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vip% cat queen.c
/* Queen's problem: Locate N queens on an N-by-N chessboard,
 * so that no two attack one another.
 * Solution by Neal Wagner, 4 April 1995
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#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#define N 8
char b[N][N]; /* the chess board */
int row = -1; /* row whose queen is currently placed */
int sol = 0; /* number of solutions found */

void addqueen(void);
void writeboard(void);

void main(void)
{
    int row, c;
    for (row = 0; row < N; row++)
        for (c = 0; c < N; c++)
            b[row][c] = ' ';
    addqueen();
}

void addqueen(void)
{
    int c; /* column being tried for the queen */
    int i, level, j1, j2; /* used to calculate attacks */
    int noattack; /* 1 means no queen attacking */
    row++;
    for (c = 0; c < N; c++) {
        if (row == 0) { /* row 0, just place queen */
            b[row][c] = 'Q';
            addqueen();
        }
        else { /* try queen in column c */
            noattack = 1;
            for (i = row - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
                level = row - i;
                j1 = c - level;
                j2 = c + level;
                if ((b[i][c] == 'Q') ||

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                    (j1 >= 0 && b[i][j1] == 'Q') ||
                    (j2 < N && b[i][j2] == 'Q')) {
                        noattack = 0;
                        break;
                    }
            }
            if (noattack) {
                b[row][c] = 'Q';
                if (row == N - 1) {
                    sol++;
                    getchar();
                    printf("Solution # %d\n", sol);
                    writeboard();
                }
                else
                    addqueen();
            }
        }
    }
    /* now try next location for queen */
    b[row][c] = ' '; /* in case it got set */
} /* for */
/* now need to back up a row */
row--;
}

void writeboard(void)
{
    int i, j;
    for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
        for (j = 0; j < N; j++)
            printf("+ -");
        printf("+\n");
        for (j = 0; j < N; j++)
            printf("|%c", b[i][j]);
        printf("\n");
    }
    for (j = 0; j < N; j++)
        printf("+ -");
    printf("+\n");
}

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