

CSc 352 (Fall 2025): Assignment 6

Due Date: 11:59PM Fri, Oct 24

The purpose of this assignment is to continue to work with string, linked lists, and memory allocation.

General Requirements

1. Your C code should adhere to the coding standards for this class as listed in the Documents section on the Resources tab for Piazza. This includes protecting against buffer overflows whenever you read strings.
2. Your programs should indicate if they executed without any problems via their *exit status*, i.e., the value returned by the program when it terminates:

Execution	Exit Status
Normal, no problems	0
Error or problem encountered	1

3. Under *bash* you can check the exit status of a command or program *cmd* by typing the command "`echo $?`" immediately after the execution of *cmd*. A program can exit with status *n* by executing "`exit(n)`" anywhere in the program, or by having `main()` execute the statement "`return(n)`".
4. Remember your code will be graded on lectura using a grading script. You should test your code on lectura using the `diff` command to compare your output to that of the example executable.
5. To get full points your code should compile without warnings or errors when the `-Wall` flag is set in `gcc`
6. Anytime you input a string you must protect against a buffer overflow. Review slides 68 – 74 of the basic_C deck.
7. You must check the return values to system calls that might fail due to not being able to allocate memory. (e.g. Check that `malloc/calloc` don't return `NULL`) `getline()` is an exception to this rule.
8. **A new grading criterion this assignment will be that your code must run without errors using valgrind. NOTE you do not need to free memory. Valgrind might report things called memory leaks. Don't worry about this. What you need is to see the line that includes: "ERROR SUMMARY: 0 errors"**

Testing

Example executables of the programs will be made available. You should copy and run these programs on lectura to test your program's output and to answer questions you might have about how the program is supposed to operate. Our class has a home directory on lectura which is:

`/home/cs352/fall25`

You all have access to this directory. The example programs will always be in the appropriate `assignments/assg#/prob#` subdirectory of this directory. They will have the same name as the assigned program with “ex” added to the start and the capitalization changed to maintain camelback. So, for example, if the assigned program is `theBigProgram`, then the example executable will be named `exTheBigProgram`. You should use the appropriate UNIX commands to copy these executables to your own directory.

Your programs will be graded by a script. This will include a timeout for all test cases. There must be a timeout or programs that don't terminate will cause the grading script to never finish. This time out will never be less than 10 times the time it takes the example executable to complete with that test input and will usually be much longer than that. If your program takes an exceedingly long time to complete compared to the example code, you may want to think about how to clean up your implementation.

Makefiles

You will be required to include a Makefile with each program. Running the command:

`make`
or
`make progName`

should both create the executable file `progName`, where `progName` is the program name listed for the problem. The `gcc` command in your Makefile must include the `-Wall` flag. Other than that, the command may have any flags you desire.

Submission Instructions

Your solutions are to be turned in on the host **lectura.cs.arizona.edu**. Since the assignment will be graded by a script, it is important you have the directory structure and the names of the files exact. Remember that UNIX is case sensitive, so make sure the capitalization is also correct. For all our assignments the directory structure should be as follows: The root directory will be named **assg#**, where # is the number of the current assignment. Inside that directory should be a subdirectory for each problem. These directories will be named **prob#** where # is the number of the problem within the assignment. Inside these directories should be any files required by the problem descriptions. For this assignment, the directory structure should look like:

```
assg6
  prob1
    anagrams2.c
  Makefile
```

To submit your solutions, go to the directory containing your assg6 directory and use the following command:

```
turnin cs352f25-assg6 assg6
```

Problems

prob1: anagrams2

Recall that two words are said to be *anagrams* of each other if the letters of one word can be permuted to form the other word. This problem involves writing code to divide up a set of words into groups where each group is a set of words that are anagrams of each other.

Write a C program, in a file **anagrams2.c**, and a file Makefile which creates an executable called **anagrams2** to classify words as anagrams as specified below:

- **Input:** The input comes from **stdin** and consists of a sequence of strings separated by white space. This means the strings may be on one line or on multiple lines.
- **Behavior:** Your program should read in a sequence of words from the input stream, group them into sets where each set consists of words that are anagrams of each other, and print out the resulting anagrams one group per line as specified below.

Multiple occurrences of a word in the input should be retained, i.e., the total number of legal words in the output should be the same as the total number of words in the input.

For the purposes of this program, a *word* is a sequence of alphabetic characters. The property of being an anagram is case-insensitive.

- **Output:** The output from your program should be printed out as follows (see example below):
 - each group of anagrams should be printed out on a separate line;
 - The order of the anagram groups should be the same as the order they appear in the input. In other words, if dog is the first word input, then the first line of the output should be all the anagrams of *dog* that appear in the input. So each line will include all the words that are anagrams of each other. The order of the words per line should also be the order in which they appear in the input. Also, although case should not be considered when determining if words are anagrams of each other, when printing out the words the original case (the case of the words in the input) should be preserved. In other words, if a word appears as **WoRd** in the input, it should be printed out as **WoRd**.
- **Assumptions:** You may assume that each word has length at most 64, though your program should still protect against buffer overflow if a word longer than 64 chars is entered.

- **Error Conditions:** A string that contains something other than an alphabetic character is an error. When such strings are found in the input, an error message should be printed, the string should be ignored, and the next string would then be read in. If the input has an error, then when your program eventually exits, it should exit with a status of 1.
- **Restrictions:** The purpose of this assignment is to get you familiar with using pointers and memory management. Thus, you must not allocate giant arrays and resize them as necessary. You should use linked lists for the sets of anagrams and for the lists words that are anagrams of each other. This is NOT saying that you can't use arrays in your program. Clearly every string is stored in a character array. But instead of trying to use an array of such strings, you must use linked lists. (See comment on bottom. Also, structure will be discussed in class.)
- **Example:** Given the list of words

```

pastel    mast    past    staple   most    Past
pleats    pest    Taps    plates   step    pats    mast

```

the output generated should be as follows:

```

pastel staple pleats plates
mast mast
past Past Taps pats
most
pest step

```

- **Comment:** A good data structure for this program is a linked list for the group of anagrams, each node of which contains a linked list of the strings for each of those anagrams.