

Advanced Programming

Lab 6, static library, parameters

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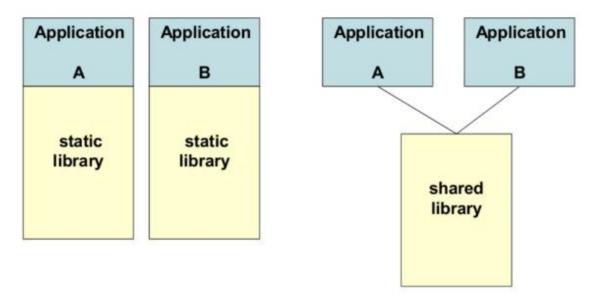
1. Static library and Dynamic library

Static Linking and Static Libraries (also known as an **archive**) is the result of the linker making copy of all used library functions to the executable file. Static Linking creates larger binary files, and need more space on disk and main memory. Examples of static libraries are, **.a** files in Linux and **.lib** files in Windows.

Dynamic linking and Dynamic Libraries Dynamic Linking doesn't require the code to be copied, it is done by just placing name of the library in the binary file. The actual linking happens when the program is run, when both the binary file and the library are in memory. If multiple programs in the system link to the same dynamic link library, they all reference the library. Therefore, this library is shared by multiple programs and is called a "shared library". Examples of Dynamic libraries are, .so in Linux and .dll in Windows.







		advantages	disadvantages				
	Static Library	 Make the executable has fewer dependencies, has been packaged into the executable file. The link is completed in the compilation stage, and the code is loaded quickly during execution. 	 Make the executable file larger. Being a library dependent on another library will result in redundant copies because it must be packaged with the target file. Upgrade is not convenient and easy. The entire executable needs to be replaced and recompiled. 				
	Dynamic Library	1.Dynamic library can achieve resource sharing between processes, there can be only one library file.2. The upgrade procedure is simple, do not need to recompile.	 Loading during runtime will slow down the execution speed of code. Add program dependencies that must be accompanied by an executable file. 				
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1.1 Building a static library

Suppose we have written the following code:

```
// mymath.h
#ifndef __MY_MATH_H__
#define __MY_MATH_H__
float arraySum(const float *array, size_t size);
#endif
```

```
// mymath.cpp
#include <iostream>
#include "mymath.h"
float arraySum(const float *array, size_t size)
  if(array == NULL)
    std::cerr << "NULL pointer!" << std::endl;</pre>
    return 0.0f;
  float sum = 0.0f;
  for(size t i = 0; i < size; i++)
    sum += array[i];
  return sum;
```

```
// main.cpp
#include <iostream>
#include "mymath.h"
int main()
  float arr1[8]{1.f, 2.f, 3.f, 4.f, 5.f, 6.f, 7.f, 8.f};
  float * arr2 = NULL;
  float sum1 = arraySum(arr1, 8);
  float sum2 = arraySum(arr2, 8);
  std::cout << "The result1 is " << sum1 <<
std::endl;
  std::cout << "The result2 is " << sum2 <<
std::endl;
  return 0;
```





1.1 Building a static library

- In previous class we do the following:
- This will compile the "main.cpp" and "mymath.cpp" into "main"
- And then run "main"

```
|→ lab git:(main) * g++ *.cpp -o main -std=c++11
|→ lab git:(main) * ./main
NULL pointer!
The result1 is 36
The result2 is 0
```





1.1 Building a static library

- A static library is created by .o file.
- Remember to use "ar" command with arguments "-cr" when building it.
- Now we should see "libmymath.a" in the current directory

Compile the source file to the object file.

The name of **.a** must be started with "**lib**" followed by the .cpp name in which a function is defined.

```
→ lab git:(main) x g++ -c mymath.cpp

→ lab git:(main) x ls
main.cpp mymath.cpp mymath.h mymath.o

→ lab git:(main) x ar -cr libmymath.a mymath.o

→ lab git:(main) x ls
libmymath.a main cpp mymath.cpp mymath.h mymath.o
```

ar is a linux command.

c: create a static library.

r: add the object file to the static library.





1.2 Using a static library

- Now we can use ".a" static library.
- Let's compile "main" again:

"-Imymath" indicates to use "libmymath.a" or "libmymath.so"

"-L." indicates to find a library file in the current directory.

- -L: indicates the directory of libraries
- -I: indicates the library name, the compiler can give the "lib" prefix to the library name and follows with .a as extension name.





1.2 Using a static library

If the static library is removed, the program can run normally.

```
|→ lab git:(main) x g++ main.cpp libmymath.a --std=c++11
|→ lab git:(main) x g++ main.cpp -L. -lmymath --std=c++11
|→ lab git:(main) x g++ row main.cpp -std=c++11
|→ lab git:(main) x g++ main.o -L. -lmymath
|→ lab git:(main) x ./a.out
| NULL pointer!
| The result1 is 36
| The result2 is 0
|→ lab git:(main) x rm libmymath.a
|→ lab git:(main) x ./a.out
| NULL pointer!
| The result1 is 36
| The result2 is 0
```

remove the static library file.

To create a static library from multiple object files:

ar -cr libtest.a test1.0 test2.0





1.3 Static library in makefile



All the files are in the same folder.

```
#makefile with static library
                                 three targets
       .PHONY:liba testliba clean
                           the first target with
       liba: libfun.a
                           its prerequisite
       libfun.a: max.o min.o
           ar cr $@ max.o min.o
       max.o : max.c
           gcc -c max.c
       min.o : min.c
           gcc -c min.c
  11
                          the second target
 12
                          with its prerequisite
  13
       testliba: main.out
  14
       main.out : main.c
           gcc main.c -L. -lfun -o main.out
  16
                  the third target with no
                                                                               By default, the first target
                   prerequisite
       clean:
                                                                               can run with only make
           rm -f *.o *.a
                                                                               command.
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO0N2F:/mnt/d/mycode/CcodeVS/staticlib/staticlibmakefile$ make
                                                                                The target name followed
gcc -c max.c
gcc -c min.c
                                                                                make command can run
ar cr libfun.a max.o min.o
                                                                                the target.
 maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO0N2F:/mnt/d/mycode/CcodeVS/staticlib/staticlibmakefile$ make testliba
gcc main.c -L. -lfun -o main.out
```





This time we put the functions in the "lib_a" folder, and create a makefile in this folder.



The first step, creates a static library file with these two .o files in the current makefile.

```
# makefile with all the .c files created static library
    OBJ = \$(patsubst \%.c, \%.o, \$(wildcard ./*.c))
    TARGET = libmyfun.a
    CC = gcc
    $(TARGET): $(OBJ)
         ar -r $(TARGET) $^
    %.o : %.c
10
        $(CC) -c $^ -o $@
12
    clean:
         rm -f *.o $(TARGET)
```

```
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO0N2F:/mnt/d/mycode/CcodeVS/staticlib/staticlibmakefiles$ cd lib_a
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO0N2F:/mnt/d/mycode/CcodeVS/staticlib/staticlibmakefiles/lib_a$ make
gcc -c min.c -o min.o
gcc -c max.c -o max.o
ar -r libmyfun.a min.o max.o
ar: creating libmyfun.a
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO0N2F:/mnt/d/mycode/CcodeVS/staticlib/staticlibmakefiles/lib_a$ ls
libmyfun.a makefile max.c max.o min.c min.o
```





```
✓ staticlibmakefiles
✓ lib_a
M makefile
C max.c
C min.c
C fun.h
C main.c
M Makefile
```

The second step, creates another makefile in the upper-level folder to link the static library into the executable file.

```
#link with static library in makefile
    OBJS = $(patsubst %.c, %.o, $(wildcard ./*.c))
    TARGET = main
    CC = gcc
     LDFLAGE = -L./lib_a
     LIB = -lmyfun
    $(TARGET): $(OBJS)
10
        $(CC) $^ -o $@ $(LIB) $(LDFLAGE) <
11
13
    %.o: %.c
         $(CC) -c $^ -o $@
14
     clean:
         rm -f *.o $(TARGET)
```

Links the executable file with the static library.

```
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO@N2F:/mnt/d/mycode/CcodeVS/staticlib/staticlibmakefiles/lib_a$ cd ..
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO@N2F:/mnt/d/mycode/CcodeVS/staticlib/staticlibmakefiles$ make
gcc -c main.c -o main.o
gcc main.o -L./lib_a -lmyfun -o main
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO@N2F:/mnt/d/mycode/CcodeVS/staticlib/staticlibmakefiles$ ./main
Please input two integers:4 9
maxNum = 9, minNum = 4
```





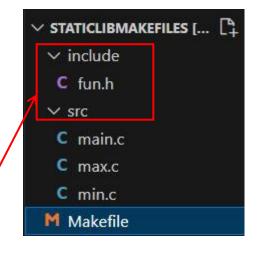
```
#link with static library in makefile
     OBJS = $(patsubst %.c, %.o, $(wildcard ./*.c))
     TARGET = main
     CC = gcc
     LDFLAGE = -L./lib a
     LIB = -lmyfun
10
     $(TARGET): $(OBJS)
                 $(LIB) $(LDFLAGE) $^ -o $@
11
         $(CC)
12
13
     %.o: %.c
14
         $(CC) -c $^ -o $@
15
16
     clean:
17
         rm -f *.o $(TARGET)
```

If you put the flag before \$^, it will cause error.

```
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO0N2F:/mnt/d/mycode/CcodeVS/staticlib/staticlibmakefiles$ make
gcc -lmyfun -L./lib_a main.o -o main
/usr/bin/ld: main.o: in function `main':
main.c:(.text+0x53): undefined reference to `max'
/usr/bin/ld: main.c:(.text+0x65): undefined reference to `min'
collect2: error: ld returned 1 exit status
make: *** [Makefile:11: main] Error 1
```







This time we put all the source files in the "src" folder, the function header file in the "include" folder, and create a makefile in the current folder. (Only one makefile)

```
lib_srcs := $(filter-out src/main.c, $(wildcard src/*.c))
lib objs := $(patsubst %.c, %.o, $(lib srcs))
include path := ./include
I options := $(include path:%=-I%)
lib/%.o : src/%.c
    mkdir -p $(dir $@)
    gcc -c $^ -o $@ $(I_options)
lib/libmath.a : $(lib objs)
                                                               The first part of the
    mkdir -p $(dir $@)
                                                               makefile just
    ar -r $@ $^
                                                              creates a static
                                                               library named
static lib : lib/libmath.a
                                                               libmath.a
clean :
    rm -rf ./lib
.PHONY : clean static lib
```

```
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO0N2F:/mnt/d/mycode/CcodeVS/staticlib/staticlibmakefiles$ make
ar: creating lib/libmath.a
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO0N2F:/mnt/d/mycode/CcodeVS/staticlib/staticlibmakefiles$ ls ./lib
libmath.a
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO0N2F:/mnt/d/mycode/CcodeVS/staticlib/staticlibmakefiles$
```





```
#====== Linking static library=======
library path := ./lib
linking libs := math
l options := $(linking libs:%=-1%)
L_options := $(library_path:%=-L%)
linking_flags := $(1_options) $(L_options)
objs/main.o : src/main.c
    mkdir -p $(dir $@)
    gcc -c $^ -o $@ $(I_options)
objs/test : objs/main.o
    mkdir -p $(dir $@)
    gcc $^ -o $@ $(linking_flags)
run : objs/test
    ./$<
clean :
    rm -rf ./lib ./objs
.PHONY : clean static_lib run
```

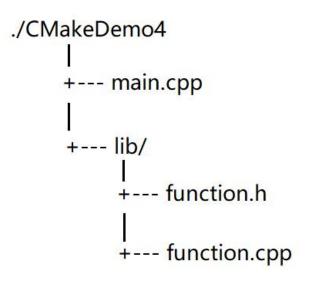
The second part of the makefile links the static library **libmath.a** to the executable file **test** in the "objs" folder.

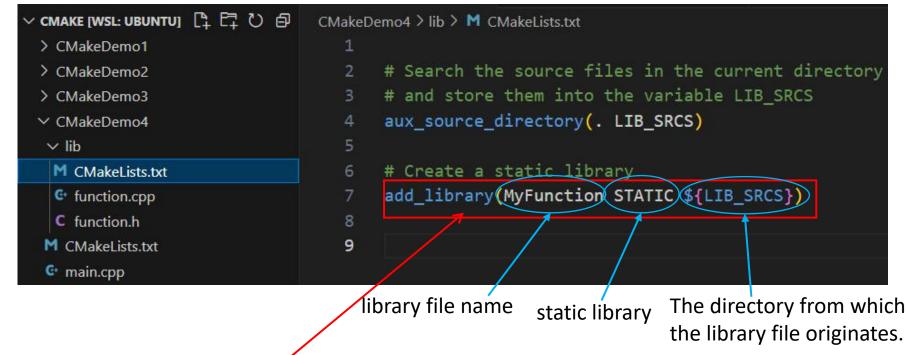


1.4 Creating and linking a static library by CMake

We want to create a static(or dynamic) library by function.cpp and call the static library in main.cpp. This time we write two CMakeLists.txt files, one in **CmakeDemo4** folder and another in **lib** folder.

The CMakeLists.txt in **lib** folder creates a static library.

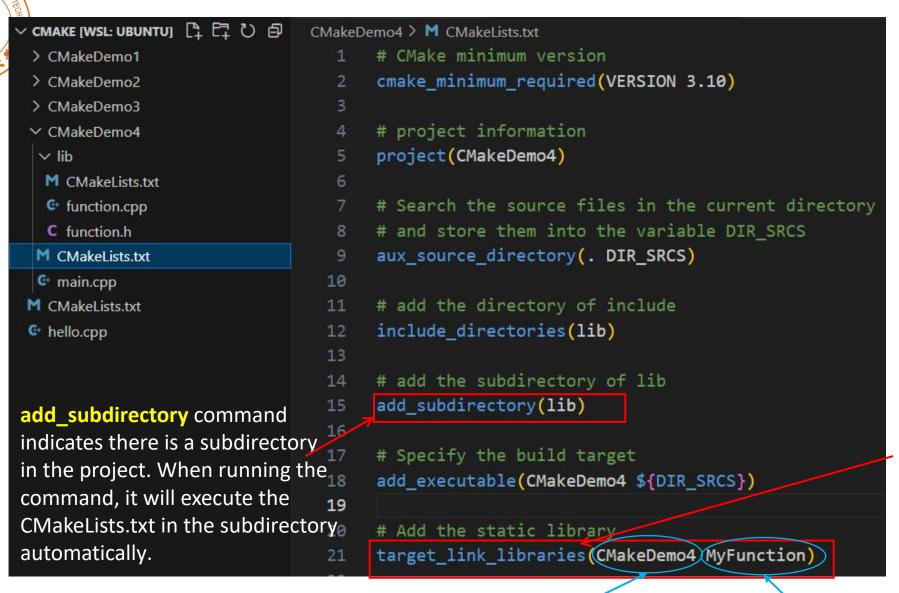




Create a static library named **libMyFunction.a** by the files in the current directory.



The CMakeLists.txt in **CMakeDemo4** folder creates the project.



Indicates that the project needs link a library named **MyFunction**, MyFunction can be a static library file or a dynamic library file.

project name

library file name

If there are more than one file, list them using space as the separator.





```
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO0N2F:/mnt/d/CMake/CMakeDemo49 mkdir build
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO0N2F:/mnt/d/CMake/CMakeDemo4$ cd build
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MOØN2F:/mnt/d/CMake/CMakeDemo4/buildscmake ...
-- The C compiler identification is GNU 9.4.0
-- The CXX compiler identification is GNU 9.4.0
-- Check for working C compiler: /usr/bin/cc
-- Check for working C compiler: /usr/bin/cc -- works
-- Detecting C compiler ABI info
-- Detecting C compiler ABI info - done
-- Detecting C compile features
-- Detecting C compile features - done
-- Check for working CXX compiler: /usr/bin/c++
-- Check for working CXX compiler: /usr/bin/c++ -- works
-- Detecting CXX compiler ABI info
-- Detecting CXX compiler ABI info - done
-- Detecting CXX compile features
-- Detecting CXX compile features - done
-- Configuring done
-- Generating done
-- Build files have been written to: /mnt/d/CMake/CMakeDemo4/build
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO0N2F:/mnt/d/CMake/CMakeDemo4/build$ ls
CMakeCache.txt CMakeDemo4 CMakeFiles Makefile cmake install.cmake
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO0N2F:/mnt/d/CMake/CMakeDemo4/build$ cd lib
maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO0N2F:/mnt/d/CMake/CMakeDemo4/build/lib$ ls
           Makefile cmake install.cmake libMyFunction.a
 maydlee@LAPTOP-U1MO0N2F:/mnt/d/CMake/CMakeDemo4/build$ make
Scanning dependencies of target MyFunction
  25%] Building CXX object lib/CMakeFiles/MyFunction.dir/function.cpp.o
  50% Linking CXX static library libMyFunction.a
  50%] Built target MyFunction
Scanning dependencies of target CMakeDemo4
 75%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/CMakeDemo4.dir/main.cpp.o
[100%] Linking CXX executable CMakeDemo4
[100%] Built target CMakeDemo4
```





2. Parameters

```
#include<stdio.h>
int add1(int a,int b){
    int sum = (a++)+(b++);
    return sum;
int add2(int *x,int *y){
    int sum = ((*x)++)+((*y)++);
    return sum;
int add3(int &c,int &d){
    int sum = (c++)+(d++);
    return sum;
int main(){
    int i=0, j=0;
    scanf("%d",&i);
    scanf("%d",&j);
    printf("i_address:%p,j_address:%p\n",&i,&j);
    int sum=add1(i,j);
    printf("%d+%d=%d\n",i,j,sum);
    sum=add3(i,j);
    printf("%d+%d=%d\n",i,j,sum);
    return 0;
```

Q1. How to compile the source code on the left hand, by using gcc or g++?

Q2. Is there any compiling error on the source code, if no, compile it, if yes, correct and compile.

Q3. What's the output of this piece of code while input data is 1 and 2?

A	В	С	D
1+2=3	1+2=3	1+2=3	1+2=3
1+2=3	2+3=5	2+3=3	2+3=5
1+2=3	2+3=5	3+4=5	3+4=7



2.1 Pass by value: fundamental type

**Using "-g" option while compiling to generate the executable file, then set break point and debug.

Q1. What's the address of variable "i" and "j"?

Q2. Is the address of variable "a" same with the address of "i"? how about "b" and "j"?

Q3. Do variables a and b still exist after returning from the "add1" to the "main"?

```
V WATCH
                                  int main(){
  &a: -var-create: unab...
                                      int i=0, j=0;
   a: -var-create: unabl...
                                      scanf("%d",&i);
  &b: -var-create: unab...
                                      scanf("%d",&j);
  b: -var-create: unabl...
                                      printf("i_address:%p,j_address:%p",&i,&j);
                                      int sum=add1(i,j);
   sum: 32767
                         18
                                      printf("%d+%d=%d\n",i,j,sum);
  i: 1
                                      sum = add2(&i,&j);
  j: 2
                                      printf("%d+%d=%d\n",i,j,sum);
 > &i: 0x7fffffffdd9c
                                      return 0;
 > &j: 0x7fffffffdda0
```

```
> WATCH
> &a: 0x7fffffffdd6c
a: 1
> &b: 0x7fffffffdd68
b: 2
sum: 21845

#include <stdio.h>
2
int add1(int a,int b){
    int sum = (a++)+(b++);
    return sum;
}

return sum;

}
```

```
> WATCH

> &a: 0x7fffffffdd6c

a: 2

> &b: 0x7ffffffdd68

b: 3

sum: 3

#include <stdio.h>

2

int add1(int a,int b){{
    int sum = (a++)+(b++);
    return sum;
}

return sum;
}
```

```
WATCH
                                  int main(){
 &a: -var-create: unab...
                                      int i=0, j=0;
  a: -var-create: unabl...
                                      scanf("%d",&i);
  &b: -var-create: unab...
                                      scanf("%d",&j);
 b: -var-create: unabl...
                                      printf("i address:%p,j address:%p",&i,&j);
                                      int sum=add1(i,j);
  sum: 3
                         D 19
                                      printf("%d+%d=%d\n",i,j,sum);
 i: 1
                                      sum = add2(&i,&j);
 j: 2
                                      printf("%d+%d=%d\n",i,j,sum);
> &i: 0x7fffffffdd9c
                                      return 0;
> &j: 0x7fffffffdda0
```

2.2 Pass by value: pointer

Using "-g" option while compiling to generate the executable file, then set break point and debug.

- Q1. Is the value of variable "x" same with the address of "i"? how about the value of "b" and the address of "i"?
- Q2. Do variables x and y still exist after returning from the "add2" to the "main"?
- Q3. Which following piece(s) of add2 would cause segment falut, or both? Why?

```
//option A
int add2(int*x,int*y){
    int sum= ((*x)++)+((*y)++);
    return sum;
                     //option B
    free(x);
                     int add2(int*x,int*y){
    free(y);
                         int sum= ((*x)++)+((*y)++);
    x=NULL;
                          free(x);
    y=NULL;
                          free(y);
                          x=NULL;
                          y=NULL;
                          return sum;
```

```
int main(){
 &a: -var-create: unab...
                                      int i=0, j=0;
                            14
                                      scanf("%d",&i);
 &b: -var-create: unab...
                                     scanf("%d",&j);
                                     printf("i address:%p,j address:%p",&i,&j);
 b: -var-create: unabl...
                                      int sum=add1(i,j);
                        D 19
                                     printf("%d+%d=%d\n",i,j,sum);
 i: 1
                                      sum = add2(&i,&j);
                                     printf("%d+%d=%d\n",i,j,sum);
> &i: 0x7fffffffdd9c
                                     return 0;
> &j: 0x7fffffffdda0
```

```
∨ WATCH

                       Ø
                          ョ

√ x: 0x7fffffffdd9c

                                      int add2(int *x,int *y){
                                           int sum = ((*x)++)+((*y)++);
                              D
    *x: 1
                                           return sum;

y: 0x7fffffffdda0

                       B ×
                                 11
    *y: 2
   ∨ WATCH
                     十 🗗 🗗
```

```
int add2(int *x,int *y){

√ x: 0x7fffffffdd9c

                                          int sum = ((*x)++)+((*y)++);
   *x: 2
                                10
                                          return sum;
                             D
∨ y: 0x7ffffffdda0
                                11
   *y: 3
                                12
                                     int main(){
  sum: 3
```



2.3 Pass by reference

yesing "-g" option while compiling to generate the executable file, then set break point and debug.

Q1. Is the address of variable "c" same with the address of "i"? how about the address of "b" and the address of "j"?

Q2. For the following code "add3_x", is the space of "e" belongs to heap or stack?
What's the problem of the following code?
Fix it and make the return value is 4.

```
int add3_x(int &c,int &d){
    int sum= (c++)+(d++);
    int *e= (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
    c=*e;
    d=*e;
    *e=1;
    sum= (c++)+(d++);
    return sum;
}
```

```
c: -var-create: unable to create var...
                                                 int main(){
 d: -var-create: unable to create var...
                                                      int i=0, j=0;
                                                      scanf("%d",&i);
 &c: -var-create: unable to create va...
                                                      scanf("%d",&j);
 &d: -var-create: unable to create va...
                                                      printf("i address:%p,j address:%p\n",&i,&j);
                                        D 22

√ &i: 0x7fffffffddac

                                                      int sum=add1(i,j);
   *&i: 1
                                                      printf("%d+%d=%d\n",i,j,sum);

√ &j: 0x7fffffffddb0

                                                      sum = add3(i,j);
   *&j: 2
                                                      printf("%d+%d=%d\n",i,j,sum);
                                                     return 0;
```



2.4 pass a huge structure vs pass its pointer(1)

- ➤ using "g++ -S -o" to generate assembly code based on x64.
 (The CPU of the testing machine is based on x64)
- ➤ In x64, register "rsp" is stack pointer.

here passing the value of a huge struct needs more stack space (1040+8+1032) than passing the value of a pointer which points the buge struct(16+1040).

```
    ww2@DESKTOP-4NIH4UK:/mnt/c/Users/sustech/Desktop/C_CPP_CODE/lab6/part2$ g++ -S -o fdemo3-x64.s fdemo3.c
    ww2@DESKTOP-4NIH4UK:/mnt/c/Users/sustech/Desktop/C_CPP_CODE/lab6/part2$ cat fdemo3-x64.s | grep sub subq $1040, %rsp subq $8, %rsp subq $1032, %rsp
    ww2@DESKTOP-4NIH4UK:/mnt/c/Users/sustech/Desktop/C_CPP_CODE/lab6/part2$ g++ -S -o fdemo3_ptr-x64.s fdemo3_ptr.c
    ww2@DESKTOP-4NIH4UK:/mnt/c/Users/sustech/Desktop/C_CPP_CODE/lab6/part2$ cat fdemo3_ptr-x64.s | grep sub subq $16, %rsp subq $1040, %rsp
    ww2@DESKTOP-4NIH4UK:/mnt/c/Users/sustech/Desktop/C_CPP_CODE/lab6/part2$
```





2.4 pass a huge structure vs pass its pointer(2)

- using "aarch64-linux-gnu-g++ -S -o" to generate assembly code based on ARM64.
- ➤ In ARM64, register "**sp**" is stack pointer.

here passing the value of the huge struct needs more stack space (2096) than passing the value of a pointer which points the buge struct(1056).

```
    ww2@DESKTOP-4NIH4UK:/mnt/c/Users/sustech/Desktop/C_CPP_CODE/lab6/part2$ aarch64-linux-gnu-g++ -S -o fdemo3-arm64.s fdemo3.c
    ww2@DESKTOP-4NIH4UK:/mnt/c/Users/sustech/Desktop/C_CPP_CODE/lab6/part2$ cat fdemo3-arm64.s | grep sub | grep sp sub | sp, sp, #2096
    ww2@DESKTOP-4NIH4UK:/mnt/c/Users/sustech/Desktop/C_CPP_CODE/lab6/part2$ aarch64-linux-gnu-g++ -S -o fdemo3_ptr-arm64.s fdemo3_ptr.c
    ww2@DESKTOP-4NIH4UK:/mnt/c/Users/sustech/Desktop/C_CPP_CODE/lab6/part2$ cat fdemo3_ptr-arm64.s | grep sub | grep sp sub | sp, sp, #1056
    ww2@DESKTOP-4NIH4UK:/mnt/c/Users/sustech/Desktop/C_CPP_CODE/lab6/part2$
```





2.4 pass a huge structure vs pass its pointer(3)

- using "riscv64-linux-gnu-gcc -S -o" to generate assembly code based on RISC-V64.
- ➤ In RISC-V64, register "sp" is stack pointer.

here passing the value of the huge struct needs more stack space (16+64+2032) than passing the value of a pointer which points the buge struct(32+1056).





Exercise 1

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int * create_array(int size)
  int arr[size];
  for(int i = 0; i < size; i++)
    arr[i] = i * 10;
  return arr;
int main()
  int len = 16;
  int *ptr = create_array(len);
  for(int i = 0; i < len; i++)
    cout << ptr[i] << " ";
  return 0;
```

What compilation warnings occur when you compile the program? Why? What will happen if you ignore the warning and run the program? Fix bugs of the program and run it correctly without memory leak.





Define a function that swaps two values of integers. Write a test program to call the function and display the result.

You are required to compile the function into a static library "libswap.a", and then compile and run your program with this static library.





Exercise 3

- 3-1. Run the demo code on page 21 and 22, answer the questions on these pages.
- 3-2. Change fdemo3_ptr.c on page 23 to pass the reference instead of pass the pointer, generate the assembly soure code on your PC and answer the question: Would passing the reference use more stack space than passing the pointer in this situation?
- 3-3. Compare the differences between pointers and references in C++, as well as the differences between references in C++and Python, make a summay.

