

Homework2-solutoin

1. Answer these questions and Fill in the blanks.

Open-end answer

2. Consider the following function [sizeof(int) == 4]

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typedef unsigned char byte;
void show_bytes(byte *start, int len) {
    int i;
    for(i = 0; i < len; i++)
        printf("%.2x", start[i]);
}
unsigned int val = 0x1234abcd;
byte *valp = (byte *) &val;
```

(1) What is the value of valp[4] (if consider it as an array of 4 elements of “byte”)?

Little-endian: {valp[0], valp[1], valp[2], valp[3]} = { 0xcd, 0xab, 0x34, 0x12 }

Big-endian: {valp[0], valp[1], valp[2], valp[3]} = { 0x12, 0x34, 0xab, 0xcd }

(2) What is the output of the following call to show_bytes on big-endian and little-endian machines respectively? (You can have a try on your machine!)

	Little-endian	Big-endian
show_bytes(valp, 1)	cd	12
show_bytes(valp, 2)	cdab	1234
show_bytes(valp, 4)	cdab3412	1234abcd

3. In C language, if an evaluation expression contains both unsigned and signed values, then signed values will be implicitly casted into unsigned ones before evaluation. Please fill the following table with “<”, “>” or “=”. (Assume int value is encoded using 16 bits)

Constant A	Constant B	A ? B
-2U	-1U	<
-1	1	<
-1	100U	>

-1	65535U	=
-32767	32768U	>