

CS202

Lab1:Introduction

Simulator of MIPS





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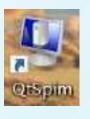
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Experimental tool kits

Learn and practice MIPS (QtSpim / Mars)





Design and implement an CPU

(vivado + FPGA based Development Board)



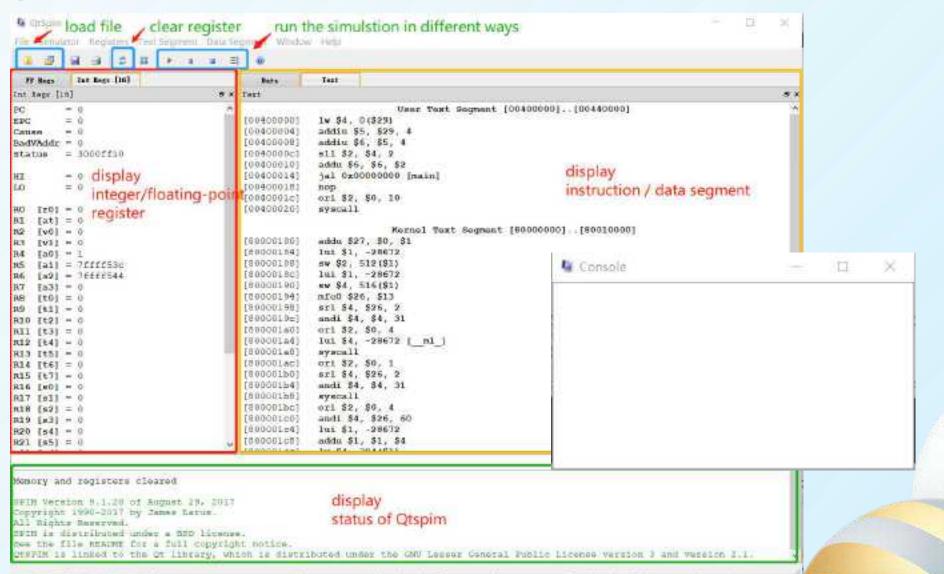




- QtSpim
 - QtSpim is the newest version of Spim that currently being actively maintained, runs on Microsoft Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux.
 - Spim, A self-contained simulator that runs MIPS32 program developed by Prof. James Larus from University of Wisconsin-Madison
 - QtSpim reads and executes programs written in assembly language (汇编语言) for a MIPS computer. QtSpim does not execute binary (compiled) programs. To simplify programming, QtSpim provides a simple debugger and small set of operating system services
 - QtSpim implements MOST of the MIPS32 assembler-extended instruction set. (It omits the floating point comparisons and rounding modes and the memory system page tables.) which means that QtSpim will NOT run programs for ALL MIPS processors.

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QtSpim_9.1.23_Windows.msi	2021-12-06	21.5 MB
qtspim_9.1.23_linux64.deb	2021-12-06	18.5 MB
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QtSpim (2)



QtSpim (3)

Load file and Do the simulation

Step1: loading a file (assembly code file usually have the extension ".s")

- Open file: File->Load File or File ->Reinitialize and Load File
- Tips:
 - Reinitialize and Load File: Clears all the changes made by a program, deleting all of its instructions, then reload the last file
 - Before doing the simulation, make sure clear registers, you can do it by :

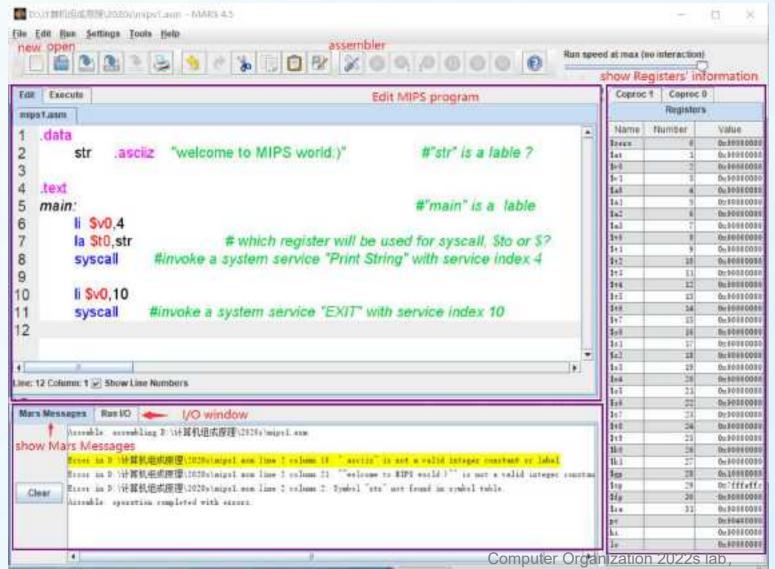
Simulator->Clear Registers or by related tools.

Step2:

- Run file : Simulator->Run / Continue
- The value of register in left window will be refreshed, the program's output will appear in the Console window.



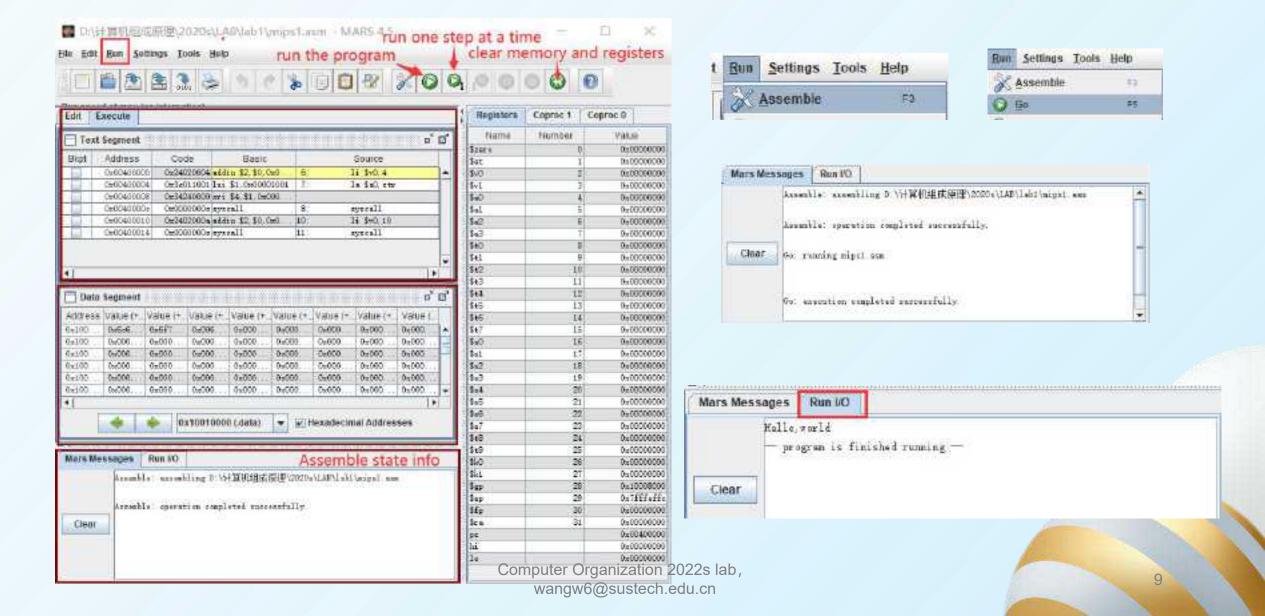
http://courses.missouristate.edu/kenvollmar/mars/download.htm



MARS is a **lightweight** interactive development environment (**IDE**) for programming in **MIPS** assembly language, intended for educational-level use with Patterson and Hennessy's Computer Organization and Design.

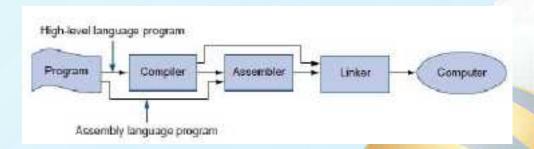
MARS requires Java J2SE 1.5 (or later) SDK installed on your computer.

Mars(2)



Massembly Language(汇编语言) Overview

- · Assembly language
 - The main body of assembly language (汇编语言) is assembly instruction (汇编指令) .
 - Assembly instructions(汇编指令) and Machine instructions(机器指令) differ in instruction expression. Assembly instruction is a human-friendly writing format of machine instruction. Assembly language is the mnemonic of machine language. For example
 - machine instruction "1000100111011000" means that send the contents of register BX to AX.
 - The assembly instructions are written as "mov ax, bx". Such writing is similar to human language and easy to read and remember.
 - Feature: programs written in assembly language are inherently machine-specific and must be totally rewritten to run on another computer architecture
 - CISC (intel x86) vs RISC (ARM, MIPS, RISC-V)



Massembly Program Structure

data declarations + program code

- part1: Data Declarations
 - placed in section of program identified with assembler directive(汇编说明/汇编器指示符): .data
 - declare variable names used in program; storage allocated in main memory (RAM)
- part2: Program Code
 - placed in section of text identified with assembler directive: .text
 - contains program code (instructions)
 - starting point of code e.g. ecution given label main:
 - ending point of code should use exit system call (see below in "System Calls" part)
- part3: Comments (suggested)
 - anything following # on a line
 # This stuff would be consideredd as comment Computer Organization 2022s lab,

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# Comment giving name of program and description of function
# Template.s
# Bare-bones outline of MIPS assembly language program

.data  # variable declarations follow this line
# ...

.text  # instructions follow this line

main:  # indicates start of code (first instruction to execute)
# ...
# End of program, leave a blank line afterwards to make SPIM happy
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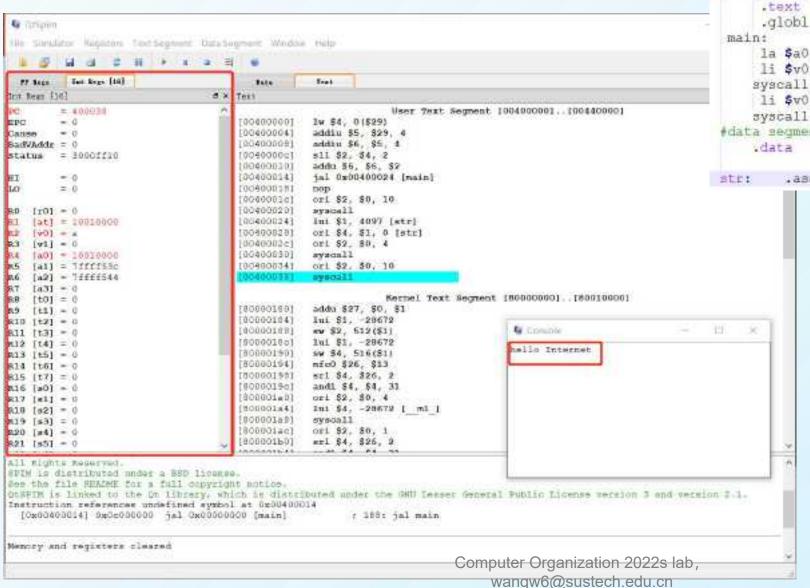


System Calls

- SPIM provides a small set of operating-system-like services through the system call (syscall) instruction.
- To request a service, a program loads the system call code into register \$v0 and arguments into registers \$a0~\$a3 (or \$f12 for floatingpoint values).
- System calls that return values put their results in register \$v0 (or \$f0 for floating-point results).

Service	System call code	Arguments	Result
print_int	1	\$a0 = integer	
print_float	2	\$f12 = float	
print_double	3	\$f12 = double	
print_string	4	\$a0 = string	
read_int	5		integer (in \$v0)
read_float	6		float (in \$f0)
read_double	7		double (in \$f0)
read_string	8	\$a0 = buffer, \$a1 = length	
sbrk	9	\$a0 = amount	address (in \$v0)
exit	10		
print_char	11	\$a0 = char	
read_char	12		char (in \$v0)
open	13	\$a0 = filename (string), \$a1 = flags, \$a2 = mode	file descriptor (in \$v0)
read	14	\$a0 = file descriptor, \$a1 = buffer, \$a2 = length	num chars read (in \$v0)
write	15	\$a0 = file descriptor, \$a1 = buffer, \$a2 = length	num chars written (in \$v0)
close	16	\$a0 = file descriptor	
exit2	17	\$a0 = result	





Update the demo by deleting the line ".globl main", rerun it on the Qtspim, what will happen?

Run the updated demo on the Mars, what will happen?

Practice & thinking

- 1. Install QtSpim/Mars on your PC and refer to the 'help' page to find:
 - Is the function of 'syscall' in Qtspim the same with Mars?
 - What's the name and ID of the registers used while invoke the "print string" syscall?
- 2. Make an assembly file, load and run it by QtSpim/Mars:
 - The assembly code should get your ID and name, and print them out
 - Is there any object file or executable file generated while doing the simulation?
 - Where is your ID and name stored while the assembly code get them? register or memory?
 - (Optional) What's the Machine code of the MIPS instruction "li \$v0,10"

• 3. (Optional) Find an assembler for MIPS from the Internet, use it to assemble the code of question 2 to generate an executable file, Can the executable file run on your computer and explain the reason.