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Homework 1 Report

In this assignment we covered three different problems: computing the average of five different values by using push and pop to interact with the stack, computing averages for two more sequences of numbers using different variations of the *jmp* command to implement low-level for loops, and tying it all together to populate the stack with a sequence of numbers using jmp commands to replicate if statements and finding the product and sums of values within the sequence. I refreshed myself on how to implement loops and conditional statements in x86. I used the same .asm files I had made for the Spring of 2019 class that I was enrolled in, but reviewed all the code that I had written to ensure that I fully understood the significance of all the commands and ensure I had a better grasp of the Assembly instructions and why I had used what I did. I made no edits because I believed that the code that I had written worked well and had no glaring errors or improvements that could be made. Based on the knowledge I gained, I can more effectively recognize the presence of loops and conditional statements, as well as the creation of specific variables based on sizes. I have included the *io.inc* file that is automatically added to the beginning of each SASM program for reference; however, I have removed any necessity for it when moving over to the macOS side. As per critiques on the homework, I don't really see any glaring issues with it. The homework seems relatively straight forward to complete and many guides can be found online to help the student especially when it comes to the bonus (I didn't complete the bonus because I had neglected to start until later due to working nearly full time with the Division of IT).

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CMAIN:
               ecx, 0
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Problem 1:

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forLoop2:
                                                       ebx, 1
                                                       forLoop2
                                          ; compute avq
; pop int's and add into eax
                                          forLoop3:
                                                       cont3
                                                       ebx, 20
                                                                                       forLoop4
                                                       forLoop3
; reset ebx for stack population
                                          skip:
                                                      ebx, 10
                                                       forLoop3
                                          cont3:
                                                                                       ebx, 0
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Problem 2:

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forLoop:
          meaningOfLife
          forLoop
meaningOfLife:
          forLoop
                                                       ; multiply any vals < 30, store in eax
                                                       multiply:
         meaningOfLife
                                                                      forLoop2
                                                       ; exit pgm
                                                       EXIT:
         ecx, 0
                                                                      eax, 0
                                                                      ebx, 0
                                                                      ecx, 0
forLoop2:
                                                                      edx, 0
                                                                      esi, 0
                                                                      edi, 0
          multiply
          forLoop2
                                                            ret
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Problem 3:

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