Introduction to SPIM

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Introduction to SPIM Simulator

- Spim is a self-contained simulator that runs MIPS32 programs
- Developed by James R. Larus, Computer Science Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- It only runs assembly code but not executable binary program
- Homepage
 - http://spimsimulator.sourceforge.net/
 - http://spimsimulator.sourceforge.net/HP_AppA.pdf

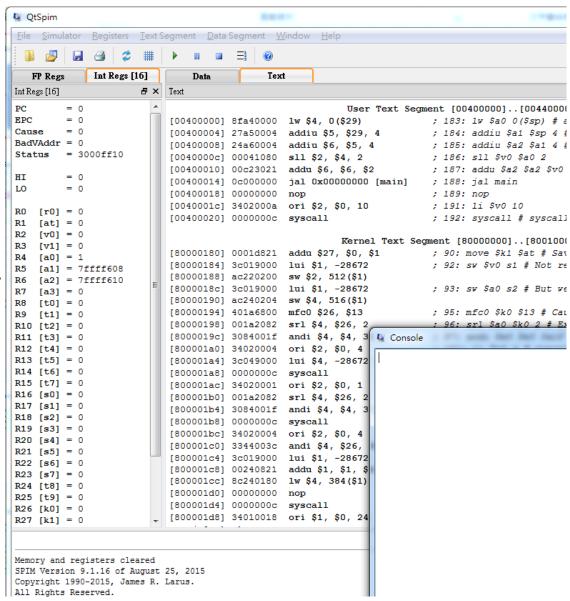
Install QtSpim

- Download from this webpage
 - http://sourceforge.net/projects/spimsimulator/files/

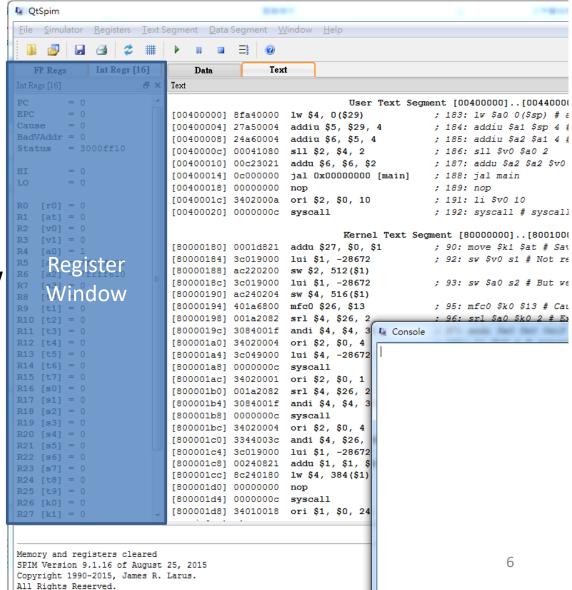
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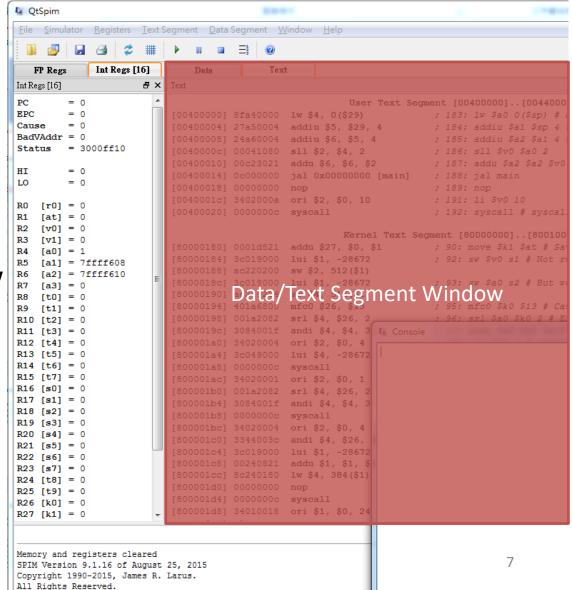
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 - shows instructions
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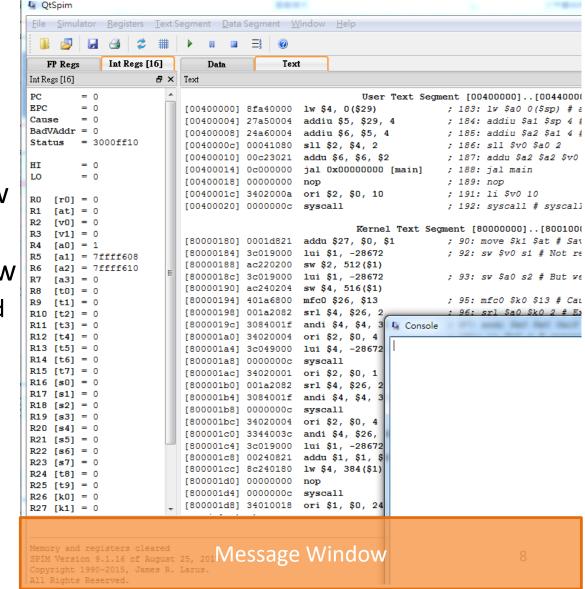
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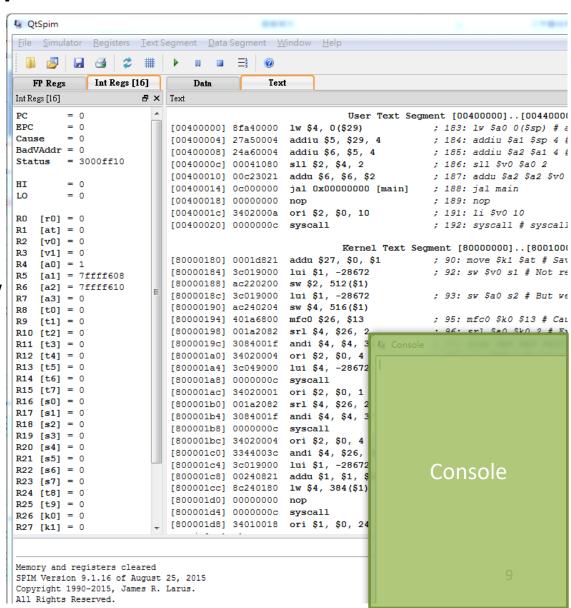
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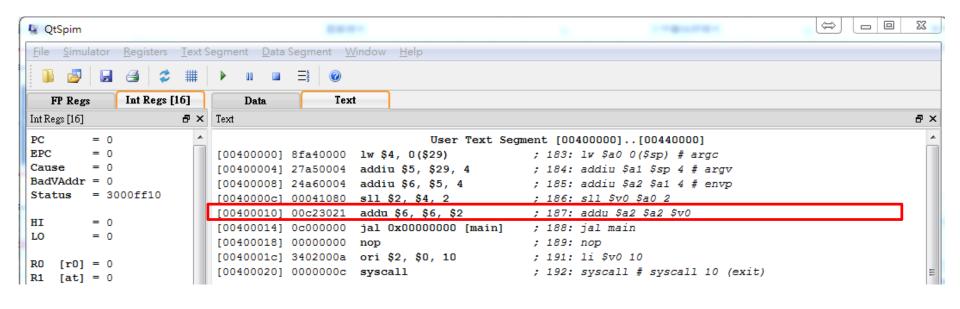


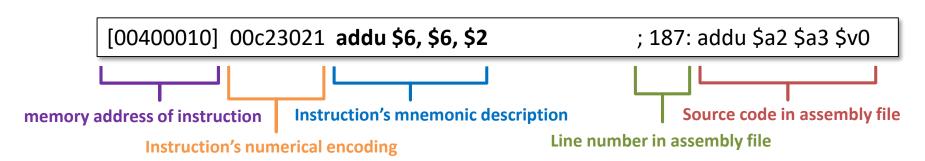
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Program Structure

- Plain text file with **data declarations**, **program code** (name of file should end in suffix .s to be used with SPIM simulator)
- **Data declarations** start with .data directive
 - Allocated in memory (DRAM)
 - Variables used in program
- **Program code** starts with .text directive
 - Starting point (main)
- **Comments**
 - # anything you want

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# Comment giving name of program and description of function
# Bare-bones outline of MIPS assembly language program
            # variable declarations follow this line
.data
var1:
                .word
.text
            # instructions follow this line
main:
            # indicates start of code (first instruction to execute)
```

Data declarations

- .word, .half 32/16 bit integer
- .byte 8 bit integer (similar to 'char' type in C)
- .ascii, .asciiz string (asciiz is null terminated)
 - Strings are enclosed in double-quotas(")
 - Special characters in strings follow the C convention
 - newline(\n), tab(\t), quote(\")
- .double, .float floating point
- Format
 - name: storage_type value(s)
 - Create storage for variable of specified type with given name and specified value
 - Value(s) usually gives initial value(s); for storage type .space, gives number of spaces to be allocated (bytes)
 - For example, var1: .word 23

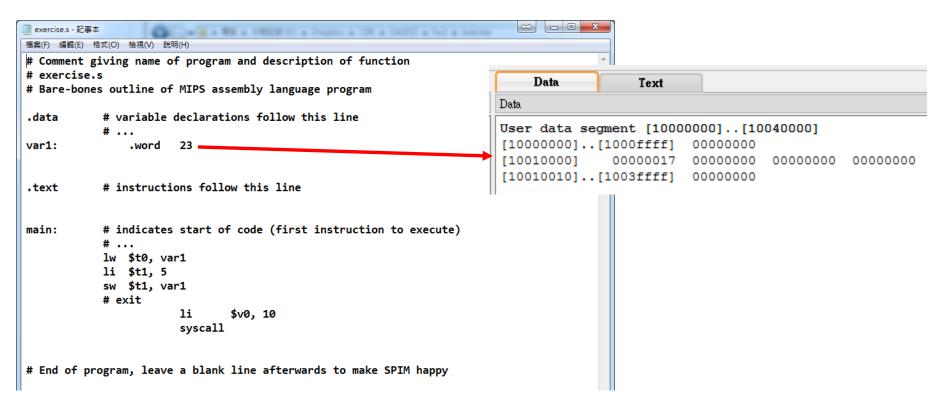
- RAM access only allowed with load and store instructions
 - All other instructions use register operands
- Load
 - lw register_destination, RAM_source
 - Copy word (4 bytes) at source RAM location to destination register
 - Ib register_destination, RAM_source
 - Copy byte at source RAM location to low-order byte of destination register, and sign-e.g.tend to higher-order bytes

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 - All other instructions use register operands
- Store
 - sw register_source, RAM_destination
 - Store word in source register into RAM destination
 - sb register_source, RAM_destination
 - Store byte (low-order) in source register into RAM destination
- load immediate
 - li register_destination, value
 - load **immediate value** into destination register

Example

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.data
var1:
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            # instructions follow this line
.text
            # indicates start of code (first instruction to execute)
main:
            lw $t0, var1
            li $t1, 5
            sw $t1, var1
            # exit
                        1i
                                $v0, 10
                        syscall
# End of program, leave a blank line afterwards to make SPIM happy
```

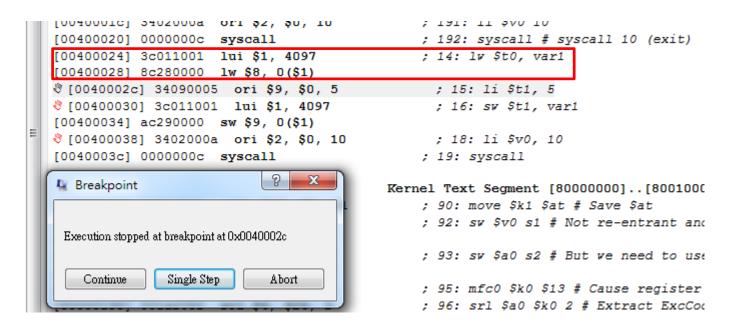
Example



Example

– lw \$t0, var1

```
[r0] = 0
R1 [at] = 10010000
    [v0] = 4
R3 [v1] = 0
R4 [a0] = 1
    [a1] = 7ffff618
R6 [a2] = 7ffff620
R7 \quad [a3] = 0
R8 [t0] = 17
R9 [t1] = 0
R10 [t2] = 0
R11 [t3] = 0
R12 [t4] = 0
R13 [t5] = 0
R14 [t6] = 0
R15 [t7] = 0
R17 [s1] = 0
```



Example

– li \$t1, 5

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[r0] = 0
R1 [at] = 10010000
    [v01 = 4]
R3 [v1] = 0
R4 [a0] = 1
R5 [a1] = 7ffff618
R6 [a2] = 7ffff620
R7 [a3] = 0
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R10 [t2] = 0
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R12 [t4] = 0
R13 [t5] = 0
R14 [t6] = 0
R15 [t7] = 0
R16 [s0] = 0
R17 [s1] = 0
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```
DUTUUUIC] STUZUUUA OLI QZ, QU, IU
[00400020] 0000000c syscall
                                                ; 192: syscall # syscall 10 (exit)
[00400024] 3c011001 lui $1, 4097
                                                : 14: lw $t0, var1
[00400028] 8c280000 lw $8, 0($1)
8 [0040002c] 34090005 ori $9, $0, 5
                                                  : 15: li $t1. 5

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                                                  ; 16: sw $t1, var1
[00400034] ac290000 sw $9, 0($1)
8 [00400038] 3402000a ori $2, $0, 10
                                                  ; 18: li $v0, 10
[0040003c] 0000000c syscall
                                                ; 19: syscall
Breakpoint
                                            Kernel Text Segment [80000000]..[80010000]
                                                ; 90: move $k1 $at # Save $at
                                                ; 92: sw $v0 s1 # Not re-entrant and 1
 Execution stopped at breakpoint at 0x00400030
                                                ; 93: sw $a0 s2 # But we need to use :
    Continue
               Single Step
                            Abort
                                                ; 95: mfc0 $k0 $13 # Cause register
                                                : 96: srl $a0 $k0 2 # Extract ExcCode
```

- Example
 - sw \$t1, var1

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                                              ; 14: lw $t0, var1
[00400028] 8c280000 lw $8, 0($1)
[0040002c] 8f8a8000 lw $10, -32768($28)
                                              ; 15: lw $t2,-0x8000($gp)
[00400030] 34090005 ori $9, $0, 5
                                              ; 16: li $t1, 5
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                                              ; 17: sw $t1, var1
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                                                                                   Text
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                                                20: syscall
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                                                                               00000005
                                                                                         00000000
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                                                                                                              00000000
                                                                 [10010010]..[1003ffff]
                                                                                         00000000
```

MIPS Instructions (Indirect and Based Addressing)

Load address

- la \$t0, var1
 - Copy RAM address of var1 (presumably a label defined in the program) into register \$t0

Indirect addressing

- lw \$t2, (\$t0)
 - load word at RAM address contained in \$t0 into \$t2
- sw \$t2, (\$t0)
 - store word in register \$t2 into RAM at address contained in \$t0

MIPS Instructions (Indirect and Based Addressing)

Based or indexed addressing:

- lw \$t2, 4(\$t0)
 - load word at RAM address (\$t0+4) into register \$t2
 - "4" gives offset from address in register \$t0
- sw \$t2, -12(\$t0)
 - store word in register \$t2 into RAM at address (\$t0 12)
 - negative offsets are fine

MIPS Instructions (Indirect and Based Addressing)

```
# variable declarations follow this line
.data
             # ...
array1: .space
                     10
             # instructions follow this line
.text
main:
             # indicates start of code (first instruction to execute)
             # ...
             la
                   $t0, array1
                                         Data
                                                     Text
             li
                   $t2, 10
             1i
                   $t1, 1
                                      User data segment [10000000]..[10040000]
loop:
                                      [10000000]..[1000ffff]
                                                           00000000
                                                                   00000a09
                                                                             00000000
             sb
                  $t1, ($t0)
                                      [100100001
                                                           08070605
                                      [10010010]..[1003ffff]
                                                           00000000
             addi $t0, $t0, 1
             addi $t1, $t1, 1
                   $t1, $t2, loop
             ble
             # exit
```

exit:

li \$v0, 10 syscall

Note: Based addressing is especially useful for:

- **Arrays**
 - Access elements as offset from base address
- **Stacks**
 - Easy to access elements at offset from stack pointer or frame pointer

MIPS Instructions (Arithmetic Instructions)

Operand size is word (4 bytes)

add \$t0,\$t1,\$t2	\$t0 = \$t1 + \$t2; add as signed (2's complement) integers
sub \$t2,\$t3,\$t4	\$t2 = \$t3 - \$t4
addi \$t2,\$t3, 5	\$t2 = \$t3 + 5; "add immediate" (no sub immediate)
addu \$t1,\$t6,\$t7	\$t1 = \$t6 + \$t7; add as unsigned integers
subu \$t1,\$t6,\$t7	\$t1 = \$t6 + \$t7; subtract as unsigned integers
mult \$t3,\$t4	multiply 32-bit quantities in \$t3 and \$t4, and store 64-bit result in special registers Lo and Hi: (Hi,Lo) = \$t3 * \$t4
div \$t5,\$t6	Lo = \$t5 / \$t6 (integer quotient) Hi = \$t5 mod \$t6 (remainder)
mfhi \$t0	move quantity in special register Hi to \$t0: \$t0 = Hi
mflo \$t1	move quantity in special register Lo to \$t1: \$t1 = Lo used to get at result of product or quotient
move \$t2,\$t3	\$t2 = \$t3

MIPS Instructions (Control Structures)

Branches

beq \$t0,\$t1,target	branch to target if \$t0 = \$t1
blt \$t0,\$t1,target	branch to target if \$t0 < \$t1
ble \$t0,\$t1,target	branch to target if \$t0 <= \$t1
bgt \$t0,\$t1,target	branch to target if \$t0 > \$t1
bge \$t0,\$t1,target	branch to target if \$t0 >= \$t1
bne \$t0,\$t1,target	branch to target if \$t0 <> \$t1

Jumps

j target	unconditional jump to program label target	
jr \$t3	jump to address contained in \$t3 ("jump register")	

MIPS Instructions (Control Structures)

- Control flow in MIPS
 - Subroutine/function Calls
 - A, B & C functions
 - Someone calls A
 - A calls B
 - B calls C
 - 4. C returns to B
 - B returns to A
 - 6. A returns

Control flow in C

- Invoking a function changes the control flow of a program twice.
 - Calling the function
 - Returning from the function
- In this example the main function calls fact twice, and fact returns twice—but to different locations in main.
- Each time fact is called, the CPU
 has to remember the appropriate
 return address.

```
int main()
   t1= fact(8);
   t2= fact(3);
   t3= t1+t2;
int fact(int a0)
     int t1, v0 = 1;
     for(t1 = a0; t1 > 1; t1--)
        v0 = v0 * t1:
     return v0;
```

Control flow in MIPS

- MIPS uses the jump-and-link instruction jal to call functions.
 - The jal saves the return address (the address of the next instruction) in the dedicated register \$ra, before jumping to the function.
 - jal is the only MIPS instruction that can access the value of the program counter, so it can store the return address PC+4 in \$ra.

jal fact

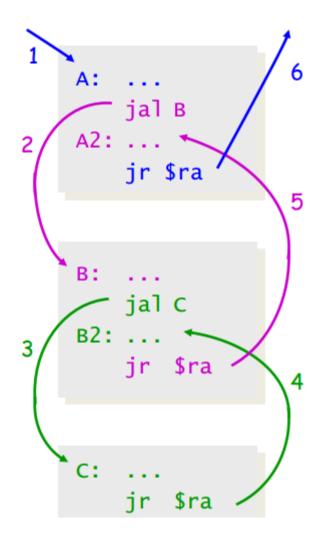
 To transfer control back to the caller, the function just has to jump to the address that was stored in \$ra.

jr \$ra

Note: return address stored in register \$ra; if subroutine will call other subroutines, or is recursive, return address should be copied from \$ra onto stack to preserve it, since jal always places return address in this register and hence will overwrite previous value

Function calls and stacks

- Notice function calls and returns occur in a stack-like order: the most recently called function is the first one to return.
 - Someone calls A
 - A calls B
 - 3. B calls C
 - 4. C returns to B
 - 5. B returns to A
 - 6. A returns
- Here, for example, C must return to B before B can return to A.



Register

Register name	Number	Usage		
\$zero	0	constant 0		
\$at	1	reserved for assembler		
\$v0	2	expression evaluation and results of a function		Results
\$v1	3	expression evaluation and results of a function		(\$v0, \$v1)
\$a0	4	argument 1		
\$a1	5	argument 2		parameters
\$a2	6	argument 3 (\$a0, \$a1		1, \$a2, \$a3)
\$a3	7	argument 4		
\$t0	8	temporary (not preserved across call)		
\$t1	9	temporary (not preserved across call)		
\$t2	10	temporary (not preserved across call)		
\$t3	11	temporary (not preserved across call)		
\$t4	12	temporary (not preserved across call)		
\$t5	13	temporary (not preserved across call)		
\$t6	14	temporary (not preserved across call)		
\$t7	15	temporary (not preserved across call)		

Register

1	
16	saved temporary (preserved across call)
17	saved temporary (preserved across call)
18	saved temporary (preserved across call)
19	saved temporary (preserved across call)
20	saved temporary (preserved across call)
21	saved temporary (preserved across call)
22	saved temporary (preserved across call)
23	saved temporary (preserved across call)
24	temporary (not preserved across call)
25	temporary (not preserved across call)
26	reserved for OS kernel
27	reserved for OS kernel
28	pointer to global area
29	stack pointer
30	frame pointer
31	return address (used by function call)
	17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

SPIM I/O

- SPIM provides a small set of operating system-like services through the system call instruction.
- A program loads the system call code into register \$v0 and arguments into registers \$a0-\$a3 (or \$f12 for floating-point values).
- System calls that return values put their results in register \$v0 (or \$f0 for floating-point results).

System Call

Service	System call code	Arguments	Result
print_int	1	\$a0 = integer	
print_float	2	\$f12 = float	
print_double	3	\$f12 = double	
print_string	4	\$a0 = string	
read_int	5		integer (in \$v0)
read_float	6		float (in \$f0)
read_double	7		double (in \$f0)
read_string	8	\$a0 = buffer, \$a1 = length	
sbrk	9	\$a0 = amount	address (in \$v0)
exit	10		
print_char	11	\$a0 = cha r	
read_char	12		char (in \$a0)
open	13	\$a0 = filename (string), \$a1 = flags, \$a2 = mode	file descriptor (in \$a0)
read	14	\$a0 = file descriptor, \$a1 = buffer, \$a2 = length	num chars read (in \$a0)
write	15	\$a0 = file descriptor, \$a1 = buffer, \$a2 = length	num chars written (in \$a0)
close	16	\$a0 = file descriptor	
exit2	17	\$a0 = result	

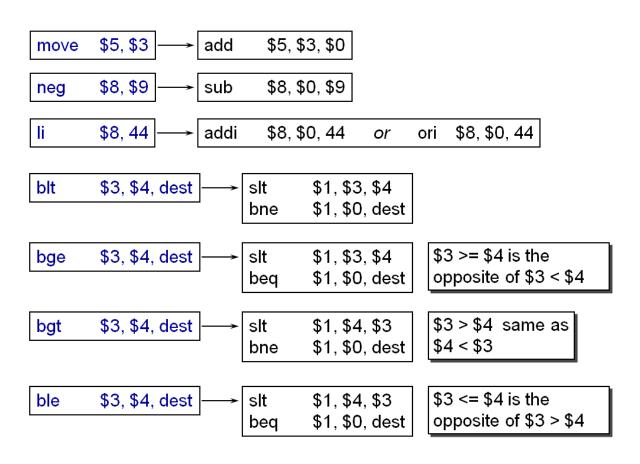
move \$a0, \$s1
li \$v0, 1
syscall
print the result to
consule

li \$v0, 5
syscall
read a integer into
\$v0

li \$v0, 10 syscall # exit

Pseudo Instructions

 When machine code is generated, the pseudo instructions are converted to real instructions



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Example (Fibonacci Recurrence)

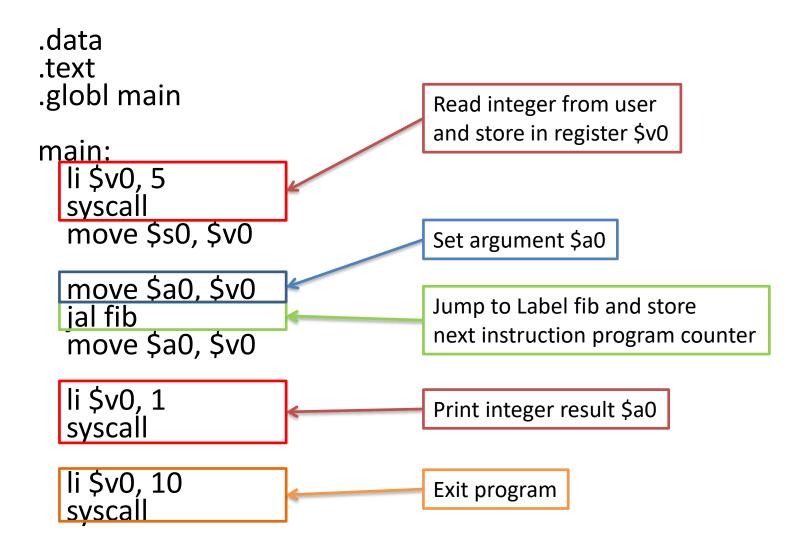
Definition

```
fib(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n=0 \\ 1 & \text{if } n=1 \\ fib(n-1) + fib(n-2) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
```

This is easy converse to a C program

```
int fib(int n)
{
   if (n <= 1)
      return n;
   else
      return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);
}</pre>
```

Example (Fibonacci Recurrence)



Example (Fibonacci Recurrence)

fib:

bgt \$a0, 1, recurse move \$v0, \$a0 jr \$ra if (n <= 1) return n;

recurse:

sub \$sp, \$sp, 12 sw \$ra, 0(\$sp) sw \$a0, 4(\$sp)

First save \$ra and the argument \$a0. An extra word is allocated on the stack to save the result of fib(n-1).

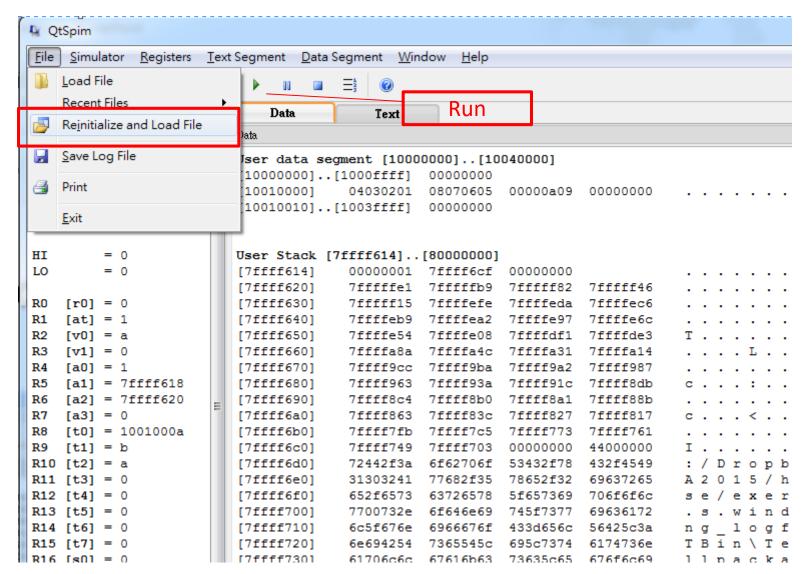
addi \$a0, \$a0, -1 jal fib sw \$v0, 8(\$sp) lw \$a0, 4(\$sp) addi \$a0, \$a0, -2 jal fib The argument n is already in \$a0, so we can decrement it and then "jal fib" to implement the fib(n-1) call. The result is put into the stack.

lw \$v1, 8(\$sp) add \$v0, \$v0, \$v1 Retrieve n, and then call fib(n-2).

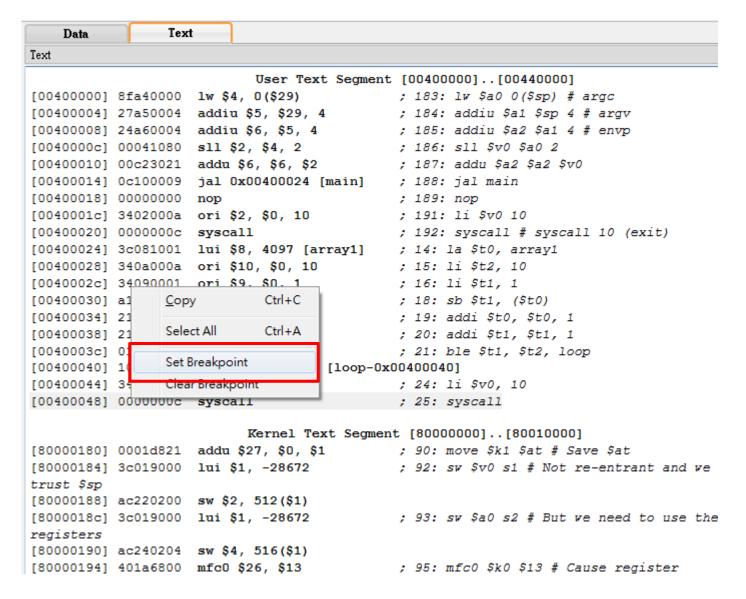
lw \$ra, 0(\$sp) addi \$sp, \$sp, 12 jr \$ra The results are summed and put in \$v0.

Retrieve return address and restore the stack pointer

Load your program

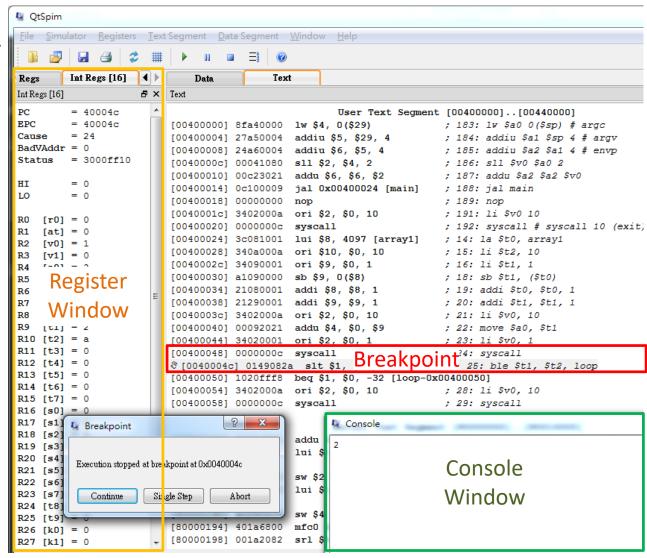


Breakpoint



Debugger

- Register Window
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- System call to console



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Simple Calculator

- Write a MIPS32 assembly program to calculate two integers.
- Read equation from an input file and output to an output file
- Support "+", "-", "*", "/" integer operations
- Output "XXXX" and exit immediately when:
 - Unsupported operator (^, √, ...)
 - Divided by 0
- You don't need to check if the input number is really an integer. (we won't test "1.1+2.3")

- Simple Calculator
 - I/O Formats:
 - Input format and an example:

02+99

- Input filename "input.txt"
- $-0 \le n1, n2 < 100, n1, n2 \in Z$
- All the number are two-digit
 - » 2(x) 02(o)
- Output: print the result in a file named "output.txt"

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0101
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- 0 ≤ Output
- Output filename "output.txt"
- Four-digit positive number or "XXXX"

- Simple Calculator
 - Modify from the "sample_code.s"
 - Make sure your program could do the right calculation
 - You should identify whether the operator is "+", "-", "*" or "/"
 - Make sure your program satisfies the I/O formats
 - You should implement the function of "itoa"
 - Make sure your program read from & dump the result to the correct file before submission
 - "input.txt" && "output.txt"

- Helpful tools in the sample code
 - A file reader and writer already exist in the "sample_code.s"
 - A function that pops outputs (integer) to console to help you debug.

- Submission
 - Due: 2016/10/9 (Monday) midnight (23:59:59)
 - FTP server will be closed on due.
- FTP:
 - IP address: 140.112.31.136
 - Port: 21 (default)
 - Username: ca
 - Password: ca2017_fall

- "readme.txt":
- 大概說明一下
- 1. code 是怎麼實作
- 2. 編寫的平台(Ex: Windows, Linux or Apple)
- 主要是批改有問題的時候助教會作為參考
- Upload your homework to "hw2" directory.
- You should compress the folder in a .zip file
 - hw2_<studentID>[_v<version>].zip (ex. hw2_r03922024_v0.zip) (英文小寫)
 - hw2_<studentID>
 - hw2_<studentID>.s
 - readme.txt

