

OPERATING SYSTEMS

Assignment-1

System Calls Through Assembly Language

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Number of experiments run :

N = 50

Average 'user time' for hello (int-based calls):

I = 0.169400

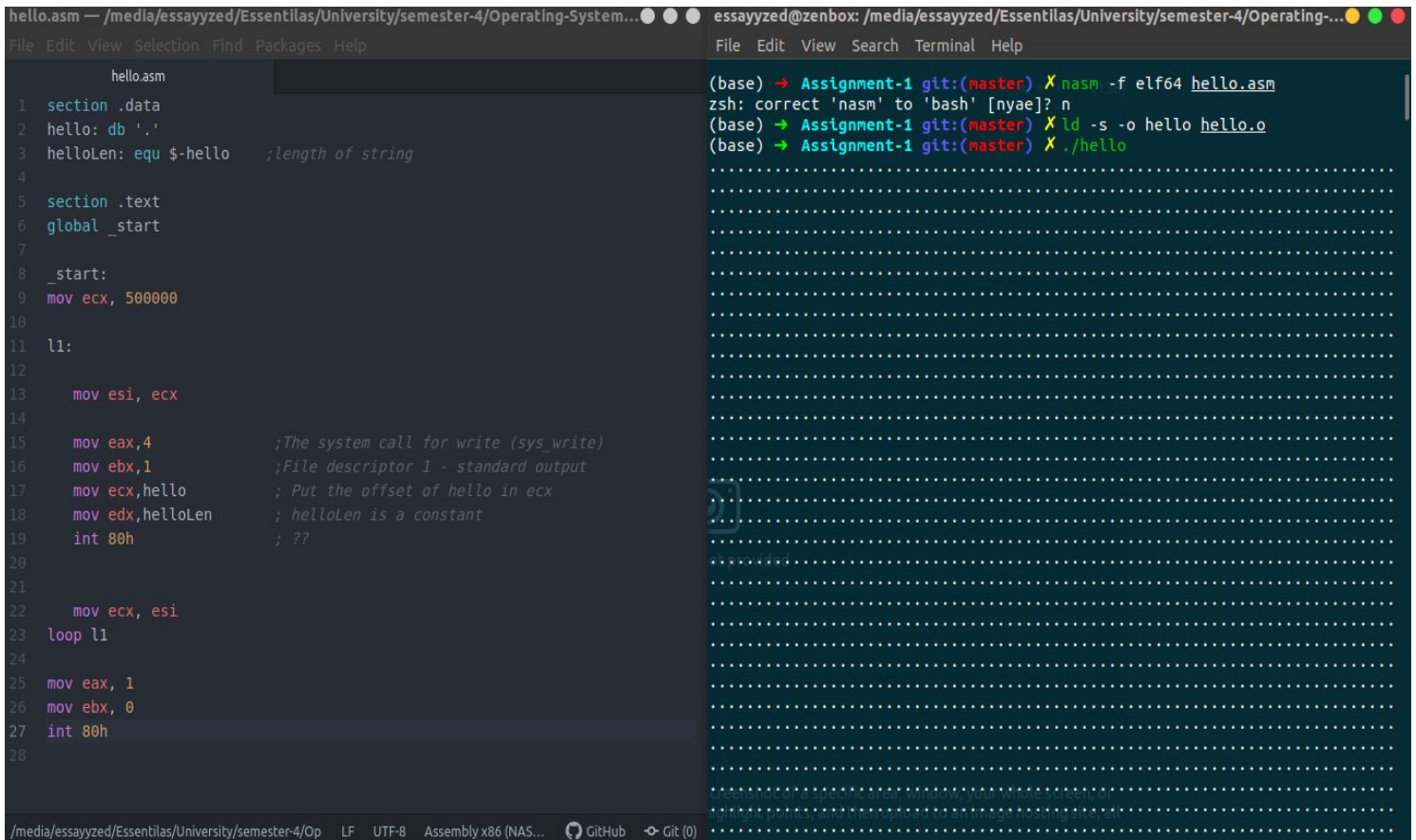
Average 'user time' for hello2 (syscall-based calls):

S = 0.221600

*Percentage speedup: $(I-S) * 100 / I = ((0.169400 - 0.221600)) * 100 / 0.169400$*

= -129.81%

Int Based Call:



The screenshot shows a code editor with two panes. The left pane displays the assembly code for 'hello.asm', and the right pane shows the terminal output.

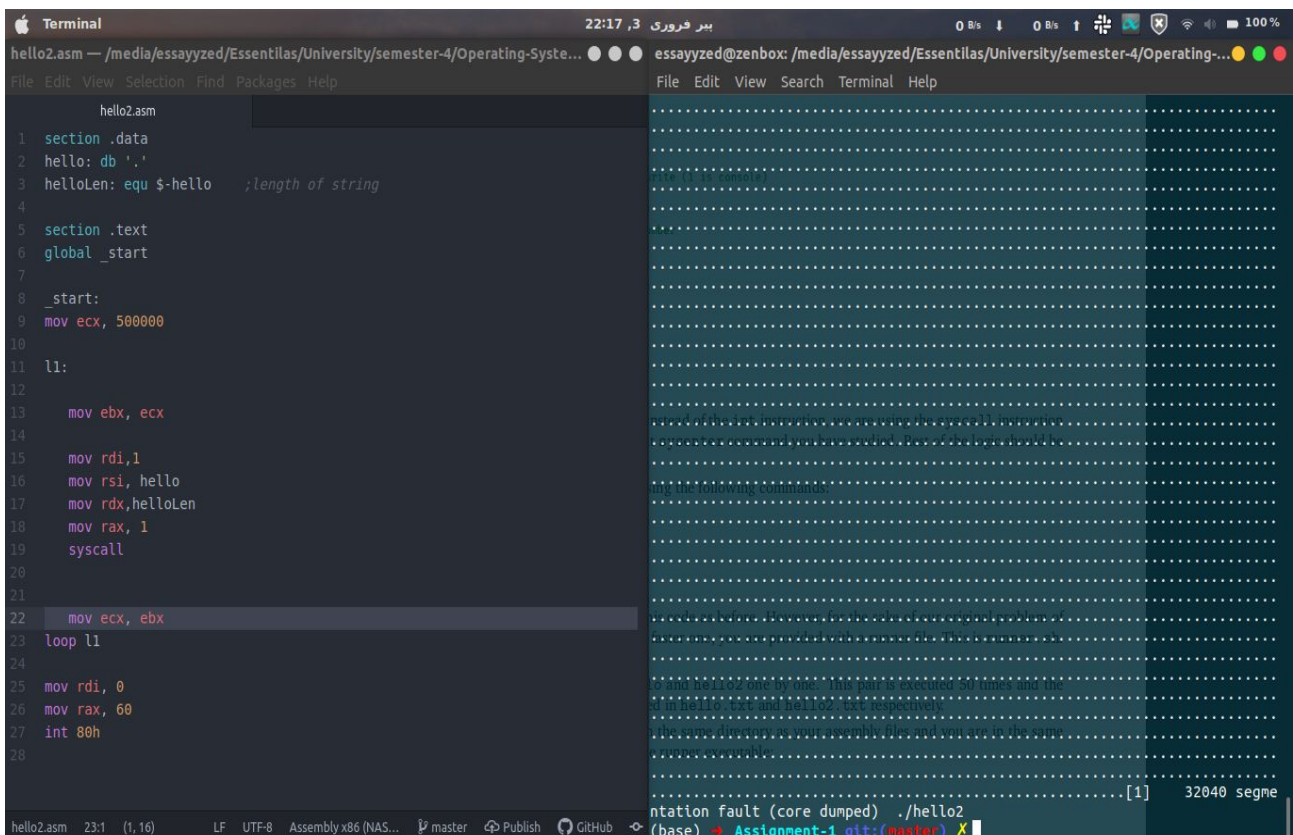
Assembly Code (hello.asm):

```
1 section .data
2 hello: db '.'
3 helloLen: equ $-hello ;length of string
4
5 section .text
6 global _start
7
8 _start:
9 mov ecx, 500000
10
11 l1:
12
13 mov esi, ecx
14
15 mov eax, 4 ;The system call for write (sys_write)
16 mov ebx, 1 ;File descriptor 1 - standard output
17 mov ecx, hello ; Put the offset of hello in ecx
18 mov edx, helloLen ; helloLen is a constant
19 int 80h ; ??
20
21
22 mov ecx, esi
23 loop l1
24
25 mov eax, 1
26 mov ebx, 0
27 int 80h
28
```

Terminal Output:

```
(base) → Assignment-1 git:(master) X nasm -f elf64 hello.asm
zsh: correct 'nasm' to 'bash' [nyae]? n
(base) → Assignment-1 git:(master) X ld -s -o hello hello.o
(base) → Assignment-1 git:(master) X ./hello
```

System Call Based



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5 section .text
6 global _start
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8 _start:
9 mov ecx, 500000
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11 l1:
12
13 mov ebx, ecx
14
15 mov rdi, 1
16 mov rsi, hello
17 mov rdx, helloLen
18 mov rax, 1
19 syscall
20
21
22 mov ecx, ebx
23 loop l1
24
25 mov rdi, 0
26 mov rax, 60
27 int 80h
28
```

Terminal Output:

```
hello2.asm 23:1 (1, 16) LF UTF-8 Assembly x86 (NAS... master Publish GitHub
(base) → Assignment-1 git:(master) X
```

Execution Time of INT Based Call

```
vi hello.txt
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

real    0m0.372s
user    0m0.220s
sys     0m0.152s
time (1 is console)

real    0m0.368s
user    0m0.216s
sys     0m0.152s

real    0m0.369s
user    0m0.209s
sys     0m0.160s

real    0m0.390s
user    0m0.235s
sys     0m0.155s

instead of the int instruction, we are using the syscall instruction
real    0m0.371s you have studied. Rest of the logic should be
user    0m0.263s
sys     0m0.108s
using the following commands:

real    0m0.369s
user    0m0.220s
sys     0m0.148s

real    0m0.369s
user    0m0.229s wever, for the sake of our original problem of
sys     0m0.140s er one, provided with a runner file. This is runner.sh.

real    0m0.370s
user    0m0.267s o and hello2.txt respectively.
sys     0m0.103s in hello.txt and hello2.txt respectively.

the same directory as your assembly files and you are in the same
real    0m0.372s
user    0m0.240s
sys     0m0.132s

"hello.txt" 400 lines, 4200 characters
```

Execution Time of Sys Based Call

```
vi hello2.txt
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
./runner.sh: line 8: 30283 Segmentation fault (core dumped) ./hello2
> /dev/null

real    0m0.386s
user    0m0.162s
sys     0m0.117s
./runner.sh: line 8: 30292 Segmentation fault (core dumped) ./hello2
> /dev/null

real    0m0.379s
user    0m0.184s
sys     0m0.088s
./runner.sh: line 8: 30299 Segmentation fault (core dumped) ./hello2
> /dev/null

real    0m0.381s
user    0m0.178s
sys     0m0.093s
./runner.sh: line 8: 30306 Segmentation fault (core dumped) ./hello2
> /dev/null

real    0m0.383s
user    0m0.172s
sys     0m0.104s
./runner.sh: line 8: 30341 Segmentation fault (core dumped) ./hello2
> /dev/null

real    0m0.380s
user    0m0.153s
sys     0m0.120s
./runner.sh: line 8: 30349 Segmentation fault (core dumped) ./hello2
> /dev/null

real    0m0.381s
user    0m0.207s
sys     0m0.067s
@
"hello2.txt" 500 lines, 12800 characters
```


Memory & Time Usage Info.

```
essayzed@zenbox: /media/essayzed/Essentilas/University/semester-4/Operating-...
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
.....
(base) → Assignment-1 git:(master) X
(base) → Assignment-1 git:(master) X time ./hello > /dev/null
./hello > /dev/null 0.26s user 0.14s system 99% cpu 0.396 total
(base) → Assignment-1 git:(master) X time ./hello2 > /dev/null
[2] 29673 segmentation fault (core dumped) ./hello2 > /dev/null
./hello2 > /dev/null 0.20s user 0.11s system 73% cpu 0.413 total
(base) → Assignment-1 git:(master) X chmod +x runner.sh
(base) → Assignment-1 git:(master) X ./runner.sh
(base) → Assignment-1 git:(master) X ls
a01-files.zip      hello2      hello2.txt  hello.txt  ScreenShots
cs206-s20-a-01.pdf hello2.asm  hello.asm   MACOSX
hello              hello2.o   hello.o     runner.sh
(base) → Assignment-1 git:(master) X vi hello2.txt
(base) → Assignment-1 git:(master) X vi hello.txt
(base) → Assignment-1 git:(master) X
```

Instead of the `int` instruction, we are using the `syscall` instruction
at `sysenter` command you have studied. Rest of the logic should be

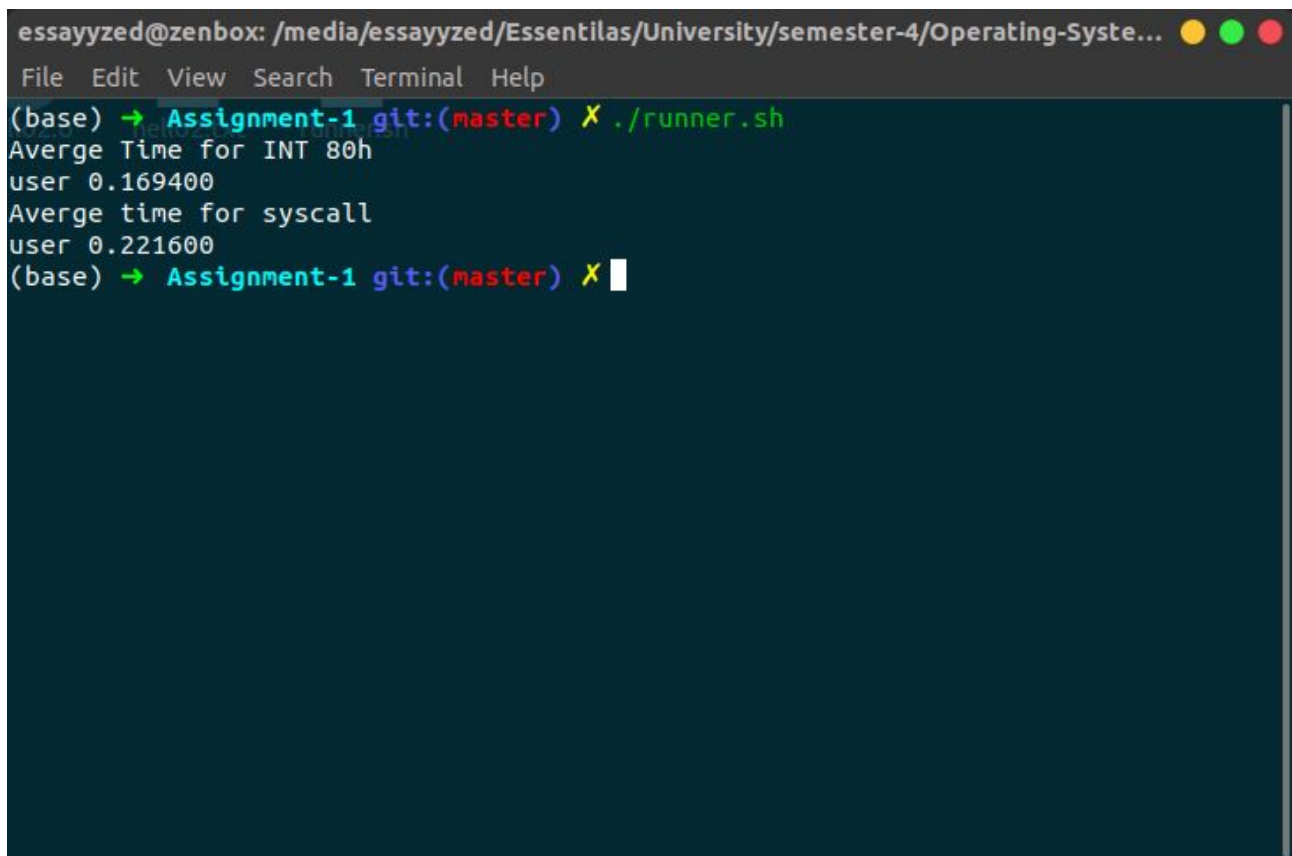
using the following commands:

This code as before. However, for the sake of our original problem of
faster one, you are provided with a runner file. This is `runner.sh`.

`hello` and `hello2` one by one. This pair is executed 50 times and the
results are stored in `hello.txt` and `hello2.txt` respectively.

Place the runner executable in the same directory as your assembly files and you are in the same
directory as the runner executable:

Average Time (Both Sys & INT based Calls)

A terminal window with a dark blue background and light green text. The window title is 'essayzed@zenbox: /media/essayzed/Essentilas/University/semester-4/Operating-Syste...'. The menu bar shows 'File Edit View Search Terminal Help'. The terminal content shows a prompt '(base) →' followed by 'Assignment-1 git:(master) X ./runner.sh'. The output shows 'Average Time for INT 80h' with 'user 0.169400' and 'Average time for syscall' with 'user 0.221600'. The prompt returns to '(base) → Assignment-1 git:(master) X' with a cursor.

```
essayzed@zenbox: /media/essayzed/Essentilas/University/semester-4/Operating-Syste...
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
(base) → Assignment-1 git:(master) X ./runner.sh
Average Time for INT 80h
user 0.169400
Average time for syscall
user 0.221600
(base) → Assignment-1 git:(master) X
```

Note:

why did we issue 500k syscalls?

We issued 500k syscalls in order to find the time in microsecond in any other case we won't be able to compute it because it won't take to much time.

Why not less or more?

In case of less we won't be able to find the time because it is so much less that it is approximately zero(0).

In case of More it will be unstoppable at certain level and will take too much time.

Why did we run the experiment 50 times?

In order to find Average time taken by both the calls.. in other case we won't be able to compute the average time taken.