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## **EXERCISE**

In this lab you have to explain, each register(floating, vo-v9) and their purpose, each segment, (.code,.text,.main,. .global) and their purpose.

## **REGISTERS:**

- 1. \$v0-\$v1: Used to define syscall code, and to return values from a function.
- 2. \$a0-\$a3: Used to pass arguments to syscalls and user-defined functions.
- 3. **\$t0-\$t9**: Temporary registers that are used for various purposes such as, arithmetic and logical purpose. The values of these registers are not saved between function calls.
- 4. \$s0-\$s7: Saved registers also used for various purposes such as, arithmetic and logical purpose. The values of these registers are saved between function calls.
- 5. **\$ra**: It is used to store the return address for a function to return back to.
- 6. **\$sp**: It is the stack pointer and used for storing various values in a stack.
- 7. **\$f4-\$f11**: Floating-point registers that are also used for various purposes.
- 8. **\$f12**: Used for passing floating point argument to syscalls for printing.

## **SEGMENTS:**

- 1. .data: Used for declaration of all the variables that the program will use.
- 2. .text: Used for writing all the instructions of the program.
- 3. **.globl**: If you're working with multiple files, by specifying .globl with functions, you can reference those functions in other files.
- 4. **main**: The program execution begins from the main label.