

CSE12 Lab 4: Simple CSV File Analysis

Due at 11:59 PM on the marked due date

Objective

The objective of this lab is to learn about function calling, RISC-V protocols for the use of registers.

This lab takes as input a CSV (comma separated values) file (.csv extension) that is used for generating tabular data in spreadsheets. **Specifically, for this assignment, you will NEED to assume this CSV file was generated under Windows** (the reason will be explained shortly). Consider the *data.csv* file below as it appears when you open it in Excel as an example

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Vandelay Industries,500
Pendant Publishing,100
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Size of file data (in bytes): 119
income records: 365 0 500 100 42
Total income garnered from all stocks: $1007
Stock name with maximum income:Vandelay Industries
Stock name with minimum income:Kramerica

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Figure 2 After running the *lab4_testbench_rev##.asm* file with the Lab4 assignment fully completed

About the Windows CSV file format

To distinguish between each entry/row/record in the spreadsheet format of the CSV file, the following convention is adopted depending on the OS :

- Windows - Lines end with a <CR> and a <LF> character
- Linux - Lines end with only a <LF> character
- Macintosh (Mac OSX) - Lines end with only a <LF> character
- Macintosh (old) - Lines end with only a <CR> character

where <CR> is the carriage return ('`\r`') character and <LF> is the line feed/newline ('`\n`') character.

If you open the provided *data.csv* file in Notepad++ on Windows with “Show all Characters” enabled, then you should see the following



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ARS based RISC-V

In the Lab4 folder in the course you will see 9 assembly files. They are meant to be read (*and understood*) **in sequence** and they will provide you with lotsof hints as to how to build your program:

1. *add_function.asm* – This program accepts two integers as user inputs and prints their addition result. The actual addition is done through calling a function, *sum*. *Sum* accepts two arguments in the *a0*, *a1* registers and returns *a0+a1* in *a0* register
2. *multiply_function.asm* – This program accepts two integers as user inputs and prints their multiplication result. The actual multiplication is done through calling a function, *multiply*. *Multiply* accepts two arguments in the *a0*, *a1* registers and returns *a0*a1* in *a0* register. This function in turn calls the function *sum*, described previously, to do a particular addition. Thus, *multiply* function is an example of a **nested function call**, a function which itself calls another function, *sum* in our case.
3. *The lecture slides provide a lot of information about register calling and saving conventions.* Studying the comments in *add_function.asm*, *multiply_function.as* alongside with the notes should be sufficient to create to allow

you to complete this assignment.

4. **lab4_testbench_rev##.asm** - This is the main testbench program you will run upon completion of all coding in Lab4 to ensure your Lab4 assignment works as expected. This file is initially provided such that if you run it as it is (with the other .asm files in the same directory), you will still get partially correctly generated output. This testbench will also run the the function *allocate_file_record_pointers* from the *allocate_file_record_pointers.asm* which will aide you in writing your program. **DO NOT MODIFY THIS FILE.**

5. **allocate_file_record_pointers.asm** - This .asm file contains a function that **creates an internal reference table** in memory to pointer pairs. These pointer pairs indicate 1) the location of the start of a string corresponding to the stock name and 2) the start of a location containing the stock price for each and every record/entry coming from the data.csv file. This function has been fully written out for you. **DO NOT MODIEY THIS FILE**

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For the usage of macros (which are utilized heavily in this lab to generate ecalls), please also refer to the RARS documentation on [macros](#) and [ecalls](#) as well.

Please read the provided files carefully. You can learn a lot about assembler from reading these files. Note that using macros resembles calling functions. The macros have been written to make use of the a# registers, so don't assume that any values in your a# registers remain valid after calling a macro.

Memory arrangement as defined in Lab4

The memory of RISC V is used as per the given requirements.

File Data Buffer

The data.csv file is treated as the default input file. It’s contents are store in the file buffer location 0xffff0000 (referred to as MMIO).

Address	Value (+0)	Value (+4)	Value (+8)	Value (+c)	Value (+10)	Value (+14)	Value (+18)	Value (+1c)
0xffff0000	g u r K	I r e	s u d n	a i r t	m S l	h t o o	, g n i	\r 5 6 3
0xffff0020	a r K \n	i r e m	0 , a c	a V \n \r	l e d n	I y a	s u d n	e i r t
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Figure 4 data segment window for MMIO after running completed Lab4 assignment.

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File Record

We need a system call to read from the file buffer at 0xffff0000. Remember to set aside the memory for each character appearing in each record in the

Address	Value
0x10040000	
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This is achieved by using the `allocate_file_record` function. For example from `data.csv`, the first record is read separately through

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(0xffff0000) and income value(0xffff001c) are stored as words in consecutive heap memory locations 0x10040000 and 0x10040004 respectively. Likewise, the second record’s (i.e. “KramERICA,0\r\n”) location of start of income name (0xffff0021) and income value(0xffff002b) are stored as words in consecutive heap memory locations 0x10040008 and 0x1004000c respectively. And so on and so forth. It is left as a HIGHLY recommended exercise that the student verifies this pattern for the remaining records in the CSV file and how they are allocated in the memory locations as shown in Figure 5. As we see in Figure 5, the 10 non zero heap memory locations from 0x10040000 to 0x10040024 indicate there were originally 10/2 = 5 records in our data.csv file. This value (no. of records) is returned in a0.

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“Kruger Industrial” (64 in base 10) is at memory location 0x33 or 51 in base 10. The character ‘K’ is at memory location 0x00 with ‘K’ being the

from the file buffer at 0xffff0000. Remember to set aside the memory for each character appearing in each record in the

Address (+18)	Value (+1c)
0xffff0047	0xffff005a
0x00000000	0x00000000

provided function `allocate_file_record` (119 bytes in our given example from `data.csv`), the `ord_pointers.asm` file

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Student coded functions

All student coded functions are to be written in the .asm files listed in the *lab4_testbench_rev##.asm* file using the .include statement (excluding *allocate_file_record_pointers.asm*). **The functions written MUST abide by the register saving conventions of RISC-V.**

1. **length_of_file(a1)** - This function is to be written in *length_of_file.asm*. It accepts as argument in a1 register the buffer address holding file data and returns in a0 the length of the file data in bytes.

From our example involving *data.csv*, `length_of_file(0xffff0000)=119`

2. **income_from_record(a0)** - This function is to be written in *income_from_record.asm*. It accepts as argument in a0 register the pointer to the record and returns in a0 the income value in a0.

From our example, the income from the stock of Kruger Industries is 500, and the income from the stock of Kramerica is 100.

You may use the following code to get the income from a record.

3. **totalIncome(a0, a1)** - This function is to be written in *totalIncome.asm*. It accepts as argument in a0 the location (0x100000000) of the CSV file and returns in a1 the total income of all records in the CSV file.

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4. **maxIncome(a0, a1)** - This function is to be written in *maxIncome.asm*. It accepts as argument in a0 the location (0x100000000) of the CSV file and returns in a1 the maximum income of all records in the CSV file buffer.

From our example, the maximum income value points to the location of the stock name "Kramerica", which is valued at the maximum value of \$500, and [proving once and for all, a sales pitch about a "coffee table book about coffee tables" is an absolutely terrible idea.](#)

5. **minIncome(a0, a1)** - This function is to be written in *minIncome.asm*. It accepts as argument in a0 the location (0x100000000) of the CSV file and returns in a1 the minimum income of all records in the CSV file buffer.

From our example, the minimum income value points to the location of the stock name "Kramerica", which is valued at the minimum value of \$0, [proving once and for all, a sales pitch about a "coffee table book about coffee tables" is an absolutely terrible idea.](#)

To keep the code simple for both *maxIncome* and *minIncome* functions, you may assume that no two entries in the CSV file will have the same income field value.

Test Cases

Your Lab4 Google Drive folder called TestCases contains more test data files: *data1.csv*, *data2.csv* and *data3.csv*, and *data0.csv*. To test with these you have to copy any one of them to *data.csv* in your working directory. The initial *data.csv* you use by default is the same as TestCases/*data0.csv*. It corresponds to the file described in this write-up.