Week 22/24 Assessed Coursework

C/DEBUGGING

Deadline Friday Week 24 (Friday, 19 May 2023, 16:00)

In week 20, you were introduced on the task of implementing a C function which translates MIPS assembly code into bytecode. You task for the SCC.150 week-24 coursework is to implement the <code>exec_bytecode</code> function, and implement a MIPS CPU emulator. The function should read the bytecode generated by the <code>make_bytecode</code> function and stored in the integer array text. Your program should unmarshal 32-bit instructions and modify appropriately the state of the registers contained in the <code>registers</code> integer array, the <code>pc</code> global variable and the global <code>data</code> array. Your implementation should support the following instructions:

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NOP - no operation, ADD - addition, LUI – load upper immediate, ADDI – addition immediate,
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ANDI - bitwise immediate and, SRL - shift right logical, SLL - shift left logical,

BNE - branch on not equal, LW - Load word, SW - Store word,

LHU - Load half-word unsigned, SH - Store half-word

Your implementation should manipulate the pc register value and emulate addresses in the text memory area (0x00400000 - 0x1001000, start from address 0x00400000) and should provide a way to terminate the execution of a program (e.g. nop instruction). Furthermore, you should emulate a simple global memory region by emulating memory area starting at address 0x1001000 using the array data and store information in big-endianness.

Important notes:

- Marks will be awarded only for the exec_bytecode function implementation and any new functions that you will define/implement to improve code readability.
- You should use the update template, which can be found at
 https://modules.lancaster.ac.uk/pluginfile.php/3150453/mod_label/intro/scc150_template_week24.zip?time=1682314742407 to implement your solution, which contains a correct implementation of the make bytecode code.

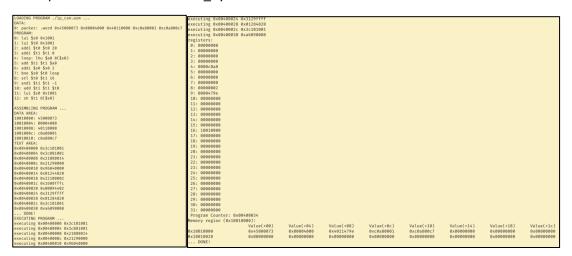


Figure 1 Output of the MIPS emulator when running the IP checksum calculator.

Marking Scheme

Aspect	Weighting
Functionality	65%
Code elegance, clarity, organization	30%
Self-marking	5%

Functionality

A+	The emulator executes correctly complex MIPS programs, pc register holds realistic
	text area addresses, support for half-word data access (Lhu, sh).
Α	All functionality in B plus support for branch (bne) and word-wise data access (Lw, sw)
	instructions parsing and execution, registers are handled correctly in all cases, there is
	a method to terminate the program (e.g. <i>nop</i>).
В	All functionality in C plus support for R-type instructions parsing and execution (addi,
	andi, Lui).
С	All functionality in D plus support for R-type instructions parsing and execution (add,
	srl, sll).
D	Program is read from the int array, a loop is implemented to execute the program
	(program counter is used), code is executed based on instruction opcode and func
	fields. A single instruction is implemented.

^(*) This is an example of a marking scenario and marks are awarded proportionally for each functionality. If your code <u>only</u> implements the *Lui*, *addi* and *andi* instructions, then you will get a D. Marking will test implementation correctness for each instruction independently.

Comments/clarity/organization

Α	Clear structure (and helpful comments) about variable use. Well commented
	throughout. Spaced and organised for clarity. Appropriate use of function to organize
	code.
В	Good use of comments. Reasonable organisation, can follow program reasonably well.
	Variable use is sensible.
С	Sparse or sometimes unhelpful comments. Some consistency in use of variables.
D	No comments. Difficult to read code.

Self-marking

Α	Clear and concise, functionality is accurate, comments reflect marking criteria
В	List of mostly accurate grades, comments are there but not entirely clear or
	unnecessarily long, or functionality grade is slightly off
С	Just a list of grades, mostly accurate (or close) but no explanation
D	Just a list of grades, inaccurate