

Pacific Northwest & Rocky Mountain Regional Contests

TECHNICAL NOTES

This document contains important information related to the environment for the Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountain Regional Contests. It is important that your team read and understand all the information below.

All Programs:

- The languages allowed in the contest are C, C++, Java, Kotlin, and Python 3.
- There is a limit of 65,535 bytes on the length of files submitted for judging.
- Your program must read its input from “standard input”.
- Your program should send its output to “standard output”. Your program may also send output to “standard error”, but only output sent to “standard output” will be considered during judging.
- All program source code files and/or test data files which you create must be located in or beneath your “home directory”. Your home directory will normally be named “/home/team” – but this may vary between sites so check with your site coordinator. You may create subdirectories beneath your home directory.
- If your program exits with a non-zero exit code, it will be judged as a Run Time Error.

C/C++ Programs:

- Use the filename extension “.cpp” for C++ program files (extensions .cc, .cxx, and .c++ can also be used). Use the filename extension “.c” for C program files.

Java Programs:

- Do not use *package* statements (that is, your solution should reside in the “default package”). Use the filename extension “.java” for all Java source files.

Kotlin Programs:

- Do not use *package* statements (that is, your solution should reside in the “default package”). Use the filename extension “.kt” for all Kotlin source files.

Python Programs:

- In conformance with World Finals rules, only Python 3 (but not Python 2) is supported. Use the filename extension “.py” for all Python source files.
- Python programs will be “syntax checked” when submitted; programs which fail the syntax check will receive a “Compilation Error” response (for which no penalty applies, just as with C/C++/Java/Kotlin programs which fail to compile). See the sections below for information on how to perform a syntax check yourself in the same way as will be done by the Judges.

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Note: in the following sections, the notation “**`\${files}`**” means “the list of file names passed to the corresponding script as arguments”.

Command-line Usage for C/C++:

- To compile a C or C++ program from a command line, type the command

```
compilegcc  programe.c      (for C programs) or
```

```
compileg++  programe.cpp    (for C++ programs)
```

where **programe.c** or **programe.cpp** is the name of your source code file.

The **compilegcc** command is a script which invokes the GNU GCC compiler with the same options as those used by the Judges:

```
-x c -g -O2 -std=gnu11 -static `${files}` -lm
```

The **compileg++** command is a script which invokes the GNU G++ compiler with the same options as those used by the Judges:

```
-x c++ -g -O2 -std=gnu++20 -static `${files}`
```

- To execute a C/C++ program after compiling it as above, type the command

```
./a.out
```

Command-line Usage for Java:

- To compile a Java program from a command line, type the command

```
compilejava  Programe.java
```

where **Programe.java** is the name of your source code file. This will compile the source code in the file **Programe.java**, and will produce a class file named **Programe.class**. The **compilejava** command is a script which invokes the **javac** compiler with the same options as those used by the Judges:

```
-encoding UTF-8 -sourcepath . -d . `${files}`
```

- To execute a Java program after compiling it, type the command

```
runjava  Programe
```

where **Programe** is the name of the class containing your **main** method (your source code file name without the filename extension). The **runjava** command is a script which invokes the **java** command with the same options as those used by the Judges:

```
-Dfile.encoding=UTF-8 -XX:+UseSerialGC -Xss64m -Xms1920m -Xmx1920m `${mainclass}`
```

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Command-line Usage for Python 3:

- To “compile” (syntax-check) a Python 3 program from a command line, type the command

```
compilepython3 progname.py
```

where `progname.py` is the name of your Python 3 source code file. The `compilepython3` command is a script which invokes the `PyPy3` Python 3 interpreter as follows:

```
pypy3 -m py_compile ${files}
```

which compiles (but does not execute) the specified Python program and displays the result (i.e., whether the compile/syntax-check was successful or not).

- To execute a Python 3 program from a command line, type the command

```
runpython3 progname.py
```

where `progname.py` is the name of your Python 3 source code file. The `runpython3` command is a script which invokes the `pyPy3` Python 3 interpreter passing to it the specified Python program file.

- Note that the above commands are precisely what the Judges will use to compile and execute Python 3 submissions.

Command-line Usage for Kotlin:

- To compile a Kotlin program from a command line, type the command

```
compilekotlin progname.kt
```

where `progname.kt` is the name of your Kotlin source code file. The `compilekotlin` command is a script which invokes the `kotlinc` compiler with the same arguments as those used by the Judges:

```
-d . ${files}
```

- To execute a Kotlin program from a command line, type the command

```
runkotlin PrognameKt
```

where `progname.kt` is the name of your Kotlin source code file (note the capitalization and the lack of a period in the `runkotlin` argument.) The `runkotlin` command is a script which invokes the Kotlin JVM with the following options (which are identical to what the Judges will use):

```
-Dfile.encoding=UTF-8 -J-XX:+UseSerialGC -J-Xss64m -J-Xms1920m -J-Xmx1920m  
${mainclass}
```

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IDEs and Editors

- The following IDEs (Integrated Development Environments) are available on the contest system: **CLion**, **Code::Blocks**, **Eclipse**, **IntelliJ IDEA**, **PyCharm**, **VS Code**. They can be accessed using the *Applications* → *Programming* menu.
- The following editors are available on the contest system: **Vim**, **Gvim**, **Emacs(GUI)**, **Emacs(Terminal)**, **GEdit**, **Geany**, **Kate**. They can be accessed using the *Applications* → *Accessories* menu.

Documentation

- Documentation for each available programming language can be found on your machine under the *Applications* → *Programming* → *Documents* menu.
- Additional documentation, such as these Technical Notes, is also available under the *Applications* → *Programming* → *Documents* menu.

Submissions

- Programs are submitted to the Judges using the *PC²* contest control system. *PC²* can be accessed using the *Contest* → *PC²Team* menu. For details on using *PC²*, see the separate *PC² Team Guide*.

Scoreboard

- The current contest scoreboard (standings) can be viewed using the *Scoreboard* menu item in the *PC²* system. A more detailed scoreboard (showing site-specific standings and containing sample problem data for example) can be accessed via the Firefox browser (the Scoreboard URL will be provided prior to the start of the contest). Note that *all scoreboards will be frozen with one hour remaining in the contest*.

Printing

- Teams at all sites will have access to printing. There will be runners who will deliver printed output to your team workstation (teams will not have direct access to the printers).
- Every file you send to the printer *MUST* contain your team's *NAME* and *TEAM NUMBER* in a comment at or near the top of the file. Runners will not deliver printouts that do not identify the team to which the printout belongs.
- Specific additional instructions for printing may vary between sites; ask your site coordinator for additional information regarding printing at your site.
- Print jobs are limited to a few pages long; printing excessively long output will be deemed an activity detrimental to the contest and subject to disqualification.



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Sample data

- Sample data for each problem will be accessible in machine-readable form via a link on the details Scoreboard (see above). To access the sample data, go to the *Contest* → *Scoreboard* menu, follow the Scoreboard link to your contest (PacNW D1, PacNW D2, or Rocky Mountain), and click on the “Sample Data” link. This will download a .zip file containing the sample data for all problems in that contest. Unzip that file under your home directory to obtain the sample data.

Files and Data Storage

- Any files that you create must be stored underneath your home directory (this does not apply to files automatically created by system tools such as editors). Your machine is scheduled to be reset prior to the start of the actual contest; any files you create or system configuration changes you make prior to that will be removed as part of this process.