

# Computer Systems Fundamentals

[i love mips.c](#)

print a string in C

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void) {
    printf("%s", "I love MIPS\n");

    return 0;
}
```

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print a string in MIPS assembly

```
main:
    la    $a0, string    # ... pass address of string as argument
    li    $v0, 4          # ... 4 is printf "%s" syscall number
    syscall

    # return 0
    li    $v0, 0
    jr    $ra

.data
string:
    .asciiz "I love MIPS\n"
```

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print a string in MIPS assembly

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Note: in this program, comments that are preceded by two # characters are what we would expect to see in submitted labs and assignments comments that are preceded by one # character are additional information for lectures and revision

Constant for the magic number of the print string syscall

```

SYSCALL PRINT STRING = 4 # As defined by the MIPSY ABI (application binary interface)

## Constant for the return value of the main function
EXIT SUCCESS = 0 # In C, this is defined in `stdlib.h`

# Define some data
# Everything after the `.data` directive until the next `.text` directive is "data" and not "code"
.data
    string: .asciiz "I love MIPS\n"
# `string` is a label, it is a name that can be used to refer to the address of the data (a pointer)
# The `.asciiz` directive is used to define a null-terminated string (just like "double quotes" in C)
# we can also use the `.ascii` directive and manually add a null byte at the end of the string (e.g. `.ascii
"I love MIPS\n\0")

# Define some "text"
# "text" is the executable code of the program
# Everything after the `.text` directive until the next `.data` directive is "code" and not "data"
# There is also a implicit `.text` directive at the beginning of the program so everything before the first
`.data` directive is "code" and not "data"
.text
# The `.globl` directive is used to define a global symbol, this isn't necessary for MIPSY
# but you might see it in other MIPS assembly programs
# (why is the word "global" spelled with an "a"? who knows?)
.globl main
# `main` is a label (just like `string`), it is a name that can be used to refer to this address
# but instead of referring to the address of some data, it refers to the address of some code (a function)
# this means that a function is just a pointer
# Just like in C, all MIPS assembly programs must have a `main` function
# the `main` function is the entry point of the program
# so the first line of code executed by the program is the first line of the `main` function
main:
    ## printf("%s", "I love MIPS\n")
    la    $a0, string ## pass address of string "I love MIPS\n" as first (and only)
argument
    li    $v0, SYSCALL PRINT STRING ## magic number for the print string syscall (_printf("%s").)
    syscall

# the `LA` instruction is used to load an *address*
# this means that the operand is a label, or a memory location (pointer)

# the `LI` instruction is used to load an *immediate*
# an immediate is a fancy word for a constant value, like a number (6, 0, -42, etc.) or a character
('a', ' ', '\n', etc.)
# immediates can also be binary numbers (0b1010, 0b1111, etc.), octal numbers (0o123, 0o777, etc.),
and hexadecimal numbers (0x123, 0xABC, etc.)
# immediates can also be constants defined earlier in the program (e.g. `SYSCALL PRINT STRING` as
this is equivalent to the number 4)

    ## return 0
    li    $v0, EXIT SUCCESS
    jr    $ra

# the `JR` instruction the `return` part
# The value of the register `$v0` is the return value of the function

```

[add.c](#)

add 17 and 25 then print the result

```

#include <stdio.h>

int main(void) {
    int x = 17;
    int y = 25;

    printf("%d\n", x + y);

    return 0;
}

```

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add 17 and 25 then print the result

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void) {
    int x, y, z;

    x = 17;
    y = 25;

    z = x + y;

    printf("%d", z);
    printf("%c", '\n');

    return 0;
}
```

[add.s](#)

add 17 and 25 then print the result

```
main:
    # x in $t0
    # y in $t1
    # z in $t2

    li    $t0, 17      # x = 17;
    li    $t1, 25      # y = 25;

    add   $t2, $t1, $t0 # z = x + y

    move  $a0, $t2      # printf("%d", z);
    li    $v0, 1
    syscall

    li    $a0, '\n'     # printf("%c", '\n');
    li    $v0, 11
    syscall

    li    $v0, 0        # return 0
    jr    $ra
```

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add 17 and 25 then print the result

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Constant for the magic number of the print integer syscall

```

SYSCALL PRINT INT  = 1
# Constant for the magic number of the print character syscall
SYSCALL PRINT CHAR = 11

# Constant for the return value of the main function
EXIT SUCCESS      = 0

.text
.globl main
main:
    # x in $t0
    # y in $t1
    # z in $t2

    li    $t0, 17          # x = 17
    li    $t1, 25          # y = 25

    add   $t2, $t1, $t0     # z = x + y

    # printf("%d", z);
    move  $a0, $t2         # move the result of the addition into the first argument to the
# syscall, if we are copying the contents of one register to another register we use MOVE
    li    $v0, SYSCALL_PRINT_INT # magic number for the print int syscall (_printf("%d")_)
    syscall

    # printf("%c", '\n');
    li    $a0, '\n'        # load the newline character as the first argument to the syscall,
# as a character is an immediate value we use LI
    li    $v0, SYSCALL_PRINT_CHAR # magic number for the print char syscall (_printf("%c")_)
    syscall

    # return 0
    li    $v0, EXIT_SUCCESS
    jr    $ra

```

[hello\\_world.s](#)

Print hello world in MIPS.

```

.text
main:

    li    $v0, 4           # syscall 4: print string
    la    $a0, hello_world_msg #
    syscall                # printf("Hello world\n");

    li    $v0, 0
    jr    $ra              # return 0;

.data

hello_world_msg:
    .asciiz "Hello world\n"

```

[math.c](#)

Perform some basic arithmetic.

```

#include <stdio.h>

int main(void) {
    int x = 17;
    int y = 25;

    printf("%d\n", 2 * (x + y));

    return 0;
}

```

[math.simple.c](#)

Perform some basic arithmetic.

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void) {
    int x = 17;
    int y = 25;

    int z = x + y;
    z = 2 * z;

    printf("%d", z);
    putchar('\n');

    return 0;
}
```

[math.s](#)

Do some basic arithmetic in MIPS.

```
main:
    # Locals:
    # - $t0: int x
    # - $t1: int y
    # - $t2: int z

    li    $t0, 17        # int x = 17;
    li    $t1, 25        # int y = 25;

    add   $t2, $t0, $t1   # int z = x + y;
    mul   $t2, $t2, 2     # z = z * 2;

    li    $v0, 1          # syscall 1: print int
    move  $a0, $t2         #
    syscall               # printf("%d", z);

    li    $v0, 11         # syscall 11: print char
    li    $a0, '\n'       #
    syscall               # putchar('\n');

    li    $v0, 0
    jr    $ra             # return 0;
```

[math.fewer\\_registers.s](#)

Do some basic arithmetic in MIPS, but with one less register.

```
main:
    # Locals:
    # - $t0: int x
    # - $t1: int y

    li    $t0, 17        # int x = 17;
    li    $t1, 25        # int y = 25;

    li    $v0, 1          # syscall 1: print int
    add   $a0, $t0, $t1   # (x + y)
    mul   $a0, $a0, 2     # * 2
    syscall               # printf("%d", 2 * (x + y));

    li    $v0, 11         # syscall 11: print char
    li    $a0, '\n'       #
    syscall               # putchar('\n');

    li    $v0, 0
    jr    $ra             # return 0;
```

[square\\_and\\_add.c](#)

Square two numbers and sum their squares.

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void) {
    int a, b;

    printf("Enter a number: ");
    scanf("%d", &a);

    printf("Enter another number: ");
    scanf("%d", &b);

    printf("The sum of the squares of %d and %d is %d\n", a, b, a*a + b*b);

    return 0;
}
```

[square\\_and\\_add.simple.c](#)

Square two numbers and sum their squares.

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void) {
    int a, b;

    printf("Enter a number: ");
    scanf("%d", &a);

    printf("Enter another number: ");
    scanf("%d", &b);

    printf("The sum of the squares of ");
    printf("%d", a);
    printf(" and ");
    printf("%d", b);
    printf(" is ");

    a = a * a;
    b = b * b;
    printf("%d", a + b);
    putchar('\n');

    return 0;
}
```

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Square and add two numbers and print the result.

```

    .text
main:
    # Locals:
    # - $t0: int a
    # - $t1: int b

    li    $v0, 4          # syscall 4: print string
    la    $a0, prompt1_msg
    syscall

    li    $v0, 5          # syscall 5: read int
    syscall
    move  $t0, $v0        # scanf("%d", &a);

    li    $v0, 4          # syscall 4: print string
    la    $a0, prompt2_msg
    syscall
    # printf("Enter another number: ");

    li    $v0, 5          # syscall 5: read int
    syscall
    move  $t1, $v0        # scanf("%d", &b);

    li    $v0, 4          # syscall 4: print string
    la    $a0, result_msg_1
    syscall
    # printf("The sum of the squares of ");

    li    $v0, 1          # syscall 1: print int
    move  $a0, $t0
    syscall
    # printf("%d", a);

    li    $v0, 4          # syscall 4: print string
    la    $a0, result_msg_2
    syscall
    # printf(" and ");

    li    $v0, 1          # syscall 1: print int
    move  $a0, $t1
    syscall
    # printf("%d", b);

    li    $v0, 4          # syscall 4: print string
    la    $a0, result_msg_3
    syscall
    # printf(" is ");

    mul   $t0, $t0, $t0   # a = a * a;
    mul   $t1, $t1, $t1   # b = b * b;

    li    $v0, 1          # syscall 1: print int
    add   $a0, $t0, $t1
    syscall
    # printf("%d", a + b);

    li    $v0, 11         # syscall 11: print char
    la    $a0, '\n'
    syscall
    # putchar('\n');

    li    $v0, 0
    jr    $ra             # return 0;

    .data
prompt1_msg:
    .ascii "Enter a number: "
prompt2_msg:
    .ascii "Enter another number: "
result_msg_1:
    .ascii "The sum of the squares of "
result_msg_2:
    .ascii " and "
result_msg_3:
    .ascii " is "

```

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