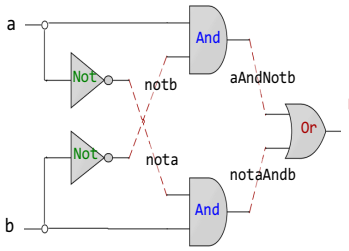
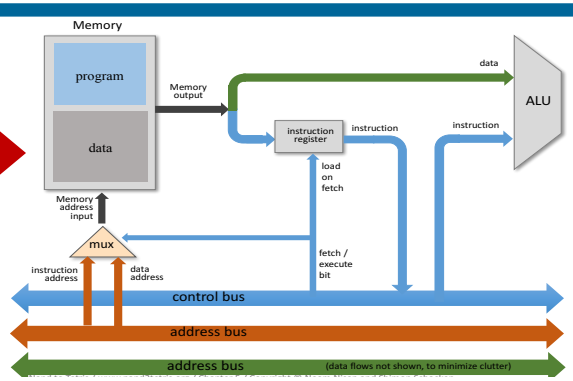
Digital Logic Design




```
CHIP Xor {
  IN a, b;
  OUT out;
  PARTS:
  Not(in=a, out=nota);
  Not(in=b, out=notb);
  And(a=nota, b=b, out=w1);
  And(a=a, b=notb, out=w2);
  Or(a=w1, b=w2, out=out);
}
```




```
@R1
D=M
@temp
M=D
```

```
0000000000000001
1111110000010000
0000000000010000
1110001100001000
```

Lecture # 23-24

Hack Assembly Programming

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
int main(){
  printf("Learning is fun with Arif\n");
  exit(0);
}
```

```
global main
SECTION .data
   msg: db "Learning is fun with Arif", 0Ah, 0h
   len_msg: equ $ - msg
SECTION .text
   main:
      mov rax,1
      mov rdi,1
      mov rsi,msg
      mov rdx,len_msg
      syscall
      mov rax,60
      mov rdi,0
      syscall
```

```
0:  b8 01 00 00 00
5:  bf 01 00 00 00
a:  48 be 00 00 00 00 00
11: 00 00 00
14: ba 1b 00 00 00
19: 0f 05
1b: b8 3c 00 00 00
20: bf 00 00 00 00
25: 0f 05
```

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https://www.nand2tetris.org
Download s/w tools required for first half of the course from the following link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9c0BdDJz6XpZUh3X2dPR1o0MUE/view

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Today's Agenda

- Hack Assembly Programs
- A Hello World
- CPU Emulator
- Demo
- Program Termination
- Symbols in Hack Assembly Language
  - Built-in Symbols
  - Label Symbols
  - Variable Symbols
- Branching
- Iteration
- Pointers and Arrays

Review of Hack Computer Assembly Instructions

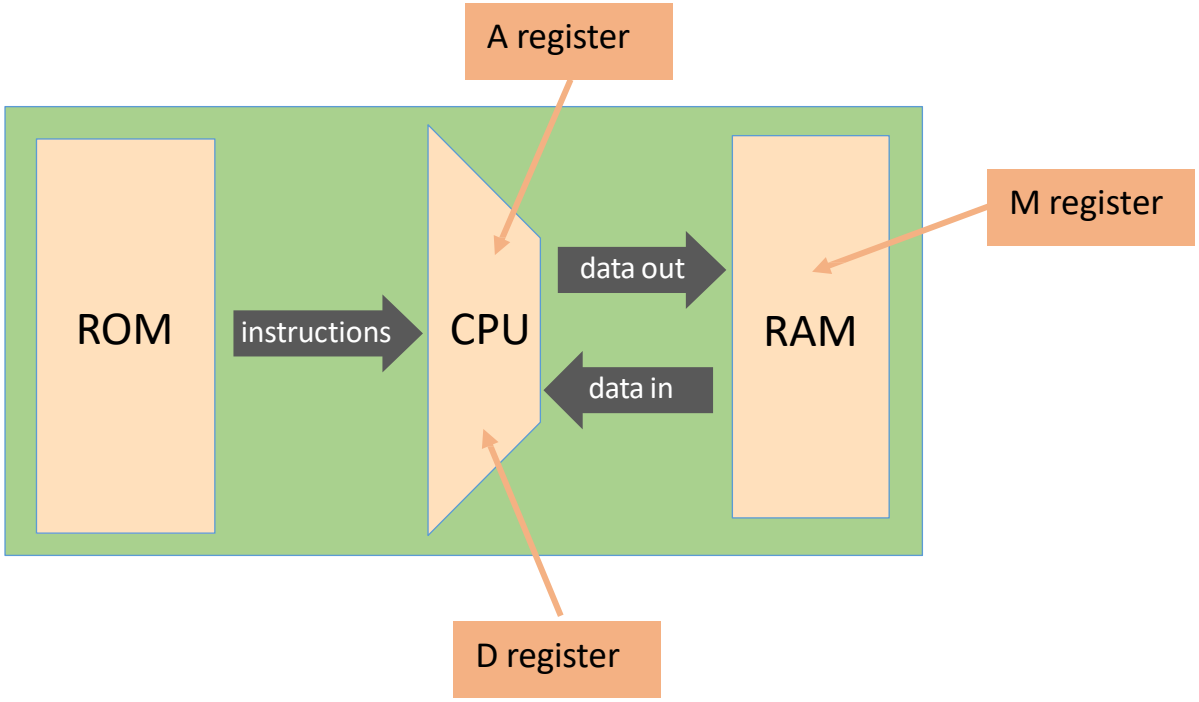
Recap: Registers and Memory

Registers:

- D: Used to hold data value
- A: Used to hold data value / address of the memory
- M: Represents the currently selected memory register, i.e., M=RAM[A]

Data memory (RAM) & Instruction memory (ROM):

- Both are a sequence of 16-bit registers having 15 bit address, i.e., 32K 16 bit words



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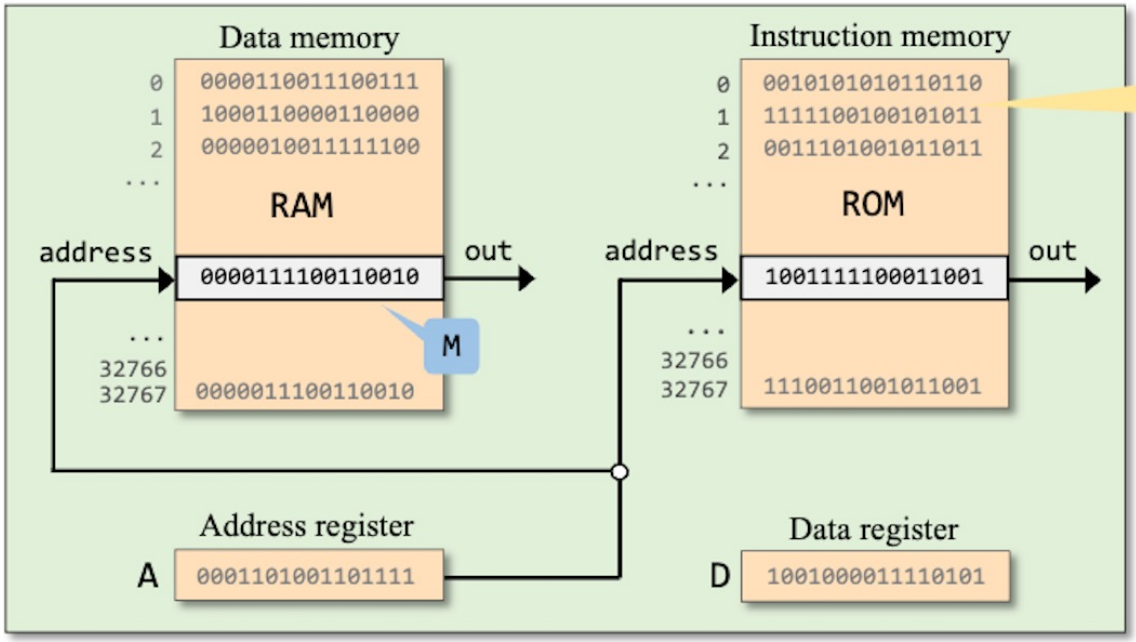


Loaded with a sequence of 16-bit Hack instructions

(Conceptual, partial view of the Hack computer architecture)

RAM

- Read-write data memory
- Addressed by the `A` register
- The selected register, `RAM[A]`, is represented by the symbol `M`

ROM

- Read-only instruction memory
- Addressed by the (same) `A` register
- The selected register, `ROM[A]`, contains the "current instruction"

- Should we focus on `RAM[A]`, or on `ROM[A]`?
- Depends on the current instruction (later)

Recap: The Hack Assembly Instructions

The A-instruction:

Syntax: `@value`

The C-instruction:

Syntax: `dest= comp ;jump`

`dest= comp`

`comp ;jump`

comp: `0, 1, -1, D, A, M, !D, !A, !M, -D, -A, -M, D+1, A+1, M+1, D-1, A-1, M-1, D+A, D-A, A-D, D&A, D|A, D+M, D-M, M-D, D&M, D|M`

dest: `null, M, D, A, MD, AM, AD, AMD`

jump: `null, JGT, JEQ, JGE, JLT, JNE, JLE, JMP`

```
// D=10
@10
D=A

// D++
D=D+1

// D=RAM[17]
@17
D=M

// RAM[17]=D
@17
M=D

// RAM[23]=65
@65
D=A
@23
M=D
```

```
// RAM[17]=10
@10
D=A
@17
M=D

// RAM[5] = RAM[3]
@3
D=M
@5
M=D
```

```
// goto instr at addr 72
@72
0; JMP

// if D+1 <= 0 then jump
to instr at addr 1024
@1024
D+1 ;JLE
```

Hack Assembly Programs

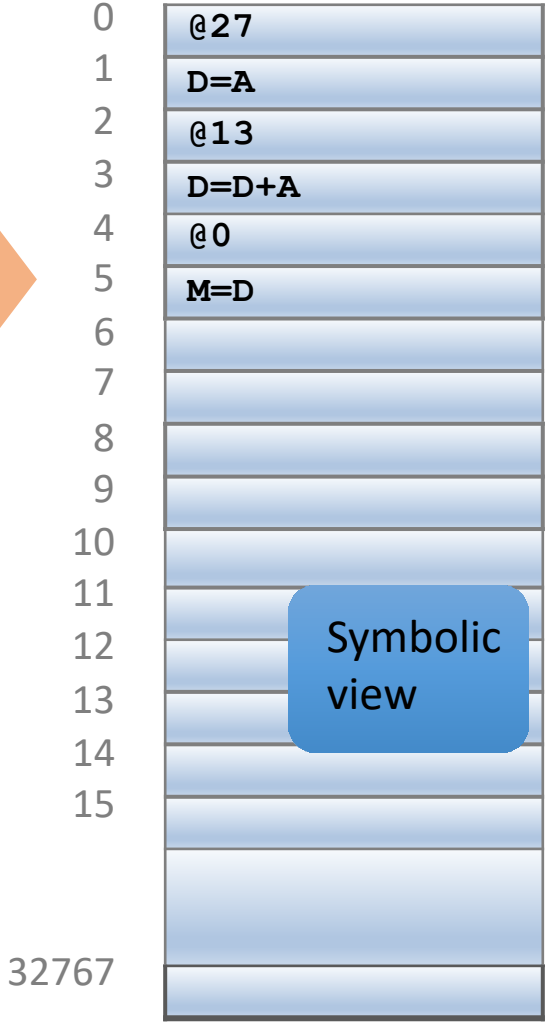
Example: addv0.asm

Hack assembly code

```
// Program: addv0.asm
// Computes: RAM[0] = 27 + 13

0   @27     // A = 27
1   D=A     // D = 27

2   @13     // A = 13

3   D=D+A   // D = 27 + 13

4   @0.     // A = 0
5   M=D     // RAM[0] = D
```

Load

Memory (ROM)



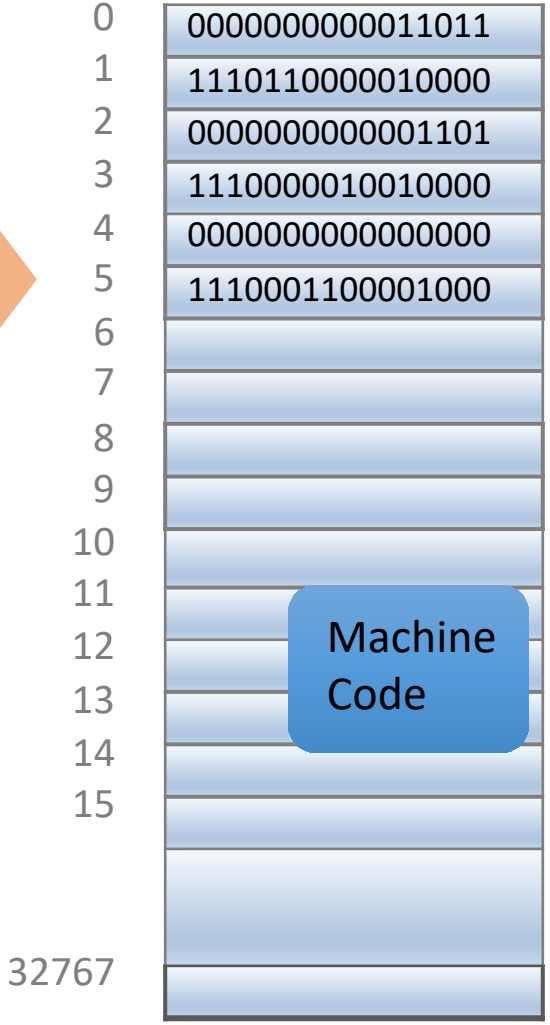
Example: addv0.asm (cont...)

Hack assembly code

```
// Program: addv0.asm
// Computes: RAM[0] = 27 + 13

0   @27     // A = 27
1   D=A     // D = 27

2   @13     // A = 13

3   D=D+A   // D = 27 + 13

4   @0.     // A = 0
5   M=D     // RAM[0] = D
```

translate and load

Memory (ROM)



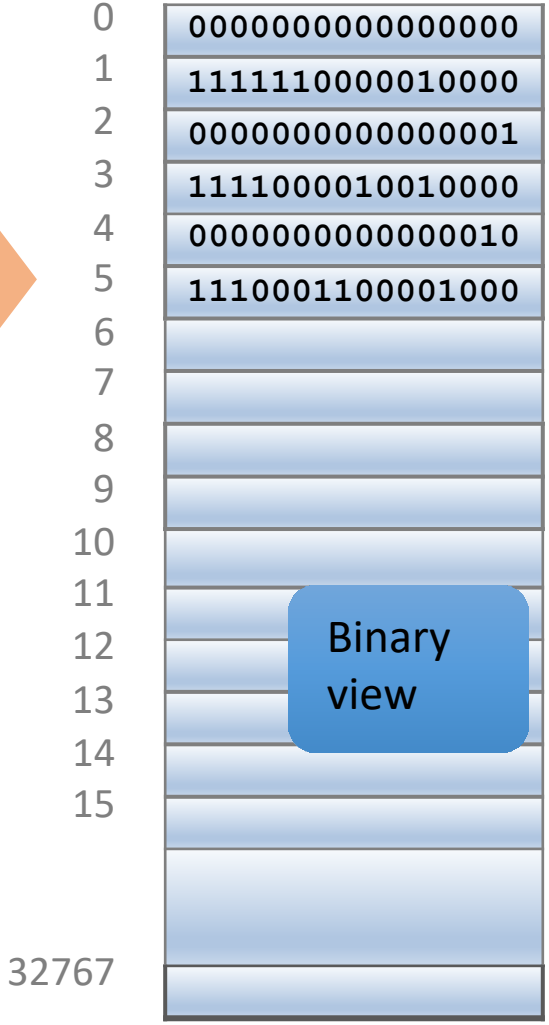
Example: addv1.asm

Hack assembly code

```
// Program: addv1.asm
// Computes: RAM[2] = RAM[0] + RAM[1]
// Usage: put values in RAM[0], RAM[1]

0   @0
1   D=M   // D = RAM[0]

2   @1
3   D=D+M // D = D + RAM[1]

4   @2
5   M=D   // RAM[2] = D
```

translate and load

Memory (ROM)



Executing a Hack Assembly Program

```
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// Usage: put values in RAM[0], RAM[1]

   @0
   D=M     // D = RAM[0]

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```
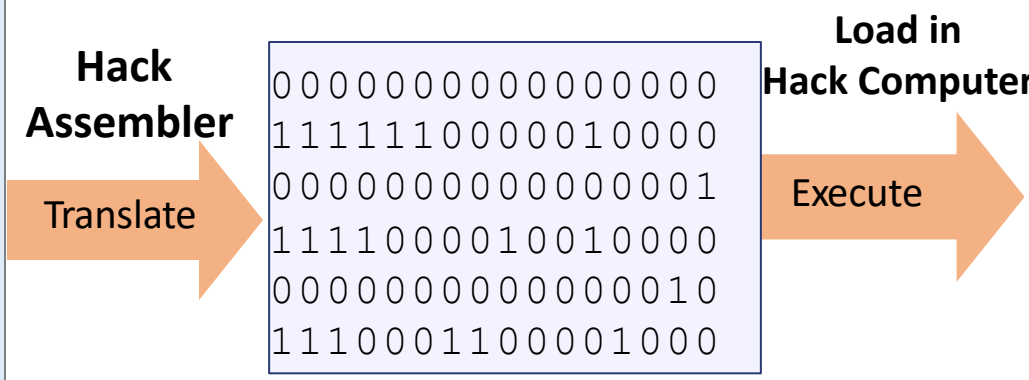



- We will develop Hack Assembler later in the course
- Now, we can use the CPU emulator for the purpose

Emulator

- In contrast to a simulator, an **emulator** attempt to mimic the hardware features of a production environment, as well as software features
- Emulation is the process of artificially executing code intended for a "foreign" architecture by converting it to the assembly/machine language of that CPU
- The **CPU Emulator** that we will be using is designed and developed by students of Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya Efi Arazi School of Computer Science, headed by Yaron Ukrainitz
- **HACK CPU Emulator** is a software tool build in Java. We can load Hack assembly program into CPU emulator's instruction memory, the CPU emulator translate it into machine language and execute it
- Convenient for debugging and executing symbolic Hack programs in simulation

How to Download the CPU Emulator?

- Type the following URL in your browser:

  https://bitbucket.org/arifpucit/

- In the public repositories pane, click the ***coal-repo*** repository, containing all the source codes as well as the software tools used in this course
- In the left pane, click ***Downloads*** to download the entire repository on your system. Now on your system just check the contents of ***tools*** directory that you have just downloaded

```
Arif-MacBook:arifpucit-coal-repo/tools$ ls
HardwareSimulator.sh              HardwareSimulator.bat
CPUEmulator.sh                    CPUEmulator.bat
Assembler.sh                      Assembler.bat
VMEmulator.sh                     VMEmulator.bat
JackCompiler.sh                   JackCompiler.bat
TextComparer.sh                   TextComparer.bat
builtInChips    builtInVMCode     bin     OS
```

Starting the CPU Emulator

- Follow the following steps to start the CPU emulator on UNIX/Mac OS:
  - Open the terminal
  - Go to tools directory
  - Set execute permissions of the file `CPUEmulator.sh`
  - Execute it

```
tools — -bash — 80×24
(base) Arifs-MacBook-Pro:tools arif$ ls
Assembler.bat           JackCompiler.bat        VMEmulator.sh
Assembler.sh            JackCompiler.sh         bin
CPUEmulator.bat         OS                      builtInChips
CPUEmulator.sh          TextComparer.bat        builtInVMCode
HardwareSimulator.bat   TextComparer.sh
HardwareSimulator.sh    VMEmulator.bat
(base) Arifs-MacBook-Pro:tools arif$ chmod +x CPUEmulator.sh
(base) Arifs-MacBook-Pro:tools arif$ ./CPUEmulator.sh
```

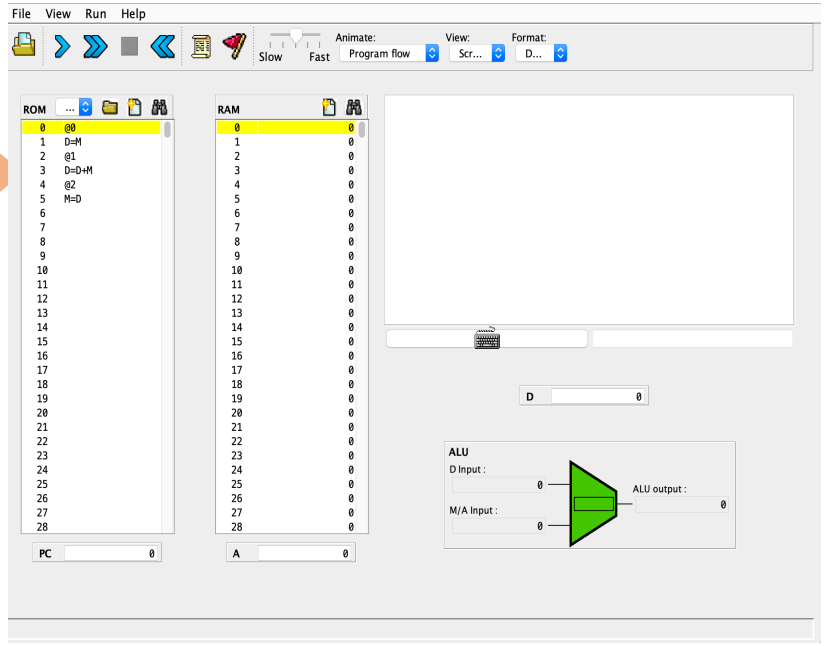
Loading an Assembly Program in CPU Emulator

Hack assembly code

```
// Program: addv1.asm
// Computes: RAM[2] = RAM[0] + RAM[1]
// Usage: put values in RAM[0], RAM[1]

0   @0
1   D=M   // D = RAM[0]

2   @1
3   D=D+M // D = D + RAM[1]

4   @2
5   M=D   // RAM[2] = D
```

Load

(the simulator software translates from symbolic to binary as it loads)



CPU Emulator

- A software tool build in Java
- We can load Hack assembly program into CPU emulator's instruction memory, the CPU emulator translate it into machine language and execute it
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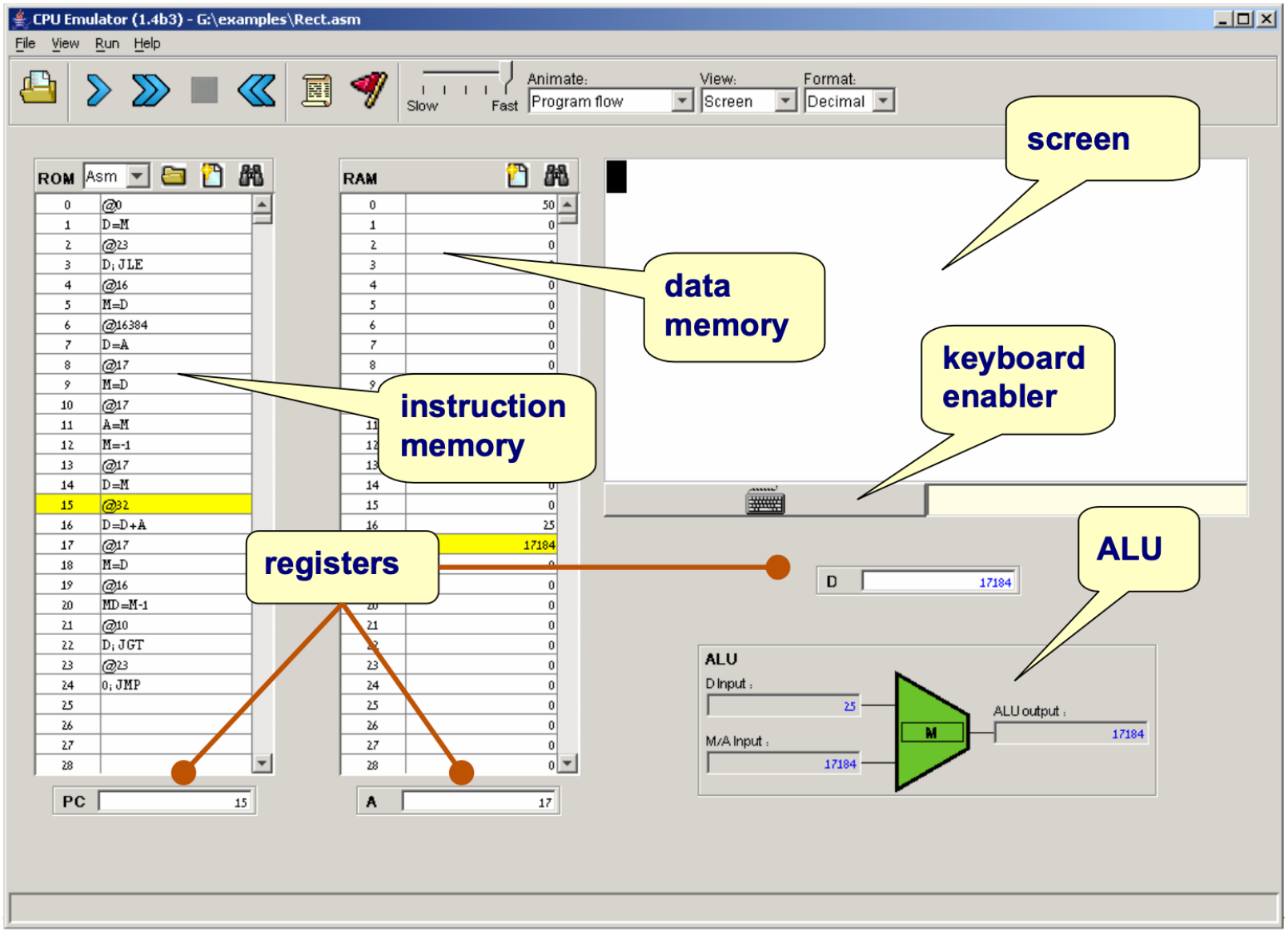
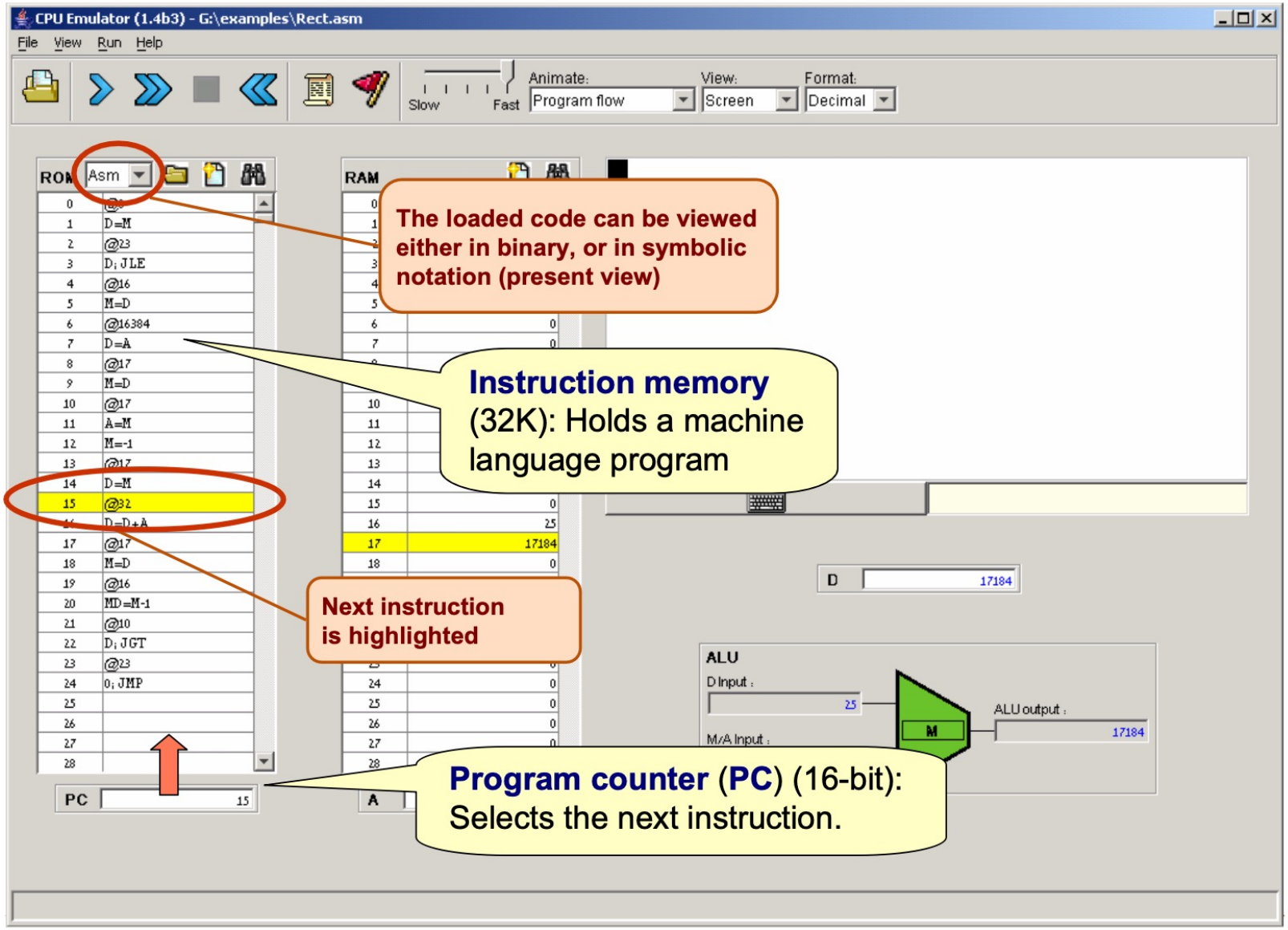
GUI of Hack CPU Emulator



Hack CPU Emulator: Instruction Memory



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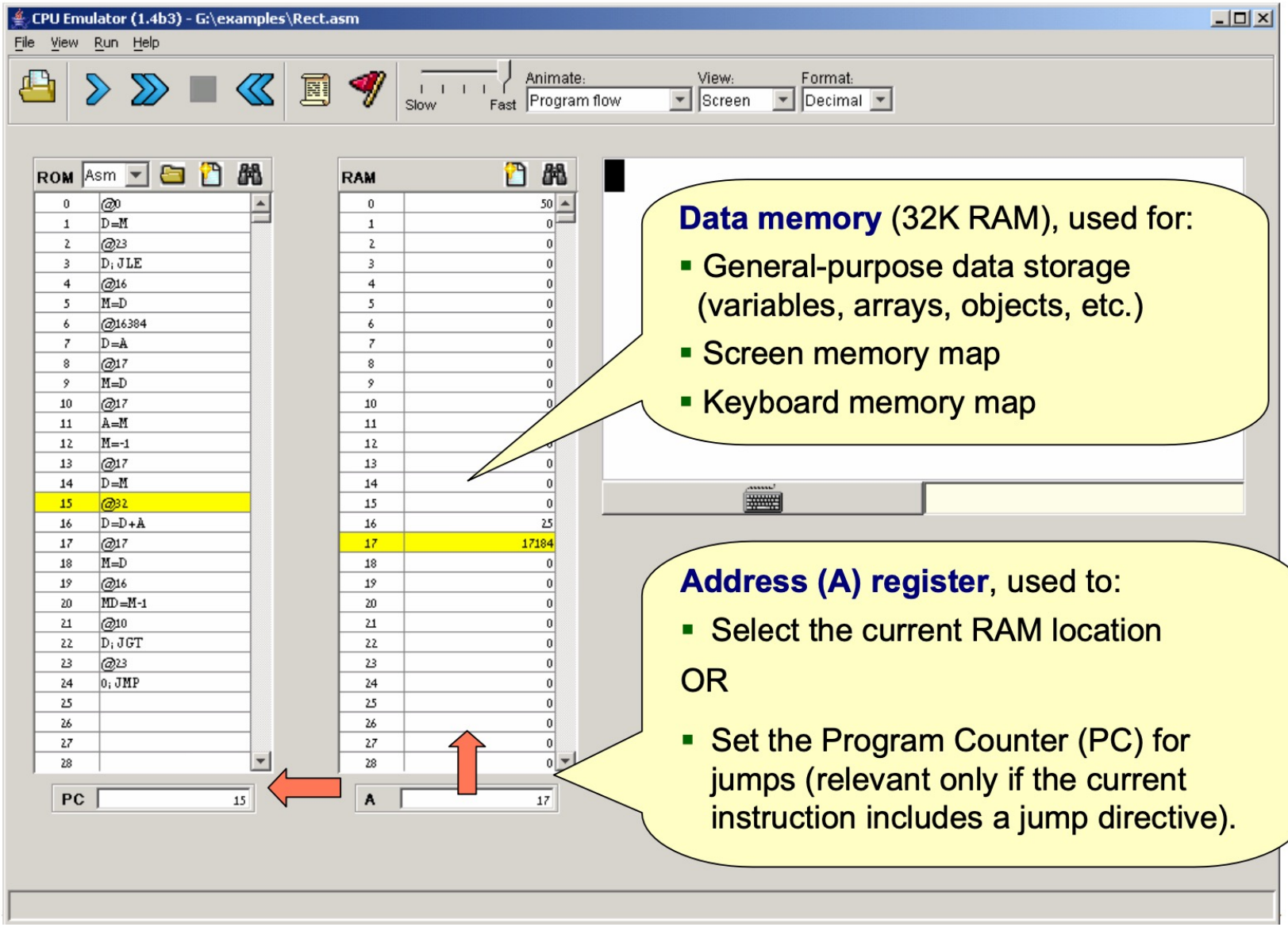
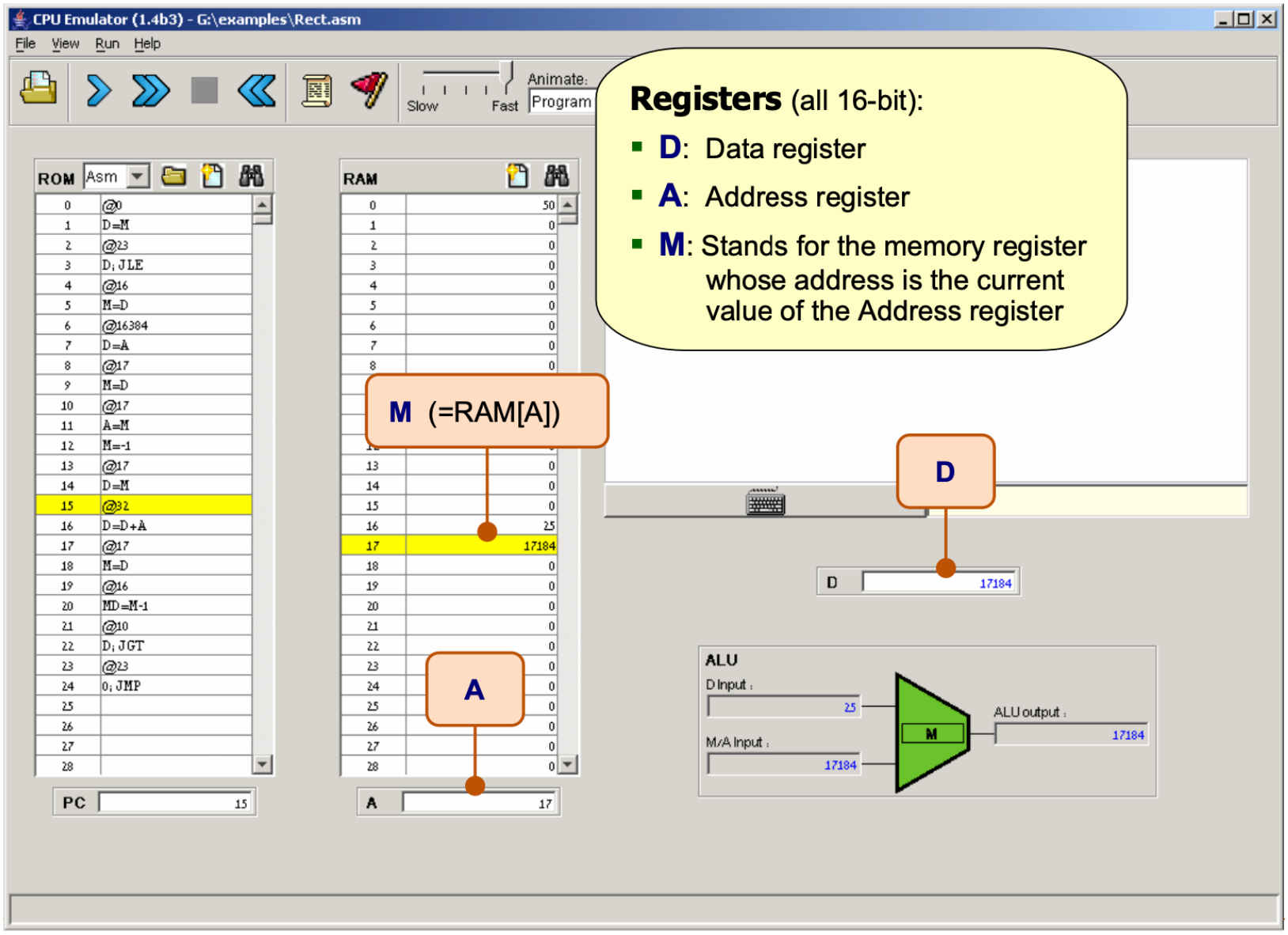


Hack CPU Emulator: Registers



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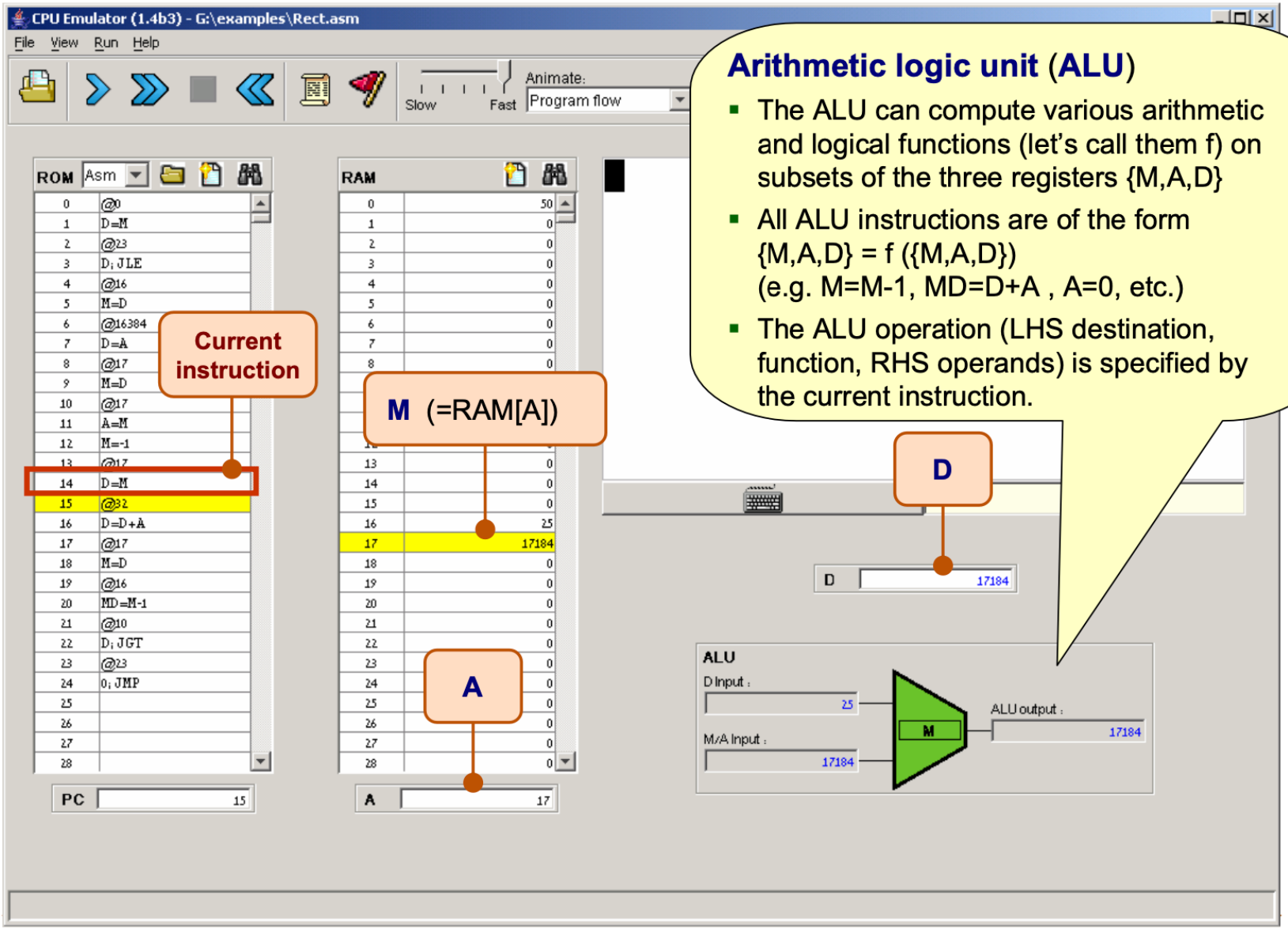
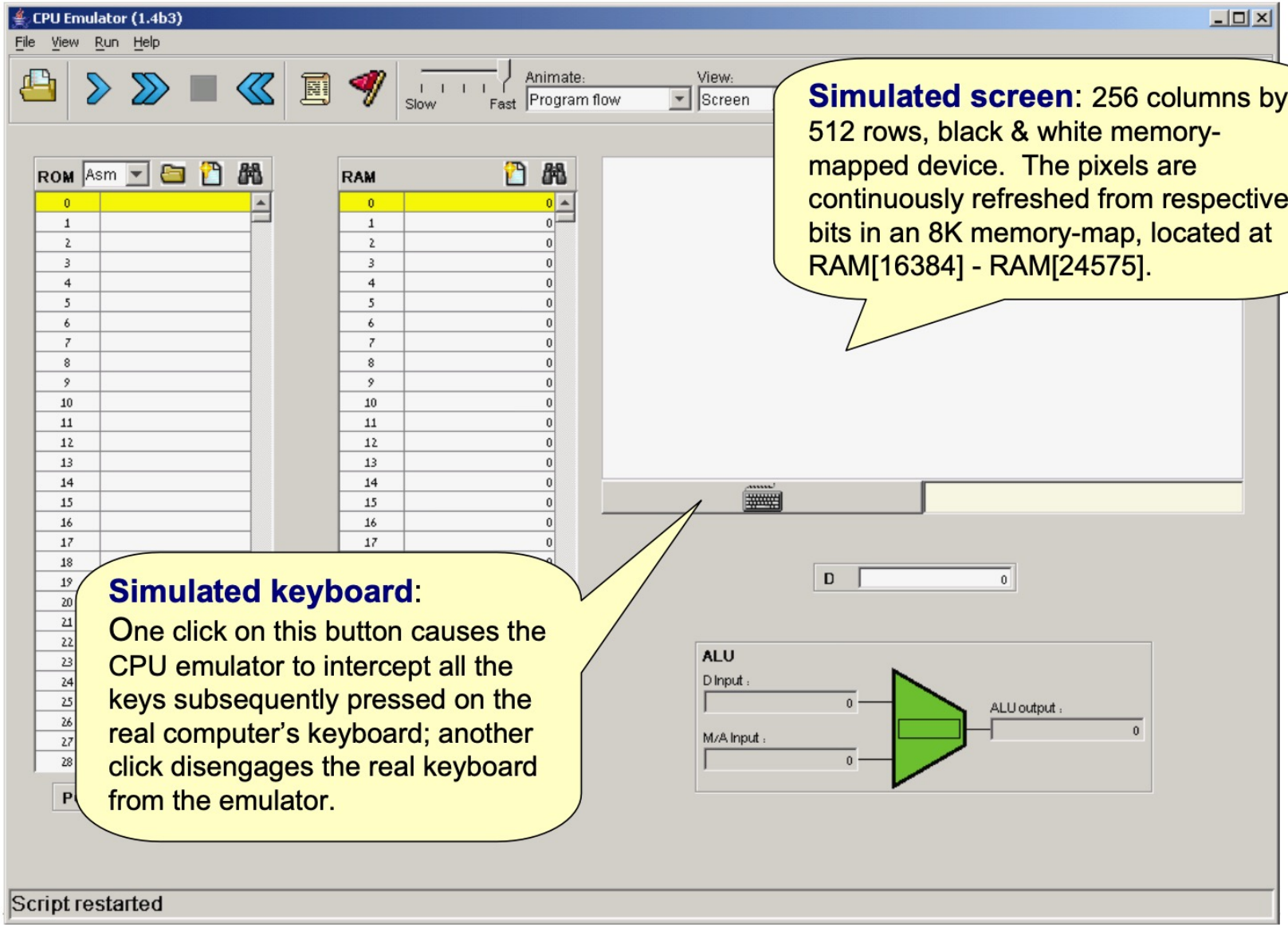
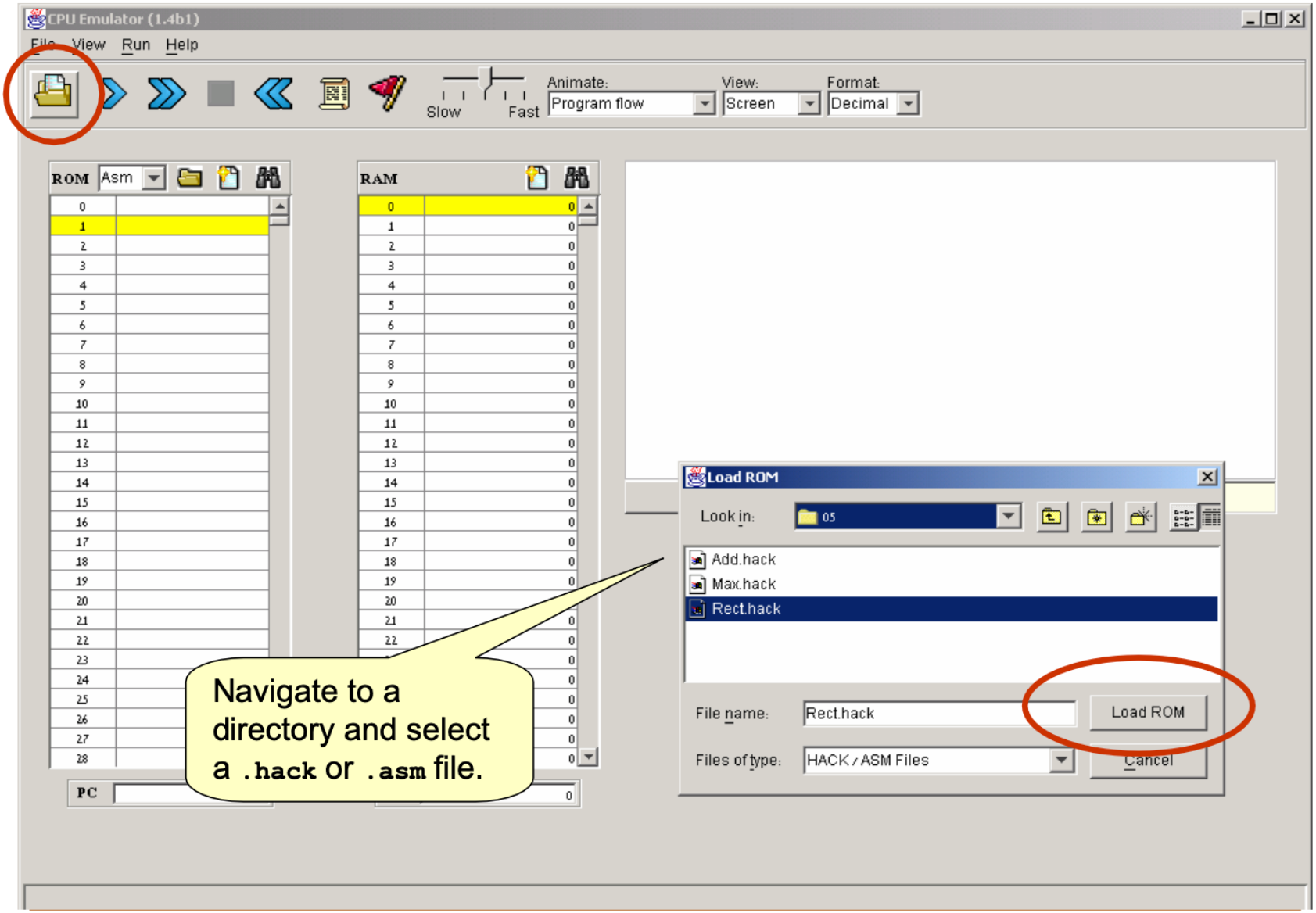


Hack CPU Emulator: Screen and Keyboard



Hack CPU Emulator: Loading a Program



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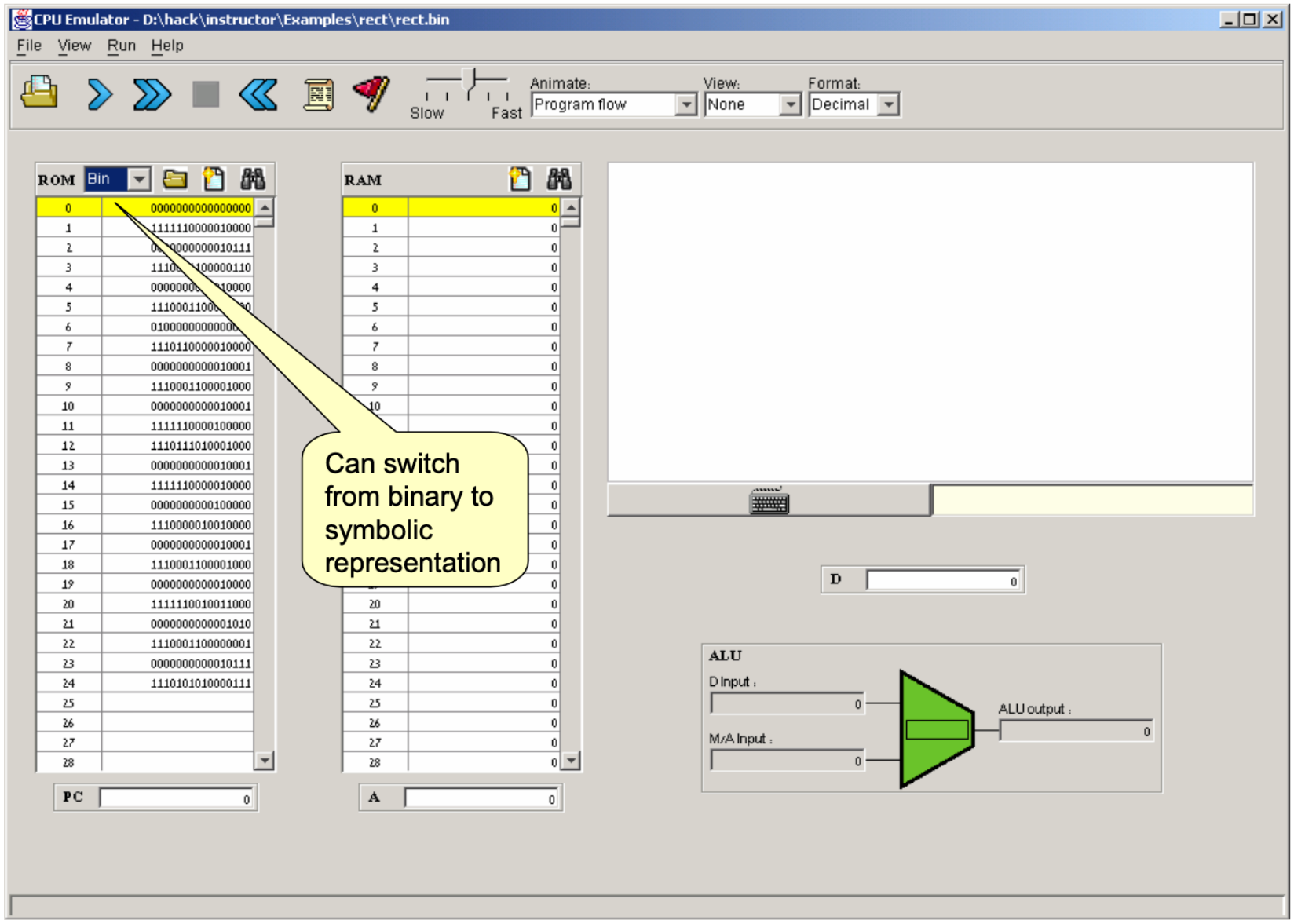
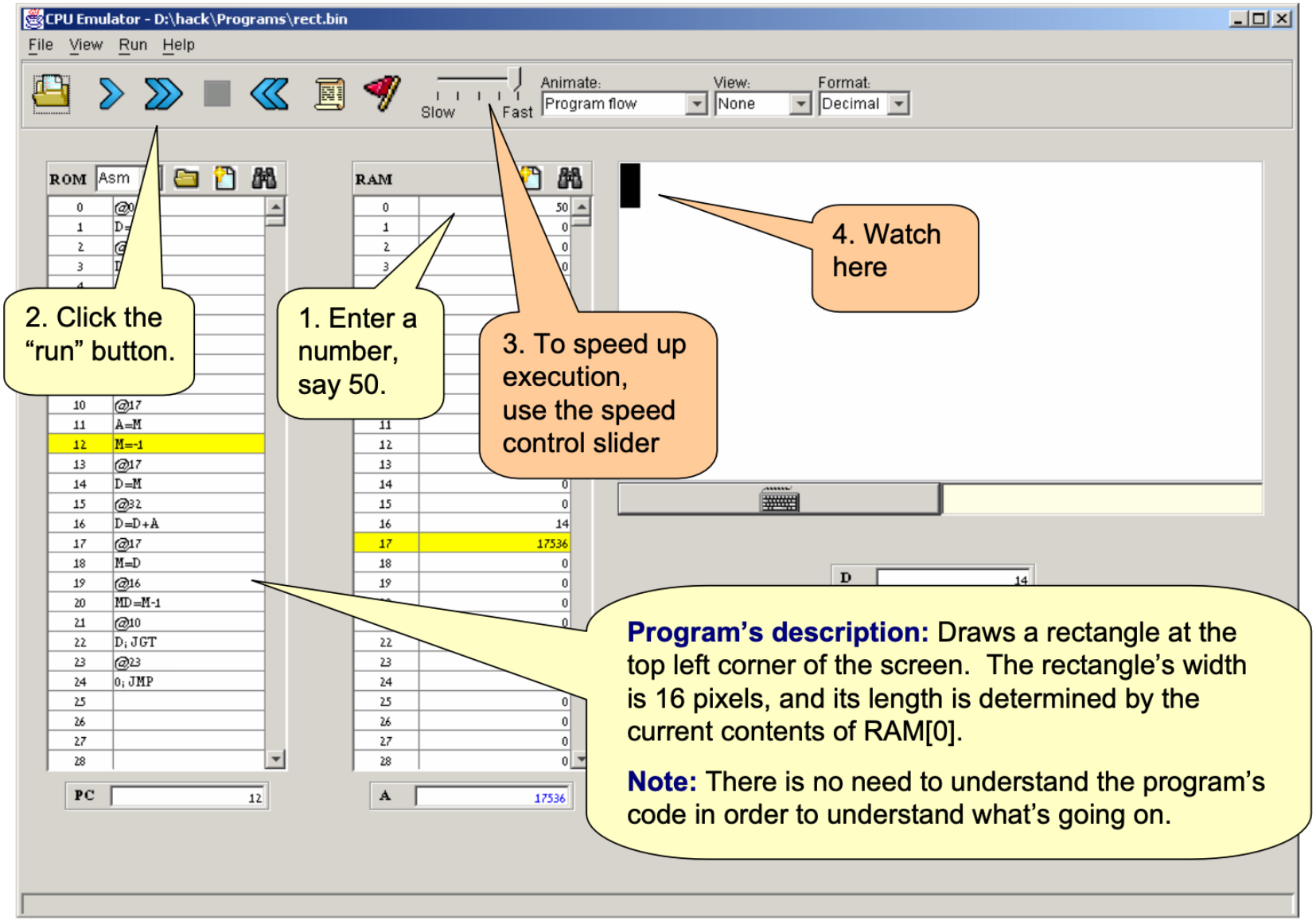


Hack CPU Emulator: Running a Program



Running an Assembly Program in CPU Emulator

Program Termination

Terminating a Program

Hack assembly code

```
// Program: addv1.asm
// Computes: RAM[2] = RAM[0] + RAM[1]
// Usage: put values in RAM[0], RAM[1]

0   @0
1   D=M   // D = RAM[0]

2   @1
3   D=D+M // D = D + RAM[1]

4   @2
5   M=D   // RAM[2] = D
```

Memory (ROM)

If you load above program inside the CPU emulator and run it using fast forward button. The computer continues to execute the program from instruction at address 0-5 and then continues executing onwards and does not halt

Terminating a Program

Hack assembly code

```
// Program: addv2.asm
// Computes: RAM[2] = RAM[0] + RAM[1]
// Usage: put values in RAM[0], RAM[1]

0   @0
1   D=M   // D = RAM[0]

2   @1
3   D=D+M // D = D + RAM[1]
4   @2
5   M=D   // RAM[2] = D


6   @6
7   0;JMP
```

- Jump to instruction number `A` (which happens to be 6)
- `0`: syntax convention for `jmp` instructions

Memory (ROM)

0	@0
1	D=M
2	@1
3	D=D+M
4	@2
5	M=D
6	@6
7	0;JMP
8	
9	
10	
11	
12	
13	
14	
15	

Best practice:

Remember computers never stand still. They always need to do some thing, i.e., execute some instruction.

To terminate a program safely, end it with an infinite loop.

Running an Assembly Program in CPU Emulator

Symbols in Hack Assembly Language

Symbols in Hack Assembly Language

- Assembly Instructions can refer to memory locations (addresses) using either *constants* or ***symbols***. Symbols are introduced into Hack assembly programs in the following three ways:

- **Predefined/Built-in Symbols:** These are a special subset of RAM addresses that can be referred to by any assembly program using *virtual registers* and *I/O pointers*

- **Label Symbols:** These are *user defined* symbols, which serve to label destinations of `goto` commands inside ROM (Program memory)

- **Variable Symbols:** These are also *user defined* symbols which are assigned unique memory addresses starting at RAM addresses 16 onwards

Pre-Defined / Built-in Symbols

Built-in Symbols: Virtual Registers

To simplify assembly programming, the symbols R0 to R15 are predefined to refer to RAM addresses 0 to 15 respectively

symbol	value
R0	0
R1	1
R2	2
...	...
R15	15

Attention: Hack is case-sensitive!
R5 and r5 are different symbols.

These symbols can be used to denote "virtual registers"

Example: Suppose a programmer wants to write a constant value 7 at RAM[5]

Implementation:

```
// let RAM[5] = 7
@7
D=A
@5
M=D
```

Better Style:

```
// let RAM[5] = 7
@7
D=A
@R5
M=D
```

Built-in Symbols: I/O Pointers

- The following two symbols SCREEN and KBD are predefined to refer to RAM addresses 16384 (0x4000) and 24576 (0x6000) respectively
- These are the base addresses of the screen and keyboard memory maps (discussed in detail in Lecture # 18)
- These symbols will come into play, when we will write assembly programs that deals with the screen and keyboard in the next lecture

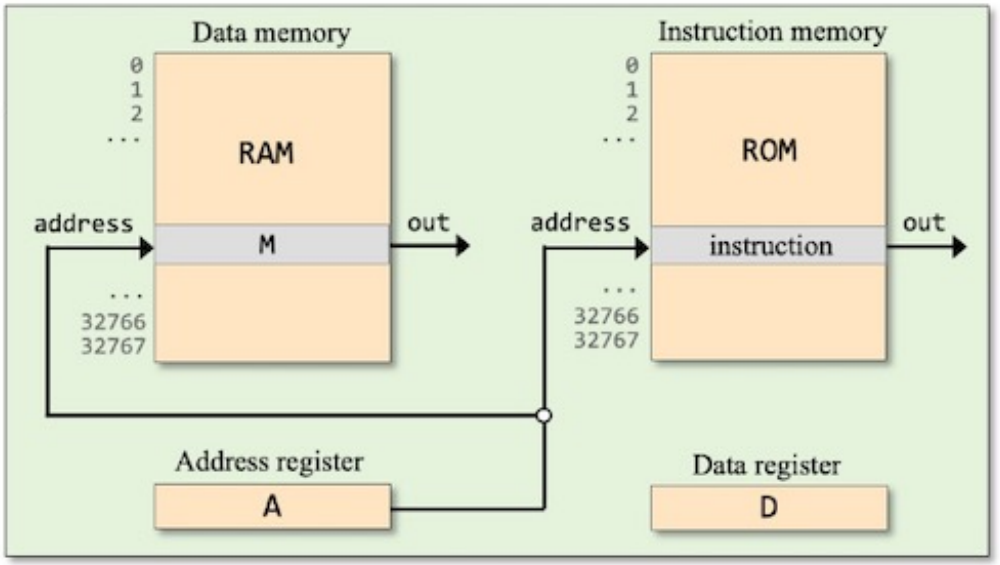
symbol	value
SCREEN	16384
KBD	24576

Branching

Branching

- Branching is the fundamental ability to tell the computer to evaluate certain Boolean expression and based on the result, decide whether or not the flow of execution should continue the next instruction in sequence or jump to some other location in the code
- All programming languages support various branching mechanisms like `if...else`, `while...`, `for...`, and so on
- In machine language we have only one branching mechanism called `goto`

Unconditional Branching



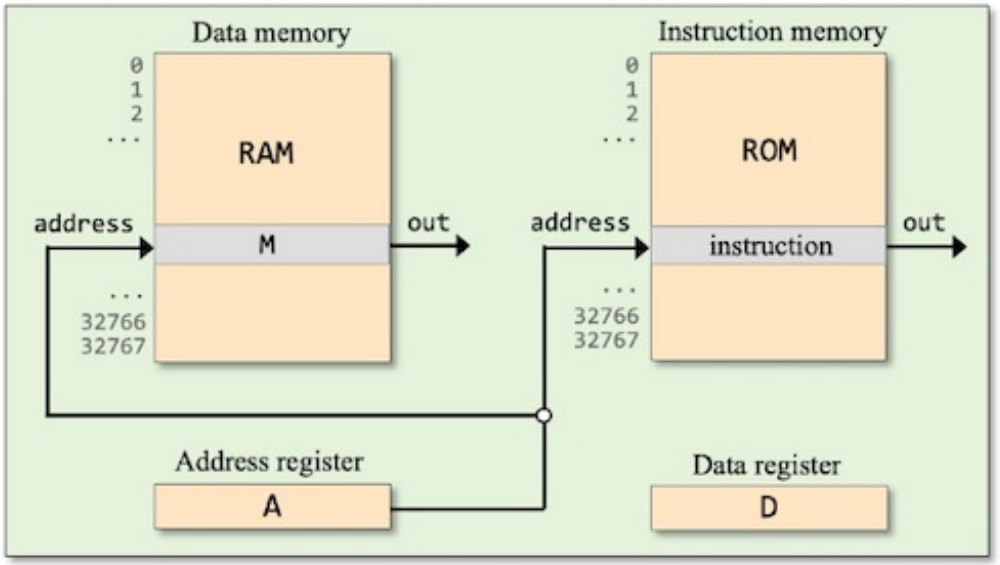
Unconditional branching example (pseudocode)

```
0   instruction
1   instruction
2   instruction
3   instruction
4   goto 7
5   instruction
6   instruction
7   instruction
8   instruction
9   goto 2
10  instruction
11  ...
```

Flow of control:

```
0,1,2,3,4,
7,8,9,
2,3,4,
7,8,9,
2,3,4,
...
```

Conditional Branching



Conditional branching example (pseudocode)

```
0    instruction
1    instruction
2    instruction
3    instruction
4    if (condition) goto 7
5    instruction
6    instruction
7    instruction
8    instruction
9    instruction
...  ...
```

Flow of control:

0,1,2,3,4,

if *condition* is true

7,8,9,...

else

5,6,7,8,9,...

Branching Example

```
   // Program: ifelsev1.asm
   // Computes: if R0 > 0
                   R1 = 1
               else
                   R1 = 0
// Usage: put a value in RAM[0], run and inspect RAM[1]
0  @R0 //Use of Built-in symbols
1  D=M   //D = RAM[0]


2  @8
3  D;JGT // If R0>0 goto 8

4  @R1 //Use of Built-in symbols
5  M=0
6  @10
7  0;JMP

8  @R1 //Use of Built-in symbols
9  M=1

10  @10
11  0;JMP
```

Branching Example (cont…)

```
@R0
D=M
@8
D;JGT
@R1
M=0
@10
0;JMP
@R1
M=1
@10
0;JMP
```

cryptic code

- If we remove all the comments as well as the line numbers, the code become quite unreadable or cryptic
- It is of course really difficult to understand what this code actually do
- Yet the code will work perfectly fine as expected by the programmer

Branching Example (cont…)

```
@R0
D=M
@8
D;JGT
@R1
M=0
@10
0;JMP
@R1
M=1
@10
0;JMP
```

cryptic code

"Instead of imagining that our main task as programmers is to instruct a computer what to do, let us concentrate rather on explaining to human beings (fellow programmers) what we intend a computer to do."

– Donald Knuth

The Art of Computer Programming - Volume 1 (Fundamental Algorithms)
The Art of Computer Programming - Volume 2 (Semi-numerical Algorithms)
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The Art of Computer Programming - Volume 4 (Combinatorial Algorithms)

Important

If our programs are not self documented, we will not be able to fix and extend them

Use of Labels

Branching Example: Understanding Labels

```
   // Program: ifelsev1.asm
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2  @8
3  D;JGT // If R0>0 goto 8

4  @R1 //Use of Built-in symbols
5  M=0
6  @10
7  0;JMP

8  @R1 //Use of Built-in symbols
9  M=1

10  @10
11  0;JMP
```

Branching Example: Understanding Labels

```
   // Program: ifelsev2.asm
   // Computes: if R0 > 0
                   R1 = 1
                else
                   R1 = 0
// Usage: put a value in RAM[0], run and inspect RAM[1]
0  @R0
1  D=M   //D = RAM[0]


2  @POSITIVE       //@8
3  D;JGT // If R0>0 goto 8

4  @R1
5  M=0
6  @10
7  0;JMP
   (POSITIVE)
8  @R1
9  M=1

10  @10
11  0;JMP
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Branching Example : Understanding Labels

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   // Computes: if R0 > 0
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                else
                   R1 = 0
// Usage: put a value in RAM[0], run and inspect RAM[1]
0  @R0
1  D=M   //D = RAM[0]


2  @POSITIVE      //@8
3  D;JGT // If R0>0 goto 8

4  @R1
5  M=0
6  @END           //@10
7  0;JMP
   (POSITIVE)
8  @R1
9  M=1
   (END)
10  @END          //@10
11  0;JMP
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   (POSITIVE)
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   (END)
10  @END         //@10
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```

resolving labels

Label resolution rules:

- Label declarations are not translated, are ignored, so generate no code and are called pseudo-commands
- Each reference to a label is translated, i.e., replaced with a reference to the instruction number following that label's declaration

ROM

0	@0
1	D=M
2	@8 // @POSITIVE
3	D;JGT
4	@1
5	M=0
6	@10 // @END
7	0;JMP
8	@1
9	M=1
10	@10 // @END
11	0;JMP
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Use of Variables

Variables

- Variable is an abstraction of a container, that has a name, a value and an associated address inside RAM
- You can say that it is a named memory location
- In high level languages we also have a type associated with a variable, but in Hack machine/assembly language, we have only 16 bit values of a variable
- So in Hack assembly language, a variable is user-defined symbol **xxx** appearing in the program that is not predefined and is not defined elsewhere using the **(xxx)** directive.
- **All variables are assigned unique memory addresses by the Hack Assembler, starting at RAM address 16 (0x0010)**

Variables: Example

```
//Program: swap.asm
//flips the values of RAM[0] and RAM[1]
//temp = R1
// R1 = R0
//R0 = temp
// temp = R1
@R1
D=M
@temp
M=D
// R1 = R0
@R0
D=M
@R1
M=D
// R0 = temp
@temp
D=M
@R0
M=D
(END)
@END
0;JMP
```

symbol used for the first time (variable created)

symbol used again

@temp:

- Since this is the first occurrence of the symbol **temp**, not declared as a label elsewhere using **(temp)**, so this qualifies it to be a variable
- The assembler will map it to some available memory register, starting at RAM address 16 (0x0010)
- So from this point onwards, each occurrence of **@temp** in the program will be translated into **@16**
- In Hack assembly, you first declare/creates a variable and then assign it a value

Example: Resolving Variables

```
//Program: swap.asm
//flips the values of RAM[0] and RAM[1]
//temp = R1
// R1 = R0
//R0 = temp
 @R1
 D=M
 @temp
 M=D    // temp = R1
 @R0
 D=M
 @R1
 M=D  // R1 = R0
 @temp
 D=M
 @R0
 M=D    // R0 = temp
(END)
 @END
 0;JMP
```

Symbolic variable

Symbolic label

resolving symbols

Symbol resolution rules:

- A reference to a symbol that has no corresponding label declaration is treated as a reference to a variable
- Variables are allocated to the RAM from address 16 onward (say n), and the generated code is @n
- Here we have only one variable, so that is allocated RAM address 16. If there are more they will be allocated address 17, 18, and so on

In other words: variables are allocated to `RAM[16]` onward.

ROM

0	`@1`
1	`D=M`
2	`@16  // @temp`
3	`M=D`
4	`@0`
5	`D=M`
6	`@1`
7	`M=D`
8	`@16  // @temp`
9	`D=M`
10	`@0`
11	`M=D`
12	`@12`
13	`0;JMP`
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Implications of Using Symbols

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Implications:

Symbolic code is easy to read and debug

The program has become Relocatable Code:

- You can take this program and load it into memory, not necessarily to address zero, as long as you remember the base address of memory where this program is loaded
- This is very important when several such programs are loaded and running inside the memory

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Example : maxv1 . asm

```
0   @0
1   D=M   //D = First no
2   @1
3   D=D-M //D = First no - Second no
4   @10
5   D;JGT // if D>0 (first is greater) goto address 10
6   @1
7   D=M   // D = second number (which is max)
8   @12
9   0;JMP // if D<0 (second is greater) goto address 12
10  @0
11  D=M // D = first number (which is max)
12  @2
13  M=D // M[2] = D (max number)
14  @14
15  0;JMP
```

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Iteration

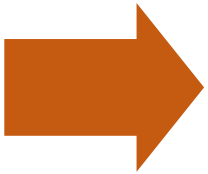
Iteration Example

Pseudo Code:

```
// Computes RAM[1] = 1 + 2 + 3 … + n
  n = R0
  i = 1
  sum = 0
LOOP:
  if i > n goto STOP
  sum = sum + i
  i = i + 1
  goto LOOP
STOP:
  R1 = sum
```

Assembly Code:

```
// Computes RAM[1] = 1 + 2 + 3 … + n
// Usage: put a number (n) in RAM[0]
  @R0
  D=M
  @n      // First variable at RAM addr 16
  M=D     // n = R0
  @i      // second variable at RAM addr 17
  M=1     // i = 1
  @sum    // third variable at RAM addr 18
  M=0     // sum = 0
   .  .  .  .
```



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Variables are allocated to consecutive RAM locations from address 16 onwards

Iteration Example

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   @sum
   M=0    //sum = 0
(LOOP)
   @i
   D=M
   @n
   D=D-M
   @STOP
   D;JGT     //if i > n goto STOP
   @sum
   D=M
   @i
   D=D+M
   @sum
   M=D          // sum = sum + i
   @i
   M=M+1        // i = i + 1
   @LOOP
   0;JMP
(STOP)
   @sum
   D=M
   @R1
   M=D         // RAM[1] = sum
(END)
   @END
   0;JMP
```

Iteration

Pointers and Arrays

Pointers and Arrays: Example

```
// for (i=0; i<n; i++)
//       arr[i] = -1;
```

Observations:

- Variables that store memory addresses like **arr** in this example are called pointers
- Abstraction of arrays exist only in high level languages. In machine language there is no abstraction of arrays. Rather array is a segment of memory of which we know the base address of this segment and the length of the array that programmer has declared
- Arrays are implemented as a block of memory registers and in order to access these memory registers one after the other, we need a variable that holds the current address
- There is nothing special about pointer variables, except that their values are interpreted as addresses

Pointers and Arrays: Example

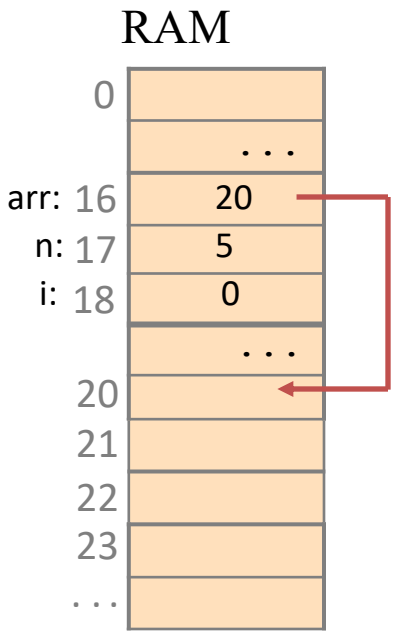
```
// for (i=0; i<n; i++)
//      arr[i] = -1;
// Let us initialize arr=20, n=5, i=0

// arr = 20  A pointer var pointing to RAM[20]
@20
D=A
@arr
M=D

// n = 5   A data var containing value 5
@5
D=A
@n
M=D

// i = 0 A data var containing value 0
@i
M=0

// Loop code continues on next slide...
                                    (LOOP)
```



Pointers and Arrays: Example

```
// Code continues from previous slide
(LOOP)
// if (i==n) goto END
   @i
   D=M
   @n
   D=D-M
   @END
   D;JEQ
// RAM[arr+i] = -1
   @arr
   D=M
   @i
   A=D+M
   M=-1
// i++
   @i
   M=M+1
   @LOOP
   0;JMP
(END)
   @END
   0;JMP
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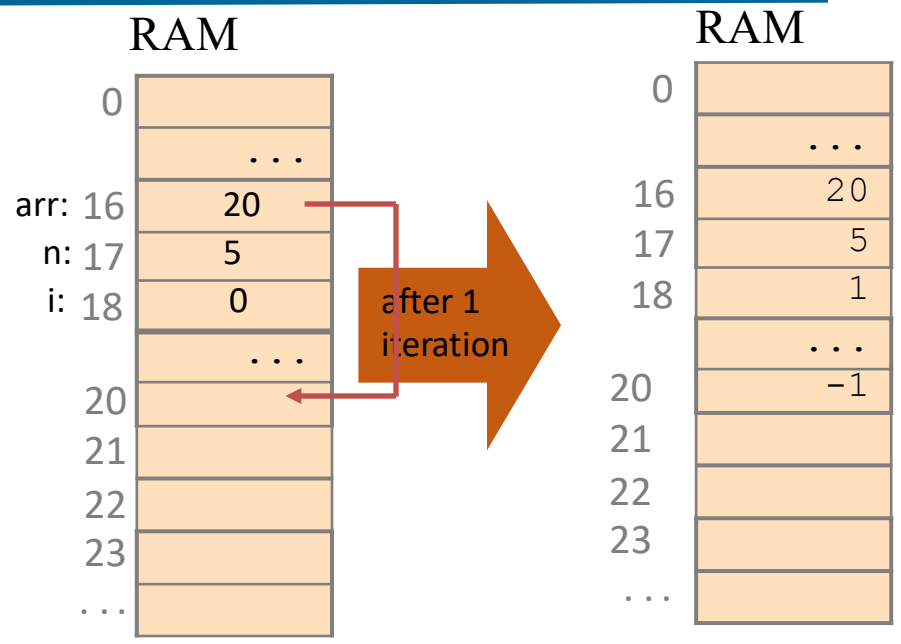

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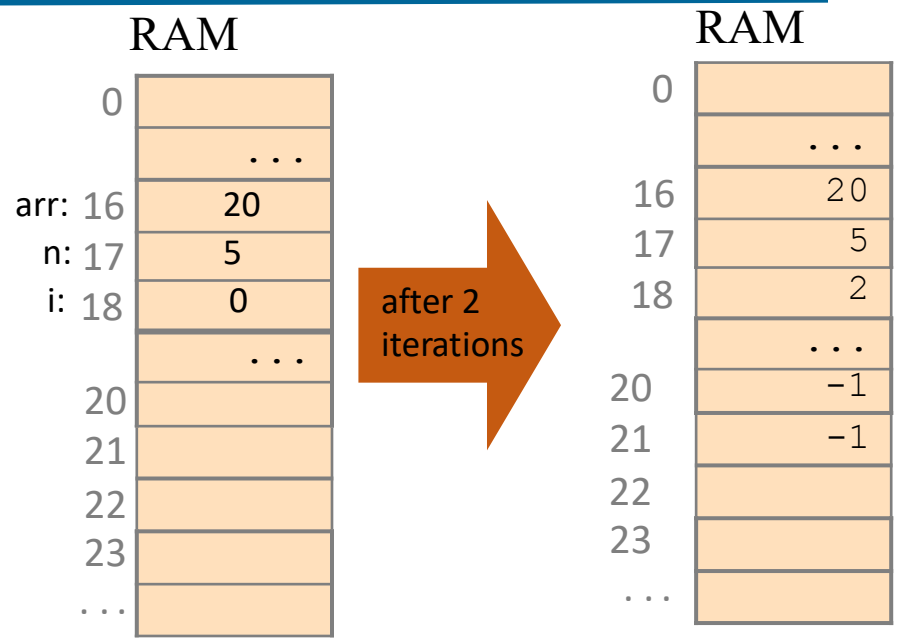

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   D=M
   @i
   A=D+M
   M=-1
// i++
   @i
   M=M+1
   @LOOP
   0;JMP
(END)
   @END
   0;JMP
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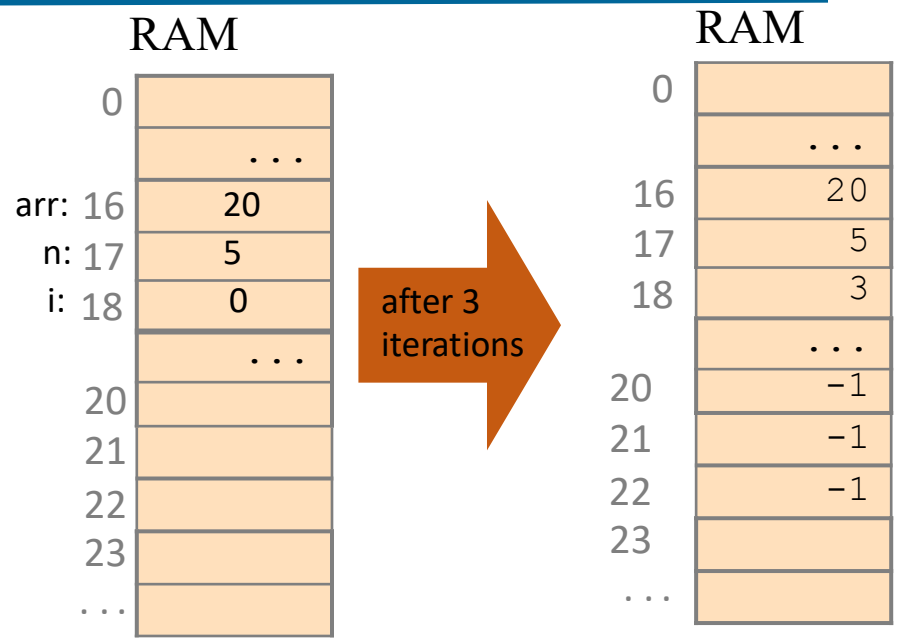

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Manipulating Arrays using Pointers

Things To Do

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