15213 Lecture 7: Procedures

1 Getting Started

To obtain a copy of todays activity, log into a shark machine and do the following:

1.\$ wget http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~213/activities/lec7.tar

- 2.\$ tar xf lec7.tar
- 3.\$ cd lec7

First run act6 in GDB and follow the instructions on your screen. After you finish with act6, run act7. You may refer to the sheet from the first GDB activity as a reference.

2 Discussion Questions: act6

Use GDB's command to progress through the activities. These questions accompany the program; as it poses each one, discuss with your partner and write your answer here.

Contents of the stack:



1. What was the meaning of the second number on the stack?

- 2. What are the semantics of the **ret** instruction?
- 3. Given your knowledge of the ret instruction, what must be the semantics of call?

- 4. Given your knowledge of the printf() function, what should the first argument be?
- 5. Where did arguments 7 and 8 go?

3 Discussion Questions: act7

- 6. What does getV(int) do?
- 7. What is this function doing?

4 Optional Endianness Preview

Rerun act6 with the m argument and continue to the point where you printed the stack before.

- 1. What do you expect the first two *bytes* of the stack to contain?
- 2. Check your hypothesis by running x/2xb. In what order are each integer's bytes stored?