Laboratory Exercise #7

Reading

• Read Section 4.6 of Paul Carter's PC Assembly Book

Practice Exercise:

Compare and contrast "sub3.asm" and "sub4.asm".

sub3.asm

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almie@almie-Inspiron-5570:~/Documents/ASSEMBLY/linux-ex$ nasm -f elf sub3.asm
almie@almie-Inspiron-5570:~/Documents/ASSEMBLY/linux-ex$ gcc -m32 -o sub3 driver.c sub3.o asm_io.o
almie@almie-Inspiron-5570:~/Documents/ASSEMBLY/linux-ex$ ./sub3

1) Enter an integer number (0 to quit): 5
2) Enter an integer number (0 to quit): 4
3) Enter an integer number (0 to quit): 3
4) Enter an integer number (0 to quit): 2
5) Enter an integer number (0 to quit): 1
6) Enter an integer number (0 to quit): 0
The sum is 15
```

sub4.asm

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almie@almie-Inspiron-5570:~/Documents/ASSEMBLY/linux-ex$ nasm -f elf sub4.asm
almie@almie-Inspiron-5570:~/Documents/ASSEMBLY/linux-ex$ nasm -f elf main4.asm
almie@almie-Inspiron-5570:~/Documents/ASSEMBLY/linux-ex$ gcc -m32 -o sub4 sub4.o main4.o driver.c asm_io.o
almie@almie-Inspiron-5570:~/Documents/ASSEMBLY/linux-ex$ ./sub4

1) Enter an integer number (0 to quit): 5
2) Enter an integer number (0 to quit): 4
3) Enter an integer number (0 to quit): 3
4) Enter an integer number (0 to quit): 2
5) Enter an integer number (0 to quit): 1
6) Enter an integer number (0 to quit): 0
The sum is 15
```

• Explore **main4.asm.** Reflective questions:

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What is the purpose of main4.asm? What is the purpose of sub4.asm? Explain the relationship between main4.asm and sub4.asm.
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• Analyze the sample codes (sub3.asm and sub4.asm). Reflective questions:

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What is the name of the subprogram in the 2 assembly programs? What is the major difference between the 2 assembly programs? What are multi-module programs?
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Problem #7.

- Write an assembly program that computes the factorial of a number.
- Below is the code snippet in high level language (C language). Translate it into assembly language program using subprogram (name your subprogram as **factorial**). However, implement a multi-module program for this problem (just like in the example "**sub4.asm**" and "**main4.asm**") where you have "**factorial.asm**" that consists of subprograms **get_int** and **factorial**. "**main.asm**" consists of external subprograms **get_int** and **factorial**.

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int main(){
    int n;
    printf("Enter a number to calculate its factorial:");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("%d! = %d\n", n, factorial(n));
    return 0;
}

factorial(int n){
    int c;
    long r = 1;
    for (c = 1; c <= n; c++){
        r = r * c;
    }
    return r;
}</pre>
```

- Run two programs "factorial.asm" and "main.asm" implementing multi-module programs.
- The output of your program is something like this:

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Enter a number to calculate its factorial: 6 6! = 720
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• A good programming practice is to write comments on important line of codes for readability and documentation.

Note: Take a screen record of your working code and make sure to record a video explaining each line of your code as well as showing the correct output of your code. Use screen recorder application in Ubuntu (https://itsfoss.com/best-linux-screen-recorders/) or Windows (https://atomisystems.com/screencasting/record-screen-windows-10/)

| Rubric for Programming Exercises | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Program (50 pts) | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor |
| Program Execution | Program executes correctly with no syntax or runtime errors (9-10) | Program executes with minor (easily fixed) error (4-8) | Program executes with a major (not easily fixed) error (2-3) | Program does not execute (0-1) |
| Correct Output | Program displays correct output with no errors (9-10) | Output has minor errors (6-8) | Output has multiple errors (3-5) | Output is incorrect (0-2) |
| Design of Output | Program displays more than expected (7-8) | Program displays minimally expected output (5-6) | Program does not display the required output (3-4) | Output is poorly designed (0-2) |
| Design of Logic | Program is logically well-designed (9-10) | Program has slight logic errors that do not significantly affect the results (6-8) | Program has significant logic errors (3-5) | Program is incorrect (0-2) |
| Standards | Program is stylistically well designed (6-7) | Few inappropriate design choices (i.e., poor variable names, improper indentation) (4-5) | Several inappropriate design choices (i.e., poor variable names, improper indentation) (2-3) | Program is poorly written (0-1) |
| Documentation | Program is well-documented (5) | Missing one required comment (4) | Missing two or more required comments (2-3) | Most or all documentation missing (0-1) |