

15-122: Principles of Imperative Computation

Recitation 20 Solutions

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What's wrong with this code?

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1 // We're returning the address of a local variable, so the value of x
2 // may change unexpectedly if another function's local variables are in the
3 // wrong place on the stack.
4 int *add_dumb(int a, int b) {
5     int x = a + b;
6     return &x;
7 }
```

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1 // A + i implicitly actually adds i * sizeof(int) to A. This is so that
2 // A[i] is the same as *(A + i).
3 // The loop upper bound should just be 10.
4 int main () {
5     int *A = xcalloc(10, sizeof(int));
6     for (int i = 0; i < 10 * sizeof(int); i++) {
7         *(A + i) = 0;
8     }
9     free(A);
10    return 0;
11 }
```

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1 // When we call a function we make a copy of the argument, so add_one is
2 // modifying its own copy and the copy in main is unchanged.
3 void add_one(int a) {
4     a = a + 1;
5 }
6 int main() {
7     int x = 1;
8     add_one(x);
9     printf("%d\n", x);
10    return 0;
11 }
```

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1 // "x = 1" assigns x to 1. In C, the expression evaluates to 1, since that's
2 // what we assigned x to. Any non-zero value is true, so we print out "woo\n"
3 int main() {
4     int x = 0;
5     if (x = 1) {
6         printf("woo\n");
7     }
8     return 0;
9 }
```

```
1 // s is not properly NUL-terminated, so when we print the string we have
2 // undefined behavior
3 int main() {
4     char s[] = {'a', 'b', 'c'};
5     printf("%s\n", s);
6     return 0;
7 }
```

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1 // strlen(y) doesn't count the null-terminator, so we copy at most 6 characters
2 // into x. Since malloc doesn't initialize memory to 0, this means that x
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3 // might not be NUL-terminated, and so trying to get the length of x is
4 // undefined behavior
5 int main () {
6     char *y = "hello!";
7     char *x = xmalloc(7 * sizeof(char));
8     strncpy(x, y, strlen(y));
9     printf("%zu\n", strlen(x));
10    free(x);
11    return 0;
12 }
```

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1 // We're freeing something we never malloc'd, which we should never do -- only
2 // free something you malloc'd. This gives undefined behavior as-is.
3 int foo(char *s) {
4     printf("The string is %s\n", s);
5     free(s);
6 }
7 int main() {
8     char *s = "hello";
9     foo(s);
10    return 0;
11 }
```