**poop**machine documentation

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Preface

**poop**machine is an emulated virtual processor running on a Reduced Instruction Set Computer (RISC) architecture. **poop**machine was made as a side project and is not designed for useful computations. At its current state, **poop**machine is not Turing complete, however, there are plans to make it so in future versions.

System architecture and organisation

**poop**machine is a register machine with a fixed number of registers. **poop**machine does not possess Random Access Memory or any other external memory. The program that **poop**machine runs is stored in actual memory (i.e. not in virtual **poop**machinememory) and cannot be modified after initial input. The only form of memory available for use in computation are the four registers in **poop**machine. Arithmetic operations are centred around the main register, known as the accumulator, and all data is stored as signed integers. Programs for **poop**machine move on to the next line once the previous set of instructions has been executed.

Registers

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| Register | Name | Description |
| ACC | Accumulator | Main register for operations. Arithmetic operations are performed on this register. |
| DAT | Data | Additional register for data storage. Contents may be swapped with the accumulator. |
| PC | Program Counter | Special register which stores the current line of the program **poop**machine is on. Line numbers start from 0. Auto-incrementing. When the value of PC exceeds the highest line number of the program, PC is set to (PC VALUE) mod (highest line number). When the value of PC is negative, PC is set to 0. |
| CMS | Comparison Status | Special register which stores the result of comparison instructions. (Not implemented yet) |

I/O pseudo-registers

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| Keyword | Description |
| IN | Gets value from user input. -1 is returned if use input is invalid. Blocking (will halt entire program until user input is received)and read only |
| OUT | Values written to it are sent to the output  Write only |

Instruction set

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| Instruction | Syntax | Description |
| NOP | NOP | Does nothing. (Temporary solution for jumps-use before a label if not program will break) |
| ADD | ADD <VAL/REG> | ACC is increased by the value  Program is terminated and returns error if OUT is used |
| SUB | SUB <VAL/REG> | ACC is decreased by the value  Program is terminated and returns error if OUT is used |
| NEG | NEG <REG> | The value in the register is negated  Undefined behaviour if IN or OUT is used |
| SWP | SWP | The values in ACC and DAT are swapped |
| MOV | MOV <DST> <SRC> | Value of SRC is copied onto DST.  Program is terminated and returns error if IN is used for DST  Program is terminated and returns error if OUT is used for SRC |
| LABEL | <LABEL>: | Sets a label at that line to jump to, converted to NOP upon processing |
| JMP | JMP <LABEL> | Value of PC is set to the number of the line that LABEL is on. (Effectively jumping to LABEL, see above for known-bug) |

Program input modes

Dynamic

Program is entered via the terminal line by line. Can also be copied and pasted. Once entered, previous lines cannot be edited. Type “end prog” to terminate program entering.

File

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Program is read from a text file containing the program.