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Lab Proficiency Test 2 (LPT-2) – [5 Marks]

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1 Overview

Your LPT-2 is available on Canvas. It has three files.

- This pdf file.
- The Arm v7 instruction set as a separate pdf (for your reference).
- **The q1.s file.** You will edit this file.

You may use simulator listed in the following [link](https://cpulator.01xz.net/?sys=arm-de1soc&d_audio=48000) to compile and evaluate your code.

Simulator Link: https://cpulator.01xz.net/?sys=arm-de1soc&d_audio=48000

2 Problem Statement

The function in Figure 2 computes the Highest Common Factor (HCF) of r0 and r1. This function is written in C. You will need to write the ARM assembly that implements this function.

```
hcf(int r0, int r1) {  
    if (r0 == 0 || r1 == 0){  
        return;  
    }  
    else if (r0 == r1) {  
        return;  
    }  
    else if (r0 > r1) {  
        hcf(r0-r1, r1);  
    }  
    else {  
        hcf(r0, r1-r0);  
    }  
    return;  
}
```

Figure 1: A function written in 'C' to compute Highest Common Factor (HCF).

3 Inputs and Outputs

The 'hcf' function in Arm assembly uses registers r0 and r1 as its first and second parameter respectively.

- **The register r0 contains the first parameter.** Its initial value is the value in switches SW0-SW9 **A**. You can vary the values of SW0-SW9 to test your code.
- **The register r1 contains the second parameter.** Its initial value is the value in push buttons KEY0-KEY3 **B**. You can vary the values of KEY0-KEY3 to test your code.
- For this LPT, **assume that registers r0 and r1 contain only non-negative initial values.**
- **Except in cases when either r0 or r1 have an initial value of binary '0'**, both r0 and r1 should hold the final hcf value upon returning to the main calling code.
- The final hcf is **displayed on the LEDs** **C**.

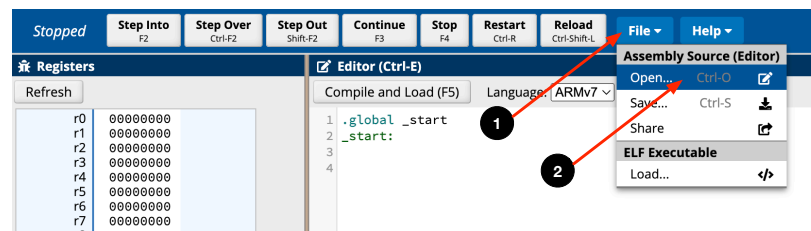
6 How to not LOSE POINTS

You will lose points for each of the following conditions – the minimum points you can get is ZERO and the maximum is FIVE:

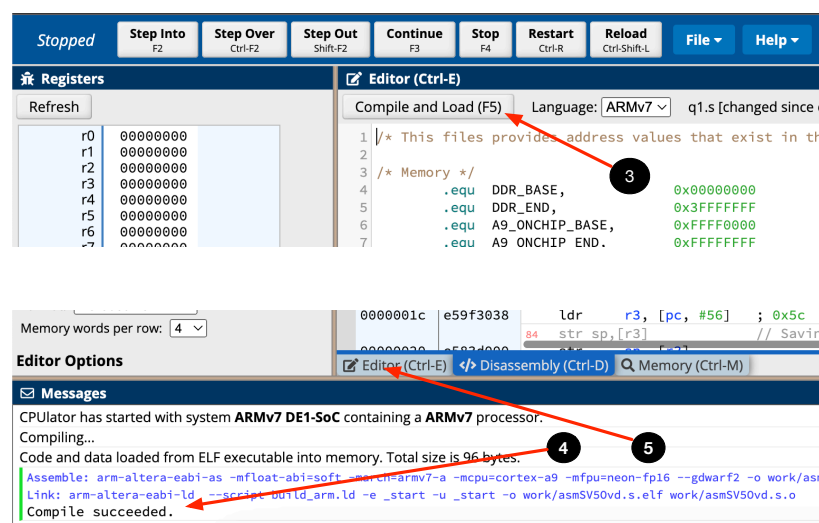
- You did not submit a file named q1.s on canvas. **You will get a ZERO if this happens.**
- You did not submit the entire q1.s file (e.g. your q1.s file has ONLY the hcf function and not the text before it, etc.). **You will get a ZERO if this happens.**
- Your q1.s file does not compile (e.g., due to syntax errors). **You will get a ZERO if this happens.**
- Your function is stuck in an infinite loop and does not return. **You will get a ZERO if this happens.**
- You edited the q1.s file in the parts above the hcf: function or changed the LABEL hcf:. This is not allowed and **you will get a ZERO if this happens.**
- Your 'hcf' implementation in q1.s produces incorrect outcomes for the different values in r0 and r1 in our autograder. **You will lose 1 point for each pair of inputs that produce incorrect outcomes.**

7 Using the Online Arm Simulator

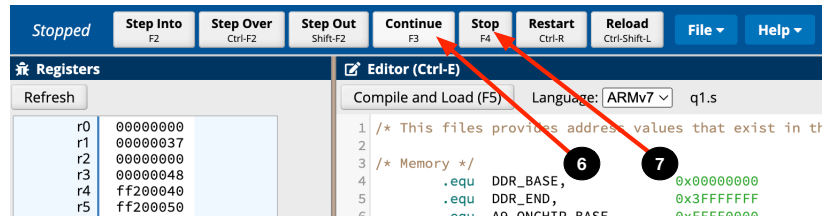
1. Load q1.s: Kindly edit q1.s on your local computer. Once you have finished editing, you can go to the [simulator website](#). You can click File **1** and Open **2** to select q1.s.



2. Compile: Compile your code by clicking the Compile and Load **3** button at the top of the page. Check if your compilation was successful **4** at the bottom of the page. You can then go to the editor **5**.



3. Execute: Execute your code by clicking the **Continue** ⑥ button at the top of the page. Stop your execution using the **Stop** ⑦ button at the top of the page.



4. Save: Save your file by clicking the **Save** ⑧ button within the **File** button.



8 Appendix: Example HCF Calculation

The highest common factor (HCF) of two numbers is the largest number which is a factor of both those numbers.

Example

What is the HCF of 28 and 21?

Answer

- List down the factors of 28. The number 28 can be written as the product of the following numbers.

$$28 = 1 \times 28 \quad (1)$$

$$28 = 2 \times 14 \quad (2)$$

$$28 = 4 \times 7 \quad (3)$$

Thus, the factors of 28 are 1, 2, 4, 7, 14, and 28.

- Next, list down the factors of 21. The number 21 can be written as the product of the following numbers.

$$21 = 1 \times 21 \quad (4)$$

$$21 = 3 \times 7 \quad (5)$$

Thus, the factors of 21 are 1, 3, 7, and 21.

- By comparing the factors of 28 and 21, we find that their common factors are 1 and 7.
- Between these common factors, observe that 7 is greater than 1.
- Therefore, 7 is the highest common factor (HCF) between 28 and 21.