

VM8051 User Guide

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Introduction

VM8051 is a virtual machine that simulates a 8051 CPU. The software is composed of a library `lib8051`, and an interactive program that allows to execute a 8051 program step by step.

Using `vm8051`

VM8051 can be launched by command line. The HEX input file has to be specified as first argument. The `-m` option instructs the VM to show only minimal information about the state (only registers and CPU related SFRs).

```
vm8051 [-m] input.hex
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Main commands

The following commands are available:

s	Step instruction (step into call/jump)
q	Quit
p	Print state (do nothing)
r	Reset virtual machine
b <i>address</i>	Breakpoint at <i>address</i>
d <i>address</i>	Delete breakpoint at <i>address</i>
j <i>address</i>	Jump to <i>address</i>
k	Kill (skip) next instruction
n	Next instruction in the code (skip call/jump)
g <i>address</i>	Go to <i>address</i> (run code), stop at breakpoints
c	Continue (run code), stop at breakpoints
w <i>ncy</i>	Wait <i>ncy</i> cycles (run code), stop at breakpoints
e <i>opcode</i>	Execute instruction (<i>opcode</i>)
i	Idata dump
f	SFR dump
x <i>n</i>	Xdata dump (<i>n</i> -th page)