



CS214

Lab 1: Introduction

Special purpose circuit and General purpose processor



Tool kits



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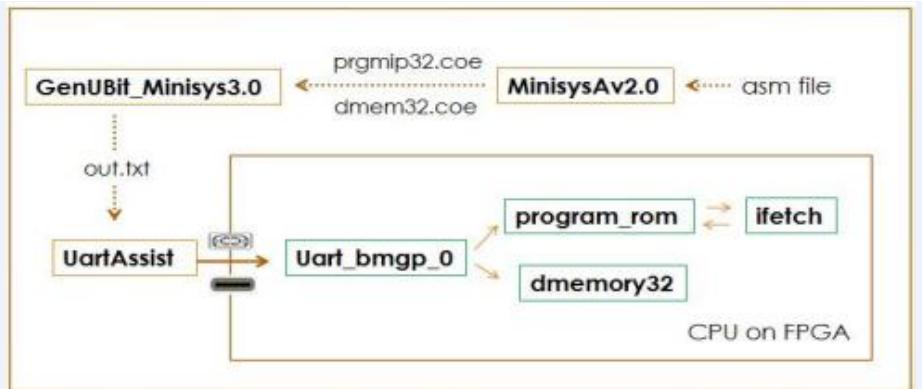


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- **Special purpose circuit vs General purpose processor**
 - practice 1-1,1-2,1-3
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Experimental Tool Kits

Task	Tool kits
Learn and practice MIPS (a type of Assemblyly language)	➤ Mars / QtSpim  
Compare the Risc-V and MIPS	➤ rars_27a7c1f , Mars 
Design and implement an CPU	➤ Vivado  ➤ FPGA based Development Board EGO1 or Minisys  
Test the CPU with MIPS	➤ Assembler ➤ Uart Tools ➤ Vivado ➤ FPGA based Development Board 

Practice1-1 : Lighting the led by ‘Special purpose circuit’

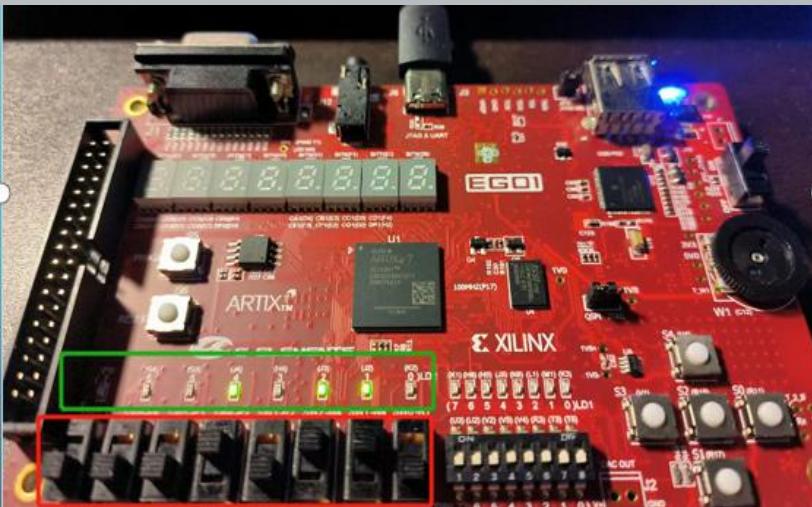
Design file + Constraint file

----(Vivado generate bitstream)---> bitstream file

---(Vivado hw manager, connect, program device)

---> the circuit is implemented on the **FPGA chip**

---> Test the circuit on the **FPGA based Development Board**



设计文件

//Design file by verilog, save as sw2led.v

module sw2led(sw,led);

input [5:0] sw;

output [5:0] led;

assign led = sw; 能够由设计唯一确定

endmodule

约束文件

#Constraint file, save as sw2led.xci

set_property IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 [get_ports {led[]}]

电压标准 管脚分配

set_property IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 [get_ports {led[0]}]

set_property IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 [get_ports {sw[]}]

...

set_property IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 [get_ports {sw[0]}]

set_property PACKAGE_PIN F6 [get_ports {led[]}]

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set_property PACKAGE_PIN K2 [get_ports {led[0]}]

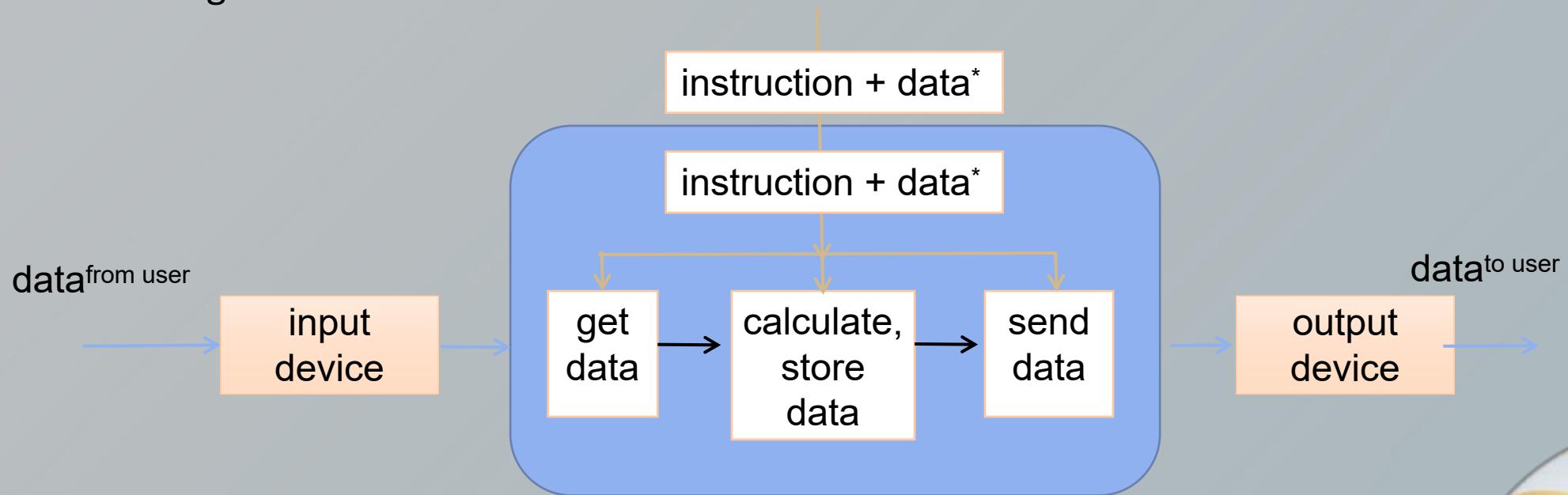
set_property PACKAGE_PIN P5 [get_ports {sw[]}]

...

set_property PACKAGE_PIN R1 [get_ports {sw[0]}]

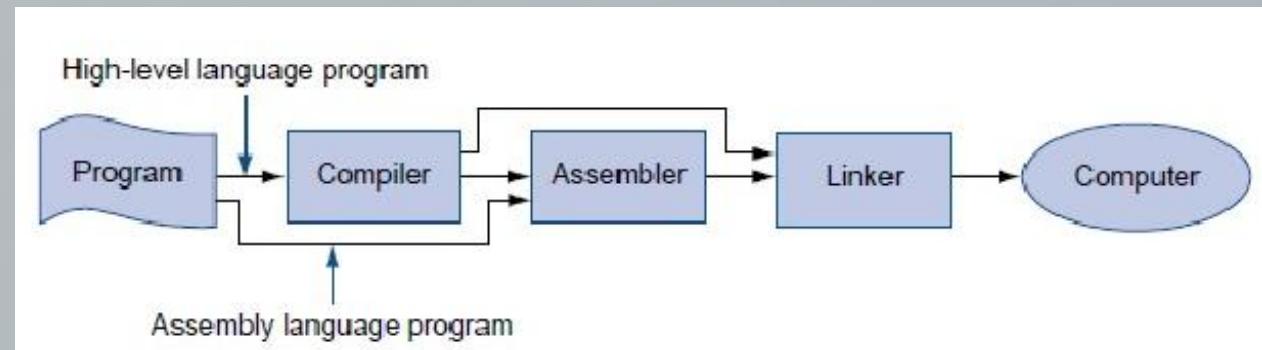
The 'General purpose processor'

- General purpose processor
 - Process (get, calculation, storage, send) specified data according to instructions
 - Program storage and execution: store the program 1st, execution 2nd
 - Program = instruction + data*



Programming

- Programming: Analysis + Design + **Description** + Debug and Test
- **Description**: High level language vs Low level language
 - High level language:
 - Don't consider the hardware(**Python, Java**)
 - Focus on hardware but not much(**C**)
 - **Low level language**:
汇编语言,与硬件强相关
 - Closely related to hardware (**MIPS, RISC-V**)





Assembly Program Structure

data declarations + program code

- **part1: Data Declarations**

- placed in section of program identified with assembler directive(汇编说明/汇编器指示符): **.data**
- **declare** variable names used in program; storage allocated in main **memory** (RAM)

- **part2: Program Code**

- placed in section of text identified with assembler directive: **.text**
- contains program code (instructions)
- starting point of code e.g. execution given label **main**:
- ending point of code should use exit system call (see below in “System Calls” part)

- **part3: Comments (suggested)**

- anything following # on a line
This stuff would be considered as comment

```
# Comment giving name of program and description of function
# Template.s
# Bare-bones outline of MIPS assembly language program

.data      # variable declarations follow this line
# ...

.text      # instructions follow this line

main:      # indicates start of code (first instruction to execute)
# ...

# End of program, leave a blank line afterwards to make SPIM happy
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minisys_CS214_ep01-lab1.bit

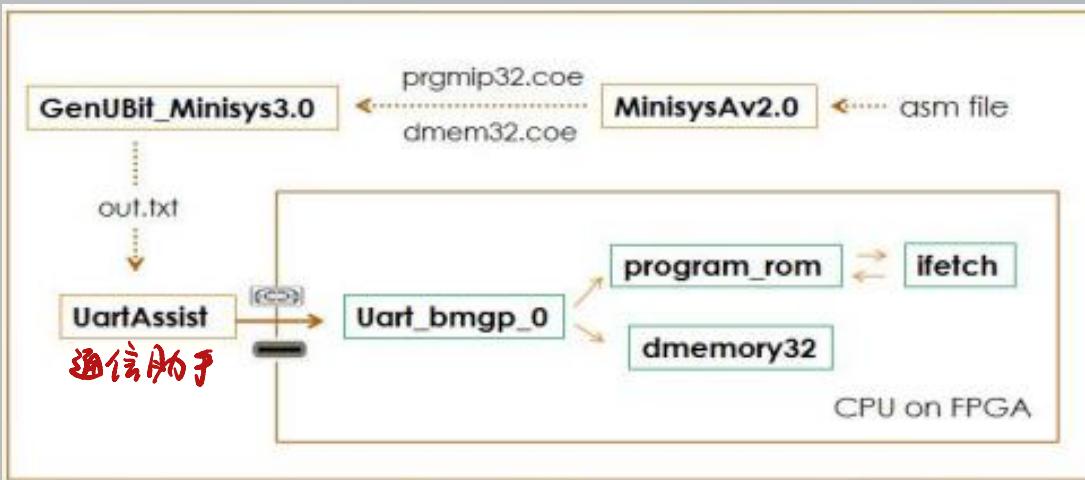
PL_2.rar / .txt

通用处理器上机

Practice1-2: lighting the led by 'General purpose processor'

A 'tailored General purpose processor' (a bitstream file), the instructions and data* (in hexadecimal, a file named 'out.txt') would be given, you are supposed to ligting the led on this system by following steps:

- Let the given 'tailored General purpose processor' work on the FPGA ~~烧写~~
- Send the instructions and data* ('out.txt') to the 'tailored General purpose processor', the 'tailored General purpose processor' receive the instructions and data*
- Run the 'instructions and data*' on the 'tailored General purpose processor'
- Test



波特率 128000

串口：设备管理 - 作业 - COM6 打开，通信双方彼此识别，裁剪后 CPU 完成工作

Practice1-2(1) - The 'tailored General purpose processor'

✓ Two mode 2种工作模式

- ✓ Uart communication mode: get the instructions and the data* from uart port.
- ✓ CPU work mode: process data according instructions.

✓ Data flow 一定要先放到寄存器中！

- ✓ the data MUST be stored into the register(s) of 'tailored General purpose processor' before be calculated or be sent to the output device.

✓ Register(s)

- ✓ There are total 32 registers, the width of each register is 32bits.
- ✓ Only \$1 is writable 只有 \$1 可写，其他不可写
- ✓ The value in \$31 is 0xFFFF_F0000, the initial value in other registers is 0.

✓ I/O and address

- ✓ The unique input device with address: dial switch

✓ each 8 bit share an address

✓ 2 addresses for input:

0xFFFF_FC70, 0xFFFF_FC72

2个输入设备

- ✓ The unique output device with address: led

✓ each 8 bit share an address

✓ 2 addresses for output:

0xFFFF_FC60, 0xFFFF_FC62

2个输出设备

Practice1-2(2) - The the instructions and data*

- ✓ The instruction(s) which could be understood by the ‘tailored General purpose processor’

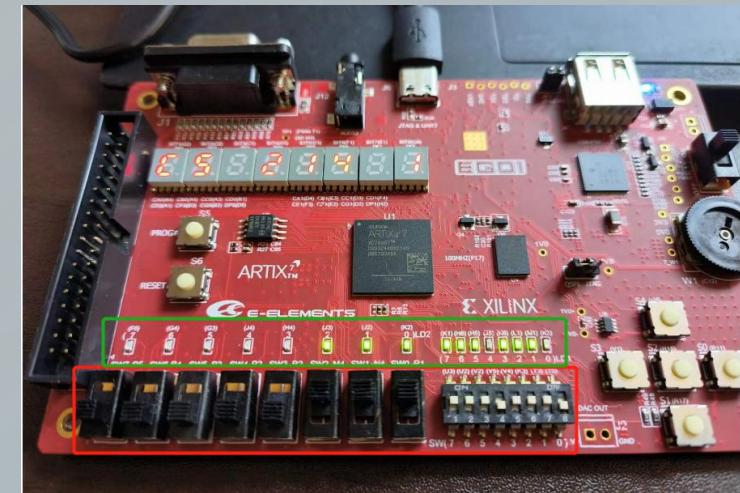
lw a,b
sw a,b
j lablex

#move data from b to a, a MUST be register
#move data from a to b, a MUST be register
#jump to the instruction labled by lablex

```
#assmbly source file
.data 0x0000          # the bitwidth of data* is 32, its initial value is 0
    buf : .word 0x0000

.text 0x0000          # instructions
.start:               # 从头开始
    lw $1,0xC70($31)   #move the data from 0xFFFF_FC70 to register $1
    sw $1,0xC60($31)   #move the data from register $1 to 0xFFFF_FC60
    lw $1,0xC72($31)
    sw $1,0xC62($31)
    j start             # jump to the instructions labled by start

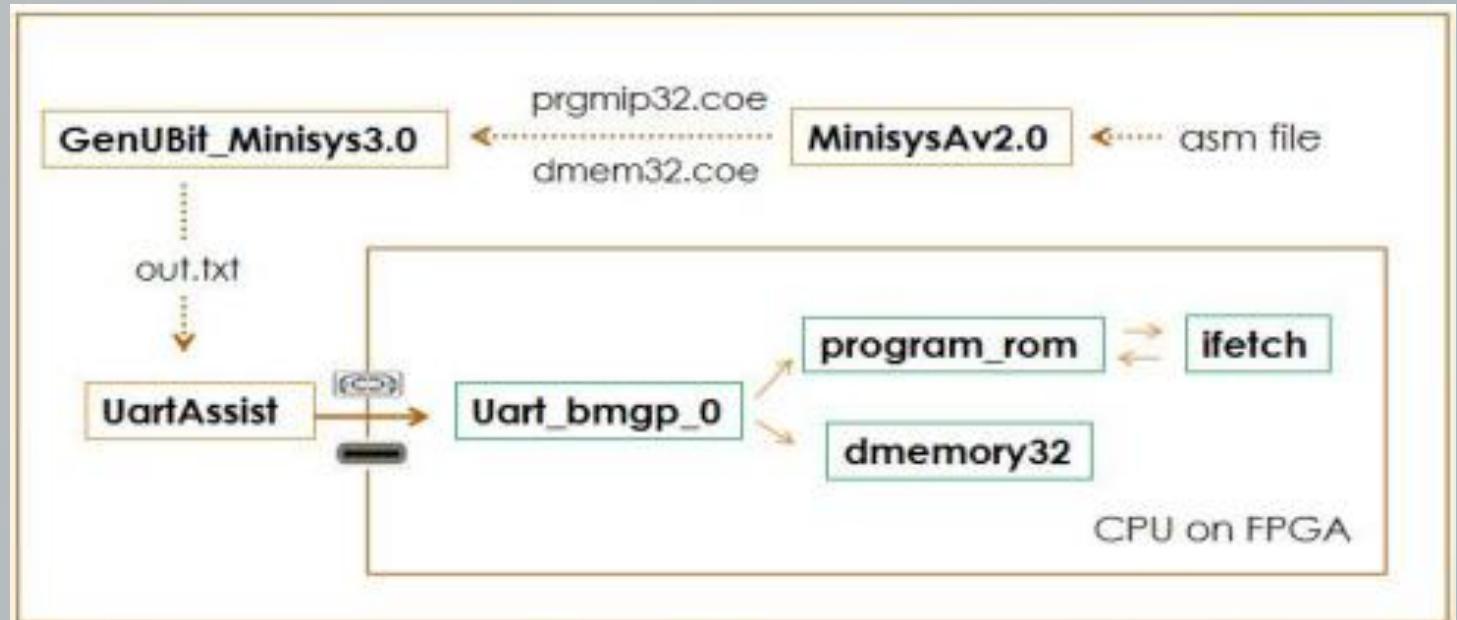
    jump to start
```



Practice1-2(3) - Test:lighting the led by ‘General purpose processor’

Preparation:

1. Build the assembly source file, assembler it with ‘MinisysAv2.0’ to get the coe file(s), Using ‘GenUbit_Minisys3.0’ to merger two coe files into ‘out.txt’.
2. Write the FPGA chip with the bitstream file of the ‘tailored General purpose processor’.

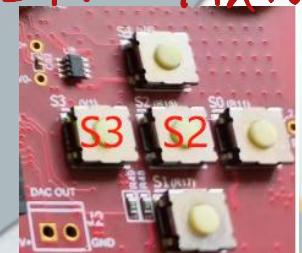


Test on the board:

- step1: Bounce after pressing the button S3(on EGO1) to prepare for receiving the instructions from uart.
- step2: Send the instrusctions(in file ‘out.txt’) to the ‘tailored General purpose processor’ by ‘UartAssist’
- step3: Bounce after pressing the button S2(on EGO1) to make the ‘tailored General purpose processor’ work follwing the instructions which is get from the step2.
- S3 - ➤step4: turn on/ off the Dial switchs, what’s the state of the leds?

清除显示 - 复位计数 - 降低进制发送 - 高阻文件读取源
(out.txt)

控制2种模式

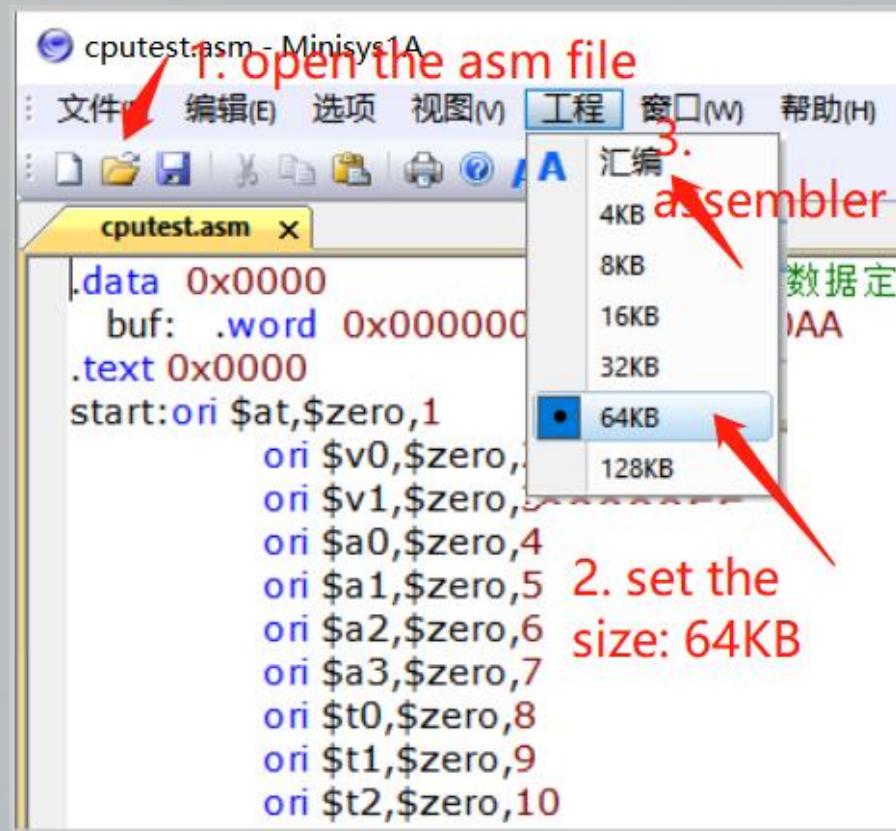


TIPS (1) generate the 'out.txt'

Step1:



While using **MinisysAv2.0** to assembler the **asm** file to generate the **coe** files, follw the follwing steps:



Step2:



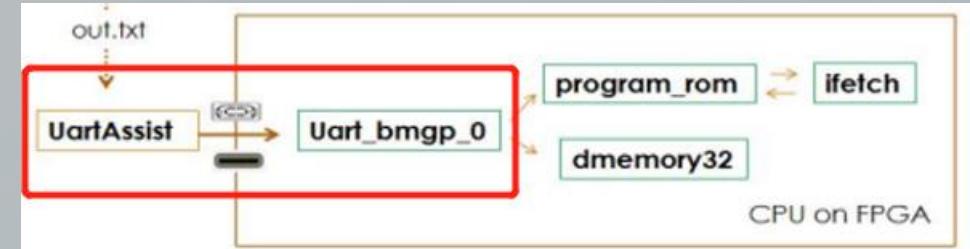
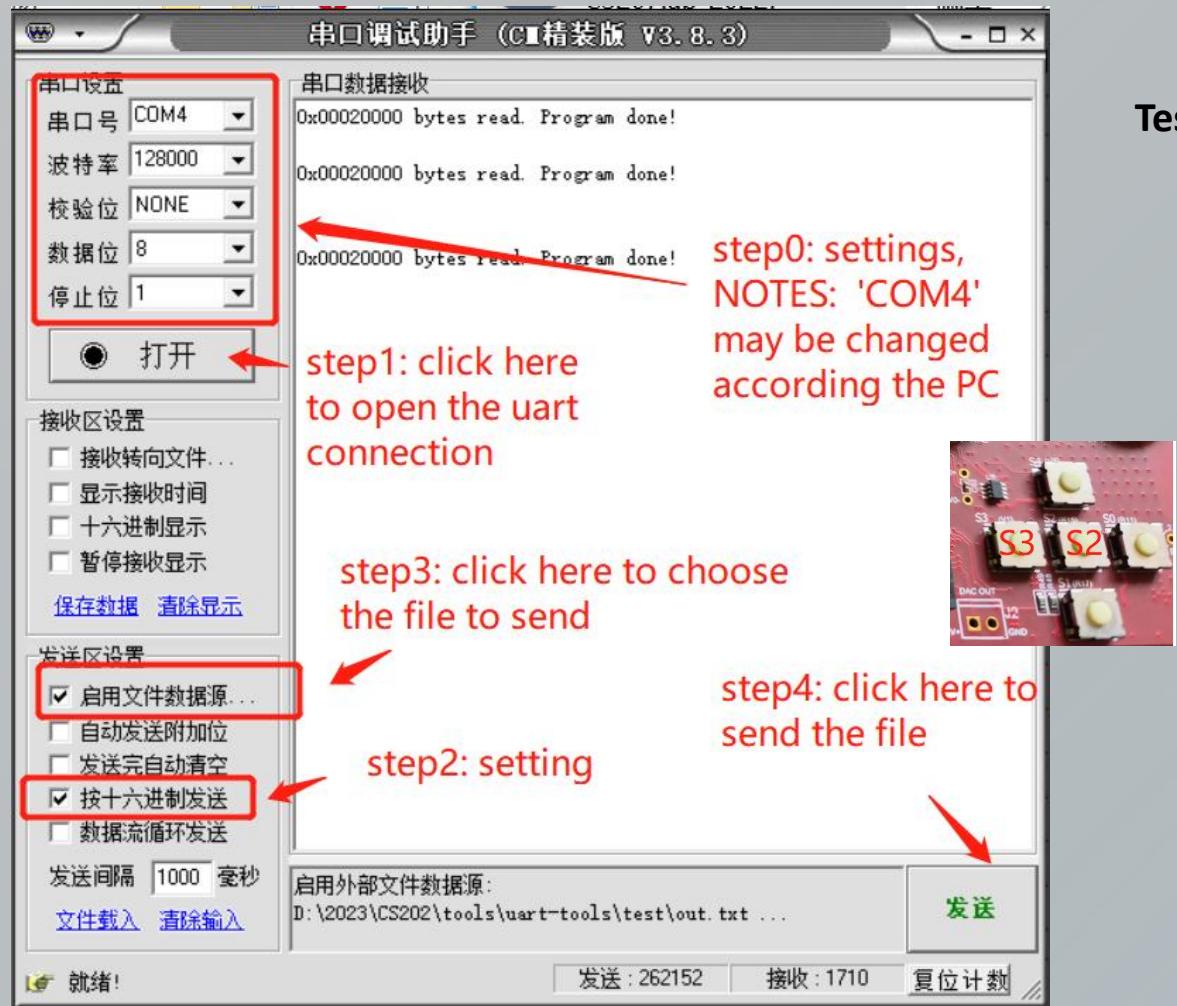
To generate the **out.txt**, the two **coe** files(prgmips32.coe and dmem32.coe) **MUST** be with the same direcotry as '**GenUBit_Minisys3.0**' and '**UARTCoe_v3.0**'.

Double click '**GenUBit_Minisys3.0**', or run it in the command line, the '**out.txt**' would be generated in the same directory. The instructions and data are merged into the '**out.txt**'.

Output 目录中生成新文件 .coe
复制至

TIPS (2) 'out.txt' and two modes

While using **UartAssit** to send the file to the FPGA embedded board, follow the following settings and steps:



Test on the board:

- step1: Bounce after pressing the button **S3**(on EGO1) to let the 'tailored General purpose processor' work as **Uart communication mode**.
- step2: send the instructions(in file 'out.txt') to the 'tailored General purpose processor' by 'UartAssist' (串口调试助手)
NOTE:
 1. Before using 'UartAssit'(串口调试助手), the 'tailored General purpose processor' work as **Uart communication mode**.
 2. Only 'UartAssit'(串口调试助手) receive the feedback from the 'tailored General purpose processor' and show Program done! means the 'tailored General purpose processor' get the file, if not, it's suggested to send the file again.
- step3: Bounce after pressing the button **S2**(on EGO1) to make the 'tailored General purpose processor' work on **CPU work mode** so as to execute the instructions and process data.
- ...

Practice1-3(1) ‘special purpose circuit’ vs ‘General purpose processor’

There are two group dial switchs for input(iG1,iG2) and two group led for output(oG1, oG2).

Do NOT re-program the device(write the bitstream file to the FPGA chip)

Do the following test on ‘tailored General purpose processor’ :



1. Creat a new asm file, to get the data from **iG1** and show the data on **oG2**, to get the data from **iG2** and show the data on **oG1**.
2. Assembler the new asm file with ‘MinisysAv2.0’ to get the coe file(s), Using ‘GenUbit_Minisys3.0’ to merg two coe files into ‘out.txt’.
3. Repeate the 4 steps on the last page(update the instructions in the ‘tailored General purpose processor’ by ‘UartAssist’ and make it work, do the test with different input data)
4. What’s the address of iG1, iG2, oG1 and OG2?



专用：改 source

通用：改汇编

Practice1-3(2) ‘special purpose circuit’ vs ‘General purpose processor’

- To implement the same logical relationship between inputs and outputs in this test(get the data from **iG1** and show the data on **oG2**, to get the data from **iG2** and show the data on **oG1**), which of the following processes are needed on practice 1-1(Lighting the led by ‘Special purpose circuit’ on page 6)?
- 1) update the design source file 2) update the constraint source file 3) update the testbench file
4) regenerate the bitstream file 5) re-program the device with the new bitstream file
6) using a new FPGA chip to be programmed 7) reset the chip type in the vivado project
- A. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 B. 6 C. 7 D. 1,2,3,4,5 E. 1,2,4,5 F. 3,4,5 G. 1,4,5 H. 2,4,5 I. 3,4,5 J. 1,4,5,6,7





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disconnect_hw_server



Mars(1)

<http://courses.missouristate.edu/kenvollmar/mars/download.htm>

The screenshot shows the MARS 4.5 assembly editor interface. The main window displays the following MIPS assembly code:

```

1 .data    存储区
2 str     .ascii "welcome to MIPS world:"      "#str" is a label ?
3
4 .text    指令
5 main:   访问 register
6 li $v0,4
7 la $t0,str      # which register will be used for syscall, $t0 or $?
8 syscall      #invoke a system service "Print String" with service index 4
9
10 li $v0,10
11 syscall      #invoke a system service "EXIT" with service index 10
12

```

Annotations in red highlight specific parts of the code:

- .data**: labeled *存储区*
- str .ascii "welcome to MIPS world:"**: labeled *"#str" is a label ?* and *字符串+结束符*
- .text**: labeled *指令*
- main:**: labeled *访问 register*
- li \$v0,4**: labeled *# which register will be used for syscall, \$t0 or \$?*
- syscall**: labeled *#invoke a system service "Print String" with service index 4*
- li \$v0,10**: labeled *#invoke a system service "EXIT" with service index 10*

The right side of the interface shows the **Registers** window, which lists the following registers with their names, numbers, and values:

Name	Number	Value
\$zero	0	0x00000000
\$at	1	0x00000000
\$v0	2	0x00000000
\$v1	3	0x00000000
\$a0	4	0x00000000
\$a1	5	0x00000000
\$a2	6	0x00000000
\$a3	7	0x00000000
\$t0	8	0x00000000
\$t1	9	0x00000000
\$t2	10	0x00000000
\$t3	11	0x00000000
\$t4	12	0x00000000
\$t5	13	0x00000000
\$t6	14	0x00000000
\$t7	15	0x00000000
\$s0	16	0x00000000
\$s1	17	0x00000000
\$s2	18	0x00000000
\$s3	19	0x00000000
\$s4	20	0x00000000
\$s5	21	0x00000000
\$s6	22	0x00000000
\$s7	23	0x00000000
\$t8	24	0x00000000
\$t9	25	0x00000000
\$k0	26	0x00000000
\$k1	27	0x00000000
\$gp	28	0x10008000
\$sp	29	0x7ffffeffc
\$fp	30	0x00000000
\$ra	31	0x00000000
pc		0x00400000
hi		0x00000000
lo		0x00000000

The bottom left shows the **Mars Messages** window with the following log:

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Assemble: assembling D:\计算机组成原理\2020s\mips1.asm
show Mars Messages
Error in D:\计算机组成原理\2020s\mips1.asm line 2 column 10: ".ascii" is not a valid integer constant or label
Error in D:\计算机组成原理\2020s\mips1.asm line 2 column 21: ""welcome to MIPS world:()" is not a valid integer constant
Error in D:\计算机组成原理\2020s\mips1.asm line 2 column 2: Symbol "str" not found in symbol table.
Assemble: operation completed with errors.

```

MARS is a **lightweight** interactive development environment (**IDE**) for programming in **MIPS** assembly language, intended for educational-level use with Patterson and Hennessy's Computer Organization and Design.

MARS requires Java J2SE 1.5 (or later) SDK installed on your computer.



Mars(2)

D:\计算机组成原理\2020s\LAB\lab1\mips1.asm - MARS 4.5

Run (highlighted) | Settings | Tools | Help

run one step at a time

run the program

clear memory and registers

File Edit Execute

Text Segment (marked with red handwritten notes: "MIPS 7205")

Bkpt	Address	Code	Basic	Source
	0x00400000	0x24020004 addi \$2,\$0,0x...	6:	li \$v0, 4
	0x00400004	0x3c011001 lui \$1,0x00001001	7:	la \$a0, str
	0x00400008	0x34240000 ori \$4,\$1,0x000...		
	0x0040000c	0x0000000c syscall	8:	syscall
	0x00400010	0x2402000a addiu \$2,\$0,0x...	10:	li \$v0, 10
	0x00400014	0x0000000c syscall	11:	syscall

Data Segment

Address	Value (+...)							
0x100...	0x6e6...	0x6f7...	0x006...	0x000...	0x000...	0x000...	0x000...	0x000...
0x100...	0x000...							
0x100...	0x000...							
0x100...	0x000...							
0x100...	0x000...							
0x100...	0x000...							

0x10010000 (.data) Hexadecimal Addresses

Mars Messages | Run I/O

Assemble state info

Assemble: assembling D:\计算机组成原理\2020s\LAB\lab1\mips1.asm
Assemble: operation completed successfully.

t Run Settings Tools Help

Assemble F3

Go F5

Mars Messages | Run I/O

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Assemble: operation completed successfully.

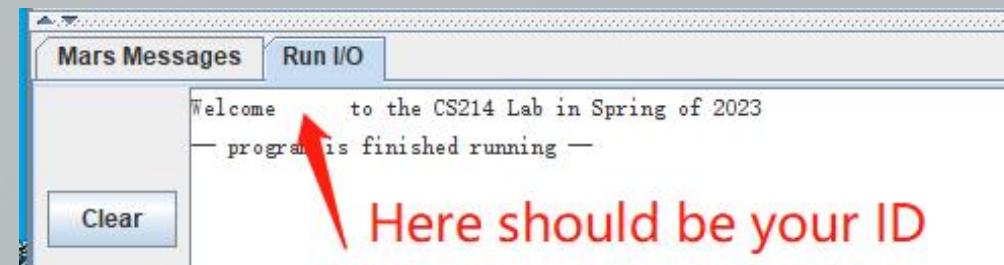
Clear Go: running mips1.asm
Go: execution completed successfully.

Mars Messages | Run I/O

Hello, world
— program is finished running —

Practice 2-1 & 2-2

- 2-1. Install Mars on your PC and refer to the ‘help’ page to implement the following task:
 - 1. What’s the name and ID of the **registers** used while invoke the “print string” **syscall**?
 - 2. Create a asm file and test it on the Mars: To get the student ID from the keyboard, print the string “Welcome xxx to the CS214 Lab in Spring of 2023” on the “Run I/O” of Mars (xxx is your student ID).



- 2-2. Practice and answer the following questions:
 - 1. Could the code work on the Mars be successfully assembled on ‘MinisysAv2.0’ ?
 - 2. While running the code of practice 1-2 and 1-3 on Mars, would they work as same on the ‘tailored General purpose processor’ as on Mars?



Optional: System Calls

System Calls

- SPIM provides a small set of **operating-system-like services** through the system call (**syscall**) instruction.
- To request a service, a program **loads the system call code into register \$v0** and **arguments into registers \$a0~\$a3** (or \$f12 for floating-point values).
- System calls that return values put their results in register \$v0** (or \$f0 for floating-point results).

Service	System call code	Arguments	Result
print_int	1	\$a0 = integer	
print_float	2	\$f12 = float	
print_double	3	\$f12 = double	
print_string	4	\$a0 = string	
read_int	5		integer (in \$v0)
read_float	6		float (in \$f0)
read_double	7		double (in \$f0)
read_string	8	\$a0 = buffer, \$a1 = length	
sbrk	9	\$a0 = amount	address (in \$v0)
exit	10		
print_char	11	\$a0 = char	
read_char	12		char (in \$v0)
open	13	\$a0 = filename (string), \$a1 = flags, \$a2 = mode	file descriptor (in \$v0)
read	14	\$a0 = file descriptor, \$a1 = buffer, \$a2 = length	num chars read (in \$v0)
write	15	\$a0 = file descriptor, \$a1 = buffer, \$a2 = length	num chars written (in \$v0)
close	16	\$a0 = file descriptor	
exit2	17	\$a0 = result	



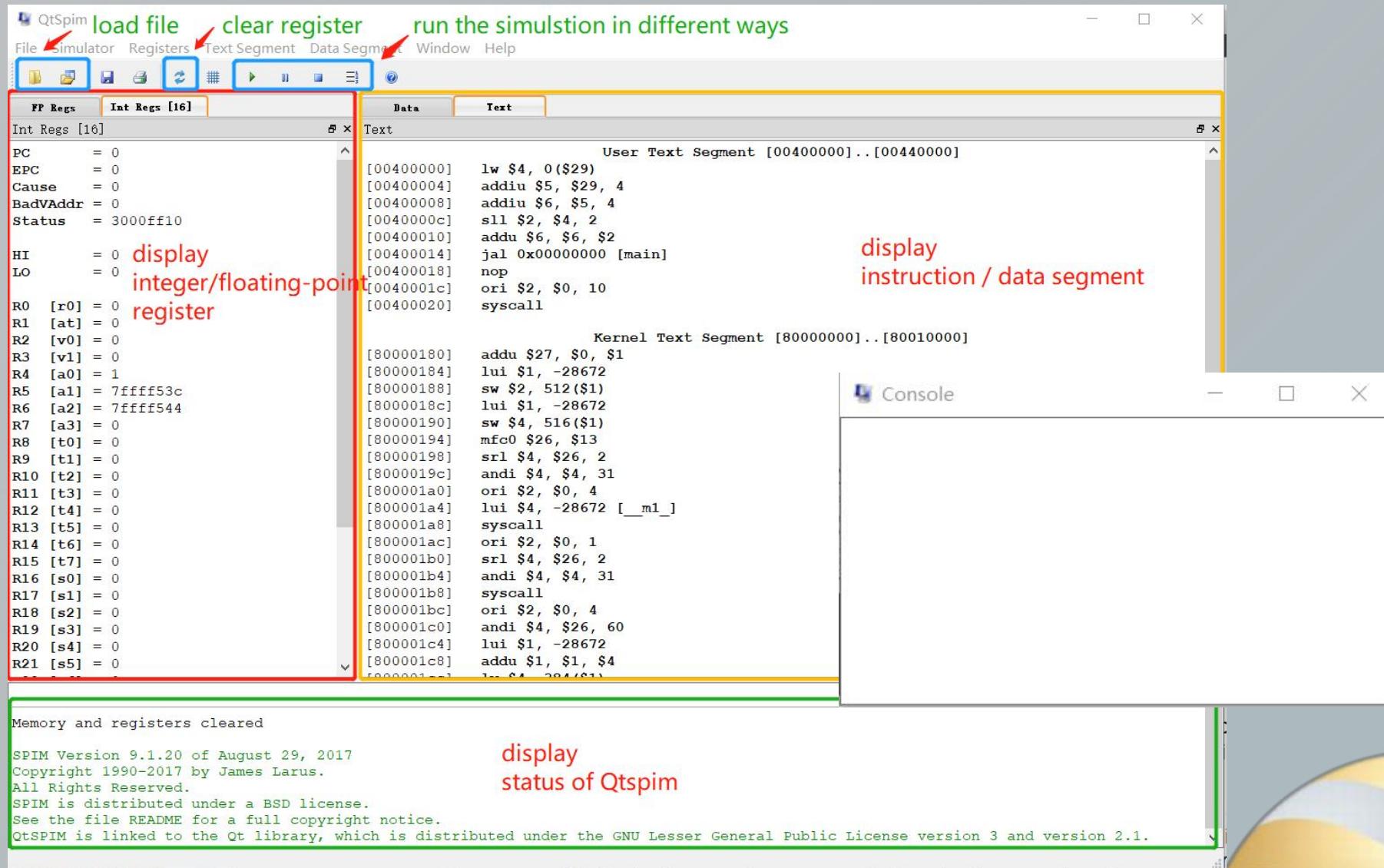
Optional: QtSpim (1)

<http://spimsimulator.sourceforge.net/>

- QtSpim
 - **QtSpim is the newest version of Spim that currently being actively maintained, runs on Microsoft Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux.**
 - Spim, A self-contained simulator that runs MIPS32 program developed by Prof. James Larus from University of Wisconsin-Madison
 - **QtSpim reads and executes programs written in assembly language (汇编语言) for a MIPS computer. QtSpim does not execute binary (compiled) programs.** To simplify programming, QtSpim provides a simple debugger and small set of operating system services
 - **QtSpim implements MOST of the MIPS32 assembler-extended instruction set.** (It omits the floating point comparisons and rounding modes and the memory system page tables.) which means that QtSpim will **NOT run programs for ALL MIPS processors.**

Name	Modified	Size
QtSpim_9.1.23_Windows.msi	2021-12-06	21.5 MB
qtspim_9.1.23_linux64.deb	2021-12-06	18.5 MB
QtSpim_9.1.23_mac.mpkg.zip	2021-12-06	22.2 MB

Optional: QtSpim (2)





Optional: QtSpim (3)

Load file and Do the simulation

Step1: loading a file (assembly code file usually have the extension “.s”)

- Open file : **File->Load File** or **File ->Reinitialize and Load File**
- Tips:
 - **Reinitialize and Load File** : Clears all the changes made by a program, deleting all of its instructions, then **reload** the last file
 - **Before doing the simulation, make sure clear registers**, you can do it by :
Simulator->Clear Registers or by related tools.

Step2:

- Run file : **Simulator->Run / Continue**
- The value of register in left window will be refreshed, the program's output will appear in the Console window.