

# CSE108 – Computer Programming Laboratory

## (Spring 2021)

### Lab #12

May 29, 2021

**Hand-in Policy:** Via Teams. No late submissions will be accepted. File name that you submit should be as following: *StudentNo.c*

**Collaboration Policy:** No collaboration is permitted.

**Grading:** This lab will be graded on the scale of 100.

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In this lab, you are going to construct a node structure named `datatype` containing an integer, a float, and a char array with size 10. And also you are not allowed to use libraries other than `stdio.h`, `stdlib.h` (as stated before, still, you can not use `realloc`, `malloc`, and `free`.) and `string.h`.

1. **`node_list * merge_list(node_list * head_1, node_list * head_2)`:** Write a function that takes two linked lists (`node_list` has a next field as well as a data field of `datatype`) and adds the second list to the end of the first list. It will return a pointer to the head of the new list. You are not allowed to allocate any new memory in this function.
2. **`node_list * merge_interleaved(node_list * head_1, node_list * head_2)`:** Write a function merging two linked (`node_list` has a next field as well as a data field of `datatype`) lists such that if the first list has the nodes  $a_0 \rightarrow a_1 \rightarrow a_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow a_5$  and the second list has the nodes  $b_0 \rightarrow b_1 \rightarrow b_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow b_8$ , the new list will have the nodes  $a_0 \rightarrow b_0 \rightarrow a_1 \rightarrow b_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow a_5 \rightarrow b_5 \rightarrow b_6 \rightarrow b_7 \rightarrow b_8$ . You are not allowed to allocate any new memory in this function. You are expected to change the links in the existing nodes.
3. **`node_list * merge_array(node_list * a, int na, node_list * b, int nb)`:** Write a function that takes two arrays `a` and `b` and merges them by interleaving first to the second (e.g., `a[0], b[0], a[1], b[1], ...`). If one is longer than the other, the remainder will just be appended to the end. It will return a pointer to the new array. You are expected to free the arrays `a` and `b` before returning from the function.