

ICS QUIZ 1

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1 Y86 (Organization)

Read the following assembly of Y86, and answer the questions. Note that we introduce a new instruction **modq**.

```
0x000: | .pos 0
0x000: | init:
0x000: ___[1]___ |      irmovq stack, %rsp
0x00a: 80 2800000000 |      call main
0x013: 00 |      halt

0x018: | .align 8
0x018: 32000000 00000000 | array: .quad 0x32
0x020: 24000000 00000000 |      .quad 0x24

0x028: | main:
0x028: 30f2 18000000 00000000 |      ___[2]___
0x032: 5027 00000000 00000000 |      mrmovq (%rdx), %rdi
0x03c: ___[3]___ |      mrmovq 8(%rdx), %rsi
0x046: 80 50000000 00000000 |      call gcd
0x04f: 90 |      ret

0x050: | gcd:
0x050: ___[X]___ |      modq %rsi, %rdi /* %rdi = %rdi mod %rsi */
0x052: 30f1 00000000 00000000 |      irmovq $0, %rcx
0x05c: ___[4]___ |      subq %rcx, %rdi
0x05e: 74 6a000000 00000000 |      ___[5]___
0x067: 2060 |      rrmovq %rsi, %rax
0x069: 90 |      ret
0x06a: | swap:
0x06a: 2060 |      rrmovq %rsi, %rax
0x06c: 2076 |      rrmovq %rdi, %rsi
0x06e: 2007 |      rrmovq %rax, %rdi
0x070: 80 50000000 00000000 |      call gcd
0x079: 90 |      ret

___[6]___: | .align 8
... | stack:
... |      ...
```

1.1

The **modq** instruction is a new member of **OPq** type. It compute $rB \bmod rA$ and write to rB , and the CC is not affected. Assume the fn code of **modq** is 4. To implement **modq** in sequential Y86-64, we have to make some modification to the hardware.

Which component(s) of sequential Y86-64 implementation should be modified ? ()

- A. change fetch stage logic for this new instruction
- B. change ALU to add mod logic.
- C. add a new connection wire to pass the remainder($rB \% rA$).
- D. change the update PC logic

1.2

Please fill in the blanks within above Y86-64 binary and assembly code. (use label name if possible)

| Blank | answer (binary / assembly) |
|-------|----------------------------|
| X | |
| 1 | |
| 2 | |
| 3 | |
| 4 | |
| 5 | |
| 6 | |

1.3

Suppose the entry point is *init*, please calculate the value of `%rax` after the program HALT.

2 Exception (System)

2.1 True or False

- 1) Operating System is a program that manages the all computer hardware.
- 2) Application program must use operating system to access the computer hardware resource.

- 3) There are **three fundamental abstractions** provided by operating system: **processor, virtual memory and file**
- 4) Operating system provides the **illusion** that the program is the only one running on the system.
- 5) The program **appears to have exclusive use** of all the processors, main memory, and I/O devices
- 6) There are **two exclusive parts in a process**: **user code** and **OS code**
- 7) **All devices** are modeled as **files**

2.2 Short question

- 1) Can a process run on physical memory directly. If it can, please compare it with running on virtual memory; if not, give your reason.
- 2) How many parameters can be passed in a system call (limited or unlimited). Can parameters be passed in the stack like normal function call, why?
- 3) Please draw the **control flow transferring graph** for this procedure: a time interrupt comes when kernel is disposing a system call invoked by user program
- 4) How does **kernel handle the exception using the exception table**? Use time interrupt as an example (Exception number of time interrupt is 30)

2.3 Comprehensive Question

Bob writes the following function and **uses the objdump** to get its memory layout in a X86_64 machine. Assume the time interrupt frequency is 1000/s. Please show all **possible exceptions during the execution**. Please answer the question using the following format (Line, kind of exception, asynchronous or synchronous, definitely or not, reason)

| Address | Offset | perm | size | mapping |
|--------------|--------|------|--------|---------|
| 0x400000 | 0 | r-x | 0x3000 | .text |
| 0x403000 | 0x1000 | rw- | 0x1000 | .data |
| 0x600000 | 0 | rw- | - | .heap |
| 0x7ffffde000 | 0 | rw | - | .stack |

```

1 void func1(void) {
2     char *ptr = 0x401000;
3     char ptr_val = *ptr;
4     char *ptr2 = malloc(0x1000);
5     char *ptr3 = 0x404500;
6     int c;

```

```

7   c = getchar();
8   *ptr3 = 1;
9   *ptr = 1;
10  return 0;
11 }

```

3 Pipeline (Organization)

3.1 Short Question

All the questions in this section are based on the standard pipeline implementation from Figure 4.52 in CSAPP.

- 1) Is it possible to forward the `m_valM` to `ALU_A` or `ALU_B` to solve Load Use hazard? If it is possible, why not forwarding the value in the textbook? If not, please give your explanation.
- 2) What are programmer-visible states?
- 3) What would happen if the pipeline read an invalid instruction? (**Hint:** Consider M/W stage pipeline registers.)
- 4) If we take the following branch prediction policy, how to modify the `f_predPC` logic?

`target address < current PC ? taken : not taken`

- 5) Is it true that the more pipeline stages, the faster programs run? Why? Please give your explanations.

3.2 Comprehensive Question

Bob has a computer with a **single memory** and wants to implement a pipeline from Figure 4.52 in CSAPP book. Thus bob decides to **modify the hardware logic**. The modified pipeline is shown in the end of the paper. **NOTE: A single memory means that only one memory access(read or write) is allowed within a clock cycle.**

- 1) Please fill the blanks below to implement the pipeline.

```

word mem_addr = [
    M_icode in IRMMOVQ, IPUSHQ, ICALL, IMRMVQ : M_valE;
    M_icode in IPOPQ, IRET : M_valA;
    [1] : [2]
];
bool mem_read = [3] ;
bool mem_write = [4] ;

```

- 2) Because Bob **only has one memory**, there will be some hazards when **fetching instruction and accessing memory simultaneously**. Please list new detect conditions like Figure 4.64 and new control actions like Figure 4.66. Use “-” for no additional control action(“normal”).

| Condition | Trigger | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Structure Hazard | [1] | | | | |
| | Pipeline register | | | | |
| | F | D | E | M | W |
| | [2] | [3] | [4] | [5] | - |

- 3) The new structure hazard introduced some combination of hazards. How many **new combinations of hazards** are there with the structure hazard? And we need to modify the pipeline register control logic, please write down the modified HCL implementation for pipeline register.
- 4) Bob runs the following y86-64 code with his pipeline implementation, please calculate total cycles and CPI respectively. (**NOTE: you need calculate the number of cycles until the last stage of the last instruction.**)

```

1  # copy elements from src to dst
2  main:                                loop:
3      irmovq  src, %rdi                mrmovq (%rdi), %rax
4      irmovq  dst, %rsi                rmmovq %rax, (%rsi)
5      irmovq  $0x3, %rdx              iaddq  $-1, %rdx
6      call    copy                    iaddq  $8, %rdi
7      halt                                iaddq  $8, %rsi
8  copy:                                jmp     copy
9      andq    %rdx, %rdx  L1:
10     jle     L1                      ret

```

Total cycles for current implementation is [1] , CPI is [2] .

4 Signal(System)

4.1 Short Question

```

1  #include "csapp.h"
2
3  volatile sig_atomic_t flag = 0;
4
5  void handler(int s)
6  {

```

```

7   flag = s;
8   }
9
10  int main(int argc, char **argv)
11  {
12      Signal(SIGUSR1, handler);
13      pid_t pid = getpid();
14
15      if (Fork() == 0) {
16          Kill(pid, SIGUSR1);
17          exit(0);
18      }
19
20      flag = 0;
21      while (!flag) {
22
23      }
24
25      printf("flag: %d\n", flag);
26      printf("exiting...\n");
27      exit(0);
28  }

```

- 1) Sometimes this program will run forever. Provide a possible execution flow of the program which will run forever. Describe it in Chinese or English, or by drawing a simple graph.
- 2) Can you fix the bug by adding some lines of code. Hint: You will get full mark if you correctly use `sigsuspend`. Otherwise, a busy polling version is also acceptable.
- 3) Can we remove the key word `volatile`? Why?
- 4) What is the final value of `flag` if this program successfully exits?

4.2 Comprehensive Question

```

1  #include "csapp.h"
2
3  #define MAX 20
4
5  volatile sig_atomic_t number = 2;
6  volatile pid_t parent;
7  volatile pid_t child;
8
9  volatile char array[MAX-1];

```

```

10
11 void sigusr1_handler(int s)
12 {
13     int finish = 1;
14     Sio__putl(number);
15     Sio__puts(" ");
16
17     for (int i = number+1; i <= MAX; i++) {
18         if (i % number == 0) {
19             array[i-2] = 1;
20         }
21     }
22
23     for (int i = number+1; i <= MAX; i++) {
24         if (array[i-2] == 0) {
25             number = i;
26             finish = 0;
27             break;
28         }
29     }
30
31     if (finish) {
32         Sio__puts("\n");
33         Kill(child, SIGINT);
34     } else {
35         Kill(child, SIGUSR2);
36     }
37 }
38
39 void sigusr2_handler(int s)
40 {
41     Kill(parent, SIGUSR1);
42 }
43
44 void sigint_handler(int s)
45 {
46     Kill(parent, SIGKILL);
47     __exit(0);
48 }
49
50 int main(int argc, char **argv)
51 {
52     Signal(SIGUSR1, sigusr1_handler);
53     Signal(SIGUSR2, sigusr2_handler);
54     Signal(SIGINT, sigint_handler);
55

```

```

56     memset((void*) array, 0, sizeof(array));
57
58     parent = getpid();
59     if ((child = Fork()) == 0) {
60         Kill(parent, SIGUSR1);
61     }
62
63     while (1) {
64         Sleep(1);
65     }
66
67     exit(0);
68 }

```

- 1) We cannot call functions like **printf** or **exit** in the signal handler. Why?
- 2) Read the program and give the output of the program.

