

CichoI VM

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Source language

- **Subset of Python 3**
- Limited to integer arithmetic
- Only functions (no OO)
- No global variables
- No standard library
- Special I/O functions

For example

```
def fact(n):  
    f = 1  
  
    while n > 0:  
        f = f * n  
        n = n - 1  
  
    return f  
  
def main():  
    n = read()  
  
    prnt(fact(n))  
  
    return 0
```

Compiler

- Implemented in Python 3
- Uses built-in AST module
- **Two passes** to resolve forward references
 - Generate intermediate representation
 - Generate byte-code

Virtual machine

- **Register-machine**
- Implemented in C++11
- Virtual registers allocated at runtime
- Only 64-bit integer arithmetic

VM instructions

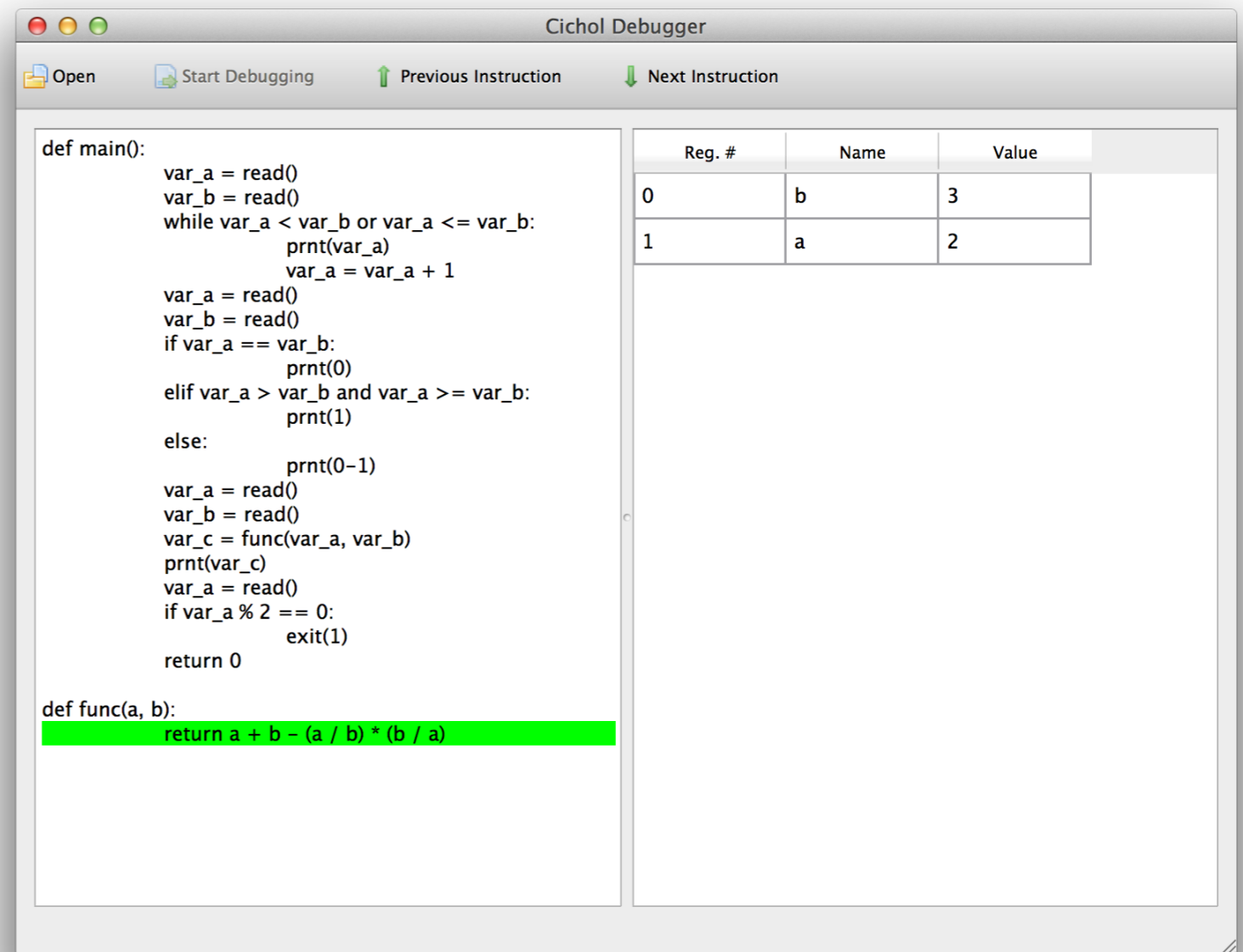
- Arithmetic: add, sub, ...
- Control flow: conditional jump, unconditional jump, function call
- Comparisons
- Allocate virtual registers
- Simple I/O

Post-mortem debugging

- Debugging after the program has terminated
- Inspect state of crashed program
- CichoVM writes out **inverse instructions**
- VM state saved on exit

CicholGUI

- Graphical user-interface for **reverse execution**
- written in C++ and Qt



Benchmark

- Calculate **fact(25)** 1000 times
- ~300 times slower

