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1.2 Alternative version

Checkout the .txt, the .pdf, and the .html version

1.3 Init ORG-MODE

```
;; I need this for org-mode to work well
;; If we have a new org-mode use ob-shell
;; otherwise use ob-sh --- but not both!
(if (require 'ob-shell nil 'noerror)
  (progn
        (org-babel-do-load-languages 'org-babel-load-languages '((shell . t))))
  (progn
        (require 'ob-sh)
```

```
(org-babel-do-load-languages 'org-babel-load-languages '((sh . t)))))
(\verb|org-babel-do-load-languages 'org-babel-load-languages '((C . t)))\\
(org-babel-do-load-languages 'org-babel-load-languages '((python . t)))
(setq org-src-fontify-natively t)
(setq org-confirm-babel-evaluate nil) ;; danger!
(custom-set-faces
 '(org-block ((t (:inherit shadow :foreground "black"))))
 '(org-code ((t (:inherit shadow :foreground "black")))))
1.3.1 Org export
(org-html-export-to-html)
(org-latex-export-to-pdf)
(org-ascii-export-to-ascii)
1.3.2 Org Template
Copy and paste this to demo C
#include <stdio.h>
int main(int argc, char**argv) {
    return 0;
}
```

1.4 Remember how to compile?

gcc -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra -ftrapv -ggdb3 -o programname programname.c

1.5 IO

stdio.h in C contains numerous IO routines. You use it primarily for printf and scanf.

1.6 Streams

Programs that run in the UNIX terminal have 3 main streams:

- \bullet stdin
 - standard in or standard input to read

```
- shell: '<' '|'
```

- C: 'gets, getchar, scanf, fgets(stdin,...), read(stdin,...), ...'

• stdout

- standard out or standard output to write out to the terminals
- shell: '>' '|'
- C: 'puts, printf, fputs(stdout,...), fputc(stdout,...), ...'

• stderr:

- standard err or standard error to write out to terminals but not modify the main output
- '2>' or '2>&1 |' or '|&' (bash only)
- C: 'fputs(stderr,...), fputchar(stderr,...), fprintf(stderr,...), ...'

They are called streams because you serially output information to them. And multiple sources can write to the stream. It's like talking or a stream of consciousness. 1 byte after another.

1. shell

Typically a terminal will mix stdout and stderr.

You can type in input to standard input.

You can "pipe" input to standard input:

You can redirect file input to standard input: <

Example: using a pipe to pipe the string 'ALL CAPS' through the tr program to lower case it.

```
echo ALL CAPS | tr '[:upper:]' '[:lower:]'
```

all caps

tr is a translation program it takes characters from 1 argument and turns them into another.

```
echo ALL CAPS | tr 'ALC' 'ODP'
```

ODD POPS

```
We can make files by redirecting stdout to a file
```

```
echo ALL CAPS > allcaps.txt
cat allcaps.txt | tr 'AL' 'OP'
echo From Ontario, catch those # just echo to stdout
tr 'AC' 'IR' < allcaps.txt</pre>
OPP COPS
From Ontario, catch those
ILL RIPS
We can filter arbitrary commands:
ls | tr '[:lower:]' '[:upper:]'
20.TXT
30.TXT
ALLCAPS.TXT
ARGV
ARGV.C
ARGV-NEW
ARGVRAND
ARGVRAND.C
OTUA
BINARY.BIN
BINARYREAD.C
BINARYWRITE.C
COOLBEARS.TXT
FFLUSHRANDR
FFLUSHRANDR.C
FFLUSHREADER
FFLUSHREADER.C
FFLUSH.SH
FFLUSH.TXT
FGETS.TXT
FPRINTF.TXT
K_T
MMAPREAD.C
```

PERROR

```
PERROR.C
PRESENTATION.HTML
PRESENTATION.HTML~
PRESENTATION.ORG
PRESENTATION.ORG~
PRESENTATION.PDF
PRESENTATION.TEX
PRESENTATION.TEX~
PRESENTATION.TXT
PRESENTATION.TXT~
STDIN-EXAMPLE
STDIN-EXAMPLE.C
STDOUT-EXAMPLE
STDOUT-EXAMPLE.C
We can chain pipes:
echo translate AC IR LL LK
tr 'AC' 'IR' < allcaps.txt | sed -e 's/LL/LK/'</pre>
echo translate AC IR LL LK ^S
tr 'AC' 'IR' < allcaps.txt | sed -e 's/LL/LK/' | \</pre>
   sed -e 's/^/S/'
# we can chain commands together
echo translate AC IR LL LK ^S K K T
tr 'AC' 'IR' < allcaps.txt | sed -e 's/LL/LK/' | \</pre>
   sed -e 's/^/S/' | \
   sed -e 's/K /K T/'
ls | grep .org | sort
translate AC IR LL LK
ILK RIPS
translate AC IR LL LK ^S
SILK RIPS
translate AC IR LL LK ^S K K T
SILK TRIPS
presentation.org
presentation.org~
```

sed is a useful regular expression program for manipulating text.

```
(a) stderr & shell
      ls -1 missing
      exit 0
      Where is it?
      ls -1 missing 2>&1
       exit 0
      ls: cannot access 'missing': No such file or directory
      Once we redirect stderr to stdout we can pipe it and manipulate
      ls -l missing 2>&1 | tr '[:lower:]', '[:upper:]'
      LS: CANNOT ACCESS 'MISSING': NO SUCH FILE OR DIRECTORY
       Or perhaps we don't want to see the error
       ls -l missing 2> /dev/null
       exit 0
      Maybe we just want stderr
      ls -l *.org missing 2>&1 > /dev/null
       exit 0
      ls: cannot access 'missing': No such file or directory
      Maybe we just want BOTH
      ls -l *.org missing 2>&1
       exit 0
      ls: cannot access 'missing': No such file or directory
       -rw-r--r-- 1 hindle1 hindle1 27907 Apr 7 11:32 presentation.org
2. C
```

(a) output

```
#include <stdio.h>
   int main() {
       printf("OK this is to stdout!\n");
       fprintf(stdout, "OK this is to stdout as well!\n");
       fprintf(stderr,"OK this is to stderr!\n");
       return 0;
   }
   OK this is to stdout!
   OK this is to stdout as well!
   Hmmm org-mode ignores stderr
   gcc -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra -ftrapv -ggdb3 -o stdout-example stdout
   ./stdout-example 2>&1
   OK this is to stderr!
   OK this is to stdout!
   OK this is to stdout as well!
   Ah now it appears
(b) input
   #include <stdio.h>
   int main() {
       int input;
       if (scanf("%d", &input)!=1) abort();
       fprintf(stdout, "From stdin %d\n", input);
       fprintf(stderr, "ERR: From stdin d\n", input);
       return 0;
   }
   gcc -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra -ftrapv -ggdb3 -o stdin-example stdin-ex
   echo 10 | ./stdin-example 2>&1
   echo 20 > 20.txt
   echo 30 > 30.txt
   ./stdin-example 2>&1 < 20.txt
   ./stdin-example < 30.txt 2>&1
   ERR: From stdin 10
   From stdin 10
   ERR: From stdin 20
```

From stdin 20

ERR: From stdin 30

From stdin 30

You've mostly seen this before except the 'fprintf(stderr,...)' part.

1.7 Files

Files can be addressed as streams as well. But we have to open and close them. So we can treat files exactly like stdin and stdout but with a few changes.

- 1. We need a file handle (like stdin, stdout, or stderr). This handle is for the OS to know which file the process is talking about.
- 2. We need to decide if we are reading write or both and we need to open a file to produce a file handle. Or use an existing one.
 - fopen
- 3. We need to write to it using write and f* operations.
 - fprintf
 - fputs
- 4. We need to read from it using read and f* operations.
 - fgets
 - fgetc
- 5. We need to close the file after we're done. fclose.

1.7.1 open and close

To open a file we use fopen. To close it we fclose. Don't use open and close because that's not portable. That's for the OS.

```
FILE *fopen(const char *pathname, const char *mode);
int fclose(FILE *stream);
```

The mode is a string

• "r" - read

- "w" write (erase file)
- "a" append (add to end of file)
- \bullet "r+" read and write
- "w+" write and read (erase file)
- "a+" append and read

FILE * f_cb = fopen("coolbears.txt", "w"); // open coolbears.txt for writing
int fclose(f_cb); // close coolbears.txt

If you don't close a file you can lose bytes you wrote to it because they didn't get flushed to disk. This is important because people might kill your program your you might reboot or shutdown the computer. If you want to ensure data is written try to engage in flush. Sometimes no data will appear until you flush or close the file. Keep those pipes clean.

1. fopen

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define SIZE 1024
int main() {
    char buffer[SIZE] = \{'\0'\};
    // open coolbears.txt for writing
   FILE * f_cb = fopen("coolbears.txt", "w");
    if (f_cb == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open coolbears.txt");
        abort();
    }
    fputs("Polar bears", f_cb);
    fclose(f_cb);
    FILE * f_cbr = fopen("coolbears.txt", "r");
    if (f_cbr == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open coolbears.txt");
        abort();
    fgets(buffer, SIZE, f_cbr);
    printf("%s\n",buffer);
    fclose(f_cbr);
}
```

Polar bears

```
2. perror
  perror produces nice errors.
  perror("An error string"); will report the immediate fopen error if there
  is one.
  Copy this code or put it in macro.
  FILE * file = fopen("filename", "w"); // open coolbears.txt for writing
  if (file == NULL) {
      perror("filename could not be opened");
      abort();
  }
  #include <stdio.h>
  int main() {
      // open a file I can't open
      FILE * f_cb = fopen("/proc/whatever", "w");
      if (f_cb == NULL) {
          perror("Couldn't open /proc/whatever");
           abort();
      printf("We shouldn't be here!\n");
  }
  gcc -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra -ftrapv -ggdb3 -o perror ./perror.c && \
  ./perror 2>&1
  exit 0
  Couldn't open /proc/whatever: No such file or directory
  Aborted (core dumped)
3. closing
  OK but what if we don't close it?
  #include <stdio.h>
  #define SIZE 1024
  int main() {
```

```
char buffer[SIZE] = {'\0'};
    // open coolbears.txt for writing
    FILE * f_cb = fopen("coolbears.txt", "w");
    if (f_cb == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open coolbears.txt");
        abort();
    }
    fputs("Polar bears", f_cb);
    FILE * f_cbr = fopen("coolbears.txt", "r");
    if (f_cbr == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open coolbears.txt");
        abort();
    fgets(buffer, SIZE, f_cbr);
    printf("This is the buffer before close: %s\n",buffer);
    fclose(f_cbr);
    fclose(f_cb);
    f_cbr = fopen("coolbears.txt", "r");
    if (f_cbr == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open coolbears.txt");
        abort();
    fgets(buffer, SIZE, f_cbr);
    printf("This is the buffer after close: %s\n",buffer);
    fclose(f_cbr);
    printf("Close your buffers!");
}
This is the buffer before close:
This is the buffer after close: Polar bears
Close your buffers!
cat coolbears.txt
Polar bears
(a) fflushing and fclose
    Now let's see what flush does for us!
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define SIZE 1024
int main() {
    char buffer[SIZE] = \{'\0'\};
    // open coolbears.txt for writing
    FILE * f_cb = fopen("coolbears.txt", "w");
    if (f_cb == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open coolbears.txt");
        abort();
    fputs("Polar bears", f_cb);
    fflush(f_cb); // WE'RE FLUSHING!
    FILE * f_cbr = fopen("coolbears.txt", "r");
    if (f_cbr == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open coolbears.txt");
        abort();
    fgets(buffer, SIZE, f_cbr);
    printf("This is the buffer before close but after flush: %s\n",buffer);
    fclose(f_cbr);
    fclose(f_cb);
    f_cbr = fopen("coolbears.txt", "r");
    if (f_cbr == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open coolbears.txt");
        abort();
    }
    fgets(buffer, SIZE, f_cbr);
    printf("This is the buffer after close: %s\n",buffer);
    fclose(f_cbr);
    printf("Close your buffers! Keep your pipes clean");
}
This is the buffer before close but after flush: Polar bears
This is the buffer after close: Polar bears
Close your buffers! Keep your pipes clean
```

1.7.2 writing

1. fprintf

fprintf is printf for files. It takes a FILE * as the first argument and

then it looks like printf after that.

fputs is available too and does the same thing except no laying out of strings.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#define SIZE 1024
int main() {
    srand(time(NULL));
    char buffer[SIZE] = {'\0'};
    // open coolbears.txt for writing
   FILE * f_cb = fopen("fprintf.txt", "w");
    if (f_cb == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open fprintf.txt");
        abort();
    }
    // It's just like printf!
    fprintf(f_cb,"A random number %d\n", rand());
    fclose(f_cb);
   FILE * f_cbr = fopen("fprintf.txt", "r");
    if (f_cbr == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open fprintf.txt");
        abort();
    fgets(buffer, SIZE, f_cbr);
   printf("%s\n",buffer);
    fclose(f_cbr);
}
```

A random number 81578296

1.7.3 reading

For reading text from a file you options like fgets, fgetc, and fscanf.

1. fscanf

fscanf looks and feels like scanf except it outputs to FILE * streams. The first argument is a FILE *.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#define SIZE 1024
#define CHECK(x) ((x)==1)?1:(abort(),0);
int main() {
    srand(time(NULL));
    char buffer[SIZE] = {'\0'};
    // open coolbears.txt for writing
    FILE * f_cb = fopen("fprintf.txt", "w");
    if (f_cb == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open fprintf.txt");
        abort();
    }
    // It's just like printf!
    fprintf(f_cb,"A random number %d\n", rand());
    fclose(f_cb);
    FILE * f_cbr = fopen("fprintf.txt", "r");
    if (f_cbr == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open fprintf.txt");
        abort();
    }
    for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
        CHECK(fscanf(f_cbr, "%s",buffer));
        printf("%s\n",buffer);
    int input=0;
    CHECK(fscanf(f_cbr, "%d",&input));
    printf("%d\n", input);
    fclose(f_cbr);
    return 0;
}
Α
random
number
81578296
```

fgets gets a little complicated because you have to test for EOF. You can check for an null response and use the feof function, but probably you have to do both. If you find you're repeating the last line of a file it is because you are reading nothing and you're reusing the buffer you just used.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <time.h>
#define SIZE 1024
#define N 8
int main() {
    char buffer[SIZE] = {'\0'};
    srand(time(NULL));
    // open coolbears.txt for writing
    FILE * filew = fopen("fgets.txt", "w");
    if (filew == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open fgets.txt");
        abort();
    }
    // It's just like printf!
    const int totalLines = 1 + (rand() % N);
    for (int i = 0 ; i < totalLines; i++) {</pre>
        fprintf(filew,"A random number %d\n", rand());
    fclose(filew);
    FILE * filer = fopen("fgets.txt", "r");
    if (filer == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open fgets.txt");
        abort();
    }
    while(!feof(filer)) {
        if (fgets(buffer, SIZE, filer)) {
           printf("fgets.txt: %s", buffer);
        }
    fclose(filer);
    return 0;
```

}

fgets.txt: A random number 726713464

1.7.4 flushing

If you want to ensure something gets to a file or a term you should flush. Typically I/O is BUFFERED. Buffered means it is flushed once a certain threshold is met, typically size but sometimes time (depending on the system). Buffered will increase latency to print something but will often improve overall bandwidth to disk.

```
fflush(FILE * stream); // will flush your stream
```

Flush when you need to.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <time.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#define SIZE 5
int main() {
    srand(time(NULL));
    FILE * file = fopen("fflush.txt", "w");
    if (file == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open fflush.txt");
        abort();
    }
    for (int i = 0 ; i < SIZE; i++) {
        fprintf(file, "%d\n", rand());
        fflush(file); // WE'RE FLUSHING!
        sleep(1);
    fclose(file);
}
#include <time.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#define SIZE 20
#define BUFF 1024
```

```
int main() {
    char buffer[BUFF];
    FILE * file = fopen("fflush.txt", "r");
    if (file == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open fflush.txt");
        abort();
    }
    while(!feof(file)) {
        if (!fgets(buffer,BUFF,file)) {
            break;
        }
        printf("%s", buffer);
        sleep(1);
    fclose(file);
}
gcc -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra -ftrapv -ggdb3 -o fflushrandr fflushrandr.c && \
gcc -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra -ftrapv -ggdb3 -o fflushreader fflushreader.c &&
echo This will take 7 seconds && \
( ./fflushrandr & sleep 2; ./fflushreader)
This will take 7 seconds
860368251
1627948813
1010294859
253956178
1895179451
1.7.5 Binary Files
From stdio.h:
size_t fread(void *ptr, size_t size, size_t nmemb, FILE *stream);
size_t fwrite(const void *ptr, size_t size, size_t nmemb,
              FILE *stream);
   fread and fwrite will write memory to a stream and back again. Any
```

fread and fwrite will write memory to a stream and back again. Any pointer can be used, the bytes in memory will be serialized in and out. It will not be compiler and architecture portable so carefully craft your structs before you write them out. Use explicit padding. For 64-bit and 32-bit compatibility pad to modulus 8 bytes.

1. Writing Binary Files

fwrite is our buddy. It will help us write arbitrary sections of memory to a file.

```
#include <assert.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <time.h>
#define SIZE 5
struct demo {
    int i;
    float f;
    double d;
    char c;
};
int main() {
    srand(time(NULL));
    FILE * file = fopen("binary.bin", "w");
    if (file == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open binary.bin");
        abort();
    }
    int realSize = 1 + (rand() % SIZE);
    assert(1==fwrite(&realSize, sizeof(int), 1, file));
    for (int i = 0 ; i < realSize; i++) {</pre>
        struct demo randd;
        randd.i = rand();
        randd.f = rand() / 2.0F;
        randd.d = 1.0 / (rand()+1.0);
        randd.c = 'X';
        printf("Writing %d\n", randd.i);
        printf("\tWriting %g\n", randd.f);
        printf("\tWriting %g\n", randd.d);
        printf("\tWriting %c\n", randd.c);
        assert(1==fwrite(&randd, sizeof(randd), 1, file));
    }
```

```
fclose(file);
}
Writing 293547727
Writing 6.15847e+08
Writing 1.34872e-09
Writing X
Writing 870863840
Writing 1.37184e+08
Writing 5.73736e-10
Writing X
Writing 2085124986
Writing 3.87664e+08
Writing 1.96869e-09
Writing X
Writing 1643395094
Writing 6.22856e+08
Writing 3.0381e-09
Writing X
Writing 1575111613
Writing 6.50524e+08
Writing 8.16897e-10
Writing X
```

So those structs are written to binary.bin

When you write out structs, watch for padding. Look for the letter X. Count the number of bytes after the last X.

hexdump -C binary.bin

```
00000000 05 00 00 00 cf 2e 7f 11 51 d4 12 4e e7 89 4e 25
                                                          |.....Q..N..N%|
00000010 be 2b 17 3e 58 fc ed 28 e0 55 00 00 e0 53 e8 33
                                                          |.+.>X..(.U...S.3|
00000020 28 d4 02 4d 0a 31 8d 5e a3 b6 03 3e 58 fc ed 28
                                                           |(..M.1.^...>X..(|
                                                          |.U..z{H|G..M....|
00000030 e0 55 00 00 7a 7b 48 7c 47 da b8 4d c1 c0 06 8e
00000040 30 e9 20 3e 58 fc ed 28 e0 55 00 00 16 38 f4 61
                                                           |0. >X..(.U...8.a|
00000050 1c 80 14 4e d0 8e d4 60
                                  d8 18 2a 3e 58 fc ed 28
                                                           |...N...'..*>X..(|
00000060 e0 55 00 00 bd 4b e2 5d d3 18 1b 4e 40 2a ab 46
                                                          |.U...K.]...N@*.F|
00000070 81 11 0c 3e 58 fc ed 28 e0 55 00 00
                                                           |...>X..(.U..|
0000007c
```

2. Reading binary

Reading binary requires that you know what types you are reading. Be warned that if you mix different types you need to read them in proper order.

```
#include <assert.h>
#include <time.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#define BUFF 1024
struct demo {
    int i;
    float f;
    double d;
    char c;
};
int main() {
    char buffer[BUFF];
    FILE * file = fopen("binary.bin", "r");
    if (file == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open binary.bin");
        abort();
    }
    int size=0;
    assert(1==fread(&size, sizeof(size), 1, file));
    // we'll just ignore the size and just keep reading until we have
    // to stop.
    while(!feof(file)) {
        struct demo readDemo;
        if (1!=fread(&readDemo, sizeof(readDemo), 1, file)) {
           break;
        printf("Reading %d\n", readDemo.i);
        printf("\tReading %f\n", readDemo.f);
        printf("\tReading %g\n", readDemo.d);
        printf("\tReading %c\n", readDemo.c);
    fclose(file);
}
Reading 293547727
```

```
Reading 615846976.000000
Reading 1.34872e-09
Reading X
Reading 870863840
Reading 137183872.000000
Reading 5.73736e-10
Reading X
Reading 2085124986
Reading 387664096.000000
Reading 1.96869e-09
Reading X
Reading 1643395094
Reading 622855936.000000
Reading 3.0381e-09
Reading X
Reading 1575111613
Reading 650523840.000000
Reading 8.16897e-10
Reading X
```

1.8 Command line arguments

How do I make program like?

```
./argv some commandline args -l
```

To get arguments from the commandline you can add the parameters:

- 'int argc' number of commandline arguments
- \bullet 'char ** argv' array of strings of command line arguments

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(int argc, char ** argv) {
    for (int i = 0 ; i < argc; i++) {
        printf("arg %d: %s\t", i, argv[i]);
    }
    puts("");
}
arg 0: /tmp/babel-7888jxN/C-bin-7888xtP</pre>
```

```
gcc -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra -ftrapv -ggdb3 -o argv argv.c && \
./argv && \
./argv 1 && \
./argv 1 2 && \
./argv 1 2 3 && \
cp -f argv argv-new && \
./argv-new 1 2 3
arg 0: ./argv
arg 0: ./argv arg 1: 1
arg 0: ./argv arg 1: 1 arg 2: 2
arg 0: ./argv arg 1: 1 arg 2: 2 arg 3: 3
arg 0: ./argv-new arg 1: 1 arg 2: 2 arg 3: 3
1.8.1 atoi for integer arguments
So atoi is your friend:)
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(int argc, char ** argv) {
    if (argc != 2) { exit(1); }
    int n = atoi(argv[1]);
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        printf("%d\t", rand());
    printf("\n");
}
gcc -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra -ftrapv -ggdb3 \
     -o argvrand argvrand.c && \
(./argvrand || echo not enough args: $?) && \
./argvrand 1 && \
./argvrand 2 && \
./argvrand 3 && \
./argvrand 0
not enough args: 1
1804289383
1804289383 846930886
```

1.9 mmap()

mmap is neat, it maps memory to and from a file or even another process. We do this with shared libraries too. So you can read and write to a file just by writing to memory. The OS deals with it very effeciently you just have to be very size aware. mmapping files is not good for streams and stream processing, it gets complicated. It is good for fixed sized structs.

```
#include <assert.h>
#include <sys/mman.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <time.h>
#define SIZE 2
struct demo {
    int i;
    float f;
    double d;
    char c;
    // char cc[7]; // you can make padding explicit
};
int main() {
    srand(time(NULL));
    FILE * file = fopen("binary.bin", "r+");
    if (file == NULL) {
        perror("Couldn't open binary.bin");
        abort();
    }
    int fd = fileno(file);
    int rsize = 0;
    assert(1==fread(&rsize, sizeof(rsize), 1, file));
    const size_t size = sizeof(int) + sizeof(struct demo) * rsize;
    printf("N %d struct demos are in binary.bin\n", rsize);
    const size_t new_size = size + sizeof(struct demo);
    // if you want to increase a file's size use ftruncate
    // before you do this
```

```
ftruncate(fd, new_size);
    printf("mmapping %u bytes of memory from the file\n", new_size);
    int * mapped = mmap(0,
        new_size,
        PROT_READ | PROT_WRITE,
        MAP_SHARED,
        fd,
        0);
    if (mapped == MAP_FAILED) {
        perror("mmap");
        exit(1);
    }
    // read 4 bytes from the head
    assert(rsize == (int)*mapped);
    // really abusive but we're 1 int after the start eh
    struct demo * demos = (struct demo *)(mapped+1);
    // OK now look for the read ?
    for (int i = 0 ; i < rsize; i++) {
        struct demo randd = demos[i];
        printf("Reading %d\n", randd.i);
        printf("\tReading %g\n", randd.f);
        printf("\tReading %g\n", randd.d);
        printf("\tReading %c\n", randd.c);
    // demo we can write a -1
    // run the program twice and your first integer is -1
    demos[0].i = -1;
    // now let's extend the file by 1 record!
    demos[rsize] = demos[rsize-1];
    mapped[0] = rsize+1;
    munmap(demos, size);
    fclose(file);
}
N 5 struct demos are in binary.bin
mmapping 148 bytes of memory from the file
Reading 293547727
Reading 6.15847e+08
Reading 1.34872e-09
Reading X
```

```
Reading 870863840
Reading 1.37184e+08
Reading 5.73736e-10
Reading X
Reading 2085124986
Reading 3.87664e+08
Reading 1.96869e-09
Reading X
Reading 1643395094
Reading 6.22856e+08
Reading 3.0381e-09
Reading X
Reading 1575111613
Reading 6.50524e+08
Reading 8.16897e-10
Reading X
ls -l binary.bin
```

-rw-rw-r-- 1 hindle1 hindle1 148 Apr 7 11:32 binary.bin

If you want to see some bad code that's small and uses mmap checkout: https://github.com/abramhindle/a-simple-pseudo-bayesian-spam-filter/blob/master/filter.c

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