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**Assignment 6**      CS2253 Fall 2021

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**Due Date: December 2, 2021 - 8:30 am**

**Purpose:** Questions on pointers and arrays

1. Write a C function `char* find_blank(char *start)` that will return a pointer to the first blank char in the string pointed to by `start`. Write a main program to test your function. Test the program with a variety of strings. Provide at least 4 tests. You may not use `[ ]` in your code.
2. Write a C function `void four_stars(char *start)` that will replace the the four character pointed to by `start` with `"****"`.
3.
  - a) Manually compile your function from question 2 into a LC3 subroutine. Don't forget the preamble to finish building the stack frame and the code before `RET` to start tearing it down. Also, don't forget to save and restore any registers that the caller doesn't expect to change ("callee save rule").
  - b) Draw the LC3 activation record for this function. No need to put any values, simply label each location.
4. Write a C function `void censor(char *start)` that will replace all 4 letter words in the string pointed to by `start` with `****`. You may assume that words are delimited by blank chars. The beginning and the end of strings are also delimiters. Use the functions written for question 1 and 2. You may not use `[ ]` in your code.

For example, the following code:

```
int main(){
    char myStr[50] = "this is a test for the last word in line";
    censor(myStr);
    printf("%s\n", myStr);
}
```

would yield:

```
**** is a **** for the **** **** in ****
```

**Submit your assignment:** Write up your assignment using a word processor and submit a pdf file, as well as a C source file with the code for questions 1,2,4.