CS 105 Lab 2a Playing with X86 Assembly

See Calendar for Exercise Date and Due Date

September 25, 2003

10h 48min

Introduction and Goals

The goal of this assignment is to do some basic investigation of the X86 architecture and assembly language.

Task - 1

Practice Problem 3.5

- Write a small main program that calls the shift routine and then create an object file. Look at the assembly language and determine
- what registers are used for the shift amounts.
- Use GDB and step your way through the execution.
- Submit ONLY the C source code with comments indicating how the shift amounts were set up.

Task - 2

Figure 3.8

- Change the example of Figure 3.8, pg 146 to be a C program called **main** with **x**,**y**,**z** having values **8**,**19**,**35**. Compile this to object code, saving the assembly language version in a file.
- Use GDB to walk the execution.
- Disassemble the object code and compare to the saved assembly language version.
- Submit ONLY the assembly language version with comments about any differences with the disassembled version.

Task - 3

Practice Problem 3.9

- Change the source to have initial values for **a** and **p**, and a program name of **main**.
- Compile and execute the program using GDB.
- Do step A from the book, again compiling and executing with GDB.
- Submit ONLY the assembly language version with the **goto** statements with comments discussing step **B**.