## **CSE 220: Systems Fundamentals I**

## **Stony Brook University**

# **Homework Assignment #4**

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## **Important Information about CSE 220 Homework Assignments**

- Read the entire homework documents twice before starting. Questions posted on Piazza whose answers are clearly stated in the documents will be given lowest priority by the course staff.
- When writing assembly code, try to stay consistent with your formatting and to comment as much as
  possible. It is much easier for your TAs and the professor to help you if we can quickly figure out what your
  code does.
- You personally must implement homework assignments in MIPS Assembly language by yourself. You may not write or use a code generator or other tools that write any MIPS code for you. You must manually write all MIPS Assembly code you submit as part of the assignments.
- Do not copy or share code. Your submissions will be checked against other submissions from this semester and from previous semesters.
- You must use the Stony Brook version of MARS posted on Piazza. Do not use the version of MARS posted
  on the official MARS website. The Stony Brook version has a reduced instruction set, added tools, and
  additional system calls you will need to complete the homework assignments.
- Do not submit a file with the functions/labels main or \_start defined. You are also not permitted to start your label names with two underscores (\_\_). You will obtain a zero for an assignment if you do this.
- Submit your final .asm file to Blackboard by the due date and time. Late work will not be accepted or graded. Code that crashes and cannot be graded will earn no credit. No changes to your submission will be permitted once the deadline has passed.

# How Your CSE 220 Assignments Will Be Graded

With minor exceptions, all aspects of your homework submissions will be graded entirely through automated means. Grading scripts will execute your code with input values (e.g., command-line arguments, function arguments) and will check for expected results (e.g., print-outs, return values, etc.) For this homework assignments you will be writing *functions* in assembly language. The functions will be tested independently of each other. This is very important to note, as you must take care that no function you write ever has side-effects or requires that other functions be called before the function in question is called. Both of these are generally considered bad practice in programming.

Some other items you should be aware of:

• All test cases must execute in 100,000 instructions or fewer. Efficiency is an important aspect of programming. This maximum instruction count will be increased in cases where a complicated algorithm might be

necessary, or a large data structure must be traversed. To find the instruction count of your code in Mars, go to the **Tools** menu and select **Instruction Statistics**. Press the button marked **Connect to MIPS**. Then assemble and run your code as normal.

- Any excess output from your program (debugging notes, etc.) might impact grading. Do not leave erroneous print-outs in your code.
- We will provide you with a small set of test cases for each assignment to give you a sense of how your work will be graded. It is your responsibility to test your code thoroughly by creating your own test cases.
- The testing framework we use for grading your work will not be released, but the test cases and expected results used for testing will be released.

## **Getting Started**

Visit Piazza and download the file hw4.zip. Decompress the file and then open hw4.zip. Fill in the following information at the top of hw4.asm:

- 1. your first and last name as they appear in Blackboard
- 2. your Net ID (e.g., jsmith)
- 3. your Stony Brook ID # (e.g., 111999999)

Having this information at the top of the file helps us locate your work. If you forget to include this information but don't remember until after the deadline has passed, don't worry about it – we will track down your submission.

Inside hw4.asm you will find several function stubs that consist simply of jr \$ra instructions. Your job in this assignment is implement all the functions as specified below. Do not change the function names, as the grading scripts will be looking for functions of the given names. However, you may implement additional helper functions of your own, but they must be saved in hw4.asm. Helper functions will not be graded.

If you are having difficulty implementing these functions, write out pseudocode or implement the functions in a higher-level language first. Once you understand the algorithm and what steps to perform, then translate the logic to MIPS assembly code.

Be sure to initialize all of your values (e.g., registers) within your functions. Never assume registers or memory will hold any particular values (e.g., zero). MARS initializes all of the registers and bytes of main memory to zeroes. The grading scripts will fill the registers and/or main memory with random values before calling your functions.

Finally, do not define a .data section in your hw4.asm file. A submission that contains a .data section will probably receive a score of zero.

# **Register Conventions**

You must follow the register conventions taught in lecture and reviewed in recitation. Failure to follow them will result in loss of credit when we grade your work. Here is a brief summary of the register conventions and how your use of them will impact grading:

• It is the callee's responsibility to save any \$s registers it overwrites by saving copies of those registers on the stack and restoring them before returning.

- If a function calls a secondary function, the caller must save \$ra before calling the callee. In addition, if the caller wants a particular \$a, \$t or \$v register's value to be preserved across the secondary function call, the best practice would be to place a copy of that register in an \$s register before making the function call.
- A function which allocates stack space by adjusting \$sp must restore \$sp to its original value before returning.
- Registers \$fp and \$gp are treated as preserved registers for the purposes of this course. If a function modifies one or both, the function must restore them before returning to the caller. There is no reason for your code to touch the \$gp register, so leave it alone.

The following practices will result in loss of credit:

- "Brute-force" saving of all \$s registers in a function or otherwise saving \$s registers that are not overwritten by a function.
- Callee-saving of \$a, \$t or \$v registers as a means of "helping" the caller.
- "Hiding" values in the \$k, \$f and \$at registers or storing values in main memory by way of offsets to \$gp. This is basically cheating or at best a form of laziness, so don't do it. We will comment out any such code we find.

## Welcome to the Dungeon!

In this homework you will continue to work with 2D arrays, while also learning the basics of working with files in MIPS and implementing algorithms that use the stack for computations.

You will be implementing a game called MipsHack, inspired by the 1987 ASCII game NetHack. Our intrepid hero, Sir CodesALot, has entered a deep, dark dungeon in search of riches. He will need to find his way out, while defeating enemies and filling his sack with loot! His objective is to collect at least 3 coins of treasure and escape to the surface without getting killed.

Let the adventure begin!

### **Data Structures**

The game relies on two data structures, primarily:

- a struct for representing the game world, and
- a struct for representing the player

The Map struct has the following definition:

As implied in the definition, a Map specifies a rectangular region, where cells[0][0] is the upper-left corner

of the map and cells [num\_rows-1] [num\_cols-1] is the lower-right corner. Each element (byte) in the cells[][] array stores a 7-bit ASCII character in the lowest 7 bits. The most significant bit of a cell indicates whether the cell is hidden (1) or not (0) from the player. Valid ASCII characters include the following:

- @ Sir CodesALot, our hero
- . empty floor
- # a wall
- / a door
- > a dungeon exit
- \$ a single coin
- \* a gem, worth 5 coins
- m a minion monster
- **B** a boss monster
- ? inaccessible area (should always be hidden)

The Player struct has the following definition:

The player's position in the game map is row, col. Provided that Sir CodesALot's health is greater than 0, he is still alive and can continue to adventure in the dungeon.

## **File Format**

The game map and other initial game state are stored in a plaintext file with a fixed format:

```
NUM_ROWS
NUM_COLS
MAP_DATA
STARTING_HEALTH
```

Every line ends with a '\n' character, which is a UNIX-style line ending. When you create plaintext files in Windows, the OS will end each line with the two-character combination '\r\n'. This WILL cause problems for students who make custom maps in Windows. A solution is explained in the specification for the init\_game function below.

As an example of how this file format is used, here is the contents of the 7-row, 25-column game world in map3.txt file provided with this PDF:

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Note that any numbers in the file are given as two ASCII digit characters. Your code will need to perform the required conversions to 4-byte integers.

## File I/O in MIPS Assembly

To assist with reading and writing files, MARS has several system calls:

	Code		
Service	in \$ <del>v</del> 0	Arguments	Results
open file	13	\$a0 = address of null-terminated file-	\$v0 contains file descriptor
		name string	(negative if error)
		\$a1 = flags	
		\$a2 = mode	
read from file	14	\$a0 = file descriptor	\$v0 contains # of characters read
		\$a1 = address of input buffer	(0 if end-of-file, negative if error)
		\$a2 = maximum # of characters to read	
close file	16	\$a0 = file descriptor	

Service 13: MARS implements three *flag* values: 0 for read-only, 1 for write-only with create, and 9 for write-only with create and append. It ignores *mode*. The returned file descriptor will be negative if the operation failed. MARS maintains file descriptors internally and allocates them starting with 3. File descriptors 0, 1 and 2 are always open for reading from standard input, writing to standard output, and writing to standard error, respectively. An example of how to use these syscalls can be found on the MARS syscall web page.

### Main File

We have provided you part of a main file and game loop in hw4\_main.asm. We encourage you to add to it and write a few helper functions like print\_map and print\_player\_info. The provided main has fixed sizes for the map and visited structs. You will need to manually set the sizes of these arrays depending on which map file you load. Guidance on how large to set these arrays is given in the main file.

Here is the general flow of what your main file should look like:

```
print "welcome" message
zero-out the map and player structs
filename = "map3.txt"  # or other file
init_game(filename, map_ptr, player_ptr)  # assuming successful execution
reveal_area(map_ptr, player_ptr.row, player_ptr.col)
move = 0
```

```
while player_ptr.health > 0 and move == 0: # 0 means keep playing
    print_map()
                         # these functions take no arguments because the
    print_player_info() # map and player structs are available globally
    char = read 1 char from the keyboard
    move = 0
    if char == 'w' then
        move = player_turn(map_ptr, player_ptr, 'U')
    elif char == 'a' then
        move = player_turn(map_ptr, player_ptr, 'L')
    elif char == 's' then
        move = player_turn(map_ptr, player_ptr, 'D')
    elif char == 'd' then
        move = player_turn(map_ptr, player_ptr, 'R')
    elif char == 'r' then
        flood_fill_reveal(map_ptr, player_ptr.row, player_ptr.col, visited)
    if move == 0 then
        reveal_area(map_ptr, player_ptr.row, player_ptr.col)
print_map()
if player_ptr.coins >= 3 and player_ptr.health > 0:
    print "congratulations" message
else:
    if player ptr.health <= 0:
        print "you died" message
    else:
        print "you failed" message
print_player_info()
```

Hint: when you are writing the print\_map function, as you load characters out of the map, if the character has 1 for the hidden flag, print a space instead of the character you loaded. Otherwise, assuming the character is visible, simply print it using system call 11.

### A Reminder on How Your Work Will be Graded

It is **imperative** (crucial, essential, necessary, critically important) that you implement the functions below exactly as specified. Do not deviate from the specifications, even if you think you are implementing the game in a better way. Modify the contents of memory only as described in the function specifications!

Remember how your work will be graded: we will test each function individually. We will not be playing your game and watching things unfold – you will not even be submitting your main files, remember.

## Part I: Initialize Game Data Structures

```
int init_game(string map_filename, Map *map_ptr, Player *player_ptr)
```

This function opens (syscall 13), reads (syscall 14), processes and then closes (syscall 16) the file named map\_filename, which contains the starting game information. You may assume that the input file is always formatted properly. The function reads the number of rows and columns from the game map and stores them at bytes 0 and 1, respectively, of the Map struct that map\_ptr points to. It then proceeds to read the contents of the game world, character-by-character. As it reads each character, the function sets the "hidden" flag at bit number 7 (the most significant bit) of the character before writing the character to memory. Note that these characters are written to the Map struct starting at byte 2. Every character in the map is hidden initially. The bytes of the map are stored in row-major order.

At some point while reading the map contents, the function will encounter the @ character. The function writes the row and column numbers of the @ character as bytes 0 and 1, respectively, of the Player struct that player\_ptr points to. At the end of the file the function will find the starting health of the player. It writes that value at byte 2 of the Player struct, and the number 0 at byte 3 of the Player struct to initialize the number of coins held by the player to zero. Finally, the function closes the file.

Note that all numbers in the file are stored as two-digit ASCII characters, with leading zeroes as needed. For example, in map3.txt, the number of columns in the map is twenty-five. This value is represented by the ASCII characters '2' and '5' on line 2 of the file. You will need to perform the appropriate conversion to turn this two-character string into an integer.

The function assumes that every line ends only with a '\n' character, *not* the two-character combination '\r\n' employed in Microsoft Windows. If you create your own maps for testing purposes, use MARS to edit the file. If you are developing on a Windows computer, do not use a regular text editor like Notepad. Such an editor will insert both characters. In contrast, MARS will insert only a '\n' at the end of each line, *so only use MARS to create custom maps*.

The function takes the following arguments, in this order:

- map\_filename: A string the provides the filename of the file containing the map information and the player's starting helth.
- map\_ptr: A pointer to a Map struct that is large enough to store the dimensions of the map, as well as the map contents.
- player\_ptr: A pointer to a Player struct that is large enough to store the four bytes that define the player's attributes.

#### Returns in \$v0:

• 0 if the file was successfully opened and its contents were processed, or -1 for error.

Returns -1 in \$v0 for error if a file with the name map\_filename could not be read off the disk.

## Additional requirements:

• The function must not write any changes to main memory except as specified.

## **Example:**

Suppose init\_game has been called with map3.txt as the filename. The Player and Map structs would be

initialized as follows, where the bytes of the game world are given in hexadecimal and all other values are given in decimal. All values shown below are integers. Note that each byte in the cells array is  $\geq 128$  because all cells are initially hidden:

```
player_ptr.row = 3
player_ptr.col = 2
player_ptr.health = 10
player_ptr.coins = 0
map_ptr.rows = 7
map_ptr.cols = 25
map_ptr.cells = [
    A3    BF    BF    BF    A3    A3    A3    BF    BF
    A3    A4    A4   A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4    A4
```

### Part II: Check for a Valid Cell Position

```
int is_valid_cell(Map *map_ptr, int row, int col)
```

This function determines whether (row, col) represents a valid pair of indices into the game world. That is, whether a potential access to map\_ptr.cells[row][col] would be valid.

The function takes the following arguments, in this order:

- map\_ptr: The starting address of a Map struct. Note: this is NOT the address of the character at index [0][0] of the game world.
- row: The 0-based row index of the desired byte.
- col: The 0-based column index of the desired byte.

Returns in \$v0:

• 0 if (row, col) is a valid index pair, or -1 if not

Returns -1 in \$v0 in any of the following cases:

- row < 0
- row ≥ map\_ptr.num\_rows
- col < 0
- col > map\_ptr.num\_cols

### Additional requirements:

• The function must not write any changes to main memory.

### **Examples:**

In these examples, suppose that the game world contains 25 rows and 7 columns.

<b>Function Call</b>		Return Value
is_valid_cell(map_ptr,	5, 3)	0
is_valid_cell(map_ptr,	0, 0)	0
is_valid_cell(map_ptr,	24, 6)	0
is_valid_cell(map_ptr,	25, 3)	-1
is_valid_cell(map_ptr,	-3, 4)	-1

## Part III: Get the Contents of a Cell

```
int get_cell(Map *map_ptr, int row, int col)
```

This function returns the byte stored at map position (row, col). It does not modify the hidden flag or perform any processing before returning the value in the map.

The function takes the following arguments, in this order:

- map\_ptr: The starting address of a Map struct. Note: this is NOT the address of the character at index [0][0] of the game world.
- row: The 0-based row index of the desired byte.
- col: The 0-based column index of the desired byte.

Returns in \$v0:

• The byte at map\_ptr.cells[row][col].

Returns -1 in \$v0 for error in any of the following cases:

- row < 0
- row > map\_ptr.num\_rows
- col < 0
- col ≥ map\_ptr.num\_cols

Additional requirements:

- get\_cell must call is\_valid\_cell.
- The function must not write any changes to main memory.

### **Example:**

Suppose that map3.txt was loaded and the state of the game world (visually) is as follows:

```
###

# . . . . m

# . . . . mm

# . . . . @ .

# . . * . . .

# # # #
```

In memory, in hexadecimal, the game world will look like this:

<b>Function Call</b>	Return Value (decimal)					
<pre>get_cell(map_ptr,</pre>	3, 8)	237				
<pre>get_cell(map_ptr,</pre>	4, 6)	64				
<pre>get_cell(map_ptr,</pre>	25, 3)	-1				
<pre>get_cell(map_ptr,</pre>	-3, 4)	-1				

### Part IV: Set the Contents of a Cell

```
int set_cell(Map *map_ptr, int row, int col, char ch)
```

This function changes the byte stored at map position (row, col) to ch. It does not modify the hidden flag of ch or perform any processing of ch before writing the value to the map.

The function takes the following arguments, in this order:

- map\_ptr: The starting address of a Map struct. Note: this is NOT the address of the character at index [0][0] of the game world.
- row: The 0-based row index of the byte to be modified.
- col: The 0-based column index of the byte to be modified.
- ch: The byte to be written to index (row, col).

#### Returns in \$v0:

• 0 if the change to the map was successful, or -1 on error

Returns -1 in \$v0 for error in any of the following cases:

• row < 0

- row ≥ map\_ptr.num\_rows
- col < 0
- col ≥ map\_ptr.num\_cols

### Additional requirements:

- set\_cell must call is\_valid\_cell.
- The function must not write any changes to main memory except for the intended byte.

### **Examples:**

Suppose that map3.txt was loaded and the state of the game world (visually) is as follows:

```
###

# . . . . m

# . . . . mm

# . . . . @ .

# . . * . . .

# # # #
```

In memory, in hexadecimal, the game world will look like this:

```
2E 2E 2E 2E 2E 6D AE ED AE AE AE AE AE AS BF BF BF A3 AE AE A3 BF
                                                          BF
  2E 2E 2E 2E 6D AA ED
                     AE AE AE AE AE AE A3 A3 A3 A3 AE AE A3 A3
  2E 2E 2E 2E 6D
                6D ED
                     AE AE AE AE AE AF AE AE AE AE AE AE AE AE AS
  2E 2E 2E 2E 2E
              40
                2E AE
                     AE AE AE A4
                               AE AE A3
                                      A3 A3 A3 AE AE AE AE A3
  2E 2E 2A 2E 2E 2E 2E AE AE AE AE AE AE AE AB BF
                                         BF BF A3 AE AE AE AA
23 23 23 A3 BF BF BF A3 A3 A3 A3 A3
```

Function Call	Return Value (decimal)
set_cell(map_ptr, 3, 6, '\$')	0
set_cell(map_ptr, 4, 8, '.')	0
set_cell(map_ptr, 25, 3, '.')	-1
set_cell(map_ptr, -3, 4, '@')	-1

For test cases 1 and 2, the cells array would be updated at the given indices. For test cases 3 and 4, no changes would be made to the cells array. As an example, for test case 1 the cells array would be updated to the following:

## Part V: Reveal the Cells in a 3×3 Area

```
void reveal_area(Map *map_ptr, int row, int col)
```

This function reveals all 9 characters in the  $3\times3$  area centered at (row, col) in a game world. If (row, col) itself is not a valid position, but some cells in a  $3\times3$  area centered at (row, col) in the game world are valid, then the valid cells are revealed. For example, suppose (row, col) = (-1, 0), which is an invalid position. The  $3\times3$  area centered at this position consists of these (theoretical) indices:

For this example, the cells at indices 0, 0 and 0, 1 would be revealed.

A cell is revealed by setting bit 7 of the cell to 0. For example, the # character has hexadecimal ASCII code  $0\times23$ , which is 0b00100011 in binary. Therefore, a hidden wall would be stored as  $0\text{b}10100011 = 0\times43$  in memory. This function would change that byte to 0b00100011. A cell that is already revealed is not modified by this function.

The function takes the following arguments, in this order:

- map\_ptr: The starting address of a Map struct. Note: this is NOT the address of the character at index [0][0] of the game world.
- row: The 0-based row index of the byte in the center of the  $3\times3$  area to be revealed.
- col: The 0-based column index of the byte in the center of the  $3\times3$  area to be revealed.

### Additional requirements:

- reveal\_area must call get\_cell and set\_cell.
- The function must not write any changes to main memory except for the intended bytes.

### **Examples:**

Suppose that map3.txt was loaded and the state of the game world (visually) is as follows:

```
#####
....@*
....mm
```

In memory, in hexadecimal, the game world will look like this:

```
A3 A3 23 23 23 23 BE A3 A3 A3 A3 A3 A3 A3 BF
                                         BF BF A3 A3 A3 BF
  2E 2E
       2E
         2E 2E
              6D
                 2E ED AE AE AE AE AE A3
                                              A3 AE AE A3 BF
                                      BF
                                         BF
                                           BF
                                                          BF
  2E 2E 2E
         2E 2E 40
                2A ED
                     AE AE AE AE AE AE A3 A3 A3 A3 AE AE A3 A3
                                                          А3
  2E 2E 2E 2E 2E
              6D
                6D
                   ED AE AE AE AE AE AF
                                      AE AE AE AE AE AE AE A3
  2E 2E 2E AE AE AE AE AE AE AE AE AA AE AE A3
                                       А3
                                         A3 A3 A3
                                                AE AE AE AS
A3 AE AE C2 AE AS
                                      BF BF BF A3 AE AE AE A3
```

Now suppose we call reveal\_area (map\_ptr, 6, 4). Although it is true that the player is not in the neighborhood of this cell, the function specification does not require that the player be in the center of the revealed cell. In addition, the cell at index (6, 4) is a hidden wall character at the edge of the map. Again, the specification does not say it is illegal/invalid to call the function on a cell that is wall or that is on the edge of the map. For this particular function call the game map would theoretically be updated as follows (visually):

```
#####
....m.
....@*
....mm
...
B..
###
```

and in memory, in hexadecimal, the cells array would look like this:

```
A3 A3 23 23 23 23 BE A3 A3 A3 A3 A3 A3 BF
                                        BF BF A3 A3 A3 A3
  2E 2E 2E 2E 2E
              6D
                2E ED AE AE AE AE AE A3 BF
                                        BF
                                          BF A3 AE AE A3
  2E 2E 2E 2E 40
                     AE AE AE AE AE AB A3 A3 A3 AB AE AB A3 A3
                2A ED
  2E 2E 2E 2E 6D
                6D ED
                     AE AE AE AE AE AF AE AE AE AE AE AE AE AE AS
  2E 2E 2E AE AE AE AE AE
                     AE AE AE A4
                              AE AE A3
                                     A3 A3 A3 AE AE AE AE A3
A3 AE AE 42 2E 2E AE AE AE AE AE AE AE AE AE AS
                                      BF
                                        BF BF A3 AE AE AE AA
```

# Part VI: Acquiring a Target to Attack

```
int get_attack_target(Map *map_ptr, Player *player_ptr, char direction)
```

This function inspects a cell adjacent to a player, as indicated by direction, and returns the character at that "target" cell, provided that the cell is an attackable target, namely, a minion monster (m), a boss monster (B) or a door (/). If the targeted cell is not one of these targets or of the target cell is not valid (i.e., invalid indices), the function returns -1. Otherwise, the function simply returns the character at the targeted cell. The function assumes that the targeted cell is visible (i.e., not hidden).

The function takes the following arguments, in this order:

• map\_ptr: The starting address of a Map struct. Note: this is NOT the address of the character at index

[0] [0] of the game world.

- player\_ptr: The starting address of a Player struct.
- direction: The character 'U', 'D', 'L' or 'R'.
  - o 'U' indicates that the player is attempting to attack a target in the same column, but previous row of the game world (i.e., index (player\_ptr.row-1, player\_ptr.col)).
  - o 'D' indicates that the player is attempting to attack a target in the same column, but next row of the game world (i.e., index (player\_ptr.row+1, player\_ptr.col)).
  - o 'L' indicates that the player is attempting to attack a target in the same row, but previous column of the game world (i.e., index (player\_ptr.row, player\_ptr.col-1)).
  - o 'R' indicates that the player is attempting to attack a target in the same row, but next column of the game world (i.e., index (player\_ptr.row, player\_ptr.col+1)).

#### Returns in \$v0:

• The targeted cell, which can be only one of 'm', 'B' or '/'.

Returns -1 in \$v0 for error in any of the following cases:

- direction is not one of 'U', 'D', 'L' or 'R'.
- The targeted cell is not at a valid index. Although during normal gameplay this shouldn't be possible, the function must accommodate this possibility.
- The targeted cell is not one of 'm', 'B' or '/'.

#### Additional requirements:

- get\_attack\_target must call get\_cell.
- The function must not write any changes to main memory.

### **Example:**

Suppose that map3.txt was loaded and the state of the game world (visually) is as follows:

```
####

m@....#
....mmm....#
....$..#
```

In memory, in hexadecimal, the game world will look like this:

А3	2E	2E	2E	2E	2E	6D	AA	6D	2E	2E	2E	2E	2E	2E	23	A3	А3	А3	A3	ΑE	ΑE	А3	A3	A3
A3	2E	2E	2E	2E	2E	6D	6D	6D	2E	ΑE	A3													
A3	2E	24	2E	2E	23	A3	A3	A3	A3	ΑE	ΑE	ΑE	ΑE	A3										
A3	ΑE	ΑE	C2	2E	ΑE	ΑE	ΑE	ΑE	A3	BF	BF	BF	A3	ΑE	ΑE	ΑE	ΑE	A3						
A3	А3	A3	A3	A3	A3	BF	BF	BF	A3	A3	A3	A3	A3	A3										

Function Call	Return Value	Explanation
<pre>get_attack_target(map_ptr, player_ptr, 'U')</pre>	-1	cannot attack a wall
<pre>get_attack_target(map_ptr, player_ptr, 'D')</pre>	-1	cannot attack floor
<pre>get_attack_target(map_ptr, player_ptr, 'L')</pre>	109	can attack a minion
<pre>get_attack_target(map_ptr, player_ptr, 'R')</pre>	-1	cannot attack floor
<pre>get_attack_target(map_ptr, player_ptr, 'Z')</pre>	-1	invalid argument

# Part VII: Completing a Player's Attack

This function is essentially a helper function for player\_turn. It is called once it has been determined external to this function that the player can validly attack a targeted cell located at index (target\_row, target\_col) of the game world. The possible outcomes of calling this function are as follows:

- The targeted cell is 'm'. The player completes a successful kill of the minion, which counterattacks during the fight and causes 1 point of damage to the player. The value of player\_ptr.health is updated accordingly. The 'm' in the targeted cell is replaced with '\$'. The player's position does not change.
- The targeted cell is 'B'. The player completes a successful kill of the boss monster, which counterattacks during the fight and causes 2 points of damage to the player. The value of player\_ptr.health is updated accordingly. The 'B' in the targeted cell is replaced with '\*'. The player's position does not change.
- The targeted cell is '/'. The player destroys the targeted door. The '/' in the targeted cell is replaced with '.'. The player's position does not change.

While battling a monster, the player's health might drop to 0 or -1, meaning that the player has died. In this case, the '@' for the player is replaced with 'X' in the game world. Note that the monster is still killed and loot ('\$' or '\*') is still dropped.

The function takes the following arguments, in this order:

- map\_ptr: The starting address of a Map struct. Note: this is NOT the address of the character at index [0][0] of the game world.
- player\_ptr: The starting address of a Player struct.
- target\_row: The row of a targeted cell.
- target\_col: The column of a targeted cell.

Additional requirements:

- complete\_attack must call get\_cell and set\_cell.
- The function must not write any changes to main memory except for the targeted cell and possibly changing the '@' to 'X', if the player has died.

## **Examples:**

Suppose that map3.txt was loaded and the state of the game world (visually) is as follows:

```
####

m@....#

....mm....#

....s.#
```

In memory, in hexadecimal, the game world will look like this:

The player is located at map\_ptr.cells[1][9]. Suppose we make the function call complete\_attack (map\_ptr, player\_ptr, 1, 8). At map\_ptr.cells[1][8] we can see that a minion is present. Therefore, the player suffers 1 point of damage (i.e., player\_ptr.health decreases by 1) and the contents of map\_ptr.cells[1][8] is changes to '\$'.

The state of the game world (visually) will change to this:

```
####
$@....#
...mmm....#
....$..#
```

In memory, in hexadecimal, the game world will now look like this:

### **Part VIII: When Monsters Attack**

```
int monster_attacks(Map *map_ptr, Player *player_ptr)
```

This function is essentially a helper function for player\_turn. It returns the number of points of damage potentially inflicted by monsters against the player. Suppose (R,C) is the position of the player. The four grid positions (R-1,C), (R+1,C), (R,C-1) and (R,C+1) are inspected to check if a monster is located there. Every such minion (m) potentially inflicts one point of damage, and every boss (B) potentially inflicts two points of damage.

Note that the function itself does not modify the Player struct's health field. Rather, the function simply returns the number of points of damage that the monsters at the given location *could* inflict on the target.

The function takes the following arguments, in this order:

- map\_ptr: The starting address of a Map struct. Note: this is NOT the address of the character at index [0][0] of the game world.
- player\_ptr: The starting address of a Player struct.

#### Returns in \$v0:

• The number of points of damage that monsters immediately up, down, left and right of map\_ptr.cells[player\_ptr.row][player\_ptr.col] could potentially cause to the player.

#### Additional requirements:

- monster\_attacks must call get\_cell.
- The function must not write any changes to main memory.

#### Example #1:

Suppose that map3.txt was loaded and the state of the game world (visually) is as follows:

```
#>###
m....
....m@m...
....mmm...
B.....
```

In memory, in hexadecimal, the game world will look like this:

The function call monster\_attacks (map\_ptr, player\_ptr) will return the value 3 because there are 3 minions immediately above, below, left and/or right of the player. The player's health remains unchanged. The state of the cells array of the Map struct remains unchanged.

## Example #2:

Suppose that map3.txt was loaded and the state of the game world (visually) is as follows:

```
·····
....m
....@.
B...
```

In memory, in hexadecimal, the game world will look like this:

The function call monster\_attacks (map\_ptr, player\_ptr) will return the value 0 because there are no monsters (neither minions nor bosses) immediately above, below, left and/or right of the player. The player's health remains unchanged. The state of the cells array of the Map struct remains unchanged.

### Example #3:

Suppose that map3.txt was loaded and the state of the game world (visually) is as follows:

```
....m
...m
...m
...m
...m
...m
...m
```

In memory, in hexadecimal, the game world will look like this:

The function call monster\_attacks (map\_ptr, player\_ptr) will return the value 3 because the monsters immediately above, below, left and/or right of the player (one minion, one boss) *could* collectively cause 3 points of damage. The player's health remains unchanged. The state of the cells array of the Map struct remains unchanged.

## Part IX: Moving the Player

This function is essentially a helper function for player\_turn. It is called once it has been determined external to this function that the player can validly *attempt* to move to the targeted cell located at index (target\_row, target\_col) of the game world.

Before attempting to move the player, the function calls monster\_attacks to check whether any nearby monsters land an attack on the player. The return value of monster\_attacks is subtracted from the player's health.

The possible outcomes of calling this function are as follows:

- Nearby monsters killed the player (i.e., the player's health is  $\leq 0$ ). The '@' at the player's position in the game world is replaced with 'X'. The function returns 0.
- The targeted cell is '.'. The '@' at the player's position in the game world is replaced with '.', and the '.' at the targeted cell in the game world is replaced with '@'. The Player struct's position is updated accordingly. The function returns 0.
- The targeted cell is '\$'. The '@' at the player's position in the game world is replaced with '.', and the '\$' at the targeted cell in the game world is replaced with '@'. The Player struct's position is updated accordingly. The Player struct's coins field is incremented by 1. The function returns 0.

- The targeted cell is '\*'. The '@' at the player's position in the game world is replaced with '.', and the '\*' at the targeted cell in the game world is replaced with '@'. The Player struct's position is updated accordingly. The Player struct's coins field is incremented by 5. The function returns 0.
- The targeted cell is '>'. The '@' at the player's position in the game world is replaced with '.', and the '>' at the targeted cell in the game world is replaced with '@'. The Player struct's position is updated accordingly. The function returns -1. (Updated 11/20/2018.)

The function takes the following arguments, in this order:

- map\_ptr: The starting address of a Map struct. Note: this is NOT the address of the character at index [0][0] of the game world.
- player\_ptr: The starting address of a Player struct.
- target\_row: The row of the cell the player will move to.
- target\_col: The column of the cell the player will move to.

Return values for \$v0 are provided in the description above.

Additional requirements:

- player\_move must call get\_cell, set\_cell and monster\_attacks.
- The function must not write any changes to main memory except as specified.

### **Examples:**

In the examples below, the player is playing a game using map3.txt.

#### Example #1: The player dies while trying to move

Suppose the state of the game visually is:

```
....m
...m..
B@..
####
```

Suppose that the player has 1 point of health remaining, is at index (5,4) and the function call player\_move (map\_ptr, player\_ptr, 5, 5) is made. monster\_attacks is called, causing 3 points of damage to the player. The player dies from the monsters' attacks. The state of the map becomes:

```
....m
...m.
BX..
####
```

and the function returns 0. Note that the cell at the player's position becomes 'X' and the player does not move.

## Example #2: The player moves to adjacent floor spot

Suppose the state of the game visually is:

```
....m
....$
....@.
.B...
```

Suppose that the player is at index (4,5) and the function call player\_move (map\_ptr, player\_ptr, 5, 5) is made. The state of the map becomes:

```
....$
.....
.B.@.
###
```

and the function returns 0.

## Example #3: The player moves and picks up a coin

Suppose the state of the game visually is:

```
....m
....$@.
B...
####
```

Suppose that the player is at index (4,5) and the function call player\_move(map\_ptr, player\_ptr, 4, 4) is made. The state of the map becomes:

```
....m
...@..
B...
####
```

and the function returns 0. Note that the player's coins field is incremented by 1 during execution of the function.

## Example #4: The player moves and picks up a gem

Suppose the state of the game visually is:

```
....m*m
....m@m
....
B....
####
```

Suppose that the player is at index (3,7) and the function call player\_move (map\_ptr, player\_ptr, 2, 7) is made. The state of the map becomes:

```
m.m
....m@m
....m.m
B....
####
```

and the function returns 0. Note that the player's coins field is incremented by 5 during execution of the function.

## **Example #5: The player escapes the dungeon**

Suppose the state of the game visually is:

```
#####>#
....@m
....m*m
....
```

Suppose that the player is at index (1,7), has 5 points of health remaining, and the function call player\_move (map\_ptr, player\_ptr, 0, 7) is made. The state of the map becomes:

```
#####@#
....m
....m
....
```

and the function returns -1.

## Example #6: The player dies while trying to escape the dungeon

Suppose the state of the game visually is:

```
#>###
m@...
....m*m..
.....
```

Suppose that the player has 1 point of health remaining, is at index (1,7), and the function call player\_move (map\_ptr, player\_ptr, 0, 7) is made. The state of the map becomes:

```
#>###

mX...
....m*m..
.....
```

and the function returns 0 (not -1) because the player died.

## Part X: Taking a Turn

```
int player_turn(Map *map_ptr, Player *player_ptr, char direction)
```

This function is a top-level function and relies directly or indirectly on almost every other function on the assignment. player\_turn is intended to be called inside the *game loop* to process a player's turn in the game. The algorithm it must implement proceeds as follows:

- 1. Check if direction is one of 'U', 'D', 'L' or 'R'. If not, then return -1. Otherwise, continue to step 2.
- 2. Check if the targeted cell is at a valid index. If not, then return 0. Otherwise, continue to step 3. Although during normal gameplay shouldn't be possible to target an invalid index, the function must accommodate for this possibility.
- 3. Call get\_cell to check where the player is attempting to move to or attack. If the target cell is '#', return 0.
- 4. Assuming the target is a valid index to move to or attack, call get\_attack\_target to see if the target cell is attackable.
  - If the target cell is attackable, call complete\_attack and then return 0.
  - Otherwise, call player\_move and return that function's return value as the return value of player\_turn.

The function takes the following arguments, in this order:

- map\_ptr: The starting address of a Map struct. Note: this is NOT the address of the character at index [0][0] of the game world.
- player\_ptr: The starting address of a Player struct.
- direction: The character 'U', 'D', 'L' or 'R'.
  - o 'U' indicates that the player is attempting to attack a target in the same column, but previous row of the game world (i.e., index (player\_ptr.row-1, player\_ptr.col)).
  - o 'D' indicates that the player is attempting to attack a target in the same column, but next row of the game world (i.e., index (player\_ptr.row+1, player\_ptr.col)).
  - o 'L' indicates that the player is attempting to attack a target in the same row, but previous column of the game world (i.e., index (player\_ptr.row, player\_ptr.col-1)).
  - o 'R' indicates that the player is attempting to attack a target in the same row, but next column of the game world (i.e., index (player\_ptr.row, player\_ptr.col+1)).

Return values for \$v0 are provided in the description above.

#### Additional requirements:

- player\_turn must call get\_cell, get\_attack\_target, complete\_attack and player\_move.
- The function must not write any changes to main memory except as specified.

### **Examples:**

In the examples below, the player is playing a game using map3.txt.

### Example #1: The player attempts to move into a wall

Suppose the state of the game visually is:

```
....m
...m
...m
...m
...m
...m
...m
```

Suppose that the player is at index (5,7), and the function call player\_turn (map\_ptr, player\_ptr, 'D') is made. Because there is wall immediately below the player, the player cannot move. Therefore, the function simply returns 0.

### Example #2: The player wants to make an attack

Suppose the state of the game visually is:

```
....m
...m...@.
...m...######
```

Suppose that the player is at index (4,8), and the function call player\_turn (map\_ptr, player\_ptr, 'U') is made. Since the target cell is not '#', player\_turn then calls get\_attack\_target.
get\_attack\_target in this case will not return -1, meaning that the player can attack the target cell. Therefore, player\_turn then calls complete\_attack and, after complete\_attack returns, player\_turn returns 0.

## Example #3: The player wants to move to an adjacent cell

Suppose the state of the game visually is:

Suppose that the player is at index (4,9), and the function call player\_turn (map\_ptr, player\_ptr, 'R') is made. Since the target cell is not '#', player\_turn then calls get\_attack\_target.

get\_attack\_target in this case will return -1, meaning that the player cannot attack the target cell. Therefore, player\_turn then calls player\_move. player\_turn will return player\_move's return value as its own return value.

# Part XI: Revealing a Large Area of the Game World

```
int flood_fill_reveal(Map *map_ptr, int row, int col, bit[][] visited)
```

This function performs a "flood fill" operation to reveal empty floor spaces ('.') in the neighborhood of the cell at index (row, col) of the world map. The function uses the stack to track all adjacent cells which could be revealed. See the pseudocode below for the algorithm you must implement. \$fp is the **frame pointer**, a register we can use in concert with \$sp to manage the stack. The frame pointer is a preserved register, and therefore must be preserved just like an \$s register. In this algorithm the frame pointer is used to help us keep track of what cells of the game world we still need to process and possibly reveal during the search.

```
if (row, col) represents an invalid index then
    return -1
$fp = $sp
$sp.push(row)
$sp.push(col)
offsets = [(-1, 0), (1, 0), (0, -1), (0, 1)] # a list of pairs
while $sp != $fp:
    col = \$sp.pop()
    row = \$sp.pop()
    make the cell at index (row, col) visible in the world map
    foreach pair (i, j) of values in offsets[]:
        if the cell at index (row+i, col+j) represents empty floor AND
                                                                             (*)
           the cell has not been visited yet, then
               (1) set that cell as having been visited
               (2) $sp.push(row+i)
               (3) $sp.push(col+j)
return 0
```

In the if-statement marked with the (\*) above, the floor cell might be be hidden or revealed. Regardless of whether the floor at that index is hidden or revealed, it must be pushed on the stack if it has not been visited yet.

The function takes the following arguments, in this order:

- map\_ptr: The starting address of a Map struct. Note: this is NOT the address of the character at index [0][0] of the game world.
- row: The row index where the flood fill begins.
- col: The column index where the flood fill begins.
- visited: A 2D array of bits that record whether a particular cell has been visited by the algorithm. The

dimensions of the bit vector match the dimensions of the cells array. The function may assume that this bit-vector has been initialized with all zero bits.

#### Returns in \$v0:

• 0 if a flood fill was executed, or -1 on error.

Returns -1 in \$v0 for error in any of the following cases:

```
• row < 0
```

```
• row > map_ptr.num_rows
```

- col < 0
- col ≥ map\_ptr.num\_cols

## Additional requirements:

- flood\_fill\_reveal must call get\_cell and set\_cell.
- The function must not write any changes to main memory except as specified.

### **Examples:**

In the examples below, the player is playing a game using map3.txt.

### Example #1:

The player is at index (3, 2).

Suppose that before the function call flood\_fill\_reveal (map\_ptr, 3, 2, visited) the state of the map is:

After the function call it will become:

### Example #2:

The player is at index (3, 14).

Suppose that before the function call flood\_fill\_reveal (map\_ptr, 3, 14, visited) the state of the map is:

```
....m ..#
....mmm....@.
...m....#
.....#
.....#
```

After the function call it will become:

```
...m ...#
...mmm...@......
```

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