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CS251 - Computer Organization and Design

CS251 ARM Simulators

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- How to run course simulator
- How to run textbook simulator
- You do not have to use either!

How to Run ARM Simulator in course account

- Login into `student.linux.cs` account.
- Type `/u/cs251/ARM/arm` in any directory you create in your home directory.

ARM Simulator Startup State

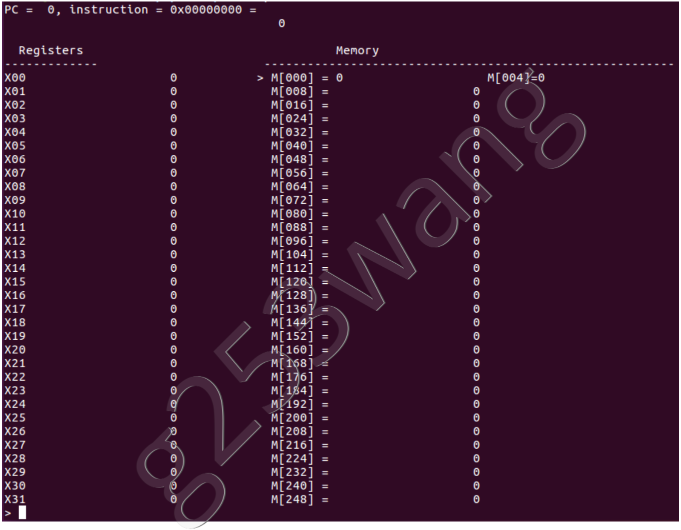

Figure: ARM simulator

ARM Simulator: Observations

- The simulator shows each row of memory as a double word.
- Instructions are 32 bits, half of a row.
- Program counter (PC) is a multiple of 4.
- Registers contain data of size 64 bit.
- Register 31 is always 0.

ARM Simulator: Basic Commands

- To store a value of 6 to register 2, using the command `R[2] = 6` or `x2=6`
- To store a value, e.g. 1000, to memory address 216, type `M[216]=1000`.
- To enter a machine command type the command to the prompt.
- To execute a program, set the pc to the starting line, and press enter to advance. The `run` or `run fast` command will go through all lines of your assembly code.
- The `quit` command exits the simulator.
- The `help` command shows you the commands you can execute.
  - Use `save filename` to save a program you typed. Make sure you have write permission.
  - Use `load filename` to load a program you saved.
  - We can view the memory in hex, decimal, or code: `memory hex`, `memory dec`, `memory code`

ARM Simulator Example

The course note shows three ARM examples for you to try on the simulator.
These examples are in `/u/cs251/ARM` directory:

- `a=b+c.arm`
- `copy.arm`
- `sumarry.arm`

Load these examples or type them yourself as a way to learn.

ARM Simulator Add Example

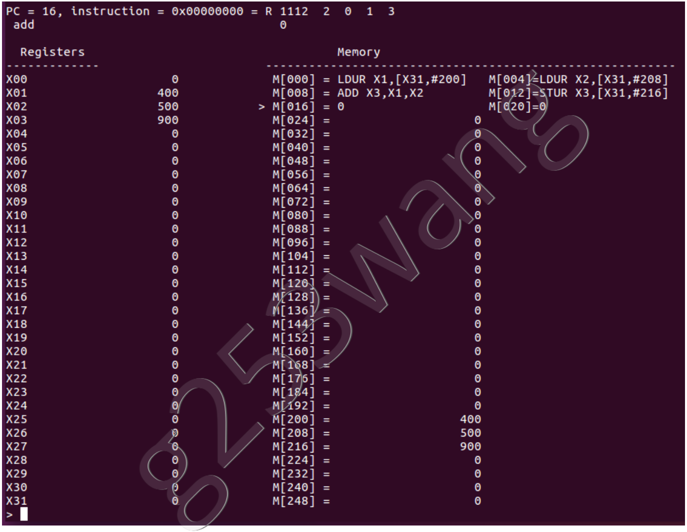

Figure: ARM simulator add example

Textbook Simulator

- Demo