

Lecture Note 4.

Process Structure

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Objectives

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



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PROCESSES

In this chapter, we look at the structure of a process, paying particular attention to the layout and contents of a process's virtual memory. We also examine some of the attributes of a process. In later chapters, we examine further process attributes (for example, process credentials in Chapter 9, and process priorities and scheduling in Chapter 35). In Chapters 24 to 27, we look at how processes are created, how they terminate, and how they can be made to execute new programs.

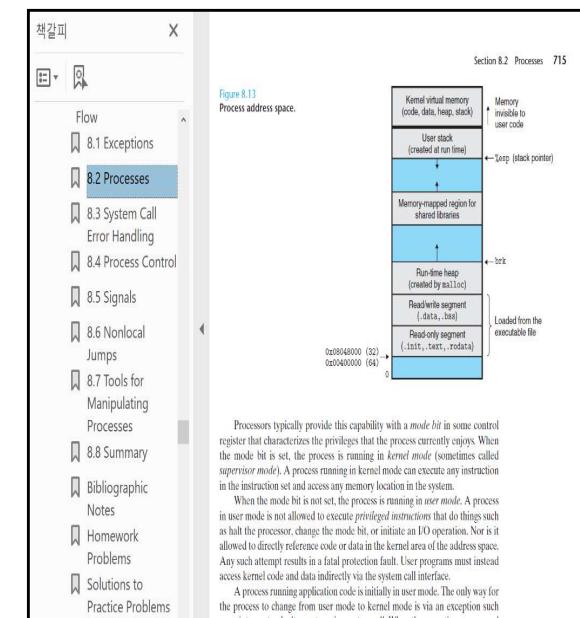
6.1

Processes and Programs

A *process* is an instance of an executing program. In this section, we elaborate on this definition and clarify the distinction between a program and a process.

A *program* is a file containing a range of information that describes how to construct a process at run time. This information includes the following:

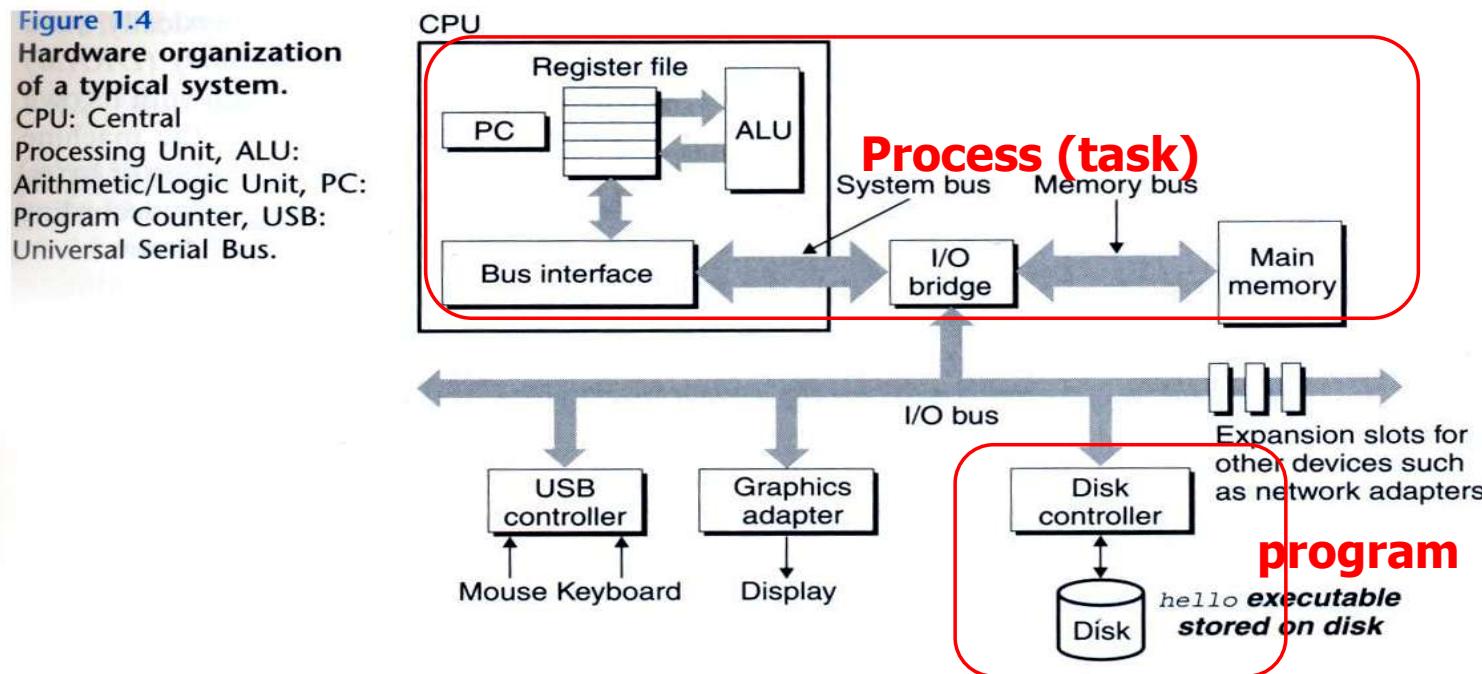
- *Binary format identification:* Each program file includes metainformation describing the format of the executable file. This enables the kernel to interpret the remaining information in the file. Historically, two widely used formats for UNIX executable files were the original *a.out* ("assembler output") format and the later, more sophisticated *COFF* (Common Object File Format). Nowadays, most UNIX implementations (including Linux) employ the Executable and Linking Format (*ELF*), which provides a number of advantages over the



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)



(Source: CSAPP)

Process Definition (2/2)

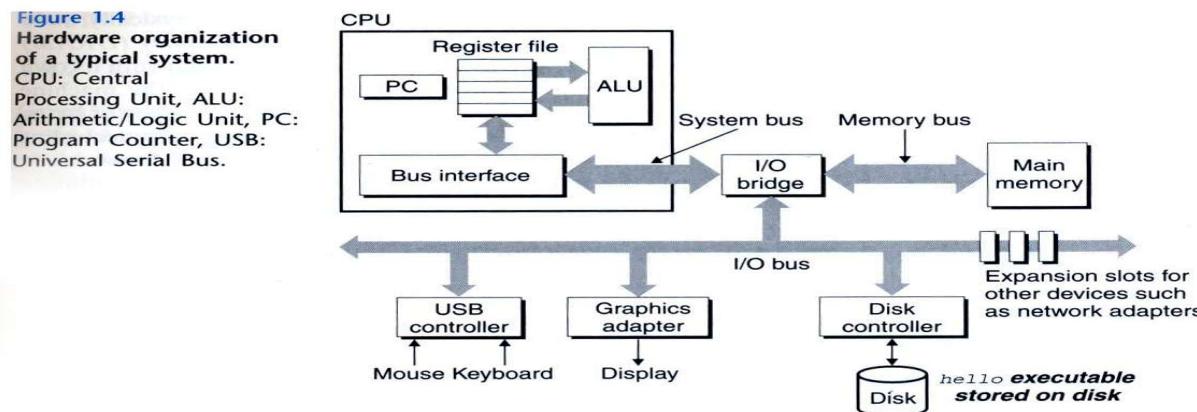
■ Related terminology

✓ 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

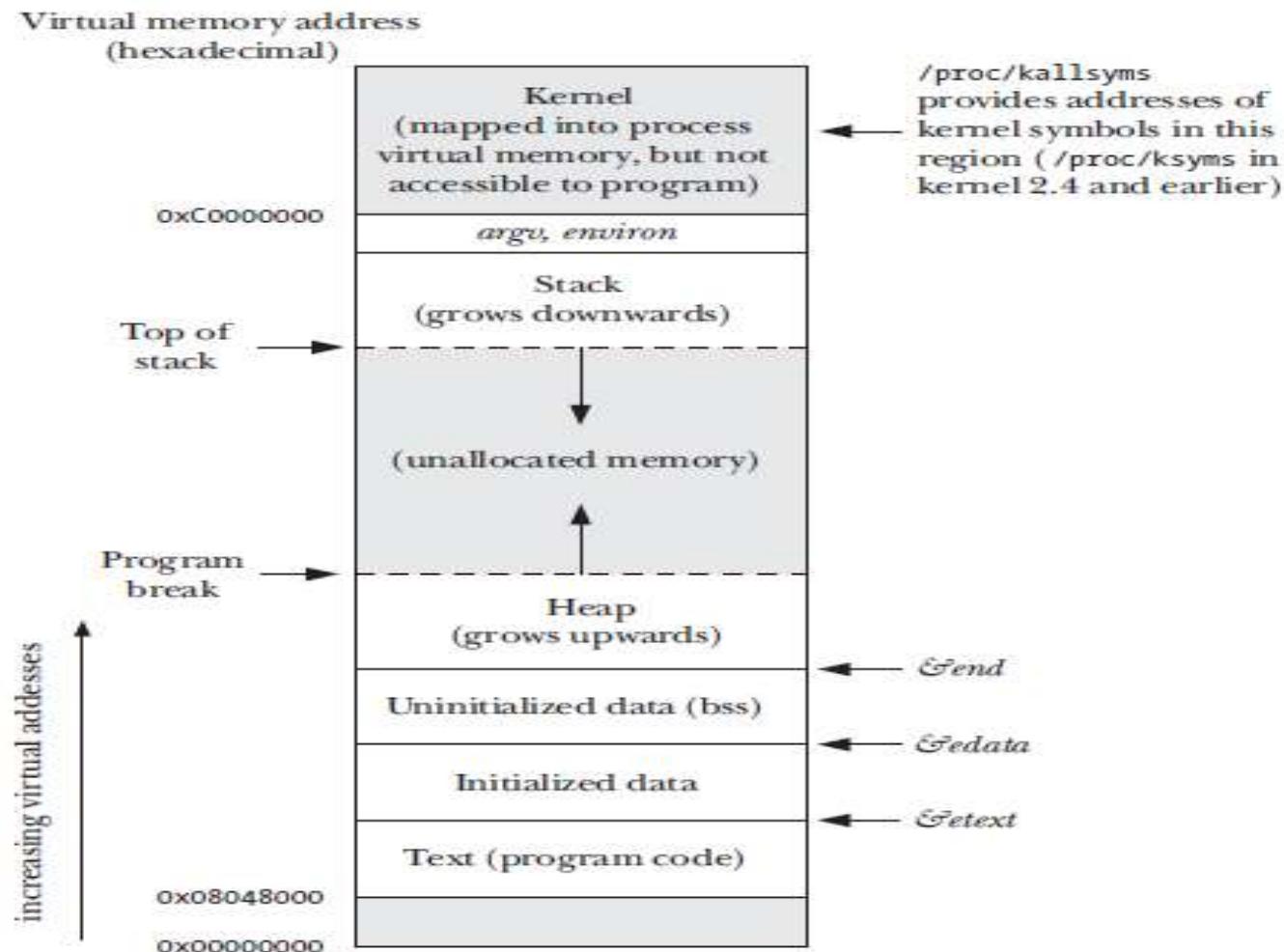


Figure 6-1: Typical memory layout of a process on Linux/x86-32

(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);
}

int main()
{
    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)

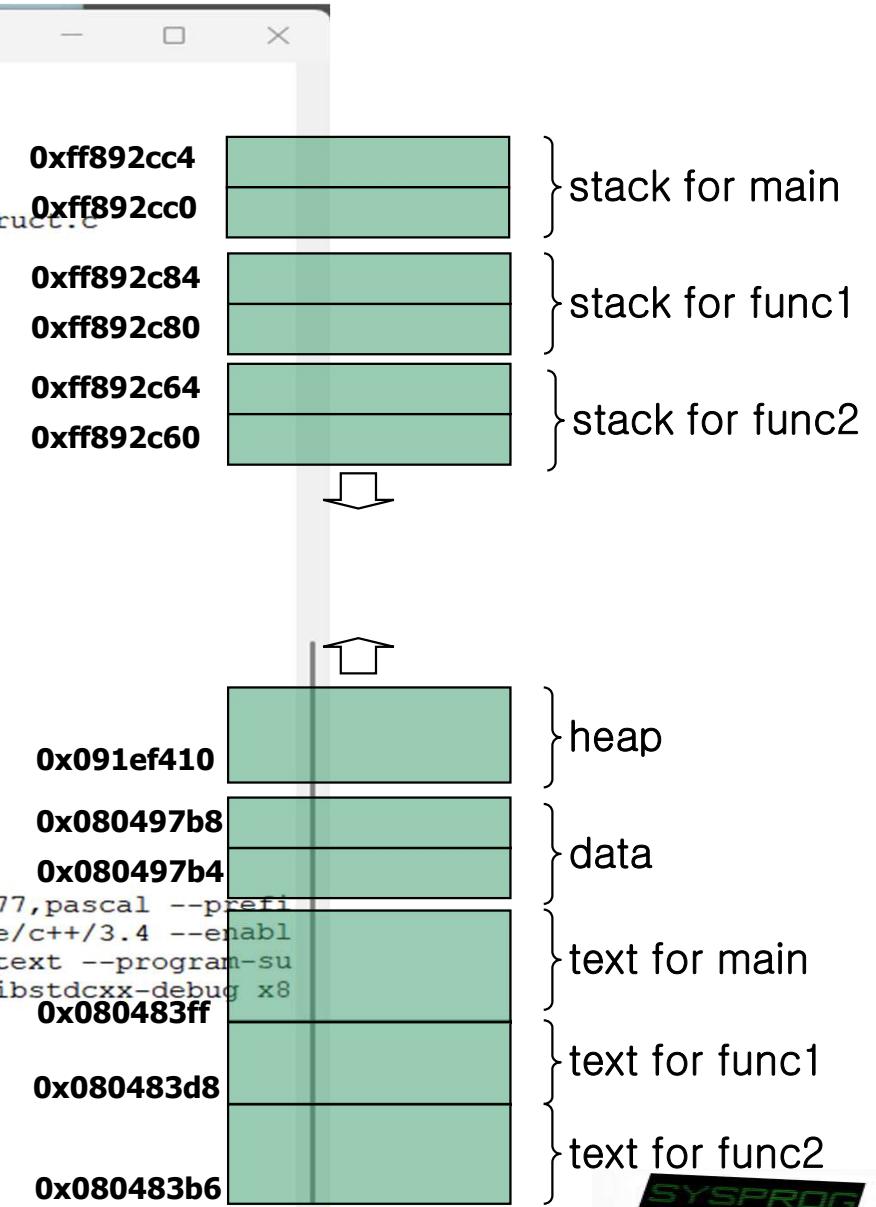
■ Process structure in C program: address printing

```
/* 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: \n\t%p, \n\t%p\n", &f1_local1, &f1_local2);  
    func2();  
}  
  
int 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", &glob2, &glob1);  
    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

```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ls
f_pointer f_pointer.c task_struct task_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ vi task_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o task_struct -m32 task_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ./task_struct
main local:
    0xff892cc4,
    0xff892cc0
func1 local:
    0xff892c84,
    0xff892c80
func2 local:
    0xff892c64,
    0xff892c60
dynamic:
    0x91ef410
global:
    0x80497b8,
    0x80497b4
functions:
    0x80483ff,
    0x80483d8,
    0x80483b6
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -v
Using built-in specs.
Configured with: ../src/configure -v --enable-languages=c,c++,f77,pascal --prefix=/usr --libexecdir=/usr/lib --with-gxx-include-dir=/usr/include/c++/3.4 --enable-shared --with-system-zlib --enable-nls --without-included-gettext --program-suffix=-3.4 --enable-_cxa_atexit --enable-clocale-gnu --enable-libstdcxx-debug x86_64-linux-gnu
Thread model: posix
gcc version 3.4.6 (Ubuntu 3.4.6-6ubuntu5)
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ whoami
choijm
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```



Process Structure (5/6)

■ Summary

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

Also called as **segment** or **vm_object**

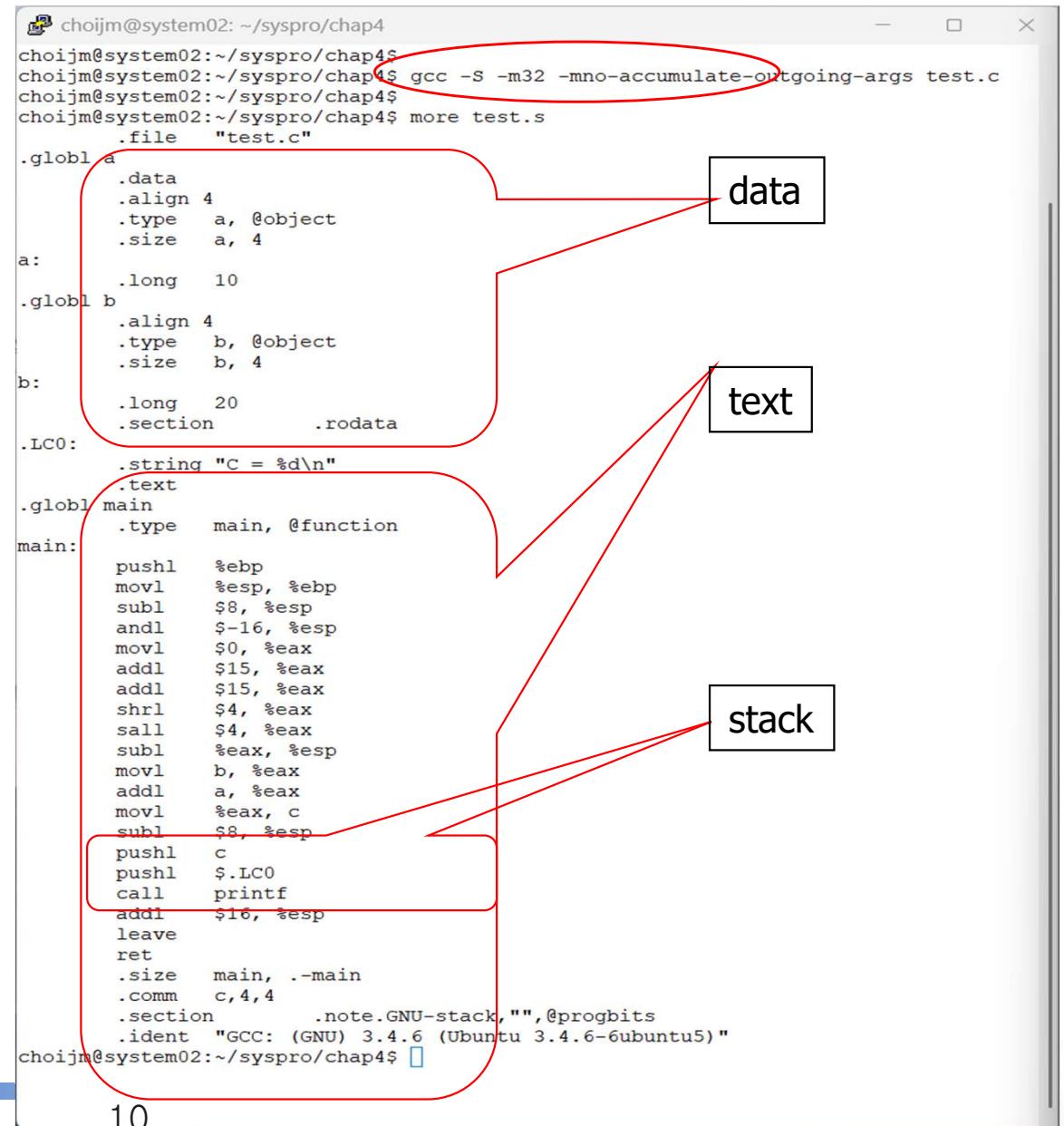
- ✓ Text
 - Program code (assembly language)
 - Go up to the higher address according to coding order
- ✓ Data
 - Global variable
 - Initialized and uninitialized data are managed separately (for the performance reason)
- ✓ Stack
 - Local variable, argument, return address
 - Go down to the lower address 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

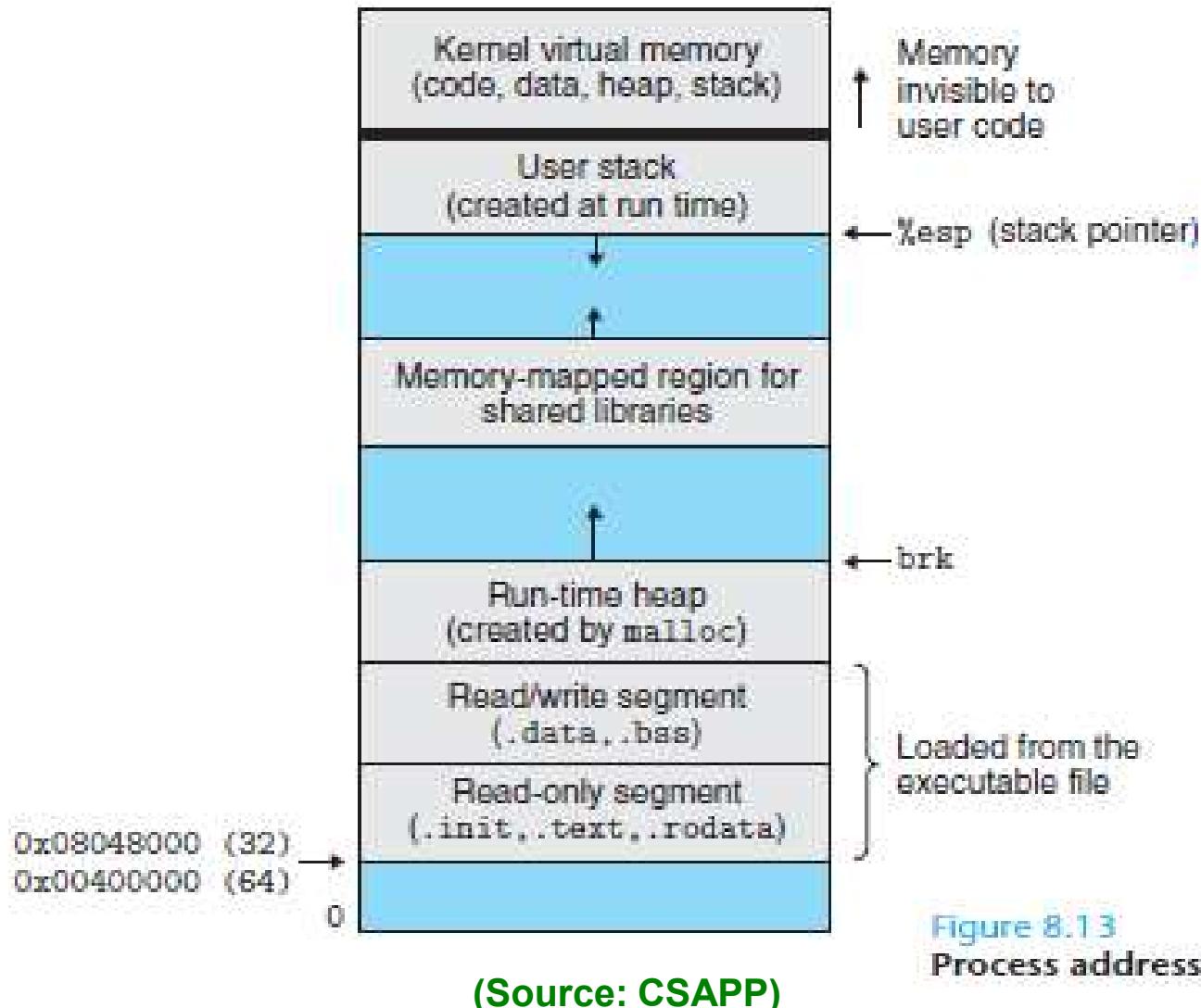
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choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ #include <stdio.h>  
  
int a = 10;  
int b = 20;  
int c;  
  
int main()  
{  
    c = a + b;  
    printf("C = %d\n", c);  
}  
  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```

```
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -S -m32 -fno-accumulate-outgoing-args test.c  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more test.s  
.file "test.c"  
.globl a  
.data  
.align 4  
.type a, @object  
.size a, 4  
a:  
.long 10  
.globl b  
.align 4  
.type b, @object  
.size b, 4  
b:  
.long 20  
.section .rodata  
.LC0:  
.string "C = %d\n"  
.text  
.globl main  
main:  
.type main, @function  
  
    pushl %ebp  
    movl %esp, %ebp  
    subl $8, %esp  
    andl $-16, %esp  
    movl $0, %eax  
    addl $15, %eax  
    addl $15, %eax  
    shrll $4, %eax  
    sall $4, %eax  
    subl %eax, %esp  
    movl b, %eax  
    addl a, %eax  
    movl %eax, c  
    subl $8, %esp  
    pushl c  
    pushl $.LC0  
    call printf  
    addl $16, %esp  
    leave  
    ret  
.size main, .-main  
.comm c,4,4  
.section .note.GNU-stack,"",@progbits  
.ident "GCC: (GNU) 3.4.6 (Ubuntu 3.4.6-6ubuntu5)"  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```



Process Structure in CSAPP (Optional)

- 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)

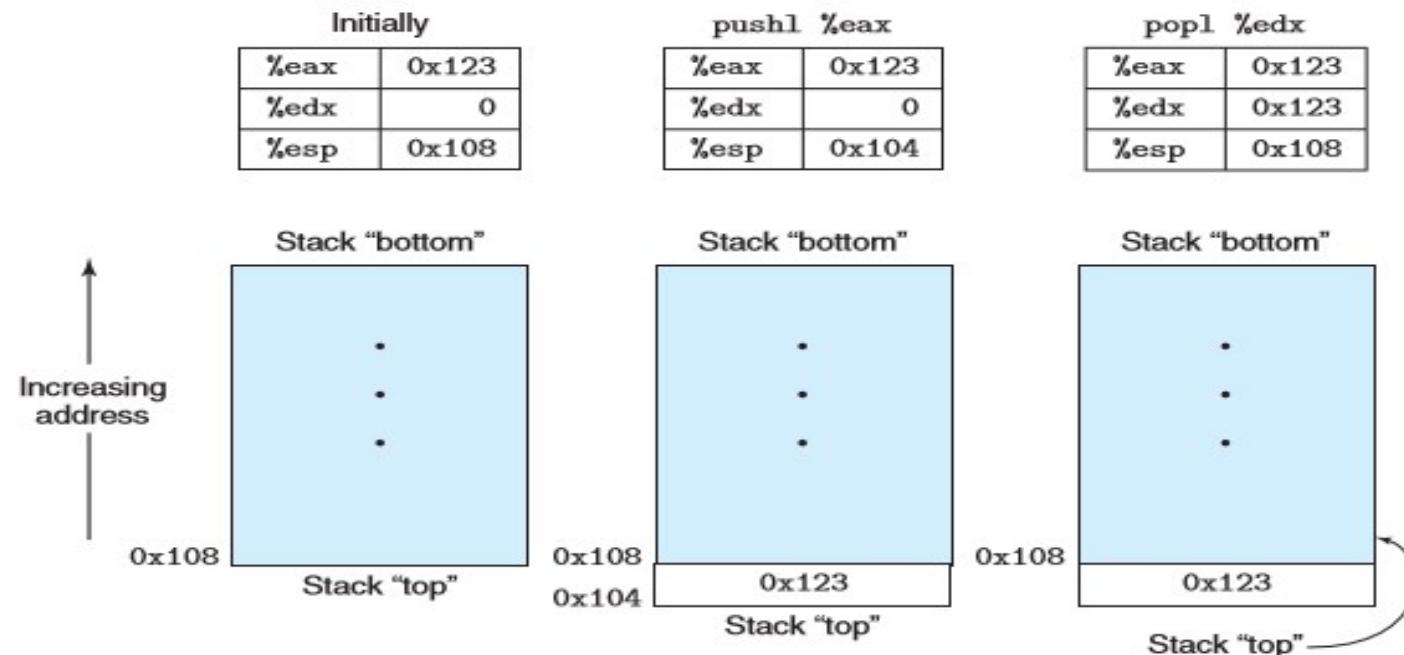


Figure 3.5 Illustration of stack operation. By convention, we draw stacks upside down, so that the “top” of the stack is shown at the bottom. IA32 stacks grow toward lower addresses, so pushing involves decrementing the stack pointer (register %esp) and storing to memory, while popping involves reading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

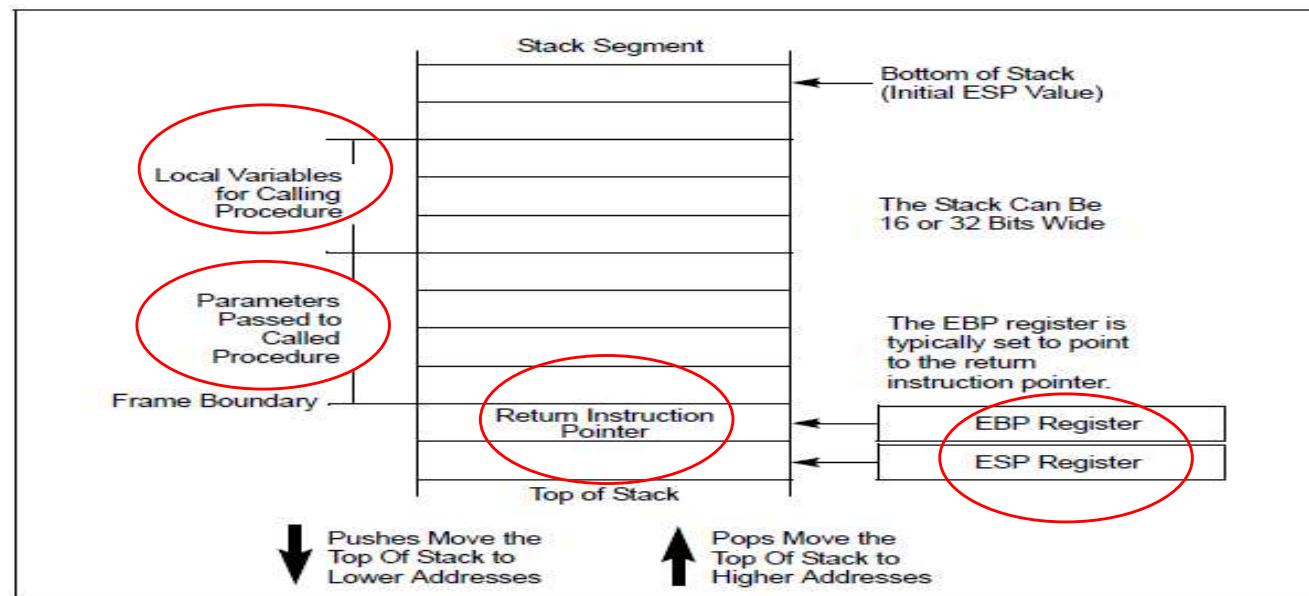


Figure 6-1. Stack Structure

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

Stack Details (4/6)

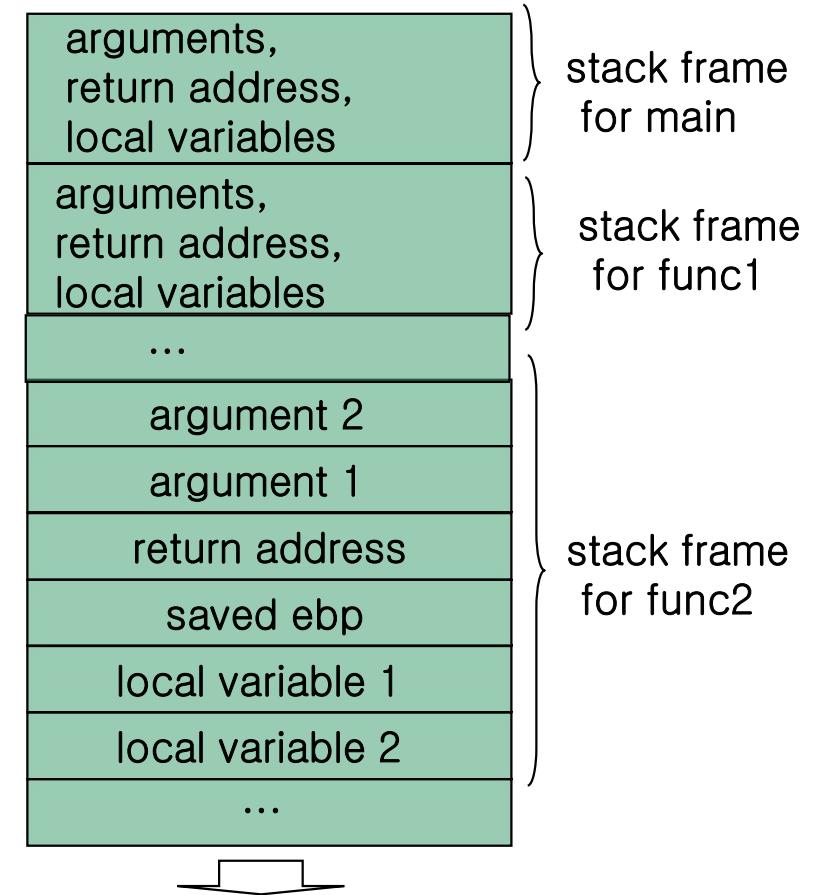
■ Stack in Linux

```
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()  
{  
    ...  
    func1();  
    ...  
}
```

- ☞ Compiler (and version) dependent (see **Appendix**)
- ☞ 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)



Stack Details (5/6)

■ 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);
}

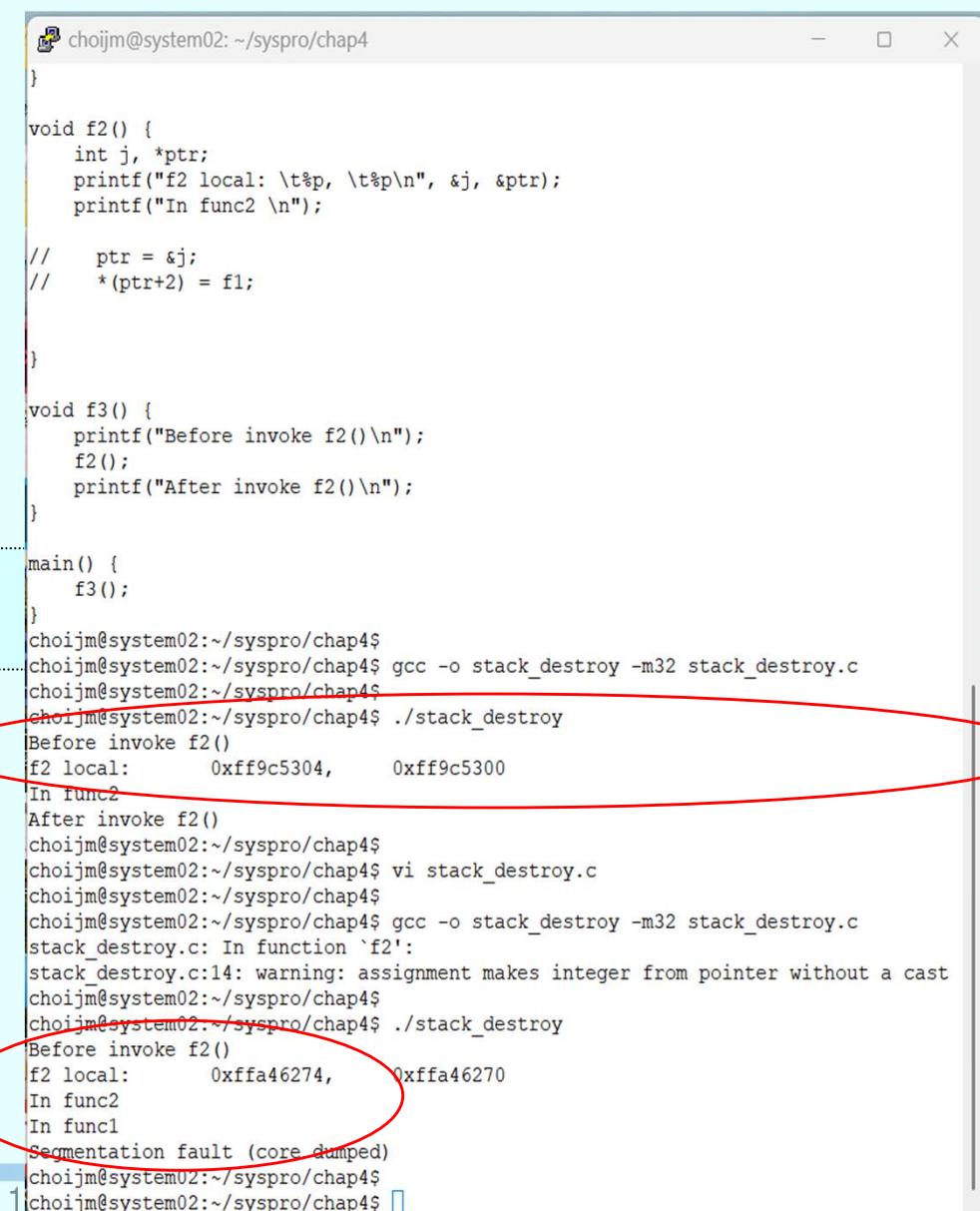
int main() {
    func1();
}
```

Stack Details (6/6)

■ Stack example 2

```
/* stack_destroy.c: 스택 구조 분석 2, 9월 19일, choijm@dku.edu */  
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
void f1() {  
    int i;  
    printf("In func1\n");  
}  
  
void f2() {  
    int j, *ptr;  
    printf("f2 local: %p, %p\n", &j, &ptr);  
    printf("In func2\n");  
  
    ptr = &j;  
    *(ptr+2) = f1;  
}  
  
void f3() {  
    printf("Before invoke f2()\n");  
    f2();  
    printf("After invoke f2()\n");  
}  
  
main() {  
    f3();  
}
```



```
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_destroy -m32 stack_destroy.c  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_destroy  
Before invoke f2()  
f2 local: 0xff9c5304, 0xff9c5300  
In func2  
After invoke f2()  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ vi stack_destroy.c  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_destroy -m32 stack_destroy.c  
stack_destroy.c: In function `f2':  
stack_destroy.c:14: warning: assignment makes integer from pointer without a cast  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_destroy  
Before invoke f2()  
f2 local: 0ffa46274, 0ffa46270  
In func2  
In func1  
Segmentation fault (core dumped)  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$  
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```

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

☞ **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 google form

Homework 4: Snapshot example

```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4
    printf("Before invoke f2()\n");
    f2();
    printf("After invoke f2()\n");
}

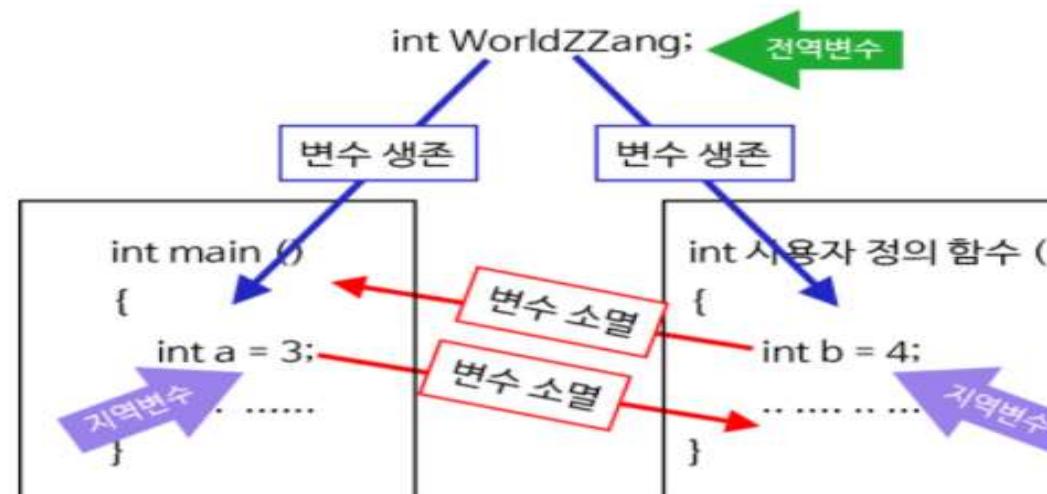
main() {
    f3();
}
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_destroy -m32 stack_destroy.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_destroy
Before invoke f2()
f2 local:      0xff9c5304,      0xff9c5300
In func2
After invoke f2()
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ vi stack_destroy.c
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In func2
In func1
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stack_destroy.c: In function `f2':
stack_destroy.c:15: warning: assignment makes integer from pointer without a cast
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_destroy
Before invoke f2()
f2 local:      0ffc95bf4,      0ffc95bf0
In func2
In func1
After invoke f2()
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ whoami
choijm
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```



Quiz for this Lecture

■ Quiz

- ✓ 1. Explain the differences among 1) high-level program, 2) binary program, and 3) process.
- ✓ 2. 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/>)

Appendix 1

■ Assembly differences with or without `-m32`

- ✓ Task structure

```
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ls
f_pointer f_pointer.c task_struct task_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ vi task_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o task_struct -m32 task_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ./task_struct
main local:
    0xff892cc4,
    0xff892cc0
func1 local:
    0xff892c84,
    0xff892c80
func2 local:
    0xff892c64,
    0xff892c60
dynamic:
    0x91ef410
global:
    0x80497b8,
    0x80497b4
functions:
    0x80483ff,
    0x80483d8,
    0x80483b6
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -v
Using built-in specs.
Configured with: ../src/configure -v --enable-languages=c,c++,f77,pascal --prefix=/usr --libexecdir=/usr/lib --with-gxx-include-dir=/usr/include/c++/3.4 --enable-shared --with-system-zlib --enable-nls --without-included-gettext --program-suffix=-3.4 --enable-__cxa_atexit --enable-clocale-gnu --enable-libstdcxx-debug x86_64-linux-gnu
Thread model: posix
gcc version 3.4.6 (Ubuntu 3.4.6-6ubuntu5)
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ whoami
choijm
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```

(with `-m32` option)

```
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ls
f_pointer f_pointer.c task_struct task_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ vi task_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o task_struct task_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ./task_struct
main local:
    0x7ffcd5da4e6c,
    0x7ffcd5da4e68
func1 local:
    0x7ffcd5da4e4c,
    0x7ffcd5da4e48
func2 local:
    0x7ffcd5da4e2c,
    0x7ffcd5da4e28
dynamic:
    0x66b420
global:
    0x600ab8,
    0x600ab4
functions:
    0x400511,
    0x4004e6,
    0x4004c5
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -v
Using built-in specs.
Configured with: ../src/configure -v --enable-languages=c,c++,f77,pascal --prefix=/usr --libexecdir=/usr/lib --with-gxx-include-dir=/usr/include/c++/3.4 --enable-shared --with-system-zlib --enable-nls --without-included-gettext --program-suffix=-3.4 --enable-__cxa_atexit --enable-clocale-gnu --enable-libstdcxx-debug x86_64-linux-gnu
Thread model: posix
gcc version 3.4.6 (Ubuntu 3.4.6-6ubuntu5)
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ whoami
choijm
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```

(without `-m32` option)

Appendix 1

■ Assembly differences with or without -m32

- ✓ Assembly code

```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more test.c
#include <stdio.h>

int a = 10;
int b = 20;
int c;

int main()
{
    c = a + b;
    printf("C = %d\n", c);
}

choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -S -m32 test.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more test.s
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ .file "test.c"
.globl a
    .data
    .align 4
    .type a, @object
    .size a, 4
a:
    .long 10
.globl b
    .align 4
    .type b, @object
    .size b, 4
b:
    .long 20
    .section .rodata
.LC0:
    .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
    addl $15, %eax
    shr1 $4, %eax
    sall $4, %eax
    subl %eax, %esp
    movl b, %eax
    addl a, %eax
    movl %eax, c
    movl c, %eax
    movl %eax, 4(%esp)
    movl $.LC0, (%esp)
    call printf
    leave
    ret
    .size main, .-main
    .comm c,4,4
    .section .note.GNU-stack,"",@progbits
    .ident "GCC: (GNU) 3.4.6 (Ubuntu 3.4.6-6ubuntu5)"
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```

(with -m32 option)

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```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -S test.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more test.s
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ .file "test.c"
.globl a
    .data
    .align 4
    .type a, @object
    .size a, 4
a:
    .long 10
.globl b
    .align 4
    .type b, @object
    .size b, 4
b:
    .long 20
    .section .rodata
.LC0:
    .string "C = %d\n"
    .text
.globl main
    .type main, @function
main:
    .LFB2:
        pushq %rbp
    .LCFI0:
        movq %rsp, %rbp
    .LCFI1:
        movl b(%rip), %eax
        addl a(%rip), %eax
        movl %eax, c(%rip)
        movl c(%rip), %esi
        movl $.LC0, %edi
        movl $0, %eax
        call printf
        leave
        ret
    .LFE2:
        .size main, .-main
        .comm c,4,4
        .section .eh_frame,"a",@progbits
.Lframe1:
    .long .LECIE1-.LSCIE1
.LSCIE1:
    .long 0x0
    .byte 0x1
    .string ""
    .uleb128 0x1
    .sleb128 -8
    .byte 0x10
    .byte 0xc
    .uleb128 0x7
    .uleb128 0x8
    .byte 0x90
    .uleb128 0x1
    .align 8
.LECIE1:
.LSFDE1:
    .long .LEFDE1-.LASFDE1
.LASFDE1:
```

(without -m32 option)



Appendix 1

■ Assembly differences with or without `-mpush-args` and `-mno-accumulate-outgoing-args`

- ✓ Default: accumulate-outgoing-args → allocate stack using a sub instruction → good for performance (no sp adjustment per each argument due to reduced dependencies (enhanced pipeline

```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more test.c
#include <stdio.h>

int a = 10;
int b = 20;
int c;

int main()
{
    c = a + b;
    printf("C = %d\n", c);
}

choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -S -m32 test.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ 
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more test.s
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ .file "test.c"
.globl a
    .data
    .align 4
    .type a, @object
    .size a, 4
a:
    .long 10
.globl b
    .align 4
    .type b, @object
    .size b, 4
b:
    .long 20
    .section .rodata
.LC0:
    .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
    addl $15, %eax
    shr1 $4, %eax
    sall $4, %eax
    subl %eax, %esp
    movl b, %eax
    addl a, %eax
    movl %eax, c
    movl c, %eax
    movl %eax, 4(%esp)
    movl $.LC0, (%esp)
    call printf
    leave
    ret
    .size main, .-main
    .comm c,4,4
    .section .note.GNU-stack,"",@progbits
    .ident "GCC: (GNU) 3.4.6 (Ubuntu 3.4.6-6ubuntu5)"
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```

(without args option)

```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more test.c
#include <stdio.h>

int a = 10;
int b = 20;
int c;

int main()
{
    c = a + b;
    printf("C = %d\n", c);
}

choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -S -m32 -mno-accumulate-outgoing-args test.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ 
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more test.s
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ .file "test.c"
.globl a
    .data
    .align 4
    .type a, @object
    .size a, 4
a:
    .long 10
.globl b
    .align 4
    .type b, @object
    .size b, 4
b:
    .long 20
    .section .rodata
.LC0:
    .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
    addl $15, %eax
    shr1 $4, %eax
    sall $4, %eax
    subl %eax, %esp
    movl b, %eax
    addl a, %eax
    movl %eax, c
    subl $8, %esp
    pushl c
    pushl $.LC0
    call printf
    addl $16, %esp
    leave
    ret
    .size main, .-main
    .comm c,4,4
    .section .note.GNU-stack,"",@progbits
    .ident "GCC: (GNU) 3.4.6 (Ubuntu 3.4.6-6ubuntu5)"
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
```

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(with args option)

Appendix 2

■ Stack difference between different compilers

- ✓ Stack structure

```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4
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);
}

int main() {
    func1();
}
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_struct -m32 stack_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_struct
func2 local: 0xffb2bcb4, 0xffb2bcb0, 0xffb2bccac
    0xffb2bcb4    21
    0xffb2bcb0    22
    0xffb2bcc0    111
    y = 333
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ 
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -v
Using built-in specs.
Configured with: ../src/configure -v --with-pkgversion='Ubuntu 13.3.0-6ubuntu2~2
4.04' --with-bugurl=file:///usr/share/doc/gcc-13/README.Bugs --enable-languages=
c,ada,c++,go,d,fortran,objc,obj-c++,m2 --prefix=/usr --with-gcc-major-version-on
ly --program-suffix=-13 --program-prefix=x86_64-linux-gnu- --enable-shared --ena
ble-linker-build-id --libexecdir=/usr/libexec --without-included-gettext --enab
e-threads=posix --libdir=/usr/lib --enable-nls --enable-bootstrap --enable-cloca
le-gnu --enable-libstdcxx-debug --enable-libstdcxx-time=yes --with-default-libst
dcxx-abi=new --enable-libstdcxx-backtrace --enable-gnu-unique-object --disabl
e-table-verify --enable-plugin --enable-default-pie --with-system-zlib --enable-li
bphobos-checking=release --with-target-system-zlib=auto --enable-objc-gc=auto --
enable-multiarch --disable-error --enable-cet --with-arch-32=i686 --with-abi=m6
4 --with-multilib-list=m32,m64,mx32 --enable-multilib --with-tune=generic --enab
le-offload-targets=nvptx-none=/build/gcc-13-fG75Ri/gcc-13-13.3.0/debian/tmp-nvpt
x/usr,amdgcn-amdhsa=/build/gcc-13-fG75Ri/gcc-13-13.3.0/debian/tmp-gcn/usr --enab
le-offload-defaulted --without-cuda-driver --enable-checking=release --build=x86
_64-linux-gnu --host=x86_64-linux-gnu --target=x86_64-linux-gnu --with-build-con
fig=bootstrap-lto-lean --enable-link-serialization=2
Thread model: posix
Supported LTO compression algorithms: zlib zstd
gcc version 3.4.6 (Ubuntu 3.4.6-6ubuntu5)
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ 
```

(gcc 3.4.6)

```
choijm@embedded: ~/syspro/chap4
    ret_val = func2(111, 112);
}

int main() {
    func1();
}
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_struct -m32 stack_struct.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_struct
func2 local: 0xff861e20, 0xff861e24, 0xff861e28
    0xff861e20    21
    0xff861e1c   -7987672
    0xff861e2c  -1448266752
    y = 112
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ 
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -v
Using built-in specs.
COLLECT_GCC=gcc
COLLECT_LTO_WRAPPER=/usr/libexec/gcc/x86_64-linux-gnu/13/lto-wrapper
OFFLOAD_TARGET_NAMES=nvptx-none:amdgcn-amdhsa
OFFLOAD_TARGET_DEFAULT=1
Target: x86_64-linux-gnu
Configured with: ../src/configure -v --with-pkgversion='Ubuntu 13.3.0-6ubuntu2~2
4.04' --with-bugurl=file:///usr/share/doc/gcc-13/README.Bugs --enable-languages=
c,ada,c++,go,d,fortran,objc,obj-c++,m2 --prefix=/usr --with-gcc-major-version-on
ly --program-suffix=-13 --program-prefix=x86_64-linux-gnu- --enable-shared --ena
ble-linker-build-id --libexecdir=/usr/libexec --without-included-gettext --enab
e-threads=posix --libdir=/usr/lib --enable-nls --enable-bootstrap --enable-cloca
le-gnu --enable-libstdcxx-debug --enable-libstdcxx-time=yes --with-default-libst
dcxx-abi=new --enable-libstdcxx-backtrace --enable-gnu-unique-object --disabl
e-table-verify --enable-plugin --enable-default-pie --with-system-zlib --enable-li
bphobos-checking=release --with-target-system-zlib=auto --enable-objc-gc=auto --
enable-multiarch --disable-error --enable-cet --with-arch-32=i686 --with-abi=m6
4 --with-multilib-list=m32,m64,mx32 --enable-multilib --with-tune=generic --enab
le-offload-targets=nvptx-none=/build/gcc-13-fG75Ri/gcc-13-13.3.0/debian/tmp-nvpt
x/usr,amdgcn-amdhsa=/build/gcc-13-fG75Ri/gcc-13-13.3.0/debian/tmp-gcn/usr --enab
le-offload-defaulted --without-cuda-driver --enable-checking=release --build=x86
_64-linux-gnu --host=x86_64-linux-gnu --target=x86_64-linux-gnu --with-build-con
fig=bootstrap-lto-lean --enable-link-serialization=2
Thread model: posix
Supported LTO compression algorithms: zlib zstd
gcc version 13.3.0 (Ubuntu 13.3.0-6ubuntu2~24.04)
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ 
```

(gcc 13.3.0)



Appendix 2

■ Stack difference between different compilers

- ✓ Assembly code: stack guard and obfuscation

```
choijm@system02: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -S -m32 -fno-accumulate-outgoing-args stack_struct.c
choijm@system02:~/syspro/chap4$ more stack_struct.s
    .file   "stack_struct.c"
    .section .rodata
.LC0:
    .string "func2 local: %t$p, %t$p, %t$p\n"
.LC1:
    .string "%t$p %t$d\n"
.LC2:
    .string "%ty = %d\n"
    .text
.globl func2
    .type   func2, @function
func2:
    pushl   %ebp
    movl   %esp, %ebp
    subl   $24, %esp
    movl   $21, -4(%ebp)
    movl   $22, -8(%ebp)
    leal   -12(%ebp), %eax
    pushl   %eax
    leal   -8(%ebp), %eax
    pushl   %eax
    leal   -4(%ebp), %eax
    pushl   %eax
    pushl   $.LC0
    call   printf
    addl   $16, %esp
    leal   -4(%ebp), %eax
    movl   %eax, -12(%ebp)
    subl   $4, %esp
    movl   -12(%ebp), %eax
    pushl   (%eax)
    pushl   -12(%ebp)
    pushl   $.LC1
    call   printf
    addl   $16, %esp
    subl   $4, %esp
    movl   -12(%ebp), %eax
    subl   $4, %eax
    pushl   (%eax)
    movl   -12(%ebp), %eax
    subl   $4, %eax
    pushl   %eax
```

(gcc 3.4.6)

```
choijm@embedded: ~/syspro/chap4
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -S -m32 -fno-accumulate-outgoing-args stack_struct.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ more stack_struct.s
    .file   "stack_struct.c"
    .text
    .section .rodata
.LC0:
    .string "func2 local: %t$p, %t$p, %t$p\n"
.LC1:
    .string "%t$p %t$d\n"
.LC2:
    .string "%ty = %d\n"
    .text
.globl func2
    .type   func2, @function
func2:
.LFB0:
    .cfi_startproc
    pushl   %ebp
    .cfi_def_cfa_offset 8
    .cfi_offset %ebp, -8
    movl   %esp, %ebp
    .cfi_def_cfa_register 5
    pushl   %ebx
    subl   $20, %esp
    .cfi_offset 3, -12
    call   __x86.get_pc_thunk.bx
    addl   $GLOBAL_OFFSET_TABLE_, %ebx
    movl   %gs:20, %eax
    movl   %eax, -12(%ebp)
    xorl   %eax, %eax
    movl   $21, -24(%ebp)
    movl   $22, -20(%ebp)
    leal   -16(%ebp), %eax
    pushl   %eax
    leal   -20(%ebp), %eax
    pushl   %eax
    leal   -24(%ebp), %eax
    pushl   %eax
    leal   $.LC0@GOTOFF(%ebx), %eax
    pushl   %eax
    call   printf@PLT
    addl   $16, %esp
    leal   -24(%ebp), %eax
    movl   %eax, -16(%ebp)
```

(gcc 13.3.0)



Appendix 2

■ Stack destroy in gcc 13.3.0

- ✓ We can make use of options such as `-fno-stack-protector`, `-fno-omit-frame-pointer`, `-fno-pie`, `-no-pie`, and `-mpreferred-stack-boundary=2`

```
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ vi stack_destroy.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_destroy -m32 stack_destroy.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_destroy
Before invoke f2()
f2 local: 0xff972b74, 0xff972b78
In func2
After invoke f2()
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ vi stack_destroy.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_destroy -m32 stack_destroy.c
stack_destroy.c: In function 'f2':
stack_destroy.c:14:14: warning: assignment to 'int' from 'void (*)()' makes integer from pointer without a cast [-Wint-conversion]
  14 |     *(ptr+2) = f1;
   |             ^
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_destroy
Before invoke f2()
f2 local: 0xffffbcf74, 0xffffbcf78
In func2
In func1
Segmentation fault (core dumped)
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ vi stack_destroy.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_destroy -m32 stack_destroy.c
stack_destroy.c: In function 'f2':
stack_destroy.c:15:14: warning: assignment to 'int' from 'void (*)()' makes integer from pointer without a cast [-Wint-conversion]
  15 |     *(ptr+2) = f1;
   |             ^
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_destroy
Before invoke f2()
f2 local: 0xfffelec54, 0xfffelec50
In func2
In func1
After invoke f2()
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc --version
gcc (Ubuntu 13.3.0-6ubuntu2~24.04) 13.3.0
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warranty; not even for MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
```

(default in gcc 13.3.0)

```
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ vi stack_destroy.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_destroy -m32 -fno-stack-protector -fno-omit-frame-pointer -fno-pie -no-pie -mpreferred-stack-boundary=2 stack_destroy.c
stack_destroy.c: In function 'f2':
stack_destroy.c:14:14: warning: assignment to 'int' from 'void (*)()' makes integer from pointer without a cast [-Wint-conversion]
  14 |     *(ptr+2) = f1;
   |             ^
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_destroy
Before invoke f2()
f2 local: 0xff80db84, 0xff80db80
In func2
In func1
Segmentation fault (core dumped)
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ vi stack_destroy.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_destroy -m32 -fno-stack-protector -fno-omit-frame-pointer -fno-pie -no-pie -mpreferred-stack-boundary=2 stack_destroy.c
stack_destroy.c: In function 'f2':
stack_destroy.c:15:14: warning: assignment to 'int' from 'void (*)()' makes integer from pointer without a cast [-Wint-conversion]
  15 |     *(ptr+2) = f1;
   |             ^
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_destroy
Before invoke f2()
f2 local: 0xfffelec54, 0xfffelec50
In func2
In func1
After invoke f2()
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc --version
gcc (Ubuntu 13.3.0-6ubuntu2~24.04) 13.3.0
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```

(make use of options in gcc 13.3.0)

Appendix 2

■ Stack structure and assembly in gcc 13.3.0

- ✓ We can make use of options such as `-fno-stack-protector`, `-fno-omit-frame-pointer`, `-fno-pie`, `-no-pie`, and `-mpreferred-stack-boundary=2`

```
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc --version
gcc (Ubuntu 13.3.0-6ubuntu2~24.04) 13.3.0
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warranty; not even for MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ vi stack_struct.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_struct -m32 stack_struct.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_struct
func2 local: 0xffe90ab0, 0xffe90ab4, 0xffe90ab8
 0xffe90ab0    21
 0xffe90aac   -1504584
 0xffe90abc   1917765888
y = 112

choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -o stack_struct -m32 -fno-stack-protector -fno-omit-frame-pointer -fno-pie -no-pie -mpreferred-stack-boundary=2 stack_struct.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ ./stack_struct
func2 local: 0xffe41fe0, 0xffe41fdc, 0xffe41fd8
 0xffe41fe0    21
 0xffe41fdc    22
 0xffe41fec   111
y = 333

choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ cat stack_struct.c
/* 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: %p, %p, %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;
```

(revisit stack structure with options)

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choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ gcc -S -fno-stack-protector -fno-omit-frame-pointer -fno-pie -no-pie -mpreferred-stack-boundary=3 test.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap4$ cat test.s
.file "test.c"
.text
.globl a
.data
.align 4
.type a, @object
.size a, 4
a:
.long 10
.globl b
.align 4
.type b, @object
.size b, 4
b:
.long 20
.globl c
.bss
.align 4
.type c, @object
.size c, 4
c:
.zero 4
.section .rodata
.LCO:
.string "C = %d\n"
.text
.globl main
.type main, @function
main:
.LFB0:
.cfi_startproc
.endbr64
.pushq %rbp
.cfi_offset %rbp, -16
.movq %rsp, %rbp
.cfi_offset %rip, -16
.movl a(%rip), %edx
.movl b(%rip), %eax
.addl %edx, %eax
.movl %eax, c(%rip)
.movl c(%rip), %eax
.movl %eax, %esi
.movl $.LCO, %edi
.movl $0, %eax
.call printf
.movl $0, %eax
.popq %rbp
.cfi_offset %rip, 8
.ret
.cfi_endproc
.LFE0:
.size main, .-main
.ident "GCC: (Ubuntu 13.3.0-6ubuntu2~24.04) 13.3.0"
.section .note.GNU-stack,"",@progbits
```

(revisit assembly code with options)

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