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Class Project

User's Guide for Project Phase 2

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1. User's Guide Overview

This User's Guide for the Class Project Phase 1 consists of six main parts:

- User's Guide Overview
- Main GUI
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- Virtual Keyboard
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- FAQ

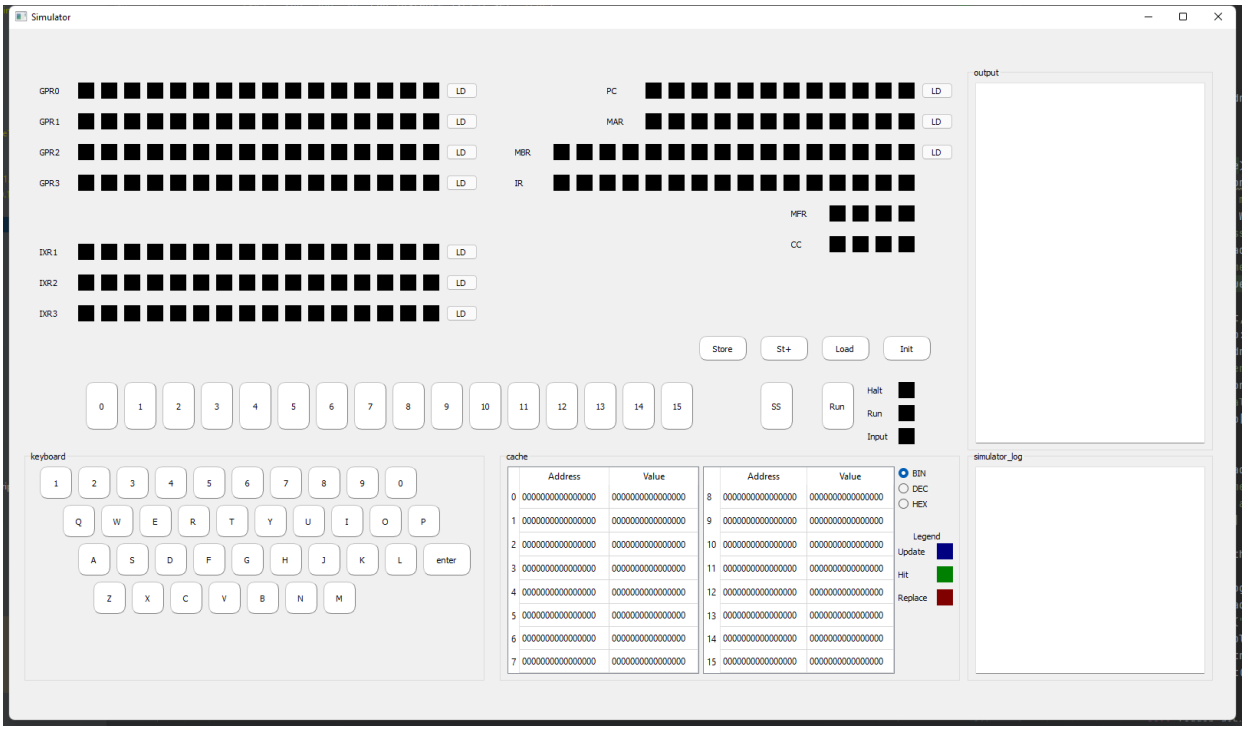
2. Main GUI

How to open the main GUI?

In order to open the main GUI, please open the **run_gui.bat** 

in the folder [delivery].

The main GUI consists of register indicator, cache indicator, switch, signal, virtual keyboard, output box and logging bux, the simulator interface and the debug console which will be showing below.

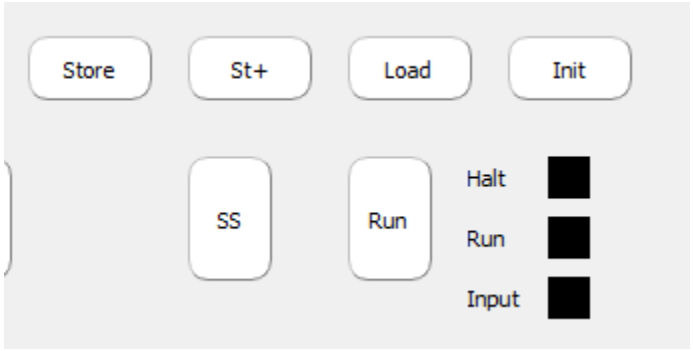


This is what the main GUI looks like upon start. We use Pyqt5 library in Python as the course recommended to construct the whole user's interface.

As we can see, the user interface of our emulator is functionally consistent with the requirements. Also, there is a debug console for the output. For those buttons and indicators, this user's guide will cover below.

3. Buttons

Our emulator has few major control buttons and ,few LD buttons for each registers and few number buttons to store numbers as shown below:



These buttons above are used to control the emulator.

For the detail functions of major control buttons:

[Store]:

This button stores the content of the MBR register to memory at the address specified by the content of the MAR register.

[St+]:

This button does what the “Store” button does and increments the MAR register by one.

[Load]:

This button loads the memory content at the address specified by the content of the MAR register to the MBR register.

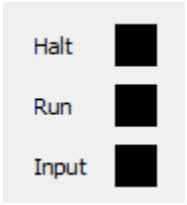
[Init]:

This button clears the contents of all registers.

[SS]:

This button runs a single stage (fetch / decode / execute).

4. **Indicator**



[Halt]:

When this indicator is checked, the emulator is in halt.

[Run]:

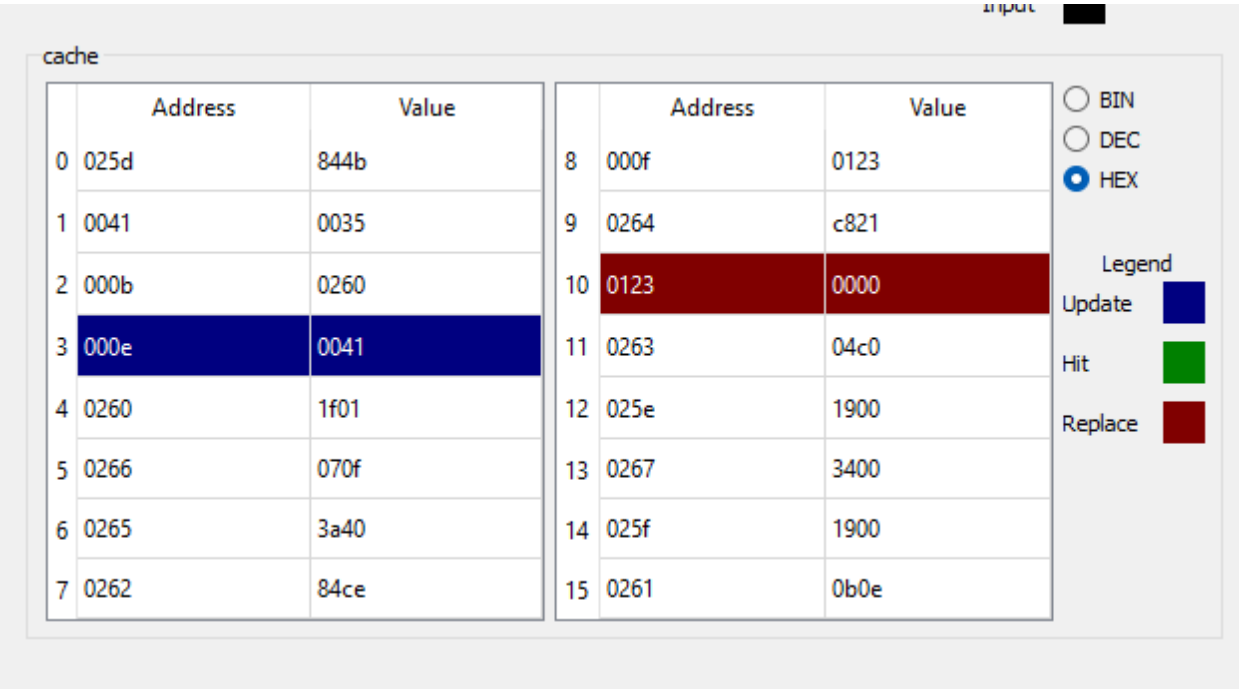
When this indicator is checked, the emulator is in running.

[Input]:

When this indicator is checked, the emulator is waiting for user input from keyboard.

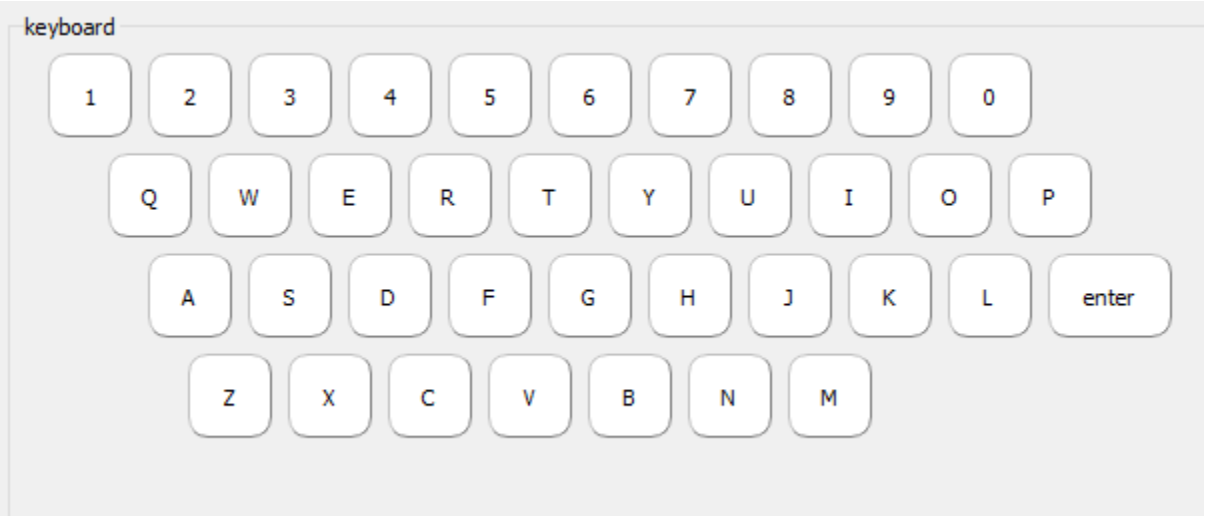
Indicators like this show the memory address of each certain register.

5. Cache Indicator



This is what cache indicator will look like after the test program. You can choose the indicator's format by selecting through ratio button to change format between hexadecimal, decimal and binary. Also, the last hit, updated and replaced cache will be marked with different color.

6. Virtual Keyboard



This virtual keyboard serves as the input for simulator's program. Please note that this keyboard is only effective when the Input indicator is on.

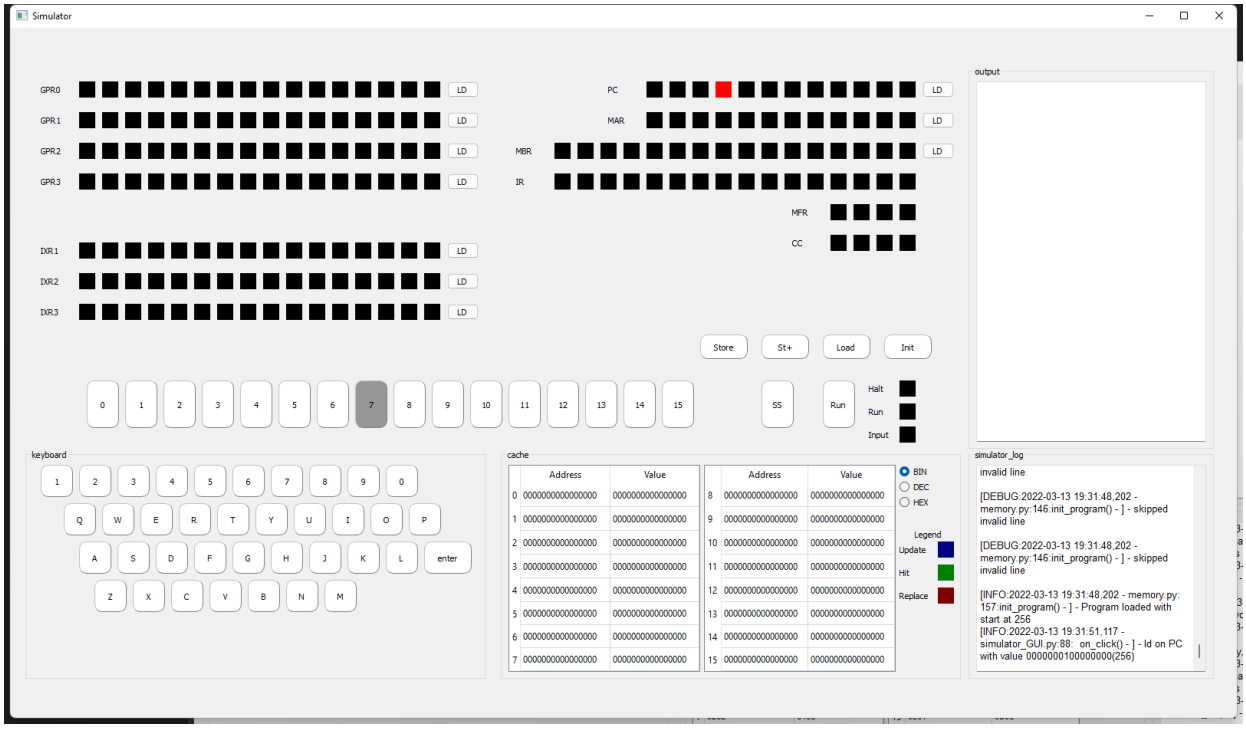
When Input indicator is on, the program will pause and wait for user's keyboard input.

After hitting a button in keyboard, the program will read the input into desired register and resume the program.

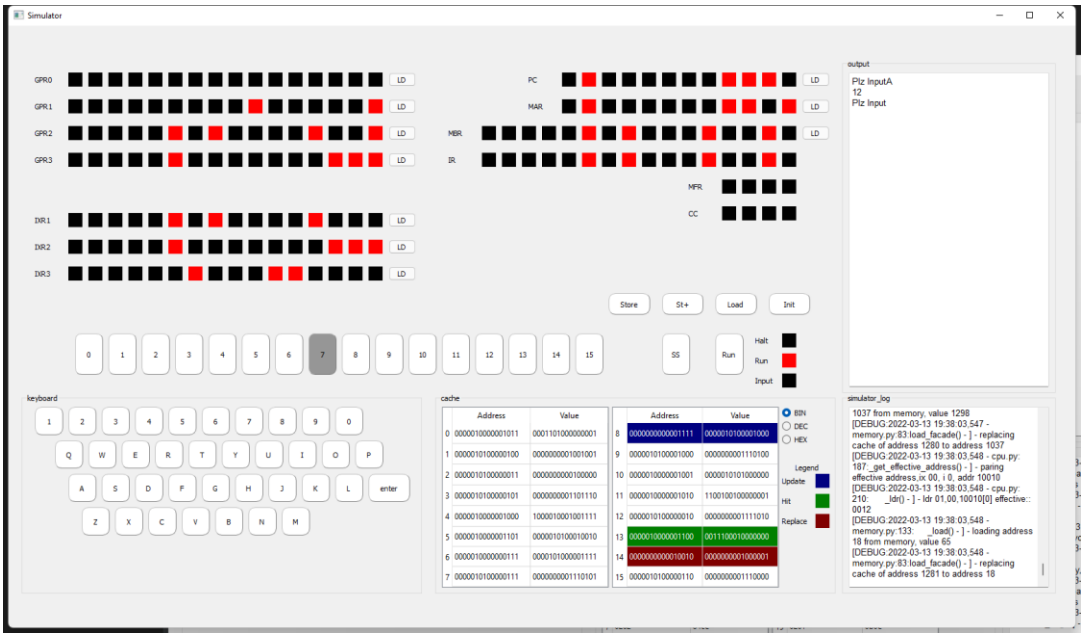
7. **Run program 1**

- In the delivery folder, you can double click on **run_gui.bat** to start the GUI.

- After GUI starts, either choose to use switch and LD button to load custom data or use **init** button to load the IPL.txt in the same directory. You can simply change the IPL.txt to load your own program.
- After hitting the init button, enter the start address using the LD button on the left of the PC indicator.(The program starts at 0x0100, 256)
- Now the simulator will look like below and ready to run.



- Hit the **run** button to run the whole program or **SS** button for single step, The program will output Plz Input[A-U] to ask user input a number, This process will loop for 20 times and ask the user to enter a final number(Plz inputU)
- Please use digit button in virtual keyboard to input number digit and use enter to confirm a valid input. For example, after input indicator is on, click 1. And wait for the input indicator. Then click 2. And wait for the input indicator again. Then click enter. With this procedure, you have entered 12 as the first input into the program. The screenshot below shows how the GUI looks like after entering 12



- This procedure will loop for 20 times and ask user to enter a final number(Plz Input U)

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19
Plz InputT
20
Plz InputU
5
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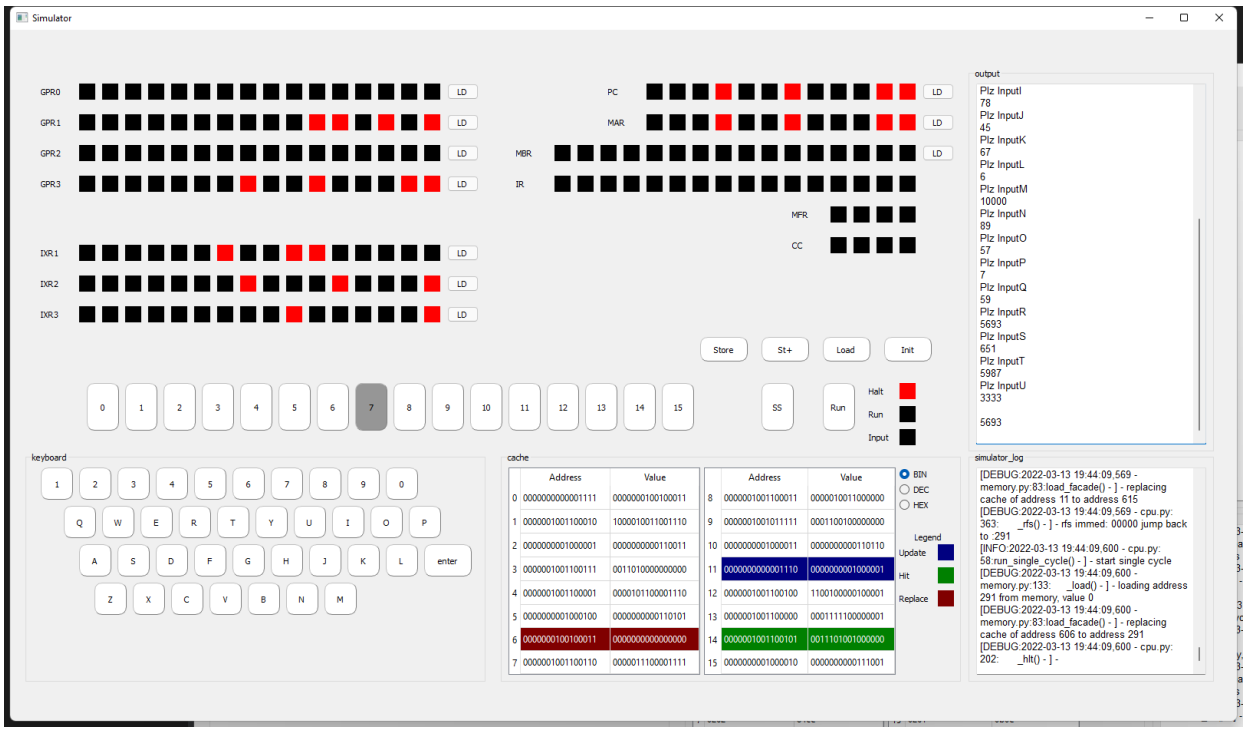
- After Taking the final number, the program will calculate the closest number in the previous 20 numbers to the final number and print the closest number.



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Plz InputA
12
Plz InputB
233
Plz InputC
908
Plz InputD
609
Plz InputE
56900
Plz InputF
7777
Plz InputG
6790
Plz InputH
54
Plz InputI
78
Plz InputJ
45
Plz InputK
67
Plz InputL
6
Plz InputM
10000
Plz InputN
89
Plz InputO
57
Plz InputP
7
Plz InputQ
59
Plz InputR
5693
Plz InputS
651
Plz InputT
5987
Plz InputU
3333

5693
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- The simulator output will look like below after inputting some random number and 3333 as final number. As can be seen the program successfully calculated the closest number 5693 and output. The complete output is like this.

FAQ:

If the GUI failed to start using the run_gui.bat, you can choose to run the GUI using **simulator_GUI/simulator_GUI.exe**

If you are running the GUI from here, please replace the **simulator_GUI/IPL.txt** for loading custom programs.