Exam Seating Chart Generator

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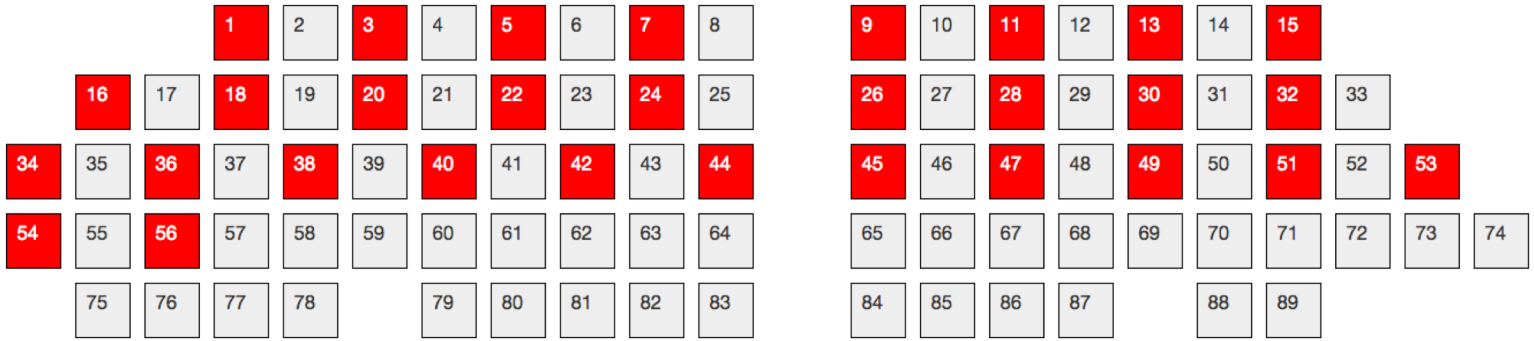
Problem:

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.



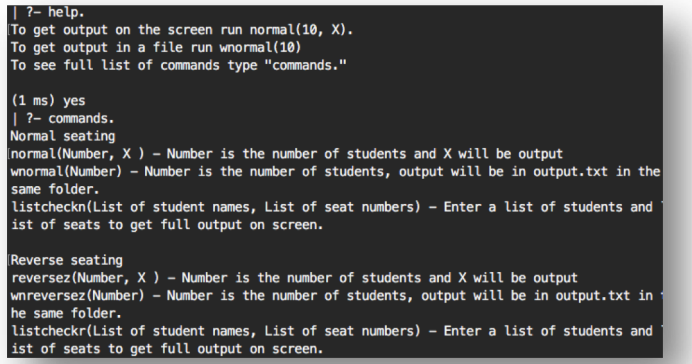
*actual program footage

As a user:

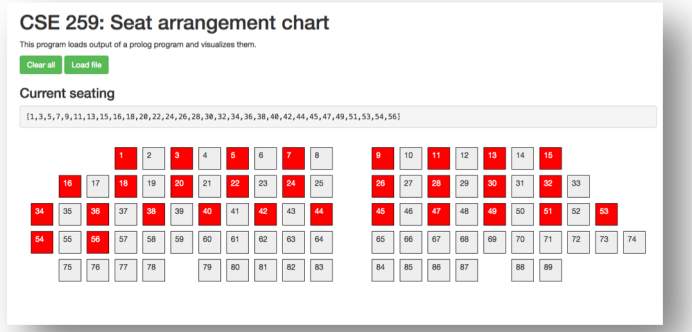
What is the criteria for a good program?

- 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.



As a programmer:

What is the criteria for good code?

- Easy to modify
  - Well commented
  - Global variables in same place.

```
/* Set total number of seats */
totalSeats( X ):-
  X is 89.
```

```
/* Write to file, change the file name here */
writetofile(X) :-
  open('output.txt', write, ID),
  write(ID, X),
  close(ID).
```

- Easy to extend
  - Modular design.
  - Can connect with other applications.

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

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

```
| ?- 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 vari
86  normal(X, Z):-
87    length(Z, X),
88    totalSeats(T),
89    makelist(T, L),
90    listcheckn( Z, L ).
91
```