

- Introduction to the course.
- Introduction to operating systems (Chapter 1).
- Note: The slides for the course can be accessed via blackboard.

It is quite early for an exercise session, you will learn a lot in the next months for answering the following question more properly. However, try to prepare for the exercise session on Thursday the following exercises from the textbook:

1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.10, 1.13, 1.14, 1.15, 1.16, 1.17, 1.18, 1.19, 1.21, 1.22, 1.24, 1.25

In addition you can start analysing the following C source code. Discuss what it does. An introduction to C will be given next week.

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#include "dm510_msgbox.h"
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

typedef struct _msg_t msg_t;

struct _msg_t{
    msg_t* previous;
    int length;
    char* message;
};

static msg_t *bottom = NULL;
static msg_t *top = NULL;

int dm510_msgbox_put( char *buffer, int length ) {
    msg_t* msg = malloc(sizeof(msg_t));
    msg->previous = NULL;
    msg->length = length;
    msg->message = malloc(length);
    memcpy(msg->message, buffer, length);

    if (bottom == NULL) {
        bottom = msg;
        top = msg;
    } else {
        /* not empty stack */
        msg->previous = bottom;
        bottom = msg;
    }
}
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msg->previous = top;
top = msg;
}
return 0;
}

int dm510_msgbox_get( char* buffer, int length ) {
if (top != NULL) {
msg_t* msg = top;
int mlength = msg->length;
top = msg->previous;

/* copy message */
memcpy(buffer, msg->message, mlength);

/* free memory */
free(msg->message);
free(msg);

return mlength;
}
return -1;
}

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
char *in = "This is a stupid message.";
char msg[50];
int msglen;

/* Send a message containing 'in' */
dm510_msgbox_put(in, strlen(in)+1);

/* Read a message */
msglen = dm510_msgbox_get(msg, 50);

return 0;
}
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