

1. Understanding the Objective

→ Recognized that the lab requires passing a number to a procedure, which must check if it's odd or even and print the result to the terminal.
→ Recalled from lecture that arguments are passed via the stack, and printing is done using Linux syscalls.

2. Designing the Program Structure

→ Decided on using three main sections:

- .data to hold the strings for "odd" and "even"
- .text for `_start` (entry point) and the custom `_check_even_odd` procedure
- Use of section `.bss` was not necessary

→ Mapped out that the number would be:

- pushed to the stack
- accessed via `[ebp+8]` in the procedure
- checked using bitwise AND with 1 to determine odd/even.

3. Implementing the Procedure Logic

→ Set up standard function prologue with `push ebp` and `mov ebp, esp`.
→ Retrieved the passed value using `[ebp + 8]`.
→ Checked odd/even with:

- `and eax, 1`
- `cmp eax, 0`
- `je print_even`
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→ Used `mov eax, 4` and `int 0x80` to print the right message.

4. Exiting the Program

→ After printing, returned to `_start` using `ret`.
→ Exited program cleanly with syscall `exit` (`eax=1`, `ebx=0`, `int 0x80`).

5. Testing and Validation

→ Hardcoded different numbers into `eax` before pushing.
→ Verified correct terminal output for both even and odd numbers.
→ Ensured stack and procedure cleanup with `leave` and `ret`.