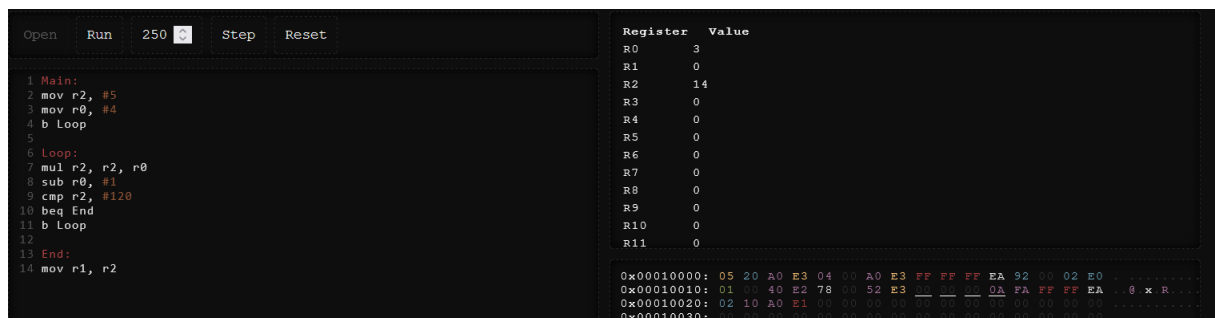


# Template Week 4 – Software

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## Assignment 4.1: ARM assembly

Screenshot of working assembly code of factorial calculation:



```
Open Run 250 Step Reset
```

```
1 Main:
2 mov r2, #5
3 mov r0, #4
4 b Loop
5
6 Loop:
7 mul r2, r2, r0
8 sub r0, #1
9 cmp r2, #120
10 bge End
11 b Loop
12
13 End:
14 mov r1, r2
```


Register	Value
R0	3
R1	0
R2	14
R3	0
R4	0
R5	0
R6	0
R7	0
R8	0
R9	0
R10	0
R11	0

```
0x00010000: 05 20 A0 E3 04 00 A0 E3 FF FF FF BA 92 00 02 E0 ...
0x00010010: 01 00 40 E2 78 00 52 E3 FF FF 0A FA FF FF EA ...
0x00010020: 02 10 A0 E1 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ...
0x00010030: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ...
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## Assignment 4.2: Programming languages

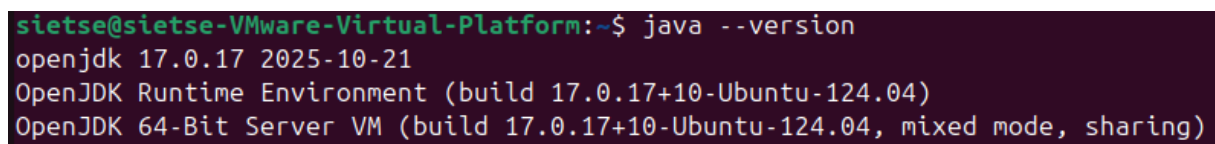
Take screenshots that the following commands work:

javac --version



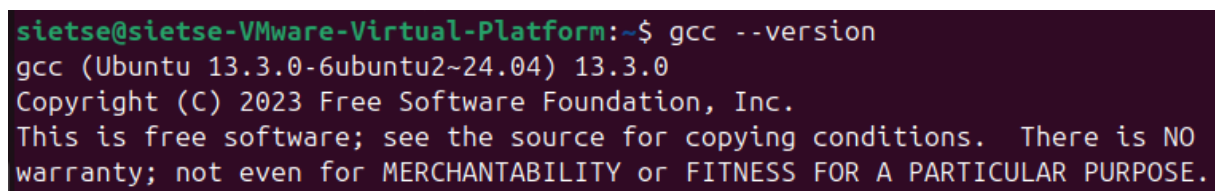
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sietse@sietse-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ javac --version
javac 17.0.17
```

java --version



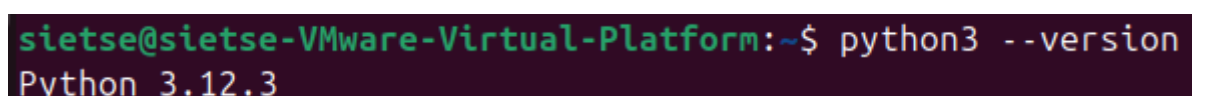
```
sietse@sietse-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ java --version
openjdk 17.0.17 2025-10-21
OpenJDK Runtime Environment (build 17.0.17+10-Ubuntu-124.04)
OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM (build 17.0.17+10-Ubuntu-124.04, mixed mode, sharing)
```

gcc --version



```
sietse@sietse-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ gcc --version
gcc (Ubuntu 13.3.0-6ubuntu2~24.04) 13.3.0
Copyright (C) 2023 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
This is free software; see the source for copying conditions. There is NO
warranty; not even for MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
```

python3 --version



```
sietse@sietse-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ python3 --version
Python 3.12.3
```

bash --version

```
sietse@sietse-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ bash --version
GNU bash, version 5.2.21(1)-release (x86_64-pc-linux-gnu)
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```

### Assignment 4.3: Compile

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

- Java source code needs to be compiled before running
- C source code needs to be compiled before running
- Python3 source code doesn't need to be compiled
- Bash script source code doesn't need to be compiled

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

- C is compiled into Machine code

Which source code files are compiled to byte code?

- Java is not compiled into Byte code

Which source code files are interpreted by an interpreter?

- Python is interpreted by a python interpreter
- Bash is interpreted by a bash interpreter

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

- fib.c should work the fastest being compiled to machine code which directly gets executed on the processor

How do I run a Java program?

- javac Fibonacci.java
- java Fibonacci

How do I run a Python program?

- python3 fib.py

How do I run a C program?

- gcc fib.c -o fib
- ./fib

How do I run a Bash script?

- sudo chmod a+x fib.sh
- sudo fib.sh

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

- The files that get compiled, compiling c will make fib.c -> fib, and compiling java will make Fibonacci.java -> Fibonacci.class

Take relevant screenshots of the following commands:

- Compile the source files where necessary

```
sietse@sietse-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/code$ javac Fibonacci.java
```

```
sietse@sietse-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/code$ gcc fib.c -o fib
```

- Make them executable

```
sietse@sietse-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/code$ sudo chmod a+x fib.sh
```

```
sietse@sietse-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/code$ sudo chmod a+x runall.sh
```

- Run them

```
sietse@sietse-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/code$ sudo runall.sh
```

- Which (compiled) source code file performs the calculation the fastest?
  - C is indeed the fastest to be executed, as guessed previously

```
Running C program:
Fibonacci(19) = 4181
Execution time: 0.03 milliseconds
```

```
Running Java program:
Fibonacci(19) = 4181
Execution time: 0.41 milliseconds
```

```
Running Python program:
Fibonacci(19) = 4181
Execution time: 0.67 milliseconds
```

```
Running BASH Script
Fibonacci(19) = 4181
Execution time 13864 milliseconds
```

#### Assignment 4.4: Optimize

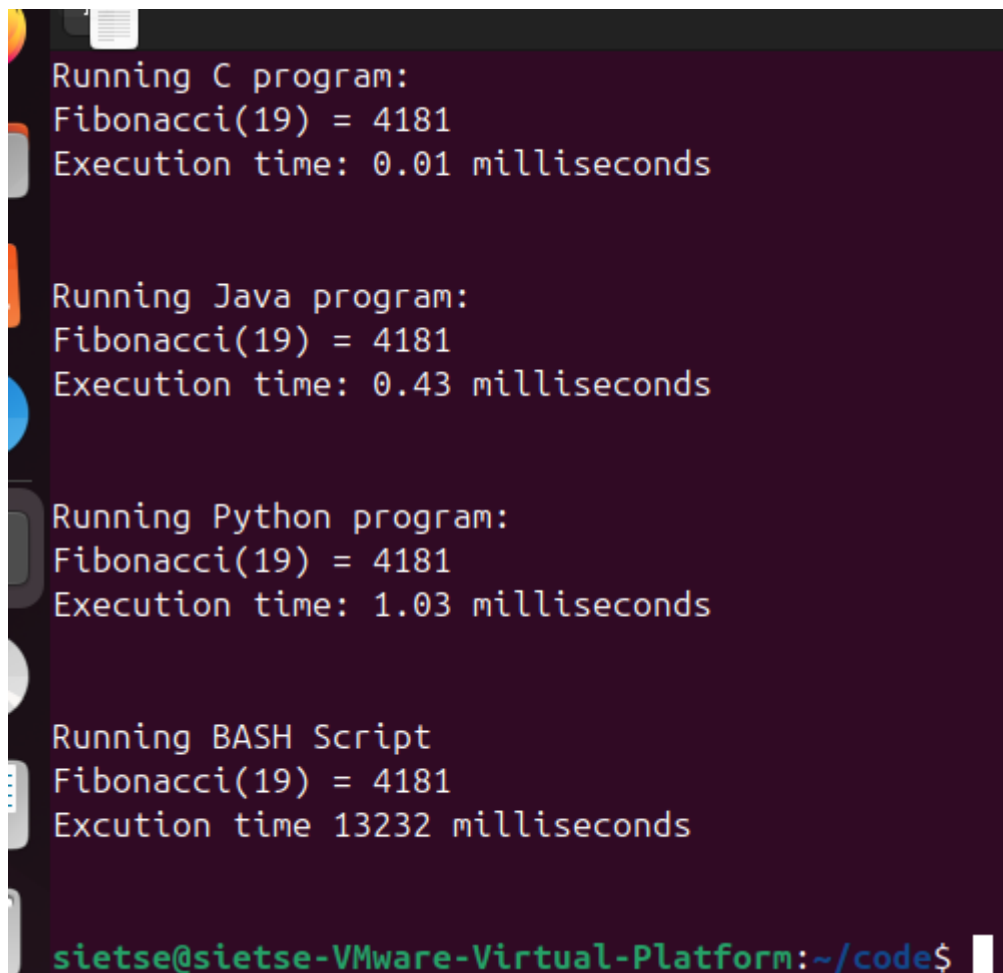
Take relevant screenshots of the following commands:

- a) 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.

You can use -O2 or -O3 to optimize a C file further

```
sietse@sietse-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/code$ gcc -O3 fib.c -o fib
```

- b) Compile **fib.c** again with the optimization parameters
- c) Run the newly compiled program. Is it true that it now performs the calculation faster?



```
Running C program:
Fibonacci(19) = 4181
Execution time: 0.01 milliseconds

Running Java program:
Fibonacci(19) = 4181
Execution time: 0.43 milliseconds

Running Python program:
Fibonacci(19) = 4181
Execution time: 1.03 milliseconds

Running BASH Script
Fibonacci(19) = 4181
Execution time 13232 milliseconds

sietse@sietse-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/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.
  - No edit was needed, the runall.sh file runs all files sequentially already, the only this I needed to do was compile the runall.sh but I had done that previously before optimizing the fib.c further

### 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
```

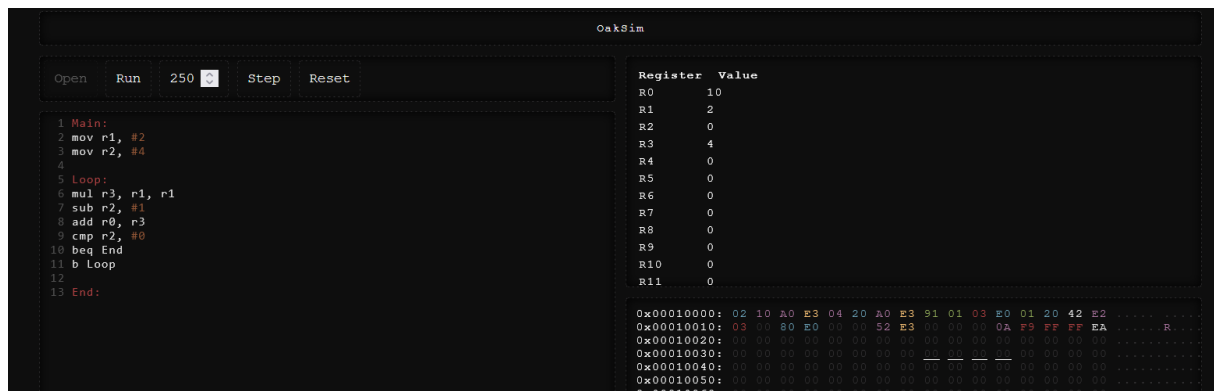
```
mov r2, #4
```

Loop:

End:

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

Screenshot of the completed code here.



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