

# FIT1047 Tutorial 3

## Topics

- Programming MARIE assembly code
- Circuits for adding and subtracting

## Instructions

The tasks are supposed to be done in groups of two or three students. You will need two different *simulators* for this assignment (both are linked from Moodle):

- The *MARIE* simulator lets you write and execute programs for the *MARIE* architecture.
- The *Logisim* tool allows you to draw digital circuits and simulate their behaviour.

## Task 1: MARIE basics

Try out the online MARIE simulator with a simple program like the one from the lecture:

```
Load 004    / Load value from address 004 into AC
Add  004    / Add value from address 004 to value in AC
Store 004   / Store AC into address 004
Halt                / Stop execution
DEC 42         / This is address 004, initialise with value 42
```

- Enter the program above and step through it.
- Rewrite the program to use a label instead of hard-coding the address 004.
- Save the code to a file. *Hint:* don't use the web browser's *Save file* dialog, but use the **File -> Download** option from the MARIE.js menu. Upload the file again. You will need this feature for the assignment!

## Task 2: Multiplication

MARIE only has arithmetic instructions for adding and subtracting numbers, but not for multiplication. Your task is to implement a multiplication algorithm. Assume that we want to compute  $A \times B$ , with  $A$  and  $B$  stored in some memory location. The result should be stored in memory location  $C$ . You can use the following pseudo-code as a starting point.

```
01  C := 0
02  if A = 0 then jump to line 06
03  C := C + B
04  A := A - 1
05  jump to line 02
06  halt
```



- Discuss the pseudo-code for multiplication. It assumes that variables (or storage locations)  $A$  and  $B$  hold the two integers that should be multiplied, and the result should be stored in  $C$ . Which MARIE instructions can you use for each construct in the code (such as the  $:=$  operator, the `jump to line` instructions, the `if ... then`)?
- Implement the algorithm using the MARIE simulator. Test your code with several different inputs.
- What happens if  $A$  is negative before the algorithm starts? What happens if  $B$  is negative? **Bonus task:** Fix the algorithm so that it also works in these cases. First write your solution in pseudo-code, then implement it using MARIE.

## Task 3: Adder/Subtractor

You have seen half-adders, full-adders and ripple-carry adders in this week's lecture. You will now use this knowledge to build a 4-bit adder/subtractor in Logisim.

- Your first task is to draw and simulate a simple *half-adder* and *full-adder*. Discuss the truth tables for these two circuits and how they correspond to the circuit diagrams you saw in the lecture. Then implement both in Logisim and try them out.
- Now combine four full adders into a 4-bit ripple carry adder, using copy-and-paste. It should have eight inputs (two 4-bit numbers  $A$  and  $B$ ) and five outputs (the 4-bit result and the final carry bit). The carry-in for the first full adder has to be fixed to 0 (use the *Ground* symbol in the *Wiring* folder).

Use the simulator to enter different numbers and make sure the adder produces the correct result.

- Now let's assume that we are using the *2's complement* representation for negative numbers. Simulate a few computations, such as  $5 + (-7)$  and  $(-3) + (-4)$ .
- Finally, modify the adder into a *subtractor* that computes  $A - B$ .

*Hint:* We will implement subtraction as  $A + (-B)$ . Computing  $-B$  in 2's complement means negating every bit and adding 1. So for the  $B$  input, we can simply negate all bits. Now the only thing that's required is to add another 1. Is there something in the existing ripple-carry adder that you can reuse to do that?