

# Online on xv6 - System Call

Section: A2/B2

Time: 30 minutes

Our favourite OS xv6 doesn't have built-in support for counting character frequencies in strings. In this online, you will add a system call to count the frequency of each character in a user-provided string and return the result as an array.

Formally add 1 system call.

1. `countFreq(char *str, struct freq_array *a)`: receives a null-terminated string from user space, counts the frequency of all characters (ASCII 0–127), and fills up passed the “`struct freq_array`” containing counts for each character.

The structure is defined as follows:

```
struct freq_array {  
    int counts[128]; // frequency counts for ASCII chars 0 to 127  
};
```

You also need to add 1 user commands.

1. `freqall someString`

See the sample I/O for clarification (exclude colored parts):

```
$ freqall banana  
Target string banana (kernel space)  
a: 3 (user space)  
b: 1  
n: 2  
$ freqall HelloWorld  
Target string HelloWorld (kernel space)  
H: 1 (user space)  
W: 1  
d: 1  
e: 1  
l: 3  
o: 2  
r: 1
```

You may safely assume that the supplied string will contain only a-z and A-Z.

## Submission:

```
git add --all  
git diff HEAD > ../{studentID}.patch
```