Laboratory 0

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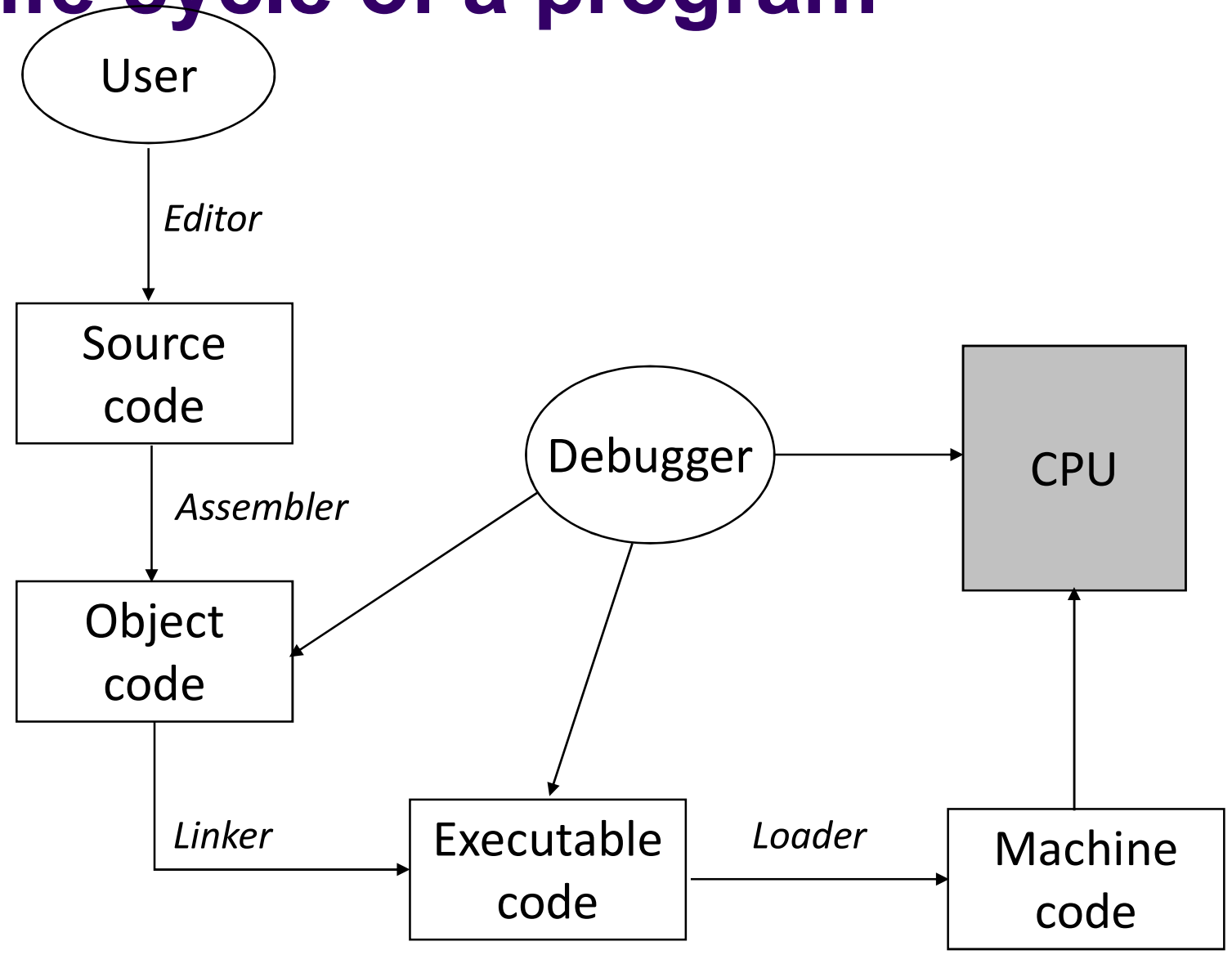
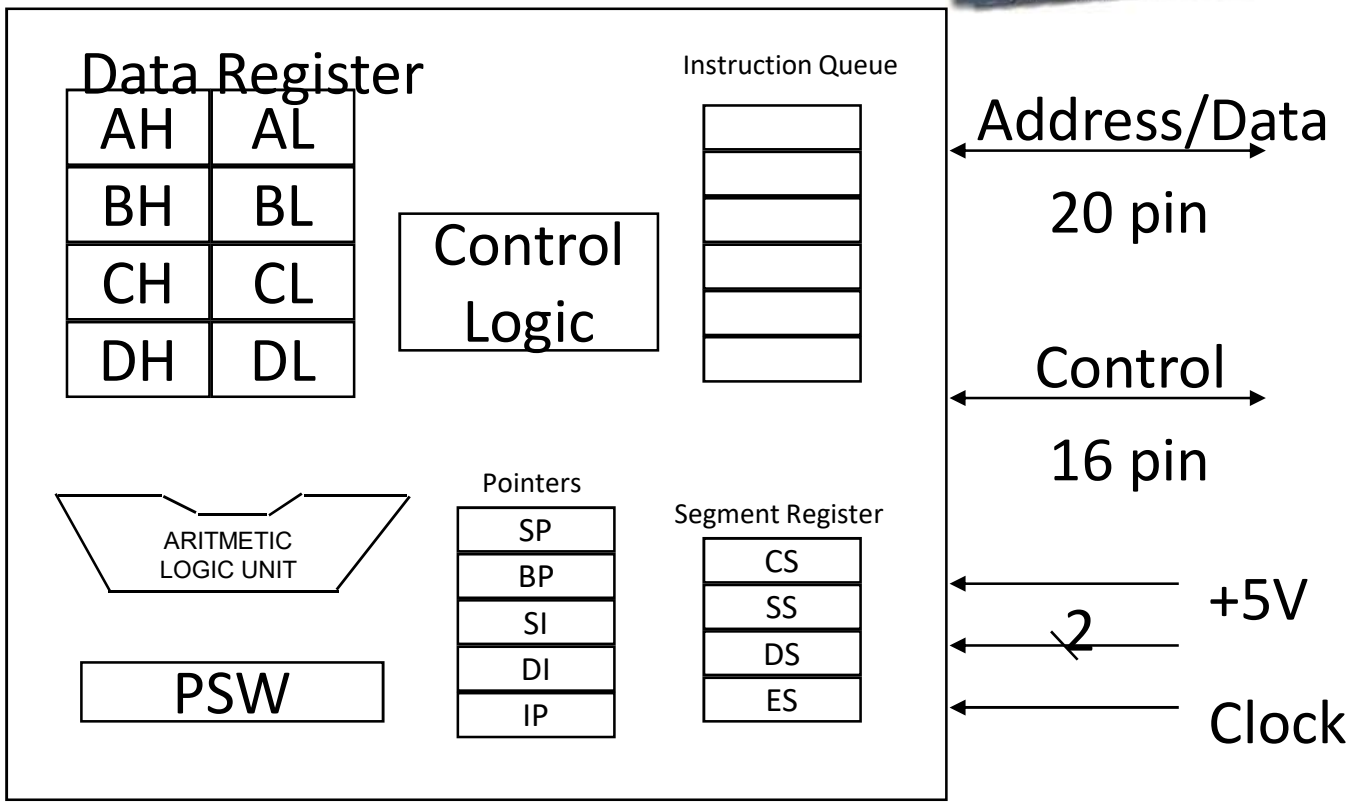
Life cycle of a program

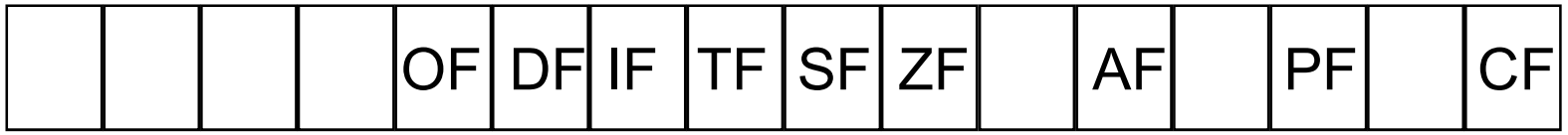


8086 architectural model



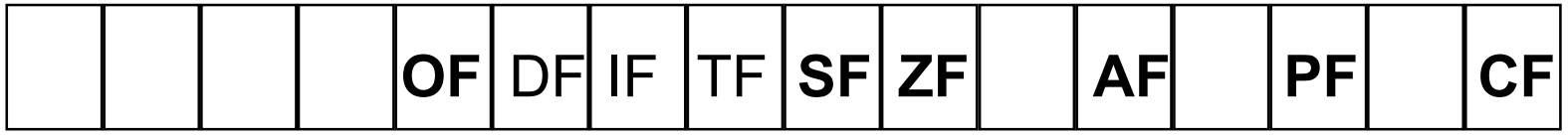
Processor Status Word (PSW)

- It is a 16-bit register, but only 9 bits are used.
- Every bit is a flag. Flags can be either:
  - condition flag
  - control flag.



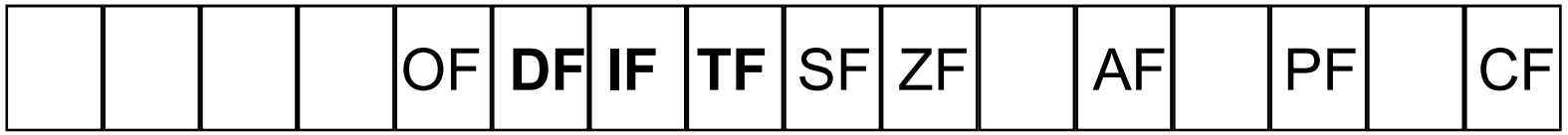
Condition flags

- They are automatically set at the end of some instructions
  - SF (*Sign Flag*): MSB of the result after an aritmethic instruction
  - ZF (*Zero Flag*): it is 1 is the result is zero, 0 otherwise
  - PF (*Parity Flag*): it is 1 if the result has an even number of bits set to 1, 0 otherwise
  - CF (*Carry Flag*): it is 1 in presence of an arithmetic carry or borrow with unsigned arithmetic instructions
  - AF (*Auxiliary Carry Flag*): in BCD arithmetic, it is 1 with a carry or borrow of the third bit
  - OF (*Overflow Flag*): it is 1 in presence of an overflow with signed arithmetic instructions



Control flag

- They can be written and manipulated by specific instructions, and are used to regulate the functioning of certain processor functions:
  - DF (*Direction Flag*): used by the instructions for string manipulation; if it is 0, the strings are manipulated starting from the characters at the lower address, if it is 1 starting from the largest address
  - IF (*Interrupt Flag):* if it is 1, the maskable Interrupt signals are managed by the CPU, otherwise these are ignored
  - TF (*Trap Flag*): if it is 1, a trap is executed at the end of each instruction.



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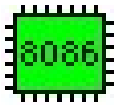

- Emulator of the 8086 processor for *Windows*
  - The compiled code is executed by a virtual machine; the system is not used directly, so crashes are avoided
  - Memory, monitors and I / O devices are emulated
- It allows execution in step-by-step mode
- It integrates a disassembler
- Peripherals can be emulated and new ones can be designed.

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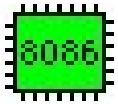
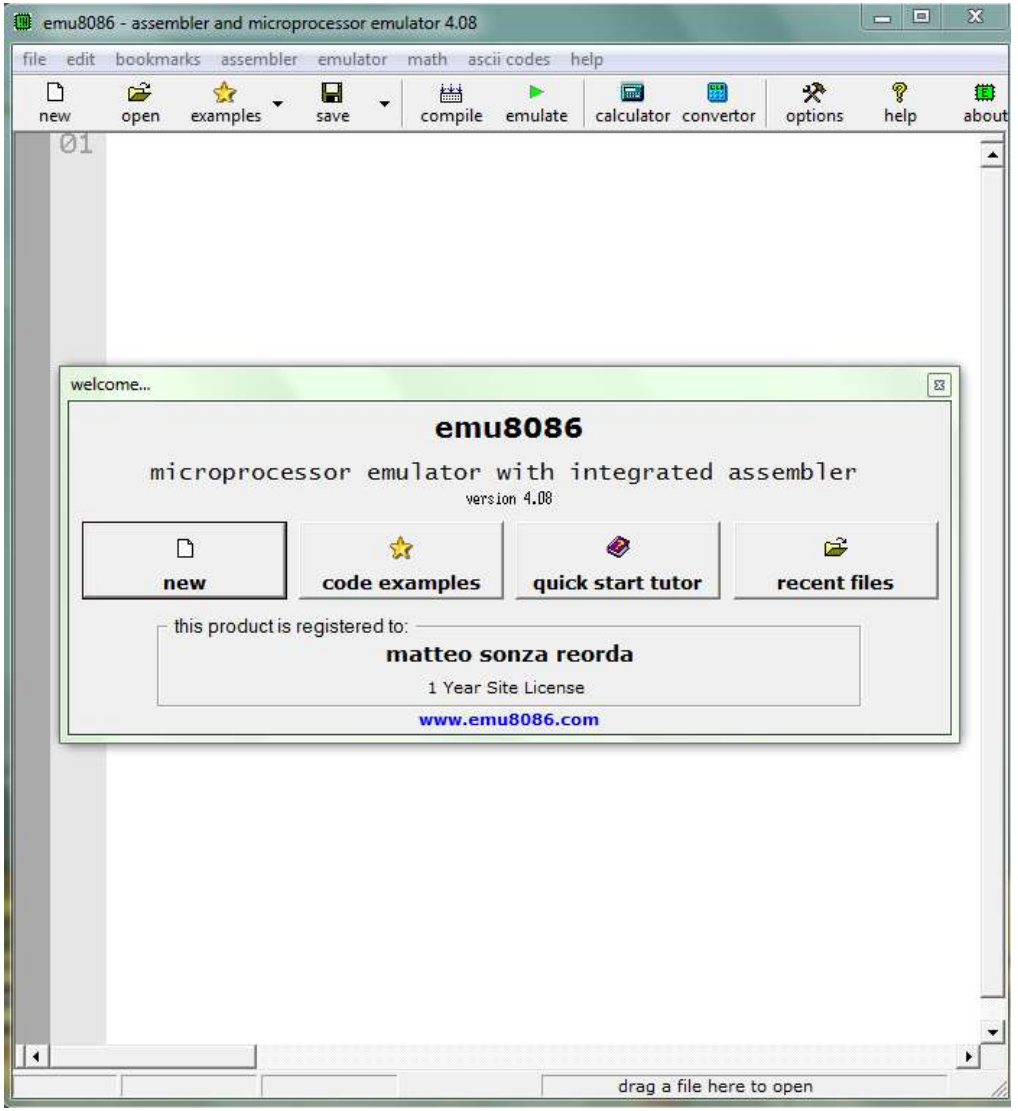


- You can download the latest version from the course pages on the portal
- For the current academic year, students can use the license of the Politecnico di Torino:
  - license name: LINO TODESCO
  - license code: 27RX-A747-6I2R-4J2W-1K6O
- The software is already installed in the laboratory.

Main window

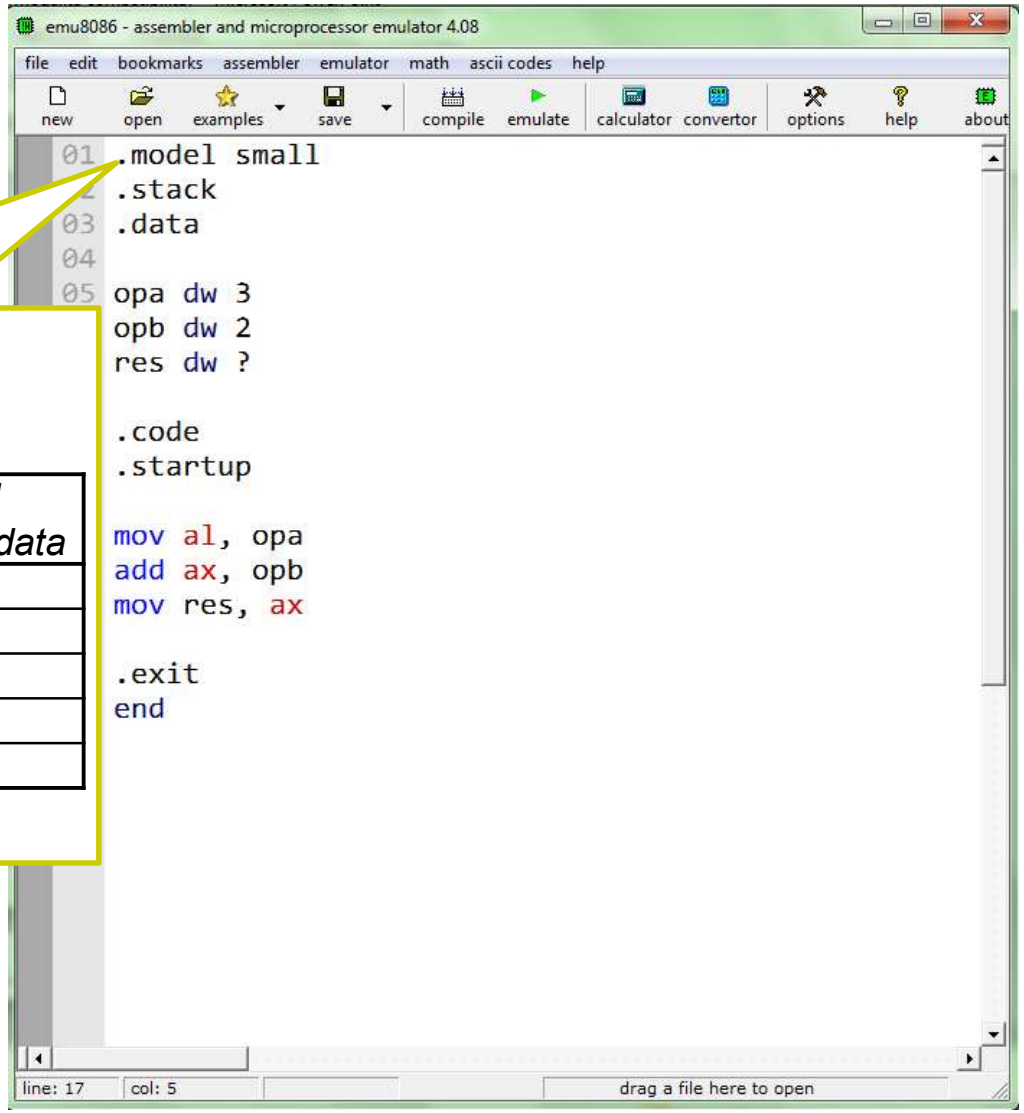
- To begin:
  - ***new***
  - ***empty workspace***.



Entering the code

`.model` indicates which memory model is used

Memory model	*Code*	*Data*	*Combined code and data*
TINY	NEAR	NEAR	YES
SMALL	NEAR	NEAR	NO
MEDIUM	FAR	NEAR	NO
COMPACT	NEAR	FAR	NO
LARGE or **HUGE**	FAR	FAR	NO



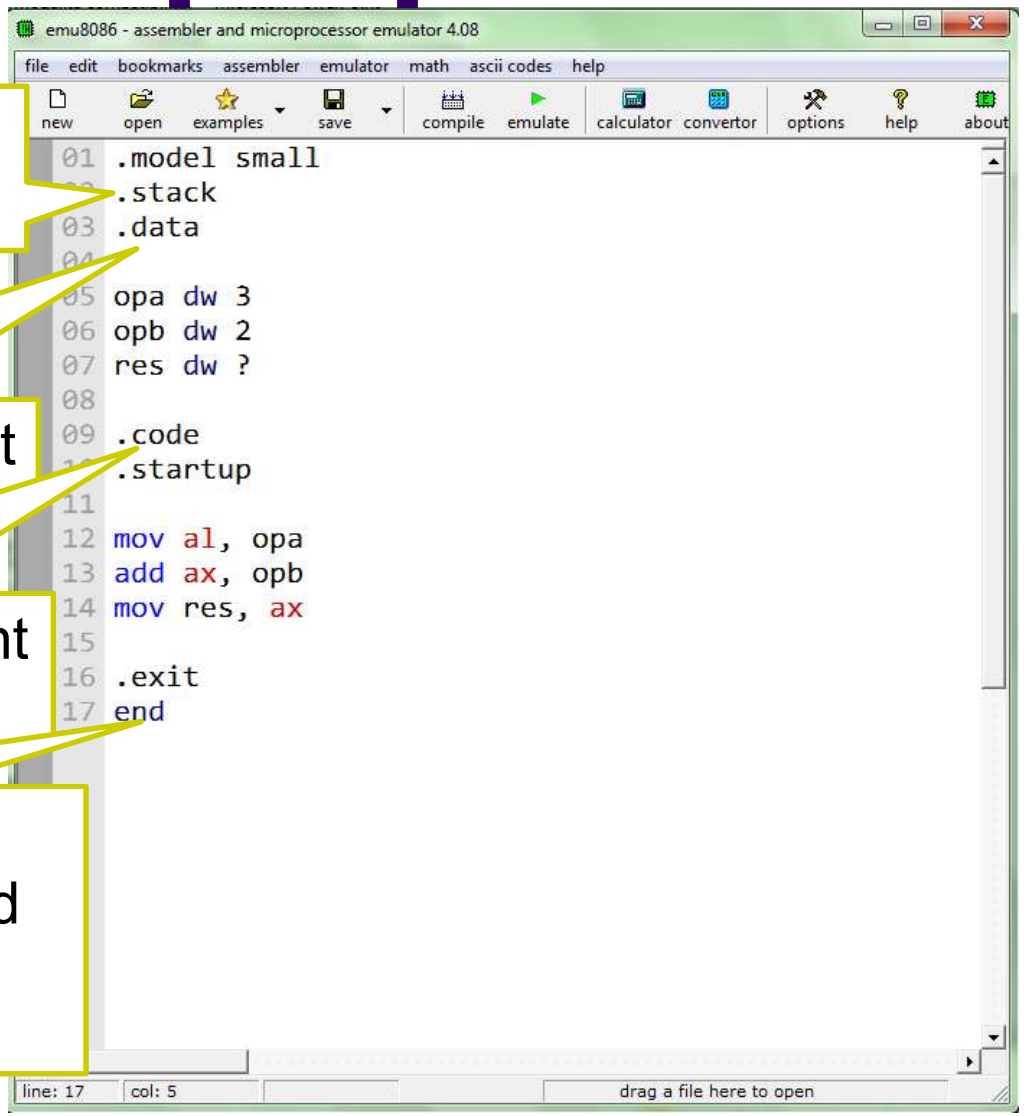
Entering the code [cont.]

`.stack {mem}` creates the stack (default size is 1Kbyte)

`.data` creates the data segment

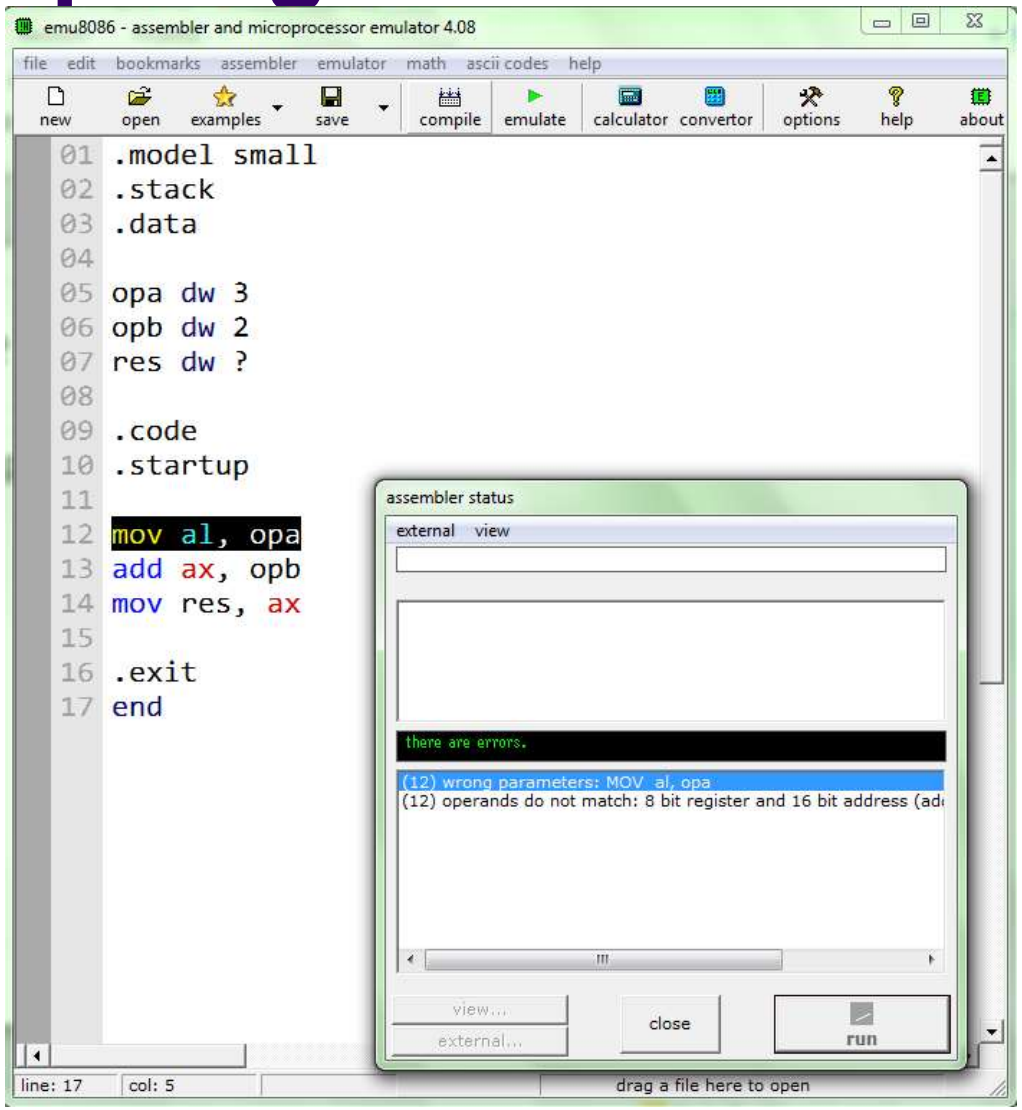
`.code` creates the code segment

`.startup` and `.exit` produce the machine instructions needed for executing the program in a virtual MS-DOS environment.



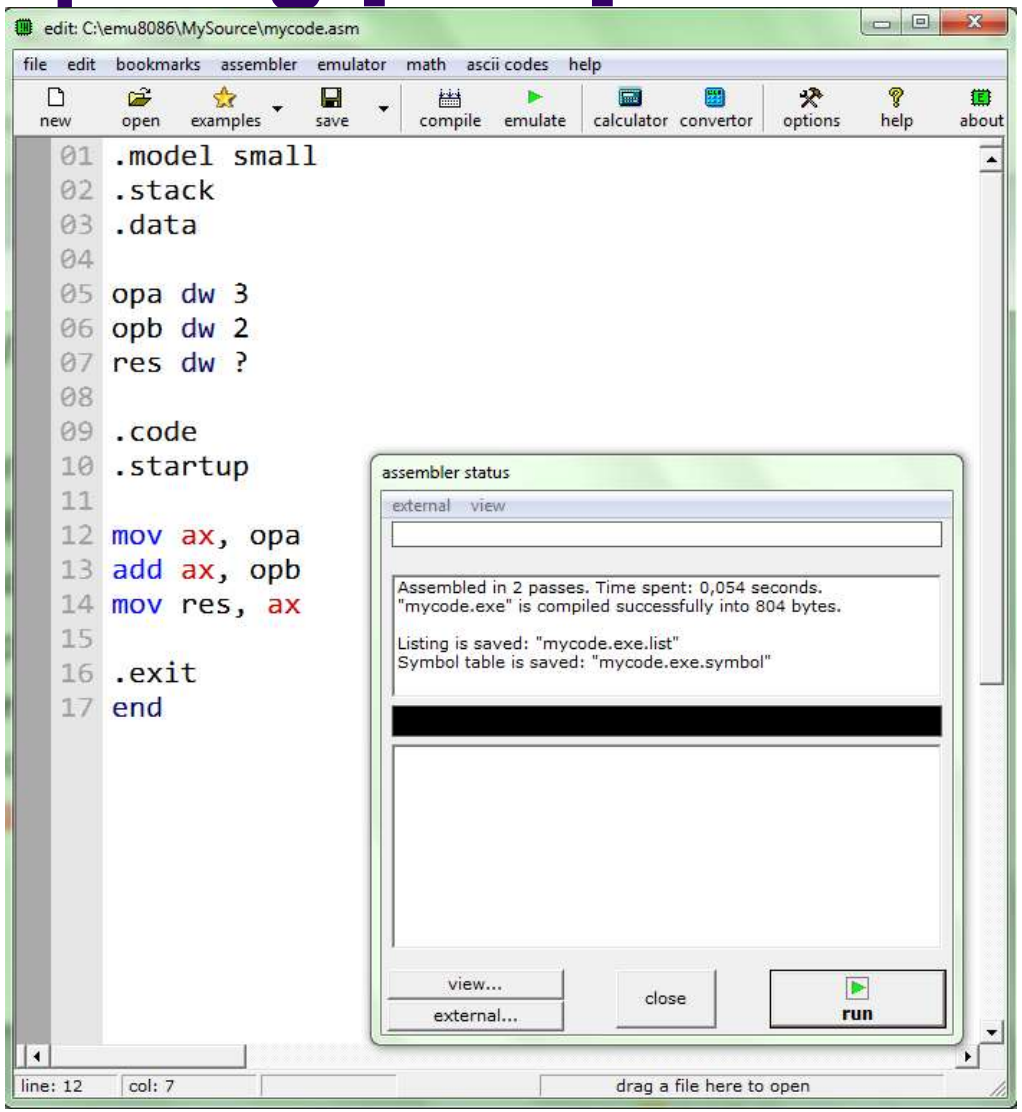
Saving and compiling

- To save the source file:
  - ***File > Save as…***
- To compile, either one of:
  - ***compile*** (button)
  - **emulate** (butto)
- Beware of **error messages**!

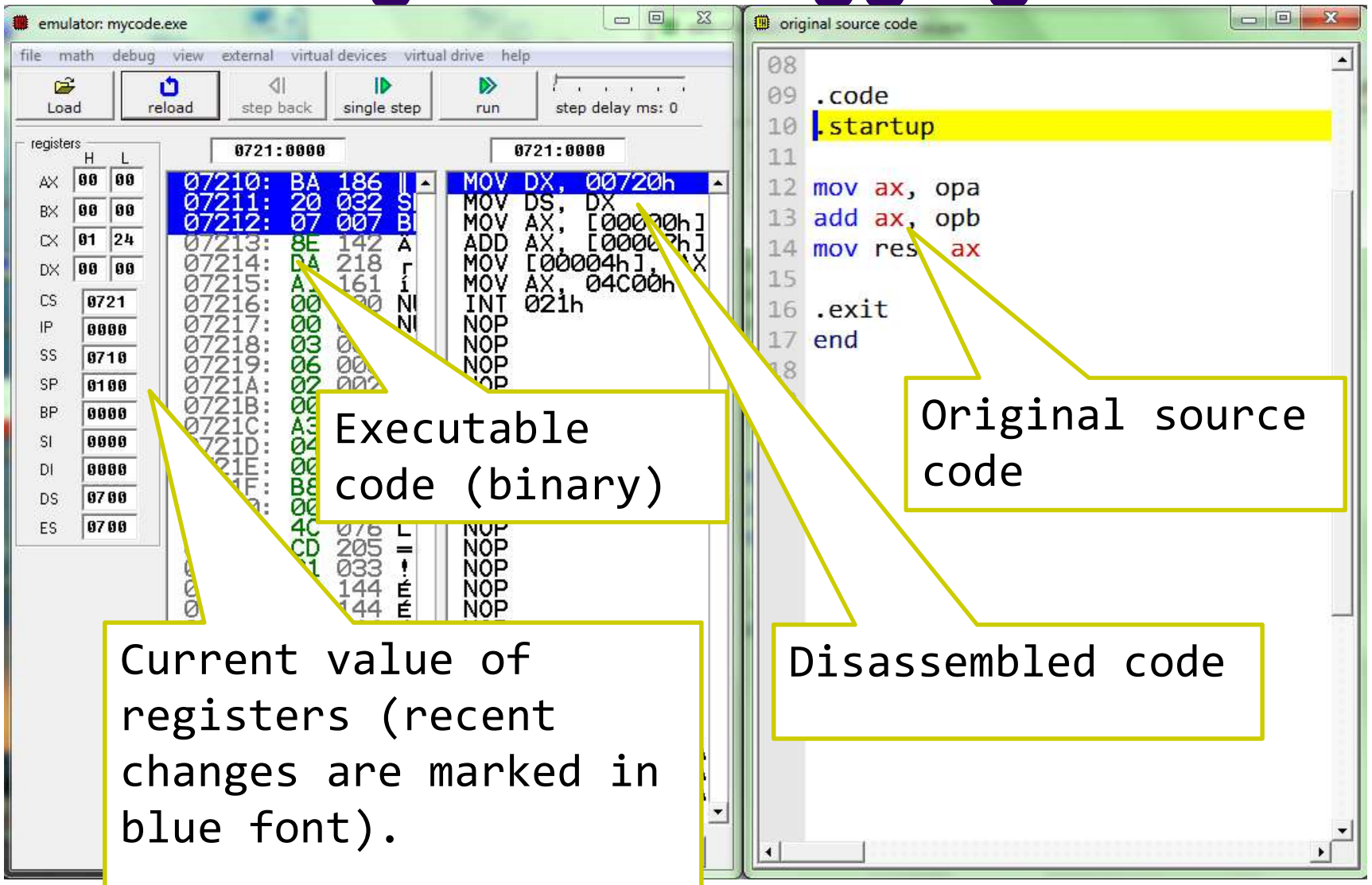


Saving and compiling [cont.]

- If the compilation is successful, you can:
  - indicate where to save the executable file
  - emulate the executable file (***run*** button).



Emulating and debugging



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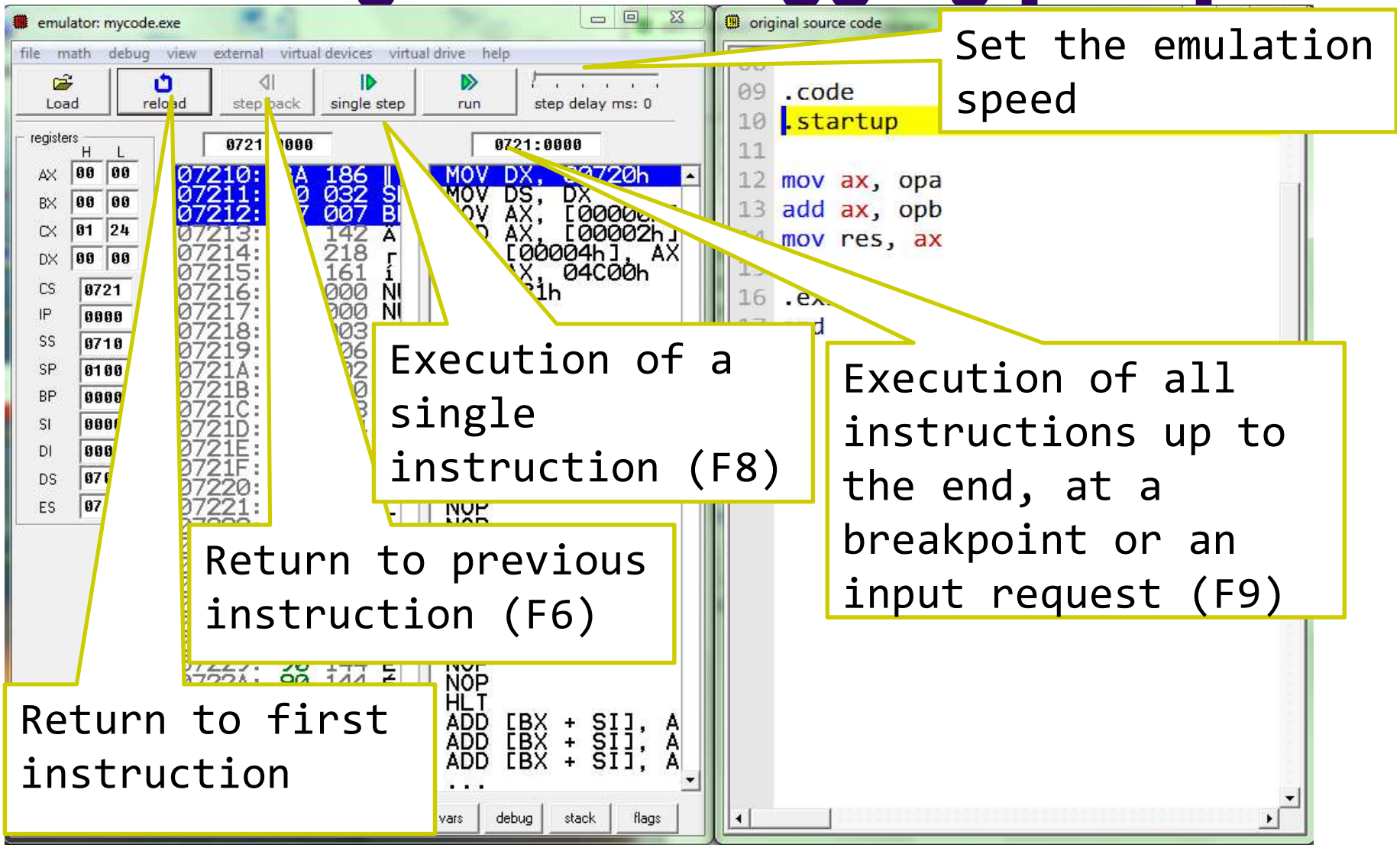

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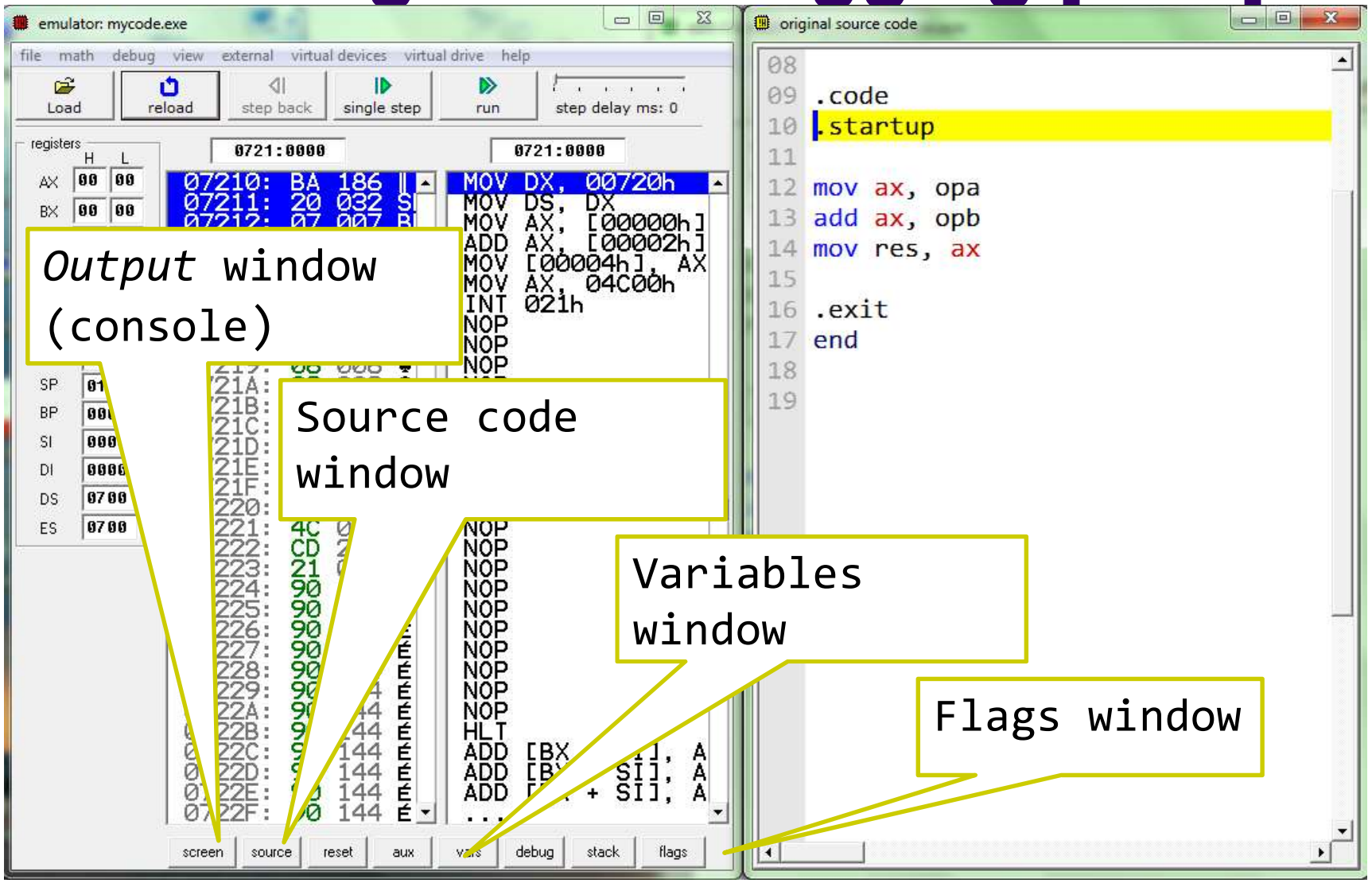
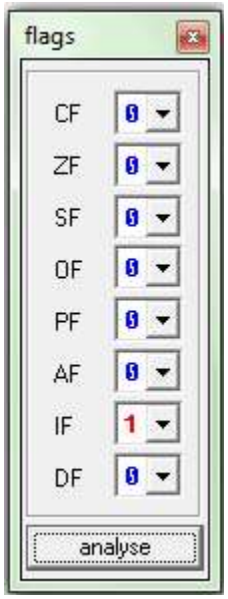
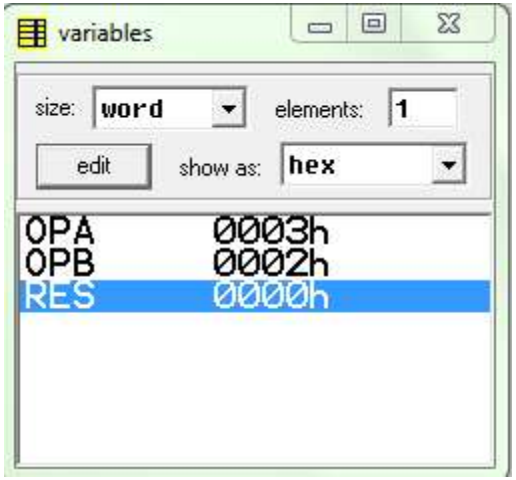


Emulating and debugging [cont.]

- Flags window
  - flags modified by the last executed instruction are highlighted in red
- Variables window:
  - You can change the display modes (type, number of items, format)
  - You can change the value of the variable (edit).





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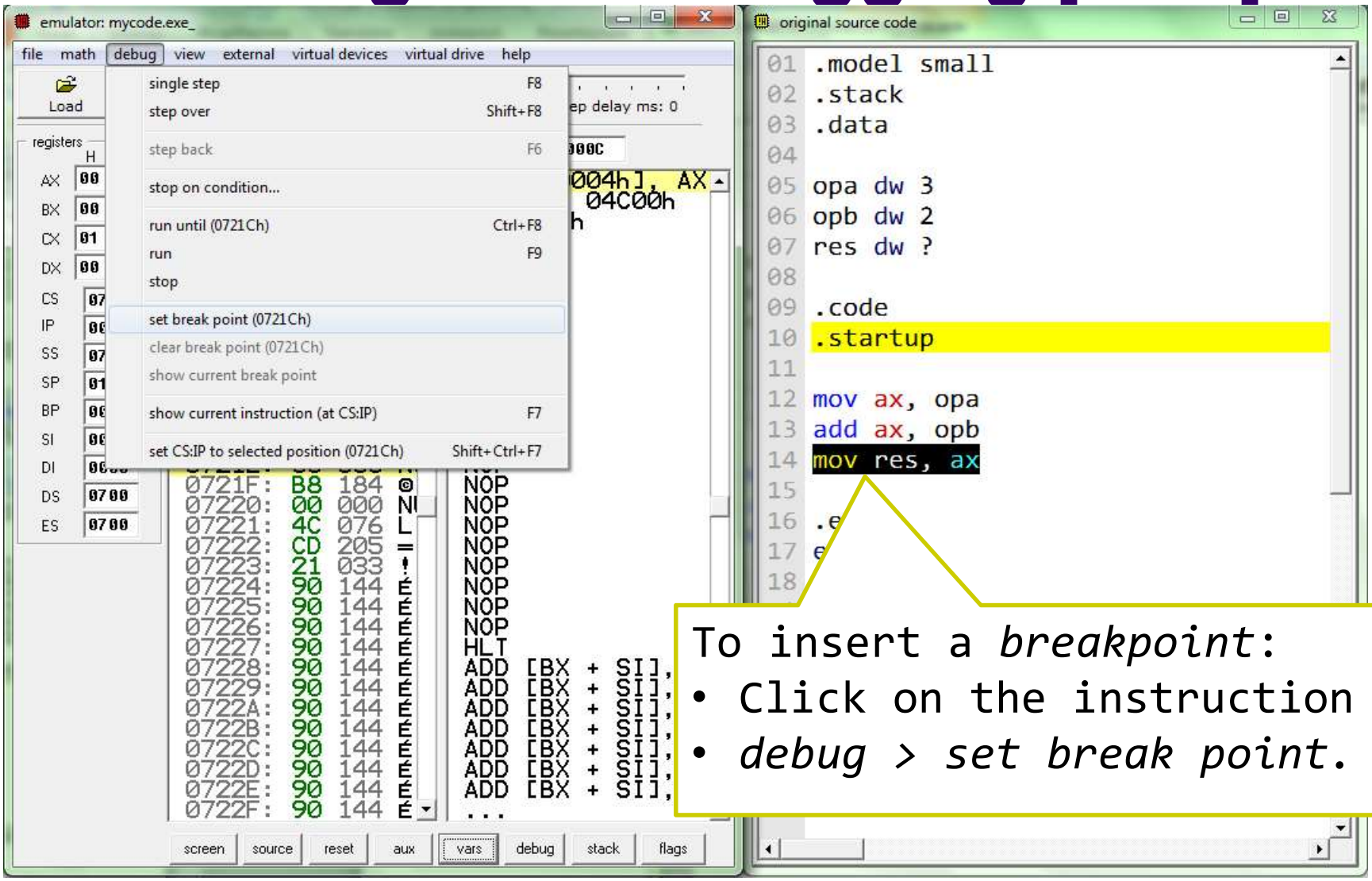

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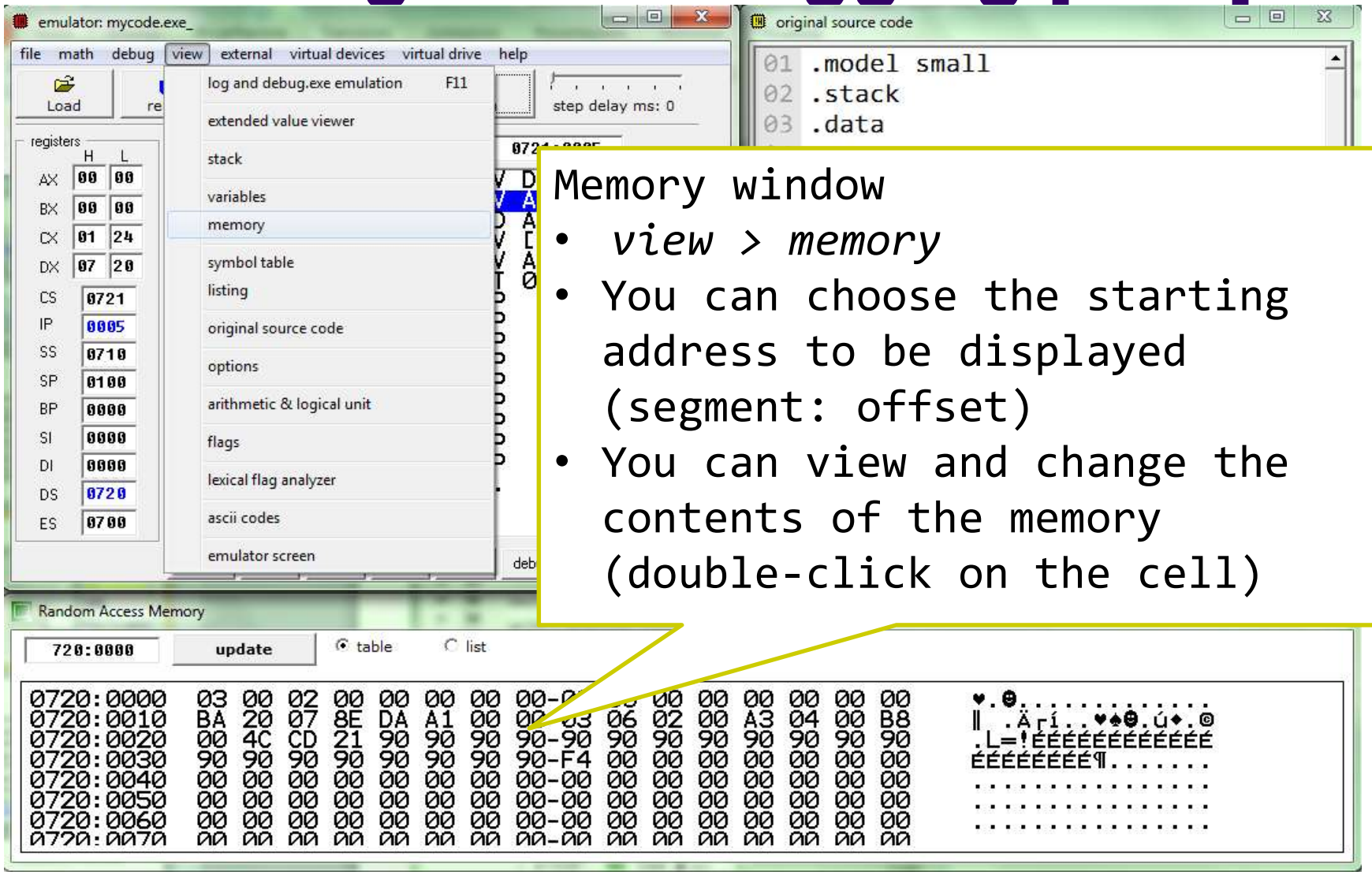

Memory window

- *view > memory*
- You can choose the starting address to be displayed (segment: offset)
- You can view and change the contents of the memory (double-click on the cell)

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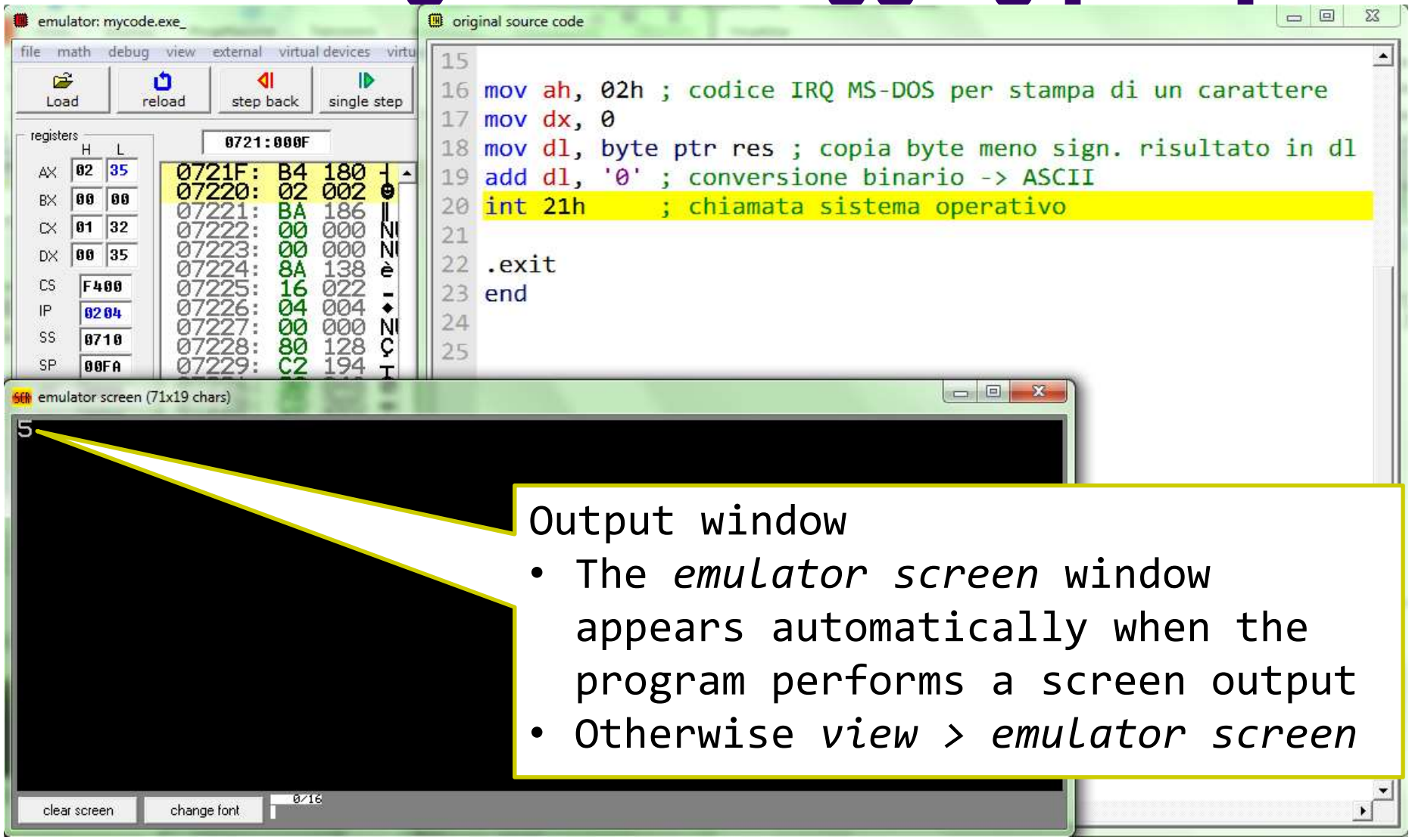

Exercises

- The following slides show some code examples.
- It is required to insert these code examples into EMU8086, compile them, run them and analyze their behavior in debug mode.

Writing a value in a register

```
.MODEL small
.STACK
.DATA
.CODE
.STARTUP
MOV    AX, 0
.EXIT
END
```

Writing a value in a memory cell

```
.MODEL small
.STACK
.DATA
VAR    DW     ?
.CODE
.STARTUP
MOV    VAR, 0
.EXIT
END
```

Sum of two values

```
.MODEL small
.STACK
.DATA
OPD1  DW     10
OPD2  DW     24
RESULT       DW     ?
.CODE
.STARTUP
MOV   AX, OPD1
ADD   AX, OPD2
MOV   RESULT, AX
.EXIT
END
```

Sum of the elements of an array (I)

```
        .MODEL SMALL
        .STACK
        .DATA
VETT    DW    5, 7, 3, 4, 3
RESULT  DW    ?
        .CODE
        .STARTUP
        MOV   AX, 0
        ADD   AX, VETT
        ADD   AX, VETT+2
        ADD   AX, VETT+4
        ADD   AX, VETT+6
        ADD   AX, VETT+8
        MOV   RESULT, AX
        .EXIT
        END
```

Sum of the elements of an array (II)

```
DIM     EQU   15
        .MODEL       small
        .STACK
        .DATA
VETT    DW 2, 5, 16, 12, 34, 7, 20, 11, 31, 44, 70, 69, 2,
        4, 23
RESULT  DW    ?
        .CODE
        .STARTUP
        MOV   AX, 0
        MOV   CX, DIM       ; array size now stored in CX
        MOV   DI, 0
```

```
lab:    ADD   AX, VETT[DI] ; add i-th element to AX
        ADD   DI, 2        ; go to next element
        DEC   CX
        CMP   CX, 0        ; compare array index with 0
        JNZ   lab          ; jump if not equal
        MOV   RESULT, AX   ; otherwise, write the result
        .EXIT
        END
```

Read and display a character array

```
DIM     EQU   20
        .MODEL       small
        .STACK
        .DATA
VETT    DB    DIM DUP(?)
        .CODE
        .STARTUP
        MOV   CX, DIM
        MOV   DI, 0
        MOV   AH, 1          ; set AH for reading
```

```
lab1:   INT   21H           ; read a character
        MOV   VETT[DI], AL  ; store the character
        INC   DI            ; go to next element
        DEC   CX
        CMP   CX, 0         ; compare array index with 0
        JNZ   lab1          ; jump if not equal
        MOV   CX, DIM
        MOV   AH, 2         ; set AH for writing
lab2:   DEC   DI            ; go to next element
        MOV   DL, VETT[DI]
        INT   21H           ; display the character
        DEC   CX
        CMP   CX, 0
        JNZ   lab2
        .EXIT
        END
```

Search for the minimum character

```
        .MODEL      small
        .STACK
DIM     EQU   20
        .DATA
TABLE   DB    DIM DUP(?)
        .CODE
        .STARTUP
        MOV   CX, DIM
        LEA   DI, TABLE
        MOV   AH, 1                 ; reading
lab1:   INT   21H
        MOV   [DI], AL
        INC   DI
        DEC   CX
        CMP   CX, 0
        JNE   lab1                  ; loop 20 times
        MOV   CL, 0FFH
```

```
        MOV  DI, 0
ciclo:  CMP   CL, TABLE[DI]; compare with current minimum
        JB    dopo
        MOV   CL, TABLE[DI]; store new minimum
dopo:   INC   DI
        CMP   DI, DIM
        JB    ciclo
output: MOV   DL, CL
        MOV   AH, 2
        INT   21H                    ; display
        .EXIT
        END
```