

Introduction to Programming

Week – 0, Lecture – 2

Operating System Basics

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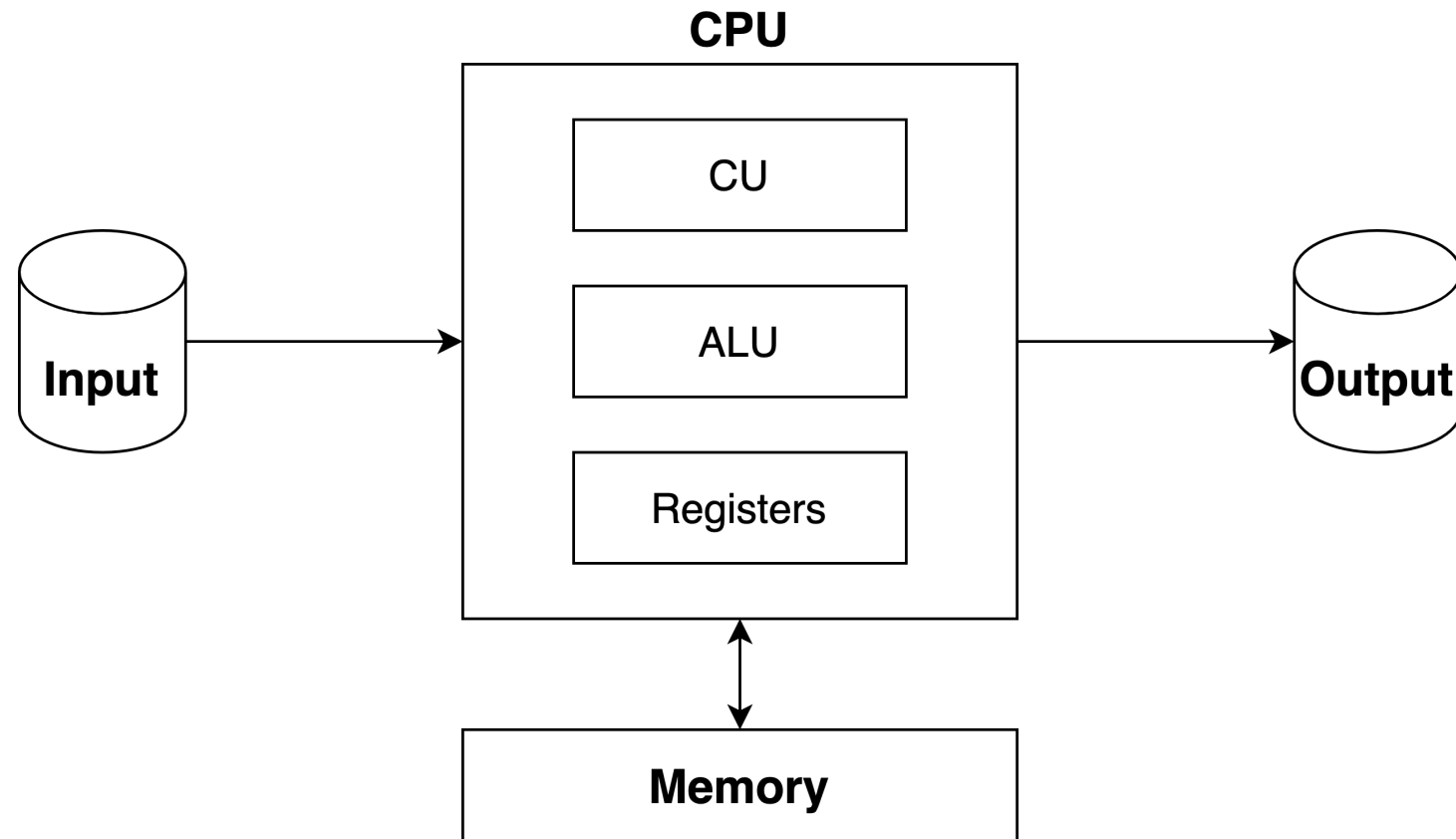


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von Neumann Architecture



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The Operating System adds a layer over the hardware

- You can talk to the Operating System, asking it to get the computations done from the CPU
- It also manages your Memory element – we usually call it the **Main Memory**

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Each memory location can store 1 or more bytes – we call this the *word length* (as of now, assume the length to be 1 byte)

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We can store both instructions, as well as data in the Main Memory

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How can we arrange the relevant instructions and data in the Memory?

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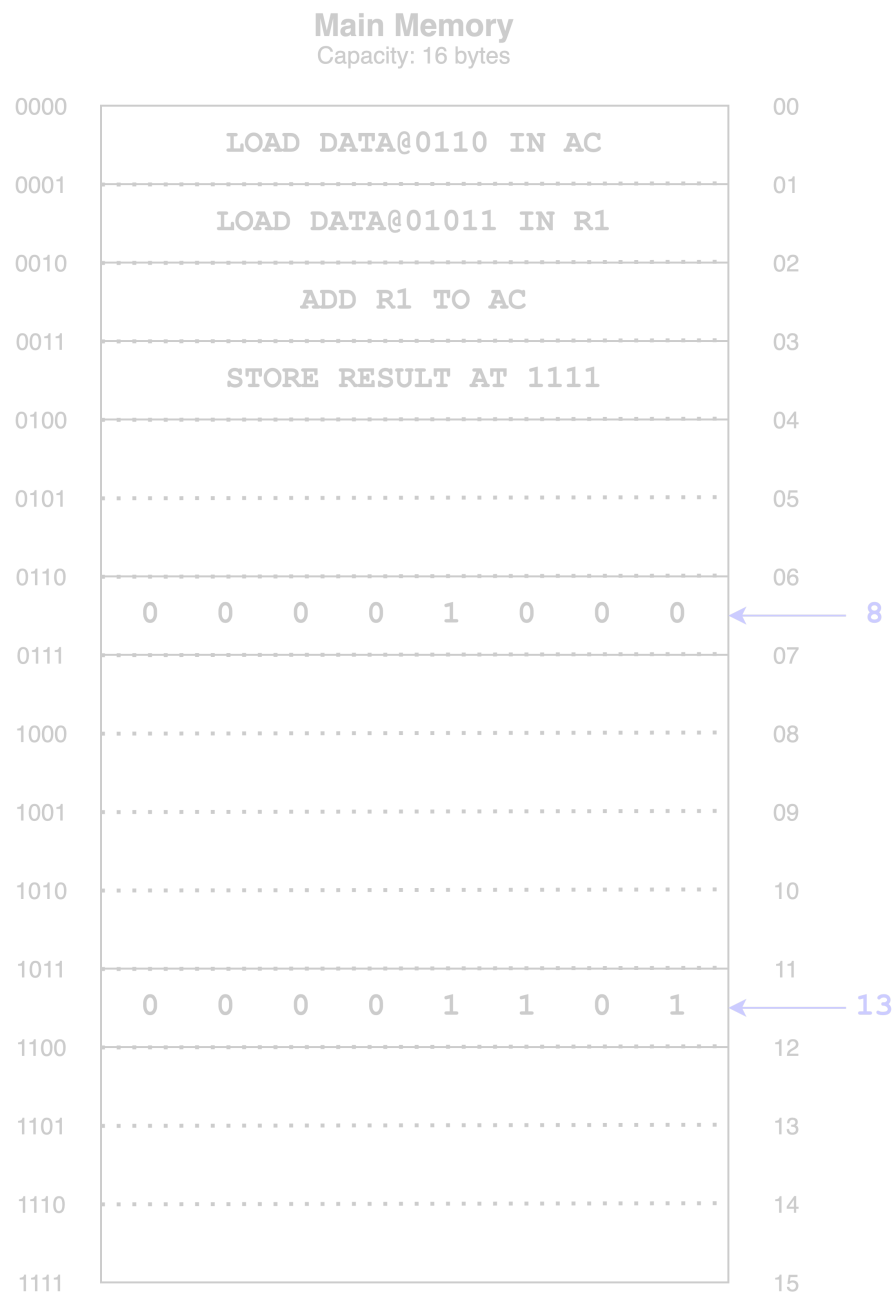
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... and there can be others, called R1, R2, R3 and so on

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- It stores the address of *the next instruction to execute* – let us walk through an example to understand

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Let us assume that the Control Unit wants to use the ALU for the addition operation

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The first step is to set the value of PC to the beginning of the “addition program”

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The CU reads the instruction at this location in the Memory

The instruction says –
"load the data stored at address 0110 into the AC register"

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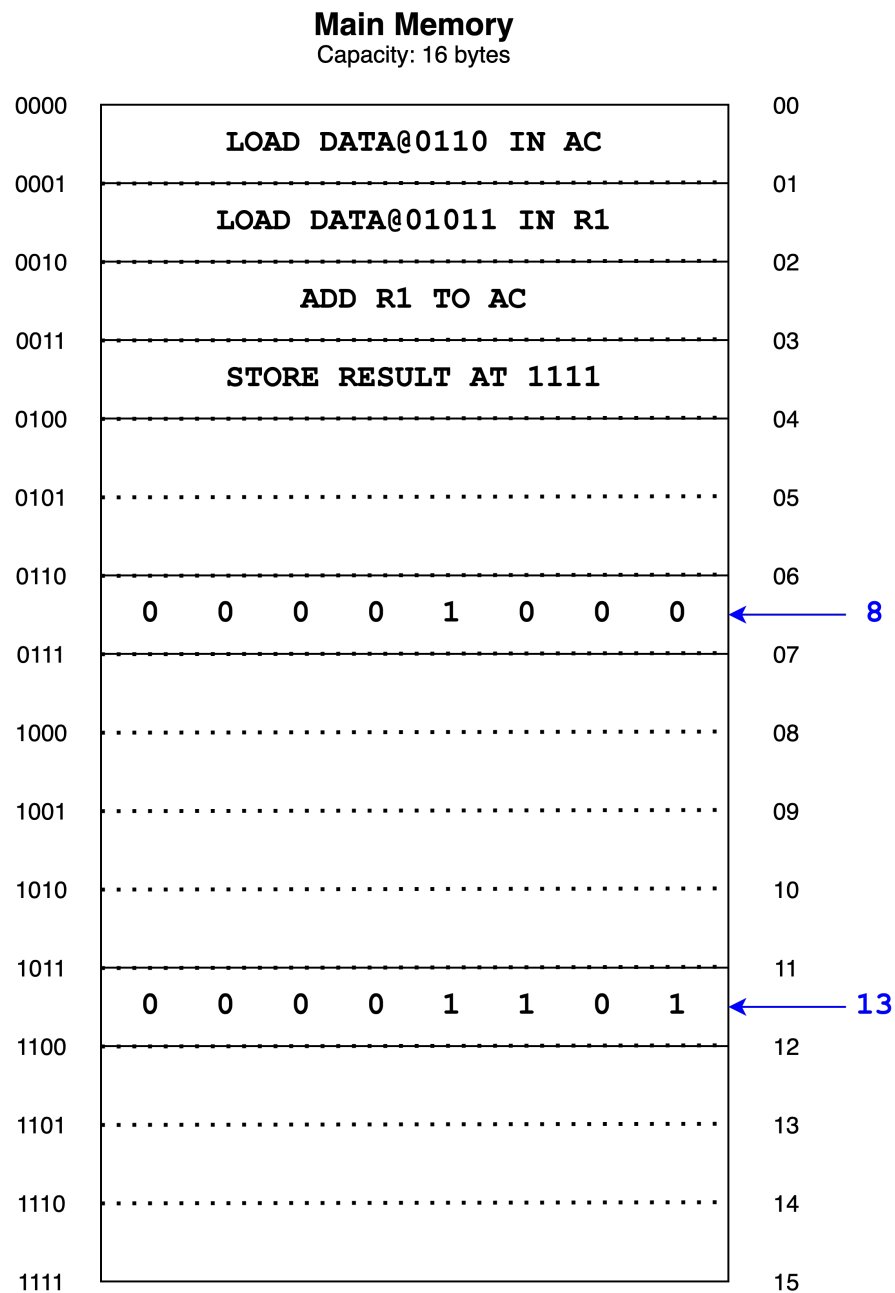
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After this instruction gets executed, AC contains the data from the 0110 location

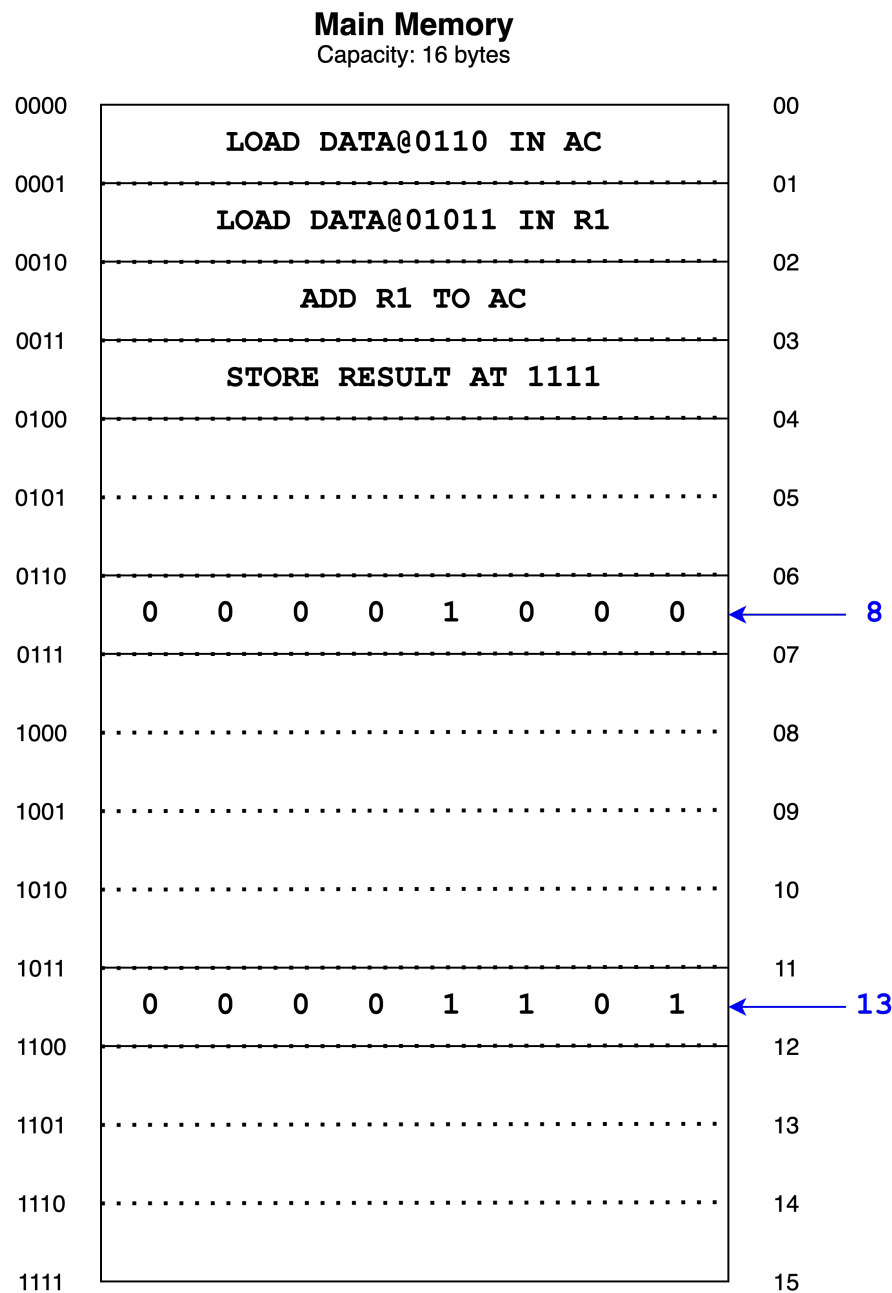


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The next instruction also asks CU to load a value in a register – value at address 1011 into register R1

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Now, the CU activates ALU, which adds the contents of the two registers, and overwrites it back in the AC register

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The CU now transfers the content of AC to location 1110 of the Memory

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0011	STORE RESULT AT 1111	
0100		
0101	
0110	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0	← 8
0111		
1000	
1001	
1010	
1011	0 0 0 0 1 1 0 1	← 13
1100		
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1110	0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1	← 21
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AC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
R1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

The content of the registers now *do not matter*, as the program has been executed successfully

Basically, at this point, the CU has essentially loaded the starting address of the next program to execute, and the cycle repeats

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Homework !!

Read more about the type of operations that a typical Assembly Language may have

- Just reading this tutorial maybe more than enough for now:

https://www.tutorialspoint.com/assembly_programming/assembly_introduction.htm