

# 四時讀書樂 (冬)

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# NCURSES Library



- Functions for Screen Handling

# rand( )

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```
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;
using std::endl;

int main( )
{
    for (int i=0; i<9; i++)
        cout << rand( ) % 6 + 1 << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

# Sleep()

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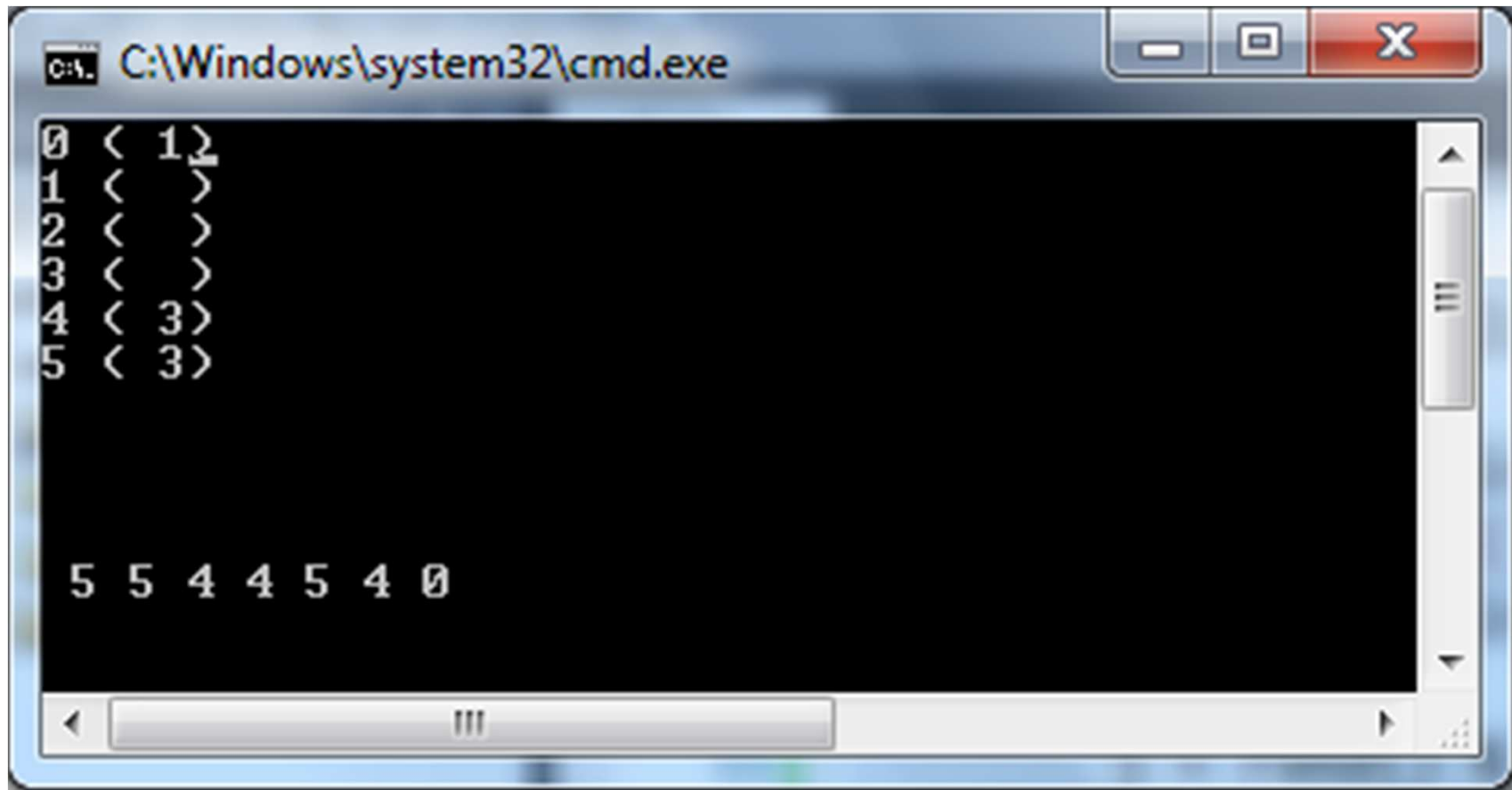
```
#include <iostream>
#include <Windows.h>
#include <Winbase.h>

using std::cout;
using std::endl;

int main()
{
    for (int i=0; i<9; i++)
    {
        cout << rand() % 6 + 1 << endl;
        Sleep(2000); // 2000 ms = 2s
    }
    return 0;
}
```

# Screen Handling

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# pdcourses\_1.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include <Windows.h>
#include <Winbase.h>
#include <curses.h>

int main()
{
    int i, j;
    int a[6] = { 0 };
    initscr();
    for (i=0; i<6; i++)
        printw("%d ( )\n", i);
    for (i=0; i<9; i++)
    {
        j = rand() % 6;
        move(10, i*2);    printw("%2d", j);
        move(j, 3);      printw("%2d", ++a[j]);
        refresh();
        Sleep(2000);    // 2000 ms = 2s
    }
    endwin();
    return 0;
}
```

# Definition of **curses** on Wikipedia

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- ❑ **curses** is a terminal control library for Unix-like systems, enabling the construction of text user interface (TUI) applications.
- ❑ The name is a pun on the term "cursor optimization". It is a library of functions that manage an application's display on character-cell terminals (e.g., VT100)

# Basic Functions

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- `move(y,x)`
  - Move cursor to (y,x) in screen
- `addch(ch)`
  - Add a character to screen
- `addstr(str)`
  - Add a string to screen by calling `addch()`
- `printw(fmt, arg1, arg2, ...)`
  - Formatted print to screen by calling `addstr()`
- `refresh()`
  - Update screen



# Initialize and Terminate Curses

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- `initscr()`
  - Initialize curses
- `endwin()`
  - End curses.
  - This function should be called when your program is finished.
  - It will release the space allocated to screen handling in your program.
- Remember to `#include < curses.h >` at the beginning of your program.

# Use Curses Library in Visual C++ 2010

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- ❑ Download [Public Domain Curses Library](#)
- ❑ Uncompress it and save the 4 files under a local directory, say *L:\PDCurses*.
- ❑ In Visual C++ 2010 Express,
  - Project – Property (or Alt-F7)
    - ❑ Under **Configuration Properties**
      - **Debugging – Environment**
        - *PATH=L:\PDCurses*
      - **C/C++ - Additional Include Directories**
        - *L:\PDCurses*
      - Expand **Linker**, choose **Input**. In **Additional Dependencies**, insert "*L:\PDCurses\pdcurses.lib*;"

# Exercise

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- Modify `pdcourses_1.cpp` so that in addition to the counting number, in the same row you also show a bar (e.g. `"*****"`) to show the same number of stars.

# Homework: 8 Queens

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- ❑ Imagine there are 8 queens attending a race. On your computer screen each queen is represented by a character 'Q'. On each row there is one queen.
  - If you think a single character is monotonous, you may modify this program to handle 8 horses ~/-\^
- ❑ Use a random number generator to determine which queen will move forward.
  - You may use the Sleep() function to slow down the program.
- ❑ Suppose the length of each lane is 50. The first queen who arrives at the destination wins the race.

## 四時讀書樂 (春)

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山光照檻水繞廊，舞雩歸詠春風香。  
好鳥枝頭亦朋友，落花水面皆文章。  
蹉跎莫遣韶光老，人生惟有讀書好。  
讀書之樂樂何如，綠滿窗前草不除。

～ 元 · 翁森

## 四時讀書樂 (夏)

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新竹壓檐桑四圍，小齋幽敞明朱暉。  
晝長吟罷蟬鳴樹，夜深燼落螢入帷。  
北窗高臥羲皇侶，只因素稔讀書趣。  
讀書之樂樂無窮，瑤琴一曲來薰風。

～ 元 · 翁森

## 四時讀書樂 (秋)

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昨夜庭前葉有聲，籬豆花開蟋蟀鳴。  
不覺商意滿林薄，蕭然萬籟涵虛清。  
近床賴有短檠在，趁此讀書功更倍。  
讀書之樂樂陶陶，起弄明月霜天高。

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# Getting Characters from the Terminal

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- `getch()`
  - Get a character from the terminal
- `getstr(str)`
  - Get a string from the terminal
- `scanw(fmt, arg1, arg2, ...)`
  - Formatted input from the terminal like `scanf()`.

# pdcurses\_3.cpp

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```
#include < curses.h>

int main()
{
    char text[10];
    int i, j, c;
    initscr();
    getstr(text);           // input the string "1,2"
    addstr(text); addch('\n');

    scanw("%d,%d", &i, &j); // input the string "1,2" again
    printw("%d\t%d\n", i, j);

    c = getch();
    endwin();
    return 0;
}
```

# noecho ( )

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```
#include < curses.h>

int main()
{
    int c;
    initscr();
    // noecho();
    do {
        c = getch();
       printw(" %d\n", c);
    } while (c != '0');

    endwin();
    return 0;
}
```

# pdcourses\_4.cpp

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```
// pdcourses_4.cpp
#include <courses.h>

int main()
{
    int y=10, x=10;
    char c;
    initscr();
    noecho();
    do {
        move(y, x); addch('Q');
        c = getch();
        move(y, x); addch(' ');
        switch (c)
        {
            case 'h':
                x--;
                break;

            case 'l':
                x++;
                break;

            case 'j':
                y++;
                break;

            case 'k':
                y--;
                break;

        }
    } while (c != 'q');

    endwin();
    return 0;
}
```

## `curs_set ( )`

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- ❑  `curs_set ( )` alters the appearance of the text cursor.
- ❑  `int curs_set(int visibility);`
  - A value of 0 for visibility makes the cursor disappear;
  - a value of 1 makes the cursor appear "normal" (usually an underline)
  - 2 makes the cursor "highly visible" (usually a block).

# pdcourses\_4a.cpp

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```
// pdcourses_4.cpp
#include <courses.h>

int main()
{
    int y=10, x=10;
    char c;
    initscr();
    noecho();
    curs_set(0); // no cursor
    do {
        move(y, x); addch('Q');
        c = getch();
        move(y, x); addch(' ');
        switch (c)
        {
            case 'h':
                x--;
                break;
```

```
            case 'l':
                x++;
                break;
            case 'j':
                y++;
                break;
            case 'k':
                y--;
                break;
        }
    } while (c != 'q');

    endwin();
    return 0;
}
```

# Function Keys

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- ❑ Call `keypad( )` to enable the handling of Function keys and arrow keys.
  - `int keypad(WINDOW *win, bool bf);`
  - `keypad(stdscr, TRUE);`
- ❑ `getch( )` returns an integer corresponding to the key pressed.
  - If it is a normal character, the integer value will be equivalent to the ASCII code of the character.
  - Otherwise it returns a number which can be matched with the constants defined in `curses.h`.
    - ❑ For example if the user presses F1, the integer returned is 265.

## Function Keys (cont.)

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- With  `keypad()` enabled, you can check the returned value of  `getch()` with the constants defined in  `curses.h`
  - `KEY_UP`,  `KEY_DOWN`,  `KEY_LEFT`,  `KEY_RIGHT`
  - `KEY_HOME`,  `KEY_END`,
  - `KEY_F(n)`



# Key Definitions

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- ❑ `#define KEY_IC`            `0x14b`    `/* insert char or  
enter ins mode (Insert) */`
- ❑ `#define KEY_DC`            `0x14a`    `/* delete character  
(Delete) */`
- ❑ `#define KEY_HOME`         `0x106`    `/* home key */`
- ❑ `#define KEY_END`           `0x166`    `/* end key */`
- ❑ `#define KEY_PPAGE`        `0x153`    `/* previous page  
(PageUp) */`
- ❑ `#define KEY_NPAGE`        `0x152`    `/* next page  
(PageDown) */`
- ❑ `#define PADENTER`         `0x1cb`    `/* enter on keypad */`

You may check `curses.h` to see more definitions.

# Colors

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- ❑ To start using color, you should first call the function `start_color()`.
  - To find out whether a terminal has color capabilities or not, you can use `has_colors()` function, which returns `FALSE` if the terminal does not support color.
- ❑ Colors are always used in pairs.
  - A color-pair consists of a foreground color and a background color.
  - Initializes a color-pair with the routine `init_pair()`. After it has been initialized, `COLOR_PAIR(n)` is used to represent the color attribute.

# pdcourses\_2.cpp

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```
#include < curses.h>

int main()
{
    initscr();
    start_color();

    init_pair( 1, COLOR_WHITE, COLOR_RED );
    attron( COLOR_PAIR(1) );
    printw("Background red");
    attroff( COLOR_PAIR(1) );

    refresh();
    getch();
    endwin();
    return 0;
}
```

# Pre-defined Colors on Unix

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- COLOR\_BLACK = 0
- COLOR\_RED = 1
- COLOR\_GREEN = 2
- COLOR\_YELLOW = 3
- COLOR\_BLUE = 4
- COLOR\_MAGENTA = 5
- COLOR\_CYAN = 6
- COLOR\_WHITE = 7

## Exercise: Arrow Keys

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- ❑ Modify `pdcurses_4a.cpp` so that users can use arrow keys and HJKL to control the movement of 'Q'.
- ❑ Moreover, try to allow users to use both uppercase 'H' and lowercase 'h' to do the same movement.
- ❑ Users can also change the color of 'Q' by pressing '0'...'7'.