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# **Tutorial 09: ARM Pseudo Instructions**

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- The ARM assembler supports several *pseudo instructions* that are translated into the appropriate combination of ARM words at assembly time.
- Consider the following assembly program:

```
AREA prog1, code, READONLY
ENTRY

LDR r0, [r1]

LDR r0, =0xFF ; pseudo-instruction

LDR r0, X ; pseudo-instruction

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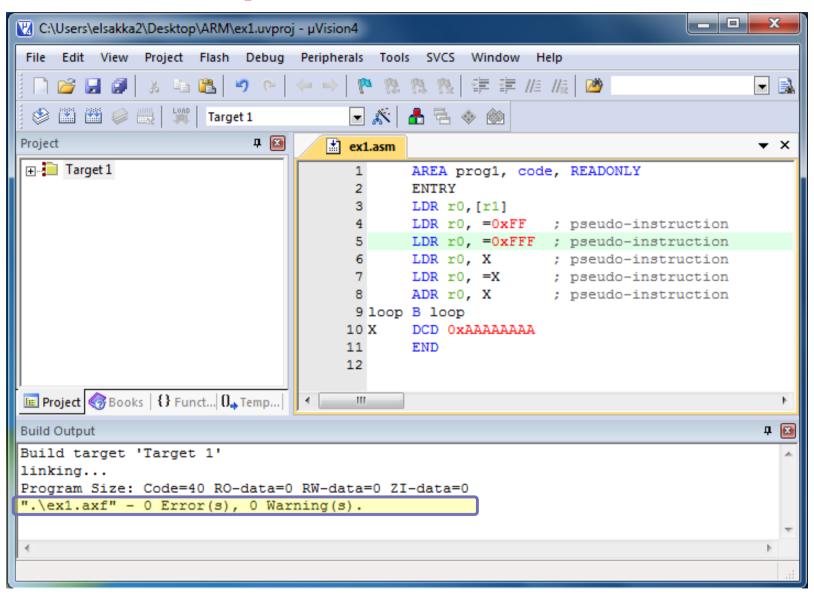
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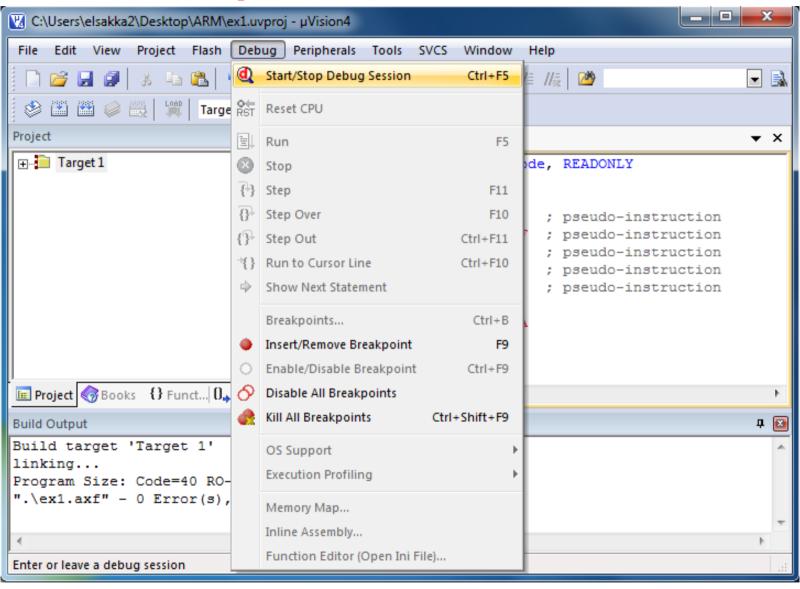
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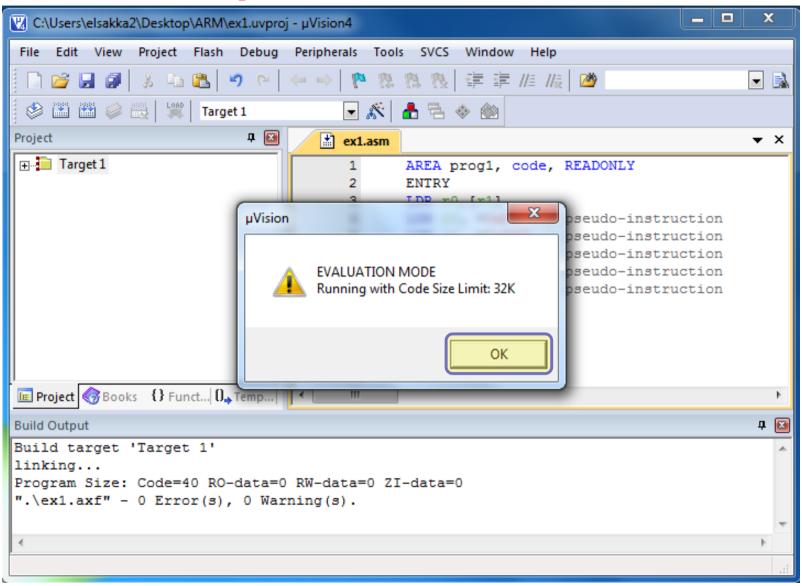
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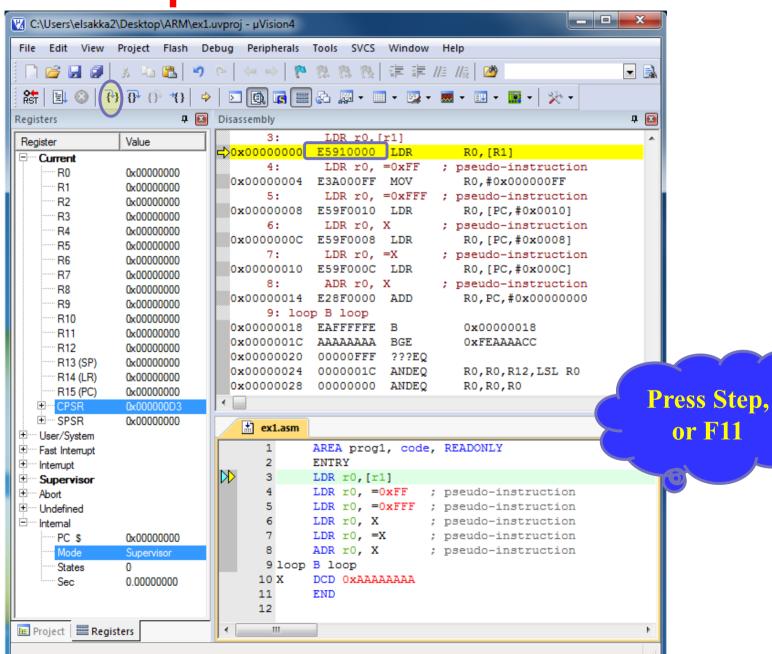
ADR DCD 0xAAAAAAAA

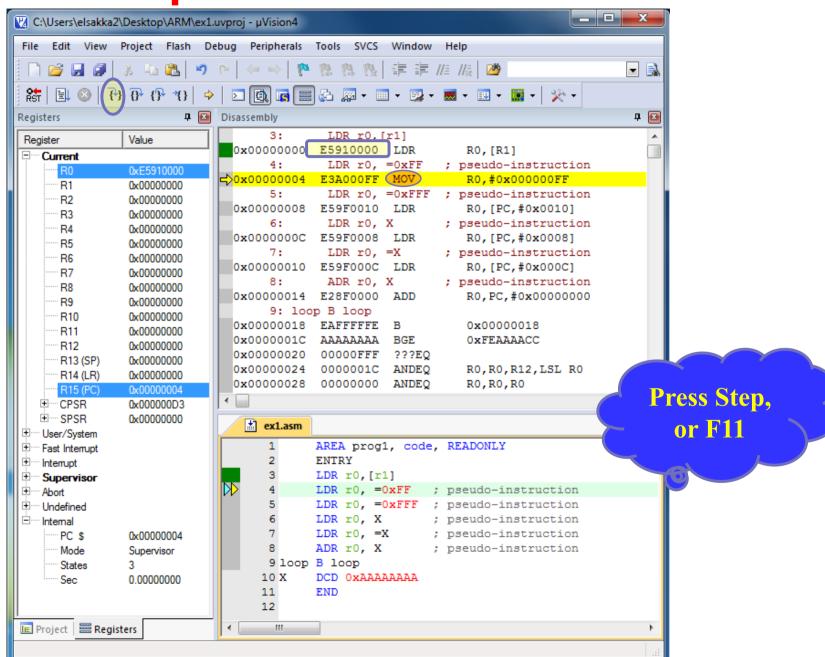
END
```



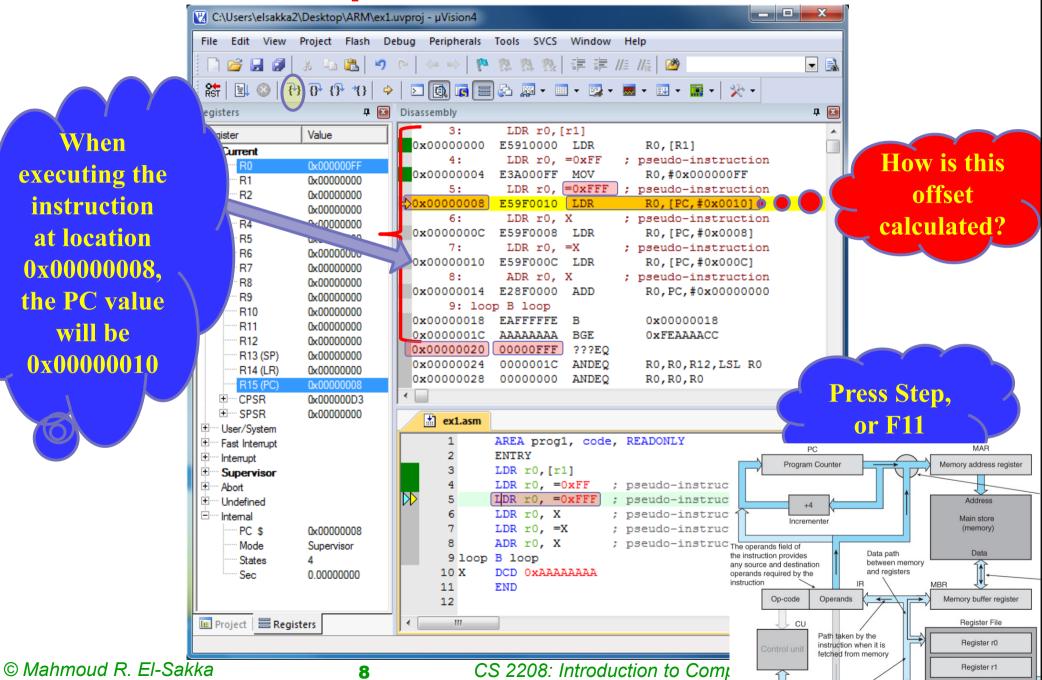




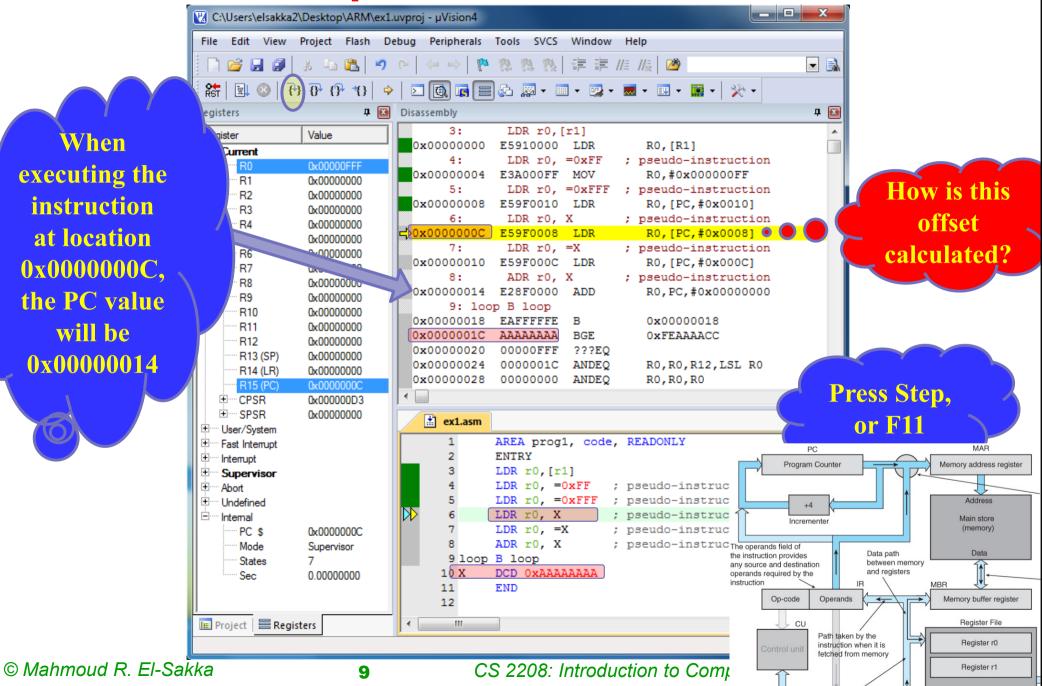




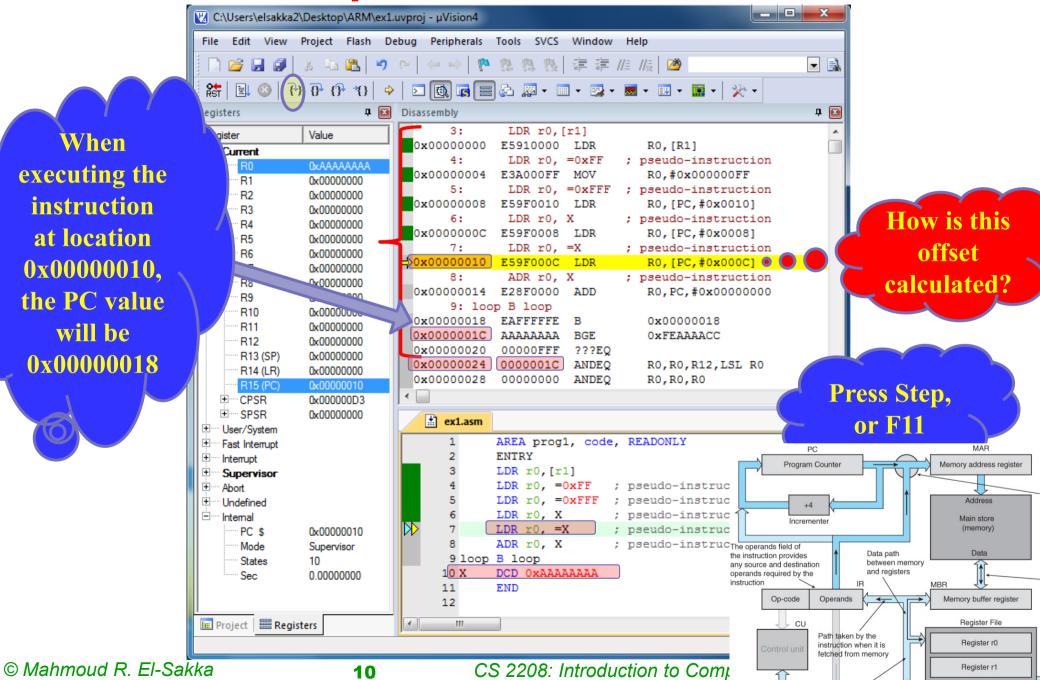
When executing the instruction at location 0x00000008, the PC value will be 0x00000010



When executing the instruction at location 0x000000C, the PC value will be 0x00000014



When executing the instruction at location 0x0000010, the PC value will be 0x00000018



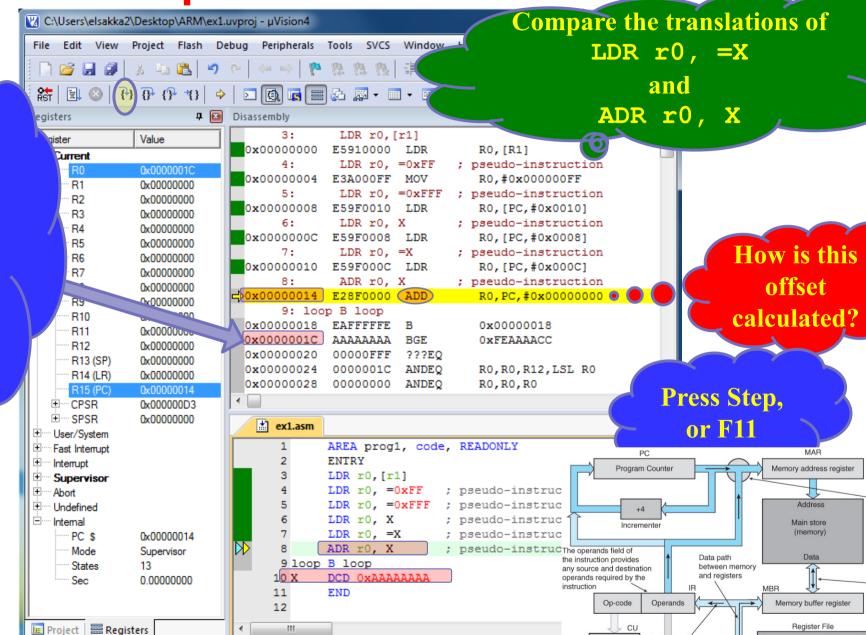
Path taken by the

instruction when it is fetched from memory

Register r0

Register r1

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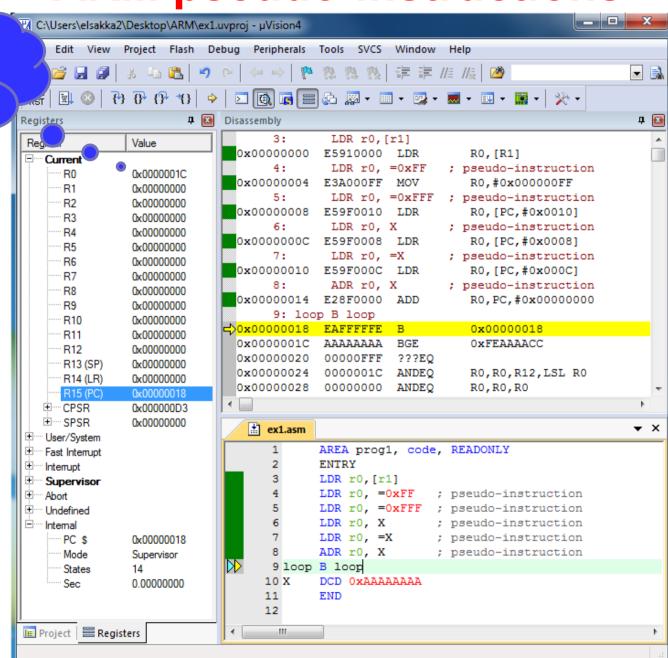
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When executing the instruction at location 0x00000014, the PC value will be 0x000001C

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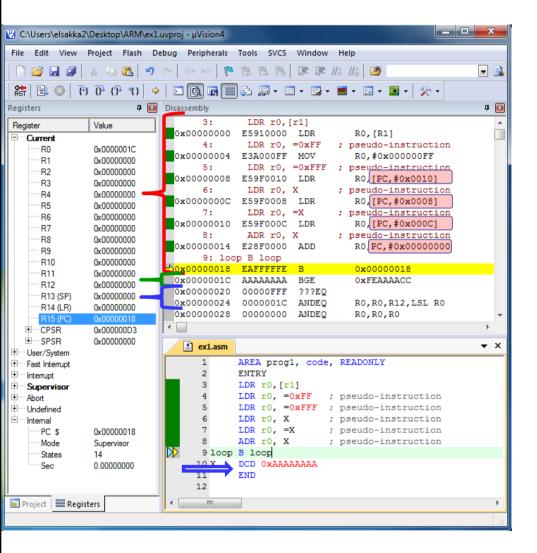


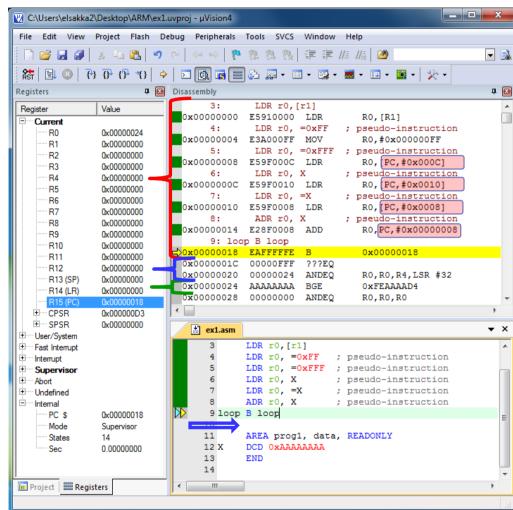


Consider we changed the previous program as follow:

```
AREA prog1, code, READONLY
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     ENTRY
                                                       ENTRY
     LDR r0, [r1]
                                                       LDR r0, [r1]
     LDR \mathbf{r0}, =0xFF
                      ; pseudo-instruction
                                                       LDR \mathbf{r0}, =0xFF
                                                                        ; pseudo-instruction
                                                                        ; pseudo-instruction
     LDR \mathbf{r0}, =0xFFF
                     ; pseudo-instruction
                                                       LDR \mathbf{r0}, =0xFFF
                     ; pseudo-instruction
     LDR rO, X
                                                       LDR rO, X
                                                                        ; pseudo-instruction
     LDR rO, =X
                     ; pseudo-instruction
                                                       LDR r0, =X
                                                                        ; pseudo-instruction
     ADR rO, X
                     ; pseudo-instruction
                                                       ADR rO, X
                                                                        ; pseudo-instruction
loop B loop
                                                  loop B loop
     DCD 0xAAAAAAA
X
     END
                                                       AREA prog1, data, READONLY
                                                  Χ
                                                       DCD 0xAAAAAAA
                                                       END
```

What is the effect of this change on the generated code?

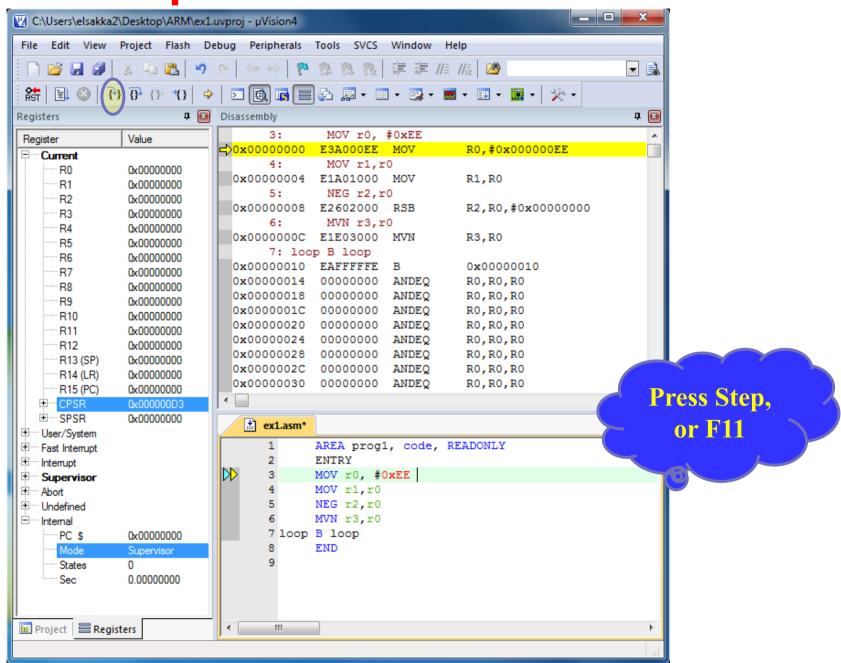


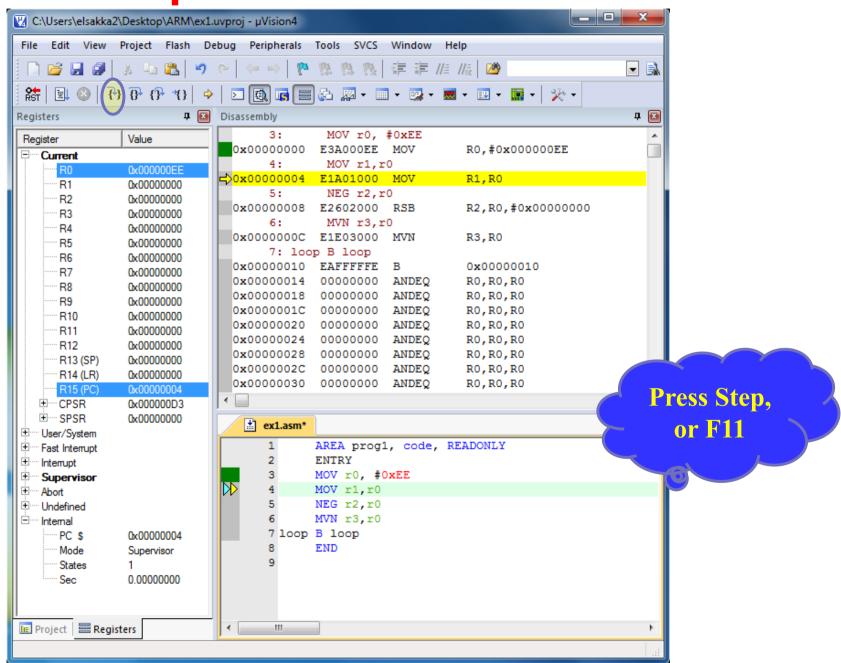


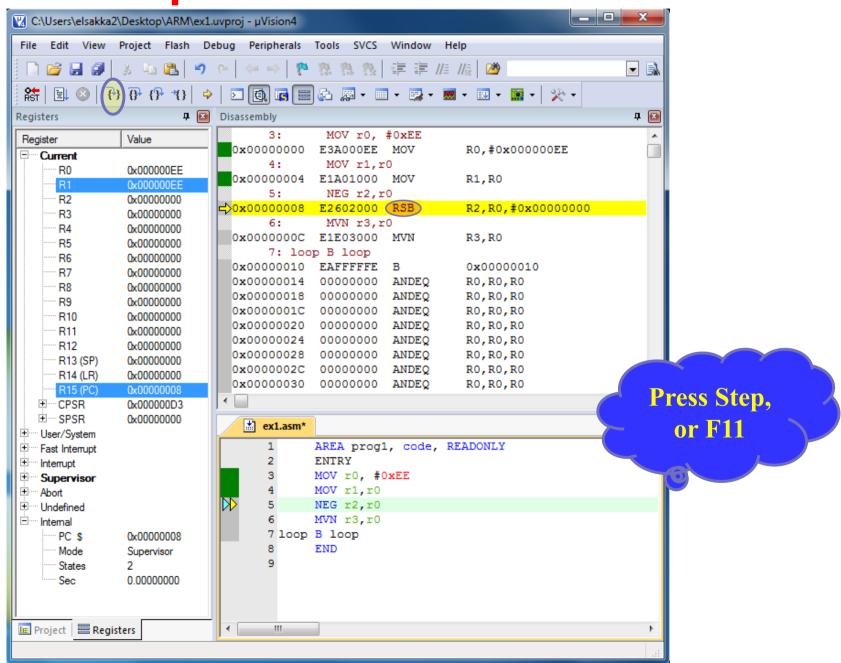


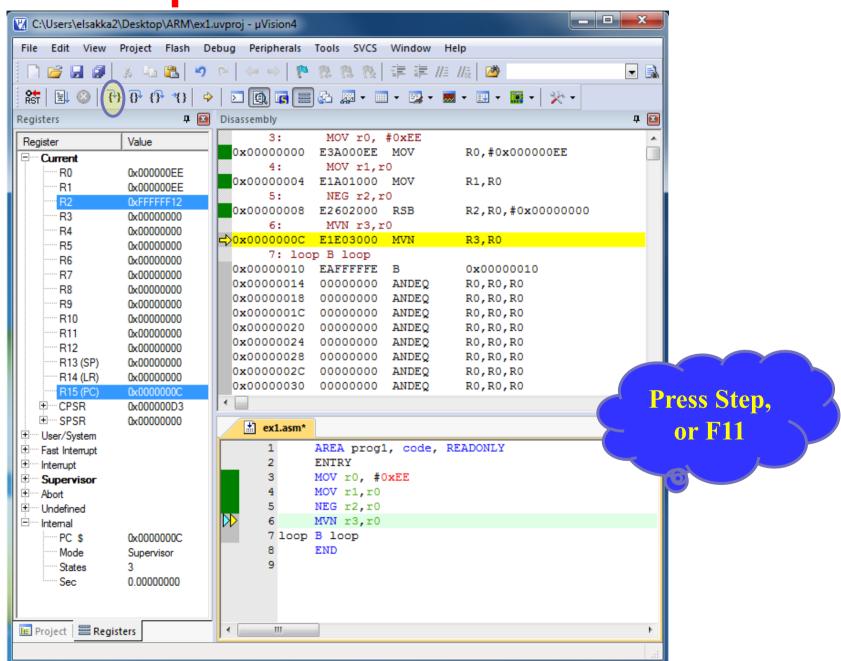
Consider the following assembly program:

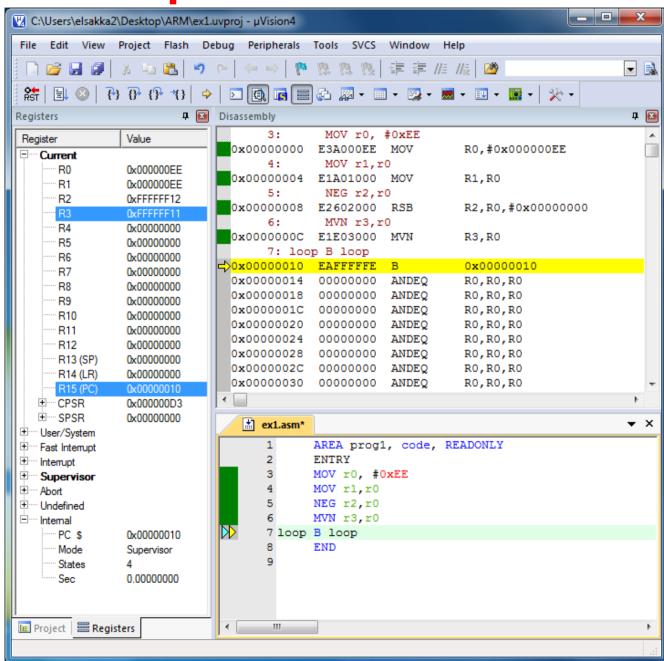
```
AREA prog1, code, READONLY
ENTRY
MOV r0, #0xEE
MOV r1, r0
NEG r2, r0
MVN r3, r0
loop B loop
END
```













Consider we changed the previous program as follow:

```
AREA progl, code, READONLY
                                                 AREA prog1, code, READONLY
     ENTRY
                                                     ENTRY
     MOV r0, #0xEE
                                                     MOV r0, #-0xEE
     MOV r1, r0
                                                     MOV r1, r0
     NEG r2, r0
                                                     NEG r2, r0
     MVN r3, r0
                                                     MVN r3, r0
loop B loop
                                                loop B loop
     END
                                                     END
                                                              END
```

What is the effect of this change on the generated code?

