

Lecture 6

Assembler

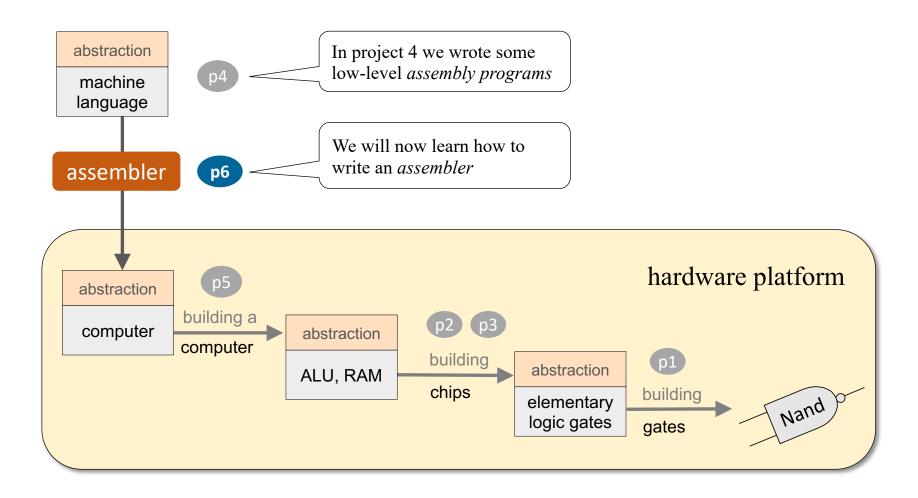
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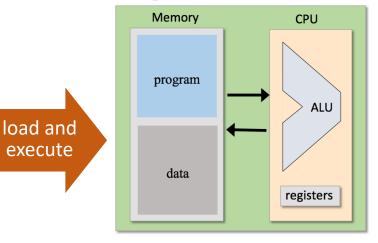


Assembly program

```
// Program: Sum1ToN (R0 represents N)
// Computes R1 = 1 + 2 + 3 + ... + R0
// Usage: put a value >= 1 in R0
   // i = 1
   @i
   M=1
   // sum = 0
                            assembler
   @sum
   M=0
(LOOP)
   // if(i > R0) goto STOP
   @i
   D=M
   @R0
   D=D-M
   @STOP
   D; JGT
   // sum = sum + i
   @sum
   D=M
   @i
   D=D+M
   @sum
   M=D
   // i = i + 1
   @i
   M=M+1
   // goto LOOP
   @LOOP
   0;JMP
   . . .
```

Binary code

Computer



The assembler is...

execute

- The "linchpin" that connects the hardware platform and the software hierarchy
- The lowest rung in the set of translators developed in Part II of the course (compiler, VM translator, assembler)
- A program that introduces key software engineering techniques (parsing, code generation, symbol tables, ...)

Lecture plan

- Overview

Translating Hack code:

- A-instructions
- C-instructions
- Translating programs
- Handling symbols

- Assembler architecture
- Assembler API
- Project 6
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Symbolic syntax:

@xxx

Where xxx is a non-negative decimal value, or a symbol bound to such a value

Example:

@17



Binary syntax:

0 <mark>vvvv</mark>vvv<mark>vvvv</mark>vvvv<mark>v</mark>

Where:

0 is the A-instruction op-code, and $v v v \dots v$ is a binary value

000000000010001

<u>Implementation</u>

If xxx is a decimal value: Translate the value into its 16-bit representation;

If xxx is a symbol: Later.

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Symbolic syntax: dest = comp; jump

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-1		1	1	1	0	1	0
D		0	0	1	1	0	0
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!A	! M	1	1	0	0	0	1
-D		0	0	1	1	1	1
-A	-M	1	1	0	0	1	1
D+1		0	1	1	1	1	1
A+1	M+1	1	1	0	1	1	1
D-1		0	0	1	1	1	0
A-1	M-1	1	1	0	0	1	0
D+A	D+M	0	0	0	0	1	0
D-A	D-M	0	1	0	0	1	1
A-D	M-D	0	0	0	1	1	1
D&A	D&M	0	0	0	0	0	0
D A	D M	0	1	0	1	0	1

	dest	d	d	d	effect: the value is stored in:
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١	DM	0	1	1	D register and RAM[A]
١	Α	1	0	0	A register
١	AM	1	0	1	A register and RAM[A]
١	AD	1	1	0	A register and D register
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```
jump
                 effect:
                no jump
null
 JGT
                if comp > 0 jump
       0 1 0 | if comp = 0 jump
 JEQ
 JGE
       0 1 1 if comp \ge 0 jump
       1 0 0 if comp < 0 jump
 JLT
       1 0 1 if comp \neq 0 jump
 JNE
       1 1 0 if comp \le 0 jump
 JLE
                Unconditional jump
 JMP
```

Symbolic syntax: dest = comp; jump

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-1		1	1	1	0	1	0
D		0	0	1	1	0	0
Α	М	1	1	0	0	0	0
!D		0	0	1	1	0	1
!A	!M	1	1	0	0	0	1
-D		0	0	1	1	1	1
-A	-M	1	1	0	0	1	1
D+1		0	1	1	1	1	1
A+1	M+1	1	1	0	1	1	1
D-1		0	0	1	1	1	0
A-1	M-1	1	1	0	0	1	0
D+A	D+M	0	0	0	0	1	0
D-A	D-M	0	1	0	0	1	1
A-D	M-D	0	0	0	1	1	1
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јитр	J	J	J	effect:
null	0	0	0	no jump
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a == 0 a == 1

Binary:

Example: D = D+1; JLE



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ADM

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!D		0	0	1	1	0	1
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D-1		0	0	1	1	1	0
A-1	M-1	1	1	0	0	1	0
D+A	D+M	0	0	0	0	1	0
D-A	D-M	0	1	0	0	1	1
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D A	D M	0	1	0	1	0	1

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М	0	0	1	RAM[A]
D	0	1	0	D register
DM	0	1	1	D register and RAM[A]
Α	1	0	0	A register A register and RAM[A]
AM	1	0	1	A register and RAM[A]

1 1 0 A register and D register

A register, D register, and RAM[A]

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A-1	M-1	1	1	0	0	1	0
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<u>Implementation</u>: Get the binary code of each field of the symbolic instruction (*dest*, *comp*, *jump*), and assemble the codes into a 16-bit instruction.

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Symbolic code

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// Computes R1=1 + ... + R0
   // i = 1
    @i
    M=1
    // sum = 0
    @sum
    M=0
(LOOP)
    // if i>R0 goto STOP
    @i
    D=M
    @R0
    D=D-M
    @STOP
    D; JGT
    // sum += i
    @i
    D=M
    @sum
    M=D+M
    // i++
    @i
    M=M+1
    @LOOP
    0;JMP
(STOP)
    @sum
    D=M
```



Need to Handle

- White space
- Instructions
- Symbols

Binary code

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    @<u>i</u>
    M=1
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    @<u>i</u>
    D=M
    @sum
    M=D+M
    // i++
    M=M+1
    @LOOP
    0;JMP
(STOP)
    @sum
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```

Translate

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We'll start with programs that have no symbols, and handle symbols later

Binary code

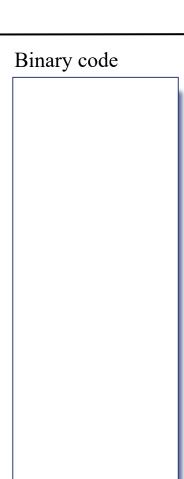
Symbolic code

```
// Computes R1=1 + ... + R0
   // i = 1
    @16
    M=1
    // sum = 0
    @17
    M=0
    // if i>R0 goto STOP
    @16
    D=M
    @0
    D=D-M
    @18
    D;JGT
    // sum += i
    @16
    D=M
    @17
    M=D+M
    // i++
    @16
    M=M+1
    @4
    0;JMP
    @17
    D=M
```



Need to Handle

- White space
- Instructions
- Symbols (later)



Binary code Symbolic code // Computes R1=1 + ... + R0 // i = 1Translate @16 M=1// sum = 0@17 Need to Handle M=0 // if i>R0 goto STOP Ignore it White space @16 D=M @0 • Instructions D=D-M @18 D; JGT • Symbols (later) // sum += i @16 D=M White space: @17 M=D+MEmpty lines, // i++ @16 Comments, M=M+1Indentation @4 0;JMP @17 D=M

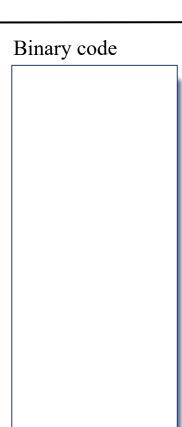
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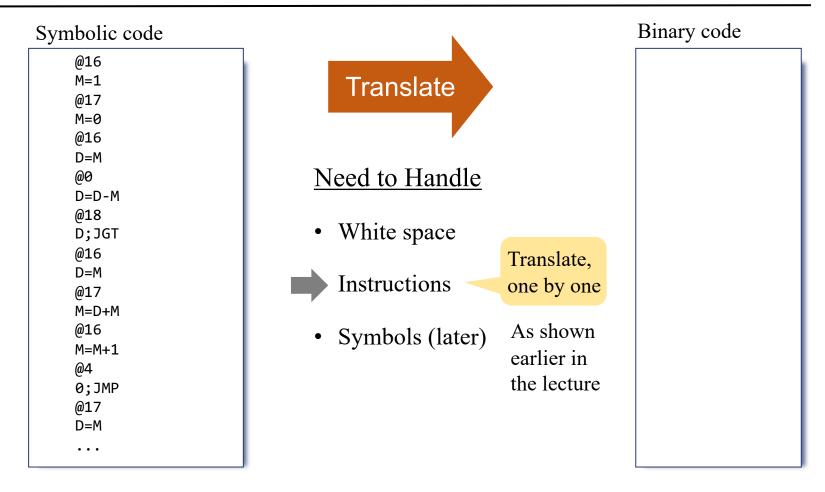
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Symbolic code

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Need to Handle

• White space



Instructions

Translate, one by one

• Symbols (later)

As shown earlier in the lecture

Binary code

Symbolic code

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    @LOOP
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    @sum
    D=M
```



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Original program, with symbols

Binary code

Symbolic code

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// Computes R1=1 + ... + R0
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    @<u>i</u>
    M=1
    // sum = 0
    @sum
    M=0
(LOOP)
    // if i>R0 goto STOP
    @<u>i</u>
    D=M
    @R0
    D=D-M
    @STOP
    D;JGT
    // sum += i
    @<u>i</u>
    D=M
    @sum
    M=D+M
    // i++
    @<u>i</u>
    M=M+1
    @LOOP
    0;JMP
(STOP)
    @sum
    D=M
```

Symbols

- Predefined symbols
- Label symbols
- Variable symbols

Original program, with symbols

Symbolic code

```
// Computes R1=1 + ... + R0
                                Symbols
   // i = 1
   @i
   M=1
                                  Predefined symbols
   // sum = 0
   @sum
   M=0
                                • Label symbols
(LOOP)
   // if i>R0 goto STOP
                                • Variable symbols
   @i
    D=M
   @R0
   D=D-M
   @STOP
                    This particular code uses
    D; JGT
                    one predefined symbol: R0
   // sum += i
   @i
   D=M
   @sum
   M=D+M
   // i++
   @i
   M=M+1
   @LOOP
   0;JMP
(STOP)
   @sum
    D=M
```

The Hack language features 23 *predefined symbols*:

<u>symbol</u>	<u>value</u>
RØ	0
R1	1
R2	2
• • •	• • •
R15	15
SCREEN	16384
KBD	24576
SP	0
LCL	1
ARG	2
THIS	3
THAT	4

Symbolic code

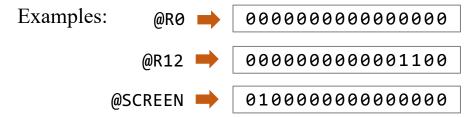
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    M=1
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    @sum
    M=0
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    // if i>R0 goto STOP
    @i
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    @R0
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    @STOP
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    @i
    D=M
    @sum
    M=D+M
    // i++
    @i
    M=M+1
    @LOOP
    0;JMP
(STOP)
    @sum
    D=M
```

Symbols

The Hack language features 23 *predefined symbols*:

Predefined symbols	<u>symbol</u>	<u>value</u>
	RØ	6
 Label symbols 	R1	1
Lauci symbols	R2	2
	• • •	• • •
 Variable symbols 	R15	15
,	SCREEN	16384
	KBD	24576
	SP	6
	LCL	
	ARG	2
Translating @preDefinedSymbol	THIS	3
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Replace *preDefinedSymbol* with its *value*, and complete the translation.



Symbolic code

```
// Computes R1=1 + ... + R0
   // i = 1
    @i
    M=1
    // sum = 0
    @sum
    M=0
(LOOP)
    // if i>R0 goto STOP
    @i
    D=M
    @R0
    D=D-M
    @STOP
    D; JGT
    // sum += i
    @i
    D=M
    @sum
    M=D+M
    // i++
    @i
    M=M+1
    @LOOP
    0;JMP
(STOP)
    @sum
    D=M
```

Symbols

- Predefined symbols
- Label symbols
 - Variable symbols

This particular code uses two label symbols: LOOP, STOP

Symbolic code

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    M=1
    // sum = 0
    @sum
    M=0
(LOOP)
    // if i>R0 goto STOP
    @i
    D=M
    @R0
    D=D-M
    @STOP
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    @i
    D=M
    @sum
    M=D+M
    // i++
    @i
    M=M+1
    @LOOP
    0;JMP
(STOP)
    @sum
    D=M
```

Label symbols

- Used to label destinations of goto instructions
- Declared by the pseudo-instruction (label)
- The (*label*) directive defines the symbol *label* to refer to the memory location holding the next instruction in the program,
- Which corresponds to the instruction's *line number*

This particular code uses two label symbols: LOOP, STOP

Symbolic code

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// Computes R1=1 + ... + R0
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        @i
        M=1
        // sum = 0
        @sum
        M=0
    (LOOP)
        // if i>R0 goto STOP
        @i
        D=M
 6
        @R0
        D=D-M
        @STOP
        D; JGT
        // sum += i
        @i
10
11
        D=M
12
        @sum
13
        M=D+M
        // i++
        @i
14
15
        M=M+1
16
        @LOOP
17
        0;JMP
    (STOP)
18
        @sum
19
        D=M
```

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- Which corresponds to the instruction's *line number*

```
Example: <u>symbol</u> <u>value</u>

LOOP 4

STOP 18
```

<u>Translating</u> @labelSymbol:

Replace labelSymbol with its value

Symbolic code

```
// Computes R1=1 + ... + R0
    // i = 1
    @i
    M=1
    // sum = 0
    @sum
    M=0
(LOOP)
    // if i>R0 goto STOP
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    @i
    M=M+1
    @LOOP
    0;JMP
(STOP)
    @sum
    D=M
```

Symbols

- Predefined symbols
- Label symbols
- Variable symbols

This particular code uses two variable symbols: i, sum

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// Computes R1=1 + ... + R0
    // i = 1
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    // sum = 0
    @sum
    M=0
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    // if i>R0 goto STOP
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    @<u>i</u>
    D=M
    @sum
    M=D+M
    // i++
    @i
    M=M+1
    @LOOP
    0;JMP
(STOP)
    @sum
    D=M
```

Variable symbols

- Any symbol *xxx* which is neither predefined, nor defined elsewhere using an (*xxx*) label declaration, is treated as a *variable*
- Hack convention: Each variable is bound to a running memory address, starting at 16

This particular code uses two variable symbols: i, sum

Symbolic code

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    // i = 1
    @<u>i</u>
    M=1
    // sum = 0
    @sum
    M=0
(LOOP)
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    @sum
    D=M
```

Variable symbols

- Any symbol xxx which is neither predefined, nor defined elsewhere using an (xxx) label declaration, is treated as a variable
- Hack convention: Each variable is bound to a running memory address, starting at 16

```
Example: <u>symbol</u> <u>value</u>

i 16

sum 17
```

<u>Translating</u> @variableSymbol:

- 1. If *variableSymbol* is seen for the first time, bind to it to a *value*, from 16 onward Else, it has a *value*
- 2. Replace *variableSymbol* with its *value*.

Symbolic code

```
// Computes R1=1 + ... + R0
    // i = 1
    @<u>i</u>
    M=1
    // sum = 0
    @sum
    M=0
(LOOP)
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    @LOOP
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    D=M
```

Symbol table

symbol	value
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• • •	• • •
R15	15
SCREEN	16384
KBD	24576
SP	0
LCL	1
ARG	2
THIS	3
THAT	4
LOOP	4
STOP	18
i	16
sum	17

A data structure that the assembler creates and uses during the program translation

Contains every symbol, and its binding.

Symbolic code

```
// Computes R1=1 + ... + R0
    // i = 1
    @<u>i</u>
    M=1
    // sum = 0
    @sum
    M=0
(LOOP)
    // if i>R0 goto STOP
    @<u>i</u>
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```

Symbol table

symbol value

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A data structure that the assembler creates and uses during the program translation

Initialization:

Creates the symbol table and adds the predefined symbols to the table

Handling symbols

Symbolic code

```
// Computes R1=1 + ... + R0
         // i = 1
 0
         M=1
         // sum = 0
         @sum
         M=0
    (LOOP)
        // if i>R0 goto STOP
         @<u>i</u>
 4
         D=M
         @R0
         D=D-M
        @STOP
         D; JGT
         // sum += i
         @i
10
11
         D=M
12
         @sum
         M=D+M
13
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15
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16
        @LOOP
         0;JMP
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    (STOP)
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```

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A data structure that the assembler creates and uses during the program translation

Initialization:

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First pass: Counts lines and adds the label symbols to the table

Handling symbols

Symbolic code

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```

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LOOP	4	
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A data structure that the assembler creates and uses during the program translation

Initialization:

Creates the symbol table and adds the predefined symbols to the table

First pass: Counts lines and adds the label symbols to the table

Second pass:

- Generates binary code; in the process:
- Adds the variable symbols to the table

(details, soon)

Lecture plan

• Overview



- Translating instructions
- Translating programs
- Handling symbols



Assembler architecture

- Assembler API
- Project 6
- Some history

Assembler: Usage

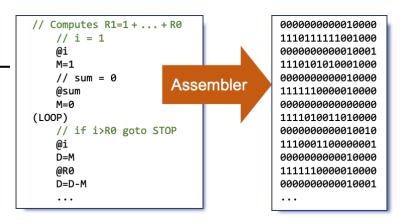
Input (*Prog.* asm): a text file containing a sequence of lines, each being a string representing a comment, an A-instruction, a C-instruction, or a label declaration

Output (*Prog.*hack): a text file containing a sequence of lines, each being a string of sixteen 0 and 1 characters

<u>Usage</u>: (if the assembler is implemented in Java)

\$ java HackAssembler Prog.asm

Action: Creates a *Prog.* hack file, containing the translated Hack program.



Assembler: Algorithm

Initialize

Opens the input file (*Prog.*asm), and gets ready to process it

Constructs a symbol table, and adds to it all the predefined symbols

First pass

Reads the program lines, one by one, focusing only on (*label*) declarations. Adds the found labels to the symbol table

Second pass (main loop)

(starts again from the beginning of the file)

While there are more lines to process:

Gets the next instruction, and parses it

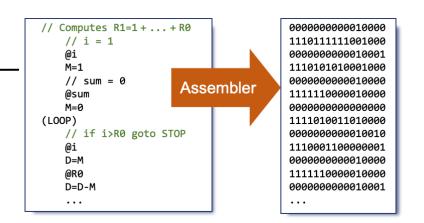
If the instruction is @symbol

If *symbol* is not in the symbol table, adds *<symbol*, *value>* to the table, and translates *value* to its binary value

If the instruction is *dest=comp*; *jump*

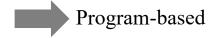
Translates each of the three fields into its binary value

Assembles the binary values described above into a string of sixteen 0's and 1's Writes the string to the output file.

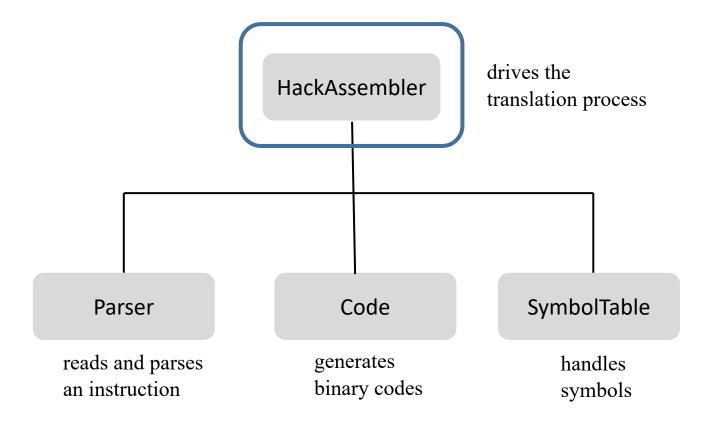


Assembler implementation options

Manual



Assembler: Architecture



Proposed architecture

- Four software modules
- Can be realized in any programming language

HackAssembler

Initialize:

Opens the input file (*Prog.* asm) and gets ready to process it Constructs a symbol table, and adds to it all the predefined symbols

First pass:

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Second pass (main loop):

(starts again from the beginning of the file)

While there are more lines to process:

Gets the next instruction, and parses it

If the instruction is @symbol

If *symbol* is not in the symbol table, adds it to the table

Translates the *symbol* into its binary value

If the instruction is dest = comp; jump

Translates each of the three fields into its binary value

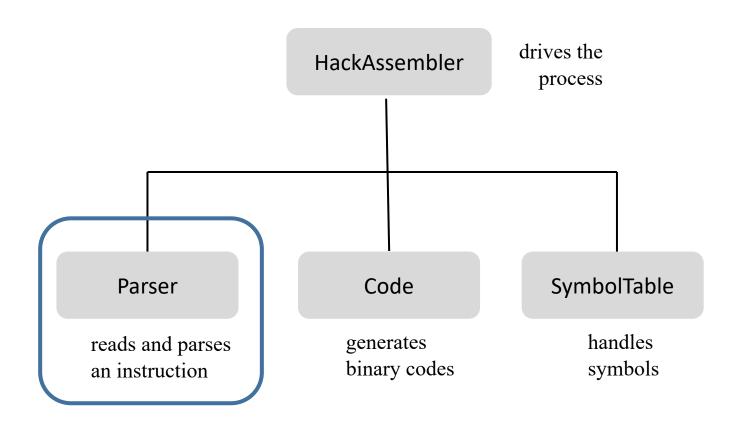
Assembles the binary values into a string of sixteen 0's and 1's

Writes the string to the output file.

The HackAssembler implements this assembly algorithm, using the services of:

- Parser
- Code
- SymbolTable

Assembler API



Parser API

Routines

- Constructor / initializer: Creates a Parser and opens the source text file
- Getting the current instruction:

```
hasMoreLines(): Checks if there is more work to do (boolean)
```

advance(): Gets the next instruction and makes it the *current instruction* (string)

• Parsing the *current instruction*:

current instruction

Examples:

Parser API

Routines

- Constructor / initializer: Creates a Parser and opens the source text file
- Getting the current instruction:

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Parser API

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hasMoreLines(): Checks if there is more work to do (boolean)
```

advance(): Gets the next instruction and makes it the current instruction (string)

• Parsing the *current instruction*:

```
instructionType(): Returns the instruction type
```

symbol(): Returns the instruction's symbol (string)

dest(): Returns the instruction's dest field (string)

comp(): Returns the instruction's comp field (string)

jump(): Returns the instruction's jump field (string)

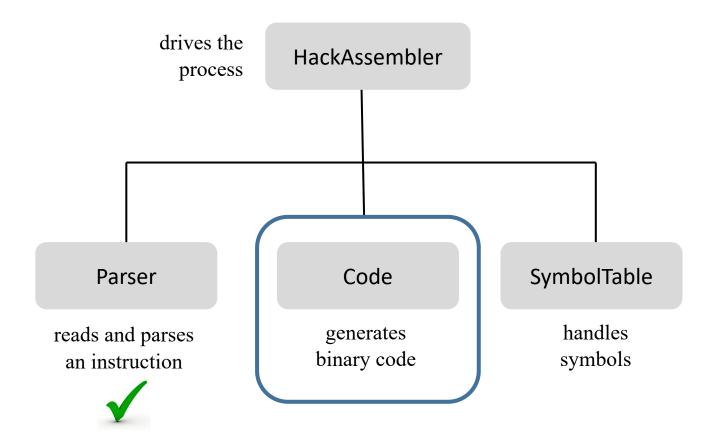
Used only if the current instruction is dest = comp; jump

current instruction

Examples:

$$M=-1$$

Implementation



Code API

Deals only with C-instructions: dest = comp; jump

Routines:

a == 0

dest(string): Returns the binary representation of the parsed dest field (string)

comp(string): Returns the binary representation of the parsed *comp* field (string)

jump(string): Returns the binary representation of the parsed jump field (string)

According to the language specification:

COI	np	c	c	c	c	c	c
0		1	0	1	0	1	0
1		1	1	1	1	1	1
-1		1	1	1	0	1	0
D		0	0	1	1	0	0
Α	М	1	1	0	0	0	0
!D		0	0	1	1	0	1
!A	! M	1	1	0	0	0	1
-D		0	0	1	1	1	1
-A	-M	1	1	0	0	1	1
D+1		0	1	1	1	1	1
A+1	M+1	1	1	0	1	1	1
D-1		0	0	1	1	1	0
A-1	M-1	1	1	0	0	1	0
D+A	D+M	0	0	0	0	1	0
D-A	D-M	0	1	0	0	1	1
A-D	M-D	0	0	0	1	1	1
D&A	D&M	0	0	0	0	0	0
D A	D M	0	1	0	1	0	1

a == 1

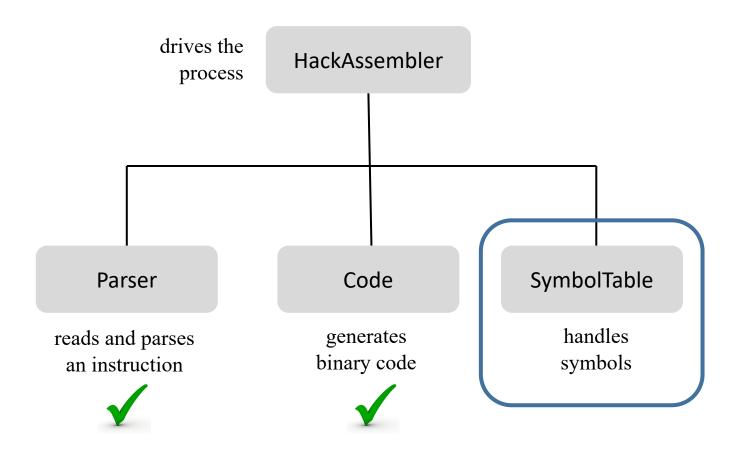
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dest	d	d	d
null	0	0	0
М	0	0	1
D	0	1	0
DM	0	1	1
Α	1	0	0
AM	1	0	1
AD	1	1	0
ADM	1	1	1

jump	j	j	j
null	0	0	0
JGT	0	0	1
JEQ	0	1	0
JGE	0	1	1
JLT	1	0	0
JNE	1	0	1
JLE	1	1	0
JMP	1	1	1

Examples:

dest("DM") returns "011"
comp("A+1") returns "0110111"
comp("D&M") returns "1000000"
jump("JNE") returns "101"

Implementation



SymbolTable API

Routines

Constructor / initializer: Creates and initializes a SymbolTable

void addEntry(String symbol, int address): Adds <symbol, address> to the table

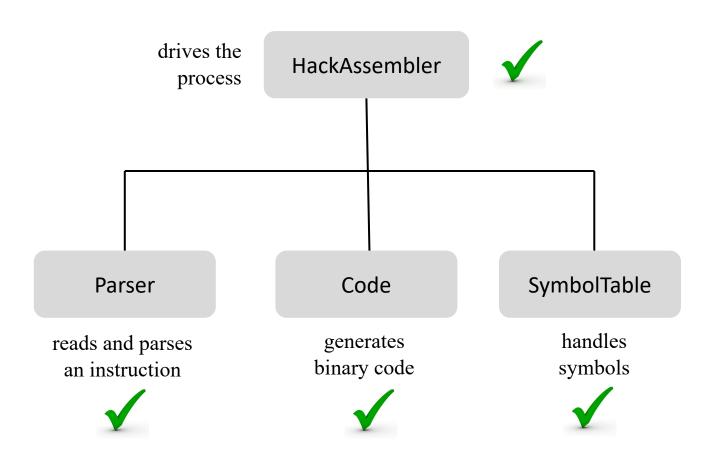
boolean contains(String symbol): Checks if symbol exists in the table

int **getAddress**(String **symbol**): Returns the address associated with symbol

Symbol table: (example)

symbol	address
RØ	0
R1	1
R2	2
R15	15
SCREEN	16384
KBD	24576
SP	0
LCL	1
ARG	2
THIS	3
THAT	4
LOOP	4
STOP	18
i	16
sum	17

HackAssembler: Drives the translation process



Assembler API (detailed)

Parser module:

Routine	Arguments	Returns	Function
Constructor / initializer	Input file or stream	_	Opens the input file/stream and gets ready to parse it.
hasMoreLines	£.—	boolean	Are there more lines in the input?
advance	=	_	Skips over whitespace and comments, if necessary.
			Reads the next instruction from the input, and makes it the current instruction.
			This method should be called only if hasMoreLines is true.
			Initially there is no current instruction.
instructionType	-	A_INSTRUCTION,	Returns the type of the current instruction:
		C_INSTRUCTION, L_INSTRUCTION	A_INSTRUCTION for @xxx, where xxx is either a decimal number or a symbol.
		(constants)	C_INSTRUCTION for dest=comp; jump
			L_INSTRUCTION for (xxx) , where xxx is a symbol.
symbol	.—.	string	If the current instruction is (xxx) , returns the symbol xxx . If the current instruction is $@xxx$, returns the symbol or decimal xxx (as a string).
			Should be called only if instructionType is A_INSTRUCTION or L_INSTRUCTION.
dest	_	string	Returns the symbolic <i>dest</i> part of the current <i>C</i> -instruction (8 possibilities).
			Should be called only if instructionType is C_INSTRUCTION.
comp	_	string	Returns the symbolic <i>comp</i> part of the current <i>C</i> -instruction (28 possibilities).
4000		W0000	Should be called only if instructionType is C_INSTRUCTION.
jump	-	string	Returns the symbolic <i>jump</i> part of the current <i>C</i> -instruction (8 possibilities).
			Should be called only if instructionType is C_INSTRUCTION.

Assembler API (detailed)

Code module:

Routine	Arguments	Returns	Function
dest	string	3 bits, as a string	Returns the binary code of the <i>dest</i> mnemonic.
comp	string	7 bits, as a string	Returns the binary code of the <i>comp</i> mnemonic.
jump	string	3 bits, as a string	Returns the binary code of the <i>jump</i> mnemonic.

SymbolTable module:

Routine	Arguments	Returns	Function
Constructor	_	_	Creates a new empty symbol table.
addEntry	symbol (string), address (int)		Adds <symbol, address=""> to the table.</symbol,>
contains	symbol (string)	boolean	Does the symbol table contain the given symbol?
getAddress	symbol (string)	int	Returns the address associated with the symbol.

HackAssembler module (main program):

No proposed design; Implement as you see fit.

Chapter 6: Assembler

- Overview
- Translating instructions
- Translating programs
- Handling symbols

- Assembler architecture
- Assembler API



• Some history

Developing a Hack Assembler

Contract

Develop a program that translates symbolic Hack programs into binary Hack instructions;

The source assembly program (input) is read from a text file named Prog.asm

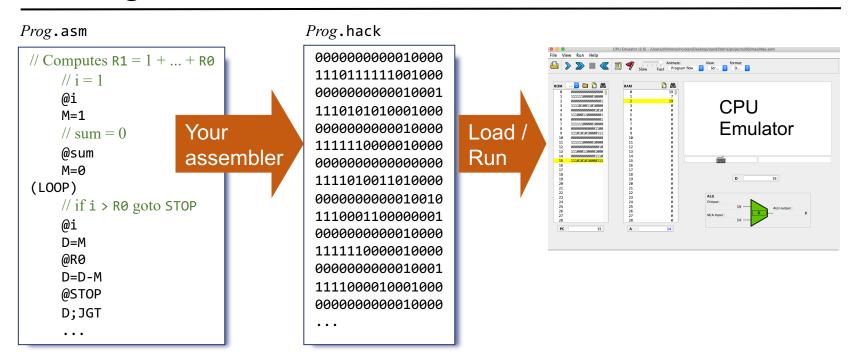
The generated binary code (output) is written to a text file named *Prog.* hack

Assumption: Prog.asm is error-free.

<u>Usage</u> (if the assembler is implemented in Java):

\$ java HackAssembler Prog.asm

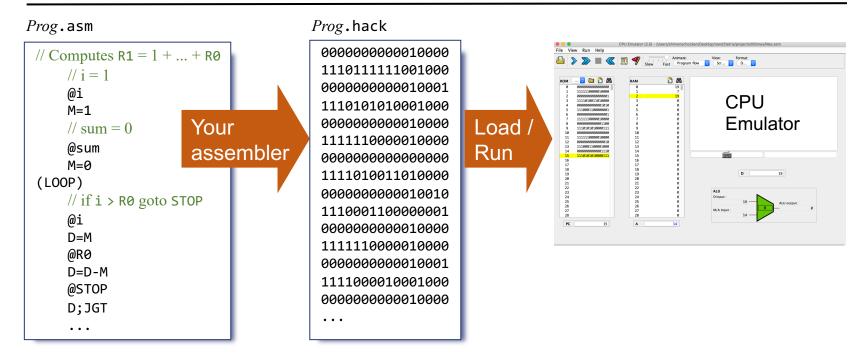
Testing



Testing strategy

To test your assembler's correctness, you will use it to translate some given test assembly programs; If the resulting binary code will execute correctly, we'll assume that your assembler is correct. Not a complete test, but that's the project 6 contract.

Testing



Staged development plan

- 1. Develop a basic assembler that translates Hack assembly programs containing no symbols
- 2. Develop an ability to handle symbols
- 3. Morph your basic assembler into an assembler that translates any Hack assembly program.

Test programs



- Max.asm
- Rect.asm
- Pong.asm

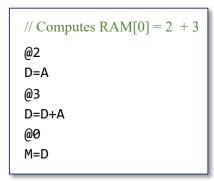
(with symbols)

- MaxL.asm
- RectL.asm
- PongL.asm

(same programs, without symbols, for unit-testing your basic assembler)

Testing: Add

Add.asm

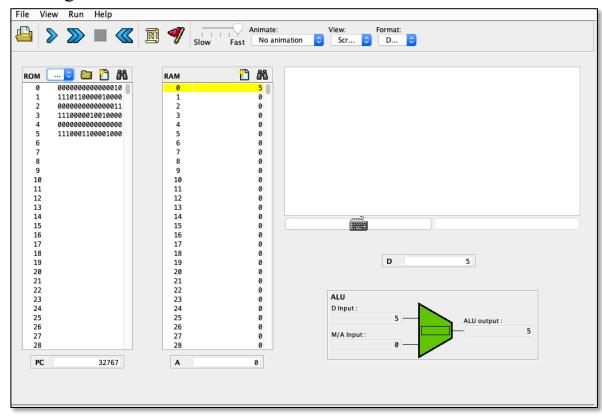


Techincal note

When loading a binary *Prog*. hack file into the CPU emulator, the emulator may present the code symbolically, for readability (depending on the emulator's version).

To inspect the binary code, select "binary" from the ROM menu.

Testing on the CPU emulator:



- 1. Translate Add.asm using your assembler
- 2. Load into the CPU emulator the translated Add. hack
- 3. Run the code, inspect RØ.

Testing: Max

Max.asm

```
// Computes RAM[2] =
// max(RAM[0],RAM[1])
   @R0
   D=M
   @R1
  D=D-M
  @OUTPUT_RAM0
  D;JGT
   // Output RAM[1]
   @R1
   D=M
   @R2
   M=D
   @END
   0;JMP
(OUTPUT_RAM0)
   @R0
   D=M
   @R2
   M=D
(END)
   @END
   0;JMP
```

with symbols

MaxL.asm

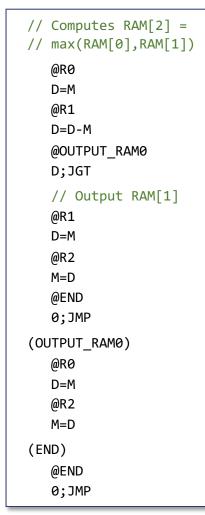
```
// Computes RAM[2] =
// max(RAM[0],RAM[1])
  @0
   D=M
  @1
  D=D-M
  @12
  D;JGT
   // Output RAM[1]
  @1
   D=M
   @2
  M=D
  @16
  0;JMP
   @0
   D=M
   @2
   M=D
  @16
   0;JMP
```

(Same test program, without symbols, for unit-testing the basic assembler)

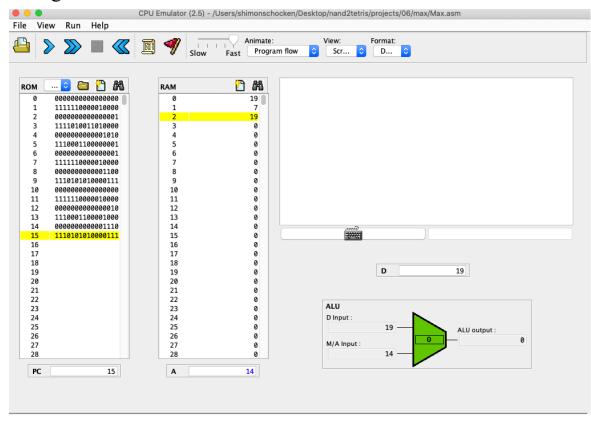
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Testing: Max

Max.asm



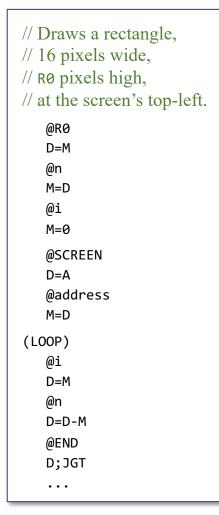
Testing on the CPU emulator:



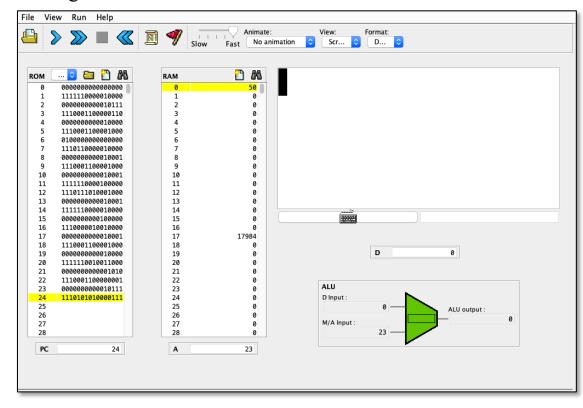
- 1. Translate Max.asm
- 2. Load Max.hack
- 3. Put test values in RØ and R1, run the code, inspect R2.

Testing: Rect

Rect.asm



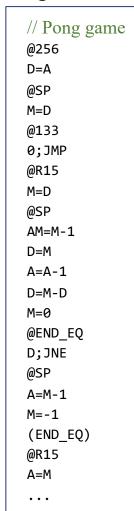
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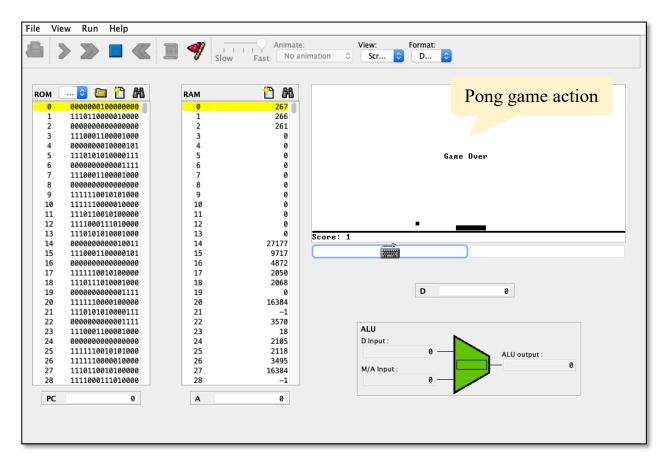


- 1. Translate Rect.asm
- 2. Load Rect.hack
- 3. Put a non-negative value in RØ, run the code, inspect the screen.

Testing: Pong

Pong.asm





Translate Pong.asm, load Pong.hack, and then play the game:

Select "no animation" from the Animate menu, set the speed slider to "fast", and run the code. Move the paddle using the left- and right-arrow keys.

Testing: Pong

Pong.asm

```
// Pong game
@256
D=A
@SP
M=D
@133
0;JMP
@R15
M=D
@SP
AM=M-1
D=M
A=A-1
D=M-D
M=0
@END_EQ
D;JNE
@SP
A=M-1
M=-1
(END_EQ)
@R15
A=M
. . .
```

Background

The source Pong program was written in the high-level Jack language;

The computer's operating system is also written in Jack;

The Pong code + the OS code were compiled by the Jack compiler, creating a single file named Pong.asm;

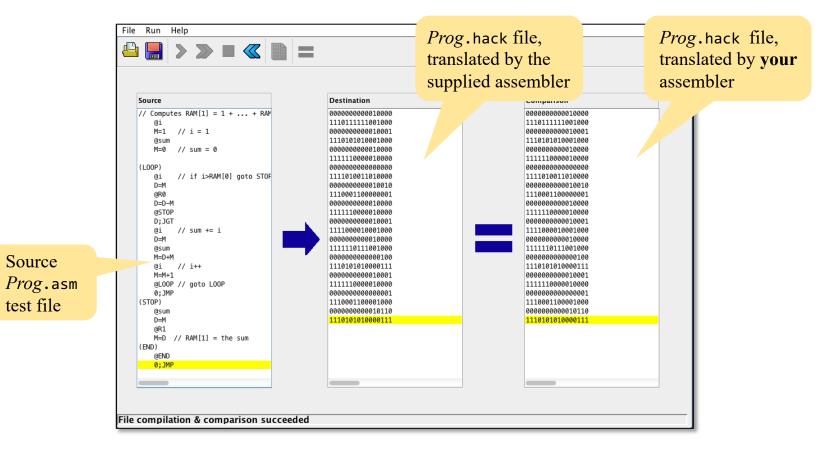
This file contains many compiler-generated addresses and symbols.

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Testing option II: Using the hardware simulator

- 1. Use your assembler to translate *Prog.* asm, generating the executable file *Prog.* hack
- 2. Put the *Prog.* hack file in a folder containing the chips that you developed in project 5: Computer.hdl, CPU.hdl, and Memory.hdl
- 3. Load computer.hdl into the Hardware Simulator
- 4. Load *Prog.* hack into the ROM32K chip-part
- 5. Run the clock to execute the program.

Testing option III: Using the supplied assembler



- 1. Use your assembler to translate *Prog.* asm, generating the executable file *Prog.* hack
- 2. Load *Prog.* asm into the supplied assembler, and load *Prog.* hack as a compare file
- 3. Translate *Prog.* hack, and inspect the code comparison feedback messages.