

1. What are some possible reasons for a programmer to split code into multiple files? Select all possible reasons from below.
 - (a) Overall code-base is too large for understandability
 - (b) Code reuse in the form of libraries
 - (c) Incremental compilation on change to a portion of the code-base
 - (d) Reducing the final size of the executable
 - (e) Making the program run faster

Answer: (a), (b), (c)

2. Given two files `main.s` and `aux.s`, answer the following questions:

`main.s`

```
.data Y
main:
...
jal F # I1
...
lw $s0, X # I2
...
G:
...
lw $s1, Y # I3
```

`aux.s`

```
.data X
F:
...
jal G # I4
...
lw $s2, X # I5
...
...
...
sw Y, $s3 # I6
```

- What is going to be the contents of the relocation table of `main.o`?
 - (a) Symbols `main`, `G`, `Y`
 - (b) Symbols `F`, `X`
 - (c) Machine code for instructions `I1`, `I2`, `I3`
 - (d) Line numbers (or locations) of `I1`, `I2`, `I3`
 - (e) Line numbers (or locations) of `I4`, `I5`, `I6`

Answer: (d)

- What is going to be the contents of the symbol table of `main.o`?
 - (a) Symbols `main`, `G`, `Y`
 - (b) Symbols `main`, `F`, `G`, `X`, `Y`
 - (c) Symbols `F`, `X`
 - (d) Line numbers (or locations) of `I1`, `I2`, `I3`
 - (e) Line numbers (or locations) of instructions `I1` to `I6`

Answer: (b)

- What is going to be the contents of the relocation table of `aux.o`?
 - (a) Symbols `main`, `G`, `X`
 - (b) Symbols `F`, `Y`
 - (c) Symbols `main`, `F`, `G`, `X`, `Y`
 - (d) Line numbers (or locations) of `I4`, `I5`, `I6`
 - (e) Line numbers (or locations) of instructions `I1` to `I6`

Answer: (d)

- What is going to be the contents of the symbol table of `aux.o`?
 - (a) Symbols `G`, `X`
 - (b) Symbols `F`, `G`, `X`, `Y`
 - (c) Symbols `F`, `Y`
 - (d) Line numbers (or locations) of `I4`, `I5`, `I6`
 - (e) Line numbers (or locations) of instructions `I1` to `I6`

Answer: (b)

3. Which entity implements the loader functionality?

- (a) The MIPS Hardware
- (b) The digital circuit

- (c) The compiler
- (d) The Operating System
- (e) The program itself

Answer: (d)

4. Given that the Operating System itself is a program, who loads the OS?

- (a) The hardware implementer
- (b) The OS itself
- (c) The boot loader
- (d) The hard disk

Answer: (c)

5. Why is it useful to support dynamic linking? Select all possible reasons from below.

- (a) The `.exe` file size would be small with dynamic linking
- (b) The same dynamic library could be shared in memory across multiple processes
- (c) Only the libraries necessary to run the program would be loaded onto memory
- (d) The dynamically linked library could be updated/enhanced long after exe file generation
- (e) The program will run faster with dynamic linking

Answer: (a), (b), (c), (d)

6. How can we go about implementing dynamic linking?

Answer:

- Rewrite indirect jump address
- Use jump table of function pointers

Note: jalr instruction needed to support function pointers