

- 1) See [endian.c](#)
- 2) See [simple_string.c](#)
- 3) is this an ok version of `simp_str_copy`? if not why? **No**

```

simp_str* simp_str_copy(simp_str *in)
{
    simp_str *ret = malloc(sizeof(simp_str)); // missing parenthesis => malloc(sizeof(simp_str));
    // <----- (should check here that malloc didn't return a NULL ptr)

    ret->len = in->len;
    ret->buf_len = in->buf_len;
    ret->str = malloc(ret->len); // => malloc(ret->buf_len);
    if (NULL == ret->str)
    {
        return NULL;
    }
    strncpy(ret->buf, in->buf, ret->len); // => strncpy(ret->str, in->str, ret->len);
    // (buf is not defined in simp_str)

    return ret;
}

```

- 4) What is the value of `b` in the code fragment below?

```

char a[4];
unsigned short b;

```

```

a[0] = 1; a[1] = 2; a[2] = 3; a[3] = 4;

```

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b = *(unsigned short *)a;

```

`b` will get 2 bytes out of `a`, so it'll get `a[0] = '01'` and `a[1] = '02'`

but since my PC is little endian, it gets stored as `x'02'x'01'`

so, `b = x'201'`

- 5) See [nth_bit_checker.c](#)
- 6) Consider the following snippet of (admittedly contrived) threaded code:

For gcc (gcc version 4.8.2 at least) when we compile it like this:

```
gcc thread_question.c -o thread_question -lpthread
```

and run it, everything seems to work fine. However when we compile it like this:

```
gcc thread_question.c -o thread_question -lpthread -O3
```

It seems to just hang forever! What's going on there? How can we fix it?

Some architectures do not guarantee atomicity and ordering. The ordering might have just been fine for the regular compile but the optimized compile might have reordered it, causing some data races, etc. Making “g_keep_running” atomic establishes inter-thread synchronization, keeps it free from data races, and guarantees its ordering.

*But, I think it is from one of the -O/-O1 flags instead of -O3.

It hangs for me just when doing gcc -O1

So, aside from removing the “sleep(2);” line of code, changing

“int g_keep_running = 1;” to “atomic_int g_keep_running = 1;” fixes the issue.

See [thread_question.c](#)