

## Practice Problems: x86\_64 ASM

- 1.) In a post-penny world, many stores will want to round their prices to the nearest nickel. The C function below (left) uses a switch statement to do just that. On the right is the (incomplete) assembly generated by compiling with flags `-Og -no-pie -fno-PIC`.

<pre>long round_to_nickel(long cents) {     switch (cents) {         case 2: // round down by 2         case 7: // to either 0 or 5             cents -= 1;          case 1: // round down by 1         case 6: // to either 0 or 5             cents -= 1;             break;          case 3: // round up by 2         case 8: // to either 5 or 10             cents += 1;          case 4: // round up by 1         case 9: // to either 5 or 10             cents += 1;          default: // no rounding needed             break;     }     return cents; }</pre>	<pre>round_to_nickel:     cmpq \$9, %rdi     ja   .L8     jmp  *.L4(,%rdi,8) .L4:     .quad .L__     .quad .L__ .L5:     addq \$1, %rdi .L3:     leaq 1(%rdi), %rax     ret .L8:     movq %rdi, %rax     ret .L6:     subq \$1, %rdi .L7:     leaq -1(%rdi), %rax     ret</pre>
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a.) Fill in the missing labels in the jump table to so that the assembly implementation is correct.

b.) Is `jmp *.L4(,%rdi,8)` a direct or indirect jump?

2.) When the recursive C code on the left (the factorial function) is compiled with flags `-Og`, the (incomplete) assembly code on the right is generated by `gcc`:

<pre>long fact(long n) {     if (n &lt;= 1)         return 1;      return n * fact(n - 1); }</pre>	<pre>fact:     cmpq \$1, %rdi     jle .L3     pushq    %rbx     movq %rdi, %rbx     leaq -1(%rdi), %rdi     call fact     imulq    %rbx, %rax     _____     ret  .L3:     movq \$1, %rax     ret</pre>
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a.) What is the purpose of the instruction `pushq %rbx`?

b.) Complete the function by filling in the missing instruction.

c.) Within `gdb`, the command `disass fact` produced the following output:

<code>0x401106</code>	<code>&lt;fact+0&gt;:</code>	<code>endbr64</code>
<code>0x40110a</code>	<code>&lt;fact+4&gt;:</code>	<code>cmp    \$0x1,%rdi</code>
<code>0x40110e</code>	<code>&lt;fact+8&gt;:</code>	<code>jle    0x401123 &lt;fact+29&gt;</code>
<code>0x401110</code>	<code>&lt;fact+10&gt;:</code>	<code>push   %rbx</code>
<code>0x401111</code>	<code>&lt;fact+11&gt;:</code>	<code>mov    %rdi,%rbx</code>
<code>0x401114</code>	<code>&lt;fact+14&gt;:</code>	<code>leaq  -0x1(%rdi),%rdi</code>
<code>0x401118</code>	<code>&lt;fact+18&gt;:</code>	<code>call   0x401106 &lt;fact&gt;</code>
<code>0x40111d</code>	<code>&lt;fact+23&gt;:</code>	<code>imul   %rbx,%rax</code>
<code>0x401121</code>	<code>&lt;fact+27&gt;:</code>	<code>pop    %rbx</code>
<code>0x401122</code>	<code>&lt;fact+28&gt;:</code>	<code>ret</code>
<code>0x401123</code>	<code>&lt;fact+29&gt;:</code>	<code>mov    \$0x1,%eax</code>
<code>0x401128</code>	<code>&lt;fact+34&gt;:</code>	<code>ret</code>

Notes: using the standard C calling conventions, the first function argument is always stored in register `%rdi`, the second function argument in register `%rsi`, and the return value in register `%rax`.

Consider the function call `factorial(4)`.

Address `0x401123 <fact+29>` corresponds to the base case (if `n <= 1`). Fill in the register values and the stack diagram below with the appropriate values when the execution of `factorial` is about to return from the base case (as if `gdb` stopped at the breakpoint established using `break *0x401128`). Designate any values that are not known using a “?”

<code>0x7fffffffef578</code>	<code>0x40113b</code>	# ret address to caller
<code>0x7fffffffef570</code>	<code>0</code>	# initial value of <code>%rbx</code>
<code>0x7fffffffef568</code>		
<code>0x7fffffffef560</code>		
<code>0x7fffffffef558</code>		
<code>0x7fffffffef550</code>		
<code>0x7fffffffef548</code>		
<code>0x7fffffffef540</code>		
<code>0x7fffffffef538</code>		
<code>0x7fffffffef530</code>		
<code>0x7fffffffef528</code>		

*Registers:*

<code>%rdi</code>	
<code>%rbx</code>	
<code>%rax</code>	
<code>%rsp</code>	

d.) What assembly instruction will be executed next?

*Notes: using the standard C calling conventions, the first function argument is always stored in register `%rdi`, the second function argument in register `%rsi`, and the return value in register `%rax`.*

**3.) Arrays:** Consider the following C function that updates an array's contents:

```
void function(long *array, long i, long j)
{
    array[i+j] = array[i] + array[4] + 3;
}
```

The compiler has generated the following incomplete version of code for this function:

```
movq $3, %rcx                # tmp = 3
addq _____, %rcx        # tmp += array[4]
leaq _____, %r8         # %r8 = &array[i]
addq (%r8), %rcx            # tmp += array[i]
addq %rsi, %rdx             # calculate i+j
movq %rcx, _____       # array[i+j]= tmp
ret
```

Fill in the incomplete portions indicated by empty lines to complete the code.

*Notes: using the standard C calling conventions, the first function argument is always stored in register %rdi, the second function argument in register %rsi, and the return value in register %rax.*