



MIPS and SPIM tutorial

Part Four: Strings, Loops, If-Then-Else and Arrays

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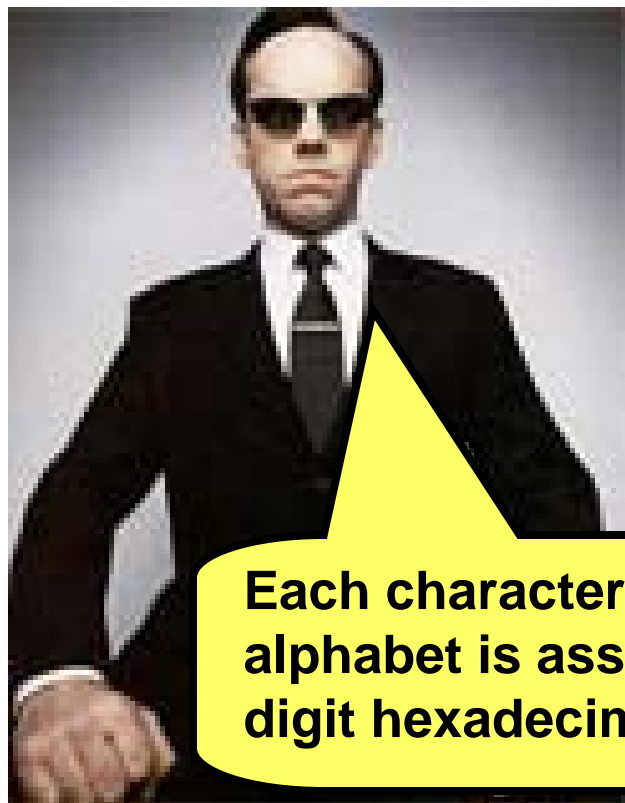
.ascii

A directive that stores a NUL terminated string in the data segment.

```
.data  
STR: .ascii "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"
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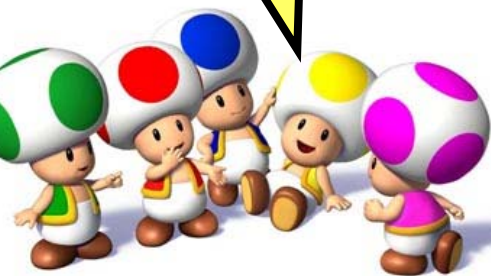
```
.text  
.globl main
```

main:



Each character in the alphabet is assigned a 2 digit hexadecimal number.

Ok, but how is a string represented?



ASCII **NUL** 0x00 is used to mark the end of a string.

Column: **leftmost digit**

Row: **rightmost digit**

Each character is assigned a 8 bit **ASCII value** – a byte.

ASCII:

**American
Standard
Code for
Information
Interchange.**

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	NUL	DLE	space	0	@	P	`	p
1	SOH	DC1 XON	!	1	A	Q	a	q
2	STX	DC2	"	2	B	R	b	r
3	ETX	DC3 XOFF	#	3	C	S	c	s
4	EOT	DC4	\$	4	D	T	d	t
5	ENQ	NAK	%	5	E	U	e	u
6	ACK	SYN	&	6	F	V	f	v
7	DEL	ETB	'	7	G	W	g	w
8	BS	CAN	(	8	H	X	h	x
9	HT	EM	)	9	I	Y	i	y
A	LF	SUB	*	:	J	Z	j	z
B	VT	ESC	+	;	K	[	k	{
C	FF	FS	,	<	L	\	l	|
D	CR	GS	-	=	M	]	m	~
E	SO	RS	.	>	N	^	n	
F	SI	US	/	?	O	_	o	del

The ASCII value of 'a' is **0x61**

The ASCII value of 'H' is **0x48**

```
.data

STR:  .ascii "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"

.text
.globl main

main: la    $t0, STR
      lw    $t1, 0($t0)

      lb    $t2, 0($t0)
      lb    $t3, 1($t0)
      lb    $t4, 2($t0)
      lb    $t5, 3($t0)

      jr    $ra
```

Load Byte: *lb*

Ok, just like Load Word
but only loads one byte.



Open... Ctrl+O
 Save Log File... Ctrl+S
 Exit Alt+F4

**Load the source file
string.s**

```

00 EPC = 00000000
10 HI = 00000000

R0 (r0) = 00000000 R8 (t0) = 00000000
R1 (at) = 00000000 R9 (t1) = 00000000 R17 (s1) = 00000000 R25 (t9) = 00000000
R2 (v0) = 00000000 R10 (t2) = 00000000 R18 (s2) = 00000000 R26 (k0) = 00000000
R3 (v1) = 00000000 R11 (t3) = 00000000 R19 (s3) = 00000000 R27 (k1) = 00000000
R4 (a0) = 00000000 R12 (t4) = 00000000 R20 (s4) = 00000000 R28 (gp) = 10008000

```

```

[0x00400000] 0x8fa40000 lw $4, 0($29) ; 175: lw $a0 0($sp) # argc
[0x00400004] 0x27a50004 addiu $5, $29, 4 ; 176: addiu $a1 $sp 4 # argv
[0x00400008] 0x24a60004 addiu $6, $5, 4 ; 177: addiu $a2 $a1 4 # envp
[0x0040000c] 0x00041080 sll $2, $4, 2 ; 178: sll $v0 $a0 2
[0x00400010] 0x00c23021 addu $6, $6, $2 ; 179: addu $a2 $a2 $v0
[0x00400014] 0x0c100009 jal 0x00400024 [main] ; 180: jal main
[0x00400018] 0x00000000 nop ; 181: nop
[0x0040001c] 0x3402000a ori $2, $0, 10 ; 183: li $v0 10

```

```

DATA
[0x10000000]...[0x10040000] 0x00000000

STACK
[0x7ffffeffc] 0x00000000

KERNEL DATA
[0x90000000] 0x78452020 0x74706563 0x206a6f69 0x636f2000

```

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**Single step
until...**

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Open an assembly file

use=0x00000000



PC = 00400028 EPC = 00000000 Cause = 00000000 BadVAddr= 00000000
Status = 3000ff10 HI = 00000000 LO = 00000000

R0 (r0) = 00000000 R8 (t0) = 10010000 R16 (s8) = 00000000
R1 (at) = 00000000 R9 (t1) = 00000000 R17 (s9) = 00000000
R2 (v0) = 00000000 R10 (t2) = 00000000 R18 (s2) = 00000000 R26 (k0) = 00000000
R3 (v1) = 00000000 R11 (t3) = 00000000 R19 (s3) = 00000000 R27 (k1) = 00000000
R4 (a0) = 00000000 R12 (t4) = 00000000 R20 (s4) = 00000000 R28 (gp) = 10008000

\$t0 is 10010000

[0x0040000c] 0x00041080 sll \$2, \$4, 2
[0x00400010] 0x00c23021 addu \$6, \$6, \$2
[0x00400014] 0x0c100009 jal 0x00400024 [main]
[0x00400018] 0x00000000 nop
[0x0040001c] 0x3402000a ori \$2, \$0, 10
[0x00400020] 0x0000000c syscall
[0x00400024] 0x3c081001 lui \$8, 4097 [STR]
[0x00400028] 0x8d090000 lw \$9, 0(\$8)

; 178: sll \$v0 \$a0 2
; 179: addu \$a2 \$a2 \$v0
; 180: jal main
; 181: nop
; 183: li \$v0 10
; 184: syscall
; 8: la \$t0, STR
; 9: lw \$t1, 0(\$t0)

syscall

DATA

[0x10010000] 0x64636261
[0x10010002] 0x00000000

The content at
address 0x1001000 is
0x64636261

The label STR is
referring to the
address 0x1001000 in
the data segment of
the memory.



Single step
again...

STACK
[0x7ffffeffc]

[0x00400000]
[0x00400000]
[0x00400000]
[0x00400000]
[0x00400001]
[0x00400001]
[0x00400002]

lw \$a0 0(\$sp)
li
ad
sll
add
jal
la

argc
argv
envp



PC = 0040002c EPC = 00000000 Cause = 00000000 BadVAddr= 00000000
Status = 3000ff10 HI = 00000000 LO = 00000000

General Registers

R0 (r0) = 00000000 R1 (r1) = 00000000 R2 (r2) = 00000000 R3 (v1) = 00000000 R4 (a0) = 00000000
R5 (r5) = 00000000 R6 (r6) = 00000000 R7 (r7) = 00000000 R8 (s2) = 00000000 R9 (t1) = 64636261 R10 (t2) = 00000000
R11 (t3) = 00000000 R12 (t4) = 00000000 R13 (s3) = 00000000 R14 (s4) = 00000000 R15 (k0) = 00000000
R16 (k1) = 00000000 R17 (gp) = 10008000 R18 (k2) = 00000000 R19 (k3) = 00000000 R20 (k4) = 00000000
R21 (k5) = 00000000 R22 (k6) = 00000000 R23 (k7) = 00000000 R24 (k8) = 00000000 R25 (k9) = 00000000
R26 (k10) = 00000000 R27 (k11) = 00000000 R28 (k12) = 00000000 R29 (k13) = 00000000 R30 (k14) = 00000000
R31 (k15) = 00000000

\$t1 is 0x64636261

[0x00400010] 0x00c23021 addu \$6, \$2
[0x00400014] 0x0c100009 jal 0x00400024 [main]
[0x00400018] 0x00000000 nop
[0x0040001c] 0x3402000a ori \$10, \$0, 10
[0x00400020] 0x0000000c syscall
[0x00400024] 0x3c081001 lui \$8, 4097 [STR]
[0x00400028] 0x8d090000 lw \$9, 0(\$8)
[0x0040002c] 0x810a0000 lb \$10, 0(\$8)

; 179: addu \$a2 \$a2 \$v0
; 180: jal main
; 181: nop
; 183: li \$v0 10
; 184: syscall
; 8: la \$t0, STR
; 9: lw \$t1, 0(\$t0)
; 11: lb \$t2, 0(\$t0)

syscall

DATA
[0x10000000] ... [0x10010000]
[0x10010000] 0x64636261
[0x10010010] 0x79787675
[0x10010020] ... [0x10040000] 0x00000000

STACK
[0x7ffffeffc] 0x000000

[0x00400004] 0x27a50004 addiu \$5, \$
[0x00400008] 0x24a60004 addiu \$6, \$
[0x0040000c] 0x00041080 sll \$2, \$4,
[0x00400010] 0x00c23021 addu \$6, \$6
[0x00400014] 0x0c100009 jal 0x00400
[0x00400024] 0x3c081001 lui \$8, 409
[0x00400028] 0x8d090000 lw \$9, 0(\$8)

The content at
address 0x1001000 is
0x64636261



Single step
again...

addiu \$a1 \$sp 4
; 7: li
; 8: sll
; 9: addu
; 10: jal
la
lw

argv
envp



PC = 00400030 EPC = 00000000 Cause = 00000000 BadVAddr= 00000000
Status = 3000ff10 HI = 00000000 LO = 00000000

General Registers

R0 (r0) = 00000000 R8 (t0) = 10010000 R16 (s0) = 00000000
R1 (at) = 00000000 R9 (t1) = 64636261 R17 (s1) = 00000000
R2 (v0) = 00000000 R10 (t2) = 00000061 R18 (s2) = 00000000 R26 (k0) = 00000000
R3 (v1) = 00000000 R11 (t3) = 00000000 R19 (s3) = 00000000 R27 (k1) = 00000000
R4 (a0) = 00000000 R12 (t4) = 00000000 R20 (s4) = 00000000 R28 (gp) = 10008000

\$t2 is 0x00000061

[0x00400014] 0x0c100009 jal 0x00400024 [main]
[0x00400018] 0x00000000 nop
[0x0040001c] 0x3402000a ori \$t0, \$0, 10
[0x00400020] 0x0000000c syscall
[0x00400024] 0x3c081001 lui \$t0, 4097 [STR]
[0x00400028] 0x8d090000 lw \$t1, 0(\$t0)
[0x0040002c] 0x810a0000 lb \$t2, 0(\$t1)
[0x00400030] 0x00000000 lb \$t3, 1(\$t2)

Load Byte

; 180: jal main
; 181: nop
; 183: li \$v0 10
; 184: syscall
; 8: la \$t0, STR
; 9: lw \$t1, 0(\$t0)
; 11: lb \$t2, 0(\$t1)
; 12: lb \$t3, 1(\$t2)

syscall

DATA
[0x10000000] ... [0x10010000]
[0x10010000] 0x64636261
[0x10010010] 0x79787675
[0x10010020] ... [0x10040000] 0x00000000

STACK
[0x7ffffeffc] 0x000000

[0x00400008] 0x24a60004 addiu \$t2, \$t1, 4
[0x0040000c] 0x00041080 sll \$t2, \$t2, 4
[0x00400010] 0x00c23021 addu \$t2, \$t2, \$t2
[0x00400014] 0x0c100009 jal 0x00400024 [main]
[0x00400024] 0x3c081001 lui \$t0, 4097 [STR]
[0x00400028] 0x8d090000 lw \$t1, 0(\$t0)
[0x0040002c] 0x810a0000 lb \$t2, 0(\$t1)

The content at
address 0x1001000 is
0x64636261



addiu \$a2, \$a1, 4
8: jal \$ra
9: add \$a2, \$a1, 4
10: jal \$ra
la \$a2, 0(\$a1)
lw \$a2, 0(\$a1)
lb \$a2, 1(\$a1)

Single step
again...



PC = 00400034 EPC = 00000000 Cause = 00000000 BadVAddr= 00000000
Status = 3000ff10 HI = 00000000 LO = 00000000

General Registers

R0 (r0) = 00000000	R8 (t0) = 10010000	R16 (s0) = 00000000
R1 (at) = 00000000	R9 (t1) = 64636261	R17 (s1) = 00000000
R2 (v0) = 00000000	R10 (t2) = 00000000	R18 (s2) = 00000000
R3 (v1) = 00000000	R11 (t3) = 00000062	R19 (s3) = 00000000
R4 (a0) = 00000000	R12 (t4) = 00000000	R20 (s4) = 00000000
		R26 (k0) = 00000000
		R27 (k1) = 00000000
		R28 (gp) = 10008000

\$t3 is 0x00000062

```
[0x00400018] 0x00000000 nop
[0x0040001c] 0x3402000a ori $t0, $0, 10
[0x00400020] 0x0000000c syscall
[0x00400024] 0x3c081001 lui $8, 4097 [STR]
[0x00400028] 0x8d090000 lw $9, 0($8)
[0x0040002c] 0x810a0000 lb $10, 0($8)
[0x00400030] 0x810b0001 lb $11, 1($8)
[0x00400034] 0x810b0002 lb $12, 2($8)
```

Load Byte

```
; 181: nop
; 183: li $v0 10
; 184: syscall
; 8: la $t0, STR
; 9: lw $t1, 0($t0)
; 11: lb $t2, 0($t0)
; 12: lb $t3, 1($t0)
; 13: lb $t4, 2($t0)
```

syscall

DATA

```
[0x10000000] ... [0x10010000]
[0x10010000]
[0x10010010]
[0x10010020] ... [0x10040000]
```

0x64636261

The content at
address 0x1001000 is
0x64636261

STACK

```
[0x7ffffffc] 0x00000000
```

```
[0x0040000c] 0x00041080 sll $2, $4,
[0x00400010] 0x00c23021 addu $6, $6,
[0x00400014] 0x0c100009 jal 0x004000
[0x00400024] 0x3c081001 lui $8, 4097
[0x00400028] 0x8d090000 lw $9, 0($8)
[0x0040002c] 0x810a0000 lb $10, 0($8)
[0x00400030] 0x810b0001 lb $11, 1($8)
```

sll \$v0 \$a0 2

: jal

: la

lw

lb

lb

Single step
again...





PC	=	00400038	EPC	=	00000000	Cause	=	00000000	BadVAddr=	00000000		
Status	=	3000ff10	HI	=	00000000	LO	=	00000000				
General Registers												
R0 (r0)	=	00000000	R8 (t0)	=	10010000	R16 (s0)	=	00000000	\$t4 is 0x00000063			
R1 (at)	=	00000000	R9 (t1)	=	64636261	R17 (s1)	=	00000000				
R2 (v0)	=	00000000	R10 (t2)	=	00000061	R18 (s2)	=	00000000				
R3 (v1)	=	00000000	R11 (t3)	=	00000063	R19 (s3)	=	00000000		R26 (k0)	=	00000000
R4 (a0)	=	00000000	R12 (t4)	=	00000063	R20 (s4)	=	00000000		R27 (k1)	=	00000000
									R28 (gp)	=	10008000	

\$t4 is 0x00000063

R12 (t4) = 00000063

[0x0040001c]	0x3402000a	ori \$t2, \$0, 10			; 183: li \$v0 10
[0x00400020]	0x0000000c	syscall			; 184: syscall
[0x00400024]	0x3c081001	lui \$8, 4097 [STR]			# syscall
[0x00400028]	0x8d090000	lw \$9, 0(\$8)			; 8: la \$t0, STR
[0x0040002c]	0x810a0000	lb \$10, 0(\$8)			; 9: lw \$t1, 0(\$t0)
[0x00400030]	0x810b0001	lb \$11, 1(\$8)			; 11: lb \$t2, 0(\$t0)
[0x00400034]	0x810c0002	lb \$12, 2(\$8)			; 12: lb \$t3, 1(\$t0)
[0x00400038]	0x810d0003	lb \$13, 3(\$8)			; 13: lb \$t4, 2(\$t0)
[0x0040003c]	0x810e0004	lb \$14, 4(\$8)			; 14: lb \$t5, 3(\$t0)

Load Byte

Assembly instructions for the syscall sequence, including register setup and memory loading.

[0x10000000] ... [0x10010000]	0x00000000			
[0x10010000]	0x64636261			
[0x10010010]	0x79787675			
[0x10010020] ... [0x10040000]	0x00000000			
STACK				
[0x7ffffeffc]	0x00000000			

The content at address 0x1001000 is 0x64636261

[0x00400010]	0x00c23021	addu \$6, \$6, \$0			; addu \$a2 \$a2 \$v0
[0x00400014]	0x0c100009	jal 0x0040002			; jal \$ra \$ra
[0x00400024]	0x3c081001	lui \$8, 4097			; la \$a
[0x00400028]	0x8d090000	lw \$9, 0(\$8)			; lw \$t
[0x0040002c]	0x810a0000	lb \$10, 0(\$8)			; lb \$t
[0x00400030]	0x810b0001	lb \$11, 1(\$8)			; lb \$t
[0x00400034]	0x810c0002	lb \$12, 2(\$8)			; lb \$t

Single step again...





General Registers

R0 (r0) = 00000000	R8 (t0) = 10010000	R16 (s0) = 00000000	R24 (t8) = 00000000
R1 (at) = 00000000	R9 (t1) = 64636261	R17 (s1) = 00000000	
R2 (v0) = 00000000	R10 (t2) = 00000061	R18 (s2) = 00000000	
R3 (v1) = 00000000	R11 (t3) = 00000062	R19 (s3) = 00000000	
R4 (a0) = 00000000	R12 (t4) = 00000063	R20 (s4) = 00000000	
R5 (a1) = 7ffff000	R13 (t5) = 00000064	R21 (s5) = 00000000	R29 (sp) = 7ffffeffc
R6 (a2) = 7ffff004	R14 (t6) = 00000065	R22 (s6) = 00000000	R30 (s8) = 00000000

\$t5 is 0x00000064

```
[0x00400020] 0x0000000c syscall
[0x00400024] 0x3c081001 lui $9, 4097 [STR]
[0x00400028] 0x8d090000 lw $9, 0($8)
[0x0040002c] 0x810a0000 lb $10, 0($8)
[0x00400030] 0x810b0001 lb $11, 1($8)
[0x00400034] 0x810c0002 lb $12, 2($8)
[0x00400038] 0x810d0003 lb $13, 3($8)
[0x0040003c] 0x810e0004 lb $14, 4($8)
[0x00400040] 0x810f0005 lb $15, 5($8)
[0x00400044] 0x81100006 lb $16, 6($8)
[0x00400048] 0x81110007 lb $17, 7($8)
[0x0040004c] 0x81120008 jr $31
```

Load Byte

```
; 184: syscall
; 8: la $t0, STR
; 9: lw $t1, 0($t0)
; 11: lb $t2, 0($t0)
; 12: lb $t3, 1($t0)
; 13: lb $t4, 2($t0)
; 14: lb $t5, 3($t0)
; 16: jr $ra
```

syscall

DATA

[0x10000000] ... [0x10010000]	0x00000000
[0x10010000]	0x64636261
[0x10010010]	0x79787675
[0x10010020] ... [0x10040000]	0x00000000

The content at address 0x1001000 is 0x64636261

STACK

[0x7ffffeffc]	0x00000000
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```
[0x00400014] 0x0c100009 jal 0x004000
[0x00400024] 0x3c081001 lui $8, 4097
[0x00400028] 0x8d090000 lw $9, 0($8)
[0x0040002c] 0x810a0000 lb $10, 0($8)
[0x00400030] 0x810b0001 lb $11, 1($8)
[0x00400034] 0x810c0002 lb $12, 2($8)
[0x00400038] 0x810d0003 lb $13, 3($8)
```

jal main

```
la
lw
lb
lb
lb
lb
lb
```

Single step again...





General Registers

```

R0 (r0) = 00000000 R8 (t0) = 00000000 R16 (s0) = 00000000 R24 (t8) = 00000000
R1 (at) = 00000000 R9 (t1) = 64636261 R17 (s1) = 00000000 R25 (t9) = 00000000
R2 (v0) = 00000000 R10 (t2) = 00000061 R18 (s2) = 00000000 R26 (k0) = 00000000
R3 (v1) = 00000000 R11 (t3) = 00000062 R19 (s3) = 00000000 R27 (k1) = 00000000
R4 (a0) = 00000000 R12 (t4) = 00000063 R20 (s4) = 00000000 R28 (gp) = 10008000
R5 (a1) = 7ffff000 R13 (t5) = 00000064 R21 (s5) = 00000000 R29 (sp) = 7ffff000
R6 (a2) = 7ffff004 R14 (t6) = 00000000 R22 (s6) = 00000000 R30 (s7) = 00000000

```

```

[0x00400020] 0x0000000c syscall ; 184: syscall # syscall
[0x00400024] 0x3c081001 lui $8, 4097 [STR] ; 8: la $t0, STR
[0x00400028] 0x8d090000 lw $9, 0($8) ; 9: lw $t1, 0($t0)
[0x0040002c] 0x810a0000 lb $10, 0($8) ; 11: lb $t2, 0($t0)

```

Word stored in \$t1

Character

'd'

'c'

'b'

'a'

ASCII

0x64

0x63

0x62

0x61

Address

0x10010003

0x10010002

0x10010001

0x10010000

```

[0x00400014] 0x0c100009 jal 0x00400024 [main] ; 180: jal main
[0x00400024] 0x3c081001 lui $8, 4097 [STR] ; 8: la $t0, STR
[0x00400028] 0x8d090000 lw $9, 0($8) ; 9: lw $t1, 0($t0)
[0x0040002c] 0x810a0000 lb $10, 0($8) ; 11: lb $t2, 0($t0)
[0x00400030] 0x810b0001 lb $11, 1($8) ; 12: lb $t3, 1($t0)
[0x00400034] 0x810c0002 lb $12, 2($8) ; 13: lb $t4, 2($t0)
[0x00400038] 0x810d0003 lb $13, 3($8) ; 14: lb $t5, 3($t0)

```

```

xspim
PC      = 00400028  EPC    = 00000000  Cause   = 00000000  BadVAddr =
Status  = 3000ff10  HI     = 00000000  LO      =
General Registers
R0 (r0) = 00000000  R8 (t0) = 10010000  R16 (s0) = 00000000  R24 (a8) =
R1 (at) = 00000000  R9 (t1) = 00000000  R17 (s1) = 00000000  R25 (a9) =
R2 (v0) = 00000004  R10 (t2) = 00000000  R18 (s2) = 00000000  R26 (a10) =
R3 (v1) = 00000000  R11 (t3) = 00000000  R19 (s3) = 00000000  R27 (k1) =
R4 (a0) = 00000001  R12 (t4) = 00000000  R20 (s4) = 00000000  R28 (gp) =
R5 (a1) = 7ffffef64  R13 (t5) = 00000000  R21 (s5) = 00000000  R29 (sp) =
R6 (a2) = 7ffffef6c  R14 (t6) = 00000000  R22 (s6) = 00000000  R30 (s8) =
R7 (a3) = 00000000  R15 (t7) = 00000000  R23 (s7) = 00000000  R31 (ra) =

FIR      = 00009800  FCSR     = 00000000  FCCR     = 00000000  FEXR     =
FENR     = 00000000

Double Floating Point Registers

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If we run the same program on the department Unix system

Word stored in \$t1

Character	'a'	'b'	'c'	'd'
ASCII	0x61	0x62	0x63	0x64
Address	0x10010000	0x10010001	0x10010002	0x10010003

```

[0x00400028] 0x3c081000 lui $8, 4097 [str] ; 9: la $t0, str
[0x00400028] 0x03e00000 jr $31 ; 11: jr $ra

Data Segments
DATA
[0x10000000]...[0x10000000] 0x00000000
[0x10010000] 0x61626364 0x65666768 0x696a6b6c 0x6d6e6f70
[0x10010010] 0x71727374 0x75767778 0x797a0000 0x00000000
[0x10010020]...[0x10010000] 0x00000000

STACK

```

[0x10010000]	0x61626364	0x65666768	0x696a6b6c	0x6d6e6f70
[0x10010010]	0x71727374	0x75767778	0x797a0000	0x00000000


```
PCSpim
File Simulator Window Help

PC = 00400038 EPC = 00000000 Cause = 00000000 BadVAddr= 00000000
Status = 3000ff10 HI = 00000000 LO = 00000000

General Registers
R0 (r0) = 00000000 R8 (t0) = 10010000 R16 (s0) = 00000000 R24 (t8) = 00000000
R1 (a0) = 00000000 R9 (t1) = 00000061 R17 (s1) = 00000000 R25 (t9) = 00000000
R2 (v0) = 00000000 R10 (t2) = 00000062 R18 (s2) = 00000000 R26 (k0) = 00000000
R3 (v1) = 00000000 R11 (t3) = 00000063 R19 (s3) = 00000000 R27 (k1) = 00000000
R4 (a0) = 00000000 R12 (t4) = 00000064 R20 (s4) = 00000000 R28 (gp) = 10008000
```

```
[0x0040001c] 0x3402000a ori $2, $0, 10 ; 183: li $v0 10
[0x00400020] 0x0000000c syscall
[0x00400024] 0x3c081001 lui $8, 4097 [STR]
[0x00400028] 0x81090000 lb $9, 0($8)
[0x0040002c] 0x810a0001 lb $10, 1($8)
[0x00400030] 0x810b0002 lb $11, 2($8)
[0x00400034] 0x810c0003 lb $12, 3($8)
[0x00400038] 0x03a00008 jr $31

DATA
[0x10000000]...[0x10010000] 0x00000000
[0x10010000] 0x64636261 0x00000000
[0x10010010] 0x74737271 0x00000000
[0x10010020]...[0x10040000] 0x00000000

STACK
[0x7ffefffc] 0x00000000
```

```
[0x00400010] 0x00c23021 addu $6, $6, $2 ; 179: addu $a2 $a2 $v0
[0x00400014] 0x0c100009 jal 0x00400024 [main] ; 180: jal main
[0x00400018] 0x3c081001 lui $8, 4097 [STR] ; 8: la $t0, STR
[0x0040001c] 0x81090000 lb $9, 0($8) ; 10: lb $t1, 0($t0)
[0x00400020] 0x810a0001 lb $10, 1($8) ; 11: lb $t2, 1($t0)
[0x00400024] 0x810b0002 lb $11, 2($8) ; 12: lb $t3, 2($t0)
[0x00400028] 0x810c0003 lb $12, 3($8) ; 13: lb $t4, 3($t0)
```

x68				
1 Word				

Character	'd'	'c'	'b'	'a'
ASCII	0x64	0x63	0x62	0x61
Address	0x10010003	0x10010002	0x10010001	0x10010000

What? We store the same string and gets two different words?



SPARC				
1 Word				

Character	'a'	'b'	'c'	'd'
ASCII	0x61	0x62	0x63	0x64
Address	0x10010000	0x10010001	0x10010002	0x10010003

```
xspim
Cause = 00000000 BadVAddr= 00000000
00000000 R24 (t8) = 00000000
00000000 R25 (t9) = 00000000
00000000 R26 (k0) = 00000000
00000000 R27 (k1) = 00000000
00000000 R28 (gp) = 10008000
00000000 R29 (sp) = 7ffeff60
00000000 R30 (s8) = 00000000
00000000 R31 (ra) = 00400018

FENR = 00000000 FPCR = 00000000 FEXR = 00000000
Double Floating Point Registers
FP0 = 0.00000 FP8 = 0.00000 FP16 = 0.00000 FP24 = 0.00000

quit load reload run step clear
set value print breakpoints help terminal mode
```

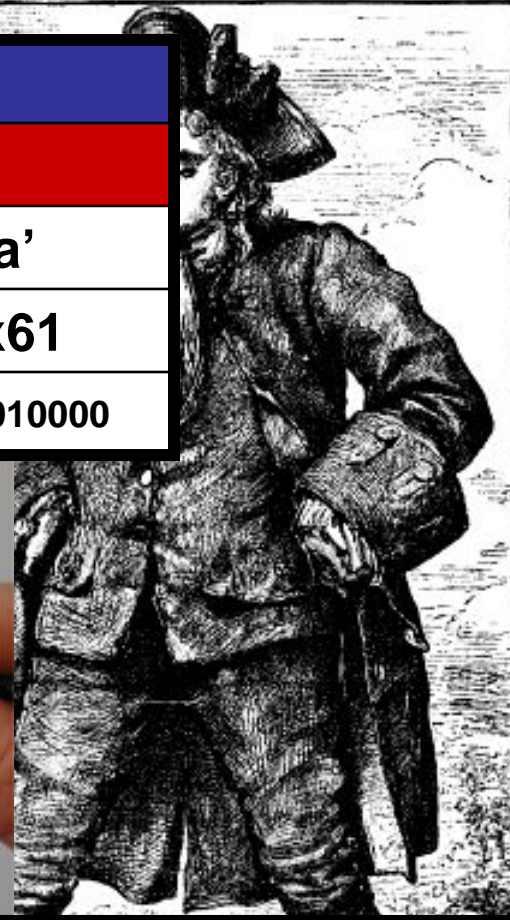
```
nvp
[0x0040000c] 0x00041080 sll $2, $4, 2 ; 177: sll $v0 $a0 2
[0x00400010] 0x00c23021 addu $6, $6, $2 ; 178: addu $a2 $a2 $v0
```

x68 (Little Endian)

1 Word

Character	'd'	'c'	'b'	'a'
ASCII	0x64	0x63	0x62	0x61
Address	0x10010003	0x10010002	0x10010001	0x10010000

Mildendo
Blefuscu
Lilliput
Discover'd A.D. 1699



SPARC (Big Endian)

1 Word

Character	'a'	'b'	'c'	'd'
ASCII	0x61	0x62	0x63	0x64
Address	0x10010000	0x10010001	0x10010002	0x10010003



A MIPS processor can be configured to use either Little Endian or Big Endian byte order.

SPIM is a simulator and uses the same byte order as the host machine.



```
.data
STR: .asciiz "Hello world, your lucky number is: "
.text
.globl main
```

main:

```
# system call code for print_str
li    $v0, 4
# address of string to print
la    $a0, STR
syscall
```

Print String

call code 4 in \$v0

Address to string

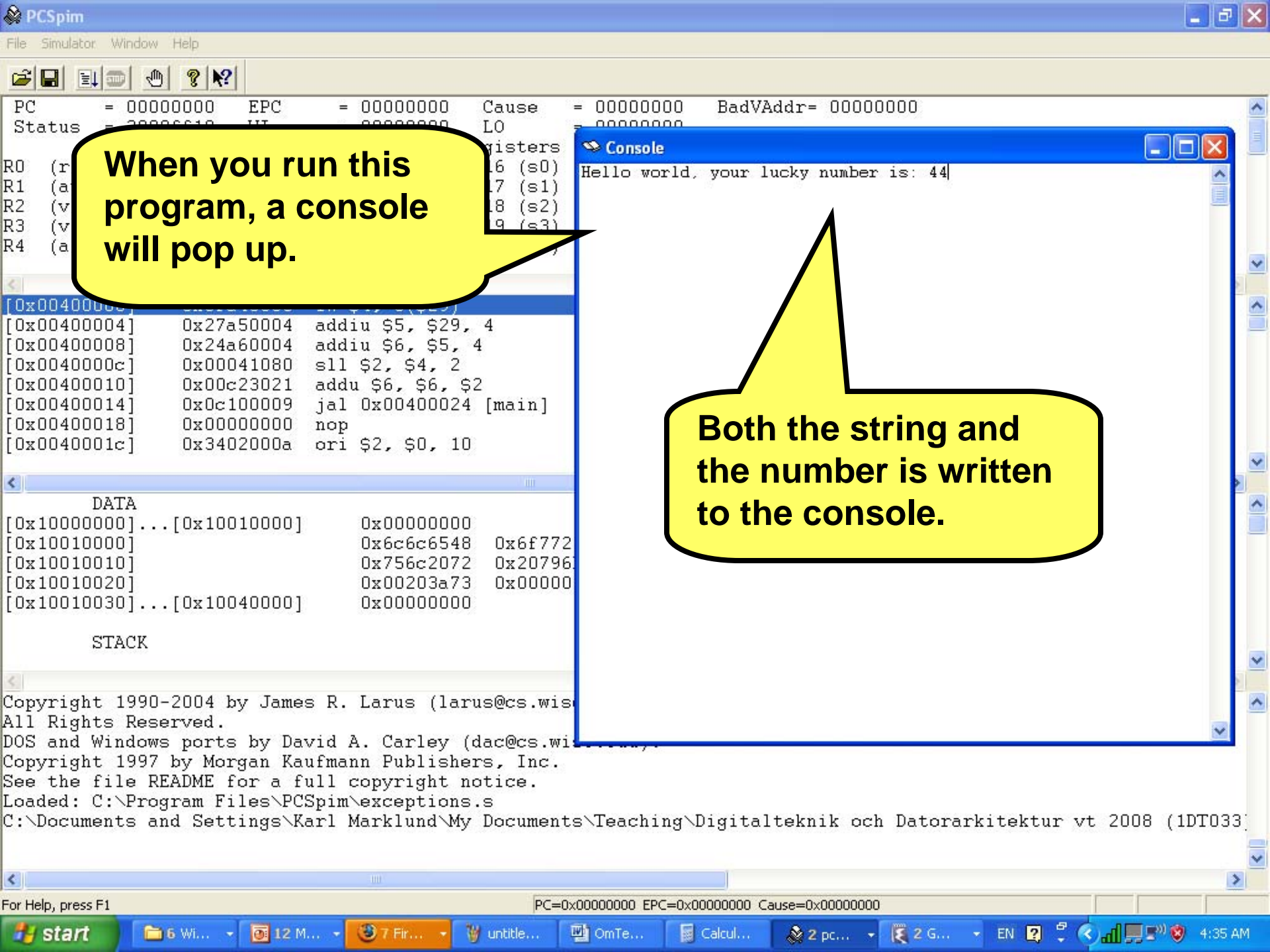
Print number

```
# system call code for print_int
li    $v0, 1
# integer to print
addi  $a0, $zero, 44
syscall
```

call code 1 in \$v0


Number to print

```
jr    $ra
```

When you run this program, a console will pop up.

Both the string and the number is written to the console.

A man in a dark suit and sunglasses is running through a crowd of identical men in dark suits and sunglasses. The man in the foreground is running towards the right, with his arms pumping and legs in motion. The crowd of identical men is arranged in a long line behind him, creating a sense of repetition. The background is a dark, textured wall with vertical lines.

We often want to repeat something a number of times...

It's time to learn how to program **loops**.

Example of good comments

```
.text
.globl main
```

```
main:  add    $t0, $zero, $zero
       addi   $s0, $zero, 5
```

```
# loop counter i
# loop limit N
```

```
loop:  beq    $t0, $s0, done
```

```
# for i = 0...(N-1)
```

```
# integer to print
add    $a0, $zero, $t0
# system call code for print_int
li     $v0, 1
syscall
```

Branch on Equal: *beq*

If \$t0 == \$s0, jump to the label done.

Otherwise, continue with next instruction below.

```
addi   $t0, $t0, 1
```

```
# i ++
```

```
j loop
```

Jump (*j*)

```
done:  jr     $ra
```

Unconditional jump – jump to the label loop.

loop.s

.text

.globl main

Example of **good comments**

main:

loop:

You should be
able to
understand
what the
program does
by only looking
at the
comments and
the labels.

Choose
descriptive
names for
your labels.

done:

loop counter i
loop limit N

for i = 0...(N-1)

print i

i ++

loop again

return to caller

Introduce
abstractions
in your
comments.

Refer to
previously
defined.
abstractions.

.text

.globl main

main:

loop:

done:

If you start with
the comments
and the labels
you can use
them as your
"recipe" for the
program,
translating the
comments and
labels into
MIPS assembly

loop-counter i

loop limit N

for i = 0...(N-1)

print i

i ++

loop again

return to caller

.text

.globl main

```
main:  add    $t0, $zero, $zero      # loop-counter i
       addi   $s0, $zero, 5         # loop limit N

loop:  beq    $t0, $s0, done         # for i = 0...(N-1)

       add    $a0, $zero, $t0      # print i
       # system call code for print_int
       li     $v0, 1
       syscall

       addi   $t0, $t0, 1           # i ++

       j      loop                 # loop again

done:  jr     $ra                   # return to caller
```



PC = 00400000 Cause = 00000000 BadVAddr= 00000000
 Status = 3000fff0 HI IO = 00000000

R0 (r0) = 00000000 R8 (t0) = 00000000
 R1 (at) = 00000000 R9 (t1) = 00000000
 R2 (v0) = 00000000 R10 (t2) = 00000000
 R3 (v1) = 00000000 R11 (t3) = 00000000 R19 (s3) = 00000000 R27 (k1) = 00000000
 R4 (a0) = 00000000 R12 (t4) = 00000000 R20 (s4) = 00000000 R28 (gp) = 10008000

Load the source file [loop.s](#)

```
[0x00400000] 0x8fa40000 lw $4, 0($29) ; 175: lw $a0 0($sp) # argc
[0x00400004] 0x27a50004 addiu $5, $29, 4 ; 176: addiu $a1 $sp 4 # argv
[0x00400008] 0x24a60004 addiu $6, $5, 4 ; 177: addiu $a2 $a1 4 # envp
[0x0040000c] 0x00041080 sll $2, $4, 2 ; 178: sll $v0 $a0 2
[0x00400010] 0x00c23021 addu $6, $6, $2 ; 179: addu $a2 $a2 $v0
[0x00400014] 0x0c100009 jal 0x00400024 [main] ; 180: jal main
[0x00400018] 0x00000000 nop ; 181: nop
[0x0040001c] 0x3402000a ori $2, $0, 10 ; 183: li $v0 10
```

```
DATA
[0x10000000]...[0x10040000] 0x00000000

STACK
[0x7ffffeffc] 0x00000000

KERNEL DATA
[0x90000000] 0x78452020 0x74706563 0x206e6f69 0x636f2000
```

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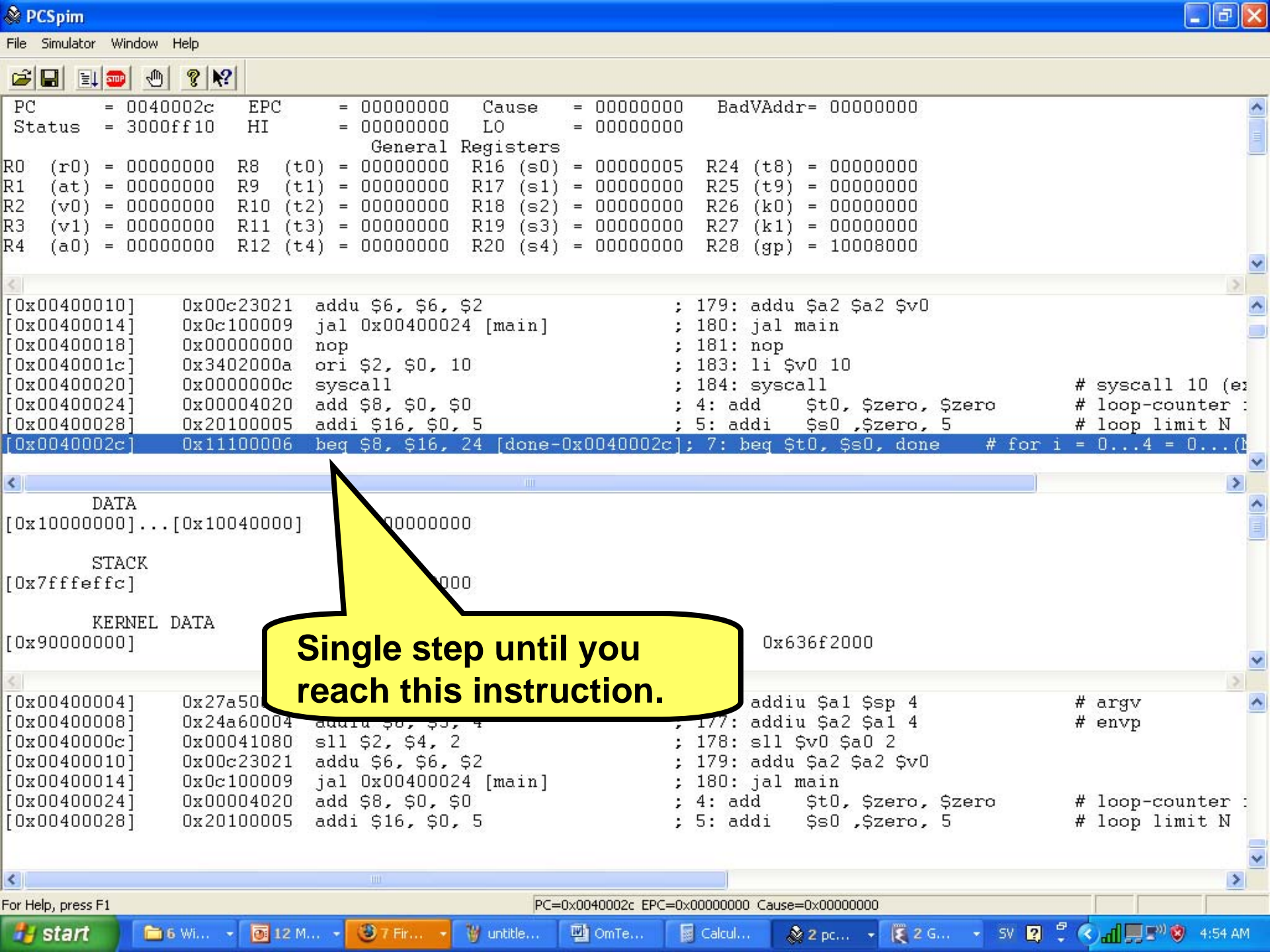
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PCSpim

File Simulator Window Help

PC = 0040002c EPC = 00000000 Cause = 00000000 BadVAddr= 00000000
Status = 3000ff10 HI = 00000000 LO = 00000000

General Registers

R0 (r0) = 00000000 R8 (t0) = 00000000 R16 (s0) = 00000005 R24 (t8) = 00000000
R1 (at) = 00000000 R9 (t1) = 00000000 R17 (s1) = 00000000 R25 (t9) = 00000000
R2 (v0) = 00000000 R10 (t2) = 00000000 R18 (s2) = 00000000 R26 (k0) = 00000000
R3 (v1) = 00000000 R11 (t3) = 00000000 R19 (s3) = 00000000 R27 (k1) = 00000000
R4 (a0) = 00000000 R12 (t4) = 00000000 R20 (s4) = 00000000 R28 (gp) = 10008000

[0x00400010] 0x00c23021 addu \$6, \$6, \$2 ; 179: addu \$a2 \$a2 \$v0
[0x00400014] 0x0c100009 jal 0x00400024 [main] ; 180: jal main
[0x00400018] 0x00000000 nop ; 181: nop
[0x0040001c] 0x3402000a ori \$2, \$0, 10 ; 183: li \$v0 10
[0x00400020] 0x0000000c syscall ; 184: syscall # syscall 10 (ex
[0x00400024] 0x00004020 add \$8, \$0, \$0 ; 4: add \$t0, \$zero, \$zero # loop-counter :
[0x00400028] 0x20100005 addi \$16, \$0, 5 ; 5: addi \$s0, \$zero, 5 # loop limit N
[0x0040002c] 0x11100006 beg \$8, \$16, 24 [done-0x0040002c]; 7: beg \$t0, \$s0, done # for i = 0...4 = 0...(N

DATA
[0x10000000]...[0x10040000] 00000000

STACK
[0x7ffffeffc] 0000

KERNEL DATA
[0x90000000] 0x636f2000

Single step until you reach this instruction.

[0x00400004] 0x27a50000 addiu \$a1 \$sp 4 # argv
[0x00400008] 0x24a60004 addiu \$a2 \$a1 4 # envp
[0x0040000c] 0x00041080 sll \$2, \$4, 2
[0x00400010] 0x00c23021 addu \$6, \$6, \$2
[0x00400014] 0x0c100009 jal 0x00400024 [main]
[0x00400024] 0x00004020 add \$8, \$0, \$0
[0x00400028] 0x20100005 addi \$16, \$0, 5

For Help, press F1 PC=0x0040002c EPC=0x00000000 Cause=0x00000000

start 6 Wi... 12 M... 7 Fir... untile... OmTe... Calcul... 2 pc... 2 G... SV 4:54 AM

Machine Instruction: 0x11100006

Hexadecimal	Decimal	Binary
0x11	$1 \cdot 16^1 + 1 = 17$	0001 0001
0x10	$1 \cdot 16^1 = 16$	0001 0000
0x00	0	0000 0000
0x06	$6 \cdot 16^0 = 6$	0000 0110

Register 8

Register 16

Branch offset 6

000100 01000 10000 0000 0000 0000 0110

op

OP(beq) = 4

beq is an *l-type instruction*.

Machine Instruction: 0x11100006

PC = 00000000
 Status = 300
 R0 (r0) = 00000000
 R1 (at) = 00000000
 R2 (v0) = 00000000
 R3 (v1) = 00000000
 R4 (a0) = 00000000

Hexadecimal	Decimal	Binary
0x11	$1 \cdot 16^1 + 1 = 17$	0001 0001
0x10	$1 \cdot 16^1 = 16$	0001 0000
0x00	0	0000 0000
0x06	$6 \cdot 16^0 = 6$	0000 0110

[0x00400010] 0x00000021 addu \$6, \$6
 [0x00400014] 0x00000009 jal 0x00400014
 [0x00400018] 0x00000000 nop
 [0x0040001c] 0x0000000a ori \$2, \$0, 10
 [0x00400020] 0x0000000c syscall
 [0x00400024] 0x00000020 add \$8, \$0, 32
 [0x00400028] 0x20100005 addi \$16, \$0, 5 ; 5: addi \$s0, \$zero, 5 # loop limit N
 [0x0040002c] 0x11100006 beq \$8, \$16, 24 [done-0x0040002c]; 7: beq \$t0, \$s0, done # for i = 0...4 = 0...5

Register 8

Register 16

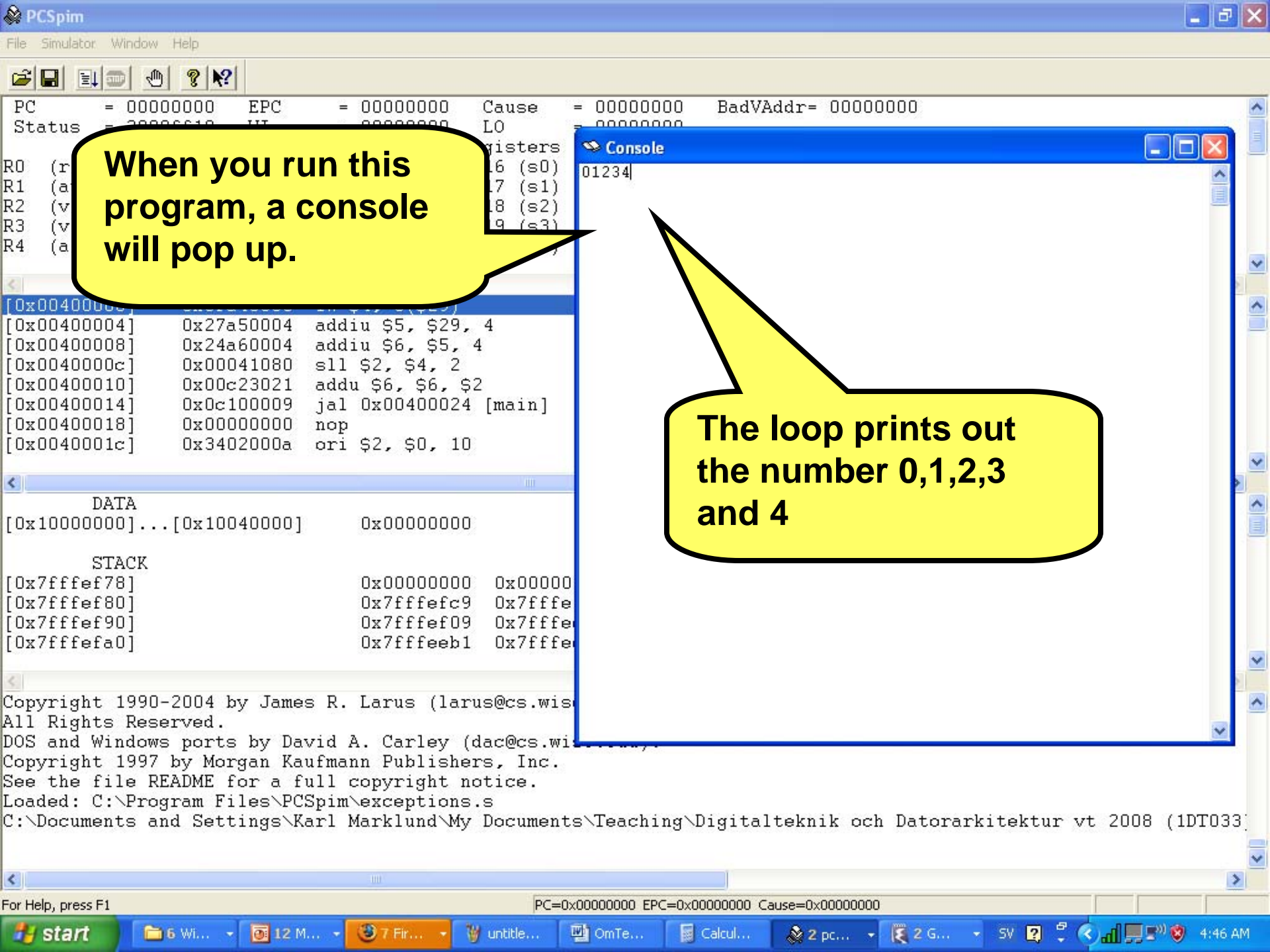
Branch offset 6

000100 01000 10000 0000 0000 0000 0110

op	rs	rt	immediate
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OP(beq) = 4

beq is an *l-type instruction*.



When you run this program, a console will pop up.

The loop prints out the number 0,1,2,3 and 4

A close-up photograph of two hands, one holding a red pill and the other holding a blue pill. The hands are positioned as if about to drop the pills. The background is dark and out of focus.

To make choices we can
use an **IF-THEN-ELSE**
construct



Branch Not
Equal: *bne*

Load this
program
into SPIM
and
experiment
with
different
values for a
& b. Single
step to
follow the
execution.

```

        .data
STR_THEN:    .asciiz "equal"
STR_ELSE:    .asciiz "not equal"
        .text
        .globl main

main:      li      $t0, 15           # a
          addi     $t1, $zero, 15    # b

if:        bne     $t0, $t1, else     # if (a==b)

then:      # system call for print_str # print equal

          li      $v0, 4
          la      $a0, STR_THEN
          syscall
          j       end_if

else:      # system call for print_str # print not equal

          li      $v0, 4
          la      $a0, STR_ELSE
          syscall

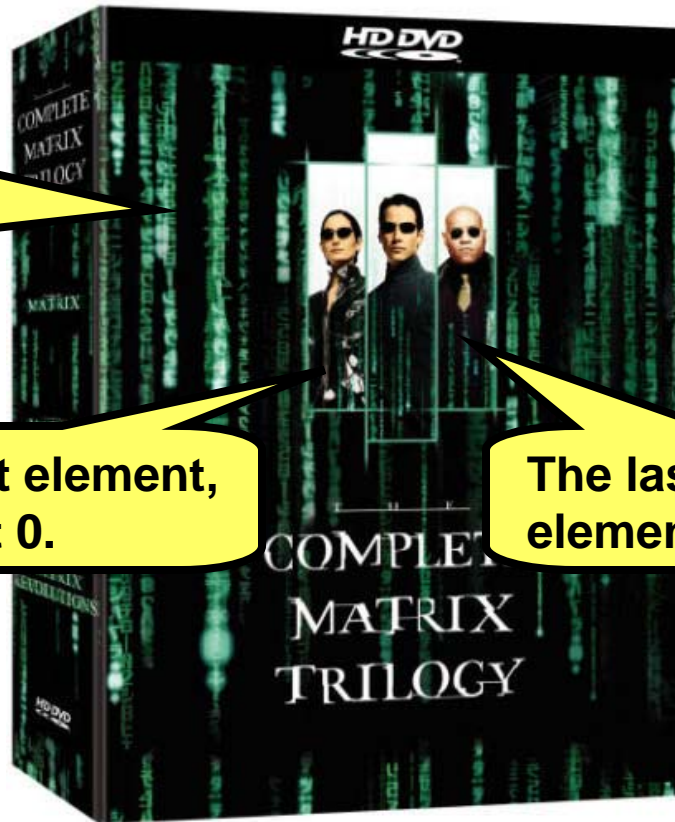
end_if:    jr      $ra

```


We often
need to store
things in a
sequence

The first element,
element 0.

The last element,
element N-1



A sequence of N
elements - an **array**.



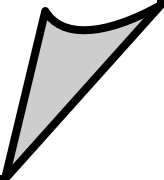
.data

ARRAY: .word 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55

ARRAY is a label, i.e, the address to the first number.

10 numbers stored in sequence in the data segments – an array of numbers.

Each number is a word – i.e, four bytes



array.s

ARRAY:	.word	1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34	55
Index i		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Let i be an index such that
the first number has index 0,
the second number has index 1,
the third number has index 2,

Address = ARRAY + 4

ARRAY:	.word	1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34	55
(index i)		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Address = ARRAY

The label ARRAY is a named address in the data segment.

**Address = ARRAY + 4 + 4 =
ARRAY + 8**

ARRAY:	.word	1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34	55
(index i)		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9



For the i^{th} element
ARRAY[i], the address is
ARRAY + 4*i



A clever way of
multiplying by 2...

Multiplying by 2 is
equivalent to shift 1
bit to the left.

Multiplying by 4 is
equivalent to shift 2
bits to the left.

Example:

	5_{10}	=	00101_2	
$2 * 5_{10} =$	10_{10}	=	01010_2	Same as $00101 \ll 1$ (shift left 1 bit)
$2 * 2 * 5_{10} = 4 * 5_{10} =$	20_{10}	=	10100_2	Same as $01010 \ll 1$ (shift left 1 bit) Same as $00101 \ll 2$ (shift left 2 bits)

array.s

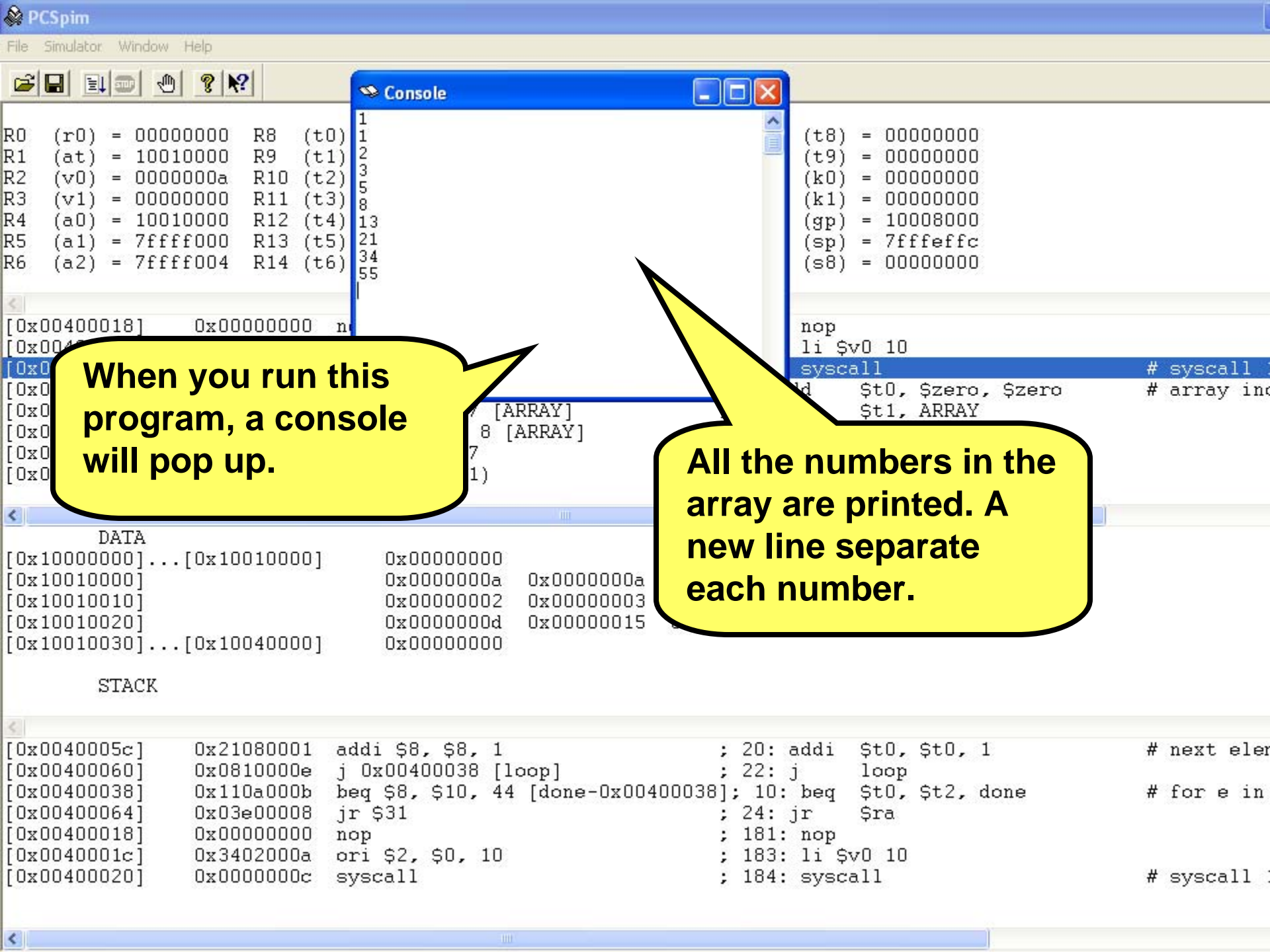
```
.data
NL:      .ascii "\n"
SIZE:    .word 10
ARRAY:   .word 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55
.text
.globl main
main:    add     $t0, $zero, $zero    # array index i
        la      $t1, ARRAY
        lw      $t2, SIZE
loop:    beq     $t0, $t2, done        # for e in ARRAY
        sll     $t4, $t0, 2           # offset = 4*i
        add     $t3, $t1, $t4         # addr = ARRAY + offset
        lw      $a0, 0($t3)           # e = ARRAY[i]
        li      $v0, 1                # print e
        syscall
        li      $v0, 4                # print \n
        la      $a0, NL
        syscall

        addi    $t0, $t0, 1           # next element

        j       loop
done:    jr      $ra
```

Shif Left Logical: *sll*

Multiply by 4 is
equivalent to shift left
2 bits.



When you run this program, a console will pop up.

All the numbers in the array are printed. A new line separate each number.



You learned about arrays and strings. But what about arrays of strings...

array_of_string.s

Declare three strings

.data

STR_1: .ascii "The sum of "

STR_2: .ascii " and "

STR_3: .ascii " is "

Each label denotes the start address of a string

ARRAY_OF_STRINGS:

Each element is an address to a string.

.word **STR_1**, **STR_2**, **STR_3**

Use these addresses to construct an array of strings.

PCSpim

File Simulator Window Help

STOP

PC = 0040002c

EPC = 00000000

Cause = 00000000

BadVAddr= 00000000

Status = 3000ff10

HI = 00000000

LO = 00000000

General Registers

R0 (r0) = 00000000

R8 (t0) = 10010018

R16 (s8) = 00000000

R24 (t8) = 00000000

R1 (at) = 10010000

R9 (t1) = 00000000

R17 (s1) = 00000000

R25 (t9) = 00000000

R2 (v0) = 00000000

R10 (t2) = 00000000

R18 (s2) = 00000000

R26 (k0) = 00000000

R3 (v1) = 00000000

R11 (t3) = 00000000

R19 (s3) = 00000000

R27 (t1) = 00000000

R4 (a0) = 00000000

R12 (t4) = 00000000

R20 (s4) = 00000000

R28 (gp) = 10008000

[0x00400010] 0x00c23021 addu \$6, \$6, \$2 ; 179: addu \$a2, \$a2, \$v0

[0x00400014] 0x0c100009 jal 0x00400024 [main] ; 180: jal main

[0x00400018] 0x00000000 nop ; 181: nop

[0x0040001c] 0x3402000a ori \$2, \$0, 10 ; 183: li \$v0, 10

[0x00400020] 0x0000000c syscall ; 184: syscall

[0x00400024] 0x3c011001 lui \$1, 4097 [ARRAY_OF_STRINGS] ; 17: la \$t0, ARRAY_OF_STRINGS

[0x00400028] 0x34280018 ori \$8, \$1, 24 [ARRAY_OF_STRINGS]

[0x0040002c] 0x20050003 addi \$5, \$0, 3 ; 18: addi \$a1, \$zero, 3 # a

DATA

[0x10000000] 0x00000000

[0x10010000] 0x20656854 0x206d7573 0x00000000

[0x10010010] 0x69200020 0x00002073 0x10010018

[0x10010020] 0x10010012 0x00000000 0x00000000

[0x10010030] 0x00000000

Address 0x10010010

Address 0x10010014

The label ARRAY_OF_STRINGS refers to address 0x10010018

On this address in memor, the address to the string STR_1 is stored.

[0x00400004] 0x27a50004 addiu \$9, 4

[0x00400008] 0x24a60004 addiu \$4, 4

[0x0040000c] 0x00000000

[0x00400010] 0x00000000

[0x00400014] 0x0c100009 jal 0x00400024 [main]

[0x00400024] 0x3c011001 lui \$1, 4097 [ARRAY_OF_STRINGS] ; 17: la \$t0, ARRAY_OF_STRINGS

[0x00400028] 0x34280018 ori \$8, \$1, 24 [ARRAY OF STRINGS]

array_of_string.s (text segment part one)

```
.text
.globl main

main:

# Just for fun, get the address of
# label "ARRAY_OF_STRINGS":
la      $t0, ARRAY_OF_STRINGS

addi    $a1, $zero, 3      # a
addi    $a2, $zero, 11     # b

# Must copy $a0 since the
# syscalls used later needs $a0

add     $t0, $a0, $zero

# Print "The sum of "
li      $v0, 4
lw      $a0, ARRAY_OF_STRINGS
syscall

# Print the value of a
li      $v0, 1
add     $a0, $zero, $a1
syscall

# Print " and "
li      $v0, 4
lw      $a0, ARRAY_OF_STRINGS + 4
syscall
```

Get address to
STR_1 "The sum of "

Get address to
STR_2 " and "

Address to the 2nd
element in
ARRAY_OF_STIRINGS

array_of_string.s (text segment part two)

Print the value of b

li \$v0, 1

add \$a0, \$zero, \$a2

syscall

Get address to
STR_3 " is "

Print " is "

li \$v0, 4

lw \$a0, ARRAY_OF_STRINGS + 8

syscall

Print the sum a + b

li \$v0, 1

add \$a0, \$a1, \$a2








syscall

Address to the 3rd
element in
ARRAY_OF_STIRINGS

jr \$ra

PCSpim

File Simulator Window Help



PC	=	00400064	EPC	=	00000000	Cause	=	00000000
Status	=	3000ff10	HI	=	00000000	LO	=	00000000

General Registers

R0 (r0)	=	00000000	R8 (t0)	=	00000000	R16 (s0)	=	00000000	R24 (t8)	=	00000000
R1 (at)	=	10010000	R9 (t1)	=	00000000	R17 (s1)	=	00000000	R25 (t9)	=	00000000
R2 (v0)	=	00000004	R10 (t2)	=	00000000	R18 (s2)	=	00000000	R26 (k0)	=	00000000
R3 (v1)	=	00000000	R11 (t3)	=	00000000	R19 (s3)	=	00000000	R27 (k1)	=	00000000
R4 (a0)	=	1001000c	R12 (t4)	=	00000000	R20 (s4)	=	00000000	R28 (gp)	=	10008000

The sum of 3 and

[0x00400048] 0x34020001 ori \$2, \$0, 1 ; 30: li \$v0, 1

[0x0040004c] 0x00052020 add \$4, \$0, 5 ; 31: add \$a0, \$zero, \$a1

[0x00400050] 0x0000000c syscall ; 32: syscall

[0x00400054] 0x34020004 ori \$2, \$0, 4 ; 35: li \$v0, 4

[0x00400058] 0x3c011001 lui \$1, 4097 ; 36: lw \$a0, ARRAY_OF_STRINGS + 4

[0x0040005c] 0x8c24001c lw \$4, 28(\$1)

[0x00400060] 0x0000000c syscall ; 37: syscall

[0x00400064] 0x34020001 ori \$2, \$0, 1 ; 40: li \$v0, 1

DATA

[0x10000000]...[0x10010000] 0x00000000

[0x10010000] 0x20656854 0x206d7573 0x0020666f 0x646e6120

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[0x10000000]...[0x10010000] 0x00000000

[0x10010000] 0x20656854 0x206d7573 0x0020666f 0x646e6120

[0x10010010] 0x69200020 0x00002073 0x10010000 0x1001000c

[0x10010020] 0x10010012 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000

[0x10010030]...[0x10040000] 0x00000000

[0x00400050] 0x0000000c syscall ; 32

[0x00400054] 0x34020004 ori \$2, \$0, 4 ; 35

[0x00400058] 0x3c011001 lui \$1, 4097 ; 36

[0x0040005c] 0x8c24001c lw \$4, 28(\$1)

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ARRAY_OF_STRINGS + 4



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