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CS 2021: Practice Exam 2

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Problem 1 (15 pts): Nearby is a C function col_update() with associated data and documentation. Re-implement this function in x86-64 assembly according to the documentation given. Follow the same flow provided in the C implementation. The comments below the colinfo_t struct give information about how it lays out in memory and as a packed argument.

Indicate which registers correspond to which C variables.

```
.text
.globl col_update
# YOUR CODE BELOW
col_update:
```

```
1 typedef struct{
    int cur;
    int step;
4 } colinfo_t;
              | Byte |
                         Byte | Packed |
5 // |
 6 // | Field | Size | Offset |
                                  Bits |
 7 // |-----
8 // | cur
                   4 |
                           +0 |
                                  0-31 |
9 // | step
                   4 |
                           +4 |
                                 32-64 |
int col_update(colinfo_t *info){
    // Updates current value and step in
    // colinfo_t pointed by param info. If
    // infor->cur is invalid, makes no changes
15
    // and returns 1 to indicate an
    // error. Otherwise performs odd or even
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17
    // update on cur and increments step
    // returning 0 for success.
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    int cur = info->cur;
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    int step = info->step;
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    if(cur <= 0){
      return 1;
23
24
    }
25
    step++;
    if(cur % 2 == 1){
26
27
      cur = cur*3+1;
    }
28
    else{
29
      cur = cur / 2;
30
31
    info->cur = cur;
    info->step = step;
    return 0;
34
35 }
```

Problem 2 (15 pts): Below is an initial register/memory configuration along with snippets of assembly code. Each snippet is followed by a blank register/memory configuration which should be filled in with the values to reflect changes made by the preceding assembly. The code is continuous so that POS A is followed by POS B.

INITIAL		subq \$8 movl \$1 movl \$3	di, %esi , %rsp 00, 4(%rsp 00, 0(%rsp rsp), %eax		esi, (%rs _] (%rsp), %:	rdi
REG	Value		Value	REG	Value	
rax rdi rsi rsp	10 20 30 #3032	rax rdi rsi rsp		rax rdi rsi rsp	 	
 MEM	Value		Value	MEM	Value	
#3032 #3028 #3024 #3020	250 1 2 3	#3032 #3028 #3024 #3020		#3032 #3028 #3024 #3020 	 	

Problem 3 (10 pts): Rover Witer is writing an assembly function called compval which he will use in C programs. He writes a short C main() function to test compval but is shocked by the results which seem to defy the C and assembly code. Valgrind provides no insight for him. Identify why Rover's code is behaving so strangely and fix compval so it behaves correctly.

Sample Compile / Run:

```
> gcc compval_main.c compval_asm.s
> a.out
expect: 0
actual: 19
expect: 0
actual: 50
```

```
1 // compval_main.c
 2 #include <stdio.h>
 4 void compval(int x, int y, int *val);
 _{5} // compute something based on x and y
 6 // store result at int pointed to by val
8 int main(){
    int expect, actual;
 9
10
11
     expect = 7 * 2 + 5;
                              // expected value
    compval(7, 2, &actual); // actual result
12
    printf("expect: %d\n",expect);
13
    printf("actual: %d\n",actual);
14
15
16
     expect = 5 * 9 + 5;
                              // expected value
    compval(5, 9, &actual); // actual result
17
    printf("expect: %d\n",expect);
18
    printf("actual: %d\n",actual);
19
    return 0;
^{21}
22 }
 1 # compval_asm.s
2 .text
з .global compval
4 compval:
                   %rdi,%rsi
           imulq
           addq
                   $5,%rsi
 6
                   %rsi,(%rdx)
 7
           movq
           ret
```