
CSc 372

Comparative Programming Languages

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Example 1 (a): Soundex

- When names are communicated by telephone, they are often transcribed incorrectly.
- Soundex is a system of encoding a name that will mitigate the effects of transcription errors.

```
# Convert all occurrences of A,E,H,I,O,  
# U,W,Y in other positions to ".."  
# Assign the following numbers to the  
# remaining letters after the first:
```

Example 1 (a): Soundex

```
# B,F,P,V => 1                      L => 4
# C,G,J,K,Q,S,X,Z => 2            M,N => 5
# D,T => 3                      R => 6
```

```
procedure soundex(name)
    local first, c, i
    # Convert to uppercase.
    name := map(name, string(&lcase),string(&ucase))

    # Retain the first letter of the name
    first := name[1]
    name := map(name, "ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPQRSTUVWXYZ",
                ".123.12..22455.12623.1.2.2")
```

Example 1: Soundex

```
# If two or more letters with the same
# code were adjacent in the original name,
# omit all but the first

every c := !"123456" do
    while i := find(c||c,name) do
        name[i+2] := c
    name[1] := first

# Now delete our place holder ('.')
while i := upto('.',name) do name[i] := ""
return left(name,4,"0")

end
```

Example 1: Soundex...

`left(s1, i, s2)` shift s1 to the left, append s2:s until position i is reached.

Example

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"2.41.62" \Rightarrow (restore first) "C.41.62" \Rightarrow (delete ".") "C4162"

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Example 2: Crypt

```
procedure main(args)
    if *args = 1 then
        ky := get(args)
    else {con := open("/dev/tty", "b")
          writes(con, "Enter password: ")
        ky := read(con)
        close(con)
    }
    i := 1; l := 0; k := []
    every put(k, ord(!ky)) do l +:= 1
    while writes(char(ixor(ord(reads()), k[i]))) do
        i %:= l + 1
    end
```

Example 3: Pack

```
# This programs reads a list of file names from
# standard input and packages the files into a
# single file which is written to standard output.
procedure main()

    while name := read() do {
        close(\in)
        in := open(name) |
            stop( "cannot open input file: ", name )
        write( ##### )
        write(name)
        while write(read(in))
    }
end
```

Example 4: Table

```
# Tabulate characters and list each character and
# the number of times it occurs.

# -a    Write the summary in alphabetical order of
#       the characters. This is the default.

# -n    Write the summary in numerical order

# -u    Write the characters that occur just once.

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procedure main(args)
    local ccount, unique, order, s, a
    local pair, rwidth, opts

    unique := 0    # switch to list unique usage only
    order := 3     # alphabetical ordering switch
```

Example 4 (b): Table...

```
opts := options(args, "anu")
if \opts["a"] then order := 3
if \opts["n"] then order := 4
if \opts["u"] then unique := 1
ccount := table(0)          # table of characters
while ccount[reads()] +:= 1
a := sort(ccount,order)
if unique = 1 then
    while s := get(a) do if get(a) = 1 then write(s
else {
    rwidth := 0; every rwidth <:= *!a
    while s := get(a) do
        write(left(image(s),10),right(get(a),rwidth))
    }
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end
```