CSE 351

INTRODUCTION & COURSE TOOLS
INTRODUCTION

- I graduated from UW with a Bachelor’s degree in computer engineering
- Currently am a 5th-year Masters student
- This is my 6th time as a TA for 351
- I run marathons, race triathlons, etc
WHY TAKE 351?

• Aside from it being a CSE requirement…
• The labs are fun
• You learn how computers work!
• Introduction to the C language, as well as x86_64 assembly
WORKING ENVIRONMENT

• You have three options
  • Install the CSE Home VM (Recommended)
  • If you have a CS account, you can use the lab machines (or remote into attu)
  • You can use your own personal computer running a Linux distribution (i.e. Ubuntu)
COURSE TOOLS

• Text editor
• GNU Compiler Collection (GCC)
• GNU Project Debugger (GDB)
• You can find all of these installed on the CSE Home VM
TEXT EDITOR

• This is a personal preference
• Try several, choose the one you like
• Command-line
  • Nano
  • Vim
  • Emacs
• Graphical
  • Gedit
  • Emacs
GCC

• This is a command-line utility that compiles your C files
• To create an executable program in C, there are two phases:
  • Compiling
  • Linking
• Compile: gcc -Wall -std=gnu99 -c main.c
  • This produces an object file called main.o
• Link: gcc main.o -o test
  • This produces an executable program called test
For this class, you will only be writing simple programs, so you can easily combine the compiling & linking phases

Compile & Link: gcc -Wall -std=gnu99 main.c -o test

This accomplishes the same thing as before in just one command
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    printf(“Hello World!\n”);
}

HELLO WORLD
TRY IT ON YOUR OWN

• If you have a laptop with you, download the following file: HelloWorld.c
• Navigate to the directory where it is located, compile it, and run it
TRY IT ON YOUR OWN

• Navigating to the directory:
  • The command `cd` can help
• Looking inside each directory:
  • Run the `ls` command
• Compiling the program:
  • `gcc HelloWorld.c -o hello`
• Running the program:
  • `./hello`
ABOUT `PRINTF()`

- Used for printing to the console
- You can’t just concatenate strings with variables like you can in Java
- Insert placeholders to print out variables
  - The placeholder depends on the type of the variable
  - "%d", signed int
  - "%u", unsigned int
  - "%f", float
  - "%s", string
  - "%x", hexadecimal int
  - "%p", pointer
PRINTF() EXAMPLES

• `printf("I am %d years old", 20)`
  • Prints “I am 20 years old”

• `printf("My name is %s", "Matt")`
  • Prints “My name is Matt”

• `printf("%d in hex is %x", 2827, 2827)`
  • Prints “2827 in hex is 0xb0b”
ANOTHER EXAMPLE

- Download the file: `calculator.c`
- Again, navigate to the file, compile it, and run it
  - Example usage: `./calculator 4 5 +`
When you don’t know how to use a particular shell command, you have several options.

One option is this site: http://google.com.

Another option is using the `man` command:

- `man 3 printf`
- This will give a detailed description of `printf()`
LAB 0 INTRODUCTION

• If you haven’t already downloaded it, go ahead and download Lab 0
• Open the arrays.c file in an editor and we will go through it as time permits