

## 7.4 - A Little Bit of Lab6 (5 points)

1. Be sure you have completed 7.1 - Reading and Writing Files in C. You also want to have read through the 7.3 slides about `grep` - the Linux command
2. Write a C program named `grep_one.c`. Using a technique similar to the 7.1 and the examples given in the 7.1 slides, modify your code to take a **string** as the first command line argument and a **file** as the second. At the basic level, your program should **print a message if the string in the first argument appears in the file specified by the second argument**.

Example:

```
grep_one aargh lab6.txt
The string 'aargh' appears in lab6.txt
```

or

```
grep_one blergh lab6.txt
The string 'blergh' does not appear in lab6.txt
```

You can take this a little farther now if you want – another assignment in this unit will ask you to modify your `grep_one.c` so that it prints at least one line number and some context within the line, like the actual Linux `grep` function. But for this assignment, simply identifying if the word is in the file or not is sufficient.

Example:

```
grep_one aargh lab6.txt
line 6: buf[bufp++] = *p // aargh this isn't working
```

A `grep_one.c` with a helper function `showstring(char* buf, int size)` is provided for you in `/home/msarris/csci235/lab6/grep_one.c` – this will start you off and give you at least one function to help debug what is going on.

`showstring()` will print a message on the first line, your string on the second, and numbers on the third. It will also replace `'\0'` characters (that you cannot see) with `'0'` characters that you can. (Yes, technically, that means you can't tell `\0` and `0` apart, but in practice, this shouldn't make much of a difference. It's a *debug* function.)

You can use `strcmp`, if you wish, which is mentioned in [K&R Section 7.8](#)

Some things to consider:

- a. Does your solution work if the string contains a substring of itself? For example, if the string is "abac", does your solution find it in the string "ababac"?
- b. Does your solution work if a line is *very* long?
- c. Modify it to print the line(s) on which the string occurs.

Navigate to your `csci235` directory. Then `tar` and compress the lab directory with the linux command (from your `csci235` directory):

```
tar -cvzf lab6.1.tgz lab6
```

Turn in your code to moodle in `lab6.1.tgz`

It should have:

- `grep_one.c`
- `lab6.txt` (that has your name as the driver)

There is no test or autograder for this lab – you should be able to test it on your own files and determine if it is working or not.