

## Lab 6: Interpreters

In this lab, you'll have a hands-on practice in implementing an interpreter for the stack-based language SC0. Download from D2L the file `lab6.zip` and unzip it.

### The Interpreter Structure

There are three parts to this interpreter implementation:

1. A front-end to read in a SC0 program from a file.
2. An implementation of two storage models used in SC0: the operand stack and the local variable array.
3. The actual interpretation of the SC0 instructions.

Since SC0's instructions are line-based, we can use Java's `BufferedReader` to handle the input of a SC0 program from a file, reading each instruction in as a `String`, and converting a whole program into an array of `Strings`:

```
FileInputStream stream = new FileInputStream(args[0]);
BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(stream));
ArrayList<String> insts = new ArrayList<String>();
String line;
while ((line = reader.readLine()) != null) {
    if (!(line.isEmpty() || line.trim().equals("")
        || line.startsWith("#")))
        insts.add(line);
}
```

To decode an individual SC0 instruction, we use Java's `String Scanner`:

```
Scanner sc = new Scanner(inst);
String lnum = sc.next();                // line number (ignored)
String name = sc.next();                // inst name
int n = sc.hasNextInt() ? sc.nextInt() : 0; // inst operand
```

The two storage models can be implemented with Java's `HashMap` and `Stack`, respectively:

```
static HashMap<Integer,Integer> vars = new HashMap<Integer,Integer>();
static Stack<Integer> stack = new Stack<Integer>();
```

### Interpreting Individual Instructions

The standard interpreter's "fetch-and-execute" loop is used to decode and interpret instructions one at a time:

```
int pc = 0;
while (pc < insts.length) {
    ... // decode inst into name and operand n
    int disp = execute(name, n);
    pc += disp;
}
```

Individual instructions are executed according to their semantics:

```
static int execute(String instName, int n)
{
    int disp = 1;           // default displacement value
    switch (instName) {
        case "ADD":
            int val2 = stack.pop();
            int val1 = stack.pop();
            int res = val1 + val2;
            stack.push(res);
            break;

        case "LOAD":
            val = vars.get(n); // inst's operand is var's idx
            stack.push(val);
            break;

        case "GOTO":
            disp = n;          // inst's operand is the displacement
            break;

        ...
    }
    return disp;
}
```

## Exercise

A starter version of the interpreter is provided in `SC0Interp0.java`. It contains the above-mentioned code portion, as well as the structure of instruction execution routine. Your task is to complete the interpreter by providing execution code for individual instructions.