Appendix 3: Test Scripting Language

Mistakes are the portals of discovery. – James Joyce (1882-1941)

Testing is a critically important element of systems development, and one that typically gets insufficient attention in computer science education. In Nand to Tetris we take testing very seriously. We believe that before one sets out to develop a new hardware or software module *P*, one should first develop a module *T* designed to test it. Further, *T* should be part of P's development's contract. Therefore, for every chip or software system specified in the book, we supply official test programs, written by us. Although you are welcome to test your work in any way you see fit, the contract is such that ultimately, your implementation must pass *our* tests.

In order to streamline the definition and execution of the numerous tests scattered all over the book projects, we designed a uniform test scripting language. This language works almost the same across all the relevant tools supplied in Nand to Tetris: the *hardware simulator*, used for simulating and testing chips written in HDL, the *CPU emulator*, used for simulating and testing machine language programs, and the *VM emulator*, used for simulating and testing programs written in the VM language, which are typically compiled Jack programs.

Every one of these simulators features a GUI that enables testing the loaded chip or program interactively, or batch-style, using a test script. A test script is a series of commands that load a hardware or software module into the relevant simulator, and subject the module to a series of preplanned testing scenarios. In addition, the test scripts feature commands for printing the test results and comparing them to desired results, as defined in supplied compare files. In sum, a test script enables a systematic, replicable, and documented testing of the underlying code – an invaluable requirement in any hardware or software development project.

In Nand to Tetris, we don't expect learners to write test scripts. All the test scripts necessary to test all the hardware and software modules mentioned in the book are supplied with the project materials. Thus, the purpose of this appendix is not to teach how to write test scripts, but rather to help understand the syntax and logic of the supplied test scripts. Of course, you are welcome to customize the supplied scripts and create new ones, as you please. This appendix has four parts, as follows:

- General guidelines

- Testing chips on the *hardware simulator*
- Testing machine language programs on the *CPU emulator*
- Testing VM programs in the *VM emulator*

A3.0 General guidelines

The following usage guidelines are applicable to all the software tools and test scripts.

File format and usage: The act of testing a hardware or software module involves four types of files. Although not required, we recommend that all four files will have the same prefix (file name):

Xxx.yyy: Where *Xxx* is the name of the tested module and *yyy* is either `hdl`, `hack`, `asm`, or `vm`, standing respectively for a chip definition written in HDL, a program written in the Hack machine language, a program written in the Hack assembly language, or a program written in the VM virtual machine language;

Xxx.tst: A test script that walks the simulator through a series of steps, designed to test the code stored in *Xxx*;

Xxx.out: An optional output file to which the script commands can write current values of selected variables, obtained during the simulation;

Xxx.cmp: An optional compare file containing the *desired* values of selected variables, i.e. the values that the simulation *should* generate, if the module behaves normally.

All these files should be kept in the same directory, which can be conveniently named *Xxx*. In all simulators, the "current directory" refers to the directory from which the last file has been opened in the simulator environment.

White space: Space characters, newline characters, and comments in test scripts (*Xxx.tst* files) are ignored. Test scripts are not case sensitive, except for file and directory names. The following comment formats can appear in test scripts:

```
//  Comment to end of line
/*  Comment until closing */
/** API documentation comment */
```

Usage: In all the projects that appear in the book, the script file *Xxx.tst* and the compare file *Xxx.cmp* are supplied by us. These files are designed to test *Xxx*, whose development is the essence of the project. In some cases, we also supply a skeletal version of *Xxx*, e.g. an HDL interface with a missing implementation. All the files in all the projects are plain text files that should be viewed and edited using plain text editors.

Typically, one starts a simulation session by loading the supplied *Xxx*`.tst` script file into the relevant simulator. The first command in the script typically loads the code stored in the tested module *Xxx*. Next, optionally, come commands that initialize an output file and specify a compare file. The remaining commands in the script run the actual tests.

Simulation controls: Each one of the supplied simulators features a set of menus and icons for controlling the simulation.

`File` menu: Allows loading into the simulator either a relevant program (`.hdl` file, `.hack` file, `.asm` file, `.vm` file, or a directory name), or a test script (`.tst` file). If the user does not load a test script, the simulator loads a default test script (described below).

Play icon: Instructs the simulator to execute the next simulation step, as specified in the currently loaded test script.

Pause icon: Instructs the simulator to pause the execution of currently loaded test script. Useful for inspecting various elements of the simulated environment.

Fast-forward icon: Instructs the simulator to execute all the commands in the currently loaded test script.

Stop icon: Instructs the simulator to stop the execution of the currently loaded test script.

Rewind icon: Instructs the simulator to reset the execution of the currently loaded test script, i.e. be ready to start executing the test script from its first command onward.

Note that the simulator's icons listed above don't "run the code". Rather, they run the test script, which runs the code.

A3.1 Testing chips on the hardware simulator

The supplied hardware simulator is designed for testing and simulating chip definitions written in the Hardware Description Language (HDL) described in appendix 2. Chapter 1 provides essential background on chip development and testing, and thus it is recommended to read it first.

Example: Figure A2.1 in appendix 2 presents an `Eq3` chip, designed to check if three 1-bit inputs are equal. Figure A3.1 presents `Eq3.tst`, a script designed to test the chip, and `Eq3.cmp`, a compare file containing the expected output of this test.

A test script normally starts with some set-up commands, followed by a series of simulation steps, each ending with a semicolon. A simulation step typically instructs the

simulator to bind the chip's input pins to some test values, evaluate the chip logic, and write selected variable values into a designated output file.

```
/* Eq3.tst: Tests the Eq3.hdl program. The Eq3 chip sets out to 1 if its
three 1-bit inputs have the same values, or 0 otherwise. */

load Eq3.hdl,          // Loads the HDL program into the simulator.
output-file Eq3.out,   // Writes the script outputs to this file.
compare-to Eq3.cmp,    // Compares the script outputs to this file.
output-list a b c out; // Each subsequent output command will
                       // write the values of variables a, b, c and
                       // out to the output file.
set a 0, set b 0, set c 0, eval, output;
set a 1, set b 1, set c 1, eval, output;
set a 1, set b 0, set c 0, eval, output;
set a 0, set b 1, set c 0, eval, output;
set a 1, set b 0, set c 1, eval, output;
```

Eq3.cmp

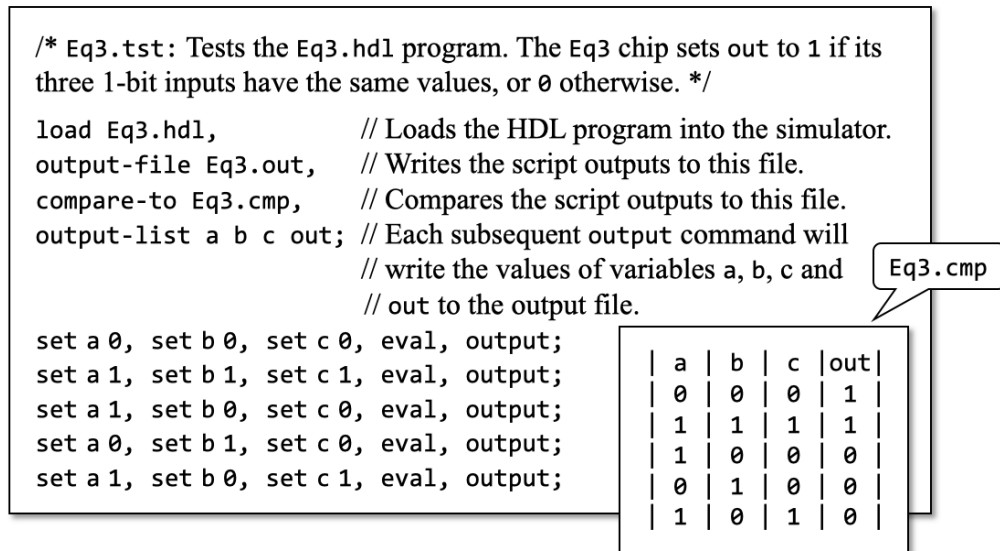| a | b | c |out|
|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Figure A3.1: Test script and compare file (example).

The Eq3 chip has three 1-bit inputs, thus an exhaustive test would require 8 testing scenarios. The size of an exhaustive test grows exponentially with the input size. Therefore, most test scripts test only a subset of representative input values, as shown in the figure.

Data types and variables: Test scripts support two data types: *integers* and *strings*. Integer constants can be expressed in decimal (%D prefix) format, which is the default, binary (%B prefix), or hexadecimal (%X prefix). These values are always translated into their equivalent two's complement binary values. For example, consider the following commands:

```
set a1 %B1111111111111111
set a2 %XFFFF
set a3 %D-1
set a4 -1
```

All four variables are set to the same value: 1111111111111111 in binary, which happens to be the binary, two's complement representation of -1 in decimal.

String values are specified using a %S prefix, and must be enclosed by double quotes. Strings are used strictly for printing purposes, and cannot be assigned to variables.

The hardware simulator's 2-phase clock (used only in testing sequential chips) emits a series of values denoted 0, 0+, 1, 1+, 2, 2+, 3, 3+, and so on. The progression of these *clock cycles* (also called *time units*) can be controlled by two script commands named tick and

tock. A `tick` moves the clock value from t to $t+$, and a `tock` from $t+$ to $t+1$, bringing upon the next time unit. The current time unit is stored in a system variable named `time`, which is read-only.

Script commands can access three types of variables: pins, variables of built-in chips, and the system variable `time`.

Pins: Input, output, and internal pins of the simulated chip. For example, the command "`set in 0`" sets the value of the pin whose name is `in` to `0`.

Variables of built-in chips: Exposed by the chip's external implementation. Built-in chips are described in section A2.3.

`time`: The number of time-units that elapsed since the simulation started (a read-only variable).

Script commands: A script is a sequence of commands. Each command is terminated by a comma, a semicolon, or an exclamation mark. These terminators have the following semantics:

Comma (`,`): Terminates a script command.

Semicolon (`;`): Terminates a script command and a simulation step. A *simulation step* consists of one or more script commands. When the user instructs the simulator to "single-step" using the simulator's menu or "play" icon, the simulator executes the script from the current command until a semicolon is reached, at which point the simulation is paused.

Exclamation mark (`!`): Terminates a script command and stops the script execution. The user can later resume the script execution from that point onward. Typically used for debugging purposes.

It is convenient to organize the script commands in two conceptual sections: "Set up commands", used for loading files and initializing settings, and "simulation commands", used for walking the simulator through the actual tests.

Set up commands

`load` `Xxx.hdl`: Loads the HDL program stored in `Xxx.hdl` into the simulator. The file name must include the `.hdl` extension and must not include a path specification. The simulator will try to load the file from the current directory, and, failing that, from the `tools/builtInChips` directory.

output-file Xxx.out: Instructs the simulator to write the results of the output commands in the named file, which must include an .out extension. The output file will be created in the current directory.

output-list *v*1, *v*2, ...: Specifies what to write to the output file, whenever the output command appears in the script (until the next output-list command, if any). Each value in the list is a variable name followed by a formatting specification. The command also produces a single header line, consisting of the variable names, which is written to the output file. Each item *v* in the output-list has the syntax "*varName format padL.len.padR*". (without any spaces). This directive instructs the simulator to write *padL* space characters, then the current value of the variable *varName*, using the specified *format* and *len* columns, then *padR* spaces, and finally the divider symbol '|'. The *format* can be either %B (binary), %X (hexa), %D (decimal) or %S (string). The default format specification is %B1.1.1.

For example, the CPU.hdl chip of the Hack platform has an input pin named reset, an output pin named pc (among others), and a chip-part named DRegister (among others). If we want to track the values of these entities during the simulation, we can use something like the following command:

```
Output-list time%S1.5.1      // The system variable time
            reset%B2.1.2     // One of the chip's input pins
            pc%D2.3.1        // One of the chip's output pins
            DRegister[]%X3.4.4  // The internal state of this chip-part
```

(State variables of built-in chips are explained below). This output-list command may end up producing the following output, after two subsequent output commands:

```
| time  |reset|  pc |DRegister[]|
|  20+  | 0 |  21 |   FFFF    |
|  21   | 0 |  22 |   FFFF    |
```

compare-to Xxx.cmp: Specifies that the output line generated by each subsequent output command should be compared to its corresponding line in the specified compare file (which must include the .cmp extension). If any two lines are not the same, the simulator displays an error message and halts the script execution. The compare file is assumed to be present in the current directory.

Simulation commands

`set` *varName value*: Assigns the value to the variable. The variable is either a pin, or an internal variable of the simulated chip or one of its chip-parts. The bit-widths of the value and the variable must be compatible.

`eval`: Instructs the simulator to apply the chip logic to the current values of the input pins and compute the resulting output values.

`output`: Causes the simulator to go through the following logic:

1. Get the current values of all the variables listed in the last `output-list` command;
2. Create an output line using the format specified in the last `output-list` command;
3. Write the output line to the output file;
4. (If a compare file has been previously declared using a `compare-to` command): If the output line differs from the compare file's current line, display an error message and stop the script's execution;
5. Advance the line cursors of the output file and the compare file.

`tick`: Ends the first phase of the current time unit (clock cycle).

`tock`: Ends the second phase of the current time unit and embarks on the first phase of the next time unit.

`repeat` *n* {*commands*}: Instructs the simulator to repeat the commands enclosed in the curly brackets, *n* times. If *n* is omitted, the simulator repeats the commands until the simulation has been stopped for some reason (for example, when the user clicks the `stop` icon).

`while` *booleanCondition* {*commands*}: Instructs the simulator to repeat the commands enclosed in the curly brackets, as long as the *booleanCondition* is true. The condition is of the form *x op y* where *x* and *y* are either constants or variable names and *op* is =, >, <, >=, <=, or <>. If *x* and *y* are strings, *op* can be either = or <>.

`echo` *text*: Displays the *text* in the simulator status line. The text must be enclosed in double-quotes.

`clear-echo`: Clears the simulator's status line.

`breakpoint` *varName value*: Starts comparing the current value of the specified variable to the specified *value*, following the execution of each subsequent script command. If the variable contains the specified *value*, the execution halts and a message is displayed. Otherwise, the execution continues normally. Useful for debugging purposes.

`clear-breakpoints:` Clears all the previously defined breakpoints.

builtInChipName method argument(s): Executes the specified method of the specified built-in chip-part, using the supplied arguments. The designer of a built-in chip can provide methods that allow the user (or a test script) to manipulate the simulated chip. See figure A3.2.

Variables of built-in chips: Chips can be implemented either by HDL programs, or by externally supplied, executable modules. In the latter case the chip is said to be *built-in*. Built-in chips can facilitate access to the chip's state using the syntax *chipName*[*varName*], where *varName* is an implementation-specific variable that should be documented in the chip API. See figure A3.2 for examples.

Chip name	Exposed variables	Data type / range	Methods
Register	Register[]	16-bit (-32768…32767)	
ARegister	ARegister[]	16-bit	
DRegister	DRegister[]	16-bit	
PC (prog. counter)	PC[]	15-bit (0..32767)	
RAM8	RAM8[0..7]	each entry is 16-bit	
RAM64	RAM64[0..63]	each entry is 16-bit	
RAM512	RAM512[0..511]	each entry is 16-bit	
RAM4K	RAM4K[0..4095]	each entry is 16-bit	
RAM16K	RAM16K[0..16383]	each entry is 16-bit	
ROM32K	ROM32K[0..32767]	each entry is 16-bit	load *Xxx*.hack / *Xxx*.asm
Screen	Screen[0..16383]	each entry is 16-bit	
Keyboard	Keyboard[]	16-bit, read-only	

Figure A3.2: Variables and methods of key built-in chips in Nand to Tetris.

For example, consider the script command "`set RAM16K[1017] 15`". If `RAM16K` is the currently simulated chip, or a chip-part of the currently simulated chip, this command sets its memory location number `1017` to the two's complement binary value of `15`. And, since the built-in `RAM16K` chip happens to have GUI side effects, the new value will also be reflected in the chip's visual image.

If a built-in chip maintains a single-valued internal state, the current value of the state can be accessed through the notation *chipName*[]. If the internal state is a vector, the notation *chipName*[*i*] is used. For example, when simulating the built-in `Register` chip, one can write script commands like "`set Register[] 135`". This command sets the internal state of the chip

to the two's complement binary value of 135; in the next time unit, the `Register` chip will commit to this value, and its output pin will start emitting it.

Methods of built-in chips: Built-in chips can also expose *methods* that can be used by scripting commands. For example, in the Hack computer, programs reside in an instruction memory unit implemented by the built-in chip `ROM32K`. Before running a machine language program on the Hack computer, the program must be loaded into this chip. In order to facilitate this service, the built-in implementation of `ROM32K` features a `load` method that enables loading a text file that, hopefully, contains machine language instructions. This method can be accessed using a script command like `"ROM32K load Myprog.hack"`.

Ending example: We end this section with a relatively complex test script, designed to test the topmost `Computer` chip of the Hack computer.

One way to test the `Computer` chip is to load a machine language program into it and monitor selected values as the computer executes the program, one instruction at a time. For example, we wrote a machine language program that computes the maximum of `RAM[0]` and `RAM[1]`, and writes the result in `RAM[2]`. The program is stored in a file named `Max.hack`.

Note that at the very low level in which we are operating, if such a program does not run properly it may be either because the program is buggy, or because the hardware is buggy (or, perhaps, the test script is buggy, or the hardware simulator is buggy). For simplicity, let us assume that everything is error-free, except for, possibly, the simulated `Computer` chip.

To test the `Computer` chip using the `Max.hack` program, we wrote a test script called `ComputerMax.tst`. This script loads `Computer.hdl` into the hardware simulator, and then loads the `Max.hack` program into its `ROM32K` chip-part. A reasonable way to check if the chip works properly is as follows: put some values in `RAM[0]` and `RAM[1]`, reset the computer, run the clock enough cycles, and inspect `RAM[2]`. This, in a nutshell, is what the script in figure A3.3 is designed to do.

```
/* ComputerMax.tst script.
Uses a Max.hack program that is supposed
to set RAM[2] to max(RAM[0], RAM[1]). */

// Loads Computer and sets up for the simulation:
load Computer.hdl,
output-file ComputerMax.out,
compare-to ComputerMax.cmp,
output-list RAM16K[0] RAM16K[1] RAM16K[2];

// Loads Max.hack into the ROM32K chip-part:
ROM32K load Max.hack,

// Sets the first 2 cells of the RAM16K chip-part
// to some test values:
set RAM16K[0] 3,
set RAM16K[1] 5,
output;

// Runs enough clock cycles to complete the
// program's execution:
repeat 14 {
    tick, tock,
    output;
}
// (Script continues on the right)
```

```
// Sets up for another test, using other values.

// Resets the Computer: Done by setting
// reset to 1, and running the the clock
// in order to commit the Program Counter
// (PC, a sequential chip) to the new reset value:
set reset 1,
tick,
tock,
output;

// Sets reset to 0, loads new test values, and
// runs enough clock cycles to complete the
// program's execution:
set reset 0,
set RAM16K[0] 23456,
set RAM16K[1] 12345,
output;
repeat 14 {
    tick, tock,
    output;
}
```

Figure A3.3: Testing the topmost Computer chip.

How can we tell that 14 clock cycles are sufficient for executing this program? This can be found by trial and error, starting with a large value and watching the computer's outputs stabilizing after a while, or by analyzing the run-time behavior of the loaded program.

Default test script: Each Nand to Tetris simulator features a default test script. If the user does not load a test script into the simulator, the default test script is used. The default test script of the hardware simulator is defined as follows:

```
// Default test script of the hardware simulator:
repeat {
  tick,
  tock;
}
```

A3.2 Testing machine language programs on the CPU emulator

Unlike the *hardware simulator*, which is a general-purpose program designed to support the construction if any hardware platform, the supplied *CPU emulator* is a single-purpose tool, designed to simulate the execution of machine language programs on the Hack computer. The programs can be written either in the symbolic, or in the binary, Hack machine language described in chapter 4.

As usual, the simulation involves four files: the tested program (*Xxx*.asm or *Xxx*.hack), a test script (*Xxx*.tst), an optional output file (*Xxx*.out) and an optional compare file (*Xxx*.cmp). All these files reside in the same directory, normally named *Xxx*.

Example: Consider the multiplication program `Mult.hack`, designed to effect
`RAM[2]=RAM[0]*RAM[1]`. Suppose we want to test this program in the CPU emulator. A
reasonable way to do it is to put some values in `RAM[0]` and `RAM[1]`, run the program, and
inspect `RAM[2]`. This logic is carried out by the test script shown in figure A3.4.

```
// Loads the program and sets up for the simulation:
load Mult.hack,
output-file Mult.out,
compare-to Mult.cmp,
output-list RAM[2]%D2.6.2;

// Sets the first 2 RAM cells to some test values:
set RAM[0] 2,
set RAM[1] 5;

// Runs enough clock cycles to complete the program's execution:
repeat 20 {
  ticktock;
}
output;

// Re-runs the program, with different test values:
set PC 0,
set RAM[0] 8,
set RAM[1] 7;

// Mult.hack is based on a naïve repetitive addition algorithm,
// so greater multiplicands require more clock cycles:
repeat 50 {
  ticktock;
}
output;
```

Figure A3.4: Testing a machine language program on the CPU emulator.

Variables: Scripting commands running on the CPU emulator can access the following
elements of the Hack computer:

`A:`	Current value of the address register (unsigned 15-bit);
`D:`	Current value of the data register (16-bit);
`PC:`	Current value of the Program Counter (unsigned 15-bit);
`RAM[`i`]:`	Current value of RAM location i (16-bit);
`time:`	Number of *time units* (also called clock cycles, or ticktocks) that elapsed since the simulation started (a read-only system variable).

Commands: The CPU emulator supports all the commands described in section A3.1, except
for the following changes:

<u>load</u> *progName*: Where *progName* is either *Xxx*`.asm` or *Xxx*`.hack`. This command loads a
machine language program (to be tested) into the simulated instruction memory. If the
program is written in assembly, the simulator translates it into binary, on the fly, as part of
executing the "`load` *programName*" command.

<u>eval</u>: Not applicable in the CPU emulator.

builtInChipName method argument(*s*): Not applicable in the CPU emulator.

<u>tickTock</u>: This command is used instead of `tick` and `tock`. Each `ticktock` advances the clock one time unit (cycle).

Default test script

```
// Default test script of the CPU emulator:
repeat {
  ticktock;
}
```

A3.2 Testing VM programs on the VM emulator

The supplied *VM emulator* is a Java implementation of the Virtual Machine specified in chapters 7-8. It can be used for simulating the execution of VM programs, visualizing their operations, and displaying the states of the effected virtual memory segments.

A VM program consists of one or more .vm files. Thus, the simulation of a VM program involves the tested program (a single *Xxx*.vm file, or an *Xxx* directory containing one or more .vm files), and, optionally, a test script (*Xxx*.tst), a compare file (*Xxx*.cmp), and an output file (*Xxx*.out). All these files reside in the same directory, normally named *Xxx*.

Virtual memory segments: The VM commands `push` and `pop` are designed to manipulate *virtual memory segments* (`argument`, `local`, etc.). These segments must be allocated to the host RAM – a task that the VM emulator normally carries out as a side effect of simulating the execution of the VM commands `call`, `function` and `return`.

Start up code: When the VM translator translates a VM program, it generates machine language code that sets the stack pointer to 256 and then calls the `Sys.init` function, which then calls `Main.main`. In a similar fashion, when the VM emulator is instructed to execute a VM program (collection of one or more VM functions), it is programmed to start running the function `Sys.init`. If such a function is not found in the loaded VM code, the emulator is programmed to start executing the first command in the loaded VM code.

The latter convention was added to the VM emulator in order to support unit-testing of the VM translator, which spans two book chapters and projects. In project 7, we build a basic VM translator that handles only `push`, `pop`, and arithmetic commands, without handling function calling commands. If we want to execute such programs, we must somehow anchor the virtual memory segments in the host RAM – at least those segments mentioned in the

simulated VM code. Conveniently, this initialization can be accomplished by script commands that manipulate the pointers controlling the base RAM addresses of the virtual segments. Using these script commands, we can anchor the virtual segments anywhere we want in the host RAM.

Example: The `FibonacciSeries.vm` file contains a series of VM commands that compute the first *n* elements of the Fibonacci series. The code is designed to operate on two arguments: *n*, and the starting memory address in which the computed elements should be stored. The test script listed in figure A3.5 tests this program using the arguments 6 and 4000.

```
/* The FibonacciSeries.vm program computes the first n Fibonacci numbers.
In this test n=6, and the numbers will be written to RAM addresses 4000 to 4005. */

load FibonacciSeries.vm,
output-file FibonacciSeries.out,
compare-to FibonacciSeries.cmp,
output-list RAM[4000]%D1.6.2 RAM[4001]%D1.6.2 RAM[4002]%D1.6.2
            RAM[4003]%D1.6.2 RAM[4004]%D1.6.2 RAM[4005]%D1.6.2;

// The program's code contains no function/call/return commands.
// Therefore, the script initializes the stack, local and argument segments explicitly:
set SP 256,
set local 300,
set argument 400;

// Sets the first argument to n=6, the second argument to the address where the series
// will be written, and runs enough VM steps for completing the program's execution:
set argument[0] 6,
set argument[1] 4000;
repeat 140 {
  vmstep;
}
output;
```

Figure A3.5: Testing a VM program on the VM emulator.

Variables: Scripting commands running on the VM emulator can access the following elements of the virtual machine:

Contents of VM segments:

`local[i]:`	Value of the *i*-th element of the `local` segment;
`argument[i]:`	Value of the *i*-th element of the `argument` segment;
`this[i]:`	Value of the *i*-th element of the `this` segment;
`that[i]:`	Value of the *i*-th element of the `that` segment;
`temp[i]:`	Value of the *i*-th element of the `temp` segment.

Pointers of VM segments:

`local:`	Base address of the `local` segment in the RAM;
`argument:`	Base address of the `argument` segment in the RAM;
`this:`	Base address of the `this` segment in the RAM;

`that:`	Base address of the `that` segment in the RAM.

Implementation-specific variables:

`RAM[i]:`	Value of the *i*-th location of the host RAM;
`SP:`	Value of the stack pointer;
`currentFunction:`	Name of the currently executing function (read-only).
`line:`	Contains a string of the form:
	currentFunctionName.lineIndexInFunction (read-only).
	For example, when execution reaches the third line of the function
	`Sys.init`, the `line` variable contains the value `Sys.init.3`. Can be used
	for setting breakpoints in selected locations in the loaded VM program.

B.4.3 Commands

The VM emulator supports all the commands described in Section A3.1, except for the following changes:

load *source*: Where the optional *source* parameter is either *Xxx*.`vm`, a file containing VM code, or `Xxx`, the name of a directory containing one or more `.vm` files (in which case all of them are loaded, one after the other). If the `.vm` files are located in the current directory, the source argument can be omitted.

tick / tock: Not applicable.

vmstep: Simulates the execution of a single VM command, and advances to the next command in the code.

Default Script:

```
// Default script of the VM emulator:
repeat {
  vmStep;
}
```