

Tests

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This article describes four test cases for our alarm program. We have chosen the test cases to highlight behavior that is difficult to predict, and to learn more about how common libraries, C and the operating system handle different situations.

1. Scheduling an alarm for the spring equinox

Test instructions

1. Open the program.
2. Type `s` to select schedule. Press enter.
3. Type `2022-03-20 16:33`. Press enter.
4. Press enter to continue.
5. Type `l` and press to verify that the alarm was saved.
6. Press enter to go back to the main menu.

Expected behavior

1. You should see the main menu, telling you the current time and the different available commands.
2. You should be prompted for a date and time.
3. You should receive a message that the alarm was scheduled.
4. You should come back to the main menu.
5. You should see one alarm listed as `Alarm 0`, and a notification that you have `1 alarm(s)`
6. You should see the main menu

Observed behavior

```
computerman@dhcp-10-24-4-143 PE1 %  
computerman@dhcp-10-24-4-143 PE1 % ./alarm  
  
#####  
Welcome to the alarm clock! It is currently 2022-02-17 09:44:57  
Please enter "s" (schedule), "l" (list), "c" (cancel) or "x" (exit)  
#####  
> s  
Schedule alarm at which date and time?  
> 2022-03-20 16:33  
(✓) Alarm scheduled for 2022-03-20 16:33:00  
[↵]  
  
#####  
Welcome to the alarm clock! It is currently 2022-02-17 09:45:04  
Please enter "s" (schedule), "l" (list), "c" (cancel) or "x" (exit)  
#####  
> l  
* Alarm 0 at 2022-03-20 16:33:00  
(!) You have 1 alarm(s).  
[↵]  
  
#####  
Welcome to the alarm clock! It is currently 2022-02-17 09:45:06  
Please enter "s" (schedule), "l" (list), "c" (cancel) or "x" (exit)  
#####  
> █
```

The program behaves exactly as described.

2. Scheduling the max amount of alarms

Test instructions

1. Open the program.
2. Type **l** to list all alarms, verify you have 0 alarms. Press enter.
3. Type **s** to select schedule. Press enter.
4. Enter **2023** and press enter to set an alarm at the beginning of the year 2023.
5. Press enter to continue.
6. Repeat steps 3-5 11 times. The 11th time should fail.
7. Type **c** to cancel one of your alarms. You will see a list of the currently scheduled alarms.
8. Press enter and type 0 to cancel the first alarm. Press enter.
9. Do steps 3-5 once more.
10. Do step 2 to verify that you now have 10 alarms.

Expected behavior

1. You should see the main menu.
2. You should see all the alarms.
3. Same as in the first test.
4. Same as in the first test.
5. Same as in the first test.

6. The 11th time, you should receive a message that the alarm was not set because there was no free space for alarms.
7. You should see a list of alarms.
8. You should receive a message that the alarm was canceled.
9. The alarm should be set correctly.
10. You should see 10 alarms in the listing.

Observed behavior

```
#####
Welcome to the alarm clock! It is currently 2022-02-17 09:57:30
Please enter "s" (schedule), "l" (list), "c" (cancel) or "x" (exit)
#####
> s
Schedule alarm at which date and time?
> 2023
(✓) Alarm scheduled for 2022-12-31 00:00:00
[↵]
```

Setting an alarm, this is done 11 times.

```
> s
Schedule alarm at which date and time?
> 2023
(x) No free space for alarms – please cancel one or more alarms to make space.
[↵]
```

The 11th time, setting an alarm fails.

```
#####
Welcome to the alarm clock! It is currently 2022-02-17 09:56:25
Please enter "s" (schedule), "l" (list), "c" (cancel) or "x" (exit)
#####
> c
* Alarm 0 at 2022-12-31 00:00:00
* Alarm 1 at 2022-12-31 00:00:00
* Alarm 2 at 2022-12-31 00:00:00
* Alarm 3 at 2022-12-31 00:00:00
* Alarm 4 at 2022-12-31 00:00:00
* Alarm 5 at 2022-12-31 00:00:00
* Alarm 6 at 2022-12-31 00:00:00
* Alarm 7 at 2022-12-31 00:00:00
* Alarm 8 at 2022-12-31 00:00:00
* Alarm 9 at 2022-12-31 00:00:00
(!) You have 10 alarm(s).

(?) Which alarm would you like to cancel?
> 0
(✓) Alarm canceled.
[↵]
```

Successfully cancelling an alarm.

The program behaves exactly as described.

3. Alarm plays sound

Test instructions

1. Set the alarm like in the first test, but this time set it one minute from now.
2. When the alarm is supposed to ring, run the command `ps x | grep -Eiw (alarm|screen|mpg123)` using a different terminal window.
3. After the alarm sound has finished playing, run the same command again.
4. Type the `l`-command into the program and press enter. Do this twice.
5. Repeat step 2.

Expected behavior

1. Like in the first test.
2. Output should show the main alarm process a screen-window, the mpg123 audio player and the zombie alarm process.
3. Output should now only show the main alarm process zombie alarm process
4. The first listing should show the now raised alarm, because it has not yet been deleted. Executing the command (actually, any command) will catch the zombie and remove the alarm from the array. The second listing should therefore show no alarms.
5. Now, only the main alarm process should be shown.

Observed behavior.

```
computerman@dhcp-10-24-4-143 Operativsystemer % ps x | grep -Ew 'screen|alarm|mpg123'
15540  ??  Ss      0:00.00 SCREEN -d -m mpg123 src/alarm_sound.mp3 && exit
15469 s001 S+      0:00.01 ./alarm
15528 s001 Z+      0:00.00 (alarm)
15541 s002 Ss+     0:00.02 login -pflq computerman /opt/homebrew/bin/mpg123 src/alarm_sound.mp3 && exit
15542 s002 S+      0:00.05 mpg123 src/alarm_sound.mp3 && exit
15545 s005 R+      0:00.00 grep -Ew screen|alarm|mpg123
```

Output from `ps` when the alarm sound is playing.

```
computerman@dhcp-10-24-4-143 Operativsystemer % ps x | grep -Ew 'screen|alarm|mpg123'
15469 s001 S+      0:00.01 ./alarm
15528 s001 Z+      0:00.00 (alarm)
15606 s005 S+      0:00.00 grep -Ew screen|alarm|mpg123
```

Output from `ps` when the alarm sound has finished playing.

```
#####
Welcome to the alarm clock! It is currently 2022-02-17 10:19:51
Please enter "s" (schedule), "l" (list), "c" (cancel) or "x" (exit)
#####
> l
* Alarm 0 at 2022-02-17 10:20:00
(!) You have 1 alarm(s).
[↵]

#####
Welcome to the alarm clock! It is currently 2022-02-17 10:21:13
Please enter "s" (schedule), "l" (list), "c" (cancel) or "x" (exit)
#####
> l
(!) You have 0 alarm(s).
[↵]
```

Output from the list command.

Final output from `ps`, showing the zombie removed.

Additionally, it seems that the `screen` command runs `login` with the flags `-pflq`. This is likely because `screen` needs to detach itself from the current terminal window (to prevent it from taking over the terminal session) and so it has to log in to a different terminal.

Only the first 100 characters in the input buffer are absorbed, and the final characters are entered as a date.

```
#####
Welcome to the alarm clock! It is currently 2022-02-17 10:44:46
Please enter "s" (schedule), "l" (list), "c" (cancel) or "x" (exit)
#####
> s
Schedule alarm at which date and time?
> 2022-03-32 25:62
(✓) Alarm scheduled for 2022-02-28 00:00:00
[↵] █
```

The date is accepted, but the scheduled alarm is for February 28th. We believe that any day over 31 is changed to 0, which means this alarm is scheduled for March 0th, which would be February 28th. The same applies to the hours and minutes, 25 and 62 are both invalid and therefore changed to 0.

```
#####
Welcome to the alarm clock! It is currently 2022-02-17 10:45:15
Please enter "s" (schedule), "l" (list), "c" (cancel) or "x" (exit)
#####
> s
Schedule alarm at which date and time?
> 1999-03-03 12:00
(x) Can only set alarms in the future - Did not set an alarm.
[↵] █
```

1999 is in the past and the alarm is not set.

```
#####
Welcome to the alarm clock! It is currently 2022-02-17 10:45:39
Please enter "s" (schedule), "l" (list), "c" (cancel) or "x" (exit)
#####
> s
Schedule alarm at which date and time?
> lotus
(x) Not a valid format - Did not set an alarm.
[↵] █
```

Lotus is not a valid date format at all, and the alarm is not set.

While some of the behavior can be interpreted as strange and unpredictable, we had foreseen this and as such the program behaved as we expected.