

CSSE2310/CSSE7231 — Semester 1, 2023
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Introduction

The goal of this assignment is to give you practice at C programming. You will be building on this ability in the remainder of the course (and subsequent programming assignments will be more difficult than this one). You are to create a program (called `uqwordiply`) which allows users to play the Wordiply game (wordiply.com). More details are provided below but you may wish to play the game to gain a practical understanding of how it operates. The assignment will also test your ability to code to a particular programming style guide, and to use a revision control system appropriately.

Student Conduct

This is an individual assignment. You should feel free to discuss **general** aspects of C programming and the assignment specification with fellow students, including on the discussion forum. In general, questions like “How should the program behave if (this happens)?” would be safe, if they are seeking clarification on the specification.

You must not actively help (or seek help from) other students or other people with the actual design, structure and/or coding of your assignment solution. It is **cheating to look at another student’s assignment code** and it is **cheating to allow your code to be seen or shared in printed or electronic form by others**. All submitted code will be subject to automated checks for plagiarism and collusion. If we detect plagiarism or collusion, formal misconduct actions will be initiated against you, and those you cheated with. That’s right, if you share your code with a friend, even inadvertently, then **both of you are in trouble**. Do not post your code to a public place such as the course discussion forum or a public code repository. (Code in private posts to the discussion forum is permitted.) You must assume that some students in the course may have very long extensions so do not post your code to any public repository until at least three months after the result release date for the course (or check with the course coordinator if you wish to post it sooner). Do not allow others to access your computer – you must keep your code secure. Never leave your work unattended.

You must follow the following code referencing rules for **all code committed to your SVN repository** (not just the version that you submit):

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| Code provided to you in writing this semester by CSSE2310/7231 teaching staff (e.g. code hosted on Blackboard, found in <code>/local/courses/csse2310/resources</code> on <code>moos</code> , posted on the discussion forum by teaching staff, provided in Ed Lessons, or shown in class). | May be used freely without reference. (You <u>must</u> be able to point to the source if queried about it – so you may find it easier to reference the code.) |
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| Code you have personally written in a previous enrolment in this course or in another ITEE course and where that code has <u>not</u> been shared or published. | |
| Code (in any programming language) that you have taken inspiration from but have not copied ¹ . | |

¹Code you have *taken inspiration from* must not be directly copied or just converted from one programming language to another.

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| Code written by or obtained from, or based on code written by or obtained from, a code generation tool (including any artificial intelligence tool) that you personally have interacted with, without the assistance of another person. | May be used provided you understand that code AND the source of the code is referenced in a comment adjacent to that code (in the required format) AND an ASCII text file (named <code>toolHistory.txt</code>) is included in your repository and with your submission that describes in detail how the tool was used. If such code is used without appropriate referencing then this will be considered misconduct. |
| Other code – includes (but may not be limited to): code provided by teaching staff only in a previous offering of this course (e.g. previous assignment one solution); code from public or private repositories; code from websites; code from textbooks; any code written or partially written or provided by or written with the assistance of someone else; and any code you have written that is available to other students. | May not be used. If the source of the code is referenced adjacent to the code then this will be considered code without academic merit (not misconduct) and will be removed from your assignment prior to marking (which may cause compilation to fail and zero marks to be awarded). Copied code without adjacent referencing will be considered misconduct and action will be taken. |

Uploading or otherwise providing the assignment specification or part of it to a third party including online tutorial and contract cheating websites is considered misconduct. The university is aware of these sites and many cooperate with us in misconduct investigations.

The teaching staff will conduct interviews with a subset of students about their submissions, for the purposes of establishing genuine authorship. If you write your own code, you have nothing to fear from this process. If you legitimately use code from other sources (following the usage/referencing requirements in the table above) then you are expected to understand that code. If you are not able to adequately explain the design of your solution and/or adequately explain your submitted code (and/or earlier versions in your repository) and/or be able to make simple modifications to it as requested at the interview, then your assignment mark will be scaled down based on the level of understanding you are able to demonstrate and/or your submission may be subject to a misconduct investigation where your interview responses form part of the evidence. Failure to attend a scheduled interview will result in zero marks for the assignment. The use of referenced code in your submission (particularly from artificial intelligence tools) is likely to increase the probability of your selection for an interview.

In short - **Don't risk it!** If you're having trouble, seek help early from a member of the teaching staff. Don't be tempted to copy another student's code or to use an online cheating service. Don't help another CSSE2310/7231 student with their code no matter how desperate they may be and no matter how close your relationship. You should read and understand the statements on student misconduct in the course profile and on the school website: <https://www.itee.uq.edu.au/itee-student-misconduct-including-plagiarism>.

Specification

The `uqwordiply` game asks you to enter five words (guesses) that contain a given 3- or 4- letter combination of letters (known as the *starter word*²). The goal is to enter valid words (based on some dictionary) that are as long as possible. After entering the words, your score is reported as the sum of the lengths of the words entered, and the longest possible word(s) from the dictionary are also reported.

You can choose to play the game with a particular starter word, or the game will choose a random one for you. An example game play session is shown below. The command and guesses entered on standard input are shown in **bold green** for clarity. Other lines are output to standard output. Note that the `$` character is the shell prompt – it is not entered by the user nor output by `uqwordiply`.

Example 1: Example `uqwordiply` game session

```
$ ./uqwordiply
Welcome to UQWordiply!
The starter word is: TOP
Enter words containing this word.
Enter guess 1:
topographical
Enter guess 2:
```

²Note that the *starter word* may not be a valid word itself - just a combination of letters like `ett`

```

stopping
Enter guess 3:
topological
Enter guess 4:
utopian
Enter guess 5:
hilltop

Total length of words found: 46
Longest word(s) found:
TOPOGRAPHICAL (13)
Longest word(s) possible:
AMINOACETOPHENETIDINE (21)
MAGNETOPLASMA DYNAMICS (21)
$

```

Full details of the required behaviour are provided below.

Command Line Arguments

Your program (`uqwordiply`) is to accept command line arguments as follows:

```
./uqwordiply [--start starter-word | --len length] [--dictionary filename]
```

The square brackets (`[]`) indicate optional arguments. The pipe symbol (`|`) indicates a choice – i.e. in this case either the `--start` or the `--len` option argument (with associated value) can be given but not both. The *italics* indicate placeholders for user-supplied arguments.

Some examples of how the program might be run include the following³:

```

./uqwordiply
./uqwordiply --start top
./uqwordiply --len 3
./uqwordiply --dictionary mywords --start row
./uqwordiply --start row --dictionary ./mywords

```

Options can be in any order, as shown in the last two examples.

The meaning of the arguments is as follows:

- `--start` – if specified, this option argument is followed by a 3 or 4 letter starter word (combination of letters, in uppercase, lowercase or mixed-case) to be used when playing the game. (This argument can only be specified if the `--len` argument is not given.)
- `--len` – if specified, this option argument is followed by the number 3 or 4, to indicate the length of the random starter word to be chosen. (This argument can only be specified if `--start` is not given.)
- `--dictionary` – if specified, this option argument is followed by the name of a file that is to be used as the dictionary of valid words.

If the `--start` argument is not supplied, then the program must choose a random starter word using the supplied `get_wordiply_starter_word()` function – see the Provided Library section on page 7. If the `--len` argument is given then the random starter word must have that length. If the `--len` argument is not given, then the random starter word can be either 3 or 4 letters long, i.e. 0 must be supplied as the argument to `get_wordiply_starter_word()`.

If a dictionary filename is not specified, the default should be used (`/usr/share/dict/words`).

Prior to doing anything else, your program must check the command line arguments for validity. If the program receives an invalid command line then it must print the message:

```

Usage: uqwordiply [--start starter-word | --len length] [--dictionary filename]
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```

to standard error (with a following newline), and exit with an exit status of 1.

Invalid command lines include (but may not be limited to) any of the following:

³This is not an exhaustive list and does not show all possible combinations of arguments.

- A valid option argument is given (i.e. `--start`, `--len` or `--dictionary`) but it is not followed by an associated value argument.
- Both the `--start` and `--len` option arguments (with associated values) are specified on the command line.
- The value associated with the `--len` argument is neither 3 nor 4.
- Any of the option arguments are listed more than once (with associated values). Note that the command line arguments `--start --start` would not be an invalid command line – this would be an invalid starter word error – see below.
- An unexpected argument is present.

Checking whether the *starter-word* and/or *filename* arguments (if present) are valid is not part of the usage checking – that is checked after command line validity – see the next section.

Starter Word Checking

If the command line arguments are valid, and the `--start` argument is present with an associated value, then the starter-word value must be checked for validity. If the value is invalid, then your program must print the message:

```
uqwordiply: invalid starter word
```

to standard error (with a following newline), and exit with an exit status of 2.

Invalid starter words are:

- those whose length is neither 3 nor 4, and/or
- those that contain characters other than letters (uppercase and/or lowercase).

In other words, a valid starter word will be 3 or 4 letters long – where those letters (A to Z) can be uppercase or lowercase or a combination of both.

Dictionary File Name Checking

By default, your program is to use the dictionary file `/usr/share/dict/words`. If the `--dictionary` argument is supplied, then your program must instead use the dictionary whose filename is given as the value associated with that option argument. If the given dictionary filename does not exist or can not be opened for reading, your program must print the message:

```
uqwordiply: dictionary file "filename" cannot be opened
```

to standard error (with a following newline), and exit with an exit status of 3. (The italicised *filename* is replaced by the actual filename, i.e. the value from the command line. The double quotes must be present.) This check happens after the command line arguments and starter word (if supplied) are known to be valid.

The dictionary file is a text file where each line contains a “word”. (Lines are terminated by a single newline character. The last line in the file may or may not have a terminating newline.) You may assume there are no blank lines and that no words are longer than 50 characters (excluding any newline)⁴, although there may be “words” that contain characters other than letters, e.g. “1st” or “don’t”. The dictionary may contain duplicate words and may be sorted in any order. The dictionary may contain any number of words (including zero).

Program Operation

If the checks above are successful, then your program must determine a starter word if one is not given on the command line. It does this by calling `get_wordiply_starter_word()` – see details of this provided library function on page 7.

Your program must then print the following to standard output (with a newline at the end of each line):

```
Welcome to UQWordiply!
The starter word is: STARTER
Enter words containing this word.
```

⁴A statement that you may assume these things means that your program does not have to handle situations where these assumptions are not true – i.e. your program can behave in any way it likes (including crashing) if there are blank lines present in the dictionary and/or any words in the dictionary are longer than 50 characters.

where *STARTER* is replaced by the 3 or 4 letter starter word (printed in upper case).
Your program must then repeatedly prompt the user for a guess by printing the following message to standard output (with a following newline):

Enter guess *N*:

where *N* is replaced by the guess number (from 1 to 5 as appropriate).

Guesses are entered on standard input and are terminated by a newline (or pending EOF). The guess must then be checked for validity – with checks happening in the following order.

If the guess contains characters other than letters A to Z (can be any case, i.e. lowercase or uppercase), then your program must print the following message to standard output (followed by a newline) and then re-prompt for that guess:

Guesses must contain only letters - try again.

If the guess does not contain the starter word (with letters of any case), then your program must print the following message to standard output (followed by a newline) and then re-prompt for that guess:

Guesses must contain the starter word - try again.

This same message is printed if the guess is the empty string.

If the guess is the starter word itself (with letters of any case), then your program must print the following message to standard output (followed by a newline) and then re-prompt for that guess:

Guesses can't be the starter word - try again.

If the guess is an invalid word (i.e. can not be found in the dictionary with letters of any case), then your program must print the following message to standard output (followed by a newline) and then re-prompt for that guess:

Guess not found in dictionary - try again.

If the guess is a valid word containing the starter word but you have previously guessed that word (with letters of any case), then your program must print the following message to standard output (followed by a newline) and then re-prompt for that guess:

You've already guessed that word - try again.

If a valid new word containing the starter word is entered, then your program must prompt for the next word. Once five valid different words have been entered, or end-of-file (EOF⁵) is detected at the start of the line when attempting to read a word, then your program must behave as follows.

If no valid guesses have been entered (e.g. EOF detected at the start of the line when reading the first guess), then your program is to exit silently (no message is printed) with exit status 4.

If one or more valid guesses has been entered, then your program must print a blank line followed by the following lines to standard output and then exit with exit status 0.

Total length of words found: *N1*

Longest word(s) found:

LONGWORD (N2)

Longest word(s) possible:

BESTWORD (N3)

N1 is replaced by the sum of the lengths of the valid guesses entered. *LONGWORD (N2)* is replaced by the longest word that was guessed (printed in upper case), with its length in parentheses. If two or more words are the equal longest then all words of that length are printed (in upper case, each with their length *N2* in parentheses). The order in which multiple words is printed is the same order in which there were entered. *BESTWORD (N3)* is replaced by the longest valid word found in the dictionary that contains the starter word. The word is printed in upper case, with its length (*N3*) in parentheses. If two or more words are the equal longest then all words of that length are printed (in upper case, each with their length *N3* in parentheses). The order in which multiple words is printed is the same order in which they are found in the dictionary. (If the word is present more than once in the dictionary then it is output multiple times.)

Other Requirements

Your program must open and read the dictionary file only once and store its contents (or a subset of its contents, e.g. only words containing the starter word) in dynamically allocated memory. Your program must free all allocated memory before exiting.

⁵EOF is “end of file” – the stream being read (standard input in this case) is detected as being closed. Where standard input is connected to a terminal (i.e. a user interacting with a program) then the user can close the program’s standard input by pressing Ctrl-D (i.e. hold the Control key and press D). This causes the terminal driver which receives that keystroke to close the stream to the program’s standard input.

Example Game Sessions

Example 2: Example `uqwordiply` game session showing a variety of invalid guesses.

```
$ ./uqwordiply --start ism
Welcome to UQWordiply!
The starter word is: ISM
Enter words containing this word.
Enter guess 1:
csse2310
Guesses must contain only letters - try again.
Enter guess 1:
university
Guesses must contain the starter word - try again.
Enter guess 1:
ism
Guesses can't be the starter word - try again.
Enter guess 1:
teachism
Guess not found in dictionary - try again.
Enter guess 1:
transcendentalism
Enter guess 2:
TRANSCENDentALISM
You've already guessed that word - try again.
Enter guess 2:
UnProfessionalISM
Enter guess 3:
POSTEXPRESSIONism
Enter guess 4:
anthropomorphisms
Enter guess 5:
antirepublicanism

Total length of words found: 85
Longest word(s) found:
TRANSCENDENTALISM (17)
UNPROFESSIONALISM (17)
POSTEXPRESSIONISM (17)
ANTHROPOMORPHISMS (17)
ANTIREPUBLICANISM (17)
Longest word(s) possible:
ANTIDISESTABLISHMENTARIANISM (28)
$
```

Example 3: Example `uqwordiply` game session showing multiple longest words.

```
$ ./uqwordiply --start tiES
Welcome to UQWordiply!
The starter word is: TIES
Enter words containing this word.
Enter guess 1:
oddities
Enter guess 2:
twenties
Enter guess 3:
loftiest
Enter guess 4:
eighties
```

```

Enter guess 5:
niceties

Total length of words found: 40
Longest word(s) found:
ODDITIES (8)
TWENTIES (8)
LOFTIEST (8)
EIGHTIES (8)
NICETIES (8)
Longest word(s) possible:
ARCHCONFRATERNITIES (19)
CIRCUMSTANTIALITIES (19)
IRRECONCILABILITIES (19)
NONRESPECTABILITIES (19)
NONRESPONSIBILITIES (19)
UNCONVENTIONALITIES (19)
$

```

The example below shows a blank line being input at the first prompt (i.e. no characters were present before the newline). The first valid guess (**governments**) has been terminated by an EOF – e.g. the user typed Ctrl-D after typing **governments** rather than typing a newline. This pending EOF terminated the word, and when an attempt was made to read the next line (guess 2), the EOF was detected.

Example 4: Example **uqwordiply** game session – with early termination.

```

$ ./uqwordiply
Welcome to UQWordiply!
The starter word is: MENT
Enter words containing this word.
Enter guess 1:

Guesses must contain the starter word - try again.
Enter guess 1:
governmentsEnter guess 2:

Total length of words found: 11
Longest word(s) found:
GOVERNMENTS (11)
Longest word(s) possible:
ANTIDISESTABLISHMENTARIANISM (28)
$

```

Provided Library: libcsse2310a1

A library has been provided to you with the following function which your program must use (when no starter word is provided on the command line):

```
const char* get_wordiply_starter_word(unsigned int wordLen);
```

The function is described in the `get_wordiply_starter_word(3)` man page on **moss**. (Run `man get_wordiply_starter_word`.)

To use the library, you will need to add `#include <csse2310a1.h>` to your code and use the compiler flag `-I/local/courses/csse2310/include` when compiling your code so that the compiler can find the include file. You will also need to link with the library containing this function. To do this, use the compiler arguments `-L/local/courses/csse2310/lib -lcsse2310a1`.

⁶If the cursor is not at the start of a line, then a single Ctrl-D causes the text entered so far to be flushed to the program's standard input (i.e. available to be read by the program if desired). An immediately following Ctrl-D causes standard input to be closed.

Style

Your program must follow version 2.3 of the CSSE2310/CSSE7231 C programming style guide available on the course Blackboard site. Your submission must also comply with the *Documentation required for the use of AI tools* if applicable.

Hints

1. The string representation of a single digit positive integer has a string length of 1.
2. You **may** wish to consider the use of the standard library functions `isalpha()`, `islower()`, `isupper()`, `toupper()` and/or `tolower()`. Note that these functions operate on individual characters, represented as integers (ASCII values).
3. Some other functions which **may** be useful include: `strcasecmp()`, `strcmp()`, `strstr()`, `strlen()`, `strdup()`, `exit()`, `fopen()`, `fprintf()`, and `fgets()`. You should consult the man pages for these functions.
4. The style guide shows how you can break long string constants in C so as not to violate line length requirements in the style guide.
5. You may wish to consider using a function from the `getopt()` family to parse command line arguments. This is not a requirement and if you do so your code may not be any simpler or shorter than if you don't use such a function. You may wish to consider it because it gives you an introduction to how programs can process more complicated combinations of command line arguments. See the `getopt(3)` man page for details. Note that short forms of arguments are not to be supported, e.g. the arguments “-s word” (for specifying a starter word) should result in a usage error. To allow for the use of a `getopt()` family function, we will not test your program's behaviour with the argument `--` (which is interpreted by `getopt()` as a special argument that indicates the end of option arguments). **We also won't test abbreviated arguments, e.g. `--star`, `--st`, `--le` etc.**

Suggested Approach

It is suggested that you write your program using the following steps. Test your program at each stage and commit to your SVN repository frequently. Note that the specification text above is the definitive description of the expected program behaviour. The list below does not cover all required functionality.

1. Write a program that outputs the usage error message and exits with exit status 1. This small program (just a couple of lines in `main()`) will earn marks for detecting usage errors (category 1 below) – because it thinks everything is a usage error!⁷
2. Detect the presence of the `--len` command line argument and, if present, check the presence/validity of the argument that follows it. Exit appropriately if not valid.
3. Detect the presence of the `--start` command line argument and, if present, check the presence/validity of the argument that follows it. Exit appropriately if not valid.
4. Detect the presence of the `--dictionary` command line argument and, if present, check the presence of the argument that follows it. Exit appropriately if not valid.
5. Check whether the dictionary can be opened for reading or not. Exit appropriately if not. (If it can be opened, leave it open – you'll need to read from it next.)
6. Have your program print out the welcome message
7. Read the dictionary line by line, saving the words (or an appropriate subset of words) into dynamically allocated memory.
8. Have your program repeatedly prompt for words (guesses).

⁷However, once you start adding more functionality, it is possible you may lose some marks in this category if your program can't detect all the invalid command lines.

9. Check the guesses for validity. 240
10. Implement remaining functionality as required ... 241

Forbidden Functions 242

You must not use any of the following C functions/statements. If you do so, you will get zero (0) marks for the assignment. 243 244

- `goto` 245
- `longjmp()` and equivalent functions 246
- `system()` 247
- `popen()` 248
- `exec1()` or any other members of the `exec` family of functions 249
- POSIX regex functions 250
- Functions described in the man page as non standard, e.g. `strcasestr()` 251

Submission 252

Your submission must include all source and any other required files (in particular you must submit a **Makefile**). Do not submit compiled files (eg `.o`, compiled programs) or dictionary files. 253 254

Your program (named `uqwordiply`) must build on `moss.labs.eait.uq.edu.au` with: 255
`make` 256

Your program must be compiled with `gcc` with at least the following options: 257
`-pedantic -Wall -std=gnu99` 258

You are not permitted to disable warnings or use pragmas to hide them. You may not use source files other than `.c` and `.h` files as part of the build process – such files will be removed before building your program. 259 260

If any errors result from the `make` command (i.e. the `uqwordiply` executable can not be created) then you will receive 0 marks for functionality (see below). Any code without academic merit will be removed from your program before compilation is attempted (and if compilation fails, you will receive 0 marks for functionality). 261 262 263

Your program must not invoke other programs or use non-standard headers/libraries. 264

Your assignment submission must be committed to your subversion repository under 265
`https://source.eait.uq.edu.au/svn/csse2310-sem1-sXXXXXXX/trunk/a1` 266

where `sXXXXXXX` is your moss/UQ login ID. Only files at this top level will be marked so **do not put source files in subdirectories**. You may create subdirectories for other purposes (e.g. your own test files) but these will not be considered in marking – they will not be checked out of your repository. 267 268 269

You must ensure that all files needed to compile and use your assignment (including a `Makefile`) are committed and within the `trunk/a1` directory in your repository (and not within a subdirectory) and not just sitting in your working directory. Do not commit compiled files or binaries. You are strongly encouraged to check out a clean copy for testing purposes. 270 271 272 273

To submit your assignment, you must run the command 274

`2310createzip a1` 275

on `moss` and then submit the resulting zip file on Blackboard (a GradeScope submission link will be made available in the Assessment area on the CSSE2310/7231 Blackboard site)⁸. The zip file will be named 276 277

`sXXXXXXX_csse2310_a1_timestamp.zip` 278

where `sXXXXXXX` is replaced by your moss/UQ login ID and `timestamp` is replaced by a timestamp indicating the time that the zip file was created. 279 280

The `2310createzip` tool will check out the latest version of your assignment from the Subversion repository, ensure it builds with the command '`make`', and if so, will create a zip file that contains those files and your 281 282

⁸You may need to use `scp` or a graphical equivalent such as WinSCP, Filezilla or Cyberduck in order to download the zip file to your local computer and then upload it to the submission site.

Subversion commit history and a checksum of the zip file contents. You may be asked for your password as part of this process in order to check out your submission from your repository. You will be asked to confirm references in your code.

You must not create the zip file using some other mechanism and you must not modify the zip file prior to submission. If you do so, you will receive zero marks. Your submission time will be the time that the file is submitted via GradeScope on Blackboard, and **not** the time of your last repository commit nor the time of creation of your submission zip file.

We will mark your last submission, even if that is after the deadline and you made submissions before the deadline. Any submissions after the deadline⁹ will incur a late penalty – see the CSSE2310/7231 course profile for details.

Note that Gradescope will run the test suite immediately after you submit. When complete¹⁰ you will be able to see the results of the “public” tests.

Marks

Marks will be awarded for functionality and style and documentation. Marks may be reduced if you are asked to attend an interview about your assignment and you are unable to adequately respond to questions – see the **Student conduct** section above.

Functionality (60 marks)

Provided your code compiles (see above) and does not use any prohibited statements/functions (see above), and your zip file has been generated correctly and has not been modified prior to submission, then you will earn functionality marks based on the number of features your program correctly implements, as outlined below. Partial marks will be awarded for partially meeting the functionality requirements. Not all features are of equal difficulty. **If your program does not allow a feature to be tested then you will receive 0 marks for that feature**, even if you claim to have implemented it. For example, if your program can never open a dictionary file then we can not determine if your program can determine word validity correctly. If your program takes longer than 10 seconds to run any test¹¹, then it will be terminated and you will earn no marks for the functionality associated with that test. The markers will make no alterations to your code (other than to remove code without academic merit).

Marks will be assigned in the following categories:

1. Program correctly handles invalid command lines (8 marks)
2. Program correctly handles invalid starter words on the command line (4 marks)
3. Program correctly handles dictionary files that are unable to be read (4 marks)
4. Program correctly prints the welcome message (with a variety of valid command lines) (4 marks)
5. Program correctly handles games with only invalid or blank guesses – with EOF on stdin to terminate game (10 marks)
6. Program correctly plays game (and outputs final messages) with only valid guesses made (which may include early termination via EOF on stdin) (10 marks)
7. Program correctly handles playing games with a variety of valid and invalid guesses (10 marks)
8. Program behaves correctly, reads dictionary only once, and frees all memory upon exit (10 marks)

Tests for categories 2 and higher will take place with a variety of valid command lines. If your program doesn’t detect a particular set of command line options as valid, or doesn’t handle a particular option (e.g. `--len`) or can’t open a dictionary other than the default dictionary then you will lose marks in multiple categories. There are other dependencies between categories. For example, if your program doesn’t correctly print the welcome message then no marks will be possible for categories 5 to 8.

⁹or your extended deadline if you are granted an extension.

¹⁰Gradescope marking may take only a few minutes or more than 30 minutes depending on the functionality/efficiency of your code.

¹¹Valgrind tests for memory leaks (category 8) will be allowed to run for longer.

Style Marking

Style marking is based on the number of style guide violations, i.e. the number of violations of version 2.3 of the CSSE2310/CSSE7231 C Programming Style Guide (found on Blackboard). Style marks will be made up of two components – automated style marks and human style marks. These are detailed below.

You should pay particular attention to commenting so that others can understand your code. The marker’s decision with respect to commenting violations is final – it is the marker who has to understand your code. To satisfy layout related guidelines, you may wish to consider the `indent(1)` tool. Your style marks can never be more than your functionality mark – this prevents the submission of well styled programs which don’t meet at least a minimum level of required functionality.

You are encouraged to use the `style.sh` tool installed on `moss` to style check your code before submission. This does not check all style requirements, but it will determine your automated style mark (see below). Other elements of the style guide are checked by humans.

All `.c` and `.h` files in your submission will be subject to style marking. This applies whether they are compiled/linked into your executable or not¹².

Automated Style Marking (5 marks)

Automated style marks will be calculated over all of your `.c` and `.h` files as follows. If any of your submitted `.c` and/or `.h` files are unable to be compiled by themselves then your automated style mark will be zero (0). (Automated style marking can only be undertaken on code that compiles. The provided `style.sh` script checks this for you.)

If your code does compile then your automated style mark will be determined as follows: Let

- W be the total number of distinct compilation warnings recorded when your `.c` files are individually built (using the correct compiler arguments)
- A be the total number of style violations detected by `style.sh` when it is run over each of your `.c` and `.h` files individually¹³.

Your automated style mark S will be

$$S = 5 - (W + A)$$

If $W + A \geq 5$ then S will be zero (0) – no negative marks will be awarded. Note that in some cases `style.sh` may erroneously report style violations when correct style has been followed. If you believe that you have been penalised incorrectly then please bring this to the attention of the course coordinator and your mark can be updated if this is the case. Note also that when `style.sh` is run for marking purposes it may detect style errors not picked up when you run `style.sh` on `moss`. This will not be considered a marking error – it is your responsibility to ensure that all of your code follows the style guide, even if styling errors are not detected in some runs of `style.sh`. You can check the result of Gradescope style marking soon after your Gradescope submission – when its test suite completes running.

Human Style Marking (5 marks)

The human style mark (out of 5 marks) will be based on the criteria/standards below for “comments”, “naming” and “other”. The meanings of words like *appropriate* and *required* are determined by the requirements in the style guide. Note that functions longer than 50 lines will be penalised in the automated style marking. Functions that are also longer than 100 lines will be further penalised here.

¹²Make sure you remove any unneeded files from your repository, or they will be subject to style marking.

¹³Every `.h` file in your submission must make sense without reference to any other files, e.g., it must `#include` any `.h` files that contain declarations or definitions used in that `.h` file.

Comments (2.5 marks)

| Mark | Description |
|------|---|
| 0 | The majority (50%+) of comments present are inappropriate OR there are many required comments missing |
| 0.5 | The majority of comments present are appropriate AND the majority of required comments are present |
| 1.0 | The vast majority (80%+) of comments present are appropriate AND there are at most a few missing comments |
| 1.5 | All or almost all comments present are appropriate AND there are at most a few missing comments |
| 2.0 | Almost all comments present are appropriate AND there are no missing comments |
| 2.5 | All comments present are appropriate AND there are no missing comments |

Naming (1 mark)

| Mark | Description |
|------|---|
| 0 | At least a few names used are inappropriate |
| 0.5 | Almost all names used are appropriate |
| 1.0 | All names used are appropriate |

Other (1.5 marks)

| Mark | Description |
|------|---|
| 0 | One or more functions is longer than 100 lines of code OR there is more than one global/static variable present inappropriately OR there is a global struct variable present inappropriately OR there are more than a few instances of poor modularity (e.g. repeated code) |
| 0.5 | All functions are 100 lines or shorter AND there is at most one inappropriate non-struct global/static variable AND there are at most a few instances of poor modularity |
| 1.0 | All functions are 100 lines or shorter AND there are no instances of inappropriate global/static variables AND there is no or very limited use of magic numbers AND there is at most one instance or poor modularity |
| 1.5 | All functions are 100 lines or shorter AND there are no instances of inappropriate global/static variables AND there is no use of magic numbers AND there are no instances of poor modularity |

SVN commit history assessment (5 marks)

Markers will review your SVN commit history for your assignment up to your submission time. This element will be graded according to the following principles:

- Appropriate use and frequency of commits (e.g. a single monolithic commit of your entire assignment will yield a score of zero for this section)
- Appropriate use of log messages to capture the changes represented by each commit. (Meaningful messages explain briefly what has changed in the commit (e.g. in terms of functionality) and/or why the change has been made and will be usually be more detailed for significant changes.)

The standards expected are outlined in the following rubric:

| Mark (out of 5) | Description |
|-----------------|--|
| 0 | Minimal commit history – only one or two commits OR all commit messages are meaningless. |
| 1 | Some progressive development evident (three or more commits) AND at least one commit message is meaningful. |
| 2 | Progressive development is evident (multiple commits) AND at least half the commit messages are meaningful. |
| 3 | Multiple commits that show progressive development of ALL functionality (e.g. no large commits with multiple features in them) AND at least half the commit messages are meaningful. |
| 4 | Multiple commits that show progressive development of ALL functionality AND meaningful messages for all but one or two of the commits. |
| 5 | Multiple commits that show progressive development of ALL functionality AND meaningful messages for ALL commits. |

We understand that you are just getting to know Subversion, and you won't be penalised for a few "test commit" type messages. However, the markers must get a sense from your commit logs that you are practising and developing sound software engineering practices by documenting your changes as you go. In general, tiny changes deserve small comments – larger changes deserve more detailed commentary.

Total Mark

Let

- F be the functionality mark for your assignment (out of 60).
- S be the automated style mark for your assignment (out of 5).
- H be the human style mark for your assignment (out of 5).
- C be the SVN commit history mark (out of 5).
- V is the scaling factor (0 to 1) determined after interview(s) (if applicable – see the Student Conduct section above) – or 0 if you fail to attend a scheduled interview without having evidence of exceptional circumstances impacting your ability to attend.

Your total mark for the assignment will be:

$$M = (F + \min\{F, S + H\} + \min\{F, C\}) \times V$$

out of 75.

In other words, you can't get more marks for style or SVN commit history than you do for functionality. Pretty code that doesn't work will not be rewarded!

Late Penalties

Late penalties will apply as outlined in the course profile.

Specification Updates

Any clarifications or updates to the assignment specification will be summarised here. Any updated versions of the specification will be released with adequate time for students to respond prior to due date. Potential specification errors or omissions can be discussed on the discussion forum or emailed to csse2310@uq.edu.au.

Version 1.1

- Clarified other arguments we won't test (to allow `getopt()` implementations)
- Fixed typo in description of relationships between marking criteria
- Fixed formatting error in usage message – no spaces before closing square brackets