IO

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Input and Output

Your Objectives:

- Write input routines for three kinds of test inputs,
- use ‘scanf‘ and ‘printf‘ properly for various types of variables, and
- write code for interactive tests.

Explicit Test Count

- First line of input is the number of tests you will receive.

```
0 #include <stdio.h>
1
2 int main() {
3   int cases,x,y;
4   scanf("%d",&cases);
5   while (cases>0) {
6     cases--;
7     scanf("%d %d",&x,&y);
8     printf("%d\n",x+y);
9   }
10 }
```

Termination Marker

- The input itself will use a special value.

```
0 #include <stdio.h>
1
2 int main() {
3   int x,y;
4   while (1) {
5     scanf("%d %d",&x,&y);
6     if (x==-1 && y==-1)
7     break;
8     printf("%d\n",x+y);
9   }
10 }
```

Termination Marker, pt 2

```c
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
  int x,y;
  while (scanf("%d %d",&x,&y) && x != -1 && y != -1) {
    if (x==-1 && y==-1)
    break;
    printf("%d\n",x+y);
  }
}
```

End of File

- Use EOF explicitly.

```c
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
  int x,y;
  while (scanf("%d %d",&x,&y) != EOF) {
    if (x==-1 && y==-1)
    break;
    printf("%d\n",x+y);
  }
}
```

Why `scanf` and `printf`?

- There are problems that TLE if you use `cin` and `cout`.
- `scanf` has some regular-expression like features that can be useful.

Code	**Meaning**
`%d`	Scan an integer
`%lld`	Scan a long long integer
`%s`	Scan a string
`%c`	Scan a character

Spaces and such

- Literal Characters

```
0 //  will read "(10,20)"
1 scanf("(%d,%d)");
```

- Spaces

```
0 //  will read "(10,20)", "  ( 10, 20 )", but not "(10 ,20)"
1 scanf(" ( %d, %d )");
```

- A binary followed by vowels

```
0 //  will read "110101 eieio"
1 scanf("%[01] %[aeiou]");
```

Interactive Tests

- Not common yet, but ICPC is starting to use them.
- One rule: call `flush(stdout)` every time you print.

```
0 #include <stdio.h>
1
2 int main() {
3   int x,y;
4   while (scanf("%d %d",&x,&y) != EOF) {
5     if (x==-1 && y==-1)
6       break;
7     printf("%d\n",x+y);
8     fflush(stdout);
9   }
10 }
```