

# CS061:

# Machine Organization & Assembly Language

## Lab 4

# Agenda

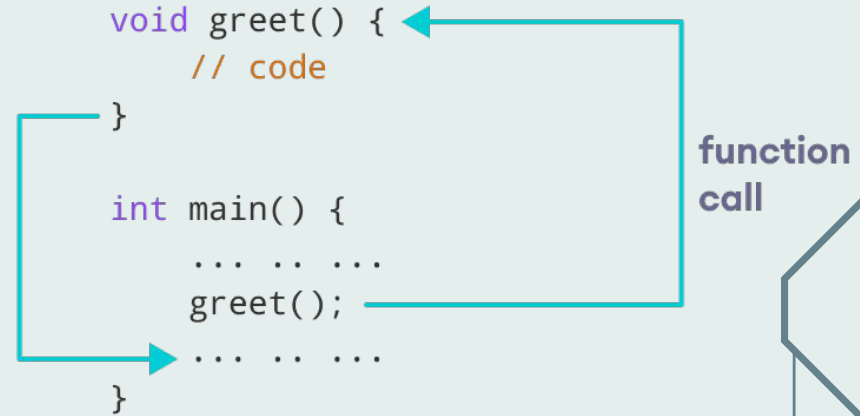
## 1. Presentation:

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- c. Subroutines: Parameters / Return Values
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- f. Subroutines: Live Demo
- a. Lab Description

## 2. Work Time / Questions / Demos

# Sub-routine'd

- Sub-routines are similar to functions in C++ (and other programming languages).
  - Isolate code for re-use.
  - Takes in parameters.
  - Returns values.
- Similar execution flow:
  - Main program will make a call to a sub-routine.
  - Code in the sub-routine will execute.
  - Main program will resume.



# Isolation

- Subroutines are usually placed x200 memory addresses apart.
- Why isolate sub-routines?
- Organizational:
  - Looks cleaner.
  - No messy intertwining with main program or other code.
- Sub-routines at fixed locations easier to access.
- Allow subroutine's code and data to expand without worrying about conflicting with other code / data

```
.ORIG x3000  
; Main Program  
  
HALT  
; Local Data  
  
.END  
  
.ORIG x3200  
; Function Code  
.END
```

# Control Flow

- How can the program jump to code far away (e.g. in x3200)?
  - Does branch (BR) work?
- Suppose we run code at x3200, how to get back to main program at x3000?
  - Could we use labels to jump to and from?


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; Main Program
```

```
HALT  
; Local Data
```

```
.END
```

```
.ORIG x3200  
; Function Code  
.END
```

# Control Flow

- What if we could jump to an address specified by a register?
  - Mashup between LDR and BR.
- **JMP Rx**: Jumps to address specified in register Rx. 
  - Not actually used!
- Solves the problem of how to get there, but not how to get back?
  - Can execute stuff at x3200, but can't get back to the main program.

```
.ORIG x3000
; Main Program
; R5 = x3200
LD R5, FUNC_PTR
; Go to x3200
JMP R5

HALT
; Local Data
FUNC_PTR .FILL x3200
.END

.ORIG x3200
; Function Code
.END
```


# Control Flow

x3000    ; Main Program  
         ; R5 = x3200  
x3000    LD R5, FUNC\_PTR  
  
x3001    ADD R7, PC, #0  
x3002    ADD R7, R7, #3  
         ; Go to x3200  
x3003    JMP R5  
  
x3004    ADD R1, R1, #0

- Imagine if we could access a register keeping track of the current line we're at in the program.
  - PC = Program Counter
  - Memory address of current instruction.
- PC = x3001
- R7 = PC = x3001
- $R7 \leftarrow R7 + 3 = x3001 + 3$ 
  - R7 = x3004

# Control Flow

```
.ORIG x3200  
; Subroutine Code  
; ...  
; Go back to  
; main program  
JMP R7  
.END
```



- Suppose executing the subroutine.
- R7 is still x3004.
  - x3004 is back at the main program.
- When finish executing subroutine, can just jump back to address in R7.



# Control Flow - Revealed

```
x3000 .ORIG x3000
      ; Main Program
      ; R5 = x3200
x3000 LD R5, FUNC_PTR
x3001 JSRR R5
x3002 ADD R1, R1, #0
```

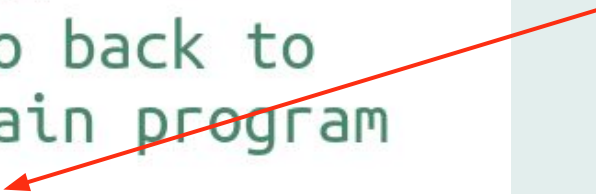
- There is no way to access the PC register directly!

**JSRR Rx:** Jump to subroutine specified by register Rx.

- 1. Stores address of *next* instruction (e.g. x3002) into R7.
- 2. Jumps to address specified in R5.

# Control Flow - Revealed

```
.ORIG x3200  
; Subroutine Code  
; ...  
; Go back to  
; main program  
RET  
.END
```



**RET:** Jumps back to the address specified in R7.

- Alias for: JMP R7
- E.g. R7 = x3002

# Basic Subroutine

```
.ORIG x3000
; Main Program
LD R5, SUB_PTR
JSRR R5
; Code after
; subroutine.
HALT
; Local Data
SUB_PTR .FILL x3200
.END
.ORIG x3200
; Subroutine Code
; ...
; Go back to
; main program
RET
.END
```

- Load subroutine address in register.
- Call subroutine.
- Jumps back to main program (address in R7)

# Parameters/Return Values

- **Parameters** are registers set *before* calling the subroutine for use *in* the subroutine.
- **Return Values** are registers set *in* the subroutine for use *after* the subroutine finishes.

```
;-----  
; Subroutine: SUB_ADD_10_3200  
; Parameter (R3): Value to add 10 to.  
; Postcondition: 10 is added to R3.  
; Return Value (R3): R3 had 10 added to it.  
;-----
```

```
.ORIG x3000  
  
; Define parameters here  
; R1 = 5, R3 = 10  
  
LD R5, SUB_ADDR  
JSRR R5  
  
; Use return values  
  
; HALT, .END, etc  
; ...  
  
.ORIG x3200  
; Use parameters  
  
; Set return values  
RET  
.END
```

# Parameters/Return Values

```
; Main program  
; R3 = 5  
ADD R3, R3, #5  
  
LD R5, SUB_ADDR  
JSRR R5
```

```
ADD R3, R3, #2
```

```
.ORIG x3200  
; Subroutine Code  
ADD R3, R3, #10  
RET  
.END
```

- Registers are like global variables!
  - Persist throughout the entire program!
- R3 = 5 in the main program.
- R3 is still 15!
- R3 is now 17!
- R3 is still 5!
- R3 is now 15!

# Subroutine Data

- Subroutines can have their own data similar to local data in the main program.
  - Labels defined in the subroutine data must be unique for the ENTIRE program.
  - E.g. Can't have 2 labels called "DEC\_65" in the source file.
- *TIP:* Append the address of the subroutine to the subroutine data labels.
  - E.g. instead of just OFFSET, call it OFFSET\_3200

```
.ORIG x3200
; Subroutine Code
; Assume R0 has 5 in it
LD R1, OFFSET_3200
; Add 48 to R0
ADD R0, R0, R1
; Print out '5'
OUT

RET
; Subroutine Data
OFFSET_3200 .FILL #48
.END
```

# Subroutine Header

1. Subroutine Name: Starts with “SUB”, ends with address of subroutine.
2. Parameters: Registers used as arguments for the subroutine and description.
  - a. E.g. (R1) Address of Array
3. Postcondition: What the subroutine does.
4. Return Value: Registers that hold return values.
  - a. E.g. (R3) Elements in array.

```
;=====
; Subroutine: SUB_intelligent_name_goes_here_3200
; Parameter: (Register you are “passing in”): [description of parameter]
; Postcondition: [a short description of what the subroutine accomplishes]
; Return Value: [which register (if any) has a return value and what it means]
;=====

.orig x3200      ; use the starting address as part of the sub name
```

# Subroutine Live Demo

- Writing a subroutine that multiplies a value by 2.
- Using the simulator with subroutines.

```
;-----  
; Subroutine: SUB_MULT_2_3200  
; Parameter (R1): Value to multiply by 2.  
; Postcondition: Multiply the value in R1 by 2 and store it in R3.  
; Return Value (R3): R3 had 10 added to it.  
;-----
```



# Exercise 1

- Create an array of size 10 in local data (the data of the main program).
- Create a new subroutine called "SUB\_FILL\_ARRAY\_3200"
  - R1 should be a parameter with the address of the array from local data.
  - Programmatically populate the array with 0 through 9 (decimal numbers, not ASCII).
  - At the end of the subroutine, revert R1 to the original address of the array!
- In the main program, call the subroutine you created!

```
;-----  
; Subroutine: SUB_FILL_ARRAY  
; Parameter (R1): The starting address of the array. This should be  
unchanged at the end of the subroutine!  
; Postcondition: The array has values from 0 through 9.  
; Return Value (None)  
;-----
```

# Exercise 2

- Copy exercise 1 into exercise 2 file.
- Create a new subroutine at x3400!
  - Subroutine should load each element from the array, convert it to an ASCII character, and store it back into the array.
- Call the subroutine in your main program (placed after the call to your previous subroutine)

```
;-----  
; Subroutine: SUB_CONVERT_ARRAY  
; Parameter (R1): The starting address of the array. This should be  
unchanged at the end of the subroutine!  
; Postcondition: Each element (number) in the array should be represented as  
a character. E.g. 0 -> '0'  
; Return Value (None)  
;-----
```

# Exercise 3

- Copy the exercise 2 code into your exercise 3 file.
- Create a new subroutine at x3600 called "SUB\_PRINT\_ARRAY\_3600"
  - Load each element from the array, and print it out using OUT.
- Call the subroutine in the main program after calls to your previous subroutine.
- Ensure that the program runs correctly such that 0 through 9 prints out to the console (e.g. "0123456789").

```
;-----  
; Subroutine: SUB_PRINT_ARRAY  
; Parameter (R1): The starting address of the array. This should be unchanged at the  
end of the subroutine!  
; Postcondition: Each element (character) in the array is printed out to the  
console.  
; Return Value (None)  
;-----
```

# Exercise 4

- Copy the exercise 3 code into your exercise 4 file.
- Create a new subroutine at x3800 called "SUB\_PRETTY\_PRINT\_ARRAY\_3800"
  - Print out "====" (5 equal signs) before and after printing out the array.
  - **Call your "SUB\_PRINT\_ARRAY" subroutine. Do not copy the print array logic!**
- Call the subroutine in the main program after calls to your previous subroutines.
- **This will not work properly!** Step through the program and answer the questions in the lab manual.

```
;-----  
; Subroutine: SUB_PRETTY_PRINT_ARRAY  
; Parameter (R1): The starting address of the array. This should be unchanged  
at the end of the subroutine!  
; Postcondition: Prints out "====" (5 equal signs), prints out the array,  
and after prints out "====" again.  
; Return Value (None)  
;-----
```

# Demo Info

- **Lab Grade Breakdown:**
  - 3 points for attendance.
  - 7 points for demoing (+1 bonus point demo'd before/during Friday).
  - 3 point penalty if lab is demo'd during the next lab session.
- **Tips before you demo:**
  - ***Understand your code!*** (Know what each line does & the input/output)
  - ***Test your code!*** (Check for correct output and that there are no errors)