

Homework 8: Virtual Machine I

Requirements:

Build the Virtual Machine Translator (Part I), in Java, per the instructions and guidance covered in class.

Grading method:

As usual with programming assignments, we look for elegance, clarity, reasonable documentation, and neatness.

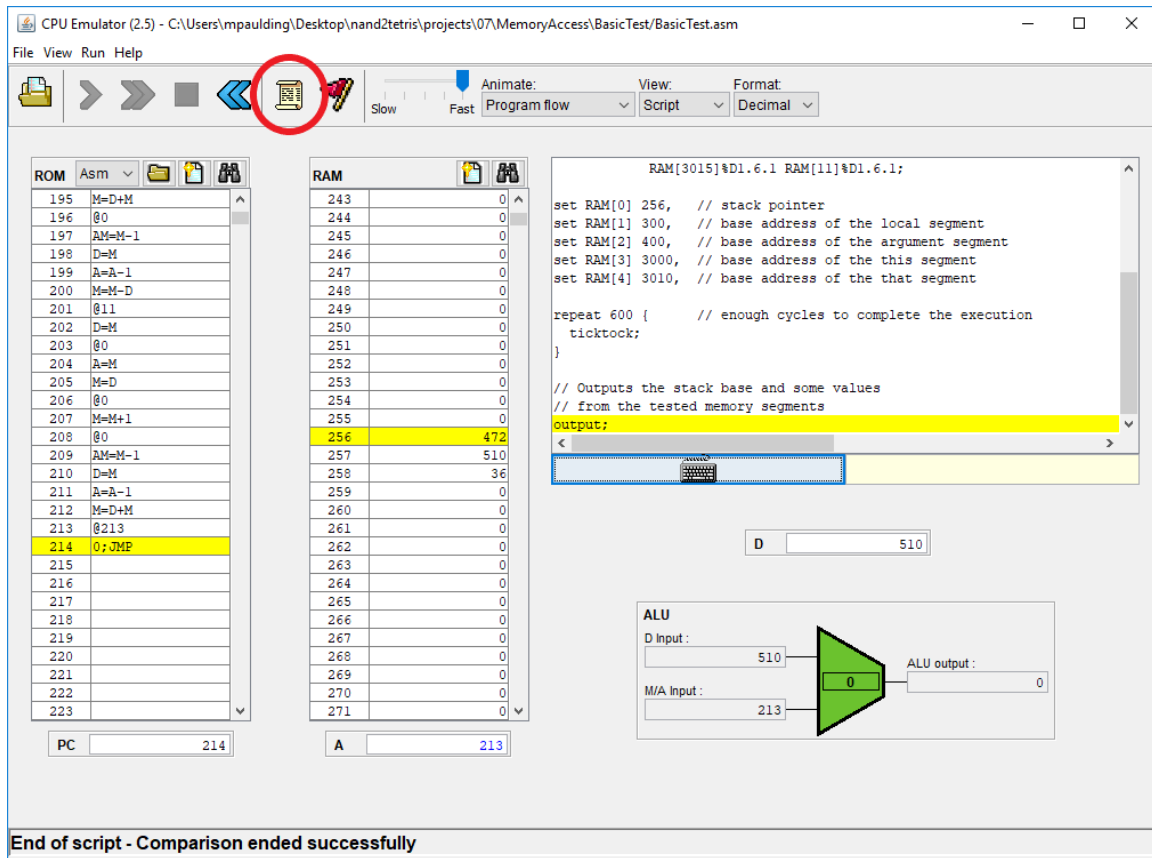
Follow the instructions in lecture as far as the classes and methods to build, as well as allowing command-line arguments as instructed. Document each method (description, precondition, postcondition) and add author information on each file. Provide an algorithm for your main method that drives the Virtual Machine translation process.

What do you turn in?

Create one Word document (or PDF) with the following in order:

1. The **VMTranslator.java** source code (documented)
2. The **Parser.java** source code (documented)
3. The **CodeWriter.java** source code (documented)
4. Run your VMTranslator.java code on the 5 provided .vm files (e.g. BasicTest.vm, PointerTest.vm, StaticTest.vm, SimpleAdd.vm and StackTest.vm). This will produce 5 corresponding assembly files (e.g. the same names with file extension .asm)
5. Open the CPU Emulator and load each of the 5 test scripts (e.g. BasicTest.tst, PointerTest.tst, StaticTest.tst, SimpleAdd.tst and StackTest.tst)
6. Create a screen shot of each test (5 total) after it completes. Following is an example of a successful test after loading BasicTest.tst:

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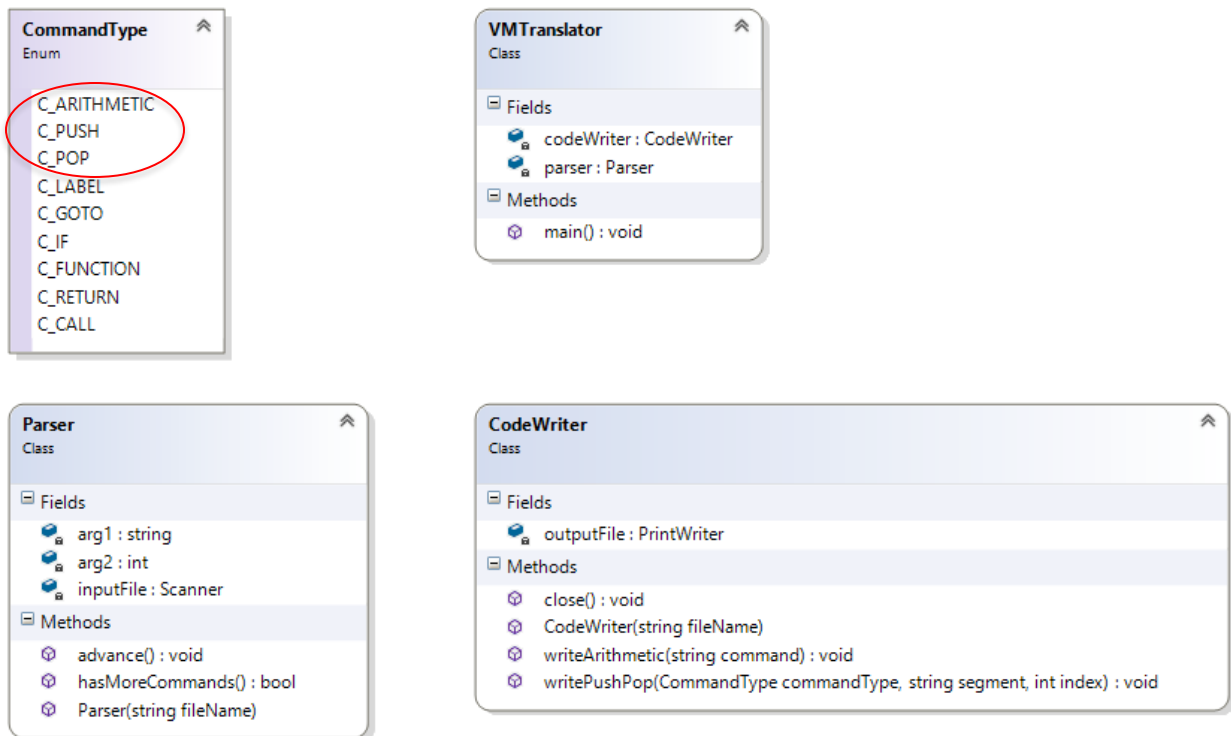


7. The **.java files**. The three Java files are: *VMTranslator.java*, *Parser.java*, and *CodeWriter.java*. Please reuse the start of the main method from *Assembler.java* to accept command line/Scanner input to ask for the .vm file to translate.

<i>VM Part I</i>	<i>Working?</i>
Working?	/ 60
Well built?	/ 30
Subtotal	/ 90
Documentation	/ 100

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Below is a UML Diagram depicting the high-level details of the VM Translator software:



More details for each class:

Implementation

Proposed design:

- **Parser:** parses each VM command into its lexical elements
- **CodeWriter:** writes the assembly code that implements the parsed command
- **Main:** drives the process (VMTranslator)

Main (VMTranslator)

Input: *fileName.vm*

Output: *fileName.asm*

Main logic:

- Constructs a Parser to handle the input file
- Constructs a CodeWriter to handle the output file
- Marches through the input file, parsing each line and generating code from it

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Parser

- Handles the parsing of a single `.vm` file
- Reads a VM command, parses the command into its lexical components, and provides convenient access to these components
- Ignores all white space and comments

Routine	Arguments	Returns	Function
<code>commandType</code>	—	<code>C_ARITHMETIC</code> , <code>C_PUSH</code> , <code>C_POP</code> , <code>C_LABEL</code> , <code>C_GOTO</code> , <code>C_IF</code> , <code>C_FUNCTION</code> , <code>C_RETURN</code> , <code>C_CALL</code>	Returns a constant representing the type of the current command. <code>C_ARITHMETIC</code> is returned for all the arithmetic/logical commands.
<code>arg1</code>	—	string	Returns the first argument of the current command. In the case of <code>C_ARITHMETIC</code> , the command itself (<code>add</code> , <code>sub</code> , etc.) is returned. Should not be called if the current command is <code>C_RETURN</code> .
<code>arg2</code>	—	int	Returns the second argument of the current command. Should be called only if the current command is <code>C_PUSH</code> , <code>C_POP</code> , <code>C_FUNCTION</code> , or <code>C_CALL</code> .

Routine	Arguments	Returns	Function
Constructor	Input file / stream	—	Opens the input file/stream and gets ready to parse it.
<code>hasMoreCommands</code>	—	Boolean	Are there more commands in the input?
<code>advance</code>	—	—	Reads the next command from the input and makes it the <i>current command</i> . Should be called only if <code>hasMoreCommands()</code> is true. Initially there is no current command.

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CodeWriter

Generates assembly code from the parsed VM command:

Routine	Arguments	Returns	Function
Constructor	Output file / stream	—	Opens the output file / stream and gets ready to write into it.
writeArithmetic	command (string)	—	Writes to the output file the assembly code that implements the given arithmetic command.
WritePushPop	command (C_PUSH or C_POP), segment (string), index (int)	—	Writes to the output file the assembly code that implements the given command, where command is either C_PUSH or C_POP.
Close	—	—	Closes the output file.

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