

CS 161A/B: Programming and Problem Solving I

Algorithm Design Document

Make a copy before you begin (File -> Make a copy). Add the Assignment # above and complete the sections below BEFORE you begin to code. The sections will expand as you type. When you are finished, download this document as a PDF (File -> Download -> PDF) and submit to D2L.

This document contains an interactive checklist. To mark an item as complete, click on the box (the entire list will be highlighted), then right click (the clicked box will only be highlighted), and choose the checkmark.

Planning your program before you start coding is part of the development process. In this document you will:

- ☐ Paste a screenshot of your zyBooks Challenge and Participation %
- ☐ Paste a screenshot of your assigned zyLabs completion
- ☐ Write a detailed description of your program, at least two complete sentences
- ☐ If applicable, design a sample run with test input and output
- ☐ Identify the program inputs and their data types
- ☐ Identify the program outputs and their data types
- ☐ Identify any calculations or formulas needed
- ☐ Write the algorithmic steps as pseudocode or a flowchart
- ☐ Tools for flowchart - [Draw.io](https://draw.io) - [Diagrams.net](https://diagrams.net)

1. zyBooks

Add your zyBooks screenshots for the % and assigned zyLabs completions below. Required percentages: all **assigned** zyLabs, Challenge Activity with at least 70%, and Participation Activity with at least 80%.

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| Challenge and Participation % screenshot: |
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| Assigned zyLabs completion screenshot: |
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2. Program Description

In the box below, describe the purpose of the program. You must include a detailed description with at least two complete sentences.

Program description:

This program will create a file name for submitted documents based on the user's name, time of submission, student I.D. number and whether the file was submitted late.

3. Sample Run

If you are designing your own program, you will start with a sample run. Imagine a user is running your program - what will they see? What inputs do you expect, and what will be the outputs from the given inputs? Choose test data you will use to test your program. Calculate and show the expected outputs. Use the sample run to test your program.

Sample run:

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Welcome to the fileName generator!

Please pick an option below:
(e)Encode a file name
(q)quit
e
This program will ask you a few questions and generate an
encoded fileName based on your answers.

Enter your last name: Rothstein

Enter your first name: Megan

Was your assignment Late (y/n)? y

Enter your Student-ID (format: 222-22-2222: 123-45-6776

Enter the file name: a02.cpp

Enter the time submitted (military time - ex: 18:24 for 6:24pm):
12:45

Your encoded file name is: Rothstein_Megan_LATE_6776_1245_a02.cpp
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Please pick an option below:
(e)Encode a file name
(q)quit
b
Invalid option! Please try again!!
Please pick an option below:
(e)Encode a file name
(q)quit
q

Thank you for using this fileName generator!

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4. Algorithmic Design

Before you begin coding, **you must first plan out the logic** and think about what data you will use to test your program for correctness. All programmers plan before coding - this saves a lot of time and frustration! Use the steps below to identify the inputs and outputs, calculations, and steps needed to solve the problem.

Use the pseudocode syntax shown in the document, supplemented with English phrases if necessary. **Do not include any implementation details (e.g. source code file names, class or struct definitions, or language syntax).** Do not include any C++ specific syntax or data types.

Algorithmic design:

a. Identify and list all of the user input and their data types. Include a variable name, data type, and description. Data types include string, integer, floating point, (single) character, and boolean. Data structures should be referenced by name, e.g. "array of integer" or "array of string (for CS161B and up).

b. Identify and list all of the user output and their data types. Include a variable name, data type, and description. Data types include string, integer, floating point, (single) character, and boolean. Data structures should be referenced by name, e.g. "array of integer" or "array of string" (for CS161B and up).

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| <p>c. What calculations do you need to do to transform inputs into outputs? List all formulas needed, if applicable. If there are no calculations needed, state there are no calculations for this algorithm. Formulae should reference the variable names from step a and step b as applicable.</p> |
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| <p>d. Design the logic of your program using pseudocode or flowcharts. Here is where you would use conditionals, loops or functions (if applicable) and list the steps in transforming inputs into outputs. Walk through your logic steps with the test data from the assignment document or the sample run above.</p> <p>Use the syntax shown at the bottom of this document and plain English phrases. Do not include any implementation details (e.g. file names) or C++ specific syntax.</p> |
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5. Pseudocode Syntax

Think about each step in your algorithm as an action and use the verbs below:

| To do this: | Use this verb: | Example: |
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| Create a variable | DECLARE | DECLARE integer num_dogs |
| Print to the console window | DISPLAY | DISPLAY "Hello!" |
| Read input from the user into a variable | INPUT | INPUT num_dogs |
| Update the contents of a variable | SET | SET num_dogs = num_dogs + 1 |
| Conditionals | | |
| Use a single alternative conditional | IF <i>condition</i> THEN <i>statement</i> <i>statement</i> END IF | IF num_dogs > 10 THEN DISPLAY "That is a lot of dogs!" END IF |
| Use a dual alternative conditional | IF <i>condition</i> THEN <i>statement</i> <i>statement</i> | IF num_dogs > 10 THEN DISPLAY "You have more than 10 dogs!" |

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| | <pre>ELSE statement statement END IF</pre> | <pre>ELSE DISPLAY "You have ten or fewer dogs!" END IF</pre> |
| Use a switch/case statement | <pre>SELECT variable or expression CASE value_1: statement statement CASE value_2: statement statement CASE value_2: statement statement DEFAULT: statement statement END SELECT</pre> | <pre>SELECT num_dogs CASE 0: DISPLAY "No dogs!" CASE 1: DISPLAY "One dog.." CASE 2: DISPLAY "Two dogs.." CASE 3: DISPLAY "Three dogs.." DEFAULT: DISPLAY "Lots of dogs!" END SELECT</pre> |
| Loops | | |
| Loop while a condition is true - the loop body will execute 0 or more times. | <pre>WHILE condition statement statement END WHILE</pre> | <pre>SET num_dogs = 1 WHILE num_dogs < 10 DISPLAY num_dogs, " dogs!" SET num_dogs = num_dogs + 1 END WHILE</pre> |
| Loop while a condition is true - the loop body will execute 1 or more times. | <pre>DO statement statement WHILE condition</pre> | <pre>SET num_dogs = 1 DO DISPLAY num_dogs, " dogs!" SET num_dogs = num_dogs + 1 WHILE num_dogs < 10</pre> |
| Loop a specific number of times. | <pre>FOR counter = start TO end statement statement END FOR</pre> | <pre>FOR count = 1 TO 10 DISPLAY num_dogs, " dogs!" END FOR</pre> |
| Functions | | |
| Create a function | <pre>FUNCTION return_type name (parameters) statement statement END FUNCTION</pre> | <pre>FUNCTION Integer add(Integer num1, Integer num2) DECLARE Integer sum SET sum = num1 + num2 RETURN sum END FUNCTION</pre> |
| Call a function | CALL <i>function_name</i> | CALL add(2, 3) |
| Return data from a function | RETURN <i>value</i> | RETURN 2 + 3 |