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The goal of the current task is to estimate the time complexity of different multiplication algorithms experimentally.

1. Create a class called **Multiplicator**. The class allows calculating a product of two (possibly large) integer numbers by applying different multiplication algorithms.  
We are allowed to use C++ built-in multiplication for doing one-digit multiplications (eg, 3 times 5) but not any other multiplication (eg, 23 times 55). We are allowed to use C++ built-in addition (even of large numbers).
2. In **Multiplicator** class create a method that generates a random number of  $k$ -digits, where  $k$  is a parameter of the method.
3. In **Multiplicator** class create auxiliary methods needed to implement the Grade School Multiplication algorithm and the Divide-and-Conquer Multiplication algorithm, such as: a method for getting an individual digit of a number; a method which splits one  $n$ -number into two  $(n/2)$ -numbers and so on.
4. Implement the Grade School Multiplication algorithm and the Divide-and-Conquer Multiplication algorithms as (possible static) methods of **Multiplicator** class. The methods calculate the algorithm work time by using C++ `<ctime>` library.
5. Create a vector member for storing estimated results of experiments in milliseconds. The elements of the vector are pairs of calculated times corresponding to both algorithms. The index of a vector element means the size of input data of an algorithm: 0 for 1-digit numbers, 1 for 2-digit numbers and so on.
6. Create a method that performs calculation of a series of numbers containing from 1 to  $k$  digits by applying both algorithms. Every algorithm is applied 3 times and the average time value is stored in the vector.
7. Create a method that outputs the experimental results stored in the vector as a CSV (text) file containing exactly 3 columns: size of input data and resulting time for both algorithms.  
For example:

1	12.4	15.1
2	18.2	19.3
3	25.1	40.5

8. Create a method that joins all the developed methods together and conducts experiments. The results are output to a CSV file. Based on the produced file, two line charts are drawn by using Python's Matplotlib.

## Update as of 13.04.2019

9. In order to be able to represent an integer with a large count of digits it is recommended to create a custom class called **Number**. The internal representation of a number can be different. One of the possible representations is using `std::string` object where an individual digit is represented as a character of a string.

Such a class can be equipped with all necessary semantics that encapsulate referencing to individual components of a number (such as a digit), performing primitive operations (such as splitting, adding two numbers using `operator+` and so on).

How good the design of this class is can be evaluated by substituting its particular implementation (of the class **Number**) by another one (e.g., using `std::vector` for storing digits). This way all use cases with such a class must be preserved and no interface using this class should be adapted.