

Computer Architecture

Homework 3

We work with the following data type, which describes the type of the cells of a linked list of strings of characters:

```
struct cell{
    char *key;
    struct cell *next;
};
```

Exercise 1.

§1-1. Write a function

```
struct cell *cons(char *string, struct cell *list);
```

which appends a copy of the string `string` to the beginning of the list `list` and returns the result. Note that you should use the `malloc` function in order to copy the string.

§1-2. Write a function

```
void print_list(struct cell *list)
```

which prints the elements of a list, one per line.

§1-3. Write a function

```
int list_length(struct cell *list)
```

which returns the length of the list given as parameter.

As usual, write a function `main` and test the code which you have just written.

Exercise 2.

§2-1. Does the `main` program of the previous exercise free all the allocated memory?

§2-2. Write a function

```
free_list(struct cell *list)
```

which frees the memory allocated for a list, and modify your `main` so that it frees all the used memory.

§2-3. What happens if you call `free_list` twice on the same list?

Exercise 3.

§3-1. Write a function

```
struct cell *read_words(char *filename)
```

which opens the file `filename` in read mode, and stores every line which it contains in a linked list. Do not forget to close the file in the end.

§3-2. Write a function `main` which reads the file

```
/usr/share/dict/words
```

stores the content in a linked list, and then prints the length of it.

Exercise 4.

§4-1. Write a function

```
int stringcompare(char *stringone, char *stringtwo)
```

which returns true if the two strings `stringone` and `stringtwo` are equal, and false otherwise, without taking care of the difference between the letter case.

§4-2. Write a function

```
int list_member(char *string, struct cell *list)
```

which returns true if the string `string` is an element of the list `list`, using the function `stringcompare` implemented in §4.1.

Exercise 5.

§5. Write a spellchecker which reads the file `/usr/share/dict/words` and stores its content in a linked list. The spellchecker will then read words from the standard input and for each of them, indicate to the user whether the word is in the dictionary.

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