

MIPS Programming, SPIM

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1 Administrivia

Announcements

Assignment

Read 2.7.

From Last Time

Intro to Unix.

Outline

1. Using SPIM.
2. Lab exercise.

Coming Up

Procedure calls in assembly.

2 Using SPIM

Things to notice:

1. Structure of a MIPS assembly language program.
2. System calls: `syscall`. Exit from your program:

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li $v0, 10
syscall
```

3. I/O:

- (a) Reading an integer.
- (b) Writing a string or integer.

4. Debugging:

- (a) Creating global labels with `.globl`.
- (b) Setting and hitting breakpoints. Continuing from a breakpoint.
- (c) Printing register values.

Example:

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# addn.spim
# Input: A number of inputs, n, and n integers.
# Output: The sum of the n inputs.
# Demonstrates reading and writing integers.

# Register usage:
#   $t0: how many integers remain to be read.
#   $t1: sum of the integers read so far.

                .data                # Constants.
prmt1:         .asciiz "How many inputs? "
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prmp2:    .asciiz "Next input: "
sum:      .asciiz "The sum is "
nl:       .asciiz "\n"

        .text                # Main.
        .globl main

main:    li $v0, 4            # Syscall to print prompt string.
        la $a0, prmp1
        syscall

        li $v0, 5            # Syscall to read an integer.
        syscall              # Result returned in $v0.
        move $t0, $v0        # n stored in $t0.

        li $t1, 0           # sum stored in $t1 -- clear it.

        .globl while
while:   blez $t0, endwhile  # Read n integers.
        li $v0, 4            # Prompt for next integer
        la $a0, prmp2
        syscall

        li $v0, 5            # Read next integer.
        syscall
        add $t1, $t1, $v0    # Increase sum by new input.

        sub $t0, $t0, 1      # Decrement n.

        b while

endwhile: li $v0, 4           # Print result string.
        la $a0, sum
        syscall

        move $a0, $t1        # Print sum.
        li $v0, 1
        syscall

        li $v0, 4            # Print a newline character.
        la $a0, nl
        syscall

        li $v0, 10           # Syscall to exit.
        syscall

```

3 Lab Exercise

See lab handout.