

1. What can you learn from the following program?

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 void test_fun(int a, void* b, char *c)
4 {
5     *(int*)a = 11;
6     *(int*)b = 22;
7     *(int*)c = 33;
8
9     return;
10 }
11
12 int main(void)
13 {
14     int a = 1, b = 2, c = 3;
15
16     test_fun(&a, &b, &c);
17     printf("a=%d, b=%d, c=%d\n", a, b, c);    // a=11, b=22, c=33
18
19     return 0;
20 }
```

We have learned several concept from this program:

- a. In 32-bit systems, int and pointer are both 4 bytes, so accidentally treating an integer as a pointer may still work.
- b. In 64-bit systems, int is 4 bytes, while a pointer is 8 bytes.
- c. When we pass an address (&a) but receive it as an int, the upper 4 bytes of the pointer get lost in a 64-bit system, making it an invalid pointer.
- d. This causes a segmentation fault (SIGSEGV) or undefined behavior.
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2. There is a program in file "Pointer and Function.c", Answer the following questions
- a. Write the corresponding C code next to the assembly statement

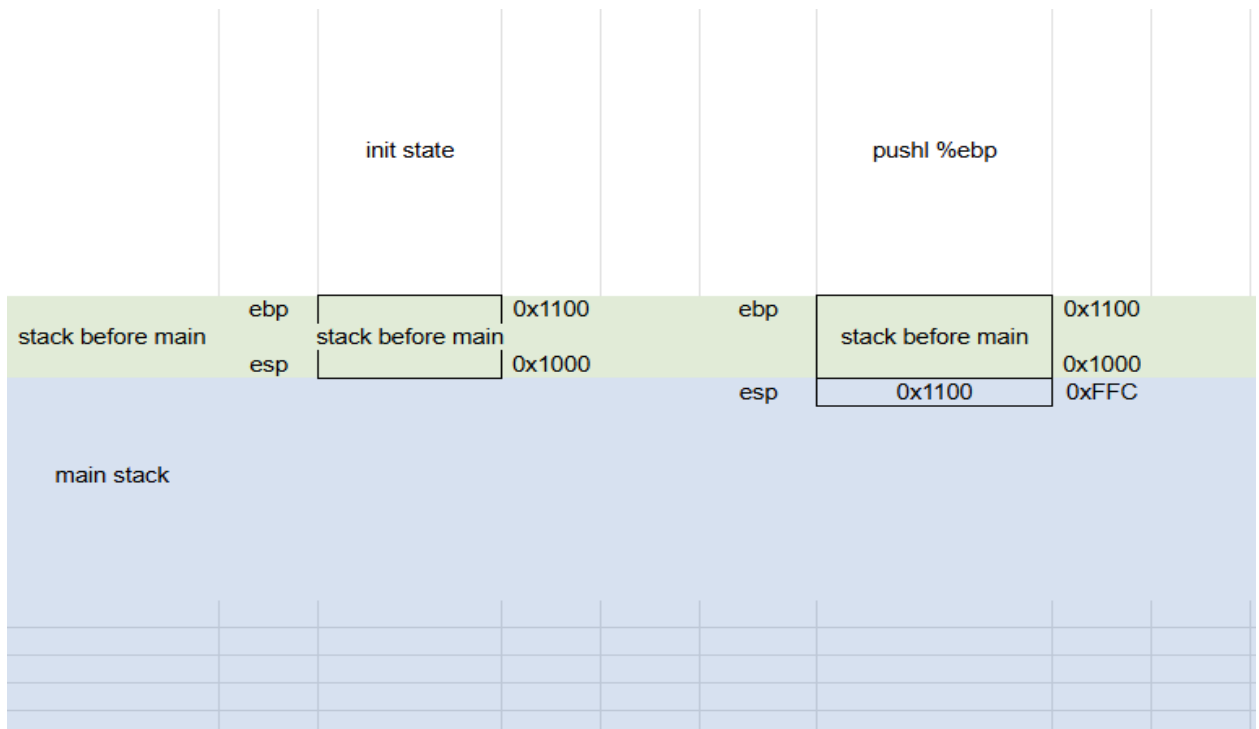
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3  test_func:
4      pushl    %ebp
5      movl     %esp, %ebp
6
7      addl     $6, 8(%ebp)          ; v += 6;
8
9      movl     12(%ebp), %eax       ; *p += 7;
10     leal     7(%eax), %edx
11     movl     12(%ebp), %eax
12     movl     %edx, (%eax)
13
14     movl     16(%ebp), %eax       ; q[1] += 8;
15     addl     $4, %eax
16     movl     16(%ebp), %edx
17     addl     $4, %edx
18     movl     (%edx), %edx
19     addl     $8, %edx
20     movl     %edx, (%eax)
21     nop
22     popl     %ebp
23     ret
24
25
```

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27  ▾ main:
28      pushl    %ebp
29      movl     %esp, %ebp
30      subl     $44, %esp
31
32      movl     $1, -4(%ebp)        ; a = 1;
33      movl     $2, -8(%ebp)        ; b = 2;
34      movl     $3, -20(%ebp)       ; c[0] = 3;
35      movl     $4, -16(%ebp)       ; c[1] = 4;
36      movl     $5, -12(%ebp)       ; c[2] = 5;
37
38      leal     -20(%ebp), %eax      ; test_func(a, &b, c);
39      movl     %eax, 8(%esp)
40      leal     -8(%ebp), %eax
41      movl     %eax, 4(%esp)
42      movl     -4(%ebp), %eax
43      movl     %eax, (%esp)
44      call     test_func
45      movl     $0, %eax
46      leave
47      ret

```

b. Draw some pictures to show the stack changes after each assembly instruction is executed





	leal -20(%ebp), %eax				
	movl %eax, 8(%esp)				
	leal -8(%ebp), %eax				
	movl %eax, 4(%esp)			call test_func	
	movl -4(%ebp), %eax				
	movl %eax, (%esp)				
	stack before main	0x1100		stack before main	0x1100
ebp	0x1100	0x1000		0x1100	0x1000
	1	0xFFC	ebp	1	0xFFC
	2			2	0xFF8
	5			5	0xFF4
	4			4	0xFF0
	3			3	0xFEC
					0xFE8
					0xFE4
					0xFE0
					0xFDC
	0xFE8			0xFE8	0xFD8
	0xFF4			0xFF4	0xFD4
esp	1	0xFD0		1	0xFD0
			esp	return address	0xFCC

		pushl %ebp			movl %esp, %ebp
stack before main	stack before main	0x1100		stack before main	0x1100
		0x1000			0x1000
ebp	0x1100	0xFFC		0x1100	0xFFC
	1			1	
	2			2	
	5			5	
	4			4	
	3			3	
	0xFE8			0xFE8	
	0xFF4			0xFF4	
	1	0xFD0		1	0xFD0
	return address	0xFCC		return address	0xFCC
	esp	0xFFC	0xFC8	esp&ebp	0xFFC
test_func					



3. What is the problem of the following program?

```
1 void get_memory(char *p)
2 {
3     p = (char *)malloc(100);
4     return;
5 }
6 int main(void)
7 {
8     char *str = NULL;
9     get_memory(str);
10    strcpy(str, "Hello World!");
11    printf(str);
12    return 0;
13 }
```

- a. In `get_memory`, `p` is a local copy of the pointer `str` from `main`.  
When `p` is assigned the result of `malloc`, it only changes the local copy of `p`, not the original `str` in `main`.  
After `get_memory` returns, `str` in `main` is still `NULL`

```
1 char *get_memory(void)
2 {
3     char p[] = "Hello World!";
4     return p;
5 }
6 int main(void)
7 {
8     char *str = NULL;
9     str = get_memory();
10    printf(str);
11    return 0;
12 }
```

- b. The problem of the following program is that the function **`get_memory`** returns a pointer to a local variable `p`. Local variables are stored on the stack, and their memory is automatically

deallocated when the function returns. Therefore, the pointer **str** in main will point to invalid memory after **get\_memory** returns.

```
1 void get_memory(char **p, int num)
2 {
3     if (p == NULL)
4         return;
5     *p = (char *)malloc(num);
6     return;
7 }
8 int main(void)
9 {
10     char *str = NULL;
11     get_memory(&str, 100);
12     strcpy(str, "Hello World!");
13     printf(str);
14     return 0;
15 }
```

**c. Incorrect Usage of printf :** printf(str); is unsafe because it can lead to format string vulnerabilities. It should use a format specifier like %s.

**No Error Handling for malloc:** The code does not check if malloc was successful. If malloc fails, it returns NULL, and using strcpy on a NULL pointer will cause undefined behavior.