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Mario

World 1-1

Toward the end of World 1-1 in Nintendo's Super Mario Brothers, Mario must ascend rightaligned pyramid of blocks, a la the below.



Let's recreate that pyramid in C, albeit in text, using hashes (#) for bricks, a la the below. Each hash is a bit taller than it is wide, so the pyramid itself is also be taller than it is wide.

The program we'll write will be called mario. And let's allow the user to decide just how tall the pyramid should be by first prompting them for a positive integer between, say, 1 and 8, inclusive.

Here's how the program might work if the user inputs 8 when prompted:

Here's how the program might work if the user inputs 4 when prompted:

```
$ ./mario
Height: 4
    #
    ##
    ###
####
```

Here's how the program might work if the user inputs 2 when prompted:

```
$ ./mario
Height: 2
#
##
```

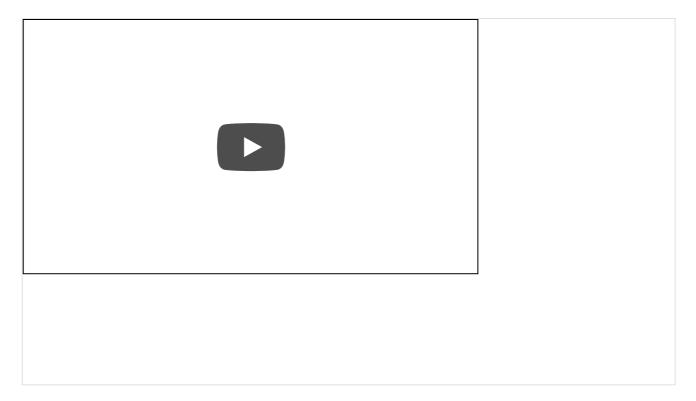
And here's how the program might work if the user inputs 1 when prompted:

```
$ ./mario
Height: 1
```

If the user doesn't, in fact, input a positive integer between 1 and 8, inclusive, when prompted, the program should re-prompt the user until they cooperate:

```
$ ./mario
Height: -1
Height: 0
Height: 42
Height: 50
Height: 4
    #
    ##
    ##
###
####
```

How to begin? Let's approach this problem one step at a time.



Pseudocode

First, create a new directory (i.e., folder) called mario inside of your pset1 directory, by executing

```
~/ $ mkdir ~/pset1/mario
```

Add a new file called pseudocode.txt inside of your mario directory.

Write in pseudocode.txt some pseudocode that implements this program, even if not (yet!) sure how to write it in code. There's no one right way to write pseudocode, but short English

sentences suffice. Necatt now we wrote pseudocode for initing princ similar

(https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/17wRd8ksO6QkUq906SUgm17AqcI-Jan42jkY-EmufxnE/edit?usp=sharing). Odds are your pseudocode will use (or imply using!) one or more functions, conditions, Boolean expressions, loops, and/or variables.

▶ Spoiler

Prompting for Input

Whatever your pseudocode, let's first write only the C code that prompts (and re-prompts, as needed) the user for input. Create a new file called mario.c inside of your mario directory.

Now, modify mario.c in such a way that it prompts the user for the pyramid's height, storing their input in a variable, re-prompting the user again and again as needed if their input is not a positive integer between 1 and 8, inclusive. Then, simply print the value of that variable, thereby confirming (for yourself) that you've indeed stored the user's input successfully, a la the below.

```
$ ./mario
Height: -1

Height: 0
Height: 42
Height: 50
Height: 4
Stored: 4
```

▶ Hints

Building the Opposite

Now that your program is (hopefully!) accepting input as prescribed, it's time for another step.

It turns out it's a bit easier to build a left-aligned pyramid than right-, a la the below.

So let's build a left-aligned pyramid first and then, once that's working, right-align it instead!

a left-aligned pyramid of that height.

▶ Hints

Right-Aligning with Dots

Let's now right-align that pyramid by pushing its hashes to the right by prefixing them with dots (i.e., periods), a la the below.

Modify mario.c in such a way that it does exactly that!

▶ Hint

How to Test Your Code

Does your code work as prescribed when you input

- |-1 (or other negative numbers)?
- **0**?
- 1 through 8?
- 9 or other positive numbers?
- letters or words?
- no input at all, when you only hit Enter?

Removing the Dots

All that remains now is a finishing flourish! Modify mario.c in such a way that it prints spaces instead of those dots!

How to Test Your Code

Execute the below to evaluate the correctness of your code using check50. But be sure to compile and test it yourself as well!

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Execute the below to evaluate the style of your code using style50.

style50 mario.c

▶ Hint

How to Submit

Execute the below, logging in with your GitHub username and password when prompted. For security, you'll see asterisks (*) instead of the actual characters in your password.

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