

The purpose of this program is to understand the division method for converting decimal numbers (base 10) to hexadecimal numbers (base 16). This method is implemented in C. The program in C is then used as a guideline to write the same program in assembly language. In this program, the decimal number "21602" is converted to its hexadecimal form "5462".

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All variables are made to be global to increase efficiency and to make it easier to translate into assembly code.

C source code written to file lab.c

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
char decimalNumber[] = "21602";
#define numberOfDecDigits (sizeof(decimalNumber)-1)
int i; //index
int decimal; //int form of number stored in char decimalNumber
int numHexDigits; //number of hexadecimal digits
char hexDigits[numberOfDecDigits];
int temp; int decDigit; int hexDigit;
char hexarray[] = "0123456789ABCDEF";
```

ASM source code written to file lab.s

```
.data
    decimalNumber: .string "21602"
    .equ numberOfDecDigits, (. - decimalNumber - 1);
    hexarray: .ascii "0123456789ABCDEF"

.bss
    .lcomm i, 4
    .lcomm numHexDigits, 4
    .lcomm hexDigits, 4
    .lcomm temp, 4
    .lcomm decDigit, 4
    .lcomm hexDigit, 4
```

All arrays in the C program: decimalNumber, hexDigits, hexarray, are initialized and hence put in the .data section of the ASM program and defined as string arrays. decimalNumber contains the decimal number that must be converted. The program has not hardcoded this number. The define variable which determines the size of the decimalNumber array, excluding the null memory location (hence -1) is stored using .equ in the ASM program as a symbolic constant. Using the memory allocation locator, we are able to replicate this line of C code. The integer variables are all uninitialized and hence put in the .bss section. The final answer will be stored in the array hexDigits.

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This is the exit function in C and the exit procedure in ASM that will terminate the program.

C source code appended to file lab.c

```
void bye()  
{  
    exit(0);  
}
```

ASM source code appended to file lab.s

```
bye: #procedure 1  
    mov $1, %eax  
    mov $0, %ebx  
    int $0x80  
    ret
```

- The C program contains the exit function "exit(0);"
- The same function in ASM takes three lines. For this lab, I have created a procedure called bye which matches the name of the exiting function in C.
- The literal value 1 is stored in the eax register
- The literal value 0 is moved to the ebx register

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This is the function which will be called in the accumulating function to convert the char array storing the decimal number into an integer.

C source code appended to file lab.c

```
void getdecimalDigit()  
{  
    decDigit = decimalNumber[i] - '0';  
    return;  
}
```

ASM source code appended to file lab.s

```
getdecimalDigit: #procedure 2  
    mov $decimalNumber , %edi  
    mov i , %ecx  
    movb (%edi,%ecx,1), %ebx  
    sub $'0', %ebx  
    mov %ebx,decDigit  
    ret
```

Essentially, the decimal integer value is stored in decDigit by subtracting the ascii value of 0 from the ascii elements in the decimalNumber array. The dollar sign is equal to `&` in C code. This allows us to dereference a memory location. The register edi used for string procedures. The ecx register was used because ecx used for loops commonly. The array that is located in edi, takes index from ecx. Each element is 1 byte long. `()` dereferences the memory location. The b in movb moves and subtracts one byte.

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This is the function which will be called in the while loop which converts the decimal integer to a hexadecimal value.

C source code appended to file lab.c

```
void gethexDigit()  
{  
    hexDigit = decimal % 16; //gives position  
    decimal /= 16;  
    return;  
}
```

ASM source code appended to file lab.s

```
gethexDigit: #procedure 3  
    mov decimal, %eax  
    mov  
    idivl $16  
    mov %edx, hexDigit  
    mov %eax, decimal  
    ret
```

The gethexDigit function and procedure is used to calculate and retrieve the hexadecimal value positions and store them in hexDigit. hexDigit is later used as an index for the hexarray to retrieve the corresponding hexadecimal values. In the ASM code, the register eax holds the quotient, in this case decimal. idivl corresponds to the decimal /= 16 line in C. As per the division algorithm, we divide the

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This is the function which will be called in the main function which will accumulate the decimal number from the char array and place it in the integer variable decimal.

ASM source code appended to file lab.s

C source code appended to file lab.c

```
void accumulateDecimalNumber()
{
    decimal = 0;
    i = 0;
    adnwhileLoop:
        getdecimalDigit();
        decimal *= 10;
        decimal += decDigit;
        if(i >= numberOfDecDigits-1) //start
        {
            goto adnendwhileLoop;
        }
        i++;
        goto adnwhileLoop;
    adnendwhileLoop:
```

- All comments go here

```
accumulateDecimalNumber: #procedure
    mov $0 , decimal
    mov $0, i
    adnwhileLoop:
        call getdecimalDigit
        mov decimal, %eax #stores decimal
        imul $10 #multiply by 10
        addl decDigit, %eax #adds decDigit
        mov numberOfDecDigits, %ebx
        dec %ebx
        cmp i,%ebx
        jle adnendwhileLoop
        inc i
        jmp adnwhileLoop
    adnendwhileLoop:
    ret
```

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This is the function which will calculate the number of hexadecimal digits required for this conversion.

C source code appended to file lab.c

```
void numberOfHexDigits()  
    temp = decimal;  
    numHexDigits = 0;  
    nhdwhileLoop:  
    numHexDigits++;  
    if(temp == 0)  
    {  
        goto endwhileLoop;  
    }  
    temp = temp/16;  
    goto nhdwhileLoop;  
endwhileLoop:  
    return;
```

- All comments go here

ASM source code appended to file lab.s

```
numberOfHexDigits: #procedure 5  
    mov decimal, %eax  
    mov $0, numHexDigits  
    nhdwhileLoop:  
    inc numHexDigits  
    cmp $0, %eax #eax is temp  
    je endwhileLoop  
    mov $0, %edx  
    idiv $16  
    jmp nhdwhileLoop  
endwhileLoop:  
    ret
```

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This is the function which will calculate the number of hexadecimal digits required for this conversion.

C source code appended to file lab.c

```
void convertDectoHex()
{
    numHexDigits = 0;
    numberOfHexDigits();
    i = numHexDigits-1;
d2hwhileLoop:
    gethexDigit();
    hexDigits[i] = hexarray[hexDigit];
    if(i <= 0)
    {
        goto d2hendwhileloop;
    }
    i--;
    goto d2hwhileLoop;
d2hendwhileloop:
    return;
```

- All comments go here

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```
convertDectoHex: #procedure 6
    mov $0, numHexDigits
    call numberOfHexDigits
    mov numHexDigits, %eax
    sub $1, %eax
d2hwhileLoop:
    call gethexDigit
    mov hexDigit, %ebx #line 69
    mov $hexarray, %esi #stores string
    mov i, %ecx
    mov $hexDigits, %edi #line 69 (d
    cmp $0, %eax
    jle d2hendwhileloop
    dec i
    jmp d2hwhileLoop
d2hendwhileloop:
```


Build script

Text written to file build.sh

```
| doctex lab  
| pptexenv latex lab  
| dvipdf lab  
| gcc lab.c -o labc -lm  
| #gdb -quiet ./labc
```

Bourne Shell

```
| chmod +x build.sh
```