CSCB09 Midterm Review

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Agenda

- Unix Commands & File System
- C: Arrays, Pointers
- C: Dynamic Memory Allocation
- C: Makefiles

Unix commands

- **pwd**: print working directory
- **ls *[dir]***: show files in current directory or *dir* if specified
- **cd *dir***: change working directory to *dir*
  - special symbols: ~, ., ..
- **cat or more *file***: show contents of *file*
- **cp, mv *[loc1] [loc2]***: copies or moves file/directoy from loc1 to loc2
- **rm *[-r] file***: remove file or directoy (-r lets your delete nonempty)
- **mkdir *[dir]***: create directory

More Useful Commands

- **grep *[regex]***: globally search regex and print
- **chmod**: change access permissions (r,w,x) *chmod 644 text*
- **who**: displays users logged in right now
- **sort**: sorts a collection of data *sort -k4 text*
- **wc**: word count *wc -l*

File

- Name, owner, size, perms,
- Ls -l or stat to get info on a file
- Implemented in a data structure called inode: has inode number, unix maintains inode to disk location

Directory

- Collection of files
- Every directory is a file itself
- Directory hierarchy is an acyclic graph, not a tree

Hard Links & SoftLinks

Hardlink

`ln /Alice/ex1.c /Bob/ex1.c`

- If ex1.c is removed, the directory entry gets removed, but the file itself is only removed if it no longer has any name/hard links

Softlink

`Ln -s /Alice/ex1.c /Bob/ex1.c`

- If /Alice/ex1.c is removed, the directory entry gets removed, and /Bob/ex1.c will be left with *dangling pointer*

Permissions

Each file has read write an execute permissions for owning user, group and others

`rwxrwxrwx`

- first 3 refer to User perms, second 3 to Group, last 3 refer to Others

By default

`rwxr-xr-x`

- chmod u+x fname: give user execute perms
- chmod g-r fname: remove read perms from users in group
- chmod a+rwx fname: all users all perms

C and stuff

Arrays

```c
int array[4] = {1,2,3,4};
char string[6] = "CSCB09";
```

- Contiguous chunk of memory, list of items with the same type
- Size of array not stored in the array
- Exceed array bounds causes undefined behaviour
- Allocates in the stack from top down

Pointers:

- Stores memory addresses of variables
- Is allocated in the **stack** just like any variable

```c
int *ptr;
```

Pointer Arithmetic

```c
x[i] == *(x + i);
```

- Respects the type of the pointer:
  - if you had int pointer `ptr` and did `*(ptr + 1)`, you would increment 4 bytes in memory instead of one to get to the next int box

August 2017 Question 2a)

```
int a[4] = {0, 1, 2, 3};
int b = 1;
int *p = a;
p = p + b;
b++;
*p += b;
p = p + b;
*p += 2;
p--;
*p *= 4;
p = p - b;
*p = p - a;
```

What is a[0] a[1] a[2] and a[3]?

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a[0] = 0, a[1] = 3 a[2] = 8 and a[3] = 5

Allocating memory on demand

```
malloc(# of items*size of each item in bytes)
```

- Finds available place in memory that has the request capacity, reserves it, and returns a pointer to the reserved chunk

```
Node *newNode = (Node *)malloc(sizeof(Node));
```

- dynamically allocated memory is allocated on the **heap**
- malloc returns pointer without any attached data type so you have to cast it
- always release (**free**) all the memory you allocated, or you could have memory leaks

Memory Allocation Question

August 2017 Question 2c) (too big to put on the slide)

Structs

```
typedef struct a_name_for_struct
{
    char *string_field;
    int *int_field;
}  new_type;
```

How to use them?

- Declare a variable:

  ```
  new_type  v;
  ```

- Access a field:

  ```
  v.int_field = 10;
  ```

- Pass them or return them from a function:

  ```
  new_type update_values(new_type v, int value);
  ```

In the memory model

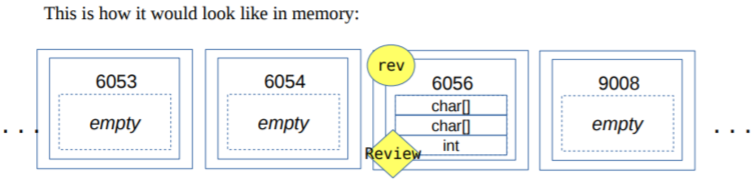

Figure 1: Structs in Memory

- ONE chubby box, inside that box are all the components of the struct
- It's NOT an array, but you can put an array inside a struct
- Passing a struct variable to a function makes a copy!
- Returning a struct variable from a function also makes a copy!
- Lots of data traffic this way, so we prefer using pointers

Using pointers for structs

```c
typedef   struct  a_name_for_struct
{
   int field_name;
} new_type;
```

Using pointers means

- accessing fields with the -> operator

```c
new_type  v;
new_type  *vp;
vp=&v;
vp->field_name=value;
```

- dynamically allocating in the heap

```c
new_type v2 = (new_type *)malloc(sizeof(new_type));
```

August 2017 Question 4, (Also May 2017 Question 2c)

```c
struct student {
    int age;
    char *name;
}
// Increase the age of a student by amt.
void increase_age(struct student s, int amt) {
    s.age += amt;
}
int main() {
    struct student rob;
    rob.age = 10;
    increase_age(rob, 5);
    printf("%d should be 15\n", rob.age);
}
```

- Does this code do what it's supposed to?

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- We are changing a copy of rob, original stays the same

Memory Model Review

- Memory for a process is called its address space
- Memory is a sequence of bytes
- Memory location is identifiable by an address
- Variables, pointers, function frames go in the **stack**
  - bottom-up
- Dynamically allocated memory (malloc) goes in the **heap**
  - top-down
- String literals go in **read-only data** (cannot be changed!)
- Global variables outside of functions go in **static data**

Memory Model Worksheet Review

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string_list[1] = second;
string_list[2] = third;
```

Memory for the array is located in the stack, in the frame for the function. **Note:** we can modify strings at index 0 and 2, but not 1.

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Draw the memory model for the program

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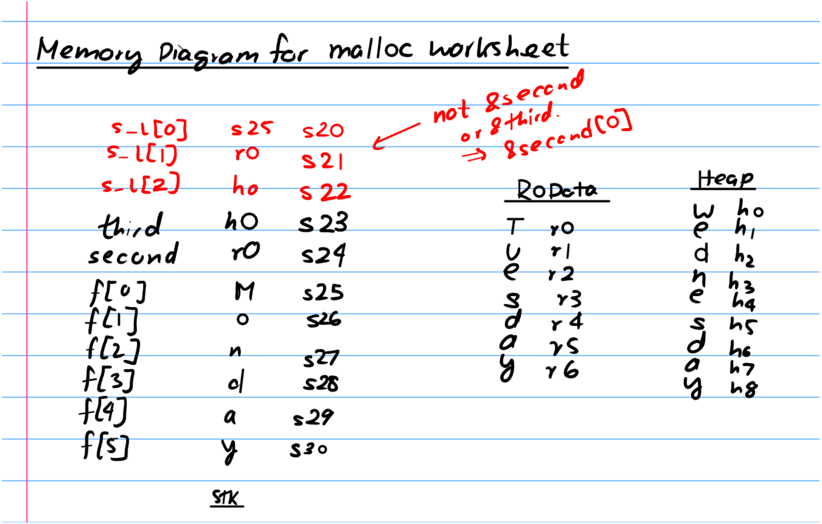

Figure 2: Memory Model

Makefiles

- Manually calling gcc is not scalable for large number of files

```
myprogram: file1.c
    gcc -Wall -o myprogram file1.c
```

- have a file titled `make` and create rules inside it like above

Makefiles

- You can use the following patterns to represent target, all prereqs, first prereq and outdate prereqs

```
myprogram: file1.c file2.c
    gcc -Wall -o myprogram file1.c
```

- $@: myprogram
- $^: file1.c file2.c
- $<: file1.c
- $?: outdated prereqs

Makefile Worksheet Review

```
dinner: pizza salad
pizza: cheese topping.peppers
    echo making pizza
    cat cheese topping.peppers > pizza
cheese:
    echo gooey cheese > cheese
topping.%:
    echo yummy $@ > $@
salad:
    echo salad is healthy
```

- cheese is already created. Sequentially run the following and give **console output** and **files modified** for:
  - make salad
  - make pizza
  - make dinner

Makefile Worksheet Review

make salad outputs

- echo salad is healthy
- salad is healthy

make pizza modifies `topping.peppers` and `pizza` and outputs

- echo yummy topping.peppers > topping.peppers
- echo making pizza
- making pizza
- cat cheese topping.peppers > pizza

make dinner outputs

- echo salad is healthy
- salad is healthy

Additional Topics of Study

- Familiarize yourself with string libraries (str[n]cmp, str[n]cpy, str[n]cat)
- Familiarize yourself with input scanning functions (scanf, fgets etc.)
- Do Bianca's past papers in the exam repo:
  - August 2017 Questions 1f), 2, 3, 5, all of 4 except forks and signal questions
  - May 2017 Questions 1, 4 and maybe 2