

Debug

The faulting instruction you observed in GDB should match the one you found in #3. Now that you have determined the faulting instruction, understood the purpose of the instruction, and walked through how the kernel initializes a user process, you are in a position to modify the kernel so that `do-nothing` runs correctly.

- 1 Modify the Pintos kernel so that `do-nothing` no longer crashes. Your change should be in the Pintos kernel, not the userspace program (`do-nothing.c`) or libraries in `proj-pregame/src/lib`. This should not involve extensive changes to the Pintos source code. Our staff solution solves this with a single-line change to `process.c`. Explain the change you made to Pintos and why it was necessary. After making this change, the `do-nothing` test should pass but all others will likely fail. *Note: It is okay if your change seems like a hack. You will implement a better fix in the user programs project.*
- 2 It is possible that your fix also works for the `stack-align-0` test, but there are solutions for `do-nothing` that do not. Take a look at the `stack-align-0` test. It behaves similarly to `do-nothing`, but it returns the value of `esp % 16`. Write down what this program should return (*Hint: this can be found in `stack-align-0.ck`*) as well as why this is the case. You may wish to review stack alignment from Discussion 0. Then modify your fix if necessary so that both `do-nothing` and `stack-align-0` pass.
- 3 Re-run GDB as before. Execute the `loadusersymbols` command, set a breakpoint at start, and continue, to skip directly to the beginning of userspace execution. Using the `disassemble` and `stepi` commands, execute the `do-nothing` program instruction by instruction until you reach the `int $0x30` instruction in `proj-pregame/src/lib/user/syscall.c`. At this point, print the top two words at the top of the stack by examining memory (*Hint: `x/2xw $esp`*) and copy the output.
- 4 The `int $0x30` instruction switches to kernel mode and pushes an interrupt stack frame onto the kernel stack for this process. Continue stepping through instruction-by-instruction until you reach `syscall_handler`. What are the values of `args[0]` and `args[1]`, and how do they relate to your answer to the previous question?

Now, you can continue stepping through Pintos. Having completed running `do-nothing`, Pintos will proceed to shut down because we provided the `-q` option on the kernel command line. You can

step through this in GDB if you're curious how Pintos shuts down.

Congratulations! You've walked through Pintos starting up, running a user program to completion, and shutting down, in GDB. Hopefully this guided exercise helped you get acquainted with Pintos.

Be sure to push your code to GitHub with the small change you made in order to make the `do-nothing` and `stack-align-0` tests pass. Check that the autograder gives you a full score on the coding portion.

Note: Your written answers will be graded by the readers, not by the autograder.
