CSE 3113: Microprocessor and Assembly Language

1. *Install Arm Fixed Virtual Platforms (FVPs): a complete simulation of ARM systems*

   https://www.keil.com/mdk5/simulation

2. *Assembly Language Syntax*

   label
   opcode operand1, operand2, ... ; Comment

3. *(i) label:*

   - *Label is an optional first field of an assembly statement.*
   - *Labels are alphanumeric names used to define the starting location of a block of statements.*
   - *When creating the executable file the assembler will replace the label with the assigned value.*

   (ii) Opcode (Mnemonics) :

   - *Opcode is the second field in assembly language instruction.*
   - *Assembly language consists of mnemonics, each corresponding to a machine instruction.*
   - *Assembler must translate each mnemonic opcode into their binary equivalent.*

   (iii) Operands:

   - *Next to the opcode is the operand field which might contain different number of operands.*
   - *Normally, the first operand is the destination of the operation.*

   (iv) Comments:
   Comments are messages intended only for human consumption.

4. ***A Sample ARM Assembly Program***

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        AREA test, CODE, READONLY
        ENTRY ; starting point of the code execution
        EXPORT main ; the declaration of identifier main
main ; address of the main function
    ; User code starts from the next line
        MOV r0, #4 ; store some arbitrary numbers
        MOV r1, #5
        ADD r2, r0, r1 ;  add the values in r0 and r1 and store the  result in r2
STOP  B Stop ; Endless loop
        END ; End of the program, matched with ENTRY keyword
```

- *; indicates user- supplied comment.*
- *AREA test, CODE, READONLY is an assembler directive and is required to setup the program.*
- *AREA refers to the segment code, test is the name I have defined,*
- *CODE means executable code rather that data, and*
- *READONLY indicates that it cannot be modified at runtime.*
- *Anything used in column1 is a label that is used to label that line.*
- *Stop B Stop means "Branch to line labeled Stop" , used to create an infinite loop. This is a way to end the program.*
- *Last line END tells the assembler that there is no more code to execute.*

5. *Assembler Directives:*
   - *Keil has an ARM assembler which can compile and build ARM assembly language programs.*
   - *To drive the assembly and linking process, we need to use directives, which are interpreted by the assembler.*
   - *Assembler directives are commands to the assembler that direct the assembly process.*
   - *They are executed by the assembler at assembly time not by the processor at run time.*
   - *Machine code is not generated for assembler directives as they are not directly translated to machine language.*
6. *AREA Directive*
   - *AREA directive allows the programmer to specify the memory location to store code and data.*
   - *A name must be specified for an area directive.*
7. *ENTRY and END Directives*
   - *The first instruction to be executed within an application is marked by the ENTRY directive.*
   - *Entry point must be specified for every assembly language program.*

- *This directive causes the assembler to stop processing the current source file.*
- *Every assembly language source module must therefore finish with this directive.*

8. *EXPORT Directives*

- *A project may contain multiple source files. You may need to use a symbol in a source file that is defined in another source file.*
- *In order for a symbol to be found by a different program file, we need to declare that symbol name as a global variable.*
- *The EXPORT directive declares a symbol that can be used in different program files.*

9. *The EQUATE Directive*

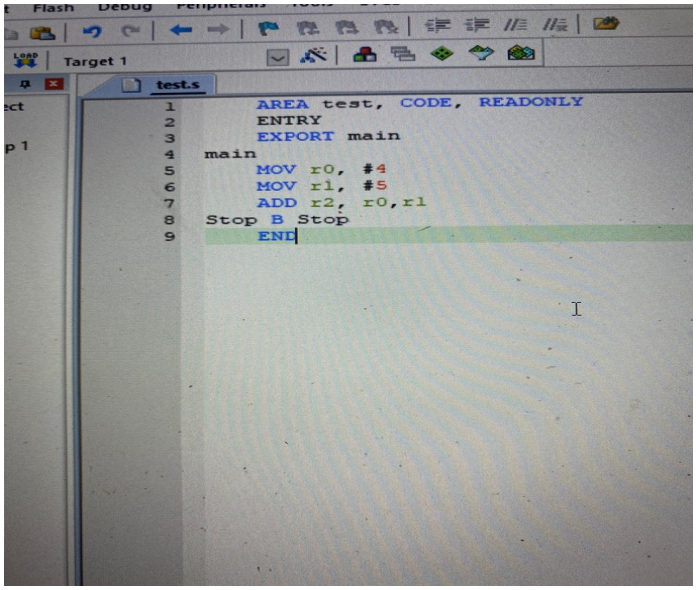
- *The EQUATE directive allows the programmer to equate names with addresses or data.*
- *This pseudo-operation is almost always given the mnemonic EQU.*
- *The names may refer to device addresses, numeric data, starting addresses, fixed addresses, etc.*

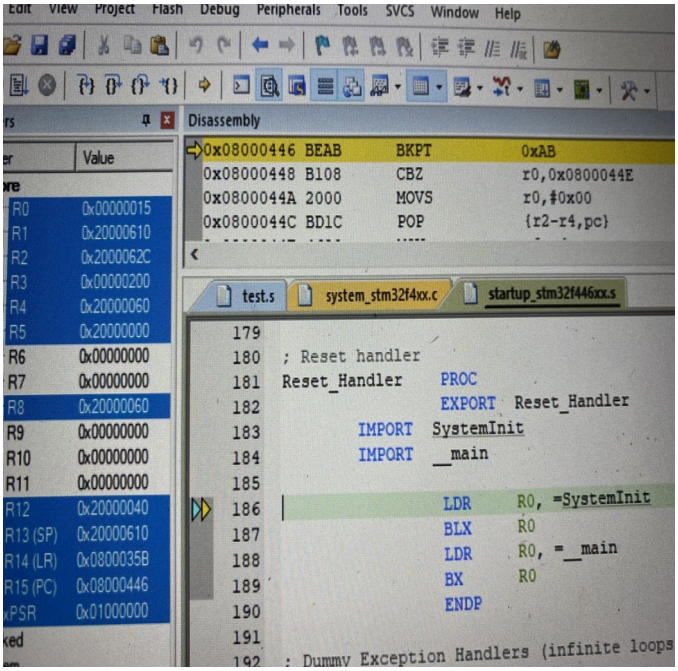
10. *READONLY as the name indicates protects this area from being overwritten by the program code.*

11. ***Some Basic Instruction***

- *Data Processing Instructions*
- *Arithmetic operations: – ADD, SUB, MUL*
- *Bit-wise logical operations: – AND, EOR, ORR, BIC*
- *Register movement operations: – MOV*
- *Comparison operations: – TST, TEQ, CMP, CMN*
- *LDR : Load Word from memory to register*
- *STR: Store Word from register to memory*

12. ***Debug Scenario of the Sample Program***


Target 1
test.s
1 AREA test, CODE, READONLY
2 ENTRY
3 EXPORT main
4 main
5 MOV r0, #4
6 MOV r1, #5
7 ADD r2, r0,r1
8 Stop B Stop
9 END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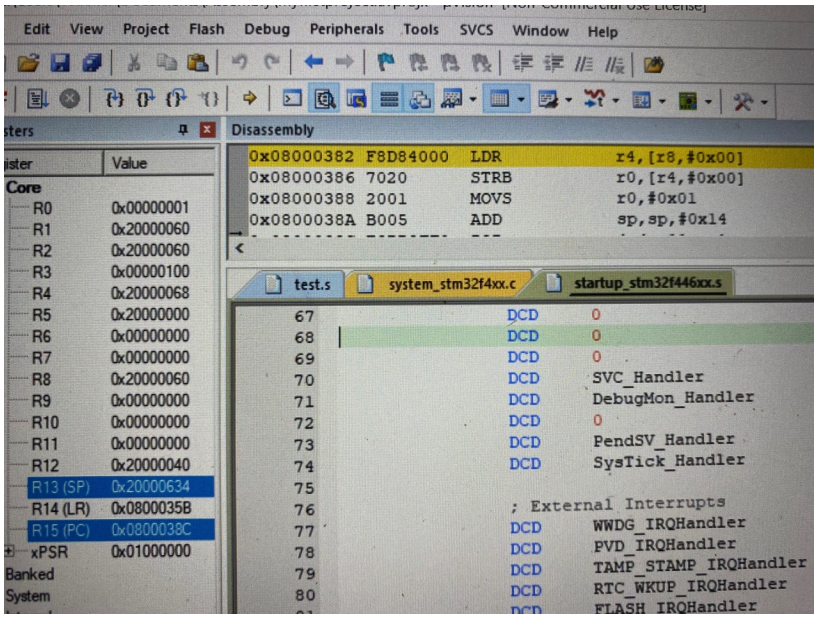
Disassembly
Value
R0 0x00000015
R1 0x20000610
R2 0x2000062C
R3 0x00000200
R4 0x20000060
R5 0x20000000
R6 0x00000000
R7 0x00000000
R8 0x20000060
R9 0x00000000
R10 0x00000000
R11 0x00000000
R12 0x20000040
R13 (SP) 0x20000610
R14 (LR) 0x0800035B
R15 (PC) 0x08000446
xPSR 0x01000000
0x08000446 BEAB BKPT 0xAB
0x08000448 B108 CBZ r0,0x0800044E
0x0800044A 2000 MOVS r0,#0x00
0x0800044C BD1C POP {r2-r4,pc}
test.s
system_stm32f4xx.c
startup_stm32f446xx.s
179
180 ; Reset handler
181 Reset_Handler PROC
182 EXPORT Reset_Handler
183 IMPORT SystemInit
184 IMPORT __main
185
186 LDR R0, =SystemInit
187 BLX R0
188 LDR R0, =__main
189 BX R0
190 ENDP
191
192 ; Dummy Exception Handlers (infinite loops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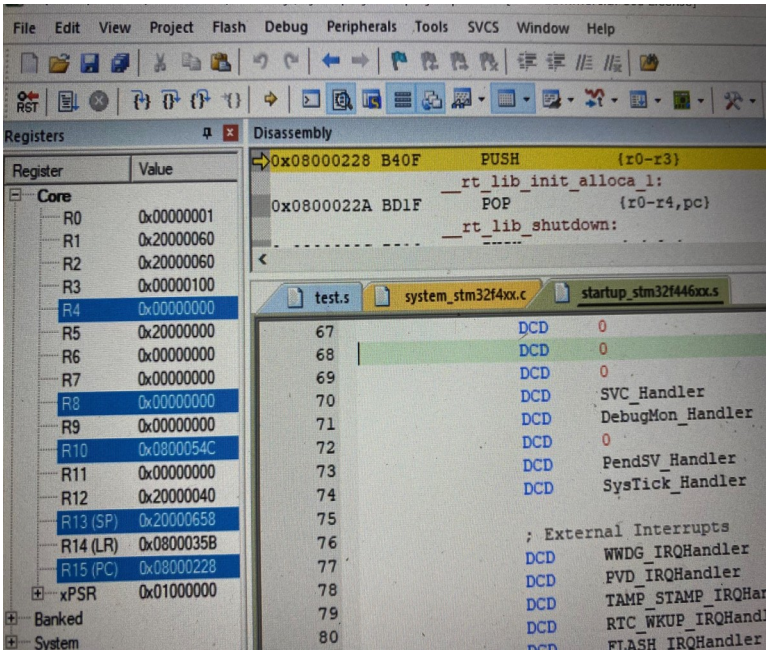
Disassembly
0x08000382 F8D84000 LDR r4,[r8,#0x00]
0x08000386 7020 STRB r0,[r4,#0x00]
0x08000388 2001 MOVS r0,#0x01
0x0800038A B005 ADD sp,sp,#0x14
Value
Core
R0 0x00000001
R1 0x20000060
R2 0x20000060
R3 0x00000100
R4 0x20000068
R5 0x20000000
R6 0x00000000
R7 0x00000000
R8 0x20000060
R9 0x00000000
R10 0x00000000
R11 0x00000000
R12 0x20000040
R13 (SP) 0x20000634
R14 (LR) 0x0800035B
R15 (PC) 0x0800038C
xPSR 0x01000000
Banked
System
test.s
system_stm32f4xx.c
startup_stm32f446xx.s
67 DCD 0
68 DCD 0
69 DCD 0
70 DCD SVC_Handler
71 DCD DebugMon_Handler
72 DCD 0
73 DCD PendSV_Handler
74 DCD SysTick_Handler
75
76 ; External Interrupts
77 DCD WWDG_IRQHandler
78 DCD PVD_IRQHandler
79 DCD TAMP_STAMP_IRQHandler
80 DCD RTC_WKUP_IRQHandler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Registers
Disassembly
0x08000228 B40F PUSH {r0-r3}
__rt_lib_init_alloca_1:
0x0800022A BD1F POP {r0-r4,pc}
__rt_lib_shutdown:
Register
Value
Core
R0 0x00000001
R1 0x20000060
R2 0x20000060
R3 0x00000100
R4 0x00000000
R5 0x20000000
R6 0x00000000
R7 0x00000000
R8 0x00000000
R9 0x00000000
R10 0x0800054C
R11 0x00000000
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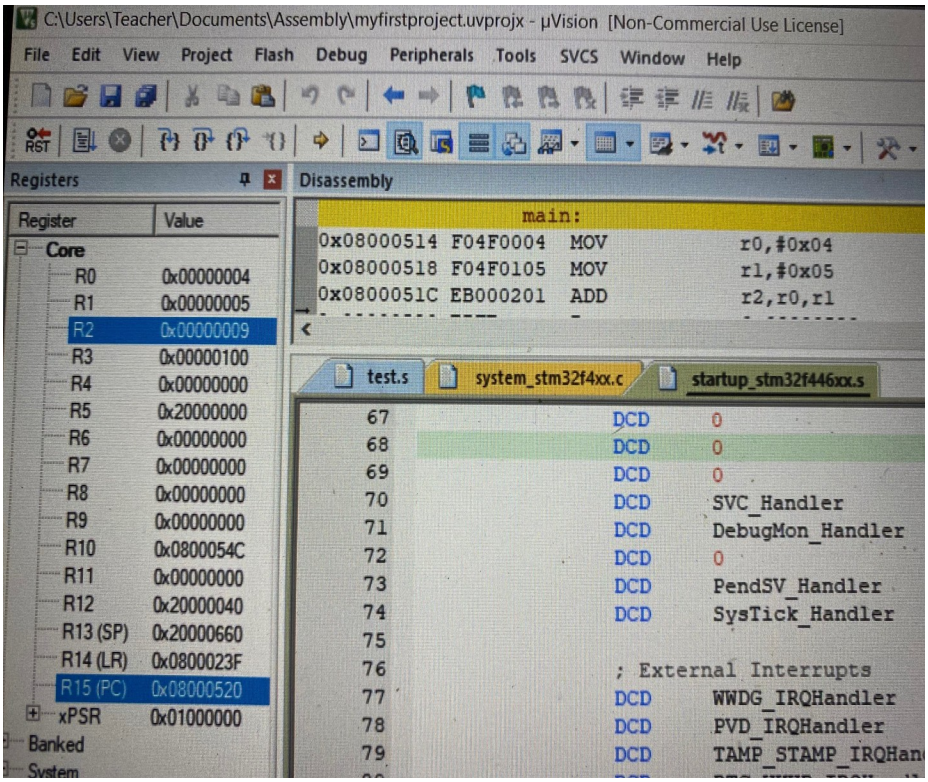

13. *Your Task:*

(i) This problem is same as the sample problem. W = X + Y + Z Once again, let X = 9, Y = 8, Z = 5 and we assume that r4 = X, r3 = Y, r2 = Z. In this case, you will put the data in memory in the form of constants before the program runs.

(ii) Repeat the previous problem once again is W = X + Y + Z Once again, let X = 9, Y = 8, Z = 5 and we assume that r4 = X, r3 = Y, r2 = Z.. In this case, you will put the data in memory as constants before the program runs. But you first use the load register, LDR r4,X instruction to load register r4 with the contents of memory location r4.

(iii) Find the addition of two 16 bit variables v1 and v2.

(iv) Find the smaller of two integer numbers.

14. *Submission Guideline:*

1. *Your Assembly code with proper comments. (*.s file)*
2. *A document (*.tex file) that contains:*
   a. *Detail explanation of the code*
   b. *Screenshot that shows the state of the system after the code has been loaded.*
   c. *Screenshot that shows the situation after the code has been executed.*
3. *Submit as a .zip file. Example: your classroll_lab#.zip (12_lab2.zip)*

Thank You !!!!