# **Wordle Game**



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# Case Study: Wordle Game Implementation in C

**DESCRIPTION:** Wordle is a popular word puzzle game where a player attempts to guess a hidden word within a limited number of attempts. The game provides feedback on each guess by indicating correct letters in the correct positions and correct letters in the wrong positions. The objective is to deduce the hidden word through intelligent guessing.

**AIM:** The objective of this project is to implement a command-line version of the Wordle game using the C programming language. The implementation would allow players to interactively play the game by entering their guesses and receiving feedback until they either correctly guess the hidden word or exhaust their allowed attempts.

#### **SCOPE:**

The scope of this project involves creating a functional Wordle game that meets the following requirements:

#### 1. User Interface:

- The game is implemented as a command-line application.
- The player will be able to input their guesses using the keyboard.

#### 2. Game Rules:

- The hidden word, to be guessed by the player, will be predetermined by the program.
- The hidden word will consist of a fixed number of characters (e.g., 5, 6, 7 or 8 characters).
- The player will have a limited number of attempts to guess the hidden word (e.g., 6 attempts).

#### 3. Feedback Mechanism:

- After each guess, the player will receive feedback indicating the number of correct letters in the correct positions and the number of correct letters in the wrong positions.
- The feedback will be displayed to the player.

#### 4. Game Flow:

- The player's guess and feedback will be displayed after each attempt.
- The player is informed whether their guess is correct or if they have exhausted their attempts.
- If the player guesses the hidden word correctly, the game will terminate with a congratulatory message.

#### 5. Error Handling:

The program can handle invalid input gracefully, providing appropriate messages to the player.

# **SCREENSHOTS**

#### **COMPILATION:**

```
suryansh@Suryansh:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/WORDLE$ make
clang -ggdb3 -00 -Qunused-arguments -std=c11 -Wall -Werror -Wextra -Wno-sign-compare -Wno-unused-parameter -Wno
-unused-variable -Wshadow -lm -o wordle wordle.c helper.c cs50.c
suryansh@Suryansh:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/WORDLE$
```

#### ERROR HANLING:

```
suryansh@Suryansh:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/WORDLE$ ./wordle
Usage: ./wordle wordsize
suryansh@Suryansh:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/WORDLE$ ./wordle 10
Error: wordsize must be either 5, 6, 7, or 8
suryansh@Suryansh:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/WORDLE$
```

#### **GAME PLAY:**

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#### wordle.c

```
1 #include <cs50.h>
   #include <stdlib.h>
 2
   #include <stdio.h>
 3
 4
   #include <string.h>
    #include <time.h>
    #include"helper.h"
 6
 7
 8
    // each of our text files contains 1000 words
    #define LISTSIZE 1000
 9
10
    // values for colors and score (EXACT == right letter, right place; CLOSE == right letter,
    wrong place; WRONG == wrong letter)
    #define EXACT 2
    #define CLOSE 1
13
    #define WRONG 0
14
15
    // ANSI color codes for boxed in letters
16
17
    #define GREEN
                    "\e[38;2;255;255;255;1m\e[48;2;106;170;100;1m"
    #define YELLOW "\e[38;2;255;255;255;1m\e[48;2;201;180;88;1m"
18
19
    #define RED
                     "\e[38;2;255;255;255;1m\e[48;2;220;20;60;1m"
    #define RESET
                     "\e[0;39m"
20
21
22
23
24
    int main(int argc, string argv[])
25
26
        // ensure proper usage
27
        // TODO #1
28
        if(argc != 2){
29
            printf("Usage: ./wordle wordsize\n");
30
            return 1;
31
        }
32
33
        int wordsize = 0;
34
        // ensure argv[1] is either 5, 6, 7, or 8 and store that value in wordsize instead
35
36
        // TODO #2
37
        for(int i = 5; i <= 8; i++){
38
            if(atoi(argv[1]) == i){
39
                wordsize = i;
40
            }
        }
41
42
        if(wordsize == 0){
43
            printf("Error: wordsize must be either 5, 6, 7, or 8\n");
44
45
            return 1;
46
        }
47
        // open correct file, each file has exactly LISTSIZE words
48
49
        char wl filename[6];
        sprintf(wl_filename, "%i.txt", wordsize);
50
        FILE *wordlist = fopen(wl_filename, "r");
51
52
        if (wordlist == NULL)
53
        {
54
            printf("Error opening file %s.\n", wl_filename);
55
            return 1;
```

```
56
 57
         // load word file into an array of size LISTSIZE
 58
 59
         char options[LISTSIZE][wordsize + 1];
 60
         for (int i = 0; i < LISTSIZE; i++)</pre>
 61
 62
             fscanf(wordlist, "%s", options[i]);
 63
 64
         }
 65
         // pseudorandomly select a word for this game
 66
 67
         srand(time(NULL));
 68
         string choice = options[rand() % LISTSIZE];
 69
 70
         // allow one more guess than the length of the word
 71
         int guesses = wordsize + 1;
 72
         bool won = false;
 73
 74
         // print greeting, using ANSI color codes to demonstrate
 75
         printf(GREEN"This is WORDLE50"RESET"\n");
 76
         printf("You have %i tries to guess the %i-letter word I'm thinking of\n", guesses,
     wordsize);
 77
         // main game loop, one iteration for each guess
 78
         for (int i = 0; i < guesses; i++)</pre>
 79
 80
         {
 81
             // obtain user's guess
             string guess = get_guess(wordsize);
 82
 83
             // array to hold guess status, initially set to zero
 84
 85
             int status[wordsize];
 86
 87
             // set all elements of status array initially to 0, aka WRONG
 88
             // TODO #4
 89
 90
             for(int j = 0; j < wordsize; j++){</pre>
                  status[i] = WRONG;
 91
 92
             }
93
 94
             // Calculate score for the guess
 95
             int score = check_word(guess, wordsize, status, choice);
96
97
             printf("Guess %i: ", i + 1);
 98
99
             // Print the guess
100
             print_word(guess, wordsize, status);
101
             // if they guessed it exactly right, set terminate loop
102
             if (score == EXACT * wordsize)
103
104
             {
105
                 won = true;
106
                  break;
107
             }
108
         }
109
110
         // Print the game's result
         // TODO #7
111
         if(won == true){
112
113
             printf("You Won!\n");
114
         }else{
```

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## helper.h

```
#include<string.h>
#include<cs50.h>

// user-defined function prototypes
string get_guess(int wordsize);
int check_word(string guess, int wordsize, int status[], string choice);
void print_word(string guess, int wordsize, int status[]);
```

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20
21
   // Promts the user to enter the guessed word
   // Also error checks if the length of the word is of right size, otherwise re-promts the
22
    user to enter
23
    string get_guess(int wordsize)
24
25
        string guess = "";
26
        // ensure users actually provide a guess that is the correct length
27
        // TODO #3
28
29
30
        do{
            guess = get_string("Input a 5-letter word: ");
31
32
        }while(strlen(guess) != 5);
33
34
        return guess;
35
    }
36
37
    // Compares the guessed word at each stage and adds a score value,
38
    // Correct letter, rigth position = 2 (EXACT), Correct letter, wrong position = 1 (CLOSE),
39
    Wrong letter = 0 (WRONG)
    int check word(string guess, int wordsize, int status[], string choice)
40
41
    {
42
        int score = 0;
43
44
        // compare guess to choice and score points as appropriate, storing points in status
45
        // TODO #5
46
        // iterate over each letter of the guess
47
48
        for(int i = 0; i < wordsize; i++){</pre>
49
            // iterate over each letter of the choice
50
51
            for(int j = 0; j < wordsize; j++){
52
                // compare the current guess letter to the current choice letter
53
                if(guess[i] == choice[j]){
```

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```
// if they're the same position in the word, score EXACT points (green) and
54
    break so you don't compare that letter further
55
                     if(i == j){
                         score += EXACT;
56
                         status[i] = EXACT;
57
58
                         break;
                     }else{
59
60
                         score += CLOSE;
                         status[i] = CLOSE;
61
62
                     // if it's in the word, but not the right spot, score CLOSE point (yellow)
63
64
65
                // keep track of the total score by adding each individual letter's score from
    above
            }
66
67
68
        return score;
69
    }
70
71
    // print_word - Prints the feedback to the user using different color codes (GREEN, YELLOW,
72
    RED)
73
    // - Highlights the letters with GREEN for correct letter correct position,
74
    // - With RED for wrong letters,
75
    // - With YELLOW for correct letter wrong position.
76
77
    void print_word(string guess, int wordsize, int status[])
78
79
        // print word character-for-character with correct color coding, then reset terminal
    font to normal
        // TODO #6
80
81
        for(int i = 0; i < wordsize; i++){</pre>
82
83
            if(status[i] == 2){
84
                printf(GREEN " %c " RESET, guess[i]);
85
86
            }else if (status[i] == 1){
87
                printf(YELLOW " %c " RESET, guess[i]);
88
            }else{
89
                printf(RED " %c " RESET, guess[i]);
90
91
92
        printf("\n");
93
94
        return;
95
    }
96
```