CSCI 6461 - User Guide for Project Part III

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1. Introduction

This user guide explains how to operate the CSCI 6461 Simulator with full instruction set support as required for Part III. The simulator allows users to execute machine-level programs written in the C6461 Instruction Set Architecture, including memory operations, branching, arithmetic, TRAP handling, and I/O operations.

2. System Requirements

- Java JDK 8 or higher
- Any OS (Windows, macOS, Linux)
- A Java IDE (Eclipse, IntelliJ) or terminal access
- Provided files: Simulator.jar, load.txt/test2.txt

3. Running the Simulator

Option 1 - IDE:

- 1. Open the project in your IDE.
- 2. Run GUI.java.
- 3. Use the GUI buttons to load and execute the program.

Option 2 - Terminal:

- 1. Open a terminal and navigate to the folder containing Simulator.jar.
- 2. Run: java -jar Simulator.jar
- 3. The GUI will appear allowing file loading and execution.

4. Using the GUI

- Load: Browse and select a machine code file (e.g., test2.txt or load.txt).
- Run: Executes all instructions continuously until halted.
- Step: Executes one instruction at a time.
- Halt: Stops the simulator.
- Display: Observe the current values of all registers, cache, and memory.

5. Program 2 - Word Search in Paragraph

This program demonstrates:

- Reading six sentences using device ID 2 (file input).
- Outputting the paragraph using device ID 1.
- Accepting a search word from the keyboard (device 0).
- Searching all six sentences using TRR (test equality).
- Displaying the sentence and position of the first match using OUT.

The program uses LDX, LDR, IN, OUT, JZ, TRR, and JMA to control flow and I/O.

6. Program File Format (load.txt / test2.txt)

Each line has:

[OCTAL ADDRESS] [OCTAL INSTRUCTION]

Example:

000150 104202 ; LDX 1, 200

000151 102102 ; IN R0, 2

...

Ensure no blank lines or invalid octal formatting.

7. Debugging and Tips

- Use the Step function to trace instruction-by-instruction behavior.
- Console output prints decoded instructions, register updates, and memory accesses.
- If nothing happens, check your input device IDs or file formatting.

8. Conclusion

This guide ensures you can run the simulator effectively and validate the execution of Program 2 under Part III specifications. For any additional diagnostics, enable debug print statements inside Control.java.