



Subprograms (Practice)

ICS312 Machine-Level and Systems Programming

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(q1) Implement a function

- Implement this function in assembly:

```
def f(int x, int y):  
    if x == 0:  
        return 2*y  
    else:  
        return x + y
```

(q1) Solutions

- Implement this function in assembly:

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        return x + y
```

```
f:  
    push ebp  
    mov  ebp, esp  
    comp dword [ebp+8], 0  
    jne  else_f:  
    mov  eax, [ebp+12]  
    shl  eax, 1  
    jmp  end_f  
else_f:  
    mov  eax, [ebp+8]  
    add  eax, [ebp+12]  
end_f:  
    pop  ebp  
    ret
```

(q2) Implement a function

- Implement this function in assembly (do not destroy any register other than eax):

```
int f(int x, int *y) {  
    *y += x;  
    return *y;  
}
```

(q2) Solutions

- Implement this function in assembly (do not destroy any register other than eax):

```
int f(int x, int *y) {  
    *y += x;  
    return *y;  
}
```

```
f:  
    push ebp  
    mov  ebp, esp  
    push ebx  
    mov  eax, [ebp+12]  
    mov  ebx, [ebp+8]  
    add  [eax], ebx  
    mov  eax, [eax]  
    pop  ebx  
    pop  ebp  
    ret
```

(q3) Implement a function

- Implement this function in assembly (do not destroy any register other than eax):

```
int f(int *x, int *y) {  
    return (*x == *y);  
}
```

(q3) Solutions

- Implement this function in assembly (do not destroy any register other than eax):

```
int f(int *x, int *y) {  
    return (*x == *y);  
}
```

```
f:  
    push ebp  
    mov  ebp, esp  
    push ebx  
    mov  eax, [ebp+8]  
    mov  eax, [eax]  
    mov  ebx, [ebp+12]  
    cmp  eax, [ebx]  
    mov  eax, 1  
    je   f_equal:  
    mov  eax, 0  
f_equal:  
    pop  ebx  
    pop  ebp  
    ret
```

(q4) Implement a function

- Implement this function in assembly (using the same local variable, and destroying no register):

```
int f(int *x, int y) {
    int z = 0;
    for (int i=0; i < y; i++) {
        z += *x
    }
    return z;
}
```

(q4) Solutions

- Implement this function in assembly (using the same local variable, and destroying no register):

```
int f(int *x, int y) {
    int z = 0;
    for (int i=0; i < y; i++) {
        z += *x
    }
    return z;
}
```

```
f:
    push    ebp
    mov     ebp, esp
    sub     esp, 4

    mov     [ebp-4], 0
    mov     ecx, 0
loop_begin:
    mov     eax, [ebp+8]
    mov     eax, [eax]
    add     [ebp-4], eax
    inc     ecx
    cmp     ecx, [ebp+12]
    jl     loop_begin
    mov     eax, [ebp-4]

    mov     esp, ebp
    pop     ebp
    ret
```

(q5) Debug Assembly

- What's wrong with this function, which is supposed to return the sum of two integers?

```
f:  
  push ebp  
  mov  ebp, esp  
  pusha  
  mov  ebx, [ebp+4]  
  mov  ecx, [ebp+8]  
  add  ebx, ecx  
  mov  eax, ebx  
  popa  
  pop  ebp  
  ret
```

(q5) Solutions

- What's wrong with this function, which is supposed to return the sum of two integers?

```
f:
  push ebp
  mov  ebp, esp
  pusha
  mov  ebx, [ebp+4]
  mov  ecx, [ebp+8]
  add  ebx, ecx
  mov  eax, ebx
  popa
  pop  ebp
  ret
```

Return
address!!

Overwrites
return value

(q6) Draw the Stack

- Draw the stack at point **HERE**

```
push ecx
push dword 34
call f
add esp, 8
. . .
func:
    push ebp
    mov  ebp, esp
    sub  esp, 4
    mov  eax, [ebp + 8]
    mov  [ebp - 4], eax
    ; HERE
```

(q6) Solutions

- Draw the stack at point HERE

```
push ecx
push dword 34
call f
add esp, 8
. . .
func:
    push ebp
    mov  ebp, esp
    sub  esp, 4
    mov  eax, [ebp + 8]
    mov  [ebp - 4], eax
    ; HERE
```

ecx
34
return @
ebp
34

(q7) Draw the Stack

- Draw the stack at its deepest

```
. . .  
f(12);  
. . .  
int f(int x){  
    int z = 10;  
    g(x, x+z);  
}  
  
int g(int a, int b) {  
    return a + 2 * b;  
}
```

(q7) Solutions

- Draw the stack at its deepest

```
. . .  
f(12);  
. . .  
int f(int x){  
    int z = 10;  
    g(x, x+z);  
}  
  
int g(int a, int b) {  
    return a + 2 * b;  
}
```

x = 12
return @
ebp
z = 10
b = 22
a = 12
return @
ebp

(q8) Draw the Stack

- Draw the stack at point HERE

```
. . .  
f(1, 2);  
. . .  
int f(int x, int y){  
    if y == 0 {  
        // HERE  
        return x;  
    } else {  
        return f(x+1, y-1);  
    }  
}
```

(q8) Solutions

- Draw the stack at point HERE

```
. . .  
f(1, 2);  
. . .  
int f(int x, int y){  
    if y == 0 {  
        // HERE  
        return x;  
    } else {  
        return f(x+1, y-1);  
    }  
}
```

y = 2
x = 1
return @
ebp
y = 1
x = 2
return @
ebp
y = 0
x = 3
return @
ebp

(q9) Draw the Stack

- Draw the stack at its deepest

```
. . .  
f(10);  
. . .  
int f(int x){  
    return g(x-1);  
}  
  
int g(int y) {  
    int foo = y;  
    if (foo < 0) {  
        return 66;  
    } else {  
        return g(foo - 6)  
    }  
}
```

x = 10
return @
ebp
y = 9
return @
ebp
foo = 9
y = 3
return @
ebp
foo = 3
y = -3
return @
ebp
foo = -3

(q10) How Deep?

- How many bytes have been added on the stack when its at its deepest (as a function of M)?

```
#define M . . .  
. . .  
f(M) ;  
. . .  
void f(int n) {  
    int foo = 12;  
    if (n > 0)  
        f(n - foo);  
    else  
        return;  
}
```

(q10) Solutions

- How many bytes have been added on the stack when its at its deepest (as a function of M)?

```
#define M . . .  
. . .  
f(M) ;  
. . .  
void f(int n) {  
    int foo = 12;  
    if (n > 0)  
        f(n - foo);  
    else  
        return;  
}
```

- Each call puts 16 bytes on the stack (parameter, return @, saved ebp, local variable foo)
- There are $1 + \lceil \max(M, 0)/12 \rceil$ calls to f
- Answer: $16 (1 + \lceil \max(M, 0)/12 \rceil)$