

This document contains the questions and solutions to the CS107 Final given in Winter 2018 by instructor Chris Gregg. This was a 3-hour exam.

Problem 1 (Void * generics) (24 points) (suggested time: 30 minutes)

Given a *sorted* `void *array` of elements, the `remove_duplicates` function will remove all duplicates in the array, returning the new size of the array. Your function should modify the array in-place (e.g., to remove a duplicate, move the rest of the array backwards over it):

```
int remove_duplicates(void *arr, size_t nelems,
                    int width, int (*cmp)(void *, void *));
```

For example, given the following code, and assuming a correct `int` comparison function:

```
int iarr[] = {1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 7, 8, 8};
int newsz = remove_duplicates(iarr, 12, 4, cmp_int);
```

`newsz` holds the value 6 and the first six elements of `iarr` are:

```
{1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8}
```

(a) Write the generic `remove_duplicates` function:

```
int remove_duplicates(void *arr, size_t nelems, int width, int
(*cmp)(void *, void *));
```

(b) Write a comparison function on `longs` that will work for `remove_duplicates`:

```
int cmp_long(void *p, void *q);
```

(c) Fill in the four blanks in `main` that will produce the following output when run from the command line:

```
$ ./remove_dup 1 1 1 2 2 3 3 3 4 7 8 8
1,1,1,2,2,3,3,3,4,7,8,8
1,2,3,4,7,8
```

```

// function declaration for function written in 1b.
int cmp_long(void *p, void *q);

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int nelems = argc-1;
    long arr[nelems];

    for (int i=0; i < nelems; i++) {
        arr[i] = atol(argv[i+1]);
        printf("%ld",arr[i]);
        printf("%s",i == nelems-1 ? "\n" : ",");
    }

    int newsz = remove_duplicates( __BLANK 1__ , __BLANK 2__ ,
                                   __BLANK 3__ , __BLANK 4__ );

    for (int i=0; i < newsz; i++) {
        printf("%ld",arr[i]);
        printf("%s",i == newsz-1 ? "\n" : ",");
    }
    return 0;
}

```

Problem 2 (Floats) (17 points) (suggested time: 20 minutes)

A normalized IEEE 32-bit float is stored as the following bit pattern:

N EEEEEEEE SSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS

where N is the sign bit (1 if negative), E is the 8-bit exponent (with a bias of 127), and S is the 23-bit significand, with an implicit leading "1". Note: binary 10000000 equals 128 in decimal.

(a) Two's complement integers and IEEE floating point numbers each have their own design, with different tradeoffs. Name one benefit and one drawback of the IEEE floating point standard vs. two's complement integers. For each, include the specific design aspect of IEEE floating point that results in that benefit or drawback.

(b) Given the following 32-bit float binary, what is the corresponding (simplified) decimal number that it represents?

0 01111110 100000000000000000000000

(c) How can you tell if a 32-bit float is normalized, denormalized, or exceptional by looking at the binary representation?

(d) What does the following code print?

```
void print_equality(float x, float y) {
    printf("%s\n", x == y ? "true" : "false");
}

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    float a = 0.5;
    float b = 1.0;
    float c = 2.0;
    float d = 1 << 31;
    float inf = +INFINITY; // floating point +inf

    print_equality(a + b, 1.5);
    print_equality(b - c + c, c + b - c);
    print_equality(d * d, inf);
    print_equality(d - c + c, c + d - c);
    print_equality(d + c - d, d - d + c);

    return 0;
}
```

Problem 3 (Assembly) (24 points) (suggested time: 35 minutes)

(a) Given the following assembly code, re-construct the C code that produced it.

```
0x400566 <+0>: test    %rsi,%rsi
0x400569 <+3>: je      0x400599 <mystery+51>
0x40056b <+5>: push   %rbp
0x40056c <+6>: push   %rbx
0x40056d <+7>: sub    $0x8,%rsp
0x400571 <+11>: mov    %rsi,%rbx
0x400574 <+14>: mov    %rdi,%rbp
0x400577 <+17>: shr    %rsi
0x40057a <+20>: callq  0x400566 <mystery>
0x40057f <+25>: mov    -0x8(%rbp,%rbx,8),%rsi
0x400584 <+30>: mov    $0x400694,%edi
0x400589 <+35>: mov    $0x0,%eax
0x40058e <+40>: callq  0x400430 <printf@plt>
0x400593 <+45>: add    $0x8,%rsp
0x400597 <+49>: pop    %rbx
0x400598 <+50>: pop    %rbp
0x400599 <+51>: repz  retq
```

```
void mystery(long *arr, size_t count) {
    if (_____) { // line 1
        _____; // line 2
        printf("%lu\n", _____); // line 3
    }
}
```

(b) Given the following assembly code, re-construct the C code that produced it. *Tip:* the assembly looks long, but all of the pushing and popping are necessary due to the nature of the function; make sure you note where all of the arguments are moved to at the beginning of the assembly function.

```
0x40052f <+0>:    push    %r15
0x400531 <+2>:    push    %r14
0x400533 <+4>:    push    %r13
0x400535 <+6>:    push    %r12
0x400537 <+8>:    push    %rbp
0x400538 <+9>:    push    %rbx
0x400539 <+10>:   sub     $0x18,%rsp
0x40053d <+14>:   mov     %rdi,%r13
0x400540 <+17>:   mov     %rsi,%r14
0x400543 <+20>:   mov     %edx,0xc(%rsp)
0x400547 <+24>:   mov     %rcx,%r15
0x40054a <+27>:   mov     %rdi,%r12
0x40054d <+30>:   mov     $0x1,%ebp
0x400552 <+35>:   jmp     0x400574 <mystery+69>
0x400554 <+37>:   movslq 0xc(%rsp),%rbx
0x400559 <+42>:   imul   %rbp,%rbx
0x40055d <+46>:   add    %r13,%rbx
0x400560 <+49>:   mov    %rbx,%rsi
0x400563 <+52>:   mov    %r12,%rdi
0x400566 <+55>:   callq  *%r15
0x400569 <+58>:   test   %eax,%eax
0x40056b <+60>:   jns    0x400570 <mystery+65>
0x40056d <+62>:   mov    %rbx,%r12
0x400570 <+65>:   add    $0x1,%rbp
0x400574 <+69>:   cmp    %r14,%rbp
0x400577 <+72>:   jb     0x400554 <mystery+37>
0x400579 <+74>:   mov    %r12,%rax
0x40057c <+77>:   add    $0x18,%rsp
0x400580 <+81>:   pop    %rbx
0x400581 <+82>:   pop    %rbp
0x400582 <+83>:   pop    %r12
0x400584 <+85>:   pop    %r13
0x400586 <+87>:   pop    %r14
0x400588 <+89>:   pop    %r15
0x40058a <+91>:   retq
```

```
void *mystery(void *arr, size_t nelems, int width,  
              int(*cmp)(void *, void *)) {  
    void *x = _____; // line 1  
    for (_____) { // line 2  
        void *y = _____; // line 3  
        if (_____) { // line 4  
            _____; // line 5  
        }  
    }  
    return _____; // line 6  
}
```

Problem 4 (Runtime Stack) (20 points) (suggested time: 30 minutes)

Now that you have made it through CS 107, you have been offered \$100,000,000 to figure out how to break into the CIA computer system. You promptly dispense with your ethics and your patriotism, and you accept the job.

You are given the following C code. You can run the code on your local computer, but you don't have access to the `get_realpw` function, so you make that function up yourself for your testing. However, you do know that the password only changes once a day. Tomorrow you need to tell a spy inside the CIA how to run the program and break in. The spy can run the program multiple times, but not in `gdb`.

After looking at the code, you decide to look up the four string library functions, because you don't recall exactly what they do (see exam reference sheet for prototypes).

```
1 // file: cia_login.c
2 #include<stdio.h>
3 #include<stdlib.h>
4 #include<string.h>
5
6 void get_realpw(char *pw) { // function made up by you
7     strcpy(pw, "dummy password");
8 }
9
10 void authenticate(char *userpw)
11 {
12     char realpw[16];
13     char userpwcopy[16];
14     get_realpw(realpw);
15     strncpy(userpwcopy, userpw, 16);
16
17     if (strcmp(userpwcopy, realpw) == 0) {
18         printf("Welcome to CIAnet!\n");
19     } else {
20         printf("Your password, %s, is
incorrect.\n", userpwcopy);
21     }
22 }
23
24 int main(int argc, char **argv)
25 {
26     char userpw[1024];
27     printf("Password?\n");
28     fgets(userpw, 1024, stdin);
29     // remove trailing newline
30     userpw[strlen(userpw)-1] = 0;
```

```

31     authenticate(userpw);
32     return 0;
33 }

```

You run gdb on the binary file after you compile it. Here is the text of the gdb session:

```

$ gdb cia_login
The target architecture is assumed to be i386:x86-64
Reading symbols from cia_login...done.
(gdb) break 22
Breakpoint 1 at 0x40073a: file cia_login.c, line 22.
(gdb) run
Starting program: cia_login
Password?
abcdefg
Your password, abcdefg, is incorrect.

Breakpoint 1, authenticate (userpw=userpw@entry=0x7fffffff580
"abcdefg") at cia_login.c:22
22 }
(gdb) p realpw
$1 = "dummy password\000"
(gdb) p userpw
$2 = 0x7fffffff580 "abcdefg"
(gdb) p userpwcopy
$3 = "abcdefg\000\000\000\000\000\000\000\000"
(gdb) p &realpw
$4 = (char (*)[16]) 0x7fffffff560
(gdb) p &userpw
Address requested for identifier "userpw" which is in register
$rbx
(gdb) p/x $rbx
$7 = 0x7fffffff580
(gdb) p &userpwcopy
$5 = (char (*)[16]) 0x7fffffff550
(gdb) x/64bx &userpwcopy
0x7fffffff550: 0x61 0x62 0x63 0x64 0x65 0x66 0x67 0x00
0x7fffffff558: 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00
0x7fffffff560: 0x64 0x75 0x6d 0x6d 0x79 0x20 0x70 0x61
0x7fffffff568: 0x73 0x73 0x77 0x6f 0x72 0x64 0x00 0x00
0x7fffffff570: 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00
0x7fffffff578: 0x7f 0x07 0x40 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00
0x7fffffff580: 0x61 0x62 0x63 0x64 0x65 0x66 0x67 0x00
0x7fffffff588: 0x00 0x0d 0xa1 0xf7 0xff 0x7f 0x00 0x00

```

Once you reach this point, you know how to break into the CIA computer!

- (a) Write your note to the spy about how to break into the CIA computer:

- (b) Write a note to your boss explaining how and why your exploit works.

- (c) Give a 1-line fix (or modification) that will make the CIA program more secure.

Problem 5 (Heap Allocator) (36 points) (suggested time: 50 minutes)

Consider a heap allocator implementation designed as follows:

- All blocks must be aligned on 4-byte boundaries, and the max request size is `INT_MAX`.
- The minimum payload size is 4 bytes, and payloads are always given multiples of 4 bytes (*e.g.*, a `malloc` of 10 bytes would be given a payload of 12 bytes).
- Each block has a **20-byte header**: 4 bytes (`int`) payload size, a “next” pointer (pointer to the header of the next block in the free list or `NULL` for last element of the list), and a “previous” pointer (pointer to the header of the previous block in the free list or `NULL` for first element in the list), where the pointers are for use in a doubly-linked free list (these pointers are always present in the header— not payload—but are simply not used if the block is allocated).
- Each block has a **4-byte footer**, which is like a header but goes immediately after the payload instead of before it: 4 bytes (`int`) payload size.
- Because block sizes must be multiples of 4 bytes, the **rightmost (least significant) two bits of the payload size** in the header and footer are not really needed (they would always be zero). So we use the least significant bit to indicate allocated or free (1=allocated, 0=free). The next bit is only used for allocated blocks (must be 0 for free blocks), and it indicates whether this block has been the subject of a call to `realloc` after its `malloc` (1=has been reallocated, otherwise 0). Therefore, **to find the actual payload size of an allocated block, these two bits must be zeroed out**. Note: both the header and footer have allocated and `realloc` bits.
- There is a single explicit free list implemented as an **unsorted linked list** of free blocks.
- To maintain alignment, the header of **the first block in the heap segment starts 4 bytes after the start of the heap segment**. The entire heap after that is always part of one or more blocks (initialization of heap segment starts with one giant free block that is split over time).
- **Example 1**: An **allocated** block that was first `malloc`d as 25 bytes, then subsequently `realloc`d as 50 bytes would have an actual payload size of 52 bytes (closest multiple of 4 greater than or equal to 50), and the header and footer would record the payload size as 55 (two rightmost bits set to 1). The header would include unused `next/prev` pointers.
- **Example 2**: For a **free** block with an actual payload size of 16 bytes, the header and footer would record the payload size as 16 (two rightmost bits set to 0). The header would include valid `next/prev` pointers.

Assume the following global typedefs, constants, and variables have already been set up:

```
typedef struct headerT {
    int payloadsz; // FOR THIS PROBLEM, you may assume that the memory
    struct headerT *next; // layout for this struct is in the order
    struct headerT *prev; // given here, with no padding.
} headerT;

#define MIN_SIZE 4
int roundup(int size, int mult); // rounds size up to multiple of mult

static void *heapStart; /* base address of entire heap segment */
static size_t heapSize; /* number of bytes in heap segment */
headerT *free_list; /* front of the free list */
```

(a) (4pts) Write a helper function that, given a pointer to a header or footer, reads and returns the actual payload size of that block, in bytes (i.e., returns the size with the two least significant bits zeroed out).

```
int get_size(void *curr);
```

(b) (4pts) Write a helper function to identify when a block is allocated. Given a pointer to a header or footer, return true if the block is allocated, otherwise return false.

```
bool is_allocated(void *curr);
```

(c) (4pts) Write a helper function to identify when a block has been reallocated since the time of its malloc. Given a pointer to a header or footer, return true if the block has been reallocated, otherwise return false.

```
bool is_reallocated(void *curr);
```

(d) (4pts) Write a helper function that, given a pointer to the header of a block, returns the address of the header of the block to its right in memory. If there is none (i.e., at the boundary of the heap), return NULL.

```
headerT *right_block(headerT *curr);
```

(e) (10pts) Write a simple implementation of `myfree` given this design. Your `myfree` should do the following:

- If `ptr` is outside the range of addresses of the heap, return without doing anything. Otherwise assume `ptr` points to a valid payload.
- Check that the block is currently allocated (if not, return without doing anything).
- Mark the header and footer values appropriately for a free block (don't forget to set the `realloc` bit!)
- Insert the block at the front of the free list.
- *This simple version does not attempt to do coalesce or other advanced features.*

```
void myfree(void *ptr);
```

(f) (10pts) Write a simple implementation of `myrealloc` given this design. Your `myrealloc` should do the following:

- Assume `ptr` points to a valid, allocated block's payload. If the `realloc` size is less than or equal to the current payload size, do nothing and return `ptr`. (you do not need to change the value of the `realloc` bit in this case)
- If the block has previously been `realloc`ed, proceed as if the request is for double the actual request size, in anticipation that there may be future `myrealloc` calls that will now be very fast so long as they fit within this preemptive doubling.
- Perform the `realloc` by calling `myfree` and `mymalloc` (do not manually do any of the work for this). Be sure to copy the caller's data for them. Even though you are the heap allocator, order these operations in a way that respects the usual convention that one does not access freed memory.
- Be sure that the `allocated` and `realloc`ed flag bits are set appropriately to show this was `realloc`ed.
- *This simple version does not attempt to look for free blocks to the right to expand into, nor does coalesce or other advanced features.*

```
void *myrealloc(void *ptr, size_t size);
```

Problem 6 (gcc / make) (9 points) (suggested time: 10 minutes)

(a) Name one type of optimization done by GCC, and what that optimization is.

(b) When you compile a program using optimizations, oftentimes it becomes difficult to step through and debug using GDB. Why is this?

(c) In the (seemingly nonsensical) code below, we use both `strlen` and `sizeof`, yet neither of them appear anywhere in the assembly. Why is this? What appears instead?

```
char *str = "Hello, world!";  
int offset = sizeof(char *);  
char buf[strlen(str) + 1];  
strcpy(buf, str + offset, strlen(str) - offset);
```