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# Introduction

The goal of this lab is to give you practice with pointers, and structs.

**Due:**

Monday, February 8, 2021, midnight. Do not put this lab off to the last minute. You are scheduled to take the first exam on February 8. I will not change the date of the exam and you may very well see something similar to this on the exam.

# Lab Instructions

Consider the following snippet of code:

struct NODE{

int a;

struct NODE \*b;

struct NODE \*c;

};

struct NODE nodes[5] = {

{20, nodes + 3, NULL},

{59, nodes + 2, nodes + 4},

{8, NULL, nodes + 1},

{44, nodes + 4, nodes},

{32, nodes + 1, nodes + 3}

};

struct NODE \*np = nodes + 2;

struct NODE \*\*npp = &nodes[1].b;

**ALL ANSWERS ON THIS DOCUMENT ARE TO BE IN RED. IF YOU DO NOT USE RED 10 POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED.**

**Task 1 - 15% of the overall lab grade:**

Fill in the boxes below with the addresses and values for the nodes array. Using the boxes below you are to draw the representation of the nodes array declared above (including variables and their values). This will help you complete the remainder of this lab.

**I have given you the address of the first element of the array. Pretend the integers and pointers are each 4 bytes. Fill in the address for each of the remaining elements of the array.** Obviously, these addresses are not real addresses, but you will use them to determine the values of the expressions below.

With the above you should have all needed information to complete this diagram. Addresses are shown in Hexadecimal. Any answers that is supposed to be an address you must preface with 0x.

Address 0x200 Address 0x20C Address. 0x218 Address 0x224 Address 0x230

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| **Address of a:**  0x200  **Value of a:**  20  **Address of b:**  0x204  **Value of b:**  0x224  **Address of c:**  0x208  **Value of c:**  0x000 | **Address of a:**  0x20C  **Value of a:**  59  **Address of b:**  0x210  **Value of b:**  0x218  **Address of c:**  0x214  **Value of c:**  0x230 | **Address of a:**  0x218  **Value of a:**  8  **Address of b:**  0x21C  **Value of b:**  0x000  **Address of c:**  0x220  **Value of c:**  0x20C | **Address of a:**  0x224  **Value of a:**  44  **Address of b:**  0x228  **Value of b:**  0x224  **Address of c:**  0x22C  **Value of c:**  0x200 | **Address of a:**  0x230  **Value of a:**  32  **Address of b:**  0x234  **Value of b:**  0x20C  **Address of c:**  0x238  **Value of c:**  0x224 |

nodes [0] nodes [1] nodes [2] nodes [3] nodes [4]

**Task 2 - 75% of the overall lab grade:**

You will need to evaluate each expression to determine the value. If the expression cannot be evaluated enter ILLEGAL and explain why you think it is illegal. If the expression can be evaluated but with the given information there is no way for you to know the value, enter DO NOT KNOW. Each expression below is independent, you should evaluate each expression with the original values shown (In other words do not use the results of one expression to evaluate the next expression.)

Using the above information, complete the following chart.

**Expression Value**

nodes 0x200

nodes.a ILLEGAL

nodes[3].a 44

nodes[3].c 0x200

nodes[3].c->a 20

\*nodes.a ILLEGAL

(\*nodes).a 20

nodes->a 20

nodes[3].b->b 0x224

&nodes 0x200

&nodes[3].a 0x224

&nodes[3].c 0x22C

&nodes[3].c->a 0x200

&nodes->a 0x200

np 0x218

np->a 8

npp 0x210

npp->a 8

\*npp 0x218

\*npp->a ILLEGAL

(\*npp)->a 8

&np I DON’T KNOW

**Task 3 - 10% of the overall lab grade:**

Once you have evaluated each expression you are required to write a program, in C, that will print out the value of each legal expression. Name the “C” file lab3.c.

The format of the output should be the expression, a tab, and the output. The expressions in the blanks above, that produce an address, obviously will not be the same address as the one you print out.

So, you are probably wondering why you don’t just write the program and copy the output to the blanks above. Good question! Some of the expressions above will rely on you knowing what will print in order to even write the print statement. Also, if you do this you will not learn what you are supposed to learn from this lab. Lastly, you will see some of these or questions like these on exam 1.

In your lab3.c file you must have a comment block that has the following information.

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**Submission Instructions:**

The paper portion of this lab should be submitted through Canvas. The program portion should be submitted through handin. Tar zip your lab3.c file. The tar file should be named lab3\_<your user name>.tar.gz