

MARS 4.5 Quick Start

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About MARS

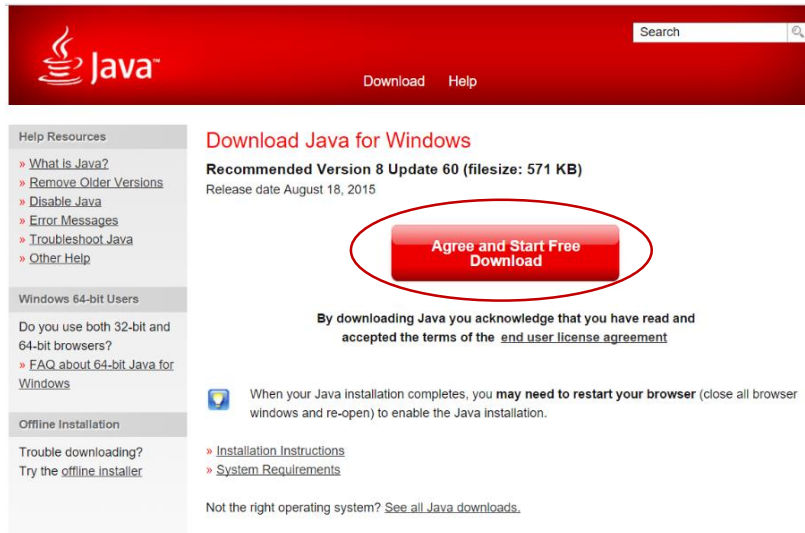
- **MIPS Assembler and Runtime Simulator**
 - Maintained by Missouri State University
 - Based on Java
- You can develop your MIPS assembly and do simulation in MARS
- Featuring useful tools that help you analyze and trace your assembly
- For more information, you can visit:
<http://courses.missouristate.edu/kenvollmar/mars/>

Pre-requisite: Java Runtime Environment (JRE) for Windows

- Follow this page to make sure you have Java installed:

https://www.java.com/zh_TW/download/help/version_manual.xml

- If not installed yet, go to https://java.com/zh_TW/download/ Download and install java

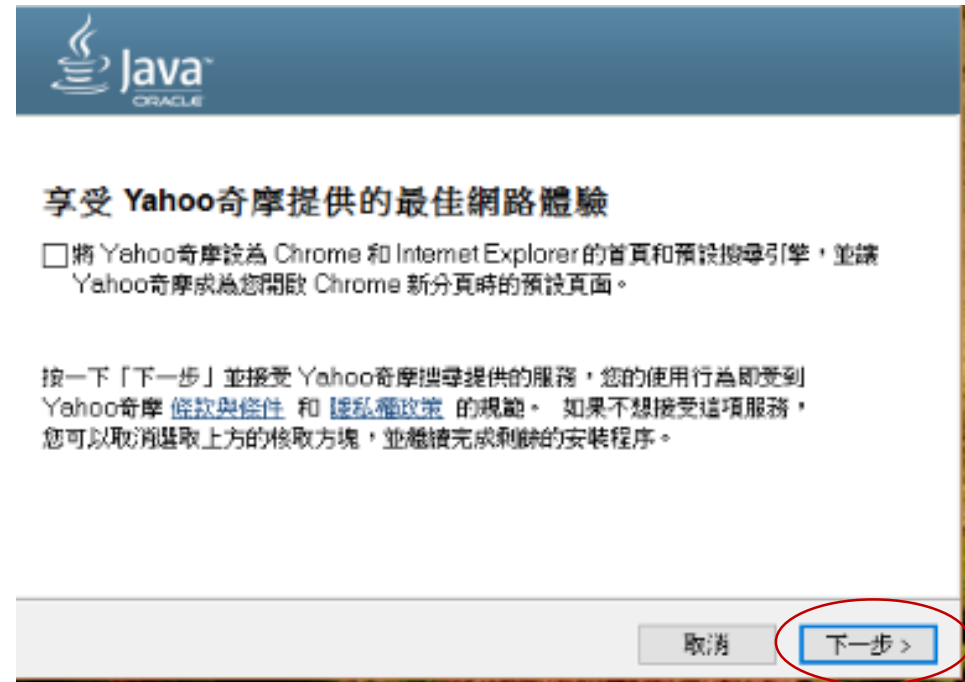
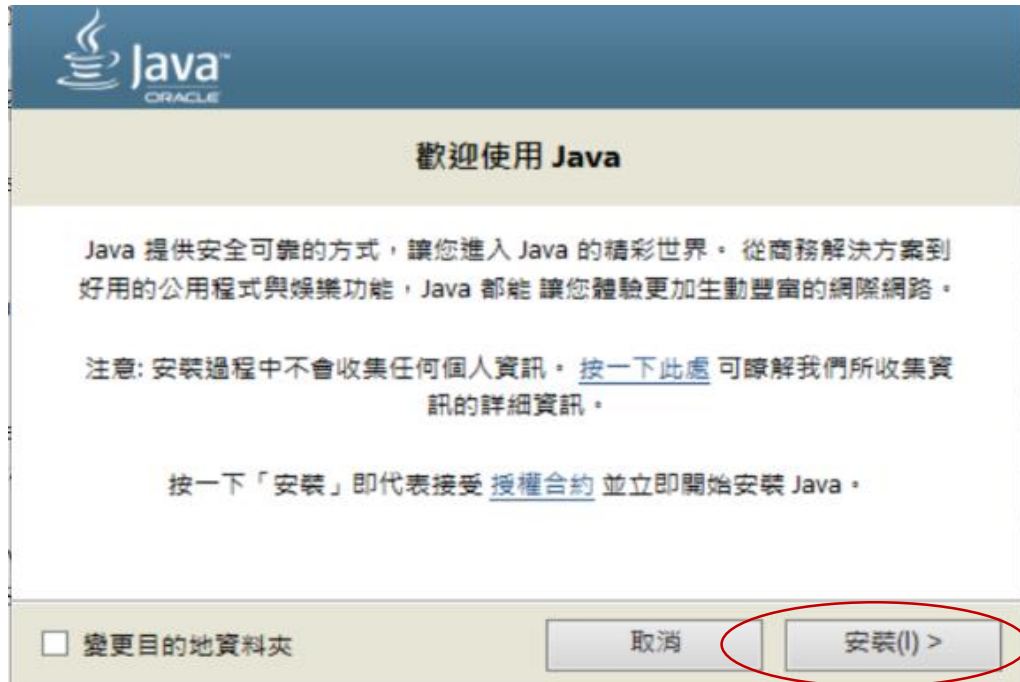


Carefully choose the link that matches your OS.



Access more information if you fail during installation

Windows installation



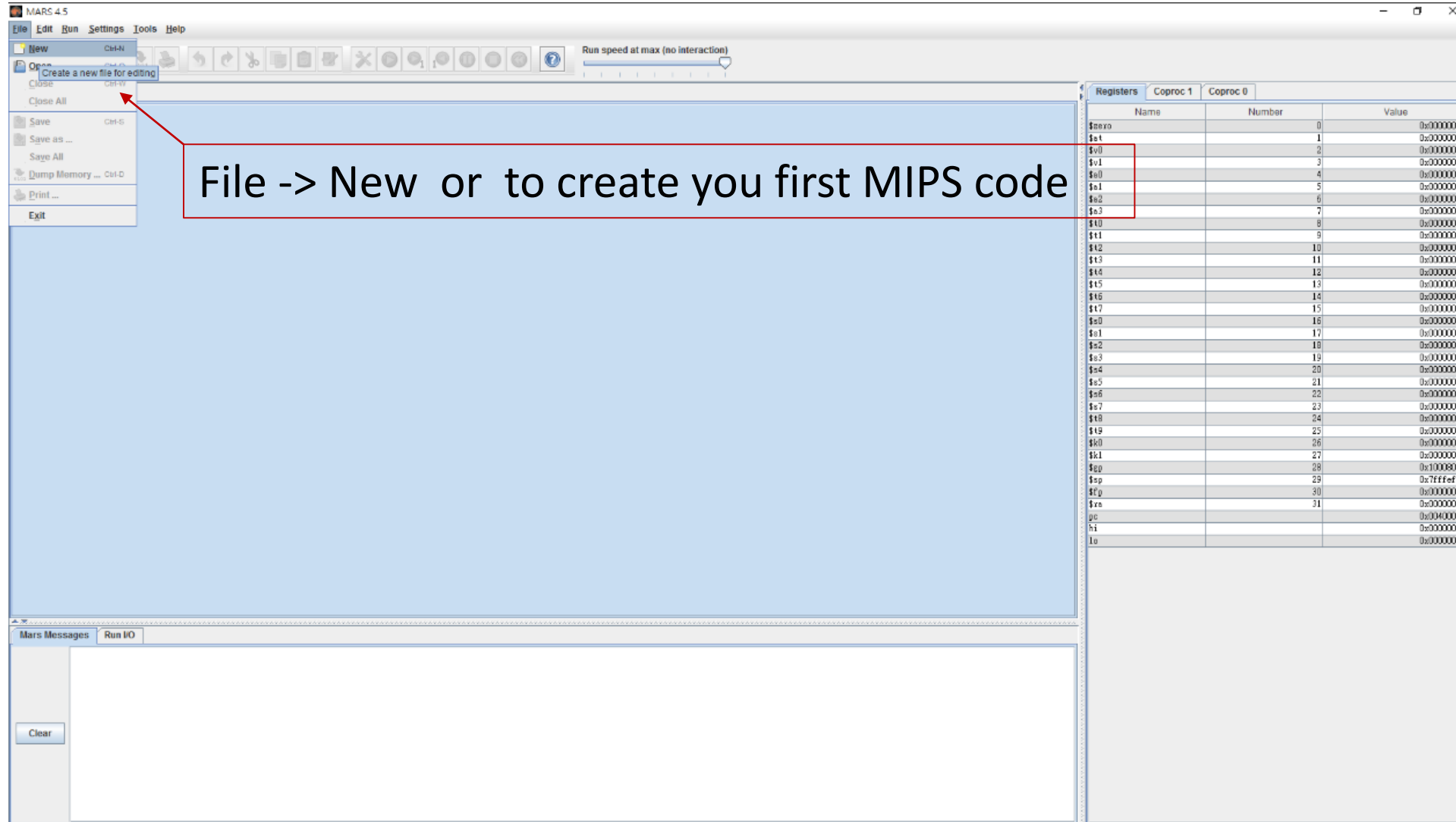
- After installation, open Mars by double clicks Mars4_5



JRE for linux

- Use the command:
\$ java --version
- If not installed yet:
 - Debian based distribution (Ubuntu, Mint, etc...) users can open package manager:
\$ sudo apt-get install default-jre
 - Or follow this page:
https://java.com/zh_TW/download/help/linux_x64rpm_install.xml
- After installation, open MARS by the command:
\$ java -jar Mars4_5.jar

First glance on MARS



Sample code: add.asm

```
.text
.globl main
main:
    li $v0, 4          # prepare syscall 4 (print string)
    la $a0, msg1       # argument: msg1
    syscall
    la $t0, value      # get address of 'value seg' and we will store
integers into value[0~2] later
    li $v0, 5          # prepare syscall 5 (get int)
    syscall
    sw $v0, 0($t0)     # store first int from syscall to value[0]
    li $v0, 5          # prepare syscall 5 (get int)
    syscall
    sw $v0, 4($t0)     # store second int from syscall to value[1]
    lw $t1, 0($t0)     # load first int back
    lw $t2, 4($t0)     # load second int back
```

```
add $t3, $t1, $t2     # put sum to $t3
    sw $t3, 8($t0)     # store sum to value[2]
    li $v0, 4          # prepare syscall 4 (print string)
    la $a0, msg2       # argument: msg2
    syscall
    li $v0, 1          # prepare syscall 1 (print int)
    move $a0, $t3       # argument: sum
    syscall
exit:
    li $v0, 10         # terminate program run and
    syscall            # Exit
.data
value: .word 0, 0, 0
msg2: .asciiz "Sum = "
msg1: .asciiz "Please give 2 integers separated by enter:\n "
```

Development Environment

The screenshot displays the MARS 4.5 development environment. The main window shows assembly code for a program named 'helloworld.s'. The code includes comments and instructions for printing a string. A red box highlights the 'File' menu and the 'Save' option, with an arrow pointing to the 'File' menu. Another red box highlights the 'Run' menu and the 'Assemble' option, with an arrow pointing to the 'Run' menu. The right panel shows the 'Registers' window, which lists various registers and their values. The bottom panel shows the 'Mars Messages' and 'Run IO' tabs, with a 'Clear' button visible.

(1). Click “File” -> “Save” to save your code

(2). Click “Run” -> “Assemble” to load it into simulator

(3). Error message will be shown in the console if there’s anything wrong in the code

After assemble

Click run button to start simulation

The screenshot shows the MARS MIPS simulator interface. The main window is divided into several panes. The top pane shows the assembly code loaded into the 'Text Segment'. The bottom pane shows the 'Data Segment' with memory addresses and values. The right pane shows the 'Registers' table. The bottom-left pane shows the 'Mars Messages' and 'Run I/O' area.

Text Segment

Bkpt	Address	Code	Basic	Source
	0x00400000	addw \$2,\$0,\$4	7:	li \$v0, 4 # syscall 4 (print_str)
	0x00400004	lui \$t1, 4097	8:	lw \$a0, wngl # argument: string
	0x00400008	ori \$4,\$t1,19		
	0x0040000c	syscall	9:	syscall
	0x00400010	lui \$t1, 4097	11:	lw \$t0, value
	0x00400014	ori \$8,\$t1,0		
	0x00400018	addw \$2,\$0,\$5	12:	li \$v0, 5
	0x0040001c	syscall	13:	syscall
	0x00400020	sw \$2,0(\$8)	14:	sw \$v0, 0(\$t0)
	0x00400024	addw \$2,\$0,\$5	15:	li \$v0, 5
	0x00400028	syscall	16:	syscall
	0x0040002c	sw \$2,4(\$8)	17:	sw \$v0, 4(\$t0)
	0x00400030	lw \$9,0(\$8)	18:	lw \$t1, 0(\$t0)
	0x00400034	lw \$10,4(\$8)	19:	lw \$t2, 4(\$t0)
	0x00400038	add \$t3,\$t1,\$t2	20:	add \$t3,\$t1,\$t2
	0x0040003c	sw \$t3,8(\$8)	21:	sw \$t3, 8(\$t0)

Data Segment

Address	Value (+0)	Value (+4)	Value (+8)	Value (+c)	Value (+10)	Value (+14)	Value (+18)	Value (+1c)
0x10010000	0	0	0	544044371	1342135533	1935762796	1766366181	840963926
0x10010020	1953392928	1919248229	2112115	0	0	0	0	0
0x10010040	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0x10010060	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0x10010080	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0x100100a0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0x100100c0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0x100100e0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0x10010100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0x10010120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0x10010140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0x10010160	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0x10010180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0x100101a0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Registers

Name	Number	Value
\$zero	0	0
\$at	1	0
\$v0	2	0
\$v1	3	0
\$a0	4	0
\$a1	5	0
\$a2	6	0
\$a3	7	0
\$t0	8	0
\$t1	9	0
\$t2	10	0
\$t3	11	0
\$t4	12	0
\$t5	13	0
\$t6	14	0
\$t7	15	0
\$t8	16	0
\$t9	17	0
\$s0	18	0
\$s1	19	0
\$s2	20	0
\$s3	21	0
\$s4	22	0
\$s5	23	0
\$s6	24	0
\$s7	25	0
\$s8	26	0
\$s9	27	0
\$s10	28	0
\$s11	29	0
\$s12	30	0
\$s13	31	0
\$lo		4194304
\$hi		0
\$pc		0

Memory access instruction (lw, sw, etc...) can read/write values in data segment

Hex/decimal display conversion

Monitor your register file here

After simulation started

The screenshot shows the MARS 4.5 MIPS simulator interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, Run, Settings, Tools, and Help. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons, including a green play button. The main window is divided into several panes:

- Text Segment:** Displays assembly code with columns for Blkpt, Address, Code, Basic, and Comment. The code includes instructions like `addiu $2,$0,4`, `li $v0, 4`, `syscall`, and `add $t3,$t1,$t2`.
- Data Segment:** A table showing memory addresses and their corresponding values in decimal and hexadecimal.
- Registers:** A table on the right showing register numbers and their current values.
- Mars Messages:** A console window at the bottom showing the program's output.

Three callouts with red arrows point to specific features:

- (1). Provide input and watch output in the console**: Points to the **Mars Messages** window, which displays the text: `Please give 2 integers: 10`, `20`, `Sum = 30`, and `-- program is finished running (dropped off bottom) --`. A **Clear** button is located below the messages.
- (2). Values in registers and data segment have changed**: Points to the **Data Segment** and **Registers** tables. The **Data Segment** table shows values for addresses from `0x10010000` to `0x100101e0`. The **Registers** table shows values for registers `$0` through `$31`.
- (3). You can reset the simulation here to start again**: Points to the green play button in the toolbar.

Trace your code

(1). Click “reset”

The screenshot shows the MARS MIPS simulator interface. The 'Text Segment' panel displays a list of instructions with their addresses and codes. The 'Data Segment' panel shows memory addresses and their corresponding values. The 'Registers' panel on the right lists registers and their values. The 'Mars Messages' panel at the bottom shows the execution log.

(3). Click “run”, and your program will stop at the break point you set. By manipulating these buttons you can:

- a) continue to run
- b) go to the next instruction
- c) go to the previous instruction

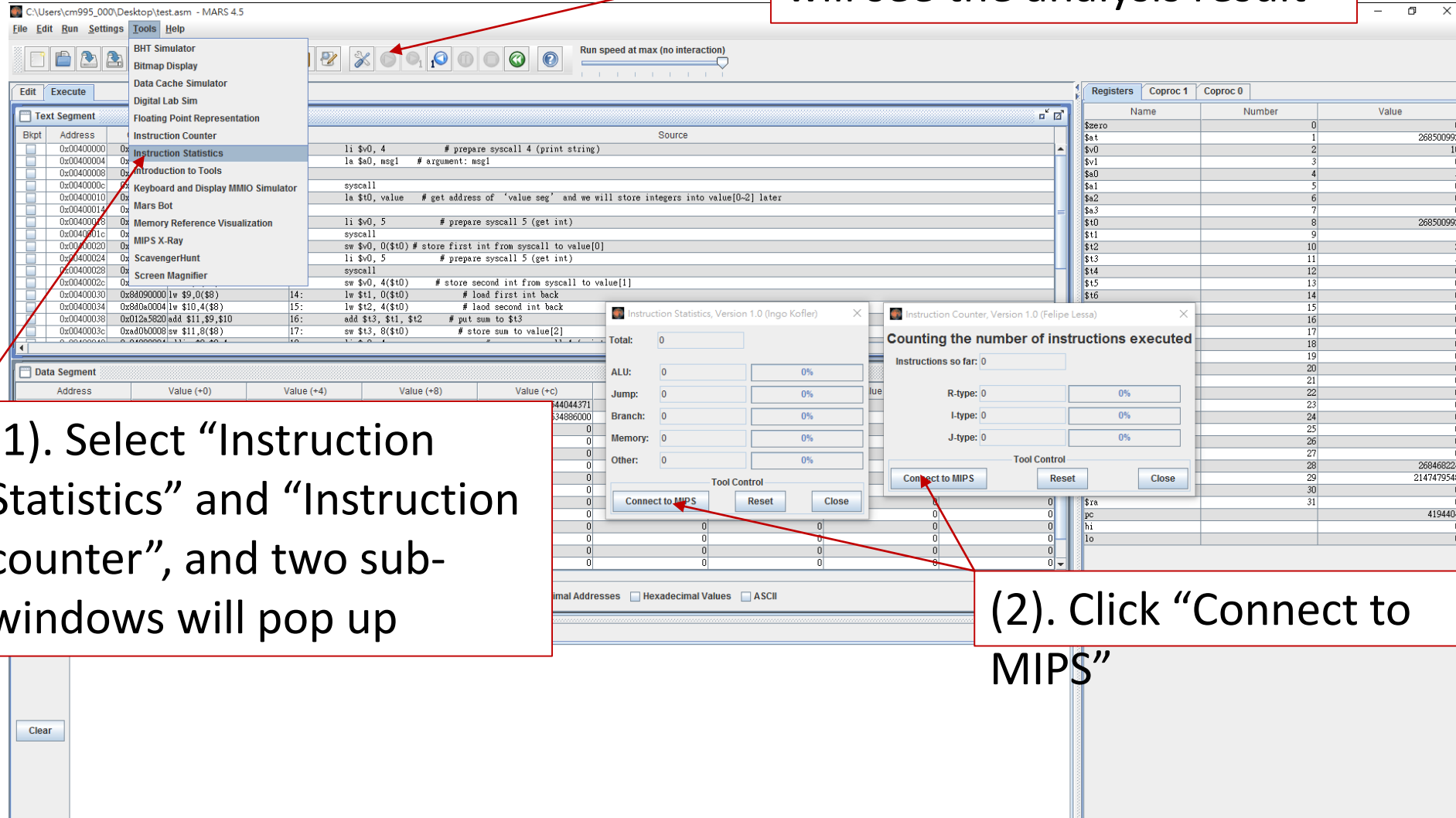
(2). Select the instruction you are interested in (i.e. setting break point)

Analyze your code

(3). Click “RUN” and you will see the analysis result

(1). Select “Instruction Statistics” and “Instruction counter”, and two sub-windows will pop up

(2). Click “Connect to MIPS”



Analysis results (if terminated normally)

The screenshot displays the MARS MIPS simulator interface. The main window shows the assembly code for a program that calculates the sum of two integers. The program has been executed, and the results are visible in the 'Registers' window and the 'Mars Messages' window.

Registers Window:

Name	Number	Value
\$zero	0	0
\$at	1	268500992
\$v0	2	10
\$v1	3	0
\$a0	4	3
\$a1	5	0
\$a2	6	0
\$a3	7	0
\$t0	8	268500992
\$t1	9	1
\$t2	10	2
\$t3	11	3
\$t4	12	0
\$t5	13	0
\$t6	14	0
\$t7	15	0
\$t8	16	0
\$t9	17	0
\$s0	18	0
\$s1	19	0
\$s2	20	0
\$s3	21	0
\$s4	22	0
\$s5	23	0
\$s6	24	0
\$s7	25	0
\$s8	26	0
\$s9	27	0
\$s10	28	268468224
\$s11	29	2147479548
\$s12	30	0
\$s13	31	0
\$ra		4194404
\$pc		0
\$hi		0
\$lo		0

Instruction Statistics (Ingo Kofler):

Category	Count	Percentage
Total	25	
ALU	13	52%
Jump	0	0%
Branch	0	0%
Memory	5	20%
Other	7	28%

Instruction Counter (Felipe Lessa):

Counting the number of instructions executed

Instructions so far: 25

Category	Count	Percentage
R-type	8	32%
I-type	17	68%
J-type	0	0%

Mars Messages:

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Reset: reset completed.

Please give 2 integers separated by enter:
1
2
Sum = 3
-- program is finished running --
```

Hints

- Program needs to call “exit” at the end of execution, otherwise unexpected error might occurs.
- You must write comments to explain your code very carefully.
- You might try other features in MARS to enrich your report and get bonus.
- Any one copying codes from the internet or classmates will get 0.