

# Operating Systems (CS:3620)

**Assignment 3 Total points: 100**

**Due:** by 11:59 pm of September 24, 2017

*This assignment will contribute 5% to your final grades.*

**Submission:** Please submit your source code through ICON. Each problem should be placed in its specific directory. For instance Problem 1 should be in the Problem 1 folder. All of these folders should be in a single folder named “Assignment-3”. You will then zip the “Assignment-3” directory and will name the zip file in the following way: `<last_name>-<first_name>-Assignment_3.zip`. You should replace `<last_name>` and `<first_name>` with your last and first name, respectively. For example, if a student’s name is Bob Lee the submission zip file should be called `Lee-Bob-Assignment_3.zip`.

**Instructions:** For each of the following problems, you will need to write a C file to solve each problem. The name of each C file for each problem is mentioned in the associated problem statement below. For instance, the name of the C file for Problem 1 is “fastsort.c” Please refer back to the files found in ICON under the “Supplementary Material” folder for help.

**Please make sure your source code compiles with GCC, otherwise you will not obtain any points.**

For compiling a C program named `problem1.c` in the terminal using `gcc` and in the process generate the executable file `problem1`, type in the following command: `gcc Problem1.c -o problem1`. To run the executable without any command line arguments, you would need to type in `./problem1` in the terminal.

**Grading:** We will use automated grading scripts with pre-determined inputs and some manual inspection to check each program for correctness. *Please make sure to follow the C file name convention for each problem exactly as directed.* Otherwise, your assignment may not be graded properly. Please make sure you are using an Ubuntu environment for this assignment. We will provide a Ubuntu virtual machine image. Please see the end of the assignment for detailed instructions about setting up the virtual machine. Note: This is the same image as Assignment 1. **If you successfully installed this image, there is no need to go through the installation process again.**

**Cheating and Collaboration:** *This is an individual project, you can discuss with your peers but cannot copy source code. Please do not copy source code from Internet. Think about the worst-case scenario when you get caught.*

## Questions

### 1. (50 points) Binary Record Sorting in Ascending Order

This program should be called `fastsort.c`. It should be placed inside the “Problem 1” directory.

You will have to write a sorting program. Your program should read in a file which has the following format

```
<4 byte key><96 byte value>
<4 byte key><96 byte value>
```

You will have to build a sorting program called `fastsort` that takes in one of these generated files and sorts it based on the 4-byte key (the remainder of the record should of course be kept with the same key). The output is written to the specified output file.

### Generating Input Files

To generate test files we have provided a simple program called `generate`. This program will generate input files to test your program.

Using `generate` is simple. First you should compile it with the following command:

```
shell% gcc -o generate generate.c -Wall -Werror
```

**Note:** you will also need the header file `sort.h` to compile this program.

Once you have successfully compiled the `generate.c` file with the command above, run the following command to run it:

```
shell% ./generate -s 0 -n 100 -o /tmp/outfile
```

**Note:** 0, 100 and `/tmp/outfile` are examples of arguments passed to `generate`.

There are three flags to `generate` that need an argument to go with it. The **-s** flag specifies a random seed for the random number generator; this allows you to generate different input values to test your sorting program. The **-n** flag determines how many records you want to generate in your input file, each of size 100 bytes. Finally, the **-o** flag determines the name of your input file, which will be the input file for your sorting program.

The format of the file generated by the `generate.c` program is very simple: it is in binary form, and consists of the 100-byte records as described above. A common header file `sort.h` has the detailed description.

### Debugging Your Sorting Algorithm

Another useful tool is `dump.c` which is provided as well. This program can be used to dump the contents of a file generated by `generate` or by your sorting program to the standard output.

You can compile it with the following command:

```
shell% gcc -o dump dump.c
```

Once you have compiled the `dump.c` file you can run it with the following command:

```
shell% ./dump -i /tmp/outfile
```

There is only one flag when using `dump`. The **-i** flag specifies the name of the input binary file.

**Hints:** In your sorting program, you should just use `open()`, `read()`, `write()`, and `close()` to access and write to the input/output binary files. See the code in `generate` or `dump` for examples.

If you want to figure out how big in the input file is before reading it in, use the `stat()` or `fstat()` calls.

To exit your program call `exit()` with a single argument. This argument to `exit()` is then available to the user to see if the program returned an error (i.e., return 1 by calling `exit(1)`) or exited cleanly (i.e., returned 0 by calling `exit(0)`).

The routine `malloc()` is useful for dynamic memory allocation. Make sure to exit cleanly if `malloc` fails!

If you don't know how to use these functions, use the man pages. For example, typing `man malloc` will provide you information about how to use the `malloc` function.

### Assumptions and Errors:

*32-bit integer range.* You may assume that the keys are unsigned 32-bit integers.

*File length:* May be pretty long! However, there is no need to implement a fancy two-pass sort or anything like that; the data set will fit into memory.

*Invalid files:* If the user specifies an input or output file that you cannot open (for whatever reason), the sort should EXACTLY print: **Error: Cannot open file foo**, with no extra spaces (if the file was named `foo`) and then exit.

*Too few or many arguments passed to program:* If the user runs `fastsort` without any arguments, or in some other way passes incorrect flags and such to `fastsort`, print **Usage: fastsort -i inputfile -o outputfile**, with no extra spaces and then exit.

*Important:* On any error code, you should print the error to the screen using `fprintf()` , and send the error message to `stderr` (standard error) and not `stdout` (standard output). This is accomplished in your C code as follows:

```
fprintf(stderr, 'whatever the error message is\n');
```

## 2. (50 points) **Toy UNIX shell:**

This program should be called `mysh.c`. It should be placed inside the “Problem 2” directory.

For this problem you will be writing a small toy UNIX shell. This shell will be very basic and only support some basic commands.

Your shell essentially should be an interactive loop that prints **mysh** >. The program should parse the input and execute the given command. It should continue until the **exit** command is executed in which case your toy shell should exit.

### Commands

**pwd** - This command should display the current directory. **Hint: You can use `getcwd()` to get the current working directory.**

**cd** - This command should take you to your home directory. You can use `getenv("HOME")` to get this. **Hint: You can use `chdir()` to change the current working directory.**

**cd [one or more spaces] dir** - This command should change the current directory to the **dir** provided as an argument to **cd**. **Hint: You can use `chdir()` to change the current working directory.**

**show-dirs** - This command should print all the sub-directories in the **current** directory. The directories should be printed out one per line. **Hint: You can use `readdir()` to get sub-directories and files from the given directory.**

**Note:** Order does not matter when printing the directories names to the standard output.

**show-files** - This command should print all the files in the **current** directory. The files should be printed out one per line. **Hint: You can use `readdir()` to get sub-directories and files from the given directory.**

**Note:** Order does not matter when printing the file names to the standard output.

**mkdir [one or more spaces] dir** - This command should make a directory with the given **dir** name.

**Note:** If a directory with that name already exists you should print the following error to the console.  
< dirname > already exists.

**Note:** The given **dir** name will **NOT** contain any spaces.

**Hint: You can use `mkdir()` to create a new directory.**

**touch [one or more spaces] file** - This command should create an empty file in the current working directory with the filename provided. **Note:** The given **file** name will **NOT** contain any spaces.

**clear** - This command should clear the terminal. **Hint: Look at how an actual UNIX shell does this.**

**exit** - This command should exit the program and close the toy UNIX shell

For instance, the following example is what your shell should look like.

**Note: This example starts by executing your file with `./mysh` since in this example the `c` file was compiled using the following command, `gcc mysh.c -o mysh`**

```
prompt > ./mysh
mysh > pwd
/home/mitziu/Documents/OS2017/Assignment_3
mysh > cd ..
mysh > pwd
```

```
/home/mitziu/Document/OS2017
mysh > show-dirs
Assignment_1
Assignment_2
Assignment_3
.
..
mysh > mkdir temp_dir
mysh > mkdir temp_dir
temp_dir already exists.
mysh > show-dirs
Assignment_1
Assignment_2
Assignment_3
.
..
temp_dir
mysh > cd temp_dir
mysh > pwd
/home/mitziu/Documents/OS2017/temp_dir
mysh > show-files
mysh > touch temp.txt
mysh > show-files
temp.txt
mysh > show-dirs
.
..
mysh > cd
mysh > pwd
/home/mitziu
mysh > exit
```

### Virtual Machine Instructions:

For this assignment an Ubuntu image has been provided. Please see “**Instructions**” for links and instructions on how to set everything up.

#### Instructions

1. Please download and install **VirtualBox** from the following link:  
<https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads>
2. Please download the **sec.ova** images from the following link:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hpgt3tuyev8hlt6/AADkefjEtdzp9mP4YXU1DvFNa?dl=0>
3. Run **VirtualBox**
4. Go to **File/Import Appliance**
5. In the *Appliance to import* window choose *sec.ova* image file and press **Continue**
6. Press **Import** and then the import process will begin
7. After the *Import* process finishes you can see the imported virtual machine (VM) on the left-side window. Select the VM and then press **Start** in the toolbar.

8. Whenever prompted for username and password use the following credential
  - **Username:** sec
  - **Passowrd:** ces
9. After logging in. Go to ICON from the VM and download Assignment 3 found in ICON.