

# Introduction to *gforth* - DUE 01/15/14 (11:59pm)

## Introduction

The output of our compiler will be the input to the "machine." In *C*, the compiler generates an object file, the familiar .o file, that is then **linked** into the *a.out* file. To actually run the program you must still cause the operating system to **load** *a.out* file into memory for the machine to **execute**.

For our project, we will instead use the program *gforth*. *gforth* is almost completely opposite of *Lisp*. The syntactic format for *gforth* is **postorder**. While *Lisp* has some syntax, *gforth* only has spelling rules. As an example,

our 1+2 expression in *C* would be entered as

1 2 +

in *gforth*.

## Objective

Objective 1 is to introduce you to *gforth*. *Gforth* will be the machine that we code to.

Objective 2 is to emphasize the crucial role of generalized trees and generalized postorder traversal.

Objective 3 is to get you to formulate a generalized expression tree data structure.

## Professional Methods and Values

The professional will learn to use many programming languages and paradigms throughout her/his professional career. The hallmark of the professional in this venue is the ability to quickly master a new programming language or paradigm and to relate the new to the old.

## Assignment

The below exercises are simple "Hello World" type exercises. These short program segments or small programs are designed to get you to understand how to learn a new language: you pretty much just sit down and try some standard things that you already know must work.

## Performance Objectives

In this milestone, you have several clear performance objectives.

1. Learn to run *gforth* on either a Departmental machine or how to install and use *gforth* on your own

machine.

2. Learn the simple programming style of *gforth*. Documentation/Download information is given on the [links page](#).
3. Translate a the infix style expressions in the Initial Forth Exercises 1 - 11 to an expression tree. The output here is a drawn tree.  
You do not need to include the `printf` statements as part of your tree. The `printf` is just to make sure you know to print the answer, not just calculate it.
4. Do a postorder traversal of the expression tree to generate the *gforth* input. The output of this step is *gforth* code.
5. Produce running *gforth* code that evalutes the programs equivalent to [initial exercises](#). The output here is the running of the *gforth* code.

## Milestone Report

Your milestone report will include hand written answers to 3 and 4 above.

In addition, your milestone report must include a data structure for an  $n$ -ary tree and a pseudo-code recursive algorithm to translate an arbitrary instance of these trees into postorder.

Use *handin* on the TEACH website to submit the *gforth* input file, makefile, and milestone report. We will generate the output file.

Click on these links to see a template for the [Milestone Report](#) and [Makefile](#) we will use in this class.

## Initial Forth Exercises

1. `printf("Hello World\n");`
2. Bonus 5 pts: print only a certain number of characters from the string...
3. `16 / 32 + 74 * 16 ^ 3 + 5 % 10`
4. `16.0 / 32.0 + 74.0 * 16.0 ^ 3.0 + 5 % 10`
5. `16.0e0 / 32.0e0 + 74.0e0 * 16.0e0 ^ 3.0e0 + 5 % 10`
6. `16 / 32.0 + 74.0 * 16 ^ 3 + 5 % 10`
7. `y = 16;`  
`x = 32.0e0;`  
`y + x - 3.0e0 * 6 / 10.0`
8. `if 5 < 3 then 7 else 2`
9. `if 5 > 3 then 7 else 2`
10. `for ( i = 0; i <= 5; i++ )`  
`printf("%d ", i);`
11. `double convertint(int x)`  
`{ return ((double)x); }`
12. `int fact(int i)`  
`{`  
`if (i <= 0 ) return 1;`  
`else return i*fact(i-1);`  
`}`
13. `int fib(int i)`

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{  
    if(i == 0) return 0;  
    else if(i == 1) return 1;  
    else return fib(i-1) + fib(i-2);  
}
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