Mini-project set n°1: Functions & Procedures

1 Caesar Cipher Encryption and Decryption

Objective

Write a C program that encrypts and decrypts messages using the Caesar Cipher algorithm¹.

Background

The Caesar Cipher is a substitution cipher that shifts letters by a fixed number of positions in the alphabet. For example, with a shift of 3:

• 'A'
$$\rightarrow$$
 'D', 'B' \rightarrow 'E', ..., 'Z' \rightarrow 'C'

Decryption reverses the shift. The program should be cases-sensitive and ignore non-alphabetic characters.

Tasks

1. **Implement Encryption Function** Write a function **cesarEncrypt** that takes a string and an integer **key** (shift value) and returns the encrypted message.

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Input: "HELLO", key = 3
Output: "KHOOR"
```

2. **Implement Decryption Function** Write a function cesarDecrypt that reverses the encryption process using the same key.

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Input: "KHOOR", key = 3
Output: "HELLO"
```

- 3. Main Program Implementation Implement a main function that:
 - Prompts the user for a message and a shift value,
 - Encrypts and displays the result,
 - Decrypts the result and verifies it matches the original message.
- 4. **Testing and Validation** Test your program with:
 - Uppercase/lowercase letters (e.g., "Hello"),
 - Non-alphabetic characters (e.g., spaces, numbers),
 - Large shift values (e.g., key = 27).

¹Bonus points will be awarded for implementing additional features.

2 Wordle-Inspired Guessing Game

Objective

Write a C program that implements a game inspired by **Wordle**. The player must guess a secret word within a limited number of attempts. The program provides feedback on correct letters, misplaced letters, and incorrect letters¹.

Game Rules

- 1. The program selects a secret word (e.g., "CODE").
- 2. The player has a limited number of attempts (e.g., 6).
- 3. After each guess, the program displays:
 - \checkmark for correct letters in the right position,
 - ? for correct letters in the wrong position,
 - × for letters not in the word.
- 4. The player wins if they guess the word before running out of attempts.

Tasks

1. Implement the checkWord Function Write a function checkWord that compares the player's guess with the secret word and returns feedback symbols $(\checkmark,?,\times)$.

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Secret word: "CODE"
Player's guess: "COTE"
Feedback: ✓ × ✓ ✓
```

2. Design the Game Loop

- Prompt the player to enter a guess.
- Limit the number of attempts (e.g., 6).
- Display feedback after each guess.
- End the game if the word is guessed or attempts are exhausted.

3. Test with Multiple Words

- Store a list of secret words and select one randomly.
- Allow the player to restart the game after winning/losing.

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