

Tiny Virtual Machine

Where you will build a tiny stack based virtual machine.

The machine has:

1. A stack of `int32_t` elements (*Hint: `std::stack<int32_t>`*)
2. Can execute opcodes that are encoded into `int32_t` words.
(*Hint: `std::vector<int32_t>`*)
The capacity of the stack is not less than 4096 words.
3. Current instruction pointer (the index of the next opcode.

Phase 1

OpCodes

The opcodes for this machines are (each encoded as 32 bits). You chose what value each opcode has. (*Hint: `enum class`*)

OpCode	Meaning
ADD	Add top 2 elements from the stack and push the result back <code>push(pop() + pop())</code>
SUB	Sub top 2 elements from the stack and push the result back <code>push(pop() - pop())</code>
MUL	Multiply top 2 elements from the stack and push the result back <code>push(pop() * pop())</code>
DIV	Divide top 2 integers from the stack and push the result back <code>push(pop() / pop())</code>
POP	Pop and throw away top of stack
PUSH <i>data</i>	Push next word from the code to the stack (2 WORDS) PUSH 42 will push(42)
DUP	Duplicate the top of stack: <code>push(top())</code>
SWAP	Swap the top 2 elements: <code>a = pop(), b = pop(), push(b), push(a)</code>
PRINT	Pop and print the number from top of stack, <code>cout << pop()</code>
PRINTC	Pop and print a char whose ascii code is at the top of stack

NOP	Do nothing
HALT	Stop the program
INC	PUSH(POP()+1)
DEC	PUSH(POP()-1)

Hint:

Execution loop:

loop:

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opCode = Get next instruction();
If opCode == HALT then exit
execute(opCode)

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Execute should use one of these methods:

1. Switch on the enum

Example code:

Code	Stack	Output
PUSH 12	12	
PUSH 8	12, 8	
DUP	12, 8, 8	
INC	12, 8, 9	
INC	12, 8, 10	
MUL	12, 80	
SUB	68	
DUP	68, 68	
PRINT	68	68
PRINTC		D
HALT		

Phase 2

Modify the execution function to to use an `std::array` of

- Pointer to function
- `Std::function` with lambda

Execution loop:

loop:

opCode = Get next instruction();

If opCode == HALT then exit

arrat[opCode](...) // just execute the function pointer at index opCode

And add more instructions for jump (2 WORDS one for opcode and one for address)

JMP <i>address</i>	Continue execution at given address
JZ <i>address</i>	Pop top of stack and if is zero continue execution at <i>address</i> otherwise continue to next opcode
JNZ <i>address</i>	Pop top of stack and if is not zero continue execution at <i>address</i> otherwise continue to next opcode

Demo Code

Address	Code	Stack
0	PUSH 64	64
2	INC	65
3	DUP	65, 65
4	PRINTC	65
5	DUP	65, 65
6	PUSH 70	65, 65, 70
8	SUB	65, 5
9	JNZ 2	65 and continue at address 2
11	HALT	

Will print: ABCDEF

Phase 3

For this phase you will implement a mechanism to call a procedure and return from it. In order to do that we will add a special call stack to hold the return address.

CALL <i>address</i>	Call procedure at <i>address</i> : Push to call stack the address of next opcode, continue execution at <i>address</i>
RET	Pop return address from call stack and continue execution at that address

Demo Code

Address	Code	Stack		Call Stack	
0	PUSH 64	64			
2	CALL 9	64		4	
4	NOP	65			
5	CALL 9	65		7	
7	NOP	66			
7	HALT	66			
8	NOP				
		Call from 2	Call from 4	Call From 2	Call From 4
9	INC	65	66	4	7
10	DUP	65, 65	66, 66	4	7
11	PRINTC	65 print 'A'	66 print 'B'	4	7
12	RET	65	66		