

Project 1: Traffic Signal Controller in MIPS Assembly

Objective: Design and implement a traffic signal controller simulation using MIPS assembly language. This project aims to emulate the logic behind traffic light control at an intersection, cycling through red, green, and yellow lights in a sequence that ensures efficient and safe traffic flow.

- Develop a program that cycles through the sequence of traffic lights (red, green, yellow) for each direction (e.g., North-South, East-West). Implement appropriate timing for each light, ensuring realistic traffic flow.
- Allow the user to input via the console to start the simulation, and if desired, to change the duration of each light during the simulation.

Basic Logic Implementation:

Implement a safety feature where the yellow light duration is adjusted based on the speed limit of the road, ensuring vehicles have sufficient time to stop.

Introduce pedestrian crossing signals that synchronize with the traffic lights, including a button press simulation to request crossing.

- Utilize the MIPS assembly language and the MARS simulator for development and testing.
- Implement a modular design, with separate procedures for each major functionality (e.g., initializing the lights, changing lights, timing control).
- Use system calls for input/output operations.
- Source code in MIPS assembly language, with comments explaining the functionality of code blocks and instructions.

A detailed in-class presentation (15 minutes) that includes: Project overview and objectives.

Design and implementation strategy, including how the timing and sequences are managed.

Challenges encountered and solutions applied.

Suggestions for further improvement or additional features.

Project 2: Elevator Control System in MIPS Assembly

Create an elevator control system simulation using MIPS assembly language. This project aims to simulate the basic operations of an elevator, handling floor requests and managing elevator movements efficiently.

Objective:

Description:

- **Implement a system that simulates an elevator capable of serving a fixed number of floors (e.g., 5 floors). The program should be able to take floor requests and move the elevator accordingly, displaying the current floor and direction of movement.**
- **Develop a request handling system that efficiently manages multiple floor requests, prioritizing them based on the current direction of the elevator and its position to minimize wait times.**

Request Queue:

Basic Elevator Logic:

Incorporate emergency functionalities, such as an emergency stop that halts the elevator until reset, and an alarm system that can be activated by the user.

Emergency Features:

Technical Requirements:

- **Use MIPS assembly language programming and test with the MARS simulator.**
- **Structure the program with clear, modular code sections for initialization, request handling, movement control, and user interface.**
- **Employ system calls for basic input/output operations.**

Deliverables:

- **MIPS assembly source code with comprehensive comments to explain the purpose and functionality of the code segments.**

A detailed in-class presentation (15 minutes) that includes: The project scope and objectives.

The architecture of the elevator control system, including the logic behind request handling and movement control.

The implementation process, highlighting any obstacles faced and the resolutions found.

A user manual describing how to interact with the simulation, including floor request submission and emergency operations.

Future enhancements or additional features that could be added to improve the simulation

Marking Scheme: Project 1 — Traffic Signal Controller in MIPS Assembly

Component	Description	Marks
1. Report / Documentation		25
• Objective & Problem Description	Clear explanation of what is being simulated and why	5
• Code Structure & Modularity	How the project is broken into functions/procedures	5
• Traffic Signal Logic Explanation	Description of the red/green/yellow cycle logic per direction	5
• Pedestrian & Safety Features	Description of speed-based yellow duration and pedestrian request logic	5
• Challenges & Future Enhancements	Summary of issues faced, and suggestions for further features	5
2. Code Implementation		40
• Functional Signal Simulation	Correct red-green-yellow sequencing for two directions	10
• Timing Logic	Light durations implemented with appropriate loops/delays	5
• User Input Handling	Modify durations during runtime (via console)	5
• Pedestrian Button Logic	Simulated pedestrian crossing integrated into signal sequence	5

Component	Description	Marks
• Safety Feature (yellow duration)	Adjusts based on given speed input	5
• Modular Code and Comments	Use of procedures; code is clean, well-commented	5
• Use of Syscalls	Input/output handled via proper MIPS system calls	5
3. In-Class Presentation (15 min)		25
• Project Overview & Motivation	Clear explanation of purpose and importance of simulation	5
• Design & Logic Explanation	Explaining timing, light switching, and any user input modules	10
• Demo & Simulation Walkthrough	A live or recorded demo of a functioning system	5
• Delivery & Response to Questions	Communication clarity, confidence, and ability to answer queries	5
4. Code Testing / Edge Cases	Demonstrate correctness through multiple test cases	10
• Normal Case	Complete light sequence with default timings	5
• Edge Cases	Changes in durations, rapid pedestrian requests, etc.	5

100 Total Marks: 100

✓ Marking Scheme: Project 2 — Elevator Control System in MIPS Assembly

Component	Description	Marks
1. Report / Documentation		25

Component	Description	Marks
• Objective & Problem Statement	Explaining what is simulated and its real-world relevance	5
• Elevator Architecture Description	Logic behind floors, direction, and movement	5
• Request Queue & Prioritization	Explanation of how floor requests are handled	5
• Emergency & Alarm Features	How stop/reset/alarm works	5
• Challenges Faced & Enhancements	Thoughtful discussion of what could be added/improved	5
2. Code Implementation		40
• Movement Between Floors	Elevator accurately moves between floors with updated current state	10
• Request Queue Handling	Prioritizing requests based on current direction and floor	5
• Emergency Stop/Reset	Working emergency stop feature, resuming from same state	5
• Alarm Functionality	Triggered and displayed via user input	5
• Modular Code with Comments	Clear procedures for movement, I/O, request handling	5
• Console Interaction with Syscalls	Input/output via syscall for floor request, emergency button	5
• Error Handling	Rejection of invalid floors or repeated requests	5
3. In-Class Presentation (15 min)		25

Component	Description	Marks
• System Overview & Objective	Explained the system's intent and elevator design	5
• Logic & Modules Breakdown	Verbal explanation of movement logic and how it adapts to requests	10
• Simulation Demo	Demonstrated working code for floor requests, movement, and emergency	5
• Communication & Engagement	Clarity in explanation and response to audience questions	5
4. Simulation Testing		10
• Normal Request Handling	Test 3–4 random requests and show handling order	5
• Emergency Case Simulation	Trigger stop or alarm and show proper resume/reset	5