

California State University, Sacramento College of Engineering and Computer Science

**Computer Science 35: Introduction to Computer Architecture** 

Spring 2017 – Lab 4 – Risk Estimator (and fun!)

### **Overview**

**Dr. S.** and other brilliant doctors, use tools that estimate how likely a patient will develop an illness. It compiles a number of contributing factors, uses statistical data for each, and then computes the likelihood it will happen.

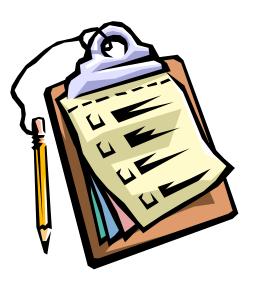
Naturally, this is not a guarantee. But it is a very helpful guide.

For this lab, you are going to create a Risk Estimator program that will ask a series of yes/no questions and, then, print a percentage to the screen.

Each question is worth a predetermined number of points. If the user specifies the correct answer, it is added to their total score.

From this, you can compute a Risk Estimate from the answers.

Risk Estimate = 
$$\frac{\text{Points Earned}}{\text{Total Points}}$$



## Sample Run

The following is a sample run of the program. *This is not a real medical test*. The user's input is printed in **blue**. The data outputted from your calculations is printed in **red**.

```
20 Year Heart Risk Estimator

Are you over 40 years old?

Y

Are you a smoker?

Do you have diabetes?

Do you have hypertension?

Do you drink?

N

Your risk estimate is 5%.
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### Have Fun!

Don't use medical questions above. Create your own risk estimator with your own questions and point values.

The following are some example categories.

- Risk of failing an exam
- Risk of barfing at a party
- · Risk of getting into an auto accident
- Risk of getting "pwn'd" in a video game
- · Risk of having explosive diarrhea
- etc...

### Requirements

You <u>must</u> think of a solution on your own. The requirements are as follows:

- 1. Prompt the user for each question
- Use a <u>different</u> theme (and questions) than the example.
   Labs using the medical questions above will not receive credit.
- 3. Read a 'y' or 'n' answer for each question.

  No credit will be given on the lab if numbers are not used.
- 4. Print out the correct percentage.

How do you get a value greater than zero? That's your challenge to solve.

5. At least 5 questions.

### **Reading Text**

To read text from the keyboard, please read about the ScanCString subroutine in the CSC35 Library. You will need to create a buffer large enough to hold the input of 'y' or 'n'.

The example below creates a buffer (space) of two characters. Even for a single character, two characters are needed – the value and the null-character \0.



#### Hints

- Like all labs, <u>build it in pieces</u>. First get a single If-Statement to work. Then, you can work on the more detailed ones.
- All labels must be unique. Choose your names well.
- Even though you are inputting single characters, you need to take into account the newline. Make your buffers 2 characters!
- Remember to use 8-bit registers to compare 'y' and 'n'.

# **Submitting Your Lab**

Run Alpine by typing the following and, then, enter your username and password.

alpine

To submit your lab, send the source file (not a.out or the object file) to:

 ${\tt dcook@csus.edu}$ 

# **UNIX Commands**

### **Editing**

Action	Command	Notes
Edit File	nano filename	"Nano" is an easy to use text editor.
E-Mail	alpine	"Alpine" is text-based e-mail application. You will e-mail your assignments it.
Assemble File	as -o objectfile asmfile	Don't mix up the <i>objectfile</i> and <i>asmfile</i> fields. It will destroy your program!
Link File	1d -o exefile objectfiles	Link and create an executable file from one (or more) object files

# Folder Navigation

Action	Command	Description
Change current folder	cd foldername	"Changes Directory"
Go to parent folder	cd	Think of it as the "back button".
Show current folder	pwd	Gives a file path
List files	ls	Lists the files in current directory.

# File Organization

Action	Command	Description
Create folder	mkdir foldername	Folders are called directories in UNIX.
Copy file	cp oldfile newfile	Make a copy of an existing file
Move file	mv filename foldername	Moves a file to a destination folder
Rename file	mv oldname newname	Note: same command as "move".
Delete file	rm filename	Remove (delete) a file. There is no undo.