

Question 1: Potpourri: hard to spell, nice to smell... (14 pts, 36 min)

Questions (a) and (b) refer to the C code to the right; pretend you don't know about MIPS yet.

```
#define val 16
char arr[] = "foo";
void foo(int arg){
    char *str = (char *) malloc (val);
    char *ptr = arr;
}
sizeof sizeof(arr) != sizeof(ptr)
++ (arr++ crashes, ptr++ does not)
```

a) In which memory sections (code, static, heap, stack) do the following reside?

arg stack arr static
*str heap val code

b) Name a C operation that would treat `arr` and `ptr` differently: _____

You peek into the *text* part of an `a.out` file and see that the left six bits of an instruction are `0x02`. As a result of executing this instruction...

`opcode=0x02 → jump 2^28 - 4`

c) What's the *most* that your PC could change? Be exact. _____

`0`

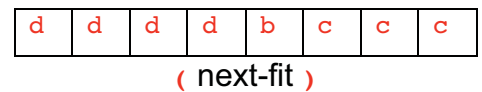
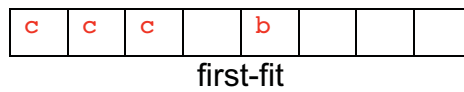
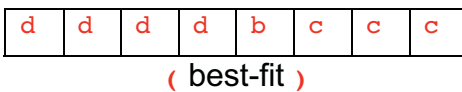
d) What is the *least*? _____

e) Write a `getPC` function, which returns the address of the `jal` instruction **calling it**. (two instructions should be sufficient)

```
getPC:     addiu $v0, $ra, -4
          jr $ra
```

f) Which of the *best-*, *first-*, *next-fit* schemes would succeed for **all 5** of the following sequence of `malloc` and `free` requests on a `malloc`-able region of memory only 8 bytes long? Circle those that would and show the resulting contents of memory for each one. E.g., After the "`a=malloc(4)`" call, all schemes should have the *leftmost* 4 boxes labeled "a". A pencil is useful (or draw "a" lightly).

```
a = malloc(4); b = malloc(1); free(a); c = malloc(3); d = malloc(4);
```



g) In one sentence, why can't we use automatic memory management in C?

C is weakly typed; any variable could be a pointer.

h) To reduce complexity for your software company, you delete the *Compiler*, *Assembler* and *Linker* and replace them with a single program, `CAL`, that takes all the source code in a project and does the job of all three for *all* the files given to it. Overall, is this a good idea or bad idea? Why or why not?

BAD idea! A change to only one file requires recompiling/reassembling all!

Question 2: Player's got a brand new bag... (15 pts, 36 min)

We want to add an inventory system to the adventure game so that the player can collect items. First, we'll implement a *bag* data structure that holds *items* in a linked list. Each *item_t* has an associated weight, and each *bag_t* has a *max_weight* that determines its holding capacity (see the definitions below). In the left text area for *item_node_t*, define the necessary data type to serve as the nodes in a **linked list** of items, and in the right text area, add any necessary fields to the *bag_t* definition.

```
typedef struct item {
    int weight;
    // other fields not shown
} item_t;
```

```
typedef struct item_node {
    // (a) FILL IN HERE

    item_t *item;
    struct item_node *next;
} item_node_t;
```

```
typedef struct bag {
    int max_weight;
    int current_weight;
    // add other fields necessary
    // (b) FILL IN HERE

    item_node_t *contents;
} bag_t;
```

- c) Complete the `add_item()` function, which should add *item* into *bag* **only** if adding the item would not cause the weight of the bag contents to exceed the bag's *max_weight*. The function should return 0 if the item *could not* be added, or 1 if it succeeded. Be sure to update the bag's *current_weight*. You do not need to check if `malloc()` returns `NULL`. Insert the new item into the list wherever you wish.

```
int add_item(item_t *item, bag_t *bag) {
    if ( item->weight + bag->current_weight > bag->max_weight ) {
        return 0;
    }

    item_node_t *new_node = (item_node_t *) malloc( sizeof(item_node_t) );

    // Add more code below...

    new_node->item = item;
    new_node->next = bag->contents;
    bag->contents = new_node;
    bag->current_weight += item->weight;

    return 1;
}
```

- (d) Finally, we want an `empty_bag()` function that frees the bag's linked list but **NOT** the memory of the items themselves and **NOT** the bag itself. The bag should then be "reset", ready for `add_item`. Assume that the operating system immediately fills any freed memory with garbage. Fill in the functions below.

```
void empty_bag(bag_t *bag) {
    free_contents( bag->contents );
    // FILL IN HERE
    bag->current_weight = 0;
    bag->contents = NULL;
}
```

```
void free_contents( item_node_t *c ) {
    // FILL IN HERE

    if (c == NULL) return;
    free_contents(c->next);
    free(c);
}
```

(e) Now suppose that we care about the order of `items` in our `bag`. However, because we're clumsy, the only possible way for us to rearrange `items` is to reverse their order in the list.

```
void reverse_list(bag_t *bag) {
    item_node_t *next, *node = bag->contents;
    bag->contents = NULL;

    while (node) {
        next = node->next;           // Keep track of the next node.
        node->next = bag->contents;  // Current node points to what's
                                    // currently reversed.
        bag->contents = node;        // Now current node is head of
                                    // currently reversed list.
        node = next;                // Examine the next node, which we
                                    // saved.
    }
}
```

Bonus: You have five jars of pills. All the pills in one jar only are "contaminated." The only way to tell which pills are contaminated is by weight. A regular pill weighs 10 grams; a contaminated pill is 9 grams. You are given a scale and allowed to make just one measurement with it. How do you tell which jar is contaminated?

Take out 1 pill from jar 2, 2 pills from jar 3, 3 pills from jar 4, and 4 pills from jar 5. Put them all on the scale. If it reads 100 grams, then none of the pills you took out was contaminated, so jar 1 is the culprit. If it reads 99, jar 2 is contaminated, 98 corresponds to jar 3, 97 jar 4, 96 jar 5.