CS16, 10W, H09 (File input) Total Points: 50

Available online at: http://www.cs.ucsb.edu/~pconrad/cs16/10W/homework/H09 (printable PDF)

Accepted: **on paper, in LAB (Thursday afternoon Feb 4)**

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Lab Section (5 pts) Circle one: 3pm 4pm 5pm unknown

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This assignment is due **IN LAB on Thursday.**
**It may ONLY be turned in during LAB on Thursday.**
Do NOT turn it in early in lecture on Tuesday or Thursday.

Name of your homework partner if you work with another person:

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Read Section 3.6 in your Etter textbook.

Then answer these questions:

1. (5 pts) In addition to using command line arguments, and scanf, there is a third way we can get input into a program—we can read it from a data file.

   According to your textbook, when you access a data file in a program, you need a special kind of variable called a file pointer.

   What is the line of C code that you would need to write to declare a file pointer with the variable name `earthquakeData`?

2. (5 pts) There is a function you must call to associate the variable with a file on the disk.

   Suppose you want to read data from a file called `"earthquakes.dat"`

   What line of code would you write to associate the file "earthquakes.dat" with the file pointer you declared in the previous problem?

Please turn over for questions to answer

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3. The answer to the previous problem involved a certain function. When you call that function, you sometimes get back a value of NULL.
   a. (5 pts) What does it mean when that happens?

   b. (5 pts) Why is it important to check for that by saying something like `if (earthquakeData == NULL)` after calling that function?

4. There are various ways to read data from the file after it is opened. One of them is a function discussed in section 3.6.
   a. (5 pts) What is the name of that function?

   b. (5 pts) Write a function call that invokes this function to read a single number from earthquakeData into the variable `magnitude`.
   Assume that magnitude is of type `double`.

5. (10 pts) What function call should your program make when it is finished with the data file associated with the variable `earthquakeData`?

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