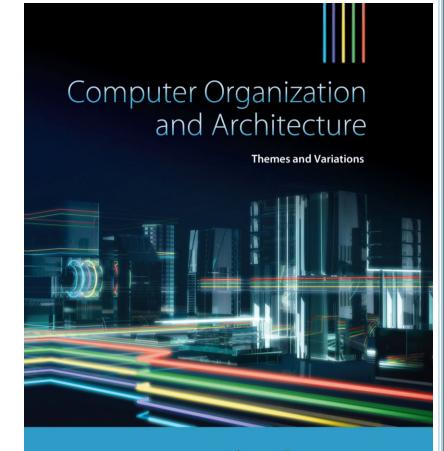
Part 3

CHAPTER 3

Architecture and Organization



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Snapshot of the Display of an ARM Development System

- ☐ This is the Disassembly Window that shows memory contents as both
 - hexadecimal values (machine language)
 and
 - o assembly code.

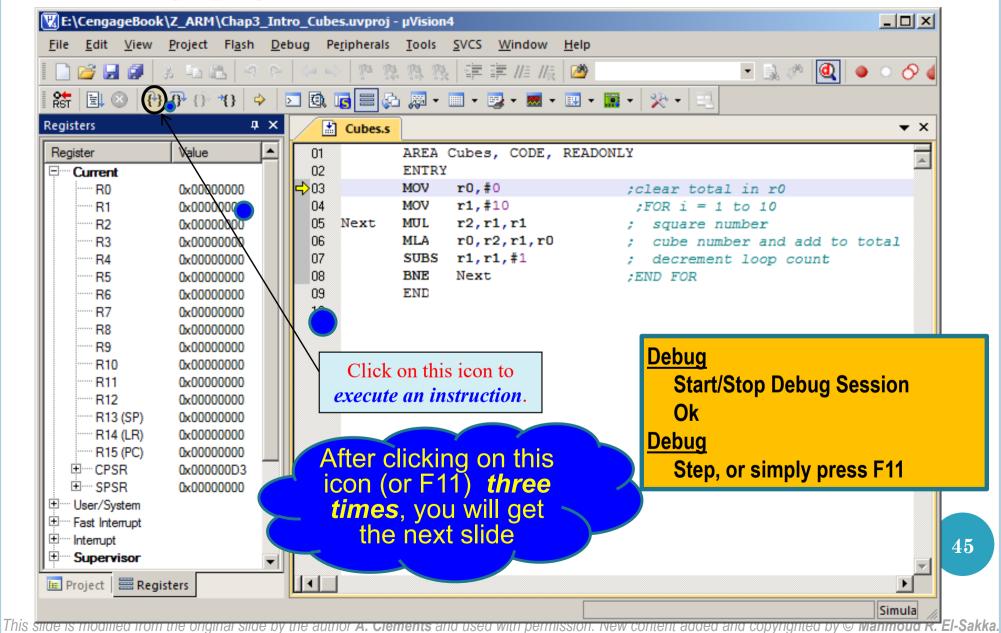
FIGURE 3.14

The disassembly window with the hexadecimal code generated by the program

3:	MOV	r0,#0	clear total in r0;	4
0x00000000	E3A00000	MOV	RO,#0x0000000	
4:	MOV	r1,#10	;FOR i = 1 to 10	
0x00000004	E3A0100A	MOV	R1,#0x000000A	
5: Nex	t MUL	r2, r1, r1	; square number	
0x00000008	E0020191	MUL	R2,R1,R1	
6:	MLA	r0, r2, r1,	r0 ; cube number and add to total	
0x0000000C	E0200192	MLA	RO, R2, R1, RO	
7:	SUBS	r1, r1, #1	; decrement loop count	
0x00000010	E2511001	SUBS	R1,R1,#0x0000001	
8:	BNE	Next	;END FOR	
0x00000014	1AFFFFFB	BNE	0x00000008	

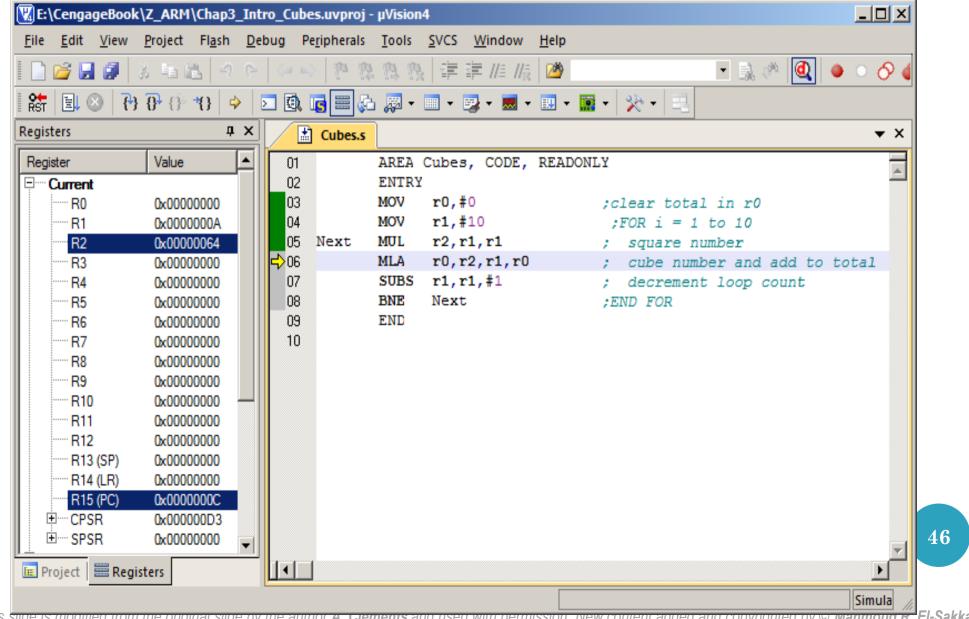
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The Assembler—Practical Consideration

☐ Assembly language directives include:

AREA

ENTRY

END

name EQU v. expr

> Constant-value expression

{label} SPACE size expr

ALIGN

To name a region of **code** or **data**

The execution starting point

The physical end of the program

Equate a *name* to the *value* of the v. expr Will not make any memory allocation, i.e. similar to #define in C

{label} DCD v. expr {, v. expr} ... Set up one or more 32-bit constant in memory Must start at a multiple of 4 address-location

{label} DCW v. expr {, v. expr} ... Set up one or more 16-bit constant in memory Must start at an even address-location

{label} DCB v. expr {, v. expr} ... Set up one or more 8-bit constant in memory Can start anywhere

> Reserves a zeroed block of memory Can start anywhere

Ensures that next data item is 47 correctly aligned on 32-bit boundaries, i.e., to start at a multiple of 4 address-location

The Assembler---Practical Consideration

- ☐ The *DCD*, *DCW*, or *DCB* directives tell the assembler to
 - o reserve one or more 32-bit, 16-bit, or 8-bit of storage in memory, respectively
 - The memory-location used is the next location in sequence,
 - In case of DCD or DCW, the used location must be on the 32-bit word boundary, or16-bit word boundary, respectively;
 - if not, the assembler will insert byte(s) with value of zero to ensure that the data location is on the appropriate boundary
 - o *load* whatever value(s) to the right of *DCD*, *DCW*, or *DCB* into these location(s).
 - o *advance* the *location-counter* by one or more *four*, *two*, or *one* bytes, respectively, so that the next instruction/data will be put in the next place in memory.
- ☐ The Location-Counter is a <u>variable inside the assembler</u> to <u>keep</u> track of <u>memory-locations</u> during assembling a program, whereas the <u>Program-Counter</u> is a <u>register</u> to <u>keep track of the next</u> <u>instruction to be executed</u> in a program at run time.
- ☐ The *ALIGN* directive tells the assembler to *align* the current position (the *Location-Counter*) to be on the next word boundary, i.e., to start at a multiple of 4 address-location, *(explicit alignment)*

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The Assembler—Practical Consideration

AREA Directives, CODE, READONLY **ENTRY**

```
MOV r6,#XX
                         ; load r6 with 5 (i.e., XX)
                          ;load r7 with the contents at location P1
      LDR r7,P1
      ADD r5,r6,r7
                         ;just a dummy instruction
      MOV r0, #0x18
                         ;angel_SWIreason_ReportException
      LDR r1, =0x20026
                         ;ADP_Stopped_ApplicationExit
      SVC #0x123456
                          ;ARM software interrupt
      EQU 5
XX
                          ; equate XX to 5
P1
                          ;store hex 32-bit value 0x1345678
      & 0x12345678
P3
   DCB 25
                          ;store the one-byte value 25 in memory
YY DCB 'A'
                          ;store byte whose ASCII character is A in memory
                          store the 16-bit value 12342 in memory
Tx2 DCW 12342
                          ;ensure code is on a 32-bit word boundary
      ALIGN
Strg1 DCB "Hello"
                                                       assembler
                            The & sign here
Strg2 = "X2", &0C, &0A
                             is a synonym
                                                       directives
      DCW 0xABCD
\mathbf{Z}3
                               for DCD
                                                      are in RED
      END<sup>o</sup>
```

The = sign here is a synonym for DCB

The & sign here is a synonym

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