

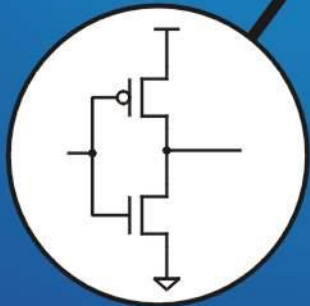
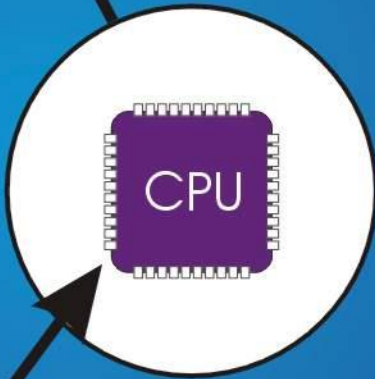
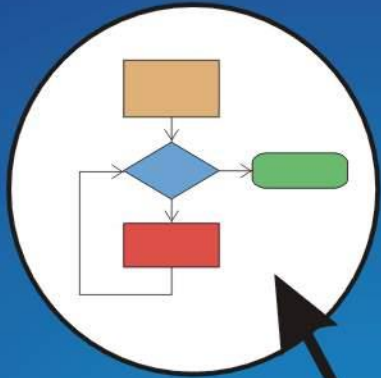


Introduction to Computer Engineering

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Chapter 7 & 9.2

Assembly Language and Subroutines

Human-Readable Machine Language

Computers like ones and zeros...

0001110010000110

Humans like symbols...

ADD R6, R2, R6 ; *increment index reg.*

Assembler is a program that turns symbols into machine instructions.

- ISA-specific:
 - close correspondence between symbols and instruction set
 - mnemonics for opcodes
 - labels for memory locations
- additional operations for allocating storage and initializing data

An Assembly Language Program

```
;
; Program to multiply a number by the constant 6
;
        .ORIG    x3050
        LD      R1, SIX
        LD      R2, NUMBER
        AND     R3, R3, #0      ; Clear R3. It will
                                ; contain the product.
; The inner loop
;
AGAIN   ADD     R3, R3, R2
        ADD     R1, R1, #-1    ; R1 keeps track of
        BRp    AGAIN          ; the iteration.
;
        HALT
;
NUMBER  .BLKW   2
SIX     .FILL   x0006
;
        .END
```

Decoding the Label NUMBER for LD instruction

LD R2, NUMBER

Addr = x3050 PC= x3051

Addr for Label "NUMBER" x3059

0010 DR PCOffset

Offset Required = x0008

LC-3 Assembly Language Syntax

Each line of a program is one of the following:

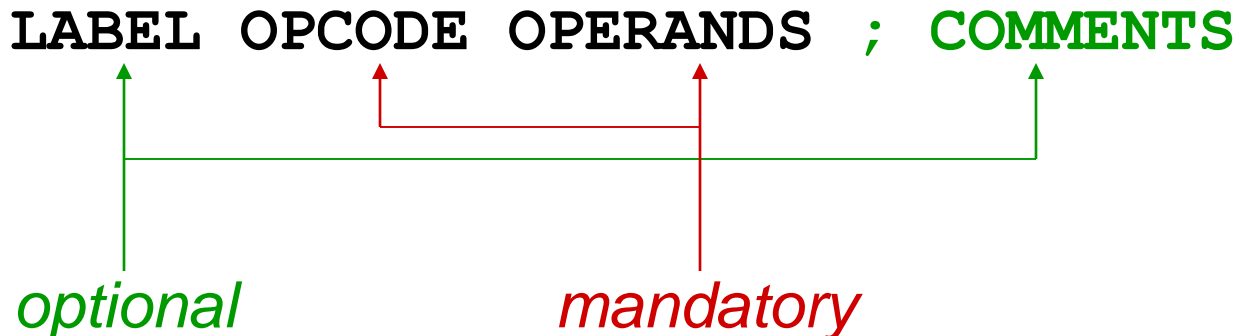
- an instruction
- an assembler directive (or pseudo-op)
- a comment

Whitespace (between symbols) and case are ignored.

Comments (beginning with “;”) are also ignored.

Can we write two assembly instructions on the same line?

An instruction has the following format:



In Class Exercise

- Do instruction translation by filling in the table below

Machine Code	Assembly Code	Comments
1001 101 010 1 11111	NOT R5, R2	$R5 \leftarrow \text{NOT}(R2)$
0101 000 011 0 00 001	AND R0, R3, R1	$R0 \leftarrow R3 \text{ AND } R1$
0001 110 111 1 00011	ADD R6, R7, #3	$R6 \leftarrow R7 + \text{SEXT}(\#3)$

Opcodes and Operands

Opcodes

- reserved symbols that correspond to LC-3 instructions
- listed in Appendix A
 - ex: ADD, AND, LD, LDR, ...

Operands

- registers -- specified by Rn, where n is the register number
- numbers -- indicated by # (decimal) or x (hex)
- label -- symbolic name of memory location
- separated by comma
- number, order, and type correspond to instruction format

➤ ex:

ADD R1 , R1 , R3	R1 ← R1 + R3	0001 001 001 0 00 011
ADD R1 , R1 , #3	R1 ← R1 + #3	0001 001 001 1 00011
LD R6 , NUMBER	R6 ← mem[...]	0010 110 xxxxxxxxxxx
BRz LOOP	If Z, PC ← ...	0000 010 xxxxxxxxxxx

Labels and Comments

Label

- placed at the beginning of the line
- assigns a symbolic name to the address corresponding to line

➤ ex:

```
LOOP  ADD  R1 , R1 , #-1  
      BRp  LOOP
```

Comment

- anything after a semicolon is a comment
- ignored by assembler
- used by humans to document/understand programs
- tips for useful comments:
 - avoid restating the obvious, as “decrement R1”
 - provide additional insight, as in “accumulate product in R6”
 - use comments to separate pieces of program

Assembler Directives

Pseudo-operations

- do not refer to operations executed by program
- used by assembler
- look like instruction, but “opcode” starts with dot

<i>Opcode</i>	<i>Operand</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
.ORIG	address	starting address of program
.END		end of program
.BLKW	n	allocate n words of storage
.FILL	n	allocate one word, initialize with value n
.STRINGZ	n-character string	allocate n+1 locations, initialize w/characters and null terminator

Assembler Directives

.ORIG x3010

HELLO .STRINGZ “Hello, World!”

x3010 : x0048

x3011 : x0065

x3012 : x006C

x3013 : x006C

x3014 : x006f

x3015 : x002C

x3016 : x0020

.....

x301C : x0021

x301D : x0000

Trap Codes

LC-3 assembler provides “pseudo-instructions” for each trap code, so you don’t have to remember them.

<i>Code</i>	<i>Equivalent</i>	<i>Description</i>
HALT	TRAP x25	Halt execution and print message to console.
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PUTS	TRAP x22	Write null-terminated string to console. Address of string is in R0.

Style Guidelines

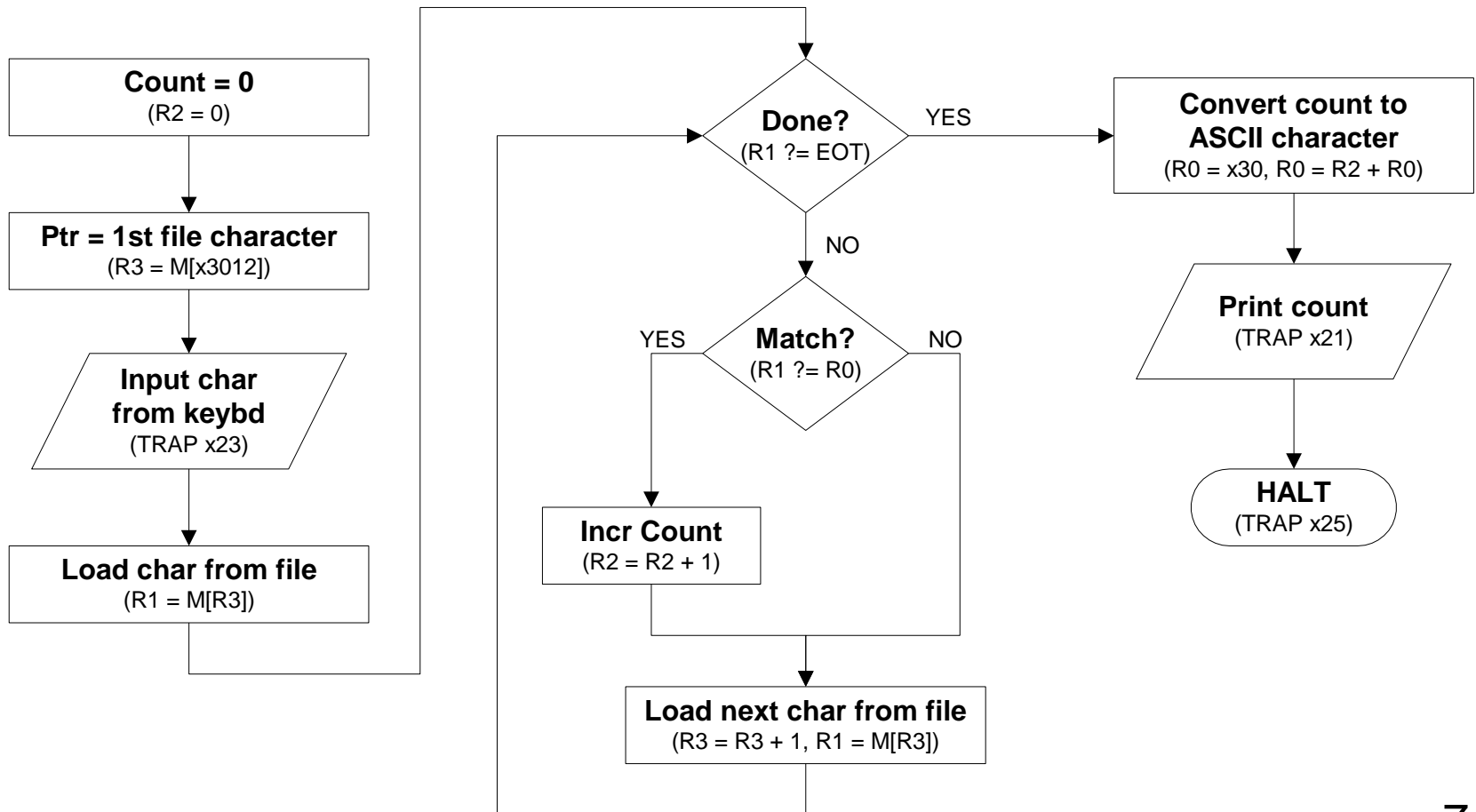
Use the following style guidelines to improve the readability and understandability of your programs:

- 1. Provide a program header, with author's name, date, etc., and purpose of program.**
- 2. Start labels, opcode, operands, and comments in same column for each line. (Unless entire line is a comment.)**
- 3. Use comments to explain what each register does.**
- 4. Give explanatory comment for most instructions.**
- 5. Use meaningful symbolic names.**
 - Mixed upper and lower case for readability.**
 - ASCIItoBinary, InputRoutine, SaveR1**
- 6. Provide comments between program sections.**
- 7. Each line must fit on the page -- no wraparound or truncations.**
 - Long statements split in aesthetically pleasing manner.**

Sample Program

Count the occurrences of a character in a file.

Remember this?



Char Count in Assembly Language (1 of 3)

```
;  
; Program to count occurrences of a character in a file.  
; Character to be input from the keyboard.  
; Result to be displayed on the monitor.  
; Program only works if no more than 9 occurrences are found.  
;  
;  
; Initialization  
;  
        .ORIG    x3000  
        AND     R2, R2, #0           ; R2 is counter, initially 0  
        LD      R3, PTR             ; R3 is pointer to characters  
        GETC  
        LDR     R1, R3, #0          ; R1 gets first character  
;  
; Test character for end of file  
;  
TEST    ADD     R4, R1, #-4         ; Test for EOT (ASCII x04)  
        BRz    OUTPUT              ; If done, prepare the output
```

Char Count in Assembly Language (2 of 3)

```
;  
; Test character for match.  If a match, increment count.  
;  
        NOT        R1, R1  
        ADD        R1, R1, R0 ; If match, R1 = xFFFF  
        NOT        R1, R1     ; If match, R1 = x0000  
        BRnp      GETCHAR    ; If no match, do not increment  
        ADD        R2, R2, #1  
  
;  
; Get next character from file.  
;  
GETCHAR ADD        R3, R3, #1 ; Point to next character.  
        LDR        R1, R3, #0 ; R1 gets next char to test  
        BRnzp     TEST  
  
;  
; Output the count.  
;  
OUTPUT LD          R0, ASCII ; Load the ASCII template  
        ADD        R0, R0, R2 ; Covert binary count to ASCII  
        OUT        ; ASCII code in R0 is displayed.  
        HALT      ; Halt machine
```


Char Count in Assembly Language (3 of 3)

```
;  
; Storage for pointer and ASCII template  
;  
ASCII      .FILL    x0030  
PTR        .FILL    x4000  
           .END
```

Note for HW problems

- **Don't focus on only compiling your program and expect the program to work**
 - **Think about a good way to test your program**
 - **Suggestion: write a small script**
- **To get register values, at the end of the program**
 - **set breakpoints at HALT instructions**
 - **use “check r7 x343”**
- **Read the questions carefully, always look for start of program address**
- **Address is calculated after .ORIG**
 - **.ORIG X4545**
 - **LDI R0,#3**
 - **Offset is calculated on the PC register value of the current instructions**
- **LC3 edit does not generate symbol table**
- **Submit HW in *.bin format**

Recap

- **Assembly Language:**
 - Written in the same abstraction as binary instructions
 - More readable
 - **ADD R6,R2,R6 ; *increment index reg.***
 - Need an assembler to convert assembly instructions into binary instructions
 - PennSim has in-built assembler
 - Assembly Language can have additional operations for allocating storage and initializing data values
 - In few cases it is possible to write two assembly instructions in the same line
 - LC3 it is possible since LC3 instructions are fixed length

Recap

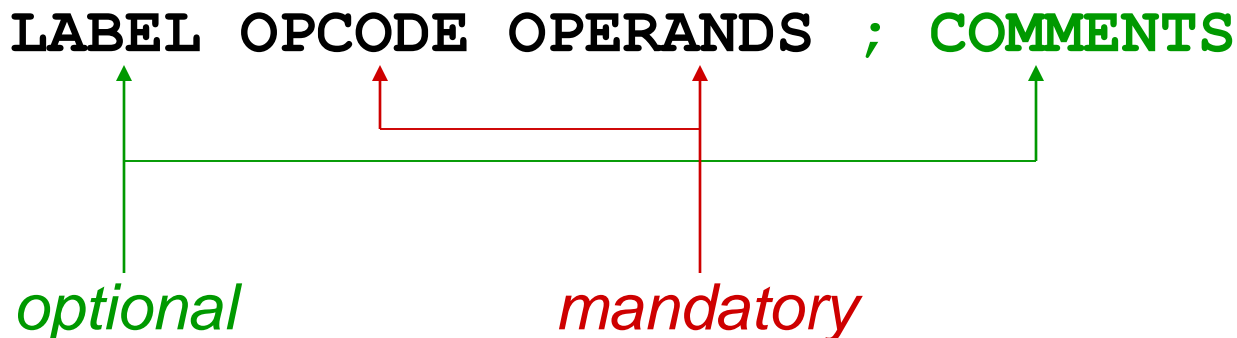
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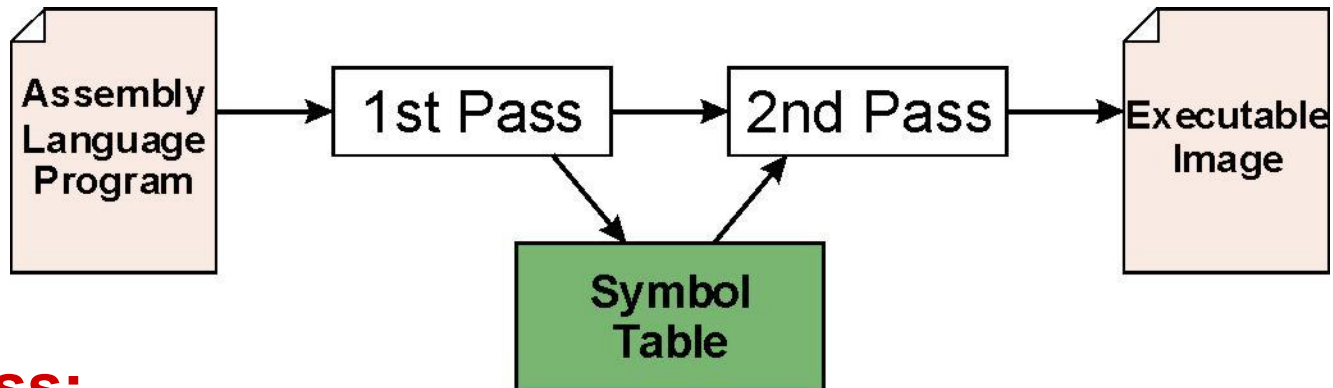
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Assembly Process

Convert assembly language file (.asm) into an executable file (.obj) for the LC-3 simulator.



First Pass:

- scan program file
- find all labels and calculate the corresponding addresses; this is called the symbol table

Second Pass:

- convert instructions to machine language, using information from symbol table

First Pass: Constructing the Symbol Table

1. Find the `.ORIG` statement,
which tells us the address of the first instruction.
 - Initialize location counter (LC), which keeps track of the current instruction.
2. For each non-empty line in the program:
 - a) If line contains a label, add label and LC to symbol table.
 - b) Increment LC.
 - NOTE: If statement is `.BLKW` or `.STRINGZ`, increment LC by the number of words allocated.
3. Stop when `.END` statement is reached.

NOTE: A line that contains only a comment is considered an empty line.

Practice

Construct the symbol table for the program in Figure 7.1 (Slides 7-15 through 7-17).

Symbol	Address
TEST	x3004
GETCHAR	x300B
OUTPUT	x300E
ASCII	x3012
PTR	x3013

In-Class Exercise (2014 Exam4 Question2b)

Construct the symbol table for the program.

```

        .ORIG x3000
        LEA R2, STRING
        LD  R3, NUMBER
HERE    ADD R1, R2, R3
        ADD R2, R1, #0
        LDR R0, R1, #0
        BRz DONE
        OUT
        BR  HERE

THIS    .BLKW 6
STRING  .STRINGZ "2down_3to_go"
NUMBER  .FILL x4
DONE    HALT
        .END
    
```

Symbol	Address
HERE	x3002
THIS	x3008
STRING	x300E
NUMBER	x301B
DONE	x301C

Second Pass: Generating Machine Language

For each executable assembly language statement, generate the corresponding machine language instruction.

- If operand is a label, look up the address from the symbol table.

Potential problems:

- Improper number or type of arguments
 - ex: NOT R1 , #7
 - ADD R1 , R2
 - ADD R3 , R3 , NUMBER
- Immediate argument too large
 - ex: ADD R1 , R2 , #1023
- Address (associated with label) more than 256 from instruction
 - can't use PC-relative addressing mode

Practice

Identify and correct 5 assembly errors in the following LC3 program:

```
STOP      .ORIG x3001
          AND R4, R4, #0
          BRz NEXT
          LD R5, STRING
          ADD R5, R5, *1
          BRp STOP
          LDR R6, R5, #4
          OR R6, R6, #3
          ST R4, STRING
STOP      HALT
ZERO     .FILL #0
VAL      .FILL VALUE
STRING   .STRINGS "Hello World !"
          .END
```

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OR Instruction not
part of LC3

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          .END
```

No STRING directive
, it is .STRINGZ

Practice

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	.ORIG x3001	
	AND R4, R4, #0	
	BRz NEXT	
	LD R5, STRING	
STOP	ADD R5, R5, *1	Immediate Value using *
	BRp STOP	
	LDR R6, R5, #4	
	OR R6, R6, #3	
	ST R4, STRING	
STOP	HALT	
ZERO	.FILL #0	
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	.END	

Practice

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.ORIG x3001  
AND R4, R4, #0
```

```
BRz NEXT
```

```
LD R5, STRING
```

```
ADD R5, R5, *1
```

```
BRp STOP
```

```
LDR R6, R5, #4
```

```
OR R6, R6, #3
```

```
ST R4, STRING
```

```
HALT
```

```
.FILL #0
```

```
.FILL VALUE
```

```
.STRINGS "Hello World !"
```

```
.END
```

STOP

STOP

ZERO

VAL

STRING

NEXT label
undeclared

Practice

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OR R6, R6, #3
ST R4, STRING
HALT
.FILL #0
.FILL VALUE
.STRINGS "Hello World !"
.END
```

STOP

STOP

ZERO

VAL

STRING

STOP label used
twice

Practice

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```

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BRp STOP
```

```
LDR R6, R5, #4  
OR R6, R6, #3  
ST R4, STRING
```

```
HALT
```

```
.FILL #0
```

```
.FILL VALUE
```

```
.STRINGS "Hello World !"
```

```
.END
```

STOP

STOP

ZERO

VAL

STRING

VALUE label
undeclared

In-Class Exercise

Construct the symbol table for the program.

```

.ORIG x3000
LD R2, NUMBER
LD R1, MASK
LD R3, PTR2
LOOP LDR R4, R3, #0
AND R4, R4, R1
BRz NEXT
ADD R0, R0, #1
NEXT ADD R3, R3, #1
ADD R2, R2, #-1
BRp LOOP STI R0, PTR1
HALT

NUMBER .BLKW 3
MASK .FILL x8000
PTR1 .FILL x4000
PTR2 .FILL x5000

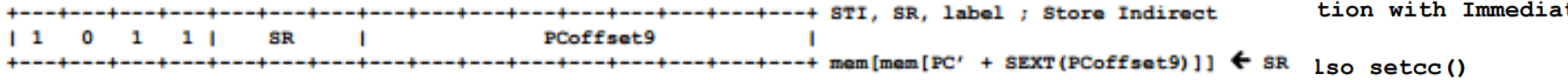
.END

```

Symbol	Address
LOOP	x3003
NEXT	x3007
NUMBER	x300B
MASK	x300E
PTR1	x300F
PTR2	x3010

Practice

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Using the symbol table constructed earlier, translate these statements into LC-3 machine language.

Address	Statement	Machine Language
x3000	ADD R1, R2, #4	0001 001 010 1 00100 = x12A4
x300A	STI R0, PTR3	1011 000 000 0 01010 = xB00A

Symbol	Address
ADDRESS	x3012
AGAIN	x3014
PTR3	x3015
DESTINATION	x301A

Note for All

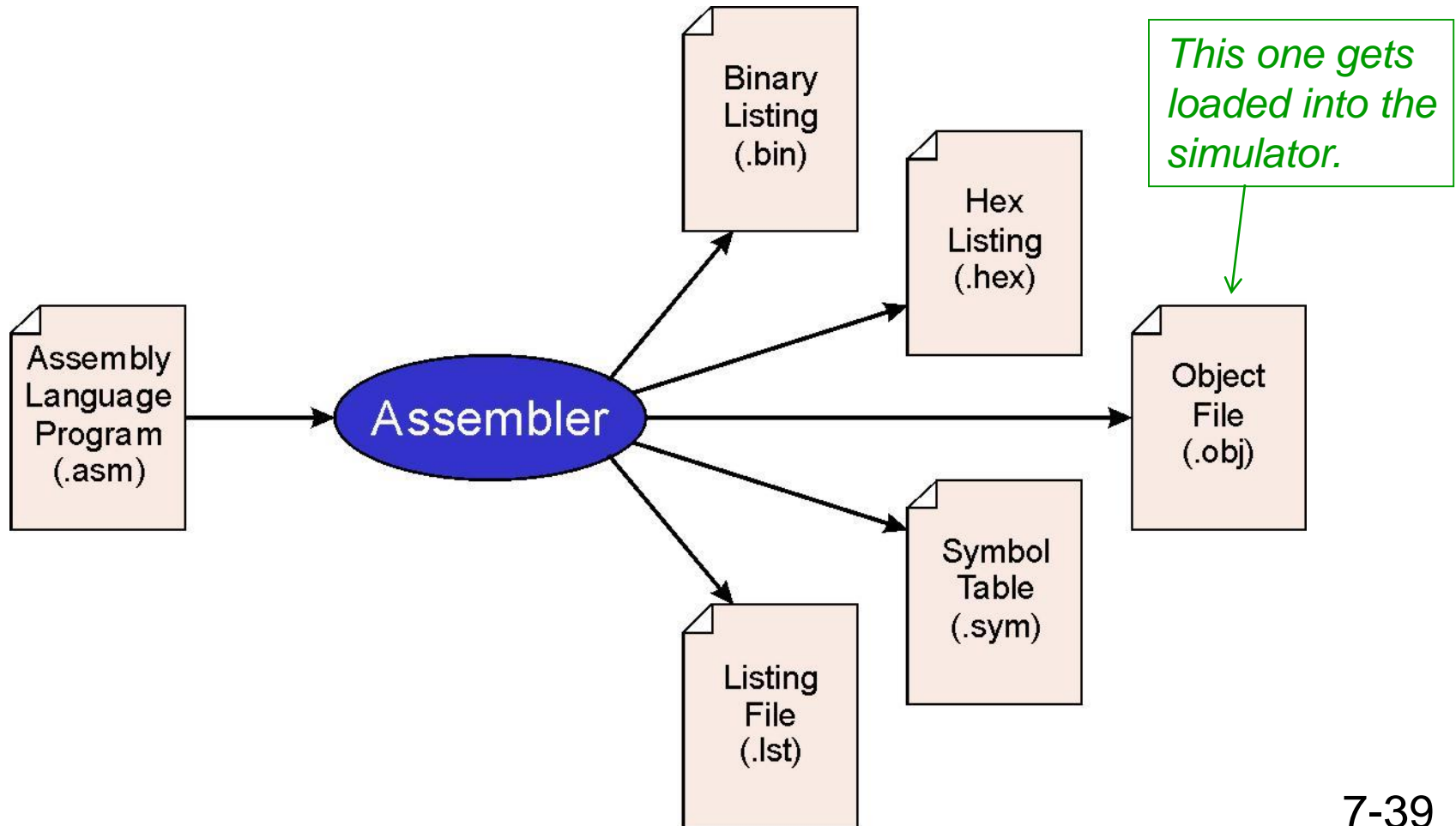
- **HW6 due today**
 - Need to submit your **binary code** at Learn@uw, by 9.55am
 - Also need to hand in physical copy
 - Remember to staple your HW
- **HW7 will be released today**
 - Due on April 14th

Points covered so far

- **Assembly Language**
 - **Structure**
 - **Labels**
 - **Assembler directives**
- **Two step assembly process**
 - **generating the symbol table**
 - **converting assembly to machine instructions**

LC-3 Assembler

Using “lc3as” (Unix) or LC3Edit (Windows), generates several different output files.



Object File Format

LC-3 object file contains

- Starting address (location where program must be loaded), followed by...
- Machine instructions

Example

- Beginning of “count character” object file looks like this:

0011000000000000	←	.ORIG x3000
0101010010100000	←	AND R2, R2, #0
0010011000010001	←	LD R3, PTR
1111000000100011	←	TRAP x23
		.
		.
		.

Multiple Object Files

An object file is not necessarily a complete program.

- **system-provided library routines**
- **code blocks written by multiple developers**

**For LC-3 simulator,
can load multiple object files into memory,
then start executing at a desired address.**

- **system routines, such as keyboard input, are loaded automatically**
 - **loaded into “system memory,” below x3000**
 - **user code should be loaded between x3000 and xFDFF**
- **each object file includes a starting address**
- **be careful not to load overlapping object files**

Linking and Loading

Loading is the process of copying an executable image into memory.

- more sophisticated loaders are able to relocate images to fit into available memory
- must readjust branch targets, load/store addresses

Linking is the process of resolving symbols between independent object files.

- suppose we define a symbol in one module, and want to use it in another
- some notation, such as `.EXTERNAL`, is used to tell assembler that a symbol is defined in another module
- linker will search symbol tables of other modules to resolve symbols and complete code generation before loading

Linking

P1:

.ORIG x3000

ADD R0, R1, #0

ADD R0, R0, #-15

ADD R0, R0, #-10

STI R0, PTR

HALT

.END

P2:

PTR .FILL x5000

.END

Linking

P1:

.ORIG x3000

ADD R0, R1, #0

ADD R0, R0, #-15

ADD R0, R0, #-10

STI R0, PTR

HALT

.EXTERNAL PTR

.END

P2:

PTR .FILL x5000

.END

Skipping Ahead to Chapter 9

You will need to use **subroutines** for programming assignments

- Read Section 9.2

A **subroutine** is a program fragment that:

- performs a well-defined task
- is invoked (called) by another user program
- returns control to the calling program when finished

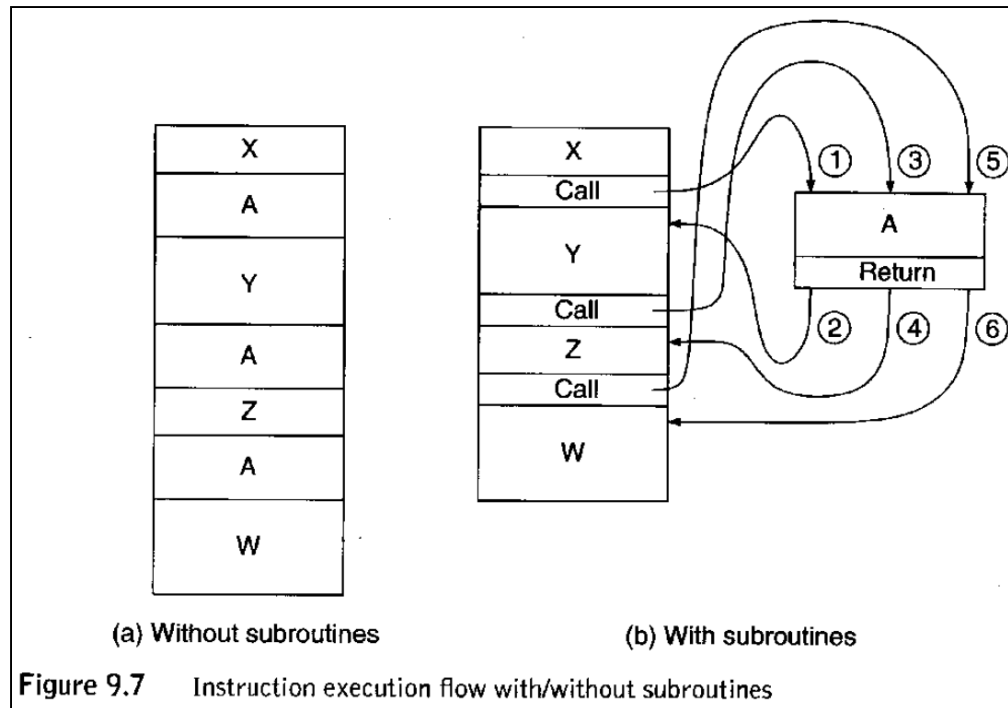
Reasons for subroutines:

- reuse useful (and debugged!) code without having to keep typing it in
- divide task among multiple programmers
- use vendor-supplied *library* of useful routines

Subroutine Motivation

Reasons for subroutines:

- reuse useful code without having to keep typing it in
- divide task among multiple programmers

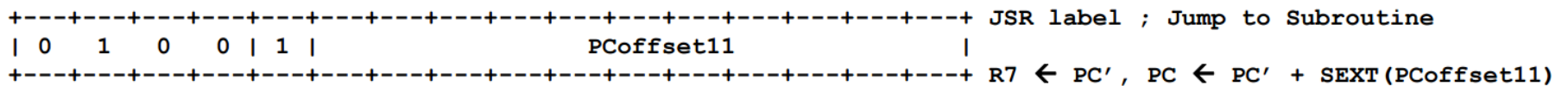


JSR Instruction

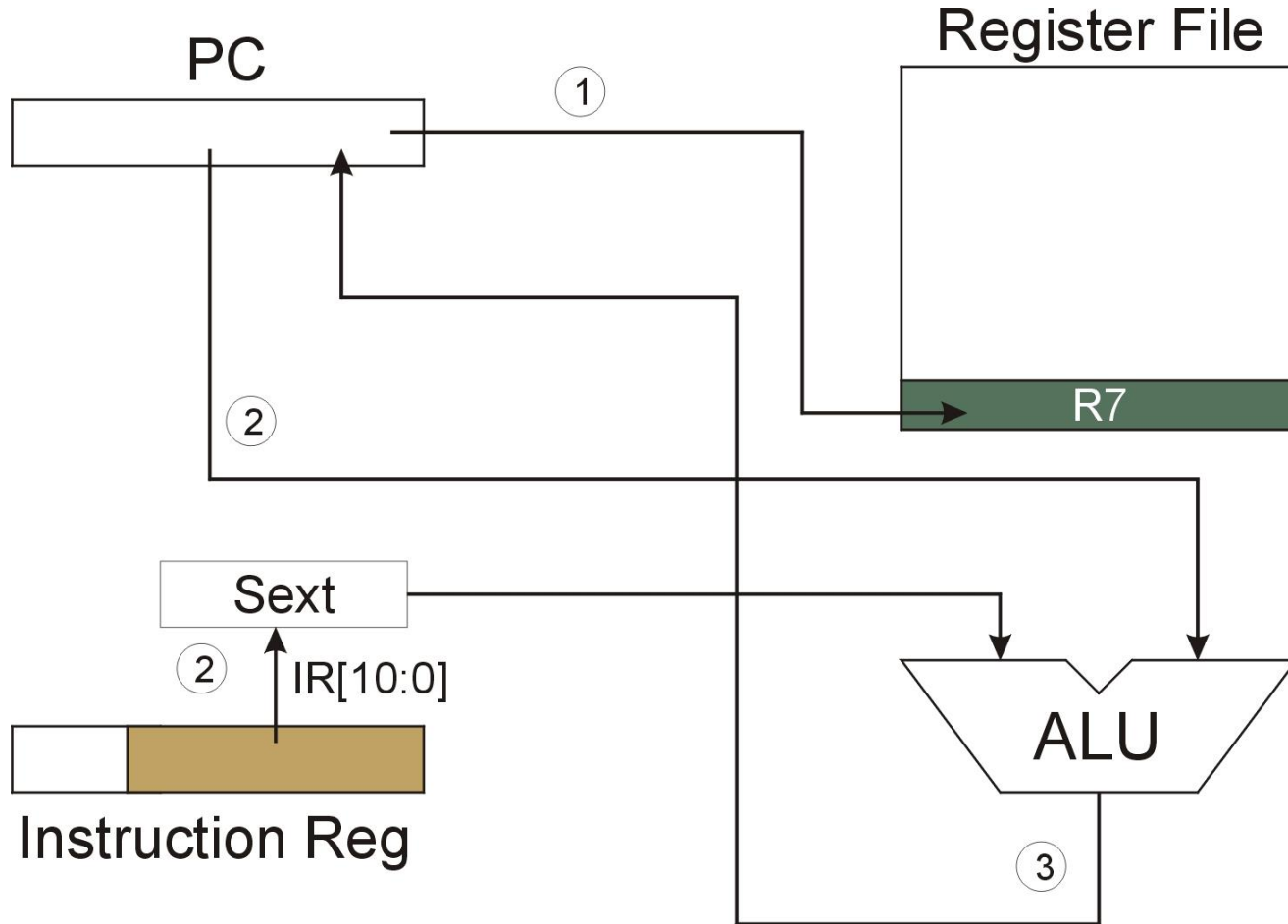


Jumps to a location (like a branch but unconditional), and saves current PC (addr of next instruction) in R7.

- saving the return address is called “linking”
- target address is PC-relative (PC + Sext(IR[10:0]))
- bit 11 specifies addressing mode
 - if =1, PC-relative: target address = PC + Sext(IR[10:0])
 - if =0, register: target address = contents of register IR[8:6]



JSR

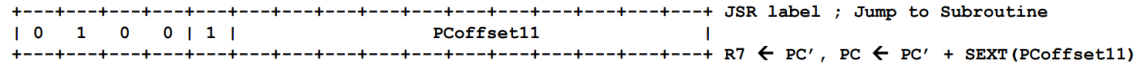


NOTE: PC has already been incremented during instruction fetch stage.

JSR Example

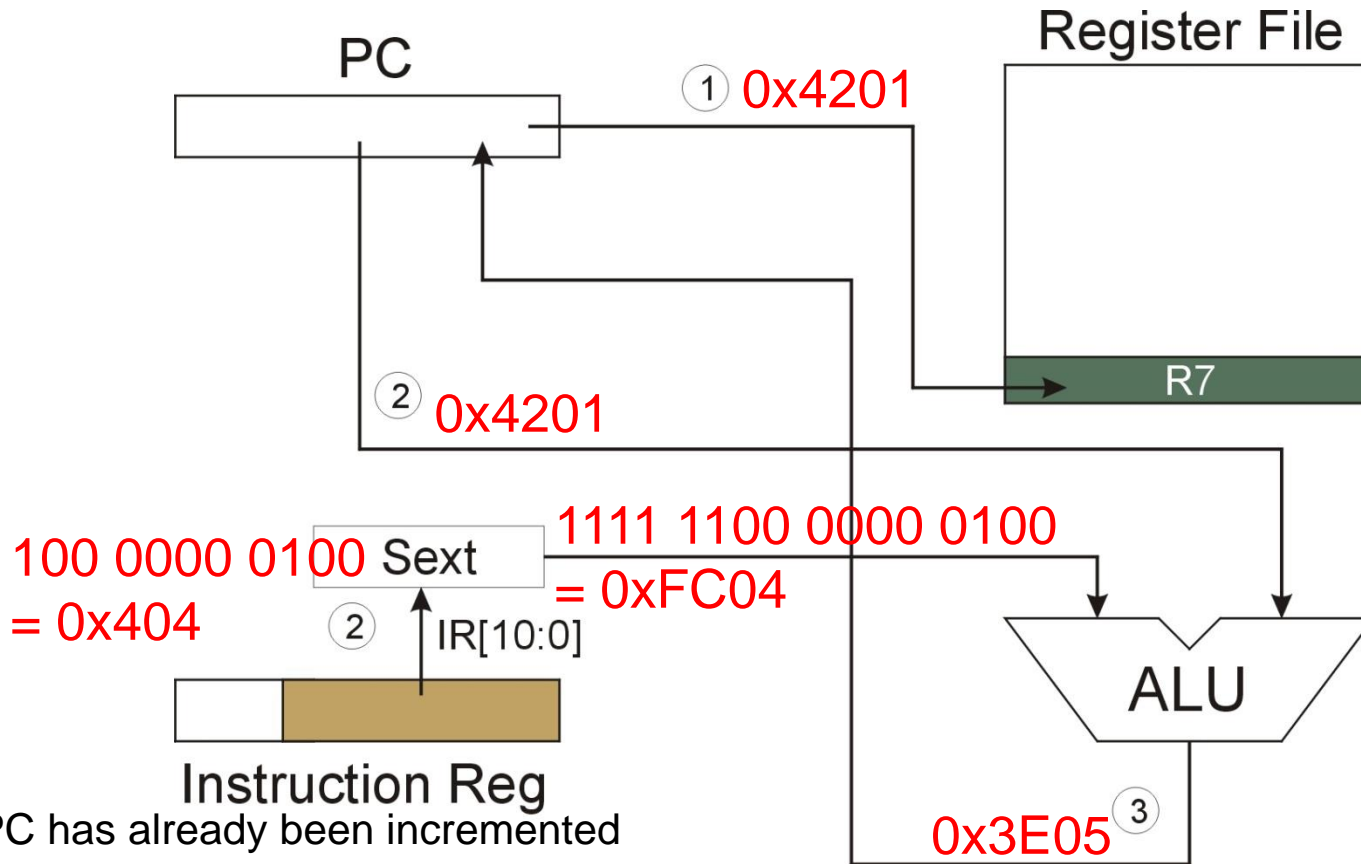
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PC is currently x4200



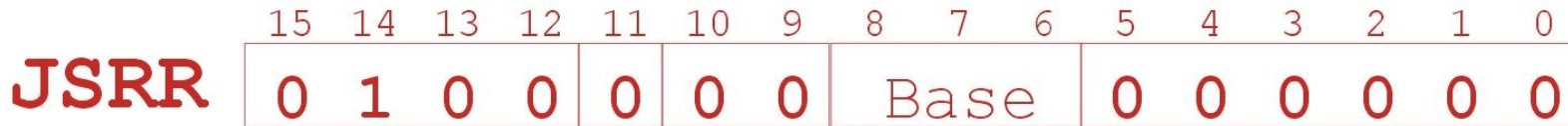
What is the contents of R7 and PC after the following instruction is executed?

	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
JSR	0	1	0	0	1	PCoffset11										
JSR	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0



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JSRR Instruction



Just like JSR, except Register addressing mode.

- target address is Base Register
- bit 11 specifies addressing mode

```

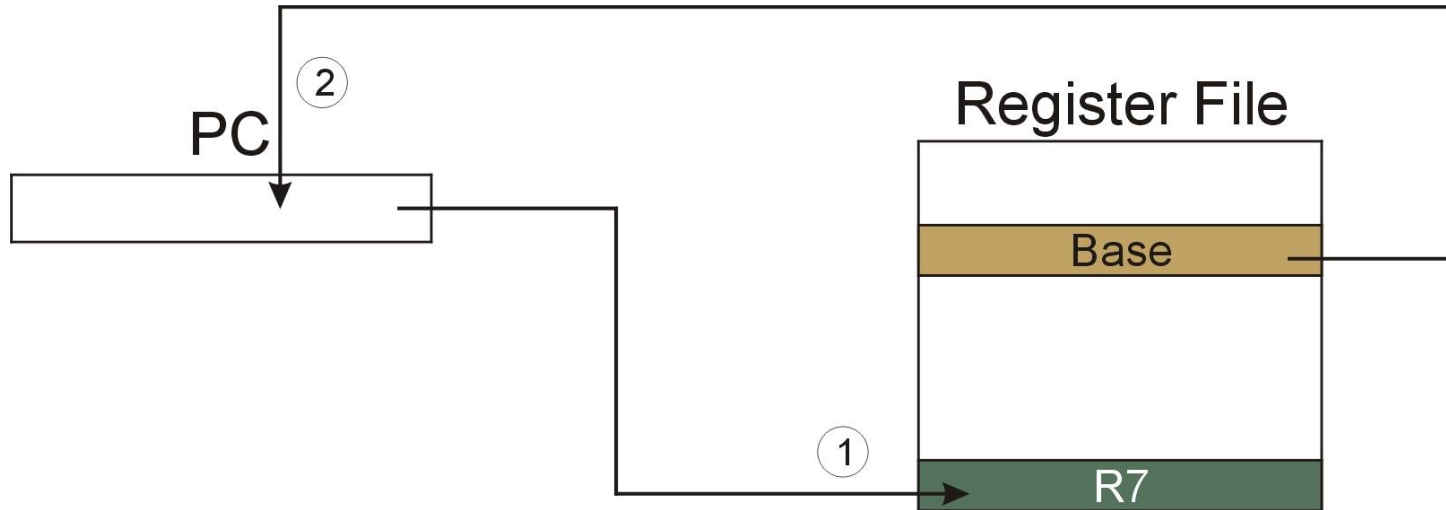
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ JSR label ; Jump to Subroutine
| 0  1  0  0 | 1 |                                     |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ R7 ← PC', PC ← PC' + SEXT(PCoffset11)

+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ JSRR BaseR ; Jump to Subroutine in Register
| 0  1  0  0 | 0 | 0  0 | BaseR | 0  0  0  0  0  0 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ temp ← PC', PC ← BaseR, R7 ← temp
    
```

What important feature does JSRR provide that JSR does not?

Subroutine (target) address can be anywhere in memory

JSRR



NOTE: PC has already been incremented during instruction fetch stage.

JSRR Example

```

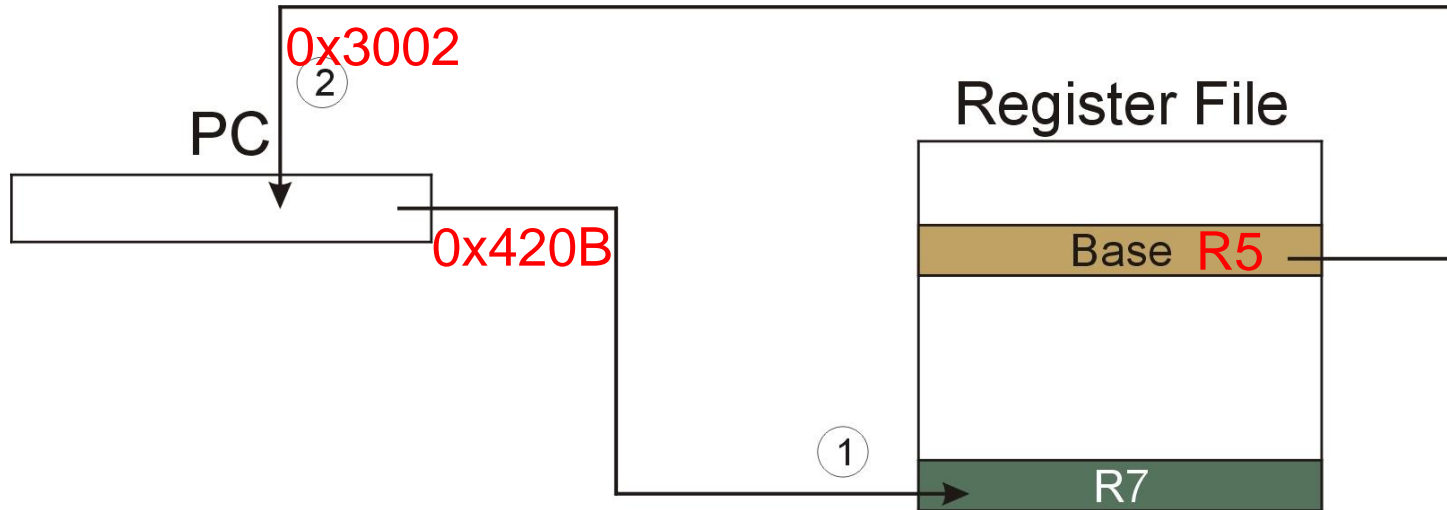
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| 0 1 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 | BaseR | 0 0 0 0 0 0 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
temp ← PC', PC ← BaseR, R7 ← temp
    
```

PC is currently x420A

R5 is currently x3002

What is the contents of R7 and PC after the following instruction is executed?

	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
JSRR	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	Base	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JSRR	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0



NOTE: PC has already been incremented during instruction fetch stage.

Returning from a Subroutine

RET (JMP R7) gets us back to the calling routine.

- just like TRAP

```
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+ RET ; Return from Subroutine  
| 1 1 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 1 1 1 | 0 0 0 0 0 0 |  
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+ PC ← R7
```

```
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+ JMP BaseR ; Jump  
| 1 1 0 0 | 0 0 0 | BaseR | 0 0 0 0 0 0 |  
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+ PC ← BaseR
```

Example: Negate the value in R0

```
2sComp    NOT    R0 , R0          ; flip bits
          ADD    R0 , R0 , #1     ; add one
          RET                                ; return to caller
```

To call from a program (within 1024 instructions):

```
; need to compute R4 = R1 - R3
          ADD    R0 , R3 , #0     ; copy R3 to R0
          JSR    2sComp          ; negate
          ADD    R4 , R1 , R0     ; add to R1
          ...
```

Note: Caller should save R0 if we'll need it later!

Passing Information to/from Subroutines

Arguments

- A value **passed in** to a subroutine is called an argument.
- This is a value needed by the subroutine to do its job.
- Examples:
 - In 2sComp routine, R0 is the number to be negated
 - In OUT service routine, R0 is the character to be printed.
 - In PUTS routine, R0 is address of string to be printed.

Return Values

- A value **passed out** of a subroutine is called a return value.
- This is the value that you called the subroutine to compute.
- Examples:
 - In 2sComp routine, negated value is returned in R0.
 - In GETC service routine, character read from the keyboard is returned in R0.

Using Subroutines

In order to use a subroutine, a programmer must know:

- **its address** (or at least a label that will be bound to its address)
- **its function** (what does it do?)
 - **NOTE:** The programmer does not need to know how the subroutine works, but what changes are visible in the machine's state after the routine has run.
- **its arguments** (where to pass data in, if any)
- **its return values** (where to get computed data, if any)

function →

```
/* function returning the max between two numbers */
int max(int num1, int num2) {
    /* local variable declaration */
    int result;

    if (num1 > num2)
        result = num1;
    else
        result = num2;

    return result;
}
```

address →

arguments →

return values ←

Saving and Restore Registers

Since subroutines are just like service routines, we also need to save and restore registers, if needed.

Generally use “callee-save” strategy, except for return values.

- **Save anything that the subroutine will alter internally that shouldn't be visible when the subroutine returns.**
- **It's good practice to restore incoming arguments to their original values (unless overwritten by return value).**

Remember: You MUST save R7 if you call any other subroutine or service routine (TRAP).

- **Otherwise, you won't be able to return to caller.**

Example

(1) Write a subroutine **FirstChar** to:

find the first occurrence
of a particular **character** (in **R0**)
in a **string** (pointed to by **R1**);
return **pointer** to character or to end of string (NULL) in **R2**.

(2) Use **FirstChar** to write **CountChar**, which:

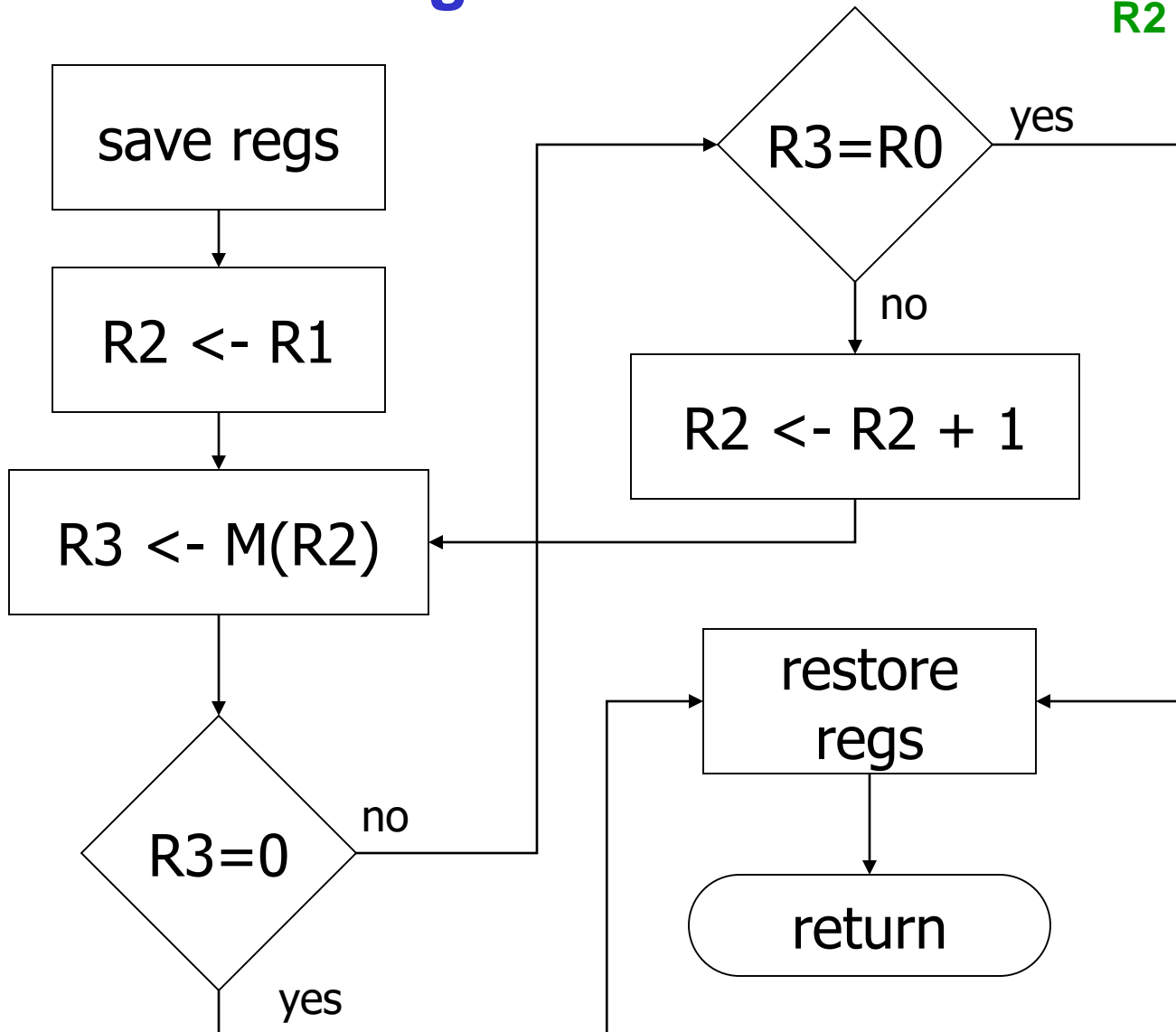
counts the number of occurrences
of a particular **character** (in **R0**)
in a **string** (pointed to by **R1**);
return **count** in **R2**.

Can write **CountChar** subroutine using **FirstChar**

Alternatively, can write the second subroutine first,
without knowing the implementation of **FirstChar**!

FirstChar Algorithm

R0 holds character to search
R1 is pointer to string
R2 is return value
pointer to character
or end of string



FirstChar Implementation

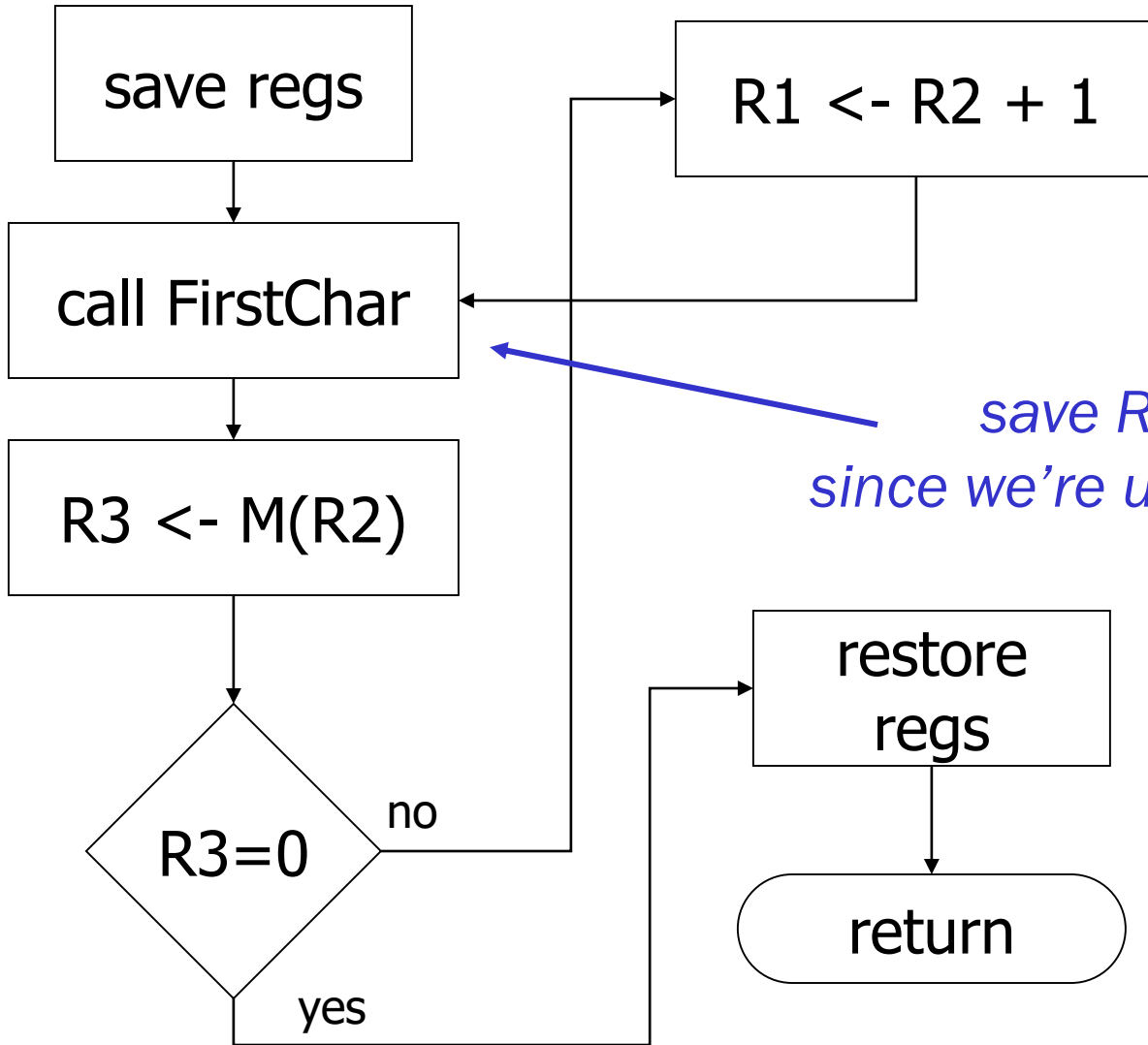
; FirstChar: subroutine to find first occurrence of a char

FirstChar

```

    ST    R3, FCR3    ; save registers
    ST    R4, FCR4
    NOT   R4, R0      ; use R4 for comparisons
    ADD   R4, R4, #1
    ADD   R2, R1, #0  ; initialize ptr to beginning of string
FC1    LDR   R3, R2, #0 ; read character
    BRz   FC2        ; if null, we're done
    ADD   R3, R3, R4  ; see if matches input char
    BRz   FC2        ; if yes, we're done
    ADD   R2, R2, #1  ; increment pointer
    BRnzp FC1
FC2    LD    R3, FCR3  ; restore registers
    LD    R4, FCR4    ;
    RET                               ; and return
```

CountChar Algorithm (using FirstChar)



R0 holds character to search
R1 is pointer to string
R2 is return value
count of occurrences

*save R7,
since we're using JSR*

CountChar Implementation

; CountChar: subroutine to count occurrences of a char

CountChar

```

    ST    R3, CCR3    ; save registers
    ST    R4, CCR4
    ST    R7, CCR7    ; JSR alters R7
    ST    R1, CCR1    ; save original string ptr
    AND   R4, R4, #0   ; initialize count to zero
CC1    JSR  FirstChar ; find next occurrence (ptr in R2)
    LDR   R3, R2, #0   ; see if char or null
    BRz   CC2          ; if null, no more chars
    ADD   R4, R4, #1   ; increment count
    ADD   R1, R2, #1   ; point to next char in string
    BRnzp CC1
CC2    ADD  R2, R4, #0   ; move return val (count) to R2
    LD    R3, CCR3    ; restore regs
    LD    R4, CCR4
    LD    R1, CCR1
    LD    R7, CCR7
    RET                               ; and return

```

Subroutine Summary

- **Subroutines are useful reuse of code**
- **Need address, function, arguments, and return value**
- **Use JSR, JSRR to call subroutine**
- **Use RET to return from subroutine**

- **PennSim Demo**

- **If the return address is written to R7, then can we call a subroutine within a subroutine?**
 - Save R7
- **Can we make recursive calls?**
 - Stack, discussed in Chapter 10, but not this course.