## CEG 3136 – Computer Architecture II Tutorial 2 – Translating C Code to Assembler Fall 2019

## 1) Complete the translation of the C function to Assembler.

```
Function: addByteArray
Parameters: arrPt - pointer to array
         num - number of elements
                to sum
Description: Adds the contents of
           an integer array.
Assumption: array contains at
        least one element.
----*/
int addByteArray(byte *arrPt,
         byte num)
  int sum;
  sum=0;
  do
    sum=sum+*arrPt++;
    num--;
  \}while(num != 0);
  return(sum);
```

2) Translate the following short C program into assembler. Use the stack to exchange ALL parameters and the result (assume *int*'s take 2 bytes of storage, and *byte*'s take 1 byte of storage). Ensure that the registers used by the subroutine are not changed after the subroutine has executed. Define the stack usage with the OFFSET directive and labels as offsets into the stack.

```
/*-----
Function: addInts
Description: Adds two 8-bit integers.
-----*/
int addInts(byte val1, byte val2)
{
  int sum;
  sum = val1 + val2;
  return(sum);
}
```

3) The C standard library provides a function to concantenate two strings:

```
char *strcat(char *str1, char *str2)
```

A *string* of characters terminated with a null character is stored in the memory starting at address found in the pointer variable *str1* and a second string at address found in the pointer variable *str2*. Develop a structured assembly subroutine that concantenates the contents pointed to by *str2* to the end of the contents in string *str1*. The function returns the address of string *str1* (that is the address received in the *str1* variable). Assume single byte ASCII characters.

- 1. First provide a <u>C function</u> that illustrates the algorithm of the subroutine (or functions/subroutines you may use additional functions/subroutines to provide a solution).
- 2. Then translate the C functions to <u>assembler code to subroutine(s)</u>. Do not forget to comment your code.

## Algorithm (C program and description):

## **Assembler Source Code:**

```
; Subroutine: char* strcat(char *str1, char *str2)
; Parameters
;    str1 -
;    str2 -
; Returns
;    str1 -
; Local Variables
```

; Description: appends the second string to the first string.

4) The following C functions were developed as part of the design for the Alarm System Simulator in Lab 1 to check validity of codes being entered by the user (1 digit at a time). Translate the functions to an assembler subroutines. The <code>isCodeValid</code> function accesses a global array that contains 4 integer (2 bytes) alarm codes. Note that the ASCII digit is translate to its numeric value.

```
// Declare alarm code array
#define NUMCODES 5
int alarmCodes[NUMCODES];
/*----
* Functions: checkCode
* Parameters: input - input character
* Returns: TRUE - alarm code detected
          FALSE - alarm code not detected
* Descriptions: Creates alarm code using digits entered until
                4 digits are seen. After 4th digit, see if
               alarm code is valid using isCodeValid().
byte checkCode(byte input)
  static int mult = 1000; // current multiplier of digit
  static int alarmCode = 0;  // alarm code value
  byte retval = FALSE;
  if(isdigit(input))
     alarmCode = alarmCode + (input-ASCII CONV NUM) *mult;
     mult = mult/10;
     if(mult == 0)
        retval = isCodeValid(alarmCode);
        alarmCode = 0;
        mult = 1000;
   }
   else
     alarmCode = 0;
     mult = 1000;
  return(retval);
```

```
* Functions: isCodeValid
 * Parameters: alarmCode - integer alarmCode
 * Returns: TRUE - alarm code valid
    FALSE - alarm code not valid
^{\star} Descriptions: Checks to see if alarm code is in the
              alarmCodes array.
 *----*/
byte isCodeValid(int alarmCode)
  int *ptr; // pointer to alarmCodes
  byte cnt = NUMCODES;
  byte retval = FALSE;
  ptr = alarmCodes;
  do
     if(*ptr++ == alarmCode)
       retval = TRUE;
       break;
     cnt--;
  } while(cnt != 0);
  return(retval);
}
```