



Dr_Quine

Résumé: This project is about making you discover the recursion theorem of Kleene !

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Chapitre I

Foreword



Chapitre II

Introduction

A quine is a computer program (a kind of metaprogram) whose output and source code are identical. As a challenge or for fun, some programmers try to write the shortest quine in a given programming language.

The operation that consist of simply opening the source file and displaying it is considered cheating. More generally, a program that uses any data entry cannot be considered a valid quine. A trivial solution is a program whose source code is empty. Indeed, the execution of such a program produces for most languages no output, that is to say the source code of the program.

Chapitre III

Objectives

This project invites you to confront the principle of self-reproduction and the problems that derive from it. It is a perfect introduction to more complex projects, particularly malware projects.

For the curious ones, I strongly recommend that you watch everything related to fixed points!

Chapitre IV

General Instructions

- This project will be corrected by humans only.
- You must use `C/ASM` and submit a `Makefile`.
- Your `Makefile` must compile the project and must contain the usual rules. It must recompile and re-link the program only if necessary.
- You have to handle errors carefully. In no way can your program quit in an unexpected manner (Segmentation fault, bus error, double free, etc).
- You can ask your questions on the forum, on slack...

Chapitre V

Mandatory Part

For this project, you will have to recode three different programs, each with different properties. Each programs will have to be coded in C and in Assembly, and respectively in a folder named C and ASM, each folders containing its own Makefile with the usual rules.

You can validate this project with the C part only, however we strongly invite you to realize the Assembly part for all the next projects in this branch.

The first program must have the features below :

- The executable must be named **Colleen**.
- When executed, the program must display on the standard output an output identical to the source code of the file used to compile the program.
- The source code must contain at least :
 - A main function.
 - Two different comments.
 - One of the comments must be present in the main function
 - One of the comments must be present outside of your program.
 - Another function in addition to the main function (which of course will be called)

See the example below :

```
$> ls -al
total 12
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Feb 2 13:26 .
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 Feb 2 13:26 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 647 Feb 2 13:26 Colleen.c
$> clang -Wall -Wextra -Werror -o Colleen Colleen.c; ./Colleen > tmp_Colleen ; diff tmp_Colleen
Colleen.c
$> _
```

For the second program :

- The executable must be named **Grace**.
- When executed, the program writes in a file named **Grace_kid.c/Grace_kid.s** the source code of the file used to compile the program.
- The source code must strickly contain
 - No main declared.
 - Three defines only.
 - One comment.
- The program will run by calling a macro.

See the example below :

```
$> ls -al
total 12
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Feb 2 13:30 .
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 Feb 2 13:29 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 362 Feb 2 13:30 Grace.c
$> clang -Wall -Wextra -Werror -o Grace Grace.c; ./Grace ; diff Grace.c Grace_kid.c
$> ls -al
total 24
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Feb 2 13:30 .
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 Feb 2 13:29 ..
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 7240 Feb 2 13:30 Grace
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 362 Feb 2 13:30 Grace.c
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 362 Feb 2 13:30 Grace_kid.c
$> _
```


For the last program :

- The executable must be named **Sully**.
- When executed the program writes in a file named **Sully_X.c/Sully_X.s**. The X will be an interger given in the source. Once the file is created, the program compiles this file and then runs the new program (which will have the name of its source file).
- Stopping the program depends on the file name : the resulting program will be executed only if the integer X is greater or equals than 0.
- An integer is therefore present in the source of your program and will have to evolve by decrementing every time you create a source file from the execution of the program.
- You have no constraints on the source code, apart from the integer that will be set to 5 at first.

See the example below :

```
$> clang -Wall -Wextra -Werror ../Sully.c -o Sully ; ./ Sully
$> ls -al | grep Sully | wc -l
13
$> diff ../Sully.c Sully_0.c
1c1
< int i = 5;
---
> int i = 0;
$> diff Sully_3.c Sully_2.c
1c1
< int i = 3;
---
> int i = 2;
$> _
```

A comment must look like :

```
$> nl comment.c
1  /*
2     This program will print its own source when run.
3  */
```

A program without a declared main must look like :

```
$> nl macro.c
1  #include
2  #define FT(x)int main(){ /* code */ }
   [...]
5  FT(xxxxxxxxx)
```



Using advanced macros is strongly recommended for this project.



For the smarty pants (or not)... just reading the source and displaying it is considered to be cheating. The use of argv/argc is also considered cheating.

Chapitre VI

Bonus part

The only Bonus accepted during the evaluation is to have redone this project entirely in the language of your choice.



In case of a language without `define/macro`, you will naturally have to adapt the program accordingly.



The bonus part will only be assessed if the mandatory part is PERFECT. Perfect means the mandatory part has been integrally done and works without malfunctioning. If you have not passed ALL the mandatory requirements, your bonus part will not be evaluated at all.

Chapitre VII

Submission and peer-evaluation

Turn in your assignment in your `Git` repository as usual. Only the work inside your repository will be evaluated during the defense. Don't hesitate to double check the names of your folders and files to ensure they are correct.