Programming for Engineers Portfolio: Quarter 2, Set 2

1. The file e1_reverse_static.cpp contains a program that reads a sequence of values into an array and prints them in reverse order. Create an input file e1_overflow.txt that contains the smallest sequence of values that will overflow the array. The size of the file does not matter, nor the specific values used - we are only concerned with the length of the sequence.

Note: you should be able to work it out by inspection of the code, but you might find it useful to try compiling with <code>-fsanitize=undefined</code> to see if the error gets detected.

2. Create a new file e2_reverse_dynamic.cpp which uses the same logic as e1_reverse_static.cpp, but which uses a dynamically allocated buffer via new[] to handle sequences of any size.

Note: You are not allowed to include <vector> for this task, you need to use explicit dynamic memory.

3. Write a program e3_is_sorted.cpp which reads a sequence of values, and exits with a success code if the sequence is sorted, and exits with the failure code 1 if the sequence is not sorted. A sequence of values $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$ is sorted if $x_i \leq x_{i+1}$ for $1 \leq i < n$. An empty sequence is always considered sorted.

4. The program e4_sort.cpp reads a sequence of values and prints them back out in the same order. Use the function sort from <algorithm> to sort the data before it is printed. For our purposes you can treat the input type RandomAccessIterator as a pointer, so you need to give sort two pointers defining the half-open range [first, last) to be sorted.

5. Write a script e5_check_sort.sh which uses e3_is_sorted to check whether e4_sort can correctly sort a sequence of values. The message "Success" should be printed via echo if (and only) if e4_sort passes the test. You are only required to include one test test-case, but it should be able to tell the difference between a working and non-working sort program.

The file e6_circle.cpp is intended to read a width and a height from stdin, and then output an image of concentric circles in the pbm image format, which is a textual representation of an image. At the moment the source file is missing some details and definitions for an image type, which represents images as an array of pixels. A pre-compiled reference version of the executable program is available as e6_circle_ref.

- 6. Complete the definition of the type image and the function image_destroy. Your definitions should be compatible with the existing definition of image_create. Once completed, your program should compile, but if executed it will print a white rectangle.
- 7. Add definitions of the functions $image_set_pixel$ and $image_get_pixel$. A pixel at co-ordinate (x, y) in a width w and height h image should be stored in index $y \times w + x$ of the pixels array.
- 8. A pbm format image can be converted to a normal format like jpg through the use of imagemagick's convert function. Create a script render_circle_as_jpg.sh which first uses either e6_circle or e6_circle_ref to generate a 256x256 pbm, and then uses imagemagick's convert command to save it as a file e6_256x256_circle.jpg.

You should assume imagemagick is already installed in the test environment. On your own machine you can install it with sudo apt install imagemagick.

If needed, the script can create intermediate files with the prefix e8_.

^{9.} The program e9_filter.cpp contains a function prototype for find_by_age. This function accepts a pointer to a vector of people, and should return a vector of person pointers to those elements with an age greater than the filter value. Provide a definition for the function.

^{10.} Modify the main function of e9_filter.cpp to add test cases for find_by_age, such that if any errors are found in the function the program returns 1, and if no errors are found it returns 0.