Lab 6: Practicing Pointers

1. Write and test the following function:

int *find_largest(int n, int a[n]);

When passed an array of length n, the function will return a pointer to the array's largest element.

Test the function as described below:

Initialize an array, data[] of size 10 to contain numbers from [1..9], such that data[i] = i Print out the contents of data[] on a single line.

Write a shuffle function to shuffle the contents of data[]. Print out the contents of data[] on a single line.

next use the statement:

int *max = find_largest(N, data);

Next, print out the value of the largest element pointed to by max.

Here is a sample output:

\$./textmax 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 7 3 9 1 0 4 6 4 2 5 9 \$

2. Write a program (without using pointers) that reads a message, then checks to see if it is a palindrome (the letters in the message are the same from left to right as from right to left):

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Enter a message: <u>Race car.</u>
Palindrome
Enter a message: <u>Monkey loves banana.</u>
Not a palindrome.
Enter a message: <u>Go, hang a salami. I'm a lasagna hog!</u>
Palindrome.
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Ignore all characters that are not letters.

Rewrite the program to use pointers to keep track of positions in the array.