

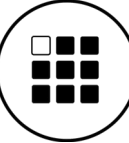
# Embedding Microcode in the Sourcecode of the Programming Language O

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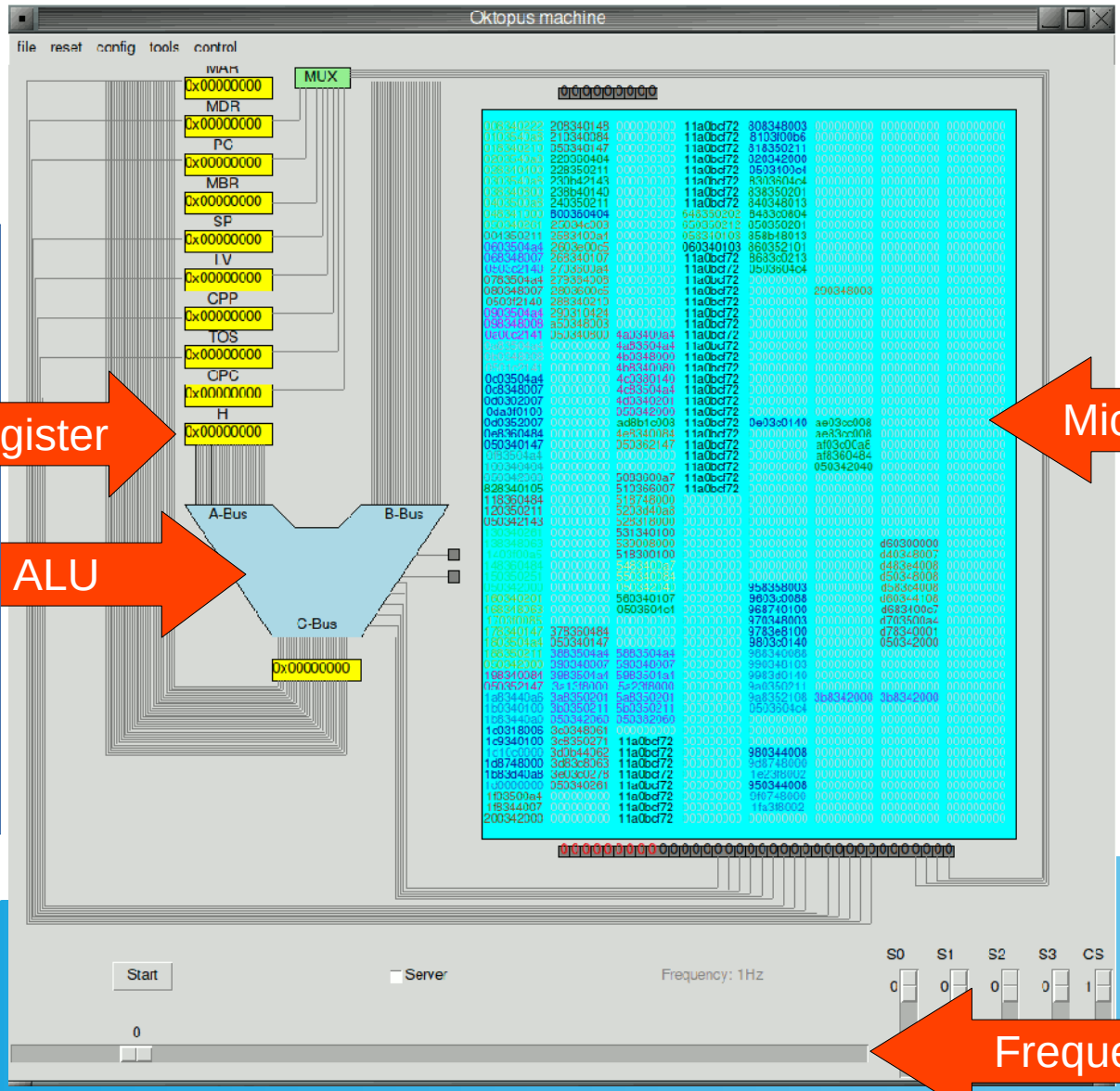
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# The Octopus-Machine



- Implentation
- \* Python
  - \* C (faster)
- Visualisazion
- \* Signals
  - \* Registers
  - \* Control Unit
- Execution
- \*works like Hardware
- Memory
- \*8KB



Register

ALU

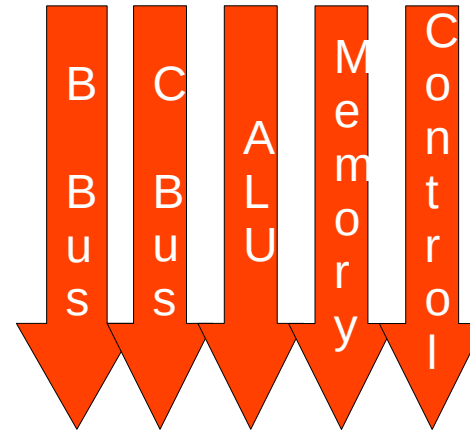
Microprogramm

Frequency

# Microcode

You can create your own Microcommands easy with a simple Form.

- \* Source Register
- \* ALU - Functions
- \* Destination Register
- \* Memory Commands
- \* Control Commands (Jump)

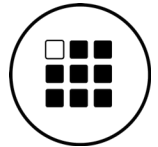


Oktopus machine

R-Bus	C-Bus	CPU	Speicher	Jump	Next Microaddress
<input type="radio"/> MDR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAR	<input type="radio"/> AND	<input type="radio"/> not	<input type="checkbox"/> JMPC	148
<input type="radio"/> PC	<input type="checkbox"/> MDR	<input type="radio"/> OR	<input checked="" type="radio"/> read	<input type="checkbox"/> JAMN	<input type="checkbox"/> switch
<input type="radio"/> MBR	<input type="checkbox"/> PC	<input type="radio"/> NEG	<input type="radio"/> write	<input type="checkbox"/> JAMZ	Current Address
<input type="radio"/> MBRU	<input type="checkbox"/> SP	<input checked="" type="radio"/> ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> fetch		147
<input checked="" type="radio"/> SP	<input type="checkbox"/> LV	<input type="checkbox"/> ENA			<input type="checkbox"/> switch current address
<input type="radio"/> LV	<input type="checkbox"/> CPP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENB			Mnemonic
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<input type="radio"/> CPC	<input type="checkbox"/> H	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No Shift			Jump if the result of last
		<input type="radio"/> SLL0			Params
		<input type="radio"/> SRA1			0

Insert Command

# Generating Assembler

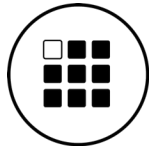


Because you can create your own Microcode, every Instance of the Octopus Maschine can be different. So you need a different Assembler for every Microprogramm. You can give for every Microcode a Mnemonic and the number of Parameter and you can generate a Assembler written in Python.

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Mnemonic  
Description  
Parameters

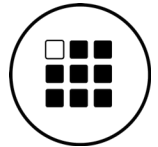
# The Programming Language O



## Requirements

- \* based on Extensible Markup Language (XML)
- \* simple parser like the parser of Lisp
- \* using namespaces for different versions of Microcode

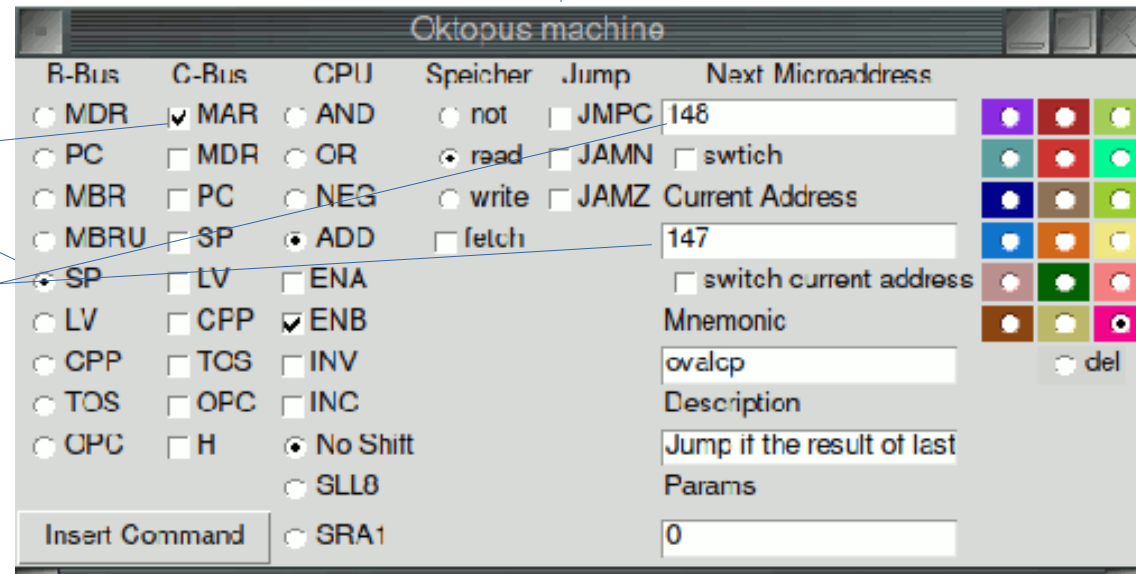
# Insert Microcode in O

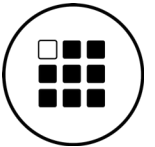


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<o>
<add_microcommand>
  <name>new_microcommand</name>
  <b-bus>MDR</b-bus>
  <c-bus>TOS</c-bus>
  <inc>1</inc>
  ...
  <addr>62</addr>
  <naddr>63</naddr>
  <side>right</side>
  <nside>left</nside>
</add_microcommand>
</o>

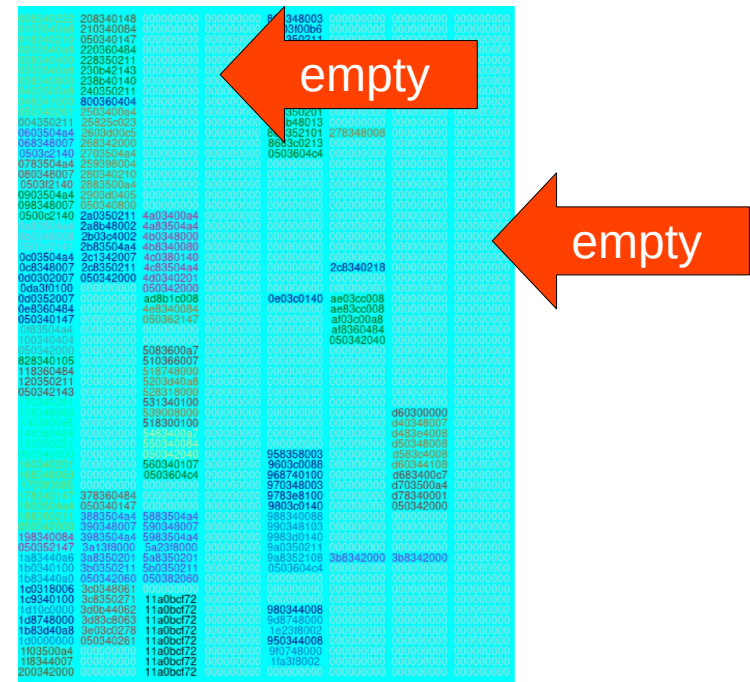
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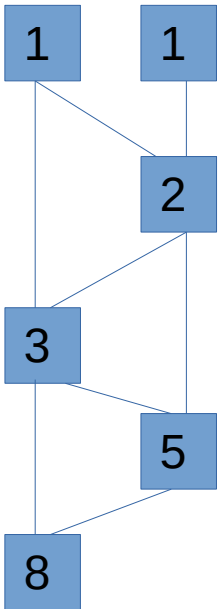
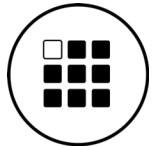
# Realization in Hardware

- \* tow ranges of microprogrammmemory are reserved
- \* jumps are possible
- \* modification of the existing microprogram is not possible





# Example Fibonacci numbers

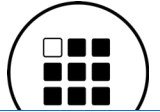


```
oload var2 (6)
odup (2)
odup (2)
:loop
oadd (3)
odup (2)
odup (2)
ostore var2 (7)
oload var1 (6)
oadd (3)
odup (2)
odup (2)
ostore var1 (7)
oload var2 (6)
ogoto loop (6)
46 cycles
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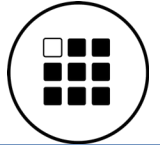
```
H=MDR=1, wr
MAR = MDR=PC=1
MDR=MDR+H, wr
PC=MAR=PC+1
OPC=MDR+H
H=MDR
MDR=OPC, wr, goto 3

5 cycles
```

# Conclusion



- \* the compiler and the hardware must support inserting Microcode
- \* changing Microcode is hard for real hardware
- \* embedding Microcode into sourcecode is easy
- \* it has advantages for the performance



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