



Department of Computer Science

COMP2421 – Data Structures and Algorithms (Fall 2020/2021)

Project No. 5 Due Date: Wednesday (16 June 2021) till midnight

In this project you will implement a solution of a very common issue: how to get from one town to another using the shortest route.

You will design a solution that will let you find the shortest paths between two input points in a graph, representing cities and towns, using Dijkstra's algorithm. Your program should allow the user to enter the input file containing information of roads connecting cities/towns. The program should then construct a graph based on the information provided from the file. The user should then be able to enter pairs of cities/towns and the algorithm should compute the shortest path between the two cities/towns entered.

Attached a file containing a list of cities/towns with the following data:

Field 1: Vertex ID of the 1st end of the segment

Field 2: Vertex ID of the 2nd of the segment

Field 3: Name of the town

Field 4: Distance in Kilometer

Please note that all roads are two-ways. Meaning, a record may represent both the roads from feild1 to field2 and from the road from feild2 to feild1.

You are required to implement a program to help finding the shortest path between 2 points in the provided file as follows:

- Read the file segments.txt and load the data
- Enter 2 points to compute the shortest path between them
- Print the route of the shortest distance to a file called “route.txt”
- Exit

The user should have the ability to find the shortest path of different pair of cities. Meaning, after finding the shortest route between the A1 and B1, the user can enter other cities, B1 and C1, to get the shortest path between them.

Notes and submission instructions:

1. **This is individual work.** It should represent your own efforts. It is fine to discuss your work and to ask your colleagues, but you are not allowed to copy/paste the work of others or give your work to anyone else. You are not allowed to post/copy from other websites and/or social media and this will be considered as cheating.
2. **Document format.** Please submit only the code file (**c** file) containing the code of your project. Please rename it as follows: **“P5_YourStudentID_FirstNameLastName_SectionNo.c”**.
3. **Input/output file name.** Make sure that the input/output file names are the same as in the specifications.
4. Include your full name, student ID, and section number in the beginning of your file.
5. Please do not compress the file, only the C-file is needed.
6. Files not following the convention in point 2 will not be marked.

Good luck!