

Lab 4 Write-Up

- Introduction
 - The purpose of this lab was to give us a better understanding of ARM assembly, as well as how to not only light up, but control an LED via the Raspberry PI.
- Procedure
 - Part 1
 - Re-type the provided code into vim/nano
 - Save as a .s file
 - Compile the code using “as” and “ld”
 - Run the compiled code in GDB and find the register values
 - Try out the TUI interface in GDB
 - Part 2
 - Re-type the provided code into vim/nano
 - Replace the “???” lines with code that will allow the file to properly compile and execute, making sure to only use the allowed instructions.
 - Part 3
 - Light an LED using the Raspberry PI by following the detailed explanation
 - Part 4
 - Connect the LED to header pin 7
 - Do not get confused
 - Use the commands provided to control the GPIO 7
- Algorithm/Other Data
 - Part 2
 - Line 17 needs to branch to workdone on the chance that no argument is given
 - Lines 20 and 21 help to initialize r10 as the string length storage as well as
 - Onemore essentially checks the string for more letters, incrementing r10 and then ending once the word is written
 - Reverse then takes the string and places it into reverse order
 - In order for reverse to end, r11 was initialized at 0 and told to increment for every cycle of reverse. When $r11 == r10$, reverse is finally exited.
 - NOTE: This was thought up while in the lab with Anthony Dupar and Beau Meimban, the three of us helping one another with Part 2.
- Other Information
 - What are the values for all the registers after executing 5 assembly instructions after the `_break`?
 - R0: 13, R1: 65688, R2: 13, R7: 4, R13: (void *) 0xbefffd30, R15: (void(*)()) 0x8088 <_start+20>
 - Any unmentioned registers were 0.
 - What do you see in the top window after executing 3 ARM instructions?
 - The registers and their values
 - R0: 1, R1: 65688, R2: 13, CPSR: 16, SP: 0xbefffd30, PC: 0x8080

- Again, any unmentioned registers were 0.
- If you were to run the code from task 1 on your lab3 LC-3, how many clock cycles would be required for it to complete?
 - Ten cycles
- What do each of the commands do?
 - ld: used in the second part of the compilation process
 - as: used in the first part of the compilation process
 - and: ANDs two things together and saves it to a register
 - add: Adds two things together and saves it to a register
 - beq: Branch if Equal To
 - bge: Branch if Greater Than Or Equal To
 - bl: Branch and Link
 - bne: Branch if Not Equal To
 - blt: Branch if Less Than
 - cmp: set CC comparing two items
 - ldr: loads 32bits
 - ldrb: loads a byte
 - mov: Sets a register equal to something, LSs and Ass can also be done with this
 - strb: mem[x] = y, lower 8 bits from y
 - sub: Subtracts one value from another and saves it to a register
 - swi: OS call, like TRAP
- What is GDB used for? What does it do?
 - GDB is used for debugging. With it, you are able to execute a program step by step.
- What is “-o” and what does this command do?
 - It states where the target is.
- What is the hex code for where the program starts for task 1?
 - 0x0
- What is the voltage drop across a single LED?
 - 3.3V
- If you increased the resistance of the resistor in task 4, what would happen to the LED?
 - The light would be dimmer
- Instead of pin 7, what other pins could have been used to achieve the same goal in task 4? What line(s) of code would change?
 - 0 → 6: gpio mode/write # out/1/0