

WORKED EXAMPLE 8.1

Looking for for Duplicates



Your task is to write a program that reads a file and prints all lines that contain a repeated word (such as an accidental “the the”), together with their line numbers.

Step 1 Understand the processing task.

Whenever we find a line containing a repeated word, we are to print it like this:

```
360:bat?' when suddenly, thump! thump! down she came upon a heap of
2103:'Twinkle, twinkle, twinkle, twinkle--' and went on so long that
```

A word is only counted as repeated when it is the same as its predecessor. For example, a line that contains two “the” that are not adjacent would not be reported. The words must be exactly the same. For example, “Twinkle” and “twinkle” don’t match.

Step 2 Determine which files you need to read and write.

We only need to read one file, the one with the words. The result is displayed in the console window; no output file is required.

Step 3 Choose a method for obtaining the file names.

This is a student program with console output; we’ll ask the user through the console.

Step 4 Choose between line, word, and character-based input.

We definitely want to use line-based input because we need to count line numbers and print the entire line if it contains repeating words.

Step 5 With line-oriented input, extract the required data.

When we have an input line, we still need to extract the words. The easiest approach is to use a string stream, and read words off that stream. We will keep a variable that holds the previous word.

```
For each word in the line
  If word equals previous word
    Found a duplicate.
  Else
    previous word = word
```

Step 6 Place repeatedly occurring tasks into functions.

In this program, there are no repeated tasks. But let’s take the bigger view. Scanning lines and printing out the ones that match a particular criterion is a fairly common task. Therefore, let’s put the checking for repeated words into a separate function,

```
bool has_repeated_words(string line)
```

Then the basic processing loop becomes very simple:

```
string line;
int line_number = 0;
while (getline(in_file, line))
{
    line_number++;
    if (has_repeated_words(line))
    {
        cout << setw(7) << line_number << ":" << line << endl;
    }
}
```

Step 7 If required, use manipulators to format the output.

There is only one formatting job: to print the line numbers so that the lines line up. Since an integer has no more than 7 digits, we use

```
cout << setw(7) << line_number << ":" << line << endl;
```

Here's the complete program, `ch08/repeated.cpp`:

```
#include <fstream>
#include <iostream>
#include <iomanip>
#include <sstream>
#include <string>

using namespace std;

/**
 * Checks whether a given line has repeated words (such as "the the").
 * @param line a line of text
 * @return true if the line contains repeated words
 */
bool has_repeated_words(string line)
{
    istringstream strm;
    strm.str(line); // This string stream reads the contents of the line
    string previous_word = "";
    string word;
    while (strm >> word) // For each word in the line
    {
        if (word == previous_word) // Found a duplicate
        {
            return true;
        }
        else // Remember this word for the next iteration
        {
            previous_word = word;
        }
    }
    return false;
}

int main()
{
```

```
string filename;
cout << "Enter filename: ";
cin >> filename;
ifstream in_file;
in_file.open(filename.c_str());

int line_number = 0;
string line;
while (getline(in_file, line)) // For each line in the file
{
    line_number++;
    // Print line if it has repeated words
    if (has_repeated_words(line))
    {
        cout << setw(7) << line_number << ":" << line << endl;
    }
}
return 0;
}
```