UCS 2201 Fundamentals and Practice of Software Development
Tut2A: Mini Project – String Computer

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Learning Outcome   :

To be proficient in solving problems in C

       a) using the right data representations
       b) using suitable programming constructs

To design before coding

To develop the program in a modular and incremental fashion.

Extel have just brought out their newest computer, a string processing computer dubbed the X9091. It is hoped that it will have some value in cryptography and related fields. This computer will accept input strings and produce output strings from them, depending on the programs loaded into them at the time. The chip is the ultimate in RISC technology| - it has only three transformation instructions:

    -Delete a character at a particular position.
    -Insert a character at a particular position.
    -Change the character at a particular position to a different character.

Programs for this machine are written in a form of machine code where each instruction has the format ZXdd|Z represents the code for the instruction (D, I or C), X is a character and dd represents a two digit number. A program is terminated by a special halt instruction consisting of the letter `E'. Note that each instruction works on the string in memory at the time the instruction is executed.

To see how this all works, consider the following example. It is desired to transform the string `abcde' to the string `bcgfe'. This could be achieved by a series of Change commands, but is not minimal. The following program is better.

```
abcde
Da01   bcde    % note the `a' is necessary because it is checked by the hardware
Cg03   bcge
If04   bcgfe
E      bcgfe    % Terminates the program
```

Write a program that will read in two strings (the input string and the target string) and will produce a minimal X9091 program necessary to transform the input string into the target string. Since there may be multiple solutions, only one should be produced. Any solution that satisfies these criteria will be accepted.

Input will consist of a series of lines, each line containing two strings separated by exactly one space. The strings will consist of no more than 20 lower case characters. The file will be terminated by a line consisting of a single #.

Output will consist of a series of lines, one for each line of the input. Each will consist of a program in X9091 language.

Sample input
abcde bcgfe
#

Sample output
Da01Cg03 If04 E

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If you try to solve problems yourself, then you will learn many things automatically.
Spend few minutes and then enjoy the study.
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