

Exam 2 Cheatsheet

Syscall

rax	System Call	rdi	rsi	rdx
0	read	file descriptor	buffer	number of bytes
1	write	file descriptor	buffer	number of bytes
60	exit	exit code	—	—

Calling C library functions

- Parameters are stored in registers in the following order: rdi, rsi, rdx, rcx, r8, r9. (If there are more parameters, they are pushed onto the stack)
- Most C functions return an integer or a pointer (which is just an integer). The return value is placed in the rax register
- The called functions may use or destroy the content of the following registers: rax, rcx, rdx, rsi, rdi, r8, r9, r10, r11
- Other registers may be used, but the called function is responsible for saving them.

General Purpose Registers

64-bit	32-bit	16-bit	8-bit low	8-bit high	Calling Convention	May be destroyed by called function?
rax	eax	ax	al	ah	Return Val/Accum	Yes
rbx	ebx	bx	bl	bh	—	No
rcx	ecx	cx	cl	ch	4th argument	Yes
rdx	edx	dx	dl	dh	3rd argument	Yes
rsi	esi	si	sil	—	2nd argument	Yes
rdi	edi	di	dil	—	1st argument	Yes
r8	r8d	r8w	r8b	—	5th argument	Yes
r9	r9d	r9w	r9b	—	—	Yes
r10	r10d	r10w	r10b	—	—	Yes
r11	r11d	r11w	r11b	—	—	Yes
r12	r12d	r12w	r12b	—	—	No
r13	r13d	r13w	r14b	—	—	No
r14	r14d	r14w	r14b	—	—	No
r15	r15d	r15w	r15b	—	—	Yes

Special Purpose Registers

Register	64-bit	32-bit	16-bit	8-bit low	May be destroyed by called function?
Stack Pointer	rsp	esp	sp	spl	No
Base Pointer	rbp	ebp	bp	bpl	No
Instruction Pointer	rip	eip	ip	—	
Flags and Conditions	rflags	eflags	flags	—	Yes

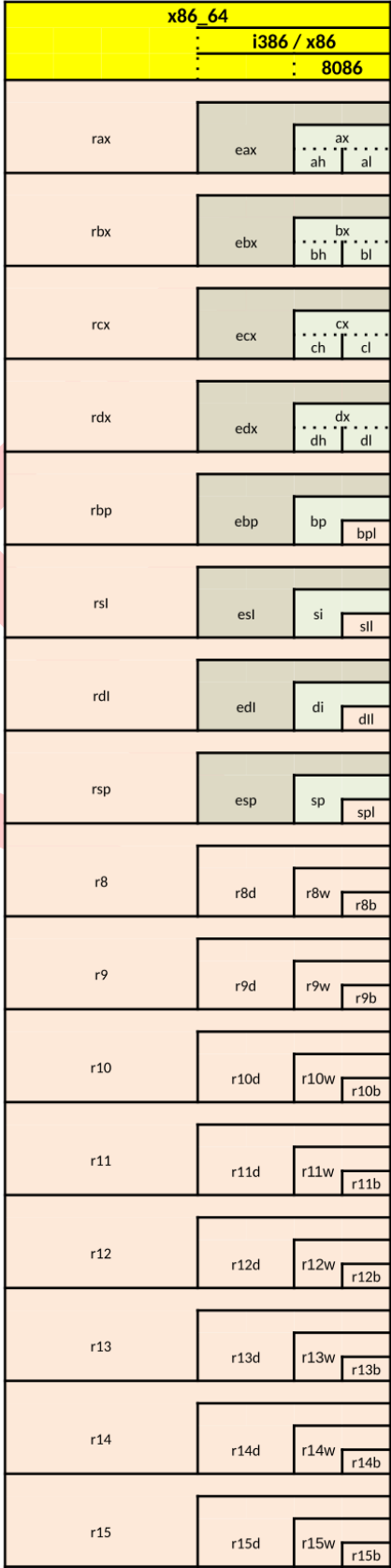
This is the cheatsheet from the first exam. It probably will not be on the second exam.

n	2 ⁿ	Other
0	1	8 ⁰ and 16 ⁰
1	2	
2	4	
3	8	16 ¹
4	16	
5	32	
6	64	16 ²
7	128	
8	256	
9	512	1 Kilobyte
10	1024	
11	2048	
12	4096	16 ³
13	8092	
14	16,384	
15	32,768	16 ⁴
16	65,536	
17	131,082	
18	262,144	16 ⁵ 1 Megabyte
19	524,288	
20	1,048,576	

The counting in hex and binary is going to be on the exam itself

Multiplication	Result
16 · 0	0
16 · 1	16
16 · 2	32
16 · 3	48
16 · 4	64
16 · 5	80
16 · 6	96
16 · 7	112
16 · 8	128
16 · 9	144
16 · 10(a)	160
16 · 11(b)	176
16 · 12 (c)	192
16 · 13 (d)	208
16 · 14 (e)	224
16 · 15 (f)	240
16 · 16	256

x86_64 Registers Map



The following is probably a placeholder, and it won't show up on the exam version.

function	arguments	return value	notes
puts	char *s	size_t length	does not count null byte
strcpy	char *dest, char *src	char *dest	dest must be big enough
strncpy	char *s1, char *s2, size_t n	int	0 if equal, <0 if s1<s2, >0 if s1>s2
strncpy	char *dest, char *src, size_t n	char *dest	dest must be big enough
strcat	char *dest, char *src	char *dest	dest must be big enough
strncat	char *dest, char *src, size_t n	char *dest	dest must be big enough
strcmp	char *s1, char *s2	int	0 if equal, <0 if s1<s2, >0 if s1>s2