A Report on

VM TRANSLATOR

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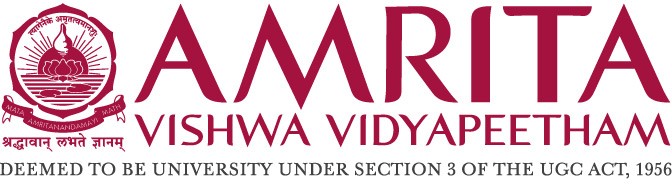
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# ABSTRACT

This report presents the development and evaluation of a Translator that converts HACK VM code into HACK machine language. The Translator aims to facilitate the process of converting high-level virtual machine code into low-level machine language instructions, enabling efficient execution on the HACK platform. The project involved the design and implementation of a translation algorithm, which analyzes the VM code's syntax and semantics to generate corresponding machine language instructions. The results demonstrate that the Translator successfully translates HACK VM code to HACK machine language, providing a valuable tool for software developers targeting the HACK platform. This report discusses the Translator's design principles, implementation details, and performance characteristics.

# INTRODUCTION

The VM is an abstract computer that does not exist for real, but can rather be realized on other computer platforms. There are many reasons why this idea makes sense, one of which being code transportability. Since the VM may be implemented with relative ease on multiple target platforms, VM-based software can run on many processors and operating systems without having to modify the original source code. The VM implementations can be realized in several ways, by software interpreters, by special-purpose hardware, or by translating the VM programs into the machine language of the target platform. [1]

The translator is a program that converts VM code to low level machine language. It goes through each line of VM code and outputs the corresponding Machine Language code. We have implemented the translator in JAVA.

# METHODOLOGY

For this implementation of the translator we have a total of 3 JAVA files, namely Translator, Label Generator and the main code. Both the translator and the Label Generator are separate classes that we use in the main code.

##### The Translator

This is where we wrote all the main functions which we are going to use in our main code. This includes all the functions which will replace each line of VM code with the corresponding HACK machine language code, example push, pop, goto and all the arithmetic operations. It also contains functions for function call, function definition and function return etc.

We start by importing the required libraries, initializing the class and the required datatypes.

import java.util.List;

public class Translator {

List<String> FileList;

private String infunction="";

Translator(List<String> FileList) {

this.FileList = FileList;

this.labelGenerator = new LabelGenerator();

}

We have initialized a list “FileList” to store the output code.

We have also made use of the Label Generator class here which we will cover next.

Then we move on to creating the functions which will convert each line of the VM code to the corresponding HACK machine language code.

private LabelGenerator labelGenerator;

public void writeInit() {

this.FileList.add("@256\nD=A\n@SP\nM=D");

WriteCall("Sys.init", "0");

}

public void bootstrap() {

writeInit();

}

public void add() {

this.FileList.add("@SP\nAM=M-1\nD=M\nA=A-1\nM=D+M");

}

public void sub() {

this.FileList.add("@SP\nAM=M-1\nD=M\nA=A-1\nM=M-D");

}

public void neg() {

this.FileList.add("@SP\nA=M-1\nD=M\nM=-D");

}

public void and() {

this.FileList.add("@SP\nAM=M-1\nD=M\nA=A-1\nM=M&D");

}

public void or() {

this.FileList.add("@SP\nAM=M-1\nD=M\nA=A-1\nM=M|D");

}

public void not() {

this.FileList.add("@SP\nA=M-1\nM=!M");

}

public void eq() {

String s = labelGenerator.getNextLabel();

this.FileList.add(

"@SP\nA=M-1\nD=M\n@SP\nM=M-1\nA=M-1\nD=M-D\n@" + s + "\nD;JEQ\n@SP\nA=M-1\nM=0\n@END" + s

+ "\n0;JMP\n(" + s

+ ")\n@SP\nA=M-1\nM=-1\n(END" + s + ")");

}

public void gt() {

String s = labelGenerator.getNextLabel();

this.FileList.add(

"@SP\nA=M-1\nD=M\n@SP\nM=M-1\nA=M-1\nD=M-D\n@" + s + "\nD;JGT\n@SP\nA=M-1\nM=0\n@END" + s

+ "\n0;JMP\n(" + s

+ ")\n@SP\nA=M-1\nM=-1\n(END" + s + ")");

}

public void lt() {

String s = labelGenerator.getNextLabel();

this.FileList.add(

"@SP\nA=M-1\nD=M\n@SP\nM=M-1\nA=M-1\nD=M-D\n@" + s + "\nD;JLT\n@SP\nA=M-1\nM=0\n@END" + s

+ "\n0;JMP\n(" + s

+ ")\n@SP\nA=M-1\nM=-1\n(END" + s + ")");

}

public void Push\_Argument(String str) {

this.FileList.add("@ARG\nD=M\n@" + str + "\nD=A+D\n@13\nAM=D\nD=M\n@SP\nA=M\nM=D\n@SP\nM=M+1");

}

public void Push\_Temp(String str) {

this.FileList.add("@5\nD=A\n@" + str + "\nD=A+D\n@13\nAM=D\nD=M\n@SP\nA=M\nM=D\n@SP\nM=M+1");

}

public void Push\_Local(String str) {

this.FileList.add("@" + str + "\nD=A\n@LCL\nD=D+M\n@13\nAM=D\nD=M\n@SP\nA=M\nM=D\n@SP\nM=M+1");

}

public void Push\_Static(String str,String filename) {

if (Integer.*parseInt*(str) < 256 && Integer.*parseInt*(str) > -1) {

this.FileList.add("@"+filename+"." + str + "\nD=M\n@SP\nM=M+1\nA=M-1\nM=D");

}

}

public void Push\_This(String str) {

this.FileList.add("@" + str + "\nD=A\n@THIS\nD=M+D\n@13\nAM=D\nD=M\n@SP\nA=M\nM=D\n@SP\nM=M+1");

}

public void Push\_That(String str) {

this.FileList.add("@" + str + "\nD=A\n@THAT\nD=D+M\n@13\nAM=D\nD=M\n@SP\nA=M\nM=D\n@SP\nM=M+1");

}

public void Pop\_This(String str) {

this.FileList.add("@" + str + "\nD=A\n@THIS\nD=D+M\n@13\nM=D\n@SP\nAM=M-1\nD=M\n@13\nA=M\nM=D");

}

public void Pop\_That(String str) {

this.FileList.add("@" + str + "\nD=A\n@THAT\nD=D+M\n@13\nM=D\n@SP\nAM=M-1\nD=M\n@13\nA=M\nM=D");

}

public void Push\_Constant(String str) {

this.FileList.add("@" + str + "\nD=A\n@SP\nM=M+1\nA=M-1\nM=D");

}

public void Pop\_Argument(String str) {

this.FileList.add("@ARG\nD=M\n@" + str + "\nD=A+D\n@13\nM=D\n@SP\nM=M-1\nA=M\nD=M\n@13\nA=M\nM=D");

}

public void Pop\_Local(String str) {

this.FileList.add("@" + str + "\nD=A\n@LCL\nD=M+D\n@13\nM=D\n@SP\nM=M-1\nA=M\nD=M\n@13\nA=M\nM=D");

}

public void Pop\_Static(String str,String filename) {

if (Integer.*parseInt*(str) < 256 && Integer.*parseInt*(str) > -1) {

this.FileList.add("@SP\nAM=M-1\nD=M\n@" + filename+"."+str + "\nM=D");

}

}

public void Pop\_Temp(String str) {

this.FileList.add("@5\nD=A\n@" + str + "\nD=A+D\n@13\nM=D\n@SP\nM=M-1\nA=M\nD=M\n@13\nA=M\nM=D");

}

public void IF\_GOTO(String infuction,String str) {

this.FileList.add("@SP\nA=M-1\nD=M\n@" + infuction.toUpperCase()+"$"+str + "\nD;JNE");

}

public void GOTO(String str) {

this.FileList.add("@SP\nA=M-1\n@" + infunction+"$"+str.toUpperCase() + "\n0;JMP");

}

public void Label(String str) {

this.FileList.add("(" + infunction+"$"+str + ")");

}

public void Push\_Pointer\_This() {

this.FileList.add("@THIS\nD=M\n@SP\nA=M\nM=D\n@SP\nM=M+1");

}

public void Push\_Pointer\_That() {

this.FileList.add("@THAT\nD=M\n@SP\nA=M\nM=D\n@SP\nM=M+1");

}

public void Pop\_Pointer\_This() {

this.FileList.add("@SP\nM=M-1\nA=M\nD=M\n@THIS\nM=D");

}

public void Pop\_Pointer\_That() {

this.FileList.add("@SP\nM=M-1\nA=M\nD=M\n@THAT\nM=D");

}

String Push\_To\_Stack() {

return "@SP\nA=M\nM=D\n@SP\nM=M+1\n";

}

All that’s left is the functions required for functions in the VM code

public void WriteCall(String function, String nArgs) {

String s = labelGenerator.getNextLabel();

this.FileList.add("@returnAddress" + s + "\nD=A\n" + Push\_To\_Stack() + "@LCL\nD=M\n" + Push\_To\_Stack() + "@ARG\nD=M\n"

+ Push\_To\_Stack() + "@THIS\nD=M\n" + Push\_To\_Stack() + "@THAT\nD=M\n" + Push\_To\_Stack()

+ "@SP\nD=M\n@5\nD=D-A\n@" + nArgs + "\nD=D-A\n@ARG\nM=D\n@SP\nD=M\n@LCL\nM=D\n@"

+ function.toUpperCase() + "\n0;JMP\n(returnAddress" + s + ")");

}

public void WriteReturn() {

FileList.add("@LCL\nD=M\n@endFrame\nM=D\n");

EndFrameMinus("retAddr", "5");

Pop\_Argument("0");

FileList.add("@ARG\nD=M\nD=D+1\n@SP\nM=D\n");

EndFrameMinus("THAT", "1");

EndFrameMinus("THIS", "2");

EndFrameMinus("ARG", "3");

EndFrameMinus("LCL", "4");

FileList.add("@retAddr\nA=M\n0;JMP");

}

public void EndFrameMinus(String string, String string2) {

FileList.add("@endFrame\nD=M\n@"+string2+"\nD=D-A\nA=D\nD=M\n@"+string+"\nM=D\n");

}

public void writeFunction(String function,String nLocals){

infunction = function.toUpperCase();

FileList.add("("+function.toUpperCase()+")\n@"+nLocals+"\nD=A\n@n\nM=D\n");

Label("LOOP");

FileList.add("@n\nD=M\n@"+function.toUpperCase()+"$END\_LOOP\nD;JLE\n");

Push\_Constant("0");

FileList.add("@n\nM=M-1\n");

GOTO("LOOP");

FileList.add("\n");

Label("END\_LOOP");

}

With this, the translator and a big chunk of the full VM translator is finished.

Now we move on to the Label Generator.

##### Label Generator

This is a small piece of code with a class LabelGenerator which has a counter variable initialized. This class helps us to keep track of the various labels we may use in the code and thus is an integral part when converting VM code to machine language.

package VMTranslator;

public class LabelGenerator {

private int counter;

public LabelGenerator() {

counter = 0;

}

public String getNextLabel() {

String label = "LABEL\_" + counter;

counter++;

return label;

}

}

##### Main Code

We begin by importing the required libraries.

import java.io.File;

import java.io.IOException;

import java.io.RandomAccessFile;

import java.nio.file.Files;

import java.nio.file.Path;

import java.util.ArrayList;

import java.util.List;

public class Code {

static int *r3Counter* = 0;

static int *sysinitcounter* = 0;

The main components of the code are as follows:

1. `translateCommands` method:

- This method takes the list of VM commands (`commandList1`), a list of valid VM commands (`commandList2`), the `outputFile` object of the `Translator` class, a list of function names (`functionNames`), and the `projectPath`.

- It iterates over the VM commands and matches them with the valid VM commands from `commandList2`.

- Based on the matched command, it calls the corresponding methods from the `outputFile` object to generate the corresponding assembly code.

public static void translateCommands(List<String> commandList1, List<String> commandList2, Translator outputFile,

List<String> functionNames, String projectPath) {

String[] command;

for (int i = 0; i < commandList1.size(); i++) {

command = commandList1.get(i).split(" ");

for (int j = 0; j < commandList2.size(); j++) {

if (commandList2.get(j).contains(command[0])) {

if (command[0].equals("add")) {

outputFile.add();

} else if (command[0].equals("sub")) {

outputFile.sub();

} else if (command[0].equals("and")) {

outputFile.and();

} else if (command[0].equals("call")) {

outputFile.WriteCall(command[1], command[2]);

} else if (command[0].equals("return")) {

*r3Counter* = *r3Counter* - 1;

outputFile.WriteReturn();

} else if (command[0].equals("function")) {

*r3Counter* = *r3Counter* + 1;

outputFile.writeFunction(command[1], command[2]);

} else if (command[0].equals("not")) {

outputFile.not();

} else if (command[0].equals("or")) {

outputFile.or();

} else if (command[0].equals("neg")) {

outputFile.neg();

} else if (command[0].equals("eq")) {

outputFile.eq();

} else if (command[0].equals("gt")) {

outputFile.gt();

} else if (command[0].equals("lt")) {

outputFile.lt();

} else if (command[0].equals("if-goto")) {

outputFile.IF\_GOTO(functionNames.get(*r3Counter*), command[1]);

} else if (command[0].equals("goto")) {

outputFile.GOTO(command[1]);

} else if (command[0].equals("label")) {

outputFile.Label(command[1]);

} else if (command[0].equals("push")) {

if (command[1].equals("argument")) {

outputFile.Push\_Argument(command[2]);

} else if (command[1].equals("static")) {

outputFile.Push\_Static(command[2], projectPath);

} else if (command[1].equals("local")) {

outputFile.Push\_Local(command[2]);

} else if (command[1].equals("temp")) {

outputFile.Push\_Temp(command[2]);

} else if (command[1].equals("this")) {

outputFile.Push\_This(command[2]);

} else if (command[1].equals("that")) {

outputFile.Push\_That(command[2]);

} else if (command[1].equals("pointer")) {

if (command[2].equals("0")) {

outputFile.Push\_Pointer\_This();

} else {

outputFile.Push\_Pointer\_That();

}

} else {

outputFile.Push\_Constant(command[2]);

}

} else if (command[0].equals("pop")) {

if (command[1].equals("argument")) {

outputFile.Pop\_Argument(command[2]);

} else if (command[1].equals("static")) {

outputFile.Pop\_Static(command[2], projectPath);

} else if (command[1].equals("local")) {

outputFile.Pop\_Local(command[2]);

} else if (command[1].equals("temp")) {

outputFile.Pop\_Temp(command[2]);

} else if (command[1].equals("this")) {

outputFile.Pop\_This(command[2]);

} else if (command[1].equals("that")) {

outputFile.Pop\_That(command[2]);

} else if (command[1].equals("pointer")) {

if (command[2].equals("0")) {

outputFile.Pop\_Pointer\_This();

} else {

outputFile.Pop\_Pointer\_That();

}

}

}

}

}

}

}

2. `translateFile` method:

- This method takes the input file path of the VM code file (`inputFilePath`).

- It initializes the `outputList` to store the translated assembly code lines.

- It reads the VM code file, splits the commands into a list (`commandList1`), and initializes a list of valid VM commands (`commandList2`).

- It extracts function names from the VM commands and stores them in the `functionNames` list.

- It iterates over all the VM code files in the input directory, reads each file, and translates the commands using the `translateCommands` method.

- The translated assembly code lines are added to the `outputList`.

- Finally, it writes the `outputList` to an output file with a corresponding name based on the input file name.

public static void translateFile(String inputFilePath) {

try {

File[] listOfFiles;

List<String> outputList = new ArrayList<String>();

Translator outputFile = new Translator(outputList);

String filePath = inputFilePath;

filePath = filePath.replace("\\", "/");

String[] filePathParts = filePath.split("/");

String intermediatePath = "";

String finalPath = "";

for (int i = 0; i < filePathParts.length - 1; i++) {

intermediatePath = intermediatePath + filePathParts[i] + "/";

}

File inputDirectory = new File(intermediatePath);

if (filePath.contains(".vm")) {

RandomAccessFile file = new RandomAccessFile(filePath, "r");

String str;

List<String> commandList1 = new ArrayList<String>();

List<String> commandList2 = new ArrayList<String>();

List<String> tempList = new ArrayList<String>();

String[] fileNameParts = filePath.split(".vm");

commandList2.add("add");

commandList2.add("sub");

commandList2.add("neg");

commandList2.add("push");

commandList2.add("pop");

commandList2.add("not");

commandList2.add("or");

commandList2.add("and");

commandList2.add("eq");

commandList2.add("lt");

commandList2.add("gt");

commandList2.add("goto");

commandList2.add("label");

commandList2.add("if-goto");

commandList2.add("call");

commandList2.add("function");

commandList2.add("return");

String[] command;

List<String> functionNames = new ArrayList<String>();

while ((str = file.readLine()) != null) {

if (!str.isEmpty()) {

command = str.split("//");

if (command.length > 0) {

if (!command[0].isEmpty()) {

str = command[0];

str = str.trim();

commandList1.add(str);

}

}

}

}

for (int lo = 0; lo < commandList1.size(); lo++) {

command = commandList1.get(lo).split(" ");

if (command[0].contains("function")) {

functionNames.add(command[1]);

}

}

listOfFiles = inputDirectory.listFiles();

for (File file1 : listOfFiles) {

if (file1.isFile() && file1.getName().contains(".vm")) {

String fileName = file1.getPath();

fileName = fileName.replace("\\", "/");

String[] filePathParts1 = fileName.split("/");

filePathParts1 = filePathParts1[filePathParts1.length - 1].split(".vm");

String finalFileName = filePathParts1[0];

RandomAccessFile filex = new RandomAccessFile(fileName, "r");

while ((str = filex.readLine()) != null) {

if (!str.isEmpty()) {

command = str.split("//");

if (command.length > 0) {

if (!command[0].isEmpty()) {

str = command[0];

str = str.trim();

tempList.add(str);

}

}

}

}

for (int lo = 0; lo < tempList.size(); lo++) {

command = tempList.get(lo).split(" ");

if (command[0].contains("function")) {

functionNames.add(command[1]);

}

}

if (functionNames.size() > 1 && *sysinitcounter* == 0) {

*sysinitcounter* = *sysinitcounter* + 1;

outputFile.bootstrap();

}

*translateCommands*(tempList, commandList2, outputFile, functionNames, finalFileName);

tempList.clear();

}

}

Path outputFilePath = Path.*of*(intermediatePath +"/"+ filePathParts[filePathParts.length - 2] + ".asm");

Files.*write*(outputFilePath, outputList);

file.close();

System.***out***.println("VM code is translated Successfully");

}

} catch (IOException e) {

e.printStackTrace();

System.***out***.println("Unable to build asm code, Errors");

}

}

3. `main` method:

- This is the entry point of the program.

- It takes the input file path (`filePath`), which can be either a single VM code file or a directory containing multiple VM code files.

- If the `filePath` represents a single VM code file, it calls the `translateFile` method directly to translate the file.

- If the `filePath` represents a directory, it looks for a specific file named "Sys.vm" within the directory and calls the `translateFile` method on that file to translate the entire project.

public static void main(String[] args) {

String filePath = "A:/OneDrive - Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham/S2/EOC - 2/nand2tetris/nand2tetris/projects/08/FunctionCalls/StaticsTest";

if (filePath.contains(".vm")) {

*translateFile*(filePath);

} else {

File[] listOfFiles;

File directory = new File(filePath);

listOfFiles = directory.listFiles();

if (listOfFiles != null) {

for (File file : listOfFiles) {

if (file.isFile() && file.getPath().contains("Sys.vm")) {

String path = file.getPath();

*translateFile*(path);

break;

}

}

}

else {

System.***out***.println("No such directory is found. Recheck the directory path");

}

}

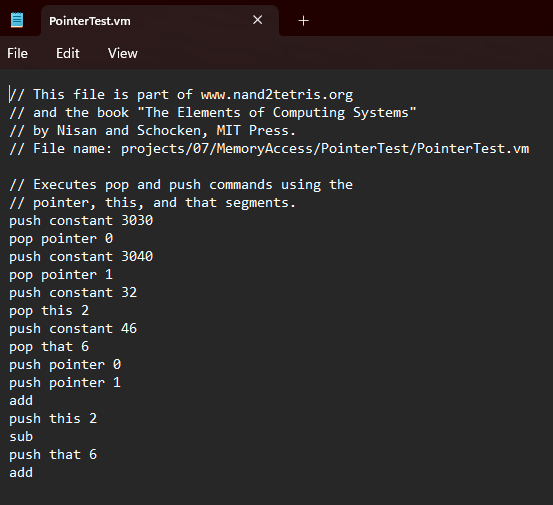
}

}

Overall, the code provides a way to translate VM code into assembly code, supporting various VM instructions such as arithmetic/logic operations, memory access, flow control, function calls, and more.

# RESULTS

To demonstrate the working of the translator, we converted the following “.vm” file to an “.asm” file.



After changing the filename in our code and running it, we got the following output:

@3030

D=A

@SP

A=M

M=D

@SP

M=M+1

@SP

AM=M-1

D=M

@null

M=D

@3040

D=A

@SP

A=M

M=D

@SP

M=M+1

@SP

AM=M-1

D=M

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AM=M-1

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A=A-1

M=M-D

@SP

AM=M-1

D=M

A=A-1

M=D+M

Which is the equivalent HACK machine language code.

This proves that the translator we built has no errors and is working perfectly.

# CONCLUSION

And thus we successfully built a working translator capable of converting any VM code we give it into its equivalent HACK machine language code.

This project gave us a little insight into what really goes on inside computers. Although it was not all smooth sailing, in the end, it was a great learning experience for all of us which will no doubt help us in our future endeavors.

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