

McGill University  
School of Computer Science  
**COMP-206**

**Mini Assignment #4**

Due: March 30, 2023, on myCourses at 23:55

Do the following for this assignment:

- This is an individual assignment. You need to solve these questions on your own.
- You **MUST** use `mimi.cs.mcgill.ca` to create the solution to this assignment. An important objective of the course is to make students practice working completely on a remote system. Therefore, you **must not** use your Mac command-line, Windows command-line, nor a Linux distro installed locally on your laptop. You can access `mimi.cs.mcgill.ca` from your personal computer using `ssh` or `putty` as seen in class and in Lab A. If we find evidence that you have been instead using your laptop, etc., to do some parts of your assignment work, you might lose all the assignment points. Your solutions must be composed of commands that are executable in `mimi.cs.mcgill.ca`.
- A testing script, written in Bash, has been provided with this assignment. Please test your program with this script. **Note:** the TA will add additional tests to the script. It is suggested that you do so as well when preparing your solution.
- No points are given for commands not covered in class or that do not work.
- The assignment is graded proportionally by the TA. The TA will not modify your solution in any way to make it work.
- Please read through the entire assignment before you start working on it. You can lose up to 3 points for not following the instructions in addition to the points lost per question.
- Labs E, F and G provide some background help for this mini assignment.
- Total points: 20.

**Note:** This assignment is longer than other assignments. Make sure to spend the time.

Question 1: CSV File and Struct (15 points in total)

Write a C program that uses a CSV file as a database. This program will keep a database of friends, their birthdates, and their phone numbers. You will be able to add friends to the database, find friends in the database, and list all your friends. The database filename is `phonebook.csv`, the program source filenames are `mini4Amain.c` and `mini4Aphone.c` and is compiled into the executable filename `phonebook`. The file `mini4Amain.c` will only contain the `main()` function. The file `mini4Aphone.c` will contain all the functions for this solution program. You are building the program using two source files. **You will use the command `#include` " " to merge the two**

files into one program.

You can only use the libraries and functions we covered during class. You cannot use other functions or libraries.

Example execution:

```
$ rm phonebook.csv
$ gcc mini4Amain.c -o phonebook
$ ./phonebook
Phonebook Menu: (1)Add, (2)Find, (3)List, (4)Quit> 3
Phonebook.csv does not exist
Phonebook Menu: (1)Add, (2)Find, (3)List, (4)Quit> 1
Name: Bob Smith
Birth: 2000-01-15
Phone: 514-333-4444
Phonebook Menu: (1)Add, (2)Find, (3)List, (4)Quit> 1
Name: Mary Zhang
Birth: 1999-05-20
Phone: 1-234-567-1234
Phonebook Menu: (1)Add, (2)Find, (3)List, (4)Quit> 3
----NAME-----BIRTH-----PHONE-----
Bob Smith      2000-01-15      514-333-4444
Mary Zhang     1999-05-20      1-234-567-1234
Phonebook Menu: (1)Add, (2)Find, (3)List, (4)Quit> 2
Find name: Mary Zhang
----NAME-----BIRTH-----PHONE-----
Mary Zhang     1999-05-20      1-234-567-1234
Phonebook Menu: (1)Add, (2)Find, (3)List, (4)Quit> 2
Find name: Tom Bombadil
Does not exist
Phonebook Menu: (1)Add, (2)Find, (3)List, (4)Quit> 4
End of phonebook program
$
```

What you need to do to build this program:

### The CSV File

As seen in class, a CSV file is a Comma Separated Vector text file. Each row of the text file contains information about a single record, and would look like the following given our example execution above:

```
Name,birthdate,phone
Bob Smith,2000-01-15,514-333-4444
Mary Zhang,1999-05-20,1-234-567-1234
```

Your program must be able to handle the case when the `phonebook.csv` file exists and does not exist at the beginning of the execution of the program. Notice in our sample execution the CSV did not exist at the beginning. The program displayed an error message. This should be the case for all the menu options.

### The Data Structure

Your program must use the following array to store the information from the CSV file:

```
struct PHONE_RECORD {  
    char name[50];  
    char birthdate[12];  
    char phone[15];  
} phonebook[10];
```

The array is loaded with the data from the CSV file before the menu is displayed. If the CSV file does not exist, no error message is displayed at this time. You will need a way to remember that nothing is in the array. The error message is displayed when the user selects a menu option that needs to get information from the data structure. The error message is not displayed when the user adds a new friend, however if the array is full, then selecting add will display the error message “No more space in the CSV file.”

When the user selects the Quit option from the menu, then the contents of the array must overwrite the CSV file before the program terminates. The TA must be able to type `cat phonebook.csv` to verify that the information is correct.

If the program is restarted without deleting the previous CSV file, then the information from the CSV file **will be loaded** into the data structure and can be queried again with the program.

### Your functions

You will use **multi source file programming**.

This means that the file `mini4Amain.c` only contains the `int main(void)` function and the `int menu(void)` function. The `menu()` function only displays the menu and ask the user to input their selection. It then returns the selection to the `main()` function. The `main()` function then uses a switch-statement to call the function associated with the selection. After that, it loops back to call the `menu()` function until the user selects to quit the program. When the user quits the program, before terminating, display “End of Phonebook program.” to the user.

The file `mini4Aphone.c` contains the **data structure** and the functions `int`

`addRecord()`, `int findRecord()`, `int listRecords()`, `int loadCSV()`, `int saveCSV()` that are called by the `main()` function.

**You are permitted to add helper functions.** Each function returns 0 when no errors occurred, otherwise it returns a 1. You must pass parameters to the functions. The parameters are not shown in the above code. It will be up to you to implement it.

**Your program cannot use global variables.**

**For those of you who know makefile programming and the `extern` directive, this is NOT it. We are not doing this.**

The format of your two file will look something like the following:

File: mini4Amain.c

```
#include<the_libraries_you_plan_to_use> // #include for each library
#include"mini4Aphone.c"

int menu() {} // to display the prompt and return the input
int main() {} // loops until 4 selected, call mini6Aphone.c functions
```

File: mini4Aphone.c

```
The data structure

int loadCSV() {} // return errorcode, otherwise load data structure
int saveCSV() {} // return errorcode, otherwise save data structure
int addRecord() {} // return errorcode, otherwise add a new phone entry
int findRecord() {} // return errorcode, otherwise return index of found
int listRecords() {} // return errorcode, otherwise displays pretty all
```

You must pass parameters to the functions. The parameters are not shown in the above code. It will be up to you to implement it. **Your program cannot use global variables.**

You can define additional helper functions.

A testing script is supplied called `mini4Atester.sh`. The TA will use this testing script to verify your program. The TA will include additional random tests. You may add additional tests to your testing script to handle edge cases.

What to hand in:

- Files: `mini4Amain.c` and `mini4Aphone.c`.
- Optionally, if you created your own `.h` files, then please submit those as well.

Question 2: Dynamic Memory (5 points in total)

**Do this question only after you have completed question 1.** Question 2 asks you to do a single, but important, modification to question 1. In question 1, the array is limited to 10 cells. What if you have more friends?

Create a new version of the program by copying the files from question 1 into the question 2 filenames. Do the following:

```
cp mini4Amain.c mini4Bmain.c
cp mini4Aphone.c mini4Bphone.c
```

Then modify the 4B files to prompt the user for the size of the array before the menu is displayed. Then `malloc()` the array to the requested size. If there is not enough RAM for the requested size, then return the error message: "Array too large! Program terminated." and stop the program (return to the command line prompt).

Example execution:

```
$ rm phonebook.csv
$ gcc mini4Bmain.c -o phonebook
$ ./phonebook
Size of phonebook: 100
Phonebook Menu: (1)Add, (2)Find, (3)List, (4)Quit> 3
Phonebook.csv does not exist
Phonebook Menu: (1)Add, (2)Find, (3)List, (4)Quit> 1
Name: Bob Smith
Birth: 2000-01-15
Phone: 514-333-4444
Phonebook Menu: (1)Add, (2)Find, (3)List, (4)Quit> 1
Name: Mary Zhang
Birth: 1999-05-20
Phone: 1-234-567-1234
Phonebook Menu: (1)Add, (2)Find, (3)List, (4)Quit> 3
----NAME-----BIRTH-----PHONE-----
Bob Smith      2000-01-15      514-333-4444
Mary Zhang     1999-05-20      1-234-567-1234
Phonebook Menu: (1)Add, (2)Find, (3)List, (4)Quit> 2
Find name: Mary Zhang
----NAME-----BIRTH-----PHONE-----
Mary Zhang     1999-05-20      1-234-567-1234
Phonebook Menu: (1)Add, (2)Find, (3)List, (4)Quit> 2
Find name: Tom Bombadil
Does not exist
Phonebook Menu: (1)Add, (2)Find, (3)List, (4)Quit> 4
End of phonebook program
```

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Notice that the program executes similar to question 1. The parts of the program that execute differently are highlighted in yellow.

As is question 1, **no global variables**. You can write helper functions.

Your data structure must look like this (notice the highlighted change in yellow):

```
struct PHONE_RECORD {
    char name[50];
    char birthdate[12];
    char phone[15];
} *phonebook;
```

A testing script is supplied called `mini4Btester.sh`. The TA will use this testing script to verify your program. The TA will include additional random tests. You may add additional tests to your testing script to handle edge cases.

What to hand in:

- Files: `mini4Amain.c` and `mini4Aphone.c`.
- Optionally, if you created your own `.h` files, then please submit those as well.

## WHAT TO HAND IN

Everything must be submitted to My Courses before the due date. Remember that you can hand in your assignment up to two days late but there will be a penalty of 20% each day. After that, your assignment will not be accepted. Please hand in the following:

- `Mini4Amain.c`
- `Mini4Aphone.c`
- `Mini4Bmain.c`
- `Mini4Bphone.c`
- Please ZIP this into a single file named `mini6.zip`.

## HOW IT WILL BE GRADED

The assignment is worth a total of 20 points.

Grades Deducted:

- -3 prints for not following instructions.
- -3 points for not passing parameters.
- -3 points for global variables.
- Late day points

**Grades Awarded:**

- Question 1 – 15 points
  - +5 data structure processing (declaration, access, populating, full)
  - +5 CSV file processing (loading, storing, does not exist, correct CSV file format)
  - +5 multi source file programming (following the rules)
- Question 2 – 5 points
  - +2.5 using malloc() correctly
  - +2.5 all the functions work properly with the dynamic data structure.

**GRADING RULES**

The following rules are followed by the TA when grading assignments:

- A program must run to get a grade (even if it does not run well). If it does not run (does not compile) it will receive a zero. (Make sure to run your programs from Trottier or using remote access.)
- The TA will grade using the mimi.cs.mcgill.ca server.
- All questions are graded proportionally (assuming the program runs at all). This means that if 40% of the question is correct, you will receive 40% of the grade.
- The TA will compile the c code then run the testing script and observe the execution. The TA will match your program's execution with the expected output from the testing script.
- The TA may modify the testing script to include additional checks.