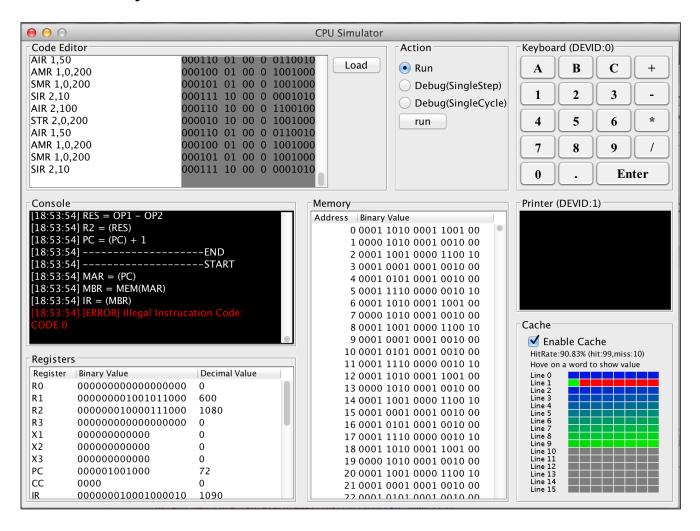
# User's Manual

## CS6461 CPUSimulator Part 2

Group 9

#### 1.INTRODUCTION

#### **Console Layout and features**



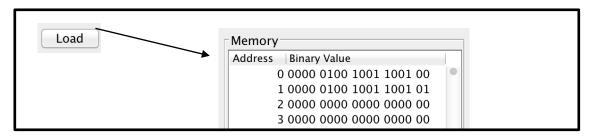
Our CPU Simulator consists of eight parts: Code Editor, Action, Console, Registers, Keyboard, Printer, Cache and Memory. Each part has specific functions and they work together as a completed CPU Simulator. The above graph is the screenshot of our CPU Simulator's interface.

**Code Editor**: In this part, users can enter their instructions into the editable text area, and the binary digit of the instruction will be displayed instantly besides the original one. The instruction should be in a format as Instruction plus parameters. If the instruction entered

does not match this format, there will be an error reminder showed in the Console part. The notation will be displayed as the follows in the graph.

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[00:57:29] [ERROR] line:1 cannot compile into binary code, ignored! [00:57:29] Load program into MEMORY
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After entering all the instructions, the user can click the Load button on the right side of this part to load the instructions into memory. We set AMR, SMR, AIR and STR as the default instructions.



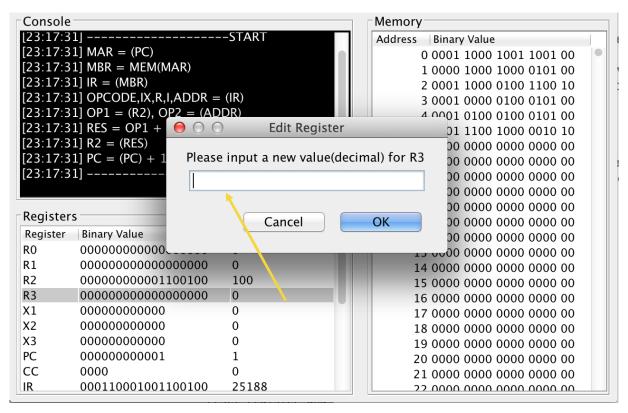
(in this version, we set PC=0 in the beginning)

**Action**: This part is designed for users to run instructions. There are three modes the users can choose. One is to run the whole program; this means all the instructions in the memory. Clicking the *Run* button will trigger this. Another one is to run a single instruction in a specific address. This address is determined by the current value of PC. The users can edit the value of PC through the Register part. We will talk about this in detail in the description of Register part. Clicking *Debug* (*SingleStep*) button can trigger this action. The third one is to run a single circle of a specific instruction. Clicking *Debug* (*SingleCycle*) button can trigger this action.

**Console**: This part will show what the CPU does after the users run the whole program or a single instruction step by step. In another word, it's the trace of executions of instructions.

**Memory**: In the Memory part, binary values will be displayed. They are related to the instructions, addresses and data that have been stored into the memory. Users can figure out what's exactly stored in the memory.

**Registers**: The users can find out the current binary values of different registers here. The users also can modify the value of a specific register by double click the editable text area besides that register. If the users are familiar with binary value, they can double click the text area in the Binary Value column. Then they can enter a binary value to change the current value of that register. The decimal value of that register will change automatically as the users modify the binary value. When it comes to the decimal value, the operation is similar with dealing with binary value.



(double click in Binary Value area can make POPUP window into binary input mode, Decimal Value area for decimal input mode)

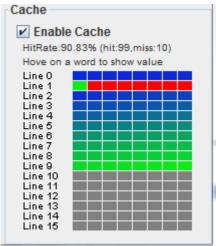
**Keyboard:** The users can use this keyboard simulator to enter numbers and some characters.



**Printer:** This field will display the results of users' operations.



**Cache:** This field will show the status of the cache line by using different colors during the execution process. Red color means cache-miss, and green color means cache-hit. If a word in cache has not been visited recently, it will become blue. The Cache is designed with 16 lines and each line contains 8 words. The Cache has a selective Enable Cache button. When it is enabled, the CPU will run with Cache. Otherwise, the CPU only accesses Memory.



#### 2. HOW TO RUN DEMO

- **Step 1**: Enter some instructions into the Code Editor part
- **Step 2**: Click Load button to load instructions into memory
- **Step 3**: Three chocies:
  - a. Click Run button to run all the instructions. See the execution trace in the Console part
  - b. Click Debug(SingleStep) button to run a single instruction based on the current value of PC
  - c. Click Debug(SingleCycle) button to run a single circle of an instruction based on current value of PC

Above are the basic steps to load, store and run instructions. You can also change the values of some specific registers and click Debug (SingleStep) or Debug(SingleCycle) button to see how the CPU works under this specific situation.

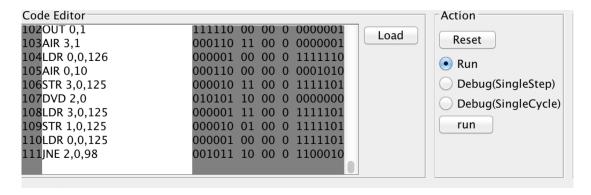
For running instructions, users can enable or disable the cache. If users enable the cache, the cache console will show the status of the cache line by using different colors during the execution process. Red color means cache-miss, and green color means cache-hit. If a word in cache has not been visited recently, it will become blue.

### 3. HOW TO RUN PROGRAMI AND SCREENSHOTS

Step 1: Run .jar file

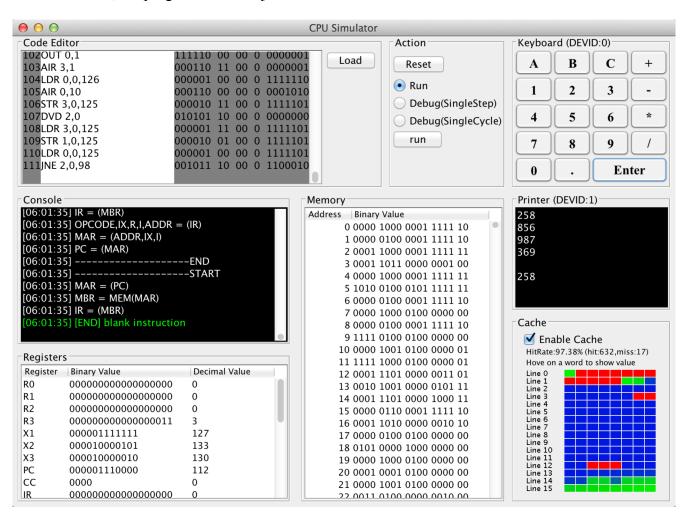
Step 2: Click 'LOAD' button and then 'RUN' button

Program 1 is preloaded in code editor and automatically transformed into binary code. After step 2, the program should be waiting for the event from KEYBOARD.



#### **Step 3:** Click several number keys in Keyboard panel then an 'ENTER' as end;

This step should be repeated for 4 times in order to input 4 numbers. For the convenience of testing, we narrow down 20 numbers into 3. Our program 1 will find the nearest number of the 4<sup>th</sup> out from the first 3 numbers. By simply modifying some instructions (some AIRs before SOBs) in code editor, the program can be adjusted to handle 20 numbers.



**Step 4:** Wait for the result.

