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ECE 161  
Lab 5

Due: see <http://ece161.viall.org>  
Name: buildwords.cpp

Write and test the function:

```
int buildwords(char tiles[], int numtiles, char words[][14]);
```

Where:

`tiles[]` – list of the available letters. A max of 6 letters are available.

`numtiles` – the number of tiles that are available.

`words[][14]` – this is the list of all the valid words that can be made from the given letters (`tiles`)

The function should return the number of words found.

You must combine several pieces of code that you have created in previous labs. You have the choice of using a "brute force" method or a "cute" method. In the "brute force" method you would use 2 nested `for`s for the 2 letter words, 3 nested `for`s for the 3 letter words, ... , 6 nested `for`s for the 6 letter words.

In the "cute" version, you would only have 6 nested `for`s and somehow get the 2, 3, 4, and 5 letter words from that as well. You may use whichever method you wish.

The main program should look something akin to:

```
#include <stdio.h>

char w[210000][14]; // the dictionary

void main(void)
{
    char tiles[10];
    int numfound, i;
    char words[10000][14]; // words made from tiles
    // use a function to read the sowpods list into w
    do
    {
        printf("Enter the 6 letters you have: ");
        gets(tiles);
        if (strlen(tiles) != 6)
            printf("Read the instructions bonehead!\n");
    } while (strlen(tiles) != 6);
    numfound=buildwords(tiles, 6, words);
    for (i=0; i<numfound; i++)
        printf("%s\n",words[i]);
}
```