MIPS Simulator - SPIM

Lab1 – MIPS Programming

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Introduction

• SPIM是一種MIPS processor simulator, 其主要用來執行assembly language for MIPS.而此次作業希望同學能熟悉MIPS assembly language的implement並透過SPIM來simulate MIPS assembly language.

Download & Install

Download: http://spimsimulator.sourceforge.net/

SPIM: A MIPS32 Simulator

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Spim is a self-contained simulator that runs MIPS32 programs. It reads and executes assembly language programs written for this processor. Spim also provides a simple debugger and minimal set of operating system services. Spim does not execute binary (compiled) programs.

Spim implements almost the entire MIPS32 assembler-extended instruction set. (It omits most floating point comparisons and rounding modes and the memory system page tables.) The MIPS architecture has several variants that differ in various ways (e.g., the MIPS64 architecture supports 64-bit integers and addresses), which means that Spim will not run programs for all MIPS processors.

Spim comes with complete source code and documentation.

Spim implements both a terminal and windows interfaces. On Microsoft Windows, Linux, and Mac OS X, the spim program offers a simple terminal interface and the QtSpim program provides the windowing interface. The older programs xspim and PCSpim provide native window interfaces for these systems as well.

Download SPIM

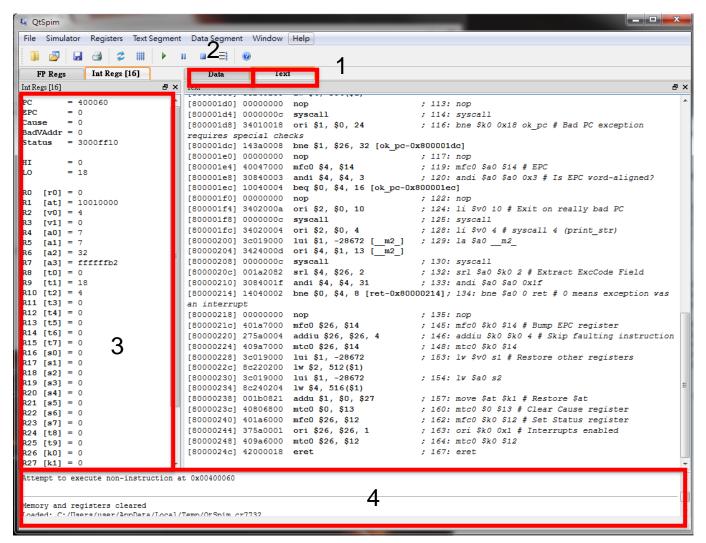
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• Download the version you want, then install it.

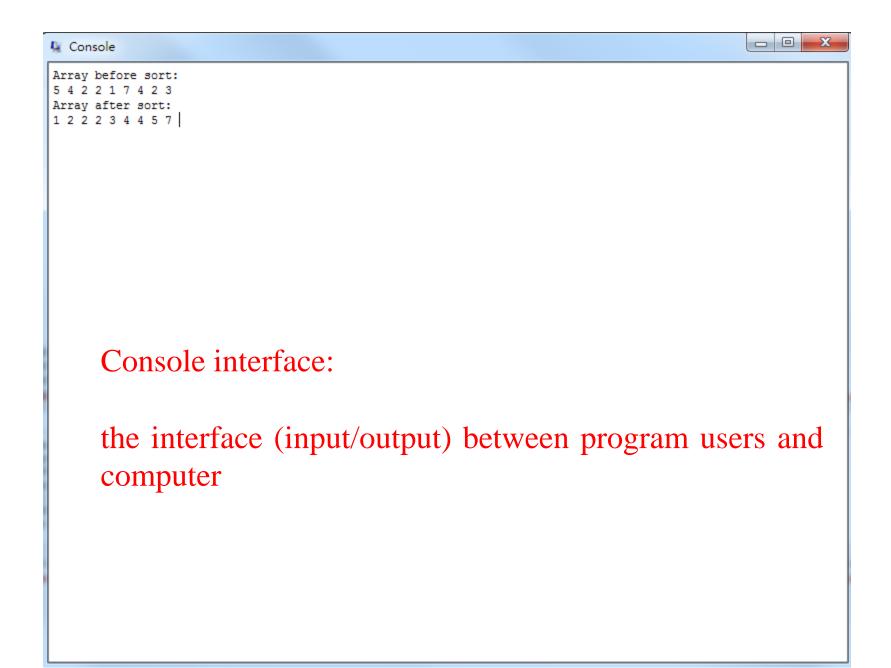
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How to use SPIM?

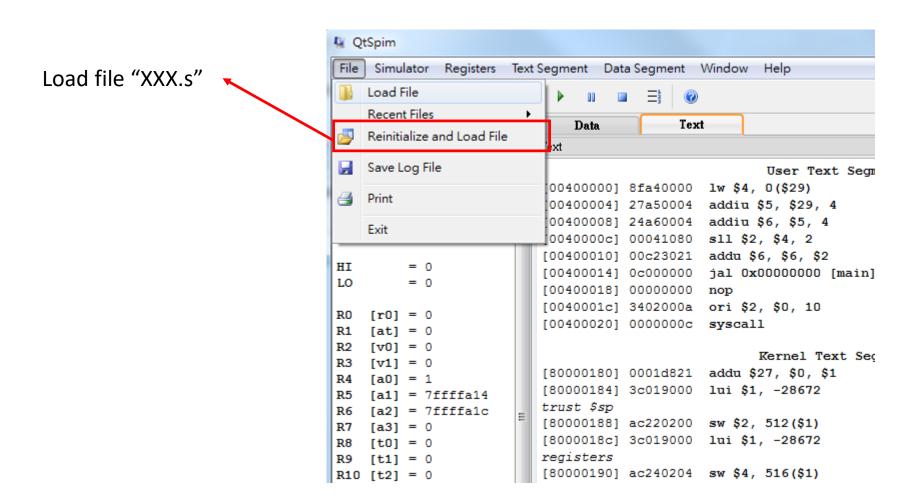


- 1:顯示instruction的address
- 2:顯示data,例如:load進來的or stack裡的
- 3:MIPS中所有register的value(\$s1,\$t1.....)
- 4:顯示一些資訊,例如error message

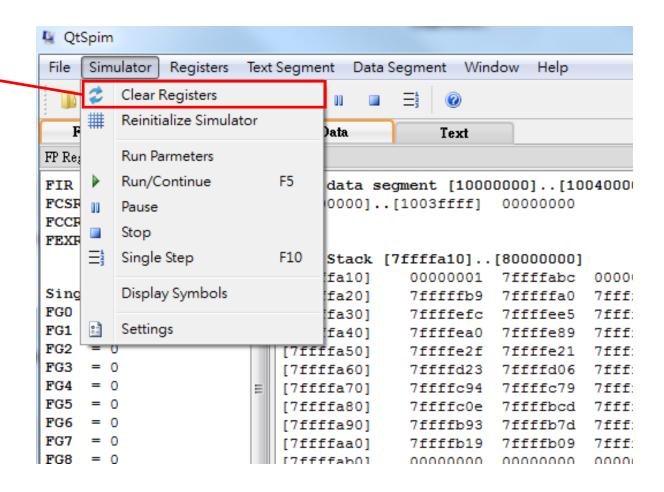


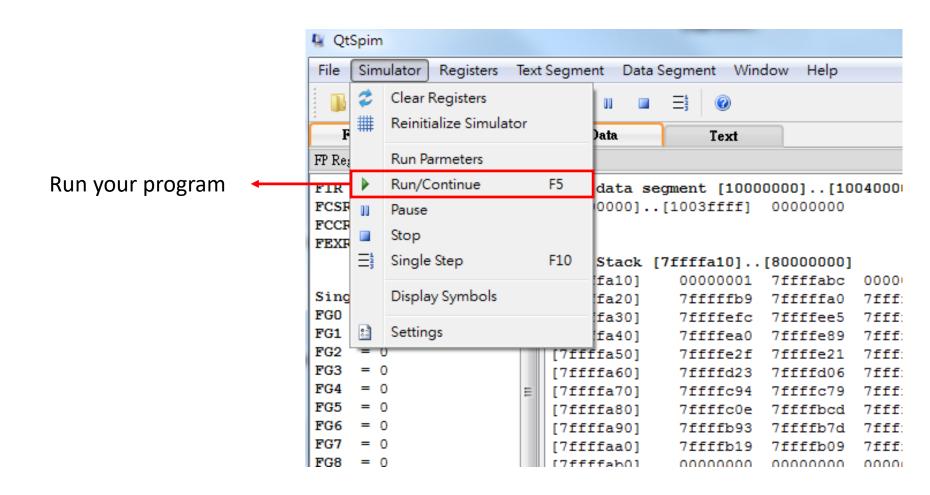
Simple Steps

- 1. 新增一個.txt檔,並在上面撰寫MIPS code
- 2. 把附檔名改成.s
- 3. [File]->Reinitialize and Load File
- 4. [Simulator]->Clear Registers
- 5. [Simulator]->[Run]
- 有時候鍵盤右邊的數字鍵會讀不到數字,如果有同學遇到這個問題, 請改用字母上方的數字鍵。



You have to clear registers if they were used in the previous program.





Debugging

• Two methods:

- Simulator -> single step(F10)
- > Set breakpoints

