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## Section Handout #9: Final Exam Practice

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Your task for this week is to write server and client programs for an application called **ContActivist** that allows the user to easily look up information about congress members representing different states, and how to contact them. Here is what a sample run of the client program might look like:



You will need to apply your knowledge of file reading, data structures, string parsing, internet applications, and more to create this program. We have included specific details about the client and server programs below.

## 1. ContActivistServer

There are two types of requests that the server needs to handle:

Command	Parameters	Response
getCongressPhonesForState	stateCode (String)	Contains information about all the state's congress members. Each line contains information about a single congress member in the specified state, in the format "[NAME]: [PHONE]"
getCongressEmailsForState	stateCode (String)	Contains information about all the state's congress members. Each line contains information about a single congress member, in the format "[NAME]: [EMAIL]" If a member has no email, include the text "NO EMAIL" instead of the email.

The data comes from a file named **congress.txt**, which has the following format:

```
NAME
STATE CODE
PHONE
EMAIL (blank if no email)
NAME
STATE CODE
PHONE
EMAIL (blank if no email)
...
```

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To provide a concrete example, here is an excerpt of the provided data file:

```
...
Liz Cheney
WY
(202) 225-2311
Lamar Alexander
TN
(202) 224-4944
http://www.alexander.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=Email
Tammy Baldwin
WI
(202) 224-5653
https://www.baldwin.senate.gov/feedback
```

Your server should:

- Read in the congress member information from the file congress.txt and store it appropriately when it begins running.
- Respond to getCongressEmailsForState and getCongressPhonesForState requests as described above.
- If a provided state code is invalid, return an error message. You may assume that if the state is not in the data file, then it is invalid.

How you implement this server, including any data structures you may choose to use, is up to you. As part of this implementation, you should also consider how designing an additional class, something like **CongressMember**, might help you in storing the required information.

## 2. ContActivistClient

The client should behave as in the screenshot above. Specifically, in a loop, it should:

- 1) Prompt the user for the state code they would like to look up
- 2) Ask which of either emails or phone numbers they would like to view
- 3) Print out the information for all representatives of the inputted state, including either phone numbers or emails (whichever the user specified).

The loop should terminate when the user enters the empty string ("") as the state code.

*Hint:* an easy way to prompt the user for a response to an "a or b" question is to write something like the following:

```
// true if they entered "email", false if they entered "phone"
boolean email = readBoolean("Email or phone? ", "email", "phone");
```

The **readBoolean** method takes as parameters a prompt to display to the user, followed by the "yes" answer and the "no" answer. **readBoolean** will reprompt the user until they enter one of those answers. If the user picks the "yes" answer, **readBoolean** returns **true**. If the user picks the "no" answer, **readBoolean** returns **false**.