# University of Victoria Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering CENG 255 - Introduction to Computer Architecture Laboratory Manual Laboratory Experiment #1

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The laboratory experiments are developed to provide a hands-on introduction to the ColdFire architecture. The labs are based on CodeWarrior Development Studio, an integrated development environment (IDE) for embedded systems.

You are expected to read this manual carefully and prepare **in advance** of your lab session. Pay attention to the parts that are **bolded and underlined**. You are required to address these parts in your lab report. In addition, be prepared to answer the questions listed in the **Prelab** section. Your lab instructor will ask you these questions during the lab. Your answers to these questions and your preparation for the lab will be graded.

#### Laboratory 1: Using the CodeWarrior Integrated Development Environment

#### **1.1 Goal**

In this introductory lab, you will learn the procedure for developing assembly language programs and the basic features of the ColdFire architecture.

#### 1.2 Objectives

Upon completion of this lab, you will be able to:

- Assemble and link ColdFire architecture assembly programs.
- Load program onto a ColdFire development board.
- Run programs.
- Examine / Modify memory locations (including program and data) and registers.
- Set breakpoints and single step execution.

## 1.3 Prelab (Your Lab Instructor will ask you these questions during the lab and your answers will be graded.)

- What is a cross-assembler?
- What is the difference between big-endian and little-endian?
- What is an exception?
- Comment on the program in 1.4.2 Part 2 (Explain what it does).
- Comment on the program in 1.4.3 Part 3 (Explain what it does).

#### 1.4 Hardware Introduction

The **ColdFire M52233 DEMO** board consists of a **ColdFire** MCF52233 processor, a ROM that stores the monitor program, 256 KB Flash, 32KB SRAM, 3 UARTS, 32-bit Timers, a general purpose timer, 4 LEDS, and 3 push-buttons. The CPU clock rate for this board is 60 MHz, and the user programming model is the same as the M68000 family microprocessors.

For this lab, we employ **CodeWarrior** Development Studio (CodeWarrior IDE 5.7) for ColdFire V6.3.

#### 1.4.1 Part 1

- 1. Login to one of the lab computers.
- 2. On the desktop you will find a shortcut to **CodeWarrior** Development Studio. Open this application.
- 3. Next, we use **CodeWarrior** to assemble a simple program. The Lab Instructor will provide you with an URL where you can download a folder containing the project **BareAsm\_0**. This project contains the assembly code along with the supporting files for this part of the lab.

Unzip the folder on the M: drive. When you have unzipped the folder, you need to assemble and link your source program using **CodeWarrior**, before running it on the **ColdFire** board. The assembler translates assembly language programs into object programs. Then, the linker transforms object programs into executable programs that you can run on **ColdFire**.

The following shows the contents of the main.s file in the BareAsm\_0 project.

```
# This program stores the result of "3 + 4" into register d4.
* File: main.s
        .text
        .global _main
_main:
        link
               a6,#0
        lea.l -12(a7),a7
        move.1 #3,d3
        move.1 #4,d4
        add.l d3,d4
loop:
        bra
                loop
        unlk a6
        rts
.end
```

Figure 1. Assembly Code for Lab 1.4.1

4. To assemble the **main.s** program, use the following command from the main menu:

#### **Click Project -> Compile**

This operation generates the object file for the main.s file. Use the following command from the main menu to observe the object file:

#### Click Project -> Disassemble

This command shows the object file for main.s as shown below.

```
*** ELF HEADER ***
ident[EI_CLASS] = 1
ident[EI_DATA] = 2
ident[EI_VERS] = 1
type
machine
                = 04 (EM_68K)
version
                = 1
                = 0 \times 000000000
entry
phoff
                = 0x00000000
          = 0 \times 0000039C
= 0 \times 000000000 ( )
= 52
shoff
flags
ehsize
```

 phentsize
 = 0

 phnum
 = 0

 shentsize
 = 40

 shnum
 = 12

 shstrndx
 = 1

#### \*\*\* SECTION HEADER TABLE \*\*\*

no	offset link	size info	flags addralign	addr entsize	type	name
1	0x00000224	0x0000005F	0x00000000	0x00000000	STRTAB	.shstrtab
2	0x00000284	0x0000004F	0x00000000 1	0x00000000	STRTAB	.strtab
3	0x000002D4 2	0x00000080 7	0x00000000 4	0x00000000 16	SYMTAB	.symtab
4	0x00000034 0	0x0000009E 0	0x00000000 0	0x00000000 0	PROGBITS	.debug
5	0x00000354 3	0x0000000C 4	0x00000000 4	0x00000000 12	RELA	.rela.debug
6	0x000000D4 0	0x0000009E 0	0x00000000 0	0x00000000 0	PROGBITS	.debug
7	0x00000174 0	0x0000002F 0	0x00000000 0	0x00000000 0	PROGBITS	.debug
8	0x00000360 3	0x00000030 7	0x00000000 4	0x00000000 12	RELA	.rela.debug
9	0x000001A4 0	0x00000062 0	0x00000000 0	0x00000000 0	PROGBITS	.line
10	0x00000390 3	0x0000000C	0x00000000 4	0x00000000 12	RELA	.rela.line
11	0x00000208	0x0000001C	0x00000006 4	0x00000000 0	PROGBITS	.text

#### \*\*\* SYMBOL TABLE (.symtab) \*\*\*

no	value name	size	bind	type	other	shndx		
1	0x00000000 .debuq	0x0000009E	LOCAL	SECTION	0x00	.debug		
2	0x0000000	0x0000009E	LOCAL	SECTION	0x00	.debug		
	.debug.empty							
3	0x00000000	0x00000062	LOCAL	SECTION	0x00	.line		
	.line@DummyFn1							
4	0x00000000	$0 \times 0000002 F$	LOCAL	SECTION	$0 \times 00$	.debug		
	.debug@DummyFn1							
5	0x00000000	0x000001C	LOCAL	SECTION	0x00	.text		
	.text							
6	$0 \times 000000000$	0x000001C	LOCAL	FUNC	0x00	.text		
	_@DummyFn1							
7	0x00000000	0x00000000	GLOBAL	NOTYPE	0x00	.text		
	_main							

\*\*\* STRING TABLE (.shstrtab) \*\*\*

0x00000000:

0x00000001: .shstrtab

```
0x0000000B: .strtab
0x00000013: .symtab
0x000001B: .debug
0x00000022: .rela.debug
0x0000002E: .debug
0x00000035: .debug
0x0000003C: .rela.debug
0x00000048: .line
0x0000004E: .rela.line
0x00000059: .text
            *** STRING TABLE (.strtab) ***
0x00000000:
0x00000001: .debug
0x00000008: .debug.empty
0x00000015: .line._@DummyFn1
0x00000026: .debug._@DummyFn1
0x00000038: .text
0x0000003E: _main
0x00000044: _@DummyFn1
           *** EXECUTABLE CODE (.text) ***
Address ObjectCode Label Opcode Operands
                                                               Comment
    5: .text
    6:
    7: .global _main
    8: _main:
                link a6,#0
;
    9:
0x00000000
                           _main:
                           main:
0x00000000
                            _@DummyFn1:
                            @DummyFn1:
0x0000000 0x4E560000
                                 link
                                         a6,#0
; 10: lea.l -12(a7),a7
   11:
0x00000004 0x4FEFFFF4
                                 lea
                                          -12(a7),a7
  12:
          move.1 #3,d3
0x00000008 0x263C00000003
                                 move.1 #3,d3
                                                              ; '....'
  13:
          move.1 #4,d4
0x0000000E 0x283C00000004
                                 move.1 #4,d4
                                                               i '...'
; 14: add.l d3,d4
0x00000014 0xD883
                                  add.l d3,d4
   15: loop:bra loop
   16:
0x00000016 0x60FE
                                 bra.s *+0
                                                               ;0x0000016
```

Figure 2. Listing (object file) for main.s

Figure 2 shows the ColdFire machine language of the main.s assembly file. In this part, search for \*\*\* EXECUTABLE CODE (.text) \*\*\* string. At this location you can observe the machine language.

The first column shows the absolute address of each translated instruction. It should be noted that this address is different from the final location where the program will be loaded. The second column shows the translated code of each instruction. Finally, the next columns represent the original assembly codes of the translated program.

As can be seen, this program has only one section, which is the program section. It starts with the ".text" keyword. It should be noted that the sizes of instructions in the ColdFire architecture are not identical.

It is worth mentioning that the ColdFire architecture is a big-endian architecture. As can be seen, each instruction is converted into its corresponding object code. For example, the instruction *add.l d2,d3* is translated to *0xD883*. You can find more details about assembly language and different addressing modes in the ColdFire Family Programmer's Reference Manual.

5. In this section, we build the executable file using the following command:

#### **Click Project -> Make**

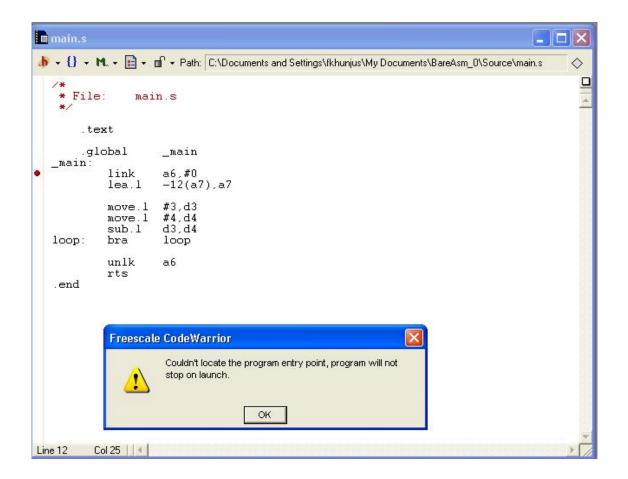
This command also writes the address mapping of the program segments into the *M52233DEMO Console Debug.elf* file in the **bin** folder. The filename is an acronym for Executable Linking and Formatting and is the file format that is used in the GNU Linux/UNIX world for object files and executables (it is used in more than just GNU Linux/UNIX but it originated in the UNIX world). It is also the format that the CodeWarrior IDE uses to store the code that is to be downloaded and debugged on the M52233DEMO board. Use a text editor (e.g., TextPad, etc.) and check the address mapping of each section. In addition, the final program in which the addresses are resolved can be found in the *M52233DEMO Console Debug.elf.S19* file in the **bin** folder.

6. Once you have assembled and linked your assembly language program, you can execute it through **CodeWarrior Development Studio**. Before execution, the executable program has to be loaded onto the board.

Ensure that the CodeFire board is properly connected to the workstation and is powered on.

- Go to the first line of the program (link a6,#0).
- Right click on the mouse and select the **set breakpoint** option.
- Click Project -> Debug

You will see the following warning for running the program; press OK and continue to the next step.



Now the program has been loaded into the memory and can be executed. As shown in Figure 3, the blue arrow points to the starting location of the loaded program. At the bottom of the page you can find Line and Col Number of the current line. Beside these numbers you will find a pop-up window which allows you to select the representation style of the program. The normal representation is the source program that you wrote. At this point, try to view other representations. For example, the assembly representation illustrates the final machine code and the assembly language of the program. It shows the program's starting location (\$20000500) in the M52233Demo board's memory. In addition, all addresses are resolved in this representation. Discuss this representation with your Lab Instructor.

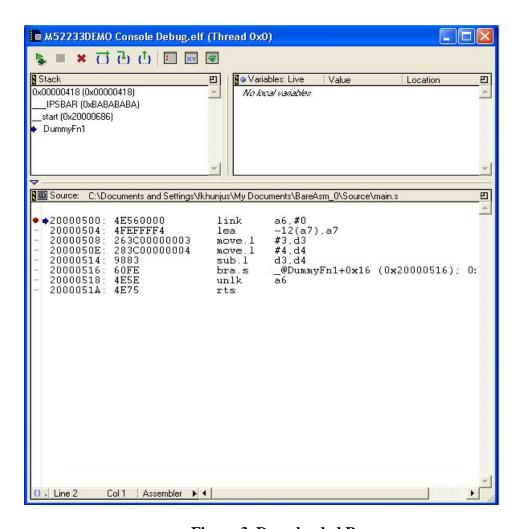


Figure 3. Downloaded Program

Before running the program, examine the contents of the memory and the registers.

Figure 4 shows the content of the memory after loading the program onto the board. As mentioned before, the *M52233DEMO Console Debug.elf* file in the **bin** folder describes the memory mapping of the program after the linking process. As can be seen from the file's contents, the code section starts at the location with address **0x20000500**. Therefore, we expect the first byte of the program is located in address **0x20000500**. To verify this, use the **Data -> View** *Memory* option shown in the menu. If you click on this option, you will see Figure 4 where the contents of the memory are displayed.

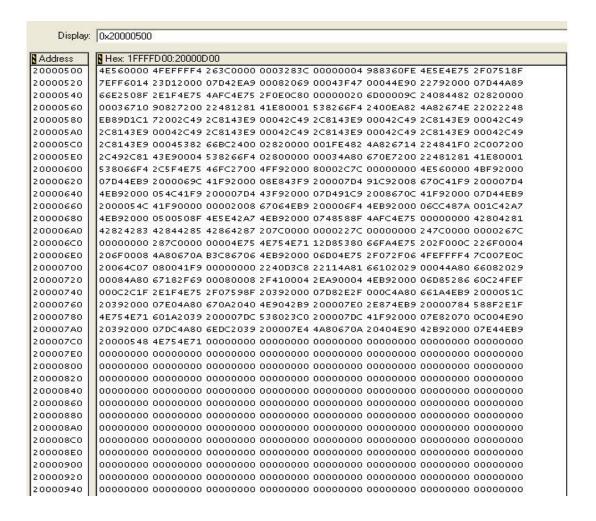


Figure 4. Contents of the Memory

The first line of the program, which is the machine code for the link instruction and equal to 4E560000, resides in the location with the address 0x20000500, as expected.

**NOTE:** We can change the contents of the memory at any location. For this, the memory option is used. Enter the address of the location you want to change, for example *0x20000514*, in the **Display** window. Then, enter the new contents of the memory location by typing the value in the memory window.

7. At this point, we are ready to run the loaded program. For this, we use the **step over** (**F10**) option inside the **debug** window. This option allows us to run the program line by line and to observe the new contents of memory locations and registers resulting from executing the loaded program. In this section, we run the first instruction to see how the contents of the registers change. Before running the program, we check the contents of the register using **View -> Registers** option from the main menu. You might need to resize the windows to see both the program and register windows at the same time. You can also change each register's value, as needed.

- Check the PC register (program counter), the Data registers (D0-D7), Address registers (A0-A7), and the SR (Status Register).
- Run the program using *Step Over* for two instructions.
- Check the PC register.
- Check the contents of D3 register. It is also possible to change the content of a register by selecting it and typing the new value.
- 8. At this point, we run the program to termination and check the register contents.
  - Set a breakpoint at the **bra loop** instruction.
  - Now press the F5 button to resume execution.
  - Check the contents of D4 register (you should have 7 in this register).

# Exercise: Change the contents of the memory with the address "0x20000514" to "SUBTRACT" and run the program. What are the contents of the registers and why?

It is obvious that altering the contents of the program memory can change a program's functionality.

### Exercise: Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of changing the contents of the program memory during execution time?

9. The contents of some special registers are critical and changing them might result in <u>exceptions</u> (e.g., access to protected areas, or the ability to access non-instruction sections in the memory). Thus, we have to be careful when changing these registers. One of these registers is the PC register.

#### 1.4.2 Part 2

1. The Lab Instructor will provide you with another URL where you can download a small zip folder that contains the project **BareAsm\_1.mcp**. The **main.s** file in the source folder contains the assembly code for this part of the lab.

Unzip this folder and put it into your M: drive. You need to assemble and link your source program before running it on the **ColdFire** board.

To assemble the **lab1a.s program**, follow the same procedure mentioned in 5 and 6 of 1.4.1 Part 1.

Figure 5 shows the listing for *main.s.* It can be obtained by using **Project-> Disassemble** option of the main menu.

```
*** EXECUTABLE CODE (.text) ***

Address ObjectCode Label Opcode Operands Comment
```

Source file: C:\Documents and Settings\fkhunjus\My Documents\BareAsm\_1\Source\main.s

```
Metrowerks Assembler - ColdFire ELF Assembler
Producer:
  8: .text
  9:
; 10: .global
                       _main
; 11: _main:
; 12:
                 link a6,#0
0x00000000
                     _main:
                main:
                     _@DummyFn1:
0x00000000
                @DummyFn1:
0x00000000 0x4E560000
                               link a6,#0
; 13:
           lea.l -12(a7), a7
0x00000004 0x4FEFFFF4
                                     -12(a7),a7
; 14:
           move.l
                       #x,a3
0x00000008 \;\; 0x267C00000000
                                 movea.l #.data,a3
; 15:
           move.l
                       #y,a4
0x0000000E 0x287C00000002
                                 movea.l #.data+4,a4
                       #sum,a5
; 16:
           move.l
0x00000014 0x2A7C00000004
                                 movea.l #.data+8,a5
; 17:
           move.w (a3),d2
0x0000001A 0x3413
                             move.w (a3),d2
                       (a4),d3
; 18:
           move.w
0x0000001C 0x3614
                            move.w (a4),d3
; 19:
           add.l
                       d3,d2
0x0000001E 0xD483
                             add.l d3,d2
           move.w
                       d2,(a5)
0x00000020 0x3A82
                             move.w d2,(a5)
; 21: loop: bra
0x00000022 0x60FE
                             bra.s *+0
                                                ; 0x00000022
; 22:
           unlk a6
0x00000024 0x4E5E
                             unlk
                                  a6
0x00000026 0x4E75
                             rts
                 *** RELOCATIONS (.rela.text) ***
    type
                  offset
                          addend
                                   symbol
no
0
    R_68K_32
                     0x00000016 0x00000004 .data
    R_68K_32
                     0x00000010 0x00000002 .data
    R_68K_32
                     0x000000A 0x00000000 .data
2
                 *** INITIALIZED DATA (.data) ***
Header:
 Section Alignment: 4
Section Size
             : 6
                                             1..."...1
0x00000000: 00 11 00 22 00 00
```

Figure 5. Listing for the main.s file

#### **Exercise: Describe the function of this program.**

This file contains the corresponding ColdFire machine language. As can be seen, the program has two sections, data and program. The data section includes the variables used in the program. This section starts with the *.data* keyword. The program section starts with the *".text"* keyword.

The data section contains the initial value of the variables, if there are any. For example, in this program we define x as a short variable which takes 2 bytes and its initial value is 0x11 (17). The code section consists of the translation of the source code. As can be seen, each instruction is converted into its corresponding object code. For example, the instruction add.l d3,d2 is translated into 0xD483, which represents the opcode D4 and the parameters for the instruction. Other instructions need more attention. For example, instruction move.l #x,a3 in line 14 is translated into 0x267C00000000. The first two bytes represent the op-code and the destination of the instruction, respectively. However, the address of the source operand is equal to zero. The reason is that the source operand is a variable, whose final address is not known before the linking process.

3. In this section, we build the executable file using the **Project** -> **Make** option in the main menu as explained in 1.4.1 Part 1. It also generates the address mapping of the data and text segments into the **M52233DEMO Console Debug.elf** file in the bin directory.

Use a text editor and check the address mapping of each section in this file because we will use them in the subsequent sections. The file shows the final address of the program and data sections. Using this information, the linker patches the object file, which is generated by assembler, at the locations where the final destinations have not yet been resolved.

- 4. As explained, the executable program has to be loaded into the board before execution. For this, make sure that the **ColdFire** board is properly connected to the workstation and powered on.
  - Go to the first line of the program (link a6,#0).
  - Right click on the mouse and select the **set breakpoint** option.
  - Click Project -> Debug

You will see a warning, just press OK and continue to the next step.

Now the program has been loaded into the memory and can be executed. As shown in Figure 6, the blue arrow points to the starting location of the loaded program. Change the representation of the program from source to assembly, then you should see the following codes.

20000500: 4E560000 link a6,#0
20000504: 4FEFFFF4 lea -12(a7),a7
20000508: 267C200007E4 movea.l #536872932,a3
2000050E: 287C200007E6 movea.l #536872934,a4
20000514: 2A7C200007E8 movea.l #536872936,a5
2000051A: 3413 move.w (a3),d2
2000051C: 3614 move.w (a4),d3
2000051E: D483 add.l d3,d2

```
20000520: 3A82 move.w d2,(a5)
20000522: 60FE bra.s _@DummyFn1+0x22 (0x20000522); 0x20000522
20000524: 4E5E unlk a6
rts
```

Figure 6. Assembly code after linking

Before running the program using **step over**, examine the contents of the memory and the registers.

Figure 7 shows the content of the memory after loading onto the ColdFire board. As explained, the file **M52233DEMO Console Debug.elf** in the bin folder describes the memory mapping of the program after the linking process. As can be seen from the file's contents, the code section starts at the location with address 0x20000500 and the data section starts from address 0x200007E4. Therefore, we expect the first byte of the program is located at address 0x20000500 and the first byte of data at address 0x200007E4. To verify this, we use the **Data** -> **View** *Memory* option. If we click on this option we will see Figure 7.

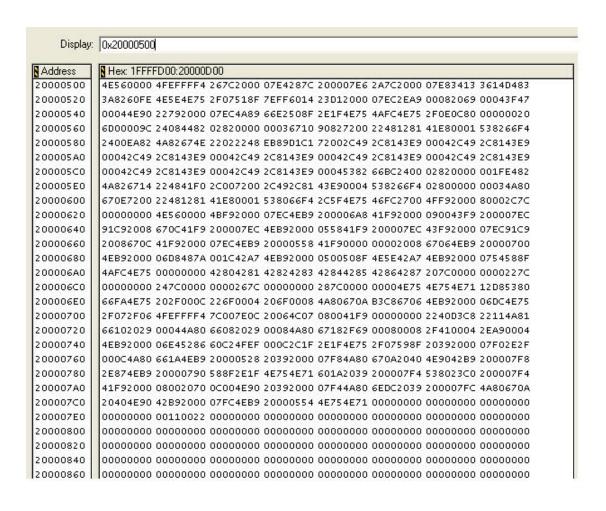
The first byte of the program, which is the op-code for the link instruction and equal to 4E56, resides in the location with the address 0x20000500, as expected. The figure also shows the contents of the data section. As all the variables are defined as short, they need two bytes for their representation. The first variable, x, has a value equal to 0x0011 and is located at the address 0x200007E4. The second variable, y, has a value equal to 0x0012 and is located at the address 0x200007E8. The next variable, sum, is located immediately after the variable y and its value is equal to y. All this information can be observed in Figure 7.

Using this mapping, the addresses in the object file, which are set to 0000 by the assembler, are inserted by the linker. To investigate this problem, compare the first four instructions in the listing with the contents of the program memory that begins at the address 0x20000500.

5. At this point we are ready to run the loaded program. For this, we use the *step over* (F10) option inside the *debug* window. This option allows us to run the program line by line and to observe the updated contents of memory locations and registers as the result of executing the loaded program. In this section, we run seven instructions to see how the contents of the registers change. Before running the program, we check the content of the registers.

To observe the contents of the registers use the **View -> Registers** option from the main menu. You can also change each register's value, as needed.

- Check the PC register (program counter), the Data registers (D0-D7), the Address registers (A0-A7), and the SR (Status Register).
- Run the program using *Step Over* for one instruction.
- Check the PC register.
- Set a breakpoint at the **bra loop** instruction.



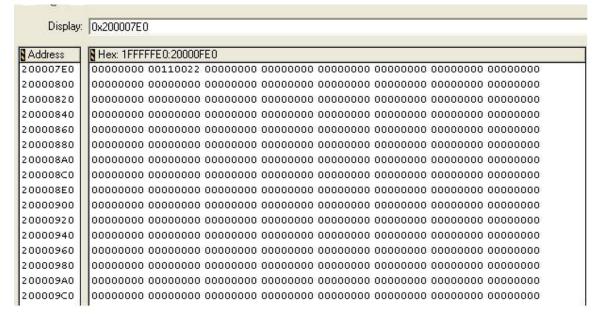


Figure 7. Memory Contents (Program & Data Sections)

- Now press the F5 button to resume execution.
- Check the contents of the *sum* variable at the address *0x200007EA*.

The memory dump after the execution (i.e., memory content) is shown in Figure 8.

#### Important Note:

As can be seen from the Memory and Register Windows in this experiment, you can change the contents of any memory or register during the execution of the loaded program. This method can be used to debug and check the correctness of the program execution.

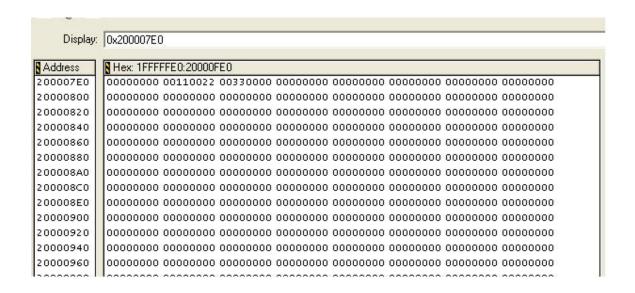
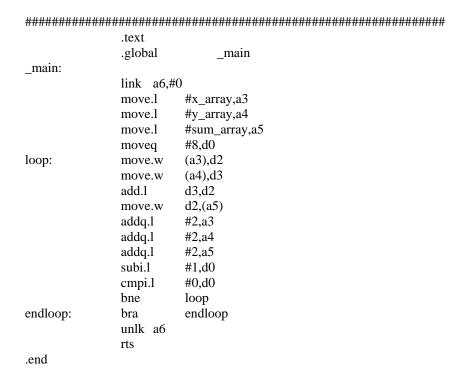


Figure 8. Memory Contents after Execution

#### 1.4.3 Part 3

The following source code is considered for this portion of the lab.

```
/*
* File:
    main.s
# Data Section starts here
.data
      .short 0x24.0x12.0x05.0x66.0x12.0x01.0x08.0x14
x array:
      .short 0x12,0x33,0x21,0x0A,0x15,0x11,0x25,0x99
y_array:
      .space 16
# End of data section
# Code Section starts here
```



You are required to assemble and link this source file, and run the executable file.

#### **Deliverable for Part 3:**

- Description of the program.
- Program Listing.
- Memory Map Assignment by the linker.
- Snap shots of the data section before and after execution of the program.
- The contents of the memory and a3, a4, a5, and d0 registers at the *bra* endloop breakpoint.
- Change the program in such a way that it performs its operation for 32 elements. Is there any limitation in the provided code?

#### **Summary:**

In this lab we have described the steps in the translation process and introduced the basic functions provided by the **CodeWarrior Development Studio** environment.

The assembler translates an assembly language program into object code. The linker transforms an object code program into an executable program.

Figure 9 summarizes the steps used to translate an assembly language program into an executable program.

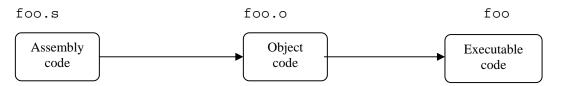


Figure 9. From Assembly to Executable