

COMP 2280 Winter 2022 - Lab 1 – Due Feb. 11th

The goal of this lab is to make you comfortable with using the LC-3 editor and simulator. You should read the **Guide to Using LC3Tools** and watch the **LC3 Walkthrough Video** (found on UMLearn) before attempting this lab. Other information about the LC3 can be found at the textbook's [website](#), or on lc3tutor.org.

Write the answers in the highlighted spaces (Adobe Acrobat Reader or other programs should be able to do it) and submit a PDF copy of this file to the appropriate Dropbox, along with your .asm files (**NOT** .obj files)

Question 1

1. Type in the program following these instructions into the LC-3 editor and save it as **HelloWorld.asm** in some working directory.
2. **Assemble** the program and ensure there are no mistakes. If there are mistakes, fix them and re-assemble the program.
3. Open **Windows Explorer (or Finder on a Mac)** and ensure that you have the following files in your working directory: **HelloWorld.asm** and **HelloWorld.obj**. There may be other files but just ignore them.
4. Start/Switch to the **LC-3 Simulator** and open the file HelloWorld.obj if it is not already.
5. Choose **Run**, to run the program. Ensure that the LC3 Console window has the correct output.
6. Now, in the **Jump to Location** field, write x3000 and click the **blue arrow** button to set the program counter to x3000. This will reset the program to start executing at the start of the program.
7. **Add breakpoints** at instructions located at x3001 (TRAP PUTS) and at x3003 (HALT). There should be a red stop sign at the start of the lines.
8. Clear the LC3 console window by choosing the top-right button near the console panel.
 - a. At this point, the value of PC register (in hexadecimal) is: **x3000**.
9. Run the program. The execution of your program should stop at line 0x3001 due to the breakpoint. The message is not yet displayed in the LC3 console window.
 - a. What is the value of R0 (in hexadecimal) at this point: **x3004** ?
 - b. What does this value correspond to? **Hint: Take a look at the memory.** *corresponds to "H"*
10. Run the program from this point. Your program will pause at the next breakpoint (at x3003).
 - a. What is the value of R0 (in hexadecimal) at this point: **x0000** ?
11. Remove all breakpoints and run the program from this point. Did it work correctly?

Yes the program worked correctly

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1 ; Example of Hello world for LC-3
2 ; Prints Hello World.
3 ; Save as HelloWorld.asm
4
5     .orig    x3000    ; the following instructions
6                     ; start at addr 0x3000
7     lea r0,mesg ; load addr of mesg into register r0
8     trap    x22 ; print string pointed to by r0
9     and r0,r0,x0
10    halt          ; halt the program
11
12 mesg    .stringz "Hello world.\n"
13         .end
14
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Question 2

1. Type in the program following these instructions into the LC-3 editor and save it as **sum.asm**, assemble it and load **sum.obj** into the LC3 simulator.
2. Add in a breakpoint to the line lines **and r2,r2,x0** and **add r3,r1,r2**.
3. Run the program. When the program stops at the first breakpoint :
 - a. R1 = **x0003 (in hex)**
 - b. R2 = **x0000 (in hex)**,
 - c. R3 = **x0000 (in hex)**.
4. Continue the program. When the program stops at the second breakpoint:
 - a. R1 = **x0003 (in hex)**
 - b. R2 = **x000A (in hex)** ,
 - c. R3 = **x0000 (in hex)** .
5. Continue the program. When the program stops by itself:
 - a. R1 = **x7FFF (in hex)**
 - b. R2 = **x000A (in hex)** ,
 - c. R3 = **x000D (in hex)**.
 - d. **Note the value of R1, why do you think it has a different value?**
The value of r1 was overwritten with MASK_HI .FILL x7FFF when halt is executed
6. Reset the program counter to x3000 and remove all the breakpoints.
7. Single step through the program line by line, using **step over** button.
 - a. The value of register R1, just before the **halt** instruction is executed, is:
x0003 (in hex).

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1 ; This example adds the contents of two registers and stores it
2 ; into a third
3
4     .orig    x3000
5
6     and r3,r3,x0    ; clear r3
7     and r1,r1,x0    ; clear r1
8     add     r1,r1,x3    ; r1 is set to 3
9     and r2,r2,x0    ; clear r2
10    add r2,r2,xA    ; r2 is set to 10 (base 10)
11    add r3,r1,r2    ; r3 <- r1 + r2
12
13    halt
14    .end
15
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