

**Course COMP-8567**

**Assignment 01**

**Winter 2026**

**Due Date: Feb/11/2025, 11 PM**

**Marks: 50**

**Associated Learning Outcomes:**

- Apply OS concepts to design algorithms to solve systems programming problems in a variety of different systems, such as Unix/Linux/Android environments.
- Correctly define systems programming problems and identify and apply appropriate solutions approaches.
- Design and implement solutions that use the hardware and/or kernel services to solve systems programming problems involving the latest computing technologies.

Note: Please check the following link for the **complete list** of learning outcomes for COMP 8567

<https://ctl2.uwindsor.ca/cuma/public/courses/pdf/ee1b450a-23a6-4635-b0c6-40a47a21331f>

**Important Terms:**

- In Linux, every directory other than the root directory (/) is a subdirectory.
  - Ex: /home/pranga is a subdirectory
  - Ex: /home/pranga/chapter3 is a subdirectory
- Likewise, the **main tree** of the file system is rooted at /, and any other tree rooted at any subdirectory is called a **subtree**

**Mandatory Requirement:**

You must use the **nftw()** library function (**defined in ftw.h**) that allows you to traverse a file tree. This library function will recursively visit all the files/directories present in the tree and will call your own function (a function that you pass as a parameter). You need to read the manual of nftw() before you start working on your assignment. Here are some good resources.

- <https://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man3/nftw.3p.html>
- <https://man.freebsd.org/cgi/man.cgi?query=nftw&sektion=3&manpath=FreeBSD+6.0-current>
- <https://manual.cs50.io/3/nftw>

**NOTE:** In the remainder of this document, dir and root\_dir are the absolute path of a subdirectory that belongs to the subtree rooted at ~ (home directory of the user on delta) – It can also possibly be the home directory itself. Therefore, dir and root\_dir can be any subdirectory that was created and belongs to the user and cannot be anything above the home directory on delta.

Write a C program **dtreew26**, that performs actions based on various command line arguments as listed below:

**dtreew26 -flist [dir]**

- List all files in dir the chronological order of creation (newly created files should be listed first)
  - Example: \$dtreew26 -flist /home/pranga/chapter4 should list all files in /home/pranga/chapter4 in the reverse chronological order.

**dtreew26 -tcount [filetype1] [filetype2] [filetype3] [dir] //filetype: could be one of the following: .c,.pdf,.txt, .zip upto three types.**

- Lists the count of all files of type (filetype) in dir.
  - Example: \$dtreew26 -tcount .pdf .c .txt /home/pranga/chapter4 should list the count of all .pdf, .c and .txt in /home/pranga/chapter4
  - Users can also input only one or two file types (but a min of 1 and max 3)
  - Example: \$dtreew26 -tcount .c .txt /home/pranga/chapter4 should list the count of all .c and .txt in /home/pranga/chapter4

**dtreew26 -srchf [filename] [root\_dir]**

- Lists the absolute paths of all files with the name [filename] in the entire directory subtree **(The subdirectory/ its subdirectories/ and so on)** rooted at root\_dir.
  - Example: \$dtreew26 -srchf ex1.c /home/pranga/chapter3 can output the following:

/home/pranga/chapter3/ex1.c  
/home/pranga/chapter3/test/ex1.c  
/home/pranga/chapter3/backup/ex1.c //Depending on the contents

Display an appropriate message if the file is not found.

**dtreew26 -dircnt [root\_dir]**

- Lists the count of all directories present in the entire subtree rooted at root\_dir

**dtreew26 -sumfilesize [root\_dir]**

- Lists the total size of all files (in bytes) present in the entire subtree rooted at root\_dir

**dtreew26 -lfsiz [dir]**

- List all files in the directory subtree rooted at dir in the reverse order of file size (largest to smallest). For each file, list its absolute path and filesize in bytes

- Example: `$dtreew26 -lfsiz /home/pranga` should list all files in the entire subtree rooted at `/home/pranga` (that is, the entire home directory, its folders and subfolders) in the reverse order of the file sizes (break tries alphabetically based on the filename)

#### **dtreew26 -nonwr [dir]**

- List all files in the directory subtree rooted at `dir` for which the user has no write permission. List them in alphabetical order
  - Example: `$dtreew26 -nonwr /home/pranga` should list all files for which the user has no write permission in the entire subtree rooted at `/home/pranga` (that is, the entire home directory, its folders, and subfolders) in alphabetical order

#### **dtreew26 -copyd [source\_dir] [destination\_dir]**

Note : In this case, `source_dir` and `destination_dir` can be any subdirectory of the directory tree rooted at `~`, but neither of them can be `~`

- Copy the entire subtree rooted at `source_dir` to `destination_dir` and do not delete the directory (and contents) rooted at `source_dir`.
- The subtree structure at the destination must match the subtree structure at the source.

Example: `$dtreew26 -copyd /home/pranga/chapter4 /home/pranga/chapter9/backup` must copy the entire subtree rooted at `chapter4` to `backup`. `//chatpter4` (and its subdirectories & files (and their subdirectories & files and so on..) must be created under `backup`

#### **dtreew26 -dmove [source\_dir] [destination\_dir]**

- Move the entire subtree rooted at `source_dir` to `destination_dir` and delete the subtree rooted at `source_dir`.

#### **dtreew26 -remd [root\_dir] [file\_extension]**

- Deletes all files of a specific file extension in the subtree rooted at `root_dir`.  
Example: `$dtreew26 -remd /home/pranga/temp .log` should delete(remove) all `.log` files under `/home/pranga/temp`.

**Submission Instructions (Note: Plagiarism Detection Tool: MOSS)**

**//Please check the Assignment Rubrics on Brightspace (under “Evaluation Rubrics”) for more information on the evaluation criteria.**

You need to submit the following:

1. a1\_firstname\_lastname\_SID.c
3. Zoom/Google Drive recording [link](#) explaining the following (not more than 15 minutes)
  - Overall working of the code and various modules (around 8-9 minutes)
  - Execution of the code under various inputs/conditions as per the requirements of the assignment (around 6-7 minutes)
  - Other form of links/MP4 files will NOT be acceptable.
  - **Include the link in the COMMENTS section** when you submit your file onto Brightspace