

Project6 for Intro to Computer Systems 2025 spring

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How to Compile the Program

1. **Open the Program Folder:** First, you need to go to the folder where the program files are stored. This folder is named `src/`. If you don't know how to get there, ask someone to help you open the folder.

```
cd path/to/src
```

make sure you can see

```
ls
```

```
.
├── BasicTest.vm
├── PointerTest.vm
├── SimpleAdd.vm
├── StackTest.vm
├── StaticTest.vm
└── VMT.java
```

2. Open the Command Line:

- On Windows, press `win + R`, type `cmd`, and press Enter to open the Command Prompt.
- On macOS or Linux, open the Terminal app.

3. **Check if Java is Installed:** In the Command Prompt or Terminal, type the following and press Enter:

```
javac -version
```

If you see something like `javac 1.8.x`, then Java is installed, and you're ready to proceed.

If it shows an error, Java might not be installed, and you'll need to download it from [here](#).

4. Compile the Program

```
javac VMT.java  
ls
```

Now you can see

```
.  
├─ BasicTest.vm  
├─ PointerTest.vm  
├─ SimpleAdd.vm  
├─ StackTest.vm  
├─ StaticTest.vm  
├─ VMT$Lex.class  
├─ VMT$Writer.class  
├─ VMT.class  
└─ VMT.java
```

5 run the translator

```
java VMT StaticTest.vm  
java VMT PointerTest.vm  
java VMT SimpleAdd.vm  
java VMT StackTest.vm  
java VMT BasicTest.vm  
ls
```

make sure you can see

```
.  
├─ BasicTest.asm  
├─ BasicTest.vm  
├─ PointerTest.asm  
└─ PointerTest.vm
```

```
|— SimpleAdd.asm
|— SimpleAdd.vm
|— StackTest.asm
|— StackTest.vm
|— StaticTest.asm
|— StaticTest.vm
|— VMT$Lex.class
|— VMT$Writer.class
|— VMT.class
└— VMT.java
```

This code implements a basic VM-to-Assembly code translator, which converts VM commands into their corresponding Assembly language instructions. Below is a detailed explanation:

1. **Lex**

The `Lex` class is responsible for reading and parsing the VM input file. It breaks down the input commands and categorizes them into different types (e.g., arithmetic operations, push/pop, function calls, etc.). Here's how it works:

- **Attributes:**

- `cmds`: A `Scanner` object used to read the input file line by line.
- `currentCmd`: Stores the current command being processed.
- `argType`, `argument1`, and `argument2`: Represent the type of the current command and its arguments.
- `arithmeticCmds`: A static list of arithmetic commands (add, sub, etc.).

- **Methods:**

- `Lex(File fileIn)`: This constructor opens the input file and processes it, removing any comments (lines starting with `//`) and then sets up the file for parsing.
- `hasMoreCommands()`: Returns true if there are more commands to process.
- `advance()`: Reads the next command, splits it into segments, and categorizes it.
- `commandType()`: Returns the type of the current command (arithmetic, push, pop, etc.).
- `arg1()`: Returns the first argument of the current command (or throws an error for return commands).
- `arg2()`: Returns the second argument for certain commands like push/pop.
- `noComments(String strIn)`: Removes comments from the input string.
- `noSpaces(String strIn)`: Removes spaces from the input string.
- `getExt(String fileName)`: Gets the file extension from a filename.

2. **Writer**

The `Writer` class is responsible for generating the Assembly code based on the parsed VM commands. It writes the translated Assembly code to an output file.

- **Attributes:**

- `arithJumpFlag`: A flag used to create unique jump labels for conditional arithmetic operations.
- `outPrinter`: A `PrintWriter` used to write to the output file.

- **Methods:**

- `setFileName(File fileOut)`: Sets the file name for the output file.
- `writeArithmetic(String command)`: Generates Assembly code for arithmetic operations (add, sub, neg, eq, etc.).
- `writePushPop(int command, String segment, int index)`: Generates Assembly code for push and pop commands.
- `close()`: Closes the output file.
- Helper methods like `arithmeticTemplate1()`, `arithmeticTemplate2()`, `pushTemplate1()`, and `popTemplate1()` are used to generate specific parts of Assembly code for various commands.

3. Main Program

The `main` method is the entry point of the program. It processes input and output files and orchestrates the translation from VM to Assembly.

- **Steps:**

- First, it checks if the input is a file or a directory.
- If it's a single `.vm` file, it processes that file.
- If it's a directory, it collects all `.vm` files within it.

- It then uses the `Lex` class to parse each file and the `Writer` class to generate the Assembly code.
- After processing all commands, the generated Assembly code is written to the output file.

- **Error Handling:**

- The program checks if the input is a valid `.vm` file or directory, ensuring that only `.vm` files are processed.
- If invalid commands or arguments are found, the program throws an exception.

4. Getting `.vm` Files in a Directory

The `getVMFiles()` method scans a directory for `.vm` files. If any are found, it returns them as a list.

Example VM-to-Assembly Translation

```
push constant 10
```

```
@10  
D=A  
@SP  
A=M  
M=D  
@SP  
M=M+1
```

tests

All five asm code pass 100%

you can try either the compiled .asm files in the src or try it in online IDE

NAND2Tetris / CPU Emulator / StaticTest.asm

ROM

Addr

asm

RAM

Addr

dec

Slow

Fast

0 @111

1 D=A

2 @0

3 A=M

4 M=D

5 @0

6 M=M+1

7 @333

8 D=A

9 @0

10 A=M

11 M=D

12 @0

13 M=M+1

14 @888

15 D=A

16 @0

17 A=M

18 M=D

19 @0

20 M=M+1

21 @24

22 D=A

23 @13

24 M=D

0 257

1 0

2 0

3 0

4 0

5 0

6 0

7 0

8 0

9 0

10 0

11 0

12 0

13 17

14 0

15 0

16 0

17 111

18 0

19 333

20 0

21 0

22 0

23 0

24 888

Screen

Enable Keyboard

Key:

Char code: 0

Registers

PC 200

A 0

D 888

Test: StaticTest.tst

Slow

Fast

Test Script

Compare File

Output File

Diff Table

1 // This file is part of www.nand2tetris.org

2 // and the book "The Elements of Computing Systems"

3 // by Nisan and Schocken, MIT Press.

4 // File name: projects/7/MemoryAccess/StaticTest/StaticTest.ts

5

6 // Tests StaticTest.asm on the CPU emulator.

7

8 compare-to StaticTest.cmp,

9

10 set RAM[0] 256, // initializes the stack pointer

11

12 repeat 200 { // enough cycles to complete the execution

13 | ticktock;

14 }

15

16 // Outputs the value at the stack's base

17 output-list RAM[256]%01.6.1;

18 output;

19

Simulation successful: The output file is identical to the compare file