

Microcomputers 1

Lab 4

Number Format Conversion

Concepts:

- Different forms of number representations: hexadecimal (binary), binary coded decimal, and ASCII.

Objectives:

- Write an assembly program that converts the number into binary coded decimal and ASCII formats.

Introduction:

We have mostly been using hexadecimal (actually binary number system) to store values in memory. This method requires the fewest number of bits to store a given value. For example, 65535_{10} is “\$FFFF” and requires two bytes. However, this is not a convenient format for reporting the number to a human user.

One common user-friendly format is **Binary Coded Decimal (BCD)**. In BCD code, **each decimal digit is represented by its binary equivalent**. For example, 5678_{10} is represented by 0101 0110 0111 1000. This method makes the value being stored appear to a human as the decimal representation but at the cost of more space. For example, storing the value 65535_{10} in memory appears as “\$06 \$05 \$05 \$03 \$05”. This format is often used in conjunction with 7-segment LED displays.

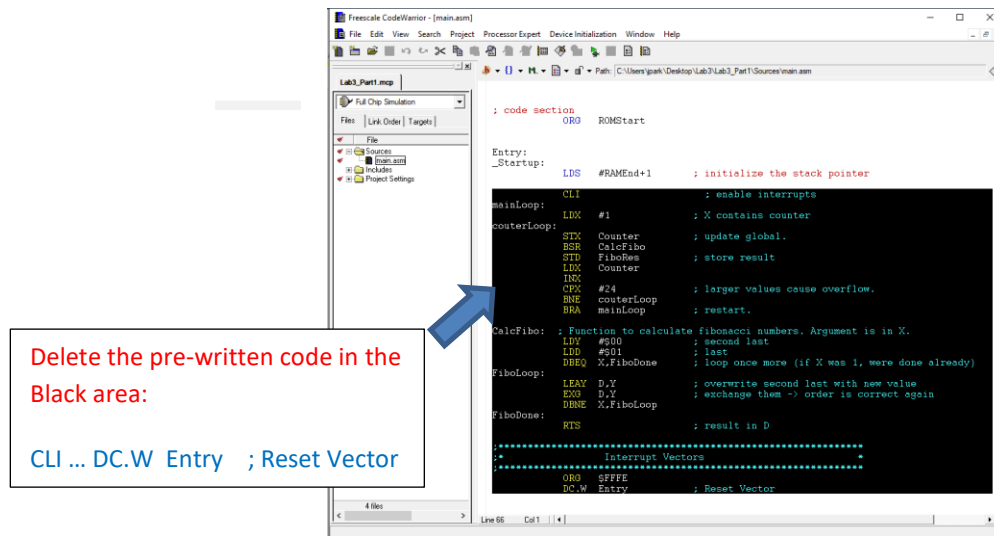


Another common format is **ASCII** (American Standard Code for Information Exchange). This method is used to communicate with devices like text-based terminals and printers. In ASCII, each item is given a 7-bit code that is often stored as a two-digit (1-byte) hexadecimal number. ASCII has codes assigned to letters, numbers, and non-printable items like backspaces and carriage return. In the hexadecimal representation for the ten numbers in ASCII, the first digit is a “3” and the second digit is the number. For example, storing 65535_{10} in memory appears as “\$36 \$35 \$35 \$33 \$35”.

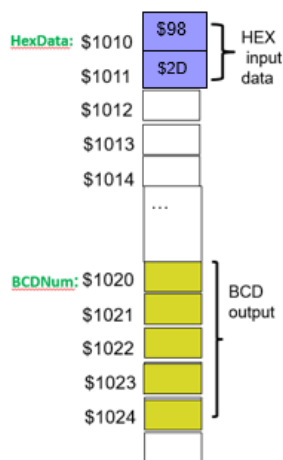
Lab4 will work with three different number representations: **Binary (hexadecimal), Binary Coded Decimal (BCD), and ASCII Code**. We have mostly been using binary (hexadecimal) to store values in memory. The input and output equipment generally uses decimal numbers. For example, if we were going to display a number on 7-segment LED displays in decimal, we would prefer to have the number in the BCD format. That means decimal numbers must be coded in terms of binary signals.

Part I: Binary to Binary Coded Decimal (BCD) conversion

Create a new project with the name ‘Lab4_part1.mcp’ as you did in the previous labs. CodeWarrior's main window opens up. From the dropdown list on the left, select “**Full Chip Simulation**” if it is not so yet. Next, delete the prewritten sample code marked with black background in the main.asm provided by the CodeWarrior IDE.



- Write an assembly program that meets the following requirements. First, the program converts the 2-byte hexadecimal number to a 5-byte BCD number using the **loop structure with the comparison branch instruction**. The hexadecimal number is supplied in addresses \$1010 and \$1011, and the BCD number (result) will be saved in addresses \$1020-\$1024.
- Data allocation:**
First, assign the 2-byte hexadecimal input number at the memory location \$1010 and \$1011. Then reserve the memory spaces for the 5-byte BCD result starting from \$1020 using assembly directives.



The data definitions are placed after ORG **RAMStart**. First, delete the prewritten sample code provided by CodeWarrior in main.asm. Type the below assembly directives.

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ORG $1010
HexData:  DC.W    $982D    ; Binary number to be converted

ORG $1020
BCDNum:   DS.B     5        ; reserve 5-byte for the BCD output

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- To convert the binary number into the BCD form, procedures are summarized in the pseudocode below:
 Step 1. Use register Y to hold the address of the BCD digits. Initialize register Y with the address of the least significant digit (\$1024).

Use '#' sign to load the address itself rather than the contents in the address:

Ex) **LDY #BCDNum+4** ; **BCDNum**=\$1020, Y=\$1020+4=1024
 or **LDY #\$1024**
 or **LDY #\$1020+4**

Step 2. Load the 16 bit binary number at the memory location \$1010:\$1011 into register D ; register D is the dividend

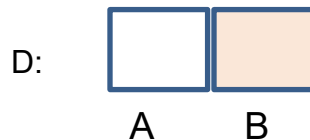
Step 3. Compare Y with #BCDNum ; **BCDNum**=\$1020
 Ex) **CPY #BCDNum** ; compare register Y with \$1020

Step 4. Exit loop if register Y is Lower than #BCDNum
 Use the unsigned branch instruction (ex: BLO) and the branch will be taken to the end of the program ('ExitLoop').

Step 5. Load #10 into register X ; register X is a divider

Step 6. Use **IDIV** instruction ; **IDIV** means **D / X**
 - Quotient will be saved in register X
 - Remainder will be saved in register D

Step 7. Since the divider is 10, the remainder is less than 10 ([0 to 9]).
 The remainder is in register B.
 Save the remainder in register B into the memory pointed by register Y.



Use the index-addressing mode when you save register B into the memory pointed by register Y.

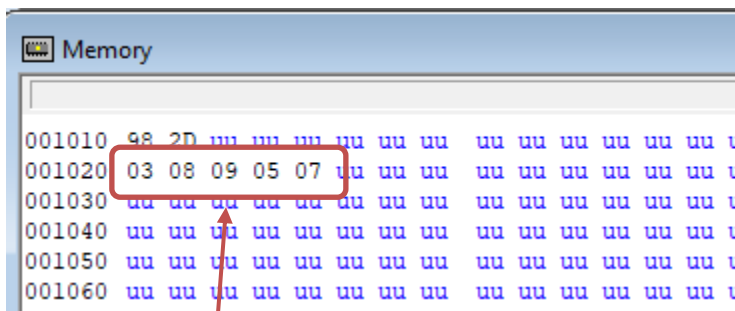
Step 8. **XGDX** ; Exchange D with X
 → D register can hold the quotient for the next division.
 Note: you can also use a TFR instruction instead of exchange instruction.
 (TFR X,D)

Step 9. Decrement register Y by 1

Step 10. Take unconditional branch to Step3.
 (The loop will be terminated if register Y < #BCDNum at Step 4).

ExitLoop: SWI ; end of the program

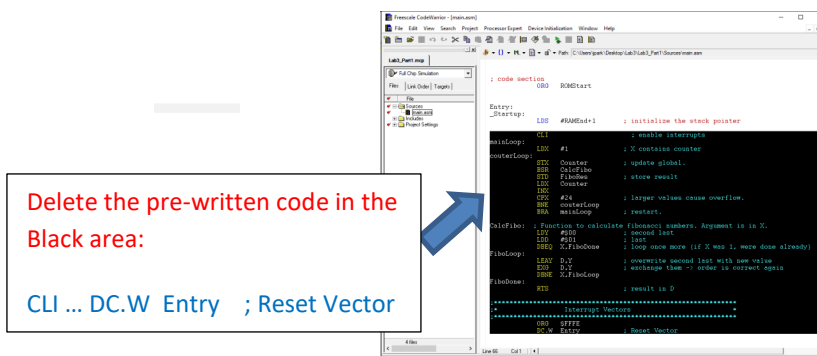
1. To start your assembly instruction at the memory location \$4500, **you need to add the assembly directive *ORG \$4500* just before your code line 1 (Step1).**
2. After you complete the code, then, click on the green **debug arrow** on the menu bar. The simulator/Debugger window opens up.
3. Before running the program, click on the textbox for **the program counter (PC) in the register window and write the value "4500" for the starting address** of your program so that the processor knows where to start executing your code.
4. F11 is the single-step button. Use it to execute one instruction at a time. For the debugging, check the values in the registers, D, Y, and X and the output digits in the memory locations \$1020:1024.
5. The BCD output will be displayed at the memory location, \$1020:1024. Take the screen shots of the BCD output in the memory pane, Assembly pane and Register pane.



BCD result at \$1020:1024

Part II: Binary to ASCII conversion

Create a new project with the name 'Lab4_part2.mcp' as you did in the previous labs. CodeWarrior's main window opens up. From the dropdown list on the left, select "**Full Chip Simulation**" if it is not so yet. Delete the prewritten sample code marked with black background in the main.asm provided by the CodeWarrior IDE.



Write an assembly program that meets the following requirements. The program converts the 2-byte hexadecimal number to a 6-byte ASCII code using the **loop structure with the comparison branch instruction**. The hexadecimal number is supplied in addresses \$1010 and \$1011, and the ASCII code(result) will be saved in addresses \$1030-\$1035.

The ten decimal digits (0, 1, ..., 9) have consecutive ASCII codes, starting with \$30 for '0' and ending with \$39 for '9'. For example, storing 65278₁₀ in memory appears as "\$36 \$35 \$32 \$37 \$38". The ASCII string is the simplest way to represent a series of characters (a string). There is no length information in an ASCII string. The only way to say the end of a string is ending with a special character that is \$00. This means that an ASCII string should end with \$00, which implies you need to have an extra one byte to store an ASCII string. For example, if you have five ASCII characters in a string, you should put \$00 at the end, and then the string becomes six bytes.

1. Copy your code in Part1 and paste it in Part2. Next, modify your program to convert the 2-byte hexadecimal number → a 5-byte BCD number → then a 6-byte ASCII string. Each ASCII digit is calculated by adding \$30 to the BCD digit.
2. The 2-byte hexadecimal input number is provided in the memory locations, \$1010: \$1011. The ASCII result is saved in the memory locations, \$1030-\$1035. Modify the data section as below:

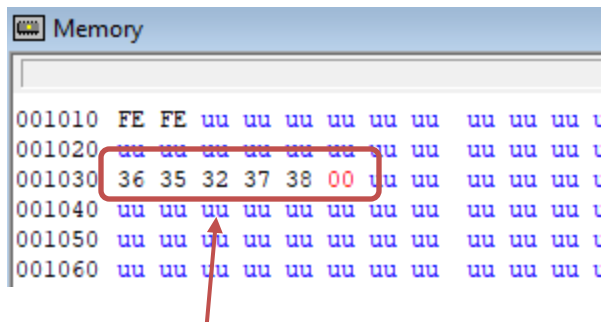
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                ORG $1010
HexData:       DC.W      $FEFE      ; the corresponding decimal number is 6527810

                ORG $1030
ASCIINum:      DS.B      6          ; reserve 6 bytes for the ASCII output

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3. After the last ASCII byte is calculated, the program must store \$00 to indicate the end of the string. For example, if \$FEFE (65278₁₀) is supplied as the hexadecimal number, your program should store the bytes "\$36 \$35 \$32 \$37 \$38 \$00".
6. After you complete the code, then, click on the green **debug arrow** on the menu bar. The simulator/Debugger window opens up.
7. Before running the program, click on the textbox for **the program counter (PC) in the register window and write the value "4500" for the starting address** of your program so that the processor knows where to start executing your code.
8. F11 is the single-step button. Use it to execute one instruction at a time. For the debugging, check the values in the registers, D, Y, and X. Check the ASCII output digits in the memory locations \$1030:1035.
9. Take the screen shots of the ASCII outputs in Memory pane, Assembly pane and Register pane.

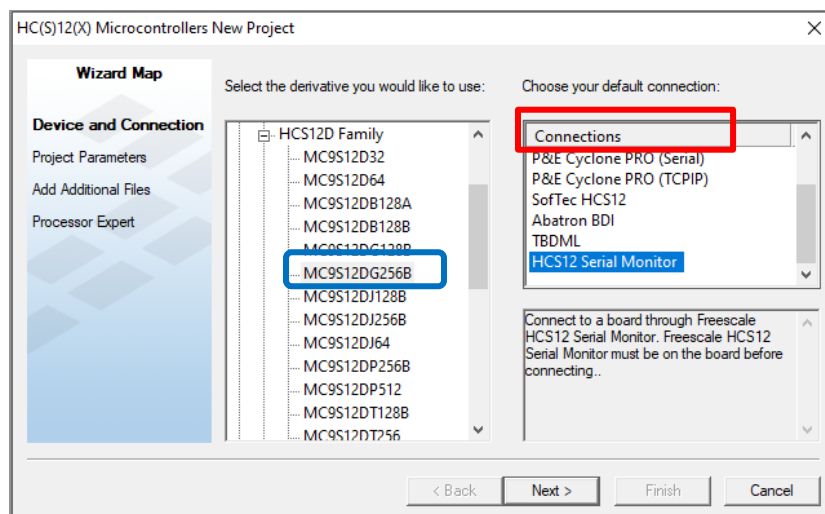


ASCII code result at \$1030:1034 and ending with a special character, **\$00** at \$1035

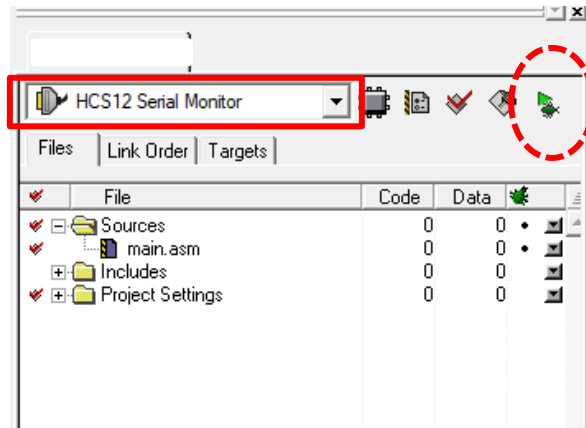
Part III. Download and execute programs on the Dragon12+ board

This Part III is intended to familiarize you with Wytec's **Dragon12+ evaluation board**. The **Dragon12+ board runs the program that CodeWarrior communicates with over RS-232**. This allows the PC to control the Freescale HCS12 in a debugging environment.

1. Create a new project by clicking the 'Create New Project' button. In the HC(S)12(X) Microcontrollers New Project wizard window, select the same processor ("**HCS12**" → "**HCS12D Family**" → "**MC9S12DG256B**"). In the Connections pane, select "**HCS12 Serial Monitor**" as shown in the below figure. Click Next.



2. In the **Project name** field, type **Lab4_Part3.mcp**. Uncheck all the checkboxes and then check the **Absolute assembly** checkbox. Click on **Finish** (NOT Next!).
3. CodeWarrior main window opens up as shown in Figure5. From the dropdown list on the left, select "**HCS12 Serial Monitor**" if it is not so yet.



4. Delete the prewritten data allocation marked with black background. Then, copy your data allocations in Part II and paste here.

Important!!

Delete the pre-written data allocations in the Black area. Then, copy your data allocation in part II and paste here.

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;*****
;* This stationery serves as the framework for a
;* user application (single file, absolute assembly application)
;* For a more comprehensive program that
;* demonstrates the more advanced functionality of this
;* processor, please see the demonstration applications
;* located in the examples subdirectory of the
;* Freescale CodeWarrior for the HC12 Program directory
;*****

; export symbols
XDEF Entry, _Startup          ; export 'Entry' symbol
ABSENTRY Entry                ; for absolute assembly: mark this as application

; Include derivative-specific definitions
INCLUDE 'derivative.inc'

ROMStart EQU $4000 ; absolute address to place my code/constant data

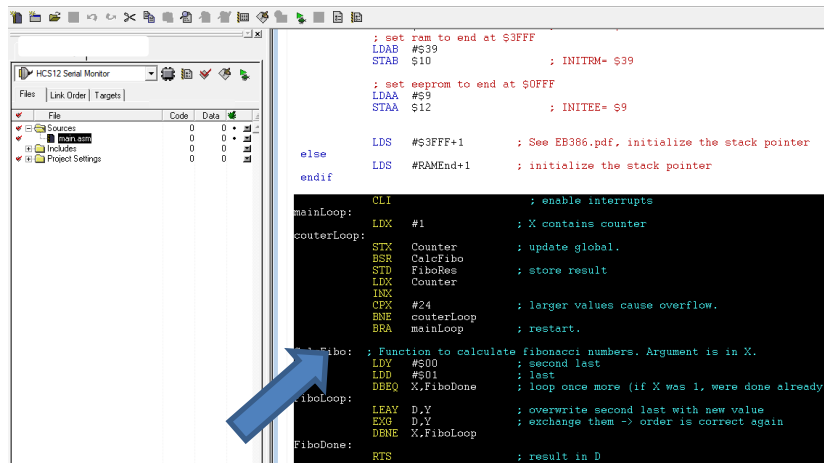
; variable/data section

ifdef _HCS12_SERIALMON
    ORG $3FFF - (RAMEnd - RAMStart)
else
    ORG RAMStart
endif

; Insert here your data definition.
Counter DS.W 1
FiboRes DS.W 1

```

5. Delete the prewritten sample code marked with black background in main.asm provided by the CodeWarrior IDE.



```

; set ram to end at $3FFF
LDAB #539
STAB $10 ; INITRM= $39

; set eeprom to end at $0FFF
LDAA #59
STAA $12 ; INITEE= $9

else
LDS #53FFF+1 ; See EB386.pdf, initialize the stack pointer
endif
LDS #RAMEnd+1 ; initialize the stack pointer

endif

mainLoop: CLI ; enable interrupts
LDX #1 ; X contains counter
counterLoop: STX Counter ; update global.
BSR CalcFibo ; store result
STD FiboRes
LDX Counter
INX
CPX #24 ; larger values cause overflow.
BNE counterLoop ; restart.
BRA mainLoop

; Function to calculate fibonacci numbers. Argument is in X.
Fibo: LDY #500 ; second last
LED #501 ; last
DBEQ X,FiboDone ; loop once more (if X was 1, were done already)
FiboLoop: LEAY D,Y ; overwrite second last with new value
EXG D,X ; exchange them -> order is correct again
DBNE X,FiboLoop
FiboDone: RTS ; result in D

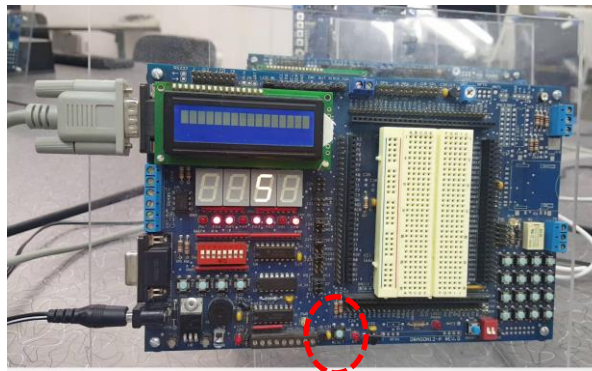
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Delete the pre-written code in the Black area: CLI DC.W Entry ; Reset Vector

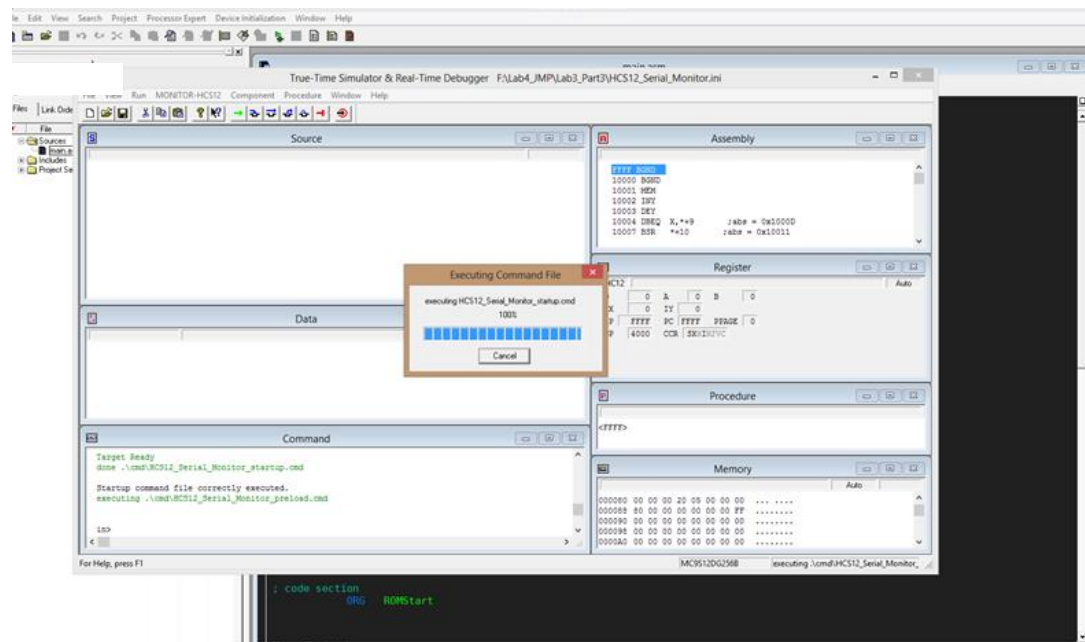
Copy your program in Lab4_partII (ORG \$4500..... ExitLoop SWI) and paste here!!

Copy your code for the ASCII Code generation part in Lab4_PartII and paste here. You only need to copy your code starting from ORG \$4500 ExitLoop SWI.

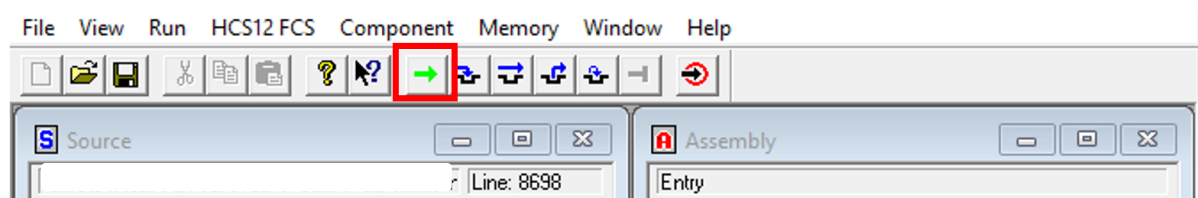
6. Press the light blue RESET button on the Dragon12+ board, located along the bottom edge in the middle of the board. The 8 red LEDs should light up from right to left, indicating that the CodeWarrior firmware is running on the evaluation board.



7. Then, click on the “debug” button, shown with a green arrow. This should assemble the program and open a second window. As this second window opens, CodeWarrior will automatically download the machine code into the Dragon12+ board.

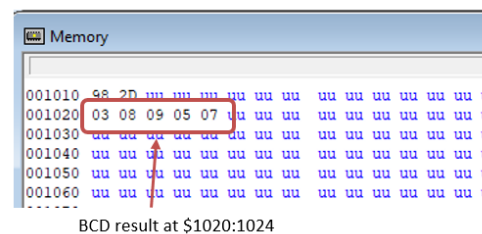


8. Before running the program, click on the textbox for **the program counter (PC) in the register window and write the value "\$4500" for the starting address** of your program. Run the program from the beginning by clicking on the "Start/Continue" button.



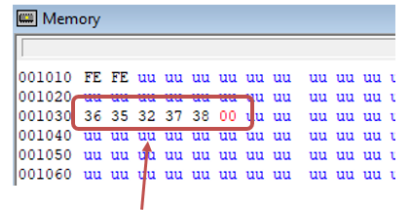
What to Submit in Blackboard: Group submission

- 1) **Per each member: one pdf file** that includes
- 25 pts: Part I: Screenshot of *the Assembly pane, the Register pane, and the Memory pane after run the program*



Example for Memory pane in PartI:

- 25pts: Part II: Screenshot of the *Assembly pane*, the *Register pane*, and the *Memory pane* after run the program.



Example for Memory pane in Part II:

2) One copy per group :

- **25 pts:** Part III - source file under “Sources” folder (main.asm file only)
- **25 pts:** Part III: Screenshot of *the Assembly pane, the Register pane, and the Memory pane after run the program.*