

Exam Seating Chart Generator

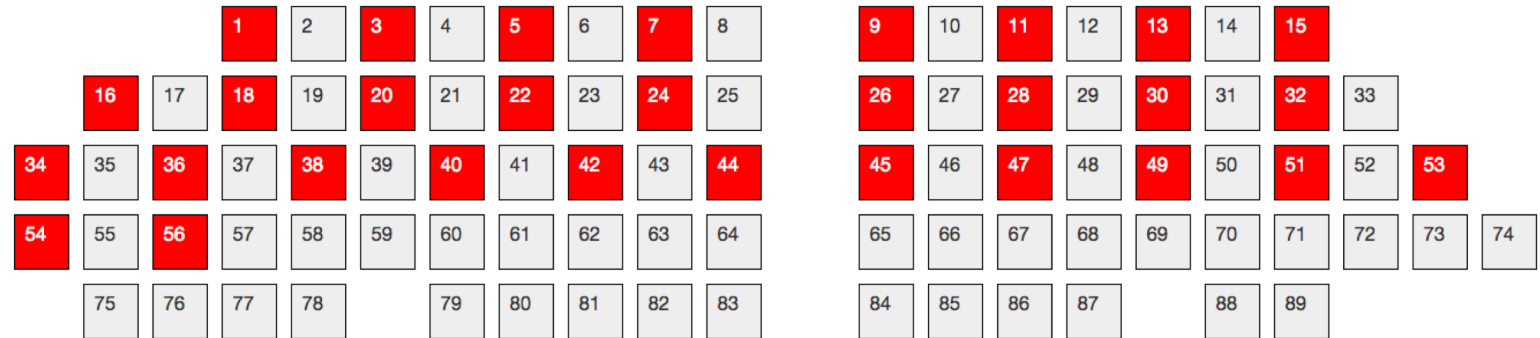
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Problem:

Generate a seating chart for an exam

Solution:

Enter names or number of students and if there are enough seats then assign everyone a seat.



*actual program footage

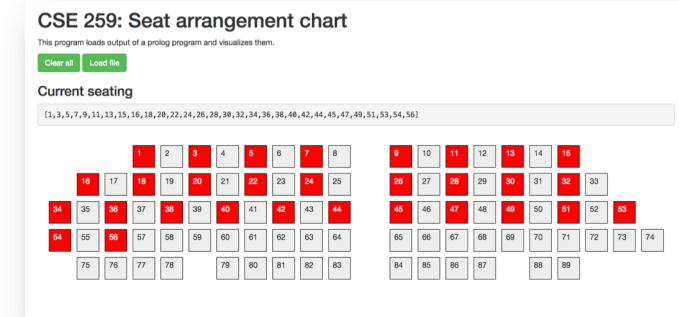
As a user:

What is the criteria for a good program?

- Easy to set up
 - No external dependencies.
 - No variables to change.
- Easy to use
 - Help or readme file.
 - Options to use it in multiple ways.
- User friendly UI
 - Results are meaningful.
 - Does not require too many steps.



```
| ?- help.  
To get output on the screen run normal(10, X).  
To get output in a file run wnormal(10)  
To see full list of commands type "commands."  
  
(1 ms) yes  
| ?- commands.  
Normal seating  
normal(Number, X ) - Number is the number of students and X will be output  
wnormal(Number) - Number is the number of students, output will be in output.txt in the  
same folder.  
listcheckn(List of student names, List of seat numbers) - Enter a list of students and  
list of seats to get full output on screen.  
  
Reverse seating  
reversez(Number, X ) - Number is the number of students and X will be output  
wnreversez(Number) - Number is the number of students, output will be in output.txt in  
he same folder.  
listcheckr(List of student names, List of seat numbers) - Enter a list of students and  
list of seats to get full output on screen.
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As a
programmer:

What is the
criteria for
good code?

- Easy to modify
 - Well commented
 - Global variables in same place.
- Easy to extend
 - Modular design.
 - Can connect with other applications.

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1  /* Set total number of seats */  
2  totalSeats( X ):-  
3      X is 89.
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54 /* Write to file, change the file name here */  
55 writetofile(X) :-  
56     open('output.txt', write, ID),  
57     write(ID, X),  
58     close(ID).  
59
```



Problem:

Program designed to take in list of variables needs to take in a single number.

- Helpful when assigning small number of seats but pain when there are a lot of students.
- Default prolog function:

```
length([1,2,3,4,5,6], X).  
X = 6
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length(X, 4).  
X = [Var, Var, Var, Var]
```



Before

```
|| ?- listcheckn([Adam,Brandon,Cullen], [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15]).  
All seats assigned  
  
Adam = 1  
Brandon = 3  
Cullen = 5  
  
yes  
| ?-
```

After

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|| ?- normal(30, X).  
All seats assigned  
  
X = [1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,16,18,20,22,24,26,28,30,32,34,36,38,40,42,44,45,47,49,51,  
,53,54,56]  
  
yes  
| ?-
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85  /* Makes a list of variables, m  
86  normal(X, Z):-  
87    length(Z, X),  
88    totalSeats(T),  
89    makelist(T, L),  
90    listcheckn(Z, L).  
91
```

