CSE206 CORG

CPU Emulator

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Summary

- Code structure
- Explanation of functionality
- Fixed bugs during designing

CODE STRUCTURE

UNIL DIAGRAM



CPUEmulator

memory:Memory
cache:Cache
cpuState:Boolean
singleStep:Boolean
debug:Boolean
pc:int
ac:int
flag:int
offset:short
step:Scanner

CPUEmulator():(Constructor)

CPUEmulator(pcOffset:short, loadOffset:short):(Constructor)

debugMode(state:boolean):void singleStepMode(state:boolean):void

getCpuState():boolean

hitRatio():void

 $load Program (address: short, \ arr: short[]): void$

displayProgram(programLength:short):void

executeNext():void

execute(inst:short):void

Cache

CAPACITY:int cache:short[][] hit:double miss:double

Cache():(Constructor)
Cache(capacity:int):(Constructor)
hitRatio():void
miss():void
write(address:short, value:short):void
read(address:short):byte
contains(address:short):boolean

Memory

CAPACITY:int memory:byte[]

Memory():(Constructor)
Memory(capacity:int):(Constructor)
size():int
readByte(address:short):byte
readShort(address:short):short
writeByte(address:short, value:byte):void
writeShort(address:short, value:short):void
check(address:short):void

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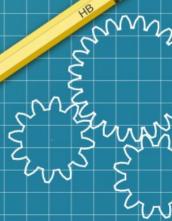
a120210808043.java hasn't been added to UML Diagram because it is just the place that the emulator started. Since it can be changed, Main.java is not the heart of the system.



EXPLANATIN OF FUNCTIONALITY







Memory

CAPACITY:int memory:byte[]

Memory():(Constructor)
Memory(capacity:int):(Constructor)

size():int

readByte(address:short):byte readShort(address:short):short writeByte(address:short, value:byte):void

writeShort(address:short, value:short):void

check(address:short):void

- Since the memory is **byte-addressable**, I preferred to hold data in a **byte array** because it is the most compatible abstraction for byte-addressable structure
- For the **read** and **write** operations, they have 2 options each. Because in most cases (like caching) memory is needed to be read as **block** (since the block size is 2 byte it means short) and several instructions need to access the **bytes** of the memory directly.
- There is an additional address check method to check physical address.





EXPLANATIN OF FUNCTIONALITY





Cache

CAPACITY:int cache:short[][] hit:double

miss:double

Cache():(Constructor)

Cache(capacity:int):(Constructor)

hitRatio():void miss():void

write(address:short, value:short):void

read(address:short):byte

contains(address:short):boolean

- In the cache memory I used 2D short array to hold memory blocks and their tag bits at the same time. Using 2D arrays made it easier.
- Default read-write methods that works in the same way with memory.(write-through feature is handled in the CPUEmuator.java)
- Additionally there is a miss() method that increments miss count for store instruction exceptionally.(this method is only used for store instruction)









CPUEmulator

memory:Memory cache:Cache cpuState:Boolean singleStep:Boolean debug:Boolean pc:int ac:int

CPUEmulator():(Constructor)

CPUEmulator(pcOffset:short, loadOffset:short):(Constructor)

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getCpuState():boolean

hitRatio():void

flag:int offset:short

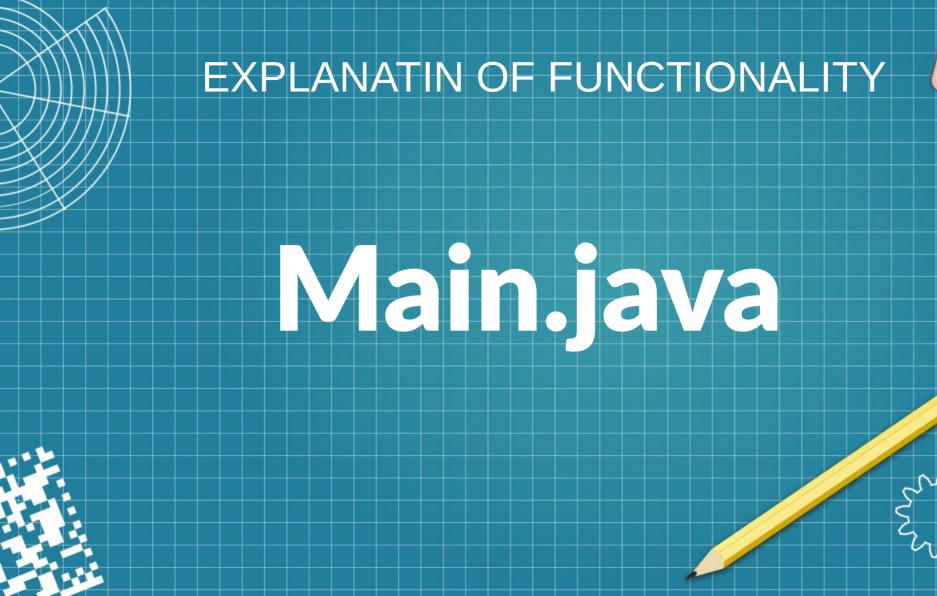
step:Scanner

loadProgram(address:short, arr:short[]):void
displayProgram(programLength:short):void

executeNext():void

execute(inst:short):void

- Memory and Cache instances is being held in this part
 - CPU has **single-step** mod that is provided with **java.util.Scanner**.(controlling by **singleStep:boolean**)
 - Also a debug mod has been added to structure. (controlling by debug:boolean)
 - Program loading operation is being executed during running the Main.java
- There is an additional **displayProgram()** method to debug memory program loading operation. §





```
//initial pc and load address extraction
   BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(config));
   int a = Integer.valueOf(br.readLine().substring(2).trim(), 16);
   int b = Integer.valueOf(br.readLine().substring(2).trim(), 16);
   short loadAddress = (short) a;
   cpu = new CPUEmulator((short) b, (short) a);
   br.close();

    First step is getting config.txt informations
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and initializing the CPUEmulator instance

```
//Determining the length of instruction file
br = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(filename));
String str = br.readLine();
int n = 0:
while (str != null) {
        str = br.readLine();
br.close();
```

 Determining the length of the program.txt (count of the instructions. This is needed to load program to the memory)

Here I defined a short array to give as a parameter to loadProgram() method(instruction count is used for this definition)

```
//Checking the debug and single-step options
 if (args.length > 2) cpu.debugMode(Boolean.parseBoolean(args[2]));
 if (args.length > 3) cpu.singleStepMode(Boolean.parseBoolean(args[3]));

    This step is just about checking the starting

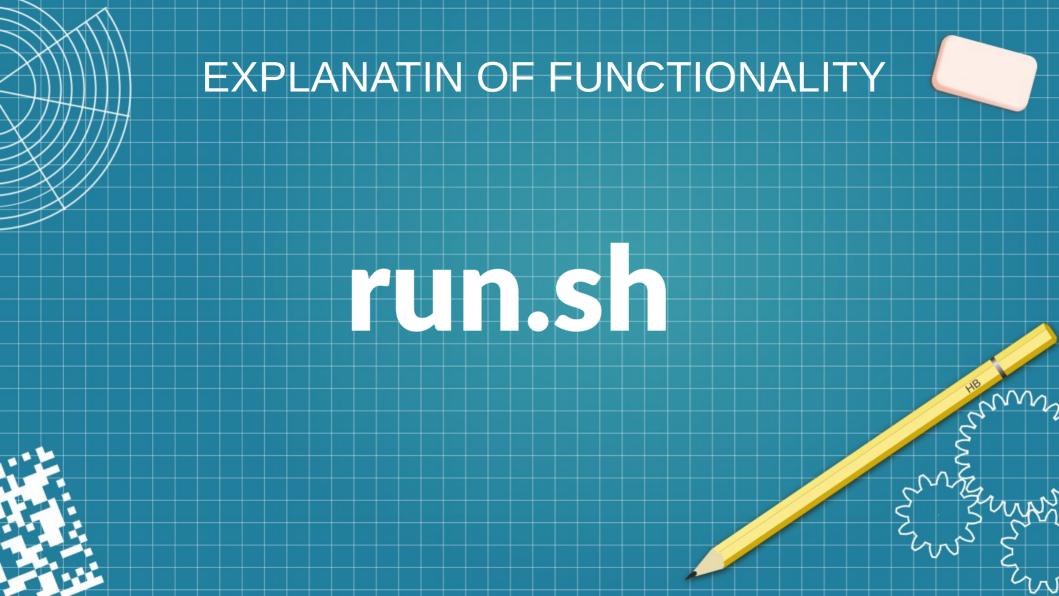
options, if the user wants to debug or activate
                  single-step mod
```

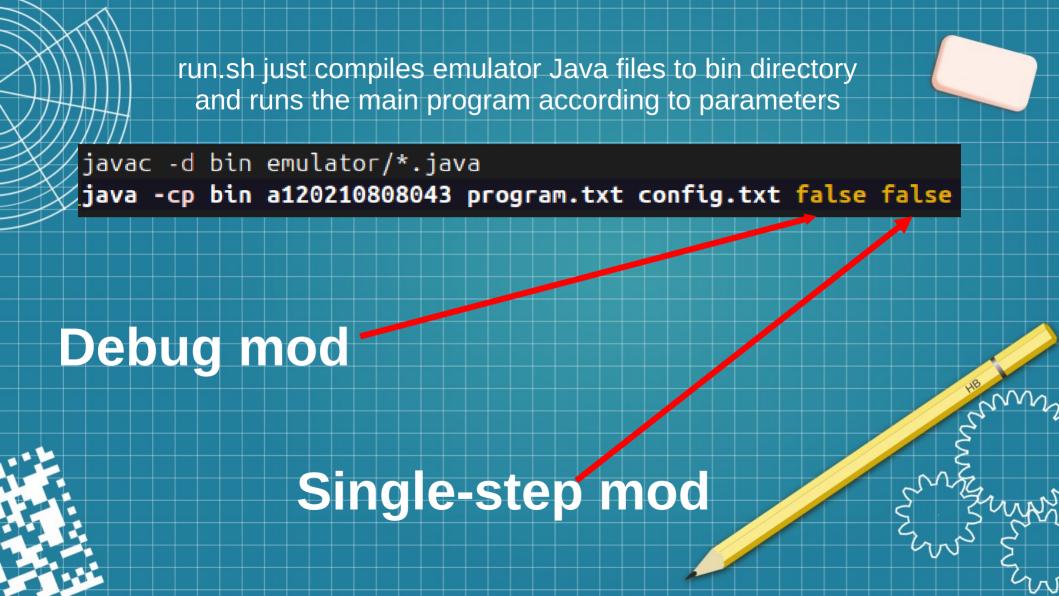
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//---
//Execution phase
do {
          cpu.executeNext();
} while (cpu.getCpuState());

cpu.hitRatio(); //Hit ratio
//-----
new Scanner(System.in).next();
```

 The last section is about execution according to cpuState.

• cpuState is also being checked in the CPUEmulator.java but execution loop placed in the Main.java so, this is just a design preference.





javac -d bin emulator/*.java

java -cp bin a120210808043 program.txt config.txt

They are not essential parameters.
CPU has default states due to parameter dismiss

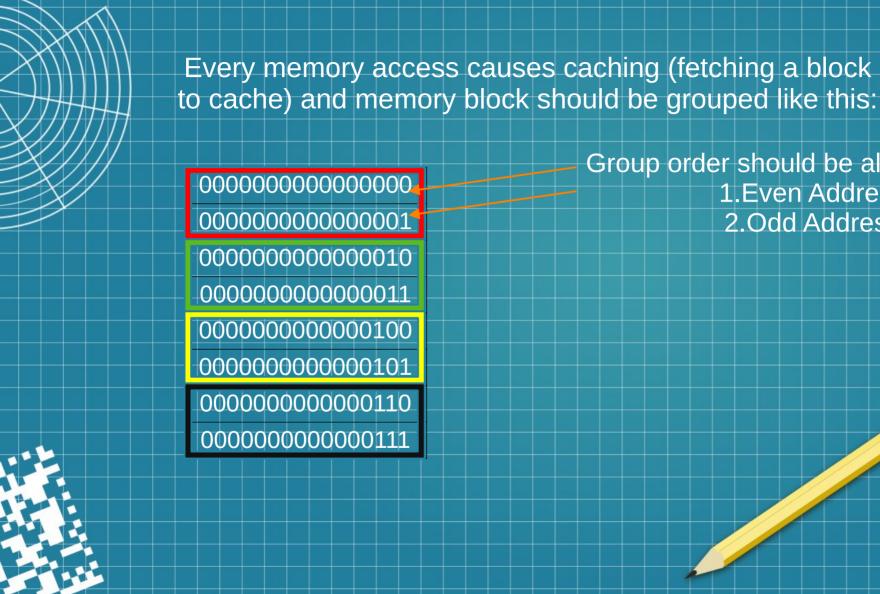


FIXED BUGS









Group order should be always like this 1.Even Address 2.Odd Address

If you did not consider this ordering probably your code usually gets into infinite loop

To fix this problem caching had been done with this:

```
if (operand%2 == 0) cache.write((short) operand, memory.readShort(operand));
else cache.write(operand, memory.readShort((short) (operand-1)));
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This if block solves the block order bug



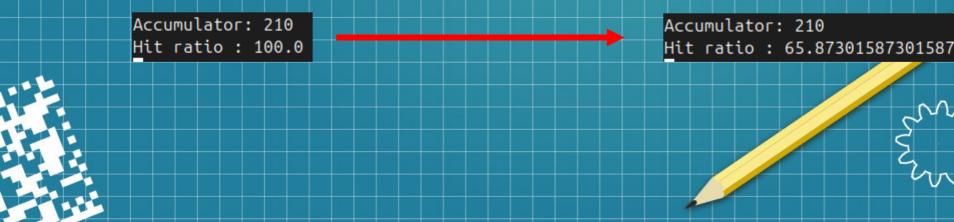
FIXED BUGS

Hit Ratio Accuracy



Actually this is not completely a bug but causes enormously high hit ratios

As I explained in the **functionality part** Cache.java has **miss()** function for **store** instruction exceptionally because store operation **guarantiees** the accessing to memory. And there should be a cache miss but if we use the same cache write function **it can count a hit**. So **exceptionally** miss() function increments miss count to solve this problem



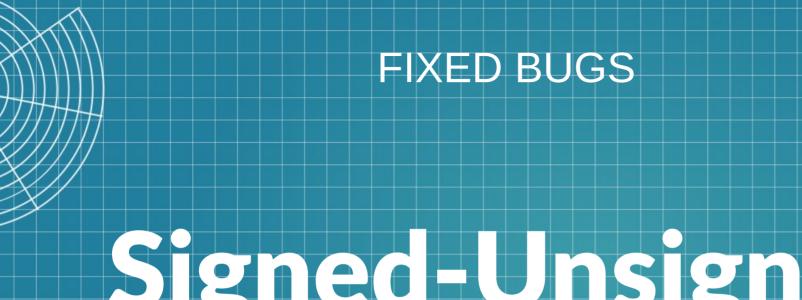
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Ghost Cache Hit

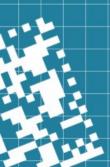


This is caused by cache array.
Since it is a 2D short array its initial value is 0 in every cell. So when the program went on (0000000000000xxxx) type of addresses, there can be many ghost cache hit unexpectedly.

This problem is solved by modifying tag cell values as 0xF000. Tag cell size is short size so 16 bit number is there but tag size is only using 12 bits. This allows us to change most significant 4 bit to prevent ghost cache hit. That change does not couse any conflict with physical tag size. (0xF000)







In Java the is no unsigned numbering for integers (It is general actually) and in some cases it caused problems.

```
//Determining the opcode and operand
byte opcode = (byte) ((inst & 0xF000) >>> 12);
short operand = (short) (inst & 0xFFF);
```

As you can see ">>>" operator is used for bitwise right shift operation. This was used as ">>" operator. Since ">>" keeps the sign.
In some cases like halt operation,
(1110xxxxxxxxxxxxx)
it results this:
(11111111111110)

so ">>>" operator(zero fill) solves this problem result: (000000000001110).



