

MSC - INF101B

C Programming Language

Travaux Pratiques (TP) 4

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1 Introduction

The practical session TP 4 proposes coding exercises that will allow you to strengthen your understanding of the notions presented during Course 4. In the beginning of each TP, you should create a separate folder that will contain your work. For the fourth TP 4, create a folder named TP4 from a terminal and go into this directory.

2 Exercises

2.1

Write a program that can retrieve a web-page containing information about the price of stocks and present to the user the array of stocks ordered depending on their properties (*Name*, *Current price* (p), *Day change*). You may use the **wget** utility which allows to retrieve the content of a web-page by the linux command line. By the following example, you can save the content of a web-page into a text file:

```
wget --quiet --output-document=stocks.txt http://www.site.com
```

For this exercise, you should retrieve the stock market information from the site <https://www.hl.co.uk/shares/stock-market-summary/ftse-100>.

NOTE1: the file that you will retrieve by using wget contains HTML (HyperText Markup Language) code, which is formatted human-readable web site code. Inside the *stocks.txt* file that will contain the HTML code, the information related to each stock is preceded by a line containing the string "**View equity details for**". For every appearance of that word in the file, you should create a stock and retrieve the data corresponding to the *Name*, *Current price* (p) and *Day change* of that stock. To do so, you will need to use the C functions `strtok`, `strstr` and `strcmp`.

NOTE2: you should define an appropriate C *structure* that will hold each stock and its properties/fields.

NOTE3: you will need to use the `qsort` function and define new functions for comparing the different fields of the stock C structure.

An example of file "stocks.txt" and expected program output of ordered stocks depending on the user's choice can be accessed from the moodle <https://bit.ly/2Vbab7o>.

2.2

Separate your code to a main source file and a functions source and header file. Create a makefile that can build (compile and link) 2 versions of your program, one for debugging and the other for normal (optimized) execution.

GENERAL NOTE: Ask for help for whatever you do not understand and whenever you feel blocked.

2.3

Repeat Exercise 2 for all exercises of the previous TPs.