

# Project #3 - Building a word autocomplete application using an alphabet trie

## Learning Objectives

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- Demonstrate effective use of memory management techniques in C++
- Implement a data structure to meet given specifications
- Design, implement, and use a trie data structure
- Analyze operations for time complexity

## Overview

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Your task for this assignment is to implement an alphabet trie data structure, and to use this data structure to write an autocomplete program using an English dictionary.

## The Trie Class

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In order to implement your autocomplete program, you will need to create a trie data structure (class Trie) to facilitate efficient word searches from an English dictionary.

- `bool Trie::insert(string)` – Insert a new word into the trie. Duplicate words are not allowed. This function should return **true** if the word is successfully inserted into the trie, and **false** if the word could not be inserted (for example, due to a duplicate word already found in the trie).
- `int Trie::count()` – return the number of **words** in the trie
- `int Trie::getSize()` – return the total number of **nodes** in the trie
- `bool Trie::find(string)` – if the given word is found in the AVL tree, this function should return **true**, otherwise this function should return **false**
- `int Trie::completeCount(string)` – this function should return the number of words in the dictionary that begin with the given input string. If no matching words are found, the function should return zero.
- `vector<string> Trie::complete(string)` – this function should return a C++ vector of strings containing all of the words in the dictionary that begin with the given input string. For each word found in the trie, there will be one value in the vector. If no matching words are found, the function should return an empty vector.

**Example:** The call `resultVector = myTrie.complete("addr")` were called on a trie built with the `wordlist.txt` file provided with this project should return a vector containing the strings: {"address", "addressable", "addressed", "addressee", "addressees", "addresses", "addressing"}.

## Main program using the trie

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You should test your trie with a `main()` function that loads the provided English dictionary file, prompts the user for a prefix, and then uses the trie to find all completions for the prefix. An example of the execution of your main program follows:

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Please enter a word prefix (or press enter to exit): addr
There are 7 completions for the prefix 'addr'. Show completions? Yes
Completions
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address
addressable
addressed
addressee
addressees
addresses
addressing

Please enter a word prefix (or press enter to exit):
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## Turn in and Grading

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- The Trie class should use a separate `Trie.h` and `Trie.cpp` file.
- Please zip your entire project directory into a single file called `Project3_YourLastName.zip`.
- Your trie will be evaluated using **both** your autocomplete program, **and** with a test harness, so be sure that your functions conform completely to the specifications in this assignment.

This project is worth 50 points, distributed as follows:

Task	Points
<code>Trie::insert</code> stores words correctly in the trie, and correctly rejects duplicate words	5
<code>Trie::count</code> correctly returns the number of words in the trie	2
<code>Trie::getSize</code> correctly returns the number of nodes in the trie	4
<code>Trie::find</code> correctly determines if a word is present in the trie	4
<code>Trie::completeCount</code> correctly returns the number of words in the trie matching a given prefix	5
<code>Trie::complete</code> correctly returns a C++ vector of words (strings) that begin with the given prefix	5
All functions and data structures are implemented correctly and efficiently	10
Time complexity analyses for all required functions are correct	3
Space complexity analysis for the trie is correct	2
Code is well organized, well documented, and properly formatted. Variable names are clear, and readable.	10