

School of Electronic Engineering and Computer Science

ECS501U – C Programming (2017/18) Laboratory Session Week_4

Learning Objectives

- To use multiple-dimensional arrays and write C programs which use the notion of pointers.
- To apply appropriate data structures (e.g. struct, union, enum) when solving problems.
- To apply basic string concepts when solving problems.

1. Exercises

You should attempt the exercises below by using <u>only</u> the C constructs that you learnt up to teaching week 4, and:

- 1. Write pseudo code to describe the required algorithm to solve the exercise (or draw up a flowchart), <u>before</u> writing and testing the actual code.
- 2. Add comments to your code.
- 3. Make your code neat, by using indentation and parenthesis (where appropriate).
- 4. Give meaningful names to functions and variables.

Exercise 1

Declare a structure called student which contains student details: name, number and an array of marks. Create an array of 5 students defined by the student structure and write a program that uses this to print out the name and average mark for each student. Save your program to a file called classAverageGrader.c.

Exercise 2

Read the data in **Figure 1** into an array, which represents all of QMUL's scores in a sports' league. The program should then print to the output stream (in this case, the screen) a summary of QMUL's performance in a league table format, as shown in **Figure 2**. Save your program to a file called unisports.c.

```
QMUL 3 Kings 0
Oxford 5 QMUL 4
QMUL 2 Imperial 5
Cambridge 1 QMUL 2
QMUL 5 Essex 3
Brunel 2 QMUL 2
QMUL 6 LSE 4
UCL 4 QMUL 3
QMUL 1 Kent 3
Surrey 3 QMUL 3
```

Figure 1 - qmulResults.txt

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```
$ ./uniSports < qmulResults.txt

Home Away
W D L W D L GF GA GD PTs

QMUL 3 0 2 1 2 2 31 30 1 14
```

Figure 2

Notes:

- The example shown in **Figure 2** uses a football points' scoring system, i.e. 3 points for a win (**W**), 1 point for a draw (**D**) and no points for a game lost (**L**).
- **GF** (Goals For) refers to the number of goals a team has scored, while **GA** (Goals Against) refers to the number of goals scored against a team.
- **GD** (Goals Difference) refers to the difference between **GF** and **GA**, while **PTs** (Points) is the total number of points earned by the team from all the games played (i.e. taking into account those won, drawn and lost).
- In **Figure 2**, we have PTs = 4*W + 2*D + 4*L = 12 + 2 + 0 = 14.

Exercise 3

Write a C function called stringDelete(), such that it deletes characters inside of a string. In particular, the stringDelete() function will shift all characters that are to the right of the chosen character, by one position to the left.

Write a small driver program to test your stringDelete() function and save it to a file called test_stringDelete.c. Figure 3 shows the expected program output when the user enters the word lettter and position 3 on the command line:

```
$ ./test_stringDelete
Type in the word and press Enter: lettter
Type in the position of the character to be deleted: 3

Original word = lettter
Modified word = letter
```

Figure 3

Hint: Think carefully about the data type of the parameters of your function, as well as which string related function(s) might be useful to apply.

Exercise 4

Write a C function called stringInsert() that inserts a character in any position of a string entered by the user. The function prototype should be as follows:

```
void stringInsert(char str[], char c, int position);
```

Write a small driver program to test your stringInsert() function and save it to a file called test_stringInsert.c.

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