

Assignment 9

- Title: Factorial of a number.

- Problem Statements

Write x86 ALP to find the factorial of a given integer number on a command line by recursion. Explicit stack manipulation is expected in the code.

- Objective:

To understand how to use stack segment for recursion.

- Outcome:

I will study recursion using stack in ALP.

- Requirements

1. Processor: Core 2 duo / i3 / i5 / i7
2. OS : Linux 32 bit / 64 bit OS
3. Editor & Assembler

- Theory:

➤ Recursion

When a procedure calls itself within its definition, it is known as recursion. While making a recursive call, the variable of procedure should be appropriately pushed

on the stack, otherwise they are overwritten
The instruction pointer is implicitly pushed
& popped by call & ret instructions.

2> Factorial:

Factorial is the multiplication of all digits
from 1 to n

$$n! = 1 * 2 * 3 * 4 * \dots * (n-1) * (n)$$

• Algorithm:

1. START
2. Pop stack thrice [rsi]
3. MOV [number], [rsi]
4. Convert number Hex
5. Compare number with 0
 if equal
 result = 1
 goto step ⑦
6. Call factorial
7. Convert [result] from Hex to ASCII
8. display
9. STOP

Factorial:

1. Compare [num] with 1
if (equal)

goto step ⑦

2. push [num] on stack

3. dec [num]

4. call ~~new~~ factorial

5. Pop stack into rbx

6. [result] = [result] * rbx

7. return.

• Test Cases:

	Input	Expected o/p	Actual o/p
1.	00	1	Pass
2.	01	1	Pass
3.	04	18	Pass
4.	0F	1307775800	Pass
5	10	13077758000	Pass

• Conclusion:

Factorial of a number given on command line is computed using recursion.