

A simple record system in x86 assembler



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1. Introduction

35 The goal of this task was to develop a software in x86 64bit assembly, that would store user and computer information.

As a help, we received an IO library for the use with SASM, written by Joe Norton. It includes following IO functions we could make use of:

Function	Explanation
print_string_new	Prints a string to the command line. A pointer to the string is expected in rdi
print_uint_new	Prints an unsigned int to the command line. The uint is expected in rdi
<i>print_int_new</i>	<i>Has not been used</i> Prints a signed int to the command line. The int is expected in rdi
print_char_new	Prints a char to the command line. The char is expected in rdi
print_nl_new	Prints a new line to the command line
<i>read_char_new</i>	<i>Has not been used</i> Reads a char from command line and puts in rax
read_string_new	Reads a string from the command line and puts a pointer in rax
atoi	Reads a string pointer in rdi and converts to an int and puts in rax
read_uint_new	Reads an unsigned int from the command line and puts in rax
<i>read_int_new</i>	<i>Has not been used</i> Reads a signed int from the command line and puts in rax
<i>copy_string</i>	<i>Has not been used</i> copies a string pointed to in rsi to pointer in rdi
strings_are_equal	compares strings in rsi and rdi. Return 1 in rax if equal 0 if not
<i>print_adress_new</i>	<i>Has not been used</i> prints pointer address in rdi

2. The Setup

40 The IDE SASM on lUbuntu has been used to write, debug and execute the software. The version control git has been used, with the remote being located on GitHub.

Name	Notes	Type	64-bit long	32-bit int	16-bit short	8-bit char
rax	Values are returned from functions in this register.	scratch	rax	eax	ax	ah and al
rcx	Typical scratch register. Some instructions also use it as a counter.	scratch	rcx	ecx	cx	ch and cl
rdx	Scratch register.	scratch	rdx	edx	dx	dh and dl
rbx	Preserved register: don't use it without saving it!	preserved	rbx	ebx	bx	bh and bl
rsp	The stack pointer. Points to the top of the stack (details coming soon!)	preserved	rsp	esp	sp	spl
rbp	Preserved register. Sometimes used to store the old value of the stack pointer, or the "base".	preserved	rbp	ebp	bp	bpl
rsi	Scratch register used to pass function argument #2 in 64-bit Linux. In 64-bit Windows, a preserved register.	scratch	rsi	esi	si	sil
rdi	Scratch register and function argument #1 in 64-bit Linux. In 64-bit Windows, a preserved register.	scratch	rdi	edi	di	dil
r8	Scratch register. These were added in 64-bit mode, so they have numbers, not names.	scratch	r8	r8d	r8w	r8b
r9	Scratch register.	scratch	r9	r9d	r9w	r9b
r10	Scratch register.	scratch	r10	r10d	r10w	r10b
r11	Scratch register.	scratch	r11	r11d	r11w	r11b
r12	Preserved register. You can use it, but you need to save and restore it.	preserved	r12	r12d	r12w	r12b
r13	Preserved register.	preserved	r13	r13d	r13w	r13b
r14	Preserved register.	preserved	r14	r14d	r14w	r14b
r15	Preserved register.	preserved	r15	r15d	r15w	r15b

Figure 1: x64 Registers (Lawlor)

3. Software Design

3.1 Memory

The software contains two arrays, one holding the users and the other the computers. Both are placed in the .data section and are allocated with 0 at the beginning. The data written in the arrays during execution is therefore being dropped as soon as the program finishes. A possible implementation for saving the data before quitting the program has been developed and can be found in Appendix 2.

3.1.1 Users

Each user consists out of 5 variables, which need to be stored:

- Surname name
- First Name
- Dept (Development, IT Support, Finance, or HR)
- User ID
- Email address

Surname, name and email are all represented as a String of 64 characters. The department is represented as an enumeration INT8. The user ID consists of a character p followed by 7 numbers. This could either be stored as an 8-char string or as an unsigned INT32.

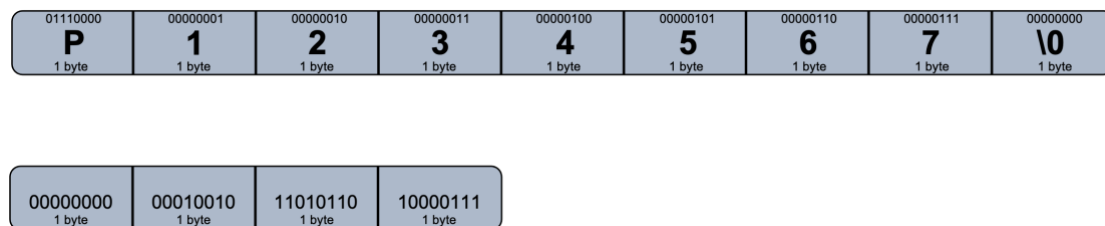


Figure 2: User ID as string (top) vs User ID as INT32 (bottom) memory usage

As clearly visible in Figure 2, the memory needed decrements by 5byte for each User ID, if stored as INT32. For this reason, the Integer representation for the User ID and the very similar Computer ID have been chosen. This decision decreases the size of the space needed by 500byte for the user array and 5kbyte for the computer array.

Important to notice is that this representation does not make comparisons between IDs easier and quicker. The first 8 byte (64bit) of the string representation would be enough for a unique identification, as the null terminator in the 9th byte does not add any information to the comparison. The first 8 byte can be loaded all in once in a 64bit register and then compared with another ID in a different 64bit register. If the user ID was longer then 8 characters, this would not be possible. The string-comparison needed for an ID longer then 8 characters would not result in being an atomic operation, as the register comparison is. Therefore, the integer representation would be more efficient for comparisons of longer IDs.

The final structure for one user can be seen in Figure 3. And the total memory needed for 100 users is 20kbyte.

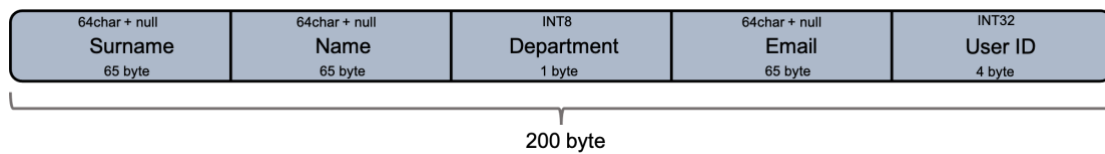


Figure 3: User memory structure

3.1.2 Computers

Similar to the user, the Computer also has 5 variables.

- Computer ID
- IP address
- OS (Linux, Windows, or Mac OSX)
- User ID of main user
- Date of purchase

As already discussed for the User ID, the Computer ID which consist out of a c followed by 7 numbers, will be stored as an INT32 value. The Main User ID corresponds to a User ID and therefore is also a INT32 value. The OS will be represented as an enumeration INT8. The IP address will be represented by 4 INT8. The date of purchase will be represented as two INT8, which represent respectively the day and month and one INT16, which represents the year. Therefore, one computer needs 17byte and the memory structure can be seen in Figure 4. The computer array needs a total storage of 8,5kbyte.

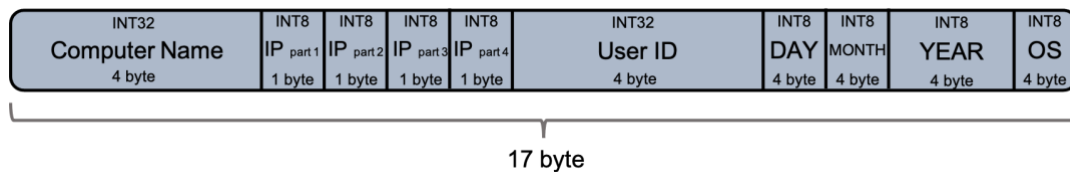
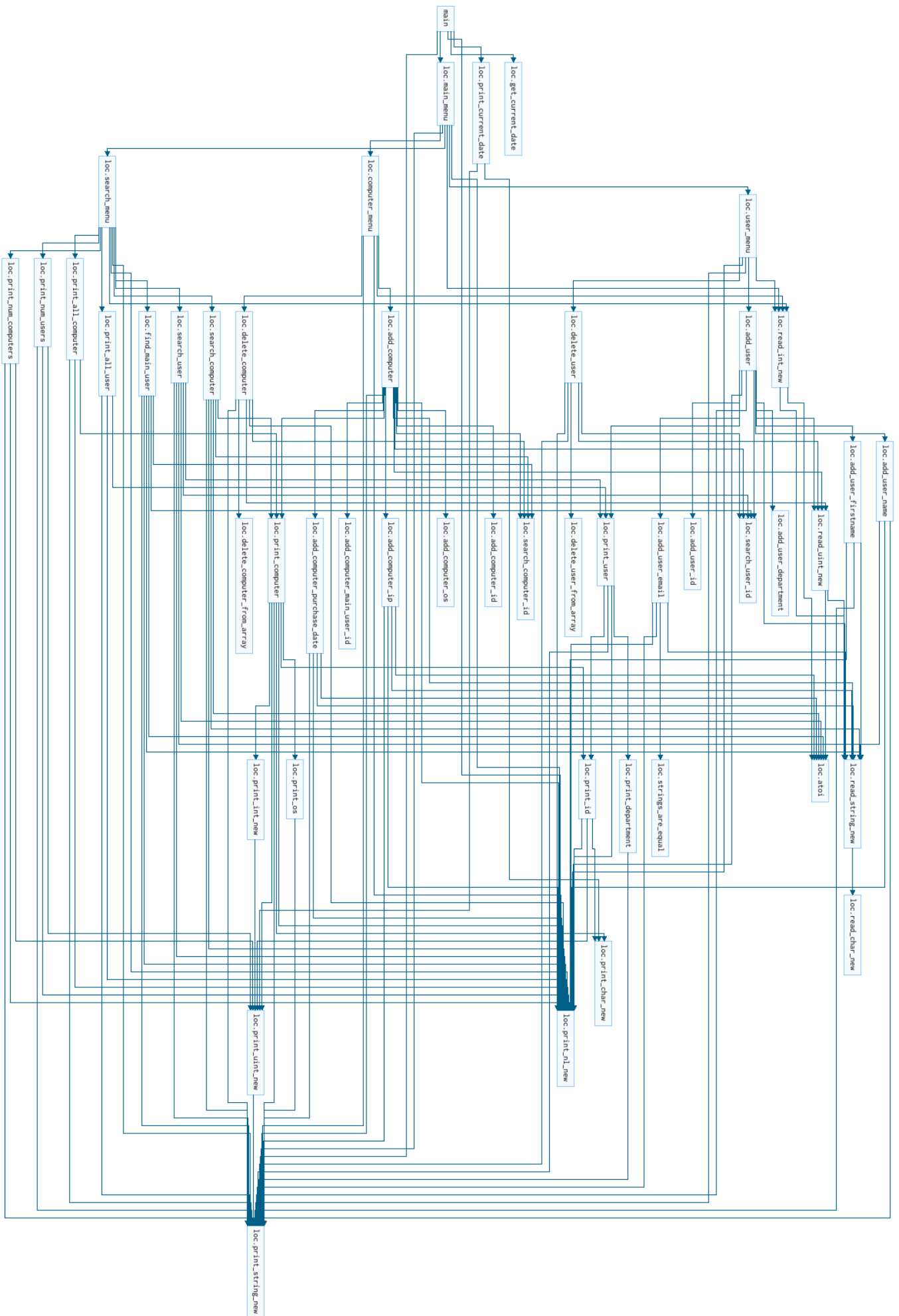


Figure 4: Computer Memory structure

3.2 Getting the Date

A Computer holds a variable, which represents its purchase date. When the user inputs the purchase date, 3 checks will be made about the input. One concerns the input format, which should be dd.mm.yyyy. The second check makes sure a day can only be between 1-31, a month only between 1-12 and the year only between 1901 and 2100. The third check makes sure that the date entered is not in the future. For this check, the System call 201 (Valsorda) was called to get the second since epoch (1.1.1970). A custom function has been created to translate the second into the current date and make a comparison.

3.3 Call Diagram



105 **Figure 5: Global Call Graph generated by Cutter**

A more detailed explanation of each of the functions shown in Figure 5 can be found in Appendix 1 which represents the Code Documentation.

3.4 CLI

110 The Command Line Interface (CLI) has been structured in 3 sub menus and one main menu. The 3 menus and the program functions available in each menu are represented in Figure 5.

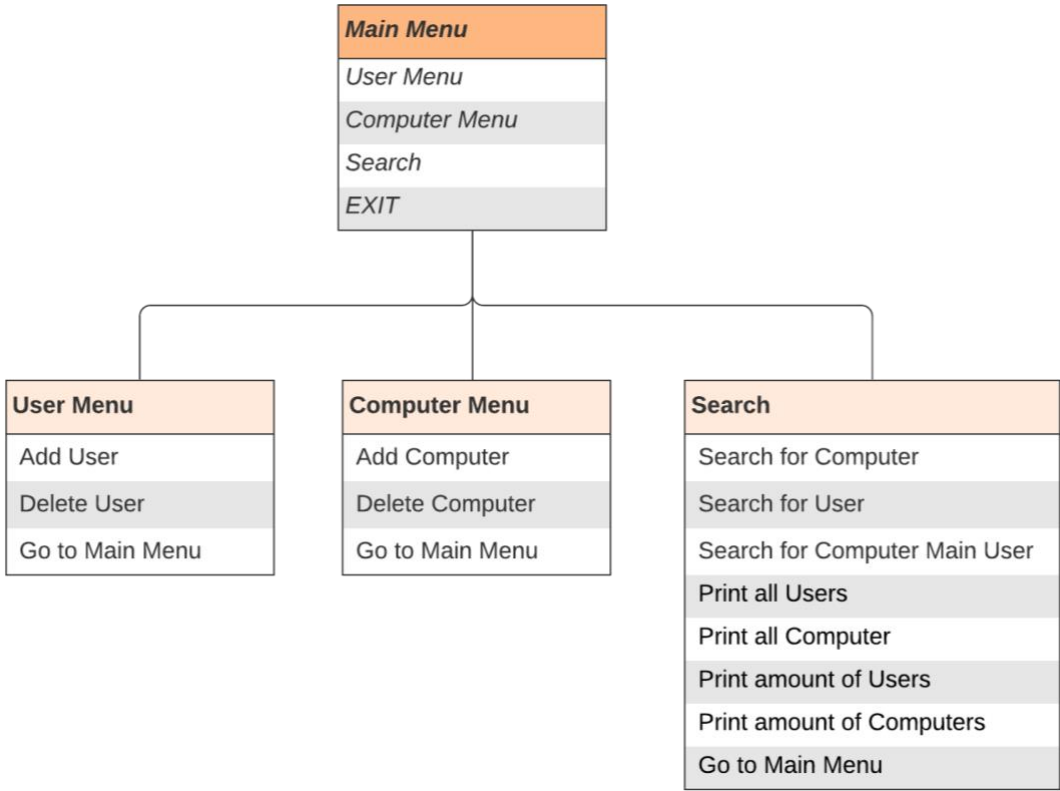


Figure 6: Menu Structure

115 As seen in the screenshots in Figure 7 to 10, the navigation between the menus is handled by reading the user input, which should correspond to a menu number.

```
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STUDENT AND COMPUTER ORGANISER 3000
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o Alexander Sworski 19131287

Today is the: 26.02.2021

Please select one of the following options:
1. Manage Users
2. Manage Computers
3. Search
4. EXIT

Enter the number of the menu you want to enter:
```

Figure 7: Main Menu screenshot

```
You are in the Search Menu
Please select one of the following options:

1. Search for a Computer
2. Search for a User
3. Search for Computer Main User
4. Print all Users
5. Print all Computers
6. Print amount of Users
7. Print amount of Computers
8. Go to Main Menu

Enter the number of the menu you want to enter:
```

Figure 8: Search Menu screenshot

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.....
Please select one of the following options:
1. Manage Users
2. Manage Computers
3. Search
4. EXIT
Enter the number of the menu you want to enter:

```

Figure 9: User Menu screenshot

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.....
You are in the Computer management menu
Please select one of following options:
1. Add a Computer
2. Delete a Computer
3. Go to Main Menu
Enter the number of the menu you want to enter:

```

Figure 10: Computer Menu Screenshot

4. Testing

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4.1 User Menu

```

You are in the User account management menu
Please select on of the following options:
1. Add a User
2. Delete a User
3. Go to Main Menu
Enter the number of the menu you want to enter:
4
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:

```

Figure 11: Wrong User Menu Input (positive)

```

You are in the User account management menu
Please select on of the following options:
1. Add a User
2. Delete a User
3. Go to Main Menu
Enter the number of the menu you want to enter:
b
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:

```

Figure 13: Wrong User Menu Input (alphabetic)

```

You are in the User account management menu
Please select on of the following options:
1. Add a User
2. Delete a User
3. Go to Main Menu
Enter the number of the menu you want to enter:
-1
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:

```

Figure 12: Wrong User Menu Input (negative)

The program checks for a valid input and, if the input is not valid, asks the user to re-enter the selection.

4.1.1 Adding a User

```
You can now create a new User
Please enter the Surname:
Smith
Please enter the First name:
John
Please choose the department:
1. IT Support
2. Development
3. Finance
4. HR
Enter the number of the department you want to choose:

1
Please enter the USER ID in the Format XXXXXXXX:
1234567
Please enter the email of the user:
(@helpdesk.co.uk will be automatically added to your input)
john.smith
Thank you. The Following User has been created:

Surname: Smith
First name: John
Department: IT Support
Email: john.smith@helpdesk.co.uk
User ID: p1234567
```

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Figure 14: Adding a User correctly

In Figure 13 we can see that, if the inputs are valid, everything works as expected. The program saves all the inputs and then prints the created user by reading from the user array.


```

You can now create a new User
Please enter the Surname:

I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:

aewsdrrxfgzhuijokjñbhlgvfcgchjklkoijhugzfdgfhijokpijhugzftdrftzguhijokpijhugzftdrfgzhuij
Only up to 64 characters are allowed!
Please try again:
Smith
Please enter the First name:

I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:

hjfcgzhuijodfcghuijohugzftdrfzguhijohugzftcgzhuijokijhougzftzguhijohugzftdrfghuihgzftg
Only up to 64 characters are allowed!
Please try again:
John
Please choose the department:
1. IT Support
2. Development
3. Finance
4. HR
Enter the number of the department you want to choose:

1
Please enter the USER ID in the Format XXXXXXX:
123456789
Please enter the USER ID in the Format XXXXXXX:
b
Please enter the USER ID in the Format XXXXXXX:
-1
Please enter the USER ID in the Format XXXXXXX:
1234567
Sorry, but this USER ID is already taken
Please enter the USER ID in the Format XXXXXXX:
1234568
Please enter the email of the user:
(@helpdesk.co.uk will be automatically added to your input)
john
This emailaddress is already in use. Please choose a different email adress!
Please enter the email of the user:
(@helpdesk.co.uk will be automatically added to your input)

I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:

rtzughiojppüoiuhzgtfrdezuioüüoiuztrdertzuiopuztrertzzuipo0ipuztrzuiooopztretzuioipuztrrerzuio
Only up to 64 characters are allowed!
Please try again:
john.smith
Thank you. The Following User has been created:

Surname:      Smith
First name:   John
Department:   IT Support
Email:        john.smith@helpdesk.co.uk
User ID:      p1234568

```

Figure 15: Adding a User with wrong input

In Figure 14 we are deliberately entering wrong inputs to the program to check error handling. As expected, the program detects the wrong inputs and outputs error messages. If the user tries to enter a User ID that has already been used, it detects the duplicate and outputs an error, asking the user to enter a different ID. The same applies to the email address, as the email address should be unique for every user. If the entered email address is already used by a different user in the system, the program will ask for a different input. If a string input is longer than 64 characters (name, first name & email), the program asks the user to change the input, according to the 64character limitation.

4.1.2 Deleting a User

```
You selected: Delte a user
Please enter the User ID you want to delete in following format XXXXXXXX:
12345678
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:
```

Figure 16: delete user too long user id input

```
You selected: Delte a user
Please enter the User ID you want to delete in following format XXXXXXXX:
fewds
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:
```

Figure 17: delete user alphabetical id input

```
You selected: Delte a user
Please enter the User ID you want to delete in following format XXXXXXXX:
-1
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:
```

Figure 18: delete user negative input

```
You selected: Delte a user
Please enter the User ID you want to delete in following format XXXXXXXX:
1234566
The User could not be found
```

Figure 19: delete user input of id, that doesn't exist in the user array

```
You selected: Delte a user
Please enter the User ID you want to delete in following format XXXXXXXX:
1234568
The User has been delteted
```

Figure 20: delete user with id 1234568, successful

The program checks if it is a valid ID, and if it is, it will check if the ID exists. If it is not a valid ID or user does not exist, an error will be displayed as seen in Figure 16 to 19. If the user ID entered exists, the User will be deleted (Figure 20).

4.2 Computer Menu

```
You are in the Computer management menu
Please select one of following options:
1. Add a Computer
2. Delete a Computer
3. Go to Main Menu

Enter the number of the menu you want to enter:
4
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:
```

Figure 21: Wrong Computer Menu Input (positive)

```
You are in the Computer management menu
Please select one of following options:
1. Add a Computer
2. Delete a Computer
3. Go to Main Menu

Enter the number of the menu you want to enter:
b
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:
```

Figure 22: Wrong Computer Menu Input (alphabetical)

```

You are in the Computer management menu
Please select one of following options:
1. Add a Computer
2. Delete a Computer
3. Go to Main Menu

Enter the number of the menu you want to enter:
-1
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:

```

Figure 23: Wrong Computer Menu Input (negative)

170 4.2.1 Add Computer

```

You can now create a new Computer
Please enter the Computer ID in the Format XXXXXXXX:
1234567
Please choose the OS:
1. Windows
2. Linux
3. MacOS
Enter the number of the OS you want to choose:
3
Please enter the Computer IP in the format XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX:
192.168.1.1
Please enter the ID of the main user in the following Format XXXXXXXX:
1234567
Please enter the Date of purchase in following Format dd.mm.yyyy:
27.02.2021
Thank you. The Following computer has been created:

Computer ID:      c1234567
OS:               MacOS
IP Adress:        192.168.1.1
User ID:          p1234567
Purchase Date:    27.2.2021
-----

```

Figure 24: Add Computer with valid inputs

In Figure 20, a Computer has been added without any error, and was saved as expected.

```

You can now create a new Computer
Please enter the Computer ID in the Format XXXXXXXX:
12345678
Please enter the Computer ID in the Format XXXXXXXX:
b
Please enter the Computer ID in the Format XXXXXXXX:
-1
Please enter the Computer ID in the Format XXXXXXXX:
1234567
Please choose the OS:
1. Windows
2. Linux
3. MacOS
Enter the number of the OS you want to choose:
4
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:

Please choose the OS:
1. Windows
2. Linux
3. MacOS
Enter the number of the OS you want to choose:
-1
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:

Please choose the OS:
1. Windows
2. Linux
3. MacOS
Enter the number of the OS you want to choose:
b
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:

Please choose the OS:
1. Windows
2. Linux
3. MacOS
Enter the number of the OS you want to choose:
3

```

Figure 25: Adding a Computer with wrong input (ID, OS)

In figure 25 and 26 the user tried to enter an invalid input into the program and received error messages. In Figure 27 one can see that the program is checking the date entered by the user against the current date to make sure no future dates can be entered. Furthermore, the program checks if the IP entered is already used by another computer in the program and, if so, asks the user to enter a different IP. This makes sure that not only the Computer ID, but also the Computer IP is unique, as it would be within a Network.

```

You can now create a new Computer
Please enter the Computer ID in the Format XXXXXXXX:
1234567
Sorry, but this Computer ID is allready taken
Please enter a differnt Computer ID:
Please enter the Computer ID in the Format XXXXXXXX:
12345678
Please enter the Computer ID in the Format XXXXXXXX:
1234568
Please choose the OS:
1. Windows
2. Linux
3. MacOS
Enter the number of the OS you want to choose:
2
Please enter the Computer IP in the format XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX:
192.168.1.1
Sorry, but this IP is already taken. IPs are unique in a Network. Pleas
XX:
192.168.1.2
Please enter the ID of the main user in the following Format XXXXXXXX:
12345678
Please enter the ID of the main user in the following Format XXXXXXXX:
b
Please enter the ID of the main user in the following Format XXXXXXXX:
-1
Please enter the ID of the main user in the following Format XXXXXXXX:
213
Sorry, but this User ID does not exists.
Do you want to go back to the main menu? (y/n)
n
Please enter the ID of the main user in the following Format XXXXXXXX:
1234567
Please enter the Date of purchase in following Format dd.mm.yyyy:
25.02.2021
I am sorry, but the date you entered is in the future
Please enter the Date of purchase in following Format dd.mm.yyyy:
24.02.2021
Thank you. The Following computer has been created:

Computer ID:    c1234568
OS:             Linux
IP Address:     192.168.1.2
User ID:        p1234567
Purchase Date:  24.2.2021
-----

```

Figure 26: Adding a Computer with wrong input values

4.2.2 Delete Computer

```

You selected: Delte a Computer
Please enter the Computer ID in the Format XXXXXXXX:
12345678
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:

```

Figure 27: delete computer too long id input

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You selected: Delte a Computer
Please enter the Computer ID in the Format XXXXXXXX:
asdfs
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:

```

Figure 28: delete computer alphabetic input

```
You selected: Delte a Computer
Please enter the Computer ID in the Format XXXXXXX:
-1
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:
```

190 **Figure 29: delete computer negative input**

```
You selected: Delte a Computer
Please enter the Computer ID in the Format XXXXXXX:
1234566
The computer could not be found
```

Figure 30: delete computer non existing id

```
You selected: Delte a Computer
Please enter the Computer ID in the Format XXXXXXX:
1234567
The Computer has been delteted
```

Figure 31: delete computer success

195 The program checks if it is a valid ID, and if it is, it will check if the ID exists. If it is not a valid ID or computer doesn't exist, an error will be displayed as seen in Figure 27 to 30. If the input is valid and a computer with this ID exist, the computer will be deleted as expected (Figure 31).

4.3 Search Menu

200 4.3.1 Search for Computer

```
You are in the Computer Search menu

Enter the Computer ID you want ot look up in the following format XXXXXXXX:
(Press x go back to Main Menu)
12345678
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:

Enter the Computer ID you want ot look up in the following format XXXXXXXX:
(Press x go back to Main Menu)
vb
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:

Enter the Computer ID you want ot look up in the following format XXXXXXXX:
(Press x go back to Main Menu)
-1
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:

Enter the Computer ID you want ot look up in the following format XXXXXXXX:
(Press x go back to Main Menu)
1234567
Following Computer has been found:
Computer ID:    c1234567
OS:            MacOS
IP Adress:     192.168.1.1
User ID:       p1234567
Purchase Date: 24.2.2021

Enter the Computer ID you want ot look up in the following format XXXXXXXX:
(Press x go back to Main Menu)
1
The computer could not be found
```

Figure 32: Searching for a Computer correct and incorrect input

4.3.2 Search User

```
You are in the User Search menu

Enter the User ID you want ot look up in the following format XXXXXXXX:
(Press x go back to Main Menu)
-1
The User could not be found

Enter the User ID you want ot look up in the following format XXXXXXXX:
(Press x go back to Main Menu)
v
The User could not be found

Enter the User ID you want ot look up in the following format XXXXXXXX:
(Press x go back to Main Menu)
123
Following User has been found:
Surname:      Name
First name:   Name
Department:   IT Support
Email:        email@helpdesk.co.uk
User ID:      p0000123

Enter the User ID you want ot look up in the following format XXXXXXXX:
(Press x go back to Main Menu)
1
The User could not be found

Enter the User ID you want ot look up in the following format XXXXXXXX:
(Press x go back to Main Menu)
12345678
The User could not be found

Enter the User ID you want ot look up in the following format XXXXXXXX:
(Press x go back to Main Menu)

The User could not be found
```

205 **Figure 33: test search user with valid and invalid input**

4.3.3 Search from Computer Main User Email

```
You are in the Email address of main user Search menu

Enter the User ID you want ot look up in the following format XXXXXXXX:
(Press x go back to Main Menu)
1
This is the email of the main user: m@helpdesk.co.uk

Enter the User ID you want ot look up in the following format XXXXXXXX:
(Press x go back to Main Menu)
b
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:

Enter the User ID you want ot look up in the following format XXXXXXXX:
(Press x go back to Main Menu)
-1
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:

Enter the User ID you want ot look up in the following format XXXXXXXX:
(Press x go back to Main Menu)
123
The computer could not be found

Enter the User ID you want ot look up in the following format XXXXXXXX:
(Press x go back to Main Menu)
23456789
I am sorry, but I couldn't understand your input
Please try again:
```

Figure 34: Search for Main User Email address test with valid and invalid input

4.3.4 Print all Users

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Printing all Users
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```

Figure 35: Print all users if user array empty

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-----
Printing all Users
-----

Surname:      Brookes
First name:   Alex
Department:   IT Support
Email:        alex@helpdesk.co.uk
User ID:      p0000001

Surname:      max
First name:   brookes
Department:   Development
Email:        max@helpdesk.co.uk
User ID:      p0000002

Surname:      brookes
First name:   hans
Department:   Finance
Email:        hans@helpdesk.co.uk
User ID:      p0000003

Surname:      brookes
First name:   guenter
Department:   HR
Email:        guenter@helpdesk.co.uk
User ID:      p0000004

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```

Figure 36: Print all users after adding 4 users

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-----
Printing all Users
-----

Surname:      max
First name:   brookes
Department:   Development
Email:        max@helpdesk.co.uk
User ID:      p0000002

Surname:      brookes
First name:   hans
Department:   Finance
Email:        hans@helpdesk.co.uk
User ID:      p0000003

Surname:      brookes
First name:   guenter
Department:   HR
Email:        guenter@helpdesk.co.uk
User ID:      p0000004

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```

Figure 37: Print all users after deleting 1 user

4.3.5 *Print all Computers*

```
-----  
Printing all Comuters  
-----  
-----  
-----
```

Figure 38: Print all computer if computer array empty

```
-----  
Printing all Computers  
-----  
  
Computer ID:    c0000001  
OS:             Windows  
IP Adress:      192.168.1.1  
User ID:        p0000001  
Purchase Date:  23.2.2021  
  
Computer ID:    c0000002  
OS:             Linux  
IP Adress:      192.168.1.2  
User ID:        p0000002  
Purchase Date:  24.2.2021  
  
Computer ID:    c0000003  
OS:             MacOS  
IP Adress:      192.168.1.3  
User ID:        p0000003  
Purchase Date:  19.1.1905  
  
Computer ID:    c0000004  
OS:             MacOS  
IP Adress:      192.168.1.4  
User ID:        p0000004  
Purchase Date:  31.1.2020  
  
-----  
-----
```

220

Figure 39: Print all Computer after adding 4 Computer

```

-----
Printing all Computers
-----

Computer ID:    c0000002
OS:             Windows
IP Address:     192.168.1.2
User ID:        p0000002
Purchase Date:  24.2.2021

Computer ID:    c0000003
OS:             Linux
IP Address:     192.168.1.3
User ID:        p0000003
Purchase Date:  19.1.1905

Computer ID:    c0000004
OS:             MacOS
IP Address:     192.168.1.4
User ID:        p0000004
Purchase Date:  31.1.2020

-----

```

Figure 40: Print all Computer after deleting 1 Computer

225 4.3.6 Print Amount of Users

```

Amount Users: 0
-----

```

Figure 41: Amount User if array empty

```

Amount Users: 4
-----

```

Figure 42: Amount Users after adding 4 users

4.3.7 Print Amount of Computer

```

Amount Computers: 0
-----

```

Figure 44: Amount Computer if array empty

```

Amount Computers: 4
-----

```

Figure 45: Amount Computers after adding 4 computers

```

Amount Users: 3
-----

```

Figure 43: Amount users after deleting 1 user

```

Amount Computers: 3
-----

```

Figure 46: Amount Computers after deleting 1 user

240 5. Legal

Despite the Brexit, the GDPR is still the legislation to consider if personal data is being processed. In this case we are storing Name and Surname of the User. This ensures that the system knows who is using the computers. This is necessary for reliability, for example in case of damages. The name might also be necessary for other internal communications. Personal
245 Information, stated by the GDPR, can only be stored as long as the data is required (Woollven, 2019). For this reason, the software would need to implement a policy (automated or manual by the admin) that deletes user information after they served their purpose and are no longer required.

6. Conclusion

250 The system has been implemented in NASM according to the requirements. Certain features, as insurances of a unique IP and email address, have been added. Also, other checks, as checking for dates in the future, have been implemented in order to improve the user experience. As part of this project, it has not been elaborated in detail how the data could be saved permanently, although a possible but not finalised solution has been added in Appendix
255 2. It has been worked out how the data could be stored in the least amount of space necessary and how to delete it again. However, a policy for the deletion process is still missing. This should be worked out in the future, as it is not clear what should happen to a Computer after its main user has been deleted. Nevertheless, this project can be considered a success, as the original goal was surpassed.

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Code Documentation

A simple record system in x86 assembler

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A simple record system in 64 bit x86 assembler to keep track of computers and user.

global variables:

- **currentdate:**
Contains the current date, will be filled by the function `get_current_date`
- **users:**
A array of 100 users
- **computers:**
A array of 500 computers
- **user_index:**
The count of how many users are in the array
- **computer_index:**
The count of how many computer are in the array

functions:

print_id

Prints the ID int he Fromat XXXXXX\n

- parameters:
 - *rdi*: INT32 ID

print_current_date

Prints the current date in the Format d.m.yyyy
call [get_current_date](#) before

get_current_date

save the current date to [currentdate](#)

print_os

Prints the name of the OS

- parameters:
 - *rdx*: INT8 index
- errors:
 - prints error to the screen if index out of bound

print_department

Prints the name of the department

- parameters:
 - *rdx*: INT8 index
- errors:
 - prints error to the screen if index out of bound

delete_user_from_array

Deletes a User at index from [users](#)

- parameters:
 - *rax*: INT64 index
- comments:
 - moves all following users one place forward in the array
- **WARNING:**
 - no check if index out of bound

delete_computer_from_array:

deletes a Computer at index from [computers](#)

- parameters:
 - *rax*: INT64 index

- comments:
 - moves all following computer one place forward in the array
- **WARNING:**
 - no check if index out of bound

add_computer_id

Adds a computer id to the new computer in [computers](#)

- parameters:
 - *rbx*: INT32 computer id

add_computer_ip

Add a IP to the new computer in [computers](#)

- parameters:
 - *rbx*: string* ip in format XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX
- checks:
 - check 1: input format correct, asks to enter it again if not
 - check 2: checks if the IP is already used by a different computer in the array

add_computer_main_user_id

Adds a user id to the new computer in [computers](#)

- parameters:
 - *rbx*: INT32 user id
- comments:
 - should check in advance, if the user id exists

add_computer_os

As the enumeration of the OS to the new computer in [computers](#)

- parameters:
 - *rbx*: INT8 os
- comments:
 - check in advance if os enumeration is correct

add_computer_purchase_date

Adds the purchase date to the new computer in [computers](#)

- parameters:
 - *rbx*: string* date in format dd.mm.yyyy
- checks:
 - check 1: date in valid format, other asks to enter again
 - check 2: check of day between 1-31, month between 1-12 and year between 1900-2100, other asks to enter again
 - check 3: check if date equals today or past. If date in future, then asks to enter again

print_computer

Prints computer at index from [computers](#)

- parameters:
 - *rax*: INT64 index
- **WARNING::**
 - no check for index out of bound

search_computer_id

Searches for a Computer with the ID in [computers](#)

- parameters:
 - *R13*: INT32 Computer ID
- return:
 - *rax*: INT64 index
- error:
 - *rax* = 504 "computer not found"
- comments:
 - No check if ID in valid format. Invalid input will not crash but give error 504

search_user_id

Searches for a User with the ID in [computers](#)

- parameters:
 - *R13*: INT32 User ID
- return:
 - *rax*: INT64 index
- error:
 - *rax* = 504 "user not found"
- comments:
 - No check if ID in valid format. Invalid input will not crash but give error 504

add_user_name

Add User Name of new User in [users](#)

- parameters:
 - *rbx*: string* name
- checks:
 - check 1: if string lenght between 1 and 64, otherwise asks to enter name again

add_user_firstname

Add User First Name of new User in [users](#)

- parameters:
 - *rbx*: string* name
- checks:
 - check 1: if string lenght between 1 and 64, otherwise asks to enter frist name again

add_user_department

Adds the department enummaration to the new user in [users](#)

- parameters:
 - *rbx*: INT8 department
- comments:
 - The department will not be checked and should be checked beforehand

add_user_email

Add the user email to the new user in [users](#)

- parameters:
 - *rbx*: string* email
- checks:
 - check 1: if string between 1 and 64 chars long, otherwise ask to reenter
 - check 2: check if email has not yet been taken by another user in the array, otherwise ask to reenter

add_user_id

Add the id to the new user in [users](#)

- parameters:

- *rbx*: INT32 ID
- **WARNING::**
 - does not check if ID unique, needs to be checked before!

print_user

Prints the user at index in [users](#)

- parameters:
 - *rbx*: INT64 index

main

Prints welcoem message

- commenst:
 - calls [get_current_date](#)
 - calls [main_menu](#)

main_menu

prints options in the main menu and waits for user selection

Options:

1. [Manage Users](#)
2. [Manage Computers](#)
3. [Search](#)
4. EXIT

- checks if user selection valid and then calls the selected menu, otherwise asks for reseletion

user_menu

shows user menu

prints options in the user menu and waits for user selection

Options:

1. [Add Users](#)
2. [Delete User](#)
3. [Go back to main menu](#)

- checks if user selection valid and then calls the selected option, otherwise asks for reseletion

computer_menu

shows computer menu

prints options in the computer menu and waits for user selection

Options:

1. [Add Computer](#)
2. [Delete Computer](#)
3. [Go back to main menu](#)

- checks if user selection valid and then calls the selected option, otherwise asks for reselection

search_menu

shows search menu

prints options in the search menu and waits for user selection

Options:

1. [Search Computer](#)
2. [Search Users](#)
3. [Search Main User](#)
4. [Print all User](#)
5. [Print all Computer](#)
6. [Amount of Users](#)
7. [Amount of Computers](#)
8. [Go back to main menu](#)

- checks if user selection valid and then calls the selected option, otherwise asks for reselection

add_user

Shows the Input Masks for adding a User

- checks:
 - check 1: department code between 1-3
 - check 2: user id valid format
 - check 3: user id unique
 - check 4: user array still has space

delete_user

Shows the Input Masks for deleting a User

- checks:
 - check 1: user id valid format

- check 2: user id exists

add_computer

Shows the Input Masks for adding a Computer

- checks:
 - check 1: os code between 1-3
 - check 2: computer id valid format
 - check 3: computer id unique
 - check 4: computer array still has space
 - check 5: main user id exists
 - check 6: main user id valid format

delete_computer

Shows the Input Masks for deleting a Computer

- checks:
 - check 1: computer id valid format
 - check 2: computer id exists

search_user

Shows the Input Masks for searching a User

- comment:
 - User can exit by enter x
- checks:
 - check 1: user id has valid format

search_computer

Shows the Input Masks for searching a computer

- comment:
 - computer can exit by enter x
- checks:
 - check 1: computer id has valid format

find_main_user

Shows the Input Masks for searching a main user of a computer

Appendix 2: (Read & Write to file)

```
%include "/home/malware/asm/joey_lib_io_v6_release.asm"

280 ; This file represents a possible solution to save the user and computer arrays to a file, in order to not
lose the saved date when the program finishes.
; This solution presents though is not elegant, as it needs 4 files, which would need to be saved in the
save directory as the executable.
; A more elegant solution would be to save all the program data in one file
285 ; or to save the 4 files in a directory hidden from the user

global main

section .data

290 error: db "error",0

user_file_location: db "users",0
computer_file_location: db "computers",0

295 user_index_file_location: db "users_index",0
computer_index_file_location: db "computers_index",0

;arrays

300 users: times 20000 db 0
computers: times 8500 db 0

;index
user_index: dq 0
305 computer_index: dq 0

section .bss
;File descriptors
user_file_descriptor: resq 1
310 computer_file_descriptor: resq 1
user_index_file_descriptor: resq 1
computer_index_file_descriptor: resq 1

section .text
```

315

read:

push rbp

mov rbp, rsp

sub rsp, 32

320

mov rax, 2 ;open

mov rdi, qword user_file_location

mov rdx, 0666o

mov rsi, 0102o

syscall

325

mov QWORD[user_file_descriptor], rax

cmp rax, 0

jl .error

mov rdi, rax

330

mov rax, 2 ;open

mov rdi, qword computer_file_location

mov rdx, 0666o

mov rsi, 0102o

syscall

335

mov QWORD[computer_file_descriptor], rax

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syscall

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mov QWORD[user_index_file_descriptor], rax

cmp rax, 0

jl .error

mov rdi, rax

350

mov rax, 2 ;open

mov rdi, qword computer_index_file_location

mov rdx, 0666o

mov rsi, 0102o


```

syscall
355  mov QWORD[computer_index_file_descriptor], rax
    cmp rax, 0
    jl .error
    mov rdi, rax

360  mov rax, 0 ;read
    mov rdi, qword[user_file_descriptor]
    mov rsi, qword users
    mov rdx, 20000
    syscall
365  cmp rax, 0
    jl .error
    mov rdi, rax

    mov rax, 0 ;read
370  mov rdi, qword[computer_file_descriptor]
    mov rsi, qword computers
    mov rdx, 8500
    syscall
    cmp rax, 0
375  jl .error
    mov rdi, rax

    mov rax, 0 ;read
    mov rdi, qword[user_index_file_descriptor]
380  mov rsi, qword user_index
    mov rdx, 4
    syscall
    cmp rax, 0
    jl .error
385  mov rdi, rax

    mov rax, 0 ;read
    mov rdi, qword[computer_index_file_descriptor]
    mov rsi, qword computer_index
390  mov rdx, 4
    syscall
    cmp rax, 0

```

```

        jl .error
        mov rdi, rax
395 .end:
        add rsp, 32
        pop rbp
        ret

.error:
400     mov rdi, qword error
        call print_string_new
        call print_nl_new
        jmp .end

405 save:
        push rbp
        mov rbp, rsp
        sub rsp, 32
        mov rax, 1 ;write
410     mov rdi, qword[user_file_descriptor]
        mov rsi, qword users
        mov rdx, 20000
        syscall
        cmp rax, 0
415     jl .error
        mov rdi, rax

        mov rax, 1 ;write
        mov rdi, qword[computer_file_descriptor]
420     mov rsi, qword computers
        mov rdx, 8500
        syscall
        cmp rax, 0
        jl .error
425     mov rdi, rax

        mov rax, 1 ;write
        mov rdi, qword[computer_index_file_descriptor]
        mov rsi, qword computer_index
430     mov rdx, 4
        syscall

```

```

    cmp rax, 0
    jl .error
    mov rdi, rax
435
    mov rax, 1 ;write
    mov rdi, qword[user_index_file_descriptor]
    mov rsi, qword user_index
    mov rdx, 4
440
    syscall
    cmp rax, 0
    jl .error
    mov rdi, rax
.end:
445
    add rsp, 32
    pop rbp
    ret
.error:
    mov rdi, qword error
450
    call print_string_new
    call print_nl_new
    jmp .end

```