

VIREX: Virtual Execution Console

VIREX (VIRtual EXecuter) is a platform-independent virtual machine designed around a flexible intermediate language called **SASM** (Simulated Assembly). It's inspired by the **Java Virtual Machine** (**JVM**), but unlike JVM bytecode, SASM is **open, readable, and writable** — you can program directly in it.

Just like Java compiles to bytecode for the JVM, any language can be compiled into SASM for VIREX. The difference is:

- SASM is assembly-like, human-readable, and editable.
- SASM is open, letting anyone build tools and languages around it.

You can even create your own programming language that compiles into SASM and runs anywhere VIREX runs — making your language instantly portable.

Why SASM?

- Learn how **assembly-level code** works through a clean and simplified syntax.
- Build a **compiler** without worrying about machine-level code generation.
- Make your own language platform-independent by targeting SASM.

X Current Features

- **VS Code syntax highlighter** for SASM
- **AST visualizer** for seeing how your SASM code is parsed and compiled
- A new programming language called **ORIN** is currently under development. It is being designed to compile directly to SASM.

If you're interested in compilers, language design, or virtual machines — **contributions are very** welcome!



Project Structure

```
/docs/ # Reference documentation
/examples/ # Sample programs
/include/ # Public headers for VM, SASM, OCC
/src/ # Core implementation (VM, assembler, compiler)
/tests/ # Simple Test programs written in SASM
/tools/themes/vs_code/ # VS Code syntax highlighter
/install.sh # Install script for linux
```

Getting Started (LINUX)

1. Clone this repo:

```
git clone https://github.com/Soham-Metha/virex.git cd virex/
```

2. Build the project (requires sudo):

```
./install.sh
```

3. Run an example program:

```
cd ./examples/SASM/
virex
```

If the **TUI doesn't render properly**, try adjusting your **terminal font size**.

If that doesn't help, you can tweak layout values in **src/VM/vm_tui.c::CreateWindows()**. The constants used are defined as **percentages** of the screen dimensions.

P.S. **kitty terminal** config, and font used, are available in /tools

4. Inside VIREX, do the following:

- Select "Run SASM/ORIN command with custom flags"
- Enter the following command:

```
-i helloWorld.sasm -I ./ -o tmp.sm
```

- use **Arrow keys** for navigation in menu.
- Select "SASM build and exec" by pressing 'a'
- Enter the output filename (tmp.sm)
- 5. Activate the syntax highlighter in VS Code
- Open VS Code
- Press Ctrl + Shift + P
- Type: Preferences: Color Theme
- Select: Palenight+sasm
 - Open any . sasm file in vs code to see the syntax highlighter at work!

Want to Contribute?

We're actively building:

- 1. The **ORIN programming language**
- 2. Improved **SASM tooling** (UI, debuggers, optimizers, etc.)
- 3. Expanded **Documentation** and **tutorials**

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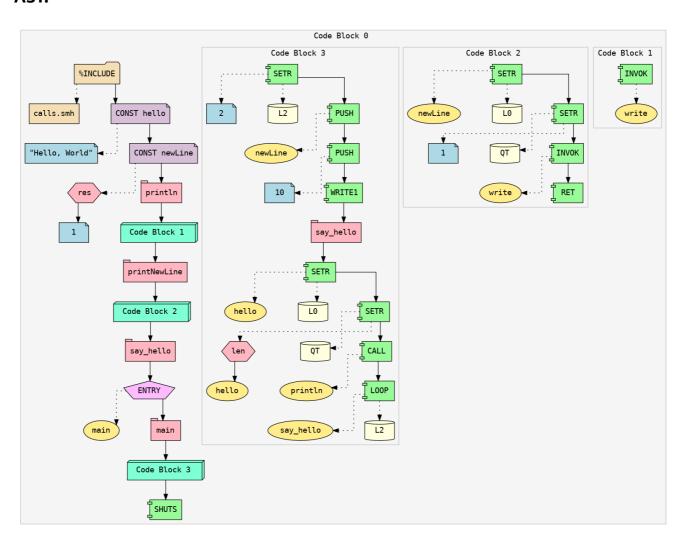
₱ For contribution guidelines and a roadmap, see [CONTRIBUTING.md]() (coming soon).

Examples

Syntax Highlighting:

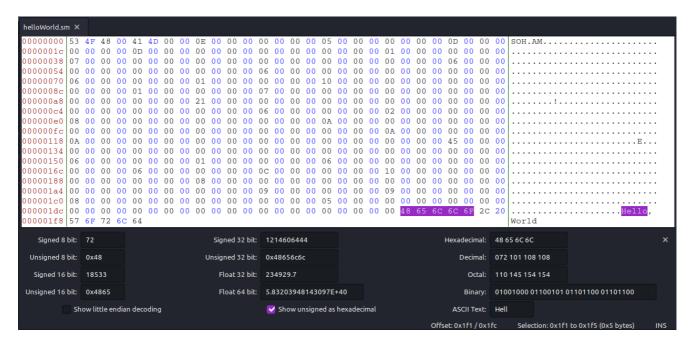
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AST:

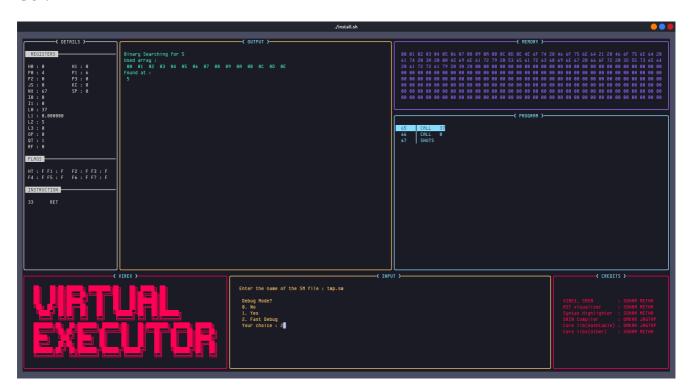


Each Code Block in the visualized AST represents a Scope, Block 0 being global scope.

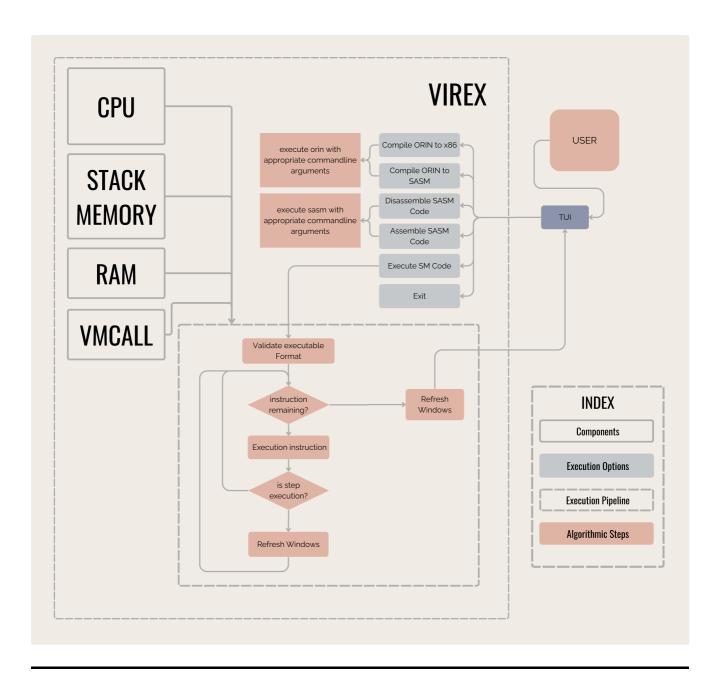
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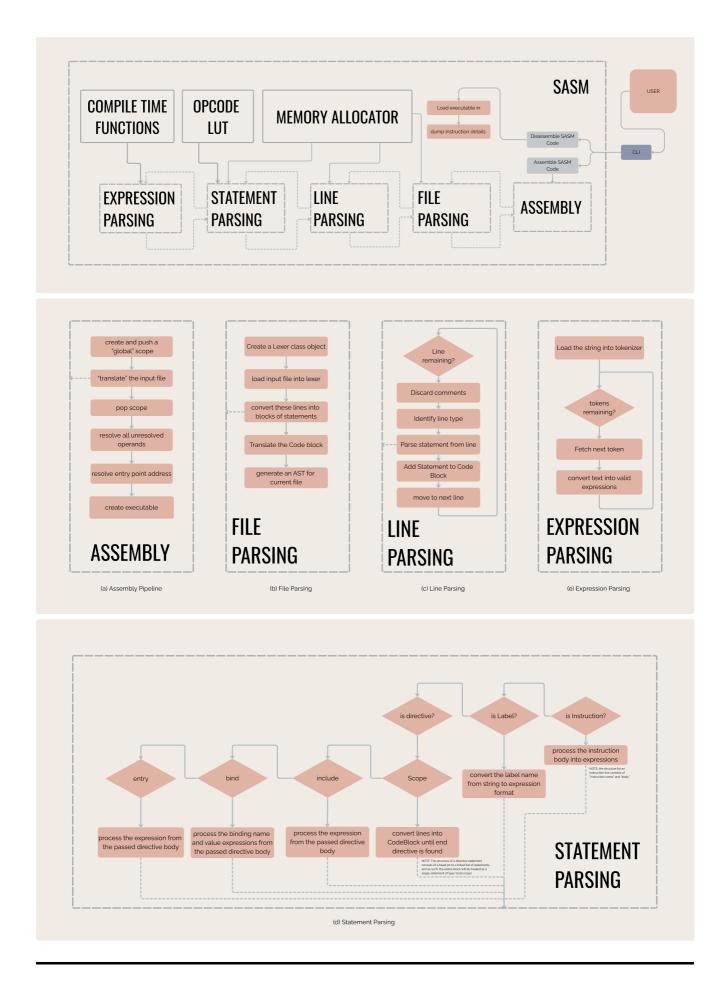


GUI:



System Design and Architecture





Tech Stack

• Programming Language: C

Version Control: Git Build System: GNU Make AST VISUALIZER: Graphviz

Maintainers

Tool	Maintainer
VIREX, SASM	Soham Metha
AST visualizer	Soham Metha
Syntax Highlighter	Soham Metha
ORIN Compiler	Omkar Jagtap
Core lib(Hashtable)	Omkar Jagtap
Core libs(other)	Soham Metha

References

- Tsoding
- Dr Birch
- Low Byte Productions
- Cobb Coding