

# CS61c Spring 2015 Discussion 2 – C Memory Management & MIPS

## 1 C Memory Management

1. In which memory sections (**CODE**, **STATIC**, **HEAP**, **STACK**) do the following reside?

```
#define C 2
const int val = 16;
char arr[] = "foo";
void foo(int arg){
    char *str = (char *) malloc (C*val);
    char *ptr = arr;
}
```

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arg [ C ]    str [ S ]
arr [ T ]    *str [ H ]
val [ T ]    C [ T ]
```

2. What is wrong with the C code below?

```
int* ptr = malloc(4 * sizeof(int)); doesn't cast malloc as int*
if(extra_large) ptr = malloc(10 * sizeof(int)); memory leak since the original malloc address is lost
return ptr;
```

3. Write code to prepend (add to the start) to a linked list, and to free/empty the entire list.

```
struct ll_node { struct ll_node* next; int value; }
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free_ll(struct ll_node** list)	prepend(struct ll_node** list, int value)
<pre>while (list != NULL){ struct ll_node</pre>	<pre>struct ll_node new_head = (struct ll_node*) malloc</pre>

*Note: list points to the first element of the list, or to NULL if the list is empty.*

## 2 MIPS Intro

1. Assume we have an array in memory that contains `int* arr = {1,2,3,4,5,6,0}`. Let the value of `arr` be a multiple of 4 and stored in register `$s0`. What do the following programs do?

a) `lw $t0, 12($s0)` *tldr: replaces 3 with 4*  
`add $t1, $t0, $s0` *stores 4 into \$t0*  
`sw $t0, 4($t1)` *adds 4 to the address*  
*saves 4 over 3*

b) `addiu $s1, $s0, 27` *stores 2 bytes of 0's into*  
`lh $t0, -3($s1)`

c) `addiu $s1, $s0, 24` *loads the middle 2 bytes of 6*  
`lh $t0, -3($s1)` *in \$t0, so 0, so 6 is*  
*0000 0000 0000 0110*  
*wrong, actually gives a*  
*misalignment error*

d) `addiu $t0, $0, 12` *tries to put 12 into the 6 byte of the array*  
`sw $t0, 6($s0)` *which is half way through two, so it gives a misalignment error*

e) `addiu $t0, $0, 8` *tries to put 8 into the 4 bytes before the array*  
`sw $t0, -4($s0)` *which is maybe allowed, but a bad idea...*

f) `addiu $s1, $s0, 10` *loads 6 into 2 bytes past the 10 byte in the a*  
`addiu $t0, $0, 6`  
`sw $t0, 2($s1)`

2. In 1), what other instructions could be used in place of each load/store without alignment errors?

*lw, lb, lh; sw, sb, sh*

3. What are the instructions to branch to `label`: on each of the following conditions?

<code>\$s0 &lt; \$s1</code>	<code>\$s0 &lt;= \$s1</code>	<code>\$s0 &gt; 1</code>	<code>\$s0 &gt;= 1</code>
<pre>slt \$t0, \$s0, \$s1 bne \$t0, \$0, label</pre>	<pre>slt \$t0, \$s1, \$s0 beq \$t0, \$0, label</pre>	<pre>slti \$t0, \$s0, 2</pre>	<pre>addi \$t1, \$0, 1 slt \$t0, \$s0, \$s1 beq \$t0, \$0, label</pre> <p><i>better solution</i>  <code>bgtz \$s0, label</code></p>

### 3 Translating between C and MIPS

Translate between the C and MIPS code. You may want to use the MIPS Green Sheet as a reference. In all of the C examples, we show you how the different variables map to registers – you don't have to worry about the stack or any memory-related issues.

C	MIPS
<pre>// \$s0 -&gt; a, \$s1 -&gt; b // \$s2 -&gt; c, \$s3 -&gt; z int a = 4, b = 5, c = 6, z; z = a + b + c + 10;</pre>	<div>wrong</div> <pre>addi \$t0, \$0, 4 lw \$t0, 0(\$s0) addi \$t1, \$0, 5 lw \$t1, 0(\$s1) addi \$t2, \$0, 6 lw \$t0, 0(\$s2) add \$t0, \$t0, \$t1 add \$t0, \$t0, \$t2 addi \$t0, \$t0, 10 lw \$t0, 0(\$s3)</pre> <div>better</div> <pre>addiu \$s0, \$0, 4 addiu \$s1, \$0, 5 addiu \$s2, \$0, 6 addu \$s3, \$s0, \$s1 addu \$s3, \$s3, \$s2 addiu \$s3, \$s3, 10</pre>
<pre>// \$s0 -&gt; int * p = intArr; // \$s1 -&gt; a; *p = 0; int a = 2; p[1] = p[a] = a;</pre>	<pre>sw \$0, 0(\$s0) addiu \$s1, \$0, 2 sw \$s1, 4(\$s0) sll \$t0, \$s1, 2 add \$t0, \$t0, \$s0 sw \$s1, 0(\$t0)</pre>
<pre>// \$s0 -&gt; a, \$s1 -&gt; b  int a = 5, b = 10; if(a + a == b) {     a = 0; } else {     b = a - 1; }</pre>	<pre>addiu \$a0, \$0, 5 addiu \$s1, \$0, 10 add \$t0, \$a0, \$a0 bne \$t0, \$s1, else addiu \$a0, \$0, \$0; cont  else: addi \$s1, \$a0, -1 j cont</pre>
<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 10px; width: fit-content;"> <pre>// \$s0 -&gt; a, \$s1 -&gt; b, int a = 0</pre> </div>	<pre>addiu \$s0, \$0, 0 addiu \$s1, \$0, 1 addiu \$t0, \$0, 30  loop:     beq \$s0, \$t0, exit     addu \$s1, \$s1, \$s1     addiu \$s0, \$s0, 1     j loop exit:</pre>
<pre>// \$a0 -&gt; n, \$v0 -&gt; sum int sum; for(sum=0;n&gt;0;sum+=n--);</pre>	<pre>add \$v0 \$0 \$0loop: beqz \$a0, exit add \$v0, \$a0, \$v0 sub \$a0, \$a0, 1 j loop  exit: add \$v0 \$0 \$0 loop:beqz \$a0, exit add \$v0, \$a0, \$v0 sub \$a0, \$a0, 1</pre>