



Bar Code Exercise

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For faster sorting of letters, the United States Postal Service encourages companies that send large volumes of mail to use a bar code denoting the ZIP code. The encoding scheme for a five-digit ZIP code is shown in Table 1. There are full-height frame bars on each side. The five encoded digits are followed by a correction digit, which is computed as follows: Add up all digits, and choose the correction digit to make the sum a multiple of 10. For example, the ZIP code 95014 has sum of digits 19, so the correction digit is 1 to make the sum equal to 20.

Each digit of the ZIP code, and the correction digit, is encoded according to Table 1, where 0 denotes a half bar and 1 a full bar. Note that they represent all combinations of two full and three half bars. The digit can be easily computed from the bar code. For example, 01100 is $0 \times 7 + 1 \times 4 + 1 \times 2 + 0 \times 1 + 0 \times 0 = 6$. The only exception is 0, which would yield 11 according weight formula.

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- + use at least one function
- + do not read digits separately



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Table 1

1	0	0	0	1	1
2	0	0	1	0	1
3	0	0	1	1	0
4	0	1	0	0	1
5	0	1	0	1	0
6	0	1	1	0	0
7	1	0	0	0	1
8	1	0	0	1	0
9	1	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	0

Write a program that asks the user for a ZIP code and prints the bar code. Use : for half bars, | for full bars. For example, 95014 becomes

||:|::|:|:|:|:|:|:|:|:|:|

Where the first and last bar represent frame bars. The general format is:

Frame-bar Digit1 Digit2 Digit3 Digit4 Digit5 Check-digit Frame-bar