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**SIC XE DISASSEMBLER- DESIGN DOCUMENT**

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TEAM ORGANIZATION:

- We utilized **git** version control system by using a **feature-branch** workflow style
  - We divided up work based on what was needed chronologically.
  - Each feature was given its own dedicated branch prior to merging it to the master branch.
- We worked extremely well together, our workflow could be improved by each of us being more familiar with **git**
  - Resolving conflicts that occur during merges was a hurdle that we struggled to overcome efficiently

OVERVIEW:

1. Open and store XE object file and its accompanying symbol file
  - a. <filename>.obj
  - b. <filename>.sym
    - i. Contains SYMTAB and LITAB
2. Disassemble object code
3. Generate XE source file and XE listing file
  - a. <filename>.sic & <filename>.lis

SYNOPSIS:

**% xed <filename>**

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## STEP 1:

```
/******[ Record Types ]*****  
typedef struct Header  
{  
    char name[6]; //[1-6] (ASCII form)  
    unsigned int startadr; //[7-12] (numeric form)  
    unsigned int prglen; //[13-18] (numeric form)  
}Header;  
  
typedef struct Text  
{  
    unsigned int startadr;  
    unsigned int reclength;  
    unsigned char inst[30];  
}Text;  
  
typedef struct Mod  
{  
    unsigned int startadr;  
    unsigned int modLength; //IN 1/2 Bytes  
    //SYMBOL VALUE UNKNOWN(char*?)  
}Mod;  
  
typedef struct End  
{  
    unsigned int firstinst ;//optional?  
}End;  
/******[ End of Record Types ]*****
```

Given <filename>, open <filename>.obj and <filename>.sym. Then process them accordingly. (We won't need .sym til part 2)  
*We will store each record in one of these 4 structs ^*

### a) READ AND STORE .OBJ FILE (records.c/h)

1. Check if <filename>.obj and <filename>.sym exist
  - a. **NO?** exit program with appropriate error message.
  - b. **YES?** Continue.
2. Open <filename>.obj and <filename>.sym
3. For .obj (**see records.h**)
  - a. There will be 2 passes
    - i. **PASS 1:**
      1. Count how many **T** and **M** records exist in file
        - a. **tCount & mCount**
      2. **tCount & mCount** will decide how large **T[ ]** & **M[ ]** are
    - ii. **PASS 2:**

1. Look for record type flags
  - a. **H, T, M, E**
2. Each time one of these signal characters is encountered
  - a. Create appropriate struct in scope of main()
    - i. 1 - **Header**
    - ii. **tCount - Texts**
      1. Pointers for these will be stored in **T[ ]**
    - iii. **mCount - Mods**
      1. Pointers for these will be stored in **M[ ]**
    - iv. 1 - **End**
3. Populate struct variables accordingly
  - a. Header
  - b. Text
  - c. Modification
  - d. End

**b) READ AND STORE .SYM FILE** (symbol.c/h)

```
typedef struct Symbol
{
    char label[7];
    int value; /* made this signed as value is not
               necessarily an address */
    char type;
}Symbol;

typedef struct Literal
{
    char name[7];
    char literal[9];
    unsigned int length;
    unsigned int address;
}Literal;
```

1. The goal of this step is to convert the information stored in <filename>.sym into data structures representing **SYMTAB** and **LITTAB**
2. To accomplish this, we used a similar 2 pass approach from the above algorithm
  - a. **PASS 1:**
    - i. Check <filename>.sym for proper **SYMTAB HEADER**
      1. This is the part that lists the fields followed by a line of '\_'s
    - ii. Count every line until 2 new line characters are encountered in succession
      1. This is the **symbolcount**
    - iii. Check <filename>.sym for proper **LITTAB HEADER**
    - iv. Count every line until EOF
      1. This is the **literalcount**
  - b. **PASS 2:**
    - i. With these counts we make two arrays:
      1. **SYMTAB[]**
        - a. Array of **Symbol** pointers
      2. **LITTAB[]**
        - a. Array of **Literal** pointers

- ii. Parse <filename>.sym for **SYMTAB** section and **LITTAB** sections accordingly
  - 1. Proper field parsing relies on every field occupying a consistent number of columns
- iii. Populate **Symbol** and **Literal** structs and store in arrays

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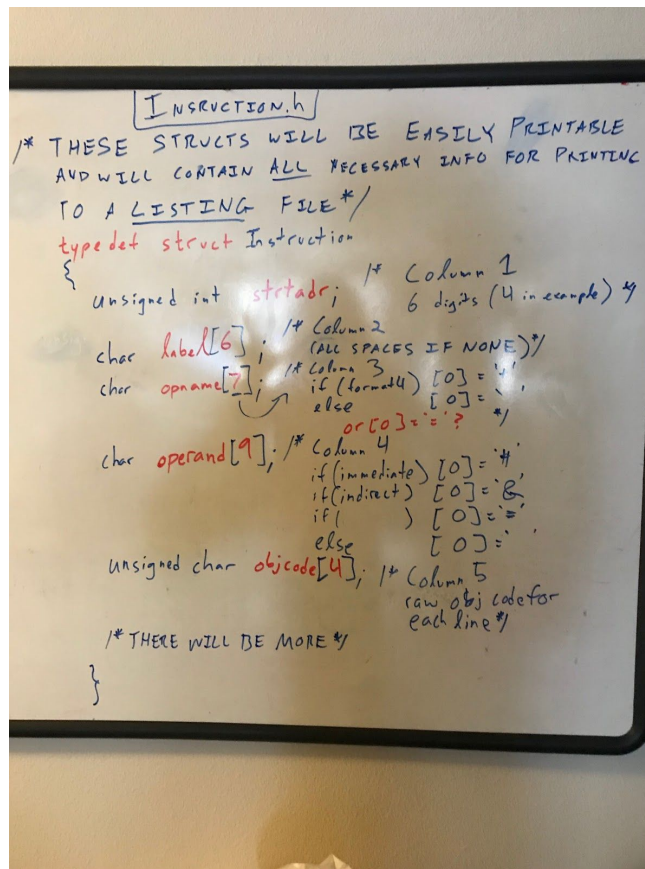
## STEP 2: (BIG STEP)

With all of our populated structs we have to process each one accordingly. Easy enough!

- a) From **Text** record to **Instruction**
- b) Opcode storage and retrieval (**OPTAB**)
- c) Determining format and addressing modes for each instruction
- d) Recognizing and processing assemble directives
  - i) RESB/RESW
  - ii) BASE/NO BASE
  - iii) WORD/BYTE

a) From **Text** record to **Instruction**:

I think this design will be best approached if we work backwards. See this example of an **Instruction** struct. If we can fully populate this struct. Formatting and outputting will result in a completed listing file.

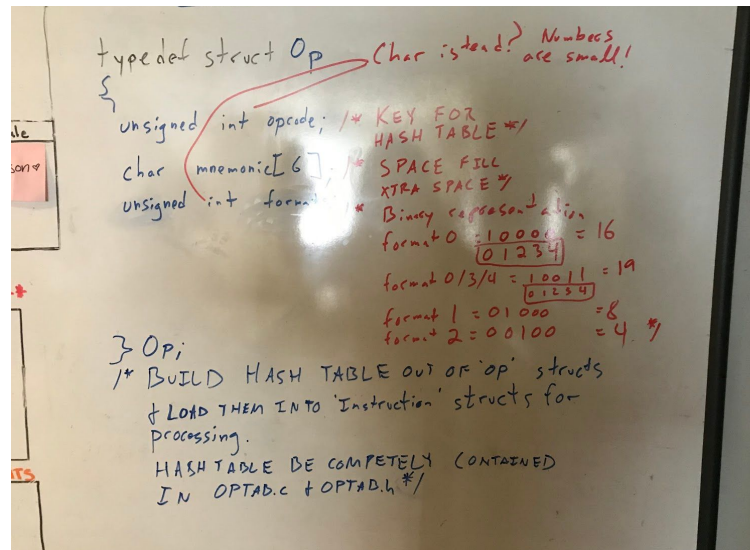


This turns the complex job of disassembling into 5-ish *slightly* less complex jobs. **Forget the big picture. Just populate one field at a time.**

b) Opcode storage and retrieval (**OPTAB**)

Operations will be packaged in these **Op** structs. **OPTAB** will simply be a table of **Op** structs.

**[Due to time constraints, we went with a more direct approach and did not follow the Op struct design.]**



OPTAB.c (This will *hopefully* just be a hash table containing)

1. BuildOpTab()

Op OpTab[150];

OpTab[18] = malloc(sizeof(Op));

OpTab[18]->opcode = 18;

OpTab[18]->mnemonic = "ADD"

OpTab[18]->format = 19;

2. Op GetOp(int opcode) {

Return OpTab[opcode];

}

c) Determining format and addressing modes for each instruction

Finding Format and Addressing modes will be in another class.

Format.c (This will do addressing modes too)

- **Text** struct will be input
- This will deal with populating the **Instruction** structs
  - Create Instruction array in main (maybe?)
- Addressing modes (example)

For immediate addressing:

Instruction->operand[0] = '#';  
Priority is given to symbols, then data.  
If it's something (aka no special symbol)  
Instruction->operand[0] = ' ';

- GetAddrMode(Instruction inst)  
inst->operand[0] = '#' || '&' || ' ';

### **Format Specification Procedure(Byte by byte):**

Check first byte

>If Format 1 Op Code, DONE

>else if format 2 op code, grab 2<sup>nd</sup> byte and DONE

>else: Must be format 0/3/4

>Get 2<sup>nd</sup> byte & check \* \* 1/0 1/0 bits of 2<sup>nd</sup> byte

if(bit3==0 && bit4==0)

format 0 & grab 3<sup>rd</sup> byte DONE

else

format 3 or 4

>Grab next 3<sup>rd</sup> byte

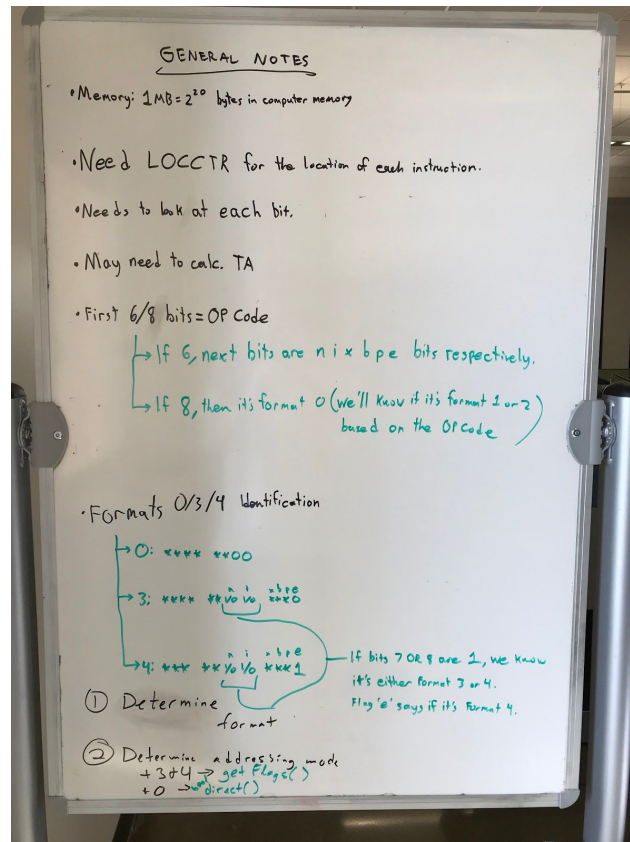
>if(e==0)

Format 3

Else

Format 4 and grab 4<sup>th</sup> byte





General Notes brainstorming how to deal with reading different formats.

## d) Recognizing and processing **assembler directives**

### iv) **RESB/RESW**

We made this algorithm to determine address and value of **RESB/RESW** directives. This algorithm is based on the fact (assumption) that these directives will only occur in between **Text** records, or after the last **Text** record has been processed.

Technically these are directives (not instructions) but we will store these *lines* in instruction structs to relieve special cases in printing the listing file

**RESB/W will occur**  
**IN BETWEEN** <sup>(OR LAST)</sup> **Text records**

```

if (LOCCTR != nextaddr address of next instruction)
  get Symbol Name(LOCCTR)
  if (nextaddr > address of next sym)
    size = nextsym addr - LOCCTR
  else
    size = nextaddr - LOCCTR
  if (size % 3 == 0)
    → RESW (size/3)
  else
    → RESB size

```

**v) BASE/NO BASE**

The BASE directive should occur when a base relative instruction is read in. After such, the next PC relative instruction will display a NO BASE directive.

Due to time constraints, the BASE directive appears after a LDB instruction occurs to match source code in the book.

**vi) Literals**

1) A literal declaration occurs when **LOCCTR** equals an address of a symbol in **LITTAB**

2) It is preceded by and **LTORG** statement if more instructions follow it.

(a) **LTORG** does not occur when a default literal pool appears at the bottom of the source code

**vii) WORD/BYTE (experimental)**

- 1) It is possible for data values to match a valid instruction format so the accuracy of these statements will vary
  - If the last byte of a Text record is not a format 1 instruction, we assume it is a BYTE directive containing data.
- 2) If a symbol is recognized to appear at the current address (**LOCCTR**) then the following would trigger a **WORD/BYTE** directive:
  - (a) No Symbol recognized for an operand of recognized instruction
    - (i) This is less likely for immediate addressing modes
  - (b) Invalid addressing mode combination
  - (c) Format 0 in a SIC/XE file, vice versa

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STEP 3:

After filling the Instruction structs, writing files <filename>.lis and <filename>.sic was a matter of iterating through our linked list of Instruction structs and writing each corresponding file using each Instruction struct in order.

This was made a simple task due to our design choice of making Instruction structs to properly match the source code format and by putting each Instruction struct into a linked list ready to print after the file was finished being read.

**Style:**

We did our best to follow Leonard's C example files as closely as possible

- There will be a header at the top of each file
- There will be a footer notating EOF of each file
- Follow Leonard's method template for every method you make
  - I have included one for every method I make

Variables: (no camel case)

- int eachwordlowercase;

Methods:

- EachWordUpperCase();

Comments:

- /\* Practically all comments should be  
embedded like this \*/
- Be careful to keep ALL code from passing the width limit.