C Introduction

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Announcements

- · Homework 7 due Monday at 11:59pm on Gradescope
- · Quiz 7 available today on Gradescope, due Sunday
- Exam 2 next Friday

Arrays

Array: o or more values of same type stored contiguously in memory

- Declare as you would use: int myarr[100];
- sizeof(myarr) = 400 100 4-byte integers
- · myarr treated as pointer to first element
- Can declare array literals: int y[5] = {1, 1, 2, 3, 5}

Pointers and Arrays

- *myarr and myarr[0] are equivalent
 - · Pointer to single value and pointer to first value in array
 - Treat array as pointer to the first value (lowest address)
 - Indexing into array: myarr[n] and *(myarr+n)
 - If myarr is an int *, then myarr+1 points to next int in memory
 - Adding 1 to pointer adds sizeof() the type we're pointing to

Pointers and Arrays

Consider: int **a

Pointers

- · All pointers are the same size: address size in underlying ISA
- Two special integer types (defined using typedef)
 - size_t integer the size of a pointer (unsigned)
 - ssize_t integer the size of a pointer (signed)
 - With our compiler and ISA, these are both variants of long

Pointers

Consider the following code:

```
int x = 10;
int *y = &x;
int *z = y + 2;
long w = ((long)z) - ((long)y);
Why is w = 8?
```

Other Types and Values

- · Literal values integer literals are implicitly cast
 - -unsigned long very_big = 9223372036854775808uL
 - u for unsigned, L for long
- enum named integer constants (in ascending order)
 - enum { a, b, c, d=100, e };
 int foo = e;
- void a byte with no meaning or "nothing"
 - Pointers: void *p
 - Return values: void myfunction();

Other Types and Values

- · Casting changing type, converting
 - Integer: zero- or sign-extend or truncate to space
 - Int to float: convert to nearby representable value
 - Float to int: truncate remainder (no rounding)

Structures

struct - Structures in C

- Act like Java classes, but no methods and all public fields
- Stores fields adjacently in memory (but may have padding)
- Compiler determines padding, use sizeof() to get size
- Name of the resulting type includes word struct

```
struct foo {
    long a;
    int b;
    short c;
    char d;
};

struct foo x;
x.b = 123;
x.c = 4;
```

Structure Literals

```
struct a {
    int b;
    double c;
};

/* Both of the following initialize b to 0 and c to 1.0 */
struct a x = { 0, 1.0 };
struct a y = { .b = 0, .c = 1.0 };
```

typedef

typedef - give new names to any type!

- Fairly common to see several names for same data type to convey intent
- Ex: unsigned long may be size_t when used in sizes
- Examples:
 typedef int Integer;
 Integer x = 4;
 typedef double ** dpp;
- Used with anonymous structs:
 typedef struct { int x; double y; } foo;
 foo z = { 42, 17.4 };

Struct Example

```
typedef struct {
    long x;
    long y;
    long *array;
    long length;
} foo;
```

Struct Example

```
sum2:
long sum2(foo *arg) {
                                                         (%rdi), %rax
                                                movq
    long ans = arg - > x;
                                                        24(%rdi), %r8
                                                movq
    for(long i = 0; i < arg -> length; i += 1)
                                                        %r8, %r8
                                                testa
        ans += arg->y * arg->array[i];
                                                jle
                                                         .LBB1 3
    return ans;
                                                        8(%rdi), %rdx
                                                movq
                                                         16(%rdi), %rsi
                                                mova
                                                        %edi. %edi
                                                xorl
                                            .LBB1 2:
                                                         (%rsi,%rdi,8), %rcx
                                                movq
                                                        %rdx, %rcx
                                                imulq
                                                addq
                                                        %rcx, %rax
                                                        %rdi
                                                incq
                                                        %rdi, %r8
                                                cmpq
                                                         .LBB1 2
                                                jne
                                            .LBB1 3:
                                                retq
```

Struct Example

```
sum1:
long sum1(foo arg) {
                                                       8(%rsp), %rax
                                               movq
    long ans = arg.x;
                                                       32(%rsp), %r8
                                               movq
    for(long i = 0; i < arg.length; i += 1)
                                                       %r8, %r8
                                               testq
        ans += arg.y * arg.array[i];
                                               jle
                                                       LBBO 3
   return ans;
                                                       16(%rsp), %rdx
                                               movq
                                                       24(%rsp), %rsi
                                               mova
                                                       %edi. %edi
                                               xorl
                                           .LBB0 2:
                                                       (%rsi,%rdi,8), %rcx
                                               movq
                                               imulq
                                                       %rdx, %rcx
                                               addq
                                                       %rcx, %rax
                                                       %rdi
                                               incq
                                                       %rdi, %r8
                                               cmpq
                                                       .LBBO 2
                                               jne
                                           .LBB0 3:
                                               retq
```

