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**SIC/XE Assembler**

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# SIC/XE Assembler

## Introduction

The objective of this project is to implement a version of two-pass SIC/XE assembler in C++. It supports Program Blocks.

Features implemented:

- Literals
- Expressions
- Assembler Directives
- Symbols
- Program Blocks

## Design and Working

It is a two-pass assembler which assembles the input program in two passes.

1) Pass 1:

- The intermediate file is created and updated and the error file is also updated if the need arises. The required symbols are declared in the symbol table.
- The actual processing of the input starts when the START symbol is encountered whereas any comments are ignored.
- The LOCCTR is set as per the value given in the START directive, otherwise it is by default initialised to zero. Two nested loops are at the heart of the program and keep executing till the directive END is encountered.
- Errors such as duplicate symbols are mentioned in the error file.

2) Pass 2:

- The second pass acts on the intermediate file generated by pass 1, the file is processed via the readIntermediateFile() function.
- We then proceed to generate the listing file and the object program. The error file is updated as and when necessary.
- The symbol table is used to resolve any issues created when symbols are used as operands.
- The various assembler directives are also taken into account while creating the object file.

The following source code files are present in **src** folder:

- **src/helper\_functions.cpp** contains frequently used utility functions.
- **src/table\_structs.cpp** contains various tables and structs used throughout the code.:
  - SYMTAB: The struct contains information of labels like name, address, block number, a character representing whether the label exists in the symbol table or not, an integer representing whether label is relative or not.
  - OPTAB: The struct contains information of opcode like name, format, a character representing whether the opcode is valid or not.
  - LITTAB: The struct contains information of literals like its value, address, block number, a character representing whether the literal exists in the literal table or not.
  - REGTAB: The struct contains information of registers like its numeric equivalent, a character representing whether the register exists or not.

- BLOCKS: The struct contains information of blocks like its name, start address, block number, location counter value for end address of block, a character representing whether the block exists or not.
- `src/pass1.cpp` generates Symbol Table, Intermediate File for the pass2 and also generates Error File.
- `src/pass2.cpp` works on the Intermediate File generated by pass1 and generates Listing File and Object Program File

Following files are generated by the assembler :

- 1) Object Program
- 2) Listing File
- 3) Error File
- 4) Intermediate File
- 5) A file showing various tables created by the Assembler

## Installation

Extract the contents of zip file.

Now in terminal:

```
g++ .\src\pass2.cpp -o .\testing\assembler
```

Now copy the assembly code you wish to assemble in `assembly_code.txt` file of `testing` folder. Some sample assembly codes have been provided in `sample_programs` folder.

```
cd testing
.\assembler.exe
```

All output and intermediate files are generated in the same folder.

## Sample Results

- 1) `sample_code.txt` :

This is question 3 of section 2.2 in the prescribed textbook. As mentioned, the assembler will be tested on this.

```
SUM      START 0
FIRST   LDH    #0
        LDA    #0
        +LDB   #TABLE2
        BASE   TABLE2
LOOP    ADD    TABLE,X
        ADD    TABLE2,X
        TIX    COUNT
        JLT    LOOP
        +STA   TOTAL
        RSUB
COUNT  RESW   1
TABLE   RESW   2000
TABLE2  RESW   2000
TOTAL   RESW   1
        END    FIRST
```

```

Windows PowerShell
PS D:\IITR Course Material\SEM 4\CSN_252_System_Software\SIC_XE_assembler> g++ .\src\pass2.cpp -o .\testing\assembler
PS D:\IITR Course Material\SEM 4\CSN_252_System_Software\SIC_XE_assembler> cd testing
PS D:\IITR Course Material\SEM 4\CSN_252_System_Software\SIC_XE_assembler\testing> ls

Directory: D:\IITR Course Material\SEM 4\CSN_252_System_Software\SIC_XE_assembler\testing

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-a----             09-04-2024    10:56       3633333 assembler.exe
-a----             09-04-2024    10:54         299 assembly_code.txt

```

Figure 1: Directory Structure Before

```

PS D:\IITR Course Material\SEM 4\CSN_252_System_Software\SIC_XE_assembler\testing> .\assembler.exe

Loading OPTAB

Performing Pass 1
Writing the Intermediate File to 'intermediate_assembly_code.txt'
Writing the Error File to 'error_assembly_code.txt'
Making the Symbol Table
Making the Literal Table
Making the Block Table

Performing Pass 2
Writing the Object File to 'object_assembly_code.txt'
Writing the Listing File to 'listing_assembly_code.txt'
PS D:\IITR Course Material\SEM 4\CSN_252_System_Software\SIC_XE_assembler\testing> ls

Directory: D:\IITR Course Material\SEM 4\CSN_252_System_Software\SIC_XE_assembler\testing

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-a----             09-04-2024    10:56       3633333 assembler.exe
-a----             09-04-2024    10:54         299 assembly_code.txt
-a----             09-04-2024    11:00          66 error_assembly_code.txt
-a----             09-04-2024    11:00         452 intermediate_assembly_code.txt
-a----             09-04-2024    11:00         537 listing_assembly_code.txt
-a----             09-04-2024    11:00         134 object_assembly_code.txt
-a----             09-04-2024    11:00         691 tables_assembly_code.txt

```

Figure 2: Directory Structure After

```

object_assembly_code.txt U X
testing > object_assembly_code.txt
1 H^SUM ^000000^002F03
2 T^000000^1D^050000010000691017901BA0131BC0002F200A3B2FF40F102F004F0000
3 M^000007^05
4 M^000017^05
5 E^000000
6

```

Figure 3: Object File

```

≡ listing_assembly_code.txt U ×
testing > ≡ listing_assembly_code.txt
 1  Line      Address Label  OPCODE  OPERAND ObjectCode  Comment
 2  5      00000  0    SUM START  0
 3  10     00000  0    FIRST  LDX #0  050000
 4  15     00003  0          LDA #0  010000
 5  20     00006  0          +LDB  #TABLE2 69101790
 6  25     0000A  0          BASE  TABLE2
 7  30     0000A  0    LOOP   ADD TABLE,X 1BA013
 8  35     0000D  0          ADD TABLE2,X 1BC000
 9  40     00010  0          TIX COUNT  2F200A
10  45     00013  0          JLT LOOP  3B2FF4
11  50     00016  0          +STA  TOTAL  0F102F00
12  55     0001A  0          RSUB      4F0000
13  60     0001D  0    COUNT  RESW  1
14  65     00020  0    TABLE  RESW  2000
15  70     01790  0    TABLE2  RESW  2000
16  75     02F00  0    TOTAL  RESW  1
17  80     02F03          END FIRST
18

```

Figure 4: Listing File

```
≡ intermediate_assembly_code.txt U X
testing > ≡ intermediate_assembly_code.txt
1  Line      Address Label  OPCODE  OPERAND Comment
2  5         00000  0     SUM START  0
3  10        00000  0     FIRST   LDX #0
4  15        00003  0             LDA #0
5  20        00006  0             +LDB  #TABLE2
6  25        0000A  0             BASE   TABLE2
7  30        0000A  0     LOOP    ADD TABLE,X
8  35        0000D  0             ADD TABLE2,X
9  40        00010  0             TIX COUNT
10 45        00013  0             JLT LOOP
11 50        00016  0             +STA   TOTAL
12 55        0001A  0             RSUB
13 60        0001D  0     COUNT   RESW    1
14 65        00020  0     TABLE  RESW    2000
15 70        01790  0     TABLE2 RESW    2000
16 75        02F00  0     TOTAL   RESW    1
17 80        02F03             END FIRST
18
```

Figure 5: Intermediate File

2) program\_blocks\_code.txt :

This provides a sample code given in the textbook (Fig 2.11) to demonstrate the usage of program blocks.

```

TEST      START    0
FIRST     STL      RETADR
CLOOP     JSUB     RDREC
           LDA      LENGTH
           COMP     #0
           JEQ      ENDFIL
           JSUB     WRREC
           J        CLOOP
ENDFIL    LDA      =C'EOF'
           STA      BUFFER
           LDA      #3
           STA      LENGTH
           JSUB     WRREC
           J        @RETADR
           USE      CDATA
RETADR    RESW     1
LENGTH    RESW     1
           USE      CBLKS
BUFFER    RESB     4096
BUFEND    EQU      *
MAXLEN    EQU      BUFEND-BUFFER

.
.      SUBROUTINE TO READ RECORD INTO BUFFER
.
           USE
RDREC     CLEAR    X
           CLEAR    A
           CLEAR    S
           +LDT     #MAXLEN
RLOOP     TD       INPUT
           JEQ      RLOOP
           RD       INPUT
           COMPR    A, S
           JEQ      EXIT
           STCH     BUFFER,X
           TIXR     T
           JLT      RLOOP
EXIT      STX      LENGTH
           RSUB
           USE      CDATA
INPUT     BYTE     X'F1'

.
.      SUBROUTINE TO WRITE RECORD FROM BUFFER
.
           USE
WRREC     CLEAR    X
           LDT      LENGTH
WLOOP     TD       =X'05'
           JEQ      WLOOP
           LDCH     BUFFER,X
           WD       =X'05'
           TIXR     T

```

```
JLT      WLOOP
RSUB
USE      CDATA
LTORG
END      FIRST
```

```
≡ object_assembly_code.txt U X
testing > ≡ object_assembly_code.txt
1  H^TEST  ^000000^001071
2  T^000000^1E^1720634B20210320602900003320064B203B3F2FEE0320550F2056010003
3  T^00001E^09^0F20484B20293E203F
4  T^000027^1D^B410B400B44075101000E32038332FFADB2032A00433200857A02FB850
5  T^000044^09^3B2FEA13201F4F0000
6  T^00006C^01^F1
7  T^00004D^19^B410772017E3201B332FFA53A016DF2012B8503B2FEF4F0000
8  T^00006D^04^454F4605
9  E^000000
10
11 |
```

Figure 6: Object File



| Line | Address | Label | OPCODE                                 | OPERAND | ObjectCode       | Comment |
|------|---------|-------|--|---------|------------------|---------|
| 5    | 00000   | 0     | TEST                                   | START   | 0                |         |
| 10   | 00000   | 0     | FIRST                                  | STL     | RETADR 172063    |         |
| 15   | 00003   | 0     | CLOOP                                  | JSUB    | RDREC 4B2021     |         |
| 20   | 00006   | 0     |  | LDA     | LENGTH 032060    |         |
| 25   | 00009   | 0     |  | COMP    | #0 290000        |         |
| 30   | 0000C   | 0     |  | JEQ     | ENDFIL 332006    |         |
| 35   | 0000F   | 0     |  | JSUB    | WRREC 4B203B     |         |
| 40   | 00012   | 0     |  | J       | CLOOP 3F2FEE     |         |
| 45   | 00015   | 0     | ENDFIL                                 | LDA     | =C'EOF' 032055   |         |
| 50   | 00018   | 0     |  | STA     | BUFFER 0F2056    |         |
| 55   | 0001B   | 0     |  | LDA     | #3 010003        |         |
| 60   | 0001E   | 0     |  | STA     | LENGTH 0F2048    |         |
| 65   | 00021   | 0     |  | JSUB    | WRREC 4B2029     |         |
| 70   | 00024   | 0     |  | J       | @RETADR 3E203F   |         |
| 75   | 00000   | 1     |  | USE     | CDATA            |         |
| 80   | 00000   | 1     | RETADR                                 | RESW    | 1                |         |
| 85   | 00003   | 1     | LENGTH                                 | RESW    | 1                |         |
| 90   | 00000   | 2     |  | USE     | CBLKS            |         |
| 95   | 00000   | 2     | BUFFER                                 | RESB    | 4096             |         |
| 100  | 01000   | 2     | BUFEND                                 | EQU     | *                |         |
| 105  | 01000   |       | MAXLEN                                 | EQU     | BUFEND-BUFFER    |         |
| 110  | .       |       |  |         |                  |         |
| 115  | .       |       | SUBROUTINE TO READ RECORD INTO BUFFER  |         |                  |         |
| 120  | .       |       |  |         |                  |         |
| 125  | 00027   | 0     |  | USE     | DEFAULT          |         |
| 130  | 00027   | 0     | RDREC                                  | CLEAR   | X B410           |         |
| 135  | 00029   | 0     |  | CLEAR   | A B400           |         |
| 140  | 0002B   | 0     |  | CLEAR   | S B440           |         |
| 145  | 0002D   | 0     |  | +LDT    | #MAXLEN 75101000 |         |
| 150  | 00031   | 0     | RLOOP                                  | TD      | INPUT E32038     |         |
| 155  | 00034   | 0     |  | JEQ     | RLOOP 332FFA     |         |
| 160  | 00037   | 0     |  | RD      | INPUT DB2032     |         |
| 165  | 0003A   | 0     |  | COMPR   | A,S A004         |         |
| 170  | 0003C   | 0     |  | JEQ     | EXIT 332008      |         |
| 175  | 0003F   | 0     |  | STCH    | BUFFER,X 57A02F  |         |
| 180  | 00042   | 0     |  | TIXR    | T B850           |         |
| 185  | 00044   | 0     |  | JLT     | RLOOP 3B2FEA     |         |
| 190  | 00047   | 0     | EXIT                                   | STX     | LENGTH 13201F    |         |
| 195  | 0004A   | 0     |  | RSUB    | 4F0000           |         |
| 200  | 00006   | 1     |  | USE     | CDATA            |         |
| 205  | 00006   | 1     | INPUT                                  | BYTE    | X'F1' F1         |         |
| 210  | .       |       |  |         |                  |         |
| 215  | .       |       | SUBROUTINE TO WRITE RECORD FROM BUFFER |         |                  |         |
| 220  | .       |       |  |         |                  |         |
| 225  | 0004D   | 0     |  | USE     | DEFAULT          |         |
| 230  | 0004D   | 0     | WRREC                                  | CLEAR   | X B410           |         |
| 235  | 0004F   | 0     |  | LDT     | LENGTH 772017    |         |
| 240  | 00052   | 0     | WLOOP                                  | TD      | =X'05' E3201B    |         |
| 245  | 00055   | 0     |  | JEQ     | WLOOP 332FFA     |         |
| 250  | 00058   | 0     |  | LDCH    | BUFFER,X 53A016  |         |
| 255  | 0005B   | 0     |  | WD      | =X'05' DF2012    |         |
| 260  | 0005E   | 0     |  | TIXR    | T B850           |         |
| 265  | 00060   | 0     |  | JLT     | WLOOP 3B2FEF     |         |
| 270  | 00063   | 0     |  | RSUB    | 4F0000           |         |
| 275  | 00007   | 1     |  | USE     | CDATA            |         |
| 280  | 00007   | 1     |  | LTOrg   |                  |         |
| 285  | 00007   | 1     | *                                      | =C'EOF' | 454F46           |         |
| 290  | 0000A   | 1     | *                                      | =X'05'  | 05               |         |
| 295  | 00066   |       | END                                    | FIRST   |                  |         |

Figure 7: Listing File

```

-----SYMBOL TABLE-----
:-      name:undefined |address:0      |relative:00000
0:-      name:         |address:0      |relative:00000
BUFEND:-      name:BUFEND |address:001000 |relative:00001
BUFFER:-      name:BUFFER |address:00000   |relative:00001
CLOOP:-      name:CLOOP  |address:00003   |relative:00001
ENDFIL:-      name:ENDFIL |address:00015   |relative:00001
EXIT:-      name:EXIT    |address:00047   |relative:00001
FIRST:-      name:FIRST  |address:00000   |relative:00001
INPUT:-      name:INPUT  |address:00006   |relative:00001
LENGTH:-      name:LENGTH |address:00003   |relative:00001
MAXLEN:-      name:MAXLEN |address:01000   |relative:00000
RDREC:-      name:RDREC  |address:00027   |relative:00001
RETADR:-      name:RETADR |address:00000   |relative:00001
RLOOP:-      name:RLOOP  |address:00031   |relative:00001
WLOOP:-      name:WLOOP  |address:00052   |relative:00001
WRREC:-      name:WRREC  |address:0004D   |relative:00001

-----LITERAL TABLE-----
C'EOF':-      value:C'EOF' |address:00007
X'05':-      value:X'05'  |address:0000A

-----BLOCK TABLE-----
CBLKS:-      value:CBLKS   |address:00071
CDATA:-      value:CDATA  |address:00066
DEFAULT:-      value:DEFAULT |address:00000

```

Figure 8: Various Tables

```

≡ error_assembly_code.txt U X
testing > ≡ error_assembly_code.txt
1 *****PASS1*****
2
3
4 *****PASS2*****
5 |

```

Figure 9: Error File

### 3) csect\_code.txt :

This provides a sample code given in the textbook (Fig 2.15) to demonstrate the usage of control sections.

(Tested for showing that it correctly detects errors like wrong opcodes for unsupported features)

```

COPY      START    0
          EXTDEF    BUFFER, BUFEND, LENGTH
          EXTREF    RDREC, WRREC
FIRST     STL       RETADR
CLOOP     +JSUB     RDREC
          LDA       LENGTH
          COMP      #0
          JEQ       ENDFIL
          +JSUB     WRREC
          J         CLOOP
ENDFIL    LDA       =C'EOF'
          STA       BUFFER
          LDA       #3
          STA       LENGTH
          +JSUB     WRREC
          J         @RETADR
RETADR    RESW      1
LENGTH    RESW      1
          LTORG
BUFFER    RESB      4096
BUFEND    EQU       *
MAXLEN    EQU       BUFEND-BUFFER

RDREC     CSECT
.
.         SUBROUTINE TO READ RECORD INTO BUFFER
.
          EXTREF    BUFFER, BUFEND, LENGTH
          CLEAR     X
          CLEAR     A
          CLEAR     S
          LDT       MAXLEN
RLOOP     TD        INPUT
          JEQ       RLOOP
          RD        INPUT
          COMPR     A, S
          JEQ       EXIT
          +STCH     BUFFER,X
          TIXR      T
          JLT       RLOOP
EXIT      +STX      LENGTH
          RSUB
INPUT     BYTE      X'F1'
MAXLEN    WORD      BUFEND-BUFFER

WRREC     CSECT
.
.         SUBROUTINE TO WRITE RECORD FROM BUFFER
.
          EXTREF    LENGTH, BUFFER
          CLEAR     X

```

```

WLOOP    +LDT    LENGTH
          TD      =X'05'
          JEQ     WLOOP
          +LDCH   BUFFER,X
          WD      =X'05'
          TIXR    T
          JLT     WLOOP
          RSUB
          END     FIRST

```

```

≡ error_assembly_code.txt U ×
testing > ≡ error_assembly_code.txt
1  *****PASS1*****
2  Line 10 : Invalid OPCODE. Found EXTDEF
3  Line 15 : Invalid OPCODE. Found EXTREF
4  Line 120 : Invalid OPCODE. Found
5  Line 125 : Invalid OPCODE. Found CSECT
6  Line 145 : Invalid OPCODE. Found EXTREF
7  Line 225 : Duplicate symbol for 'MAXLEN'. Previously defined at 01000
8  Line 230 : Invalid OPCODE. Found
9  Line 235 : Invalid OPCODE. Found CSECT
10 Line 255 : Invalid OPCODE. Found EXTREF
11

```

Figure 10: Error File