

Assembly and System Calls

Exercise 1. Using the “write” system call, write in assembly a print function that takes as input the address of a string and its length, and prints the string on the standard output. Use it to write a “Hello, World!” program.

Exercise 2. Write a function mystrlen that takes a zero-terminated string address as input and returns its length. You will need the “movzbl” instruction, which moves a single byte to its destination and zero-pads it.

Exercise 3. Write a function printz that takes a zero-terminated string address as input and prints this string on stdout.

Replace mystrlen by a call to the corresponding C function instead.

Exercise 4. Write *in OCaml* a function ‘compile_aux’ of type $\text{propf} \rightarrow (\text{string} * \text{int}) \text{ list} \rightarrow \text{unit}$ that takes as input a propositional formula and an environment telling for each variable name its offset from %ebp, and prints on the standard output assembly code that evaluates the formula.

Exercise 5. Write *in OCaml* a function ‘compile’ that takes as input a propositional formula and outputs on the standard output a full assembly program that takes a valuation as command-line arguments and evaluates the formula. The following is an example of the output I have with this program:

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.data
say:
    .string "Variable_values:\n"
    .align 4
var:
    .string "%s : %d\n"
    .align 4
res:
    .string "Result : %d\n"
    .align 4
x1:
    .asciz "x1"
    .align 4
x2:
    .asciz "x2"
    .align 4
x3:
    .asciz "x3"
    .align 4

.text
.global main
main:
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.type main, @function
pushl %ebp
movl %esp, %ebp
subl $24, %esp      # make room for 3 pvars + 3 local vars
movl 12(%ebp), %eax # load argv
movl 4(%eax), %eax # load *argv[1]
movl %eax, (%esp)
call atoi
movl %eax, -12(%ebp) # save x1
movl 12(%ebp), %eax # load argv
movl 8(%eax), %eax # load *argv[2]
movl %eax, (%esp)
call atoi
movl %eax, -8(%ebp) # save x2
movl 12(%ebp), %eax # load argv
movl 12(%eax), %eax # load *argv[3]
movl %eax, (%esp)
call atoi
movl %eax, -4(%ebp) # save x3
movl $say,(%esp)
call printf
movl -12(%ebp), %eax
movl %eax, 8(%esp)
movl $x1, 4(%esp)
movl $var, (%esp)
call printf      # print x1
movl -8(%ebp), %eax
movl %eax, 8(%esp)
movl $x2, 4(%esp)
movl $var, (%esp)
call printf      # print x2
movl -4(%ebp), %eax
movl %eax, 8(%esp)
movl $x3, 4(%esp)
movl $var, (%esp)
call printf      # print x3
movl -12(%ebp), %eax
pushl %eax
movl -8(%ebp), %eax
popl %ebx
orl %ebx, %eax
pushl %eax
movl -12(%ebp), %eax
pushl %eax
movl -4(%ebp), %eax
popl %ebx
orl %ebx, %eax
popl %ebx
andl %ebx, %eax
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pushl  %eax
movl  -8(%ebp), %eax
pushl  %eax
movl  -4(%ebp), %eax
popl  %ebx
andl  %ebx, %eax
popl  %ebx
orl  %ebx, %eax
movl  %eax, 4(%esp)
movl  $res, (%esp)
call printf
movl  4(%esp), %eax
call exit
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