

# Project - Phase I: Assembler & Virtual Machine

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Write a C++ program to simulate a simple 16-bit CPU (Virtual Machine). VM consists of 4 General Purpose Registers ( $r[0]-r[3]$ ) a Program Counter ( $pc$ ), an Instruction Register ( $ir$ ), a Status Register ( $sr$ ), a Stack Pointer ( $sp$ ), a Clock ( $clock$ ), an Arithmetic and Logic Unit (ALU), a 256 word Memory ( $mem$  with base and limit registers), and a Disk.

Represent General Purpose Registers with a vector of 4 integers,  $mem$  with a vector of 256 integers,  $pc$  with an integer,  $ir$  with an integer, ...

```
class VirtualMachine {
private:
    int msize;
    int rsize;
    int pc, ir, sr, sp, clock;
    vector<int> mem;
    vector<int> r;
    int base, limit;
public:
    VirtualMachine(): msize(256), rsize(4), clock(0)
    {
        mem = vector<int>(msize);
        r = vector<int>(rsize);
    }
    ...
};
```

Since this is a 16-bit machine, we only use the lower 16 bits of the variables. The least significant five bits of  $sr$  are reserved for OVERFLOW, LESS, EQUAL, GREATER, and CARRY in that order, the rest are "don't-care" (d):

d	...	d	V	L	E	G	C
15		5	4	3	2	1	0

ALU is part of the logic of your program, and disk is represented by a collection of files.  $clock$  could be alternatively represented by a class.

VM supports two instruction formats.

Format 1:

OP	RD	I	RS	UNUSED
15:11	10:9	8	7:6	5:0

Format 2:

OP	RD	I	ADDR/CONST
15:11	10:9	8	7:0

where OP (bits 11 to 15 from right to left) stands for opcode,  
 RD (bits 9 and 10) stands for register-destination,  
 I (bit 8) stands for immediate,  
 and RS (bits 6 and 7) stands for register-source.

When I is 0, the next 2 bits specify the source register and the next 6 bits are unused.

When I is 1, immediate address mode is in effect: depending on the instruction, the next 8 bits are treated as either an unsigned 8 bit address (ADDR), or an 8 bit two's complement constant (CONST). This implies  $0 \leq \text{ADDR} < 256$  and  $-128 \leq \text{CONST} < 128$ .

load and loadi are special instructions, they both use format 2: when I = 0, we use ADDR, when I = 1, we use CONST.

If a field is unused, it is considered don't-care, and it can be set to any bit pattern, but in this project we will set don't-cares to all zeros.

To simplify writing programs for the VM, we need an assembly language and its corresponding assembler. The following table lists all instructions supported by the Assembler and in turn VM.

VM Instruction Set				
OP	I	Instruction	Semantic in Pseudo C++ Syntax	Additional Action
00000	0	load RD ADDR	$r[\text{RD}] = \text{mem}[\text{ADDR}]$	
00000	1	loadi RD CONST	$r[\text{RD}] = \text{CONST}$	
00001	1	store RD ADDR	$\text{mem}[\text{ADDR}] = r[\text{RD}]$	
00010	0	add RD RS	$r[\text{RD}] = r[\text{RD}] + r[\text{RS}]$	Set CARRY
00010	1	addi RD CONST	$r[\text{RD}] = r[\text{RD}] + \text{CONST}$	Set CARRY
00011	0	addc RD RS	$r[\text{RD}] = r[\text{RD}] + r[\text{RS}] + \text{CARRY}$	Set CARRY
00011	1	addci RD CONST	$r[\text{RD}] = r[\text{RD}] + \text{CONST} + \text{CARRY}$	Set CARRY
00100	0	sub RD RS	$r[\text{RD}] = r[\text{RD}] - r[\text{RS}]$	Set CARRY
00100	1	subi RD CONST	$r[\text{RD}] = r[\text{RD}] - \text{CONST}$	Set CARRY
00101	0	subc RD RS	$r[\text{RD}] = r[\text{RD}] - r[\text{RS}] - \text{CARRY}$	Set CARRY
00101	1	subci RD CONST	$r[\text{RD}] = r[\text{RD}] - \text{CONST} - \text{CARRY}$	Set CARRY
00110	0	and RD RS	$r[\text{RD}] = r[\text{RD}] \& r[\text{RS}]$	
00110	1	andi RD CONST	$r[\text{RD}] = r[\text{RD}] \& \text{CONST}$	
00111	0	xor RD RS	$r[\text{RD}] = r[\text{RD}] \wedge r[\text{RS}]$	
00111	1	xori RD CONST	$r[\text{RD}] = r[\text{RD}] \wedge \text{CONST}$	
01000	d	compl RD	$r[\text{RD}] = \sim r[\text{RD}]$	
01001	d	shl RD	$r[\text{RD}] = r[\text{RD}] \ll 1$ , shift-in-bit = 0	Set CARRY
01010	d	shla RD	shl arithmetic	Set CARRY & Sign Extend

01011	d	shr RD	$r[RD] = r[RD] \gg 1$ , shift-in-bit = 0	Set CARRY
01100	d	shra RD	shr arithmetic	Set CARRY & Sign Extend
01101	0	compr RD RS	if $r[RD] < r[RS]$ set LESS reset EQUAL and GREATER; if $r[RD] == r[RS]$ set EQUAL reset LESS and GREATER; if $r[RD] > r[RS]$ set GREATER reset EQUAL and LESS	
01101	1	compri RD CONST	if $r[RD] < \text{CONST}$ set LESS reset EQUAL and GREATER; if $r[RD] == \text{CONST}$ set EQUAL reset LESS and GREATER; if $r[RD] > \text{CONST}$ set GREATER reset EQUAL and LESS	
01110	d	getstat RD	$r[RD] = \text{SR}$	
01111	d	putstat RD	$\text{SR} = r[RD]$	
10000	1	jump ADDR	$\text{pc} = \text{ADDR}$	
10001	1	jumpl ADDR	if LESS == 1, $\text{pc} = \text{ADDR}$ , else do nothing	
10010	1	jumpe ADDR	if EQUAL == 1, $\text{pc} = \text{ADDR}$ , else do nothing	
10011	1	jumpg ADDR	if GREATER == 1, $\text{pc} = \text{ADDR}$ , else do nothing	
10100	1	call ADDR	push VM status; $\text{pc} = \text{ADDR}$	
10101	d	return	pop and restore VM status	
10110	d	read RD	read new content of $r[RD]$ from .in file	
10111	d	write RD	write $r[RD]$ into .out file	
11000	d	halt	halt execution	
11001	d	noop	no operation	

Since mem consists of a set of integers (bits), any program written in the above assembly language (\*.s) has to be translated to its equivalent object program (\*.o) to be loaded in mem and run by the VM. Therefore, we must translate (assemble) each assembly instruction into an object code. The sequence of object codes is called an object program.

We need an assembler to perform the above translation. For example, when the Assembler encounters

```
loadi 2 71
```

it translates the instruction to

```
0000010101000111
```

where from left to right

00000 is the opcode for loadi or load

10 represents  $r[2]$

1 represent immediate addressing ( $I == 1$ ) and therefore loadi is the opcode

and 01000111 is CONST 71.

1351 is the object code for this instruction, since  $0000010101000111_2 = 1351_{10}$ .

As an example, your assembler should produce the object program on the right from the assembly program on the left. This program does not perform anything meaningful! It is intended to compare some related instructions. Note you may comment the rest of a line using an exclamation point (!). Your assembler should ignore comments.

Assembly Prog		Object Prog
load 1 9	! r[1] = mem[9]	00521
load 2 9	! r[2] = mem[9]	01033
loadi 2 -123	! r[2] = -123 (set reg 2)	01413
loadi 2 71		01351
add 0 3	! r[0] += r[3]	04288
addi 0 -56	! r[0] += -56	04552
jump 10	! pc = 10 (runtime error)	33034
store 2 20	! m[20] = r[2] (runtime error)	03348
halt		49152
noop		51200

The Assembler reads an assembly program and outputs its corresponding object program. An assembly program must have a `.s` suffix, and its corresponding object program must have the same name with a `.o` suffix. Assembler creates a `.o` file. VM reads in this `.o` file, stores it in memory, and starts executing it. Assembler should catch any out-of-range error for ADDR and CONST and stop producing object codes. Also any value other than 0, 1, 2, or 3 for RD or RS is illegal; and any opcode other than the ones listed in the above VM Instruction Table is illegal. The Assembler should be designed and implemented as a C++ class.

Design and implement a C++ class for the virtual machine (`VirtualMachine`) to interpret object programs. Store the object program to be run in the top of the memory, this implies setting `pc` and `base` registers to 0 and `limit` register to the size of object program. VM then enters into instruction fetch-execute cycle (an infinite loop):

```

TOP:  ir ← mem[pc] (instruction fetch)
      pc++
      set OP, RD, I, RS, ADDR, CONST from ir
      execute the instruction specified by OP and I (instruction execute)
      go to TOP

```

This loop terminates when a halt instruction is executed or some unexpected error occurs. Following the above file suffix convention, when executing a `.o` program and a read instruction is encountered, the input is read from a `.in` file with the same name. In case of a write instruction the output is printed into a `.out` file.

VM initializes the `clock` to 0 after loading the object program in memory.

Each of load, store, call, and return instructions take 4 clock ticks to execute.

Each of read and write instructions take 28 clock ticks to execute.

The rest of the instructions take 1 clock tick each to execute.

Note that `loadi`, which is the set instruction and uses an immediate operand, takes 1 clock tick and not 4 ticks.

This is because `loadi` does not access memory.

**Print the final value of clock in `.out` file.**

Be careful when handling sign extension. For example, if in `loadi` instruction `CONST = 111111002 = -410`, then

to store it in some  $r[RD]$  register, it must be sign extended to  $1111111111111100_2$  (still  $-4_{10}$ ). Sign extension occurs every time a short constant (in this case 8 bits) is assigned to a longer register (in this case 16 bits); look for this every time negative numbers are involved.

Since VM is a 16-bit machine, it's best to always zero out the high-order 16 bits of variables that represent the registers in VM and just work with the low-order 16 bits. For example, after an operation on register 0 that might result in "spill over" in high-order bits, perform the following operation:

```
r[0] &= 0xffff;
```

`call` and `return` instructions need special attention. As part of the execution of `call` instruction the status of VM must be pushed on to stack. Status of VM consists of `pc`, `r[0]-r[3]`, and `sr`. The stack grows from the bottom of memory up, therefore initially `sp = 256`. After a `call`, `sp` is decremented by 6 as the values of `pc`, `r[0]-r[3]`, and `sr` in the VM are pushed on to stack. When a `return` instruction executes, `sp` is incremented by 6 as values of `pc`, `r[0]-r[3]`, and `sr` are popped from stack and restored in VM registers. When `sp >= 256` stack is empty, and when `sp < limit+6` stack is full.

`noop` instruction can be used as a place holder in memory to store a temporary value and later retrieve it.

Write your Assembler, VM, and OS in an object oriented and extensible fashion! This is specially the case as new requirements are added in the next two phases. Use separate compilation for this (large) project. This means class `Assembler` must be defined in files:

```
Assembler.h
Assembler.cpp
```

and class `VirtualMachine` must be defined in files:

```
VirtualMachine.h
VirtualMachine.cpp
```

Compile `Assembler.cpp` and `VirtualMachine.cpp` separately using the `-c` option:

```
$ g++ -c Assembler.cpp
$ g++ -c VirtualMachine.cpp
```

These two commands produce `Assembler.o` and `VirtualMachine.o`.  
`os.cpp` includes:

```
#include "Assembler.h"
#include "VirtualMachine.h"
main()
```

where `main()` declares instances of `Assembler` and `VirtualMachine` and makes the proper calls:

```
...
#include "Assembler.h"
#include "VirtualMachine.h"
...
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    Assembler as;
    VirtualMachine vm;
    ...
} // main
```

Compile and link to make your rudimentary OS (rudimentary only in this phase!):

```
$ g++ -o os os.cpp Assembler.o VirtualMachine.o
```

and run `prog.s` in your OS environment:

```
$ os prog.s
```

which assembles prog.s into prog.o, loads prog.o into memory, and finally invokes VM to run the program. Make sure that your program works correctly for test.s program:

```
read 0
loadi 1 -2
add 0 1      ! subtract 2 from value read
write 0
halt
```

for add5.s program:

```
read 0
call 5
load 0 8
write 0
halt
addi 0 5      ! add5 function
store 0 8
return
noop          ! location for return value
```

and for fact.s program:

```
! main for factorial program
loadi 0 1      ! line 0, R0 = fact(R1)
read 1         ! input R1
call 6         ! call fact
load 0 33      ! receive result of fact
write 0
halt

! fact function
compri 1 1     ! line 6
jumpe 14       ! jump over the recursive call to fact if
jump 14        ! R1 is less than or equal 1
call 16        ! call mult (R0 = R0 * R1)
load 0 34      ! receive result of mult
subi 1 1       ! decrement multiplier (R1) and multiply again
call 6         ! call fact
load 0 33      ! line 14, return R0 (result of fact)
return

! mult function
loadi 2 8      ! line 16, init R2 (counter)
loadi 3 0      ! init R3 (result of mult)
shr 1          ! line 18 (loop), shift right multiplier set CARRY
store 2 35     ! save counter
getstat 2      ! to find CARRY's value
andi 2 1
compri 2 1
jumpe 25       ! if CARRY==1 add
jump 26        ! otherwise do nothing
add 3 0
shl 0          ! make multiplicand ready for next add
load 2 35      ! restore counter
subi 2 1       ! decrement counter
compri 2 0     ! if counter > 0 jump to loop
jumpg 18
store 3 34     ! return R3 (result of mult)
return
noop          ! line 33, fact return value
noop          ! line 34, mult return value
noop          ! line 35, mult counter
```

On the due date hand in print-outs of:

```
Assembler.h  
Assembler.cpp  
VirtualMachine.h  
VirtualMachine.cpp  
os.cpp
```

and demonstrate your program for the above assembly programs. Your grade will be based on:

- 40% correctness and efficiency
- 20% clarity and conciseness
- 20% documentation and proper indentation
- 20% "object oriented-ness" and extensibility