

Lab 3: MIPS General-Purpose Registers

Objectives:

After completing this lab, you will:

- Understand MIPS 32 * 32-bit registers
- Write simple MIPS programs using MIPS registers
- Convert simple C code into MIPS code

MIPS Registers

- MIPS architecture provides for 32 special locations, built directly into the CPU, each of them able to store 32 bits of information (1 word), called “registers”.
- A small number of registers that can be accessed easily and quickly will allow the CPU to execute instructions very fast.

Exercise 1: Adding two operands

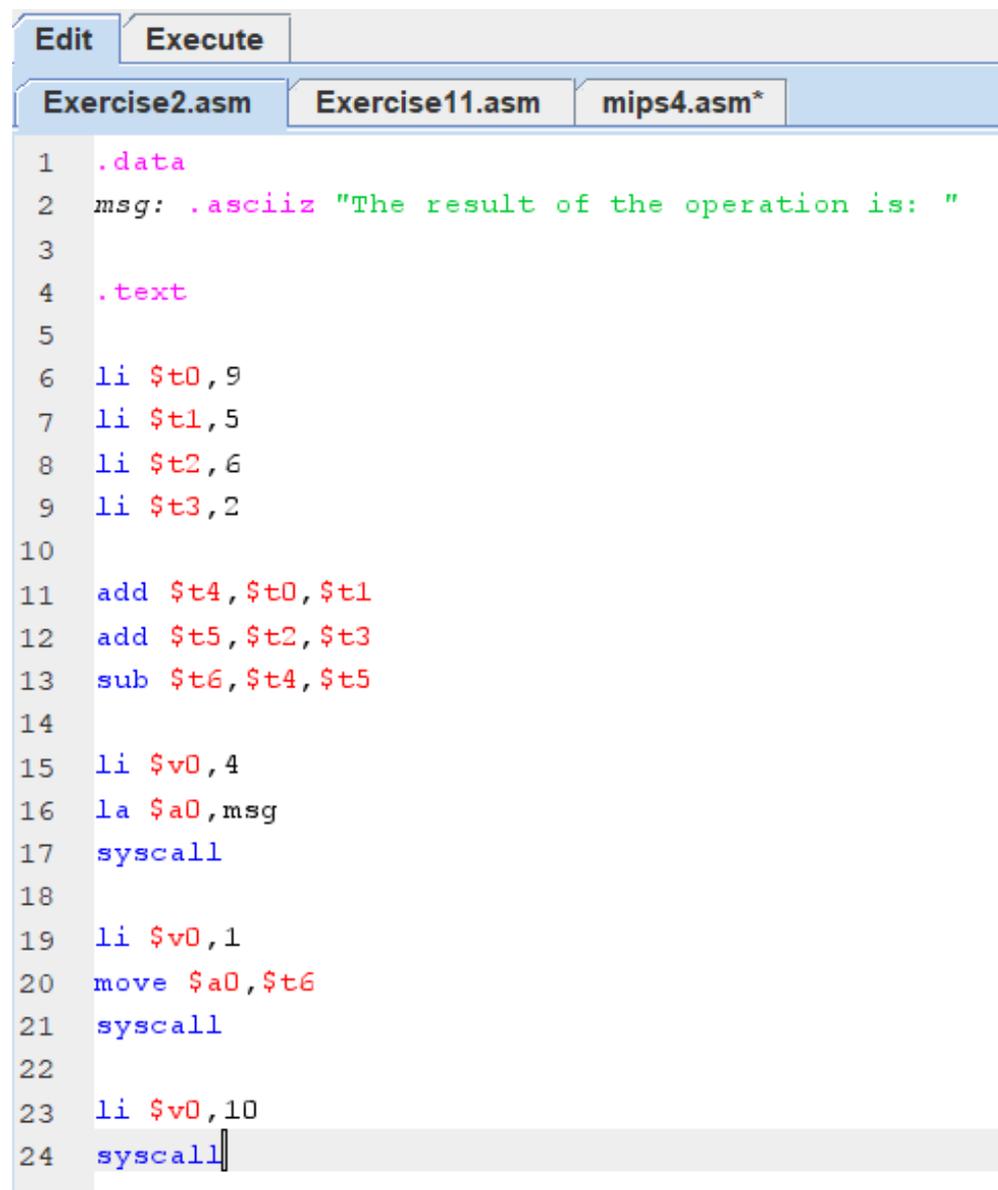
Use the following code to convert the addition operation of C code into MIPS code and print the result on the output screen.

C code : $f=(g + h)$

```
Exercise1.asm
1  .data
2  msg: .asciiz "The result of addition is: "
3
4  .text
5
6  li $t0, 9
7  li $t1, 5
8
9  Add $t3, $t0, $t1
10
11 li $v0, 4
12 la $a0, msg
13 syscall
14
15 li $v0, 1
16 move $a0, $t3
17 syscall
18
19 li $v0, 10
20 syscall
```

Exercise 2: Modify the above program to compile the following C code into MIPS code:

C code: $f = (g + h) - (i + j);$



```
1  .data
2  msg: .asciiz "The result of the operation is: "
3
4  .text
5
6  li $t0,9
7  li $t1,5
8  li $t2,6
9  li $t3,2
10
11 add $t4,$t0,$t1
12 add $t5,$t2,$t3
13 sub $t6,$t4,$t5
14
15 li $v0,4
16 la $a0,msg
17 syscall
18
19 li $v0,1
20 move $a0,$t6
21 syscall
22
23 li $v0,10
24 syscall
```

Exercise 3: Modify the previous program to compile the following C code into MIPS code using 4 variables as follow:

g: .word 9

h: .word 5

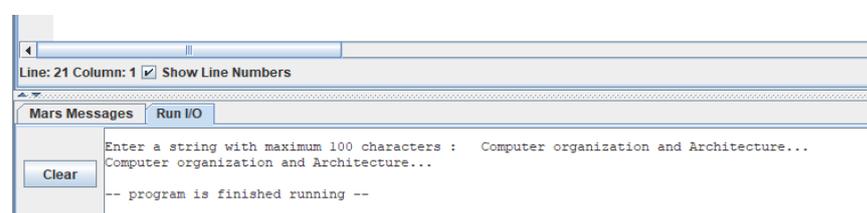
i: .word 6

j: .word 2

Exercise 4:

Write a program to ask the user to enter a string with maximum 100 characters and then print it.

```
1 ##### Data segment #####
2 .data
3     Message:.ascii "Enter a string with maximum 100 characters :  "
4     str: .space 100      # array of 100 bytes
5 ##### Code segment #####
6 .text
7 .globl main
8 main:      # main program entry
9     li     $v0, 4          # Print the message to ask user to enter the string
10    la     $a0, Message
11    syscall
12
13    la     $a0, str        # $a0 = address of str
14    li     $a1, 100       # $a1 = max string length
15    li     $v0, 8         # read string
16    syscall
17    li     $v0, 4         # Print string str
18    syscall
19    li     $v0, 10        # Exit program
20    syscall
21
```



Exercise 5:

Write a program to ask the user to enter two integers A and B and then display the result of computing the expression: $A + 2B - 5$.