## Blackbox



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## A BLACK BOX GAME

The Black Box Game is played with a square-shaped black box lying flat on a table. Each of its four sides has $n$ holes (for a total of $4 n$ holes) into which a ball can be thrown. A thrown ball will eventually exit from one of the $4 n$ holes, potentially the same hole into which it was thrown.

The black box's internals can be envisioned as an $n \times n$ grid. The holes in the sides are the starts and ends of rows and columns. Each of the box's squares is either empty or occupied by a deflector. A deflector is a piece of hardware that changes the direction of the ball by 90 degrees. Consider this example of a $5 \times 5$ box.


A ball thrown into the box follows a straight line until it either hits a deflector or exits the box. When a ball hits a deflector, the ball changes direction and the deflector toggles its position (by "toggle" we mean rotate 90 degrees). The examples below show the action of a deflector.

a) A ball is thrown through a hole; it hits a deflector and changes direction.
b) After the first ball was thrown, the deflector has toggled its position. A new ball is thrown into the same hole, hits the deflector and is deflected in a direction opposite to that of the first ball.
C) The deflector toggles every time it is hit.

Whenever a deflector is hit, it makes a beep. The number of times the ball was deflected can be deduced by counting the beeps. It can be proved that the ball always exits the box. The box has a button that resets it to its original state and another button that toggles all of its deflectors.

## TASK

You will be provided with an interface to 15 black boxes via a library of Pascal or C/C++ functions. You must determine the internals of each one of them as best as possible and submit a file describing each. You will also be provided with a method to define your own black boxes for testing.

## CONSTRAINTS

$1 \leq n \leq 30$
OUTPUT
You must submit a file containing the following data for each one of the 15 black-boxes

| blackboxK.out | DESCRIPTION |
| :---: | :---: |
| ```#FILE blackbox K ../ .\... .../. .?.?.``` | LINE 1: The file header. The file header must contain <br> \#FILE blackbox K <br> where K (range 1..15) corresponds to the box being solved. <br> $n$ LINES: Each line describes a row of the box, starting from the topmost row to the bottom row. Each line must contain exactly $n$ characters; each character corresponds to a column (running from left to right). <br> - ' $\because$ ' means that the square is empty. <br> - '/' means the square contains a deflector with initial position ' $\%$ <br> - ' 1 ' means the square contains a deflector with initial position ' \( <br> ) ' <br> - '?' means that you were unable to determine the initial contents of that square |

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## LIBRARY

You are given a library that provides the following functions

| FUNCTION | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| PASCAL <br> function Initialize(box: integer): integer; <br> C/C++ <br> int Initialize(int box); | Initializes the library, must be called once at the start of <br> your program. It returns $n$, the number of holes on each <br> side of the box. <br> The parameter box must contain an integer between 1 <br> and 15 indicating the box you want to use or 0 if you <br> want to use a box created by you. |
| PASCAL <br> function throwBall(holeIn, sideIn: integer; <br> var holeOut, sideOut: integer): longint; | Throws a ball into the box through hole number holeln in <br> side sideln, sides are numbered as 1 - Top, 2 - Right, 3 <br> - Bottom and 4 - Left. Holes are numbered from left to <br> right and from top to bottom starting from number 1 in <br> each side. In holeOut and sideOut you'll receive the hole <br> and side number where the ball exits the box. The <br> function throwBall returns the number of beeps caused <br> by the ball hitting a deflector. |
| int throwBall(int holeIn, int sideIn, <br> C++ int *holeOut, int *sideOut); <br> int throwBall(int holeIn, int sideIn, <br> int \&holeOut, int \&sideOut); | Resets every deflector in the box to its initial position. |
| PASCAL <br> procedure ResetBox; <br> C/C++ <br> void ResetBox(); | PASCAL <br> procedure ToggleDeflectors; <br> C/C++ <br> void ToggleDeflectors(); |
| PASCAL <br> procedure Finalize; <br> C/C++ <br> void Finalize(); | Toggles every deflector in the box. <br> Gralled at the end of your program. |

To be able to use the library in your program do as follows:

- FreePascal: In the task directory you will find the files pbblib.o and pbblib.ppu to be able to use them include the following statement. uses pbblib;
The file pblackbox. pas gives an example of how to use the library.
- C: In the task directory you will find the files cbblib.o and cbblib. h , to be able to use them include the following statement in your code.
\#include "cbblib.h"
The file cblackbox.c gives an example of how to use the library. In order to compile your code you will need to use the following command
gcc -o yourprogram cbblib.o yourprogram.c
- C++: In the task directory you will find the files cppbblib.o and cppbblib.h, to be able to use them include the following statement in your code.
\#include "cppbblib.h"
The file cppblackbox.cpp gives an example of how to use the library. In order to compile your code you will need to use the following command
g++ -o yourprogram cppbblib.o yourprogram.cpp

NOTE: At any given time only one program using the library can be running.

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## SAMPLE INTERACTION

A sample interaction for the box in the previous figure could be:

| FUNCTION CALL | VALUE RETURNED BY FUNCTION |
| :--- | :--- |
| Initialize(0); | Assuming that the box used is the one in the previous <br> figure. Returns 5 indicating that $n=5$ |
| PASCAL <br> throwBall(3,4, holeOut, sideOut); <br> C <br> throwBall(3,4, \&holeOut,\&sideOut); ; <br> C++ <br> throwBall(3,4, holeOut, sideOut); | A ball is thrown into hole number 3 (third from the top) on <br> the left side. Returns 1, indicating that the ball hit 1 <br> deflector. When the function returns, holeOut will equal 2 <br> and sideOut will equal 3 indicating that the ball exited <br> through hole 2 (second from the left) of the bottom side <br> of the box. |

## EXPERIMENTATION

If you pass an integer value of 0 to the function Initialize, the library will read the box internals from the file blackbox.in. In this way you can experiment with the library. The format for the file blackbox. in is described below.

| blackbox.in | DESCRIPTION |
| :--- | :--- |
| 5 | LINE 1: Contains $n$, the number of holes on each side. <br> 3$\quad$LINE 2: Contains an integer $d$ that indicates the number of deflectors <br> in the box. |
| 4 | $2 /$ |
| 4 | $4 /$ |$\quad$| NEXT $d$ LINES: There must be one line for every deflector in the box. |
| ---: |
| Each line contains two space-separated integers that represent |
| the column and the row of the deflector respectively, and a |
| character separated with a space from the second integer that |
| can be either '/' or 's' that represents the original position of the |
| deflector. |

NOTE; The example blackbox.in describes the black box shown in the figure at the top of page 1.

## ERROR MESSAGES

In the case of any anomalies the library will output an error message to the standard error. The possible error message that you can get and their meanings are shown in the table below.

| ERROR MESSAGE | MEANING |
| :--- | :--- |
| ERR 1 More than one app | Only one application at a time can interact with the black boxes, <br> please restart all applications and start only one at a time |
| ERR 2 Invalid box | The box number you input is not in the range from 0 to 15 |
| ERR 3 Invalid deflector | The file blackbox.in has a deflector in an invalid position |
| ERR 4 Invalid symbol | The file blackbox.in has an invalid symbol |
| ERR 5 Invalid size | The size of the black box in blackbox.in is invalid. |
| ERR 6 Invalid input hole | Either the side or the input hole that you entered are invalid |
| ERR 7 ALARM | Please call the technical staff |

## GRADING

For each box you must submit a text file that describes the internals of the black box as best as possible. For each box:

- If your submission has a '.', ' $/$ ' or 'l' character in an incorrect position, you'll get zero points for that box.
- Let $B_{m}$ be the maximum number of discovered positions among all of the correct submissions, and let $B_{y}$ be the number of discovered positions in your submission, then percentage of your score for that box will be

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100 B_{y} / B_{m}
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NOTE: The official solution for this task can programmatically discover $100 \%$ of the initial contents of any of the boxes in a time less than 8 minutes.

