

Design a program in ARM assembly language to fill up a SUDOKU puzzle. This puzzle requires digits 1 to 9 to be filled in a 9 x 9 grid, sub-divided into nine 3x3 blocks, such that each row, each column and each block has exactly one occurrence of each digit. The grid has a few numbers initially filled. These initial values are to be read from a file. The numbers filled in subsequently are to be entered from the 4x4 keyboard (blue buttons) of the Embest board plug-in. The grid is to be displayed in the LCD screen of the Embest board plug-in. The messages about successful completion and wrong moves may be displayed on the same LCD screen or on the Stdout. SWI codes are given below. Clearly define your user interface and overall design at high level. Structure your program into multiple files. Each file should not be more than a page in the answer script. Put enough comments in the code to make it easily understandable.

Opcode	Description and Action	Inputs	Outputs	EQU
<b>swi 0x00</b>	Display Character on Stdout	r0: the character		SWI_PrChr
<b>swi 0x02</b>	Display String on Stdout	r0: address of a null terminated ASCII string	(see also 0x69 below)	
<b>swi 0x11</b>	Halt Execution			SWI_Exit
<b>swi 0x66</b>	Open File (mode values in r1 are: 0 for input, 1 for output, 2 for appending)	r0: file name, i.e. address of a null terminated ASCII string containing the name r1: mode	r0:file handle If the file does not open, a result of -1 is returned	SWI_Open
<b>swi 0x68</b>	Close File	r0: file handle		SWI_Close
<b>swi 0x6c</b>	Read Integer from a File	r0: file handle	r0: the integer	SWI_RdInt

  

Opcode	Description and Action	Inputs	Outputs
<b>swi 0x203</b>	Check if one of the Blue Buttons has been pressed.	None	r0 = the Blue Button Pattern
<b>swi 0x204</b>	Display a string on the LCD screen	r0: x position coordinate on the LCD screen (0-39); r1: y position coordinate on the LCD screen (0-14); r2: Address of a null terminated ASCII string.	The string is displayed starting at the given position of the LCD screen.
<b>swi 0x205</b>	Display an integer on the LCD screen	r0: x position coordinate on the LCD screen (0-39); r1: y position coordinate on the LCD screen (0-14); r2: integer to print.	The string is displayed starting at the given position of the LCD screen.
<b>swi 0x206</b>	Clear the display on the LCD screen	None	Blank LCD screen.
<b>swi 0x207</b>	Display a character on the LCD screen	r0: x position coordinate on the LCD screen (0-39); r1: y position coordinate on the LCD screen (0-14); r2: the character.	The string is displayed starting at the given position of the LCD screen.
<b>swi 0x208</b>	Clear one line in the display on the LCD screen	r0: line number (y coordinate) on the LCD screen	Blank line on the LCD screen.

## Marking scheme:

The answer should contain the following three things.

1. User interface [1 mark]
2. Overall design at high level [1 mark]
3. ARM assembly language program
  - 3.1. The program has the following functional requirements
    - 3.1.1. Reading and filling initial entries from a file [1 mark]
    - 3.1.2. Filling subsequent entries from the 4x4 keyboard [1 mark]
    - 3.1.3. Displaying grid entries filled in on the LCD screen [1 mark]
    - 3.1.4. Checking for row and column/ conflicts [1 mark]
    - 3.1.5. Checking for block conflicts [1 mark]
    - 3.1.6. Displaying success/failure messages and wrong moves on the LCD screen or on the Stdout [1 mark]
  - 3.2. The program has the following general requirements
    - 3.2.1. Program is to be structured into multiple files, each file not be more than a page in the answer script [1 mark]
    - 3.2.2. There should be enough comments in the code to make it understandable. [1 mark]

## Sample solution:

### User interface:

The user interface defines what a user has to input and what is expected as the output.

INPUT: In the design presented here, each entry consists of three one-digit numbers (i, j, d), denoting row number, column number and the number to be put in the Sudoku grid. The rows are numbered 0 to 8 from top to bottom and the columns are numbered 0 to 8 from left to right. A value d = 0 is used to indicate that it is the last entry, for file input as well as for key-board input. The numbers in the file (initial entries) are read as integers and these need to be separated by space (s) and/or new line character (s). Numbers from the key-board (subsequent entries) are read as characters and do not require any separator.

OUTPUT: Since the LCD display has only 15 rows, we display only the block boundaries as shown, using only 13 rows. All the messages are displayed on Stdout, including prompts for key-board input.

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### Overall design at high level:

- Start with displaying empty grid. Read the initial entries from a file, keeping track of the number of entries and checking for conflicts, till the terminating entry is read (d = 0). Only conflict free numbers entered are displayed in the grid.
- Get subsequent entries from the key-board, keeping track of the number of entries, checking for conflicts and displaying conflict free numbers in the grid. End the program either when the grid is full (numbers entered reach 81), declaring “success”, or when the terminating entry is read (d = 0) before the grid is full, declaring “failure”.
- While checking for conflicts, appropriate messages are displayed if row conflicts or column conflicts or block conflicts are found.

The main program is as follows.

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int main ( ) {
    int n, i, j, d;
    n = initialize ( );           /* Fill and display initial entries, return the number of entries */
    do {
        if (n == 81) {message (“success”); exit;};           /* Grid completed */
        message (“enter row, column and digit”);           /* Prompt for key-board input */
        i = get (8); j = get (8); d = get (9);           /* Range for i, j = 0..8, range for d = 0..9 */
        if (d == 0) {message (“failure”); exit;};           /* User quits */
        if (check (i, j, d) == 0) {           /* Check for conflicts */
            update (i, j, d);           /* Update the grid if no conflicts */
            n++;
        }
    };
};
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The initialization function contains a loop similar to the loop in main, except that input comes from a file here rather than key-board.

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int initialize ( ) {
    int i, j, d, f; int n = 0;
    clear_grid ( ); /* Set all grid entries to 0. */
    display_grid ( ); /* Display empty grid */
    f = open_file ("Sudoku.txt"); /* Open file "Sudoku.txt" and get file handle f */
    do { /* Range for i, j = 0..8, range for d = 0..9 */
        i = read_file (f, 8); j = read_file (f, 8); d = read_file (f, 9); /* Get i, j and d from f */
        if (d == 0) exit; /* Last entry in the file */
        if (check (i, j, d) == 0) { /* Check for conflicts */
            update (i, j, d); /* Update the grid if no conflicts */
            n++;
        }
    };
    close_file (f); /* close file f */
    return (n);
};
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The grid is a 9x9 array.

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int grid [9] [9];
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Conflicts for an entry (i, j, d) are checked by looking at the existing entries in the array. The function "check" calls three functions, one for row check, one for column check and one for block check. These functions return "1" if there is a conflict and return "0" otherwise. The checks required are same whether the input comes from a file or from the key-board.

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int check (int i, j, d) {
    return (check_row (i, d) + check_col (j, d) + check_block (i, j, d));
};
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int check_row (int i, int d) {
    for (jj = 0; jj < 9; jj++) /* Check if d is already present in row i */
        if (grid [i][jj] == d) {message ("row conflict"); return (1); };
    return (0);
};
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int check_col (int j, int d) {
    for (ii = 0; ii < 9; ii++) /* Check if d is already present in column j */
        if (grid [ii][j] == d) {message ("column conflict"); return (1); };
    return (0);
};
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int check_block (int i, int j, int d) {
    int block [9] = (0, 0, 0, 3, 3, 3, 6, 6, 6);
    /* This array is used to look-up the starting position of the current block */
    /* block [i] and block [j] give the top left corner of the block containing cell i, j */
    for (ii = block [i]; ii < block [i] + 3; ii++) /* Check if d is already present in the block */
        for (jj = block [j]; jj < block [j] + 3; jj++)
            if (grid [ii][jj] == d) {message ("block conflict"); return (1); };
    return (0);
};
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The function “clear\_grid” initialize all grid cells to 0.

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void clear_grid ( ) {
    for (i = 0; i < 9; i++)
        for (j = 0; j < 9; j++) grid [i][j] = 0;
};
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The function “update” enters digit d in the cell i, j of the grid. It also displays the digit at appropriate position. It is called after conflict check.

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void update (int i, j, d) {
    int place [9] = (1,2,3,5,6,7,9,10,11);
    /* This array is used to look-up the position where d is to be displayed */
    /* It takes into account the position of grid lines. */

    grid [i][j] = d;
    display_character (place [j], place [i], d + '0');
    /* Display character representing digit d at column: place [j], row: place [i]. */
};
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The grid is displayed using two patterns, defined as line [0] and line [1]. The index array is looked-up to find which pattern is to be displayed in which row.

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void display_grid ( ) {
    char * line [2] = (“ --- --- --- ”, “|   |   |   | ”);
    int index [13] = (0,1,1,1,0,1,1,1,0,1,1,1,0)
    for (i = 0; i < 13; i++) display_line (i, line [index [i]]);
};
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The function “get\_key” keeps reading blue buttons till a non-zero value is returned (indicates that a blue button has been pressed). The returned value is matched with the patterns corresponding to digits 0 to m to determine which key is pressed. Keys other than 0 to m are ignored.

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int pattern [10] = (1,2,4,8,16,32,64,128,256,512); /* pattern [i] has ith bit = 1 and other bits = 0. */
int get_key (int m) {
    do {
        do {k = blue_key ( ); } while (k == 0);
        for (i = 0; i <= m; i++) if (k == pattern [i]) return (i);
    };
};
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The function “read\_file” reads an integer value from the file with handle f and checks if it lies in the range 0 .. m. If the value is out of range, it repeats the process.

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int read_file (int f, m) {
    do {
        k = read_int (f);
        if (k >= 0 && k <= m) return (k);
    };
};
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Some names have been shortened in the assembly program –

initialize => init,	check_row => checkr,	check_col => checkc,	check_block => checkb
clear_grid => clear,	display_grid => dispgr,	get_key => get,	read_file => readf

## Assembly code

File sudoku1.s

<pre>char * m1 = "row conflict"; char * m2 = "column conflict"; char * m3 = "block conflict";</pre>	<pre>.data m1: .asciz "Row Conflict\n" m2: .asciz "Column Conflict\n" m3: .asciz "Block Conflict\n" .text .global chkr, chkc, chkb</pre>
<pre>int chkr (int *p, int d) {int t; int *q;     q = p + 9;     do {    t = * p;         if (t == d) {             message (m1);             return (1);         }         p++;     } while p &lt; q;      return (0); };</pre>	<pre>chkr:  str lr, [sp, #-4]!    @ p, d, t, q : r0, r1, r2, r3       add r3, r0, # 9 loop1:  ldrb r2, [r0]       cmp r2, r1       bne L1       ldr r0, = m1        @ row conflict found       swi 0x02            @ display message       mov r0, # 1       b ret1 L1:    add r0, r0, # 1       cmp r0, r3       blt loop1          @ row not yet over       mov r0, # 0 ret1:  ldr pc, [sp], # 4</pre>
<pre>int chkc (int * p, int d) {int t; int *q;     q = p + 81;     do {    t = * p;         if (t == d) {             message (m2);             return (1);         }         p += 9;     } while p &lt; q;      return (0); };</pre>	<pre>chkc:  str lr, [sp, #-4]!    @ p, d, t, q : r0, r1, r2, r3       add r3, r0, # 81 loop2:  ldrb r2, [r0]       cmp r2, r1       bne L2       ldr r0, = m2        @ column conflict found       swi 0x02            @ display message       mov r0, # 1       b ret2 L2:    add r0, r0, # 9       cmp r0, r3       blt loop2          @ column not yet over       mov r0, # 0 ret2:  ldr pc, [sp], # 4</pre>
<pre>int chkb (int*p,int d){int t;int*q1;int *q2;      q1 = p + 3;     q2 = p + 27;     do {    do {    t = * p;         if (t == d) {             message (m3);             return (1);         }         p ++;     } while p &lt; q1;      p += 6;     q1 += 9;     } while p &lt; q2;      return (0); };</pre>	<pre>chkb:  str lr, [sp, #-4]!    @ p,d,t,q1,q2: r0,r1,r2,r3,r4       str r4, [sp, #-4]!    @ callee save       add r3, r0, # 3      @ to check end of row       add r4, r0, # 27     @ to check end of block loop3:  ldrb r2, [r0]       cmp r2, r1       bne L3       ldr r0, = m3        @ block conflict found       swi 0x02            @ display message       mov r0, # 1       b ret3 L3:    add r0, r0, # 1       cmp r0, r3       blt loop3          @ row not yet over       add r0, r0, # 6       add r3, r3, # 9       cmp r0, r4       blt loop3          @ block not yet over       mov r0, # 0 ret3:  ldr r4, [sp], # 4    @ callee restore       ldr pc, [sp], # 4</pre>
	<pre>.end</pre>

File sudoku2.s

<pre>int block [9] = (0,0,0,3,3,3,6,6,6); int place [9] = (1,2,3,5,6,7,9,10,11);</pre>	<pre>.data block: .byte 0,0,0,3,3,3,6,6,6      @ block position place: .byte 1,2,3,5,6,7,9,10,11  @ location for display .text .global check, clear, update .extern chkr, chkc, chkb</pre>
<pre>void clear ( ) { p = g;     i = 0;     q = g + 81;     do { *p++ = i;     } while p &lt; q; };</pre>	<pre>clear:  mov r0, r5                @ r5 has &amp;grid [ ][ ]         mov r1, # 0         add r2, r0, # 81 loop:   strb r1, [r0], # 1         cmp r0, r2         blt loop         mov pc, lr</pre>
<pre>int check (int i, j, d) {     int * p, q;     int t, k;      conflict = 0;     t = i * 9;     p = g + t;     t = chkr (p, d);      conflict += t;     p = g + j;      t = chkc (p, d);      conflict += t;     q = &amp;block [0];     t = *(q + i);      t = t * 9     p = g + t;     k = *(q + j)      p = p + k;     t = chkb (p, d);      conflict += t;     return (conflict); };</pre>	<pre>check:  str lr, [sp, # -4]!       @ i, j, d : r0, r1, r2         str r4, [sp, # -4]!      @ callee saved         str r2, [sp, # -4]!      @ caller saved         str r1, [sp, # -4]!      @ caller saved         str r0, [sp, # -4]!      @ caller saved         mov r4, # 0              @ conflict : r4         add r0, r0, r0, LSL # 3  @ t : r0         add r0, r5, r0           @ r5 has &amp;grid [ ][ ]         mov r1, r2         bl chkr                  @ call for row check         add r4, r4, r0         ldr r1, [sp, # 4]        @ j : from stack in r1         add r0, r5, r1           @ r5 has &amp;grid [ ][ ]         ldr r1, [sp, # 8]        @ d : from stack in r1         bl chkc                  @ call for column check         add r4, r4, r0         ldr r3, = block          @ q : r3         ldr r0, [sp], # 4        @ i : from stack in r0         ldrb r0, [r3, r0]         add r0, r0, r0, LSL # 3         add r0, r5, r0           @ r5 has &amp;grid [ ][ ]         ldr r1, [sp], # 4        @ j : from stack in r1         ldrb r1, [r3, r1]        @ k : r1         add r0, r0, r1         ldr r1, [sp], # 4        @ d : from stack in r1         bl chkb                  @ call for block check         add r0, r4, r0         ldr r4, [sp], # 4        @ callee restored         ldr pc, [sp], # 4</pre>
<pre>void update (int i, j, d) {     int * p, q;     int t;     t = i * 9;     p = g + t;     p = p + j;     * p = d;     q = &amp;place [0]     t = *(q + i);     i = *(q + j);     j = t;     dispch (j, i, d+'0')); };</pre>	<pre>update: str lr, [sp, # -4]!       @ i, j, d : r0, r1, r2         str r4, [sp, # -4]!      @ callee saved          add r4, r0, r0, LSL # 3  @ t : r4         add r4, r5, r4           @ r5 has &amp;grid [ ][ ]         add r4, r4, r1         strb r2, [r4]         ldr r3, = place          @ q : r3         ldrb r4, [r3, r0]        @ t : r4         ldrb r0, [r3, r1]         mov r1, r4         add r2, r2, # 48         swi 0x207                @ display a character         ldr r4, [sp], # 4        @ callee restored         ldr pc, [sp], # 4</pre>
	<pre>.end</pre>

# File sudoku3.s

<pre>int pat [10] = (1,2,4,8,16,32,64,128,256,512); char * line0 = "  ---  ---  ---  "; char * line1 = "                      "; int index [13] =     (0,14,14,14,14,0,14,14,14,0,14,14,0)</pre>	<pre>.data pat:   .word 1,2,4,8,16,32,64,128,256,512 line0: .asciz "  ---  ---  ---  " line1: .asciz "                      " index: .byte 0,14,14,14,14,0,14,14,14,0,14,14,0 .text .global dispg, get, readf</pre>
<pre>void dispg ( ) {     i = 0;     do {         p = &amp;index [0];         k = *(p + i);         p = &amp;line0 [0];         p = p + k;         displine (i, p);         i++;     } while (i &lt; 13); };</pre>	<pre>dispg: str lr, [sp, # -4]!         mov r0, # 0      @ column no. for display         mov r1, # 0      @ row no. for display loop:   ldr r2, = index         ldrb r3, [r2, r1] @ line0 or line 1         ldr r2, = line0         add r2, r2, r3    @ offset 14 for line1         swi 0x204         @ display a line         add r1, r1, # 1         cmp r1, # 13         blt loop         ldr pc, [sp], # 4</pre>
<pre>int get (int m) {     do {         do { k = blue_key ( );             } while k == 0;          i = 0;         do {             p = pat [i];             if (k == p)                 return (i);             i++;         } while (i &lt;= m)     }; };</pre>	<pre>get:     str lr, [sp, # -4]!         mov r3, r0 L1:      swi 0x203         @ get blue key         cmp r0, # 0       @ is key pressed?         beq L1            @ wait for key         mov r2, # 0       @ i : r2 L2:      ldr r1, = pat         ldr r1, [r1, r2, LSL # 2]         cmp r0, r1        @ match key pattern         beq ret         add r2, r2, # 1         cmp r2, r3         ble L2         b L1              @ try again ret:     mov r0, r2        @ return i         ldr pc, [sp], # 4</pre>
<pre>int readf (int f, m) {     do {         k = read_int (f);         if (k &gt;= 0             &amp;&amp; k &lt;= m)             return (k);     }; };</pre>	<pre>readf:  str lr, [sp, # -4]! L3:      swi 0x6c         @ read integer         cmp r0, # 0         blt back         @ less than zero         cmp r0, r1         bgt back         @ greater than m         ldr pc, [sp], # 4 back:    b L3             @ try again</pre>
	<pre>.end</pre>



## File sudoku4.s

char * filename = "Sudoku.txt";	.data file: .asciz "Sudoku.txt" .text .global init .extern clear, dispg, readf, check, update
<pre> int init () {     int i, j, d;      int n = 0;     clear ();     dispg ();     h = open_file (filename);      do {    i = readf (h, 8);              j = readf (h, 8);              d = readf (h, 9);              if (d == 0) exit;              t = check (i, j, d);              if (t == 0) {                  update (i, j, d);                  n++;              };         };     close_file (h);      return (n); }; </pre>	<pre> init:  str lr, [sp, # -4]!       str r6, [sp, # -4]!    @ callee saved       str r7, [sp, # -4]!    @ callee saved       mov r6, # 0           @ n : r6       bl clear              @ clear the grid       bl dispg              @ display blank grid       mov r1, # 0       ldr r0, = file       swi 0x66              @ open file       mov r7, r0            @ h : r7 L:    mov r0, r7            @ read i (range 0..8)       mov r1, # 8       bl readf       str r0, [sp, # -4]!    @ push i       mov r0, r7            @ read j (range 0..8)       mov r1, # 8       bl readf       str r0, [sp, # -4]!    @ push j       mov r0, r7            @ read d (range 0..9)       mov r1, # 9       bl readf       str r0, [sp, # -4]!    @ push d       cmp r0, # 0       addeq sp, sp, # 12    @ adjust stack       beq exit       mov r2, r0       ldr r1, [sp, # 4]     @ j from stack       ldr r0, [sp, # 8]     @ i from stack       bl check       cmp r0, # 0       addne sp, sp, # 12    @ adjust stack       bne L       ldr r2, [sp], # 4     @ pop d from stack       ldr r1, [sp], # 4     @ pop j from stack       ldr r0, [sp], # 4     @ pop i from stack       bl update       add r6, r6, # 1       b L  exit:  mov r0, r7       swi 0x68              @ close file       mov r0, r6       ldr r7, [sp], # 4     @ callee restored       ldr r6, [sp], # 4     @ callee restored       ldr pc, [sp], # 4 </pre>
	.end

# File sudoku5.s

<pre> int * g; int grid [9] [9]; char * m1 = "Success"; char * m2 = "Failure"; char * m3 = "enter row, column and digit"; </pre>	<pre> .data grid: .space 81 m1: .asciz "Success" m2: .asciz "Failure" m3: .asciz "enter row column and digit\n" .text .global _start .extern init, get, check, update </pre>
<pre> int main ( ) { int n, i, j, d;     g = &amp; grid [0][0];     n = init ( );      do {    if (n == 81) {                  message (m1);                  exit;              };             message (m3);              i = get (8);              j = get (8);              d = get (9);              if (d == 0) {                  message (m2);                  exit;              };             t = check (i, j, d);              if (t == 0) {                  update (i, j, d);                  n++;              };          };     }; }; </pre>	<pre> _start:     ldr r5, = grid          @ used as global     bl init                 @ initialize     mov r6, r0              @ n : r6 L:    cmp r6, # 81     bne cont1     ldr r0, = m1     swi 0x02                @ success message     b exit cont1:     ldr r0, = m3     swi 0x02                @ prompt for input     mov r0, # 8     bl get                  @ get i (range 0..8)     str r0, [sp, # -4]!     @ push i     mov r0, # 8     bl get                  @ get j (range 0..8)     str r0, [sp, # -4]!     @ push j     mov r0, # 9     bl get                  @ get d (range 0..9)     str r0, [sp, # -4]!     @ push d     cmp r0, # 0     bne cont2     add sp, sp, # 12        @ adjust stack     ldr r0, = m2     swi 0x02     b exit cont2:     mov r2, r0              @ d from r0 to r2     ldr r1, [sp, # 4]       @ j from stack     ldr r0, [sp, # 8]       @ i from stack     bl check     cmp r0, # 0     addne sp, sp, # 12      @ adjust stack     bne L     ldr r2, [sp], # 4       @ pop d from stack     ldr r1, [sp], # 4       @ pop j from stack     ldr r0, [sp], # 4       @ pop i from stack     bl update     add r6, r6, # 1     b L exit:  swi 0x11 </pre>
	<pre> .end </pre>

