COE 181. 1 Lab Report

Lab Number: Lab 1

Lab Title: INTRODUCTION TO MARS

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Objectives:

• Get familiar with the MARS simulator.

• Learn how to assemble, run, and debug a MIPS program

Procedures:

- Downloaded the MARS IDE.
- Familiarized the components of MARS Simulator.
- Learned to assemble, run and debug.

Results and Analysis:

Task 1:

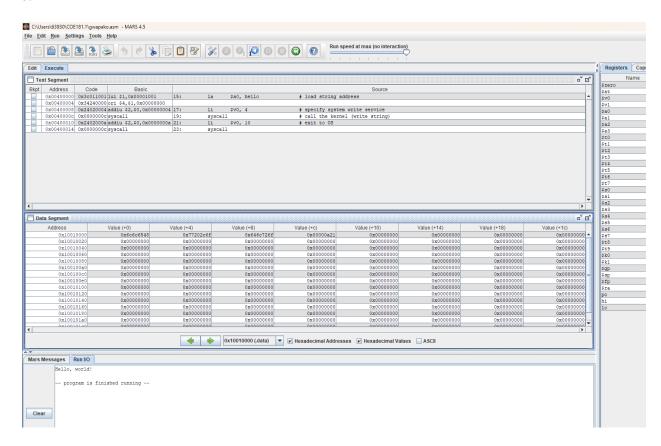
• a.

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C:\Users\63930\COE181.1\gwapako.asm - MARS 4.5
File Edit Run Settings Tools Help
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             Fibonacci.asm
 gwapako.asm
   # Program Name: HelloWorld.asm (Optional)
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           .data
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                                        # data segment
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   hello: .asciiz "Hello, world!\n"
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                                        # a null terminated string
                                        # code segment
 9
           .text
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           .globl main
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13 main:
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                 $aO, hello
                                       # load string address
16
           li.
                  $v0, 4
                                        # specify system write service
17
18
                                        # call the kernel (write string)
19
           syscall
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           1i
                  $v0, 10
                                       # exit to OS
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• b.

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            syscall
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Line: 6 Column: 1 V Show Line Numbers
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• c.



• d. The output is Hello, world! And it appears in Run I/O display window.

Task 2:

• a.

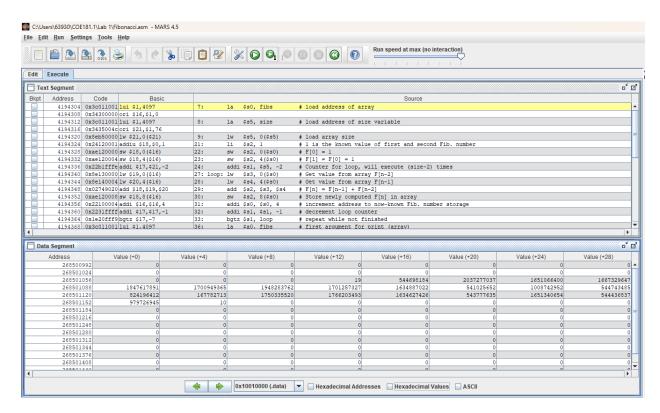
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File Edit Run Settings Tools Help
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 Edit Execute
 gwapako.asm Fibonacci.asm
 1 # Compute several Fibonacci numbers and put in array, then print
 3 fibs:.word 0:19
                            # "array" of words to contain fib values
                         # size of "array" (agrees with array declaration)
 4 size: .word 19
 5 prompt: .asciiz "How many Fibonacci numbers to generate? (2 <= x <= 19)"
    .text
        la $s0, fibs
                            # load address of array
         la $s5, size
                            # load address of size variable
 8
 9
         lw $s5, 0($s5)
                            # load array size
10
11 # Optional: user inputs the number of Fibonacci numbers to generate
12 #pr: la $a0, prompt # load address of prompt for syscall
         li $v0, 4
13 #
                             # specify Print String service
         syscall
                             # print the prompt string
14 #
         li $v0, ?????Replace_this_dummy_with_the_correct_numeric_value???????
15 #
                                                                                   # specify Read Integer service
16 #
          syscall
                            # Read the number. After this instruction, the number read is in $v0.
         bgt $v0, $s5, pr
                            # Check boundary on user input -- if invalid, restart
17 #
         blt $v0, $zero, pr # Check boundary on user input -- if invalid, restart
18 #
         add $55, $v0, $zero # transfer the number to the desired register
19 #
20
21
         li $s2, 1
                             # 1 is the known value of first and second Fib. number
    sw $s2, 0($s0) # F[0] = 1
22
23
         sw $s2, 4($s0)
                            \# F[1] = F[0] = 1
24
         addi $s1, $s5, -2
                            # Counter for loop, will execute (size-2) times
25
26
         # Loop to compute each Fibonacci number using the previous two Fib. numbers.
27 loop: lw $s3, 0($s0) # Get value from array F[n-2]
28
       lw $s4, 4($s0)
                             # Get value from array F[n-1]
                           \# F[n] = F[n-1] + F[n-2]
29
         add $s2, $s3, $s4
30
         sw $s2, 8($s0)
                            # Store newly computed F[n] in array
31
        addi $s0, $s0, 4
                            # increment address to now-known Fib. number storage
         addi $sl, $sl, -1 # decrement loop counter
32
         bgtz $sl, loop
                            # repeat while not finished
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       Execute
 gwapako.asm
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          # Fibonacci numbers are computed and stored in array. Print them.
36
                             # first argument for print (array)
37
          add $al, $zero, $s5 # second argument for print (size)
                              # call print routine.
38
          ial print
39
          # The program is finished. Exit.
40
41
          li .
              $v0, 10
                             # system call for exit
          syscall
                              # Exit!
42
43
44
    45
    # Subroutine to print the numbers on one line.
          .data
46
    space:.asciiz " "
47
                              # space to insert between numbers
    head: .asciiz "The Fibonacci numbers are:\n"
48
49
          .text
50
   print:add $t0, $zero, $a0 # starting address of array of data to be printed
          add $t1, $zero, $al # initialize loop counter to array size
51
                              # load address of the print heading string
          la
             $aO, head
52
53
          li.
             $v0, 4
                              # specify Print String service
                              # print the heading string
54
          syscall
55
                              # load the integer to be printed (the current Fib. number)
56
   out: lw
              $a0, 0($t0)
              $v0, 1
                              # specify Print Integer service
57
          1i
          syscall
                              # print fibonacci number
58
59
                              # load address of spacer for syscall
              $a0, space
60
              $v0, 4
                              # specify Print String service
61
          li
62
          syscall
                              # print the spacer string
63
                              # increment address of data to be printed
64
          addi $t0, $t0, 4
          addi $t1, $t1, -1
                              # decrement loop counter
65
         bgtz $t1, out
66
                              # repeat while not finished
67
68
                              # return from subroutine
69
    # End of subroutine to print the numbers on one line
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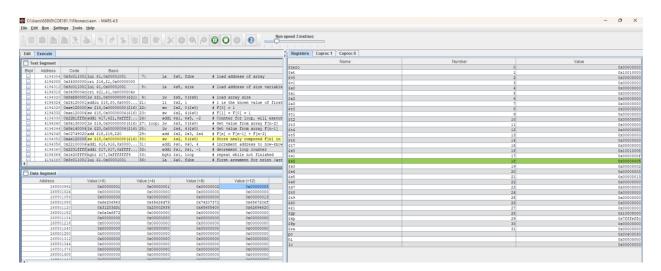
• b. In the .data section, several key variables are defined for the program. The fibs array consists of 19 words, each initialized to zero, and is used to store the Fibonacci numbers as they are generated. The size variable holds a single word with the value 19, representing the size of the Fibonacci array. A string labeled prompt is included to prompt the user to input the number of Fibonacci numbers to generate. Additionally, the space variable contains a newline and space character, which are used to format the

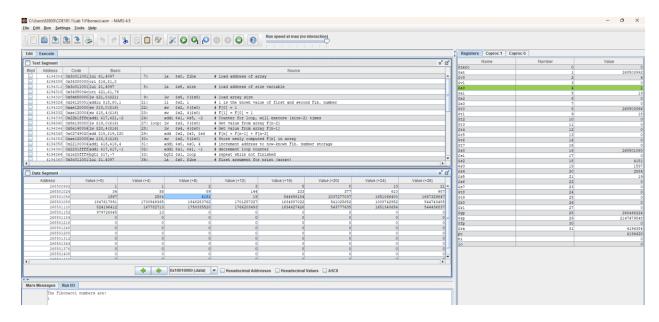
output when displaying the Fibonacci numbers. Finally, the head string is defined to print a heading before the Fibonacci sequence is shown.

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• d.

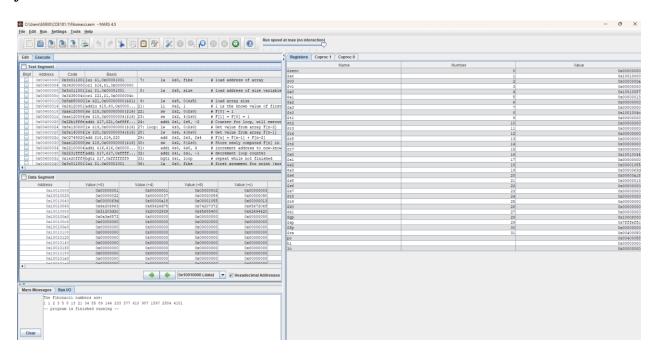




- Line 7: \$s0 points to the start of the fibs array.
- Line 8-9: \$s5 holds the size of the array, which is 19.
- Line 21: \$s2 initialized to 1.
- Line 21-22: fibs[0] = 1 and fibs [1] = 1.
- For loop execution: fibs[2] = 2
 since at line 27 \$s3 = 1 (fibs[0]) and at line 28 \$s4 = 1 (fibs[1]).
 At line 29, there is add instruction, \$s2 = 1+1 = 2 (fibd[2]).
 Now, in line 31, \$s0 points to fibs[1].

Same process continues for the next iterations up to fibs[18].

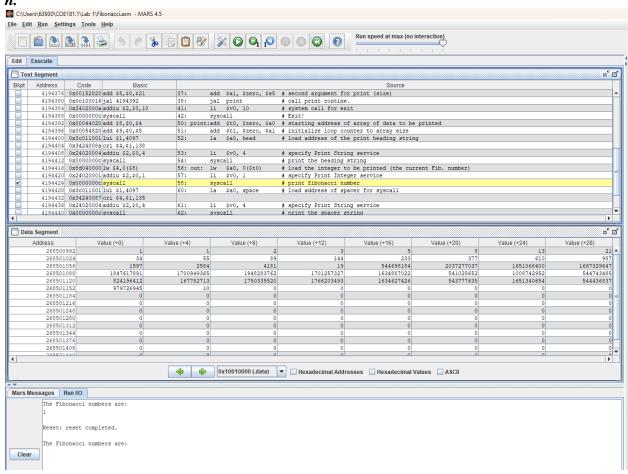
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h.



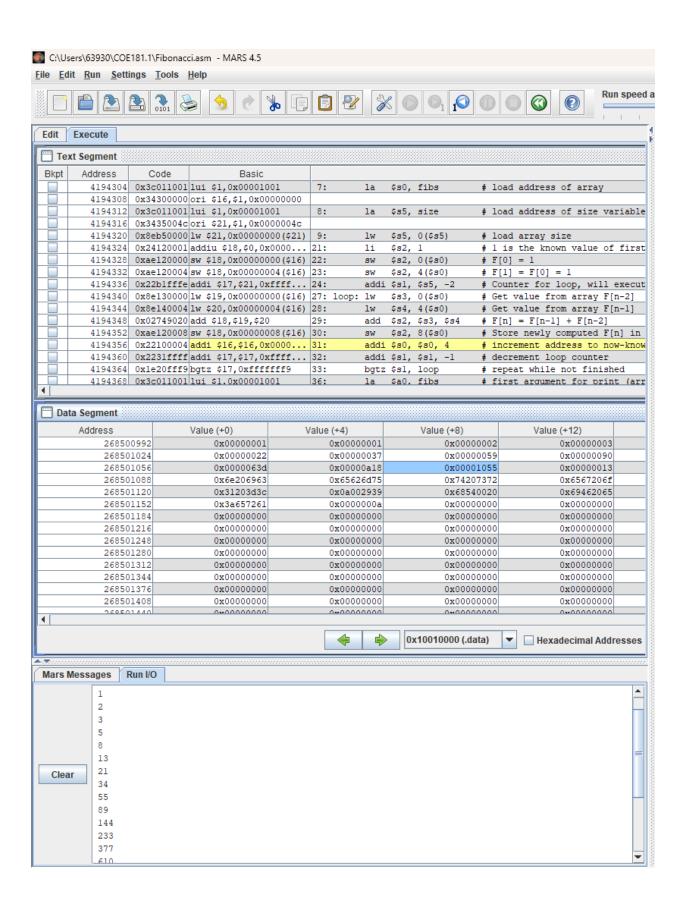
• *i*.

If we change the line:

space: .asciiz '' '' # space to insert between numbers to:

space: .asciiz "\n" # space to insert between number

the output would print vertically.



Conclusion:

- This activity helped the student become familiar with the components of the MARS simulator.
- The student appreciated the well-structured manual, as it effectively guided them in exploring the MARS simulator and understanding how MIPS assembly language functions.

Additional Notes/Observations:

• So far, the student has not encountered any significant difficulties, except for the small font size, as the MARS simulator does not support zooming in and out.