

SYSTEM PROGRAMMING

PROGRAMMING ASSIGNMENT #3

REPORT

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a. Using gdb's si, ni, and p \$rbp, p \$rsp:

	Stack frame (first call)	Function	Stack frame (after longjmp to main)	Function
High Addr.	rbp=0x7fffffffef150 rsp=0x7fffffffef140	main	(same as left)	main
	rbp=0x7fffffffef130 rsp=0x7fffffffef44d0	funct_5 (dummy)	rbp=0x7fffffffef130 rsp=0x7fffffffef120	Scheduler
	rbp=0x7fffffffef44c0 rsp=0x7fffffffef4410	funct_1	(same as left)	funct_1
	rbp=0x7fffffffef4400 rsp=0x7fffffffefea7a0	funct_5 (dummy)	Preserved area	Functions called by funct_1
	rbp=0x7fffffffefea790 rsp=0x7fffffffefea6d0	funct_2	(same as left)	funct_2
	rbp=0x7fffffffefea6c0 rsp=0x7fffffffefea60	funct_5 (dummy)	Preserved area	Functions called by funct_2
	rbp=0x7fffffffefea50 rsp=0x7fffffffefea90	funct_3	(same as left)	funct_3
	rbp=0x7fffffffefea80 rsp=0x7fffffffefed6d20	funct_5 (dummy)	Preserved area	Functions called by funct_3
	rbp=0x7fffffffefed6d10 rsp=0x7fffffffefed6c50	funct_4	(same as left)	funct_4
Low Addr.	(unused stack space)			Functions called by funct_4

b. The answer depends.

Local variables remain the same value if they are stored in stack, since stack frame will be restored when long-jumping back.

They won't if they are stored in registers (due to optimization), since registers may be put to other use and their values may change.

c. As shown in a., the dummy function called after `main()` is to provide a memory space for `scheduler()`'s stack frame, the other times it's called is to provide space for stack frame of possible function calls inside `funcnt_n()`.

d. True. Since old `rbp` value and return address remains the old value (even after a series of `longjmp` and scheduling) inside the `0x10` gap between each stack frames, it's possible to return all way to `main()`.

Using `gdb`:

break at the final `longjmp` in `funcnt_4`:

```
0x0000555555556341 <funcnt_4+845>:  be fe ff ff ff  mov    esi,0xfffffffffe
```

```
0x0000555555556346 <funcnt_4+850>:  48 8d 3d f3 2d 00 00  lea    rdi,
```

```
[rip+0x2df3]      # 0x555555559140 <SCHEDULER>
```

```
=> 0x000055555555634d <funcnt_4+857>:  e8 ce ed ff ff  call 0x55555555120
<longjmp@plt>
```

this shows the gap between `funcnt_3` and `funcnt_4` stack frames

previous `rbp` and return address

```
(gdb) x/2gx $rbp
```

```
0x7fffffd6d10: 0x00007fffffe0980    0x00005555555563f0
```

these 2 are same as "leave" in assembly code

```
(gdb) set $rsp=$rbp+0x10
```

```
(gdb) set $rbp=0x00007fffffe0980
```

this is same as "ret" in assembly code

```
(gdb) set $rip= 0x00005555555563f0
```

```
(gdb) ni
```

successfully return to `funcnt_5`

the similar flow follows, until arriving `main()`

- e. Signal handling: At the beginning of `main()`, `SIGUSR1 ~ 3` is blocked, only after one round of small loop will it check for pending signal and unblock it.

Waiting queue: It uses a boolean array to store which function is in queue. That prevents re-entering the queue.

`funct_frag.h`: since `funct_1` to `funct_4` has so many duplicate code, they are extracted as a shared file to reduce time for re-writing.

Restore loop counter after schedule back: After context-switch and switching back, the loop counter should continue with previous value. The program store this as a local value “`saved_j`” (declared as `volatile`), which is at stack will be restored after `longjmp()`.

Pipe: `main` and `hw3` use TWO pipe for communication: `pmsg` and `pdata`. “`pmsg`” is for sending **ACK** message from `hw3` to `main`, “`pdata`” is for `hw3` to send back who’s in queue (after receiving `SIGUSR3`) and final output. “`pdata`” is redirected as `STDOUT` of `hw3`, while file descriptor of “`pmsg`” is forward to `hw3` as the 4-th argument (not used in task 3) when executed.