# CS4430 HOMEWORK 3 (100 POINTS TOTAL)

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Due: Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 by 11:59pm.

### **DIRECTIONS**

To turn in your solution, please email me the code (<a href="mailto:harrisonwl@missouri.edu">harrisonwl@missouri.edu</a>) with the subject "CS4430 HW3". It is **important** that you get this small detail right because otherwise I may miss your submitted solution.

### PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

In class, we've been discussing "return-oriented programming" or ROP. As a simple example, consider the following ThreeAddr code:

```
0: mov R0 #0;
    mov Rx R0;
    mov R1 #9;
    write Rx;
1: mov Rx R1;
    mov R2 #8;
    mov Rx R2;
    write Rx;
2: exit;
```

## This code, in ROP-style, is:

```
0:
    pushl 14; // lines 0-3 are the "preamble"
               // only use pushl in the preamble //
1:
    pushl 9;
2:
    pushl 4;
3:
    ret;
4:
    mov R0 #0;
5:
   mov Rx R0;
6:
    mov R1 #9;
7:
   write Rx;
8:
    ret;
9:
   mov Rx R1;
10: mov R2 #8;
11: mov Rx R2;
12: write Rx;
13: ret;
14: exit;
```

#### PROBLEM ASSIGNMENT

Your job is to translate by-hand the example foobar.tac into ROP style. Put your translated version in a file called rop-foobar.tac. Note that the code in foobar.tac includes a number of write instructions that print out a numbers throughout the program's execution. Use the function interp defined in ThreeAddrInterp.hs to make sure that foobar.tac and rop-foobar.tac produce the same output.

## Specific directions:

- 1. Download and unpack "ROP.zip" from the course website. Within the ROP directory is ThreeAddressInterp.hs and a subdirectory called tac. Within tac are a number of examples that can help you, including:
  - branchzero1.tac, branchzero2.tac, jump.tac, loop.tac, and their ROP translations (prefixed with "rop-"). These examples illustrate how to translate jump and branch instructions into operations on the SP register.
  - The file to be translated, foobar.tac, is also in the tac subdirectory. Rewrite this program into one that (1) produces the same output and (2) does not include a single jump or branch instruction.
- 2. For the purposes of this exercise, a gadget is a sequence of non-control flow instructions ending in either a ret or an exit instruction. The definition of "control-flow instruction" is subtly different from the one we used in defining basic blocks in ThreeAddr. Specifically, labels are not necessarily control-flow instructions. Your answer must be written entirely in terms of gadgets! It is **not** sufficient that the program you turn in merely has the same output and no jumps or branches. Once you think you have a solution, you should come back to this paragraph and make sure that you have properly gadget-ified your program.