SFT221 – Workshop 4

Learning Outcomes

- Recognize common bugs,
- Fix common bugs,
- Learn debugging techniques.

Instructions

The following program is supposed to print a list of integers and the factorial of one less than the number on the line beside it. Unfortunately, some bugs have crept into the program. You should:

- Run the program and see how it works,
- Look for bug clues that were covered in the lectures,
- Use whatever debugging techniques you want to find the bugs,
- Fix the bug(s),
- Repeat steps above until all bugs are fixed.

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#define _CRT_SECURE_NO_WARNINGS
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAX FACTORIALS 10000
#define NUM FACTS 100
struct FactorialResults
      int results[MAX_FACTORIALS];
      int numResults;
};
int factorial(const int n)
      return (n \le n) ? n * factorial(n - 1) : 1;
}
int reduceFactorial(const int n)
      return n / n;
}
void computeFactorials(struct FactorialResults results, int numFactorials)
      int i;
      for (i = 0; i < numFactorials; i++)</pre>
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{
            results.results[i] = factorial(i);
      }
      results.numResults = numFactorials;
}
int main(void)
      struct FactorialResults results = { {0}, 0 };
      int i;
      computeFactorials(results, NUM_FACTS);
      for (i = 0; i < NUM_FACTS; i++)</pre>
      {
            results.results[i] = reduceFactorial(results.results[i]);
            printf("%5d %12f\n", i, results.results[i]);
      }
      return 0;
}
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Deliverables

DueDate:

This workshop is due at 23:59 pm 2 days after your lab day. Late submits will not be accepted.

You should submit:

- A zipped Visual Studio project that contains the debugged, working version of the code,
- A document which lists:
 - The line(s) containing each bug,
 - The corrected version of the line(s),
 - What was wrong with the line(s) and how you fixed it,
 - o The technique you used to recognize and find the bug.
- A document called reflect.txt which answers the reflections below.

A Reflection, Research and Assessment

Reflections should consider the questions in depth and not be trivial. Some reflections might require research to properly answer the question. As a rough guideline, the answer to each reflection questions should be about 100 words in length.

- 1. What was the most useful technique you used to find the bugs? Why was it more useful than other techniques you tried?
- 2. Look up answers to the following questions and report your findings:
 - a. What are the largest integer and double values you can store?
 - b. Why is there a limit on the maximum value you can store in a variable?

- c. If you exceed the maximum value an integer can hold, what happens? Explain why the format causes this to happen.
- d. What is the format for the storage of a floating point variable? How does this differ from the way an integer is stored?
- 3. What is the default amount of stack memory that is given to a program when Visual Studio starts a C or C++ program? What is the default heap size? Did you hit any of the limits? If so, which one(s)? If you hit a limit, would increasing the amount of memory allocated to the program fix the problem? Justify your answer. Why do they limit the stack and heap size for a program?

Marking Rubric

Number of bugs found	15%
Number of bugs correctly fixed	15%
Quality of explanation of each bug	15%
Reflection 1	15%
Reflection 2	20%
Reflection 3	20%