

# MODULE 4: Computer Organization and MARIE

## Lecture 4.4 Simple Programming

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# Lecture 4.4 Objectives

- Write a simple program using MARIE's assembly language
- Assemble a program and determine the contents of the space in memory where the program resides
- Trace through a program and determine the contents of all relevant registers after each microoperation

# Example: Add Two Integers

- Add two integers (in memory locations 104 and 105) and store result (to memory location 106)

## Program

100	Load	104
101	Add	105
102	Store	106
103	Halt	
104	0023	
105	FFE9	
106	0000	

## Memory Contents

100	1104
101	3105
102	2106
103	7000
104	0023
105	FFE9
106	0000

# Program Trace (1)

Step	RTN	PC	IR	MAR	MBR	AC
(initial values)		100				
Fetch	MAR $\leftarrow$ PC	100		100		
	IR $\leftarrow$ M[MAR]	100	1104	100		
	PC $\leftarrow$ PC + 1	101	1104	100		
Decode	MAR $\leftarrow$ IR[11-0]	101	1104	104		
	(Decode IR[15-12])	101	1104	104		
Get operand	MBR $\leftarrow$ M[MAR]	101	1104	104	0023	
Execute	AC $\leftarrow$ MBR	101	1104	104	0023	0023



# Program Trace (2)

Step	RTN	PC	IR	MAR	MBR	AC
(initial values)		101	1104	104	0023	0023
Fetch	MAR $\leftarrow$ PC	101	1104	101	0023	0023
	IR $\leftarrow$ M[MAR]	101	3105	101	0023	0023
	PC $\leftarrow$ PC + 1	102	3105	101	0023	0023
Decode	MAR $\leftarrow$ IR[11-0]	102	3105	105	0023	0023
	(Decode IR[15-12])	102	3105	105	0023	0023
Get operand	MBR $\leftarrow$ M[MAR]	102	3105	105	FFE9	0023
Execute	AC $\leftarrow$ AC + MBR	102	3105	105	FFE9	000C

# Program Trace (3)

Step	RTN	PC	IR	MAR	MBR	AC
(initial values)		102	3105	105	FFE9	000C
Fetch	MAR $\leftarrow$ PC	102	3105	102	FFE9	000C
	IR $\leftarrow$ M[MAR]	102	2106	102	FFE9	000C
	PC $\leftarrow$ PC + 1	103	2106	102	FFE9	000C
Decode	MAR $\leftarrow$ IR[11-0]	103	2106	106	FFE9	000C
	(Decode IR[15-12])	103	2106	106	FFE9	000C
Execute	MBR $\leftarrow$ AC	103	2106	106	000C	000C
	M[MAR] $\leftarrow$ MBR	103	2106	106	000C	000C



# Program Trace (4)

Step	RTN	PC	IR	MAR	MBR	AC
(initial values)		103	2106	106	000C	000C
Fetch	MAR $\leftarrow$ PC	103	2106	103	000C	000C
	IR $\leftarrow$ M[MAR]	103	7000	103	000C	000C
	PC $\leftarrow$ PC + 1	104	7000	103	000C	000C
Decode	MAR $\leftarrow$ IR[11-0]	104	7000	000	000C	000C
	(Decode IR[15-12])	104	7000	000	000C	000C

# CHECK POINT

As a checkpoint of your understanding, please pause the video and make sure you can do the following:

- Step through the trace of the simple program on slide 3 and follow how the program instructions are executed by the MARIE processor

If you have any difficulties, please review the lecture video before continuing.



# Summary

- We can write programs using the MARIE assembly language to perform simple operations
- In the example in this lecture, all data is written from and to memory
- When the program executes, instructions and data are brought in from memory to the registers supported by the MARIE ISA, including the PC, IR, MAR, MBR, and AC

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