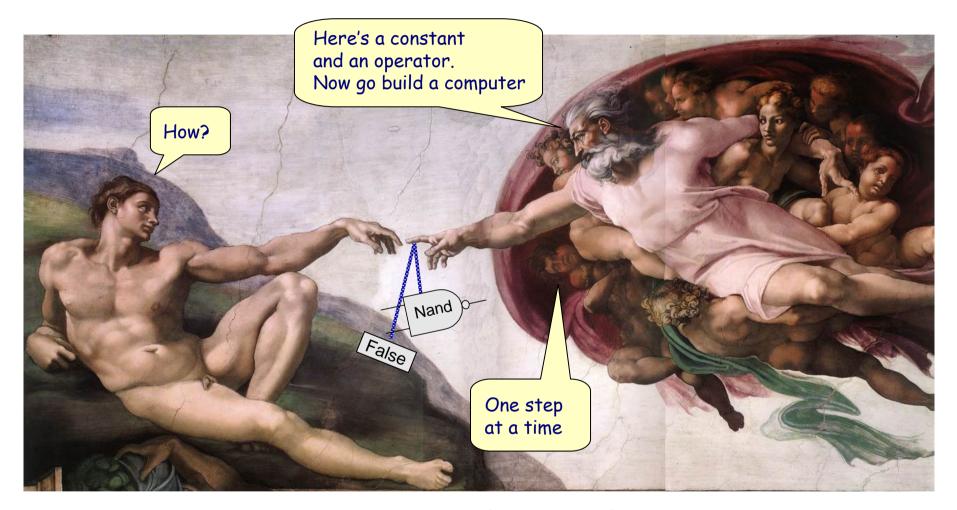
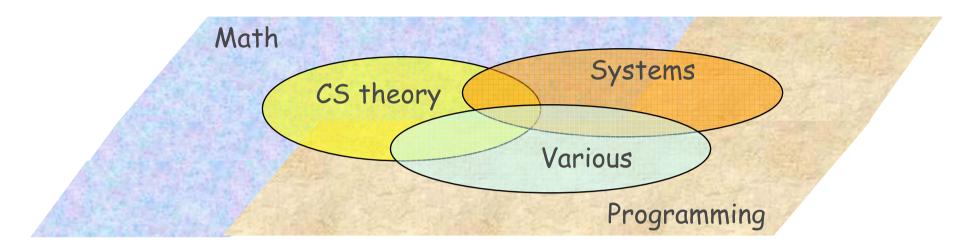
From Nand to Tetris in 12 Steps



The Elements of Computing Systems:
Building a Modern Computer From First Principles

Noam Nisan and Shimon Schocken, MIT Press, 2005

The Computer Science Curriculum



Some Open Issues:

- Lack of integration
- Lack of comprehension

Our Solution:

- A new, integrative caspstone course
- Textbook: *The Elements of Computing Systems*Nisan and Schocken, MIT Press 2005.

Course Contents

- <u>Hardware:</u> Logic gates, Boolean arithmetic, multiplexors, flip-flops, registers, RAM units, counters, Hardware Description Language, chip simulation and testing.
 Hardware
- <u>Architecture</u>: ALU/CPU design and implementation, machine code, assembly language programming, addressing modes, memory-mapped input-output (I/O).
- Data structures and algorithms: Stacks, h arithmetic algorithms, geometric algorithm
 Algorithms
 ations
- <u>Programming Languages</u>: Object-based design and programming, abstract data types, scoping rules, syntax and semantics, references, OS libraries.
- <u>Compilers:</u> Lexical analysis, top-down parsing, symbol tables, virtual stack-based machine, code generation, implementation

Systems

 Software Engineering: Modular design, the paradigm, API design and documentation, proactive test planning, quality assurance, programming at the large.

The Course Theme: Let's Build a Computer

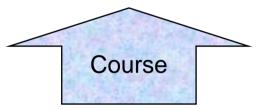
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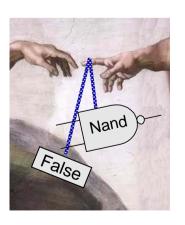
- Explicit: Let's build a computer!
- Implicit: Understand ...
 - Key hardware & software abstractions
 - Key interfaces: compilation, VM, O/S
- Appreciate: Science history and method
- Plus: Have fun.

Course Methodology

- Constructive: do-it-yourself
- Self-contained: only requirement is programming
- Guided: all "plans" are given
- Focused: no optimization, no exceptions, no advanced features.

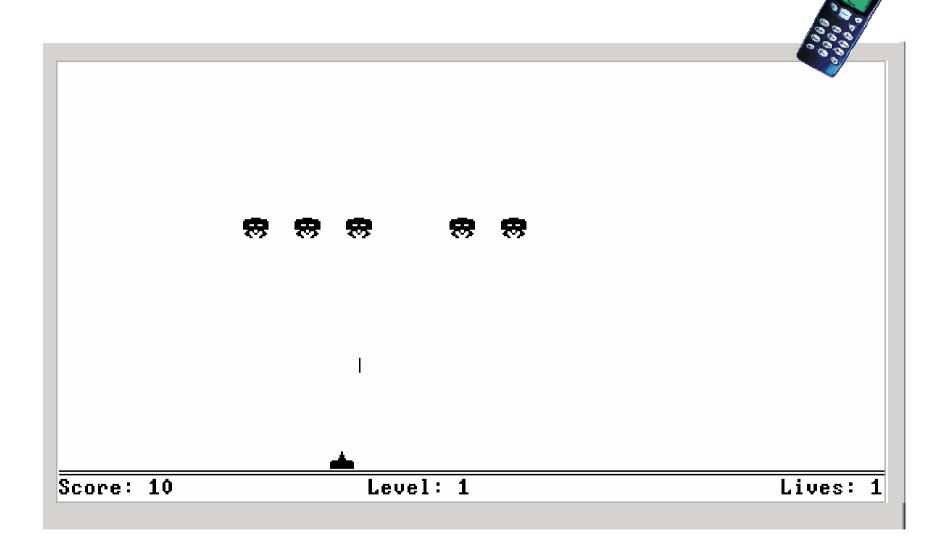


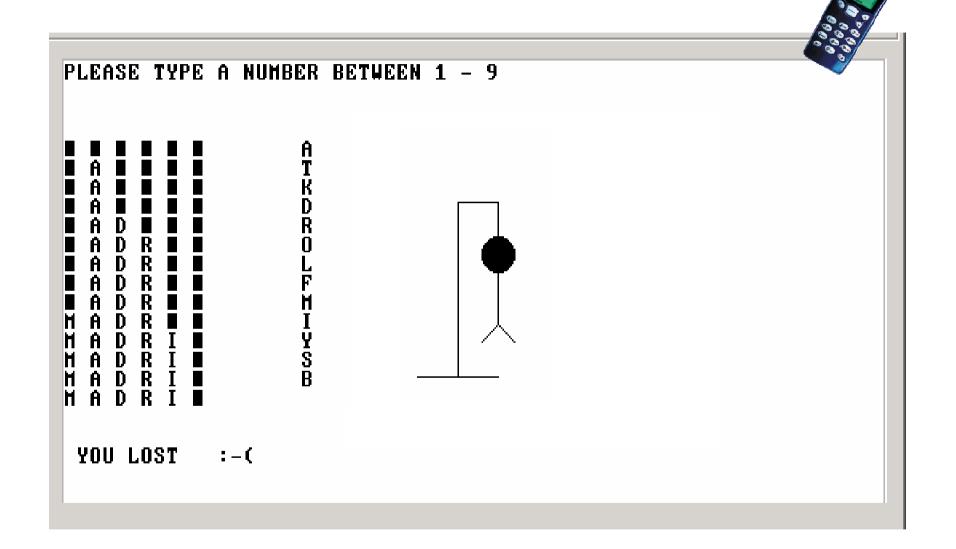




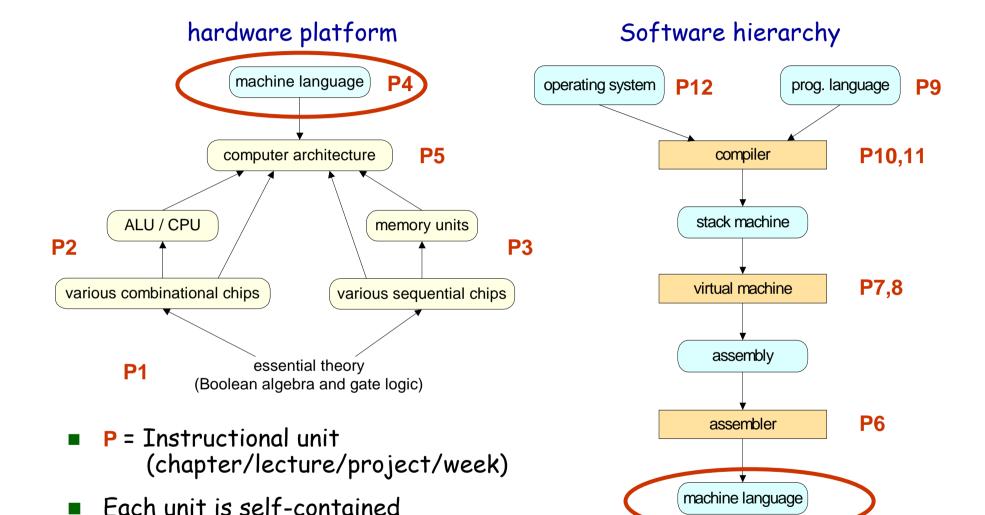
```
Enter the students data, ending with '0':
Name: DAN
Grade: 90
Name: PAUL
Grade: 80
Name: LISA
Grade: 100
Name: ANN
Grade: 90
Name: 0
The grades average is 90
The student with the highest grade is LISA
```







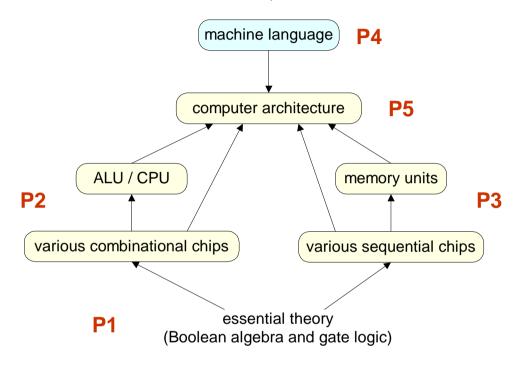
Course map



Each unit provides the building blocks with which we build the unit above it.

Hardware projects

hardware platform



Hardware projects:

- P1: Elementary logic gates
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Tools:

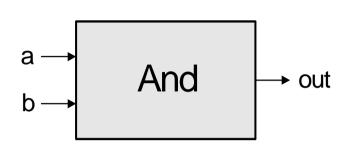
- HDL (Hard. Descr. Language)
- Test Description Language
- Hardware simulator.

Project 1: Elementary logic gates

Given: Nand(a,b), false

- Not(a) = Nand(a,a)
- true = Not(false)
- And(a,b) = Not(Nand(a,b))
- Or(a,b) = Not(And(Not(a),Not(b)))
- Etc. 12 gates altogether.

Building an And gate



And.cmp

a	b	out
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Contract:

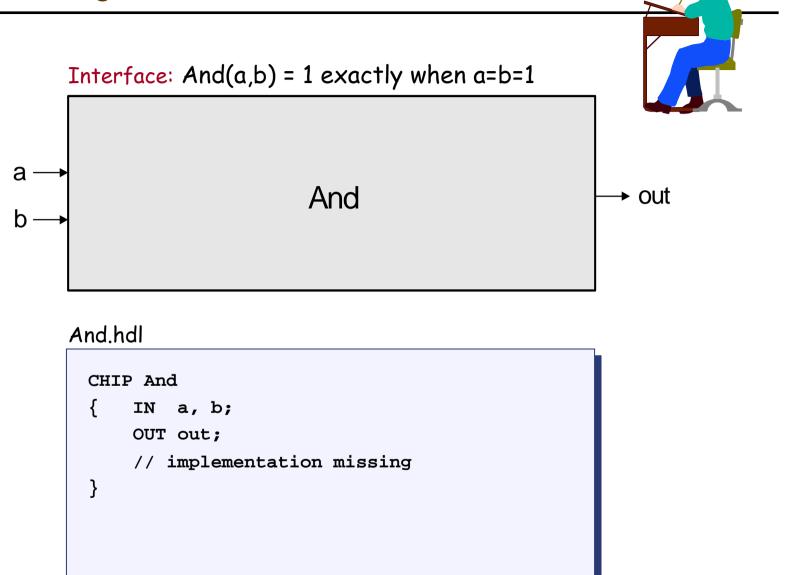
When running your .hdl on our .tst, your .out should be the same as our .cmp.

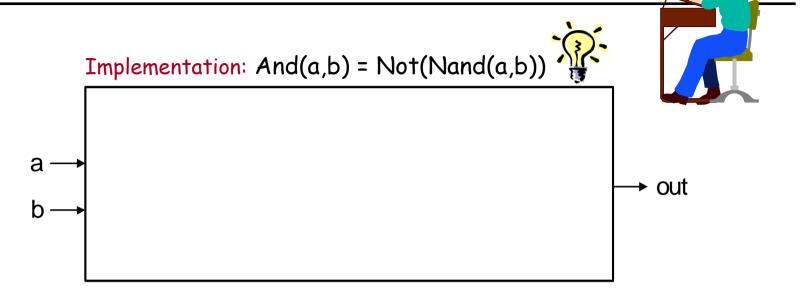
And.hdl

```
CHIP And
{ IN a, b;
OUT out;
// implementation missing
}
```

And.tst

```
load And.hdl,
output-file And.out,
compare-to And.cmp,
output-list a b out;
set a 0,set b 0,eval,output;
set a 0,set b 1,eval,output;
set a 1,set b 0,eval,output;
set a 1, set b 1, eval, output;
```

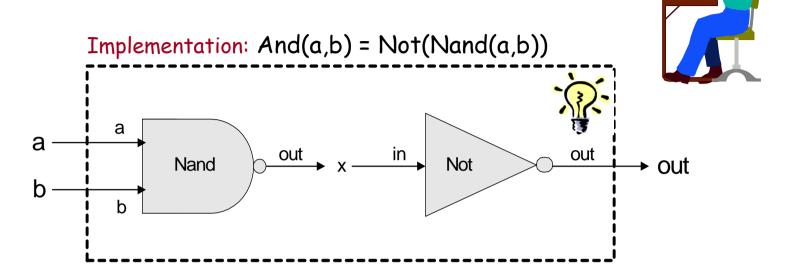




And.hdl

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}
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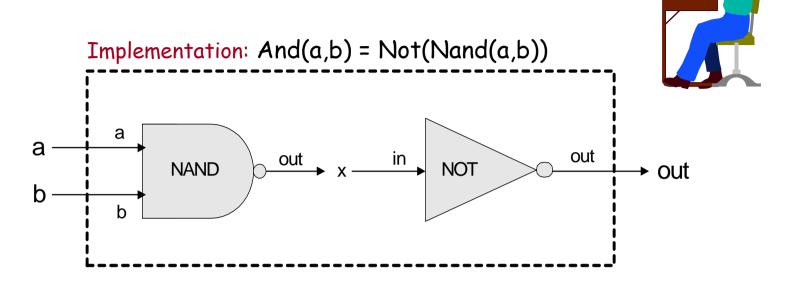
Building an And gate



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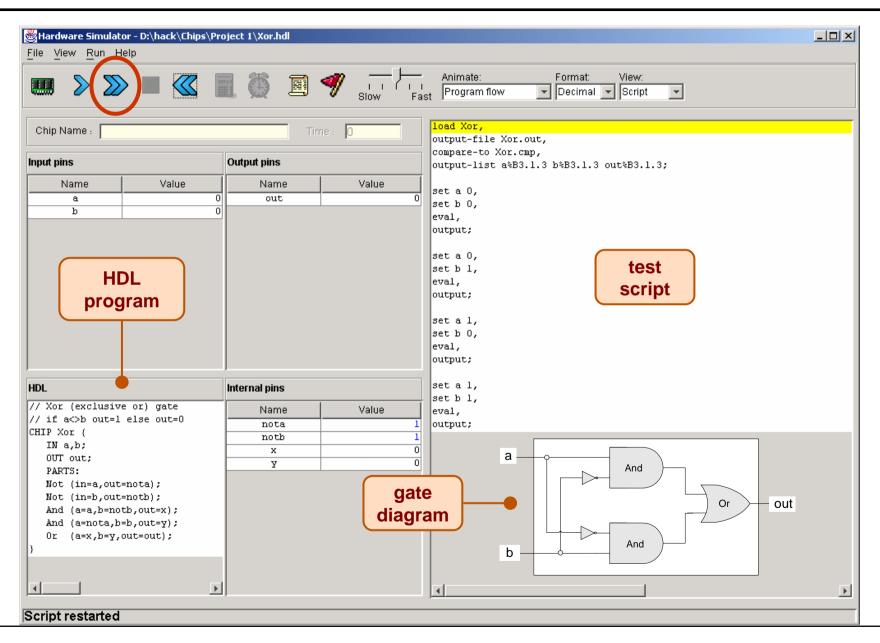
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Building an And gate

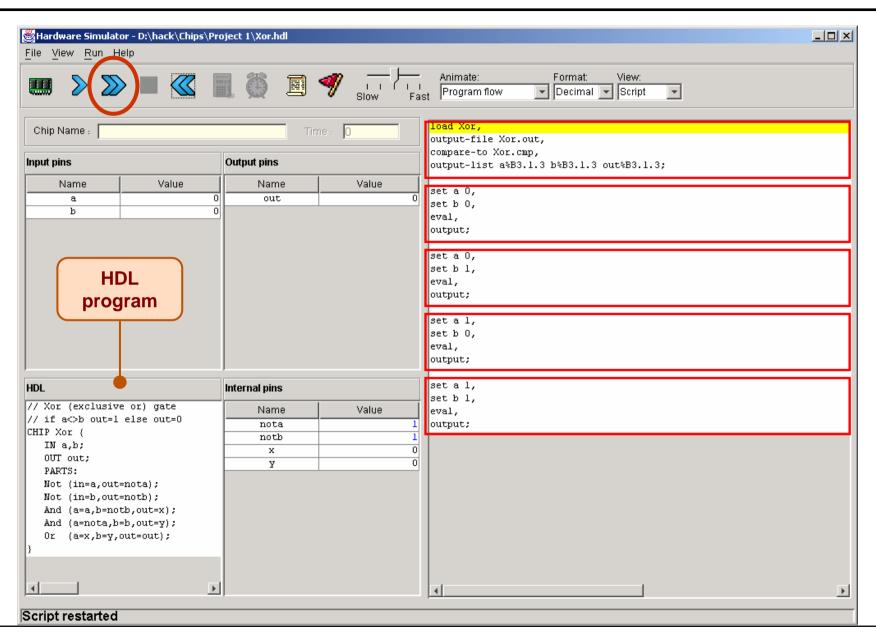


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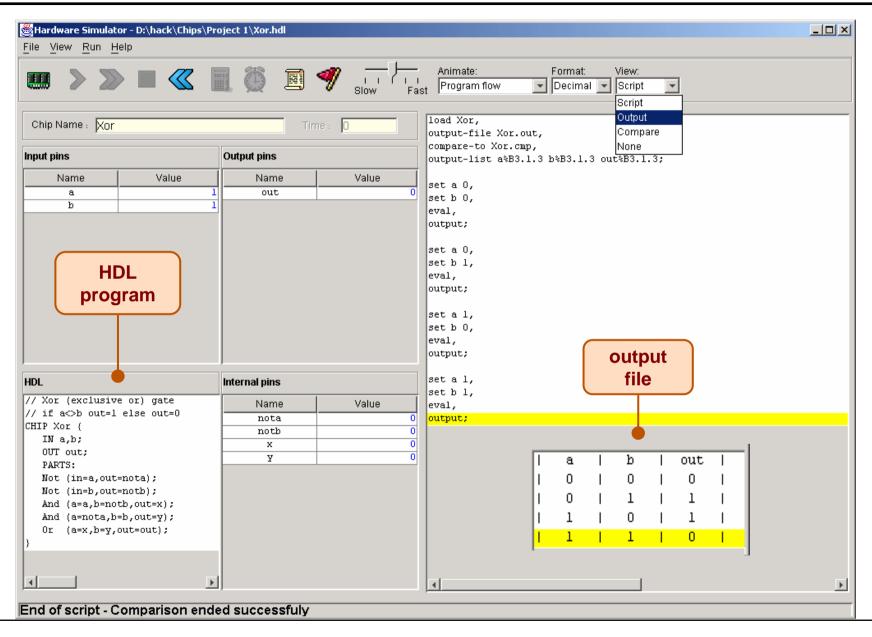
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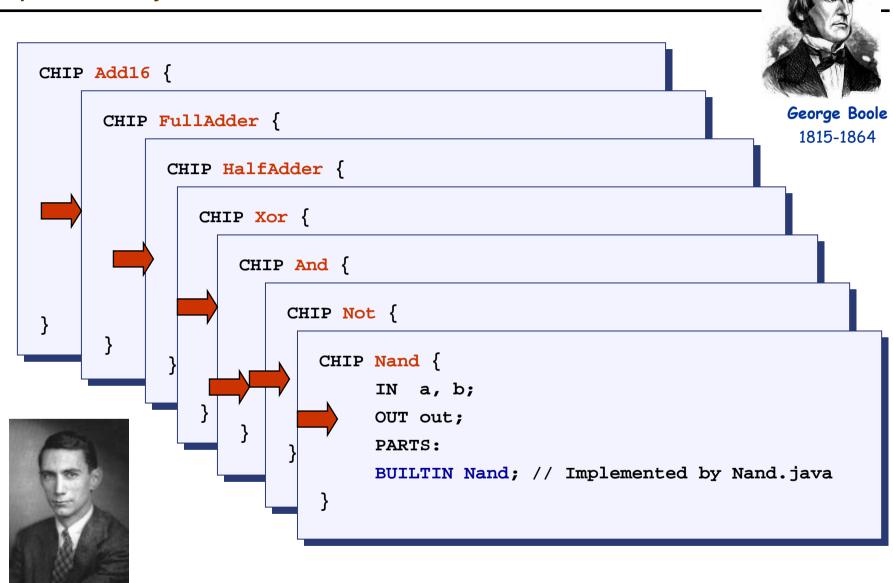
Hardware simulator



Hardware simulator

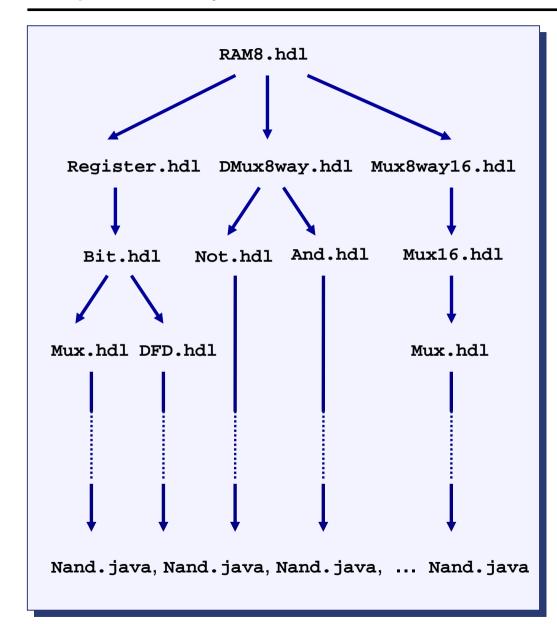


Chip anatomy



Claude Shannon, 1916-2001

Chip anatomy



Simulator logic:

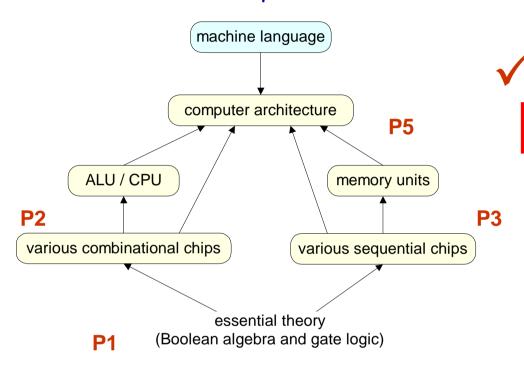
- Top-down expansion
- Nand is primitive (built-in)
- No Chip.hdl? Chip.java kicks in
- Instructors/architects can supply built-in versions of any chip.

Benefits:

- Behavioral simulation
- Chip GUI
- Order-free implementation
- Partial implementation is OK
- All HW projects are decoupled.

Hardware projects

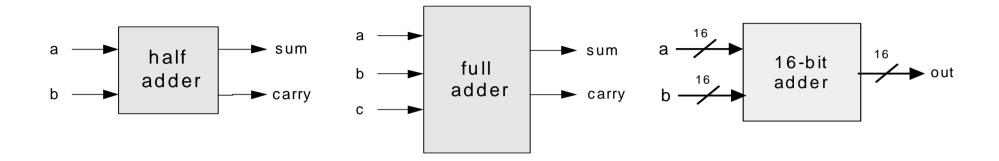
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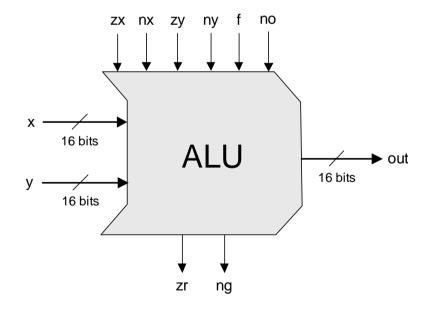


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Project 2: Combinational chips





ALU logic

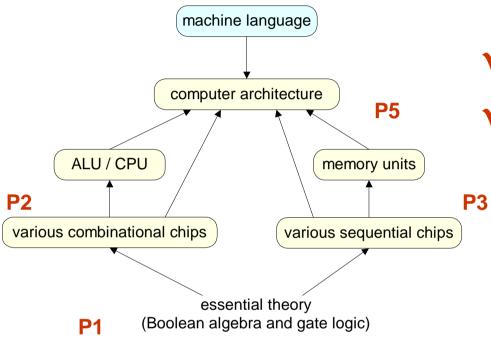
	struct how to ne x input		nstruct how to he y input	This bit selects between + / And	This bit inst. how to post-set out	_		
zx	nx	zy ny		f	no	out=		
if zx then x=0	if nx then x=!x	if zy if ny then y=0 y=!y		if f then out=x+y else out=x And y	if no then out=!out	f(x,y)=		
1	0	1	0	1	0	0		
1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
1	1	1	0	1	0	-1		
0	0	1	1	0	0	x		
1	1	0	0	0	0	У		
0	0	1	1	0	1	!x		
1	1	0	0	0	1	! y		
0	0	1	1	1	1	-x		
1	1	0	0	1	1	-y		
0	1	1	1	1	1	x+1		
1	1	0	1	1	1	y+1		
0	0	1	1	1	0	x-1		
1	1	0	0	1	0	y-1		
0	0	0	0	1	0	x+y		
0	1	0	0	1	1	x-y		
0	0	0	1	1	1	у-х		
0	0	0	0	0	0	х&У		
0	1	0	1	0	1	х У		

A glimpse ahead:

out (when a=0)	с1	c2	сЗ	c4	с5	с6	out (when a=1)
0	1	0	1	0	1	0		
1	1	1	1	1	1	1		c1,c2,,c6
-1	1	1	1	0	1	0		
D	0	0	1	1	0	0		
A	1	1	0	0	0	0	M	D D
! D	0	0	1	1	0	1	Ï	a
! A	1	1	0	0	0	1	! M	Out
-D	0	0	1	1	1	1		A
-A	1	1	0	0	1	1	-M	A/M ×
D+1	0	1	1	1	1	1		
A+1	1	1	0	1	1	1	M+1	
D-1	0	0	1	1	1	0		RAM
A-1	1	1	0	0	1	0	M-1	
D+A	0	0	0	0	1	0	D+M	\wedge
D-A	0	1	0	0	1	1	D-M	
A-D	0	0	0	1	1	1	M-D	
D&A	0	0	0	0	0	0	D&M	
D A	0	1	0	1	0	1	D M	

Hardware projects

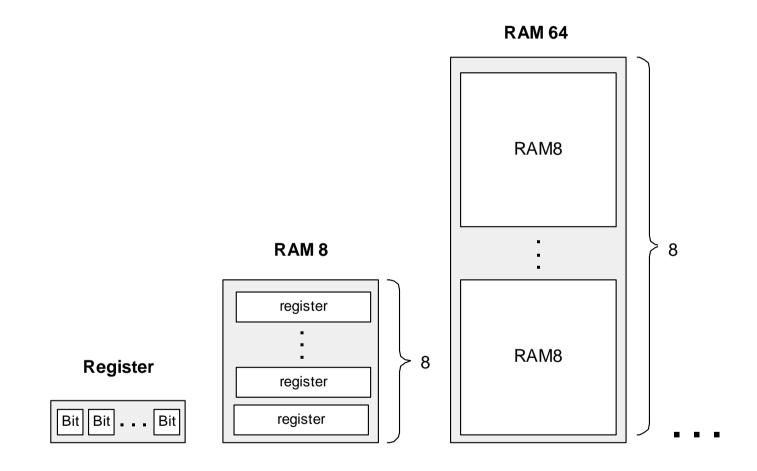
hardware platform



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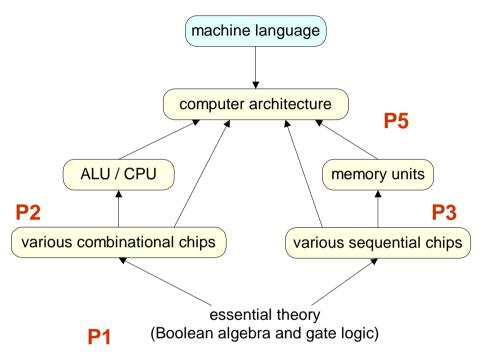
Project 3: Sequential chips



■ DFF > Bit > Register > RAM8 > RAM64 > ... > RAM32K

Hardware projects

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Machine Language: A-instruction

```
Symbolic: @value // Where value is either a non-negative decimal number // or a symbol referring to such number.
```

0 v v v v v v v v v v v v v v v

value (v = 0 or 1)

Machine Language: C-instruction

comp is one of:

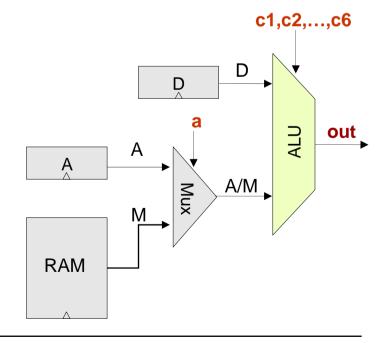
```
0,1,-1,D,A,!D,!A,-D,-A,D+1,A+1,D-1,A-1,D+A,D-A,A-D,D&A,D|A,
M, !M, -M, M+1, M-1,D+M,D-M,M-D,D&M,D|M
```

dest is one of:

Null, M, D, MD, A, AM, AD, AMD

jump is one of:

Null, JGT, JEQ, JGE, JLT, JNE, JLE, JMP



Machine Language: C-instruction (cont.)

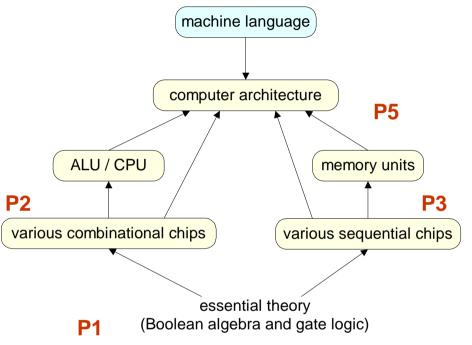
```
Symbolic: dest=comp \ i \ jump // Either the dest or jump fields may be empty. // If dest is empty, the "=" is ommitted; // If jump is empty, the ";" is omitted.
```

					comp								dest)
Binary:	1	1	1	a	c1	c2	c3	c 4	c5	с6	d1	d2	d3	j1	j2	j3

(when a=0)							(when a=1)	d1	d2	d3	Mnemonic	Destination	ı (where to sto	re the computed value)		
comp	c1	c2	с3	c4	c5	c6	comp	0	0	0	null	The value i	s not stored an	ywhere		
0	1	0	1	0	1	0		0	0	1	м	Memory[A] (memory register addressed by A)				
1	1	1	1	1	1	1		0	1	0	D	D register				
-1	1	1	1	0	1	0		0 1 1 MD Memory[A] and D register					r			
D	0	0	1	1	0	0		1								
A	1	1	0	0	0	0	M				_					
!D	0	0	1	1	0	1		1	0	1	AM	A register a	ınd Memory[A	.]		
! A	1	1	0	0	0	1	! M	1	1	0	AD	A register and D register				
-D	0	0	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	AMD	A register, Memory[A], and D register				
-A	1	1	0	0	1	1	-м		II I							
D+1	0	1	1	1	1	1			j1		j2	j 3	Mnemonic	Effect		
A+1	1	1	0	1	1	1	M+1	_ (<	out <	(0)	(out = 0)	(out > 0)				
D-1	0	0	1	1	1	0			0		0	0	null	No jump		
A-1	1	1	0	0	1	0	M-1		0		0	1	JGT	If $out > 0$ jump		
D+A	0	0	0	0	1	0	D+M		0		1	0	JEQ	If $out = 0$ jump		
D-A	١.,	1	0	o	1	1	D-M		0		1	1	JGE	If <i>out</i> ≥0 jump		
A-D	0	0	0	1	1	1	M-D		1		0	0	JLT	If out <0 jump		
D&A	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dem		1		0	1	JNE	If <i>out</i> ≠ 0 jump		
D A	0	1	0	1	0	1	DIM		1		1	0	JLE	If <i>out</i> ≤0 jump		
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Hardware projects

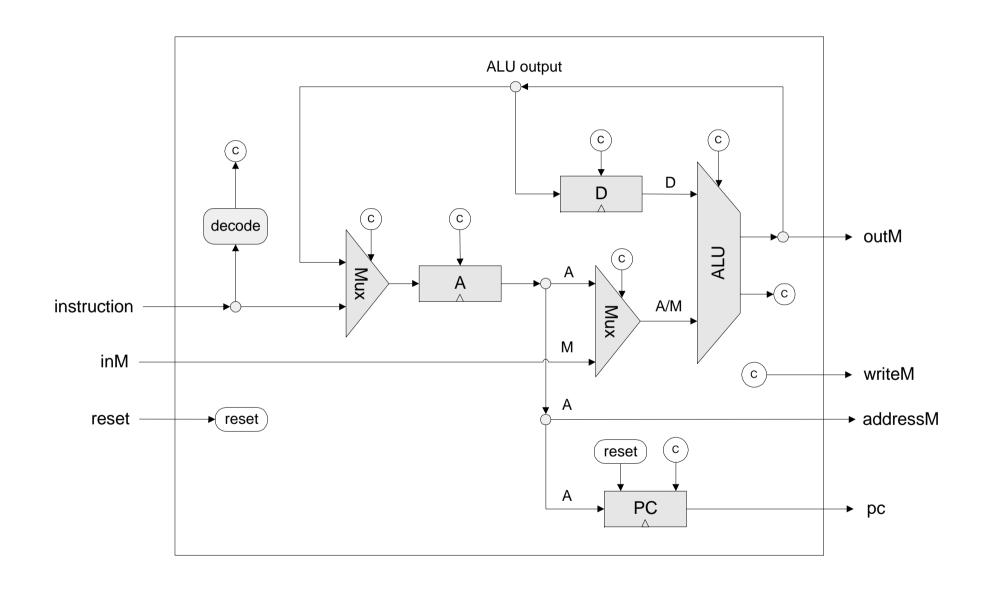
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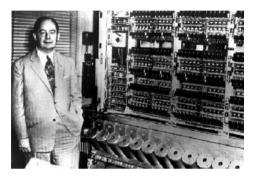
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Project 5: CPU

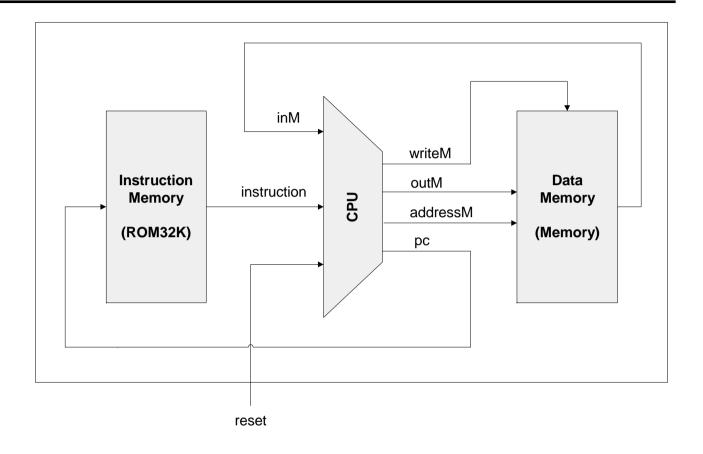


Project 5: Computer

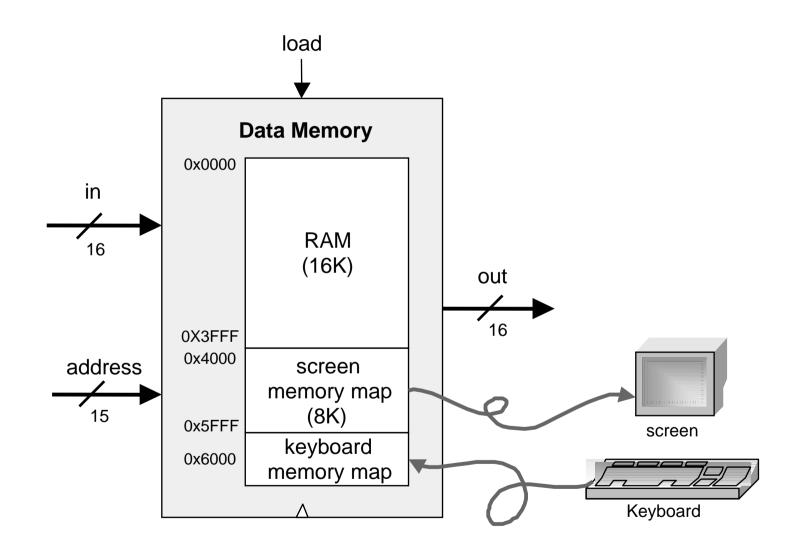
 Many other computer models can be built.



J. Von Neumann (1903-1957)



Input / Output Devices



Recap: the Hack chip-set and hardware platform

Elementary logic gates

(Project 1):

- Nand (primitive)
- Not
- And
- Or
- Xor
- Mux
- Dmux
- Not16
- And16
- Or16
- Mux16
- Or8Way
- Mux4Way16
- Mux8Way16
- DMux4Way
- DMux8Way

Combinational chips

(Project 2):

- HalfAdder
- FullAdder
- Add16
- Inc16
- ALU

Sequential chips

(Project 3):

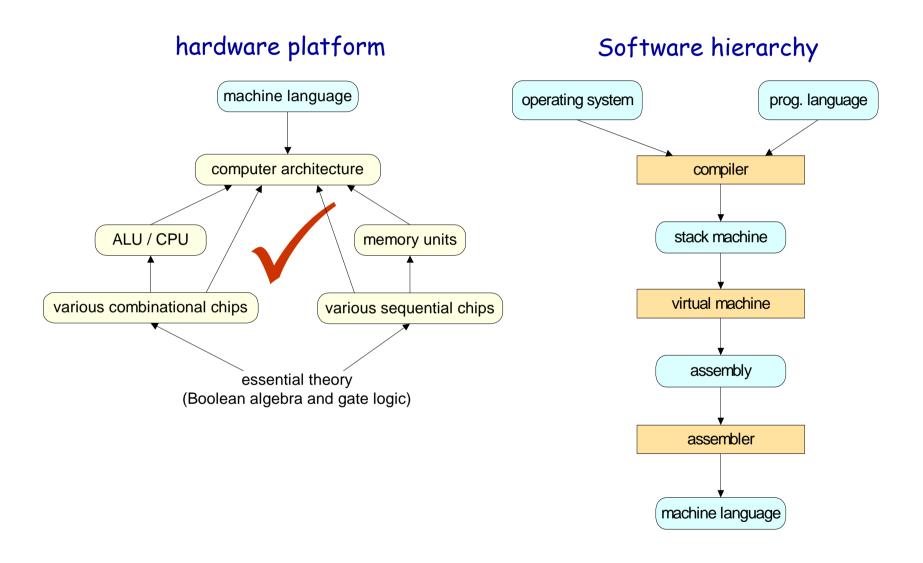
- **DFF** (primitive)
- Bit
- Register
- RAM8
- RAM64
- RAM512
- RAM4K
- RAM16K
- PC

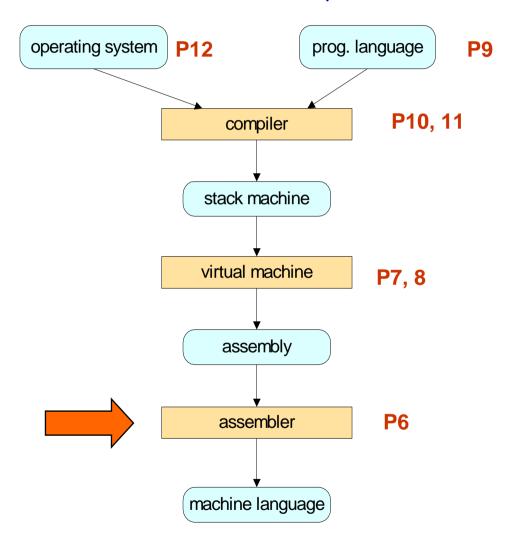
Computer Architecture

(Project 5):

- Memory
- CPU
- Computer

Course map





Project 6: Assembler

Sum.asm

```
// Computes sum=1+2+ ... +100.
   @i
           // i=1
   M=1
           // sum=0
   @Sum
   M=0
(LOOP)
   @i
           // if i-100>0 goto END
   D=M
   @100
   D=D-A
   @END
   D; jgt
   @i
           // sum+=i
   D=M
   @sum
   M=D+M
   @i
           // i++
   M=M+1
   @LOOP
           // goto LOOP
   0;jmp
(END)
   @END
   0;JMP
```

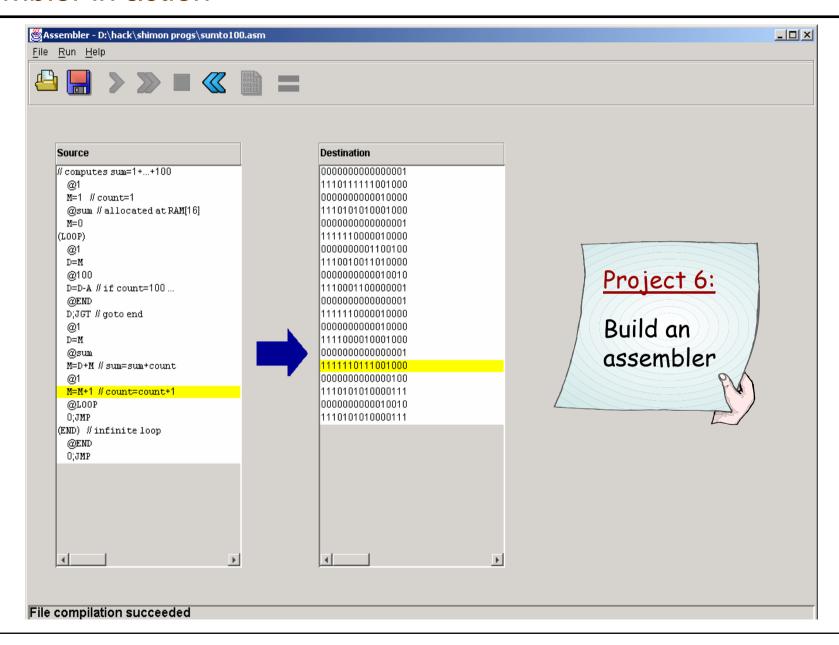




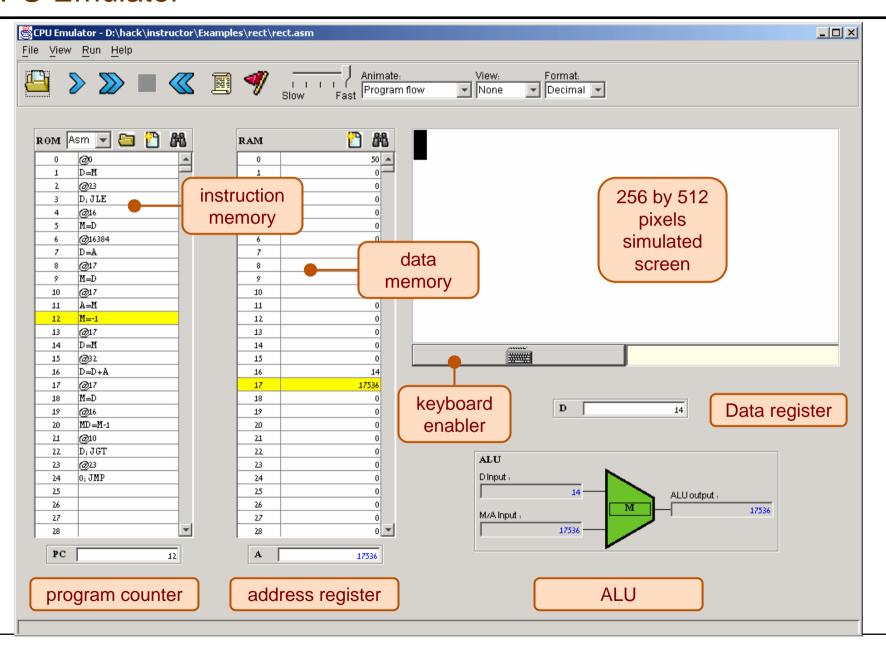
Ada Lovelace (1815-1852)

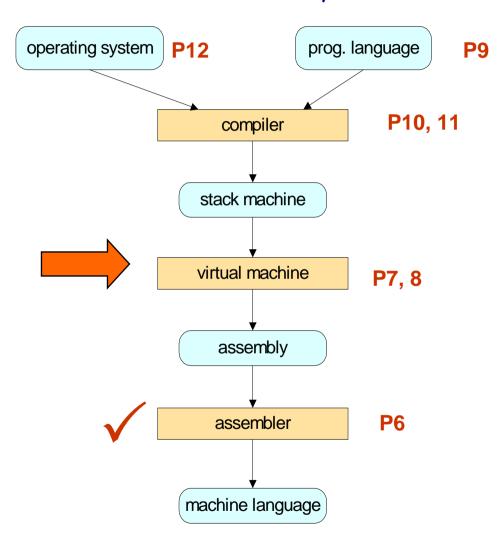
Sum.bin

Assembler in action

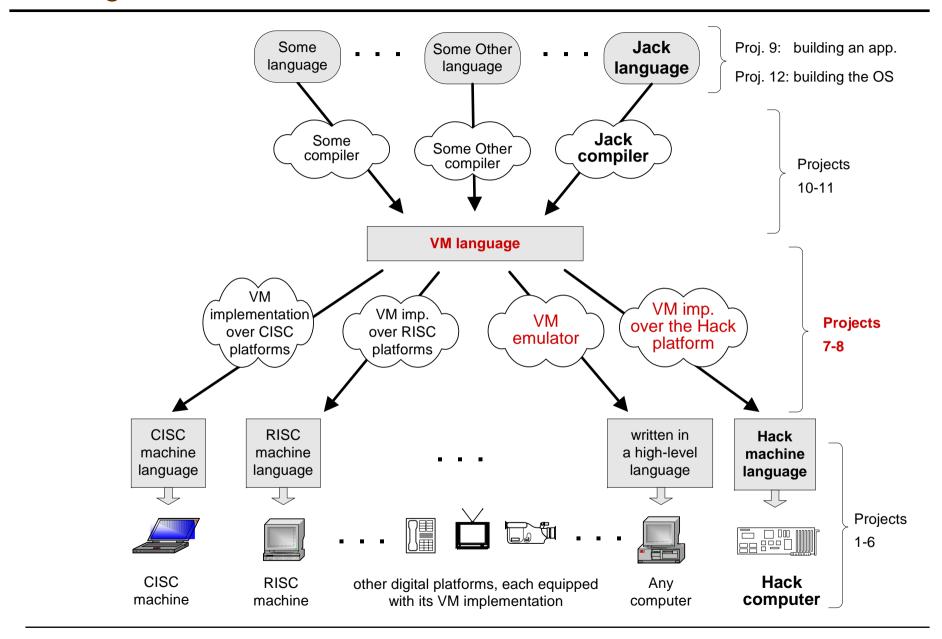


CPU Emulator





The Big Picture



The VM language

Arithmetic commands

add

sub

neg

eq

gt

lt

and

or

not

Memory access commands

pop segment i

push segment i

Program flow commands

label symbol

goto symbol

if-goto symbol

Function calling commands

function funcationName nLocals

call functionName nArgs

return

The VM abstraction: a Stack Machine

High-level code

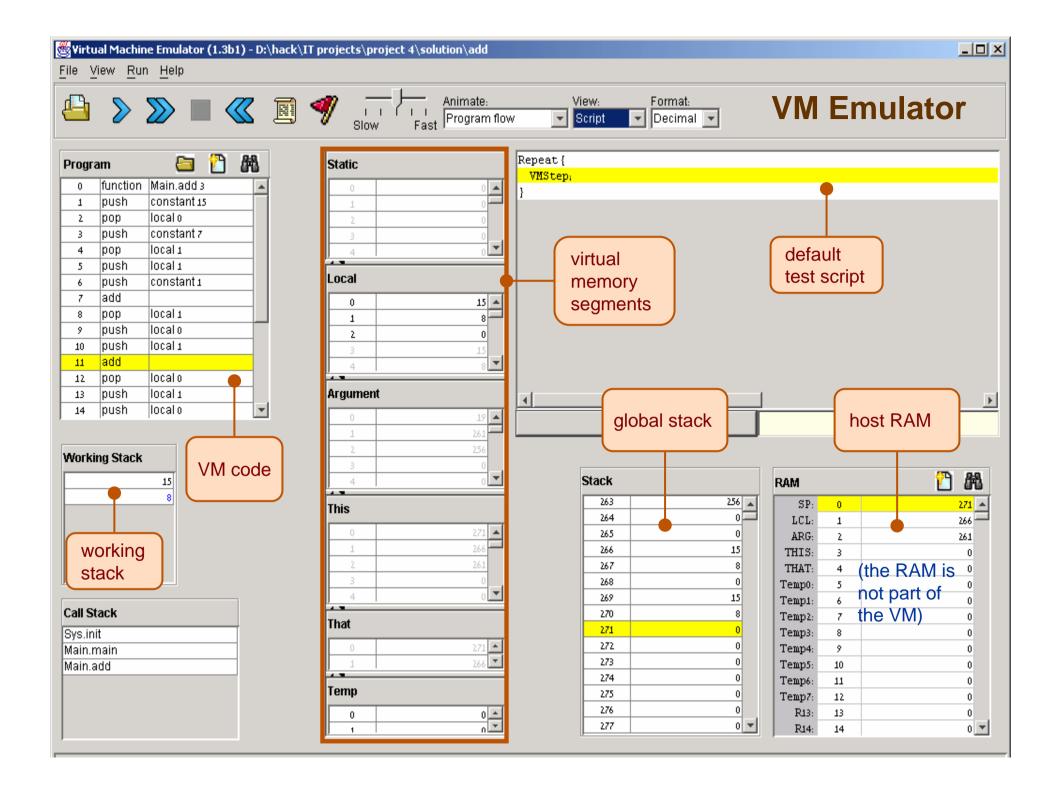
```
function mult(x,y) {
  int result, j;
  result=0;
  j=y;
  while ~(j=0) {
   result=result+x;
      j=j-1;
  }
  return result;
}
```

Stack machine code

```
function mult(x,y)
   push 0
   pop result
   push y
   pop j
label loop
   push j
   push 0
   eq
   if-goto end
   push result
   push x
   add
   pop result
   push j
   push 1
   sub
   pop j
   goto loop
label end
   push result
   return
```

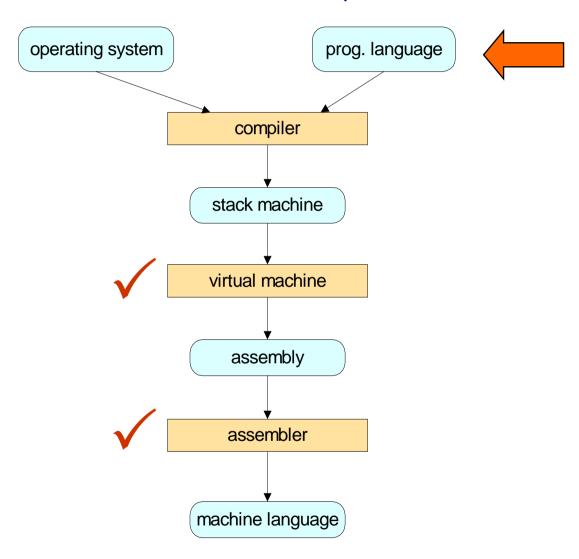
VM code

```
function mult 2
        constant 0
 push
        local 0
 pop
 push argument 1
        local 1
 pop
label
        loop
        local 1
 push
       constant 0
 push
  eq
  if-goto end
 push
        local 0
 push
        argument 0
  add
        local 0
  pop
       local 1
 push
 push
        constant 1
  sub
        local 1
 pop
        loop
  goto
label
        end
 push
        local 0
 return
```



Projects 7,8: Implement the VM over the Hack platform

Mult.vm Mult.asm function mult 2 // 2 local variables push constant 0 // result=0 A=M-1pop local 0 M=0push argument 1 // j=y **@**5 pop local 1 D=Alabel loop @LCL push constant 0 // if j==0 goto end A=M-Dpush local 1 D=Meq @R6 if-goto end M=D// result=result+x push local 0 @SP push argument 0 $\Delta M = M - 1$ add D=Mpop local 0 **VM Translator** @ARG push local 1 // j=j-1 A=Mpush constant 1 M=Dsub D=Apop local 1 @SP goto loop M=D+1label end @LCL push local 0 // return result D=Mreturn

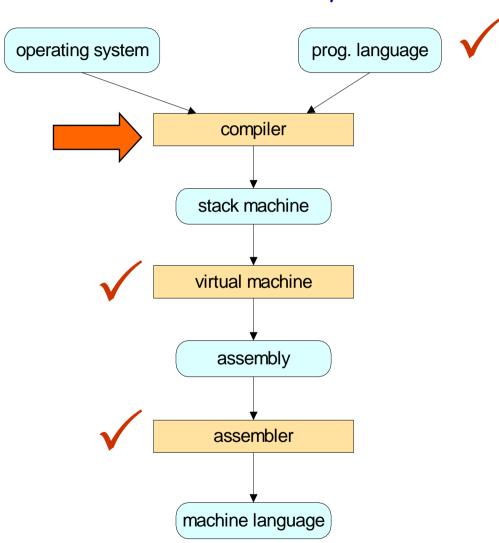


Jack Language

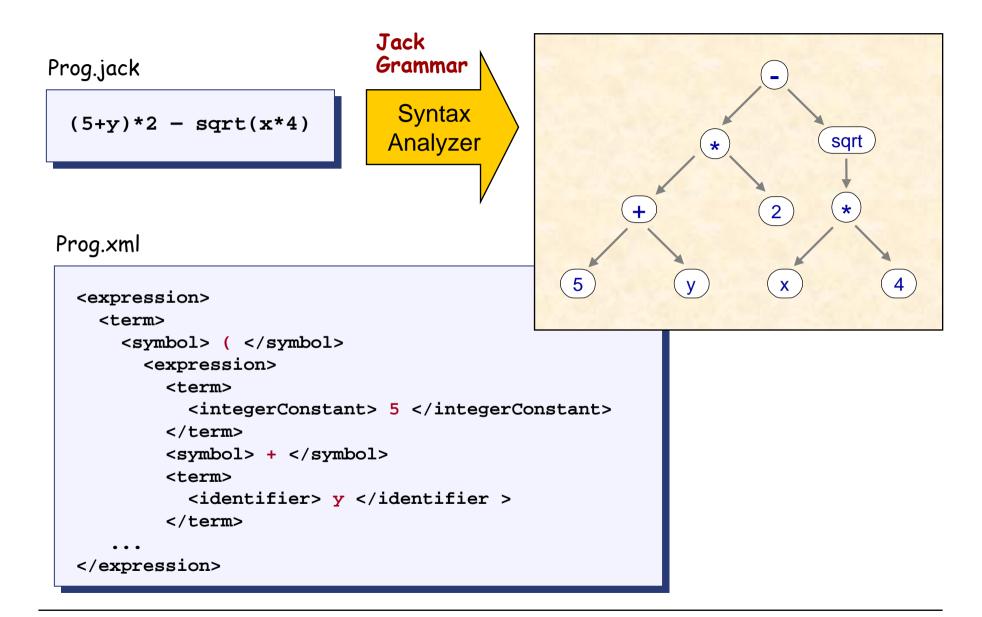
```
class Math {
  /** Returns n! */
  function int factorial(int n){
    if (n = 0) {
       return 1;
    else {
       return n * Math.factorial(n - 1);
  /** Returns e=sigma(1/n!) where n goes from 0 to infinity */
  function Fraction e (int n){
   var int i;
   let i = 0;
    let e = Fraction.new(0,1); // start with e=0
    // approximate up to n
   while (i < n) {
      let e = e.plus(Fraction.new(1, Math.factorial(i)));
      let i = i + 1;
    return e;
} // end Math
```

Project 9: Write a Jack program

Demo Pong

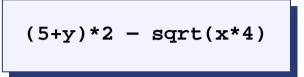


Compiler project I: Syntax Analysis

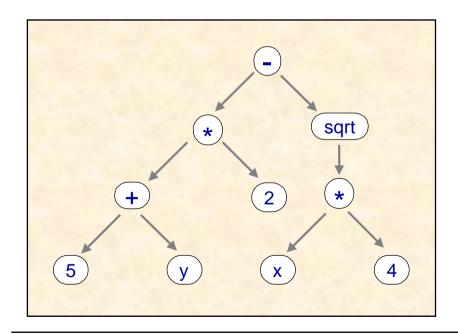


Compiler project II: Code Generation

Prog.jack



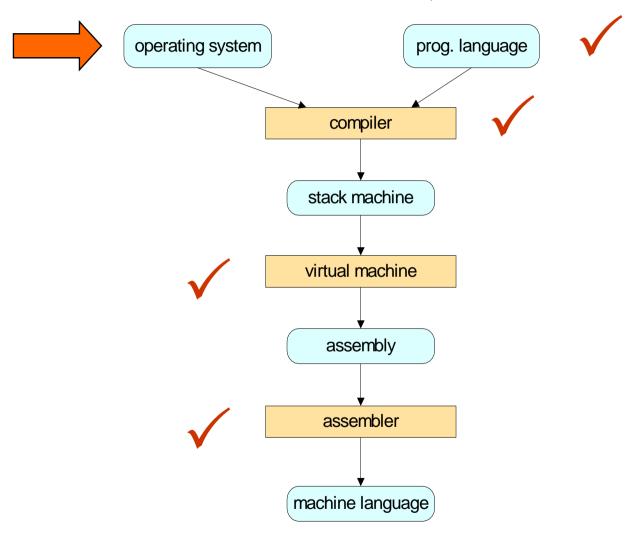




Project 10 Code generator

Prog.vm

push 5
push y
add
push 2
call mult
push x
push 4
call mult
call sqrt
sub



Typical Jack code

```
/** Computes the average of a sequence of integers. */
class Main {
 function void main() {
   var Array a;
   var int length;
   var int i, sum;
    let length = Keyboard.readInt("How many numbers? ");
    let a = Array.new(length); // Constructs the array
    let i = 0;
   while (i < length) {</pre>
      let a[i] = Keyboard.readInt("Enter the next number: ");
      let sum = sum + a[i];
      let i = i + 1;
    do Output.printString("The average is: ");
    do Output.printInt(sum / length);
    do Output.println();
    return;
```

OS Libraries

Math: Provides basic mathematical operations;

String: Implements the String type and string-related operations;

Array: Implements the Array type and array-related operations;

Output: Handles text output to the screen;

■ **Screen:** Handles graphic output to the screen;

Keyboard: Handles user input from the keyboard;

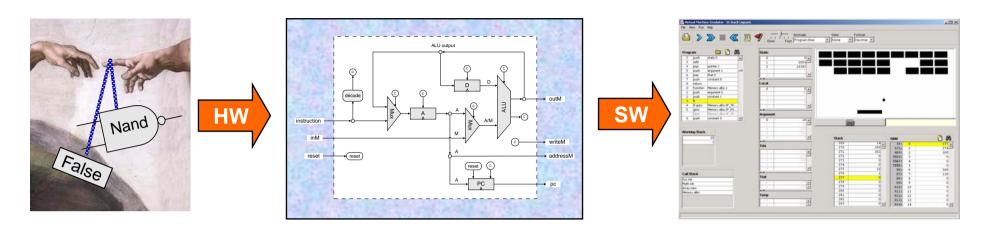
Memory: Handles memory operations;

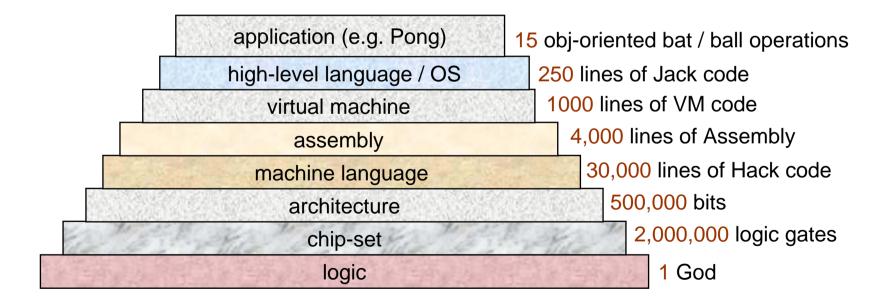
■ Sys: Provides some execution-related services.

OS API

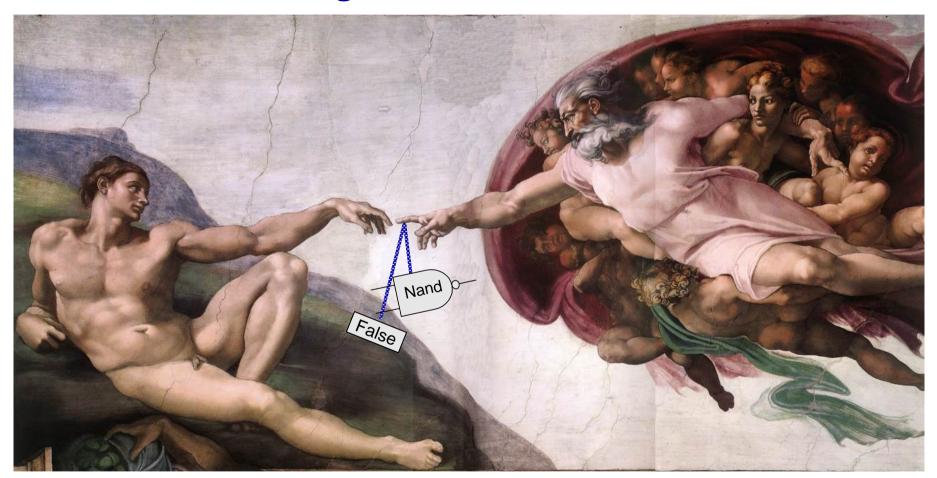
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Project 12:
class Math {
                                                               Build it.
   Class String {
       Class Array {
           class Output {
               Class Screen {
                   class Memory {
                       Class Keyboard {
                           Class Sys {
                               function void halt():
                               function void error(int errorCode)
                               function void wait(int duration)
```

Recap





God gave us 0 and Nand



Everything else was done by humans.

Why the approach works

Take home

- Initial goal: Acquire enough hands-on knowledge for building a computer system
- Final lesson: This includes some of the most beautiful topics in applied CS



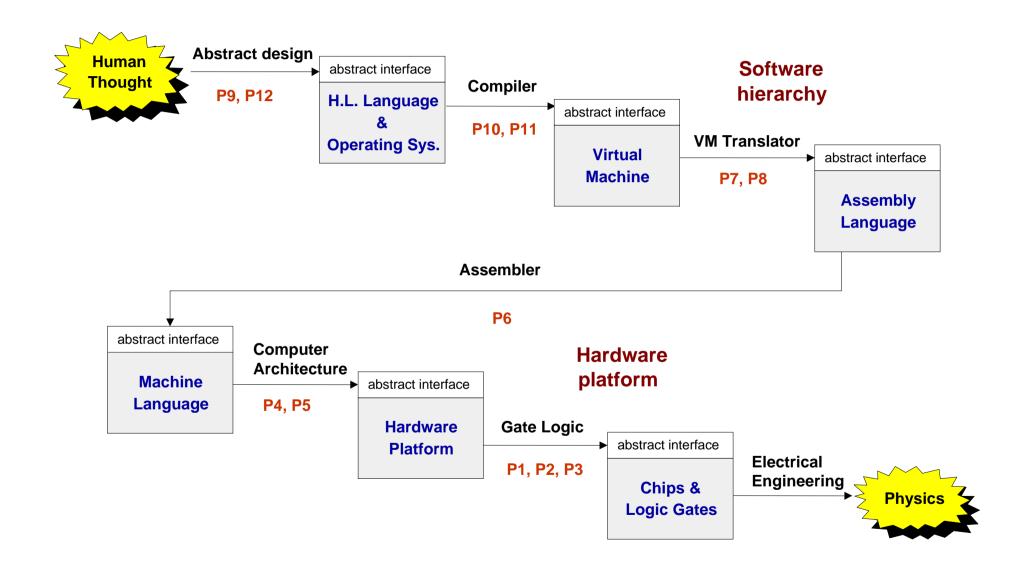
- No optimization
- No advanced features
- No exceptions

Highly-Managed

- Detailed API's are given
- Hundreds of test files and programs
- Modular projects, unit-testing.



Abstraction-Implementation Paradigm



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