Computer Architecture

Project 2

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C Algorithm

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <time.h>
int find(int* arr, int num, int count);
int findBalls(int* generated, int* input);
int findStrikes(int* generated, int* input);
int generate(int* generated, int count);
int getInput(int* input, int count);
 const int count = 3;
int find(int* arr, int num, int count){
   for(int i=0; i < count; i++){
      if(arr[i] == num){
          return i;
      }
}</pre>
             return -1;
 }
 \mathbf{int} \hspace{0.2cm} \mathtt{findBalls} \hspace{0.1cm} (\hspace{0.1cm} \mathbf{int} \hspace{0.2cm} * \hspace{0.1cm} \mathtt{generate} \hspace{0.1cm} , \hspace{0.1cm} \mathbf{int} \hspace{0.2cm} * \hspace{0.1cm} \mathtt{input} \hspace{0.1cm} ) \{
            int index;
int num;
int balls = 0;
for(int i=0; i<count; i++){
    num = generate[i];
    index = find(input, num, count);
    if(index != -1 && index != i){
        balls++;
    }</pre>
                        }
            return balls;
 }
 int \ \ findStrikes(int* \ generate \,, \ int* \ input) \{
             int index;
            int index;
int num;
int strikes = 0;
for(int i=0; i<count; i++){
    num = generate[i];
    index = find(input, num, count);
    if(index == i){
        ctribes++</pre>
                                    strikes++;
                        }
            return strikes;
 }
int generate(int* generated, int count){
   int randomNumber;
   int index;
   int added = 0;
   while(added < count){
       srand(time(NULL));
       randomNumber = (rand() % 9) + 1;
       index = find(generated, randomNumber, count);
       if(index == -1){
            generated[added] = randomNumber;
            added++;
            added++;
            added++;</pre>
                                    added++;
                        }
             return 0;
 }
 int getInput(int* input, int count){
            int userInput;
int index;
            int index,
int added = 0;
while(added < count){
    printf("Enter a value between (1-9): ");
    scanf("%d", &userInput);</pre>
                        scant("%d", &userinput);
fflush(stdin);
while(userInput > 9 || userInput < 1){
    printf("Invalid input. Must be between (1-9): \n");
    scanf("%d", &userInput);</pre>
                                     fflush (stdin);
                         index = find(input, userInput, count);
if(index == -1){
   input[added] = userInput;
                                    added++;
                                     printf("Must enter non-duplicate value.\n");
             return 0;
 }
```

```
void clearBuffer(void){
    while ( getchar() != '\n' );
}

void print(int* generate, int* input){
    for(int i=0; !<count; i+){
        printf("Generated: %d — Input: %d\n", generate[i], input[i]);
}
}

int main(void){
    int generated[3] = {0};
    int balls;
    int strikes;
    char choice;
    int deex;

generate(generated, count);

while(1){
        int input[3] = {0};
        getinput(input, count);
        balls = findBalls(generated, input);
        strikes = findStrikes(generated, input);
        strikes = findStrikes(generated, input);
        strikes = 0? ( strikes==1)? printf("%d strike", strikes): printf("%d strikes", strikes): printf("%d balls ", balls): printf("%d balls ", balls): printf("%d balls ", balls): printf("%d balls ", balls): printf(""));
    if(balls = 0 & strikes = 0) printf("Out");
    printf("cod Job! Do you want to play again (y/n)?: ");
        clearBuffer();
        choice getchar();
        while ("Good Job! Do you want to play again (y/n)?: ");
        clearBuffer();
        clearBuffer();
        clearGuffer();
        clearGuffer();
        if(choice = 'n') break;
        generate(generated, count);
        }
    }
    return 0;
}
</pre>
```

C++ Algorithm

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <vector>
#include <string>
#include <random>
#include <time.h>
 using std::cout;
 using std::cin;
using std::vector;
using std::string;
 const int count = 3;
 int find(vector<int>& arr, int num, int count) {
   for(int i=0; i<count; i++){
      if(arr[i] == num){
        return i;
      }
}</pre>
                          }
              return -1;
 }
 \mathbf{int} \hspace{0.2cm} \mathtt{generate} \hspace{0.1cm} (\hspace{0.1cm} \mathtt{vector} \hspace{0.1cm} \hspace{0.1cm} \hspace{0.1cm} \hspace{0.1cm} \mathtt{generated} \hspace{0.1cm}, \hspace{0.1cm} \mathbf{int} \hspace{0.1cm} \mathtt{count} \hspace{0.1cm}) \hspace{0.1cm} \{
             generate(vector<int>& generated, int count){
int randomNumber;
int size = 0;
while(size < count){
    srand(time(NULL));
    randomNumber = (rand() % 10) + 1;
    if (find(generated, randomNumber, count) == -1){
        generated[size] = randomNumber;
        size++.</pre>
                                        size++;
                         }
              return 0;
 }
 \mathbf{int} \hspace{0.2cm} \mathtt{getUserInput} \hspace{0.1cm} (\hspace{0.1cm} \mathtt{vector} \hspace{0.1cm} \hspace{0.1cm} \hspace{0.1cm} \hspace{0.1cm} \mathtt{int} \hspace{0.1cm} \hspace{0.1cm} \mathtt{count} \hspace{0.1cm}) \hspace{0.1cm} \{
             getUserInput(vector<int>& input, int count){
int userChoice;
int size=0;
while(size < count){
   cout << "Enter user input: ";
   cin >> userChoice;
   while(userChoice > 9 || userChoice < 1){
      cout << "Enter a value between [1-9]: ";
      cin >> userChoice;
                           if (find(input, userChoice, count) == -1){
  input[size] = userChoice;
                           else cout << "Must enter non-duplicate value.\n";
              return 0;
 }
 int findBalls(vector<int>& generated, vector<int>& input){
             findBalls (vector<int>& generated, vector<
int balls = 0;
int currentGen = 0;
int idx = -1;
for(int i=0; i<count; i++){
    currentGen = generated[i];
    idx = find(input, currentGen, count);
    if(idx!= -1 && idx!= i){
        balls++;
    }
}</pre>
              return balls;
 }
int findStrikes(vector<int>& generated, vector<int>& input){
   int strikes = 0;
   int currentGen = 0;
   int idx = -1;
   for(int i=0; i<count; i++){
      currentGen = generated[i];
      idx = find(input, currentGen, count);
      if(idx = i){
            strikes++;
      }
}</pre>
                          }
              return strikes;
 }
 int main() {
    int balls;
    int strikes;
              string choice;
vector<int> g(count, 0);
```

```
generate(g, count);
while(true){
    vector<int> userInput(count, 0);
    getUserInput(userInput, count);

balls = findBalls(g, userInput);
    strikes = findStrikes(g, userInput);

if(strikes > 0) cout << strikes </ "strikes ";
    if(balls > 0) cout << balls </ "balls ";
    if(balls = 0 && strikes = 0) cout << "Out";
    cout << "nGood Job! Do you want to play again (y/n)?: ";
    cin >> choice;
    while(choice != "y" && choice != "n"){
        cout << "Invalid input!\n";
        cout << "Good Job! Do you want to play again (y/n)?: ";
        cin >> choice;
    }
    if(choice = "n") break;
    else{
        srand(time(NULL));
        vector<int> g(count, 0);
        generate(g, count);
    }
}
return 0;
}
```

:: end program ::

Python Algorithm

```
import random
count = 3
def find(arr, num, count):
    for i in range(len(arr)):
        if arr[i] == num:
        return i return i
def generate(generated, count=count):
        size = 0
while size < count:
                randomNumber = random.randint(1, 9)
generated[size] = randomNumber
                 size += 1
        return generated
def getUserInput(arr, count=count):
        size = 0
while size < count:
                userchoice = int(input("Enter a value between 1-9: "))
found = find(arr, userchoice, count) == -1
if found:
    arr[size] = userchoice
                size += 1
else:
        print("Must enter non-duplicate value.")
return arr
\mathbf{def} find Balls (generated, arr):
        balls = 0
for i in range(len(generated)):
                current = generated[i]
index = find(arr, current, count)
if index! = -1 and index! = i:
balls += 1
        return balls
def findStrikes(generated, arr):
        strikes = 0
for i in range(len(generated)):
        current = generated [i]
index = find (arr, current, count)
if index == i:
strikes += 1
return strikes
def main():
        generated = [0]*count
generated = generate(generated)
while True:
                userinput = [0]*count
userinput = getUserInput(userinput)
balls = findBalls(generated, userinput)
strikes = findStrikes(generated, userinput)
                if strikes > 0:
    print(f"{strikes} strike(s)")
if balls > 0:
    print(f"{balls} ball(s)")
if balls == 0 and strikes == 0:
    print("Out")
                if strikes == count:
    choice = input ("Good Job! Do you want to play again (y/n)?: ").lower()
    while choice != "y" and choice != "n":
        print("Invalid input!")
        choice = input ("Do you want to play again (y/n)?: ").lower()
    if choice == "n":
        break
    represented == generate()
        \begin{array}{c} \textbf{break} \\ \text{generated} \ = \ \text{generate} \, ( \, ) \\ \textbf{return} \ \ 0 \end{array}
if __name__ == "__main__":
        main()
```

:: end Frequency ::

MIPS Algorithm

```
# Name: Nolan Gregory
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# Extra Credit requirement performed successfully
generated: .word 0, 0, 0 input: .word 0, 0, 0 inputString: .space 10
newline:.asciiz "\n"
comma:.asciiz ", "
bracketL:.asciiz "["
bracketR:.asciiz "]"
bracketR:.asciiz "j"
debug:.asciiz "DEBUG: "
prompt:.asciiz "Enter 3 digits (One line seperated by spaces): "
strikeString:.asciiz " strike(s) "
ballString:.asciiz " ball(s) "
outString:.asciiz "Out"
winPrompt:.asciiz "Good Job! Do you want to play again (y/n)?: "
winError:.asciiz "Please enter (Y/N)!\n"
addErrorDupeMessage:.asciiz "You cannot input duplicated numbers.\n"
addErrorRangeMessage:.asciiz "You must enter a value between [1, 9]!\n"
 \# \ Declare \ msciiz \ ain \ as \ a \ global \ function \\ . \ glob1 \ main 
# The label 'main' represents the starting point
main:
                                                                                                        #$a0 based address of array
#$a1 how many numbers are generated
                     la $a0, generated li $a1, 3
                    11 $a1, 3
jal generate
addi $t0, $zero, 0
move $s0, $a0
move $s1, $a1
addi $t8, $s1, -1
addi $s2, $zero, 1
                                                                                                       #set loop variable to print array
                                                                                                     #set loop variable to print array

#set $s0 to be the base address for generated

#set $s1 to be the const int 3

#set branch terminator at count -1

#set while loop game logic to 1 (infinite loop)
formatPrint:
                    rint:
li $v0, 4
la $a0, debug
syscall
li $v0, 4
la $a0, bracketL
syscall
j printArray
                                                                                                      #prints out the array for debug purposes
                                                                                                       #prints left bracket
printArray:
                    ray:
blt $t0, $t8, middlePrintArray
move $a0, $s0
sll $t1, $t0, 2
add $t1, $t1, $a0
lw $a0, 0($t1)
li $v0, 1
syscall
addi $t0, $t0, 1
j endPrintArray
                                                                                                    #move base address back into $a0
#bitshift to get offset
#get address of index
#store number into arg1 for syscall
#print number
                                                                                                       #increment i by one
middlePrintArray:
                   rintArray:
move $a0, $s0
sll $t1, $t0, 2
add $t1, $t1, $a0
lw $a0, 0($t1)
li $v0, 1
syscall
li $v0, 4
la $a0, comma
syscall
addi $t0, $t0, 1
j printArray
                                                                                                        \#move\ base\ address\ back\ into\ \$a0
                                                                                                       #move vase address back into $a0 #bitshift to get offset #get address of index #store number into arg1 for syscall #print number
                                                                                                       #print out a comma
                                                                                                        #increment i by one
endPrintArray:
                    Array:

li $v0, 4

la $a0, bracketR

syscall

li $v0, 4

la $a0, newline

syscall
                                                                                                        #print out closing bracket
                                                                                                       #print out newline
                     addi $t0, $zero, 0
                                                                                                        #set $t0 to be zero
\begin{array}{c} {\tt gameWhileLoop:} \\ {\tt bne \$s2\;, \ 1\;, \ end} \end{array}
                                                                                                        #infinite while loop for game
getUserInput:
                    la $s7, input
sw $zero, 0($s7)
sw $zero, 4($s7)
sw $zero, 8($s7)
                                                                                                      #Reinitialize input to be zeros
#Reinitialize input to be zeros
#Reinitialize input to be zeros
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```
li $v0, 4
la $a0, prompt
syscall
li $v0, 8
                                                                                             \#Display\ prompt\ message
                      la $a0, inputString la $a1, 8 move $t0, $a0
                                                                                             #read string into a0
#max buffer size
#$t0 contains address of the sting
    loopThru:
                      addi $t1, $zero, 0
addi $t2, $zero, 0
addi $t3, $zero, 0
addi $t3, $zero, 0
addi $t4, $zero, 0
addi $t5, $zero, 0
                                                                                               #initialize $t1 in while loop
#initialize $t2 in while loop
#initialize $t3 in while loop
#initialize $t4 in while loop
#initialize $t5 in while loop
add1 sto, water,

addToInput:

bge $t1, 3, storedUserInput
la $t0, inputString
la $s0, input
sll $t2, $t1, 1
sll $t3, $t1, 2
add $t0, $t0, $t2
add $s0, $s0, $t3
lbu $t4, 0($t0)
andi $t4, $t4, 0x0F
la $a0, input
move $a1, $t4
li $a2, 3
jal find
bgt $t4, 9, addErrorRange
blt $t4, 1, addErrorRange
blt $t4, 1, addErrorDupe
sw $t4, 0($s0)
addi $t1, $t1, 1
j addToInput
                                                                                               #if i >= 3
#address of new string
#address of inputarray
#offset for string
#offset for array
#position string
#position array
#load character
#Mask to turn into integer
#Set arg0 to input array for find()
#Set arg1 to value for find()
#Set arg2 to count for find()
#Jump and link with find function
                                                                                                {\tt addErrorDupe:}
                      li $v0, 4
la $a0, addErrorDupeMessage
syscall
                                                                                           #Display duplicate error message
                      j getUserInput
    addErrorRange:
                      li $v0, 4
la $a0, addErrorRangeMessage #Display range error message
syscall
                      j getUserInput
    storedUserInput:
                                                                                     #store generated in arg0
#store input in arg1
#call findBalls()
#store ball count in $s3
#store generated in arg0
#store input in arg1
#call findStrikes()
#store strike count in $s4
                      la $a0, generated la $a1, input
                      jal findBalls
move $s3, $v0
                      la $a0, generated la $a1, input
                      jal findStrikes
move $s4, $v0
    printStrikes:
                                                                                               beq $s4, 0, printBalls
move $a0, $s4
                      li $v0, 1
syscall
                      li $v0, 4
la $a0, strikeString
                                                                                                \#print\ string\ strikes
                       syscall
    printBalls:
                      lls:
beq $s3, 0, printOut
move $a0, $s3
li $v0, 1
syscall
li $v0, 4
la $a0, ballString
syscall
                                                                                               #if balls == 0, don't print
#set balls to be printed
                                                                                                #print number
                                                                                                #print string balls
    printOut:
                      t:
bne $s3, 0, gameLogic
bne $s4, 0, gameLogic
li $v0, 4
la $a0, outString
syscall
                                                                                                #else print out
    gameLogic:
                      li $v0, 4
la $a0, newline
syscall
beq $s4, 3, winGame
j gameWhileLoop
                                                                                                #print newline
#print newline
                                                                                                \#if\ strikes == 3\ go\ to\ wingame
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la $a0, winPrompt
syscall
                                                                                             #prompt the user to enter if they want to play again
                   li $v0, 12
syscall
                                                                                             #get a char from the user
                                                                                            #move char to $t1
#print newline
#print newline
#print newline
#print newline
#check for valid input (case insensitive)
                   syscall
move $t1, $v0
li $v0, 4
la $a0, newline
syscall
                   syscall
beq $t1, 121, main
beq $t1, 89, main
beq $t1, 110, end
beq $t1, 78, end
li $v0, 4
la $a0, winError
syscall
                                                                                               #print error message and reprompt the user for input
                   j winGame
#generate() function starts here
generate:
                  e:
addi $t2, $zero, 0
addi $s0, $a1, 0
move $s1, $a0
addi $sp, $sp, -12
sw $ra, 0($sp)
sw $a0, 4($sp)
sw $a1, 8($sp)
                                                                                               #sets loop variable ($t2) to zero
#set count to $s0
#set base address to $s1
#open stack
#store return address
#store address of array
#store count
while Added Less Than Count:
                                                                                             #if i == count, exit loop
#invoke syscall 42
#set random upper bound to 10
#$a0 is now set to the random value
#add 1 to randomNumber as to avoid 0
#make random number the second argument
#make address of array the first argument
#make count the third argument
#find will return either -1 or the index of the number in the array
#set $t0 to store the return value of find
#set $t0 to store the return value of find
#if find returns -1, add the value to the array
                  ledLessThanCount:
beq $t2, $s0, endLoop
li $v0, 42
la $a1, 9
syscall
addi $a0, $a0, 1
move $a1, $a0
move $a0, $s1
move $a2, $s0
ial find
                   move $a2, $s0 jal find addi $t0, $zero, 0 addi $t0, $v0, 0 beq $t0, -1, addValue j whileAddedLessThanCount
addValue:
                   s11 $t3, $t2, 2
add $t3, $t3, $a0
sw $a1, 0($t3)
addi $t2, $t2, 1
                                                                                                addi $t2, $t2, 1
j whileAddedLessThanCount
endLoop:
                  :
lw $ra, 0($sp)
lw $a0, 4($sp)
lw $a1, 8($sp)
addi $sp, $sp, 12
                                                                                                #restore return address from stack
#restore base address of array from stack
#restore count from the stack
#close stack
                   jr $ra
                                                                                                 #jump to main
\#findBalls () function starts here findBalls:
                  ls:
    addi $t0, $zero, 0
    addi $t1, $zero, 0
    addi $t2, $zero, 0
    addi $t3, $zero, 0
    addi $t3, $zero, 0
    move $t4, $a0
    move $t5, $a1
                                                                                                #set idx to zero;
#set num to zero
                                                                                                 #set balls to zero
#set loop value to zero
                                                                                                 #set $t4 to address of generate
#set $t5 to address of input
                   addi sp, sp, -4
sw ra, 0(sp)
                                                                                                 #open stack
#store return address on stack
                                                                                                #set $a0 to input for find function
#set a2 for count in function
                   move $a0, $a1
li $a2, 3
findBallsLoop
                  lsLoop:
beq $t3, 3, endFindBalls
sll $t6, $t3, 2
add $t6, $t6, $t4
lw $t6, 0($t6)
move $a1, $t6
jal find
move $t0, $v0
                                                                                                #set index to be equal to return value from find
                   beq $t0, -1, noBalls
beq $t0, $t3, noBalls
addi $t2, $t2, 1
                                                                                                #if index == 1, no balls found
#if index == i, stike not ball
#else, increment ballcount
noBalls:
                   addi $t3, $t3, 1
                                                                                                #increment i by one
                   j findBallsLoop
endFindBalls:
                  lw $ra, 0($sp)
                                                                                                 \#load\ return\ address
                                                                                                 #close stack
#set the return address to ballcount
#jump back to main
                   addi $sp, $sp, 4
move $v0, $t2
                   jr $ra
\#findfindStrikes () function starts here findStrikes:
```

```
addi $t0, $zero, 0
addi $t1, $zero, 0
addi $t2, $zero, 0
addi $t3, $zero, 0
move $t4, $a0
move $t5, $a1
addi $sp, $sp, -4
sw $ra, 0($sp)
                                                                                           #set idx to zero;
#set num to zero;
#set strikecount to zero
#set loop value to zero
#set $t4 to address of generate
#set $t5 to address of input
#nen stack
                                                                                              #open stack
#open stack
#store return address on stack
#set $a0 to input for find function
#set a2 for count in function
                  sw $ra, 0($sp)
move $a0, $a1
li $a2, 3
find Strikes Loop:\\
                 kesLoop:
beq $t3, 3, endFindStrikes
$11 $t6, $t3, 2
add $t6, $t6, $t4
lw $t6, 0($t6)
move $a1, $t6
jal find
move $t0, $v0
bne $t0, $t3, noStrikes
addi $t2, $t2, 1
                                                                                             noStrikes:
                addi $t3, $t3, 1
j findStrikesLoop
endFindStrikes:
                 lw $ra, 0($sp)
addi $sp, $sp, 4
move $v0, $t2
jr $ra
                                                                                         #load return address
#close stack
#setting return value
#jump back to main
                 li $t8, 0
li $v0, -1
                                                                                             #set i to be zero
#set return value to zero
\verb|find_loop_start|:
                 pp_start:
bge $t8, $a2, find_loop_end
sll $t9, $t8, 2
add $t9, $t9, $a0
lw $t9, 0($t9)
beq $t9, $a1, find_loop_found
addi $t8, $t8, 1
j find_loop_start
                                                                                           #check to see if i == count

#get offset for array

#get address of element

#load arr[i]

#check to see if arr[i] == num

#increment i by 1

#go to top of loop
find_loop_found:
                   addi $v0, $t8, 0
                                                                                              \#if\ found, return\ index\ of\ array
find_loop_end:
                                                                                              #return to main
end:
                 li $v0, 10
syscall
                                                                                              \# This system call terminates the program
```

:: end program ::

MIPS Analysis

My MIPS algorithm begins with roughly a dozen references in the .data section. These include strings that are generate throughout the program, characters required to print the debug array properly, and an allocated buffer to store the input string. I begin the algorithm by calling the generate function which generates three random numbers in the range [1, 9] and stores in to an array called generated. Within this generate function I loop through and invoke the MIPS 42 system call which generates random numbers within a certain threshold [0, N) where N is the first argument to the system call. It is worth noting this as it required me to set the max threshold at 9 and add 1 to the return value as to force the value to be within the desired range. The function then calls the provided find function, which returns the index of an element if it is found within a provided array, or -1 if the index is not found within the array. This function gives me the ability to determine whether I can successfully add the randomly generated number to the array and increase the loop variable by one.

Upon returning from the generate function, my algorithm then goes through and prints the array in *formatted* order. This means that the print includes proper brackets (i.e. begins with a "[" and ends with a "]"), as well as proper comma delineation (i.e. 1,2,3 and **not** 1,2,3,). This is provided for debugging purposes as to easily test functionality of the program. Once the array has been printed, the user is then prompted to enter 3 values separated by a space (this is very important as the input is read into a buffer and parsed through byte by byte).

My getInput function has several key functions that I will attempt to explain succinctly. As mentioned, the input is read on one line (further information will be provided in the **extra credit** section), and parsed through looking at each individual character. I then *mask* the input value with 0x0F which turns the expression into the integer representation of the value the user input (similar behavior can be achieved by subtracting 48 from the ascii value). If the value the use entered is *not* within the range [1, 9], then the program prompts them to enter valid numbers and re-enter the data. Similarly, if the user inputs *duplicate* values, the program tells the user that duplicate values are not allowed. If neither of these error checks register, the program adds the *integer* representation to the array called input.

The program continues on by calling the findBalls and findStrikes functions. These two functions are relatively straightforward, and they simply invoke the provided find function to determine whether a value in the input array is in the generated array and generated[i] is not equal to input[i] (for findBalls), or that the value is in the generated array and generated[i] is equal to input[i]. I will not go over these functions in detail as they are rather simple.

Finally, the program goes through some game logic to determine the amount of balls, the amount of strikes, or if the user got an out. Likewise, the game logic determines if the user won the game by checking to see if the number of strikes is equal to the length of the generated array (in this case the const int 3). If this condition is true, the user is given the opportunity to restart the game or terminate the program. This input is case-insensitive and works by reading in a single char to the input buffer. If the user enters a char other than 'n' or 'y' (again, case sensitivity has been accounted for and can be ignored), then the program prompts the user to re-enter the char. If the user chooses to terminate the program, then the program invokes the system call to end the program, otherwise the array is regenerated and the user is prompted to enter more input.

Extra Credit

My program successfully implements the extra credit that was proposed in the handout. To accomplish this, I had to build some features that have not been discussed previously. One distinction is that I was required to use the .space directive in my .data section to allocate buffer size for my input string. Likewise, to read chars into this string, I had to use the MIPS syscall 8. The official MIPS documentation states that this syscall operates with the same functionality as the C fgets() function (that is, it ends with a newline character). An interesting feature I implemented was masking the input ascii value with 0x0F to get the integer representation. This was achieved by and-ing the value with 0x0F. This results in the value being and-ed with the binary representation 0000 1111, which results in producing the lower portion of the byte (thus providing us with the integer representation). I have used this in a similar fashion in C++ while bitshifting color values to extract their color channel representations, and I find it to be a fun way to work with logical operations. A similar representation can be achieved by subtracting the ascii value by 48 in this instance, but that is less exciting. In all, this still performs all vital error checking, and thus does not allow values outside the expected range or duplicate values.