

# Template Week 4 – Software

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## Assignment 4.1: ARM assembly

Screenshot of working assembly code of factorial calculation:

My name is in a new tab

The screenshot shows the OakSim software interface. On the left, there is an assembly code editor with the following code:

```
1 MOV R0, #5      @ n = 5
2 MOV R1, #1      @ result = 1
3
4 loop:
5   CMP R0, #1
6   BLE done
7 B21
8   MUL R1, R1, R0
9   SUB R0, R0, #1
10
11 B loop
12
13 done:
14   B done
15
16
```

On the right, there is a memory dump window showing the state of registers and memory at address 0x00010000. The registers show values corresponding to the assembly code execution.

## Assignment 4.2: Programming languages

Take screenshots that the following commands work:

javac –version

The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following command and its output:

```
viktoriakrastanova@viktoriakrastanova-Virtual-Platform:~$ javac --version
javac 21.0.9
viktoriakrastanova@viktoriakrastanova-Virtual-Platform:~$
```

```
java --version
```

```
viktoriakrastanova@viktoriakrastanova-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ java --version
openjdk 21.0.9 2025-10-21
OpenJDK Runtime Environment (build 21.0.9+10-Ubuntu-124.04)
OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM (build 21.0.9+10-Ubuntu-124.04, mixed mode, sharing)
viktoriakrastanova@viktoriakrastanova-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ S
```

```
gcc --version
```

```
viktoriakrastanova@viktoriakrastanova-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ sudo apt install gcc
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
binutils binutils-common binutils-x86-64-linux-gnu gcc-13 gcc-13-x86-64-linux-gnu gcc-x86-64-linux-gnu
libasan8 libbinutils libcc1-0 libctf-nobfd0 libctf0 libgcc-13-dev libgprofng0 libhwasan0 libitm1 liblsan0
libquadmath0 libsframe1 libtsan2 libubsan1
Suggested packages:
binutils-doc gprofng-gui gcc-multilib make autoconf automake libtool flex bison gcc-doc gcc-13-multilib
gcc-13-doc gcc-13-locales gdb-x86-64-linux-gnu
The following NEW packages will be installed:
binutils binutils-common binutils-x86-64-linux-gnu gcc gcc-13 gcc-13-x86-64-linux-gnu gcc-x86-64-linux-gnu
libasan8 libbinutils libcc1-0 libctf-nobfd0 libctf0 libgcc-13-dev libgprofng0 libhwasan0 libitm1 liblsan0
libquadmath0 libsframe1 libtsan2 libubsan1
0 upgraded, 21 newly installed, 0 to remove and 3 not upgraded.
Need to get 38.8 MB of archives.
After this operation, 133 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] y
Get:1 http://nl.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-updates/main amd64 binutils-common amd64 2.42-4ubuntu2.7 [240 kB]
Get:2 http://nl.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-updates/main amd64 libsframe1 amd64 2.42-4ubuntu2.7 [15.9 kB]
Get:3 http://nl.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-updates/main amd64 libbinutils amd64 2.42-4ubuntu2.7 [577 kB]
```

```
python3 --version
```

installed by default so =>

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

```
bash --version
```

```
viktoriakrastanova@viktoriakrastanova-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 files need to be compiled before you can run them?**

The files that need to be compiled are fib.c and Fibonacci.java. The C file fib.c must be compiled into machine code before I can run it, and the Java file is normally compiled into bytecode, although newer versions of Java can run a single file directly without a separate compile step. The Python file fib.py and the bash script fib.sh are interpreted and do not need compilation.

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

Only the C file fib.c is compiled into machine code that the processor can execute directly.

#### **Which source code files are compiled to bytecode?**

The Java file Fibonacci.java is compiled into bytecode that runs on the Virtual Machine. Python files are also compiled into bytecode behind the scenes, but they are executed by the Python interpreter rather than directly by the processor.

#### **Which source code files are interpreted by an interpreter?**

The Python file fib.py is interpreted by the Python interpreter, and the bash script fib.sh is interpreted by the shell. The Java bytecode is also executed by the JVM, which acts as an interpreter or just-in-time compiler.

#### **Which one is expected to perform the calculation the fastest?**

The C program fib.c is expected to perform the calculation the fastest because it runs directly as native machine code. Java is usually slower than C because of JVM overhead. Python and bash are generally the slowest because they are interpreted.

#### **How do I run a Java program?**

You first compile it using javac Fibonacci.java, which produces a file called Fibonacci.class, and then run it with java Fibonacci.

#### **How do I run a Python program?**

You use python3 fib.py. If the file has a shebang line and is made executable with chmod +x fib.py, you can also run it with ./fib.py.

#### **How do I run a C program?**

You compile it with gcc -o fib fib.c, which creates an executable called fib, and then run it with ./fib.

#### **How do I run a bash script?**

You can make it executable with chmod +x fib.sh and then run it with ./fib.sh or simply run it with bash fib.sh.

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

Compiling the C program creates a new executable file containing machine code. Compiling the Java program creates a .class file containing bytecode. Python usually doesn't create a new file unless explicitly compiled or cached by the interpreter, and bash scripts do not produce a new file at all.

Take relevant screenshots of the following commands:

- Compile the source files where necessary
- Make them executable
- Run them
- Which (compiled) source code file performs the calculation the fastest?

```
viktoriakrastanova@viktoriakrastanova-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ cd Downloads
viktoriakrastanova@viktoriakrastanova-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads$ cd code
viktoriakrastanova@viktoriakrastanova-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ javac Fibonacci.java
viktoriakrastanova@viktoriakrastanova-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ ls
fib.c Fibonacci.class Fibonacci.java fib.py fib.sh runall.sh
viktoriakrastanova@viktoriakrastanova-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ java Fibonacci.class
Error: Could not find or load main class Fibonacci.class
Caused by: java.lang.ClassNotFoundException: Fibonacci.class
viktoriakrastanova@viktoriakrastanova-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ java Fibonacci
Fibonacci(18) = 2584
Execution time: 0.42 milliseconds
viktoriakrastanova@viktoriakrastanova-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ sudo chmod a+x fib.sh
[sudo] password for viktoriakrastanova:
viktoriakrastanova@viktoriakrastanova-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ ls
fib.c Fibonacci.class Fibonacci.java fib.py fib.sh runall.sh
viktoriakrastanova@viktoriakrastanova-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ sudo ./fib.sh
Fibonacci(18) = 2584
Execution time 10013 milliseconds
```

#### Assignment 4.4: Optimize

Take relevant screenshots of the following commands:

- 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.

```
Enabled at levels -O1, -O2, -Os, -Oz.

-fprop-registers
  After register allocation and post-register allocation instruction splitting, perform a copy-propagation pass to try to reduce scheduling dependencies and occasionally eliminate the copy.

Enabled at levels -O1, -O2, -Os, -Oz.

-fprofile-correction
  Profiles collected using an instrumented binary for multi-threaded programs may be inconsistent due to missed counter updates. When this option is specified, GCC uses heuristics to correct or smooth out such inconsistencies. By default, GCC emits an error message when an inconsistent profile is detected.

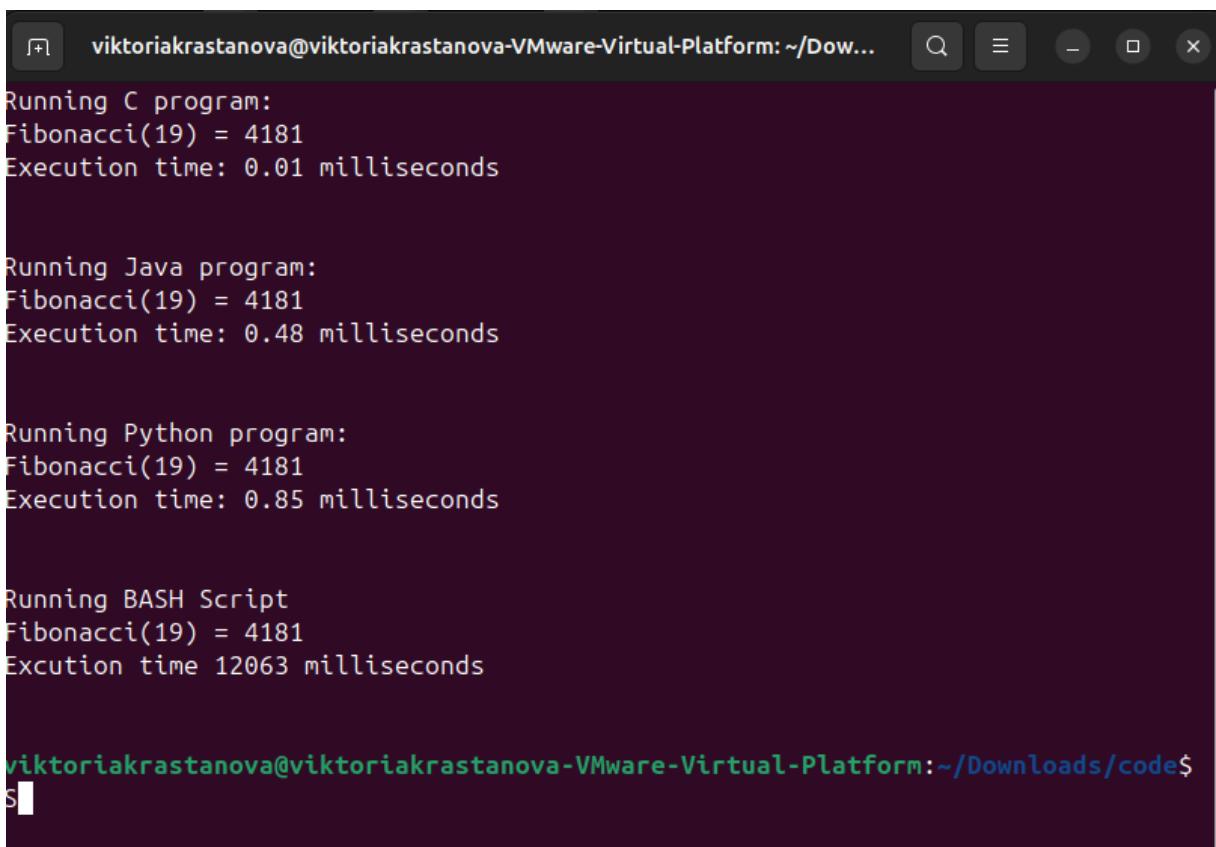
This option is enabled by -fauto-profile.

-fprofile-partial-training
  With "-fprofile-use" all portions of programs not executed during train run are optimized aggressively for size rather than speed. In some cases it is not practical to train all possible hot paths in the program. (For example, program may contain functions specific for a given hardware and training may not cover all hardware configurations program is run on.) With "-fprofile-partial-training" profile feedback will be ignored for all functions not executed during the train run leading them to be
```

- Compile **fib.c** again with the optimization parameters

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

- c) Run the newly compiled program. Is it true that it now performs the calculation faster? Yes
  
- 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.



```
viktoriakrastanova@viktoriakrastanova-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads$ ./fibonacci
Running C program:
Fibonacci(19) = 4181
Execution time: 0.01 milliseconds

Running Java program:
Fibonacci(19) = 4181
Execution time: 0.48 milliseconds

Running Python program:
Fibonacci(19) = 4181
Execution time: 0.85 milliseconds

Running BASH Script
Fibonacci(19) = 4181
Excution time 12063 milliseconds

viktoriakrastanova@viktoriakrastanova-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$
```

#### 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:

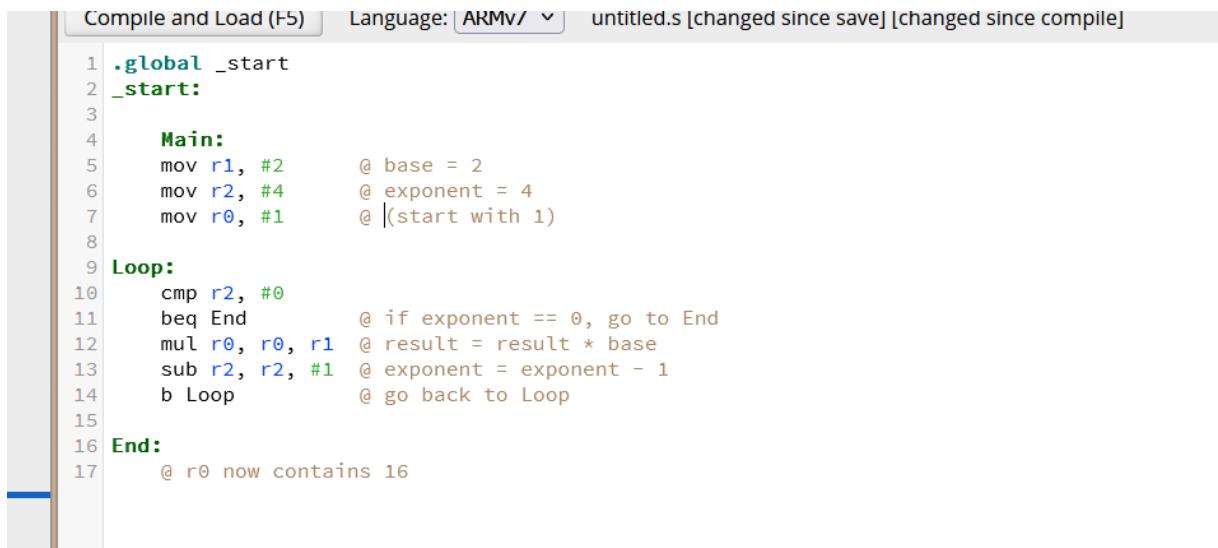
```
mov r1, #2
mov r2, #4
```

Loop:

End:

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

Screenshot of the completed code here.



The screenshot shows a text editor window with the following ARM assembly code:

```
1 .global _start
2 _start:
3
4     Main:
5     mov r1, #2          @ base = 2
6     mov r2, #4          @ exponent = 4
7     mov r0, #1          @ |(start with 1)
8
9     Loop:
10    cmp r2, #0         @ if exponent == 0, go to End
11    beq End            @ if exponent == 0, go to End
12    mul r0, r0, r1      @ result = result * base
13    sub r2, r2, #1      @ exponent = exponent - 1
14    b Loop             @ go back to Loop
15
16 End:
17     @ r0 now contains 16
```

The code defines a global variable `_start`. It starts at the `Main` label where it initializes `r1` to 2 and `r2` to 4. It then enters a `Loop` where it checks if `r2` is zero. If yes, it branches to the `End` label. Otherwise, it multiplies `r0` by `r1`, decrements `r2` by 1, and loops back to the beginning of the loop. Finally, it reaches the `End` label, which is annotated with the comment `@ r0 now contains 16`.

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