

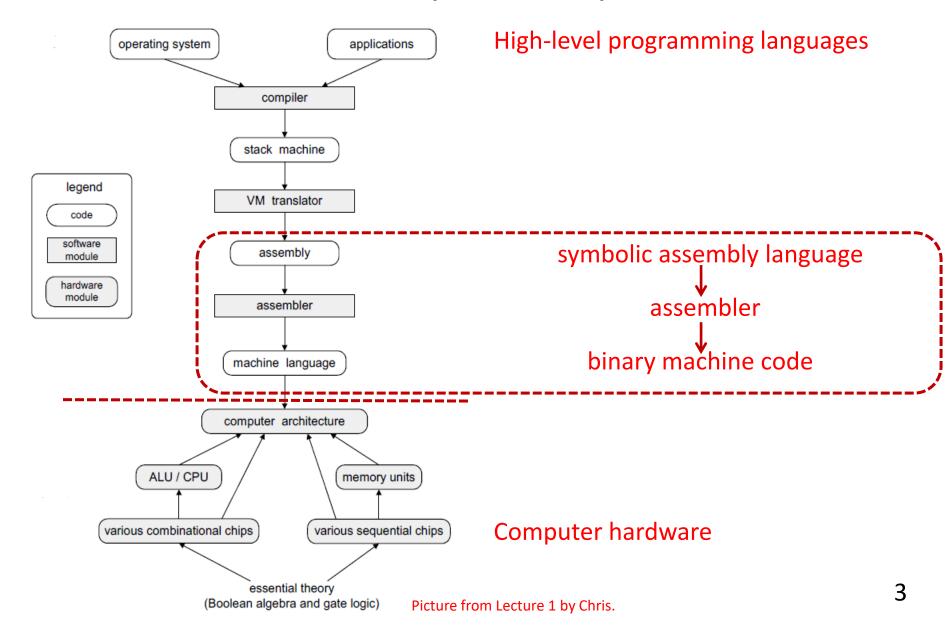
Assembler

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Outlines

- Introduction to assembler
- Translate Hack assembly program
 - >Translate program without symbols
 - >Translate program with symbols
- Develop an assembler

Overview of computer system



The translator's challenge (overview)

Hack assembly code

(source language)

```
// Computes RAM[1]=1+...+RAM[0]
  M=1 // i = 1
  @sum
  M=0 // sum = 0
(LOOP)
  @i // if i>RAM[0] goto STOP
  D=M
  @R0
  D=D-M
  @STOP
  D;JGT
  @i // sum += i
  D=M
  @sum
  M=D+M
  @i // i++
  M=M+1
  @LOOP // goto LOOP
  0;JMP
```

Assembler



What are the rules of the game?

Hack binary code

(target language)

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(source language)

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  D=D-M
  @STOP
  D;JGT
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  D=M
  @sum
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  @i // j++
  M=M+1
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```

Assembler



Based on the syntax rules of:

- The source language
- The target language

Hack binary code

(target language)

Hack language specification: A-instruction

Symbolic syntax:

@ value

Where *value* is either

- a non-negative decimal constant or
- a symbol referring to such a constant

Binary syntax:

0 valueInBinary

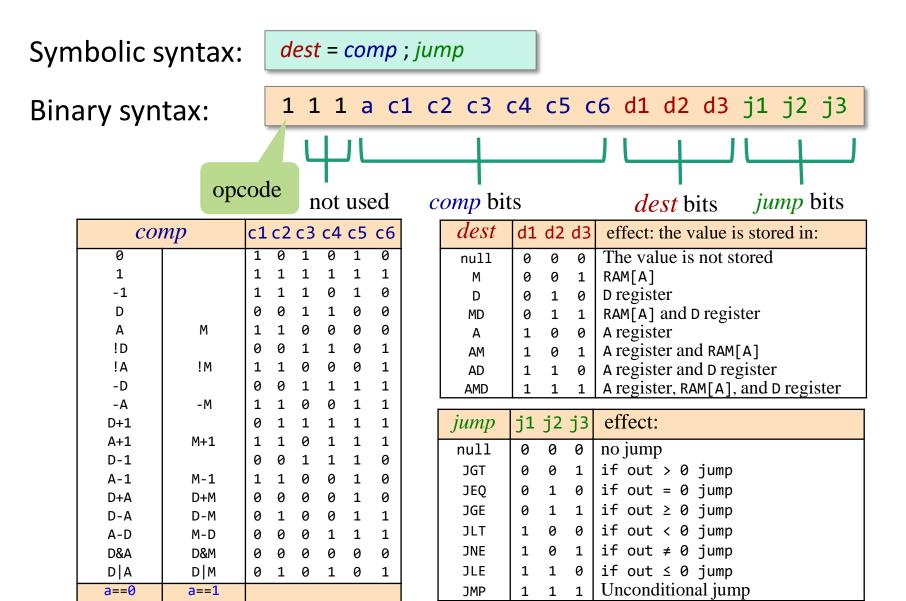
Examples:

@21

@foo

Example:

Hack language specification: C-instruction



Hack language specification: symbols

Pre-defined symbols:

<u>symbol</u>	<u>value</u>	<u>symbol</u>	<u>value</u>
R0	0	SP	0
R1	1	LCL	1
R2	2	ARG	2
•••	•••	THIS	3
R15	15	THAT	4
SCREEN	16384		
KBD	24576		

<u>Label declaration:</u> (label)

Variable declaration: @variableName

```
// Computes RAM[1]=1+...+RAM[0]
  @i //variable
  M=1 // i = 1
  @sum
  M=0 // sum = 0
(LOOP) //label
  @i // if i>RAM[0] goto STOP
  D=M
  @R0 //built-in symbols
  D=D-M
  @STOP
  D;JGT
  @i // sum += i
  D=M
  @sum
  M=D+M
  @i //i++
  M=M+1
  @LOOP // goto LOOP
 0;JMP
```

The Hack language: a translator's perspective

Assembly program

```
// Compute RAM[1] = 1+2+ ... +n
// Usage: put a number (n) in RAM[0]
 @R0
 D=M
 @n
 M=D // n = R0
 @i
 M=1 // i = 1
 @sum
 M=0 // sum = 0
(LOOP)
 @i
 D=M // D = i
 D=D-M // D = i - n
 @STOP
 D;JGT // if i > n goto STOP
 @i
 D=M // D=i
 @sum
 M=D+M // sum = sum + i
 M=M+1 // i = i + 1
 @LOOP
 0;JMP // goto to LOOP
(STOP)
 @sum
 D=M // D = sum
 @R1
 M=D // RAM[1] = sum
(END)
 @END
 0;JMP // end
```

Assembly program elements:

- White space
 - Empty lines / indentation
 - Line comments
 - In-line comments
- Instructions
 - A-instructions
 - C-instructions
- Symbols
 - Predefined symbols
 - Variables
 - Labels

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Handling programs without symbols

Assembly program (without symbols)

```
// Computes RAM[1] = 1 + ... +
        RAM[0]
      @16
      M=1 // i = 1
      @17
      M=0 // sum = 0
      @16 // if i>RAM[0] goto STOP
4
      D=M
      @0
      D=D-M
8
      @18
      D;JGT
            // sum += i
      @16
      D=M
      @17
      M=D+M
13
      @16 // i++
14
      M=M+1
15
      @4 // goto LOOP
16
      0;JMP
17
      @17
18
      D=M
19
      @1
20
      M=D
            // RAM[1] = the sum
21
      @22
22
      0;JMP
23
```

Assembler for symbol-less Hack programs

Challenges:

Handling...

- White space
- Instructions

Hack machine code

Handling programs without symbols

Assembly program (without symbols)

```
@16
0
      M=1
      @17
      M=0
      @16
      D=M
      \omega_0
6
      D=D-M
      @18
      D;JGT
      @16
10
      D=M
      @17
      M=D+M
13
      @16
14
      M=M+1
15
      @4
16
      0;JMP
      @17
18
      D=M
19
      @1
20
      M=D
21
      @22
22
      0;JMP
```

Assembler for symbol-less Hack programs

Challenges:

Handling...

- White space
 - Ignore it
- Instructions

Hack machine code

Translating A-instructions

Symbolic syntax:

@ value

Examples:

@21

@foo

Where *value* is either

- · a non-negative decimal constant or
- a symbol referring to such a constant

Binary syntax:

0 valueInBinary

Example:

000000000010101

<u>Translation to binary:</u>

- If value is a decimal constant, generate the equivalent binary constant.
- If *value* is a symbol, later.

Translating C-instructions

Symbolic syntax:

dest = comp ; jump

Binary syntax:

1 1 1 a c1 c2 c3 c4 c5 c6 d1 d2 d3 j1 j2 j3

comp			c2	с3	с4	c 5	с6
0		1	0	1	0	1	0
1		1	1	1	1	1	1
-1		1	1	1	0	1	0
D		0	0	1	1	0	0
Α	M	1	1	0	0	0	0
!D		0	0	1	1	0	1
!A	! M	1	1	0	0	0	1
-D		0	0	1	1	1	1
-A	-M	1	1	0	0	1	1
D+1		0	1	1	1	1	1
A+1	M+1	1	1	0	1	1	1
D-1		0	0	1	1	1	0
A-1	M-1	1	1	0	0	1	0
D+A	D+M	0	0	0	0	1	0
D-A	D-M	0	1	0	0	1	1
A-D	M-D	0	0	0	1	1	1
D&A	D&M	0	0	0	0	0	0
D A	D M	0	1	0	1	0	1
a=0	a=1						

	dest	d1	d2	d3	effect: the value is stored in:
ſ	null	0	0	0	The value is not stored
	М	0	0	1	RAM[A]
	D	0	1	0	D register
	MD	0	1	1	RAM[A] and D register
	Α	1	0	0	A register
	AM	1	0	1	A register and RAM[A]
	AD	1	1	0	A register and D register
	AMD	1	1	1	A register, RAM[A], and D register

jump	j1	j2	j3	effect:
null	0	0	0	no jump
JGT	0	0	1	if out > 0 jump
JEQ	0	1	0	if out = 0 jump
JGE	0	1	1	if out ≥ 0 jump
JLT	1	0	0	if out < 0 jump
JNE	1	0	1	if out ≠ 0 jump
JLE	1	1	0	if out ≤ 0 jump
JMP	1	1	1	Unconditional jump

Symbolic:

Binary:

Example:

Exercise: translate assembly code

 Translate the following assembly code to binary code:

@10

Binary syntax:

1 1 1 a c1 c2 c3 c4 c5 c6 d1 d2 d3 j1 j2 j3

D=A

@R10

M=D

(END)

@END

0;JMP

COI	comp			c3	с4	с5	c6
0		1	0	1	0	1	0
1		1	1	1	1	1	1
-1		1	1	1	0	1	0
D		0	0	1	1	0	0
Α	М	1	1	0	0	0	0
ID		0	0	1	1	0	1
IA	IM	1	1	0	0	0	1
-D		0	0	1	1	1	1
-A	-M	1	1	0	0	1	1
D+1		0	1	1	1	1	1
A+1	M+1	1	1	0	1	1	1
D-1		0	0	1	1	1	0
A-1	M-1	1	1	0	0	1	0
D+A	D+M	0	0	0	0	1	0
D-A	D-M	0	1	0	0	1	1
A-D	M-D	0	0	0	1	1	1
D&A	D&M	0	0	0	0	0	0
DA	D M	0	1	0	1	0	1

dest	d1	d2	d3
null	0	0	0
M	0	0	1
D	0	1	0
MD	0	1	1
Α	1	0	0
AM	1	0	1
AD	1	1	0
AMD	1	1	1

jump	j1	j2	j3
null	0	0	0
JGT	0	0	1
JEQ	0	1	0
JGE	0	1	1
JLT	1	0	0
JNE	1	0	1
JLE	1	1	0
ЭМР	1	1	1

Exercise: translate assembly code

 Translate the following assembly code to binary code:

D=A 1110110000010000

@R10 000000000001010

M=D 1110001100001000

(END)

@END 00000000000100

0;JMP 1110101010000111

Thinking & self-study

- D register appears in 'dest' or 'comp', the binary codes are different.
- Label declaration such as '(END)' does not account as one instruction!
- Why 7 bits for 'comp', whereas only 3 bits for 'dest' and 'jump'?
- @value operation often requires conversion from decimal number to binary number. Practice it by yourself.
- Manual translation from assembly code to binary code is tedious. Practice it by yourself.

The overall assember logic

Assembly program (without symbols)

```
@16
      M=1
      @17
      M=0
      @16
      D=M
      \omega_0
      D=D-M
      @18
      D;JGT
      @16
10
      D=M
      @17
      M=D+M
13
      @16
14
      M=M+1
15
      @4
16
      0;JMP
      @17
18
      D=M
19
      @1
20
      M=D
21
      @22
22
      0;JMP
```

For each instruction

- Parse the instruction: break it into its underlying fields
- <u>A-instruction</u>:
 Translate the decimal value into a binary string.
- <u>C-instruction</u>:
 For each field in the instruction,
 generate corresponding binary code.
- Assemble translated binary codes into a complete 16-bit machine instruction.
- Write 16-bit instruction to the output file.

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Handling symbols

Assembly program

```
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 M=1 // i = 1
 @sum
 M=0 // sum = 0
(LOOP)
  @i // if i>RAM[0] goto STOP
 @R0
 D=D-M
 @STOP
 D;JGT
  @i // sum += i
 D=M
 @sum
 M=D+M
 @i //j++
 M=M+1
 @LOOP // goto LOOP
 0:JMP
(STOP)
  @sum
 D=M
 @R1
 M=D // RAM[1] = the sum
(END)
 @END
 0;JMP
```

Pre-defined symbols:

Represent special memory locations.

Label symbols:

Represent destinations of goto instructions.

Variable symbols:

Represent memory locations where the programmer wants to maintain values.

Handling pre-defined symbols

Assembly program

```
// Computes RAM[1] = 1 + ... + RAM[0]
 M=1 // i = 1
 @sum
 M=0 // sum = 0
(LOOP)
  @i // if i>RAM[0] goto STOP
  @R0
 D=D-M
 @STOP
 D;JGT
  @i // sum += i
 D=M
 @sum
 M=D+M
 @i //j++
 M=M+1
 @LOOP // goto LOOP
 0:JMP
(STOP)
  @sum
 D=M
 @R1
 M=D // RAM[1] = the sum
(END)
  @END
 0;JMP
```

The Hack language specification describes 23 *pre-defined symbols*:

<u>symbol</u>	<u>value</u>	<u>symbol</u>	<u>value</u>
RØ	0	SP	0
R1	1	LCL	1
R2	2	ARG	2
• • •	• • •	THIS	3
R15	15	THAT	4
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<u>Translating</u> @preDefinedSymbol:

Replace *preDefinedSymbol* with its value.

Examples

Symbolic:



Binary:

Handling label symbols

Assembly program

```
// Computes RAM[1] = 1 + ... + RAM[0]
      M=1 // i = 1
      @sum
      M=0 // sum = 0
    (LOOP)
          // if i>RAM[0] goto STOP
      D=M
      @R0
      D=D-M
      @STOP
      D;JGT
      @i // sum += i
      D=M
      @sum
      M=D+M
      @i //i++
      M=M+1
16
      @LOOP // goto LOOP
      0:JMP
    (STOP)
18
      @sum
      D=M
20
      @R1
      M=D // RAM[1] = the sum
    (END)
      @END
      0;JMP
```

Label symbols

- Used to label destinations of goto commands,
- Declared by the pseudo-command (xxx),
- This directive defines the symbol xxx, to refer to the memory location holding the next instruction in the program.

symbolvalueLOOP4STOP18

END

Translating @labelSymbol:

Replace *labelSymbol* with its value.

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Examples

Symbolic:



Binary:

Handling variable symbols

Assembly program

```
// Computes RAM[1] = 1 + ... + RAM[0]
      M=1 // i = 1
      @sum
      M=0 // sum = 0
    (LOOP)
      @i // if i>RAM[0] goto STOP
      @R0
      D=D-M
      @STOP
      D;JGT
      @i // sum += i
      D=M
      @sum
      M=D+M
      @i //j++
      M=M+1
      @LOOP // goto LOOP
      0:JMP
    (STOP)
18
      @sum
      D=M
20
      @R1
      M=D // RAM[1] = the sum
    (END)
      @END
      0;JMP
```

Variable symbols

- A symbol, not pre-defined, nor defined elsewhere as a label, then it is a *variable*.
- Each variable is assigned a unique memory address, starting at **16**.

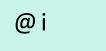
sym	<u>ıbol</u>	<u>value</u>
	i	16
	sum	17

<u>Translating</u> @variableSymbol:

- First time see it, assign a unique memory address.
- Replace *variableSymbol* with this address.

Examples

Symbolic:



Binary:

Symbol table

Assembly program

```
// Computes RAM[1] = 1 + ... + RAM[0]
      M=1 // i = 1
      @sum
      M=0 // sum = 0
    (LOOP)
      @i // if i>RAM[0] goto STOP
      D=M
      @R0
      D=D-M
      @STOP
      D;JGT
      @i // sum += i
      D=M
      @sum
      M=D+M
      @i //i++
      M=M+1
      @LOOP // goto LOOP
16
      0:JMP
    (STOP)
18
      @sum
19
      D=M
20
      @R1
      M=D // RAM[1] = the sum
    (END)
22
      @END
      0;JMP
```

Symbol table

symbol	value
RØ	0
R1	1
R2	2
• • •	• • •
R15	15
SCREEN	16384
KBD	24576
SP	0
LCL	1
ARG	2
THIS	3
THAT	4
L00P	4
STOP	18
END	22
i	16
sum	17

Initialization:

Add the pre-defined symbols

First pass:

Add the label symbols

Second pass:

Add the var. symbols

<u>Usage:</u>

To resolve a symbol, look up its value in the symbol table.

The assembly process

- Initialization: handle predefined symbols.
 - ➤ Construct an empty symbol table.
 - Add the pre-defined symbols to the symbol table.
- First pass: handle label symbols.
 - ➤ Scan the entire program;
 - For each "instruction" of the form (xxx):

Add the pair (xxx, address) to the symbol table, where address is the number of the instruction following (xxx).

• Second pass: handle variable symbols and instructions

The assembly process - second pass

- Set *n* to 16
- Scan the entire program again; for each instruction:
 - ➤If it is @symbol, look up symbol in symbol table;
 - ☐If (*symbol*, *value*) is found, use *value* to complete instruction's translation;
 - □If not found:
 - ✓ Add (*symbol*, *n*) to the symbol table,
 - ✓ Use n to complete instruction's translation,
 - $\checkmark n++$
 - ➤ If it is a C-instruction, complete instruction's translation
 - Write translated instruction to output file.

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Develop an assembler

- Reading and parsing commands.
- Converting mnemonics to codes.
- Handling symbols.

Assumption: The symbolic code is error-free.

Read and parse commands

- Start reading a file with a given name.
 - Constructor for a **Parser** object that accepts a string specifying a file name.
 - ➤ Handle reading text files.
- Move to the next command in the file
 - >Are we finished? boolean hasMoreCommands().
 - ➤ Get the next command: void advance().
 - > Read one line at a time.
 - ➤ Skip whitespace including comments.
- Get the fields of the current command.
 - ... more on next slide

Read and parse commands

- Get the fields of the current command.
 - Type of current command (A-Command, C-Command, or Label)
 - ➤ Handle fields as strings:

```
D=M+1; JGT @sum
```



String dest(); String comp(); String jump();

String variable();

Translate mnemonic to code

Symbolic syntax:

Binary syntax:

1 1 1 a c1 c2 c3 c4 c5 c6 d1 d2 d3 j1 j2 j3

comp			c2	с3	с4	c5	с6
0		1	0	1	0	1	0
1		1	1	1	1	1	1
-1		1	1	1	0	1	0
D		0	0	1	1	0	0
Α	M	1	1	0	0	0	0
!D		0	0	1	1	0	1
1A	IM.	1	1	0	0	0	1
-D		0	0	1	1	1	1
-A	-M	1	1	0	0	1	1
D+1		0	1	1	1	1	1
A+1	M+1	1	1	0	1	1	1
D-1		0	0	1	1	1	0
A-1	M-1	1	1	0	0	1	0
D+A	D+M	0	0	0	0	1	0
D-A	D-M	0	1	0	0	1	1
A-D	M-D	0	0	0	1	1	1
D&A	D&M	0	0	0	0	0	0
DA	D M	0	1	0	1	0	1
a=0	a=1						

_			
dest	d1	d2	d3
null	0	0	0
М	0	0	1
D	0	1	0
MD	0	1	1
Α	1	0	0
AM	1	0	1
AD	1	1	0
AMD	1	1	1

jump	j1	j2	j3
null	0	0	0
JGT	0	0	1
JEQ	0	1	0
JGE	0	1	1
JLT	1	0	0
JNE	1	0	1
JLE	1	1	0
JMP	1	1	1

Recap: parsing + translating

Symbolic syntax:

```
dest = comp ; jump
```

Binary syntax:

```
1 1 1 a c1 c2 c3 c4 c5 c6 d1 d2 d3 j1 j2 j3
```

```
// Assume that current command is
       D = M+1; JGT
String c=parser.comp(); // "M+1"
String d=parser.dest(); // "D"
String j=parser.jump(); // "JGT"
String cc = Code.comp(c); // "1110111"
String dd = Code.dest(d); // "010"
String jj = Code.jump(j); // "001"
String out = "111" + cc + dd + jj;
```

Parser

➤ Parse the command line in symbolic syntax.

Coder

➤ Generate binary code according to binary syntex.

The symbol table

- Create a new empty table,
- Add all the pre-defined symbols to the table,
- While reading input, add labels and variables to table.
 - ➤ Labels: for "(xxx)" command, add the symbol xxx and the address of the next machine language command.
 - ☐ Maintain this running address,
 - □ Do it in the first pass.
 - ➤ Variables: for "@xxx" command, if xxx not a number, nor in the table, add symbol xxx and the next free address to table.
- For "@xxx" command, if xxx not a number, consult the table to replace symbol xxx with its address.

Overall logic

- Initialization
 - **≻**Of *Parser*,
 - ➤Of **Symbol Table**, e.g. add built-in symbols.
- First pass: read all commands, pay attention to labels and update the Symbol Table,
- Second pass: restart reading and translating commands, in a main loop, pay attention to *variables*.
 - >Get the next assembly language command and parse it,
 - For A-commands: Translate symbols to binary addresses,
 - For C-commands: get code for each part and put them together,
 - ➤ Output the resulting machine language command.

Parser module

Routine	Arguments	Returns	Function
Constructor / initializer	Input file or stream	_	Opens the input file/stream and gets ready to parse it.
hasMoreCommands	_	boolean	Are there more lines in the input?
advance	_	_	 Reads the next command from the input, and makes it the current command. Takes care of whitespace, if necessary. Should be called only if hasMoreCommands() is true. Initially there is no current command.
commandType	_	A_COMMAND, C_COMMAND, L_COMMAND	Returns the type of the current command: A_COMMAND for @xxx where xxx is either a symbol or a decimal number C_COMMAND for dest = comp; jump L_COMMAND for (xxx) where xxx is a symbol.
symbol	_	string	 Returns the symbol or decimal xxx of the current command @xxx or (xxx). Should be called only when commandType() is A_COMMAND or L_COMMAND.
dest	_	string	 Returns the <i>dest</i> mnemonic in the current C-command (8 possibilities). Should be called only when commandType() is C_COMMAND.
comp		string	 Returns the <i>comp</i> mnemonic in the current C-command (28 possibilities). Should be called only when commandType() is C_COMMAND.
jump	_	string	 Returns the jump mnemonic in the current C-command (8 possibilities). Should be called only when commandType() is C_COMMAND.

Code module

Routine	Arguments	Returns	Function
dest	mnemonic (string)	3 bits	Returns the binary code of the dest mnemonic.
comp	mnemonic (string)	7 bits	Returns the binary code of the comp mnemonic.
jump	mnemonic (string)	3 bits	Returns the binary code of the <i>jump</i> mnemonic.

SymbolTable module

Routine	Arguments	Returns	Function
Constructor	_	_	Creates a new empty symbol table.
addEntry	symbol (string), address (int)	_	Adds the pair (symbol, address) to the table.
contains	symbol (string)	boolean	Does the symbol table contain the given symbol?
getAddress	symbol (string)	integer	Returns the address associated with the symbol.

Summary

- Introduction to assembler
 - Translate assembly language (symbolic code) to machine language (binary code).
- Assembly process
 - White space, including comments. (Simply ignore it)
 - ➤ Instructions. (Parser and Code)
 - ➤ Symbols. (SymbolTable)
- Develop an assembler
 - ➤ Initialization: Parser and SymbolTable (Predefined symbols)
 - First pass: handle labels.
 - Second pass: handle variables and instructions.

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