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CYBV 471 Assembly Programming for Security Professionals Week 1

Introduction and Setup tools and Lab Environment

Agenda



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- **Why should we learn Assembly Language?**
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Welcome and Introduction

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- Ph.D. (1998), M.Sc. (1990), B.Sc. (1987) all in EE
- Cyber Security Certificate (University of Maryland University College, 2011)
- More than 20 years of teaching experience (several programs)
 - University of Arizona South (CYBV 496, CYBV 471, developed CYBV 454)
 - Southern Methodist University (SMU), Dallas
 - Rigs University, Colorado
 - University of Colorado, Colorado
 - University of Maryland University College (UMUC), Maryland
- Telecommunications, programming, networking, OS, etc.
- Last 12 years: Research/Teach/develop Cyber security courses
- More than 22 years industrial experience (AT&T and Verizon)

Course Overview



- Define and explain binary, hexadecimal, integers and floating-point numbers
- Define and explain memory, memory mapping and the functions and uses of registers
- Identify and describe assembly programming math and bit operations
- Recognize the fundamentals behind branching & looping as well as functions
- Identify and evaluate arrays
- Define and explain C stream I/O
- Identify and describe data structures
- Be able to develop programs that can be embedded into Linux OS kernel
- Be able to construct programs that interact with a system without the layers of abstraction that are provided by many high-level languages
- Review & Final Project

Project Overview



Telnet Client: 25%.

Students must write a “Telnet Client” stand-alone assembly program without using any help from external libraries

Test your Telnet Client using any of the three commands (assume the client name T1.exe)

`./T1.exe 167.114.65.195 23`

A screenshot of a terminal window titled 'student@student-linux: ~'. The window shows the command `./T1.exe 167.114.65.195 23` being executed. The output is a green ASCII art login screen for 'freechess.org'. The screen displays 'Welcome to the Free Internet Chess Server at freechess.org' and provides information about the server, including the website, head admin, and server version. It also prompts the user to enter a login name. A red arrow points to the command line, and red text 'Our Telnet client' and 'Access chess server' are overlaid on the right side of the terminal window.

```
student@student-linux: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
student@student-linux:~$ ./T1.exe 167.114.65.195 23
Welcome to the Free Internet Chess Server at freechess.org
***** Welcome to the Free Internet Chess Server at freechess.org *****
Webpage: http://www.freechess.org
Head admin : Chessty  Complaints to : complaints@freechess.org
Server location: freechess.org  Server version : 1.25.20
If you are not a registered player, enter guest or a unique ID.
(If your return key does not work, use cntrl-J)
login: 
```

Project Overview

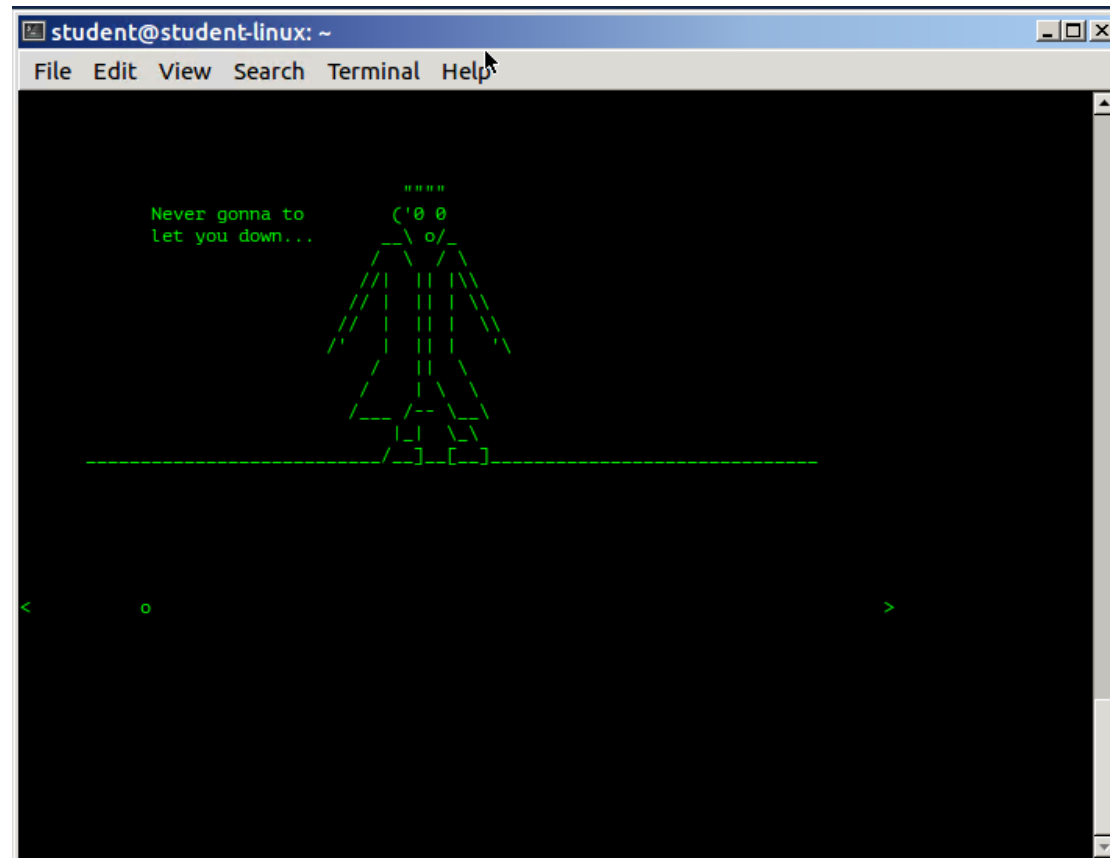


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Test your Telnet Client

Introduction to the VLE



➤ UA Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

➤ Student Portal

➤ CyberApolis

- Websites
- Network Architectures
- Global vs. Local
- Virtual Personas
- Content and Metadata
- Networking

➤ Capture the Flag Arena

➤ Malware Sandbox

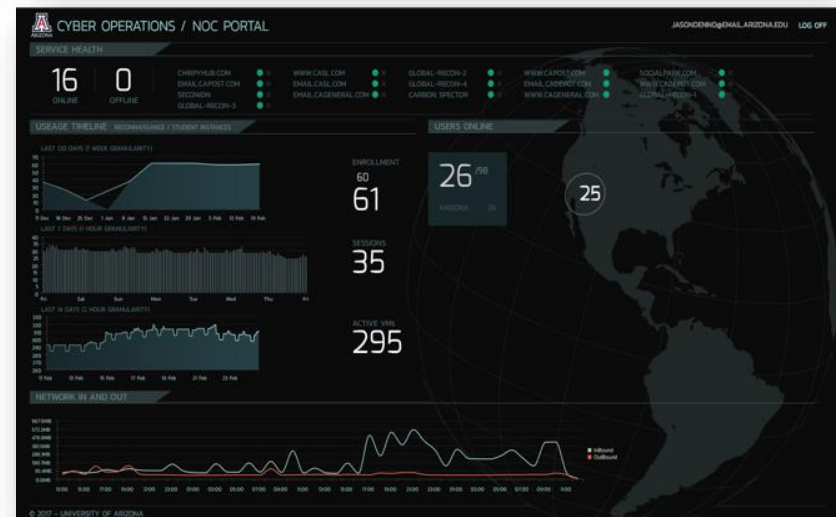
➤ Forensics Lab

➤ IoT Labs

➤ Honeynet Lab

➤ Getting Started

- Register
- Download Software
- Accessing the VLE





Access your VM at VLE
Demo/Steps

Access Virtual Lab/Machines



To access the virtual lab, please follow the following steps

- 1- Access the following link <https://portal.cyberapolis.com/login>
- 2- Click “Forgot your password.”
- 3- Provide your AZ account information and wait for an email with a password

A screenshot of the 'CYBER OPS / PORTAL' login interface. The page has a dark background. At the top left is the Arizona State University logo. To its right is the text 'CYBER OPS / PORTAL' in a light blue font. Further right is a 'Log in' link. Below this is a 'LOG IN' button. The main login area contains two input fields: 'Email' and 'Password'. Below the 'Password' field is a checkbox labeled 'Remember me?'. At the bottom left of the login area is a 'SUBMIT' button. At the bottom right, there is a link that says 'Forgot your password?', which is highlighted with a red rectangular border.

Access Virtual Lab/Machines



4- After getting a password by email, access the following link <https://portal.cyberapolis.com/login>

5- Access your course

The screenshot shows a course card for 'Assembly Programming for Security Professionals'. On the left is a thumbnail image with assembly code snippets and the text 'CYBV 471'. The main content area contains the following details:

| Instructor: | Start: | Duration: |
|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Meky | 12/11/17 | 52 Weeks |
| Time: | Days: | Room: |
| N/A | N/A | N/A |

At the bottom right of the card is a blue button labeled 'Access Course' with a red arrow pointing upwards towards it.

Access Virtual Lab/Machines



7- Start your VMs

8- Download and install VPN files

The screenshot shows a virtual lab interface. At the top, there's a section with assembly code and a title "Assembly Programming for Security Professionals". Below this, there's a section titled "MY VIRTUAL DESKTOPS" with a "VPN FILES" link. Under "MY VIRTUAL DESKTOPS", there are two desktops: "Windows Desktop" and "Linux Desktop". The "Windows Desktop" section shows IP Address: 10.139.0.197, Username: Administrator, and RDP Download: Windows Mac OS X. The "Linux Desktop" section shows IP Address: 10.139.30.219, Username: student, and VNC Info: Use the TurboVNC shortcut on the desktop of your Windows Desktop to connect to your Linux Desktop. A red arrow points to the "VPN FILES" link.

The screenshot shows a page titled "Download OpenVPN Files". It contains instructions for Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux users. A red box highlights the "Windows" section, which lists "1. OpenVPN Connect Installer (pre-configured)".

Download OpenVPN Files

Windows and Mac OS X users should download the executable installer which will automatically install and configure the OpenVPN client.

Linux users should download both the basic OpenVPN installer and the client configuration file.

Windows

1. [OpenVPN Connect Installer \(pre-configured\)](#)

Mac OS X

1. [OpenVPN Connect Installer \(pre-configured\)](#)

Linux

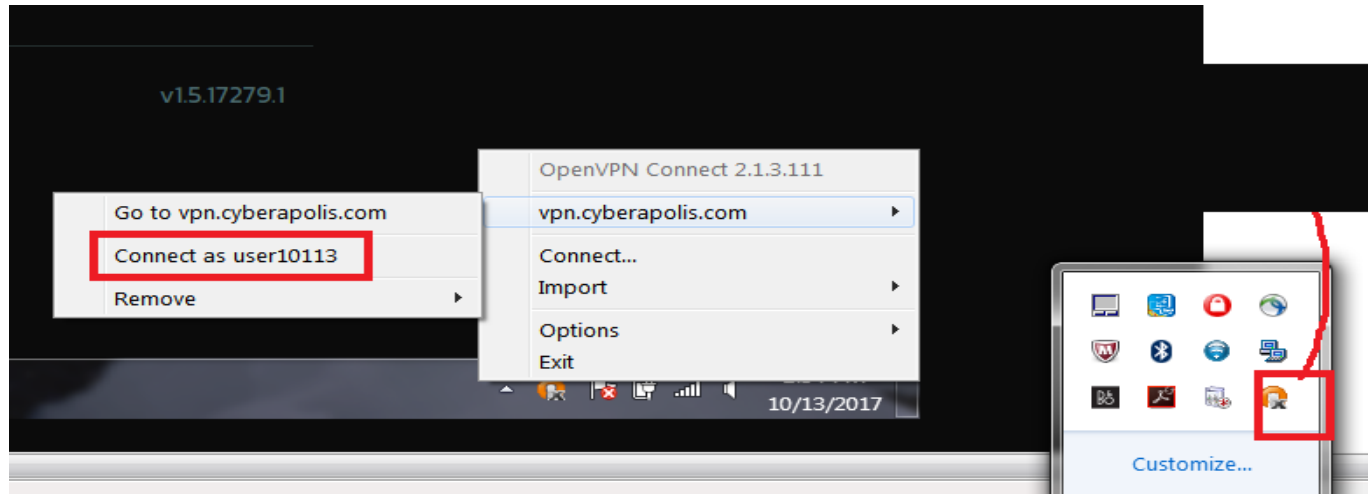
1. [OpenVPN Installer](#)
2. [OpenVPN Configuration File](#)

For more information about OpenVPN and how to connect to your desktops, please read our [How To Get Started Guide](#).

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8- After installing the VPN client, you should see the “OpenVPN” icon at the right bottom of your computer (at the start bar).



9- Connect the VPN. After connecting with OpenVPN, you can check by hovering on the “OpenVPN” icon



Access Virtual Lab/Machines



10- Start Windows Desktop VM, and choose “Reset Password” to get the password for Windows Desktop VM

The screenshot shows the 'CYBER OPERATIONS / STUDENT PORTAL' interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Help', 'Your Courses', and 'Virtual Desktops', with a red arrow pointing to the 'Virtual Desktops' tab. Below the navigation bar, the section 'YOUR VIRTUAL DESKTOPS' is displayed, with a 'VPN FILES' link on the right. The 'Windows Desktop' section lists the IP Address (10.139.5.243), RDP Download links for Windows and Mac OS X, Username (Administrator), and a 'Manage Machine' link with a 'Reset Password' button highlighted by a red box. The 'Linux Desktop' section lists the IP Address (10.139.31.19), VNC Info, and a 'Manage Machine' link with a 'Reset Password' button highlighted by a red box.

CYBER OPERATIONS / STUDENT PORTAL

Help Your Courses **Virtual Desktops**

YOUR VIRTUAL DESKTOPS VPN FILES

Windows Desktop

IP Address: 10.139.5.243
RDP Download: Windows Mac OS X
Username: Administrator
Manage Machine: **Reset Password**

Linux Desktop

IP Address: 10.139.31.19
VNC Info: Use the TurboVNC shortcut on the desktop of your Windows Desktop to connect to your Linux Desktop.
Username: student
Manage Machine: **Reset Password**

Access Virtual Lab/Machines



11- Record the password. You need it to access the Desktop VM

12- Download the remote access desktop (RDP)

A screenshot of a web interface titled "MY VIRTUAL DESKTOPS". In the top right corner, there is a link labeled "VPN FILES" with a download icon. The main content area displays details for a "Windows Desktop" virtual machine. On the left side of the VM details, there is a red arrow pointing towards the "RDP Download:" section. This section contains two links: "Windows" and "Mac OS X", each preceded by a download icon. Other details for the VM include the IP Address "10.139.0.197", Username "Administrator", and a "Manage Machine:" section with "Unavailable" (indicated by a warning triangle) and "Start" (indicated by a play button) and "Reset" (indicated by a circular arrow icon) buttons.

MY VIRTUAL DESKTOPS [VPN FILES](#)

Windows Desktop

IP Address:
10.139.0.197

RDP Download:
[Windows](#) [Mac OS X](#)

Username:
Administrator

Manage Machine:
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[Start](#) [Reset](#)

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13- Start Linux VM, and choose “Reset Password” to get the password for Linux VM

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "MY VIRTUAL DESKTOPS" with a "VPN FILES" link in the top right. It displays two virtual desktops:

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- Linux Desktop:** IP Address: 10.139.30.219, Username: student, Manage Machine: Unavailable. It has "Start" and "Reset" buttons. A red box highlights the "Reset" button, and a red arrow points to it from the right.

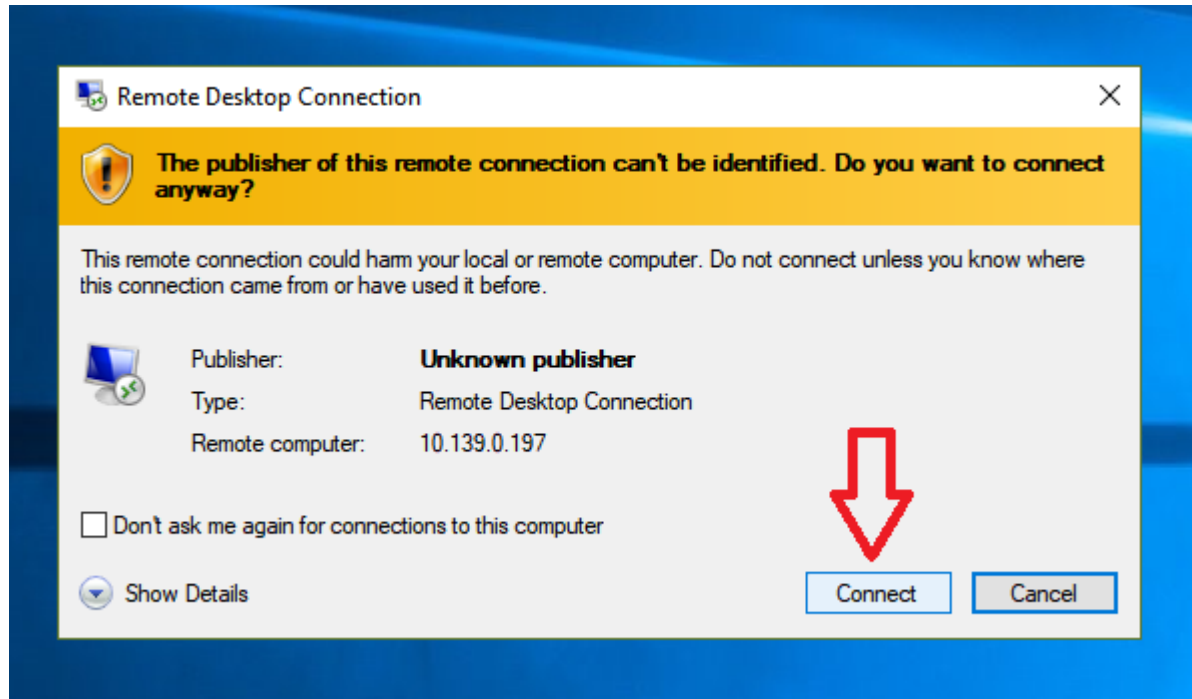
Below the Linux Desktop IP address, there is a "VNC Info" section with the text: "Use the TurboVNC shortcut on the desktop of your Windows Desktop to connect to your Linux Desktop."

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14- Make sure you connect “OpenVPN” with “

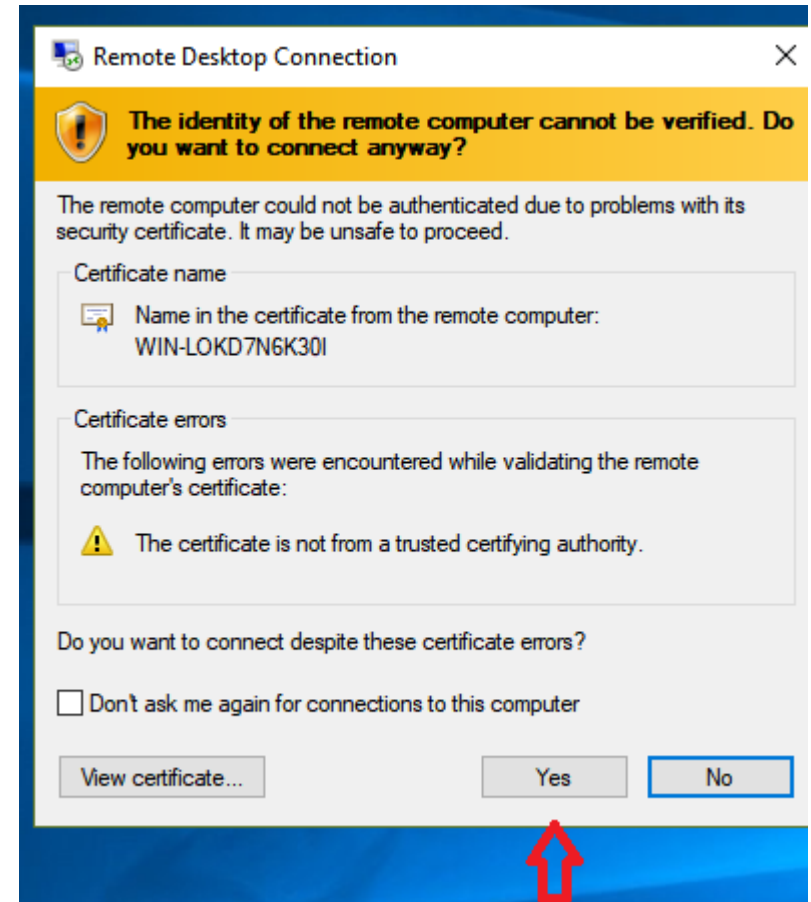
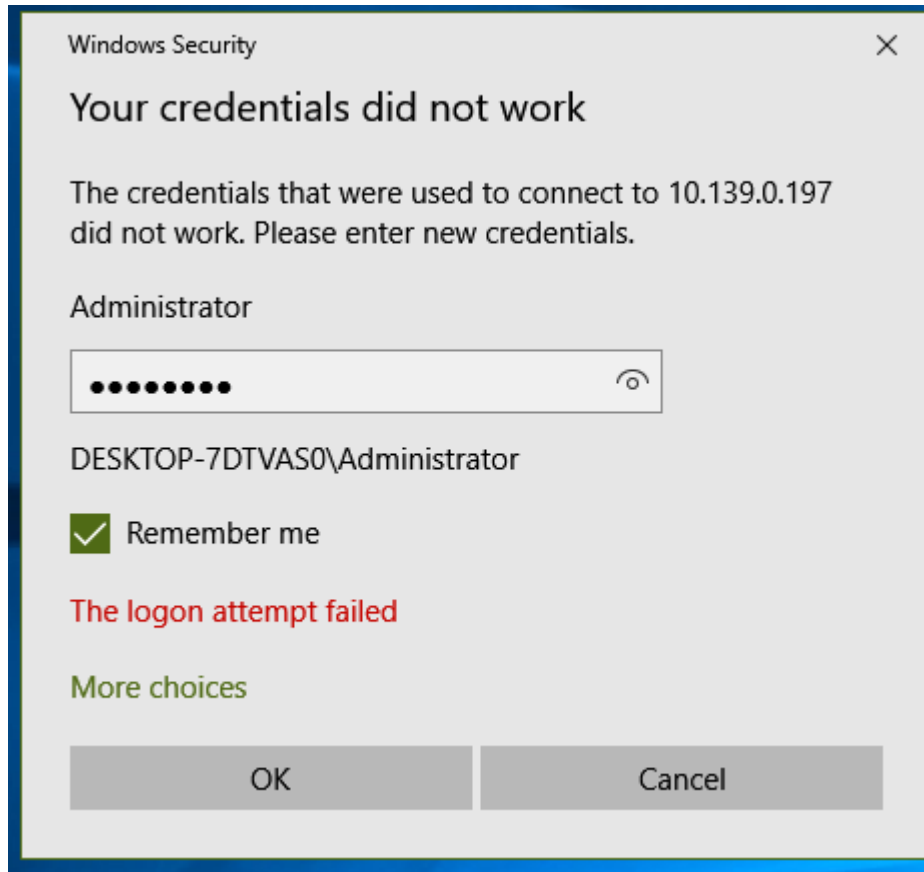
15- Open “RDP” to access Windows desktop.



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Use the correct windows desktop password

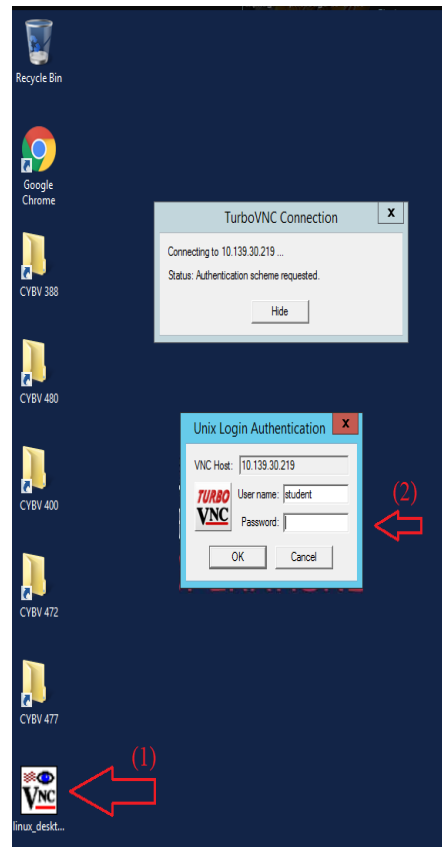


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15- Inside your desktop VM, you should see the Turbo VNC tool to connect to your Linux VM machine. Use the Linux password

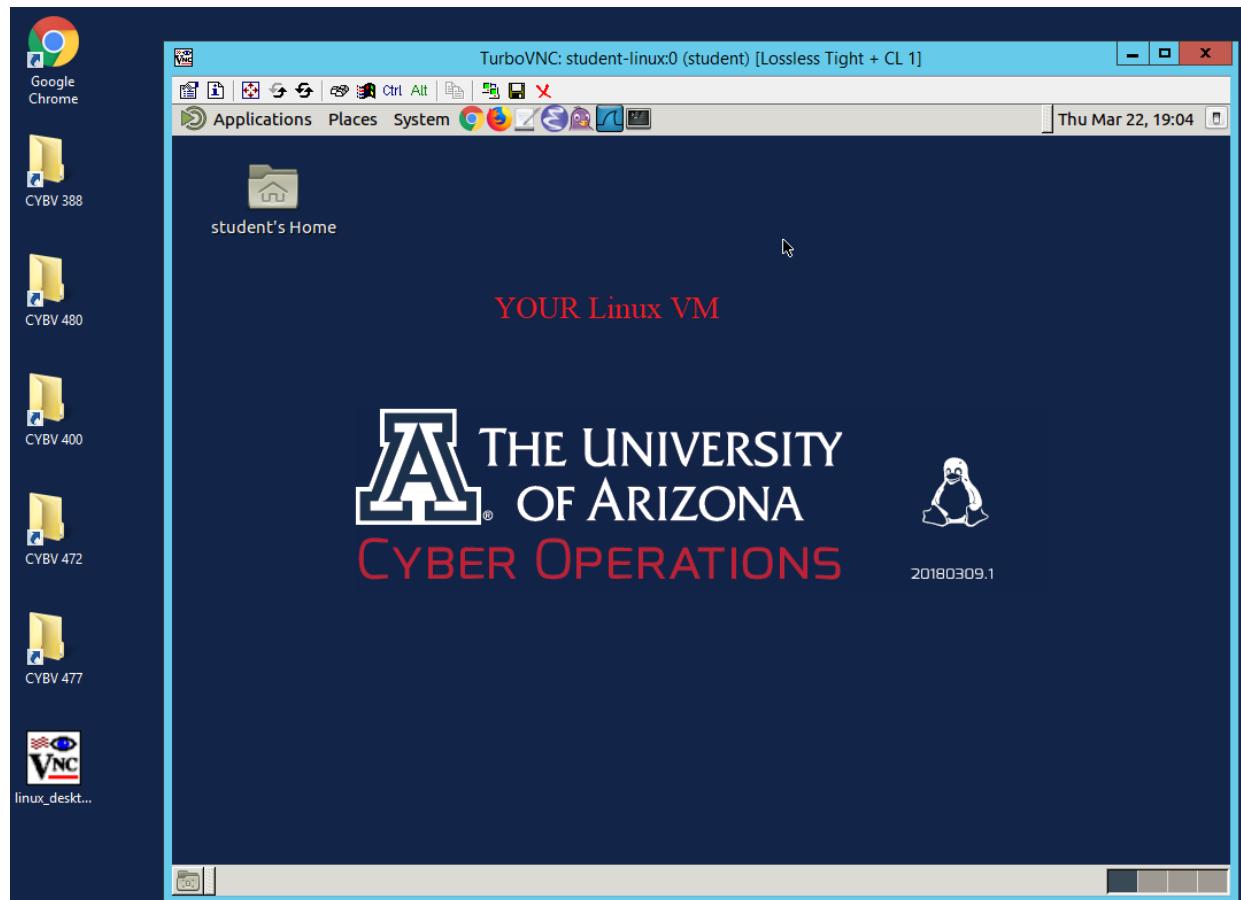
PS: If the Linux VM is not available, restart it



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You should see now Linux VM

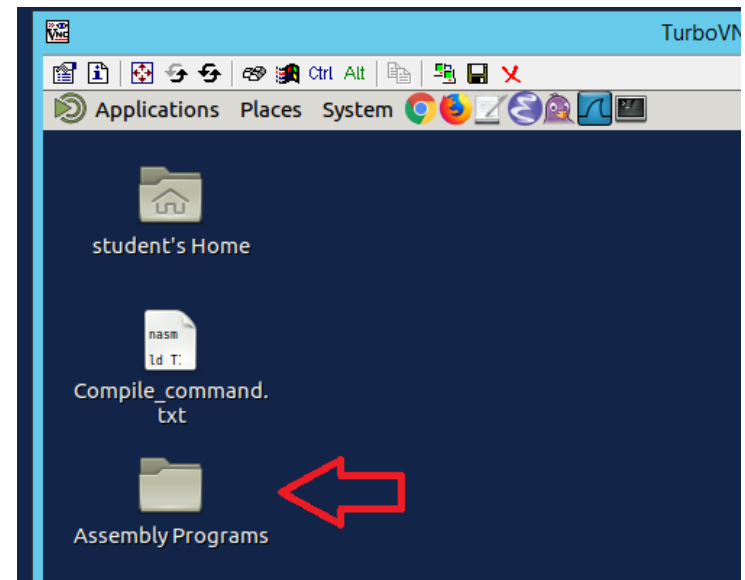
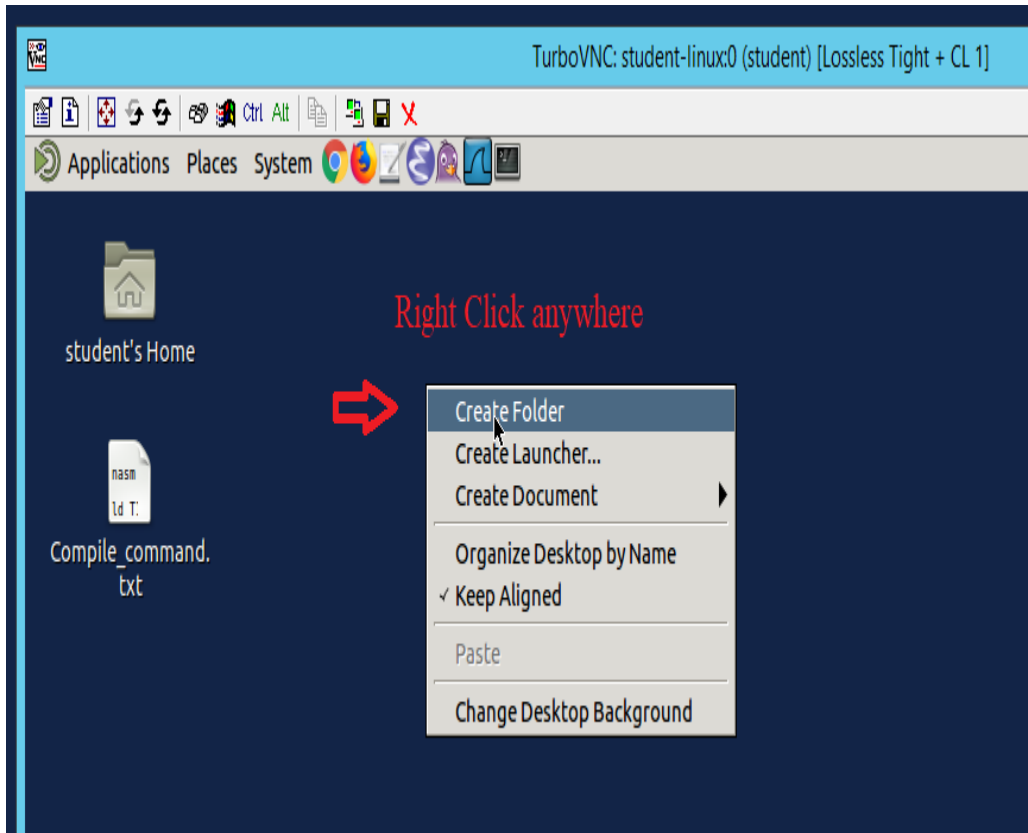


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Right click to create new folder

Name the new folder as “AssemblyPrograms”

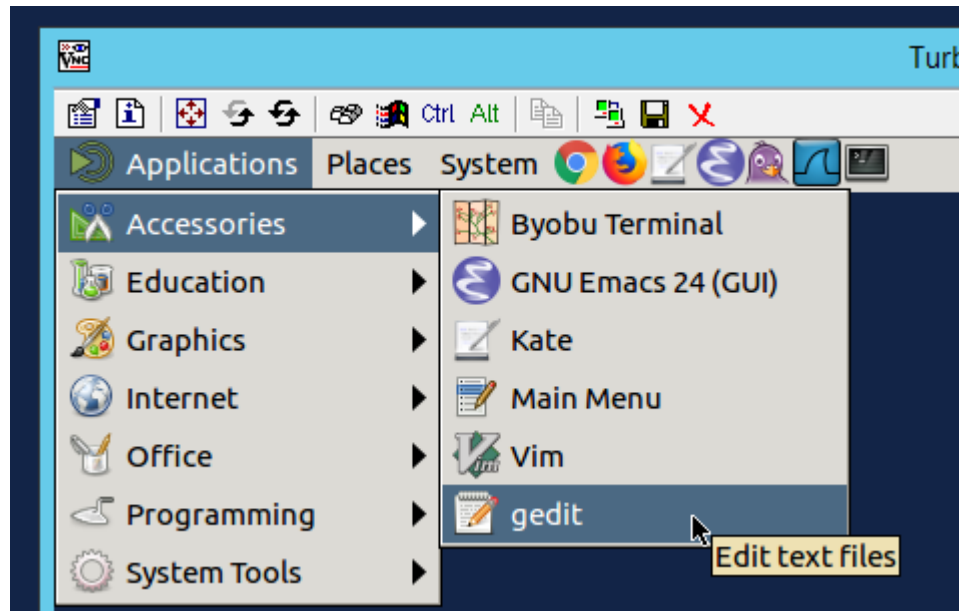


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Open the text editor and create the first assembly program.

Type the code in the following slide



Create First Assembly Program



```
; HelloWorld.asm
```

```
; Define variables in the data section
```

```
SECTION .DATA
```

```
msg:    db 'Hello world!',10
```

```
msgLen: equ $-msg
```

```
; Code goes in the text section
```

```
SECTION .TEXT
```

```
GLOBAL _start
```

```
_start:
```

```
mov eax,4          ; use 'write' system call = 4
mov ebx,1          ; file descriptor 1 = STDOUT
mov ecx,msg        ; string to write
mov edx,msgLen     ; length of string to write
int 80h            ; call the kernel
```

```
; Terminate program
```

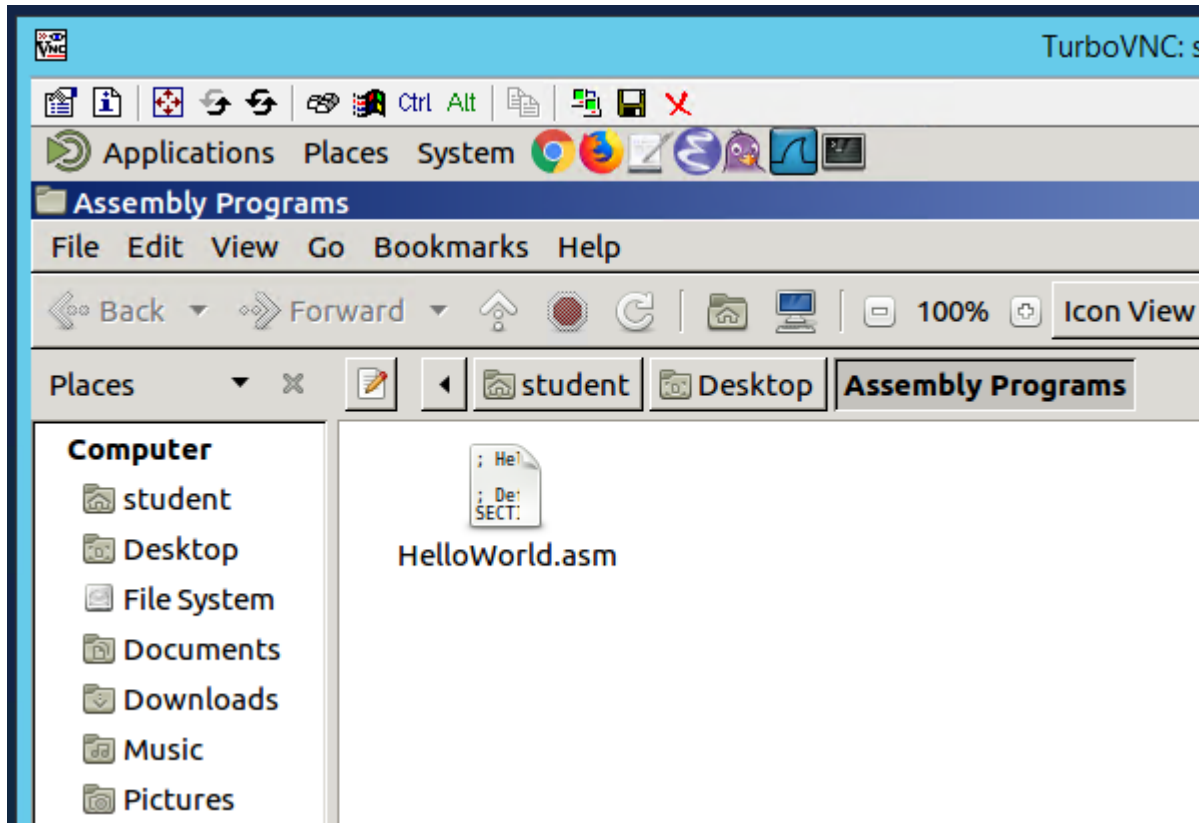
```
mov eax,1          ; 'exit' system call
mov ebx,0          ; exit with error code 0
int 80h            ; call the kernel
```

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Save the file in the “AssemblyPrograms” director.

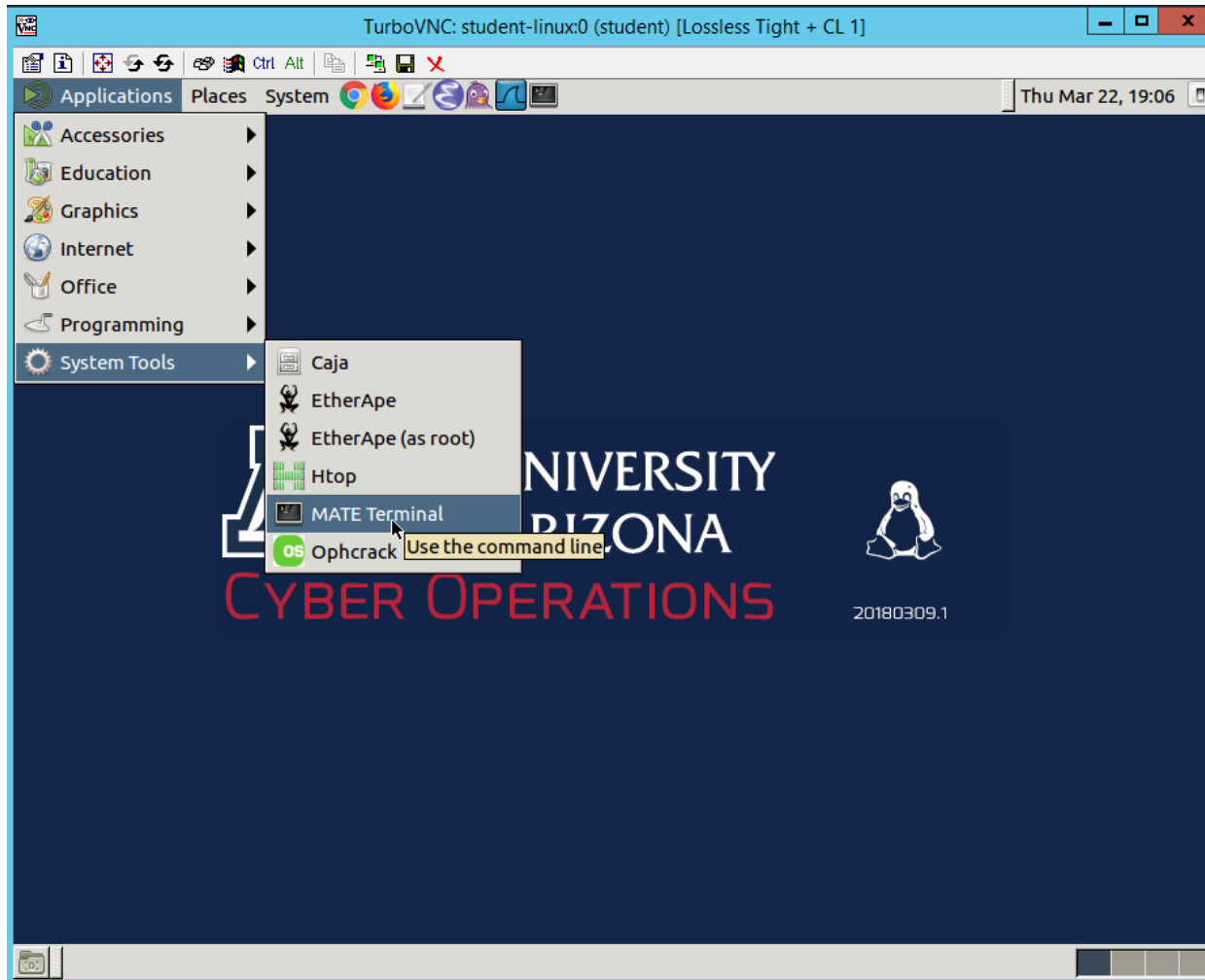
Name the file “HelloWorld.asm”



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Open terminal as follows





Update Linux VM

Execute the following commands to resolve several issues

```
sudo apt-get update
```

```
sudo apt-get install gcc-multilib g++-multilib
```



- To compile the program:
 - 1- Move to the directory that contains the program
`cd Desktop/AssemblyPrograms`
 - 2- Execute the following two steps
`nasm -f elf HelloWorld.asm`
`ld -m elf_i386 HelloWorld.o -o HelloWorld`
 - 3- To run the program by typing:
`./HelloWorld` (enter)

```
student@student-linux: ~/Desktop/AssemblyPrograms
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
student@student-linux:~/Desktop/AssemblyPrograms$ nasm -f elf HelloWorld.asm
student@student-linux:~/Desktop/AssemblyPrograms$ ld -m elf_i386 HelloWorld.o -o HelloWorld
student@student-linux:~/Desktop/AssemblyPrograms$ ls
HelloWorld HelloWorld.asm HelloWorld.o
student@student-linux:~/Desktop/AssemblyPrograms$

student@student-linux: ~/Desktop/AssemblyPrograms
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
student@student-linux:~/Desktop/AssemblyPrograms$ ./HelloWorld
Hello world!
student@student-linux:~/Desktop/AssemblyPrograms$
```

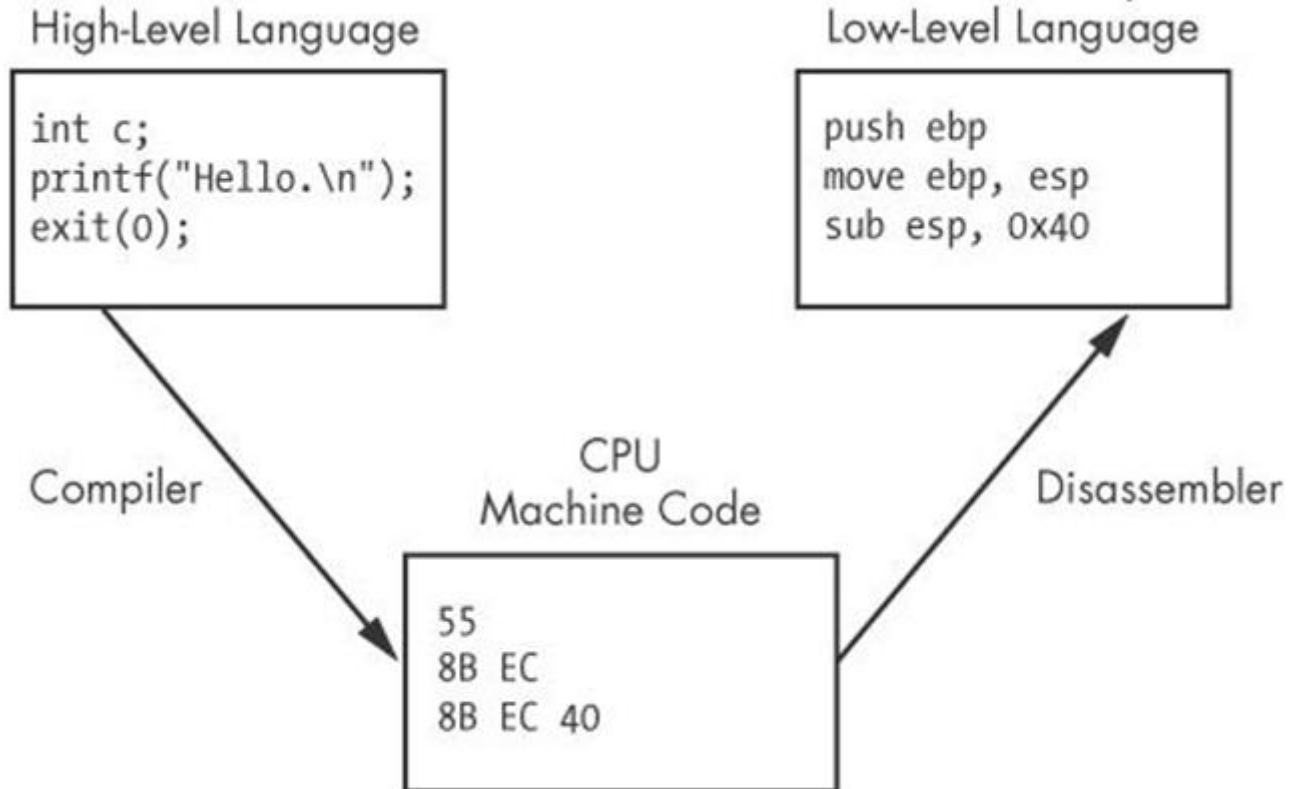


What is Machine Language?

- High-level languages
 - Software developers normally use high level programming language (e.g. C, C++) to create software applications.
 - Converted to machine code by a compiler (e.g. Microsoft Visual Studio)
- Machine code

Binary operation code “opcodes” that instruct the to execute instructions.
- Low-level languages (assembly language)
 - Human-readable version of processor's instruction set
 - Assembly language (PUSH, POP, NOP, MOV, etc.)
 - Disassembler converts machine code to assembly language
 - The highest-level language that can be obtained from malware executable code

Machine Languages



High-level code

```
filename;  
schedulers=0;  
request_submitters=0;  
  
open(filename,"r") {  
    printf(0,"Cannot open file %s",filename);  
  
    write(buffer,256,f) {  
        printf(buffer,"SCHEDULER",8))  
        schedulers++;  
        printf(buffer,"REQUESTSUBMITTER",16))  
        request_submitters++;  
    }  
  
    name = strdup("/tmp/job Simulator_
```

COMPILER

Hand-written Assembly code

```
sll $t3, $t1, 2  
add $t3, $s0, $t3  
sll $t4, $t0, 2  
add $t4, $s0, $t4  
lw $t5, 0($t3)  
lw $t6, 0($t4)  
slt $t2, $t5, $t6  
beq $t2, $zero, endif
```

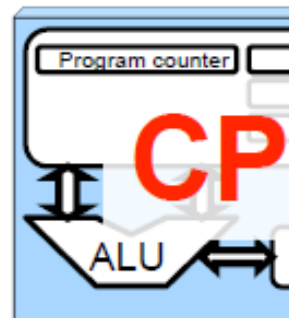
ASSEMBLER

Assembly code

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add $t0, $t1, $zero  
sll $t4, $t0, 2  
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lw $t6, 0($t4)  
slt $t2, $t5, $t6  
beq $t2, $zero, endif
```

Machine

```
010000101010  
101010101111  
101001010101  
101010101010  
111100001010  
000101010111  
010000000010  
000010001000  
101001010010  
000101010010  
010101010101  
101010101111  
101010101010  
111100001010
```



Assembly Language



- Different versions for each type of processor family
- **x86 – 32-bit** version known as Intel IA-32 (most common)
- x64 – 64-bit, Intel and AMD64
- SPARC, PowerPC, MIPS, ARM – others
- Windows runs on x86 (32 bits) or x64 (64 bits)
- x64 machines can run x86 programs

Why should we learn Assembly Language?



- Learning assembly makes you a better programmer in high-level languages
- You may need to write assembly code for performance optimization part of larger software projects
- You need to use assembly code for embedded devices
- You need to use assembly code for device drivers

Binary number, Bits and Bytes



- Each bit is either 1 (True) or 0 (False)
- The binary number system is base 2 system since each digit could be 0 or 1.
- Byte: 8 Bits
- Byte = a unit of storage
 - $1\text{KB} = 2^{10} = 1024$ Bytes
 - $1\text{MB} = 2^{20} = 1,048,576$ Bytes
 - $1\text{GB} = 2^{30} = 1,099,511,627,776$ Bytes
 - Main memory (RAM) is measured in GB
 - Disk storage is measured in GB for small systems, TB (Tera Bytes = 2^{40}) for large systems

Lab 1 Assignment



- Use NASM tool at your virtual machine to write an assembly language program that display the following messages in order. Note that you should display every message is in a separate line

I accessed my VM at the virtual lab

This is my first assembly program using virtual lab

- Run the program and capture the screen shot to show the output
- Create a new Word or PDF file and name it “Your Name-Lab1”.
- In your Word or PDF document, include your code and briefly explain every line
- In your Word or PDF document, include the screen shot to show the output
- Submit your completed Word or PDF document in the Laboratory Assignment Lab 1 assignment link

Week 1 Assignments



- **Learning Materials**

- Week 1 Presentation
- Read 1-14 (Duntermann, Jeff. Assembly Language Step by Step, Programming with Linux)

- **Assignment**

- 1- Complete “Lab 1” by coming Sunday 11:59 PM.

Putting It All Together



You should know:

- **Understand the course's goals**
- **Understand the course's requirements**
- **Understand how can you access virtual lab and your virtual machines**
- **Understand how can build, compile, and run assembly language**
- **What is the assembly language?**
- **Build first assembly program**
- **Understand this week assignment**



Questions?

Lecture 1-2

Data Presentation and Number Systems