

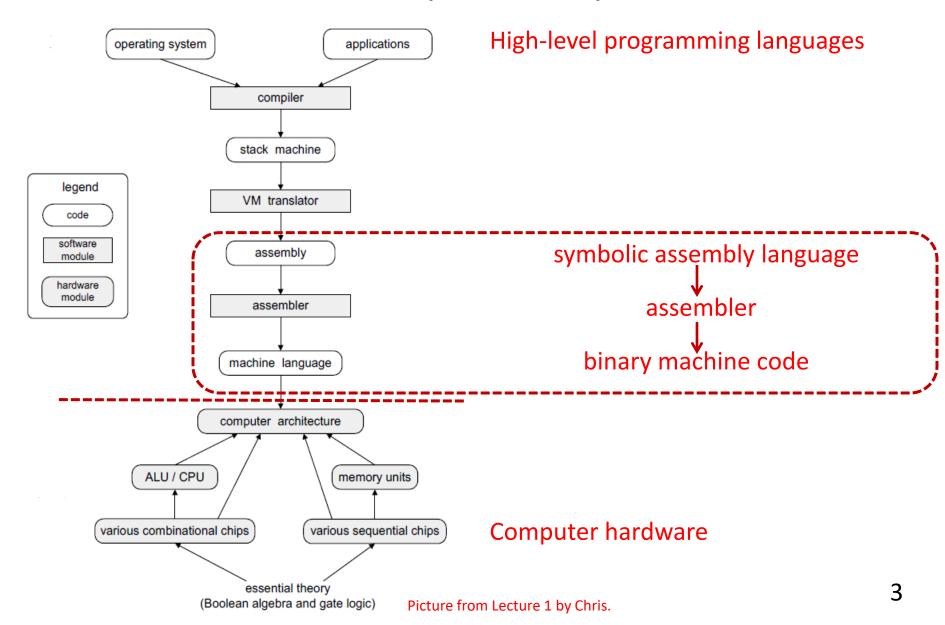
# Assembler and Input-Output

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## Outlines

- Introduction to assembler
- Translate Hack assembly program
  - >Translate program without symbols
  - ➤ Translate program with symbols
- Hack input / output

# Overview of computer system



# The translator's challenge (overview)

#### Hack assembly code

(source language)

```
// Computes RAM[1]=1+...+RAM[0]
  M=1 // i = 1
  @sum
  M=0 // sum = 0
(LOOP)
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  D=M
  @R0
  D=D-M
  @STOP
  D;JGT
  @i // sum += i
  D=M
  @sum
  M=D+M
  M=M+1
  @LOOP // goto LOOP
  0;JMP
```

Assembler



What are the rules of the game?

#### Hack binary code

(target language)

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```

Assembler



# Based on the syntax rules of:

- The source language
- The target language

#### Hack binary code

(target language)

## Hack language specification: A-instruction

## Symbolic syntax:

@ value

#### Where *value* is either

- a non-negative decimal constant or
- a symbol referring to such a constant

## **Binary syntax:**

0 valueInBinary

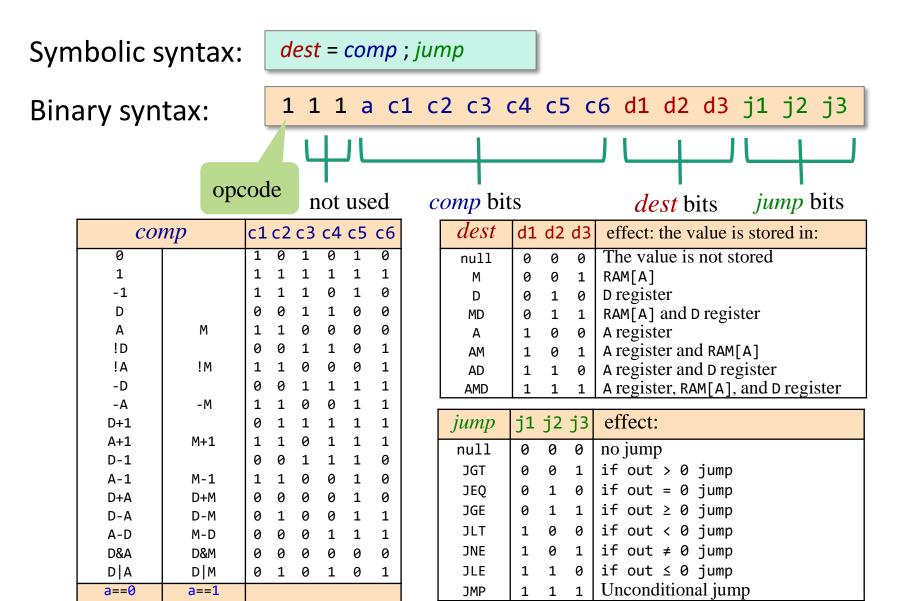
## Examples:

@21

@foo

## Example:

## Hack language specification: C-instruction



# Hack language specification: symbols

## **Pre-defined symbols:**

<u>symbol</u>	<u>value</u>	<u>symbol</u>	<u>value</u>
R0	0	SP	0
R1	1	LCL	1
R2	2	ARG	2
•••	•••	THIS	3
R15	15	THAT	4
SCREEN	16384		
KBD	24576		

<u>Label declaration:</u> (label)

Variable declaration: @variableName

```
// Computes RAM[1]=1+...+RAM[0]
  @i //variable
  M=1 // i = 1
  @sum
  M=0 // sum = 0
(LOOP) //label
  @i // if i>RAM[0] goto STOP
  D=M
  @R0 //built-in symbols
  D=D-M
  @STOP
  D;JGT
  @i // sum += i
  D=M
  @sum
  M=D+M
  @i // i++
  M=M+1
  @LOOP // goto LOOP
 0;JMP
```

## The Hack language: a translator's perspective

## Assembly program

```
// Compute RAM[1] = 1+2+ ... +n
// Usage: put a number (n) in RAM[0]
  @R0
 D=M
 @n
 M=D // n = R0
 @i
 M=1 // i = 1
 @sum
 M=0 // sum = 0
(LOOP)
 @i
 D=M // D = i
 @n
 D=D-M // D = i - n
 @STOP
 D;JGT // if i > n goto STOP
 D=M // D = i
 @sum
 M=D+M // sum = sum + i
 M=M+1 // i = i + 1
 @LOOP
 0;JMP // goto to LOOP
(STOP)
 @sum
 D=M // D = sum
 @R1
 M=D // RAM[1] = sum
(END)
 @END
 0;JMP // end
```

## Assembly program elements:

- White space
  - Empty lines / indentation
  - Line comments
  - In-line comments
- Instructions
  - > A-instructions
  - > C-instructions
- Symbols
  - Predefined symbols
  - Variables
  - > Labels

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# Handling programs without symbols

Assembly program (without symbols)

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        RAM[0]
      @16
      M=1 // i = 1
      @17
      M=0 // sum = 0
      @16 // if i>RAM[0] goto STOP
4
      D=M
      @0
      D=D-M
      @18
      D;JGT
            // sum += i
      @16
10
11
      D=M
      @17
13
      M=D+M
      @16 // i++
14
      M=M+1
15
      @4 // goto LOOP
16
      0;JMP
17
      @17
18
      D=M
19
20
      @1
            // RAM[1] = the sum
21
      M=D
      @22
22
      0;JMP
23
```

Assembler for symbol-less Hack programs

## **Challenges:**

Handling...

- White space
- Instructions

Hack machine code

```
000000000010000
1110111111001000
000000000010001
1110101010001000
000000000010000
1111110000010000
0000000000000000
1111010011010000
000000000010010
1110001100000001
000000000010000
1111110000010000
000000000010001
1111000010001000
000000000010000
1111110111001000
0000000000000100
1110101010000111
000000000010001
1111110000010000
0000000000000001
1110001100001000
000000000010110
1110101010000111
```

# Handling programs without symbols

Assembly program (without symbols)

```
0
      @16
      M=1
      @17
      M=0
      @16
      D=M
      \omega_0
6
      D=D-M
      @18
      D;JGT
9
      @16
10
      D=M
11
      @17
12
      M=D+M
13
      @16
14
      M=M+1
15
      @4
16
      0;JMP
17
      @17
18
      D=M
19
      @1
20
      M=D
21
      @22
22
      0;JMP
```

Assembler for symbol-less Hack programs

## **Challenges:**

Handling...

- White space
  - > Ignore it
- Instructions

#### Hack machine code

# Translating A-instructions

#### Symbolic syntax:

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#### Examples:

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@foo

#### Where *value* is either

- a non-negative decimal constant or
- a symbol referring to such a constant

#### **Binary syntax:**

0 valueInBinary

#### Example:

000000000010101

#### <u>Translation to binary:</u>

- If value is a decimal constant, generate the equivalent binary constant.
- If *value* is a symbol, later.

## Translating C-instructions

Symbolic syntax:

dest = comp ; jump

Binary syntax:

1 1 1 a c1 c2 c3 c4 c5 c6 d1 d2 d3 j1 j2 j3

							_
COI	np	c1	c2	<b>c</b> 3	c4	c5	c6
0		1	0	1	0	1	0
1		1	1	1	1	1	1
-1		1	1	1	0	1	0
D		0	0	1	1	0	0
Α	М	1	1	0	0	0	0
!D		0	0	1	1	0	1
!A	! M	1	1	0	0	0	1
-D		0	0	1	1	1	1
-A	-M	1	1	0	0	1	1
D+1		0	1	1	1	1	1
A+1	M+1	1	1	0	1	1	1
D-1		0	0	1	1	1	0
A-1	M-1	1	1	0	0	1	0
D+A	D+M	0	0	0	0	1	0
D-A	D-M	0	1	0	0	1	1
A-D	M-D	0	0	0	1	1	1
D&A	D&M	0	0	0	0	0	0
D A	D M	0	1	0	1	0	1
a=0	a=1						

dest	d1	d2	d3	effect: the value is stored in:
null	0	0	0	The value is not stored
М	0	0	1	RAM[A]
D	0	1	0	D register
MD	0	1	1	RAM[A] and D register
Α	1	0	0	A register
AM	1	0	1	A register and RAM[A]
AD	1	1	0	A register and D register
AMD	1	1	1	A register, RAM[A], and D register

jump	j1	j2	j3	effect:
null	0	0	0	no jump
JGT	0	0	1	if out > 0 jump
JEQ	0	1	0	if out = 0 jump
JGE	0	1	1	if out ≥ 0 jump
JLT	1	0	0	if out < 0 jump
JNE	1	0	1	if out ≠ 0 jump
JLE	1	1	0	if out ≤ 0 jump
JMP	1	1	1	Unconditional jump

Symbolic:

Binary:

Example:

MD=D+1

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# Handling symbols

Assembly program

```
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 M=1 // i = 1
 @sum
 M=0 // sum = 0
(LOOP)
 @i // if i>RAM[0] goto STOP
 D=M
 @R0
 D=D-M
 @STOP
 D;JGT
 @i // sum += i
 D=M
 @sum
 M=D+M
 @i // j++
 M=M+1
 @LOOP // goto LOOP
 0;JMP
(STOP)
  @sum
 D=M
 @R1
 M=D // RAM[1] = the sum
(END)
 @END
 0;JMP
```

## **Pre-defined symbols:**

Represent special memory locations.

## **Label symbols:**

Represent destinations of goto instructions.

## Variable symbols:

Represent memory locations where the programmer wants to maintain values.

## Handling pre-defined symbols

#### Assembly program

```
// Computes RAM[1] = 1 + ... + RAM[0]
 M=1 // i = 1
 @sum
 M=0 // sum = 0
(LOOP)
  @i // if i>RAM[0] goto STOP
 D=M
  @R0
 D=D-M
  @STOP
 D;JGT
  @i // sum += i
 D=M
 @sum
  M=D+M
 @i // j++
 M=M+1
 @LOOP // goto LOOP
 0;JMP
(STOP)
  @sum
 D=M
 @R1
 M=D // RAM[1] = the sum
(END)
 @END
 0;JMP
```

The Hack language specification describes 23 *pre-defined symbols*:

<u>symbol</u>	<u>value</u>	<u>symbol</u>	<u>value</u>
RØ	0	SP	0
R1	1	LCL	1
R2	2	ARG	2
• • •	• • •	THIS	3
R15	15	THAT	4
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<u>Translating</u> @preDefinedSymbol:

Replace *preDefinedSymbol* with its value.

**Examples** 

Symbolic:

@ R 0

Binary:

## Handling label symbols

#### Assembly program

```
// Computes RAM[1] = 1 + ... + RAM[0]
      M=1 // i = 1
      @sum
      M=0 // sum = 0
    (LOOP)
      @i // if i>RAM[0] goto STOP
      D=M
      @R0
      D=D-M
      @STOP
      D:JGT
      @i // sum += i
      D=M
      @sum
      M=D+M
15
      M=M+1
16
      @LOOP // goto LOOP
17
      0;JMP
    (STOP)
      @sum
19
      D=M
20
      @R1
      M=D // RAM[1] = the sum
    (END)
22
      @END
23
      0:JMP
```

## Label symbols

- Used to label destinations of goto commands,
- Declared by the pseudo-command (xxx),
- This directive defines the symbol xxx, to refer to the memory location holding the next instruction in the program.

## symbol value

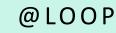
L00P	4
STOP	18
END	22

#### <u>Translating</u> @labelSymbol:

Replace *labelSymbol* with its value.

## **Examples**

Symbolic:



Binary:

## Handling variable symbols

#### Assembly program

```
// Computes RAM[1] = 1 + ... + RAM[0]
      M=1 // i = 1
      @sum
      M=0 // sum = 0
    (LOOP)
      @i // if i>RAM[0] goto STOP
      D=M
      @R0
      D=D-M
      @STOP
      D:JGT
10
      @i // sum += i
11
      D=M
      @sum
13
      M=D+M
14
      @j //j++
15
      M=M+1
16
      @LOOP // goto LOOP
      0;JMP
    (STOP)
18
      @sum
19
      D=M
20
      @R1
21
      M=D // RAM[1] = the sum
    (END)
22
      @END
23
      0;JMP
```

## Variable symbols

- A symbol, not pre-defined, nor defined elsewhere as a label, then it is a *variable*.
- Each variable is assigned a unique memory address, starting at **16**.

```
symbol value

i 16

sum 17
```

#### Translating @variableSymbol:

- First time see it, assign a unique memory address.
- Replace variableSymbol with this address.

## **Examples**

Symbolic:



Binary:

# Exercise: translate assembly code

 Translate the following assembly code to binary code:

@10

Binary syntax:

1 1 1 a c1 c2 c3 c4 c5 c6 d1 d2 d3 j1 j2 j3

D=A

@R10

M=D

(END)

@END

0;JMP

CO1	пр	<b>c1</b>	c2	с3	с4	с5	с6
0		1	0	1	0	1	0
1		1	1	1	1	1	1
-1		1	1	1	0	1	0
D		0	0	1	1	0	0
Α	М	1	1	0	0	0	0
lD		0	0	1	1	0	1
IA	IM.	1	1	0	0	0	1
-D		0	0	1	1	1	1
-A	-M	1	1	0	0	1	1
D+1		0	1	1	1	1	1
A+1	M+1	1	1	0	1	1	1
D-1		0	0	1	1	1	0
A-1	M-1	1	1	0	0	1	0
D+A	D+M	0	0	0	0	1	0
D-A	D-M	0	1	0	0	1	1
A-D	M-D	0	0	0	1	1	1
D&A	D&M	0	0	0	0	0	0
DA	D M	0	1	0	1	0	1

dest	d1	d2	d3	jump	j
null	0	0	0	null	0
М	0	0	1	JGT	0
D	0	1	0	JEQ	0
MD	0	1	1	JGE	0
Α	1	0	0	JLT	1
AM	1	0	1	JNE	1
AD	1	1	0	JLE	1
AMD	1	1	1	JMP	1

jump	j1	j2	j3
null	0	0	0
JGT	0	0	1
JEQ	0	1	0
JGE	0	1	1
JLT	1	0	0
JNE	1	0	1
JLE	1	1	0
JMP	1	1	1

# Exercise: translate assembly code

 Translate the following assembly code to binary code:

D=A 1110110000010000

@R10 000000000001010

M=D 1110001100001000

(END)

@END 00000000000100

0;JMP 1110101010000111

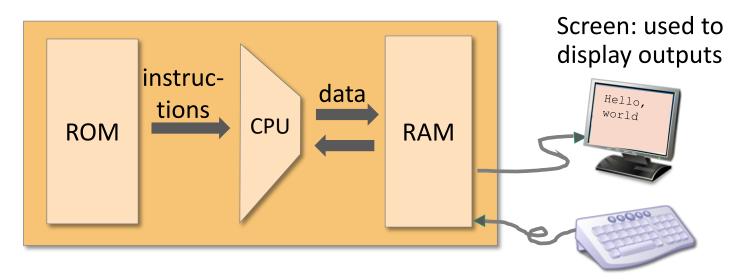
# Thinking & self-study

- D register appears in 'dest' or 'comp', the binary codes are different.
- Label declaration such as '(END)' does not account as one instruction!
- Why 7 bits for 'comp', whereas only 3 bits for 'dest' and 'jump'?
- @value operation often requires conversion from decimal number to binary number. Practice it by yourself.
- Manual translation from assembly code to binary code is tedious. Practice it by yourself.

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# Input / output



Keyboard: used to enter inputs

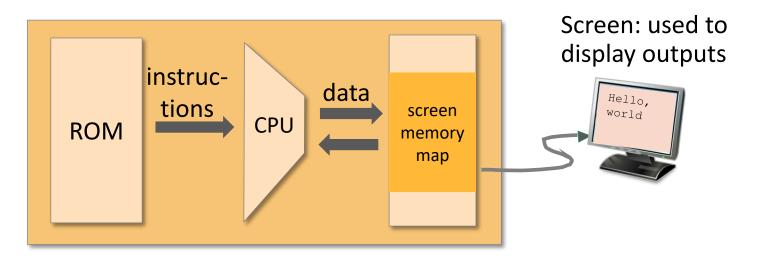
## I/O handling (high-level):

Software libraries enabling text, graphics, audio, video, etc.

## I/O handling (low-level):

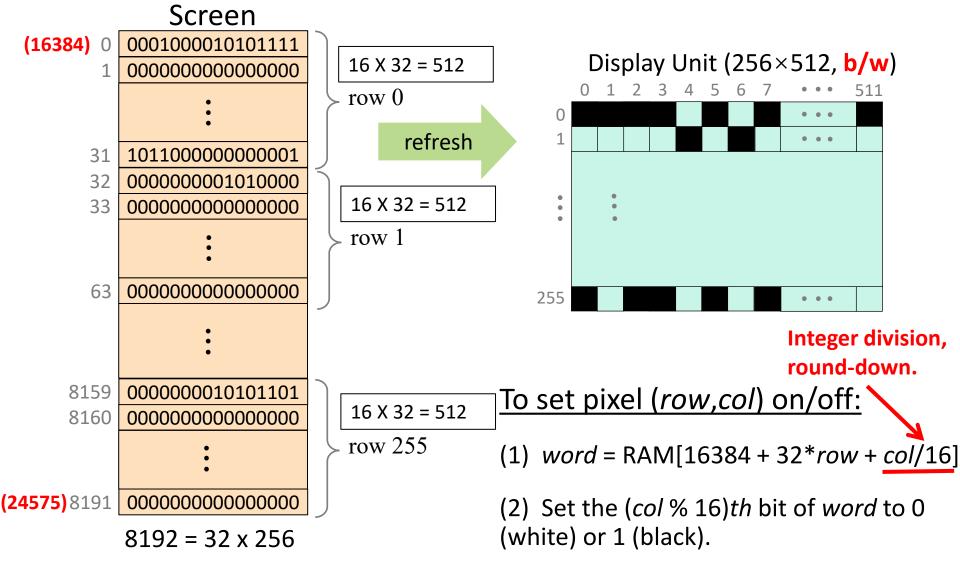
Bit manipulation.

# Memory mapped output



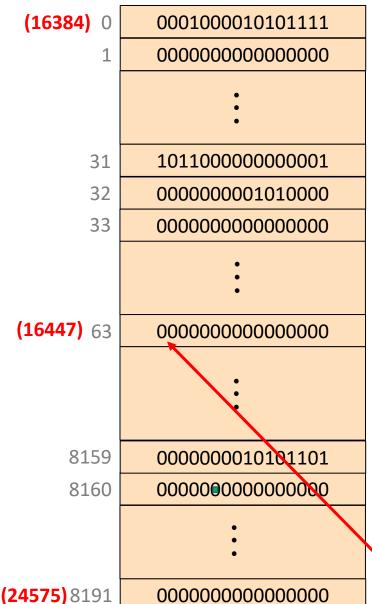
- Memory mapped output
  - > A designated memory area to manage a display unit.
  - The physical display is continuously *refreshed* from the memory map, many times per second. (It is slow in Hack computer.)
  - Output is effected by writing code that manipulates the screen memory map.

# Memory mapped output

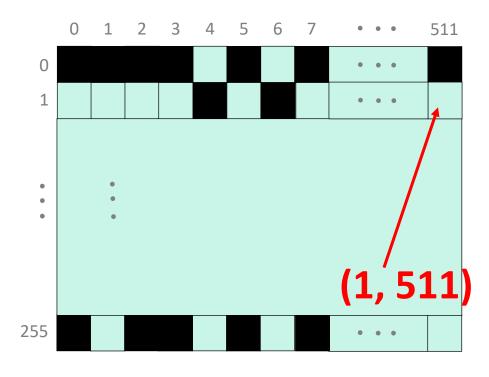


#### Screen





#### Display Unit (256×512, b/w)



(1) 
$$word = RAM[16384 + 32*row + col/16]$$
  
word=63 32 31

(2) Set the (col % 16)th bit of word to 0 (white) or 1 (black).

bit=15

## Hack Screen

512-bit wide

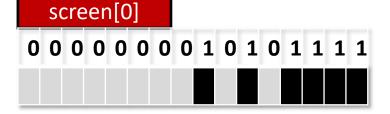
 $col \rightarrow$ 

256-bit high

screen[1]		screen[31]
screen[33]		screen[63]
screen[65]		screen[95]
screen[97]		screen[127]
screen[129]		screen[159]
screen[161]		screen[191]
	screen[33] screen[65] screen[97] screen[129]	screen[33]          screen[65]          screen[97]          screen[129]

screen[8159] screen[8160] ... screen[8191]

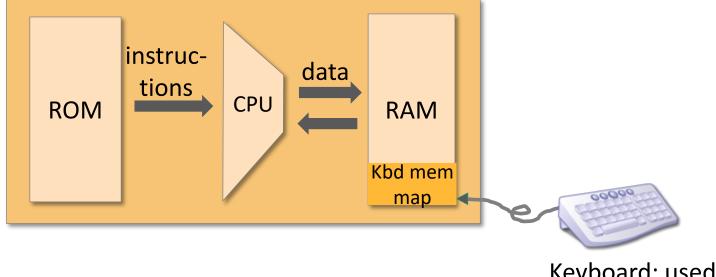
screen[0] = 1111010100000000



1 for black0 for white

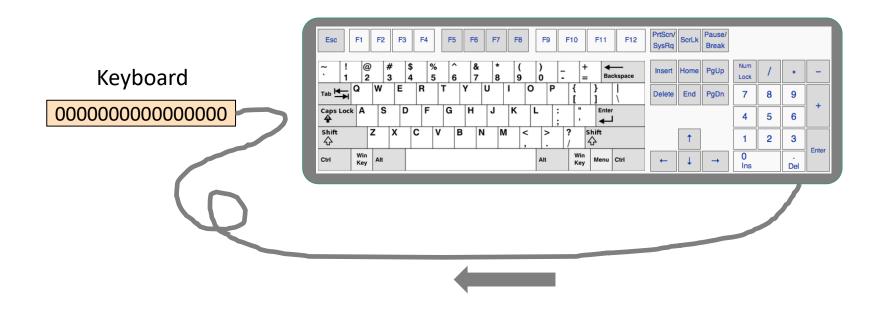
Bit[0], Bit[1], ..., Bit[15]

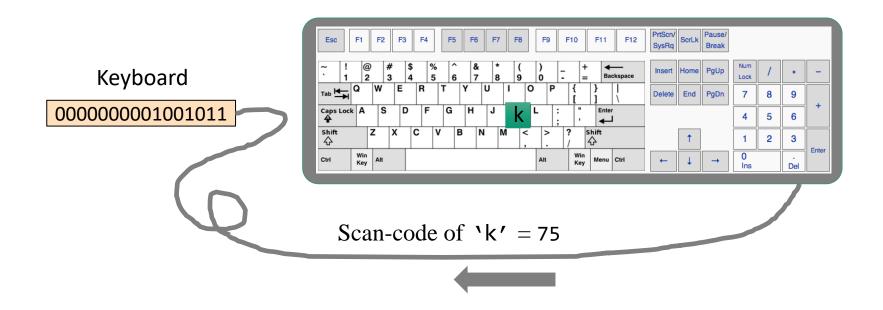
# Input

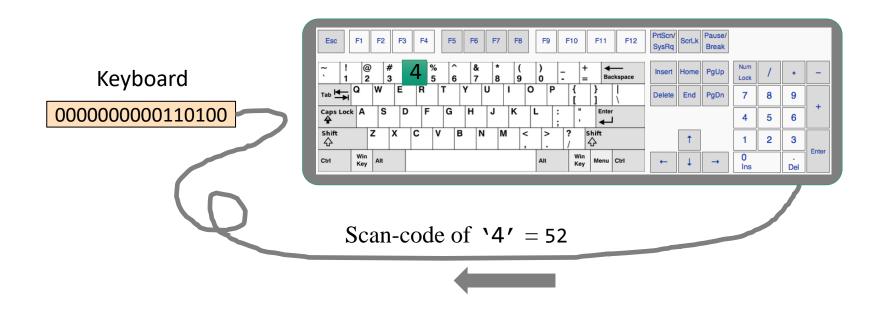


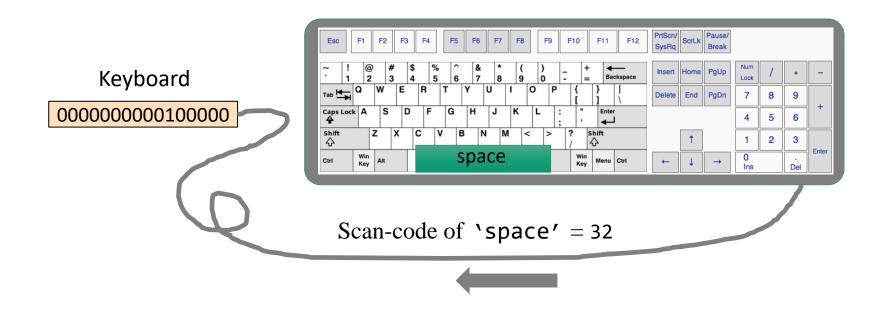
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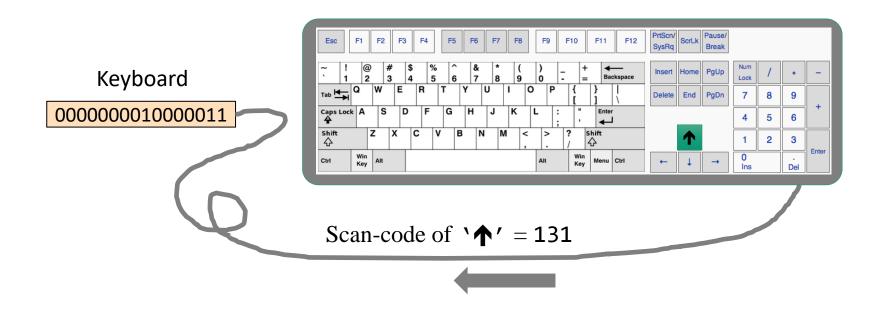
The physical keyboard is associated with a *keyboard memory* map.











- When a key is pressed on the keyboard, the key's scan code appears in the keyboard memory map.
- When no key is pressed, the resulting code is 0.

## The Hack character set

key	code
(space)	32
!	33
"	34
#	35
\$	36
%	37
&	38
r	39
(	40
)	41
*	42
+	43
,	44
_	45
•	46
/	47

key	code
0	48
1	49
•••	
9	57

:	58
;	59
<b>\</b>	60
=	61
>	62
?	63
@	64

key	code
Α	65
В	66
С	
Z	90

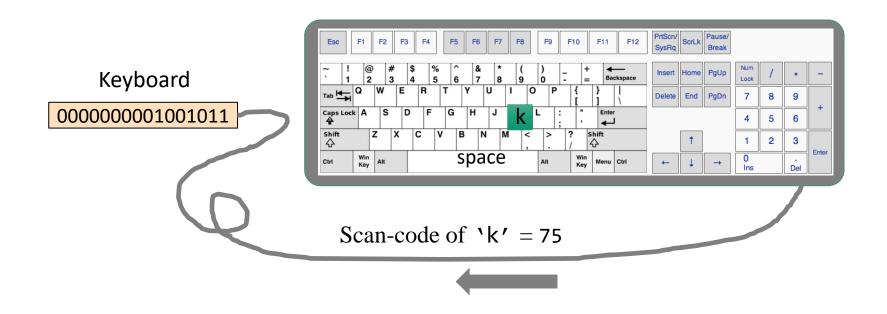
]	91
/	92
]	93
^	94
1	95
`	96

key	code
а	97
b	98
С	99
Z	122

{	123
- 1	124
}	125
~	126

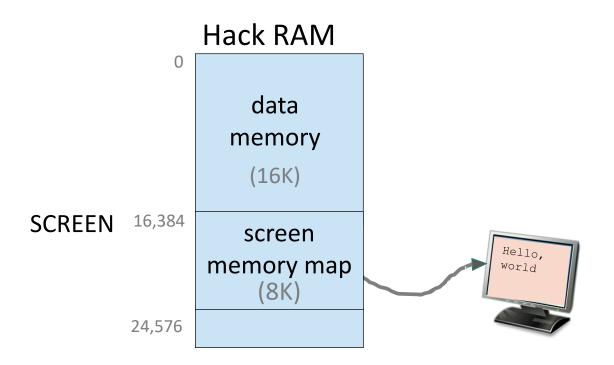
key	code
newline	128
backspace	129
left arrow	130
up arrow	131
right arrow	132
down arrow	133
home	134
end	135
Page up	136
Page down	137
insert	138
delete	139
esc	140
f1	141
f12	152

# Handle the keyboard



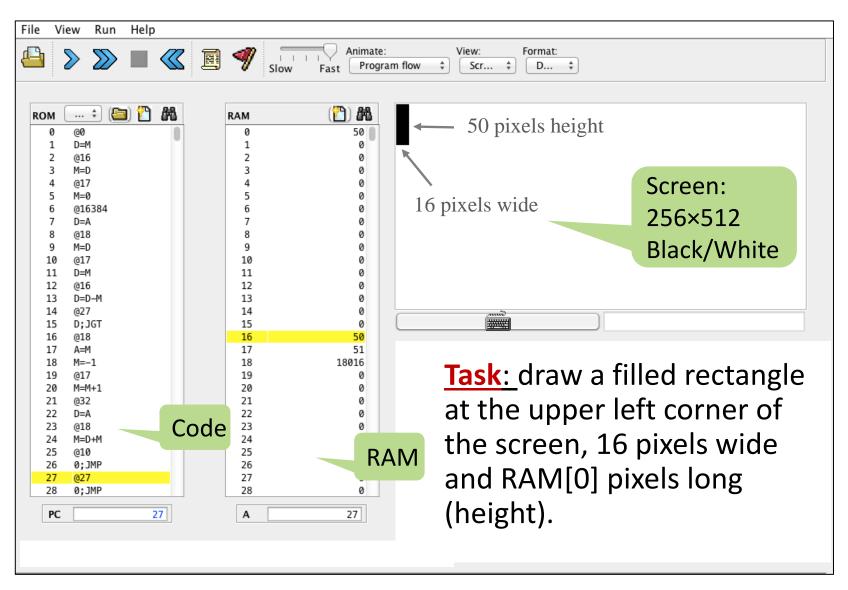
- To check which key is currently pressed:
  - Probe the contents of the Keyboard chip
  - > In the Hack computer: probe the contents of RAM[24576].

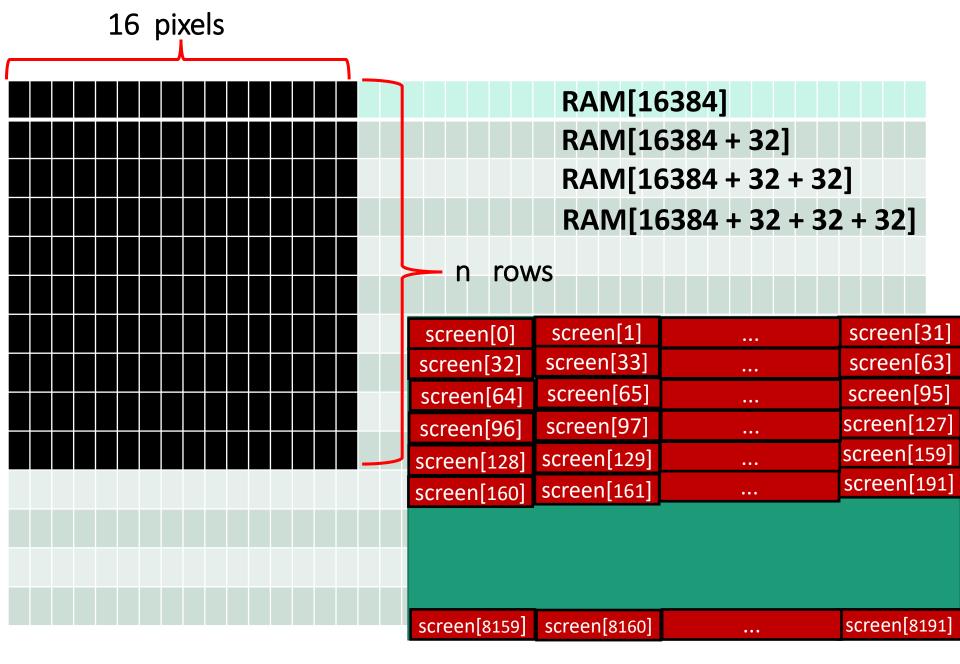
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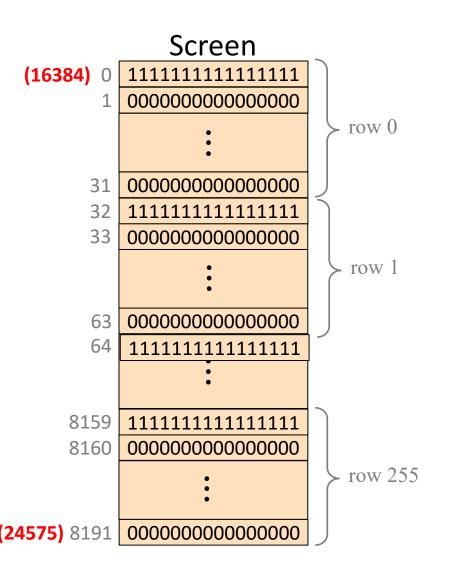


#### Hack language convention:

SCREEN: base address of the screen memory map





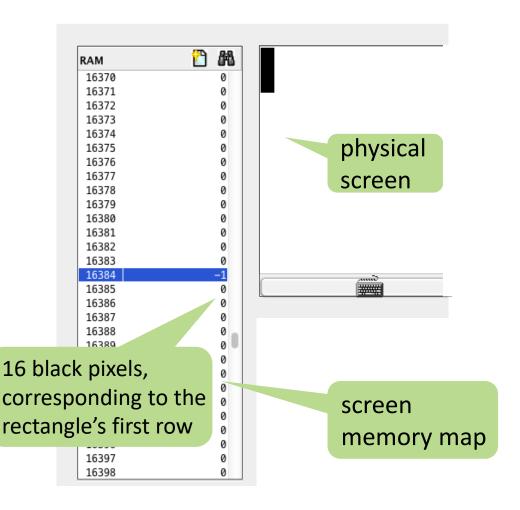


Two's Complement

1 = 000000000000001

#### Pseudo code

```
// for (i=0; i<n; i++) {
    draw 16 black pixels at the
     beginning of row i
//}
addr = SCREEN
n = RAM[0]
i = 0
LOOP:
 if i == n goto END
 RAM[addr] = -1 //
   11111111111111111
 // advances to the next row
 //512 = 16 \times 32
 addr = addr + 32
 i = i + 1
 goto LOOP
END:
 goto END
```



#### Assembly code

```
// Program: Rectangle.asm
// Draws a filled rectangle at the
// screen's top left corner, with
// width of 16 pixels and height of
// RAM[0] pixels.
// Usage: put a non-negative number
// (rectangle's height) in RAM[0].
 @SCREEN
 D=A
 @addr
 M=D // addr = 16384
    // (screen's base address)
 @R0
 D=M
 @n
 M=D // n = RAM[0]
 @i
 M=0 // i = 0
```

```
(LOOP)
 @i
 D=M
 @n
 D=D-M
 @END
 D;JEQ // if i==n goto END
 @addr
 A=M
 M=-1 // RAM[addr]=11111111111111111
 @i
 M=M+1 // i = i + 1
 @32
 D=A // D = 32
 @addr
 M=D+M // addr = addr + 32
 @LOOP
 0;JMP // goto LOOP
(END)
 @END // program's end
 0;JMP // infinite loop
```

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i = 0
LOOP:
 if i == n goto END
 RAM[addr] = -1 //
    11111111111111111
 // advances to the next row
 // 512 = 16 × 32
 addr = addr + 32
 i = i + 1
 goto LOOP
END:
 goto END
```

#### Assembly code

```
// Program: Rectangle.asm
// Draws a filled rectangle at the
// screen's top left corner, with
// width of 16 pixels and height of
// RAM[0] pixels.
// Usage: put a non-negative number
// (rectangle's height) in RAM[0].
  @SCREEN
  D=A
 @addr
 M=D // addr = 16384
    // (screen's base address)
 @R0
  D=M
 @n
 M=D // n = RAM[0]
  @i
  M=0 // i = 0
```

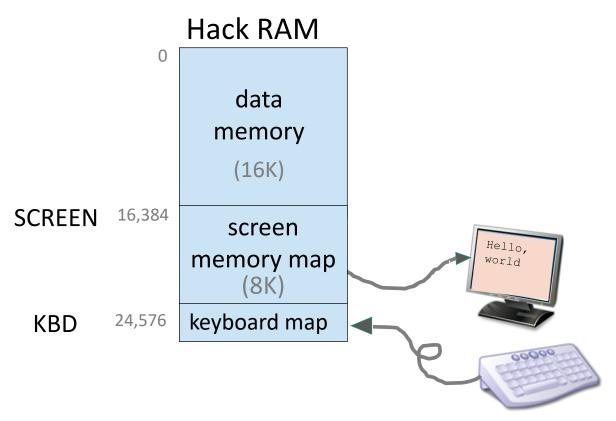
# Handling the screen (example) Assembly code

#### Pseudo code

```
// for (i=0; i<n; i++) {
    draw 16 black pixels at the
    beginning of row i
// }
addr = SCREEN
n = RAM[0]
i = 0
LOOP:
 if i == n goto END
 RAM[addr] = -1 //
    11111111111111111
 // advances to the next row
 // 512 = 16 × 32
 i = i + 1
 addr = addr + 32
goto LOOP
END:
 goto END
```

```
(LOOP)
 @i
 D=M
 @n
 D=D-M
 @END
 D;JEQ // if i==n goto END
 @addr
 A=M
 M=-1 // RAM[addr]=1111111111111111
 @i
 M=M+1 // i = i + 1
 @32
 D=A // D = 32
 @addr
 M=D+M // addr = addr + 32
 @LOOP
 0;JMP // goto LOOP
(END)
 @END // program's end
 0;JMP // infinite loop
```

### Input

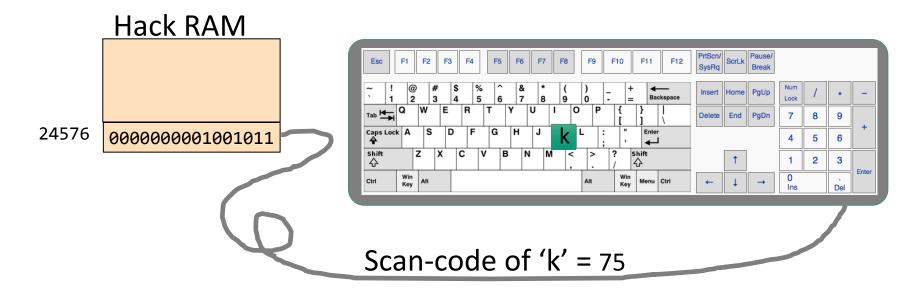


#### Hack language convention:

SCREEN: base address of the screen memory map

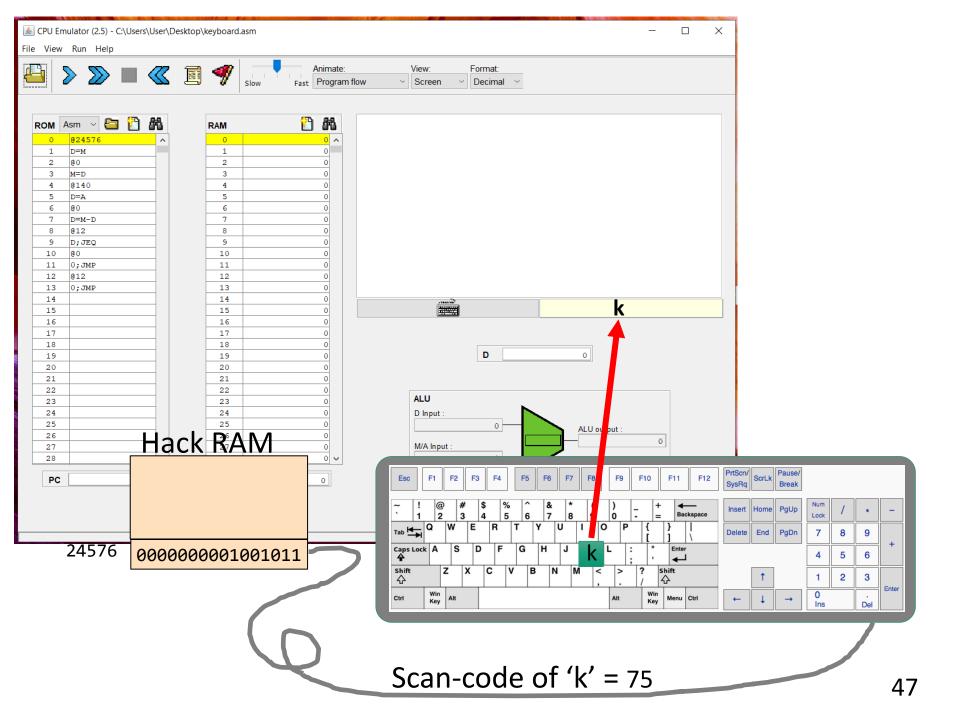
KBD: address of the keyboard memory map

# Handle the keyboard



#### To check which key is currently pressed:

- Read the contents of RAM[24576] (address KBD).
- If the register contains 0, no key is pressed.
- Otherwise, the register contains the scan code of the currently pressed key.



# Keyboard input (example)

```
// Example: Run an infinite loop to listen to the
   keyboard input
(LOOP)
// check keyboard input
 @KBD
 D = M //get keyboard input
 @R0
 M=D //set R0 to keyboard input
 //if R0 = 'esc', goto END
 @140 // 'esc' = 140
 D=A
 @R0
 D=M-D
 @END
 D;JEQ
 @LOOP
 0;JMP // an infinite loop.
(END)
 @END
 0;JMP //end
```

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