

REPORT / DOCUMENTATION FOR HOMEWORK 1

Problem:

Develop a program that converts bitc instructions into an .asm code for a86
“./bitc [input_file].bc” should create a file “[input_file].asm”

How I Solved The Problem

I decided to solve the problem by writing a cpp program.

Then, started the project by creating todo functions, to reduce the problem into subproblems.

1 – Parse bitc instructions

2 – Convert them to assembly

1a – find print operations

1b – find variables

1c – iteratively parse each operation (so that the program would work very fast)

2a – print general a86 start & end code parts

2b – print assembly print functions

2c – print variables

2d – print operations

For 2d, using a reverse polish notation (postfix) for operations was the solution I used.

For other parts of the 2nd problem, I studied a86, and learned to create each part myself, than wrote cpp functions for those.

For 1a, I searched for ‘=’ in each line, and decided the line is to be printed if non is found.

For 1b, I inserted each variable I parsed into a set to extract unique variables.

For 1c, I decided to use another subproblem instead of 1c. That would be 1d.

1d – parse each line of operation by a right recursive way and by reducing them to expressions, terms and factors.

Challenges I Faced During the Project

I received an error, “definition conflicts with forward reference,” which took an hour for me to solve. I learned that although it is written in the end, I had to write down the size of variables (b/w) near operations when using only them in an operation. (for example, for pushing them to stack) That was the way I managed to fix this bug.

What I Learned

I have gained some practice on assembly a86, and learned how to code for a86 by doing. I managed to write print functions myself. Printing numbers in hexadecimal form was a little challenge for me which made me learn more about jumps, comparisons, functions and specific registers in assembly.

Documentation

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74   * if line[pos] is '&' parse factor and print out in assembly as an and operation.
75   * return if there was a syntax error while parsing the factor
76   */
77  void parseMoreFactors(string &line, int &pos);
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80   * term = factor:morefactors (factor&factor&factor...)
81   * parse a factor
82   * if syntax error was found while parsing that factor return
83   * then, try to parse more
84   */
85  void parseTerm(string &line, int &pos);
86
87  /*
88   * if line[pos] is '|' parse term and print out in assembly as an or operation.
89   * return if there was a syntax error while parsing the term
90   */
91  void parseMoreTerms(string &line, int &pos);
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93  /*
94   * expr = term:moreterms (term|term|term...)
95   * parse a term
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97   * then, try to parse more
98   */
99  void parseExpression(string &line, int &pos);
100
101  /*
102   * parse a line
103   * if an '=' exists in the line
104   *     check the left part of '=' if it is not a valid variable set error
105   *     parse the right part of '=' by parseExpression
106   * if no '=' exists in the line
107   *     parse the whole line by parseExpression
108   *     then, print the result (the only value left in the stack)
109   *
110   * also return if any error is encountered
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119  /*
120   * print printer functions for assembly
121   *
122   * consists of 5 functions
123   *
124   * printword: prints the hexadecimal number at ax
125   * (2 printbyte + 1 println)
126   *
127   * printbyte: prints the hexadecimal number at ch
128   * (2 printchar)
129   *
130   * printchar: prints the last 4 bits of dl (prints 0-f)
131   * (either prints a-f directly or 0-9 via printnum function)
132   *
133   * printnum: prints a number character between 0-9 in the last 4 bits of dl
134   * (prints 0-9 directly)
135   *
136   * println: prints an endlime
137   * (\r\n for windows version and \n for ubuntu/linux version)
138   */
139  void printPrinterStuff();
140
141  /*
142   * prints "int 20h" for assembly to return to os
143   * prints print functions for assembly
144   * prints variables
145   * prints "code ends"
146   */
147  void printEndCode();
148
149  /*
150   * main function, works only when ./bitc [input_file].bc is called
151   * gives an error if there aren't exactly one argument used with ./bitc
152   * gives an error if the argument given to ./bitc does not end with .bc
153   *
154   * reads the [input_file].bc line by line, removes any whitespace / control characters and parses it
155   * prints each parsed line in assembly, also checks if the line contains any syntax errors
156   * if there is a syntax error an error is printed to cerr and program is halted, so the output is half written (not finished)
157   * after printing each line, prints the print functions for assembly, and variables
158   * finally prints the last line "code ends"
159   */
160  int main (int argc, char* argv[]);
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