

CSE231 Operating System, Quiz 01 Monsoon 2023
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Instructions:

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Question 1: (2 mark) “Statically linked hello-world.c executable will be smaller in size than its dynamically linked executable”. State True or False, and provide one line justification.

Answer:

False. Statically linked file will be bigger as it contains the machine code of the program as well as that of the library methods it uses.

TA: No partial marks

Question-2: (2 marks) Which of these file(s) are “touched” by the linker, and which one(s) by the loader: a) relocatable file, b) executable file, and c) shared library.

Answer:

Linker: All three of the above. [TA: +1 marks]

Loader: Executable file and shared library. [TA: +1 marks]

Question-3: (2 marks) Which of these sections will contain the string “.text”: a) .text, b) .data, c) .strtab, and d) .shstrtab? One line justification.

Answer:

“.shstrtab” section [TA: +1 marks]. As it contains the name (string) of all the sections. [TA: +1 marks]

Question-4: (2 marks) List out the ELF structure name(s) and its member(s) that would help in reading section header tables.

Answer:

Elf32_Ehdr [TA: +0.5 marks]: e_shoff [TA: +0.75 marks], e_shnum [TA: +0.75 marks]

Question-5: (2 marks) What happens to EBP and ESP during a method’s a) epilogue and b) prologue. One line summary for each of the two sub-questions.

Prologue: Old EBP value is saved in stack slot currently pointed by ESP [TA: +0.5 marks] and EBP is updated to point to this new location [TA: +0.5 marks].

Epilogue: Stack slot storing the old EBP value is popped and loaded into EBP register [TA: +0.5 marks] and ESP is adjusted/moved to the point to the last slot in the stack frame of the caller. [TA: +0.5 marks]

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Question 1: (2 mark) “Dynamically linked hello-world.c executable will be smaller in size than its statically linked executable”. State True or False, and provide one line justification.

Answer:

True. Dynamically linked file will be smaller as it only contains references (pointers) to the library method instead of a copy of the code

TA: No partial marks

Question-2: (2 marks) Which of these file(s) are “touched” by the linker, and which one(s) by the loader: a) relocatable file, b) executable file, and c) shared library.

Answer:

Linker: All three of the above. [TA: +1 marks]
Loader: Executable file and shared library. [TA: +1 marks]

Question-3: (2 marks) Which of these sections will contain the string “.strtab”: a) .text, b) .data, c) .strtab, and d) .shstrtab? One line justification.

Answer:

“.shstrtab” section [TA: +1 marks]. As it contains the name (string) of all the sections. [TA: +1 marks]

Question-4: (2 marks) List out the ELF structure name(s) and its member(s) that would help in reading program header tables.

Answer:

Elf32_Ehdr [TA: +0.5 marks]: e_phoff [TA: +0.75 marks], e_phnum [TA: +0.75 marks]

Question-5: (2 marks) What happens to EBP and ESP during a method’s a) epilogue and b) prologue. One line summary for each of the two sub-questions.

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