CSC3320 System Level Programming
Lab Assignment 8 - Post-Lab

Due at 11:59 pm on Friday, March 12, 2021

Purpose: Learn how to use debugger in **gdb** to debug a program in Unix.

Part 1:

You are given a C program "q1.c" as below. But since there are no enough comments in the program, it is hard to find out the feature of the function ***foo***. So let us trace the execution of the program and find out what ***foo*** does. Please follow the steps below and answer the questions accordingly.

```
#include <stdio.h>

int foo(int num)
{
    int rev_num = 0;
    while (num > 0)
    {
        rev_num = rev_num*10 + num%10;
        num = num/10;
    }
    return rev_num;
}

/* Driver program to test foo */
int main()
{
    int num = 1125;
    printf("Result is %d", foo(num));
    return 0;
}
```

1) Compile "q1.c" with **–g** option so that we can debug the executable using

gdb. `$gcc -o q1 -g q1.c`

2) Lauch **gdb** for "q1".
`$gdb q1`

3) List the source code of "q1.c" from line 1.
`(gdb)list 1`

4) Set a breakpoint at the line of statement "while (num > 0)".
Question: Write your command.

(gdb) break 6

4) Run the program until the first breakpoint.
Question: Write your command.
(gdb) run

5) Use **display** to show the value of rev_num and num at each time when program stops.
`(gdb)display rev_num`
`(gdb)display num`
`(gdb)c`

6) Run the while loop step by step using command **n** multiple times. `(gdb)n`
Question: check the value of rev_num and num after each iteration and fill in the table below.

	1st itr	*2nd itr*	*3rd itr*	*4th itr*
num	*112*	*11*	*1*	*0*
rev_num	*5*	*52*	*521*	*5211*

7) When the program terminates, quit **gdb** using command **q**.
`(gdb)q`

8) *Question: Now can you tell what the function foo does?*

The foo function returns the integer number in which it reverses the input parameter integer number thats provided

Part 2:

You are given a C program “q2.c” as below. This program is used to calculate the average word length for a sentence (a string in a single line):

```
Enter a sentence: It was deja vu all over again.
Average word length: 3.4
```

For simplicity, the program considers a punctuation mark to be part of the word to which it is attached. And it displays the average word length to one decimal place.

1

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {

int letters;
int words;
char character;

printf("Enter a Sentence: ");
```

2

```
    while((character=getchar()) != \n){
        if(character != ' '){
            if(!space){
                words++;
                space=1;
            }
            letters++;
      }else
         space = 0;
    }

    printf("Average word length : %.1f", letters/words);

    return 0;
}
```

```
1
2
2
2
3
2
4
2
5
```

However, there are multiple errors in the given C program. Please correct complier errors and use **gdb** to debug the program and find out the errors.

Errors seen in program

- Line 12: Missing a single inverted comma around \n
- Line 6: Variable space hasnt been initialized
- Line 26: Type mismatch (warning)

Program corrected

- Line 12: Adding a single inverted comma around "\n\"
- Line 6: Declare and initialize the variable space to correct the program
- Line 26: Cast the type in the printf statement

Question: Please write down the line numbers containing the errors and show how to correct them.

(Note: you do not need to write down the commands you issued in **gdb**.)

Submssion:

• Please follow the instructions below step by step, and then write a report by answering the questions and upload the report (named as Lab8_FirstNameLastName.pdf or Lab8_FirstNameLastName.doc) to Google Classroom, under the rubric Lab 8 Out-of-lab Assignment. • Please add the lab assignment NUMBER and your NAME at the top of your file sheet.