Computer Architecture (Lab). Week 6

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Topic of the lab

• MIPS Arithmetic Operations + MARS



MARS

- MARS is MIPS Assembler and Runtime Simulator.
- MARS is a lightweight Interactive Development Environment (IDE) for programming in MIPS assembly language
- It is intended for educational-level use



MIPS Register Names and Conventions

| Number | Name | Usage |
|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| \$0 | \$zero | constant 0x00000000 |
| \$1 | \$at | assembler temporary |
| \$2-\$3 | \$v0-\$v1 | function return values |
| \$4-\$7 | \$a0-\$a3 | function arguments |
| \$8-\$15 | \$t0-\$t7 | temporaries |
| \$16-\$23 | \$s0-\$s7 | saved temporaries |
| \$24-\$25 | \$t8-\$t9 | more temporaries |
| \$26-\$27 | \$k0-\$k1 | reserved for OS kernel |
| \$28 | \$gp | global pointer |
| \$29 | \$sp | stack pointer |
| \$30 | \$fp | frame pointer |
| \$31 | \$ra | return address |



Syscall Services

| Service | \$v0 | Arguments / Result |
|---------------|------|---|
| Print Integer | 1 | \$a0 = integer value to print |
| Print Float | 2 | \$f12 = float value to print |
| Print Double | 3 | f12 = double value to print |
| Print String | 4 | a0 = address of null terminated string |
| Read Integer | 5 | v0 = integer read |
| Read Float | 6 | f0 = float read |
| Read Double | 7 | f0 = double read |
| Read String | 8 | a0 = address of input buffer, |
| | | \$a1 = maximum number of characters to read |
| Exit Program | 10 | |
| Print Char | 11 | \$a0 = character to print |
| Read Char | 12 | \$v0 = character read |



Example 1: Hello World!

In MARS create a file, copy and paste next code, assemble it, then run

```
# Author: Your name
# Date: Today Date
# Description: A simple hello world program!
. data
                    # add this stuff to the data segment
                    # load the hello string into data memory
    hello: .asciiz "Hello, world!"
.text
                    # now we are in the text segment
    li $v0, 4
                        # set up print string syscall
    la $a0, hello
                        # argument to print string
    syscall
                        # tell the OS to do the syscall
    li $v0, 10
                        # set up exit syscall
    syscall
                        # tell the OS to do the syscall
```



Example 2: Read and Write an Integer

In MARS create a file, copy and paste next code, assemble it, then run. Instead of \$zero you can put another register

```
# Description: Addition of two numbers!
   #----- Code segment -----
   .text
   .globl main
    main:
                                # main program entry
          li $v0, 5
                                 # Read integer
                                 # $v0 = value read
           syscall
           add
                  $a0, $v0, $zero # $a0 = value to print
           1 i
                  $v0.1
                        # Print integer
           syscall
          li 
                  $v0, 10
                                 # Exit program
           syscall
```



Example 3: Addition of Integers (1)

In MARS create a file, copy and paste next code, assemble it, then run.

```
# Description: Addition of two numbers!
        . data
        msg1: .asciiz "Enter the first number: "
        msg2: .asciiz "\nEnter the second number: "
        result: .asciiz "\nThe result of addition is: "
        .text
        li $v0,4
        la $a0, msg1
        syscall
        li $v0,5
        syscall
        move $t1,$v0
        li $v0,4
        la $a0, msg2
        svscall
```



Example 3: Addition of Integers (2)

```
li $v0,5
syscall
move $t2,$v0
add $t3,$t1,$t2
li $v0,4
la $a0, result
syscall
li $v0,1
move $a0,$t3
syscall
li $v0,10
syscall
```



Exercise 1

- Write a program that will give result for $x = (y * z^2)/f q$
- All numbers should be integer.



Exercise 2

• Write a program that prints 10 Fibonacci numbers



Useful links

- http://www.mrc.uidaho.edu/mrc/people/jff/digital/MIPSir.html
- http://courses.missouristate.edu/kenvollmar/mars/help/ syscallhelp.html
- http://progopedia.ru/implementation/assembler-mips/
- $\bullet \ http://logos.cs.uic.edu/366/notes/mips\%20quick\%20tutorial.htm \\$



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