

## Assessment Brief for Programming in C –

### NUCLEI Parser/Interpreter

| Assessment information           |  |
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| Unit name                        | Programming in C   |
| Unit code                        | COMSM1201  |
| Assessment number                | 6  |
| Assessment name                  | Project (Parser/Interpreter)   |
| Assessment prepared by           | Neill Campbell   |
| Assessment type                  | Coursework / Take-home Exam  |
| Credit value                     | <b>35%</b> of 30cp unit – as a proportion of this:<br><br>30% : Parsing<br>30% : Interpreter<br>20% : Testing<br>20% : Extension   |
| Expected time to complete        | 2 weeks, working ~50% of your time, approximately.   |
| Submission format                | Via Blackboard – <b>one nuclei.zip</b> file. You can submit as often as you like, old files are automatically overwritten. I'll only mark your latest submission. Any submissions that are late (even by 1 second) are automatically given a late penalty; my feedback will not show this.   |
| Deadline                         | 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023 @ 13:00  |
| Deliverable                      | One .zip file containing at least: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Makefile</b> and source code allowing me to <b>'make parse'</b>, <b>'make interp'</b> and <b>'make extension'</b></li> <li>2) <b>testing.txt</b> and <b>extension.txt</b></li> <li>3) Other files as you deem necessary</li> </ol>   |
| Learning outcomes being assessed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be able to write a program, given a brief specification that compiles and executes correctly.</li> <li>• To code a recursive decent parser and understand how to adapt it to make an interpreter.</li> <li>• The ability to program in the C99 (ANSI) C standard, and in the style outlined in the house-style guidelines.</li> <li>• To be able to build a program from a suite of small, well tested functions.</li> <li>• To be able to design, build &amp; debug simple programs on your own without TA/staff support (after the labs in week 12, you need to work independently)</li> </ul> |
| Assessment criteria              | Conformance to the house-style guidelines, testing, short readable functions. Does it execute the formal grammar correctly ?   |
| Additional resources             | "Live" Q&A sessions, Teams forum   |
| Support for this assignment      | 6 hours of labs in week 12.  |
| Additional advice to students    | Write and understand the noughts/ones example first. Do not try to implement to full grammar – you a cut-down one to begin with.   |
| Feedback information             |  |
| Feedback mode/method             | Written feedback from Neill, and, additionally, at any time verbally during lab sessions.  |
| Planned feedback date            | Before the end of February.  |
| Useful previous feedback         | Previous Lisp assignment   |
| Future feedback use              | Other programming units.   |