

Solutions 8

Question1

a) a pointer to an 8-bit signed int or `int8_t *` {{1}}

b) Datatype: `uint32_t *` or pointer to 32-bits of unsigned data. {{2}}
Value: $0xAABBCCDD + (4 * 17) = 0xAABBCD21$

c) {{4}}
 $0x2000\ 0510 + (32 * 4) = 0x2000\ 0590.$

Therefore:

`0x20000590: 0xAA`

`0x20000591: 0x00`

`0x20000592: 0x00`

`0x20000593: 0x00`

Question 2 {{3}}

The address of foo is passed in as 'a', the address of bar is passed in as 'b'

The data pointed to by a 'a' (foo) is set to the data pointed to by 'a' (foo) plus the data pointed to by 'b' (bar) = $0xAABB + 0xCCDD = 0x17798$.

(1 mark)

However, foo is a 16-bit number so the value is truncated to `0x7798`

(1 mark)

`b++` modifies the *local* variable 'b', and hence has no effect on the data being passed in

(1 mark)

Bonus: {{2}}

When foo and bar are defined, foo is defined first on the stack (higher address) and bar is defined second (lower address).

By incrementing the variable holding the address of bar, the pointer 'b' is incremented to point to the higher address, namely 'foo'.

Hence, both pointers would point to foo, so the computation would be

`foo = 0xAABB + 0xAABB = 0x15576`

Truncated: `0x5576`

To get the marks, they must point out the order which the variables are defined on the stack and how foo has a higher memory address.