

Template Week 4 – Software

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Assignment 4.1: ARM assembly

Screenshot of working assembly code of factorial calculation:

Factorial of 5

The screenshot shows a debugger interface with the following components:

- Top bar with buttons: Open, Run, 250, Step, Reset.
- Assembly code area:

```
1 Main:
2 mov r2,#5
3 mov r1,r2
4 Loop:
5 sub r2,r2,#1
6 mul r1,r1,r2
7 cmp r2,#1
8 BEQ Exit
9 B Loop
10 Exit:
```
- Registers table:

Register	Value
R0	0
R1	78
R2	1
R3	0
R4	0
R5	0
R6	0
- Memory dump area showing hex values for memory locations 0x00010000 to 0x00010030.

Assignment 4.2: Programming languages

Take screenshots that the following commands work:

javac –version

The terminal window shows the following output:

```
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ javac --version
javac 21.0.9
```

java –version

The terminal window shows the following output:

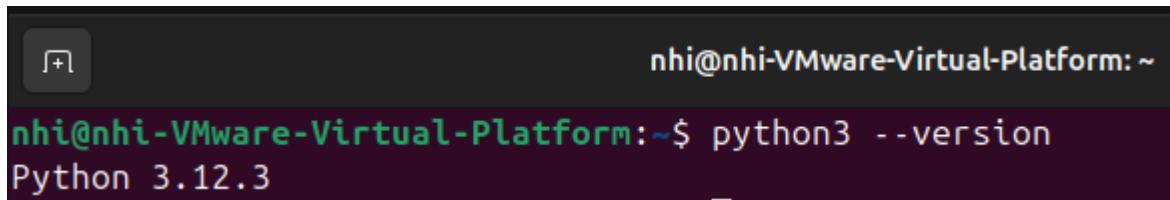
```
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ java --version
openjdk 21.0.9 2025-10-21
OpenJDK Runtime Environment (build 21.0.9+10-Ubuntu-124.04)
OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM (build 21.0.9+10-Ubuntu-124.04, mixed mode, sharing)
```

```
gcc --version
```



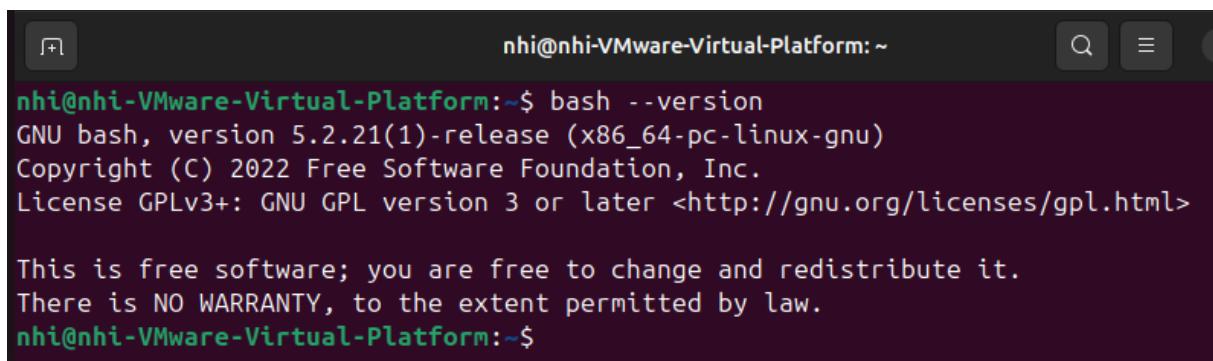
```
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ gcc --version
gcc (Ubuntu 13.3.0-6ubuntu2~24.04) 13.3.0
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warranty; not even for MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
```

```
python3 --version
```



```
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ python3 --version
Python 3.12.3
```

```
bash --version
```



```
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$ bash --version
GNU bash, version 5.2.21(1)-release (x86_64-pc-linux-gnu)
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nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~$
```

Assignment 4.3: Compile

Which of the above files need to be compiled before you can run them?

`fib.c`

Which source code files are compiled into machine code and then directly executable by a processor?

`fib.sh`

Which source code files are compiled to byte code?

`Fibonacci.java`

Which source code files are interpreted by an interpreter?

`fib.py`

These source code files will perform the same calculation after compilation/interpretation. Which one is expected to do the calculation the fastest?

`fib.c`

How do I run a Java program?

Install java and javac compiler

Use javac compiler to compile Java file into a bytecode file (.class file) with the same name in the same directory

Command: `javac Fibonacci.java`

Run the bytecode file by command: `java Fibonacci`

How do I run a Python program?

Using python interpreter `python3`.

Command: `python3 fib.py`

How do I run a C program?

Use C compiler `gcc` to compile the file into an executable file.

Command: `gcc fib.c -o fib`

Run the executable file by command: `./fib`

How do I run a Bash script?

Make Bash script file executable by command: `sudo chmod a+x fib.sh`

Run the file by command: `sudo ./fib.sh`

If I compile the above source code, will a new file be created? If so, which file?

To run java source file, a bytecode (.class) file will be created

To run c source code file, a compiled file will be created

Take relevant screenshots of the following commands:

- Compile the source files where necessary
 - Make them executable
 - Run them
 - Which (compiled) source code file performs the calculation the fastest?
C program file run fastest

Running Fibonacci.java

```
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ javac Fibonacci.java
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ ls
fib.c Fibonacci.class Fibonacci.java fib.py fib.sh runall.sh
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ java Fibonacci
Fibonacci(18) = 2584
Execution time: 0.55 milliseconds
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$
```

Running fib.c

```
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ gcc fib.c -o fib
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ ls
fib  fib.c  Fibonacci.class  Fibonacci.java  fib.py  fib.sh  runall.sh
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ ./fib
Fibonacci(18) = 2584
Execution time: 0.02 milliseconds
```

Running fib.py

```
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ ls  
fib.c Fibonacci.class Fibonacci.java fib.py fib.sh runall.sh  
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ python3 fib.py  
Fibonacci(18) = 2584  
Execution time: 0.60 milliseconds  
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$
```

Running fib.sh

```
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ ls  
fib.c Fibonacci.java fib.py fib.sh runall.sh  
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ sudo chmod a+x fib.sh  
[sudo] password for nhi:  
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ ls  
fib.c Fibonacci.java fib.py fib.sh runall.sh  
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ sudo ./fib.sh  
Fibonacci(18) = 2584  
Excution time 9195 milliseconds
```

Running runall.sh to find out which source code file performs the calculation fastest

```
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform: ~/Downloads/code

Running C program:
Fibonacci(19) = 4181
Execution time: 0.03 milliseconds

Running Java program:
Fibonacci(19) = 4181
Execution time: 0.57 milliseconds

Running Python program:
Fibonacci(19) = 4181
Execution time: 0.84 milliseconds

Running BASH Script
Fibonacci(19) = 4181
Excution time 14588 milliseconds
```

Assignment 4.4: Optimize

Take relevant screenshots of the following commands:

- a) Figure out which parameters you need to pass to **the gcc** compiler so that the compiler performs a number of optimizations that will ensure that the compiled source code will run faster. **Tip!** The parameters are usually a letter followed by a number. Also read **page 191** of your book, but find a better optimization in the man pages. Please note that Linux is case sensitive.

-O1 Optimize.
-O2 Optimize even more.
-O3 Optimize yet more.

- b) Compile **fib.c** again with the optimization parameters

```
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ gcc fib.c -O1 -o fib1
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ gcc fib.c -O2 -o fib2
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ ls
fib fib1 fib2 fib.c Fibonacci.class Fibonacci.java fib.py fib.sh runall.sh
```

- c) Run the newly compiled program. Is it true that it now performs the calculation faster?

```
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ gcc fib.c -O1 -o fib1
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ gcc fib.c -O2 -o fib2
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ ls
fib fib1 fib2 fib.c Fibonacci.class Fibonacci.java fib.py fib.sh runall.sh
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ ./fib1
Fibonacci(18) = 2584
Execution time: 0.02 milliseconds
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ ./fib2
Fibonacci(18) = 2584
Execution time: 0.01 milliseconds
```

- d) Edit the file **runall.sh**, so you can perform all four calculations in a row using this Bash script. So the (compiled/interpreted) C, Java, Python and Bash versions of Fibonacci one after the other.

```
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ ls -l runall.sh
-rw-rw-r-- 1 nhi nhi 249 Jun  9  2023 runall.sh
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ sudo chmod a+x runall.sh
[sudo] password for nhi:
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ ls -l runall.sh
-rwxrwxr-x 1 nhi nhi 249 Jun  9  2023 runall.sh
```

```
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ ls
fib fib.c Fibonacci.class Fibonacci.java fib.py fib.sh runall.sh
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$ ./runall.sh
```

```
Running C program:  
Fibonacci(19) = 4181  
Execution time: 0.01 milliseconds
```

```
Running Java program:  
Fibonacci(19) = 4181  
Execution time: 0.38 milliseconds
```

```
Running Python program:  
Fibonacci(19) = 4181  
Execution time: 1.29 milliseconds
```

```
Running BASH Script  
Fibonacci(19) = 4181  
Excution time 14617 milliseconds
```

```
nhi@nhi-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/code$
```

Assignment 4.5: More ARM Assembly

Like the factorial example, you can also implement the calculation of a power of 2 in assembly. For example you want to calculate $2^4 = 16$. Use iteration to calculate the result. Store the result in r0.

Main:

```
mov r1, #2  
mov r2, #4
```

Loop:

End:

Complete the code. See the PowerPoint slides of week 4.

Screenshot of the completed code here.

The screenshot shows a debugger interface with the following components:

- Top Bar:** Buttons for "Open", "Run" (highlighted), "250", "Step", and "Reset".
- Assembly Code:**

```
1 Main:  
2 mov r1,#2  
3 mov r2,#4  
4 mov r0,#1  
5 Loop:  
6 cmp r2,#0  
7 beq End  
8 mul r0,r0,r1  
9 sub r2,r2,#1  
10 cmp r2,#0  
11 b Loop  
12 End:
```
- Registers:** A table showing register values:

Register	Value
R0	10
R1	2
R2	0
R3	0
R4	0
R5	0
R6	0
- Memory Dump:** A table showing memory starting at address 0x00010000:

Address	Value
0x00010000	02 10 A0 E3 04 20 A0 E3 01 00 A0 E3 00 00
0x00010010	03 00 00 0A 90 01 00 E0 01 20 42 E2 00 00
0x00010020	F9 FF FF EA 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x00010030	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x00010040	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x00010050	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x00010060	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x00010070	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x00010080	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

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