

# CS 24000: Programming in C

## Midterm Exam 1

### Fall 2018

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**Read all instructions before beginning the exam.**

- This is a closed book examination. No material other than those provided for you are allowed.
- You need only a pencil and eraser for this examination. If you use ink, use either black or blue ink. If you use pencil, your writing must be dark and clearly visible.
- This examination contains an amount of material that a well-prepared student should be able to complete in well under one hour.
- This examination is worth a total of 100 points. Not all questions are worth the same amount. Plan your time accordingly.
- Write legibly. You should try to adhere to the course code standard when writing your solution(s). Egregious violations may result in point deductions.
- You may leave after you have turned in all pages of the examination booklet. You will not be able to change any answers after turning in your examination booklet.
- Read each question *carefully* and *only do what is specifically asked for* in that problem.
- Some problems require several steps. Show all your work. Partial credit can only be rewarded to work shown.
- Do not attempt to look at other students' work. Keep your answers to yourself. Any violation will be considered academic dishonesty.
- Write your username on *EVERY* page where indicated. Any page without a username will receive a zero for the material on that page.
- Read and sign the statement below. Wait for instructions to start the examination before continuing to the next page.

*"I signify that the answers provided for this examination are my own and that I have not received any assistance from other students nor given any assistance to other students."*

**Signature:**

- Do not open the examination booklet until instructed.

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1. (20 points) Write short answers to the following questions.

- (a) (2 points) Write a single, valid command with which you would use `gcc` to compile a C file named `abc.c` into an object file called `xyz.o` with warnings treated as errors and including support for debugging. There are multiple valid answers.

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- (b) (2 points) Write a single, valid command with which you would link three files named `xyz.o`, `abc.o`, and `def.c` together into an executable named `prog`. There are multiple possibilities.

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- (c) (2 points) Describe briefly what the `-Wall` flag does when passed to `gcc`.

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- (d) (2 points) What do many of the functions found in the string library (with prototypes in `string.h`) rely on to operate correctly?

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- (e) (2 points) What allocates memory for a variable—a declaration or a definition?

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Given the following code segment and a 64-bit architecture, answer questions 1.f. through 1.i.

```
int array[] = { 12, 5, 3, 6, 9, 2, 4, 2 } ;  
int *ptr = 0;  
ptr = &(array[2]);  
printf("size = %d\n", sizeof(array));
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- (f) (2 points) Assuming that `sizeof(int) = 4`, what was displayed?

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- (g) (2 points) What is the value of `*(ptr - 1)`?

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- (h) (4 points) What is the value of `*(ptr - *(ptr + *ptr))`?

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- (i) (2 points) What is the value of `sizeof(ptr)`?

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3. (40 points) Write a function, `blown_resistors()`, that returns an integer (the number of resistors that have exceeded their `max_power` value), and writes the `id` of each blown resistor as well as the power it is dissipating to a file. The parameters to the function are the input filename, the output filename, and the net voltage across the entire circuit (a float).

The input file will describe a single circuit. Each record in the input file is comma delimited and describes a resistor present in the circuit. Each line (terminated by a newline character) contains the `id` (string shorter than `ID_LEN` length), `resistance` (integer) in ohms, and maximum power—`max_power` (float). Use the structure that you declared in part 2.a. of this exam to hold these values.

In order to determine if a resistor is blown, you must calculate the actual power that is being dissipated. This is determined by the following equation:

$$power = current^2 * resistance \quad (1)$$

If the power being dissipated is greater than the resistor's `max_power` threshold, the resistor is considered to have "blown."

`current` is calculated using the following equation and *is the same for every resistor*:

$$current = net\_voltage / net\_resistance \quad (2)$$

You must first calculate the total resistance of the entire circuit—`net_resistance` (found by summing all of the resistances). Once determined, you will be able to calculate the `current` flowing through all resistors using the above equation (2).

The output file should contain the `id` of each blown resistor followed by a comma, followed by a space, followed by the actual power being dissipated to two decimal places, followed by a newline character.

DO NOT assume that the data in the input file is without error (HINT: each record must have three fields). Also, ensure that the files have been properly opened. If ANY error occurs, return -1. Otherwise the function should return the number of blown resistors (int). Do not forget to set the file pointers back to NULL.

FINAL HINT: Use `fseek()` to jump back to the beginning of the file and read the data twice. The first time through, calculate the `net_resistance`; the second time through, determine which resistors have blown.

Here is an example of an input file and the corresponding output file generated, assuming the net voltage is 100.00:

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| <b>input file:</b> | <b>output file:</b> |
| R A, 5, 25.50      | R B, 80.00          |
| R B, 20, 75.00     | R D, 40.00          |
| R C, 15, 80.25     |                     |
| R D, 10, 5.15      |                     |

The return value would be: 2

Use the following sheet to write your code. Follow the code standard as much as possible, but do not spend too much time on comments.

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4. (20 points) Given the following structure declaration:

```
struct coord {  
    float x;  
    float y;  
};
```

Write a function, `find_center()`, that accepts a parameter called `file_ptr` that is a `FILE` pointer for a file that has already been opened for binary read, and returns a `struct coord`. The open file contains an unknown number of binary-format `struct coord`'s that must be read. The function should calculate the average `x` and `y` values of all coordinates in the file. When done, the function should return a `struct coord` with its `x` and `y` values set to their respective average. Your function should not close the binary file. Assume no errors occur.

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