Lab 4

READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU START THE LAB.

This lab is due on Sunday, March 22, 2020.

Lab must be submitted electronically to iLearn on https://ilearn.csumb.edu by 11:55 p.m. on the due date. Late lab assignments will not be accepted.

Lab submission must contain all files zipped/compressed into a single folder. Any other formats will not be accepted. The naming convention of the file should be Lab4_lastname. Put your names in the documents as well.

This lab is worth 15 points.

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1. Getting Started with MARS

We will use the MARS (MIPS Assembler and Runtime Simulator) to practice MIPS assembly.

Download MARS

You can download MARS from the site below:

MARS MIPS simulator

<u>Tutorials</u>

Quasar Distant has put together a ton of tutorials to take you through the various layers of MIPS programming in MARS. It would be good for you to go through at least the first 3-4 and then select the ones you want to watch to learn more.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5Foo6mmW0I&list=PL5b07qImA3P6zUdDf-o97ddfpvPFuNa5A

Additional Resources

- MIPS architecture and assembly language
 - Information on the structure of the language
- MIPS instruction set
 - Each instruction and its breakdown including the binary representation
- MIPS assembly introduction (MARS)
 - SEPPT Somebody Else's PowerPoint This is a good slide by slide intro to MIPS. Go through it and see how much you are grasping.
- Additional MIPS Documents
 - Additional information can be found here. These are documents coming from other sources on the web.

- MIPS Macros
 - Macros for MIPS can help simplify your assembly

MIPS Green Sheet

The MIPS green sheet is a quick reference that you will want to download. Use this for register addressing, commands, etc...

2. Lab Instructions

In this lab you will create a "Mad Libs" style program. The program will read in four (4) or more values from the user and insert those values into a story. At least one of the values must be a string and one of the values must be an integer.

Not familiar with Mad Libs - go here:

http://www.madlibs.com/

Not familiar with reading in values in MIPS - go here:

https://courses.missouristate.edu/KenVollmar/mars/Help/SyscallHelp.html

3. Grading Criteria

You will be graded on the following:

- Each team member submits their own submission
- Each team member will be graded on their assembly taking in at least one string
- Each team member will be graded on their assembly taking in at least one integer
- Each team member will be graded on producing a Mad Lib style result with the 4 values shown
- Each team member will be graded on functional assembly

4. What to turn in?

- Each team member will submit their own submission.
- Work together to figure out how to make your program function.
- You will submit your assembly file (.asm file)
- You will also submit a screenshot of the inputs and them functioning in the MARS console (in pdf format).
- Zip the assembly file and pdf file into one folder and submit the zip file to iLearn

