

Course        COMP-2560  
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Assignment    01  
Due date      Sunday May 28, 11.59pm

Write a Bash script, called **myCompress**, with the following synopsis:

*myCompress* [*-s size*] [*-p prog*] < *directory* > < *ext\_list* >

What is between [ and ] is optional whereas what is between < and > is mandatory.

The script **myCompress** will compress all files in < *directory* > with extensions among the extension list given in < *ext\_list* >.

The options have the following effects:

- **-s size**: if present, only files larger than **size** bytes are concerned.
- **-p prog**: if present, use program **prog** to compress files, otherwise, use the unix utility **xz** (check the manual of xz).

Valid examples:

1. **myCompress -p gzip ./ ps pdf**  
All files in the current directory with extensions **ps** or **pdf** are to be compressed using the Unix utility **gzip**.
2. **myCompress ./files/letters doc pdf**  
All files in the directory **./files/letters**, with extensions **doc** or **pdf** are to be compressed using the default unix utility **xz**.
3. **myCompress -p gzip -s 10000 ./ doc pdf ps**  
Files in the current directory with sizes greater than **10000** bytes and with extensions **doc**, **ps** or, **pdf** are to be compressed using the utility **gzip**.

Note that :

- In case the user makes a call with a syntax error, the script should print an appropriate error message as well as a help on how use it. In particular, the script should detect a missing directory/extension list.

#### Notes:

1. All issues with labs and assignment should be directed to the GAs, their office hours are provided in ER3146 as follows:
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