Template Week 4 – Software

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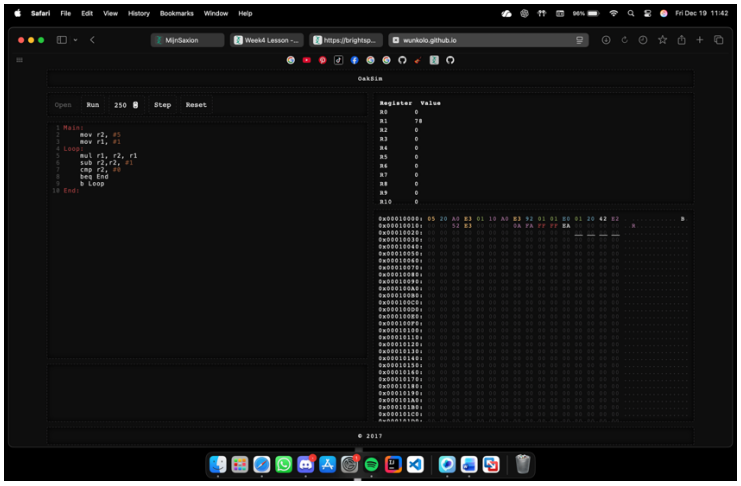
Assignment 4.1: ARM assembly

Screenshot of working assembly code of factorial calculation:



Assignment 4.2: Programming languages

Take screenshots that the following commands work:

javac –version

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dani@dani-ubuntu:~$ javac --version
javac 21.0.9
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java –version

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dani@dani-ubuntu:~$ java --version
openjdk 21.0.9 2025-10-21
OpenJDK Runtime Environment (build 21.0.9+10-Ubuntu-124.04)
OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM (build 21.0.9+10-Ubuntu-124.04, mixed mode, sharing)
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gcc –version

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dani@dani-ubuntu:~$ gcc --version
gcc (Ubuntu 13.3.0-6ubuntu2-24.04) 13.3.0
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warranty; not even for MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
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python3 –version

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dani@dani-ubuntu:~$ python3 --version
Python 3.12.3
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bash –version

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dani@dani-ubuntu:~$ bash --version
GNU bash, version 5.2.21(1)-release (aarch64-unknown-linux-gnu)
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Assignment 4.3: Compile

Which of the above files need to be compiled before you can run them?

.java and .c

Which source code files are compiled into machine code and then directly executable by a processor?

.c

Which source code files are compiled to byte code?

.java

Which source code files are interpreted by an interpreter?

.py and .sh

These source code files will perform the same calculation after compilation/interpretation. Which one is expected to do the calculation the fastest?

.c

How do I run a Java program?

Commands - javac Fibonacci.java and then - java Fibonacci

How do I run a Python program?

python3 fib.py

How do I run a C program?

gcc fib.c -o fib and then - ./fib

How do I run a Bash script?

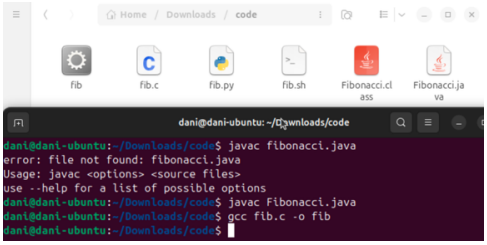
bash fib.sh

If I compile the above source code, will a new file be created? If so, which file?

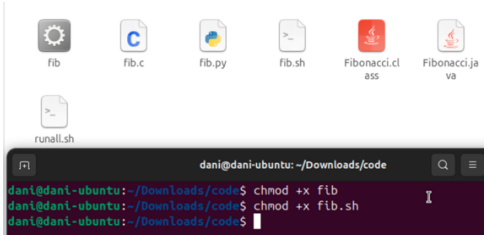
.java and .c will create new file (.class and .out)

Take relevant screenshots of the following commands:

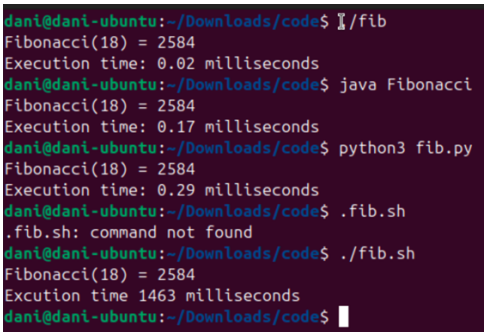
- Compile the source files where necessary



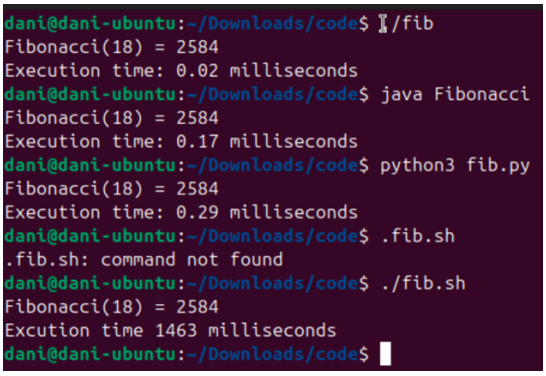
- Make them executable



- Run them



- Which (compiled) source code file performs the calculation the fastest?
  1. **C - 0.02ms**
  2. Java – 0.17ms
  3. Python – 0.29ms
  4. Bash – 1463ms



Assignment 4.4: Optimize

Take relevant screenshots of the following commands:

a) Figure out which parameters you need to pass to **the gcc** compiler so that the compiler performs a number of optimizations that will ensure that the compiled source code will run faster. **Tip!** The parameters are usually a letter followed by a number. Also read **page 191** of your book, but find a better optimization in the man pages. Please note that Linux is case sensitive.
gcc -O2 fib.c -o fib

b) Compile **fib.c** again with the optimization parameters
gcc -O2 fib.c -o fib_opt

c) Run the newly compiled program. Is it true that it now performs the calculation faster?

For me it still runs at the same speed – 0.02ms

d) Edit the file **runall.sh**, so you can perform all four calculations in a row using this Bash script. So the (compiled/interpreted) C, Java, Python and Bash versions of Fibonacci one after the other.

Assignment 4.5: More ARM Assembly

Like the factorial example, you can also implement the calculation of a power of 2 in assembly. For example you want to calculate $2^4 = 16$. Use iteration to calculate the result. Store the result in r0.

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Main:
mov r1, #2
mov r2, #4

Loop:

End:
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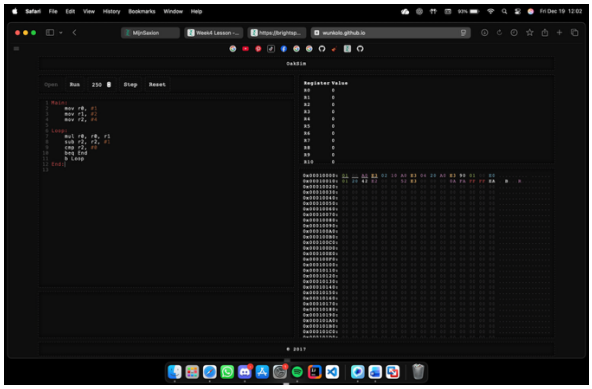
Complete the code. See the PowerPoint slides of week 4.

Screenshot of the completed code here.



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