

Template Week 4 – Software

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Assignment 4.1: ARM assembly

Screenshot of working assembly code of factorial calculation:

The screenshot shows the OakSim software interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'Open', 'Run' (which is highlighted), '250', 'Step', and 'Reset'. Below these are the assembly instructions and their corresponding register values.

Register	Value
R0	0
R1	78
R2	1
R3	0
R4	0
R5	0
R6	0
R7	0
R8	0
R9	0
R10	0
R11	0
R12	0
SP	10000
LR	0
PC	10078
CPSR	60000013

Below the registers is a memory dump window showing memory addresses from 0x00010000 to 0x00010110. The memory contains various hex values, including some recognizable patterns like the sequence 05 20 A0 E3 01 10 A0 E3 91 02 01 E0 01 20 42 E2 at address 0x00010000.

Assignment 4.2: Programming languages

Take screenshots that the following commands work:

javac –version

```
bash: syntax error near unexpected token `'
lucas@Helpdesk:~$ javac --version
Command 'javac' not found, but can be installed with:
sudo apt install default-jdk          # version 2:1.17-75, or
sudo apt install openjdk-17-jdk-headless # version 17.0.17+10-1~24.04
sudo apt install openjdk-21-jdk-headless # version 21.0.9+10-1~24.04
sudo apt install openjdk-11-jdk-headless # version 11.0.29+7-1ubuntu1~24.04
sudo apt install openjdk-25-jdk-headless # version 25.0.1+8-1~24.04
sudo apt install openjdk-8-jdk-headless # version 8u472-ga-1~24.04
sudo apt install ecj                  # version 3.32.0+eclipse4.26-2
sudo apt install openjdk-19-jdk-headless # version 19.0.2+7-4
sudo apt install openjdk-20-jdk-headless # version 20.0.2+9-1
sudo apt install openjdk-22-jdk-headless # version 22~22ea-1
lucas@Helpdesk:~$
```

java –version

```
lucas@Helpdesk:~$ java --version
Command 'java' not found, but can be installed with:
sudo apt install default-jre          # version 2:1.17-75, or
sudo apt install openjdk-17-jre-headless # version 17.0.17+10-1~24.04
sudo apt install openjdk-21-jre-headless # version 21.0.9+10-1~24.04
sudo apt install openjdk-11-jre-headless # version 11.0.29+7-1ubuntu1~24.04
sudo apt install openjdk-25-jre-headless # version 25.0.1+8-1~24.04
sudo apt install openjdk-8-jre-headless # version 8u472-ga-1~24.04
sudo apt install openjdk-19-jre-headless # version 19.0.2+7-4
sudo apt install openjdk-20-jre-headless # version 20.0.2+9-1
sudo apt install openjdk-22-jre-headless # version 22~22ea-1
lucas@Helpdesk:~$
```

gcc –version

```
lucas@Helpdesk:~$ gcc --version
Command 'gcc' not found, but can be installed with:
sudo apt install gcc
```

python3 –version

```
lucas@Helpdesk:~$ python3 -- version
python3: can't open file '/home/lucas/version': [Errno 2] No such file or directory
```

```
bash --version
```

```
lucas@Helpdesk:~$ bash --version
GNU bash, version 5.2.21(1)-release (x86_64-pc-linux-gnu)
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License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html>

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```

Assignment 4.3: Compile

Which of the above files need to be compiled before you can run them?

De bestanden die moeten worden gecompileerd zijn fib.c en Fibonacci.java

Which source code files are compiled into machine code and then directly executable by a processor?

Het bestand fib.c wordt gecompileerd naar machinecode en is daarna direct uitvoerbaar door de processor

Which source code files are compiled to byte code?

Het bestand Fibonacci.java wordt gecompileerd naar bytecode en uitgevoerd door de Java Virtual Machine

Which source code files are interpreted by an interpreter?

De bestanden fib.py en fib.sh worden geïnterpreteerd door respectievelijk de Python-interpreter en de Bash-interpreter

These source code files will perform the same calculation after compilation/interpretation. Which one is expected to do the calculation the fastest?

Het C-programma is het snelst omdat het wordt gecompileerd naar native machinecode

How do I run a Java program?

Je voert een Java-programma uit door het eerst te compileren met javac Bestandsnaam.java en daarna uit te voeren met java Bestandsnaam zonder extensie

How do I run a Python program?

Je voert een Python-programma uit met python3 fib.py

How do I run a C program?

Je compileert een C-programma met gcc fib.c -o fib en voert het uit met ./fib

How do I run a Bash script?

Je maakt een Bash-script uitvoerbaar met chmod a+x fib.sh en voert het uit met ./fib.sh

If I compile the above source code, will a new file be created? If so, which file?

Bij het compileren van fib.c wordt het bestand fib aangemaakt

Bij het compileren van Fibonacci.java wordt het bestand Fibonacci.class aangemaakt
fib.py en fib.sh maken geen nieuwe bestanden aan

Take relevant screenshots of the following commands:

- Compile the source files where necessary
- Make them executable
- Run them
- Which (compiled) source code file performs the calculation the fastest?

```
ls -l showing triggers for the bin (every directory) ...
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ cd ~/Downloads/code
ls
fib.c Fibonacci.java fib.py fib.sh runall.sh
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ sudo chmod a+x fib.sh
ls
fib.c Fibonacci.java fib.py fib.sh runall.sh
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ gcc fib.c -o fib
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ ./fib
Fibonacci(18) = 2584
Execution time: 0.01 milliseconds
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$
```

```
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ javac --version
java --version
javac 21.0.9
openjdk 21.0.9 2025-10-21
OpenJDK Runtime Environment (build 21.0.9+10-Ubuntu-124.04)
OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM (build 21.0.9+10-Ubuntu-124.04, mixed mode, sharing)
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ cd ~/Downloads/code
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ javac Fibonacci.java
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ java Fibonacci
Fibonacci(18) = 2584
Execution time: 0.16 milliseconds
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$
```

```
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ sudo apt install python3
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
python3 is already the newest version (3.12.3-0ubuntu2.1).
python3 set to manually installed.
The following package was automatically installed and is no longer required:
  libllvm19
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove it.
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 154 not upgraded.
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ python3 fib.py
Fibonacci(18) = 2584
Execution time: 0.21 milliseconds
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$
```

```
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ ./fib.sh

Fibonacci(18) = 2584
Execution time 6064 milliseconds
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$
```

Assignment 4.4: Optimize

Take relevant screenshots of the following commands:

- Figure out which parameters you need to pass to **the gcc compiler** so that the compiler performs a number of optimizations that will ensure that the compiled source code will run faster. **Tip!** The parameters are usually a letter followed by a number. Also read **page 191** of your book, but find a better optimization in the man pages. Please note that Linux is case sensitive.

Ik heb in de man-page van gcc gezocht naar optimalisatie-opties. Daar vond ik de flags -O1, -O2, -O3 en -Ofast. Voor deze opdracht kies ik -O3, omdat dit zorgt voor maximale optimalisatie en betere uitvoersnelheid van het programma.

```
lucas@Helpdesk: ~/Downloads/code
GNU
GCC(1)

NAME
    gcc - GNU project C and C++ compiler

SYNOPSIS
    gcc [-c|-S|-E] [-std=standard]
        [-g] [-pg] [-Olevel]
        [-Wwarn...]
        [-Wpedantic]
        [-Idir...]
        [-Ldir...]
        [-Dmacro[=defn]...]
        [-Umacro]
        [-foption...]
        [-mmachine-option...]
        [-o outfile] [@file] infile...

    Only the most useful options are listed here; see below for the
    remainder.  g++ accepts mostly the same options as gcc.

DESCRIPTION
    When you invoke GCC, it normally does preprocessing, compilation,
    assembly and linking.  The "overall options" allow you to stop this
    process at an intermediate stage.  For example, the -c option says not
    to run the linker.  Then the output consists of object files output by
    the assembler.
```

Manual page gcc(1) line 1 (press h for help or q to quit)

The image shows two terminal windows side-by-side on a Linux desktop. Both windows have a dark theme and are running on an Ubuntu 64-bit system. The top window displays the manual page for `-O1`, which discusses optimization flags like `-fmerge-constants` and `-finline-functions-called-once`. The bottom window displays the manual page for `-O0`, which covers optimization for size, including flags like `-falign-functions` and `-falign-loops`. Both windows show the command `Manual page gcc(1) line 9558 (press h for help or q to quit)` at the bottom.

```
-O1 Optimize. Optimizing compilation takes somewhat more time, and a lot more memory for a large function.

With -O, the compiler tries to reduce code size and execution time, without performing any optimizations that take a great deal of compilation time.

-O turns on the following optimization flags:

-fauto-inc-dec -fbranch-count-reg -fcombine-stack-adjustments
-fcompare-elim -fcprop-registers -fdce -fdefer-pop -fdelayed-branch
-fdse -fforward-propagate -fguess-branch-probability
-fif-conversion -fif-conversion2 -finline-functions-called-once
-fipa-modref -fipa-profile -fipa-pure-const -fipa-reference
-fipa-reference-addressable -fmerge-constants
-fmove-loop-invariants -fmove-loop-stores -fomit-frame-pointer
-freorder-blocks -fshrink-wrap -fshrink-wrap-separate
-fsplit-wide-types -fssa-backprop -fssa-phiopt -ftree-bit-ccp
-ftree-ccp -ftree-ch -ftree-coalesce-vars -ftree-copy-prop
-ftree-dce -ftree-dominator-opts -ftree-dse -ftree-forwprop
-ftree-fre -ftree-phiprop -ftree-pta -ftree-scev-cprop -ftree-sink
-ftree-slsr -ftree-sra -ftree-ter -funit-at-a-time

Manual page gcc(1) line 9558 (press h for help or q to quit)

-00 Reduce compilation time and make debugging produce the expected results. This is the default.

-Os Optimize for size. -Os enables all -O2 optimizations except those that often increase code size:

-falign-functions -falign-jumps -falign-labels -falign-loops
-fprefetch-loop-arrays -freorder-blocks-algorithm=stc

It also enables -finline-functions, causes the compiler to tune for code size rather than execution speed, and performs further optimizations designed to reduce code size.

-Ofast

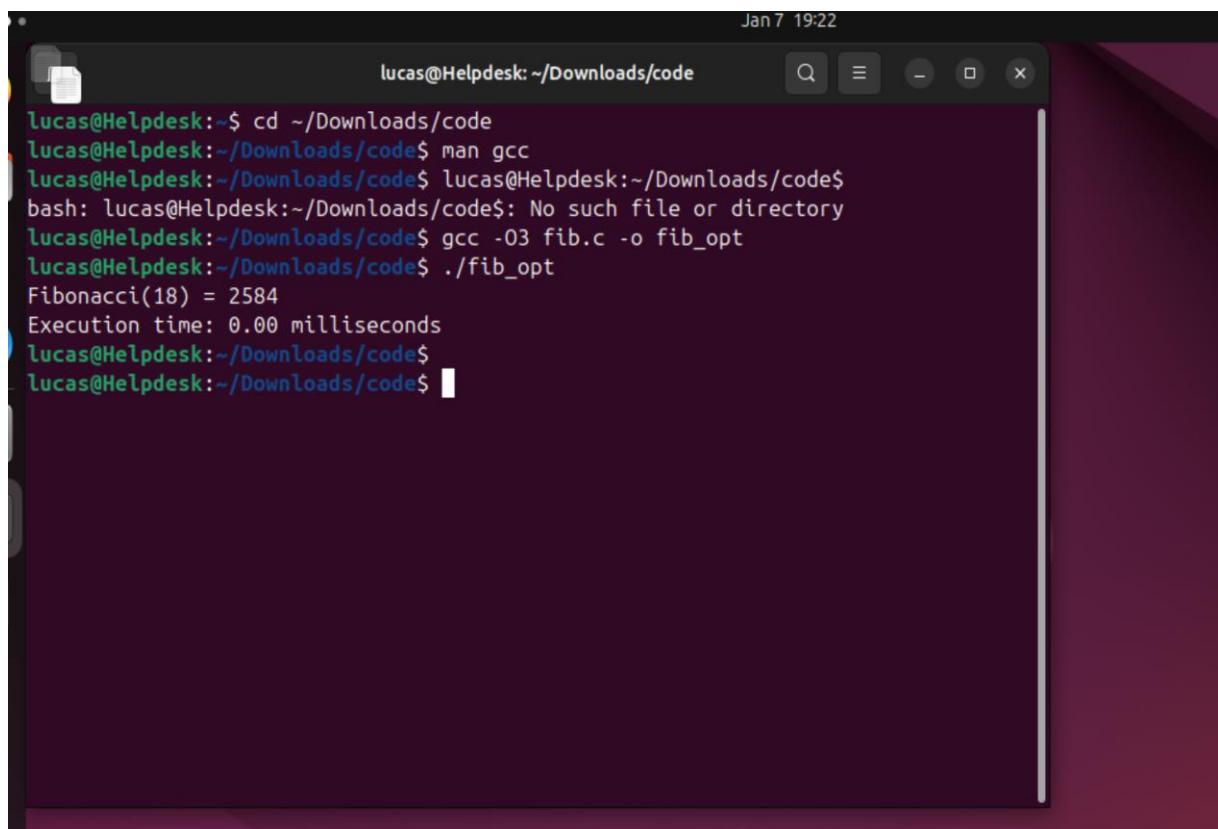
Disregard strict standards compliance. -Ofast enables all -O3 optimizations. It also enables optimizations that are not valid for all standard-compliant programs. It turns on -ffast-math, -fallow-store-data-races and the Fortran-specific -fstack-arrays, unless -fmax-stack-var-size is specified, and -fno-protect-parens. It turns off -fsemantic-interposition.

-Og Optimize debugging experience. -Og should be the optimization level of choice for the standard edit-compile-debug cycle, offering

Manual page gcc(1) line 9630 (press h for help or q to quit)
```

- b) Compile **fib.c** again with the optimization parameters

Ja, het geoptimaliseerde programma is sneller dan de niet-geoptimaliseerde versie. Door de optimalisatie voert de compiler extra verbeteringen uit waardoor de code efficiënter draait



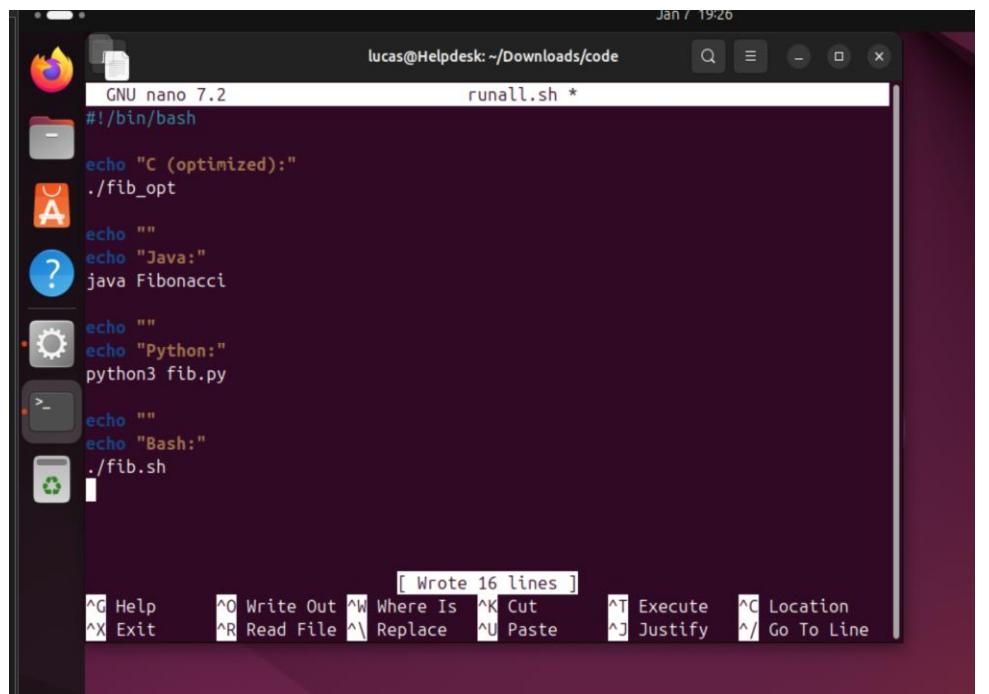
The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "lucas@Helpdesk: ~/Downloads/code". The terminal output is as follows:

```
lucas@Helpdesk:~$ cd ~/Downloads/code
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ man gcc
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ bash: lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$: No such file or directory
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ gcc -O3 fib.c -o fib_opt
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ ./fib_opt
Fibonacci(18) = 2584
Execution time: 0.00 milliseconds
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$
```

- c) Run the newly compiled program. Is it true that it now performs the calculation faster?

```
lucas@Helpdesk:~$ cd ~/Downloads/code
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ man gcc
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ bash: lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$: No such file or directory
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ gcc -O3 fib.c -o fib_opt
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ ./fib_opt
Fibonacci(18) = 2584
Execution time: 0.00 milliseconds
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$
```

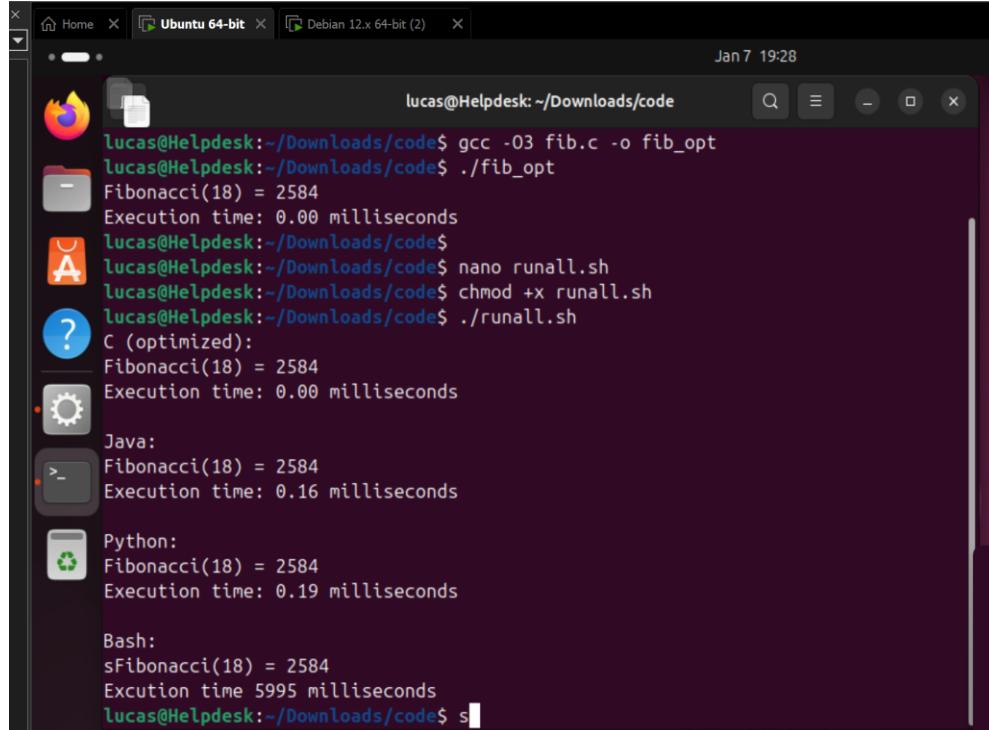
- d) Edit the file **runall.sh**, so you can perform all four calculations in a row using this Bash script. So the (compiled/interpreted) C, Java, Python and Bash versions of Fibonacci one after the other.



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "GNU nano 7.2" with the file "runall.sh" open. The script contains the following code:

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "C (optimized):"
./fib_opt
echo ""
echo "Java:"
java Fibonacci
echo ""
echo "Python:"
python3 fib.py
echo ""
echo "Bash:"
./fib.sh
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates "[Wrote 16 lines]".



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Ubuntu 64-bit" with the command "Debian 12.x 64-bit (2)" selected. The terminal output is as follows:

```
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ gcc -O3 fib.c -o fib_opt
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ ./fib_opt
Fibonacci(18) = 2584
Execution time: 0.00 milliseconds
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ nano runall.sh
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ chmod +x runall.sh
lucas@Helpdesk:~/Downloads/code$ ./runall.sh
C (optimized):
Fibonacci(18) = 2584
Execution time: 0.00 milliseconds

Java:
Fibonacci(18) = 2584
Execution time: 0.16 milliseconds

Python:
Fibonacci(18) = 2584
Execution time: 0.19 milliseconds

Bash:
Fibonacci(18) = 2584
Execution time: 5995 milliseconds
```

Assignment 4.5: More ARM Assembly

Like the factorial example, you can also implement the calculation of a power of 2 in assembly. For example you want to calculate $2^4 = 16$. Use iteration to calculate the result. Store the result in r0.

Main:

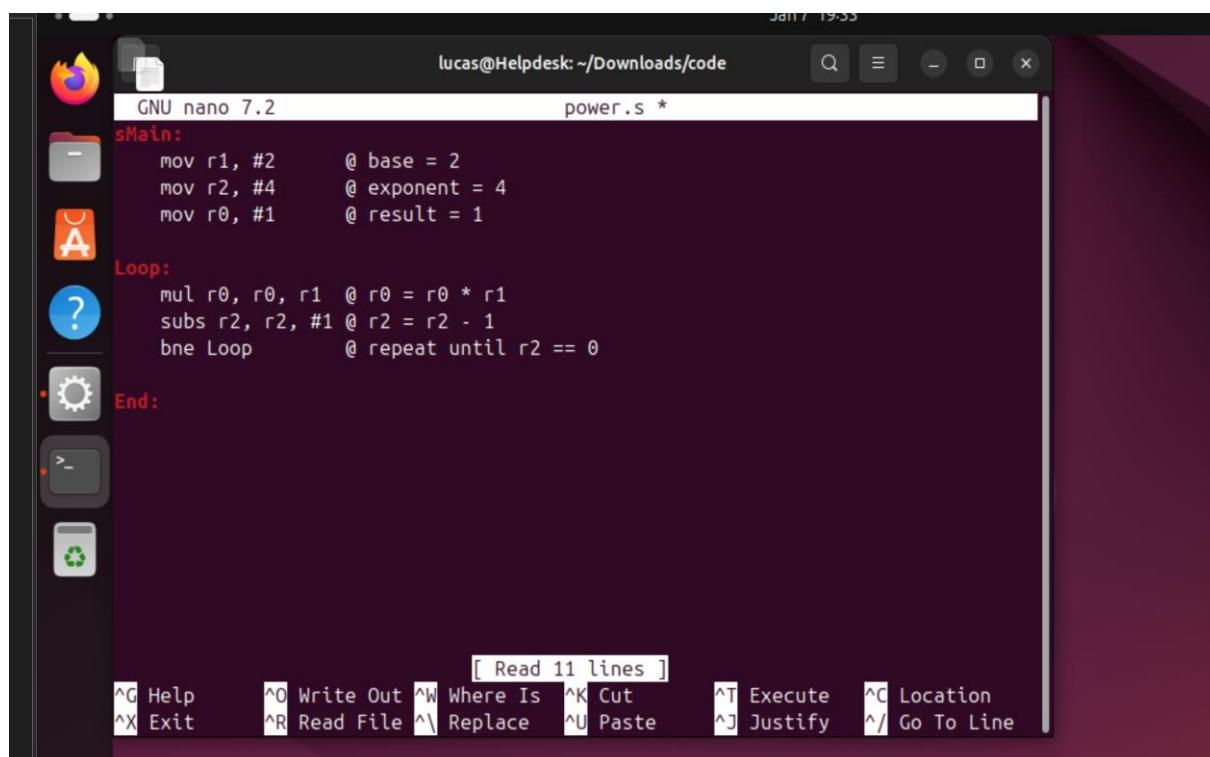
```
mov r1, #2  
mov r2, #4
```

Loop:

End:

Complete the code. See the PowerPoint slides of week 4.

Screenshot of the completed code here.



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "GNU nano 7.2" with the file name "power.s *". The code is as follows:

```
sMain:  
    mov r1, #2      @ base = 2  
    mov r2, #4      @ exponent = 4  
    mov r0, #1      @ result = 1  
  
Loop:  
    mul r0, r0, r1  @ r0 = r0 * r1  
    subs r2, r2, #1 @ r2 = r2 - 1  
    bne Loop        @ repeat until r2 == 0  
  
End:
```

The terminal window has a dark background and a light-colored text area. It includes standard nano editor key bindings at the bottom: ^G Help, ^O Write Out, ^W Where Is, ^K Cut, ^T Execute, ^C Location, ^X Exit, ^R Read File, ^\ Replace, ^U Paste, ^J Justify, and ^/ Go To Line. The status bar at the top right shows the date and time: Jan 7 19:53.

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