

# Assignment 01 - SimpleLoader: An ELF Loader from Scratch

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## Summary

A simpler ELF loader for loading an ELF 32-bit executable in plain-C without any library APIs available for manipulating ELF files.

## Directories and How to Run

### For with-bonus

- Navigate to `starter/with-bonus` and in terminal execute `make all`
- Navigate to `starter/with-bonus/launcher` and in terminal run `./launcher`  
`../test/fib`

### Directory Structure

- `/bin` contains the shared library `lib_simpleloader.so` which is compiled from `/loader/loader.c`
- `/launcher` contains the C code for the launcher implementation. `launch.c` is compiled and linked with the above stated shared library to output `launcher` - an ELF 32-bit executable
- `/test` contains the ELF executable to be loaded and launched by the SimpleLoader

### For without-bonus

- Navigate to `starter/without-bonus` and in terminal execute `make all`
- in terminal run `./loader fib`

## Checks

Added checks to confirm the following

- ELF identification number verification
- Checks to match the Architecture of the ELF file and the type of the ELF file (whether it is executable or relocatable file)
- Also checks to verify the OS of the machine
- Minor checks regarding file reading operations

## Citations

- [https://wiki.osdev.org/ELF\\_Tutorial](https://wiki.osdev.org/ELF_Tutorial)
- <https://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man5/elf.5.html>
- <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/input-output-system-calls-c-create-open-close-read-write/>
- <https://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man2/mmap.2.html>
- <https://www.cprogramming.com/tutorial/shared-libraries-linux-gcc.html>

## Contribution

- All the work was collectively and equally done by both the participants Sidhartha Garg and Saksham Singh
- The code programming and compilation for loader and launcher was collectively discussed and executed.
- Code compilation was carried on Sidhartha Garg's Intel based machine
- Checks were handled by Saksham Singh, and MakeFiles were made by Sidhartha Garg