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/home/students/kn55307/Portfolio 3/palindrome lab  
kn55307@ares:~/Portfolio 3/palindrome lab\$ cat palindrome.info

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Palindrome Lab  
Level 6.5:  
Level 2.5: Base Level  
Level 1.5: Allows users to check for both words and phrases  
Level 1.5: Merged two palindrome checking functions  
Level 1: Made the function argument default to checking words

This program allows users to input a word or phrase and check whether it is a palindrome or not.

kn55307@ares:~/Portfolio 3/palindrome lab\$ show-code palindrome.cpp

palindrome.cpp:

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1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <vector>
3  #include <string>
4
5  using namespace std;
6
7  void removePunctuation(std::string& phrase) {
8      const std::string punct = "?:;.,!'\",`~@#$$%^&*()-_+=|\\}{][/><";
9      std::string result;
10     for (char c : phrase) {
11         if (punct.find(c) == std::string::npos && c != ' ') {
12             result += c;
13         }
14     }
15     phrase = result;
16 }
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18
19 bool isPalindrome(string& phrase, bool isPhrase = false) {
20     int left = 0;
21     int right = phrase.size() - 1;
22
23     if (isPhrase){
24         removePunctuation(phrase);
25     }
26
27     while (left < right) {
28         if (tolower(phrase[left]) != tolower(phrase[right])) {
29             return false;
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30         } else {
31             left++;
32             right--;
33         }
34     }
35     return true;
36 }
37
38 int main(){
39     bool running = true;
40     while (running){
41         cout << "Would you like to check a word/phrase? (y/n): ";
42         string running_response;
43         cin >> running_response;
44         if (running_response[0] == 'y'){
45             cout << "Would you like to check a word or phrase? (w/p): ";
46             string type_response;
47             cin >> type_response;
48             if (type_response[0] == 'w') {
49                 cout << "Enter a word: ";
50                 string word;
51                 cin >> word;
52                 if (isPalindrome(word)) {
53                     cout << "The word is a palindrome." << endl;
54                 } else {
55                     cout << "The word is not a palindrome." << endl;
56                 }
57             } else {
58                 cout << "Enter a phrase: ";
59                 string phrase;
60                 cin.ignore();
61                 getline(cin, phrase);
62                 removePunctuation(phrase);
63                 if (isPalindrome(phrase, true)) {
64                     cout << "The phrase is a palindrome." << endl;
65                 } else {
66                     cout << "The phrase is not a palindrome." << endl;
67                 }
68             }
69         } else {
70             cout << "Exiting!" << endl;
71             running = false;
72         }
73     }
74
75     return 0;
76 }
77 }
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kn55307@ares:~/Portfolio 3/palindrome lab\$ CPP palindrome

palindrome.cpp\*\*\*  
.palindrome.cpp: In function 'bool  
isPalindrome(std::string&, bool)':  
palindrome.cpp:21:31:

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warning: conversion from
'std::__cxx11::basic_string<char>::size_type' {aka
'long unsigned int'} to 'int'
may change value [-Wconversion]
21 |     int right = phrase.size() - 1;
    |                      ~~~~~^~
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kn55307@ares:~/Portfolio 3/palindrome lab$ ./palindrome.out
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Would you like to check a word/phrase? (y/n): y
Would you like to check a word or phrase? (w/p): w
Enter a word: tacocat
The word is a palindrome.
Would you like to check a word/phrase? (y/n): y
Would you like to check a word or phrase? (w/p): w
Enter a word: tacocats
The word is not a palindrome.
Would you like to check a word/phrase? (y/n): y
Would you like to check a word or phrase? (w/p): p
Enter a phrase: I Love Me, Vol. I.
The phrase is a palindrome.
Would you like to check a word/phrase? (y/n): y
Would you like to check a word or phrase? (w/p): p
Enter a phrase: I do Love Me, Vol. I.
The phrase is not a palindrome.
Would you like to check a word/phrase? (y/n): n
Exiting!
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kn55307@ares:~/Portfolio 3/palindrome lab$ cat palindrome.tpq
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- 1. How can you access individual characters within a string?  
  
You can use the [] operators to access chars at certain indicies in a string.
- 2. How can you tell how long a string's content is?  
  
You can use the .size().
- 3. How can you tell that the characters at the beginning and end of a word are the same?  
  
You can use two indexes that start from the beginning and end (size() -1) and compare the chars at those two values as they move closer to the middle (add to the starting index and substract from the ending index).
- 4. What do you do with odd length words?  
  
You can do the same procedure described in TPQ #3, but you can set a condition where the left index must be greater than the right index for the loop to continue, so when the two variables equal each other, being they meet at the middle char, the loop will exit.

- 5. How many characters do you have to look at to determine a word's 'palindromicness' if it contains 10 characters? 11 characters? n characters?  
  
You would divide n by 2 using integer division and then multiply by 2.
- 6. Does your program consider 34743 a palindrome? Why/Why not?  
  
My program does since it treats 34743 as a string and each digit as a char.

TPQs for optional checking for phrases addition

- 1. Comparing the phrase algorithm to your original word palindrome checker, is there really much difference? I'd be willing to bet the loop head is identical and only the position update(s) need(s) to change... (But perhaps I've said too much already...)  
  
There's no difference other than removing punctuation and spacing.
- 2. How can you detect that the user's input is a single word or a whole phrase? (Hint: What does one have that the other doesn't? And how can you look for that within a string?)  
  
My program asks the user to determine whether they're inputting a word or a phrase, but to automatically check, you can check for whitespace in the inputted string (phrases will have spaces in between the words).

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kn55307@ares:~/Portfolio 3/palindrome lab$ exit
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exit
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