

CSC1037 – Debugging Practice (10 Tasks)

Student Answer Template

Instructions: For each task, write a short explanation of what is wrong with the original code, then write your corrected version of the code.

- Keep your explanation to 1–3 sentences.
- For the fixed code, you can rewrite only the relevant lines, or rewrite the full snippet.
- Use proper shell / Makefile syntax so that your fixed code would run.

Shell Tasks

S1 – Print a greeting (missing then)

1) What is wrong?

The if statement is missing “then” keyword

2) Fixed code:

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ "$#" -lt 1 ]; then

    echo "Usage: $0 NAME"

    exit 1

fi

echo "Hello, $1!"
```

S2 – Check if a file exists

1) What is wrong?

The \$1 and \$FILE need quotes eg. “\$1” to recognise filenames with spaces.

2) Fixed code:

```
#!/bin/bash

FILE="$1"

if [ -f "$FILE" ]; then

    echo "$FILE exists"
```

else

echo "\$FILE does not exist"

fi

S3 – Loop from 1 to 3

1) What is wrong?

The sequence of numbers needs no brackets.

2) Fixed code:

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
for i in 1 2 3; do
```

```
    echo "$i"
```

```
done
```

S4 – Add two numbers

1) What is wrong?

Using the '+' operator concatenates the two chars. You must tell bash its an arithmetic operation by adding `$((...))`

2) Fixed code:

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
A=$1
```

```
B=$2
```

```
SUM=$((A+B))
```

```
echo "Sum: $SUM"
```

Makefile Tasks (2 tasks)

M1 – Add .PHONY for clean

1) What is wrong?

Clean must be marked as .PHONY and given the ":" separator.

2) Fixed code:

.PHONY clean:

```
rm -f main
```

M2 - Run a shell script with make

1) What is wrong?

Run target is missing .PHONY

2) Fixed code:

.PHONY run:

```
sh build.sh
```

Docker Tasks (3 tasks)

D1 - Python app CMD (JSON form)

1) What is wrong?

CMD arguments must be separate strings

2) Fixed code:

FROM python:3.11-slim

WORKDIR /app

COPY app.py .

CMD ["python", "app.py"]

D2 - COPY package files for npm install

1) What is wrong?

The docker file was copying one json file to another then copying the current directory to itself. Changed to copy both json files to current working directory before install.

2) Fixed code:

FROM node:20-alpine

WORKDIR /app

COPY package.json .

COPY package-lock.json .

RUN npm install

CMD ["node", "server.js"]

D3 – docker-compose restart policy

1) What is wrong?

Missing “:” separator between key and value “restart” and “always”

2) Fixed code:

version: "3.9"

services:

 web:

 image: nginx

 ports:

 - "8080:80"

 restart: always

Node.js Tasks (1 tasks)

N1 – Create an Express app

1) What is wrong?

Missing function call parenthesis after const app = express

2) Fixed code:

```
const express = require("express");
```

```
const app = express();
```

```
app.get("/", (req, res) => {
```

```
res.send("Hello DCU");  
  
});  
  
app.listen(3000, () => {  
  console.log("Server listening on port 3000");  
});
```