



## WORKED EXAMPLE 8.1

### Looking for for Duplicates

**Problem Statement** 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:

### worked\_example\_1/repeated.cpp

```

1  #include <fstream>
2  #include <iostream>
3  #include <iomanip>
4  #include <sstream>
5  #include <string>
6
7  using namespace std;
8
9  /**
10   Checks whether a given line has repeated words (such as "the the")
11   @param line a line of text
12   @return true if the line contains repeated words
13   */
14 bool has_repeated_words(string line)
15 {
16     istringstream strm;
17     strm.str(line); // This string stream reads the contents of the line
18     string previous_word = "";
19     string word;
20     while (strm >> word) // For each word in the line
21     {
22         if (word == previous_word) // Found a duplicate
23         {
24             return true;
25         }
26         else // Remember this word for the next iteration
27         {
28             previous_word = word;
29         }
30     }
31     return false;
32 }
33
34 int main()
35 {
36     string filename;
37     cout << "Enter filename: ";
38     cin >> filename;
39     ifstream in_file;
40     in_file.open(filename);
41
42     int line_number = 0;
43     string line;
44     while (getline(in_file, line)) // For each line in the file
45     {
46         line_number++;
47         // Print line if it has repeated words
48         if (has_repeated_words(line))
49         {
50             cout << setw(7) << line_number << ":" << line << endl;

```

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51     }  
52   }  
53   return 0;  
54 }
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