

**ECE/CS 314**  
**Spring 2004**

**Section 3**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Attempt at Supporting Functions

### Memory

0x7FFFFFFC				
0x7FFFFFF8				
0x7FFFFFF4				
0x7FFFFFF0				
0x7FFFFFFEC				
0x7FFFFFFE8				
0x7FFFFFFE4				
0x7FFFFFFE0				
0x7FFFFFFDC				
0x7FFFFFFF8				
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0x10000010				
0x1000000C				
0x10000008	'U'	'N'	\0	
0x10000004	'I'	'S'	' '	'F'
0x10000000	'3'	'1'	'4'	' '

### Registers

0	0x00000000	16	
1		17	
2		18	
3		19	
4	0x10000000	20	
5		21	
6		22	
7		23	
8		24	
9		25	
10		26	
11		27	
12		28	
13		29	
14		30	
15		31	

```

Caller:    li      $4,0x10000000
           j      NumSpaces
Return:    ...

...

NumSpaces: addu   $17,$4,$0      #get passed argument
           li     $16,0          #count=0
$start:    lbu    $8,0($17)      #temp = *s
           beq    $8,$0,$done    #if *s==0 go to done
           li     $9,32          #temp2 = ' '
           bne   $8,$9,$skipinc  #if *s != ' ' go to skipinc
           addiu  $16,$16,1      #count++
$skipinc:  addiu  $17,$17,1      #s++
           beq    $0,$0,$start   #go to start
$done:     addu   $2,$0,$16      #Return count
           j      Return        #Return from function
    
```

## 2<sup>st</sup> Attempt at Supporting Functions

### Memory

0x7FFFFFFC				
0x7FFFFFF8				
0x7FFFFFF4				
0x7FFFFFF0				
0x7FFFFFFEC				
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0x7FFFFFFE4				
0x7FFFFFFE0				
0x7FFFFFFDC				
0x7FFFFFFF8				
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0x10000010				
0x1000000C				
0x10000008	'U'	'N'	\0	
0x10000004	'I'	'S'	' '	'F'
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### Registers

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9		25	
10		26	
11		27	
12		28	
13		29	
14		30	
15		31	0x00000044

```

Caller:      li      $4,0x10000000    #e.g. PC = 0x38
             jal     NumSpaces      #call NumSpaces (PC = 0x3C)

...

NumSpaces:   addu    $17,$4,$0      #get passed argument
             li      $16,0          #count=0
$start:      lbu     $8,0($17)      #temp = *s
             beq    $8,$0,$done     #if *s==0 go to done
             li     $9,32           #temp2 = ` `
             bne   $8,$9,$skipinc  #if *s != ` ` go to skipinc
             addiu  $16,$16,1      #count++
$skipinc:    addiu  $17,$17,1      #s++
             beq    $0,$0,$start   #go to start
$done:       addu   $2,$0,$16      #Return count
             jr     $31            #Return from function
    
```

## What About Recursion? Lets Trace It!

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0x7FFFFFFC				
0x7FFFFFF8				
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0x7FFFFFFE0				
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0x7FFFFFFF8				
•••				
0x10000010				
0x1000000C				
0x10000008	'U'	'N'	\0	
0x10000004	'I'	'S'	' '	'F'
0x10000000	'3'	'1'	'4'	' '

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10		26	
11		27	
12		28	
13		29	
14		30	
15		31	0x00000044

```

Caller:      li      $4,0x10000000    #e.g. PC = 0x38
             jal     NumSpaces      #call NumSpaces (PC = 0x3C)

...

NumSpaces:  addu    $17,$4,$0        #s = argument1
             lbu     $8,0($17)       #temp = *s
             beq    $8,$0,$done     #if *s == 0 go to done
             addiu  $4,$4,1         #argument1 = s + 1
             jal     NumSpaces      #call NumSpaces

             li     $9,32           #temp2 = ` `
             bne   $8,$9,$skipinc  #if *s != ` ` go to skipinc

$skipinc:   addiu  $2,$2,1          #count++
$done:      jr     $31              #return
             li     $2,0            #return value = 0
             jr     $31              #return
    
```

### Memory

0x7FFFFFFC				
0x7FFFFFF8				
0x7FFFFFF4				
0x7FFFFFF0				
0x7FFFFFFEC				
0x7FFFFFFE8				
0x7FFFFFFE4				
0x7FFFFFFE0				
0x7FFFFFFDC				
0x7FFFFFFF8				
...				
0x10000010				
0x1000000C				
0x10000008	'U'	'N'	\0	
0x10000004	'I'	'S'	' '	'F'
0x10000000	'3'	'1'	'4'	' '

### Registers

0	0x00000000	16	
1		17	0x10000000
2		18	
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6		22	
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11		27	
12		28	
13		29	
14		30	
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```

Caller:      li      $4,0x10000000    #e.g. PC = 0x38
             jal     NumSpaces      #call NumSpaces (PC = 0x3C)

...

NumSpaces:   addu    $17,$4,$0        #s = arg1 (e.g. PC=0xD0)
             lbu     $8,0($17)       #temp = *s
             beq    $8,$0,$done      #if *s == 0 go to done
             addiu  $4,$4,1         #arg1 = s + 1
             jal     NumSpaces      #call NumSpaces

             li     $9,32           #temp2 = ` `
             bne   $8,$9,$skipinc   #if *s != ` ` go to skipinc

$skipinc:    addiu  $2,$2,1         #count++
$done:       jr     $31             #return
             li     $2,0           #return value = 0
             jr     $31             #return
    
```

### Memory

0x80000000				
0x7FFFFFFC				
0x7FFFFFF8				
0x7FFFFFF4				
0x7FFFFFF0				
0x7FFFFFEC				
0x7FFFFFE8				
0x7FFFFFE4				
0x7FFFFFE0				
0x7FFFFFDC				
...				
0x10000010				
0x1000000C				
0x10000008	'U'	'N'	\0	
0x10000004	'T'	'S'	' '	'F'
0x10000000	'3'	'1'	'4'	' '

### Registers

0	0x00000000	16	
1		17	0x10000000
2		18	
3		19	
4	0x10000001	20	
5		21	
6		22	
7		23	
8	'3'	24	
9		25	
10		26	
11		27	
12		28	
13		29	
14		30	
15		31	0x000000E8



```

NumSpaces:  addiu    $29,$29,-4
             sw      $31,0($29)      #save return address
             addu    $17,$4,$0       #s = arg1 (e.g. PC=0xD0)
             lbu    $8,0($17)       #temp = *s
             beq    $8,$0,$done      #if *s == 0 go to done
             addiu  $4,$4,1         #arg1 = s + 1
             jal    NumSpaces        #call NumSpaces (PC=0xE0)

             li     $9,32           #temp2 = ' ' (PC=0xE8)
             bne   $8,$9,$skipinc   #if *s != ' ' go to skipinc

             addiu  $2,$2,1         #count++
$skipinc:   jr     $31              #return
$done:     li     $2,0             #return value = 0
             jr    $31              #return
    
```

## Memory

0x80000000				
0x7FFFFFFC				
0x7FFFFFF8				
0x7FFFFFF4				
0x7FFFFFF0				
0x7FFFFFEC				
0x7FFFFFE8				
0x7FFFFFE4				
0x7FFFFFE0				
0x7FFFFFDC				
...				
0x10000010				
0x1000000C				
0x10000008	'U'	'N'	\0	
0x10000004	'I'	'S'	' '	'F'
0x10000000	'3'	'1'	'4'	' '

## Registers

0	0x00000000	16	
1		17	
2		18	
3		19	
4	0x10000000	20	
5		21	
6		22	
7		23	
8		24	
9		25	
10		26	
11		27	
12		28	
13		29	0x80000000
14		30	
15		31	0x00000044

```

NumSpaces:  addiu    $29,$29,-4    #allocate space (1 word)
            sw       $31,0($29)   #save return address
            addu    $17,$4,$0     #s = arg1 (e.g. PC=0xD0)
            lbu    $8,0($17)     #temp = *s
            beq    $8,$0,$done    #if *s == 0 go to done
            addiu  $4,$4,1       #arg1 = s + 1
            jal    NumSpaces     #recursive call(PC=0xE0)
            li     $9,32        #temp2 = ' ' (PC=0xE8)
            bne   $8,$9,$skipinc #if *s != ' ' go to skipinc
            addiu  $2,$2,1       #count++
$skipinc:  lw      $31,0($29)     #pop return address
            addiu  $29,$29,4     #deallocate stack space
            jr     $31           #return
$done:     li     $2,0          #return value = 0
            lw      $31,0($29)   #pop return address
            addiu  $29,$29,4     #deallocate stack space
            jr     $31           #return
    
```

## Memory

0x80000000				
0x7FFFFFFC	00	00	00	44
0x7FFFFFF8				
0x7FFFFFF4				
0x7FFFFFF0				
0x7FFFFFEC				
0x7FFFFFE8				
0x7FFFFFE4				
0x7FFFFFE0				
0x7FFFFFDC				
...				
0x10000010				
0x1000000C				
0x10000008	'U'	'N'	\0	
0x10000004	'I'	'S'	' '	'F'
0x10000000	'3'	'1'	'4'	' '

## Registers

0	0x00000000	16	
1		17	0x10000000
2		18	
3		19	
4	0x10000001	20	
5		21	
6		22	
7		23	
8	'3'	24	
9		25	
10		26	
11		27	
12		28	
13		29	0x7FFFFFFC
14		30	
15		31	0x00000044

```

NumSpaces:  addiu    $29,$29,-4    #allocate space (1 word)
            sw      $31,0($29)    #save return address
            addu    $17,$4,$0     #s = arg1 (e.g. PC=0xD0)
            lbu    $8,0($17)     #temp = *s
            beq    $8,$0,$done    #if *s == 0 go to done
            addiu   $4,$4,1       #arg1 = s + 1
            jal    NumSpaces      #recursive call(PC=0xE0)
            li     $9,32          #temp2 = ' ' (PC=0xE8)
            bne   $8,$9,$skipinc  #if *s != ' ' go to skipinc
            addiu  $2,$2,1        #count++
$skipinc:   lw     $31,0($29)     #pop return address
            addiu  $29,$29,4      #deallocate stack space
            jr    $31            #return
$done:     li     $2,0           #return value = 0
            lw     $31,0($29)     #pop return address
            addiu  $29,$29,4      #deallocate stack space
            jr    $31            #return
    
```



## Memory

0x80000000				
0x7FFFFFFC	00	00	00	44
0x7FFFFFF8	00	00	00	E8
0x7FFFFFF4				
0x7FFFFFF0				
0x7FFFFFFC				
0x7FFFFFF8				
0x7FFFFFF4				
0x7FFFFFF0				
0x7FFFFFFC				
0x7FFFFFF8				
0x7FFFFFF4				
0x7FFFFFF0				
0x7FFFFFFC				
...				
0x10000010				
0x1000000C				
0x10000008	'U'	'N'	\0	
0x10000004	'I'	'S'	' '	'F'
0x10000000	'3'	'1'	'4'	' '

## Registers

0	0x00000000	16	
1		17	0x10000001
2		18	
3		19	
4	0x10000002	20	
5		21	
6		22	
7		23	
8	'1'	24	
9		25	
10		26	
11		27	
12		28	
13		29	0x7FFFFFF8
14		30	
15		31	0x000000E8

```

NumSpaces:  addiu    $29,$29,-4      #allocate space (1 word)
            sw       $31,0($29)     #save return address
            addu    $17,$4,$0      #s = arg1 (e.g. PC=0xD0)
            lbu    $8,0($17)       #temp = *s
            beq    $8,$0,$done     #if *s == 0 go to done
            addiu  $4,$4,1         #arg1 = s + 1
            jal    NumSpaces       #recursive call(PC=0xE0)
            li     $9,32           #temp2 = ' ' (PC=0xE8)
            bne   $8,$9,$skipinc   #if *s != ' ' go to skipinc
            addiu  $2,$2,1         #count++
$skipinc:   lw     $31,0($29)       #pop return address
            addiu  $29,$29,4       #deallocate stack space
            jr    $31             #return
$done:     li     $2,0             #return value = 0
            lw     $31,0($29)       #pop return address
            addiu  $29,$29,4       #deallocate stack space
            jr    $31             #return
    
```

## Memory

0x80000000				
0x7FFFFFFC	00	00	00	44
0x7FFFFFF8	00	00	00	E8
0x7FFFFFF4	00	00	00	E8
0x7FFFFFF0	00	00	00	E8
0x7FFFFFEC	00	00	00	E8
0x7FFFFFE8	00	00	00	E8
0x7FFFFFE4	00	00	00	E8
0x7FFFFFE0	00	00	00	E8
0x7FFFFFDC	00	00	00	E8
...	...	...	...	...
0x10000010				
0x1000000C				
0x10000008	'U'	'N'	'0'	
0x10000004	'I'	'S'	' '	'F'
0x10000000	'3'	'1'	'4'	' '

## Registers

0	0x00000000	16	
1		17	0x1000000A
2	0x00000000	18	
3		19	
4	0x1000000A	20	
5		21	
6		22	
7		23	
8	0x00000000	24	
9		25	
10		26	
11		27	
12		28	
13		29	0x7FFFFFFD8
14		30	
15		31	0x000000E8



```

NumSpaces:  addiu    $29,$29,-4    #allocate space (1 word)
             sw      $31,0($29)    #save return address
             addu    $17,$4,$0     #s = arg1 (e.g. PC=0xD0)
             lbu    $8,0($17)     #temp = *s
             beq    $8,$0,$done    #if *s == 0 go to done
             addiu  $4,$4,1        #arg1 = s + 1
             jal    NumSpaces      #recursive call(PC=0xE0)
             li     $9,32          #temp2 = ' ' (PC=0xE8)
             bne   $8,$9,$skipinc  #if *s != ' ' go to skipinc
             addiu  $2,$2,1        #count++
$skipinc:   lw     $31,0($29)      #pop return address
             addiu  $29,$29,4      #deallocate stack space
             jr    $31            #return
$done:     li     $2,0            #return value = 0
             lw     $31,0($29)      #pop return address
             addiu  $29,$29,4      #deallocate stack space
             jr    $31            #return
    
```

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0x80000000				
0x7FFFFFFC				
0x7FFFFFF8	00	00	00	44
0x7FFFFFF4	'3'			
0x7FFFFFF0	00	00	00	E8
0x7FFFFFEC	'1'			
0x7FFFFFE8	00	00	00	E8
0x7FFFFFE4	'4'			
0x7FFFFFE0	00	00	00	E8
0x7FFFFFDC	' '			
...	...	...	...	...
0x10000010				
0x1000000C				
0x10000008	'U'	'N'	\0	
0x10000004	'T'	'S'	' '	'F'
0x10000000	'3'	'1'	'4'	' '

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0	0x00000000	16	
1		17	0x1000000A
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4	0x1000000A	20	
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6		22	
7		23	
8	0x00000000	24	
9		25	
10		26	
11		27	
12		28	
13		29	0x7FFFFFFD8
14		30	
15		31	0x000000E8

```

NumSpaces:  addiu    $29,$29,-8    #allocate space (2 word)
            sw      $8,-4($29)    #save $8...
            sw      $31,0($29)    #save return address
            addu    $17,$4,$0     #s = arg1 (e.g. PC=0xD0)
            lbu    $8,0($17)     #temp = *s
            beq    $8,$0,$done    #if *s == 0 go to done
            addiu   $4,$4,1       #arg1 = s + 1
            jal    NumSpaces      #recursive call(PC=0xE0)
            li     $9,32          #temp2 = ' ' (PC=0xE8)
            bne    $8,$9,$skipinc #if *s != ' ' go to skipinc
            addiu   $2,$2,1       #count++
$skipinc:   lw      $8,-4($29)    #pop $8
            lw      $31,0($29)    #pop return address
            addiu   $29,$29,8     #deallocate stack space
            jr     $31            #return
$done:     li     $2,0           #return value = 0
            lw      $8,-4($29)    #pop $8
            lw      $31,0($29)    #pop return address
    
```