

ECE 220 Computer Systems & Programming

Lecture 19 – C to LC-3 with Linked List Data Structure



Recursive linked list traversal

Problem statement: Convert the following function from C to LC-3. This function recursively traverses a linked list and prints its content.

```
int print_list(node *head)
{
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    printf("%c", head->data);
    return print_list(head->next);
}
```

```
typedef struct tag
{
    char data;
    struct tag *next;
} node; */
```

Stack Build-up and Tear-down

Caller function

1. Caller setup (push callee's arguments onto stack)
2. Pass control to callee (JSR/JSRR)

Callee function

3. Callee setup (push bookkeeping info and local variables onto stack)
4. Execute function
5. Callee tear-down (update return value, pop local variables, caller's frame pointer and return address from stack)
6. Return to caller (RET)

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7. Caller tear-down (pop callee's return value and arguments from stack)

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```
1 ; data.asm
2
3 .ORIG x2000
4
5 .FILL x43
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7
8 .FILL x41
9 .FILL x2000
10
11 .FILL x46
12 .FILL x2002
13
14 .FILL x45
15 .FILL x0
16
17 .END
```

Main function: (print_list.asm)

```
        .ORIG x3000
MAIN
        LD R5, RSTACK
        LD R6, RSTACK

        LD R0, HEAD
        STR R0, R6, #0 ; push list head address to the stack

        JSR PRINT_LIST

        HALT

HEAD
        .FILL x2004

RSTACK
        .FILL x7000
```

PRINT_LIST

; Bookkeeping

ADD R6, R6, #-3 ; Space for bookkeeping

STR R7, R6, #1 ; Save return address

STR R5, R6, #0 ; Save prev. frame pointer

ADD R5, R6, #-1 ; Move frame pointer

; if (!head) return 0;

LDR R1, R5, #4 ; R1 <- head

BRz DONE ; if head is NULL

; printf("%c", head->data);

LDR R0, R5, #4

LDR R0, R0, #0

OUT

```
; print_list(head->next)
```

```
LDR R1, R1, #1 ; R1 <- head->next
```

```
ADD R6, R6, #-1 ; Push head->next as parameter
```

```
STR R1, R6, #0
```

```
JSR PRINT_LIST
```

```
; return
```

```
LDR R0, R6, #0 ; Load return value to R0
```

```
STR R0, R5, #3 ; Store return value from R0 to correct location
```

```
ADD R6, R6, #2
```

```
BR TEARDOWN
```

DONE

```
AND R0, R0, #0
```

```
STR R0, R5, #3
```

TEARDOWN

```
LDR R7, R5, #2 ; Restore R7
```

```
LDR R5, R5, #1 ; Restore R5
```

```
ADD R6, R6, #2 ; Pop stack
```

```
RET
```

```
.END
```

Data file: data.asm

```
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