

# Prep C

## Game of life activity

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### Task 1: function pointers

Create a directory *fpointer* that hangs off your *clab* directory. Write a program named *calc.c* that takes three command line arguments (not including the program file name) and performs a simple calculation using function pointer. Here are some examples.

```
$ ./calc 2 + 3
5
```

```
$ ./calc 5 / 2
2.5
```

```
$ ./calc 5 - 6
-1
```

```
$ ./calc 4 \* 6
24
```

In this activity you will initialize a function pointer to a function according to the operative character specified in the command line arguments as shown below:

```
fptr = add; if '+' is found
```

```
fptr = subtract; if '-' is found
```

```
fptr = multiply; if '*' is found
```

```
fptr = division; if '/' is found
```

You need to define *add*, *subtract*, *multiply*, and *division* functions accordingly. Test your program thoroughly.

### Task 2: Callback functions

You are supposed to process two data-packets according to the operative character mentioned in the command line arguments. The data packets have the following protocol:

bits	31 - 30	29-----2	1 - 0	
type	slave-ids	-----data-----	parity	

Assuming that we will be passing same slave-ids and parity's, the operation needs to be performed on data within the data-packet. Write three functions in *util.c* file: *process*, *decode*, and *encode*. The *process()* will decode the data from the data-packets and encode the result in the similar protocol. Make sure that *decode()* and *encode()* functions are private functions and cannot be accessed from *calc.c* file. The *calc.c* should be able to access only *process()* function which is a public function. Remember that your addition, subtraction, multiplication and division results will be different because of the protocol format.