CS 2150 Exam 1, spring 2017

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Page 2: C++

1. [3 points] Give one reason why templates are so useful in C++

2. [3 points] How, if at all, would the implementations of void List::printList() and void printList(List& source) differ? If they would differ, then please explain why this difference is necessary.

3. [3 points] What is the difference between operator=() and the copy constructor? Briefly, when is each one called?

4. [3 points] Give a compelling situation where you would want to pass a pointer into a subroutine by reference.

Page 3: Lists

5. [3 points] In lab 1 you implemented a doubly linked list (each node had a pointer to its next and previous nodes). Imagine a singly linked list with only pointers to the next node in the list; the List object only has a pointer to the head of the list and not to the tail. Give one pro and one con to having this list instead.

6. [6 points] You can implement a list with either an array or a linked list. Give one pro and one con of each implementation. Note that you can't use the same reason twice! So if *A* is faster than *B*, you can't *also* say that *B* is slower than *A*.

	Advantage	Disadvantage
array		
linked list		

7. [3 points] Imagine that you were given two stacks, and *nothing else*. How might you implement a queue using just those two stacks? You only need to describe, briefly and in English, how you would handle enqueue() and dequeue().

Page 4: Numbers

8. [3 points] Convert the following 48-bit binary value, shown in big-Endian, to little-Endian hexadecimal: 0000 1101 1111 0000 0000 0110 0000 1101 0101 1100 0001

9. [3 points] What is the maximum and minimum value of a 24-bit two's complement signed integer? You may leave your answer as a (simple) equation.

10. [6 points] Convert -13.375 ($-13\frac{3}{8}$) into *little-Endian* IEEE 754 floating point notation.

Page 5: Miscellaneous

11. [3 points] Your code is segfaulting, and you are unsure which line of which function is causing this. Explain the process you would use in the debugger to find the offending function, line number, and reason.

12. [3 points] Explain the procedure, as well as the specific debugger commands, for acquiring the value of some variable x in hex using the debugger (either GDB or LLDB commands). Assume a 64-bit system, and that you know where x is in the code.

13. [3 points] When compiling source files with clang++, what function does the optional -g flag serve? What about the -o flag?

14. [3 points] Why is big-Theta better than big-Oh when analyzing run times?

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