

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Cathedral and Churches of Echmiatsin and the Archaeological Site of Zvartnots

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

• Armenia

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

1011


Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

2000

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Mother Cathedral of Echmiatsin and surrounding constructions, Echmiatsin , Armavir Marz , Armenia	40.159 / 44.295	16.4	31	47.4	2000
Church Saint Gayaneh and surrounding buildings, Echmiatsin , Armavir Marz , Armenia	40.159 / 44.295	0.4	31	31.4	2000
Cemetery of Congregation, Echmiatsin , Armavir Marz , Armenia	40.159 / 44.295	11.4	31	42.4	2000
Saint Hripsimeh Church and St. Shoghakat Church - part I, Echmiatsin , Armavir Marz , Armenia	40.165 / 44.307	19.2	?	19.2	2000
Saint Hripsimeh Church and St. Shoghakat Church - part II, Echmiatsin , Armavir Marz , Armenia	40.165 / 44.307	6.2	?	6.2	2000
Archaeological site of Zvartnots with ruins of the Temple, the Royal Palace, and other constructions, Echmiatsin , Armavir Marz , Armenia	40.159 / 44.325	18.8	24	42.8	2000
Total (ha)		72.4	117	189.4	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Cathedral and Churches of Echmiatsin and the Archaeological Site of Zvartnots - maps of inscribed property	02/12/2000	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Arev Samuelyan
Minister of Culture
Deputy Minister of Culture

Comment

The question 1.5 we would like to edit as follows: Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Armenia 3 Government Building Yerevan, 0010 Armenia Tel: +37410 52 93 49; +37410 52 12 25; +37410 56-60-65; Fax:+37410 52 93 49 Email: info@mincult.am; arevsam@gmail.com; arakelyanartashes@gmail.com

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Vladimir Poghosyan
Service for the protection of historical environment and cultural museum reservations state non-commercial organization
Director

Comment

Director of the Service for the protection of historical environment and cultural museum reservations Vladimir Poghosyan is responsible only for Zvartnots Archaeological site, while for the rest is responsible : Arshak Bishop Khachatryan (Chancellor) Catholicosate of All Armenians Mother See of Holy Echmiatsin 1101 VAGHARSHAPAT REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA Tel +374 10 517110 Fax +374 10 517-301 E-mail: divanatan@etchmiadzin.am

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
2. [The Holy City of Etchmiadzin \(Armenian Enlightenment Chronicle\)](#)

Comment

www.armeniachurch.org www.hushardzan.am

1.8 - Other designations / Conventions under which the property is protected (if applicable)

Comment

1. Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, the Hague, 1954, 1st and 2nd Protocols 2. Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, Paris, 1970 3. Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe, Granada, 1985 4. Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Revised), Valetta, 1992 5. European Cultural Convention, Paris, 1954, etc

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

2.2 - The criteria (2005 revised version) under which the property was inscribed

(ii)(iii)

**2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal
Value per criterion**

The developments in ecclesiastical architecture represented in an outstanding manner by the churches at Echmiatsin and the archaeological site of Zvartnots had a profound influence on church design over a wide region. The churches at Echmiatsin and the archaeological site of Zvartnots vividly depict both the spirituality and the innovatory artistic achievement of the Armenian Church from its foundation.

**2.4 - If needed, please provide details of why the
Statement of Outstanding Universal Value should be
revised**

There is no need to revise the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

**2.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations
related to Statement of Outstanding Universal Value**

3. Factors Affecting the Property

3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact				Origin	
3.1	Buildings and Development						
3.1.1	Housing		⊖		🚩		🔄
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities	⊕			🚩	🏠	🔄
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure						
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	⊕	⊖		🚩		🔄
3.2.2	Air transport infrastructure		⊖		🚩		🔄
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure		⊖		🚩		🔄
3.3	Services Infrastructures						
3.3.3	Non-renewable energy facilities	⊕			🚩		🔄
3.4	Pollution						
3.4.2	Ground water pollution		⊖		🚩		🔄
3.4.4	Air pollution		⊖		🚩		🔄
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.1	Wind		⊖		🚩		🔄
3.7.2	Relative humidity		⊖		🚩		🔄
3.7.3	Temperature		⊖	🚩	🚩		🔄
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)		⊖	🚩	🚩		🔄
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	⊕	⊖		🚩	🏠	🔄
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	⊕	⊖	🚩	🚩		🔄
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events						
3.10.6	Temperature change		⊖	🚩	🚩		🔄
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events						
3.11.2	Earthquake		⊖		🚩		🔄
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species						
3.12.3	Invasive / alien freshwater species		⊖		🚩		🔄
Legend	🚩 Current	🚩 Potential	⊖ Negative	⊕ Positive	🏠 Inside	🔄 Outside	

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

		Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.3	Temperature	extensive	one off or rare	minor	medium capacity	static
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	extensive	frequent	minor	medium capacity	static
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	extensive	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.6	Temperature change	extensive	frequent	minor	medium capacity	static

3.17. Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to factors affecting the property

3.17.1 - Comments

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is a buffer zone

4.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property **do not limit** the ability to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value but they could be improved

4.1.3 - Are the buffer zone(s) of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property **do not limit** the ability to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value **but they could be improved**

4.1.4 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property known?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

4.1.5 - Are the buffer zones of the World Heritage property known?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property **are known** by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

4.1.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to boundaries and buffer zones of the World Heritage property

4.2. Protective Measures

4.2.1 - Protective designation (legal, regulatory, contractual, planning, institutional and / or traditional)

The monuments included in the present nomination are protected under the provisions of the National Law on Protection of Historical and Cultural Monuments, and in particular by Articles 19, 21, 22, 36 and 45. All interventions that may affect the character or significance of monuments and sites require official authorization.

Comment

The monuments are protected by the Laws "On protection and usage of the historical-cultural immovable monuments and historical environment", "On immovable monuments of history and the culture, considered as state-owned property of Armenia and not subject to alienation" and by the regulation, "On State registration, study, protection, fortification, restoration, reconstruction and usage of the historical-cultural immovable monuments", Civil, Administrative, Land, and Criminal Codes of Armenia.

4.2.2 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

4.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

4.2.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection of the property, contributing to the maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity

4.2.5 - Can the legislative framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) be enforced?

There is **acceptable** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property but some deficiencies remain

4.2.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to protective measures

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

The owners of the properties are the Mother See of Echmiatsin, the Municipality of the City, and the State Department for Protection and Preservation of Historical and Cultural Monuments. The churches and their immediate surroundings belong to the Mother See, the protection and buffer zones mainly belong to the municipality (administered by the

Office of the General Architect). The archaeological site of Zvartnots is owned and managed by the State Department on Protection and Preservation of Historical and Cultural Monuments through its Directorate of the Zvartnots Historical Cultural Reservation-Museum.

Comment

The management of the sites included in the nomination, except archaeological site of Zvartnots, is carried out by the Armenian Apostolic Holy Church, while the supervision is implemented by the Ministry of Culture of Armenia. Archaeological site of Zvartnots is functioned in the system of the "Service for the Protection of Historical Environment and Cultural Museum Preservation" SNCO as a museum reserve. The protection and management is implemented by the mentioned Service.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

4.3.3 - How well do the various levels of administration (i.e. national / federal; regional / provincial / state; local / municipal etc.) coordinate in the management of the World Heritage Property ?

There is coordination between the range of administrative bodies / levels involved in the management of the property **but it could be improved**

4.3.4 - Is the management system / plan adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value ?

The management system/plan is only **partially adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?

The management system is **only partially** being implemented

4.3.6 - Is there an annual work / action plan and is it being implemented?

An annual work / action plan exists and **many activities** are being implemented

4.3.7 - Please rate the cooperation / relationship with World Heritage property managers / coordinators / staff of the following

Local communities / residents	Good
Local / Municipal authorities	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Good
Landowners	Good
Visitors	Good
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Fair
Industry	Poor

4.3.8 - If present, do local communities resident in or near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

Local communities have **some input** into discussions relating to management but no direct role in management

4.3.9 - If present, do indigenous peoples resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

Indigenous peoples directly contribute to **some decisions** relating to management but their involvement could be improved

4.3.10 - Is there cooperation with industry (i.e. forestry, mining, agriculture, etc.) regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone?

There is **little or no contact** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone

4.3.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

4.3.12 - Please report any significant changes in the legal status and / or contractual / traditional protective measures and management arrangements for the World Heritage property since inscription or the last Periodic report


There were no changes in the legal status and / or contractual / traditional protective measures and management arrangements for the World Heritage property since inscription or the last Periodic report.

4.4. Financial and Human Resources

4.4.1 - Costs related to conservation, based on the average of last five years (relative percentage of the funding sources)

Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc)	0%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	5%
Governmental (National / Federal)	70%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	5%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	5%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	15%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	0%

4.4.2 - International Assistance received from the World Heritage Fund (USD)

Title	Year	Amount	Link to source
Museum Building of the Archaeological Site of Zvartnots	1998	29682.00	
Total		29682	

4.4.3 - Is the current budget sufficient to manage the World Heritage property effectively?

The available budget is **acceptable** but could be further improved to fully meet the management needs

4.4.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so?

The existing sources of funding **are secure** in the medium-term and planning is underway to secure funding in the long-term

4.4.5 - Does the World Heritage property provide economic benefits to local communities (e.g. income, employment)?

There is **some flow** of economic benefits to local communities

4.4.6 - Are available resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure sufficient to meet management needs?

There are **some** adequate equipment and facilities, but deficiencies in at least one key area **constrain** management at the World Heritage property

4.4.7 - Are resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure adequately maintained?

There is **basic** maintenance of equipment and facilities

4.4.8 - Comments, conclusion, and / or recommendations related to finance and infrastructure

4.4.9 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Full-time	100%
Part-time	0%

4.4.10 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Permanent	90%
Seasonal	10%

4.4.11 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Paid	100%
Volunteer	0%

4.4.12 - Are available human resources adequate to manage the World Heritage property?

A range of human resources exist, but these are **below optimum** to manage the World Heritage Property.

4.4.13 - Considering the management needs of the World Heritage property, please rate the availability of professionals in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	Fair
Promotion	Good
Community outreach	Fair
Interpretation	Good
Education	Good
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Good
Administration	Fair
Risk preparedness	Good
Tourism	Fair
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Good

4.4.14 - Please rate the availability of training opportunities for the management of the World Heritage property in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	Medium
Promotion	Medium
Community outreach	Medium
Interpretation	Medium
Education	Medium
Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	Medium
Administration	Medium
Risk preparedness	Medium
Tourism	Medium
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Medium

4.4.15 - Do the management and conservation programmes at the World Heritage property help develop local expertise?

A capacity development plan or programme is in place and **partially implemented**; some technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally **but most of the technical work is carried out by external staff**

4.4.16 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

4.5.1 - Is there adequate knowledge (scientific or traditional) about the values of the World Heritage property to support planning, management and decision-making to ensure that Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Knowledge about the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient** for most key areas **but there are gaps**

4.5.2 - Is there a planned programme of research at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

There is **considerable** research but it is **not directed** towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

Research results are **shared widely** with the local, national and international audiences

4.5.4 - Please provide details (i.e. authors, title, and web link) of papers published about the World Heritage property since the last Periodic Report

4.5.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to scientific studies and research projects

4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building

4.6.1 - At how many locations is the World Heritage emblem displayed at the property?

In many locations and easily visible to visitors

4.6.2 - Please rate the awareness and understanding of the existence and justification for inscription of the World Heritage property amongst the following groups

Local communities / residents	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Average
Local landowners	Excellent
Visitors	Average
Tourism industry	Average
Local businesses and industries	Average

4.6.3 - Is there a planned education and awareness programme linked to the values and management of the World Heritage property?

There is a limited and *ad hoc* education and awareness programme

4.6.4 - What role, if any, has designation as a World Heritage property played with respect to education, information and awareness building activities?

World Heritage status has influenced education, information and awareness building activities, but it could be improved

4.6.5 - How well is the information on Outstanding Universal Value of the property presented and interpreted?

The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is adequately presented and interpreted but improvements could be made

4.6.6 - Please rate the adequacy for education, information and awareness building of the following visitor facilities and services at the World Heritage property

Visitor centre	Excellent
Site museum	Excellent
Information booths	Excellent
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Excellent
Information materials	Excellent
Transportation facilities	Poor
Other	Not needed

4.6.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to education, information and awareness building

We need international assistance for the organization and implementation of education, information and awareness building policy.

4.7. Visitor Management

4.7.1 - Please provide the trend in annual visitation for the last five years

Last year	Minor Increase
Two years ago	Minor Increase
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Minor Increase
Five years ago	Minor Increase

4.7.2 - What information sources are used to collect trend data on visitor statistics?

Entry tickets and registries
Accommodation establishments
Transportation services
Tourism industry
Visitor surveys
Other

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

4.7.4 - Is there an appropriate visitor use management plan (e.g. specific plan) for the World Heritage property which ensures that its Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is managed but improvements could be made

4.7.5 - Does the tourism industry contribute to improving visitor experiences and maintaining the values of the World Heritage property?

There is limited co-operation between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry to present the Outstanding Universal Value and increase appreciation

4.7.6 - If fees (i.e. entry charges, permits) are collected, do they contribute to the management of the World Heritage property?

The fee is collected, and makes some contribution to the management of the World Heritage property

4.7.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to visitor use of the World Heritage property

We would like to inform that only in Zvartnots archaeological site the fees are collected, while in the other World Heritage Sites (Cathedral of Echmiatsin, St. Gayane, St. Hripsime, St. Shoghakat, St. Astvatsatsin Churches) fees are not collected.

4.8. Monitoring

4.8.1 - Is there a monitoring programme at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or

improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

There is **no monitoring** taking place in the World Heritage property or buffer zone despite an identified need

4.8.2 - Are key indicators for measuring the state of conservation used to monitor how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is maintained?

Information on the values of the World Heritage property is sufficient and key indicators have been defined but **monitoring the status of indicators could be improved**

4.8.3 - Please rate the level of involvement in monitoring of the following groups

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities	Average
Local communities	Average
Researchers	Excellent
NGOs	Average
Industry	Not applicable
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

4.8.4 - Has the State Party implemented relevant recommendations arising from the World Heritage Committee?

Implementation is **complete**

4.8.5 - Please provide comments relevant to the implementation of recommendations from the World Heritage Committee

4.8.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to monitoring

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 managements needs for the property (if more than 6 are listed below)

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

		World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.3	Temperature						
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)						
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation						
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events						
3.10.6	Temperature change						

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.1 Boundaries and Buffer Zones					
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
4.1.2	Boundaries could be improved				
4.3 Management System / Management Plan					
4.3.10	There is little or no contact with industry regarding management				
4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building					
4.6.3	There is a limited education and awareness programme				
4.8 Monitoring					
4.8.1	No monitoring taking place in the World Heritage property or buffer zone				

5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

The authenticity of the World Heritage property has been **preserved**

5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

The integrity of the World Heritage property is **intact**

5.3.3 - Current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **maintained**.

5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

Other important cultural and / or natural values and the state of conservation of the World Heritage property are **predominantly intact**

5.4. Additional comments on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.4.1 - Comments

6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

6.1 - Please rate the impacts of World Heritage status of the property in relation to the following areas

Conservation	Positive
Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	No impact
Political support for conservation	Very positive
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Positive
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

6.2 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to World Heritage status

6.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of this Section of the Periodic Report

Governmental institution responsible for the property
Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff
Staff from other World Heritage properties
Non Governmental Organization
External experts

6.4 - Was the Periodic Reporting questionnaire easy to use and clearly understandable?

no

6.5 - Please provide suggestions for improvement of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire

The guidance for each questions have to be more detailed.

6.6 - Please rate the level of support for completing the Periodic Report questionnaire from the following entities

UNESCO	Very good
State Party Representative	Good
Advisory Body	Good

6.7 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?

Most of the required information was accessible

6.8 - The Periodic Reporting process has improved the understanding of the following

The World Heritage Convention
The concept of Outstanding Universal Value
The concept of Integrity and / or Authenticity
The property's Integrity and / or Authenticity
Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
Monitoring and reporting
Management effectiveness

6.9 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities

UNESCO	Not Applicable
State Party	Not Applicable
Site Managers	Not Applicable
Advisory Bodies	Not Applicable

6.10 - Summary of actions that will require formal consideration by the World Heritage Committee

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6.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise