

# Assignment 6

- Due Sunday by 23:59
- Points 80
- Submitting an external tool




## Assessment Overview

<b>Weighting:</b>	80 Points (8% of course grade)
<b>Due date:</b>	Sunday October 12 11:59 pm
<b>Task description:</b>	<p>Write VM programs to complete the tasks described below and a Translator to convert those programs to Assembly Code. Doing so should help you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understand how a stack-machine handles computations and logic.</li><li>• Understand how variable scopes work at a low level.</li><li>• Understand how a stack-machine is implemented at a low level.</li></ul> <p>Please post your questions on Piazza or ask during your workshop.</p>
<b>Academic Integrity Checklist</b>	<p>Do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Discuss/compare high level approaches</li><li>✓ Discuss/compare program output/errors</li><li>✓ Regularly submit your work as you progress</li></ul> <p>Be careful</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>⚠ Using online resources to find the solutions rather than understanding them yourself won't help you learn.</li></ul> <p>Do NOT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✗ Submit code not solely authored by you.</li><li>✗ Use a public GitHub repository (use a private one instead).</li><li>✗ Post/share complete VM/Assembly/Machine code in Piazza/Discord or elsewhere on the Internet etc.</li><li>✗ Give/show your code to others</li></ul>



## Your Task

*Your task for this practical assignment is to write a translator to convert VM language programs into Hack assembly code.*

1. Download [this zip file \(https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/101158/files/18016787?wrap=1\)](https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/101158/files/18016787?wrap=1)  ([https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/101158/files/18016787/download?download\\_frd=1](https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/101158/files/18016787/download?download_frd=1)) containing template and test files for this assignment.
2. Complete the VM files and VMTranslator as described and as outlined below.
  - Submit your work regularly to Gradescope as you progress.
  - Additional resources and help will be available during your workshop sessions.
3. Test your code and write your **own test cases**.

Guidance on Assignment 6 can be found on the assignment slides here:

[CS AS6 WS9 Figs.pdf \(https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/101158/files/18016959?wrap=1\)](https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/101158/files/18016959?wrap=1)

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### Testing Requirement

Low level code can be especially prone to errors.

To help you develop, understand, and debug your own code **you'll also need to write several test cases for each task**.

- These test cases will be manually reviewed after the assignment due date.
- Marks for each task may be **scaled down as much as 50%** for poor/missing testing.
- The Gradescope autograder will run your test cases and provide *some* basic feedback.
- The additional resources section below includes basic instructions and guides on writing test cases.
- We also recommend asking your workshop supervisors for advice on testing if you're unsure.



## Part 1 - Basic Program (3 points)

*In this part you'll be familiarise yourself with Hack VM code by writing a basic arithmetic program.*

You'll also need to write your own tests. Take a look at the sample test file provided to see how to write your own test cases.

### Task 1.1 - Add and Subtract (3 points)

Write a program in Hack VM code to calculate  $x = (a + b) - x$

Complete the code in `AddSub.vm`

Where:

- `a` & `b` are both **local** variables (supplied in that order)
- `x` is a **static** variable

Test Cases:


- Write at least 2 test cases.
- A sample test case is provided in `AddSub00.tst`
- Each test case should be in a file named `AddSubXX.tst` where `XX` is a number starting at `01`.
- You should also submit any supporting files, such as CMP files.
- Your mark for this task may be **scaled down** for poor/missing testing.



## Part 2 - Conditionals & Loops (17 points)

*In this part you'll be writing more complex programs that involve gotos.*

### Task 2.1 - Absolute Value (7 points)

Write a program in Hack VM code to calculate the **absolute value**  ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Absolute\\_value](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Absolute_value)) of a given number  $y = |x|$

Complete the code in `Abs.vm`

Where:

- `x` and `y` are **static** variables (supplied in that order)

Test Cases:

- Write at least 2 test cases.
- A sample test case is provided in `Abs00.tst`

- Each test case should be in a file named `AbsXX.tst` where `XX` is a number starting at `01`.
- You should also submit any supporting files, such as CMP files.
- Your mark for this task may be **scaled down** for poor/missing testing.

## Task 2.2 - Multiply (10 points)

Write a program in Hack VM code to multiply 2 numbers  $a = x \times y$ .

Complete the code in `Mult.vm`

Where:

- `a` is a **local** variable
- `x` & `y` are both **static** variables (supplied in that order)
- You are required to implement the multiplication algorithm yourself; solutions using the inbuilt Math function will not receive marks.

Test Cases:

- Write at least 2 test cases.
- A sample test case is provided in `Mult00.tst`
- Each test case should be in a file named `MultXX.tst` where `XX` is a number starting at `01`.
- You should also submit any supporting files, such as CMP files.
- Your mark for this task may be **scaled down** for poor/missing testing.



## Part 3 - Functions & Arrays (28 points)

*It's time to start using functions with differing variable scopes, and pointers to work with array data structures.*

### Task 3.1 - Fibonacci (12 points)

Write a **function** `Fib.fib( n )` in Hack VM code to calculate the n-th [Fibonacci number](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fibonacci_number) [recursively](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fibonacci_number).

Complete the code in `Fib.vm`

Where:

- `Fib.fib` is the name of the function
- `n` is which number in the Fibonacci sequence to calculate,  
Where:
  - `Fib.fib(0) == 0`
  - `Fib.fib(1) == 1`
- The call command for this function is provided in a separate file (See `Sys.vm`)

#### Test Cases:

- Write at least 3 test cases.
- A sample test case is provided in `Fib00.tst`
- Each test case should be in a file named `FibXX.tst` where `XX` is a number starting at `01`.
- You should also submit any supporting files, such as CMP files.
- Your mark for this task may be **scaled down** for poor/missing testing.

### Task 3.2 - Array Largest (16 points)

Write a **function** `ArrMax.arrMax( m , n )` in Hack VM code to calculate the largest value in a given Array.

Complete the code in `ArrMax.vm`

#### Where:

- `ArrMax.arrMax` is the name of the function
- `m` is a pointer to the Array
- `n` is the number of elements in the Array
- The `pointer` and `that` segments should be used to access the array. *See section 11.1.6 in the text book.*
- The call command for this function is provided in a separate file (See `Sys.vm`)

#### Test Cases:




- Write at least 3 test cases.
- A sample test case is provided in `ArrMax00.tst`
- Each test case should be in a file named `ArrMaxXX.tst` where `XX` is a number starting at `01`.
- You should also submit any supporting files, such as CMP files.
- Your mark for this task may be **scaled down** for poor/missing testing.



## Part 4 - VM Translator (32 points)

*We've written programs in VM Code, but do we understand how this relates to the Assembly code we've been working with?*

Using your preferred programming language (Python, C++ or Java) implement a VMTranslator as described below.

- Template files are provided for each of these programming languages.
  - Download the Python version [HERE](https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/101158/files/18016655/download) (<https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/101158/files/18016655/download>)\_   
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  - Download the Java version [HERE](https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/101158/files/18016653/download) (<https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/101158/files/18016653/download>)\_   
([https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/101158/files/18016653/download?download\\_frd=1](https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/101158/files/18016653/download?download_frd=1)) .
  - Download the C++ version [HERE](https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/101158/files/18016652/download) (<https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/101158/files/18016652/download>)\_   
([https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/101158/files/18016652/download?download\\_frd=1](https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/101158/files/18016652/download?download_frd=1)) .
- You will need to complete the methods provided.
- Submit your completed source and test files in the `VMTranslator` directory.
- Only submit files for 1 programming language.

### Task 4.1 - Push & Pop (6 points)

Complete the `vm_push` & `vm_pop` methods.

These methods should return Hack Assembly code that do the following:

`vm_push`

- Read the value from the correct memory segment, then push that value to the stack.
- Constant values need to be emulated.

`vm_pop`

- Pop a value from the stack, then write that value to the correct memory segment.

Test Cases:

- Write at least 2 test cases per method.

- Each test case should be in a file named `METHODTestXX.vm` where `METHOD` is the name of the method and `XX` is a number starting at `01`.
- See the section *Writing Tests* below for details on how to write test cases.
- Your mark for this task may be **scaled down as much as 50%** for poor/missing testing.

## Task 4.2 - Arithmetic Operations (up to 2 points)

Complete any 1 of the following methods:

These methods should return Hack Assembly code that do the following:

`vm_add`

- Pop 2 values from the stack, **add** them, then push then result back to the stack.

`vm_sub`

- Pop 2 values from the stack, **subtract** them, then push then result back to the stack.

`vm_neg`

- Pop 1 value from the stack, **negate** it (i.e. flip its sign), then push the result back to the stack.

Test Cases:

- Write at least 1 test case per method.
- Each test case should be in a file named `METHODTestXX.vm` where `METHOD` is the name of the method and `XX` is a number starting at `01`.
- See the section *Writing Tests* below for details on how to write test cases.
- Your mark for this task may be **scaled down as much as 50%** for poor/missing testing.

## Task 4.3 - Logic Operations (up to 4 points)

Complete any 2 of the following methods:

These methods should return Hack Assembly code that do the following:

`vm_eq`

- Pop 2 values from the stack, and compare them, then push the result back to the stack.
  - If they are **equal**, then push TRUE (-1) back to the stack, otherwise push FALSE (0)

`vm_gt`

- Pop 2 values from the stack, and compare them, then push the result back to the stack.

- Compare the second value from the top of the stack to the value at the top of the stack (See chapter 7.3 in the Text book)
- If the second value is **greater** than the top value, then push TRUE (-1) back to the stack, otherwise push FALSE (0)

vm\_lt

- Pop 2 values from the stack, and compare them, then push the result back to the stack.
  - Compare the second value from the top of the stack to the value at the top of the stack (See chapter 7.3 in the Text book)
  - If the second value is **less** than the top value, then push TRUE (-1) back to the stack, otherwise push FALSE (0)

vm\_and

- Pop 2 values from the stack, perform a bit-wise **and** on them, then push the result back to the stack.

vm\_or

- Pop 2 values from the stack, perform a bit-wise **or** on them, then push the result back to the stack.

vm\_not

- Pop 1 value from the stack, perform a bit-wise **not/invert** on it, then push the result back to the stack.

Test Cases:

- Write at least 1 test case per method.
- Each test case should be in a file named `METHODTestXX.vm` where `METHOD` is the name of the method and `XX` is a number starting at `01`.
- See the section *Writing Tests* below for details on how to write test cases.
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## Task 4.4 - Jump Operations (8 points)

Complete the `vm_label`, `vm_goto` & `vm_if` methods.

These methods should return Hack Assembly code that do the following:

vm\_label

- Creates a label that can be used with jump instructions.

vm\_goto

- Performs an unconditional jump to the location marked by the provided label.



vm\_if

- Pop a value from the stack. If that value is **not FALSE** (not 0), jump to the location marked by the provided label.

Test Cases:

- Write at least 2 test cases per method.
- Each test case should be in a file named `METHODTestXX.vm` where `METHOD` is the name of the method and `XX` is a number starting at `01`.
- See the section *Writing Tests* below for details on how to write test cases.
- Your mark for this task may be **scaled down as much as 50%** for poor/missing testing.

## Task 4.5 - Function Operations (12 points)

Complete the `vm_function`, `vm_call` & `vm_return` methods.

These methods should return Hack Assembly code that do the following:

vm\_function

- Marks the beginning of a function with a given name and a number of local variables.
- This includes:
  - Generating a label for the program to jump to when the function is called.
  - Initialising the local variables to 0 by pushing the correct number of 0s to the stack.

vm\_call

- Calls a function with a given name and a number arguments.
- This includes:
  - Generating a label for the program to return to when the function is returns.
  - Saving the stack frame.
  - Updating the memory segment pointers to their new locations.
  - Jumping to the label for the function.

vm\_return

- Returns from the current function.
- This includes:
  - Copying the return value to the correct location on the stack.
  - Restoring the memory segment pointers with the values from the stack frame.
  - Jumping to the return label (which is stored in the stack frame).

Test Cases:

- Write at least 2 test cases per method.
- Each test case should be in a file named `METHODTestXX.vm` where `METHOD` is the name of the method and `XX` is a number starting at `01`.
- See the section *Writing Tests* below for details on how to write test cases.
- Your mark for this task may be **scaled down as much as 50%** for poor/missing testing.



## You're done!

Submit your work to Gradescope using the button below.

- You may submit via file upload or GitHub.
  - If using GitHub, ensure your repository is private.
- Your submission should keep the provided folder structure, where the provided files and folders are either
  - In the root of your submission (i.e. no subdirectory)  
~ or ~
  - In a directory named `prac6`
- Your Assembler implementation source files should be:
  - In the `VMTranslator` subdirectory.
  - Only contain the files for 1 programming language

Be sure to submit all files with each submission.



## Additional Resources

*The following resources may help you complete this assignment:*

- [Chapters 7 & 8 of the Text Book](#)  
([https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/85183/external\\_tools/1284](https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/85183/external_tools/1284)) for VM programming and implementation
- Week 9 & 10 Workshops on Hack VM Code
- [Guide to Testing and Writing Test Cases](#)  
(<https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/101158/pages/guide-to-testing-and-writing-test-cases>)
- [Appendix 3 of the Text Book](#)  
([https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/85183/external\\_tools/1284](https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/courses/85183/external_tools/1284)) for specification of the test language used in test cases.

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