

Laboratory 7

Title of the Laboratory Exercise: String manipulation

1. Introduction and Purpose of Experiment

Students will be able to perform all string manipulations in assembly language

2. Aim and Objectives

Aim

To develop assembly language program to perform all string operations like inserting a byte, deleting a byte and copying a string as a sub-string

Objectives

At the end of this lab, the student will be able to

- Identify instructions for performing string manipulation
- Use indexed addressing mode
- Apply looping instructions in assembly language
- Use data segment to represent arrays

3. Experimental Procedure

1. Write algorithm to solve the given problem
2. Translate the algorithm to assembly language code
3. Run the assembly code in GNU assembler
4. Create a laboratory report documenting the work

4. Questions

Develop an assembly language program to perform the following

1. Copy the contents of MSG1 to MSG2
2. Copy the contents of MSG1 to MSG3 in reverse order

3. Develop an assembly language program to compare two strings and print a message "Equal" if they are equal, "Not Equal" if they are not equal.
5. Calculations/Computations/Algorithms

```
.section .data
    value1:
        .ascii "hii welcome"

.section .bss
    .lcomm output,12

.section .text
.globl _start
_start:
    nop
    leal value1,%esi
    leal output,%edi

    movl $0,%ecx
loop1:
    movsb
    addl $1,%ecx
    cmpl $12,%ecx
    jne loop1

exit:
    movl $1,%eax
    movl $0,%ebx
    int $0x80
```

Figure 1: Copy the contents of MSG1 to MSG2

```
.section .data
    string1:
        .asciz "john"
    string2:
        .asciz "john"
    true:
        .asciz "equal"
    false:
        .asciz "not equal"

.section .text
.globl _start
_start:
    nop
    leal string1,%esi
    leal string2,%edi
    cld
    cmpsl
    je loop1
    movl $false,%ebx
    je exit

loop1:
    movl $true,%ebx
    je exit

exit:
    movl $1,%eax
    movl $0,%ebx
    int $0x80
```

Figure 2: program to compare two strings

```
.section .data
    value1:
        .ascii "hik"

.section .bss
    .lcomm output,2

.section .text
.globl _start
_start:
    nop
    movl $value1+2,%esi
    leal output,%edi

    movl $0,%ecx
loop1:
    movsb
    subl $2,%esi
    addl $1,%ecx
    cmpl $4,%ecx
    jne loop1

exit:
    movl $1,%eax
    movl $0,%ebx
    int $0x80
```

Figure 3: Copy the contents of MSG1 to MSG3 in reverse order

6. Presentation of Results

```
Reading symbols from lab71...done.
(gdb) b 22
Breakpoint 1 at 0x4000cd: file lab71.s, line 22.
(gdb) r
Starting program: /home/micromind/kaushal/lab71

Breakpoint 1, exit () at lab71.s:24
24          movl $1,%eax
(gdb) p (char[11])output
$1 = "hii welcome"
(gdb) █
```

Figure 4: results of fig 1

```
Reading symbols from lab72...done.
(gdb) b 26
Breakpoint 1 at 0x4000d1: file lab72.s, line 26.
(gdb) r
Starting program: /home/micromind/kaushal/lab72

Breakpoint 1, exit () at lab72.s:29
29          movl $1,%eax
(gdb) x/s $ebx
0x6000e7:      "equal"
(gdb) █
```

Figure 5: results for figure 2

```
Reading symbols from lab73...done.
(gdb) b 22
Breakpoint 1 at 0x4000ce: file lab73.s, line 22.
(gdb) r
Starting program: /home/micromind/kaushal/lab73

Breakpoint 1, exit () at lab73.s:25
25          movl $1,%eax
(gdb) p (char[3])output
$1 = "kih"
(gdb) █
```

Figure 6: output for figure 3

7. Analysis and Discussions:-

we have learned the following commands in string operation's lab.

Solaris Mnemonic	Intel/AMD Mnemonic	Description	Notes
<code>cmps{q}</code>	CMPS	compare string	<code>cmpsq</code> valid only under - xarch=amd64
<code>cmpsb</code>	CMPSB	compare byte string	
<code>cmpsl</code>	CMPSD	compare doubleword string	
<code>cmpsw</code>	CMPSW	compare word string	
<code>lodsq{q}</code>	LODS	load string	<code>lodsq</code> valid only under - xarch=amd64
<code>lodsrb</code>	LODSB	load byte string	
<code>lodsl</code>	LODSD	load doubleword string	
<code>lodsw</code>	LODSW	load word string	
<code>movsq{q}</code>	MOVS	move string	<code>movsq</code> valid only under - xarch=amd64
<code>movsb</code>	MOVSB	move byte string	<code>movsb</code> is not <code>movsb{wlq}</code> . See Table 3-1
<code>movsl, smovl</code>	MOVSD	move doubleword string	
<code>movsw, smovw</code>	MOVSW	move word string	<code>movsw</code> is not <code>movsw{lq}</code> . See Table 3-1
<code>rep</code>	REP	repeat while <code>%ecx</code> not zero	
<code>repnz</code>	REPNE	repeat while not equal	

Solaris Mnemonic	Intel/AMD Mnemonic	Description	Notes
repnz	REPZ	repeat while not zero	
repz	REPE	repeat while equal	
repz	REPZ	repeat while zero	
scas{q}	SCAS	scan string	scasq valid only under - xarch=amd64
scasb	SCASB	scan byte string	
scasl	SCASD	scan doubleword string	
scasw	SCASW	scan word string	
stos{q}	STOS	store string	stosq valid only under - xarch=amd64
stosb	STOSB	store byte string	
stosl	STOSD	store doubleword string	
stosw	STOSW	store word string	

8. Conclusions :

successfully developed assembly language programs to perform all string operations like inserting a byte, deleting a byte and copying a string as a sub-string

Signature and date

Marks

