# CSE2010 Term Project Spring 2019 Hangman Player

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### I. GOAL AND MOTIVATION

THE project serves to simulate a game of Hangman. Our program will interface with an evaluation program that provides a list of unknown words and returns feedback on guessed letters. The "Hangman Player" program will initialize data structures from a dictionary file, use known information to guess a subsequent letter, and perform additional operations in response to feedback from the evaluation program. This project tests our ability to efficiently match patterns in strings.

## II. INITIAL APPROACH

- A. Algorithms and Supporting Data Structures
- B. Additional Input: Headers
- C. Ideas Devised by Group
- D. Ideas Discussed in Course and Material
- E. Ideas from Other Sources

#### III. FINAL APPROACH

A. Changes in Algorithms and Supporting Data Structures

Rather than storing each word as an ordered path of characters in a trie structure, the information on each word is encoded in the following structure.

```
typedef struct {

byte_t freqs_indices[ALPHABET_SIZE];
freq_t* letter_freqs;
bool is_cand;

Word_t;
```

Listing 1. Word Struct

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## IV. EVALUATION

- A. Accuracy, Time, and Memory usage
- B. Improvements from Initial to Final Submission

#### V. ANALYSIS

- A. Improvement in Accuracy
- B. Improvement in Time Complexity
- C. Improvements in Memory Usage
- D. Possible Further Improvements

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