

# From Nand to Tetris

*Building a Modern Computer from First Principles*



## Lecture 6

# Assembler

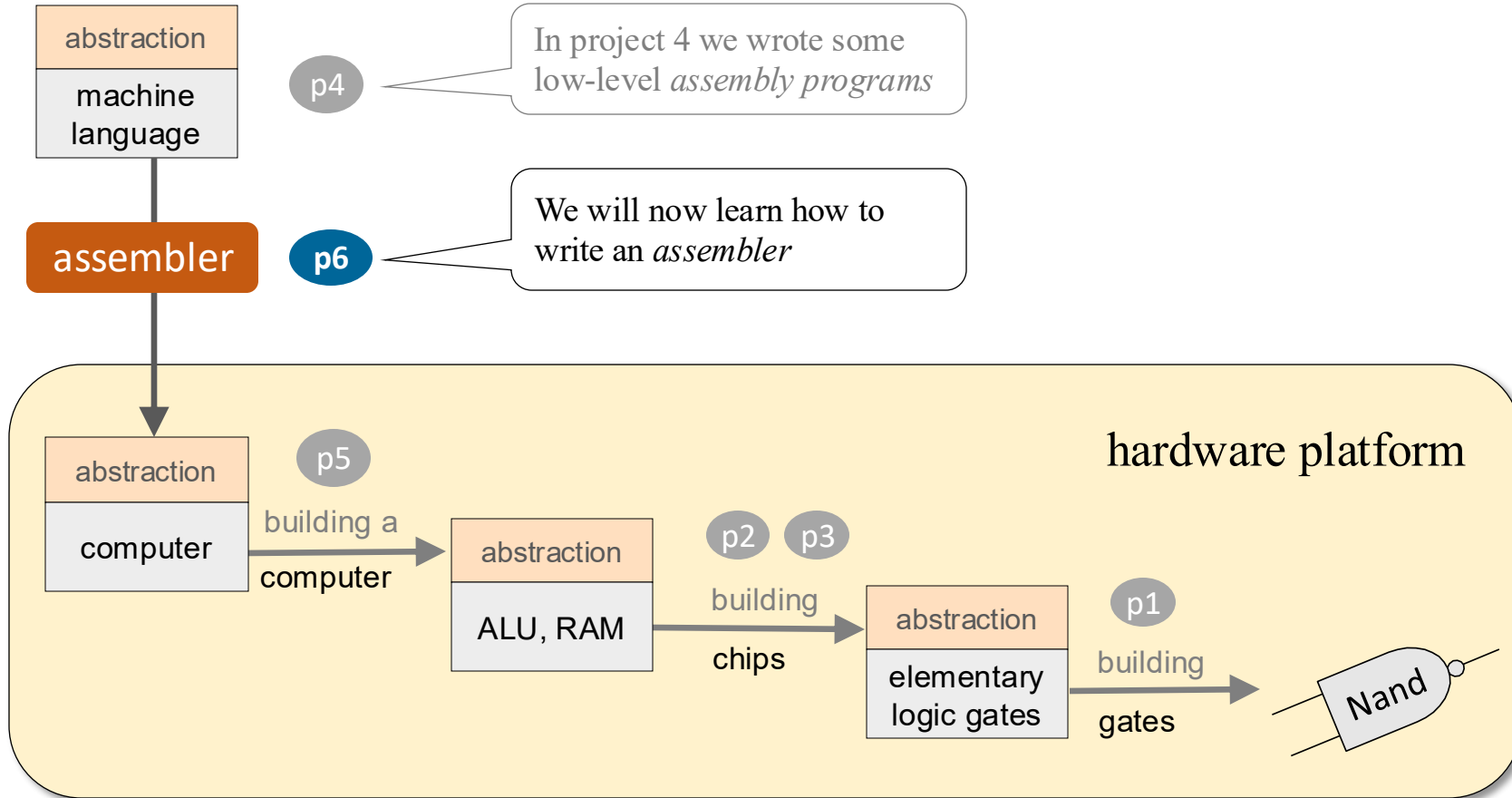
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# Nand to Tetris Roadmap: Hardware



# Program translation

## Assembly program

```
// Program: Sum1ToN (R0 represents N)
// Computes R1 = 1 + 2 + 3 + ... + R0
// Usage: put a value >= 1 in R0
// i = 1
@i
M=1
// sum = 0
@sum
M=0
(LLOOP)
// if (i > R0) goto STOP
@i
D=M
@R0
D=D-M
@STOP
D;JGT
// sum = sum + i
@sum
D=M
@i
D=D+M
@sum
M=D
// i = i + 1
@i
M=M+1
// goto LOOP
@LOOP
0;JMP
...
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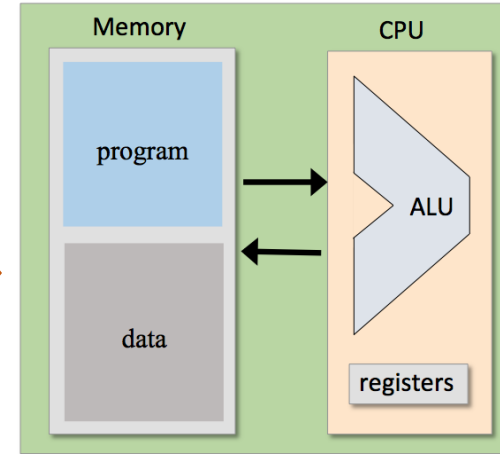
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## Binary code

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load and execute

## Computer



## The assembler is...

- The first step in a typical hierarchy of translators (assembler, VM translator, compiler)
- A program that introduces basic software engineering techniques used by every translator:
  - Files handling
  - Parsing
  - Code generation
  - Symbol tables

# Lecture plan

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- Overview



## Translating Hack code:

- A-instructions
- C-instructions

- Translating programs
- Handling symbols

- Assembler architecture
- Assembler API
- Project 6
- Some history

# Translating A-instructions

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## Symbolic syntax:

@xxx

Where xxx is a non-negative decimal value, or a symbol bound to such a value

Example:

@7

translate

## Binary syntax:

0vvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvv

Where:

0 is the A-instruction op-code, and

v v v ... v is a binary value

00000000000000111

## Implementation

If xxx is a decimal value: Translate the value into its 16-bit representation;

If xxx is a symbol: Later.

# Translating C-instructions

Symbolic syntax:  $dest = comp ; jump$

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D		0	0	1	1	0	0
A	M	1	1	0	0	0	0
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Implementation: Look up the binary code of each field of the symbolic instruction ( $dest$ ,  $comp$ ,  $jump$ ), and assemble the codes into a 16-bit instruction.

# Chapter 6: Assembler

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- Overview
- Translating instructions
- ➔ Translating programs
- Handling symbols
- Assembler architecture
- Assembler API
- Project 6
- Some history

# Program translation

## Symbolic code

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// Computes R1=1 + ... + R0
// i = 1
@i
M=1
// sum = 0
@sum
M=0
(LOOP)
// if i>R0 goto STOP
@i
D=M
@R0
D=D-M
@STOP
D;JGT
// sum += i
@i
D=M
@sum
M=D+M
// i++
@i
M=M+1
@LOOP
0;JMP
(STOP)
@sum
D=M
...
```



Translate

## Need to Handle

- White space
- Instructions
- Symbols

## Binary code

```
0000000000010000
1110111111001000
0000000000010001
1110101010001000
0000000000010000
1111110000010000
0000000000000000
1111010011010000
0000000000010010
1110001100000001
0000000000010000
1111110000010000
0000000000010001
1111000010001000
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@i
D=M
@sum
M=D+M
// i++
@i
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@LOOP
0;JMP
(STOP)
@sum
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...
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Translate

## Need to Handle

- White space
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- Symbols

Normally, programs have **symbols**

We'll start with programs that have no symbols, and handle symbols later.

## Binary code

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0000000000010000
1110111111001000
0000000000010001
1110101010001000
0000000000010000
1111110000010000
0000000000000000
1111010011010000
0000000000010010
1110001100000001
0000000000010000
1111110000010000
0000000000010001
1111000010001000
0000000000010000
1111110111001000
0000000000000100
1110101010000111
0000000000010001
1111110000010000
...
```



# Program translation

## Symbolic code

```
// Computes R1=1 + ... + R0
// i = 1
@16
M=1
// sum = 0
@17
M=0

// if i>R0 goto STOP
@16
D=M
@0
D=D-M
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D=M
@17
M=D+M
// i++
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@4
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D=M
...
```

no symbols



Translate

## Need to Handle

- White space
- Instructions
- Symbols (later)

## Binary code

# Program translation

## Symbolic code

```
// Computes R1=1 + ... + R0
// i = 1
@16
M=1
// sum = 0
@17
M=0

// if i>R0 goto STOP
@16
D=M
@0
D=D-M
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...
```

no symbols

Translate

## Need to Handle

White space

Ignore it

- Instructions
- Symbols (later)

White space:  
Empty lines,  
Comments,  
Indentation

## Binary code

# Program translation

Symbolic code

```
@16  
M=1  
@17  
M=0  
@16  
D=M  
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D=D-M  
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D=M  
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M=D+M  
@16  
M=M+1  
@4  
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@17  
D=M  
...
```

no white space



Translate

Need to Handle

- White space
- ➡ Instructions
- Symbols (later)

Binary code

# Program translation

Symbolic code

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Translate

Need to Handle

- White space
- Symbols (later)



Instructions

Translate,  
one by one

Binary code

# Program translation

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```

Translate

## Need to Handle

- White space
- Symbols (later)

Instructions

Translate,  
one by one

## Binary code

```
0000000000010000
1110111111001000
0000000000010001
1110101010001000
0000000000010000
1111110000010000
0000000000000000
1111010011010000
0000000000010010
1110001100000001
0000000000010000
1111110000010000
0000000000010001
1111000010001000
0000000000010000
1111110111001000
0000000000000100
1110101010000111
0000000000010001
1111110000010000
...
```

# Program translation

## Symbolic code

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@17
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Translate

## Need to Handle

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➡ Symbols

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1111110111001000
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1111110000010000
...
```

# Program translation

## Symbolic code

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@i
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@R0
D=D-M
@STOP
D;JGT
// sum += i
@i
D=M
@sum
M=D+M
// i++
@i
M=M+1
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(STOP)
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```

Translate

## Need to Handle

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- Instructions

➡ Symbols

Original program,  
with symbols

## Binary code

# Handling symbols

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@sum
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## Symbols

- Predefined symbols
- Label symbols
- Variable symbols

Original program,  
with symbols



# Handling symbols

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...
```

## Symbols

### ➡ Predefined symbols

- Label symbols
- Variable symbols

Predefined symbol used in this code example: R0

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...	...
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THIS	3
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# Handling symbols

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## Symbols

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## Translating @preDefinedSymbol

Replace *preDefinedSymbol* with its *value*,  
and complete the translation.

Examples:

@R0	➡	0000000000000000
@R12	➡	000000000000001100
@SCREEN	➡	0100000000000000

# Handling symbols

## Symbolic code

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@sum
M=0
(LOOP)
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@R0
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```

## Symbols

- Predefined symbols



- Label symbols

- Variable symbols

Label symbols in this code  
example: LOOP, STOP

# Handling symbols

## Symbolic code

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## Label symbols

- Used to label destinations of goto instructions
- Declared by the pseudo-instruction (*label*)
- The (*label*) directive defines the symbol *label* to refer to the memory location holding the next instruction in the program,
- Which corresponds to the instruction's *line number*

Label symbols in this code  
example: LOOP, STOP

# Handling symbols

## Symbolic code

```
0 // Computes R1=1 + ... + R0
1 // i = 1
2 @i
3 M=1
4 // sum = 0
5 @sum
6 M=0
7 (LOOP)
8 // if i>R0 goto STOP
9 @i
10 D=M
11 @R0
12 D=D-M
13 @STOP
14 D;JGT
15 // sum += i
16 @i
17 D=M
18 @sum
19 M=D+M
20 // i++
21 @i
22 M=M+1
23 @LOOP
24 0;JMP
25 (STOP)
26 @sum
27 D=M
28 ...
29 ...
```

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- Which corresponds to the instruction's *line number*

Example:

<u>symbol</u>	<u>value</u>
LOOP	4
STOP	18

# Handling symbols

## Symbolic code

```
// Computes R1=1 + ... + R0
// i = 1
0  @i
1  M=1
   // sum = 0
2  @sum
3  M=0
  (LOOP)
   // if i>R0 goto STOP
4  @i
5  D=M
6  @R0
7  D=D-M
8  @STOP
9  D;JGT
   // sum += i
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11 D=M
12 @sum
13 M=D+M
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14 @i
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... ..
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Example:

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LOOP	4
STOP	18

## Translating @labelSymbol :

Replace *labelSymbol* with its *value*

Example: @LOOP → 000000000000000100

(How to record / figure out the label values – soon)

# Handling symbols

## Symbolic code

```
// Computes R1=1 + ... + R0
// i = 1
@i
M=1
// sum = 0
@sum
M=0
(LLOOP)
// if i>R0 goto STOP
@i
D=M
@R0
D=D-M
@STOP
D;JGT
// sum += i
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@sum
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...
```

## Symbols

- Predefined symbols
- Label symbols



Variable symbols

variable symbols in this code  
example: i, sum

# Handling symbols

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variable symbols in this code  
example: *i*, *sum*



# Handling symbols

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i	16
sum	17

# Handling symbols

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M=0
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## Translating *@variableSymbol* :

- If *variableSymbol* is seen for the first time, bind to it to a *value*, from 16 onward  
Else, it has a *value*
- Replace *variableSymbol* with its *value*.

Example: *@sum*  0000000000010001

# Handling symbols

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```

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...	...
R15	15
SCREEN	16384
KBD	24576
SP	0
LCL	1
ARG	2
THIS	3
THAT	4
LOOP	4
STOP	18
i	16
sum	17

Created by the assembler, used during the program translation

# Handling symbols

## Symbolic code

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### Initialization:

Creates the symbol table and adds the predefined symbols to the table

# Handling symbols

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9  @i
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### Initialization:

Creates the symbol table and adds the predefined symbols to the table

**First pass:** Counts lines and adds the label symbols to the table

# Handling symbols

## Symbolic code

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### Initialization:

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**First pass:** Counts lines and adds the label symbols to the table

### Second pass:

- Generates binary code; in the process:
- Adds the variable symbols to the table

(details, soon)

# Lecture plan

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- Overview



Assembler



- Translating instructions
- Translating programs
- Handling symbols

- Assembler API
- Project 6
- Some history



# Assembler: Usage

Input (*Prog.asm*): a text file containing a sequence of lines, each being a string representing an empty line, a comment, an A-instruction, a C-instruction, or a label declaration

Output (*Prog.hack*): a text file containing a sequence of lines, each being a string of sixteen 0 and 1 characters

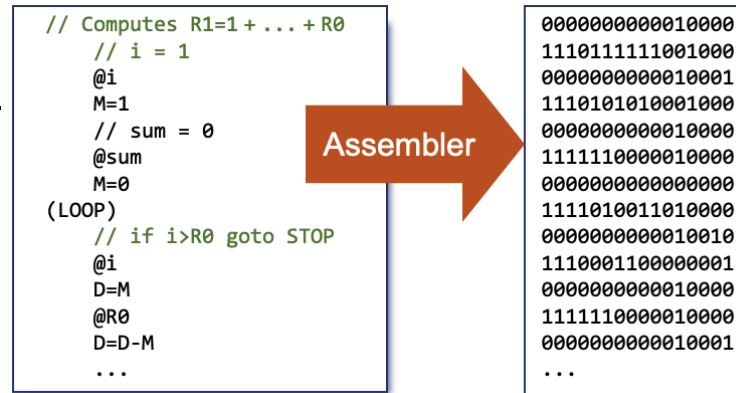
Usage: (if the assembler is implemented in Java; Other languages will have a similar command line)

```
$ java HackAssembler Prog.asm
```

Action: Creates a *Prog.hack* file, containing the translated Hack program.

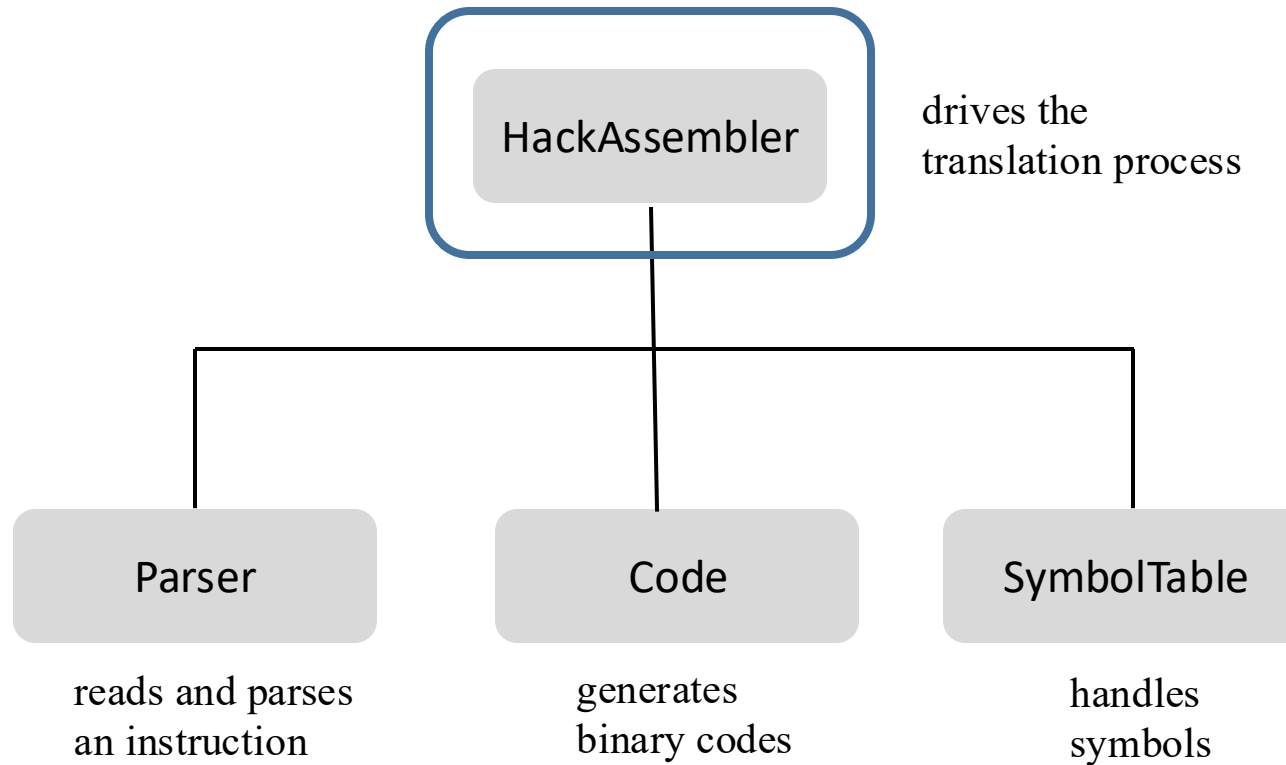
## Implementation comment

In order to write an assembler, you have to know how to open, read, create, and write text files (a general programming skill, not covered in this course).



# Assembler: Architecture

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## Proposed architecture

- Four software modules
- Can be realized in any programming language

# HackAssembler

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## Initialize

Opens the input file (*Prog.asm*) and gets ready to process it

Constructs a symbol table, and adds to it all the predefined symbols

## First pass

Reads the input file, line by line,  
focusing only on (*label*) declarations.

Adds the found labels to the symbol table

## Second pass (main loop)

(starts again from the beginning of the file)

While there are more lines to process:

    Gets the next instruction, and parses it

    If the instruction is *@symbol*

        If *symbol* is not in the symbol table, adds it to the table

        Translates the *symbol* into its binary value

    If the instruction is *dest = comp ; jump*

        Translates each of the three fields into its binary value

    Assembles the binary values into a string of sixteen 0's and 1's

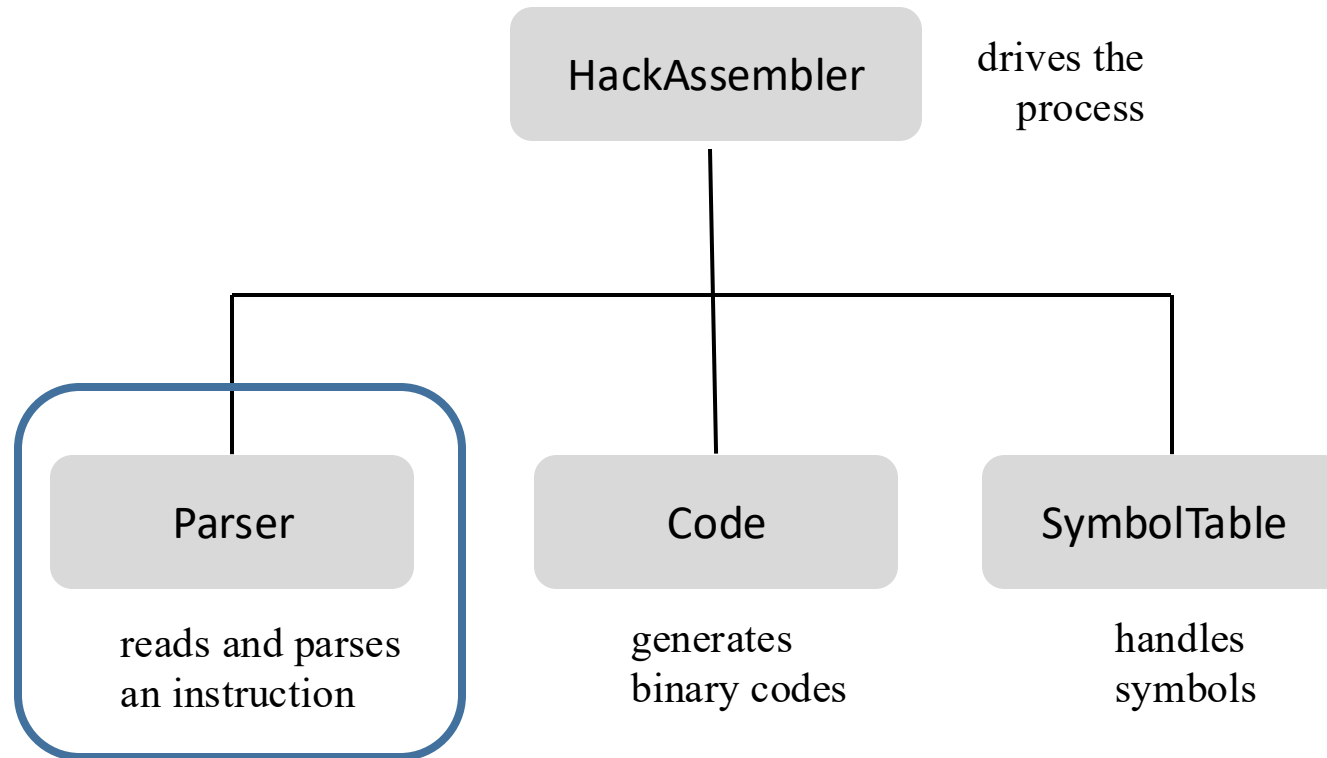
    Writes the string to the output file.

Using the services of:

- Parser
- Code
- SymbolTable

# Assembler API

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# Parser API

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## Routines

- Constructor / initializer: Creates a Parser and opens the source text file
- Getting the current instruction:
  - hasMoreLines()**: Checks if there is more work to do (boolean)
  - advance()**: Gets the next instruction and makes it the *current instruction* (string)
- Parsing the *current instruction*:
  - instructionType()**: Returns the type of the current instruction, as a constant:
    - A\_INSTRUCTION for @xxx
    - C\_INSTRUCTION for *dest = comp ; jump*
    - L\_INSTRUCTION for (*label*)

Examples:	Current instruction	instructionType() returns:
	@17	A_INSTRUCTION
	@sum	A_INSTRUCTION
	D=0	C_INSTRUCTION
	(END)	L_INSTRUCTION

# Parser API

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  - instructionType()**: Returns the instruction type
  - symbol()**: Returns the instruction's *symbol* (string)

Used only if the current instruction is  
*@symbol* or *( symbol )*

	Current instruction	symbol() returns:
Examples:	@sum	"sum"
	( LOOP )	"LOOP"

# Parser API

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# Parser API

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## Routines

- Constructor / initializer: Creates a Parser and opens the source text file

- Getting the current instruction:

**hasMoreLines()**: Checks if there is more work to do (boolean)

**advance()**: Gets the next instruction and makes it the *current instruction* (string)

- Parsing the *current instruction*:

**instructionType()**: Returns the instruction type

**symbol()**: Returns the instruction's *symbol* (string)

**dest()**: Returns the instruction's *dest* field (string)

**comp()**: Returns the instruction's *comp* field (string)

**jump()**: Returns the instruction's *jump* field (string)

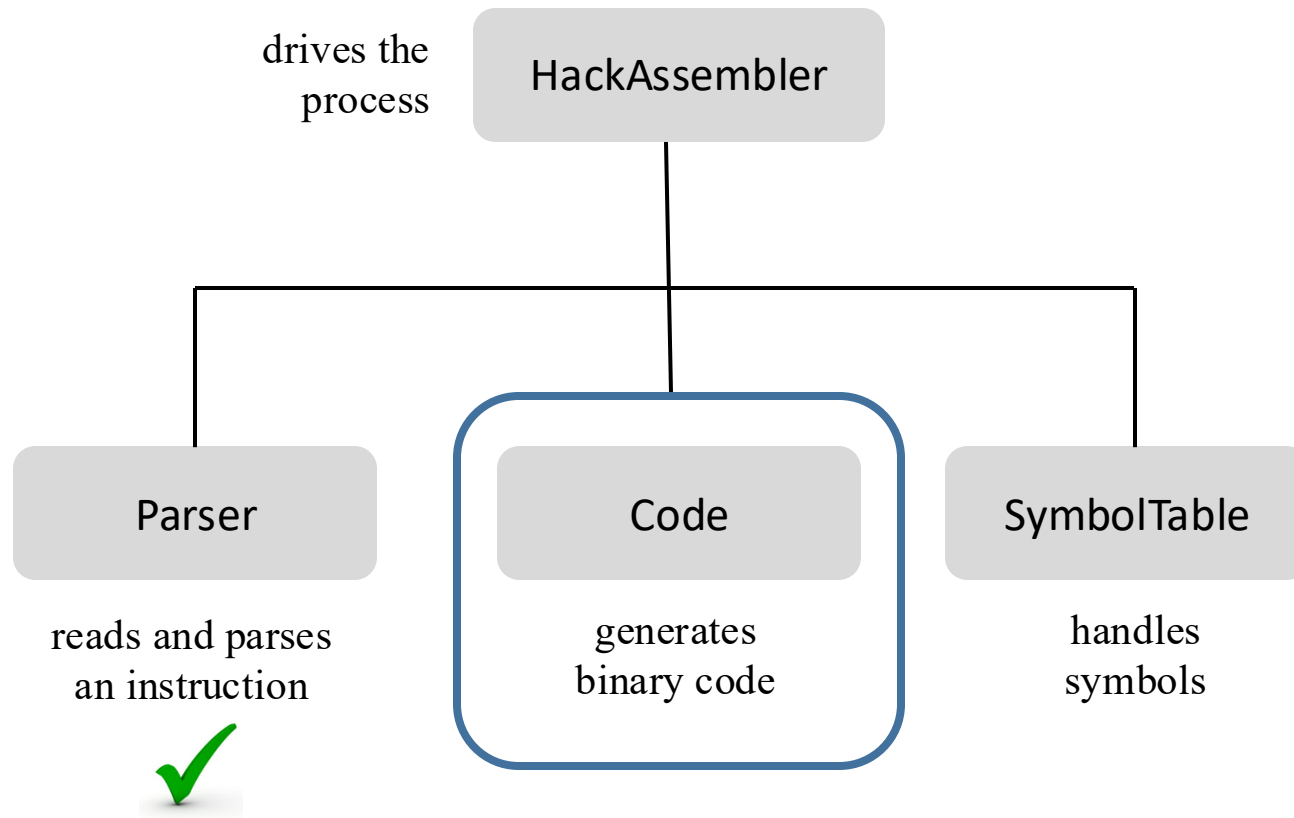


Used only if the current instruction is  
*dest = comp ; jump*

Examples:	current instruction			
	D=D+1;JLE	dest() returns "D"	comp() returns "D+1"	jump() returns "JLE"
	M= -1	dest() returns "M"	comp() returns "-1"	jump() returns null

# Implementation

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# Code API

Used only for handling C-instructions:  $dest = comp ; jump$

## Routines:

`dest(string)`: Returns the binary representation of the parsed *dest* field (string)

`comp(string)`: Returns the binary representation of the parsed *comp* field (string)

`jump(string)`: Returns the binary representation of the parsed *jump* field (string)

According to the language specification:

<i>comp</i>		c	c	c	c	c	c
0		1	0	1	0	1	0
1		1	1	1	1	1	1
-1		1	1	1	0	1	0
D		0	0	1	1	0	0
A	M	1	1	0	0	0	0
!D		0	0	1	1	0	1
!A	!M	1	1	0	0	0	1
-D		0	0	1	1	1	1
-A	-M	1	1	0	0	1	1
D+1		0	1	1	1	1	1
A+1	M+1	1	1	0	1	1	1
D-1		0	0	1	1	1	0
A-1	M-1	1	1	0	0	1	0
D+A	D+M	0	0	0	0	1	0
D-A	D-M	0	1	0	0	1	1
A-D	M-D	0	0	0	1	1	1
D&A	D&M	0	0	0	0	0	0
D A	D M	0	1	0	1	0	1

$a == 0$

$a == 1$

<i>dest</i>	d	d	d
null	0	0	0
M	0	0	1
D	0	1	0
DM	0	1	1
A	1	0	0
AM	1	0	1
AD	1	1	0
ADM	1	1	1

<i>jump</i>	j	j	j
null	0	0	0
JGT	0	0	1
JEQ	0	1	0
JGE	0	1	1
JLT	1	0	0
JNE	1	0	1
JLE	1	1	0
JMP	1	1	1

## Examples:

`dest("DM")` returns "011"

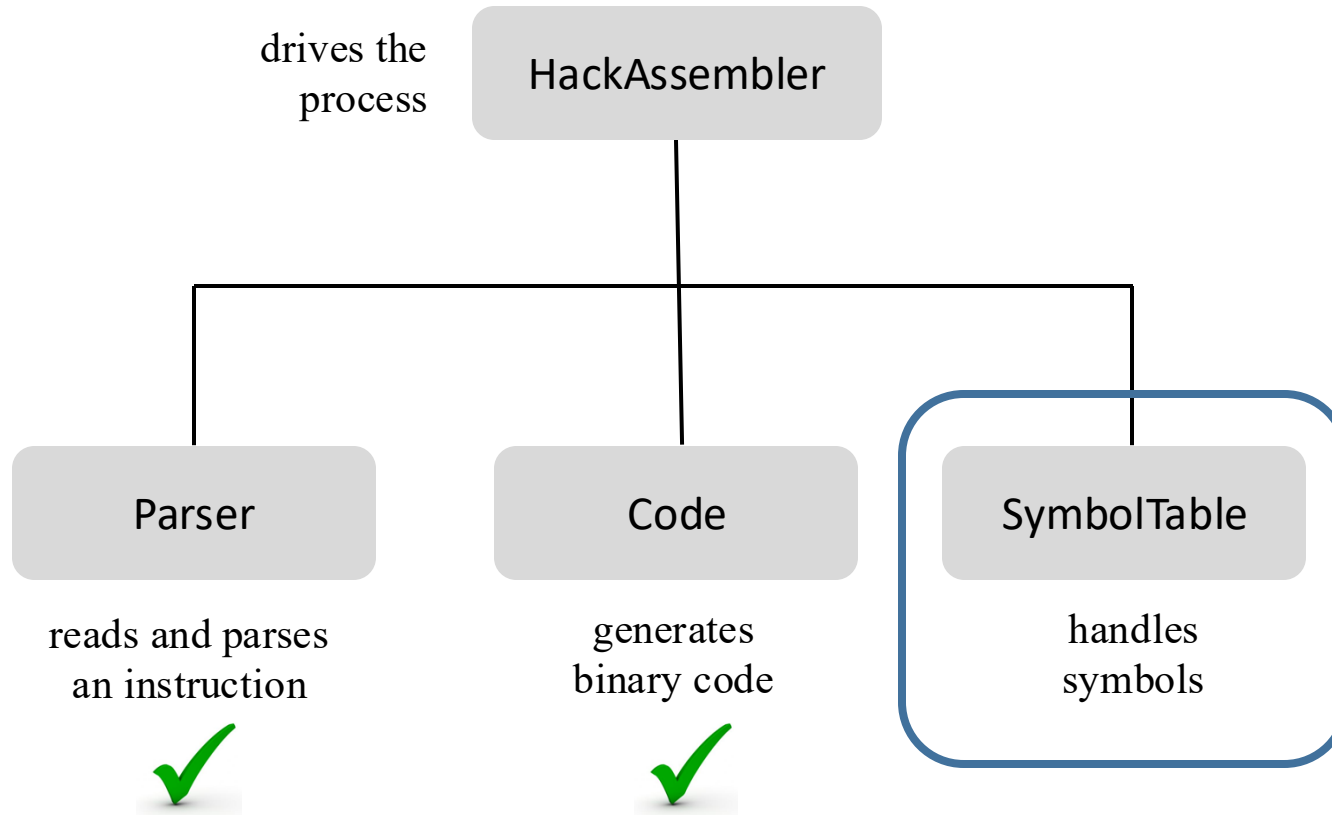
`comp("A+1")` returns "0110111"

`comp("D&M")` returns "1000000"

`jump("JNE")` returns "101"

# Implementation

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# SymbolTable API

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## Routines

**Constructor / initializer:** Creates and initializes a SymbolTable

`void addEntry(String symbol, int address):` Adds <symbol, address> to the table

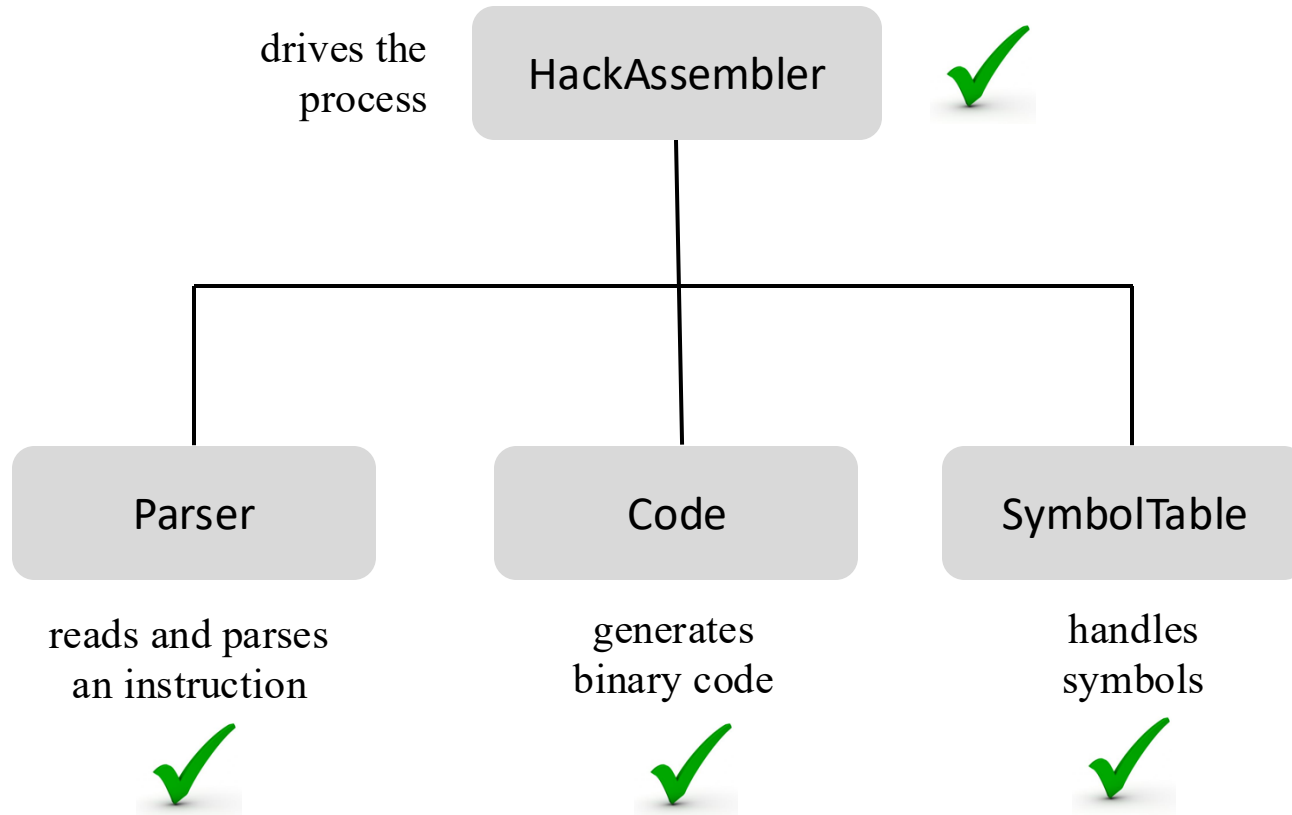
`boolean contains(String symbol):` Checks if symbol exists in the table

`int getAddress(String symbol):` Returns the address associated with symbol

Symbol table: (example)	<i>symbol</i>	<i>address</i>
	R0	0
	R1	1
	R2	2
	...	...
	R15	15
	SCREEN	16384
	KBD	24576
	SP	0
	LCL	1
	ARG	2
	THIS	3
	THAT	4
	LOOP	4
	STOP	18
	i	16
	sum	17

# HackAssembler: Drives the translation process

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# Assembler API (detailed)

Parser module:

<i>Routine</i>	<i>Arguments</i>	<i>Returns</i>	<i>Function</i>
Constructor / initializer	Input file or stream	—	Opens the input file/stream and gets ready to parse it.
hasMoreLines	—	boolean	Are there more lines in the input?
advance	—	—	Skips over whitespace and comments, if necessary. Reads the next instruction from the input, and makes it the current instruction. This method should be called only if hasMoreLines is true. Initially there is no current instruction.
instructionType	—	A_INSTRUCTION, C_INSTRUCTION, L_INSTRUCTION (constants)	Returns the type of the current instruction: A_INSTRUCTION for @xxx, where xxx is either a decimal number or a symbol. C_INSTRUCTION for <i>dest=comp;jump</i> L_INSTRUCTION for (xxx), where xxx is a symbol.
symbol	—	string	If the current instruction is (xxx), returns the symbol xxx. If the current instruction is @xxx, returns the symbol or decimal xxx (as a string). Should be called only if instructionType is A_INSTRUCTION or L_INSTRUCTION.
dest	—	string	Returns the symbolic <i>dest</i> part of the current C-instruction (8 possibilities). Should be called only if instructionType is C_INSTRUCTION.
comp	—	string	Returns the symbolic <i>comp</i> part of the current C-instruction (28 possibilities). Should be called only if instructionType is C_INSTRUCTION.
jump	—	string	Returns the symbolic <i>jump</i> part of the current C-instruction (8 possibilities). Should be called only if instructionType is C_INSTRUCTION.

# Assembler API (detailed)

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Code module:

<i>Routine</i>	<i>Arguments</i>	<i>Returns</i>	<i>Function</i>
dest	string	3 bits, as a string	Returns the binary code of the <i>dest</i> mnemonic.
comp	string	7 bits, as a string	Returns the binary code of the <i>comp</i> mnemonic.
jump	string	3 bits, as a string	Returns the binary code of the <i>jump</i> mnemonic.

SymbolTable module:

<i>Routine</i>	<i>Arguments</i>	<i>Returns</i>	<i>Function</i>
Constructor	—	—	Creates a new empty symbol table.
addEntry	symbol (string), address (int)	—	Adds <symbol, address> to the table.
contains	symbol (string)	boolean	Does the symbol table contain the given symbol?
getAddress	symbol (string)	int	Returns the address associated with the symbol.

HackAssembler module (main program):

No proposed design; Implement as you see fit.



# Chapter 6: Assembler

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# Project

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## Contract

Develop a program that translates symbolic Hack programs into binary Hack instructions;

The source assembly program (input) is read from a text file named *Prog.asm*

The generated binary code (output) is written to a text file named *Prog.hack*

Assumption: *Prog.asm* is error-free.

## Usage (e.g. Java implementation):

```
$ java HackAssembler Prog.asm
```

# Project

Prog.asm

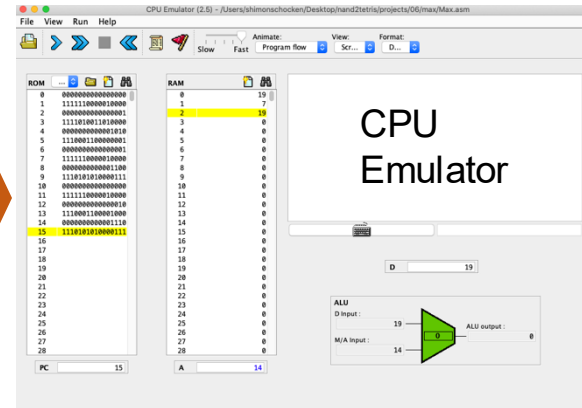
```
// Computes R1 = 1 + ... + R0
// i = 1
@i
M=1
// sum = 0
@sum
M=0
(LOOP)
// if i > R0 goto STOP
@i
D=M
@R0
D=D-M
@STOP
D;JGT
...
```

Your  
assembler

Prog.hack

```
0000000000010000
1110111111001000
0000000000010001
1110101010001000
0000000000001000
1111110000010000
0000000000000000
1111010011010000
00000000000010010
1110001100000001
0000000000010000
1111110000010000
0000000000010001
1111000010001000
0000000000010000
...
```

Load /  
Run



## Staged development plan

1. Develop a basic assembler that translates Hack assembly programs *containing no symbols*
2. Develop an ability to handle symbols
3. Morph your basic assembler into an assembler that translates any Hack assembly program.

## Test programs

➔ Add.asm

- Max.asm
- Rect.asm
- Pong.asm

(with symbols)

- MaxL.asm
- RectL.asm
- PongL.asm

(same programs, *without symbols*,  
for unit-testing your basic assembler)

# Testing: Add

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Add.asm

```
// Computes RAM[0] = 2 + 3
@2
D=A
@3
D=D+A
@0
M=D
```

# Testing: Add

Add.asm

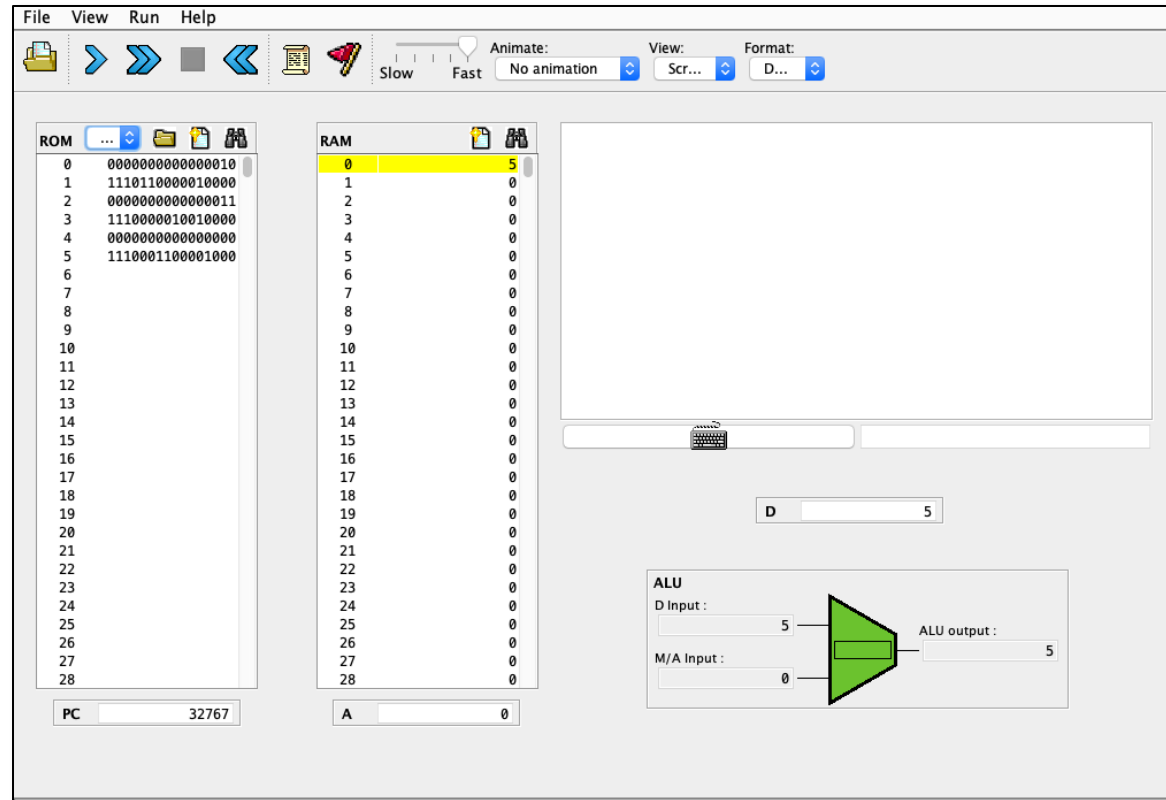
```
// Computes RAM[0] = 2 + 3
@2
D=A
@3
D=D+A
@0
M=D
```

## Technical note

When loading a binary *Prog.hack* file into the CPU emulator, the emulator may present the code symbolically, for readability (depending on the emulator's version).

To inspect the binary code, select the “binary” display option.

Testing on the CPU emulator:



1. Translate Add.asm using your assembler
2. Load into the CPU emulator the translated Add.hack
3. Run the code, inspect R0.

# Testing: Max

## Max.asm

```
// Computes RAM[2] =
// max(RAM[0],RAM[1])

@R0
D=M
@R1
D=D-M
@OUTPUT_RAM0
D;JGT

// Output RAM[1]
@R1
D=M
@R2
M=D
@END
0;JMP

(OUTPUT_RAM0)
@R0
D=M
@R2
M=D

(END)
@END
0;JMP
```

with symbols

## MaxL.asm

```
// Computes RAM[2] =
// max(RAM[0],RAM[1])

@0
D=M
@1
D=D-M
@12
D;JGT

// Output RAM[1]
@1
D=M
@2
M=D
@16
0;JMP

@0
D=M
@2
M=D

@16
0;JMP
```

without symbols

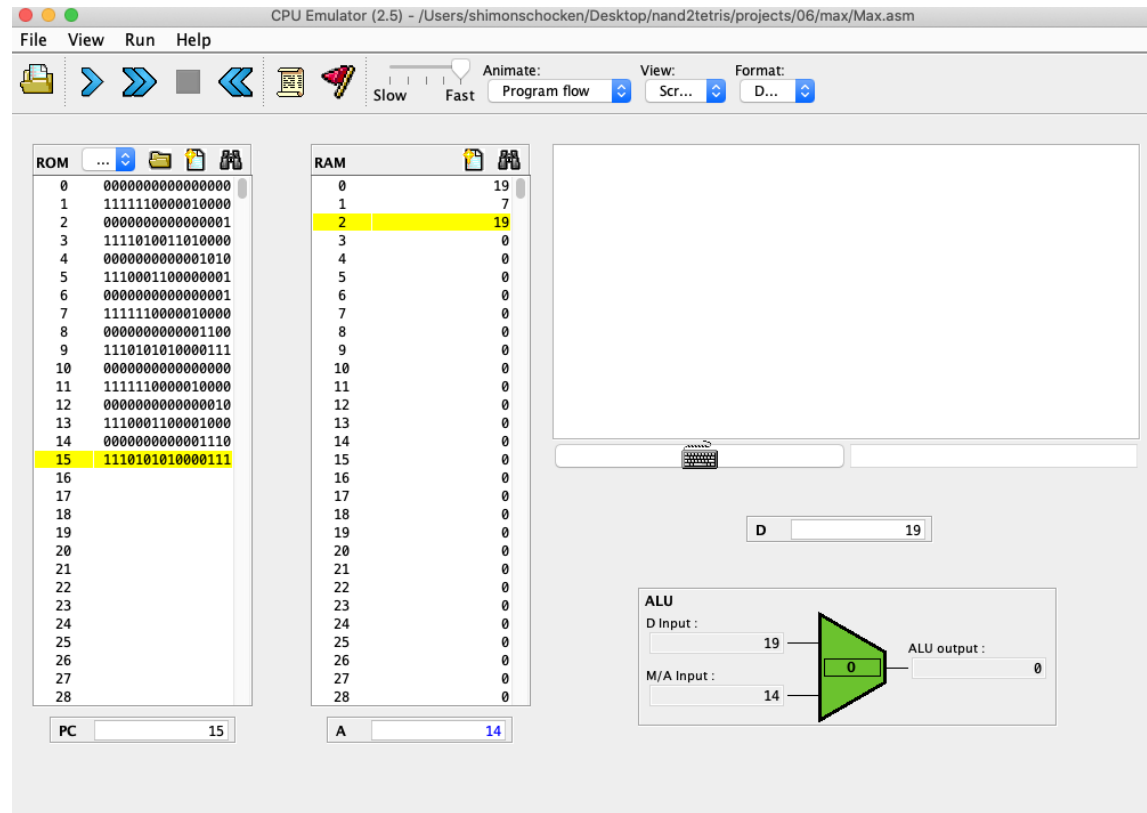
Same test program, without  
symbols, for unit-testing the  
basic assembler  
(we supply both versions)

# Testing: Max

Max.asm

```
// Computes RAM[2] =  
// max(RAM[0],RAM[1])  
  
@R0  
D=M  
  
@R1  
D=D-M  
  
@OUTPUT_RAM0  
D;JGT  
  
// Output RAM[1]  
  
@R1  
D=M  
  
@R2  
M=D  
  
@END  
0;JMP  
  
(OUTPUT_RAM0)  
  
@R0  
D=M  
  
@R2  
M=D  
  
(END)  
@END  
0;JMP
```

Testing on the CPU emulator:



1. Translate Max.asm
2. Load Max.hack
3. Put test values in R0 and R1, run the code, inspect R2.

# Testing: Rect

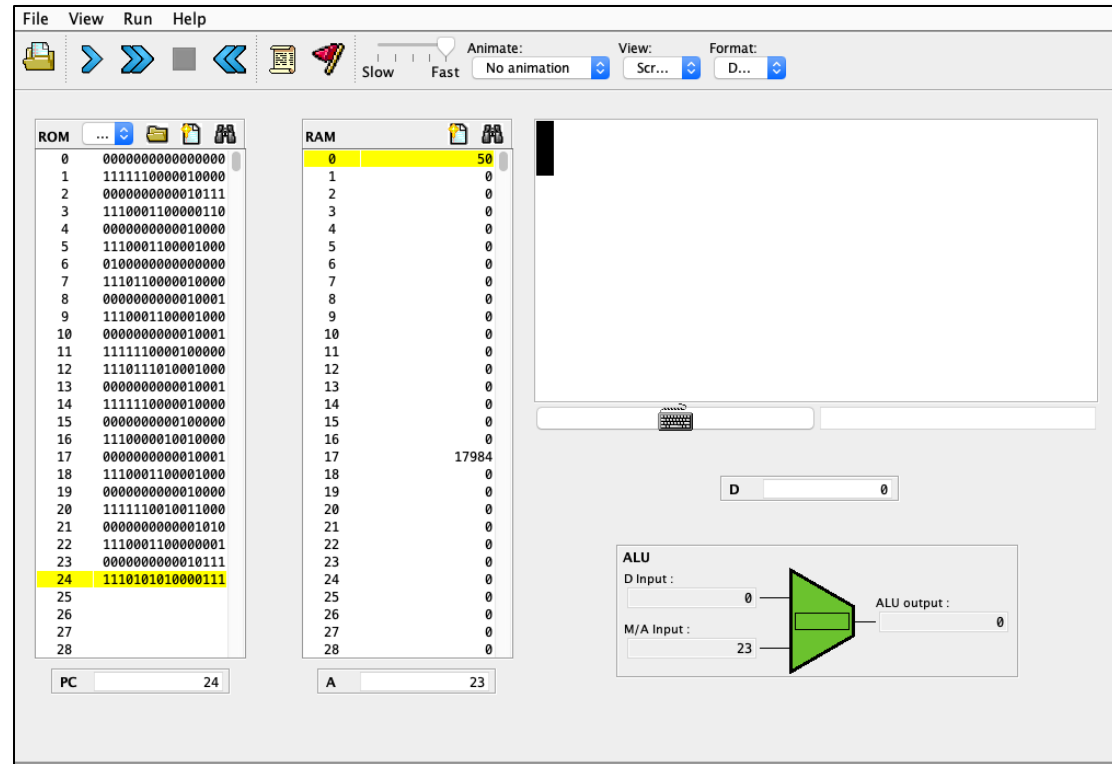
Rect.asm

```
// Draws a rectangle,  
// 16 pixels wide,  
// R0 pixels high,  
// at the screen's top-left.
```

```
@R0  
D=M  
@n  
M=D  
@i  
M=0  
@SCREEN  
D=A  
@address  
M=D
```

```
(LOOP)  
@i  
D=M  
@n  
D=D-M  
@END  
D;JGT  
...
```

Testing on the CPU emulator:



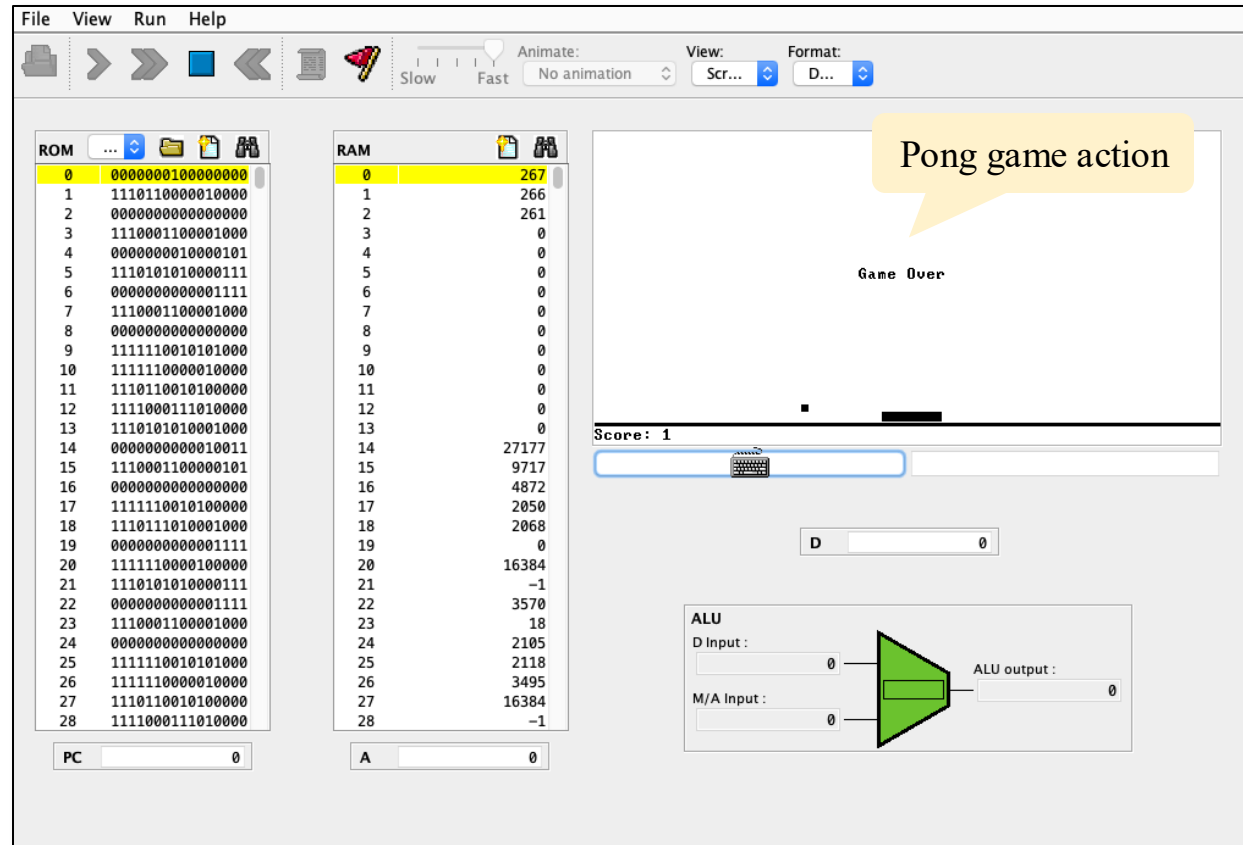
1. Translate Rect.asm
2. Load Rect.hack
3. Put a non-negative value in R0, run the code, inspect the screen.



# Testing: Pong

Pong.asm

```
// Pong game
@256
D=A
@SP
M=D
@133
0; JMP
@R15
M=D
@SP
AM=M-1
D=M
A=A-1
D=M-D
M=0
@END_EQ
D; JNE
@SP
A=M-1
M=-1
(END_EQ)
@R15
A=M
...
```



Translate Pong.asm, load Pong.hack, and play the game:

Set the speed slider to “fast”, and run the code;  
Control the game’s paddle using the left- and right-arrow keys.

# Testing: Pong

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Pong.asm

```
// Pong game
@256
D=A
@SP
M=D
@133
0;JMP
@R15
M=D
@SP
AM=M-1
D=M
A=A-1
D=M-D
M=0
@END_EQ
D;JNE
@SP
A=M-1
M=-1
(END_EQ)
@R15
A=M
...
```

## Background

The source Pong program was written in the high-level Jack language;

The computer's operating system is also written in Jack;

The Pong code + the OS code were compiled by the Jack compiler, creating a single file named Pong.asm;

This file contains many compiler-generated labels and symbols.

28,374 instructions

## Testing option II: Using the hardware simulator

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(Not necessarily recommended, but possible)

1. Use your assembler to translate *Prog.asm*, generating the executable file *Prog.hack*
2. Put the *Prog.hack* file in your project 5 folder
3. Load `Computer.hd1` into the Hardware Simulator
4. Load *Prog.hack* into the ROM32K chip-part
5. Run the clock to execute the program.

# Testing option III: Using the supplied assembler

(Not necessarily recommended, but possible)

Source

```
// Computes RAM[1] = 1 + ... + RAM[1]
@i
M=1 // i = 1
@sum
M=0 // sum = 0

(LLOOP)
@i // if i>RAM[0] goto STOP
D=M
@R0
D=D-M
@STOP
D;JGT
@i // sum += i
D=M
@sum
M=D+M
@i // i++
M=M+1
@LLOOP // goto LLOOP
0;JMP

(STOP)
@sum
D=M
@R1
M=D // RAM[1] = the sum

(END)
@END
0;JMP
```

Destination

```
0000000000010000
1110111111001000
0000000000010001
1110101010001000
0000000000010000
1111110000010000
0000000000000000
1110100110100000
0000000000010010
1110001100000001
0000000000010000
1111110000010000
0000000000010001
1111000010001000
0000000000010000
1111101110010000
0000000000001000
1110101010000111
0000000000010001
1111110000010000
0000000000000001
1110001100001000
0000000000010110
1110101010000111
```

Comparison

```
0000000000010000
1110111111001000
0000000000010001
1110101010001000
0000000000010000
1111110000010000
0000000000000000
1110100110100000
0000000000010010
1110001100000001
0000000000010000
1111110000010000
0000000000010001
1111000010001000
0000000000010000
1111101110010000
0000000000001000
1110101010000111
0000000000010001
1111110000010000
0000000000000001
1110001100001000
0000000000010110
1110101010000111
```

Source *Prog.asm* test file

*Prog.hack* file, translated by the supplied assembler

*Prog.hack* file, translated by **your** assembler

File compilation & comparison succeeded

1. Use your assembler to translate *Prog.asm*, generating the executable file *Prog.hack*
2. Load *Prog.asm* into the supplied assembler, and load *Prog.hack* as a compare file
3. Translate *Prog.hack*, and inspect the code comparison feedback messages.

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 Some history

# Industrial revolution (1760 – 1840)

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Before 1800: Labor intensive economy / slavery

Case in point: The textile industry



Picking cotton



cleaning



spinning



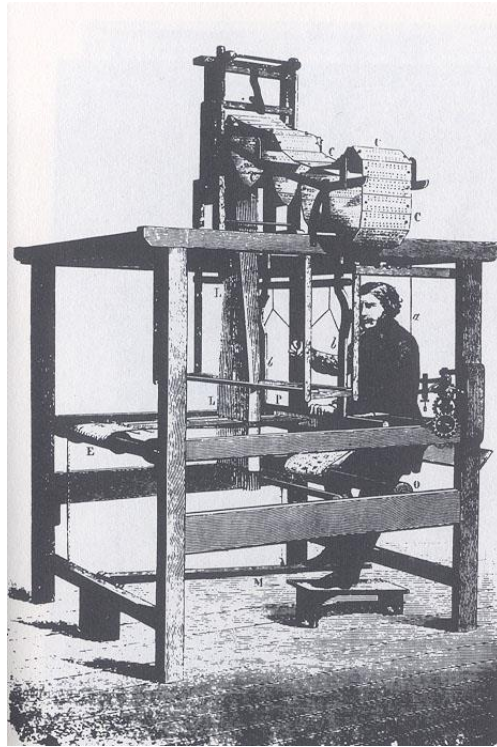
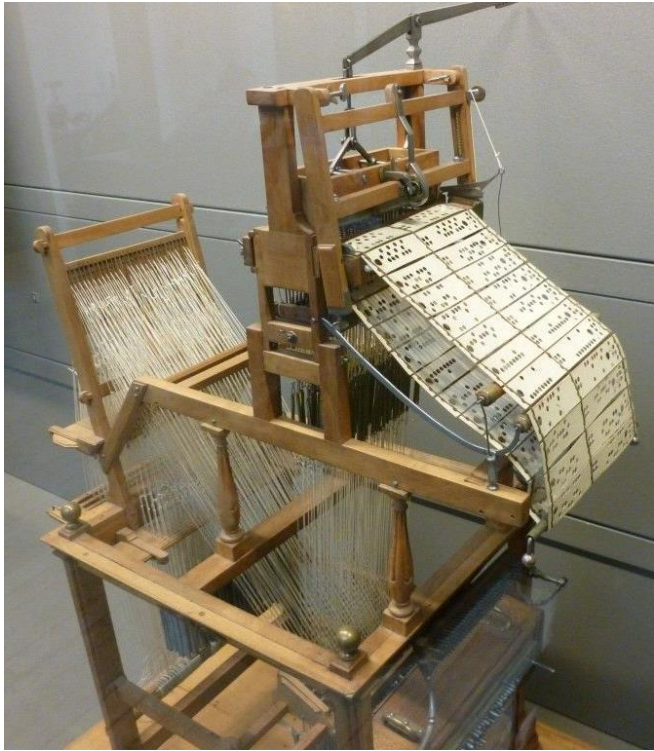
dyeing



weaving



## Industrial revolution (1760 – 1840)



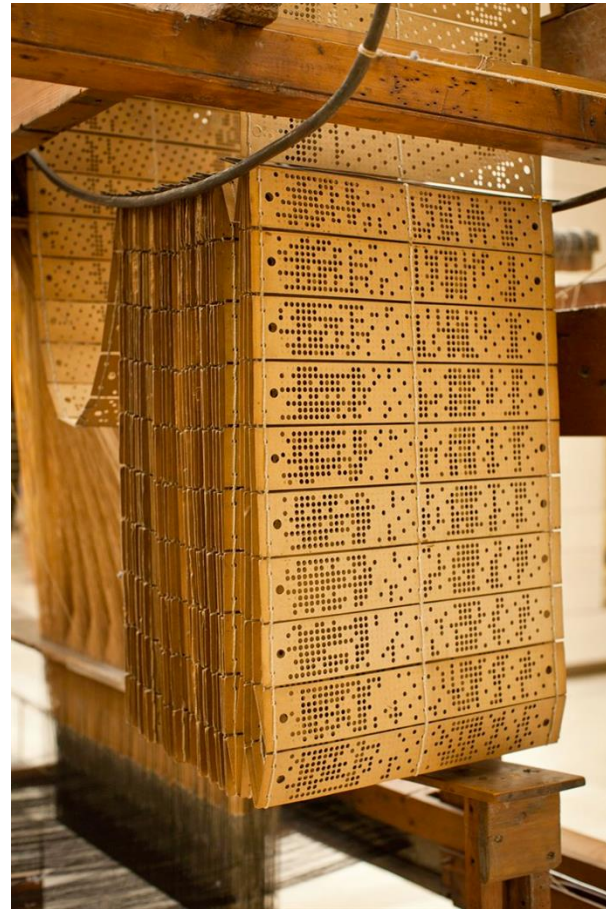
## Jacquard loom (1801)

Weaving instructions programmed by punched cards;

The punched cards controlled the loom's hardware.

# Industrial revolution (1760 – 1840)

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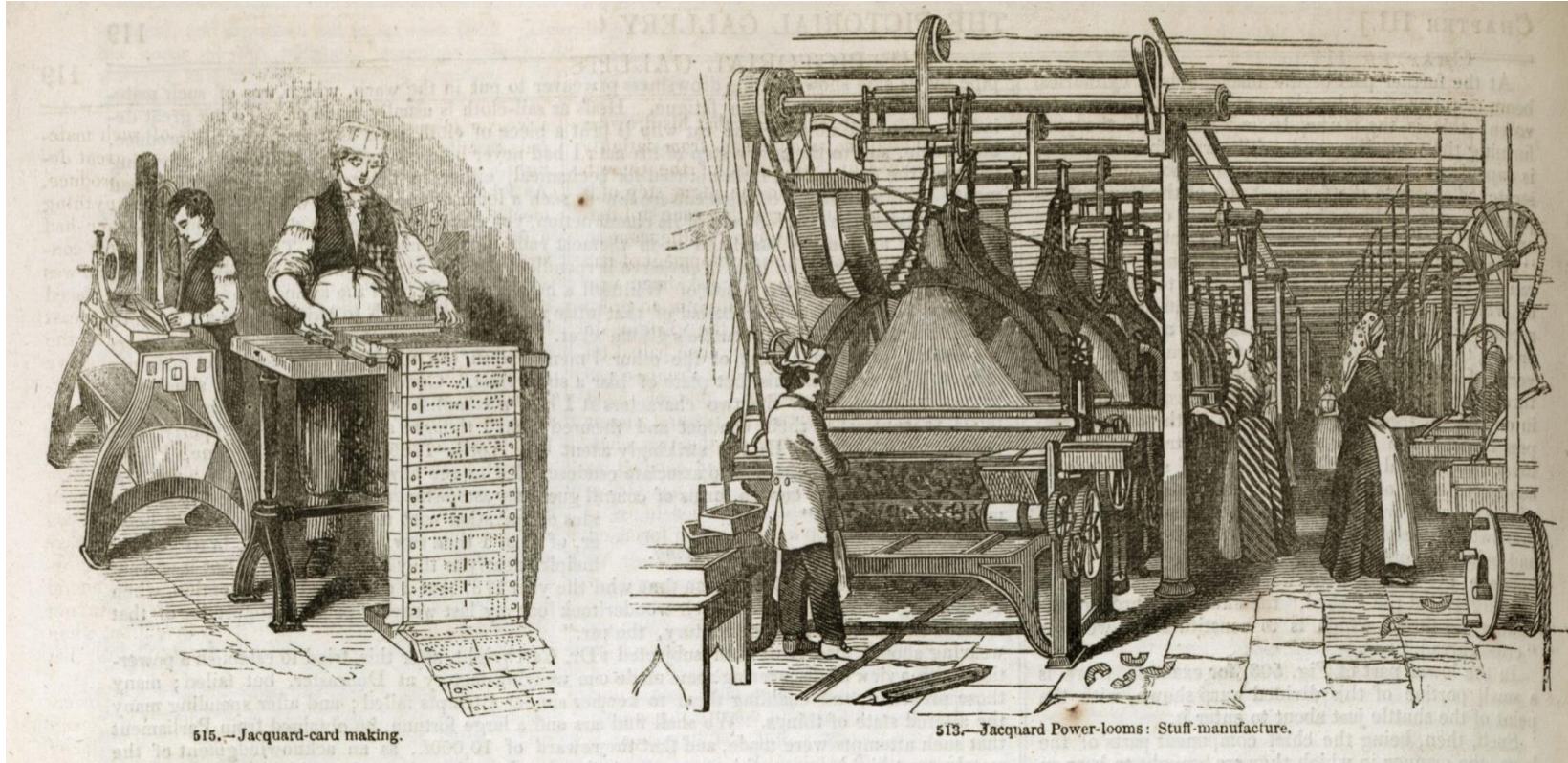


Weaving instructions programmed by punched cards;  
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# Industrial revolution (1760 – 1840)

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# Industrial revolution (1760 – 1840)

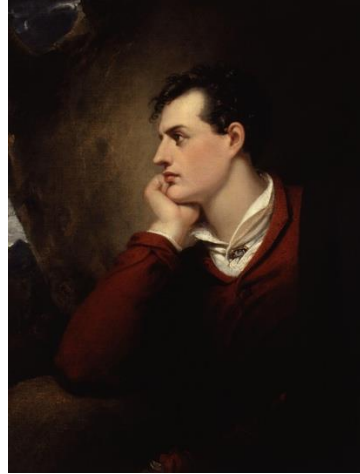
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# Industrial revolution (1760 – 1840)

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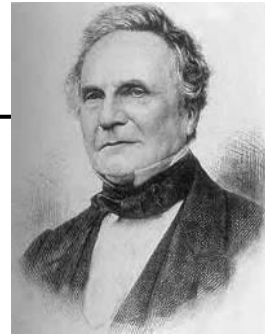
“Luddites” (technology opponents) attacking looms

“... While these outrages must be admitted to exist to an alarming extent, it cannot be denied that they have arisen from circumstances of the most unparalleled distress. The perseverance of these miserable men ... tends to prove that nothing but absolute want could have driven a large and once honest and industrious body of the people into the commission of excesses so hazardous to themselves, their families, and the community.

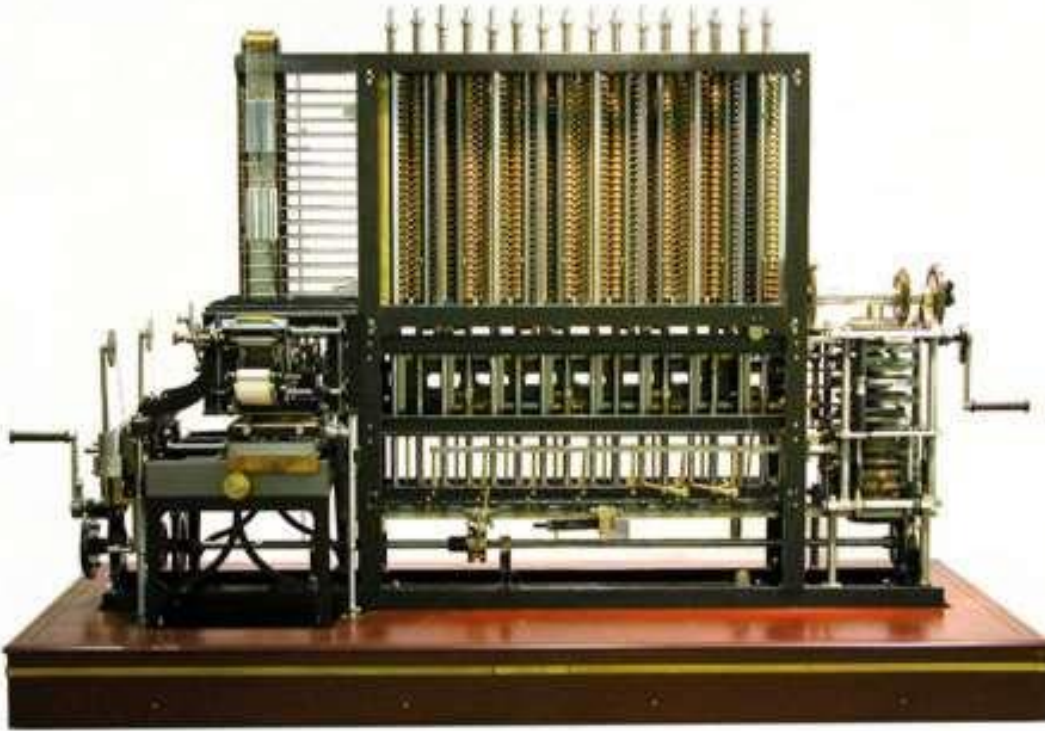
The rejected workmen, in the blindness of their ignorance, instead of rejoicing at these improvements in arts so beneficial to mankind, conceived themselves to be sacrificed to improvements in mechanism” (Lord Byron, 1812)



# The Analytic Engine 1837

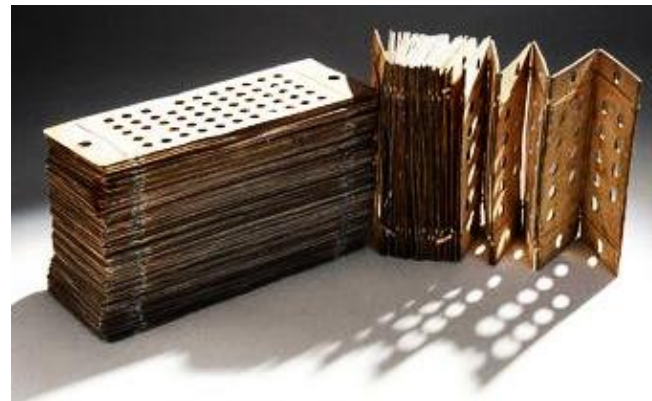


Charles  
Babbage  
1791-1871



An early mechanical computer,  
Designed to tabulate data collected  
in a UK national census

Inspired by Jacquard's loom;  
Featured a simple programming model  
with conditional branching;  
Software = punched cards.



# Ada Lovelace (1815 – 1852)



## Ada's insight:

If you want to code instructions,  
don't start by punching cards  
(low-level programming);

Instead, use a *symbolic* language  
for expressing instructions  
(high-level programming)

Write and test your program  
*on paper*, using symbolic  
instructions (debugging)

Only when convinced that the  
program is error-free, translate  
the symbolic instructions into  
punched cards (compiling)



Invention of  
programming

Gifted mathematician and writer

Worked closely with Babbage on early computers

Byron's daughter...

# Ada Lovelace (1815 – 1852)



Diagram for the computation by the Engine of the Numbers of Bernoulli. See Note G. (page 722 et seq.)

Number of Operation.	Nature of Operation.	Variables acted upon.	Variables receiving results.	Indication of change in the value on any Variable.	Statement of Results.	Data.										Working Variables.												
						$1V_1$	$1V_2$	$1V_3$	$1V_4$	$1V_5$	$1V_6$	$1V_7$	$1V_8$	$1V_9$	$1V_{10}$	$1V_{11}$	$1V_{12}$	$1V_{13}$	$1V_{14}$	$1V_{15}$	$1V_{16}$	$1V_{17}$	$1V_{18}$	$1V_{19}$	$1V_{20}$	$1V_{21}$	$1V_{22}$	$1V_{23}$
						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
						1	2	n																				
1	$\times$	$1V_2 \times 1V_3$	$1V_4$	$1V_5$	$1V_6$	$1V_6 = 1V_2$																						
2	$-$	$1V_4 - 1V_5$	$1V_6$			$1V_6 = 1V_4$																						
3	$+$	$1V_5 + 1V_6$	$1V_7$			$1V_7 = 1V_5$																						
4	$+$	$1V_6 + 1V_7$	$1V_8$			$1V_8 = 1V_6$																						
5	$+$	$1V_7 + 1V_8$	$1V_9$			$1V_9 = 1V_7$																						
6	$-$	$1V_9 - 1V_{10}$	$1V_{11}$			$1V_{11} = 1V_9$																						
7	$-$	$1V_{11} - 1V_{12}$	$1V_{13}$			$1V_{13} = 1V_{11}$																						
8	$+$	$1V_{13} + 1V_{14}$	$1V_{15}$			$1V_{15} = 1V_{13}$																						
9	$+$	$1V_{15} + 1V_{16}$	$1V_{17}$			$1V_{17} = 1V_{15}$																						
10	$\times$	$1V_{17} \times 1V_{18}$	$1V_{19}$			$1V_{19} = 1V_{17}$																						
11	$+$	$1V_{19} + 1V_{20}$	$1V_{21}$			$1V_{21} = 1V_{19}$																						
12	$-$	$1V_{21} - 1V_{22}$	$1V_{23}$			$1V_{23} = 1V_{21}$																						
13	$-$	$1V_{23} - 1V_{24}$	$1V_{25}$			$1V_{25} = 1V_{23}$																						
14	$+$	$1V_{25} + 1V_{26}$	$1V_{27}$			$1V_{27} = 1V_{25}$																						
15	$+$	$1V_{27} + 1V_{28}$	$1V_{29}$			$1V_{29} = 1V_{27}$																						
16	$\times$	$1V_{29} \times 1V_{30}$	$1V_{31}$			$1V_{31} = 1V_{29}$																						
17	$-$	$1V_{31} - 1V_{32}$	$1V_{33}$			$1V_{33} = 1V_{31}$																						
18	$+$	$1V_{33} + 1V_{34}$	$1V_{35}$			$1V_{35} = 1V_{33}$																						
19	$+$	$1V_{35} + 1V_{36}$	$1V_{37}$			$1V_{37} = 1V_{35}$																						
20	$\times$	$1V_{37} \times 1V_{38}$	$1V_{39}$			$1V_{39} = 1V_{37}$																						
21	$\times$	$1V_{39} \times 1V_{40}$	$1V_{41}$			$1V_{41} = 1V_{39}$																						
22	$+$	$1V_{41} + 1V_{42}$	$1V_{43}$			$1V_{43} = 1V_{41}$																						
23	$-$	$1V_{43} - 1V_{44}$	$1V_{45}$			$1V_{45} = 1V_{43}$																						
24	$+$	$1V_{45} + 1V_{46}$	$1V_{47}$			$1V_{47} = 1V_{45}$																						
25	$+$	$1V_{47} + 1V_{48}$	$1V_{49}$			$1V_{49} = 1V_{47}$																						

Early program, written by Ada, to compute Bernoulli numbers on the Analytic Engine

Early program, written by Ada, to compute Bernoulli numbers on the Analytic Engine

- Often described as “the first programmer”
- The programming language Ada is named after her.



# Ada Lovelace (1815 – 1852)

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“The Analytical Engine might act upon other things besides numbers...

Suppose, for instance, that the fundamental relations of pitched sounds in the science of harmony and of musical composition were susceptible of such expression and adaptations...

If so, the engine might compose elaborate and scientific pieces of music of any degree of complexity.”

(1840!)

