Lecture Note 4. Process Structure

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Objectives

Understand the definition of a process

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Explore the process structure



- Discuss the relation between program and process structure
- Grasp the details of stack
- Refer to Chapter 6 in the LPI and Chapter 8 in the CSAPP





Memory

invisible to

Process Definition (1/2)

- What is a process (also called as task)?
 - ✓ Program in execution
 - ✓ Having its own memory space and CPU registers
 - ✓ Scheduling entity
 - Conflict each other for resource allocation
 - Parent-child relation (family)



Process Definition (2/2)

- Related terminology
 - ✓ Load
 - from disk into main memory
 - carried out by OS (e.g. page fault mechanism)
 - disk: file system (LN 3)
 - main memory: virtual memory (CSAPP 9, OS Course)
 - ✓ Fetch
 - from memory into CPU
 - carried out by hardware
 - Transparent to OS
 - instruction fetch and data fetch (LN 7)





Process Structure (1/6)

- Conceptual structure
 - ✓ text, data, heap, stack





(Source: LPI)



Process Structure (2/6)

Process structure in C program: function pointer

/* f_pointer.c: for function pointer exercise, by choijm, choijm@dku.edu */ #include <stdio.h>

```
int a = 10;
int func1(int arg1)
{
  printf("In func1: arg1 = %d\n", arg1);
}
main()
ł
  int *pa;
  int (*func ptr)(int);
  pa = &a;
  printf("pa = %p, *pa = %d\n", pa, *pa);
  func1(3);
  func_ptr = func1;
  func_ptr(5);
  printf("Bye..^^\n");
```



Process Structure (3/6)

Process structure in C program: address printing

```
/* task_struct.c: display addresses of variables and functions, choijm@dku.edu */
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int glob1, glob2;
int func2() {
  int f2 local1, f2 local2;
  printf("func2 local: \n\t%p, \n\t%p\n", &f2_local1, &f2_local2);
}
int func1() {
  int f1 local1, f1 local2;
  printf("func1 local: \t \ n\t \ p, \ n\t \ p\ n", &f1 local1, &f1 local2);
 func2();
}
main(){
  int m local1, m local2; int *dynamic addr;
  printf("main local: \n\t%p, \n\t%p\n", &m_local1, &m_local2);
  func1();
  dynamic addr = malloc(16);
  printf("dynamic: \n\t%p\n", dynamic addr);
  printf("global: \n\t%p, \n\t%p\n", &glob1, &glob2);
  printf("functions: \n\t%p, \n\t%p, \n\t%p\n", main, func1, func2);
```

Process Structure (4/6)

Process structure in C program: address printing



Process Structure (5/6)

- Summary
 - Process: consist of four regions, text, data, stack and heap

Also called as segment or vm_object

- ✓ Text
 - Program code (assembly language)
 - Go up to the higher address according to coding order
- ✓ Data
 - Global variable
 - Initialized and uninitialized data are managed separately (for the performance reason)
- ✓ Stack
 - Local variable, argument, return address
 - Go down to the lower address as functions invoked
- ✓ Heap
 - Dynamic allocation area (malloc(), calloc(), …)
 - Go up to the higher address as allocated



Process Structure (6/6)

Relation btw program and process



Process Structure in CSAPP

- Another viewpoint for process structure
 - ✓ text, data, heap, stack + shared region, kernel



Stack Details (1/6)

- What is Stack?
 - ✓ A contiguous array of memory locations with LIFO property
 - Stack operation: push and pop
 - Stack management: base (bottom) and top (e.g. Stack Segment and ESP in intel)



Figure 3.5 Illustration of stack operation. By convention, we draw stacks upside down, so that the "top" of the stack is shown at the bottom. IA32 stacks grow toward lower addresses, so pushing involves decrementing the stack pointer (register %esp) and storing to memory, while popping involves reading from memory and incrementing the stack pointer.

(Source: CSAPP)



Stack Details (2/6)

- Stack in Intel architecture
 - ✓ How to access Intel manual?

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Stack Details (3/6)

- Stack in Intel architecture
 - Real manipulation of push and pop
 - ESP (Extended Stack Pointer): pointing the top position
 - push: decrement the ESP and write data at the top of stack (down)
 - pop: read data from the top and increment the ESP (up)
 - ✓ What are in the stack?
 - 1) argument (parameters), 2) return address, 3) local variable, ...
 - Return address: an address that returns after finishing a function (usually an address of an instruction after "call")



(Source: Intel 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual)



Stack in Linux

func1();

. . .

```
int func2(int x, int y) {
  int f2_local1 = 21, f2_local2 = 22;
  int *pointer, i;
  . . .
void func1()
  int ret val;
  int f1 local1 = 11, f1 local2 = 12;
  ret val = func2(111, 112);
  f1 local++;
int main()
{
```



Compiler (and version) dependent (see Appendix 1)

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- Especially, recent compiler makes use of obfuscation, where the locations of local variables are changed according to program contents.
- But, gcc 3.* version comply with the Intel's suggestion (like this figure)
 For lecturing purpose, gcc 3.* is more effective (Use 3.4 in this lecture note)



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Stack example 1

```
/* stack_struct.c: stack structure analysis, by choijm. choijm@dku.edu */
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int func2(int x, int y) {
  int f2 local1 = 21, f2 local2 = 22;
  int *pointer;
  printf("func2 local: \t%p, \t%p, \t%p\n", &f2_local1, &f2_local2, &pointer);
  pointer = &f2 local1;
  printf("\t%p \t%d\n", (pointer), *(pointer));
  printf("\t%p \t%d\n", (pointer-1), *(pointer-1));
  printf("\t%p \t%d\n", (pointer+3), *(pointer+3));
  *(pointer+4) = 333;
  printf("\ty = %d\n", y);
  return 222;
}
void func1() {
  int ret_val, f1_local1 = 11, f1_local2 = 12;
  ret_val = func2(111, 112);
}
main() {
  func1();
```

Stack Details (6/6)

Stack example 2 /* stack_destroy.c: 스택 구조 분석 2, 9월 19일, choijr #include <stdio.h></stdio.h>	n@dku.edu */
<pre>void f1() { int i; printf("In func1\n"); }</pre>	<pre>choijm@sungmin-Samsung-DeskTop-System: ~/syspro/chap4 void f2() { int j, *ptr; printf("f2 local: \t%p, \t%p\n", &j, &ptr); printf("In func2 \n");</pre>
<pre>void f2() { int j, *ptr; printf("f2 local: \t%p, \t%p\n", &j, &ptr); printf("In func2 \n");</pre>	<pre>ptr = &j *(ptr+2) = f1; } void f3() { printf("Before invoke f2()\n"); f2(); printf("Inform invoke f2()\n");</pre>
ptr = &j *(ptr+2) = f1; }	<pre>princl(Arter invoke 12() \n), main() { f3(); }</pre>
<pre>void f3() { printf("Before invoke f2()\n"); f2(); printf("After invoke f2()\n"); } main() { f3();</pre>	choijm@sungmin-Samsung-DeskTop-System:~/syspro/chap4\$ choijm@sungmin-Samsung-DeskTop-System:~/syspro/chap4\$ gcc -o stack_destroy stack destroy.c stack_destroy.c: In function `f2': stack_destroy.c:15: warning: assignment makes integer from pointer without a cas t choijm@sungmin-Samsung-DeskTop-System:~/syspro/chap4\$ choijm@sungmin-Samsung-DeskTop-System:~/syspro/chap4\$./stack_destroy Before_invoke f2() f2 local: 0xbfb829f4, 0xbfb829f0 In func2 In func1 네그텐테이션 오류 (core dumped) choijm@sungmin-Samsung-DeskTop-System:~/syspro/chap4\$
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Summary

- Understand the differences between process and program
- Discuss the differences among text, data, heap and stack
- Find out the details of stack structure
 - ✓ Argument passing, Return address, Local variables
 - ✓ Stack overflow

F Homework 4: Make a program of the stack example 2 and examine its results.

- **1.1 Requirements**
 - shows student's ID and date (using whoami and date)
 - discuss why the segmentation fault occurs in this program
- **1.2 Bonus: overcome the segmentation fault problem**
- 1.3 Deadline: Next week (same time)
- 1.4 How to submit? Send 1) report and 2) source code to mgchoi@dankook.ac.kr



Homework 4: Snapshot example

P choijm@embedded: ~/Syspro/chap4_stack X main() { f3(); choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap4 stack\$ choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap4 stack\$ gcc -o stack destroy stack destroy.c stack destroy.c: In function `f2': stack destroy.c:16: warning: assignment makes integer from pointer without a cast choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap4 stack\$ choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap4 stack\$./stack destroy Before invoke f2() f2 local: Oxff89ecl4, 0xff89ec10 In func2 In funcl Segmentation fault (core dumped) choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap4 stack\$ choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap4 stack\$ vi stack destroy.c choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap4 stack\$ choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap4 stack\$ gcc -o stack destroy stack destroy.c stack destroy.c: In function `f2': stack destroy.c:16: warning: assignment makes integer from pointer without a cast choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap4 stack\$ choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap4 stack\$./stack destroy Before invoke f2() f2 local: Oxffd8ale4, 0xffd8ale0 In func2 In funcl After invoke f2() choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap4 stack\$ whoami choijm choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap4 stack\$ date 2023. 10. 09. (월) 14:03:02 KST choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap4 stack\$



Quiz

- 1. Explain the differences among 1) high-level program, 2) binary program, and 3) process.
- In C language, the scope of local variables and global variables are different. Discuss the reason of the differences using the process structure.
- ✓ 3. Discuss the differences between stack and queue.
- 4. Describe what are in the stack? (three key components)



(Source: https://dasima.xyz/c-local-global-variables/)



- Assembly differences between gcc 9.* and gcc 3.4.*
 - ✓ Using WSL (Windows subsystem for Linux) in my computer



Assembly differences between gcc 9.* and gcc 3.4.*

✓ 1) Obfuscation, 2) Optimization, 3) CFI, ...

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Choijm@LAPTOP-LR5HOQBH: ~/Syspro/LN4 .text .globl main .type main, @function main: .LFBO: .cfi_startproc endbr32 4(%esp), %ecx leal .cfi_def_cfa 1, 0 andl \$-16, %esp pushl -4(%ecx)push1 %ebp .cfi_escape 0x10,0x5,0x2,0x75,0 %esp, %ebp movi pushl %ebx push1 %ecx .cfi_escape 0xf,0x3,0x75,0x78,0x6 .cfi_escape 0x10,0x3,0x2,0x75,0x7c _x86.get_pc_thunk.ax call \$_GLOBAL_OFFSET_TABLE_, %eax addl a@GOTOFF(%eax), %ecx movl movl b@GOTOFF(%eax), %edx %edx, %ecx add movl c@GOT(%eax), %edx %ecx, (%edx) mov c@GOT(%eax), %edx movl (%edx), %edx movi subl \$8, %esp push %edx .LCO@GOTOFF(%eax), %edx leal pushl %edx %eax, %ebx mov printf@PLT call addl \$16, %esp \$0, %eax mov -8(%ebp), %esp leal popl %ecx .cfi_restore 1 .cfi_def_cfa 1, 0 popl %ebx .cfi_restore 3 popl %ebp .cfi_restore 5 leal -4(%ecx), %esp .cfi_def_cfa 4, 4 ret .cfi_endproc LFEO: .size main, .-main .text.__x86.get_pc_thunk.ax,"axG",@progbits. .section _x86.get_pc_thunk.ax,comdat .globl __x86.get_pc_thunk.ax .hidden __x86.get_pc_thunk.ax .type __x86.get_pc_thunk.ax, @function _x86.get_pc_thunk.ax: LFB1: .cfi_startproc movl (%esp), %eax ret .cfi_endproc LFE1 ident "GCC: (Ubuntu 9.3.0-10ubuntu2) 9.3.0"

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int a = 10; int b = 20; int c;		
int main() f		
c = a + b; printf("C = %d#n", c);		
choijm@LAPTOP-LP5H00BH:~/Syspro/LN4\$ gcc-3.4 -S test.c -m3; choijm@LAPTOP-LP5H00BH:~/Syspro/LN4\$ choijm@LAPTOP-LP5H00BH:~/Syspro/LN4\$ more test.s .file "test.c"	2	
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.string "C = %d₩n" .text .globl main		
, .type main, @function main:		
pushl %ebp movl %esp, %ebp subl \$8, %esp andl \$-16, %esp movl \$0, %eax addl \$15, %eax shrl \$4, %eax sall \$4, %eax subl %eax, %esp movl b, %eax addl a, %eax movl &eax, c movl %eax, c movl %eax, c movl %eax, c movl %eax, 4(%esp) movl \$.LCO, (%esp) call printf leave ret		
.size main,main .comm c,4,4 .section .note.GNU-stack,"",@progbits .ident "GCC: (GNU) 3.4.6 (Debian 3.4.6-5)" choijm@LAPTOP-LFSHOOBH:~/Syspro/LN4\$		

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- Assembly differences between 32-bit and 64-bit CPU
 - ✓ 1) Register (eax vs rax), 2) PIC, 3) Argument passing, 4) ...
 - ✓ We will discuss further in LN6 and LN9

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#include <stdio.h></stdio.h>	.LCO:	.type a.@obiect
int a = 10; int b = 20;	.string "C = %d\n" .text .globl main	a: long 10
int c: int main()	.type main, @function main: .LFB0:	.globi b .align 4 .type b.@obiect
{	.cfi_startproc	.size b,4
c = a + b;	endbr32	b:
printf("C = %d\n", c);	leal 4(%esp). %ecx	.lona 20
}	.cfi_def_cfa 1, 0	.comm c,4,4
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choijm@LAPTOP-LR5H0QBH:~/Syspro/LN4\$	push1 %ebp	.string "C = %d\n"
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rwith-gcc-major-version-onlyprogram-suffix=-9program-prefix=x	movi c@GDI(%eax), %edx	.oti_de_cta_register 6
86_64-linux-gnuenable-sharedenable-linker-build-idlibexecdir	movi %ecx, (%edx)	movi a(%rip), %ed
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Another code for process structure

Listing 6-1: Locations of program variables in process memory segments



```
proc/mem segments.c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
char globBuf[65536];
                                /* Uninitialized data segment */
int primes[] = { 2, 3, 5, 7 }; /* Initialized data segment */
static int
                                /* Allocated in frame for square() */
square(int x)
   int result;
                                /* Allocated in frame for square() */
   result = x * x;
                                /* Return value passed via register */
   return result;
static void
                                /* Allocated in frame for doCalc() */
doCalc(int val)
   printf("The square of %d is %d\n", val, square(val));
   if (val < 1000) {
                                /* Allocated in frame for doCalc() */
        int t;
        t = val * val * val;
        printf("The cube of %d is %d\n", val, t);
   -3
int
main(int argc, char *argv[])
                                /* Allocated in frame for main() */
                                /* Initialized data segment */
    static int key = 9973;
   static char mbuf[10240000]; /* Uninitialized data segment */
   char *p;
                                /* Allocated in frame for main() */
   p = malloc(1024);
                                /* Points to memory in heap segment */
   doCalc(key);
    exit(EXIT SUCCESS);
                             (Source: LPI)
                                                                  proc/mem segments.c
```