Project Description

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- See the canvas for the project description
- Progress reports
- Confidential evaluation
- Specification (how to program, etc.)
- Deliverable (what to submit, when, how)
- Simulator issues and Easy68k bug report (reported by students from previous class)
- Grading standards
- Required op-code and EA
- Addendum (additional information, will be continuously updated)

What is a disassembler?

- Disassembler (also called an ***Inverse Assembler***):
  - **Scans** a section of memory, and
  - **Attempts to convert** the memory's contents to a listing of valid assembly language instructions
- Most disassemblers cannot recreate symbolic, or label information
- Disassemblers **can be easily fooled** by not starting on an instruction boundary
- How it works:
  - The disassembler program **parses the op-code word** of the instruction and then **decides how many additional words** of memory need to be read in order to complete the instruction
  - If necessary, reads additional instruction words
  - The disassembler program **prints out the complete instruction** in **ASCII-readable format**
    - Converts binary information to readable Hex

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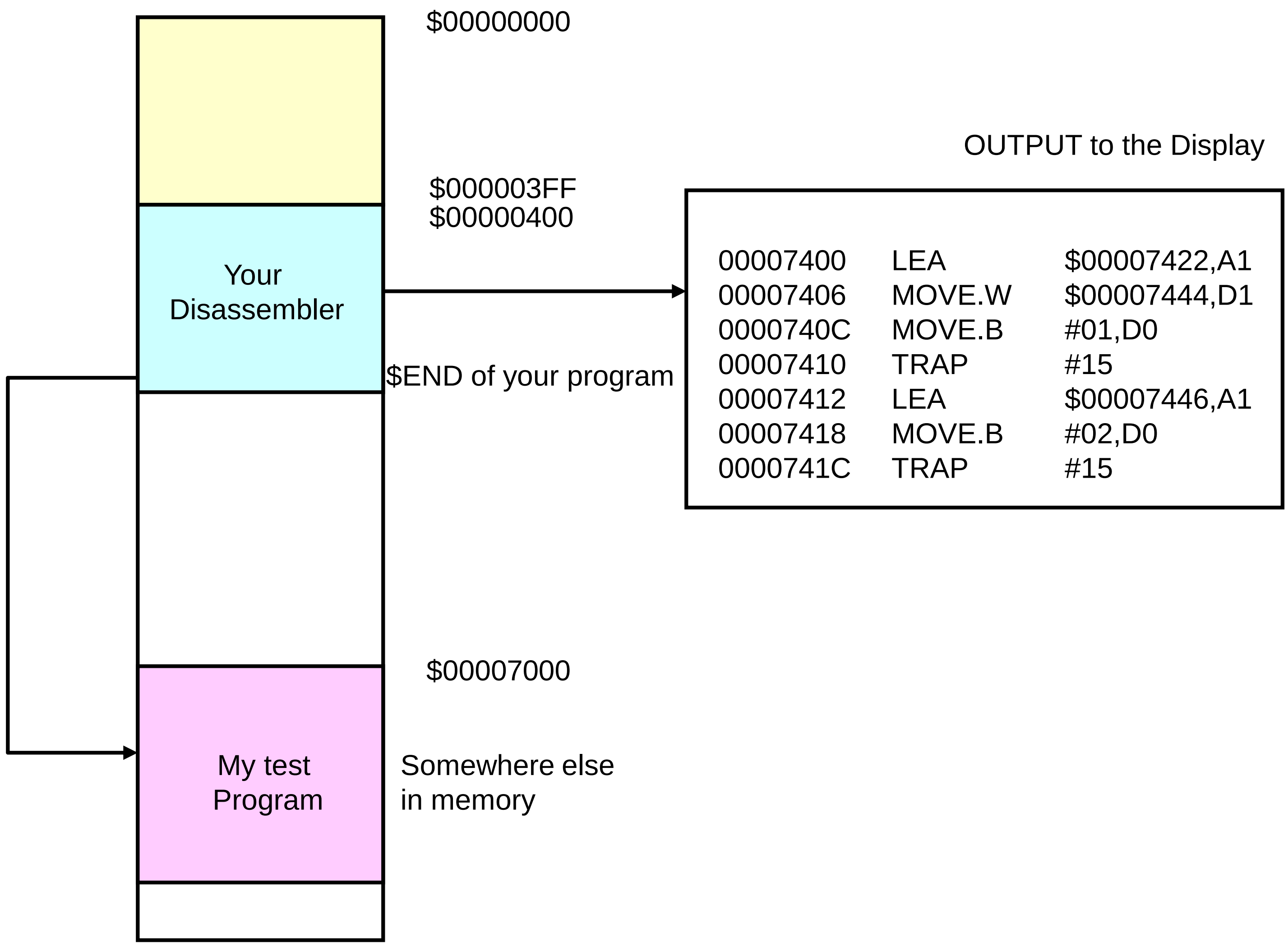

What is a disassembler?

- Source file contains symbolic names for numerical values, comments, symbol names for memory locations (variables)
- Source file **does not contain detailed memory location information**

```
NUM1     EQU          $AA                   *First number
NUM2     EQU          $55                   *Second Number
stack    EQU          $7000                 *Stack pointer
temp     EQU          $1000                 *Memory variable

         ORG          $400                  *Starting address
start    NOP
         MOE.W        #STACK,SP             *Initialize the stack pointer
         MOVE.B       #$D7,D0               *Load D0 with D7
         MOVE.B       #NUM1,D1              *Load first number
         MOVE.B       #NUM2,D2              *Load the second number
         MOVEA.W      #temp,A0              *Load temp address
         MOVE.B       D1,(A0)+              *Save it
         MOVE.B       D0,(A0)               *Save next
         SUBA.W       #$0001,A0             *Store address
         ASR.W        (A0)                  *Shift it
         MOVE.W       (A0),D7               *Get it back
         BRA          start                 *Go back and do it again
         END          $400                  *End of code
```

What is a disassembler?

- List file contains symbolic names for numerical values, comments, symbol names for memory locations (variables)
- **List file also contains detailed memory location information** not found in source file, including line numbers, other cross-reference information, and object code

```
1   000000AA     NUM1:              EQU       $AA          ;*First number
2   00000055     NUM2:              EQU       $55          ;*Second Number
3   00007000     STACK:             EQU       $7000        ;*Stack pointer
4   00001000     TEMP:              EQU       $1000        ;*Memory variable
5
6   00000400                        ORG       $400         ;*Starting address
7   00000400 4E71          START:   NOP
8   00000402 3E7C7000               MOVE.W    #STACK,SP    ;*Initialize the stack pointer
9   00000406 103C00D7               MOVE.B    #$D7,D0      ;*Load D0 with D7
10  0000040A 123C00AA               MOVE.B    #NUM1,D1     ;*Load first number
11  0000040E 143C0055               MOVE.B    #NUM2,D2     ;*Load the second number
12  00000412 307C1000               MOVEA.W   #TEMP,A0     ;*Load temp address
13  00000416 10C1                   MOVE.B    D1,(A0)+     ;*Save it
14  00000418 1080                   MOVE.B    D0,(A0)      ;*Save next
15  0000041A 90FC0001               SUBA.W    #$0001,A0    ;*Store address
16  0000041E E0D0                   ASR.W     (A0)         ;*Shift it
17  00000420 3E10                   MOVE.W    (A0),D7      ;*Get it back
18  00000422 60DC                   BRA       START        ;*go back and do it again
19  00000400                        END       $400         ;*end of code
```

What is a disassembler?

- What the same memory region would look like if displayed by an inverse assembly program
- Displays memory addresses and instructions at that address
- **All symbolic information and comments are lost!**

```
00000400     NOP
00000402     MOVE.W    $7000,SP
00000406     MOVE.B    #$D7,D0
0000040A     MOVE.B    #$AA,D1
0000040E     MOVE.B    #$55,D2
00000412     MOVEA.W   $1000,A0
00000416     MOVE.B    D1,(A0)+
00000418     MOVE.B    D0,(A0)
0000041A     SUBA.W    #$0001,A0
0000041E     ASR.W     (A0)
00000420     MOVE.W    (A0),D7
00000422     BRA       $00000400
```

Important! Testing Your Code!

Remember this page! You will check this page many times!

Assume that you have your disassembler program ready.

1. Write a testing source code (testing.X68→ testing.S68)
   - List all the required opcode and EA
   - Any non-required opcodes to see if your program can catch it as invalid data
2. Run your disassembler program from the source file
3. Your program will open in the simulator program
4. In the simulator, go to **File→Open Data**
5. Choose the "testing.S68" file as a testing file
6. Then, the assembled testing file will be loaded into your memory
7. See where the "data" is loaded
8. Go to **Run→Log Start** to have a log file
9. Run your program, and give the starting and ending address when prompt ($7FC0 and $814F, for example)
10. Should show one screen of data at a time, hitting the ENTER key should display the next screen

Group Dynamics and Logistics

- 2 or 3 students per team
- Get an early jump on this project. Don’t wait! You still have two exams, five assignments, and 14 exercises to prepare for!
- Plan, plan, plan! Do not write code until you know what you are doing!
- Back-ups and version control!
- Integration!
- Develop a test program early!
- Test thoroughly, do incremental development!
- Develop a schedule and follow it!
- Meet regularly to sync-up your code and do a status check face-to-face. Don’t depend exclusively on emails!

Why Projects Fail

- **Insufficient testing**
  - Fail to find subtle bugs
  - Side effects due to word addressing
  - Incomplete test program
- Having to write too much code due to poor up-front planning
- **Team becomes dysfunctional**
  - Must be self-directed, no manager to beat you into submission
  - Poor division of responsibilities among team members
- **Underestimating** the needed effort and time
  - Waiting too long to start
- **Poor project management!!!**
  - No back-up or version control
  - Late code integration
- **Time management!!!**
- Caught cheating

Some Representative Milestones

1. Team is organized
2. Team meets to discuss and set expectations and team values
3. Team decides who does what
4. Development schedule is created
5. Test program is built
6. Team meets and decides on API’s
7. I/O skeleton is complete, will display all memory as data
8. NOP is decoded
9. Other op-codes and effective address modes are added
10. Team meets regularly to check status, integrate SW
11. Begin abuse testing, start write-up
12. Complete personal statements
13. Complete all deliverables, pack everything up, cross your fingers and study for the final!

Team Organization 1

- Disclaimer: This is only ***one way out of many possible ways*** to organize your teams

- Team Roles based on **Functions/Libraries/Subroutines**
  - I/O Person: Handles all inputs from the user and displays to the screen – I/O Library
  - Op-Code Person: Handles decoding the OP-Codes and passing EA information to EA person – OPCode Library
  - EA Person: Decodes Effective Addresses – EA Library

Team Organization 2

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- Team Roles based on **workload**
  - Each member takes care of a certain amount of OpCode work
  - Each member takes care of a certain amount of EA work
  - Work together on I/O work – critical for testing and debugging

Team Organization 3

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- All team members work together on basic, common routines
- Team members divide the rest of work to balance workload

Team Organization 4

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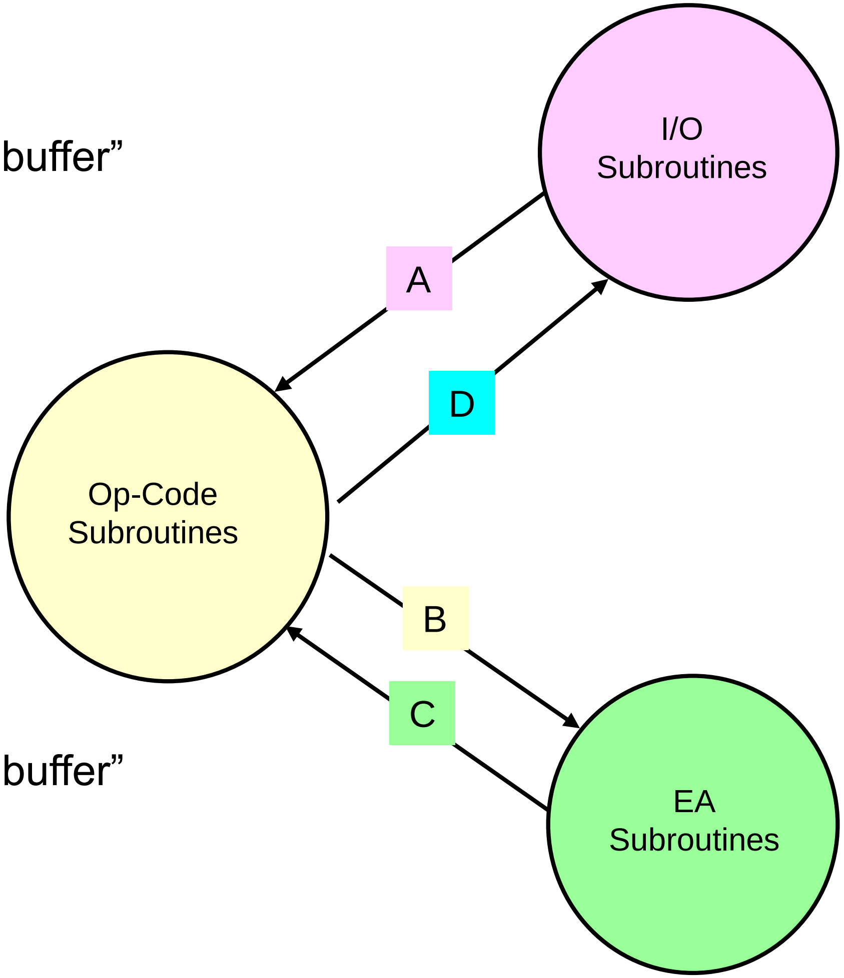
- Team Roles based on **subroutines/functions**
  - All team members sit together to define the needed functions and the APIs
  - All team members sit together to define how to parse in and out data between functions
  - Allocate different functions to different members to balance the workload

General Program Flow

1. I/O subroutines prompt user (me) for a starting and ending address in memory
2. User enters starting and ending addresses for region of memory to be disassembled
3. I/O subroutines check for errors and if address are correct, prepare the display buffer and send address in memory to Op-Code routines
4. Op-Code subroutines can either decode word to legitimate instruction or cannot.
    1. If word in memory cannot be decoded to legitimate instruction, I/O routines writes to screen: XXXXXXXX   DATA   YYYY, where XXXXXXXX is the memory address of the word and YYYY is the hex value of the word
    2. If it can be decoded then it is prepared for display and the EA information is passed to the EA routines
5. EA subroutines decode EA field(s) and
    1. If EA cannot be decoded, signals this back, or
    2. Prepares operands for display
6. Once the instruction is displayed, process repeats itself

Parameter Passing

- A Parameters
  - Pointer to memory to decode
  - Pointer to next available space in "Good buffer"
  - Good/bad flag
- B Parameters
  - Memory pointer to next word after the op-code word
  - 6 bits from EA field of op-code word
  - Pointer to next available space in "Good buffer"
  - Good/bad flag
- C Parameters
  - Memory pointer to next word after the EA word
  - Pointer to next available space in "Good buffer"
  - Good/bad flag
- D Parameters
  - Memory pointer to next op-code word
  - Good/bad flag



Required Op-code and EA

- Not all op-codes/EA are required to disassemble

Required op-codes and addressing modes:

Instructions:
NOP
MOVE, MOVEQ, MOVEM, MOVEA
ADD, ADDA,ADDQ
SUB
LEA
AND,OR,NOT
LSL, LSR, ASL, ASR
ROL,ROR
Bcc (BGT, BLE, BEQ)
JSR, RTS
BRA

Effective Addressing Modes:
Data Register Direct
Address Register Direct
Address Register Indirect
Immediate Addressing
Address Register Indirect with Post-incrementing
Address Register Indirect with Pre-decrementing
Absolute Long Address
Absolute Word Address