

Computer Organization & Assembly Language Programming (CSE 2312)

Lecture 13: Loading and Strings

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Announcements and Outline

- Quiz 4 upcoming, to be due 10/8
 - Will help review for midterm next week
- Homework 4 due 10/7
- Midterm 10/9
 - Chapter 1, 2 (ARM), Appendices A1-A6, Appendices B1-B2 (ARM)
- Review
 - Control flow
 - Macros, pseudoinstructions, assembler directives
 - Assembly process

Review: Array Example

```

.globl _start
_start: mov     r1,#0 @ r1 := 0
        ldr     r0,=arrayPtr @ r0 := arrayPtr
        ldr     r3,=arrayEnd @ r3 := arrayEnd
        ldrb   r4,[r3,#0] @ r4 := MEM[R3 + 0]
loop:   ldrb   r2,[r0,#0] @ r3 := MEM[r0]
        cmp    r2,r4 @ r0 == 0xFF ?
        beq   done @ branch if done
        add   r1,r1,r2 @ r1 := r1 + r2
        add   r0,r0,#1 @ r0 := r0 + #1
        b    loop @ pc = loop (address)
done:   strb   r1,[r2] @ MEM[r2] := r1
iloop:  b     iloop @ infinite loop

arrayPtr:
        .byte 2
        .byte 3
        .byte 5
        .byte 7
        .byte 11
        .byte 13
        .byte 17
        .byte 19
        .byte 23
        .byte 29
        .byte 31
        .byte 37
        .byte 41
        .byte 43
        .byte 47

arrayEnd:
        .byte 0xFF
    
```

Review: Macros

- Another assembler directive
 - Like .byte, .word, .asciz, that we've seen a little of before
- Way to refer to commonly used or repeated code
- Similar to an assembly procedure or function, ***but expanded (evaluated) at assembly time***, not run time
- Similar to #define in C, which is replaced by compiler at compile time
- Macro call: use of macro as an instruction
- Macro expansion: replacement of macro body by the corresponding instructions

Review: Macro Example

.globl _start

_start: **.macro** addVals adA, adB

ldr r2,[\adA] @ r2 := MEM[adA]

ldr r3,[\adB] @ r3 := MEM[adB]

sub r5,r2,r3 @ r5 := r2 - r3 = A - B

strb r5,[\adA] @ MEM[adA] = r5

ldr r2,[\adA] @ r2 := MEM[adA]

add \adA,\adA,#1 @ r0 := r0 + 1

add \adB,\adB,#1 @ r1 := r1 + 1

.endm @ end macro definition

init: ldr r0,=A @ r0 := A (address)

ldr r1,=B @ r1 := B (address)

ldr r4,=A_end @ r4 := A_end (address)

addVals r0,r1 @ call macro

done: b done @ infinite loop

A: .byte 9, 8, 7, 6

A_end: .byte 0

B: .byte 1, 1, 1, 1

B_end: .byte 0

Review: Assembly Process

- Insufficiency of one pass

- Suppose we have labels (symbols).
- How do we calculate the addresses of labels later in the program?

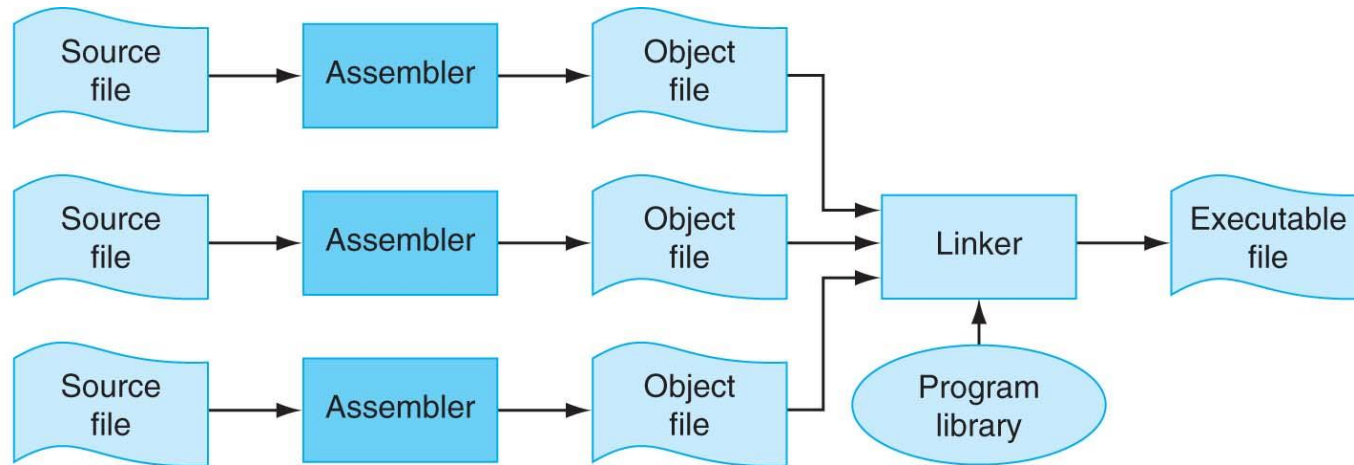
- Example:

- ADDR: 0x1000 b **done**
- ... // Other instructions and data
- ADDR: 0x???? **done:** add r1, r2, r0
- ...
- How to compute address of label **done**?

- Two-Pass Assemblers

- First Pass: iterate over instructions, build a symbol table, opcode table, expand macros, etc.
- Second Pass: iterate over instructions, printing equivalent machine language, plugging in values for labels using symbol table

Review: Assembly Process



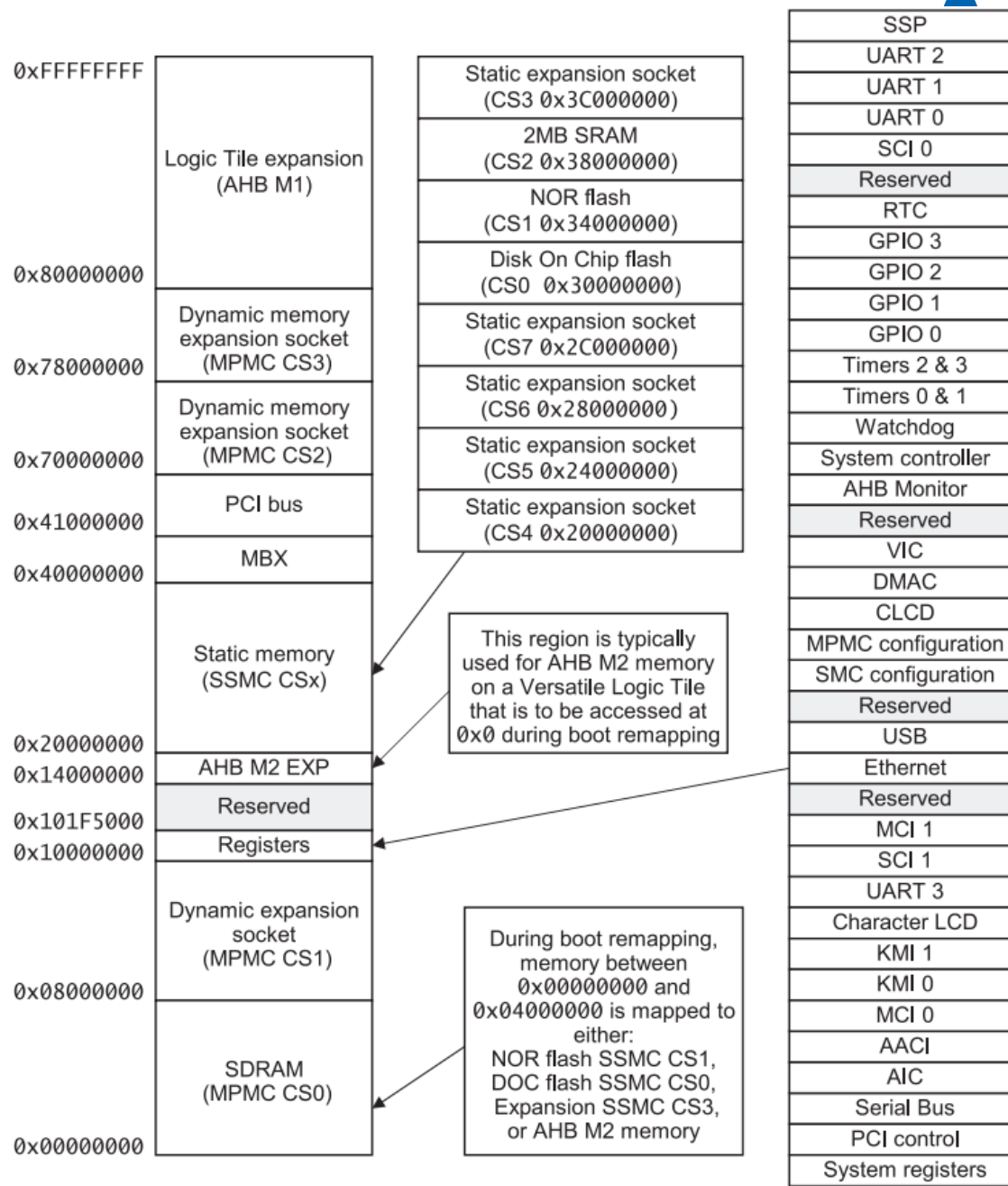
The process that produces an executable file. An assembler translates a file of assembly language into an object file, which is linked with other files and libraries into an executable file.

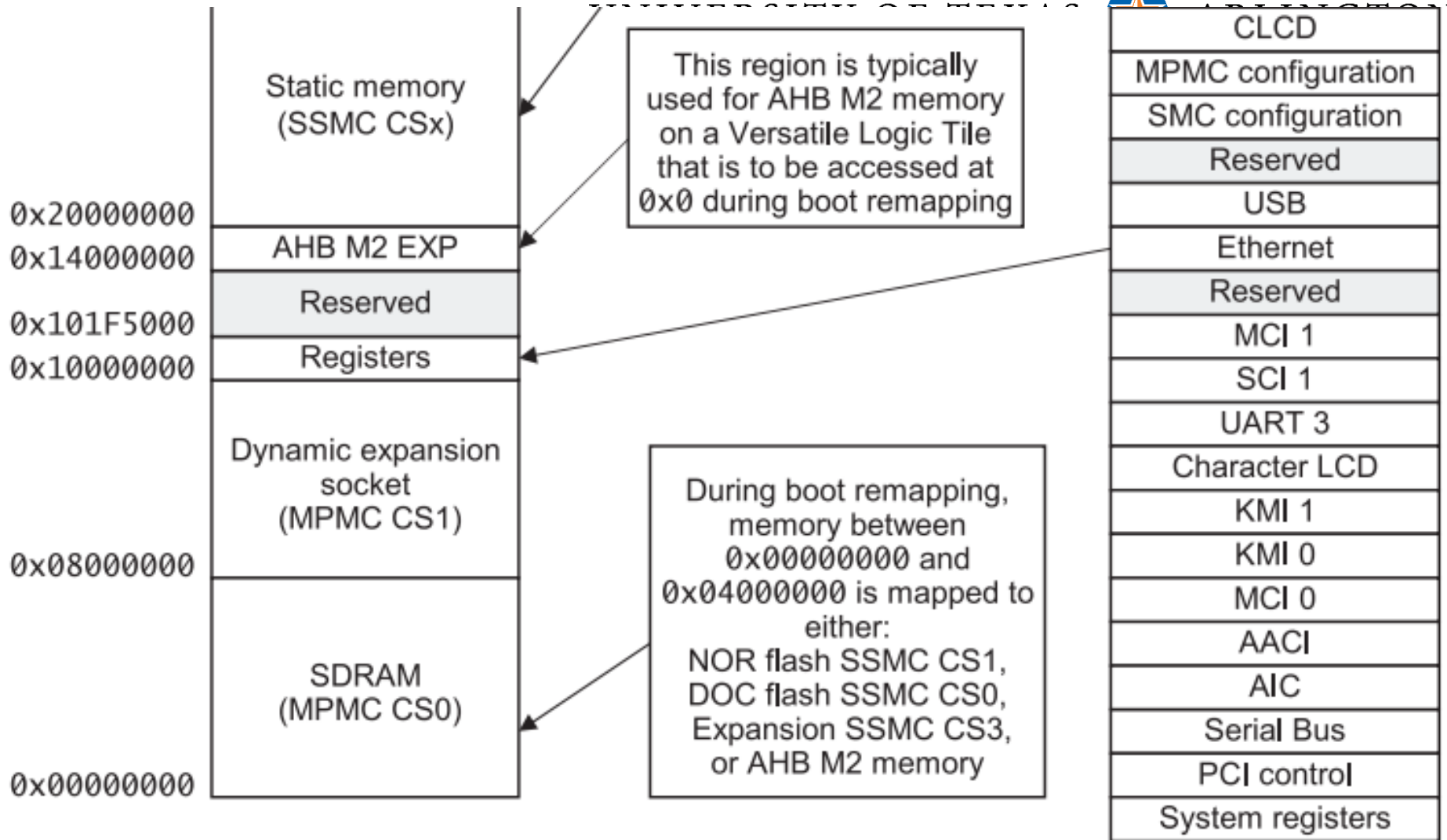
Review: Memory-Mapped I/O Example

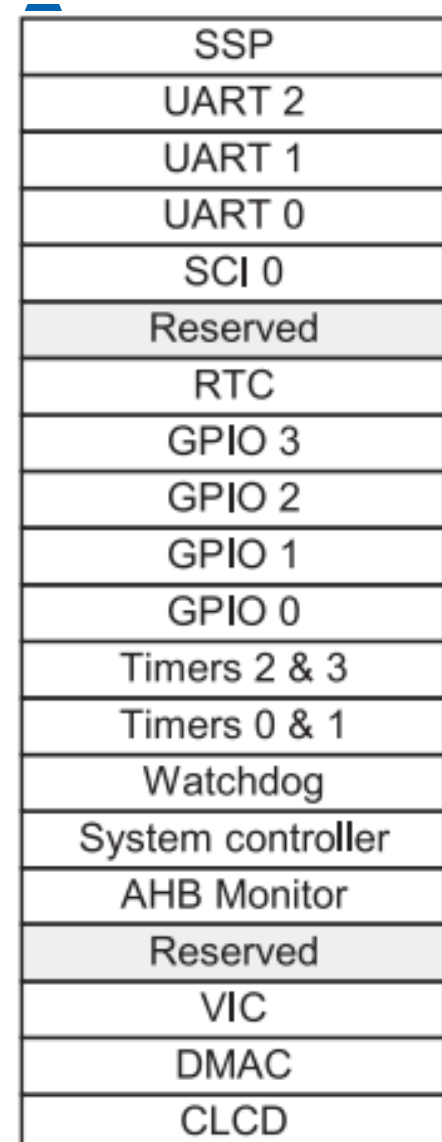
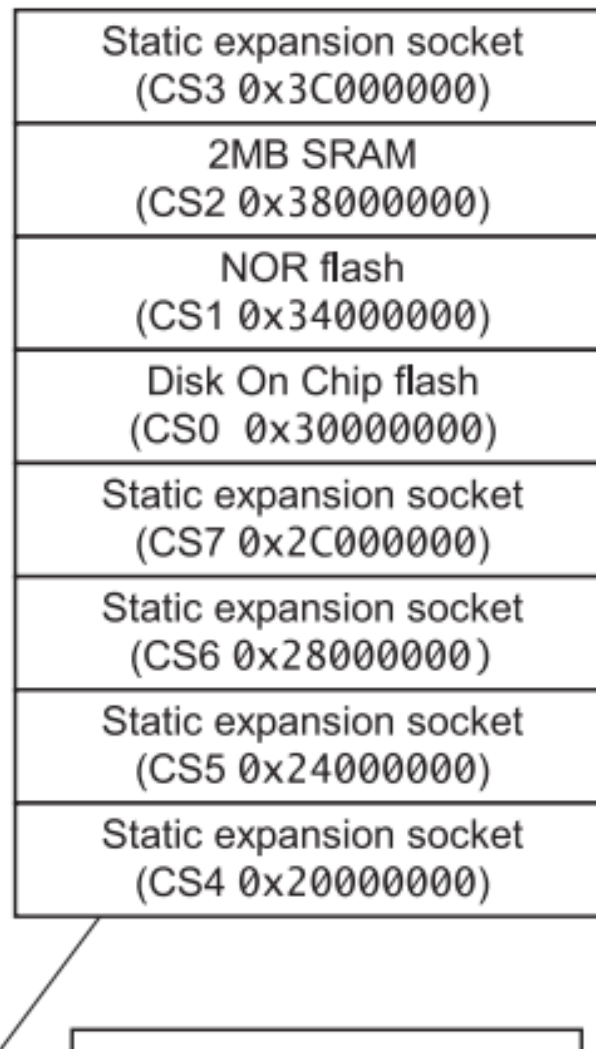
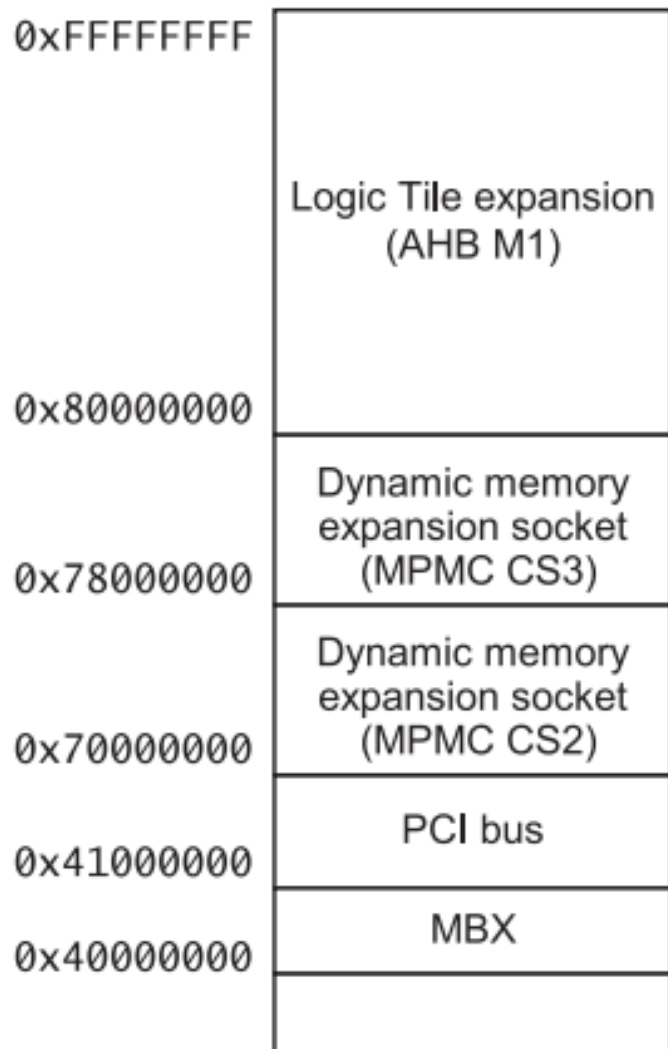
- Some of our original examples displayed output to console by writing to a special memory address

```
.equ      ADDR_UART0, 0x101f1000
ldr       r0,=ADDR_UART0 @ r0 := 0x 101f 1000
mov       r2,#0x0D        @ R2 := 0x0D (return \r)
str       r2,[r0]        @ MEM[r0] := r2
```

- How does this work?
 - Registers on peripheral devices (keyboards, monitors, network controllers, etc.) are addressable in same address space as main memory







Address from Memory-Map in Manual

Programmer's Reference

Table 4-1 Memory map (continued)

Peripheral	Location	Interrupt^a PIC and SIC	Address	Region size
UART 0 Interface	Dev. chip	PIC 12	0x101F1000- 0x101F1FFF	4KB
UART 1 Interface	Dev. chip	PIC 13	0x101F2000- 0x101F2FFF	4KB
UART 2 Interface	Dev. chip	PIC 14	0x101F3000- 0x101F3FFF	4KB

http://infocenter.arm.com/help/topic/com.arm.doc.dui0224i/DUI0224I_realview_platform_baseboard_for_arm926ej_s_ug.pdf

Review: ELF Header Example

```
$ arm-none-eabi-objdump -f example.elf
```

```
example.elf:      file format elf32-littlearm  
architecture: arm, flags 0x00000112:  
EXEC_P, HAS_SYMS, D_PAGED  
start address 0x00010000
```

Review: ELF Symbol Table Example

```
$ arm-none-eabi-objdump -t example.elf
```

```
example.elf:      file format elf32-  
littlearm
```

```
SYMBOL TABLE:
```

00010000	l	d	.text	00000000	.text
00010028	l		.text	00000000	rfib
00010024	l		.text	00000000	iloop
0001004c	l		.text	00000000	rfib_exit
0001005c	g		.text	00000000	_tests
00010000	g		.text	00000000	_start

local

global

Program
starts at this
address

Loading

- Get the binary loaded into memory and running
- More an operating systems concept
 - E.g., load an executable into memory and start it
 - Handled by QEMU for our purposes
 - Loads our binary starting at a particular memory address (0x10000)
 - Code at low, initial address (~0x00000) branches to that address

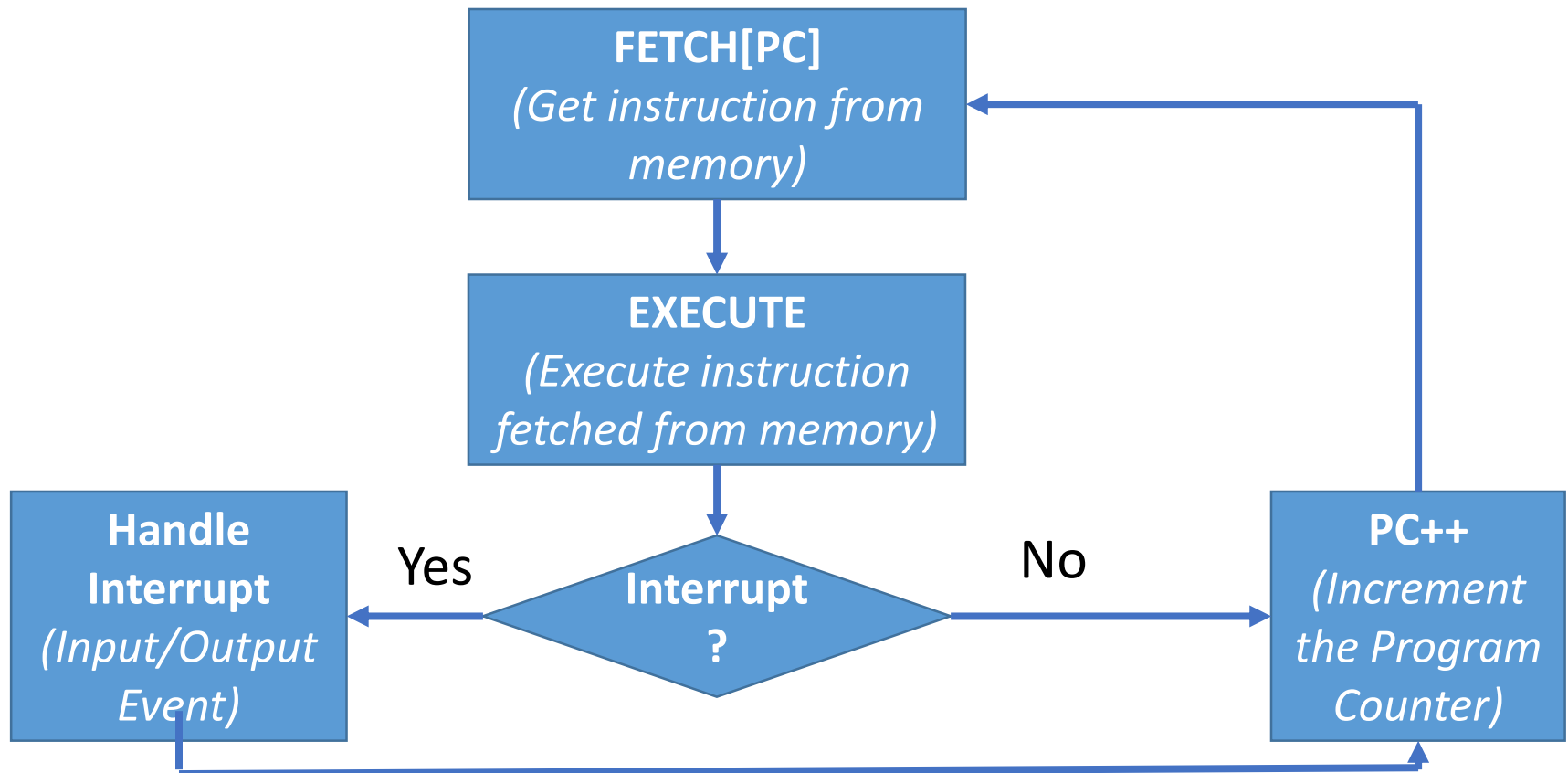
```
0x00000000: e3a00000      mov  r0, #0      ; 0x0
0x00000004: e59f1004      ldr  r1, [pc, #4] ; 0x10
0x00000008: e59f2004      ldr  r2, [pc, #4] ; 0x14
0x0000000c: e59ff004      ldr  pc, [pc, #4] ; 0x18
0x00000010: 00000183
0x00000014: 0x000100
0x00000018: 0x010000      ; offset!
```

ARM 3 Stage Pipeline

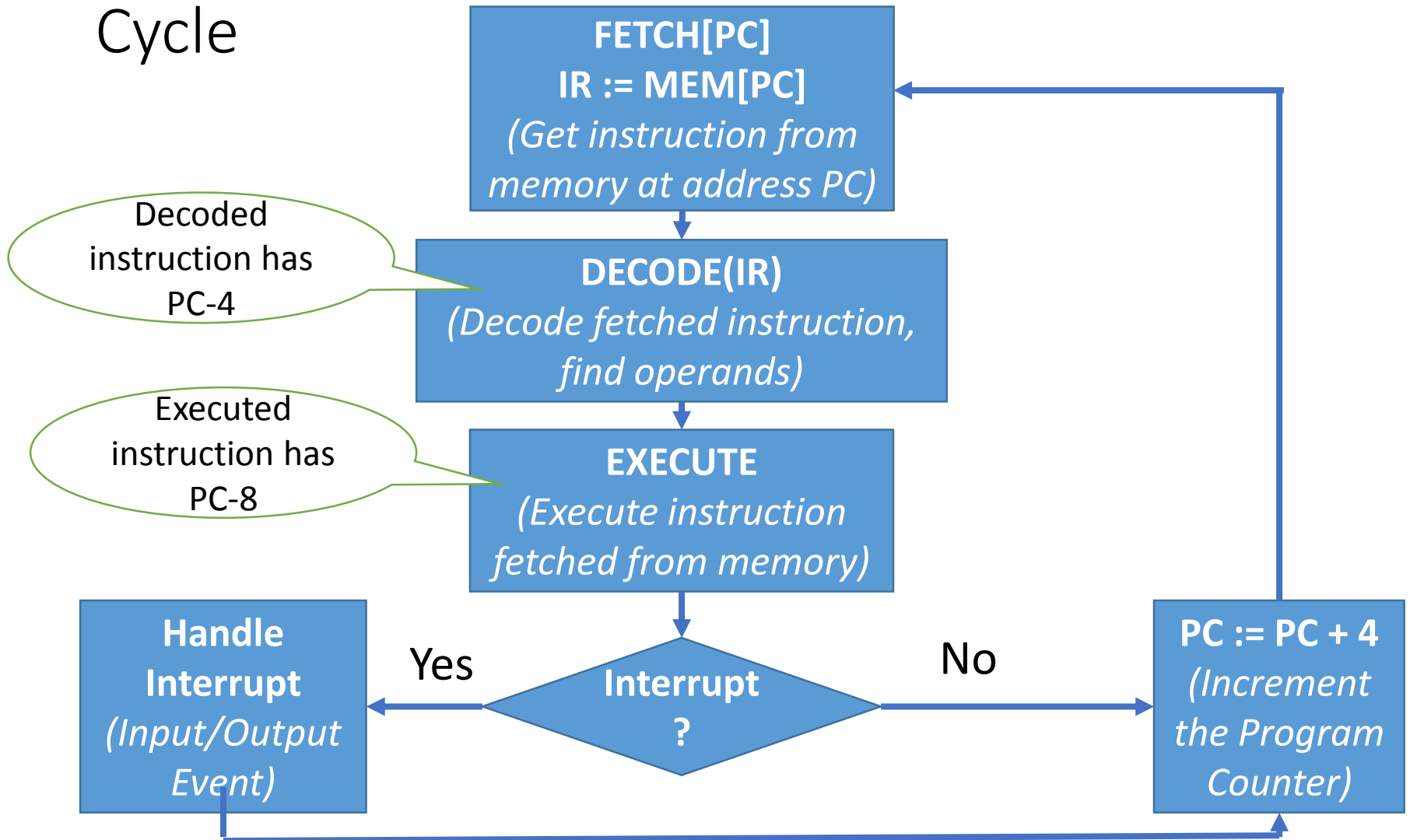
- Stages: fetch, decode, execute
- PC value = instruction being fetched
- PC – 4: instruction being decoded
- PC – 8: instruction being executed

- Beefier ARM variants use deeper pipelines (5 stages, 13 stages)

Recall: Abstract Processor Execution Cycle (*Simplified*)



ARM 3-Stage Pipeline Processor Execution Cycle



String Output

- So far we have seen character input/output
- That is, one char at a time

```
string_abc:
.asciz "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz\n\r"
.word 0x00
```

- What about strings (character arrays, i.e., multiple characters)?
- Strings are stored in memory at consecutive addresses
 - Like arrays that we saw last time

ADDR	Byte 3	Byte 2	Byte 1	Byte 0
0x1000	'd'	'c'	'b'	'a'
0x1004	'h'	'g'	'f'	'e'
0x1008	'l'	'k'	'j'	'i'
0x100c	'p'	'o'	'n'	'm'
0x1010	't'	's'	'r'	'q'
0x1014	'x'	'w'	'v'	'u'
0x1018	'\0'	'\0'	'z'	'y'

Assembler Output

0001012e <string_abc>:

```
1012e: 64636261  strbtvs    r6, [r3], #-609; 0x261
10132: 68676665  stmdavs    r7!, {r0, r2, r5, r6, r9, sl, sp,
lr}^
10136: 6c6b6a69  stclvs     10, cr6, [fp], #-420; 0xfffffe5c
1013a: 706f6e6d  rsbvc      r6, pc, sp, ror #28
1013e: 74737271  ldrbtvc    r7, [r3], #-625; 0x271
10142: 78777675  ldmdavc    r7!, {r0, r2, r4, r5, r6, r9, sl,
ip, sp, lr}^
10146: 0d0a7a79  vstreq     s14, [sl, #-484]    ; 0xfffffe1c
1014a: 00000000  andeq      r0, r0, r0
```

ASCII

Binary	Octal	Decimal	Hex	Glyph
110 0000	140	96	60	`
110 0001	141	97	61	a
110 0010	142	98	62	b
110 0011	143	99	63	c
110 0100	144	100	64	d
110 0101	145	101	65	e
110 0110	146	102	66	f
...				...
111 1000	170	120	78	x
111 1001	171	121	79	y
111 1010	172	122	7A	z

Printing Strings

```
@ assumes r0 contains uart data register address
@ r1 should contain address of first character of string
@ to display; stop if 0x00 ('\0') seen
print_string: push  {r1,r2,lr}
str_out:  ldrb  r2,[r1]
          cmp   r2,#0x00  @ '\0' = 0x00: null character?
          beq   str_done  @ if yes, quit
          str   r2,[r0]   @ otherwise, write char of string
          add  r1,r1,#1   @ go to next character
          b     str_out   @ repeat
str_done: pop   {r1,r2,lr}
          bx   lr
```

Summary

- Memory Maps
 - Stack (data) location
 - Program location
 - Preview of memory-mapped I/O (device register location)
- Linking/Loading
- Strings

Questions?

