

CMSC216: Practice Exam 1B

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Problem 1 (15 pts): Nearby is a `main()` function demonstrating the use of the function `get_pn()`. Implement this function according to the documentation given. *My solution is about 18 lines plus some closing curly braces.*

YOUR CODE HERE

```
1 #include "get_pn.h"
2
3 // Struct to count positive/negative
4 // numbers in arrays.
5 typedef struct {
6     int poss, negs;
7 } pn_t;
8
9 pn_t *get_pn(char *filename);
10 // Opens the specified filename which
11 // should contain space-separated ASCII
12 // integers. Allocates a pn_t and
13 // initializes its field to zero. Scans
14 // to end of the file incrementing the
15 // poss field for all positive numbers
16 // and the negs field for all 0 or
17 // negative numbers. Returns the
18 // allocated pn_t. If the file cannot
19 // be opened, returns NULL.
20
21 int main(){
22     // nums1.txt:
23     // 3 0 -12 76 -4
24     pn_t *pn1 = get_pn("nums1.txt");
25     // pn1: {.poss=2, .negs=3}
26     free(pn1);
27
28     // nums2.txt:
29     // -1 -2 -4 0 -21 -35
30     pn_t *pn2 = get_pn("nums2.txt");
31     // pn2: {.poss=0, .negs=6}
32     free(pn2);
33
34     pn_t *pn3 = get_pn("no-such-file.txt");
35     // pn3: NULL
36
37     return 0;
38 }
```

Problem 2 (15 pts): Nearby is a small C program which makes use of arrays, pointers, and function calls. Fill in the tables associated with the approximate memory layout of the running program at each position indicated. Assume the stack grows **to lower memory addresses** and that the sizes of C variable types correspond to common 64-bit systems.

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 void flub(double *ap, double *bp){
3     int c = 7;
4     if(*ap < c){
5         *ap = bp[1];
6     }
7     // POSITION B
8     return;
9 }
10 int main(){
11     double x = 4.5;
12     double arr[2] = {3.5, 5.5};
13     double *ptr = arr+1;
14     // POSITION A
15     flub(&x, arr);
16     printf("%.1f\n",x);
17     for(int i=0; i<2; i++){
18         printf("%.1f\n",arr[i]);
19     }
20     return 0;
21 }
```

POSITION A

Frame	Symbol	Address	Value
main()	x	#3064	
	arr[1]	#3056	
	arr[0]		
	ptr		
	i		?

POSITION B

Frame	Symbol	Address	Value
main()	x	#3064	
	arr[1]	#3056	
	arr[0]		
	ptr		
	i		?
flub()			
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Problem 3 (10 pts): The code below in fill_pow2.c has a memory problem which leads to strange output and frequent segmentation faults. A run of the program under Valgrind reports several problems summarized nearby. **Explain these problems in a few sentences and describe specifically how to fix them.** You may directly modify the provided in code.

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3
4 // allocate and fill an array
5 // with len powers of 2
6 int *fill_pow2(int len){
7     int arr[len];
8     int *ptr = arr;
9     int pow = 1;
10    for(int i=0; i<len; i++){
11        arr[i] = pow;
12        pow = pow * 2;
13    }
14    return ptr;
15 }
16 int main(){
17     int *twos4 = fill_pow2(4);
18     for(int i=0; i<4; i++){
19         printf("%d\n",twos4[i]);
20     }
21     free(twos4);
22     return 0;
23 }
```

```
1 >> gcc -g fill_pow2.c
2
3 >> valgrind ./a.out
4 ==6307== Memcheck, a memory error detector
5 ==6307== Conditional jump or move depends on uninitialised value(s)
6 ==6307==    by 0x48CB13B: printf (in /usr/lib/libc-2.29.so)
7 ==6307==    by 0x10927B: main (fill_pow2.c:19)
8 1
9 0
10 0
11 0
12 ==6307== Invalid free() / delete / delete[] / realloc()
13 ==6307==    at 0x48399AB: free (vg_replace_malloc.c:530)
14 ==6307==    by 0x109291: main (fill_pow2.c:21)
15 ==6307==    Address 0x1fff000110 is on thread 1's stack
16 ==6307==
17 ==6307== HEAP SUMMARY:
18 ==6307==    in use at exit: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
19 ==6307==    total heap usage: 0 allocs, 1 frees
```