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- This examination is closed book and closed notes, aside from the permitted one-page formula sheet. No calculators or other electronic devices may be used. The use of any such device will be interpreted as an indication that you are finished with the test and your test form will be collected immediately.
- Answer each question in the space provided. If you need to continue an answer onto the back of a page, clearly indicate that and label the continuation with the question number.
- If you want partial credit, justify your answers, even when justification is not explicitly required.
- There are 6 questions, some with multiple parts, priced as marked. The maximum score is 100.
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Solution

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signed
Okay, Human. Huh?

Before you hit compile, listen up.

You know when you're falling asleep, and you imagine yourself walking or something.

And suddenly you misstep, stumble, and jolt awake?

Yeah!

Well, that's what a segfault feels like.

Double-check your damn pointers, okay?
1. [12 points] Recall that for an earlier assignment you created a BinaryInt type. For this question you will write a similar C function, in this case you will be incrementing an unsigned integer.

You may not use any of the functions from your BinaryInt assignment, however you may use the add_one_bit function declared (but not implemented) below. This function takes the two "bits" you are adding (a and b), plus a carry in "bit" cin, and then returns the sum while placing the carry out "bit" in cout.

```c
uint8_t add_one_bit(uint8_t a, uint8_t b, uint8_t cin, uint8_t * cout);
```

```c
uint8_t BI_Increment(uint8_t ** Sum, uint8_t currSize)
{
    uint8_t result, i = 0, carry = 0;
    (*Sum)[i] = add_one_bit((*Sum)[i], 1, 0, &carry);
    do
    {
        if(i == currSize - 1 && carry == 1)
        {
            uint8_t newSize = 2*currSize;
            uint8_t *temp = realloc(*Sum, currSize);
            if (temp != NULL)
                *Sum = temp;
            (*Sum)[currSize] = 1;
            for(int s = currSize + 1; s < newSize; s++)
            {
                (*Sum)[s] = 0;
            }
            currSize = newSize;
            break;
        }
        else
        {
            i++;
            (*Sum)[i] = add_one_bit((*Sum)[i], 0, carry, &carry);
        }
    }
    while(i < currSize);
    return currSize;
}
```
2. For this question you will create a "dense bool" type. A dense bool uses 1 bit to hold each boolean value, 0 is false and 1 is true. Our dense bool will be represented by a uint8_t type, so it will contain 8 boolean values:

```c
uint8_t dense_bool = 00000001  // bool 0 is true, everything else is false
uint8_t other_bool = 00001100  // bool 2 and 3 are set to true
```

a) [8 points] Implement the **get** function for a dense bool variable as described below:

```c
/* Pre: N is the bit we want to get, 0 would get the value of bit 0, and so on. */
/* Returns: a uint8_t with only bit N set. The value at bit N should contain */
/* the same value as bit N in the dense_bool. */
uint8_t DB_get(uint8_t dense_bool, uint8_t N)
{
    uint8_t Mask = 1 << N;
    return dense_bool & Mask;
}
```

b) [8 points] Implement the **toggle** function for a dense bool variable as described below:

```c
/* Pre: N is the bit we want to change, 0 would change bit 0, and so on. */
/* Post: bit N in dense_bool is flipped (negated); no other bits of dense_bool */
/* are changed */
void DB_toggle(uint8_t *dense_bool, uint8_t N)
{
    uint8_t Mask = 1 << N;
    return dense_bool ^ Mask;
```
3. Consider the following short C program.

```c
/* Process data inside of a buffer.
 * Pre:
 *  *pBuffer contains at least 2 bytes.
 *  The first byte in *pBuffer is the count of elements in the rest of pBuffer.
 *  The second byte is number of bytes per element (unit_size).
 *  The remaining count*unit_size bytes are data
 */
void Q3(uint8_t *pBuffer)
{
    uint8_t count = *pBuffer, x = 0;
    uint8_t unit_size = *pBuffer + 1;
    pBuffer +=2;

    if(unit_size == 4) /* each element is a 4 byte value */
    {
        uint32_t *pNew  = malloc(unit_size * count);
        uint32_t *newTemp = pNew;

        while(x < count)
        {
            *newTemp = *((uint32_t *) pBuffer);
            newTemp +=1;
            pBuffer +=1;
            x++;
        }
        /* do something with pNew, not relevant */
    }
}
```

a) [10 points] There are two pointer bugs in this function. Analyze the code and determine the location of these errors. You may assume the input buffer is correctly formatted. Be specific, vague answers will receive no credit.

1. *pBuffer + 1. The * will happen before the + 1, so unit_size ends up being count + 1, instead of the value at (pBuffer + 1).

2. pBuffer +=1. pBuffer is a pointer to 8 bit (1 byte) integers but we are only incrementing it by 1 each time in the while loop. That will only move the pointer 1 bytes or to next 8 bit integer, rather than to the next 32 bit integer, 4 bytes away.

Those were the two "big" bugs that alter the intended behavior of the program.

Not checking the return value of malloc is a bug. Mentioning this issue got you couple points if you didn't mention one (or both) of the bugs above.

Not free'ing the malloc'ed memory is also a potential bug, however in this case more code comes after copying from pBuffer as indicated by the comment at the end of the code.

b) [10 points] How could you fix each of the two bugs while keeping the same functionality?

* (pBuffer + 1);
  pBuffer +=4;
4. [6 points] The following x86 assembly code is part of a C function:

```
.L3:
    movl $0, -8(%ebp)       # 1
    movl -8(%ebp), %eax    # 2
    movl (%eax), %eax      # 3
    movl %eax, -4(%ebp)    # 4
    movl $0, %eax          # 5
```

Explain what would happen if this code were executed, and why.

Statement #1 loads 0 into a local variable stored at %ebp - 8 on the stack.

Statement #2 loads the value of that local variable into %eax.

Statement #3 dereferences %eax... which is unfortunate, since %eax == 0.

So, a segmentation fault will occur (null pointer dereference).
5. A developer has an executable file that contains a C function and a `main()` function that calls it, but doesn't know much about the function except that it is named `mystery()`. So, she tries a gdb analysis. A partial transcript follows:

```
CentOS > gdb mdriver
(gdb) break mystery
Breakpoint 1 at 0x80483c2
(gdb) run
Breakpoint 1, 0x080483c2 in mystery ()
(a) (gdb) p *(int*)(ebp + 8)
$1 = 73
(gdb) p *(int*)(ebp + 12)
$2 = 14
(gdb) disassemble
Dump of assembler code for function mystery:
0x080483bc <+0>:    push   %ebp
0x080483bd <+1>:    mov    %esp,%ebp
0x080483bf <+3>:    sub    $0x10,%esp
=> 0x080483c2 <+6>:    mov    0x8(%ebp),%eax
0x080483c5 <+9>:    mov    %eax,%edx
0x080483c7 <+11>:    sar    $0x1f,%edx
0x080483ca <+14>:    idivl    0xc(%ebp)
0x080483cd <+17>:    mov    %eax, -0x4(%ebp)
0x080483d0 <+20>:    mov    -0x4(%ebp),%eax
0x080483d3 <+23>:    imul    0xc(%ebp),%eax
0x080483d7 <+27>:    mov    %eax, -0x4(%ebp)
0x080483dd <+30>:    mov    0x8(%ebp),%edx
0x080483e0 <+36>:    mov    %edx,%ecx
0x080483e2 <+38>:    sub    %eax,%ecx
0x080483e4 <+40>:    mov    %ecx,%eax
0x080483e6 <+42>:    mov    %eax, -0x4(%ebp)
0x080483e9 <+45>:    mov    -0x4(%ebp),%eax
0x080483ec <+48>:    leave
0x080483ed <+49>:    ret
End of assembler dump.
(gdb) ni
0x080483c5 in mystery ()
(gdb) ni
0x080483c7 in mystery ()
(gdb) ni
0x080483ca in mystery ()
(gdb) ni
0x080483cd in mystery ()
(gdb) disassemble
0x080483c7 <+11>:    sar    $0x1f,%edx
0x080483ca <+14>:    idivl    0xc(%ebp)
=> 0x080483cd <+17>:    mov    %eax, -0x4(%ebp)
0x080483d0 <+20>:    mov    -0x4(%ebp),%eax
```
For the following questions, label the parameters to `mystery()` as P1, P2, etc.

Each question that follows refers to the part of the `gdb` session above that is labeled to match the question, but you may consider other parts of the `gdb` session in answering each question.
a) **[4 points]** Explain what the two print commands tell us about the function. You might want to consider the disassembly output in your explanation.

*These are the values of the two parameters passed to the function mystery().

*We know that only two parameters are used since there are no other accesses to parameters in the disassembly of mystery() that follows.*

b) **[4 points]** The *idivl* instruction performs integer division of the value in %eax by the operand to *idivl*. The result of an integer division is a quotient and a remainder (as in Discrete Math); *idivl* puts one of those values into %eax and one into %edx.

*Which value goes into which register?*

%eax holds the quotient and %edx holds the remainder.

*We establish this by tracing the preceding code, which shows that prior to the *idivl* instruction, %eax holds the value of the first parameter (73), and knowing already that 0xc(%ebp) refers to the second parameter (value 14).*

c) **[10 points]** Give an algebraic expression, in terms of the parameters to mystery(), for the value that is in $ecx. Justify your answer by showing work next to the disassembly on page 7.

*Tracing the code reveals that the value returned equals:  \( P1 - (P1 / P2) \times P2 \)

*However, since these are all integer computations, this is just \( P1 \% P2 \).*
6. Consider the x86-32 translation of a short C function shown at right.

Assume that all parameters and local variables are of type int or int*.

a) [6 points] How many parameters does the function Q6() receive?

Three.

State the stack address at which each parameter is stored (e.g., %ebp – 48).

\[
\begin{align*}
%\text{ebp} + 8 & \quad \# 20 \\
%\text{ebp} + 12 & \quad \# 6 \\
%\text{ebp} + 16 & \quad \# 23
\end{align*}
\]

b) [6 points] How many local variables does the function Q6() have?

Four.

State the stack address at which each local variable is stored (e.g., %ebp – 48).

\[
\begin{align*}
%\text{ebp} - 4 & \quad \# 9 \\
%\text{ebp} - 8 & \quad \# 8 \\
%\text{ebp} - 12 & \quad \# 5 \\
%\text{ebp} - 16 & \quad \# 4
\end{align*}
\]
c) [6 points] Examine the given x86-32 code. If there are any if or if-else control structures in the code, for each such structure, what range of statements (e.g., lines 17 through 23) belong to that structure (including any relevant labels and the boolean test)?

We recognize an if-statement by a conditional forward branch. An if-else-statement would have an unconditional forward branch, shortly before the target of the first forward branch.

The forward branches in #17 and #25 meet the criteria for an if-else-statement:

if-else begins: # 16 (comparison for if-test)
   ends: # 28 (label for the jump over the else-clause)

(One could argue that the if-else begins a few statements earlier, where the necessary value for the comparison is placed into %eax.)

d) [6 points] Examine the given x86-32 code. If there are any loops in the code, for each loop, what range of statements (e.g., lines 17 through 23) belongs to the body of the loop (including any relevant labels and the loop test)?

We recognize a loop by a backward branch (usually conditional) to a label, from which execution falls back to the branch statement.

Such a branch occurs in #31. The target of than branch is preceded (#10) by an unconditional jump to the test for the loop, indicating this is a while-loop:

while begins: # 10 (jump forward to loop test)
   ends: # 31 (jump backward to beginning of loop body)

e) [4 points] Examine the given x86-32 code. How many bytes are in the stack frame for Q6, including the backed up value for the frame pointer ebp? Justify your answer.

The first three instructions create the stack frame:

```
pushl  %ebp  # 1
movl  %esp, %ebp  # 2
subl  $16, %esp  # 3
```

The push instruction decrements %esp by 4, allocating space to store the old value of %ebp. The subl instruction allocates 16 more bytes.

So, the stack frame contains 20 bytes altogether.