# Operating Systems Lab Report 1A Group 4

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# Part1

# **PC Bootstrap**

# • Exercise 1:

# **Complete code:**

# **Output:**

```
udbhav@Udbhav514:~/xv6-public$ cd "/home/udbhav/xv6-public/" && gcc ex1.c -o ex1 && "/home/udbhav/xv6-public/"ex1
Hello x = 1
Hello x = 2 after increment
OK
```

# **Explanation:**

1) The task was to add inline assembly code to a provided C program which increments the value of given int variable x by 1.

The aim was achieved using the following lines of code:

2) The added lines are explained as follows:

Instruction: "addl \$1, %0"

- → addl \$1, %0: Adds the immediate value 1 to the operand referenced by %0.
- → %0 is a placeholder that will be replaced with a register holding the value of x.

**Output Operand**: : "=r"(x)

- → "=r": This indicates that the output will be stored in a register (r), and the result is assigned back to x.
- → The "=r" constraint tells the compiler that x will be placed in a register, and this register will hold the result after the addl instruction.

**Input Operand:** : "0"(x)

→ "0": This means that the input operand should be the same as the output operand (%0). It tells the compiler to use the same register for the input and output, effectively modifying x in place.

#### Exercise 2

The task asks us to trace a few of the initial bootstrap instructions using si instruction in GDB.

# **Initial Instructions:**

```
: ljmp
                               $0x3630,$0xf000e05b
           in ?? ()

    symbol-file kernel

warning: A handler for the OS ABI "GNU/Linux" is not built into this configuration
of GDB. Attempting to continue with the default i8086 settings.
(gdb) si
[f000:e05b] 0xfe05b: cmpw
                               $0xffc8,%cs:(%esi)
       05b in ?? ()
(gdb) si
[f000:e062] 0xfe062: jne
0x0000e062 in ?? ()
(gdb) si
[f000:e066] 0xfe066: xor
                               %edx, %edx
         6 in ?? ()
(gdb) si
[f000:e068] 0xfe068: mov
                               %edx,%ss
        68 in ?? ()
(gdb) si
$0x7000,%sp
(gdb) si
[f000:e070] 0xfe070: mov
0x00000e070 in ?? ()
                               $0xfc1c,%dx
(gdb) si
[f000:e076]
            0xfe076: jmp
```

# **Explanation:**

The si command is used to run through the code one line at a time while executing and displaying it on the terminal. The first instruction of the xv6 bootstrap process is:

```
[f000:fff0] 0xffff0: ljmp $0x3630,$0xf000e05b
```

- → 1 jmp (Long Jump) is used to jump to a specific memory address.
- → \$0x3630 is the segment selector.
- → \$0xf000e05b is the offset within that segment.
- → f000:fff0 is a segmented address (segment format), and [f000:fff0] indicates the contents of that memory address.

## The instructions we explored:

```
    cmpw $0xffc8, %cs:(%esi): Compare the word at %cs:(%esi) with 0xffc8.
    jne 0xd241d0b0: Jump to 0xd241d0b0 if the comparison is not equal.
    xor %edx, %edx: Clear edx (set to 0).
    mov %edx, %ss: Set the stack segment (ss) to 0.
    mov $0x7000, %sp: Set the stack pointer (sp) to 0x7000.
    mov $0xfc1c, %dx: Load dx with 0xfc1c.
    jmp $0x5576cf2d: Jump to address 0x5576cf2d.
```

#### Part2

# **PC Bootstrap**

#### Exercise 3

# **Identifying Loop:**

```
for(; ph < eph; ph++){
  pa = (uchar*)ph->paddr;
  readseg(pa, ph->filesz, ph->off);
  if(ph->memsz > ph->filesz)
    stosb(pa + ph->filesz, 0, ph->memsz - ph->filesz);
}
```

In the above code, Loop instruction starts at:

```
7d7d: 39 f3 cmp %esi, %ebx
```

#### And ends at:

```
7d94: 76 eb jbe 7d81 <bootmain+0x44>
```

Upon entering the for loop, the first operation performed is a comparison between the values of ph and eph. The loop will only continue executing as long as ph is less than eph. The final instruction in the loop occurs when ph and eph are equal, signalling the end of the loop. At this point, the loop execution terminates, and control is transferred to the next instruction at address  $0 \times 7 d91$ . Consequently, the jump instruction serves as the concluding operation of the for loop.

# After Loop Termination:

The subsequent instruction after the loop is:

```
7d81: ff 15 18 00 01 00 call *0x10018
```

Marking a breakpoint at this address 0x7d81 and then executing further instructions resulted in this:

```
(gdb) b *0x7d81
Breakpoint 1 at 0x7d81
(gdb) c
Continuing.
The target architecture is set to "i386".
              call *0x10018
=> 0x7d81:
Thread 1 hit Breakpoint 1, 0 \times 000007 d81 in ?? ()
(gdb) si
=> 0x10000c: mov
0x0010000c in ?? ()
                      %cr4,%eax
(gdb) si
> 0x10000f:
                      $0x10,%eax
x0010000f in ?? ()
(gdb) si
                      %eax,%cr4
x00100012 in ?? ()
(gdb) si
> 0x100015: mov
                      $0x10a000,%eax
x00100015 in ?? ()
(gdb) si
                      %eax,%cr3
x0010001a in ?? ()
(gdb) si
                      %cr0,%eax
=> 0x10001d: mov
x0010001d in ?? ()
(gdb) si
=> 0x100020:
                      $0x80010000,%eax
x00100020 in ?? ()
(gdb) si
=> 0x100025: mov
                      %eax,%cr0
x00100025 in ?? ()
(gdb) si
=> 0x100028: mov
0x00100028 in ?? ()
                      $0x801164d0,%esp
               mov
(gdb) si
=> 0x10002d: mov
0x0010002d in ?? ()
                      $0x80103060,%eax
(gdb) si
=> 0x100032: jmp
0x00100032 in ?? ()
              jmp
                      *%eax
(gdb) si
=> 0x80103060 <main>: lea 0x4(%esp),%ecx main () at main.c:20
         kinit1(end, P2V(4*1024*1024)); // phys page allocator
(gdb) si
=> 0x80103064 <main+4>: and $0xfffffff0,%esp
(gdb) si
=> 0x80103067 <main+7>: push -0x4(%ecx)
                         kinit1(end, P2V(4*1024*1024)); // phys page allocator
               20
(gdb)
```

Upon examining the code in bootasm.S,

```
# Switch from real to protected mode. Use a bootstrap GDT that makes
      # virtual addresses map directly to physical addresses so that the
      # effective memory map doesn't change during the transition.
              adtdesc
      movl
              %cr0, %eax
              $CR0 PE, %eax
      orl
      movl
            %eax, %cr0
    //PAGEBREAK!
      # Complete the transition to 32-bit protected mode by using a long jmp
      # to reload %cs and %eip. The segment descriptors are set up with no
      # translation, so that the mapping is still the identity mapping.
            $(SEG KCODE<<3), $start32
     .code32 # Tell assembler to generate 32-bit code now.
     start32:
      # Set up the protected-mode data segment registers
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      movw $(SEG_KDATA<<3), %ax # Our data segment selector
```

#### Cause of switch from 16-bit to 32-bit

We conclude that the instruction movw  $\$(SEG_KDATA << 3)$ , %ax is the first to be executed in 32-bit mode, while the 1jmp  $\$(SEG_KCODE << 3)$ , \$start32 instruction finalises the transition to 32-bit protected mode.

#### **First and Last Instructions**

Further examination of bootasm.S, bootmain.c, and bootblock.asm reveals that bootasm.S transitions the system into 32-bit mode before calling bootmain.c, which then loads the kernel via the ELF header and ultimately transfers control to the kernel through the entry() function. Consequently, the final instruction executed by the bootloader is entry(). When examining bootblock.asm for this, we identify the corresponding instruction:

```
7d81: ff 15 18 00 01 00 call *0x10018
```

Which is a call instruction. Since dereferencing operator(\*) has been used, this instruction changes control to 0x10018.

To find the starting address of the kernel, we can look at the contents of "objdump -f kernel", and we need to check the instruction stored at the relevant address to get the beginning instruction of the kernel, by using the command "x/1i 0x0010000c"

The beginning instruction will be:

```
0x10000c: mov %cr4,%eax
```

#### **Kernel Loading and Sectors**

The following code in bootmain.c is used by xv6 to load the kernel.

```
ph = (struct proghdr*)((uchar*)elf + elf->phoff);
eph = ph + elf->phnum;
for(; ph < eph; ph++){
    pa = (uchar*)ph->paddr;
    readseg(pa, ph->filesz, ph->off);
    if(ph->memsz > ph->filesz)
    | stosb(pa + ph->filesz, 0, ph->memsz - ph->filesz);
}
```

First, xv6 loads the ELF headers of the kernel into a memory location specified by the elf pointer. It then determines the starting address of the first segment to be loaded using ph, which is calculated by adding an offset (elf->phoff) to the base address (elf). Additionally, an end pointer eph is maintained, which points to the memory location right after the last segment.

The bootloader processes each segment by iterating while ph < eph. For each segment, pa represents the address where the segment should be loaded. The segment is then loaded at this address using readseg, with parameters pa, ph->filesz, and ph->off. After loading, if the allocated memory exceeds the size of the data copied, the extra memory is initialised to zeros.

The bootloader continues to load segments as long as ph < eph holds true. The ph and eph values are determined by the phoff and phnum attributes in the ELF header. Therefore, the information in the ELF header guides the bootloader on how many segments to read.

#### • Exercise 4:

Upon running the command "objdump -h kernel",

```
udbhav@Udbhav514:~/xv6-public$ objdump -h kernel
kernel:
                    file format elf32-i386
Sections:
Idx Name
0 .text
                              Size VMA LMA
00007188 80100000 00100000
                                                                                File off
00001000
                              000007188 80100000 00100000 00001000
CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
000009cb 801071a0 001071a0 000081a0
CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
00002516 80108000 00108000 00009000
                                                                                                   2**5
  1 .rodata
  2 .data
                                                                                                   2**12
                              CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA 0000afb0 8010a520 0010a520
  3 .bss
                                                                                0000b516 2**5
                              ALLOC
                              00006aaf
  4 .debug_line
                                               00000000 00000000 0000b516
  CONTENTS, READONLY, DEBUGGING, OCTETS
5 .debug_info 00010e14 00000000 00000000 00011fc5
                                                                                                  2**0
  00027270 2**3
                                                                                    0002840f
 10 .debug_rnglists 00003001 00000000 0002840T 2**0
CONTENTS, READONLY, DEBUGGING, OCTETS
10 .debug_rnglists 00000845 00000000 00000000 000244c0 2**0
CONTENTS, READONLY, DEBUGGING, OCTETS
11 .debug_line_str 00000132 00000000 00000000 0002dd05 2**0
                              CONTENTS, READONLY, DEBUGGING, OCTETS
0000002b 00000000 00000000 0002de37 2**0
CONTENTS, READONLY
 12 .comment
```

We notice that the VMA of the .text section and LMA of the .text section are not the same, showing that it loads and executes from separate distinct addresses.

Upon running the command "objdump -h bootblock.o",

```
udbhav@Udbhav514:~/xv6-public$ objdump -h bootblock.o
                  file format elf32-i386
bootblock.o:
Sections:
Idx Name
                   Size
                                        LMA
                                                   File off
                             VMA
                                                             Alan
                   000001c3
                             00007c00
                                       00007c00
                                                  00000074
  0 .text
                                                             2**2
                   CONTENTS,
                             ALLOC, LOAD, CODE
  1 .eh_frame
                   000000ь0
                             00007dc4 00007dc4 00000238
                                                             2**2
                   CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
                   0000002b 00000000 00000000 000002e8
  2 .comment
                   CONTENTS, READONLY
  3 .debug_aranges 00000040 00000000 00000000 00000318
                                                              2**3
                   CONTENTS, READONLY, DEBUGGING, OCTETS
  4 .debug_info
                   00000585
                             00000000
                                        00000000 00000358
                                                             2**0
                   CONTENTS, READONLY, DEBUGGING, OCTETS
  5 .debug_abbrev 0000023c
                             00000000
                                        00000000
                                                 000008dd
                   CONTENTS, READONLY, DEBUGGING, OCTETS
  6 .debug_line
                   00000283
                             00000000
                                       00000000 00000b19
                                                             2**0
                   CONTENTS, READONLY, DEBUGGING, OCTETS
                   00000206 00000000
  7 .debug_str
                                        00000000 00000d9c
                                                             2**0
   CONTENTS, READONLY, DEBUGGING, OCTETS
.debug_line_str 00000041 00000000 00000000 000000
                                                    00000fa2
   CONTENTS, READONLY, DEBUGGING, OCTETS
.debug_loclists 0000018d 00000000 00000000 00000fe3
                                                               2**0
                   CONTENTS, READONLY, DEBUGGING, OCTETS
 10 .debug_rnglists 00000033 00000000 00000000
                                                   00001170
                   CONTENTS, READONLY, DEBUGGING, OCTETS
```

We notice that the VMA of the .text section and LMA of the .text section are the same, showing that it loads and executes from the same address.

# Exercise 5:

The task is to change the boot loader's link address and observe changes. Initially the address was set to 0x7C00, which we changed to 0x7C08. The BIOS remains unchanged hence it ran smoothly for both versions and handed over control to the boot loader. The differences were compared hereafter as shown below using si command. We set a breakpoint at 0x7C00, and differences were observed a few lines after the breakpoint.

```
[ 0:7c1b] => 0x7c1b: out %al,$0x60

0x00007c1b in ?? ()

(gdb) si

[ 0:7c1d] => 0x7c1d: lgdtl (%esi)

0x00007c1d in ?? ()

(gdb) si

[ 0:7c22] => 0x7c22: mov %cr0,%eax

0x00007c22 in ?? ()

(gdb) si

[ 0:7c25] => 0x7c25: or $0x1,%ax

0x00007c25 in ?? ()

(gdb) si

[ 0:7c29] => 0x7c29: mov %eax,%cr0

0x00007c2 in ?? ()

(gdb) si

[ 0:7c2c] => 0x7c2c: ljmp $0xb866,$0x87c31

0x00007c2 in ?? ()

(gdb) si

The target architecture is set to "i386".

=> 0x7c31: mov $0x10,%ax

0x00007c35 in ?? ()

(gdb) si

=> 0x7c35: mov %eax,%ds

0x00007c35 in ?? ()

(gdb)
```

Before changing Makefile

After changing Makefile

The output of objdump -h bootmain.io after change has been displayed below:

```
udbhav@Udbhav514:~/xv6-public$ objdump -f kernel
kernel: file format elf32-i386
architecture: i386, flags 0x00000112:
EXEC_P, HAS_SYMS, D_PAGED
start address 0x0010000c
```

#### • Exercise 6:

```
of GDB. Attempting to continue with the default i8086 settings.
(gdb) b* 0x7c00
Breakpoint 1 at 0x7c00
(qdb) c
Continuing.
   0:7c001 => 0x7c00: cli
Thread 1 hit Breakpoint 1, 0x00007c00 in ?? ()
(gdb) x/8x 0x10000
               0x00000000
                              0x00000000
                                              0x00000000
                                                             0x00000000
              0x00000000
                              0x00000000
                                              0x00000000
                                                             0x00000000
(qdb) b *0x10000c
Breakpoint 2 at 0x10000c
(gdb) c
Continuing.
The target architecture is set to "i386".
=> 0x10000c: mov %cr4,%eax
Thread 1 hit Breakpoint 2, 0x0010000c in ?? ()
(gdb) x/8x 0x10000
           0x464c457f
                              0x00010101
                                              0x00000000
                                                             0x00000000
             0x00030002
                              0x00000001
                                              0x0010000c
                                                             0x00000034
(gdb)
```

In this experiment, we will examine 8 bytes of memory at address 0x00100000 at two distinct points in time: first when the BIOS transitions to the boot loader, and second when the boot loader transitions to the kernel.

#### **Setting Breakpoints**

- 1. First Breakpoint: BIOS to Boot Loader Transition
  - Set the first breakpoint at address 0x7c00. This address marks the moment the BIOS transfers control to the boot loader.
- 2. Second Breakpoint: Boot Loader to Kernel Transition
  - Set the second breakpoint at address 0x0010000c. This address indicates when the boot loader hands control over to the kernel.

#### **Memory Examination**

Once the breakpoints are set, use the command x/8x 0x00100000 to examine the 8 bytes of memory at address 0x00100000 at the specified breakpoints.

# Lab Report 1B

# • Exercise 1:

Kernel mode and user mode are the two modes in an operating system. A system call is used to ask the kernel for permission to access to RAM or any hardware resource that may

be required by a program in user mode. Upon provoking a system call, it switches from user mode to kernel mode.

In xv6, if we aim to build our own system call, relevant changes must be made in these files: syscall.c, syscall.h, usys.h, user.S, sysproc.c.

Let us begin with syscall.h. This file consists of the system call and its respective numbering. Let's add our new system call at the end.

#define SYS\_banana 22

Moving on to the syscall.c file, it contains an array of function pointers by the name of syscalls which use the relevant numbers in the syscall.h file as pointers to system calls, which have been defined elsewhere. Let us add the pointer for our new system call inside this array syscalls.

[SYS\_banana] sys\_banana

Notice that the number for our SYS\_banana system call is 22. So when it is called by a user program, the function pointer sys\_banana which has the index 22, will call the system call function. Now, we have to implement this system call to get everything up and running. We shall do the actual implementation of the system call function in sysproc.c and reference it here. Make sure to include the following line because we are defining the function in another file and need to use it here:

extern int sys\_banana(void)

Following is the relevant code for sys banana system call function:

```
return how many clock tick interrupts have occurred since start.
    int sys uptime(void)
      uint xticks;
      acquire(&tickslock);
      xticks = ticks;
release(&tickslock);
    int sys banana(void)
      void *buf;
     Quint size;
      argptr(0, (void *)&buf, sizeof(buf));
      argptr(1, (void *)&size, sizeof(size));
      char bababa[] = "\n\
97
98
99
                                               -#@@@+#\n\
                                               .#=-+=\n\
                            #------*\n\
::-:: #------*\n\
::-:: = #------*\n\
-::: = #------*\n\
-::: *+------*\n\
                           if (sizeof(bababa) > size)
      strncpy((char *)buf, bababa, size);
      return sizeof(bababa);
143
```

Now we need to add a means for user program to call this system call, which can be done by adding the following lines

#### To user.h:

```
int banana(void *, uint)
```

#### To usys.S:

```
SYSCALL(banana)
```

# • Exercise 2:

The only remaining obstacle is adding a user program to call the custom system call! Add a file named bananacheck.c in the xv6 folder with the following code, which is just a simple system call:

```
#include "types.h"
#include "stat.h"
#include "user.h"

int main(void)
{
    static char buf[5000];
    printf(1, banana sys call returns %d\n, banana((void *)buf, 5000);
    printf(1, "%s", buf);
    exit();
}
```

Add bananacheck.c into the file makefile under UPROGS and EXTRA. Now execute the following commands on the terminal and voila!

```
make clean
make
make qemu-gdb
bananacheck
```

Here are our results:

```
Booting from Hard Disk..xv6...
cpu0: starting 0
sb: size 1000 nblocks 941 ninodes 200 nlog 30 logstart 2 inodestart 32 bmap sta8
init: starting sh
$ bananacheck
banana sys call returns 2722
                                         :=+**=
                                        +@@@@@@@=
                       :: .. -::
                       -*####**+++----=++===-----=++=-=#.:: -..-:..::-.
                                                 ++*:=@+
                                          *@.
                            --+++=--+: .+--=+++--.
```

You can also check the existence of the program by running the following command:

ls

We obtained the following output:

```
udbhav@Udbhav514:~/xv6-public$ make qemu
qemu-system-i386 -serial mon:stdio -drive file=fs.img,index=1,media=disk,format=raw -dri
xv6...
cpu0: starting 0
sb: size 1000 nblocks 941 ninodes 200 nlog 30 logstart 2 inodestart 32 bmap start 58
init: starting sh
S ls
                1 1 512
               1 1 512
README
               2 2 2286
cat
               2 3 15476
               2 4 14356
echo
               2 5 8804
forktest
                2 6 18320
дгер
               2 7 14976
init
               2 8 14440
kill
               2 9 14340
ln
               2 10 16908
2 11 14468
2 12 14448
ls
mkdir
               2 13 28504
sh
            2 14 15372
stressfs
              2 15 62876
usertests
WC
                2 16 15904
               2 17 14024
2 18 14288
zombie
bananacheck 2 18 1<sup>2</sup>
3 19 0
zombie
```

Notice that bananacheck is present in this list.