

Chapter 6

# Assembler

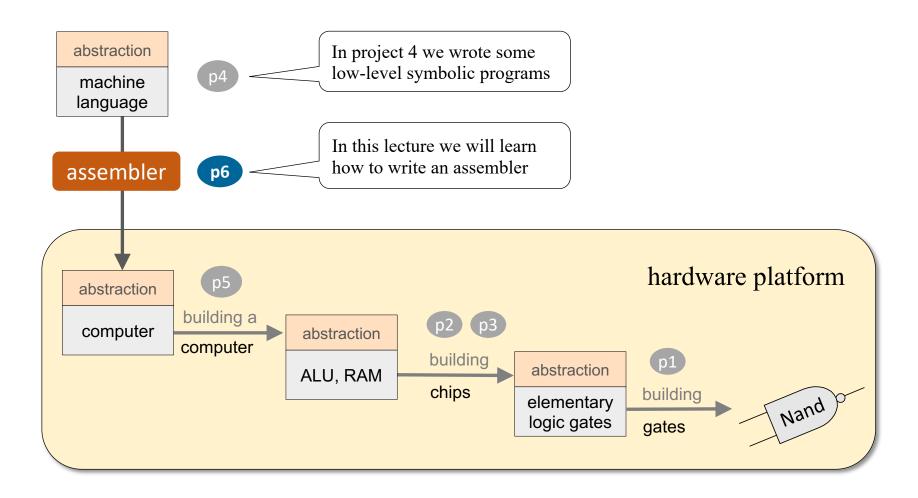
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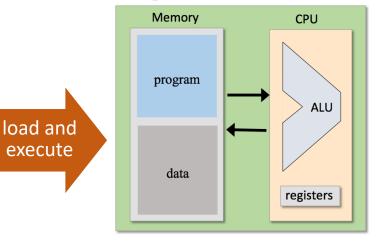


### Symbolic low-level program

```
// 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
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   M=D
   // i = i + 1
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   // goto LOOP
   @LOOP
   0;JMP
   . . .
```

### Binary code

### Computer



# The assembler is...

- 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
- A simple example of 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

Symbolic syntax:

@xxx

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

Example:

@17



Binary syntax:

Where:

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

000000000010001

# **Implementation**

Translate the decimal value into its 16-bit representation;

What about @ symbol instructions? Later.

Symbolic syntax: dest = comp; jump

Binary syntax:

1 1 1 *a c c c c c c d d d j j j* 

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       0 1 0
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JEQ
 JGE
       0 1 1 | if comp \ge 0 jump
       1 0 0 if comp < 0 jump
JLT
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Binary:

Example: A = -1





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

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- Overview
- Translating instructions
- Translating programs
  - Handling symbols

- Assembler architecture
- Assembler API
- Project 6

### Symbolic code

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    // 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
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# Translate

# Need to handle:

- White space
- Instructions
- Symbols

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

### Binary code

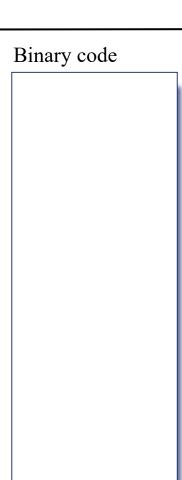
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### Binary code Symbolic code // Computes R1=1 + ... + R0 // i = 1Translate @16 M=1// sum = 0@17 Need to handle: M=0 // if i>R0 goto STOP Ignore it • White space @16 D=M @0 Instructions D=D-M @18 D; JGT • Symbols (later) // sum += i @16 D=M White space: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

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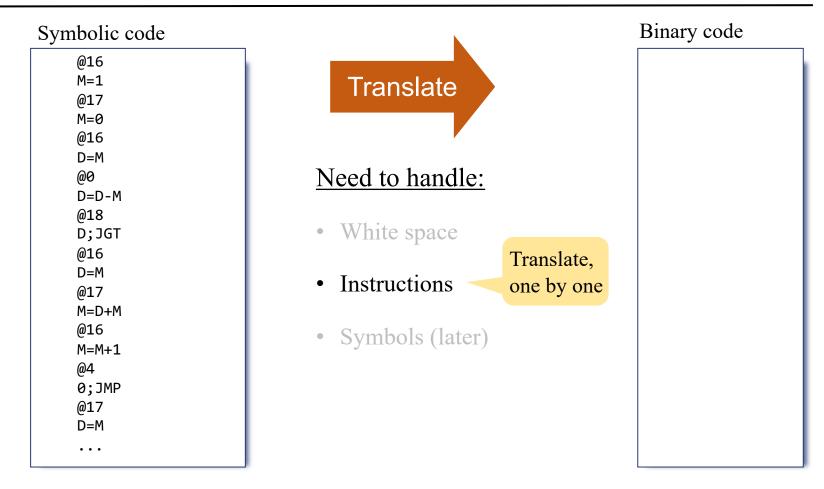
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# Need to handle:

- White space
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Original program, with symbols

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This particular program uses one predefined symbol: R0

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The Hack language features 23 *predefined symbols*:

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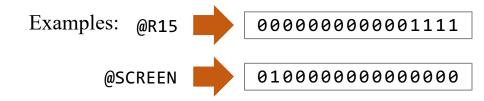
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<u>Translating</u> @preDefinedSymbol:

Replace preDefinedSymbol with its value



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    @sum
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# **Symbols**



- Label symbols
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# **Symbols**

- Predefined symbols
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This particular program uses two label symbols: LOOP, STOP

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

LOOP 4

STOP 18
```

### <u>Translating</u> @labelSymbol:

Replace labelSymbol with its value

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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*.

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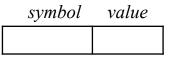
A data structure that the assembler creates and uses during the program translation

Contains the predefined symbols, label symbols, variable symbols, And their bindings.

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**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

## Assembler: Usage

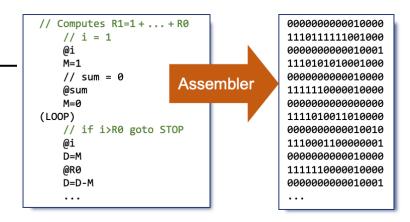
<u>Input</u> (*Prog.* asm): a text file containing a sequence of lines, each being a string representing a comment, an A-instruction, a C-instruction, or a label declaration

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

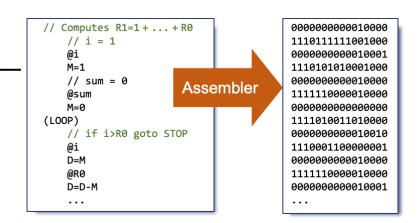
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Translates the *symbol* to its binary value

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

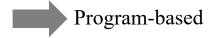
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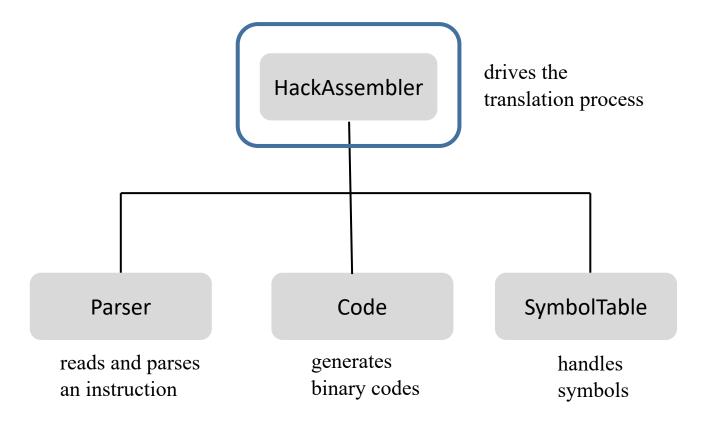


### Assembler implementation options

Manual



## Assembler: Architecture



## Proposed architecture

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

## HackAssembler

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If the instruction is dest = comp; jump

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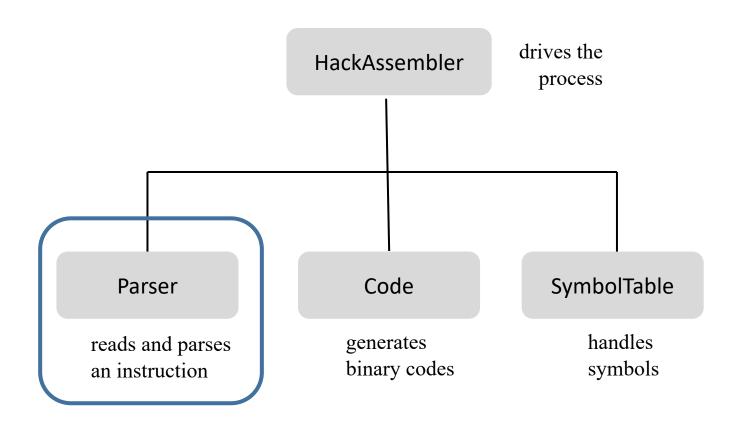
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The HackAssembler implements this assembly algorithm, using the services of:

- Parser
- Code
- SymbolTable

## Assembler 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:

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```
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```

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)

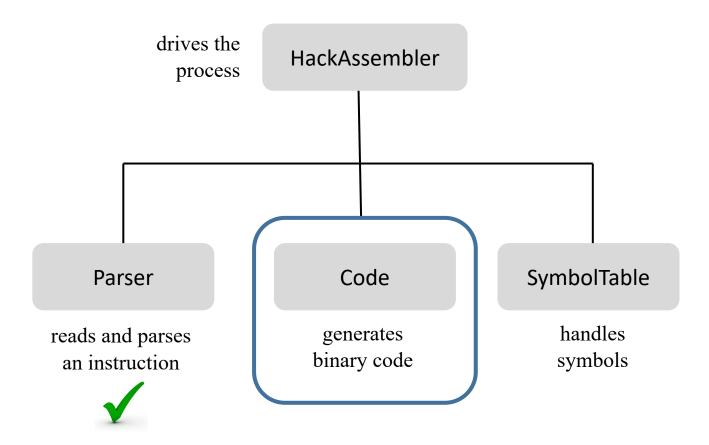
Used if the current instruction is dest = comp; jump

#### 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	1	0	1	0	
D		0	0	1	1	0	0	
A	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

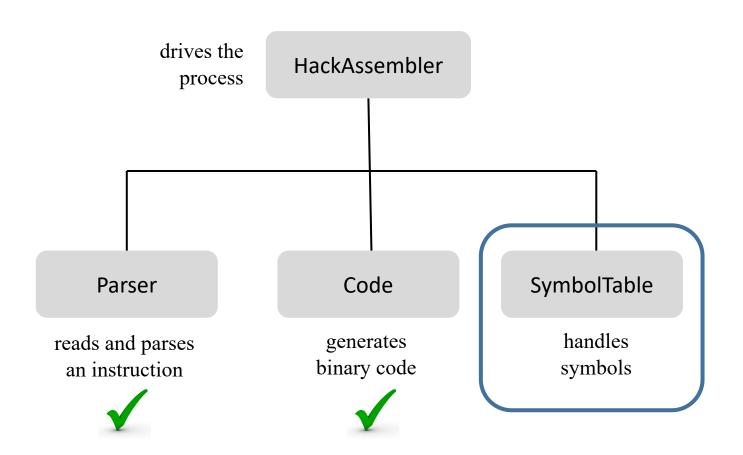
dest	d	d	d
null	0	0	0
М	0	0	1
D	0	1	0
DM	0	1	1
Α	1	0	0
AM	1	0	1
AD	1	1	0
ADM	1	1	1

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

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

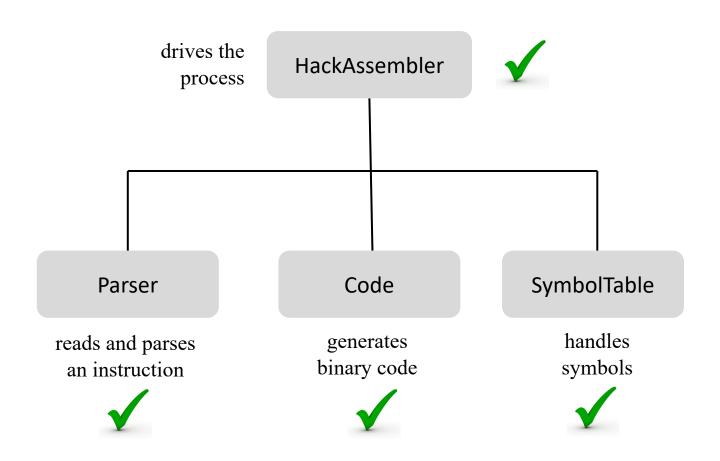
contains(symbol (string)): Checks if symbol exists in the table (boolean)

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

Symbol table: (example)

address
0
1
2
•••
15
16384
24576
0
1
2
3
4
4
18
16
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.

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## 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:

Implement the main program as you see fit.

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# Developing a Hack Assembler

### Contract

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

The source program (input) is supplied as a text file named Prog.asm

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

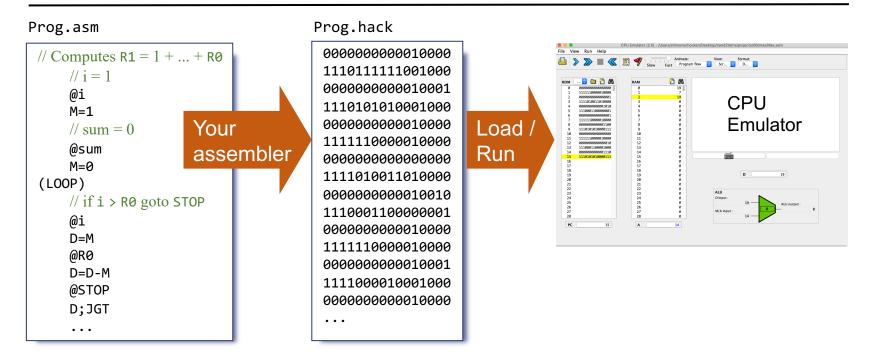
Assumption: Prog. asm is error-free

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

\$ java HackAssembler Prog.asm

### Staged development plan

- 1. Develop a basic assembler that translates programs that have no symbols
- 2. Develop an ability to handle symbols
- 3. Morph the basic assembler into an assembler that translates any program.



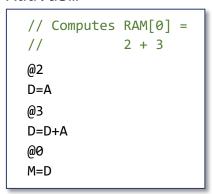
### Test programs

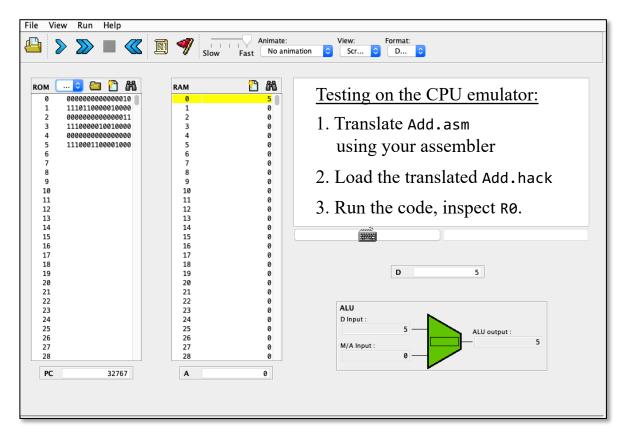
- Add.asm
- Max.asm
- MaxL.asm
- Rect.asm
- RectL.asm
- Pong.asm
- PongL.asm

(with symbols)

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

#### Add.asm

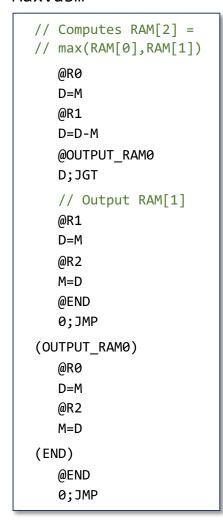


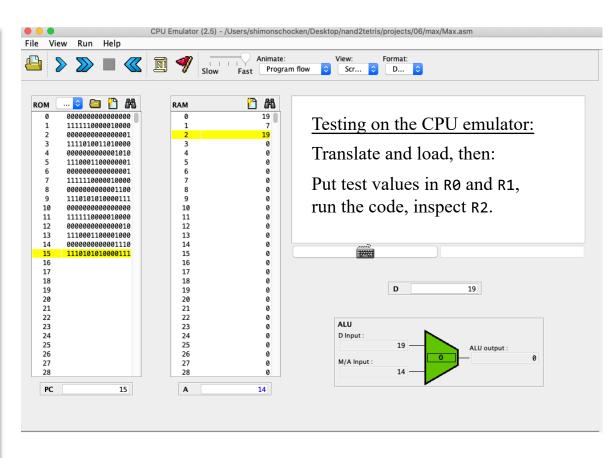


Note: When loading a binary *Prog*.hack file into the CPU emulator, the emulator may translate it back to symbolic code (depending on the emulator's version).

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

#### Max.asm





#### 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

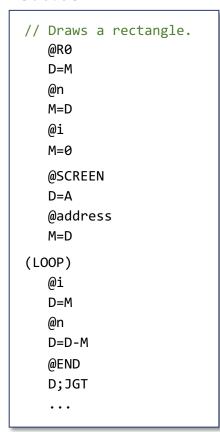
```
// Computes RAM[2] =
// max(RAM[0],RAM[1])
  @0
   D=M
  @1
  D=D-M
  @12
  D;JGT
  // Output RAM[1]
  @1
   D=M
   @2
  M=D
  @16
  0;JMP
   @0
   D=M
   @2
  M=D
  @16
   0;JMP
```

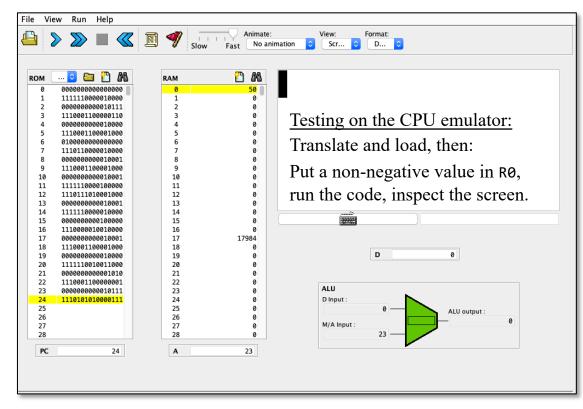
For unit-testing the basic assembler

(Each symbol was replaced with its value)

without symbols

#### Rect.asm





Draws a rectangle, 16 pixels wide and R0 lines high

#### Rect.asm

```
// Draws a rectangle.
   @R0
   D=M
   @n
   M=D
   @i
   M=0
   @SCREEN
   D=A
   @address
   M=D
(LOOP)
   @i
   D=M
   @n
   D=D-M
   @END
   D; JGT
   . . .
```

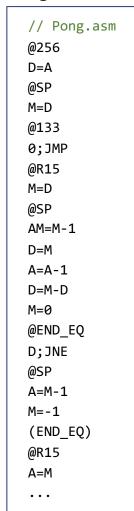
## with symbols

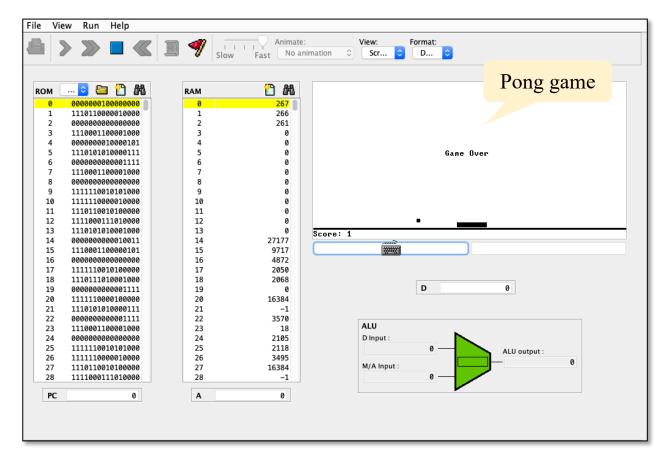
#### RectL.asm

```
// Draws a rectangle.
   @0
   D=M
   @16
   M=D
   @17
                               For unit-testing the
   M=0
                                basic assembler
   @16384
   D=A
   @18
   M=D
(LOOP)
   @17
   D=M
   @16
   D=D-M
   @27
   D; JGT
   . . .
```

without symbols

#### Pong.asm





Translate and load, and then play the game:

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

#### Pong.asm

```
// Pong.asm
@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 original 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 Pong.asm file

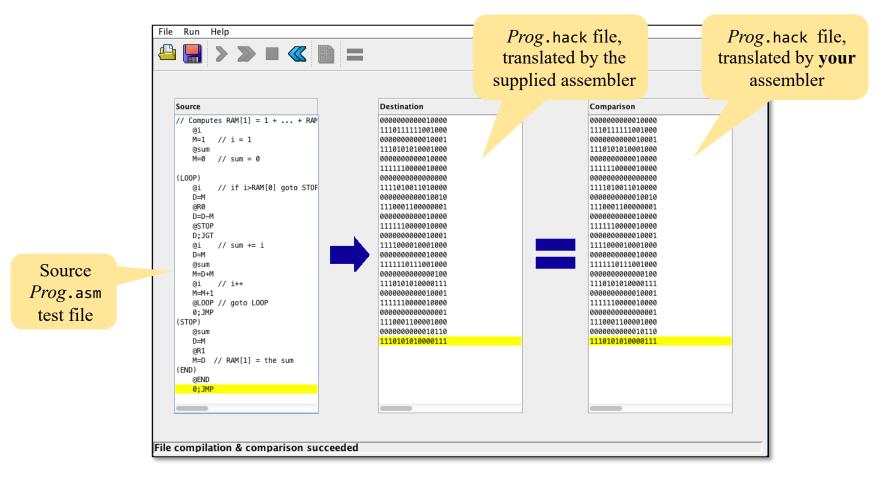
The compiled code (Pong.asm) has compiler-generated addresses and symbols (which may be hard to read).

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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 comparison feedback messages.