

1. Write a function that, given a number n , returns another number where the k^{th} bit from the right is set to 0.

Examples:

`killKthBit(37, 3) = 33` because $37_{10} = 100101_2 \sim> 100001_2 = 33_{10}$

`killKthBit(37, 4) = 37` because the 4th bit is already 0.

```
int killKthBit(int n, int k) {  
  
    return n & ~(1 << (k - 1));  
  
}
```

2. `mov` vs `leal` - describe the difference between the following:

```
movl (%rdx), %rax  
leal (%rdx), %rax
```

`movl` takes the **contents** of what's stored in register `%rdx` and moves it to `%rax`. `leal` computes the load effective **address** and stores it in `%rax`. `leal` analogous to returning a pointer, whereas `movl` is analogous to returning a dereferenced pointer.

3. What would be the corresponding instruction to move 64 bits of data from register `%rax` to register `%rcx`?

```
movq (%rax), %rcx
```

(important part is that you know the suffix of the MOV instruction!)

4.

```
int cool1(int a, int b) {  
    if ( b < a )  
        return b;  
    else  
        return a;  
}
```

```
int cool2(int a, int b) {  
    if ( a < b )  
        return a;  
    else  
        return b;  
}
```

```
int cool3(int a, int b) {  
    unsigned ub = (unsigned) b;  
    if ( ub < a )  
        return a;  
    else  
        return ub;  
}
```

Which of the functions would compile into this assembly code:

```
    pushl %ebp  
    movl %esp, %ebp  
    movl 8(%ebp), %edx // a  
    movl 12(%ebp), %eax // b  
    cmpl %eax, %edx    // a - b  
    jge .L4  
    movl %edx, %eax    // return a if a < b  
.L4: movl %ebp, %esp    // return b if a >= b  
    popl %ebp  
    ret
```

cool2

- Arguments passed to a function is stored in the %rdi, %rsi, etc registers, or above the new base pointer.
 - When stored above the new base pointer, the earlier parameters are saved closer to the base pointer, aka have a lower memory address.
 - Thus we know 8(%ebp) is a, and 12(%ebp) is b
- When comparing, we compare as *cmp Two One*
 - Thus the instruction jge is checking if %edx is greater than or equal to %eax
 - This is essentially checking if a >= b, which is the else condition
- We can observe that when we do jump, %eax is not updated
 - We return b in the else case
- If we don't jump, we update %eax to %edx
 - We return a in the if case
- Thus cool2
- This question was inspired by a previous midterm

5. Operand Form Practice (see page 181 in textbook)

Assume the following values are stored in the indicated registers/memory addresses.

<u>Address</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Register</u>	<u>Value</u>
0x104	0x34	%rax	0x104
0x108	0xCC	%rcx	0x5
0x10C	0x19	%rdx	0x3
0x110	0x42	%rbx	0x4

Fill in the table for the indicated operands:

<u>Operand</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Operand</u>	<u>Value</u>
\$0x110	0x110 (immediate value)	3(%rax, %rcx)	0x19 (value in %rax is 0x104, value in %rcx is 0x5, $3 + 0x104 + 0x5 = 0x10C$, value in 0x10C is 0x19)
%rax	0x104 (value stored in %rax)	256(, %rbx, 2)	0xCC (value in %rbx is 0x4, 256 in hex is 0x100, $0x100 + (0x4 * 2) = 0x108$, value in memory address 0x108 is 0xCC)
0x110	0x42 (value stored in memory address 0x110)	(%rax, %rbx, 2)	0x19 (value in %rax is 0x104, value in %rbx is 0x4, $0x104 + (0x4 * 2) = 0x10C$, value in memory address 0x10C is 0x19)

```

(%rax)                0x34
                      (%rax holds 0x104,
                      memory address
                      0x104 holds 0x34)

8(%rax)               0x19
                      (%rax holds 0x104,
                      8 + 0x104 = 0x10C,
                      value in memory
                      address 0x10C is
                      0x19)

(%rax,
%rbx)                 0xCC
                      (value in %rax is
                      0x104, value in
                      %rbx is 0x4, 0x104
                      + 0x4 = 0x108,
                      value in memory
                      address 0x108 is
                      0xCC)

```

- \$ denotes immediates
- Note: any numbers starting with "0x" are hexadecimal numbers!!
- All of the operands can be evaluated using the specific formulas on page 181 in the textbook
- More generally, whenever you see an address of the form $D(r_b, r_i, s)$, where D is an number, r_b and r_i are registers, and s is either 1, 2, 4, or 8, you can use the following formula:

$$D + R[r_b] + R[r_i] * s$$

If D is missing, assume $D == 0$

If r_b is missing, assume $r_b == 0$

If r_s is missing, assume $r_s == 0$

If s is missing, assume $s == 1$

- For more practice, try practice problem 3.1 on page 182 of the textbook