

# C Programming: debugging, dynamic data structures: linked lists, patching binary files.

In this lab you are required to use valgrind to make sure your program is "memory-leak" free. You should use valgrind in the following manner: `valgrind --leak-check=full --show-reachable=yes [your-program] [your-program-options]`

## Task 0: Memory Leaks, Segmentation Faults, and Printing data from files in hexadecimal format

- Programs inevitably contain bugs, at least when they are still being developed. Interactive debugging using `valgrind(1)` helps locate and eliminate bugs. `valgrind` assists in discovering illegal memory access even when no segmentation fault occurs (e.g. when reading the  $n+1$  place of an array of size  $n$ ). `valgrind` is extremely useful for discovering and fixing memory leaks. It will tell you which memory allocation was not freed.

To run `valgrind` write:

```
valgrind --leak-check=full --show-reachable=yes [program-name] [program parameters].
```

If `valgrind` reports errors in your code, repeat the execution with the "-v" flag like so:

```
valgrind -v --leak-check=full --show-reachable=yes [program-name] [program parameters].
```

The source code of a buggy program, [bubblesort.c](#), is provided. The program should sort numbers specified in the command line and print the sorted numbers, like this:

```
$ bubblesort 3 4 2 1
Original array: 3 4 2 1
Sorted array: 1 2 3 4
```

However, an illegal memory access causes a segmentation fault (segfault). In addition, the program has a few memory leaks.

First solve the segfault using `gdb` (or just by reading the code). Then use `valgrind` to find the memory leaks and fix them.

- Write a program that receives the name of a binary file as a command-line argument, and prints the hexadecimal value of each byte in the file in sequence to the standard output (using `printf`). Consult the ***printf(3)*** man page for hexadecimal format printing.

NAME

hexaPrint - prints the hexadecimal value of the input bytes from a given file

SYNOPSIS

hexaPrint FILE

DESCRIPTION

hexaPrint receives, as a command-line argument, the name of a "binary" file, and prints the hexadecimal value of each byte to the standard output, separated by spaces.

For example, your program will print the following output for this [exampleFile](#) (download using right click, save as):

```
#>hexaPrint exampleFile
63 68 65 63 6B AA DD 4D 79 0C 48 65 78
```

You should implement this program using:

- `fread(3)` to read data from the file into memory.
- A helper function, `PrintHex(buffer, length)`, that prints length bytes from memory location buffer, in hexadecimal format.

You will need the helper function during the lab, so make sure it is well written and debugged.

## Lab Instructions

**Lab goals** - understanding the following issues: implementing linked lists in C, basic manipulation of "binary" files.

In this lab you will be writing a **virusDetector** program, to detect computer viruses in a given suspected file.

NAME

virusDetector - detects a virus in a file from a given set of viruses

SYNOPSIS

virusDetector FILE

DESCRIPTION

virusDetector compares the content of the given FILE byte-by-byte with a pre-defined set of viruses described in the [signatures](#) file. The comparison is done according to a naive algorithm described in task2.

FILE - the suspected file

## Task 1: Virus detector using Linked Lists

In the current task you are required to read the signatures of the viruses from the signatures file and to store these signatures in a dedicated linked list data structure. Note that the command-line argument FILE is not used in subtasks 1a and 1b below. At a later stage (task 1c) you will compare the virus signatures from the list to byte sequences from a suspected file, named in the command-line argument.

### Task 1a - Reading a binary file into memory buffers

The [signatures](#) file contains details of 10 different viruses in a specific format. It consists of blocks (<N,name,signature>) where each block represents a single virus description.

The layout of each block is as follows:

offset	size (in bytes)	description
0	2	The struct length N, up to $2^{16}$ , in <b>big endian</b> notation
2	16	The virus name represented as a null terminated string
18	M (=N-18)	The virus signature

For example, the following hexadecimal code

```
00 17 56 49 52 55 53 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 31 32 33 34 35
```

represents a 5-byte length virus, whose signature (viewed as hexadecimal) is:

```
31 32 33 34 35
```

and its name is VIRUS

In this task you are required to load the content of the signatures file into memory, and to print out the data for debugging. To read the file, use `fread()`. See man **fread(3)** for assistance.

To test your implementation write a code snippet which scans the file and prints, for each virus description in the file, the virus name (in ASCII), the virus length (in decimal) and the virus signature (in hexadecimal representation).

Compare your output with the [out](#) file.

You may assume that the signatures file name is known at compile time, and is a constant name such as "signatures".

You should read each virus description into the following struct:

```
typedef struct virus virus;

struct virus {
    unsigned short length;
    char name[16];
    char signature[];
};
```

#### Reading into structs

The structure of the virus description on file allows reading an entire description into a virus struct in 2 *fread* calls. You should read the first two bytes of each description to have the length, then read the rest directly into a virus struct.

## Task 1b - Linked List Implementation

Each node in the linked list is represented by the following structure:

```
typedef struct link link;

struct link {
    virus *v;
    link *next;
};
```

You are expected to implement the following functions:

```
void list_print(link *virus_list);
/* Print the data of every link in list. Each item followed by a newline character. */

link* list_append(link* virus_list, virus* data);
/* Add a new link with the given data to the list
   (either at the end or the beginning, depending on what your TA tells you),
   and return a pointer to the list (i.e., the first link in the list).
   If the list is null - create a new entry and return a pointer to the entry. */

void list_free(link *virus_list); /* Free the memory allocated by the list. */
```

To test your list implementation you are requested to write a program that:

- Reads the [signatures](#) of the viruses into buffers in memory.
- Creates a linked list that contains all of the viruses where each node represents a single virus.
- Prints the content of the list as appears in the [out](#) file.

## Task 1c - Detecting the virus

Now that you have loaded the virus descriptions into memory, extend your *virusDetector* program as follows:

- Open and *fread*() the entire contents of the suspected file into a buffer of constant size 10K bytes in memory.
- Scan the content of the buffer to detect viruses.

For simplicity, we will assume that the file is smaller than the buffer, or that there are no parts of the virus that need to be scanned beyond that point, i.e. we will only fill the buffer once. The scan will be done by a function with the following signature:

```
1. void detect_virus(char *buffer, link *virus_list, unsigned int size)
```

The *detect\_virus* function compares the content of the buffer byte-by-byte with the virus signatures stored in the *virus\_list* linked list. *size* should be the minimum between the size of the buffer and the size of the suspected file in

bytes. If a virus is detected, for each detected virus the `detect_virus` function prints the following details to the standard output:

- The starting byte location in the suspected file
- The virus name
- The size of the virus signature

If no viruses were detected, the function does not print anything.

Use the `memcmp(3)` function to compare the bytes of the respective virus signature with the bytes of the suspected file.

You can test your program by applying it to the [signatures](#) file.

## Task 2: Anti-virus Simulation

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In this task you will test your virus detector, and use it to help remove viruses from a file. You are required to apply your virus detector to an [infected](#) file, which is infected by a very simple virus that prints the sentence **'I am virus1!'** to the standard output. You are expected to cancel the effect of the virus by using the `hexedit(1)` tool.

After making sure that your virus detector program from task 1 can correctly detect the virus information, you are required to:

1. Download the [infected](#) file (using right click, save as).
2. Set the file permissions (in order to make it executable) using `chmod u+x infected`, and run it from the terminal.
3. Apply your `virusDetector` program to the infected file, to find the viruses.
4. Using the `hexedit(1)` utility and the output of the previous step, find out the viruses location and cancel their effect by replacing all virus code by [NOP](#) instructions.

**Bonus task:** extend your virus detection program to cancel the virus effects automatically ((use `fseek( )`, `fwrite( )`)).

## Deliverables

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As for all labs, you should complete task 0 before attending the lab session. Tasks 1a, 1b and 1c need to be done during the lab. Task 2, may be done in a completion lab.

The deliverables must be submitted until the end of the day.

You must submit source file and appropriate makefile for task 1c. The source file and the respective makefile must be named **task1c.c** and **makefile**

## Submission instructions

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- Create a zip file with the relevant files (student\_id.ZIP).
- Upload zip file to the submission system.
- Download the zip file from the submission system and extract its content to an empty folder.
- Compile and test the code to make sure that it still works.