

# Functions with Pass-by-Reference

## Lab 10: Guessing a Password

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# Purposes of the Lab

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## ➤ More on

- ✓ Reference type
- ✓ Pass by value & pass by reference

# Reference Type

```
int main( ) {  
    int x =1;  
    int &y = x; // Reference type should be initialized  
    int xx = 3;  
    int &zz = xx;  
    int anAry[] = {1, 2, 3, 4}; // declare  
    int aFunc1(int &);  
    int aFunc2(int &aRef);  
    int aFrnc22(int &aRef);  
    void aFun3(int);  
    int &aFunc4(int &aRef);  
    int& aFunc5(int anAry[], int);  
    int& aFunc6(int anAry[], int &);  
}
```

```
    cout << aFunc1(x); // 4 printed; x is 1  
    cout << aFunc2(xx); // 4 printed; xx is 4  
    cout << aFunc22(xx); // 4 printed; xx is 5  
    cout << aFunc3(y); // not a legal statement  
    cout << aFunc4(xx); // 6 printed, xx is 6  
    cout << aFunc5(anAry, 4); //10 printed  
    cout << aFunc6(anAry, 4); // not a legal  
    statement  
    return 0;
```

```
int aFunc1(int &a){ return a+3; }  
  
int aFunc2(int &aRef) {return ++aRef};  
  
Int aFunc22(int &aRef) (return aRef++);  
  
void aFun3(int x) {x++;}  
  
Int &aFunc4(int &aRef) {aRef++; return aRef;}  
  
Int& aFunc5(int anAry[], int inx){  
    anAry[2] = 10;  
    return anAry[2] ;}  
  
Int& aFunc6(int anAry[], int & inx) {  
    anAry[2] =10;  
    inx++;  
    return anAry[2]; }
```

# Lab 10: Guess a Password

- Write a program that will guess a password as follows:
  - You are given a function **string generatePassWd(int&)** to generate a password that contains **at most four lower-case letters**, for example “abcd”. The function should return a password. The parameter should return the length of the password.
  - Read from a keyboard a string which is the guess you made. Print out “Too high” if the string read from the keyboard is greater than **passWd** or print out “Too low” if it is smaller than **passWd**. Strings are compared in terms of their lexicographic order. For example,  $a < b$ ,  $aa < ab$ ,  $abc < abca$ , etc.
  - You should continue to read strings from the keyboard until you guess the password right. That is, the password read from the keyboard is the same as **passWd**.
  - If a right guess is made, print **“Bravo, you guess it right!”**. Moreover, if the number of guesses you made for a right guess is smaller than or equal to  **$X = \lceil \log_2 26^{len} \rceil + 2$** , then print out **“You know the secret!”**, where  $len$  is the length of a password and  $\lceil \quad \rceil$  is the *ceiling* function (page 194). Otherwise, print out **“You should be able to do better.”** Here, you should use  $\log_2()$  function rather than  $\log()$  or  $\log_{10}()$ .

## **string generatePassWd(int &)**

```
string generatePassWd(int &passLen){  
    string tempStr="";  
    srand(time(0));  
    passLen = rand()%4+1;  
    for (int i=0; i<passLen; i++){  
        tempStr = tempStr + "a";  
        tempStr[i] = 'a' + rand()% 26;  
    }  
    return tempStr;  
}
```

# Scoring

- Your score will be calculated as follows:
- **$\min(100, (1 - 0.5 * (\text{\#ofGuess} - X) / X) * 100)$** 
  - For example, if  $X = 20$ , and  $\text{\#ofGuess} = 22$ , then the score will be  
 $\min(100, (1 - 0.5 * (22 - 20) / 20) * 100) = \min(100, 95) = 95$ .

# Requirements <sup>(1)</sup>

➤ Write a function

**status guess(string, string);**

where **status** is an enumeration type:

**enum status {TH, TL, RT};** // TH: too high; TL: too low; RT: right

The function should return a guess result, TH, TL, or RT. The first parameter is a guess. The second parameter is the string we would like to guess.

➤ The main() function should have calls to this function as follows:

```
Int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    string aGuess; // A guess read from keyboard
```

```
    string passWd; // passWd we would like to guess
```

```
    int passLen;   // passWd length
```

```
        ...
```

```
        guess(aGuess, passWD);
```

```
        ...
```

```
}
```

# Requirements <sup>(2)</sup>

- After a right guess is made, your program should ask whether to play the game again by presenting a prompt message “Play the game again (Y or y for yes): “. Otherwise, the program terminates.



# Example of Input & Output

Guessing a password at most having four lower-case letters. My guess is as follows:

1-st guess = oasx

Bravo, you guess it right!

You know the secret!

Play the game again (Y or y for yes): y

1-st guess = a

Too low. Try again.

2-nd guess = aa

Too low. Try again.

3-rd guess = aaa

Too low. Try again.

4-th guess = aaaa

Too low. Try again.

5-th guess = mmmm

Too high. Try again.

6-th guess = jjjj

Too low. Try again.

7-th guess = kkkk

Too high. Try again.

8-th guess = jjzz

Too low. Try again.

9-th guess = jzzz

Too low. Try again.

10-th guess = kkaa

Too high. Try again.

11-th guess = kazz

Too high. Try again.

12-th guess = kaaz

Too low. Try again.

13-th guess = kfaa

Too high. Try again.

14-th guess = kcaa

Too high. Try again.

15-th guess = kbaa

Too high. Try again.

16-th guess = kazz

Too high. Try again.

17-th guess = kall

Too low. Try again.

18-th guess = kaha

Too low. Try again.

19-th guess = kaja

Too low. Try again.

20-th guess = kaka

Too low. Try again.

21-th guess = kakz

Too low. Try again.

22-th guess = kala

Too low. Try again.

23-th guess = kalz

Too low. Try again.

24-th guess = kamz

Too low. Try again.

25-th guess = kazz

Too high. Try again.

26-th guess = kaoz

Too low. Try again.

27-th guess = kavz

Too high. Try again.

28-th guess = kaqz

Too low. Try again.

29-th guess = karz

Too low. Try again.

30-th guess = katz

Too high. Try again.

31-th guess = kasz

Too high. Try again.

32-th guess = kasa

Too low. Try again.

33-th guess = kasl

Too low. Try again.

34-th guess = kasp

Too low. Try again.

35-th guess = kasu

Too low. Try again.

36-th guess = kasw

Too low. Try again.

37-th guess = kasy

Too high. Try again.

38-th guess = kasx

Bravo, you guess it right!

You should be able to do better.

Play the game again (Y or y for yes):

**Note:** You should have **1-st**, **2-nd**, **3-rd**, 4-th, ..., 10-th, **11-th**, **12-th**, **13-th**, ..., 20-th, 21-th, ....

- The above is not a good way of guessing the password.

# Another Example

Guessing a password at most having four lower-case letters. My guess is as follows:

1-st guess = zzz	
Too low. Try again.	Too low. Try again.
2-nd guess = mmmm	14-th guess = svmm
Too low. Try again.	Too low. Try again.
3-rd guess = tttt	15-th guess = svtt
Too high. Try again.	Too high. Try again.
4-th guess = pppp	16-th guess = svqq
Too low. Try again.	Too low. Try again.
5-th guess = rrrr	17-th guess = svss
Too low. Try again.	Too high. Try again.
6-th guess = ssss	18-th guess = svrr
Too low. Try again.	Too low. Try again.
7-th guess = szzz	19-th guess = svsa
Too high. Try again.	Too low. Try again.
8-th guess = smmm	20-th guess = svsl
Too low. Try again.	Too high. Try again.
9-th guess = sttt	21-th guess = svsf
Too low. Try again.	Too low. Try again.
10-th guess = swww	22-th guess = svsi
Too high. Try again.	Too low. Try again.
11-th guess = svvv	23-th guess = svsk
Too high. Try again.	Too high. Try again.
12-th guess = svzz	24-th guess = svsj
Too high. Try again.	Bravo, you guess it right!
13-th guess = svaa	You should be able to do better.
Too low. Try again.	25-th guess = svaa

# Bonus: Automatic Guessing

- A bonus of 20 points.
- Write a program to make an automatic guess.  
That is, repeat making a guess and receiving a response until a right guess is made.
- For this part, you can change **status**  
**guess(string, string)** freely or replace this function with another function.

# An Example of Optimal Automatic Guessing

Guessing a password having at most four lower-case letters.

The password to be guessed: vw

1-st guess = mmmm

Too high.

2-nd guess = fsst

Too high.

3-rd guess = ciwv

Too high.

4-th guess = aqxl

Too high.

5-th guess = uyf

Too high.

6-th guess = jyp

Too high.

7-th guess = elu

Too high.

8-th guess = bsk

Too high.

9-th guess = ais

Too high.

10-th guess = qw

Too low.

11-th guess = zu

Too high.

12-th guess = vi

Too low.

13-th guess = xo

Too high.

14-th guess = wl

Too high.

15-th guess = vw

Bravo, you guess it right!

You know the secret!

Play the game again (Y or y for yes): y

The password to be guessed: ncfd

1-st guess = mmmm

Too low.

2-nd guess = tggf

Too high.

3-rd guess = pwji

Too high.

4-th guess = oekx

Too high.

5-th guess = nilr

Too high.

6-th guess = mxmb

Too low.

7-th guess = ncyw

Too high.

8-th guess = nafl

Too low.

9-th guess = nbpd

Too low.

10-th guess = nczg

Too high.

11-th guess = nbyb

Too low.

12-th guess = nccn

Too low.

13-th guess = ncet

Too low.

14-th guess = ncfw

Too high.

15-th guess = ncfh

Too high.

16-th guess = ncfa

Too low.

17-th guess = ncfd

Bravo, you guess it right!

You know the secret!