

Fall 2004 Handout 1

Syllabus (not in chronological order)

- (1) C programming and data structures. Structures and arrays of structures. Build linked lists and trees out of dynamically allocated structures linked by pointers. Recursion. Hash tables.
- (2) Unix utilities: **gcc** to compile and link a C program, **nm** and **strip** to display and remove a C program's symbol table or "name table", **ar** to create a library or "archive", **time** and **size** to measure the speed and static size of an executable, **rcs** to log changes to the source code, and **make** to run all the above commands.
- (3) Unix system calls to get information about files and directories: **opendir**, **readdir**, **closedir**, **stat**.
- (4) Unix system calls to spawn processes (i.e., run programs): **fork**, **exec**, **wait**. Parent and child. Give each process its own source of standard input and destination of standard output: **dup2**, **close**. Connect the processes with pipes: **pipe**.
- (5) Unix system calls to communicate via sockets with programs running on other machines: **socket**, **connect**, **bind**, **listen**, **accept**, **shutdown**. Clients and servers (two more uses for **fork**'ing).
- (6) Unix system calls to create and access blocks of shared memory: **shmget**, **shmctl**, **shmat**, **shmdt** (another use for pointers to structures).
- (7) Unix system calls to synchronize processes using semaphores: **semget**, **semctl**, **semop**.
- (8) Unix system calls for multi-threaded programs using Pthreads. Communication and synchronization between threads.
- (9) Miscellaneous and/or optional. Unix system calls for signals, non-blocking *i/o*, etc. Call a Fortran function or subroutine from a C program. Objects in C++ vs. pointers to structures as function arguments in C.

Three big projects: build your own...

- (1) **ls -l**. A file on the disk is a stationary target.
- (2) **sh**. A process is a moving target.
- (3) **telnet**. Requires communication with another machine.

Array of structures

```
Please type your weight: 150
On each planet, your weight would be
Mercury      40.50
Venus        127.50
Earth        150.00      etc.
```

—Source code on the Web at

http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9232/src/planet_wo_arrays.c

```
1 #include <stdio.h> /* for printf, scanf */
2 #include <stdlib.h> /* for exit, EXIT_SUCCESS, EXIT_FAILURE */
3
```

```

4 int main()
5 {
6     double weight;
7
8     printf("Please type your weight: ");
9     scanf("%lf", &weight);
10    printf("On each planet, your weight would be\n");
11
12    printf("%-11s %6.2f\n", "Mercury", .27 * weight);
13    printf("%-11s %6.2f\n", "Venus", .85 * weight);
14    printf("%-11s %6.2f\n", "Earth", 1.00 * weight);
15    printf("%-11s %6.2f\n", "Mars", .38 * weight);
16    printf("%-11s %6.2f\n", "Jupiter", 2.33 * weight);
17    printf("%-11s %6.2f\n", "Saturn", .92 * weight);
18    printf("%-11s %6.2f\n", "Uranus", .85 * weight);
19    printf("%-11s %6.2f\n", "Neptune", 1.12 * weight);
20    printf("%-11s %6.2f\n", "Pluto", .44 * weight);
21
22    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
23 }

```

—Source code on the Web at <http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9232/src/planet2arrays.c>

```

1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3
4 char *name[] = {
5     "Mercury",
6     "Venus",
7     "Earth",
8     "Mars",
9     "Jupiter",
10    "Saturn",
11    "Uranus",
12    "Neptune",
13    "Pluto"
14 };
15 #define N (sizeof name / sizeof name[0]) /* the number of planets */
16
17 double factor[] = { /* gravity compared to earth's */
18     .27, /* Mercury */
19     .85, /* Venus */
20     1.00, /* Earth (by definition) */
21     .38, /* Mars */
22     2.33, /* Jupiter */
23     .92, /* Saturn */
24     .85, /* Uranus */
25     1.12, /* Neptune */
26     .44 /* Pluto */
27 };
28
29 int main()
30 {
31     double weight;
32     int i;

```

```

33     char **pn;
34     double *pf;
35
36     printf("Please type your weight: ");
37     scanf("%lf", &weight);
38     printf("On each planet, your weight would be\n");
39
40     for (i = 0; i < N; ++i) {
41         printf("%-11s %6.2f\n", name[i], factor[i] * weight);
42     }
43
44     for (pn = name, pf = factor; pn < name + N; ++pn, ++pf) {
45         printf("%-11s %6.2f\n", *pn, *pf * weight);
46     }
47
48     return EXIT_SUCCESS;
49 }

```

—Source code on the Web at

http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9232/src/planet_array_of_structures.c

```

1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3
4 int main()
5 {
6     typedef struct {
7         char *name; /* name of the planet */
8         double factor; /* how many times stronger its gravity is than earth's */
9     } planet_t;
10
11     planet_t a[] = {
12         {"Mercury",      .27},
13         {"Venus",        .85},
14         {"Earth",        1.00},
15         {"Mars",         .38},
16         {"Jupiter",     2.33},
17         {"Saturn",       .92},
18         {"Uranus",       .85},
19         {"Neptune",     1.12},
20         {"Pluto",       .44}
21     };
22 #define N (sizeof a / sizeof a[0]) /* the number of planets */
23
24     double weight;
25     int i;
26     planet_t *p;
27
28     printf("Please type your weight: ");
29     scanf("%lf", &weight);
30     printf("On each planet, your weight would be\n");
31
32     for (i = 0; i < N; ++i) {
33         printf("%-11s %6.2f\n", a[i].name, weight * a[i].factor);
34     }

```

```

35
36     for (p = a; p < a + N; ++p) {
37         printf("%-11s %6.2f\n", p->name, weight * p->factor);
38     }
39
40     return EXIT_SUCCESS;
41 }

```

Here's another way to stop the `for` loop:

—Source code on the Web at

http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9232/src/planet_array_of_structures2.c

```

1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3
4 int main()
5 {
6     typedef struct {
7         char *name; /* name of the planet */
8         double factor; /* how many times stronger its gravity is than earth's */
9     } planet_t;
10
11     planet_t a[] = {
12         {"Mercury", .27},
13         {"Venus", .85},
14         {"Earth", 1.00},
15         {"Mars", .38},
16         {"Jupiter", 2.33},
17         {"Saturn", .92},
18         {"Uranus", .85},
19         {"Neptune", 1.12},
20         {"Pluto", .44},
21
22         {NULL, 0.00} /* dummy to terminate the array */
23     };
24
25     double weight;
26     int i;
27     planet_t *p;
28
29     printf("Please type your weight: ");
30     scanf("%lf", &weight);
31     printf("On each planet, your weight would be\n");
32
33     for (i = 0; a[i].name != NULL; ++i) {
34         printf("%-11s %6.2f\n", a[i].name, weight * a[i].factor);
35     }
36
37     for (p = a; p->name != NULL; ++p) {
38         printf("%-11s %6.2f\n", p->name, weight * p->factor);
39     }
40
41     return EXIT_SUCCESS;
42 }

```

How not to program in any language

```

1 int BigFieldJustChanged(char *);      /* return 0 for false, non-zero for true */
2
3 char CELL[3][3];                      /* tic-tac-toe board */
4 char WINNER[2];                       /* an empty string */
5
6 if (BigFieldJustChanged(&CELL[0][0])) {
7     if (CELL[0][0] == 'X' && CELL[0][1] == 'X' && CELL[0][2] == 'X' ||
8         CELL[0][0] == 'X' && CELL[1][0] == 'X' && CELL[2][0] == 'X' ||
9         CELL[0][0] == 'X' && CELL[1][1] == 'X' && CELL[2][2] == 'X') {
10        strcpy(WINNER, "X");
11    }
12
13    if (CELL[0][0] == 'O' && CELL[0][1] == 'O' && CELL[0][2] == 'O' ||
14        CELL[0][0] == 'O' && CELL[1][0] == 'O' && CELL[2][0] == 'O' ||
15        CELL[0][0] == 'O' && CELL[1][1] == 'O' && CELL[2][2] == 'O') {
16        strcpy(WINNER, "O");
17    }
18 }
19
20 if (BigFieldJustChanged(&CELL[1][0])) {
21     if (CELL[1][0] == 'X' && CELL[1][1] == 'X' && CELL[1][2] == 'X' ||
22         CELL[0][0] == 'X' && CELL[1][0] == 'X' && CELL[2][0] == 'X') {
23        strcpy(WINNER, "X");
24    }
25
26     if (CELL[1][0] == 'O' && CELL[1][1] == 'O' && CELL[1][2] == 'O' ||
27         CELL[0][0] == 'O' && CELL[1][0] == 'O' && CELL[2][0] == 'O') {
28        strcpy(WINNER, "O");
29    }
30 }
31
32 if (BigFieldJustChanged(&CELL[2][0])) {
33     if (CELL[2][0] == 'X' && CELL[2][1] == 'X' && CELL[2][2] == 'X' ||
34         CELL[2][0] == 'X' && CELL[1][0] == 'X' && CELL[0][0] == 'X' ||
35         CELL[2][0] == 'X' && CELL[1][1] == 'X' && CELL[0][2] == 'X') {
36        strcpy(WINNER, "X");
37    }
38
39     if (CELL[2][0] == 'O' && CELL[2][1] == 'O' && CELL[2][2] == 'O' ||
40         CELL[2][0] == 'O' && CELL[1][0] == 'O' && CELL[0][0] == 'O' ||
41         CELL[2][0] == 'O' && CELL[1][1] == 'O' && CELL[0][2] == 'O') {
42        strcpy(WINNER, "O");
43    }
44 }
45
46 if (BigFieldJustChanged(&CELL[0][1])) {
47     if (CELL[0][1] == 'X' && CELL[1][1] == 'X' && CELL[2][1] == 'X' ||
48         CELL[0][1] == 'X' && CELL[0][0] == 'X' && CELL[0][2] == 'X') {
49        strcpy(WINNER, "X");
50    }
51
52     if (CELL[0][1] == 'O' && CELL[1][1] == 'O' && CELL[2][1] == 'O' ||
53         CELL[0][1] == 'O' && CELL[0][0] == 'O' && CELL[0][2] == 'O') {

```

```

54     strcpy(WINNER, "O");
55 }
56 }
57
58 if (BigFieldJustChanged(&CELL[1][1])) {
59     if (CELL[1][1] == 'X' && CELL[2][1] == 'X' && CELL[0][1] == 'X' ||
60         CELL[1][1] == 'X' && CELL[1][0] == 'X' && CELL[1][2] == 'X' ||
61         CELL[1][1] == 'X' && CELL[0][0] == 'X' && CELL[2][2] == 'X' ||
62         CELL[1][1] == 'X' && CELL[0][2] == 'X' && CELL[2][0] == 'X') {
63         strcpy(WINNER, "X");
64     }
65
66     if (CELL[1][1] == 'O' && CELL[2][1] == 'O' && CELL[0][1] == 'O' ||
67         CELL[1][1] == 'O' && CELL[1][0] == 'O' && CELL[1][2] == 'O' ||
68         CELL[1][1] == 'O' && CELL[0][0] == 'O' && CELL[2][2] == 'O' ||
69         CELL[1][1] == 'O' && CELL[0][2] == 'O' && CELL[2][0] == 'O') {
70         strcpy(WINNER, "O");
71     }
72 }
73
74 if (BigFieldJustChanged(&CELL[2][1])) {
75     if (CELL[2][1] == 'X' && CELL[2][0] == 'X' && CELL[2][2] == 'X' ||
76         CELL[2][1] == 'X' && CELL[0][1] == 'X' && CELL[1][1] == 'X') {
77         strcpy(WINNER, "X");
78     }
79
80     if (CELL[2][1] == 'O' && CELL[2][0] == 'O' && CELL[2][2] == 'O' ||
81         CELL[2][1] == 'O' && CELL[0][1] == 'O' && CELL[1][1] == 'O') {
82         strcpy(WINNER, "O");
83     }
84 }
85
86 if (BigFieldJustChanged(&CELL[0][2])) {
87     if (CELL[0][2] == 'X' && CELL[1][2] == 'X' && CELL[2][2] == 'X' ||
88         CELL[0][2] == 'X' && CELL[0][1] == 'X' && CELL[0][0] == 'X' ||
89         CELL[0][2] == 'X' && CELL[1][1] == 'X' && CELL[2][0] == 'X') {
90         strcpy(WINNER, "X");
91     }
92
93     if (CELL[0][2] == 'O' && CELL[1][2] == 'O' && CELL[2][2] == 'O' ||
94         CELL[0][2] == 'O' && CELL[0][1] == 'O' && CELL[0][0] == 'O' ||
95         CELL[0][2] == 'O' && CELL[1][1] == 'O' && CELL[2][0] == 'O') {
96         strcpy(WINNER, "O");
97     }
98 }
99
100 if (BigFieldJustChanged(&CELL[1][2])) {
101     if (CELL[1][2] == 'X' && CELL[0][2] == 'X' && CELL[2][2] == 'X' ||
102         CELL[1][2] == 'X' && CELL[1][1] == 'X' && CELL[1][0] == 'X') {
103         strcpy(WINNER, "X");
104     }
105
106     if (CELL[1][2] == 'O' && CELL[0][2] == 'O' && CELL[2][2] == 'O' ||
107         CELL[1][2] == 'O' && CELL[1][1] == 'O' && CELL[1][0] == 'O') {

```

```

108         strcpy(WINNER, "O");
109     }
110 }
111
112     if (BigFieldJustChanged(&CELL[2][2])) {
113         if (CELL[2][2] == 'X' && CELL[1][2] == 'X' && CELL[0][2] == 'X' ||
114             CELL[2][2] == 'X' && CELL[2][1] == 'X' && CELL[2][0] == 'X' ||
115             CELL[2][2] == 'X' && CELL[1][1] == 'X' && CELL[0][0] == 'X') {
116             strcpy(WINNER, "X");
117         }
118
119         if (CELL[2][2] == 'O' && CELL[1][2] == 'O' && CELL[0][2] == 'O' ||
120             CELL[2][2] == 'O' && CELL[2][1] == 'O' && CELL[2][0] == 'O' ||
121             CELL[2][2] == 'O' && CELL[1][1] == 'O' && CELL[0][0] == 'O') {
122             strcpy(WINNER, "O");
123         }
124     }

```

Invent two new data types: `cell_t` and `line_t`

```

1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3
4 #define N 3          /* number of rows == number of columns */
5 char CELL[N][N];    /* tic-tac-toe board, inherited from previous program. */
6
7 /* Each cell has a row number and a column number. */
8 typedef struct {
9     int row;
10    int col;
11 } cell_t;
12
13 /* A line is N cells in a straight line. */
14 typedef cell_t line_t[N];
15
16 /* Here are the lines on a tic-tac-toe board: */
17
18 const line_t line[] = {
19     {{0, 0}, {0, 1}, {0, 2}},      /* top row */
20     {{1, 0}, {1, 1}, {1, 2}},      /* middle row */
21     {{2, 0}, {2, 1}, {2, 2}},      /* bottom row */
22
23     {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {2, 0}},      /* left column */
24     {{0, 1}, {1, 1}, {2, 1}},      /* middle column */
25     {{0, 2}, {1, 2}, {2, 2}},      /* right column */
26
27     {{0, 0}, {1, 1}, {2, 2}},      /* main diagonal (upper left to lower right) */
28     {{0, 2}, {1, 1}, {2, 0}},      /* other diagonal (upper right to lower left) */
29 };
30 #define N_LINES (sizeof line / sizeof line[0])
31
32 int BigFieldJustChanged(char *cell); /* inherited from previous program */
33
34 cell_t which_cell_just_changed();

```

```

35 int contains(const line_t line, cell_t cell);
36 char all_the_same(const line_t line);
37
38 int main(int argc, char **argv)
39 {
40     int i; /* index into line[] array (better name than l) */
41     char c;
42     char WINNER[] = "?"; /* inherited from previous program */
43
44
45     cell_t cell = which_cell_just_changed();
46     if (cell.row == -1 || cell.col == -1) {
47         fprintf(stderr, "%s: no cell changed.\n", argv[0]);
48         return EXIT_FAILURE;
49     }
50
51     for (i = 0; i < NLINES; ++i) {
52         if (contains(line[i], cell) && (c = all_the_same(line[i])) != '\0') {
53             WINNER[0] = c;
54             printf("The winner is %s\n", WINNER);
55             return EXIT_SUCCESS;
56         }
57     }
58
59     return EXIT_FAILURE;
60 }
61
62 /*
63 Return the cell_t that just changed. This function does the work of the widely
64 scattered lines 6, 20, 32, 46, 58, 74, 89, 100, 112 of the original program.
65 */
66
67 cell_t which_cell_just_changed()
68 {
69     cell_t not_found = {-1, -1};
70
71     for (row = 0; row < N; ++row) {
72         for (col = 0; col < N; ++col) {
73             if (BigFieldJustChanged(&CELL[row][col])) {
74                 cell_t cell = {row, col};
75                 return cell;
76             }
77         }
78     }
79
80     return not_found;
81 }
82
83 /*
84 If the line contains the specified cell, return 1. Otherwise, return 0.
85 */
86
87 int contains(const line_t line, cell_t cell)
88 {

```

```
89     int i;
90
91     for (i = 0; i < N; ++i) {
92         if (line[i].row == cell.row && line[i].col == cell.col) {
93             return 1;
94         }
95     }
96
97     return 0;
98 }
99
100 /*
101 If all N characters in the line are the same, return the character.
102 Otherwise, return '\0'.
103 */
104
105 char all_the_same(const line_t line)
106 {
107     const char c = CELL[line[0].row][line[0].col];    /* first char in the line */
108     int i;
109
110     /* all the remaining char's */
111     for (i = 1; i < N; ++i) {
112         if (c != CELL[line[i].row][line[i].col]) {
113             return '\0';
114         }
115     }
116
117     return c;
118 }
```

Do it with a Perl regular expression

```

http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/winner
#!/bin/perl

$_ = <STDIN>;
chomp($_); #Remove the trailing newline from $_.

if (length($_) != 9 || $_ =~ /[^XO ]/) {
    die "$0: Input line must be nine X's, O's, or blanks.";
}

#Insert a dash after the 3rd character and after the 6th character.
#For example, OOOXOOXX becomes OOX-XXO-OXX.

$_ =~ s/(...)(...)(...)/\1-\2-\3/;

if (
    $_ =~ /([XO])\1\1/ || #any row
    $_ =~ /([XO])...1...1/ || #any column
    $_ =~ /([XO])...-\1...1/ || #the main diagonal
    $_ =~ /([XO])-\1.-\1/) { #the other diagonal

    print "$1 is a winner.\n";
    exit 0;
}

print "No one has won yet.\n";
exit 1;

```

Compile a C or C++ program

Compile a C program with `cc` or `gcc`; compile a C++ program with `cxx` or `g++`. Put your executable files (e.g., `prog`) in the `bin` subdirectory of your home directory:

```

1$ echo $PATH
2$ echo $PATH | tr : '\012' | more

3$ gcc -o ~/bin/prog prog.c           minus lowercase o to create an executable file named prog.
4$ gcc -o ~/bin/prog prog.c 2> errors ksh(1) p. 18 for 2>
5$ more errors

6$ ls -l ~/bin/prog                 The execute bit will be turned on.
7$ prog                             Execute prog.

```

Dbx tells what line your C program dumped core at.

```

1$ prog                             prog dumps core.
2$ ls -l core                       Don't cat the core file.

```

Recompile your program with the `-g` option:

```

3$ gcc -g -o ~/bin/prog prog.c
4$ prog                               Run prog again; it will dump core again.
5$ ls -l core
6$ dbx ~/bin/prog core
(dbx) where                             main at bottom; most recent function at top
(dbx) quit
7$ rm core

```

Discover why a system called failed: Curry pp. 54–55; KP pp. 206–207; K&R p. 248

The error checking obscures the code, which is why they invented exceptions in C++:

—Source code on the Web at <http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/error.c>

```

1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <errno.h>
4
5 int main(int argc, char **argv)
6 {
7     FILE *fp = fopen("outfile", "w");
8     if (fp == NULL) {
9         fprintf(stderr, "%s: fopen error number %d\n", argv[0], errno);
10        return EXIT_FAILURE;
11    }
12
13    if (fprintf(fp, "hello\n") != 6) {
14        fprintf(stderr, "%s: fprintf error number %d\n", argv[0], errno);
15        return EXIT_FAILURE;
16    }
17
18    if (fclose(fp) != 0) {
19        fprintf(stderr, "%s: fclose error number %d\n", argv[0], errno);
20        return EXIT_FAILURE;
21    }
22
23    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
24 }

```

The value of `errno(3c)` is one of the macros in `/usr/include/sys/errno.h`, which is `#include'd` by the file `/usr/include/errno.h`:

```

1 /* Excerpt from the file /usr/include/errno.h */
2 extern int errno;

3 /* Excerpts from the file /usr/include/sys/errno.h */
4 #define EACCES    13 /* Permission denied          */
5 #define EINVAL   22 /* Invalid argument          */
6 #define ENFILE   23 /* File table overflow       */
7 #define EMFILE   24 /* Too many open files      */

```

`fopen(3c)` lists all the reasons why `opendir` could fail. `intro(2)` and `/usr/include/sys/errno.h` list all the reasons why *any* Unix system call could fail—grim but fascinating reading.

The variable `errno` is in the object file `sparc_data.o` in the C Standard Library `/usr/lib/libc.a`:

```
1$ nm -Ap /usr/lib/libc.a | awk '$4 ~ /errno$/ && $3 ~ /^[^NU]/'
/usr/lib/libc.a[errno.o]: 0000000000 T __errno
/usr/lib/libc.a[sparc_data.o]: 0000000004 D errno
```

— <http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/error> —

```
#!/bin/ksh
#Here's how a shellscript can get its hands on the value of errno.

chmod a-w .
date > outfile
echo errno == $ERRNO
exit 0
```

```
2$ ./error
./error: /home1/m/mm64/outfile: cannot create
errno == 2
```

```
1 /* Excerpt from /usr/include/sys/errno.h:
2 #define ENOENT 2 /* No such file or directory */
```

▼ Homework 1.1: read the list of kernel error messages (not to be handed in)

Print and read `/usr/include/sys/errno.h` and `intro(2)`. At Bloomberg,

```
1$ man -T lp 2 intro | lp -d prog_67
```

▲

Print an error message instead of an error number K&R p. 250

Instead of printing code number 13 for `EACCES`,

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <errno.h>
4 #include <string.h> /* for strerror */
5
6 int main(int argc, char **argv)
7 {
8     FILE *fp = fopen("outfile", "w");
9
10    if (fp == NULL) {
11        fprintf(stderr, "%s: code %d means %s\n",
12            argv[0], errno, strerror(errno));
13        return EXIT_FAILURE;
14    }
```

```
1$ chmod a-w . Don't let anyone put a new file into the current directory.
2$ prog
prog: code 13 means Permission denied
```

▼ Homework 1.2: print every system call error message

Write a `for` loop that will call `strerror` and print its argument and return value. Right-justify the argument with `printf %3d`. Use the numbers 0, 1, 2, etc. as arguments of `strerror`. Keep going until you get a `NULL` return value. (In other versions of Unix, you keep going until the argument is

`sys_nerr`.)

Do not `#include errno.h` and do not use the variable `errno`: create your own variable to be the loop counter. Return exit status `EXIT_SUCCESS`.

Do not use `perror` in this assignment: the only functions you call will be `printf` and `strerror`. Look them up in Appendix B of K&R to find the `.h` files you must `#include`. You do not need to `#include errno.h` in order to call `strerror`.

Hand in the program and its output.

```

0 Error 0
1 Not owner
2 No such file or directory
3 No such process
4 Interrupted system call
etc.
148 No route to host
149 Operation already in progress
150 Operation now in progress
151 Stale NFS file handle

```

Another possibility: use the above `for` loop to find the maximum legal value `n` for the argument of `strerror` but don't print anything yet. Then `sleep` for three seconds and pass a random number in the range 1 to `n` inclusive to `strerror`. Print `argv[0]`, a colon, a blank, the return value of `strerror`, and a `\n` to `stderr`, and `return` from `main` `exit` with exit status `EXIT_FAILURE`.

To make `rand` give you a different random number each time you run the program, call `srand` before `rand`:

```

1 #include <stdlib.h>      /* for srand and rand */
2 #include <time.h>       /* for time */
3
4 int main()
5 {
6     /* Seed the random number generator: */
7     srand(time(NULL));
8
9     /* Now you can call rand. */

```

▲

`perror`: K&R p. 248

In all your homework, write an `if` testing the return value of every system call. If the value indicates failure, pass the name of the program (i.e., `argv[0]`) to `perror` and `exit` with a non-zero exit status:

```

1 /* A better way to do the above example. */
2 #include <stdio.h>      /* don't need string.h and errno.h to call perror */
3 #include <stdlib.h>
4
5 int main(int argc, char **argv)
6 {
7     FILE *fp = fopen("outfile", "w");
8     if (fp == NULL) {
9         perror(argv[0]);
10        return EXIT_FAILURE;
11    }

```

```
1$ chmod a-w .           Don't let anyone put a new file into the current directory.
2$ prog
prog: Permission denied
```

Why we have both perror and strerror

```
1 FILE *fp = fopen("outfile", "w");
2 if (fp == NULL) {
3     perror(argv[0]);
4     return EXIT_FAILURE;
5 }

6 FILE *fp1;
7 FILE *fp2;
8
9 fp1 = fopen("outfile1", "w");
10 if (fp1 == NULL) {
11     fprintf(stderr, %s: outfile1: %s\n", argv[0], strerror(errno));
12     return EXIT_FAILURE;
13 }
14
15 fp2 = fopen("outfile2", "w");
16 if (fp2 == NULL) {
17     fprintf(stderr, %s: outfile2: %s\n", argv[0], strerror(errno));
18     return EXIT_FAILURE;
19 }
```

Print an error message in Perl

```
1$ prog1 && prog2
2$ prog1 || prog2
```

In Perl, a variable name *always* starts with a dollar sign: it's more consistent than the shell language. For example, `$0` is the name of the perlscript. As in the shell language, you can use variables within "double quotes" but not within 'single quotes':

```
3$ echo "Oh give me a $HOME"           examples in the shell language
Oh give me a /home1/a/abc1234

4$ echo 'Oh give me a $HOME'
Oh give me a $HOME
```

Outside of double quotes, the variable `#!` is the integer value of `errno`. But inside of double quotes, the variable `#!` is the error message that `strerror` would return.

<http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/open>

```
#!/bin/perl

if (!defined open(OUTFILE, ">outfile")) {
    die "$0: $!";
}

open(OUTFILE, ">outfile") || die "$0: $!";    #Requires parentheses.
open OUTFILE, ">/outfile" or die "$0: $!";    #Doesn't require parentheses.
die "$0: $!" unless open(OUTFILE, ">outfile");

close OUTFILE;
exit 0;
```

Try to fix the problem indicated by errno

If you attempt to continue after examining `errno`, you must reset it to zero in case you encounter a future error. On i5, `#include unistd.h` instead of the `syscalls.h` in K&R p. 171.

```
1 #include <errno.h>
2 #include <unistd.h>    /* for sleep */
3
4     if (fp == NULL) {
5         switch (errno) {
6
7             case EMFILE:
8                 fclose(a file that I no longer need to keep open);
9                 break;
10
11            case ENFILE:
12                sleep(20);    /* Wait for other people to close their files */
13                break;
14
15            /* etc. */
16
17            default:
18                fprintf(stderr, "%s: unknown error %d\n", argv[0], errno);
19                return EXIT_FAILURE;
20        }
21
22        errno = 0;
23        try to fopen("outfile", "w") again;
```

Use a loop to keep trying. Terminate the loop when you succeed, or when you encounter an error that you can't attempt to fix, or when you've looped too many times.

```
24 #include <errno.h>
25 #include <unistd.h>
26
27     while ((fp = fopen("outfile")) == NULL) {
28         switch (errno) {
29
30             case EMFILE:
31                 fclose(a file that I no longer need to keep open);
32                 break;
33
34             case ENFILE:
```

```

35         sleep(20); /* Wait for other people to close their files */
36         break;
37
38     /* etc. */
39
40     default:
41         fprintf(stderr, "%s: unknown error %d\n", argv[0], errno);
42         return EXIT_FAILURE;
43     }
44
45     errno = 0;
46 }

```

List a directory: Curry pp. 132–138; Bach pp. 73–74; K&R pp. 179–184

Every directory contains a file whose name is just a dot. For example, to see the dot file in your home directory,

```

1$ cd
2$ pwd

3$ ls -l                                everything except those whose names begin with a dot
4$ ls -la                                a for "all"
drwxr-xr-x  22 abc1234      users      4096 Jan  8 12:05 .

```

A dot file consists of sections called *entries* or *links*. Each entry contains the name and inode number of one of the files in the directory. The name is ASCII text but the inode number is in binary. Thus, like a P6 format .ppm file, you can't `cat` a dot file onto the screen or `lpr` it.

In the early days of Unix, the inode number was 16 bits (see `ino_t` in KP p. 209) and the filename could be up to 14 characters (see `d_name` in KP p. 209 or Curry p. 34). Each entry was therefore the same length (16 bytes) and the dot file was simple enough so that you could read it with `od` (KP pp. 51, 59). But nowadays the inode number is 32 bits (see `ino_t` and `ulong_t` in `/usr/include/sys/types.h`) and the filename can be longer:

```

1 /* Excerpt from /usr/include/sys/fs/udf_inode.h */
2 #define MAXNAMLEN    255

```

Each entry can now be a different length and the dot file is therefore so complicated that we have to call functions to read it: `opendir`, `readdir`, `closedir`. See `opendir(3)`.

```

1 /* Excerpt from the file /usr/include/sys/types.h */
2 typedef unsigned long ulong_t
3 typedef ulong_t ino_t;                /* inode number */

4 /* Excerpt from the file /usr/include/sys/dirent.h, which is included by
5 /usr/include/dirent.h */
6
7 struct dirent {                       /* Each directory entry consists of: */
8     ino_t d_ino;                       /* file number of entry */
9     char d_name[1];                   /* any number of bytes */
10                                        /* and more fields that I'm not showing you */
11 };

```

—Source code on the Web at <http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/readdir.c>

```

1 /* Produce the same output as ls -fi */
2 #include <stdio.h>

```

```

3 #include <stdlib.h>
4 #include <errno.h>
5 #include <sys/types.h>
6 #include <dirent.h>
7
8 int main(int argc, char **argv)
9 {
10     DIR *directory = opendir(".");
11     struct dirent *p;
12
13     if (directory == NULL) {
14         perror(argv[0]);
15         return EXIT_FAILURE;
16     }
17
18     while ((p = readdir(directory)) != NULL) {
19         printf("%6lu\t%s\n", p->d_ino, p->d_name);
20     }
21
22     /* Make sure we broke out of the while loop because of end-of-directory. */
23     if (errno != ESUCCESS) { /* Use 0 if you have no macro ESUCCESS. */
24         perror(argv[0]);
25         return EXIT_FAILURE;
26     }
27
28     if (closedir(directory) != 0) {
29         perror(argv[0]);
30         return EXIT_FAILURE;
31     }
32
33     return EXIT_SUCCESS;
34 }

```

You can split line 10 into the following lines 10 and 12

```

10     DIR *directory;
11     struct dirent *p;
12     directory = opendir(".");

```

—but why would you want to?

The operators in line 18 execute in the same order as those in the classic idiom in C

```
while ((c = getchar()) != EOF) {
```

When run in the directory `/home1/m/mm64`, the first lines output by the above program are:

```

445     .
16     ..
505379  .sh_history
114549  mail
21560   bin
65170   .profile
19784   .jetadmin
24254   math
24263   public_html
25085   46

```

▼ **Homework 1.3: fix the control structure. (not to be handed in)**

The `while` loop in the example in `readdir(3)` uselessly keeps checking to see if the value of `dirp` has become `NULL`. Fix it. It also calls `closedir` in two places. Fix it so that it calls `closedir` in only one place.

▲

The dot file is the directory itself.

Most people think that a *directory* is a section of the disk that holds a group of files, but this is an illusion. The files in a directory may actually be stored in widely separated places on the disk. The only thing these files have in common is that their names are listed in a dot file. In other words, a directory is just a dot file. In the above example, we could have changed

```
directory = opendir(".");
```

to

```
directory = opendir("/home1/m/mm64");
```

because `/home1/m/mm64` is just another name for this dot file.

The `ls` command merely displays the contents of a dot file (i.e., it outputs the `d_name` field of each entry in the dot file). The `rm` command merely removes an entry from a dot file, and then usually incinerates the file. The `mv` command (when used to rename a file) merely changes the `d_name` field of an entry in a dot file. The `mv` command (when used to move a file) merely removes an entry from one dot file and creates a new entry in another dot file.

Thus `mv` is really just a special-purpose editor. Why can't you `rm` or `mv` a file in a directory whose `w` bits are turned off?

```
1$ chmod 555 .           Change the current directory to r-xr-xr-x.
2$ ls -ld .              List the current directory itself, but not the files in it.
3$ rm file
```

Can you direct the output of a program into a dot file? Bach p. 74; KP p. 55

```
1$ date > outfile
2$ date >| outfile      override the Korn shell setnoclobber, ksh(1) pp. 15, 33

3$ cd
4$ pwd

5$ mkdir mydir
6$ ls -l | more
drwx-----  2 abc1234  users      117 Jan  9 00:00 mydir

7$ cd mydir
8$ pwd
9$ ls -la
drwx-----  2 abc1234  users      117 Jan  9 00:00 .

10$ date > .
.: Is a directory
```

The same error message results from

```
11$ cd
12$ pwd
13$ date > mydir
mydir: Is a directory
```

mydir is just another name for this dot file.

Read a directory in Perl

The variable `$_` is the conventional variable for holding each successive line of input. Use `ne` to compare two strings, `!=` to compare two numbers:

```
http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/readdir
#!/bin/perl
#Output the names of all the things in the specified directory,
#one per line.

opendir(DIRHANDLE, '/home/m/mm64') || die "$0: $!";

while (($_ = readdir(DIRHANDLE)) ne '') {
    print "$_\n";
}

closedir(DIRHANDLE) || die "$0: $!";
exit 0;
```

The operators in the `while` expression execute in the same order as those in the classic idiom in C

```
while ((c = getchar()) != EOF) {
```

You can change it to

```
while ($_ = readdir(DIRHANDLE)) {
```

File types: Curry pp. 105–107, 110–111; Bach pp. 61, 88; KP pp. 54, 66, 214–215; K&R pp. 181–182

The first character on each line output by `ls -l` shows the type of the file. The seven possibilities are listed in `ls(1)`, `stat(2)`, and the seven `S_IF#define`'s in `/usr/include/sys/stat.h` (or `mode.h` in other versions of Unix).

In other versions, typical terminal names might be `/dev/ttypa` or `/dev/pts/10`.

<code>/devices/pseudo/pts@0:0</code>	<i>character device, e.g., a terminal</i>
<code>/dev/vx/dsk/rootvol</code>	<i>block device, e.g., a disk drive</i>
<code>/bin/perl</code>	<i>symbolic link, created by <code>ln -s</code></i>
<code>/var/spool/lp/fifos/FIFO</code>	<i>named pipe, i.e., FIFO, created by <code>mknod p</code></i>
<code>/tmp/mysql.sock</code>	<i>socket, created by <code>socket</code> system call</i>
<code>/home1/a</code>	<i>directory, i.e., a dot file, created by <code>mkdir</code></i>
<code>/etc/passwd</code>	<i>none of the above, i.e., a plain, regular file</i>

```
1$ ls -l
crw--w---- 1 root   tty      24,  0 Dec 14  2000 pts@0:0
brw----- 1 root   root     200,  0 Dec 14  2000 rootvol
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root   other    19 Dec 15  2000 perl -> /usr/local/bin/perl
prw-rw-rw- 1 lp     lp        0 Dec 14  2000 FIFO
drwxr-xr-x 951 root   other   20480 Oct 22 10:29 a
-r--r--r-- 1 root   sys     736431 Jan  5 15:19 passwd
```

```
2$ find / -type p -print 2> /dev/null | more
```

Inodes: Curry pp. 109–110, 112–121 Bach pp. 61–63; KP pp. 57–63, 214–219; K&R pp. 179–182

All the facts about a file (other than its name and contents) are stored in a structure called the file's *inode*. Each file has one inode, and each inode has an identifying number. To see the inode number as well as the name of each file in a directory, run the `opendir` C program shown above or say `ls -i` or `ls -li` (minus lowercase `l`).

To read the fields of an inode, declare a `struct stat` and pass the structure's address to the system call `stat` to fill it up. See `stat(2)`. You don't have to give `stat` a full pathname: like all Unix programs, it assumes that the file is in the current directory if you specify no path.

The `ls -l` command merely reads and displays the contents of the inode of each file listed in a dot file.

```
1 /* Excerpts from the file /usr/include/sys/types.h */
2
3 typedef unsigned long dev_t; /* contains the major and minor device numbers */
4 typedef unsigned long major_t;
5 typedef unsigned long minor_t;
6 typedef unsigned long mode_t; /* permission bits: rwxrwxrwx */
7 typedef unsigned long nlink_t; /* number of hard links coming out of a file */
8 typedef long uid_t; /* user ID number (field 3 of /etc/passwd) */
9 typedef uid_t gid_t; /* group ID number (field 3 of /etc/group) */
10 typedef long off_t; /* file's size in bytes */
11 typedef long time_t; /* number of seconds since Midnight 1/1/70 */

12 /* Excerpts from the file /usr/include/sys/stat.h */
13
14 struct stat { /* excerpts */
15     dev_t st_dev; /* major and minor device numbers */
16     ino_t st_ino; /* inode number */
17     mode_t st_mode; /* the permission bits: rwxrwxrwx */
18     nlink_t st_nlink; /* how many hard links come out of this file */
19     uid_t st_uid; /* UID number of file's owner */
20     gid_t st_gid; /* GID number of file's owner's group */
21     off_t st_size; /* size of file in bytes */
22     time_t st_atime; /* last time accessed (fed as input) ls -lu */
23     time_t st_mtime; /* last time modified (edited) ls -lt */
24     time_t st_ctime; /* last time changed (edited or chmod'ed) ls -lc */
25 };

26 /* Excerpts from the file /usr/include/sys/stat.h */
27
28 /* Permission bits. See stat(2), chmod(2). */
29
30 #define S_IAMB 0x1FF /* access mode bits: the nine permission bits */
31 #define S_IRUSR 00400 /* read permission: user (i.e., owner) */
32 #define S_IWUSR 00200 /* write permission: user */
33 #define S_IXUSR 00100 /* execute permission: user */
34
35 #define S_IRGRP 00040 /* read permission: group */
36 #define S_IWGRP 00020 /* write permission: group */
37 #define S_IXGRP 00010 /* execute permission: group */
38
```

```

39 #define S_IROTH 00004      /* read permission: other (i.e., everybody else) */
40 #define S_IWOTH 00002      /* write permission: other */
41 #define S_IXOTH 00001      /* execute permission: other */
42
43 /* type of file */
44 #define S_IFMT  0xF000
45
46 #define S_IFBLK 0x6000      /* b  block device, e.g., a disk drive in /dev */
47 #define S_IFCHR 0x2000      /* c  character device, e.g., a terminal in /dev */
48 #define S_IFLNK 0xA000      /* l  symbolic link, created by ln -s */
49 #define S_IFIFO 0x1000      /* p  FIFO, i.e., named pipe, created by mknod p */
50 #define S_IFSOCK 0xC000     /* s  socket, created by socket system call */
51 #define S_IFDIR  0x4000     /* d  directory, i.e., a dot file, created by mkdir */
52 #define S_IFREG  0x8000     /* -  regular file, i.e., none of the above */

```

—Source code on the Web at <http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/stat.c>

```

1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <time.h>
4 #include <sys/types.h>
5 #include <sys/stat.h>      /* declarations for the st_ fields */
6 #include <sys/mkdev.h>     /* declarations for major and minor functions */
7
8 int main(int argc, char **argv)
9 {
10     struct stat status;
11     mode_t type;
12     char age[256];
13
14     if (stat("/etc/passwd", &status) != 0) {
15         perror(argv[0]);
16         return EXIT_FAILURE;
17     }
18
19     printf("%lu\tinode number\n", status.st_ino);
20
21     printf("%08lx\tdevice number\n", status.st_dev);
22     printf("%lu\tmajor device number\n", major(status.st_dev));
23     printf("%lu\tminor device number\n", minor(status.st_dev));
24
25     printf("%lu\tmode\n", status.st_mode);
26     type = status.st_mode & S_IFMT;
27     printf("%lu\tfile type\n", type);
28
29     if (type == S_IFBLK) {
30         printf("This is a block device.\n");
31     } else if (type == S_IFCHR) {
32         printf("This is a character device.\n");
33     } else if (type == S_IFLNK) {
34         printf("This is a symbolic link.\n");
35     } else if (type == S_IFIFO) {
36         printf("This is a named pipe.\n");
37     } else if (type == S_IFSOCK) {
38         printf("This is a socket.\n");

```

```

39     } else if (type == S_IFDIR) {
40         printf("This is a directory.\n");
41     } else if (type == S_IFREG) {
42         printf("This is a regular file.\n");
43     } else {
44         printf("unknown file type %lu.\n", type);
45     }
46
47     printf("%03lo\tnine permission bits (in octal)\n", status.st_mode & S_IAMB);
48
49     printf("%lu\tnumber of links\n", status.st_nlink);
50     printf("%ld\tfile's UID number\n", status.st_uid);
51     printf("%ld\tfile's GID number\n", status.st_gid);
52     printf("%ld\tsize in bytes\n", status.st_size);
53
54     printf("%ld\tseconds since Midnight 1/1/70\n", status.st_mtime);
55     strftime(age, sizeof age, "%b %d %H:%M %Y", localtime(&status.st_mtime));
56     printf("%s\n", age);
57
58     return EXIT_SUCCESS;
59 }

```

Here's the output:

```

318949      inode number
03200000    device number
200        major device number
0          minor device number
33060      mode
32768      file type
This is a regular file.
444        nine permission bits (in octal)
1          number of links
0          file's UID number
3          file's GID number
736431     size in bytes
1073333952 seconds since Midnight 1/1/70
Jan 05 15:19 2004

```

```

1$ cd /etc
2$ ls -li passwd
    318949 -r--r--r--    1 root      sys          736431 Jan  5 15:19 passwd

3$ awk -F: '$3 == 0 {print $1}' /etc/passwd
root

4$ awk -F: '$3 == 3 {print $1}' /etc/group
sys

5$ bc                                     binary calculator
scale=5
1073333952 / 60 / 60 / 24 / 365.25
34.01190
control-d

```

```

6$ df /etc/passwd                                disk free
/ (/dev/vx/dsk/rootvol): 562598 blocks 426744 files

7$ ls -l /dev/vx/dsk/rootvol
brw----- 1 root root 200, 0 Dec 14 2000 /dev/vx/dsk/rootvol

```

Examples of bitwise &: K&R pp. 48–49

The following `if` statement is true for `/etc/motd`. Use parentheses to execute the `&` before the `==` as in K&R, pp. 181–182.

```

41     } else if (type == S_IFREG) {

           type      1000 000110100100
& S_IFMT      1111 000000000000
-----
S_IFREG 1000      000000000000

47     printf("%03lo\tnine permission bits (in octal)\n", status.st_mode & 0777);

           status.st_mode      1000000 110100100
& S_IAMB      0000000 111111111
-----
           rw-r--r-- 0000000      110100100

```

stat in Perl

The `->` makes the `$st` look like a structure and makes the `ino` look like a structure field. But the `$st` is really a `File::stat` object and the `ino` is really a method of that object with no arguments.

```

http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/stat
#!/bin/perl

use File::stat;

$st = stat('/etc/passwd');
defined $st || die "$0: $!";

print $st->ino, "\tinode number\n",
      $st->dev, "\tdevice number\n",
      $st->mode, "\tmode\n";

exit 0;

```

```

318949      inode number
52428800    device number
33060      mode

```

▼ Homework 1.4: write a program to list the files in the current directory

Write a C, C++, or Perl program named `myls` to produce the same output as

```
ls -lai | tail +2
```

Hand in the output when run in the following directory:

```
1$ cd $S44/dir
2$ pwd
/home1/m/mm64/public_html/x52.9544/src/dir
```

The directory `/home1/m/mm64/public_html/x52.9544/src` is on the web at <http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/>.

```
3$ myls
```

```
24381 drwxr-xr-x  5 mm64  users      4096 Mar 11  2001 .
24374 drwxr-xr-x  3 mm64  users      4096 Jan  8  00:51 ..
24382 drwxr-xr-x  2 mm64  users        96 Jan 31  2001 dir1
24383 drwsr-xr-t  2 mm64  users        96 Jan 31  2001 dir2
24384 drwSrW-rWT  2 mm64  users        96 Jan 31  2001 dir3
24385 -r-xr-xr-x  2 mm64  users         6 Jan 27  1998 file1
24385 -r-xr-xr-x  2 mm64  users         6 Jan 27  1998 hard_link
24386 -r-sr-sr-x  1 mm64  users         0 Jan 27  1998 file3
24387 -r-Sr-lr--  1 mm64  users         0 Jan 27  1998 file4
24388 lrwxrwxrwx  1 mm64  users       15 Jan 31  2001 symbolic_link -> /usr/dic
24389 p-----  1 mm64  users         0 Jan 27  1998 pipe
24390 -----  1 mm64  users         0 Jan 27  1998 file2
```

I created the named pipe with the command

```
4$ /usr/sbin/mknod pipe p
```

Do not write the name of the `$S44/dir` directory in your program: the directory that your program lists must be its *current* directory. You get no credit if your program takes any command line arguments. You get no credit if your program calls `chdir` or contains the name of the `$S44/dir` directory.

Loop through all the names in the dot file of the current directory, and pass each name to `stat`. Do not sort the names in alphabetical order: simply output them in the order in which `readdir` returns them to you. Right-justify the inode number in a field at least 6 characters wide, (i.e., `printf "%6lu"`) and right-justify the file size in a field at least 10 characters wide. When the loop is over, `closedir` and `return` from `main` with exit status `EXIT_SUCCESS`.

Hand the C, C++, or Perl program itself and the program's output when run in the directory `$S44/dir`. You get no credit without the output.

Print the file type

The first character of the second field on each output line must be one of the seven filetype characters `-bcdlps`. Do not write seven `if` statements like the seven shown above. You get credit only if you loop with a pointer through an array of structures:

—Source code on the Web at http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/st_mode.c

```
1 /* Output the filetype of /etc/passwd. */
2 #include <stdio.h>
3 #include <stdlib.h>
4 #include <time.h>
5 #include <sys/types.h>
6 #include <sys/stat.h>
7
8 typedef struct {
9     char c;          /* the first character on each line output by ls -l */
10    mode_t mask;     /* one of the S_IF macros */
11 } filetype_t;
12
13 int main(int argc, char **argv)
```

```

14 {
15     filetype_t a[] = {
16         {'b',    S_IFBLK},    /* block device */
17         {'c',    S_IFCHR},    /* character i/o device */
18         {'l',    S_IFLNK},    /* symbolic link */
19         {'p',    S_IFIFO},    /* named pipe */
20         {'s',    S_IFSOCK},   /* socket */
21         {'d',    S_IFDIR},    /* directory */
22         {'-',    S_IFREG},    /* regular file */
23
24         {'\0',   0}           /* end of data */
25     };
26
27     struct stat status;
28     filetype_t *p;
29
30     if (stat("/etc/passwd", &status) != 0) {
31         perror(argv[0]);
32         return EXIT_FAILURE;
33     }
34
35     for (p = a; p->mask != 0; ++p) {
36         if ((status.st_mode & S_IFMT) == p->mask) {
37             printf("%c\n", p->c);
38             RETURN EXIT_SUCCESS;
39         }
40     }
41
42     fprintf(stderr, "%s: unknown file type, mode == %06lo\n",
43         argv[0], status.st_mode);
44     return EXIT_FAILURE;
45 }

```

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It outputs a dash.

You get credit only if you print the nine permission bits by looping through an array of nine structures with a pointer to a structure. Do not write nine `if` statements. The array of nine structures must contain 'single-quoted' characters, not "double-quoted" strings.

Print the file type in Perl

Just use the seven operators `-b`, `-c`, `-l`, `-p`, `-S` (uppercase), `-d`, `-f` (normal file).

```

#!/bin/perl

if (-b '/etc/passwd') {
    print "b\n";
} elsif (-f '/etc/motd') {
    print "-\n";
}

exit 0;

```

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Print the loginname of the file's owner

—Source code on the Web at <http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/getpwuid.c>

```

1 /* Output the loginname of the usr with UID number 50766. */
2 #include <stdio.h>
3 #include <stdlib.h>
4 #include <pwd.h>
5
6 int main(int argc, char **argv)
7 {
8     uid_t uid = 50766;
9     struct passwd *p = getpwuid(uid);
10
11     if (p == NULL) {
12         fprintf(stderr, "%s: UID %u does not exist\n", argv[0], uid);
13         return EXIT_FAILURE;
14     }
15
16     printf("%u %s\n", uid, p->pw_name);
17     return EXIT_SUCCESS;
18 }

```

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Print the loginname of the file's owner in Perl

—<http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/getpwuid>

```

#!/bin/perl

@password = getpwuid(50766);
defined @password || die "$0: $!";
print "$password[0]\n";

exit 0;

```

Print the name of the group

—Source code on the Web at <http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/getgrgid.c>

```

1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <grp.h>
4
5 int main(int argc, char **argv)
6 {
7     gid_t gid = 15;
8     struct group *p = getgrgid(gid);
9
10    if (p == NULL) {
11        fprintf(stderr, "%s: GID %u does not exist\n", argv[0], gid);
12        return EXIT_FAILURE;
13    }
14
15    printf("%u %s\n", gid, p->gr_name);
16    return EXIT_SUCCESS;

```

17 }

15 users

Print the name of the file's owner's group in Perl

```

http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/getgrgid
#!/bin/perl

@group = getgrgid(15);
defined @group || die "$0: $!";
print "$group[0]\n";

exit 0;

```

users

↘ Display old files differently

Extra credit. `ls -l` displays the year instead of the hour and minute when a file is more than six months old:

```

1$ cd /etc
2$ ls -lt | more
-r--r--r--  1 root  staff      26970 Jan  8 14:18 group
-rw-r--r--  1 root  sys        1802 Jan  5  2000 dacf.conf

```

To find the current time, measured in seconds since Midnight, January 1, 1970,

—Source code on the Web at <http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/strftime.c>

```

1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <time.h>
4
5 int main(int argc, char **argv)
6 {
7     time_t current;
8     char age[256];
9
10    time(&current);
11    printf("current == %d\n", current);
12    strftime(age, sizeof age, "%b %d %H:%M %Y", localtime(&current));
13    printf("%s\n", age);
14
15    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
16 }

```

```

current == 1073624445
Jan 09 00:00 2004

```

To see how old `/etc/passwd` is,

```

1073624445
-1073333952
-----
 290493

```

There are 15,768,000 seconds in six months, but please write `60 * 60 * 24 * 365 / 2` instead of

15768000:

```
/* Display year instead of hour & minute for files older than this
number of seconds. */
const time_t threshold = 60 * 60 * 24 * 365 / 2;
```

The word `strftime` must appear only once in your program.

The elements of the array returned by the Perl `localtime` function are just like the fields of the C `struct tm`. See K&R, p. 255.

```
-----http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/localtime-----
#!/bin/perl

print time(), "\n";

@F = localtime(time()); #or just @F = localtime();

printf "month == %d, day == %d, %02d:%02d\n",
       $F[4], $F[3], $F[2], $F[1];

exit 0;
```

```
1073624446
month == 0, day == 9, 00:00
```

↘ Display the three extra permission bits: Bach pp. 225–229; Curry pp. 124–125; KP pp. 54–55

```
1$ cd /bin
2$ ls -l at mailx passwd
-rwsr-xr-x  1 root    sys      37784 Aug 27  2002 at
-r-x--s--x  1 root    mail    126880 Jan  9  2002 mailx
-r-xr-xr-x  1 root    other   555 Feb 20  2002 passwd
```

Extra credit. In addition to the nine classic permission bits, display the values of the `S_ISUID`, `S_ISGID`, and `S_ISVTX` bits listed in `/usr/include/sys/stat.h`. See `ls(1)`.

(1) When `S_ISUID` and `S_IXUSR` are both on, print a lowercase `s` in place of the user's execute permission. When `S_ISUID` is on and `S_IXUSR` is off, print an uppercase `S` in place of the user's execute permission.

(2) When `S_ISGID` and `S_IXGRP` are both on, print a lowercase `s` in place of the group's execute permission. When `S_ISGID` is on and `S_IXGRP` is off, print an uppercase `S` in place of the group's execute permission.

(3) When `S_ISVTX` and `S_IXOTH` are both on, print a lowercase `t` in place of the other people's execute permission. When `S_ISVTX` is on and `S_IXOTH` is off, print an uppercase `T` in place of the other people's execute permission. For example,

```
3$ cd
4$ pwd
5$ date > junk

6$ chmod 4555 junk
7$ ls -l
-r-sr-xr-x  1 abc1234  users      29 Jan  9 00:00 junk
```

```

8$ chmod 4455 junk
9$ ls -l
-r-Sr-xr-x  1 abc1234      users          29 Jan  9 00:00 junk

10$ mkdir junkdir           we can use the S_ISVTX bit only for directories, not files

11$ chmod 1555 junkdir
12$ ls -ld junkdir
dr-xr-xr-t  2 abc1234      users          117 Jan  9 00:00 junkdir

13$ chmod 1554 junkdir
14$ ls -ld junkdir
dr-xr-xr-T  2 abc1234      users          117 Jan  9 00:00 junkdir

```

```

#!/bin/perl

if (-u '/etc/passwd') {
    print "s\n";
} else {
    print "-\n";
}

exit 0;

```

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⌘ Print the major and minor device numbers

Extra credit. If the file is of type `S_IFBLK` or `S_IFCHR` (i.e., `b` or `c`), print the major and minor device numbers (separated by a comma) instead of the size. Take this information from the `st_rdev` field of the `struct stat`. Use the `major` and `minor` macros in `/usr/include/sys/types.h`.

```

1$ ls -l /etc/passwd /dev/vx/dsk/rootvol /devices/pseudo/pts@0:0
brw-----  1 root      root      200,  0 Dec 14  2000 /dev/vx/dsk/rootvol
crw--w----  1 root      tty       24,  0 Dec 14  2000 /devices/pseudo/pts@0:0
-r--r--r--  1 root      sys      736431 Jan  5 15:19 /etc/passwd

```

— <http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/major> —

```

#!/bin/perl
#The top 14 bits are the major device number.
#The bottom 18 bits are the minor device number.
use File::stat;

$st = stat('/dev/vx/dsk/rootvol');
defined $st || die "$0: $!";

$d = $st->rdev;
print "major == ", $d >> 18 & 0x3FFF,
      ", minor == ", $d & 0x3FFFF, "\n";

exit 0;

```

```
major == 200, minor == 0
```

↘ Print the name of the referenced file

Extra credit. If the file you're investigating is a symbolic link (e.g., **newname** below), **stat** retrieves information about the referenced file while **lstat** retrieves information about the link itself (i.e., the little one-line file which contains the name of the referenced file). Do not call **stat** anywhere in your program. Always call **lstat**, and if the file is of type **S_IFLNK**, print an arrow **->** and the name of the referenced file:

```
1$ cd
2$ pwd

3$ date > oldname
4$ ls -l

5$ ln -s /home1/a/abc1234/oldname newname           The filename is 23 characters.
6$ ls -l
lrwxrwxrwx  1 abc1234      users      28 Jan  9 00:00 newname -> /home1/a/abc1234/oldname
-rw-----  1 abc1234      users      29 Jan  9 00:00 oldname
```

—Source code on the Web at <http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/lstat.c>

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <time.h>
4 #include <sys/types.h>
5 #include <sys/stat.h>
6 #include <unistd.h>
7
8 int main(int argc, char **argv)
9 {
10     struct stat status;
11     char *p;
12     int n;          /* number of characters read in */
13
14     if ( /* the vampire */ lstat("newname", &status) != 0) {
15         perror(argv[0]);
16         return EXIT_FAILURE;
17     }
18
19     if ((status.st_mode & S_IFMT) == S_IFLNK) {
20         printf("Symbolic link containing %d characters:\n", status.st_size);
21         p = malloc(status.st_size + 1);
22         if (p == NULL) {
23             perror(argv[0]);
24             return EXIT_FAILURE;
25         }
26
27         n = readlink("newname", p, status.st_size);
28         if (n < 0) {
29             perror(argv[0]);
30             return EXIT_FAILURE;
31         }
32
33         p[n] = '\0';
34         printf("-> %s\n", p);
35         free(p);
```

```
36     }
37
38     return EXIT_SUCCESS;
39 }
```

Symbolic link containing 23 characters:

-> /home1/a/abc1234/oldname

You can combine lines 21–31 to

```
21     if ((p = malloc(status.st_size + 1)) == NULL ||
22         (n = readlink("newname", p, status.st_size)) < 0) {
23         perror(argv[0]);
24         return EXIT_FAILURE;
25     }
```

↘ Print the total number of blocks

Extra credit. I showed you only my favorite fields of the `struct stat`. One of the ones I didn't show was `st_blocks`. As you loop through every entry in the directory, add up the `st_blocks` field of each entry. Store the sum in a variable whose data type is the same as that of the `st_blocks` field. When you're done, print the total divided by 2. Prerequisite: the `lstat` extra credit.

```
1$ cd $$S44/dir
2$ ls -la | head -1
total 32
```

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