

Project #2  
**Introduction to flex: Upside Down Mirror Writing**  
 CpSc 8270: Language Translation  
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## Due Date:

In order to receive credit for this assignment, your solution must meet the requirements specified in this document and be submitted, using the **handin** facility, by 8 AM, Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The handin close date is set at three days after the due date. If you submit after the due date but before the handin close date there will be a ten point deduction. No submissions will be accepted after the handin close date and no submissions will be accepted by email.

## Project Specification:

The purpose of this project is to help you to become familiar with flex, a tool that recognizes regular expressions. To complete the project you must write a C++ program that accepts text as input and writes the text upside down and backwards. To get full credit you must use flex to read all input to your program, your C++ code must be well organized and use good practices, and you must be able to handle the characters illustrated in Figure 1 and on the first web page listed below.

Some helpful web sites that contain information on upside down text and mirror writing can be found at:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transformation\\_of\\_text#Examples](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transformation_of_text#Examples)

<http://www.upsidedowntext.com/unicode>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mirror\\_writing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mirror_writing)

<http://www.twiki.org/cgi-bin/view/Blog/BlogEntry201211x1>

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007A	028E	0078	028D	028C	006E	0287	0073	0279	0062	0064	006F	0075	026F	006C	029E	027E	0131	0265	0253	025F	01DD	0070	0254	0071	0250		
Z	À	X	M	À	n	q	S	J	b	d	O	N	W	l	x	r	!	q	H	q	j	ə	D	C	q	ə	V
005A	2144	0058	004D	039B	2229	22A5	0053	1D1A	038C	0500	004F	004E	0057	2142	22CA	017F	0049	0048	2141	2132	018E	15E1	0186	10412	2200		
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0030	0036	0038	3125	0039	03DA	07C8	218B	218A	21C2																		
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214B	203E	00BF	00A1	201E	002C	02D9	0027	061B																			

Figure 1: Hex codes to translate characters from normal to upside down.