


Q1 OS interfaces

10 Points

Write a simple UNIX program, `tee` that reads from standard input and writes to standard output and a file specified in command line. For example, if invoked like this:

```
echo Hello | tee foobar.txt
```

"Hello" shows up on the screen and in foobar.txt

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Q2 Assembly

15 Points

Below is C and assembly code for the `strncpy()` (string copy) function from the xv6 operating system (i.e., `strcpy()` copies one string into another). In C strings are represented as continuous arrays of bytes (each character is a byte) that end with a `0` (or NULL) to designate the end of the string.

```
68 char*
69 strncpy(char *s, const char *t, int n)
70 {
71     char *os;
72
73     os = s;
74     while(n-- > 0 && (*s++ = *t++) != 0)
75         ;
76     while(n-- > 0)
77         *s++ = 0;
78     return os;
79 }
```


```
00000190 <strncpy>:
190: 55                push    ebp
191: 89 e5             mov     ebp,esp
193: 8b 45 08          mov     eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8]
196: 56                push    esi
197: 8b 4d 10          mov     ecx,DWORD PTR [ebp+0x10]
19a: 53                push    ebx
19b: 8b 5d 0c          mov     ebx,DWORD PTR [ebp+0xc]
19e: 89 c2             mov     edx,eax
1a0: eb 19             jmp     1bb <strncpy+0x2b>
1a2: 8d b6 00 00 00 00 lea     esi,[esi+0x0]
1a8: 83 c3 01          add     ebx,0x1
1ab: 0f b6 4b ff       movzx   ecx,BYTE PTR [ebx-0x1]
1af: 83 c2 01          add     edx,0x1
1b2: 84 c9             test    cl,cl
1b4: 88 4a ff          mov     BYTE PTR [edx-0x1],cl
1b7: 74 09             je      1c2 <strncpy+0x32>
1b9: 89 f1             mov     ecx,esi
1bb: 85 c9             test    ecx,ecx
1bd: 8d 71 ff          lea     esi,[ecx-0x1]
1c0: 7f e6             jg      1a8 <strncpy+0x18>
1c2: 31 c9             xor     ecx,ecx
1c4: 85 f6             test    esi,esi
1c6: 7e 0f             jle     1d7 <strncpy+0x47>
1c8: c6 04 0a 00       mov     BYTE PTR [edx+ecx*1],0x0
1cc: 89 f3             mov     ebx,esi
```

1ce:	83 c1 01	add	ecx,0x1
1d1:	29 cb	sub	ebx,ecx
1d3:	85 db	test	ebx,ebx
1d5:	7f f1	jg	1c8 <strcpy+0x38>
1d7:	5b	pop	ebx
1d8:	5e	pop	esi
1d9:	5d	pop	ebp
1da:	c3	ret	
1db:	90	nop	
1dc:	8d 74 26 00	lea	esi,[esi+ebx*1+0x0]

Q2.1

5 Points


What happens if you replace instruction at address 190 with a `nop` instruction? (`nop` does nothing, i.e., it advances the instruction pointer to the next instruction but does not affect memory or registers).

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Q2.2


5 Points

Same as above, but now you put two `nop` instructions instead of instruction at address 1b7

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Q2.3
5 Points

Same as above, but now you put `nop` instead of the instruction at address `1d7`

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Q3

20 Points


Below is a code snippet of the `cat()` function from the xv6 `cat` utility

```
1 #include "types.h"
2 #include "stat.h"
3 #include "user.h"
4
5 char buf[512];
6
7 void
8 cat(int fd)
9 {
10     int n;
11
12     while((n = read(fd, buf, sizeof(buf))) > 0) {
13         if (write(1, buf, n) != n) {
14             printf(1, "cat: write error\n");
15             exit();
16         }
17     }
18     if(n < 0){
19         printf(1, "cat: read error\n");
20         exit();
21     }
22 }
```

Q3.1 Memory allocation

10 Points


For each variable used in the program above, explain where (stack/heap/data/bss section) this variable is allocated.

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Q3.2

10 Points

Which lines of the code above require relocation if loaded at a different memory address. Explain your answer (1 point for each non-trivial line)

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Q4


20 Points

Imagine you have an x86 machine which has all the same instructions as we discussed in class, besides that it does not have `call`, `ret`, `push` and `pop`. Imagine you're in control of the compiler and can generate any assembly code you like.

Q4.1

10 Points


Explain how can you support function invocations? Show an example of the assembly code that invokes the `int foobar(int a, int b, int c)` function.

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Q4.2

10 Points

How will you maintain the stack frame and return from the function? Show assembly code that maintains the stack frame inside `foobar()` and returns from it.

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Q5 Page tables

25 Points

Q5.1

10 Points

Consider the following 32-bit x86 page table setup.

CR3 holds 0x00000000.

The Page Directory Page at physical address 0x00000000:

```
PDE 0: PPN=0x00001, PTE_P, PTE_U, PTE_W
PDE 1: PPN=0x00002, PTE_P, PTE_U, PTE_W
... all other PDEs are zero
```


The Page Table Page at physical address 0x00001000 (which is PPN 0x1):

```
PTE 0: PPN=0x00003, PTE_P, PTE_U, PTE_W
PTE 1: PPN=0x00004, PTE_P, PTE_U, PTE_W
... all other PTEs are zero
```

The Page Table Page at physical address 0x00002000 (PPN 0x2):

```
PTE 0: PPN=0x00006, PTE_P, PTE_U, PTE_W
PTE 1: PPN=0x00007, PTE_P, PTE_U, PTE_W
... all other PTEs are zero
```


Specify all virtual address ranges mapped by this page table (don't forget to mention the physical ranges to which each virtual range is mapped), e.g., virt: [a - b] -> phys: [x - z]

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Q5.2

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Using the same format for describing the page table as in the question above construct a page table that maps virtual addresses from 0x0 to 1MB (0x10_0000) and from 2GB (0x8000_0000) to 2GB + 1MB (0x8010_0000) to physical addresses from 0x0 to 1MB (0x10_0000). You're free to choose where your PTD and PT pages are located in physical memory.

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