

Lab: 5: Character and String Manipulation, Arrays, and Other Memory Operands

Objective:

To explore string manipulation and memory operations in MIPS Assembly Language.

Task 1:

Create a program to prompt the user for an integer, read the input, and output the rightmost digit.

Code:

```
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#Task 1

.data
prompt1: .asciiz "Enter an integer: "
prompt2: .asciiz "The rightmost digit is: "

.text
main:
    li $v0, 4          # syscall for print_string
    la $a0, prompt1    # load address of prompt
    syscall

    li $v0, 5          # syscall for read_int
    syscall
    move $t0, $v0      # store the integer in $t0

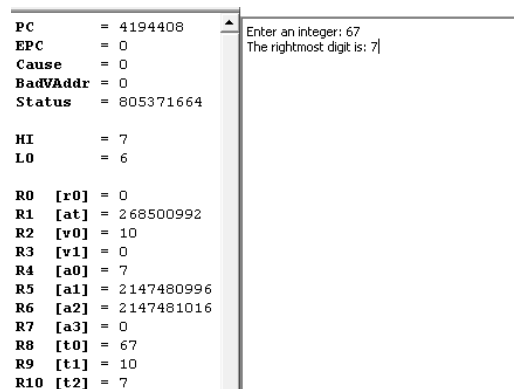
    li $t1, 10         # load 10 into $t1
    div $t0, $t1       # divide $t0 by 10
    mfhi $t2           # move the remainder (rightmost digit) into $t2

    li $v0, 4          # syscall for print_string
    la $a0, prompt2    # load address of message
    syscall

    li $v0, 1          # syscall for print_int
    move $a0, $t2       # move the rightmost digit to $a0
    syscall

fini:
    li $v0, 10         # syscall for exit
    syscall
```

Output:



The screenshot shows a MIPS simulator interface. On the left, a list of registers and their values is displayed: PC = 4194408, EPC = 0, Cause = 0, BadVAddr = 0, Status = 805371664, HI = 7, LO = 6, R0 [r0] = 0, R1 [at] = 268500992, R2 [v0] = 10, R3 [v1] = 0, R4 [a0] = 7, R5 [a1] = 2147480996, R6 [a2] = 2147481016, R7 [a3] = 0, R8 [t0] = 67, R9 [t1] = 10, and R10 [t2] = 7. On the right, the program's output is shown: "Enter an integer: 67" followed by "The rightmost digit is: 7".

Task 2:

Modify `Lab5_1.asm` to print strings on separate lines using a newline character `\n`.

Code:

```
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#Task 2

.data
prompt1: .asciiz "Enter an integer:\n"
prompt2: .asciiz "The rightmost digit is:\n"

.text
main:
    li $v0, 4          # syscall for print_string
    la $a0, prompt1    # load address of prompt
    syscall

    li $v0, 5          # syscall for read_int
    syscall
    move $t0, $v0      # store the integer in $t0

    li $t1, 10         # load 10 into $t1
    div $t0, $t1       # divide $t0 by 10
    mfhi $t2           # move the remainder (rightmost digit) into $t2

    li $v0, 4          # syscall for print_string
    la $a0, prompt2    # load address of message
    syscall

    li $v0, 1          # syscall for print_int
    move $a0, $t2       # move the rightmost digit to $a0
    syscall

fini:
    li $v0, 10         # syscall for exit
    syscall
```

Output:

PC	=	4194336	Console
EPC	=	0	
Cause	=	0	67
BadVAddr	=	0	
Status	=	805371664	
HI	=	0	
LO	=	0	
R0	[r0]	=	0
R1	[at]	=	0
R2	[v0]	=	10
R3	[v1]	=	0
R4	[a0]	=	67
R5	[a1]	=	2147481000
R6	[a2]	=	2147481016
R7	[a3]	=	0
R8	[t0]	=	60
R9	[t1]	=	7
R10	[t2]	=	67

Task 3:

Investigate the difference between `.ascii` and `.asciiz` directives.

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```
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#Task 3

.data
prompt: .ascii "Enter an integer...\n" # Using .ascii without null-termination
.byte 0                               # Manually add null terminator
message: .asciiz "The rightmost digit is:\n" # Null-terminated message string
promptA: .word prompt                  # A pointer to the address of prompt

.text
main:
    lw $a0, promptA($0)
    li $v0, 4
    syscall

    li $v0, 5
    syscall
    move $t0, $v0

    li $t1, 10
    div $t0, $t1
    mfhi $t2

    addi $a0, $a0, 21
    li $v0, 4
    syscall

    li $v0, 1
    move $a0, $t2
    syscall

fini:
    li $v0, 10
    syscall
```

Output:

PC	=	4194408
EPC	=	0
Cause	=	0
BadVAddr	=	0
Status	=	805371664
HI	=	8
LO	=	7
R0 [r0]	=	0
R1 [at]	=	268500992
R2 [v0]	=	10
R3 [v1]	=	0
R4 [a0]	=	8
R5 [a1]	=	2147480996
R6 [a2]	=	2147481016
R7 [a3]	=	0
R8 [t0]	=	78
R9 [t1]	=	10
R10 [t2]	=	8

Enter an integer:
78
The rightmost digit is:
8|

Task 4:

Write a function to calculate the length of a null-terminated string using the `jal` instruction.

Code:

```
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#Task 4

.data
entry: .ascii "Ahsan Raza"
.byte 0
entryA: .word entry
.text
main:
    add $s0, $ra, $0
    lw $a0, entryA($0)

    jal length
    move $a0, $v0
    li $v0, 1
    syscall

    add $ra, $s0, $0          # Restore the return address from $s0
fini:
    jr $ra                   # Return from main
length:
    add $v0, $0, $0          # Initialize length counter in $v0 to 0
length_loop:
    lb $t0, 0($a0)           # Load byte from string into $t0
    beq $t0, $0, length_end  # If byte is null (0), end loop
    addi $v0, $v0, 1          # Increment length counter
    addi $a0, $a0, 1          # Move to next byte in string
    j length_loop            # Repeat loop
length_end:
    jr $ra                   # Return to caller with length in $v0
```

Output:

PC	=	4194336	10
EPC	=	0	
Cause	=	0	
BadVAddr	=	0	
Status	=	805371664	
HI	=	0	
LO	=	0	
R0	[r0]	=	0
R1	[at]	=	268500992
R2	[v0]	=	10
R3	[v1]	=	0
R4	[a0]	=	10

Task 5:

Modify the program to count elements in a null-terminated array of words.

Code:

```
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#Task 5

.data
entry: .word 5, 12, 7, 2      # Define the array of words
      .word 0                # Null terminator for the array
entryA: .word entry           # Pointer to the address of entry

.text
main:
    add $s0, $ra, $0          # Save return address in $s0
    lw $a0, entryA($0)        # Load address of entry into $a0

    jal length                 # Jump to length subroutine and link
    move $a0, $v0              # Move length of array into $a0 for printing
    li $v0, 1
    syscall

    add $ra, $s0, $0          # Restore the return address from $s0
fini:
    jr $ra
length:
    add $v0, $0, $0           # Initialize length counter in $v0 to 0
length_loop:
    lw $t0, 0($a0)            # Load word from array into $t0
    beq $t0, $0, length_end    # If word is zero, end loop
    addi $v0, $v0, 1           # Increment length counter
    addi $a0, $a0, 4           # Move to next word (4 bytes)
    j length_loop              # Repeat loop
length_end:
    jr $ra                    # Return to caller with length in $v0
```

Output:

int Regs [10]		Console	
PC	= 4194336		
EPC	= 0		
Cause	= 0		
BadVAddr	= 0		
Status	= 805371664		
HI	= 0		
LO	= 0		
R0	[r0] = 0		
R1	[at] = 268500992		
R2	[v0] = 10		
R3	[v1] = 0		
R4	[a0] = 4		