

1 Calling C functions

Assembly program:

```
extern test
extern exit

section .text
global main

main:
    PUSH 1
    PUSH 2

    CALL test

    PUSH eax
    CALL exit
```

Also, the **test()** function is defined in **test.c** as:

```
int test(int a, int b){
    printf("This is test()\n");
    return (a+b);
}
```

We **PUSH** 1 and 2 into the stack(2 is the first argument of **test()** and 1 is the second argument). After this we **CALL** the **test()** function with the arguments(from the stack). Now, **test()** returns the sum of the arguments passed to it. **The return value is stored in the register: *eax***. So we can **PUSH** the value of **eax** onto the stack and **CALL** **exit()**.

Now comes the compilation part, so first we use the **nasm** command to assemble our program:

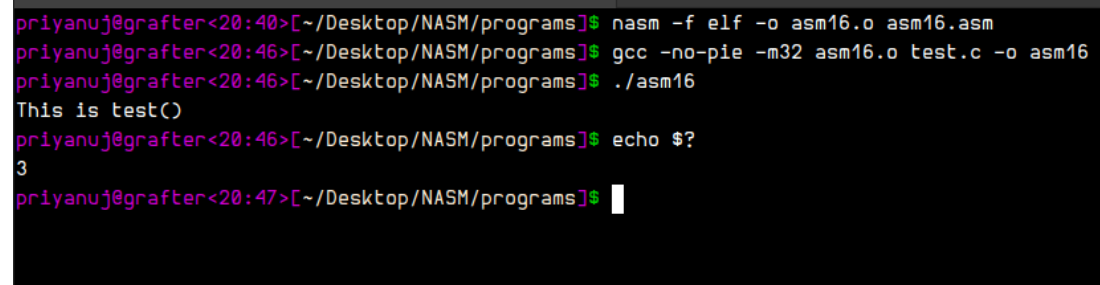
```
$ nasm -f elf -o asm16.o asm16.asm
```

Next, compile using **gcc**:

```
$ gcc -no-pie -m32 asm16.o test.c -o asm16
```

Here we have to provide the **C** file where we have defined our **test()** function.

We pushed `eax` into the stack and called `exit`. Now `exit` will execute as `exit(the value in eax)` and that value in `eax` will get stored in `$?` variable which we can see from the image below:



```
priyanuj@grafter<20:40>[~/Desktop/NASM/programs]$ nasm -f elf -o asm16.o asm16.asm
priyanuj@grafter<20:46>[~/Desktop/NASM/programs]$ gcc -no-pie -m32 asm16.o test.c -o asm16
priyanuj@grafter<20:46>[~/Desktop/NASM/programs]$ ./asm16
This is test()
priyanuj@grafter<20:46>[~/Desktop/NASM/programs]$ echo $?
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priyanuj@grafter<20:47>[~/Desktop/NASM/programs]$
```

Figure 1: Output