

Lab 3

Deadline: Due in Lab in the week of 5 Feb 2024

Write a C program that performs basic text encryption using a substitution cipher. For, this lab, there is no skeleton file provided. Create a main function that interacts with command line arguments (details to follow).

Requirements

- Create a function named **encrypt_text** that takes an input text file path, output text file path and a number shift as arguments.
- Read the contents of the input text file.
- Implement a substitution cipher to encrypt the text. You can use a basic letter shift (e.g., shifting each letter by 3 positions).
- In said encryption 'a' will be shifted with 'd' and 'z' with 'c' (case sensitive).
- Any special characters in the input will remain the same.
- Write the encrypted text to the output file.
- The main function reads the command line arguments for input, output files and shift number etc.

Error Handling

- Implement proper error handling for file operations, ensuring the program handles cases where the input file is missing, empty or contains invalid data. Write the error message to output file.
- Handle any corner cases.

Restrictions

- You are not allowed to write any **printf** statement throughout your code.
- Before using any standard library functions other than `stdio.h` and `stdlib.h` you must consult with me prior to using it.
- If you have any doubts, ask during the lab session.

Example

Here is an example of the input:

```
>> input.txt
```

```
Hello, World!
```

```
>><executable> input.txt output.txt 3
```

Here is the output of running the input file through your program when it is encrypted:

```
>> encrypt output.txt
```

```
Khoor, Zruog!
```

Detailed Specification

- You will write main function as well as other helper functions.
- You are guaranteed to have no numbers in the input file.

How to Compile and Run

- The Makefile for lab3 is provided.
- The Makefile is supposed to work with lab3.c, input.txt and output.txt files so, make sure to save your files accordingly.
- Run the following command in vs code Terminal.

```
make
```

It should compile the code without any errors.

```
make convert_input
```

It should convert the input.txt file to unix encoding.

```
make run
```

It should run the compiled code.

- Run the following command to delete the out file.

```
make clean
```

It will delete the specified file.

```
make convert_output
```

It should convert the output.txt file to unix encoding.

- Run the following command to test your output with provided reference output.

```
make check
```

- You are not supposed to make any changes in the Makefile.
- Make sure to install dos2unix utility using the following command:

```
sudo apt-get install dos2unix
```

For Mac

```
brew install dos2unix
```

Grading

Any grading failure due to not following instructions will result in 0.

- (1 point) All files are submitted correctly using the instructions below.
- (6 point) Generate a correct solution to the problem(s) in this lab.

Submission

- You must push only one .c file named: lab3.c (case sensitive).
- Make sure to add your A number at the top of lab3.c as comments. Write your A number including leading 0's. e.g //A012345

