a classmate for assistance.
- You may demonstrate your program either on your local machine or on the `cs-intro.ua.edu` server.
- Once you believe your program runs correctly using all the above examples, demonstrate your program to the instructor. If the instructor agrees that your program works correctly, you are done.