**Assignment #3**

**Due Thursday Nov 1, 2012 before class @ 9:30am**

In this assignment you will only need the *Visual Basic* language features described in Chapter 1 through Chapter 6 (and things you learn in class and lab session). Therefore, you are to use only the features described in those chapters (and in class and lab) in solving this assignment. *Although we will be learning about Arrays in Chapter 7, please do not use that concept.*

You are to develop a console application of a grade book with students’ names and their grades. At the initial screen, your program shows the following options (main menu):

**Display names and grades (1)**

**Display just names (2)**

**Calculate average (3)**

**Maximum (4)**

**Minimum (5)**

**Draw graph (6)**

**Add item (7)**

**Quit (8)**

The user can choose one of the options by typing one of the numbers and pushing the return key. Each option should be implemented using a sub procedure. The following table explains what each option is supposed to do:

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| **Option** | **Task** |
| Display names and grades | Read the file “grade.txt” and display students’ names and their grades |
| Display just names | Read the file “grade.txt” and display students’ names. |
| Calculate average | Read the file “grade.txt”, calculate the average of all the grades, and display the average. |
| Maximum | Read the file “grade.txt” and display the name of the student who got the maximum grade and his/her grade. |
| Minimum | Read the file “grade.txt” and display the name of the student who got the minimum grade and his/her grade. |
| Draw graph | Read the file “grade.txt”, display students’ names, and draw bar graphs proportional to their grades using “\*”.  |
| Add item | Get a name and a grade from the user and append them to the file “grade.txt”. |
| Quit | Stop the program. |

After the task of the chosen option is done, your program should show the main menu again for the user to choose the next option. The number of students in the file is arbitrary and your program should handle any number of students’ names and their grades. An example of the file “grade.txt” can be:

Simon Crown 78
Jane Parker 94
Sarah Jenion 81
Tom Brown 56

The following example shows possible activities of the user:

>Welcome to the Gradebook program! Please choose one of the following options:

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 Display names and grades (1)

 Display just names (2)

 Calculate average (3)

 Maximum (4)

 Minimum (5)

 Draw graph (6)

 Add item (7)

 Quit (8)

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Your option: 1
Simon Crown: 78
Jane Parker: 94
Sarah Jenion: 81
Tom Brown: 56
> Please choose one of the following options:
--------------------------------------------
 Display names and grades (1)
 Display just names (2)
 Calculate average (3)
 Maximum (4)
 Minimum (5)
 Draw graph (6)
 Add item (7)
 Quit (8)
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Your option: 6
Simon Crown: \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*
Jane Parker: \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*
Sarah Jenion: \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*
Tom Brown: \*\*\*\*\*\*

For option 6, round each grade to a whole number and display an asterisk for each 10 points (ex. for 76 points, display 8 asterisks). For a better comparison, align the all the first asterisks of the rows vertically (as shown above). For the option 7, get a name and a grade from the user and append them in the next line right after the last item in the file (no blank line between them).

Please apply the programming principles you learned in class (top-down/modular design and structured programming) to your program.

Marking Criteria:

* Use of the top-down design and structured programming: 10%
* Correct functionality: 50 %
* In-code documentation: 20%
* Pseudo-code: 20%