COMP2611: Computer Organization

Debugging on Mars

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□ You will learn the following in this lab:

how to debug a MIPS program using the debugging features in Mars. □ Mars provides many debugging features:

□ Breakpoint -- pauses the execution at an instruction.

- Click the box on the column "Bkpt" of an instruction to enable a breakpoint there.
- All the instructions before the breakpoint were executed, and all the subsequent instructions, including the one at the breakpoint, are not executed yet.

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Mars Breakpoint

- Load the example program <u>debug1.s</u>, and try enabling the breakpoints shown below.
- Then start the execution to see how it pauses at the first breakpoint.
- The values of the registers and memory reflect the execution up to (but not including) the instruction at this breakpoint.

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Mars Breakpoint

• Start the execution again (click the same button) to see how the execution pauses at the second breakpoint.

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- Single Step executes one instruction and then pauses the execution.
 - Click this **Single Step** button to do a Single Step.
 - It can be used at the very beginning to start executing the program (executing its first instruction) or at any time when the program execution is paused (e.g., by a breakpoint).

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Mars Single Step

- Try executing each instruction in debug1.s using Single Step.
- See how the execution of the loop in debug1.s is traced in this way.
- See how the values of the registers and/or memory are changed to reflect the latest execution.

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Mars Undo Step

Undo Step – undo the last instruction (up to a maximum of 2000 instructions by default) and then pauses the execution.

- Click this **Undo Step** button to do an Undo Step.
- It can only used when the program execution is paused.
- It can still be used after the program execution terminated (but before it is reset). Try this after executing debug1.s.

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Mars Undo Step

- Try reversing the execution of the loop in debug1.s, too.
- See how the values of the registers and memory are changed back as the execution reverses.

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- When you figure out a possible solution to fix a buggy program, you can modify the program code to try it out.
- You can also just modify the values of the registers or memory (according to the solution) during the (buggy) program execution.
- This lets you get a sense of whether the solution should work before you modify any codes.
- □ To modify a register or memory,
 - □ double-click on it on the Registers or Data Segment window.
 - □ Type the new value in hexadecimal or decimal format.
 - □ Finally, press the Enter key to apply the new value.
- □ The modification can only be done before the program execution starts or when it is paused.
- □ The new value will be applied to all the subsequent executions.

□ Try executing the program debug1.s.

□ Then pause it at the instruction in Line 9 and modify the value of the register t0 to 0x000001a (as shown by the image below).

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- □ Single Step the add instruction in Line 9.
- □ See how the addition used the new value of the register t0 (look at the sum in the register t2).

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Modifying registers

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□ Try to debug the example program <u>debug2.s</u>.

To pause the program execution (e.g., during its infinite loop), click this **Pause** button.

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	0x00400014	0x3c011001	lui \$1,0x1001	13:	la \$s0,	list		\$vl	3	0x00000000	
	0x00400018	0x34300010	ori \$16,\$1,0x					\$a0	4	0x10010000	
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After figuring out a possible solution to the bug, try it by modifying only the registers (not the program code) to get a sense of whether it should work (computing the correct sum).

□ After a correct solution is found, fix the program code then.

0x00400010 0x24110000 addiu \$17,\$0, 12: 1i \$s1, 0			\$v0	2 0x0000000a
0x00400014 0x3c011001 lui \$1,0x1001 13: la \$s0, list			\$vl	3 0x00000000
0x00400018 0x34300010 ori \$16,\$1,0x			\$a0	4 0x00000009
0x0040001c 0x24080003 addiu \$8,\$0,0 14: 11 \$t0, 3			\$al	5 0x00000000
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0x00400024 0x8e090000 1w \$9,0x0000(17: 1w \$t1, (\$s0)			\$a3	7 0x00000000
0x00400028 0x02298820 add \$17,\$17,\$9 18: add \$s1, \$s1, \$t1			\$t0	8 0x0000000
0x0040002c 0x2108fffe addi \$8,\$8,0x 19: addi \$t0, \$t0, -2			\$tl	9 0x0000004
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□ Try to debug the program <u>debug3.s</u>.

- You may debug it by modifying the registers or program code first (whichever way you feel efficient with).
- The program execution may run for a while, looking like in an infinite loop initially, but will eventually terminates with an Exception error at a particular instruction code.
- □ See the message about the Exception on Mars' Messages Window.
- The Exception is about an invalid memory access by the instruction. What is the cause?

□ You have learnt:

how to debug a MIPS program using the debugging features in Mars.