Code Design/Implementation Walk-through

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Today's code was pushed to your repository as directory CypherExample/

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These slides will be posted after class

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Stuff

- clint.py has been banished
- ex03 has been delayed (but it's available in close to final form if you want to look early)
- Thank you for your cooperation and patience with the discussion board changes
 - I'm quite optimistic about it
 - We'll actually implement soon, so please send/post suggestions
- Right now:
 - No assignment discussion, except as relayed from email questions by us
 - A social thread, for whatever
 - A "C language" thread for general (not assignment) discussion

Module Overview

- I'm going to design and build an app in multiple phases
- Each phase is intended to improve upon the previous one in some way
- We'll have a few slides explaining the app and then sit in an editor looking at code while I explain what's going on
- The code will be too complicated to completely absorb during the presentation, but will be available somehow shortly
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Module Overview (cont.)

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- ✤ Ask questions...
 - There are no bounds on questions either
- Claim: you now know pretty close to everything there is to know to understand any C program
 - You can understand them more easily with more experience
- The major challenge is to stay dumb
 - C isn't complicated; it's doing very simple things; it wants them to look like complicated things, and that's what gets you into trouble/confusion
- When confused, ask yourself "what is the type of this subexpression?"

The Application: Substitution Cypher

- I want to write C code that will encode a text string by substituting every occurrence of each letter with some other letter
- ✤ For example, 'a' -> ',' and 'B' -> 'a' and ...
- My application needs two things
 - The string to be encoded
 - The mapping from source character to encoded character
- "Project 1" develops a sequence of decisions about where those two things come from, and implements them
- "Project 2" re-implements the functionality of the final Project
 1 design, but in a much nicer way
- "Project 3" addresses not design or coding, but build

The Basic Idea



Project 1, Version 1

- Major decisions:
 - The string to be encoded will be embedded in the software as a literal
 - The translation table (a char [256] array) will be initialized by code
- Implications
 - Easy to write!
 - To translate their own input string, a user would have to modify and code!
 - To translate my string but with a different translation table, a user would have to modify and build C code!

Project 1, Version 1



Project 1, Version 2 Input file 0 0 FileToString.c Encode.c File contents cypher Decorated main.c output

Project 1, Version 3



Project 2

Project 1 V3 source but build infrastructure



Project 3

- * "Object oriented C"
- Don't read entire file into memory!



Project 4

✤ gnu implementation of tr utility

- ✤ TR(1) User Commands TR(1)
- ✤ NAME
- tr translate or delete characters
- SYNOPSIS
- * tr [OPTION]... SET1 [SET2]
- ✤ DESCRIPTION
- * Translate, squeeze, and/or delete characters from standard input, writing to standard output.
- Source Code file: tr.c