

#6 : MIPS Programming II

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Program Structure

```
_b1:    .data                # data segment (constants and global variables)
      .byte 1              # byte (8 bits) with value 1
_h1:    .half 10            # half word (16 bits) with value 10
_w1:    .word 100           # word (32 bits) with value 100
_a1:    .byte 1, 2, 3, 4    # array of 4 bytes with values 1, 2, 3 and 4
_a2:    .word 0:100         # array of 100 words with values 0
_s1:    .ascii "abc\n"      # string not null terminated
_s2:    .asciiz "123"        # string null terminated
_e1:    .space 100          # leave 100 bytes of space

      .text                # text segment (program instructions)
_main:                                     # main procedure
      ...
      li $v0, 10            # load code 10 for system call exit()
      syscall              # exit()
```

System Calls

To request a service, **load the system call code into register \$v0** and **arguments into registers \$a0–\$a3 or \$f12** (floating point values).

Return values are put in **register \$v0 or \$f0** (floating-point results).

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 = char	
read_char	12		char (in \$v0)
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	

MARS – MIPS Simulator

Main functionalities:

- Edit programs (**assembly**)
- Compile (**assembler**)
- Run and/or execute step by step
- See the memory contents and the values in the set of registers

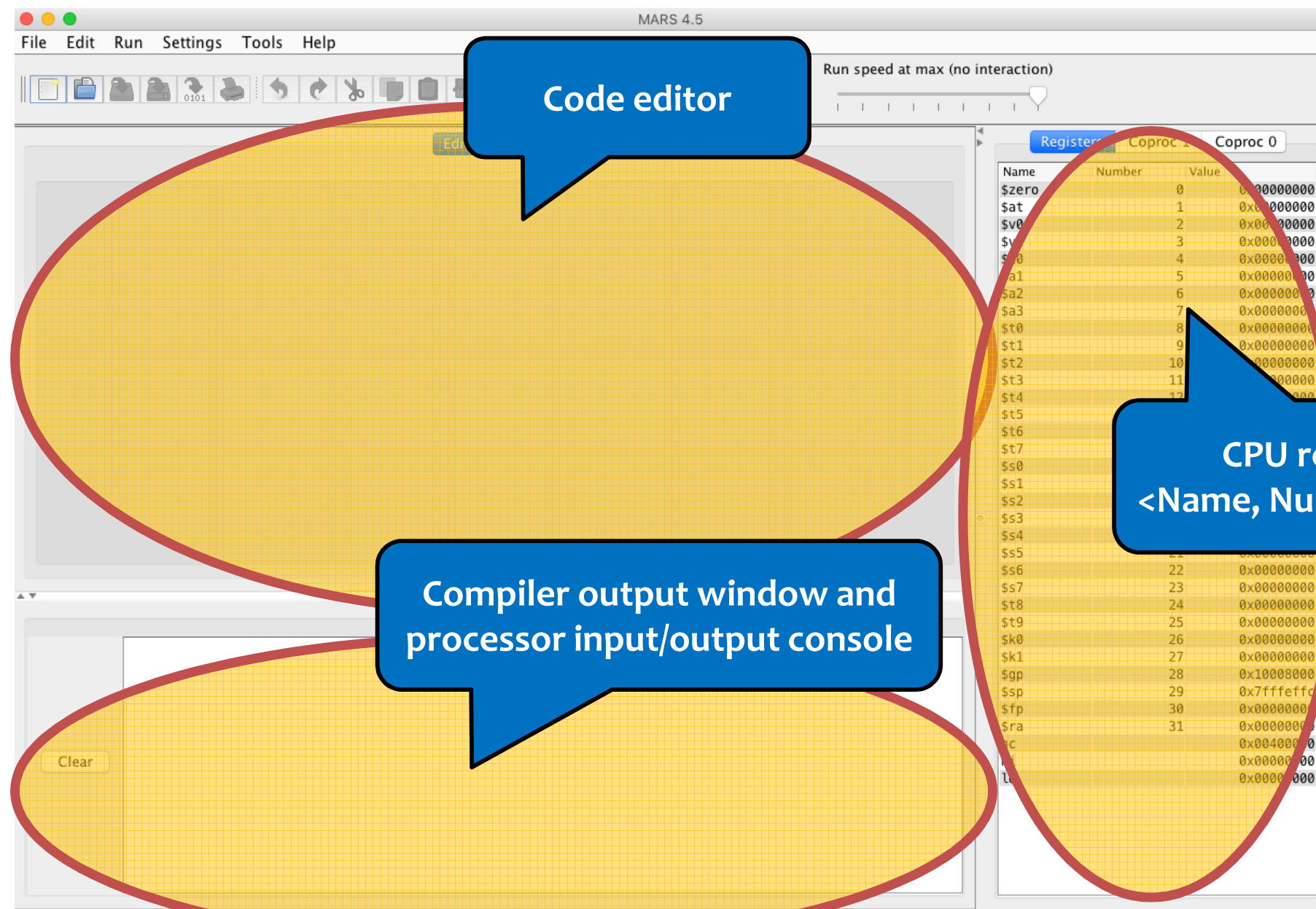
Download Mars4_5.jar:

- <http://www.softpedia.com>

Command to execute:

- `java -jar Mars4_5.jar`

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The screenshot shows the MARS MIPS Simulator interface. The main window is divided into several sections. The top section is a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'Run', 'Settings', 'Tools', and 'Help'. Below the menu bar is a toolbar with various icons. The main area is split into two panes: 'Text Segment' and 'Data Segment'. Both panes are highlighted with red ovals. The 'Text Segment' pane is currently empty. The 'Data Segment' pane shows a memory dump starting at address 0x10010000, with a checkbox for 'Hexadecimal Addresses' checked. A blue callout points to the 'Text Segment' pane with the text 'Text segment preview (binary code and source code)'. Another blue callout points to the 'Data Segment' pane with the text 'Data segment preview (memory contents)'. On the right side of the window, there is a register window titled 'Proc 1 Coproc 0' showing a list of registers and their values. At the bottom left, there is a 'Mars Messages' pane with a 'Clear' button.

Text segment preview
(binary code and source code)

Data segment preview
(memory contents)

Name	Number	Value
\$zero	0	0x00000000
\$at	1	0x00000000
\$v0	2	0x00000000
\$v1	3	0x00000000
\$a0	4	0x00000000
\$a1	5	0x00000000
\$a2	6	0x00000000
\$a3	7	0x00000000
\$t0	8	0x00000000
\$t1	9	0x00000000
\$t2	10	0x00000000
\$t3	11	0x00000000
\$t4	12	0x00000000
\$t5	13	0x00000000
\$t6	14	0x00000000
\$t7	15	0x00000000
\$s0	16	0x00000000
\$s1	17	0x00000000
\$s2	18	0x00000000
\$s3	19	0x00000000
\$s4	20	0x00000000
	21	0x00000000
	22	0x00000000
	23	0x00000000
	24	0x00000000
	25	0x00000000
	26	0x00000000
	27	0x00000000
	28	0x10008000
\$sp	29	0x7ffffeffc
\$fp	30	0x00000000
\$ra	31	0x00000000
pc		0x00400000
hi		0x00000000
lo		0x00000000

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The screenshot shows the MARS MIPS Simulator interface. A large yellow oval highlights the assembly code editor, which contains the following code:

```
1  li $t1, 0
2  lw $t2, _X
3
4
5  add $t1, $t1, $t2
6  sw $t1, _X
7
8  addiu $v0, $zero, 10
9  syscall
10
11
12
13
```

A blue callout bubble points to the 'Run' menu item, with the text: **Compile (Run -> Assemble)**.

Another blue callout bubble points to the 'File' menu item, with the text: **Create new program (File -> New), edit and save (File -> Save)**.

The right side of the interface shows the 'Registers' panel with a table of registers and their values.

Name	Number	Value
\$zero	0	0x00000000
\$at	1	0x00000000
\$v0	2	0x00000000
\$v1	3	0x00000000
\$a0	4	0x00000000
\$a1	5	0x00000000
\$a2	6	0x00000000
\$a3	7	0x00000000
\$t0	8	0x00000000
\$t1	9	0x00000000
\$t2	10	0x00000000
\$t3	11	0x00000000
\$t4	12	0x00000000
\$t5	13	0x00000000
\$t6	14	0x00000000
\$t7	15	0x00000000
\$s0	16	0x00000000
\$s1	17	0x00000000
\$s2	18	0x00000000
\$s3	19	0x00000000
\$s4	20	0x00000000
\$s5	21	0x00000000
\$s6	22	0x00000000
\$s7	23	0x00000000
\$t8	24	0x00000000
\$t9	25	0x00000000
\$k0	26	0x00000000
\$k1	27	0x00000000
\$gp	28	0x10008000
\$sp	29	0x7ffefffc
\$fp	30	0x00000000
\$ra	31	0x00000000
pc		0x00400000
hi		0x00000000
lo		0x00000000

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The screenshot shows the MARS MIPS Simulator interface. At the top, the title bar indicates the file path and version: `/Users/joaosoares/Dropbox/[Documents]/[Faculdade]/[docente]/19-20/AC/mips1.asm - MARS 4.5`. The menu bar includes **File**, **Edit**, **Run**, **Settings**, **Tools**, and **Help**. A status bar at the top right shows **Run speed at max (no interaction)**.

A blue callout box points to the **Run** menu, containing the text: **Run program (Run -> Go) ou execute step by step (Run -> Step)**.

The main window is divided into several panes. The **Text Segment** pane on the left displays assembly code with columns for **Bkpt**, **Address**, **Code**, **Basic**, and **Source**. The code includes instructions like `addiu $9,$0,0x00000000`, `lui $1,0x00001001`, `lw $t2, _X`, `add $t1, $t1, $t2`, and `sw $t1, _X`. A blue callout box points to this pane with the text: **Lines <Address, Binary code, Source code>**.

Below the assembly code is a memory dump showing **Address** and **Value** for 16-word pairs. A blue callout box points to this section with the text: **1 word pairs <Address, Value>**.

At the bottom left, the **Assembler** pane shows the message: `Assemble: operation completed successfully.` with a **Clear** button.

On the right side, the **Registers** pane shows a table of registers and their values.

Name	Number	Value
\$zero	0	0x00000000
\$at	1	0x00000000
\$v0	2	0x00000000
\$v1	3	0x00000000
\$a0	4	0x00000000
\$a1	5	0x00000000
\$a2	6	0x00000000
\$a3	7	0x00000000
\$t0	8	0x00000000
\$t1	9	0x00000000
\$t2	10	0x00000000
\$t3	11	0x00000000
\$t4	12	0x00000000
\$t5	13	0x00000000
\$t6	14	0x00000000
\$t7	15	0x00000000
\$s0	16	0x00000000
\$s1	17	0x00000000
\$s2	18	0x00000000
\$s3	19	0x00000000
\$s4	20	0x00000000
\$s5	21	0x00000000
\$s6	22	0x00000000
\$s7	23	0x00000000
\$t8	24	0x00000000
\$t9	25	0x00000000
\$k0	26	0x00000000
\$k1	27	0x00000000
\$gp	28	0x10008000
\$sp	29	0x7ffffc
\$fp	30	0x00000000
\$ra	31	0x00000000
pc		0x00400000
hi		0x00000000
lo		0x00000000

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The screenshot shows the MARS MIPS Simulator interface. The main window displays assembly code with the following instructions highlighted:

```
9: add $t1, $t1, $t2
10: sw $t1, _X
12: addiu $v0, $zero, 10
```

Annotations point to specific features:

- Program counter (next instruction to be executed)**
<Address, Binary code, Source code>
- Last modified register**
<Name, Number, Value>
- Last modified memory position**
<Address, Value>

The right panel shows the **Registers** table:

Name	Number	Value
\$zero	0	0x00000000
\$at	1	0x10010000
\$v0	2	0x00000000
\$v1	3	0x00000000
\$a0	4	0x00000000

The bottom panel shows the **Data Segment** table:

Address	Value (+0)	Value (+4)	Value (+8)	Value (+c)	Value (+10)	Value (+14)	Value (+18)	Value (+1c)
0x10010000	0x00000005	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x10010020	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x10010040	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x10010060	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000

The bottom panel also shows the **Mars Messages** and **Run I/O** sections.