Guide to Assignment 3 Programming Tasks

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Converting the Record to the Other Endian Format.

- You need to reorder the bytes of each integer in the record.
- Pseudocode for reordering the bytes of the integer:
 - Convert the integer into an array of chars.
 - Use provided function integer_to_characters.
 - Reverse the order of the chars in that array.
 - Convert the array of chars back to an integer.
 - Use provided function characters_to_integer.
- Then, you need to write the converted record on the output file.
 - Use provided function save_record.

Task 1 Sample Output (1)

• Run on an Intel machine (little endian):

```
./a.out 0 test1_little.bin test2_big.bin
```

read: Record: age = 56, name = john smith, department = 6

read: Record: age = 46, name = mary jones, department = 12

read: Record: age = 36, name = tim davis, department = 5

read: Record: age = 26, name = pam clark, department = 10

Task 1 Sample Output (2)

• Run on an Intel machine (little endian):

./a.out 0 test2_big.bin out2_little.bin

read: Record: age = 939524096, name = john smith, department = 100663296

read: Record: age = 771751936, name = mary jones, department = 201326592

read: Record: age = 603979776, name = tim davis, department = 83886080

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read: Record: age = 436207616, name = pam clark, department = 167772160
```

 Since the machine is little endian and the input data is big endian, the printout is nonsense.

The diff Command

• Suppose that you have run this command:

./a.out 0 test1_little.bin test2_big.bin

- How can you make sure that your output (test2_big.bin) is identical to test1_big.bin?
- Answer: use the **diff** command on omega.

diff test1_big.bin test2_big.bin

- Goal: do parity-bit encoding/decoding of a file.
- Program flow:
 - Open input and output files.
 - While there is input data to be processed:
 - Read the next word W1 from the input file.
 - If (number == 0) convert W1 from original word to codeword W2.
 - If (number == 1):
 - convert W1 from codeword to original word W2.
 - print out a message if an error was detected.
 - Save W2 to the output file.
 - Close input and output files.

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 - Save W2 to the output file.
 - Close input and output files.
- If you use task2.c, you just have to write the functions that convert between original words and codewords.

Task 2 Files

- Task 2 works with bit patterns.
- In principle, the input and output files could be binary.
- Problem: difficult to view and edit (for debugging).
- Solution: use text files.
 - Bit 0 is represented as character '0'.
 - Bit 1 is represented as character '1'.

Task 2 Unencoded File (in1.txt)

• This binary pattern contains the 7-bit ASCII codes for: "The kangaroo is an animal that lives in Australia."

Task 2 Encoded File (coded1.txt)

• This binary pattern is the parity-bit encoding for: "The kangaroo is an animal that lives in Australia."

Task 2 - Sample Output (1)

• Encoding:

./a.out 0 in1.txt out1.txt

Start of translation: The kangaroo is an animal that lives in Australia. End of translation

Task 2 - Sample Output (2)

• Decoding (no errors found):

./a.out 1 parity1.txt out2.txt

Start of translation: The kangaroo is an animal that lives in Australia. End of translation

Task 2 - Sample Output (3)

• Decoding (errors found):

1 parity2.txt out2.txt error detected at word 0 error detected at word 8 error detected at word 16 error detected at word 24 error detected at word 32 error detected at word 32

Start of translation:

he kangAroo is qn animad that Imves in Australi`. End of translation

Practice Question 1

- Goal: do encoding/decoding of a file using an error correction code.
- It is specified as a text file, that the program reads.
- Example: code1.txt:
 - 3 is the number of bits in each original word.
 - 6 is the number of bits in each codeword.
 - 000 gets mapped to 000000.
 - 001 gets mapped to 001011.
 - and so on...

Practice Question 1

- Program flow:
 - Read code.
 - Open input and output files.
 - While there is input data to be processed:
 - Read the next word W1 from the input file.
 - If (number == 0) convert W1 from original word to codeword W2.
 - If (number == 1):
 - convert W1 from codeword to original word W2.
 - print out a message if an error was corrected or detected.
 - Save W2 to the output file.
 - Close input and output files.
- In general_codes.c, you just have to write the functions that convert between original words and codewords.

Practice Question 1: Code Struct

• This is the datatype that we use to store a code.

```
struct code_struct
{
    int m; // number of bits in original word
    int n; // number of bits in codeword columns.
    char ** original; // original words
    char ** codebook; // legal codewords
};
```

Practice Question 1: Encoding Logic

- Let W1 be the original word.
- Find the index K of W1 among the original words in the code book.
- Return the codeword stored at index K among the codewords.

Practice Question 1: Decoding Logic

- Let W1 be the codeword.
- Find the index K of the **legal codeword L most** similar to W1, among all legal codewords.
 - If L == W1, no errors.
 - If L != W1:
 - If unique L, error detected and corrected.
 - If multiple legal codewords were as similar to W1 as L was, error detected but not corrected.
- Return the original word stored at index K among the original words in the code book.