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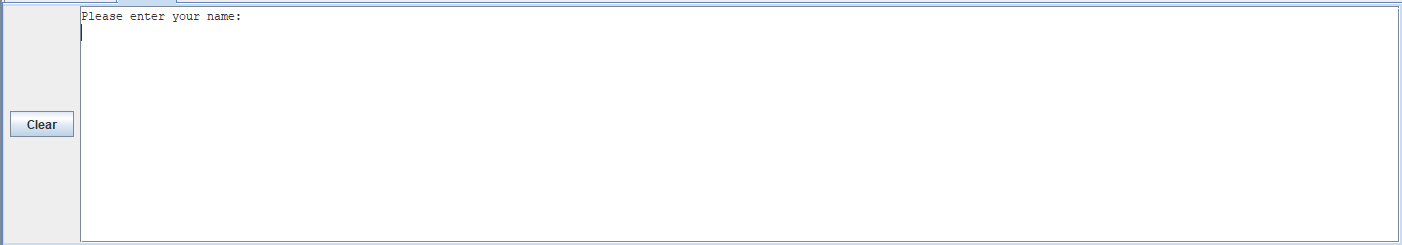
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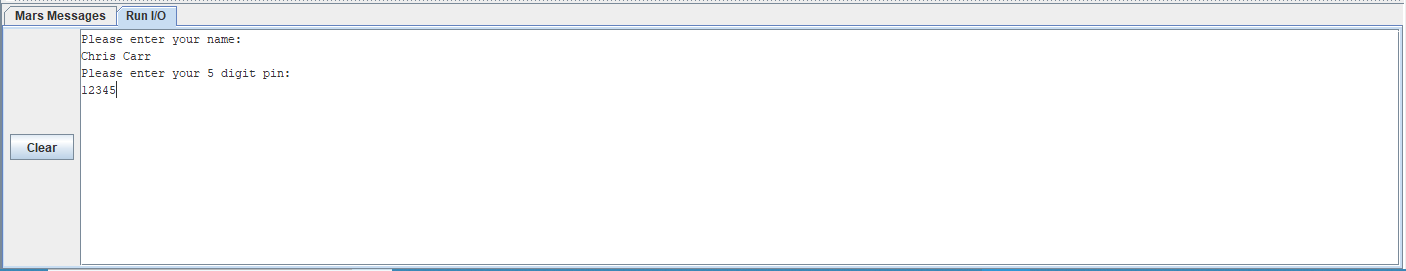
**Task A**

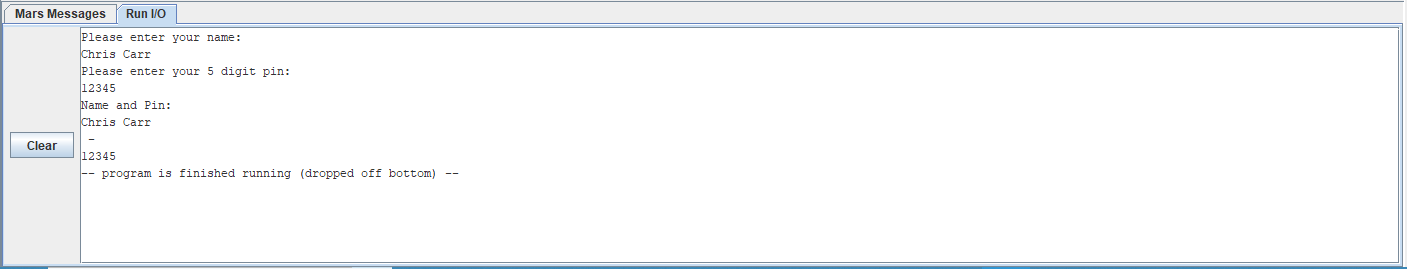
Task A was a good way of reinforcing the information learned through university lectures/labs. It highlighted areas where my basic knowledge was lacking, and I had to resolve these issues with self-learning, rather than asking a tutor for help. It was good to begin the assignment with a basic task. One thing that I noticed throughout this task was that I needed to keep checking the reference sheets (<http://courses.missouristate.edu/kenvollmar/mars/help/syscallhelp.html>), rather than knowing which syscall commands to use off by heart (which the tutors do!). I identified 3 problems with the program:

* The entered string is not validated. For example: names shouldn’t contain numbers or specific special characters (i.e @)
* When the name String is read from the input buffer, a newline is added to the end (\n). This stopped me from displaying the output on a single line, as first intended.
* No validation that the integer is 5 digits long. This could be easily fixed with 2 if statements (input\_pin >= 9999 && input\_pin <= 99999)

*Screenshots*







(*Revision 2*) la changed for move when moving variables. This should improve efficiency. Input variables are stored in temporary register rather than permanent registers. (stored in $t1 instead of $a1). Allocated space for String input prior to accepting the String.

<https://github.com/jynxmagic/MIPS-Assembly-Language/commit/b6ac553f664041c003bd6809f8cd7a0213a88531>

(*Revision 3*) Correctly terminated program. <https://github.com/jynxmagic/MIPS-Assembly-Language/commit/8dfeae3e05a8908f5d59b2d359985ac745c0f626>

*Code*

**.data**

**prompt\_name:** **.asciiz** "Please enter your name: \n"

**prompt\_pin:** **.asciiz** "Please enter your 5 digit pin: \n"

**output:** **.asciiz** "Name and Pin: \n"

**separator:** **.asciiz** " - \n"

**.text**

#Display prompt name

**la** $a0, **prompt\_name**

**li** $v0, 4

**syscall**

#Store name input

**li** $v0, 8

**li** $a1, 35 #allocate space for input (35 bytes - 35 Chars)

**syscall**

**move** $t1, $a0

##Probably could do some verification here (no numbers in name input) ####

#Display prompt pin

**la** $a0, **prompt\_pin**

**li** $v0, 4

**syscall**

#Store prompt pin

**li** $v0, 5

**syscall**

**move** $t2, $v0

#Output output

**la** $a0, **output**

**li** $v0, 4

**syscall**

#Output stored name

**move** $a0, $t1

**li** $v0, 4

**syscall**

#Output Seperator ("-")

**la** $a0, **separator**

**li** $v0, 4

**syscall**

#Output stored pin

**move** $a0, $t2

**li** $v0, 1

**syscall**

#end

**li** $v0, 10

**syscall**

Github commits: <https://github.com/jynxmagic/MIPS-Assembly-Language/commits/master/Task_A/Task_A.asm>