

# COMS W4115

## Programming Languages and Translators

### Homework Assignment 1

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Submit your assignment on paper (e.g., printouts) at the beginning of class. **Include a demonstration of your code working on some examples in addition to the source.** Hybrid section students may slip your assignment under my door or leave it in my mailbox. *Only* CVN students may submit the assignment online.

Do this assignment alone. You may consult the instructor or a TA, but not other students. All the problems ask you to use OCaml. You may download the compiler from [ocaml.org](http://ocaml.org).

1. Write an OCaml function `pair_swap` that, given a list, returns a list in which adjacent pairs of elements are swapped. E.g.,  

```
pair_swap [] = []  
pair_swap [1] = [1]  
pair_swap ["a"; "b"; "c"; "d"; "e"] = ["b"; "a"; "d"; "c"; "e"]
```
2. Write a word frequency counter. Start from the following ocamllex program (`wordcount.mll`) that gathers in a list of strings all the words in a file, then prints them.

```
{ type token = EOF | Word of string }
```

```
rule token = parse
```

```
| eof { EOF }  
| ['a'-'z' 'A'-'Z']+ as word { Word(word) }  
| _ { token lexbuf }
```

```
{  
let lexbuf = Lexing.from_channel stdin in  
let wordlist =  
  let rec next l =  
    match token lexbuf with  
      EOF -> l  
    | Word(s) -> next (s :: l)  
  in next []  
in  
  List.iter print_endline wordlist  
}
```

Replace the `List.iter` call with code that scans through the list and builds a string map whose keys are words and whose values are the number of times each word was found. Then, use `StringMap.fold` to convert this to a list of (count, word) tuples; sort them using `List.sort`; and print them with `List.iter`. Sort the list of (count, word) pairs using

```
let wordcounts =  
  List.sort (fun (c1, _) (c2, _) ->  
            Pervasives.compare c2 c1)  
  wordcounts in
```

Compiling and running my (20-more-line) solution:

```
$ ocamllex wordcount.mll  
4 states, 315 transitions, table size 1284 bytes  
  
$ ocamlc -o wordcount wordcount.ml  
  
$ ./wordcount < wordcount.mll  
  
9 word  
7 map  
7 let  
7 StringMap  
6 in  
...
```

3. Extend the three-slide “calculator” example shown at the end of the Introduction to OCaml slides (the source is also available on the class website) to accept the variables named `$a` through `$z`, assignment to those variables, and sequencing using the “,” operator. For example,

```
$a = 3, $c = $b = 6, $a * $b + $c
```

should print “24”

Use an array of length 26 initialized to all zeros to store the values of the variables. You’ll need to add tokens to the parser and scanner for representing assignment, sequencing, and variable names.

The ocamllex rule for the variable names, which converts the letters a–z into the corresponding literals, is

```
| '$' ['a'-'z'] as lit  
  { VARIABLE(int_of_char lit.[1] - 97) }
```

The new `ast.mli` file is

```
type operator = Add | Sub | Mul | Div
```

```
type expr =  
  Binop of expr * operator * expr  
  | Lit of int  
  | Seq of expr * expr  
  | Asn of int * expr  
  | Var of int
```

My solution required adding just 20 lines of code across the four files.

**Make sure your code compiles without warnings**