

Lab #4

Summer 2023

Requirements

In this lab, you will cover void pointers and structs. You will **not** be required to read in from a file for this lab. You can initialize your struct array in main however you like. Remember that it is considered good programming practice to separate a larger problem into multiple smaller problems. Creating smaller functions which solve a single problem that you can re-use in other functions is an important part of algorithm development.

In this lab, you will be working with the following struct:

```
typedef struct {  
    int ID;  
    float weight;  
    int stockCount;  
    short colors;  
} InventoryItem;
```

1.1 makeArray

```
void * makeArray(int arraySize, int elementSize)
```

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Info: This function will take an array size, as well as the size of each element in the array. It will allocate an array with the given size, and store the size before the start of the array as an int. If allocating the array was successful, it will return a pointer to the array, otherwise it will return NULL.

1.2 getSize

```
int getSize(void *array)
```

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Info: This function takes an array which was allocated with makeArray(), and returns the size stored before the array.

1.3 countWithColors

```
int countWithColors(InventoryItem *items, short colorCount)
```

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Info: This function takes an array of InventoryItems, and returns the number of items in the array whose "colors" field is equal to the given colorCount. In this function, you **must not** access the size stored before the array directly. You must call `getSize()` to get the size of the array instead.

1.4 freeArray

```
void freeArray(void *array)
```

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Info: This function takes an array which was allocated with makeArray(), and frees the memory allocated to the array.

Submission Information

Submit this assignment by using the `mucsmake` command.

Use the following submit command on `tc.rnet`:

```
mucsmake <assignment> <filename>
```

For example:

```
mucsmake lab4 lab4.c
```

Rubric: 11 points

1. Write required *makeArray* function
* 4 points
2. Write required *getSize* function
* 2 points
3. Write required *countWithColors* function
* 3 points
4. Write required *freeArray* function
* 2 points

Notice:

1. Do NOT change the given function prototype.
2. All of your lab submissions must compile under GCC using the `-Wall` and `-Werror` flags to be considered for a grade.
3. You are expected to provide proper documentation in every lab submission, in the form of code comments. For an example of proper lab documentation and a clear description of our expectations, see the lab policy document.