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# Lecture 5 <br> Assembly Programming: Arithmetic 

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## Try These...

1. What is $27_{10}$ in 8 -bit binary?
2. What is $-27_{10}$ in 8 -bit binary?
3. What is $\% 10011010$ (unsigned) in decimal?
4. What is $\% 10011010$ (signed) in decimal?
5. What is $\% 10011010$ in hex?
6. What is $\% 10101101+\% 00100111$ in binary (unsigned)
7. What is \%10101101 $+\% 00100111$ in binary (signed)
8. What is $299_{10}$ in 16 -bit hex?
9. What is \$1A3F in decimal?
10. What is \$39C2 + \$A175 in hex?

## What is Assembly Language?

- Assembly Language (assembly code) allows a programmer to specify machine code instructions and data that should be loaded into microprocessor memory prior to program execution.
- Machine code instructions are specified using mnemonics and address labels
- Data represents initial values of program variables

- Assembler translates assembly code mnemonics \& symbols into raw binary data to be loaded into microprocessor memory


## Structure of a HCS12 Assembly Program

You will find three kinds of statements in assembly program:

- Assembler Directives
- Define data and symbols
- Reserve and initialize memory locations
- Set assembler and linking conditions
- Specify output format
- Specify end of program
- Assembly Language Instructions
- mnemonic representation of HCS12 machine code instructions
- Comments
- Explanation and documentation


## Program Structure: Example Code



## Fields of an HCS12 Instruction

## loop: adda \#\$40 ;add \$40 to accumulator A

- Label Field
- optional: usually starts from first column
- start with a letter followed by letters, digits or ( _ or .)
- can start any column if ended with a colon :
- Operation (Opcode) Field
- mnemonic machine code instructions or assembler directive
- is separated from label or beginning of line by at least one space
- Operand Field
- operands for instructions or arguments for assembler directives
- separated from operation field by at least one space
- Comment Field
- optional: starts with ;
- separated from operation/operand field by at least one space
- a line that starts with * or ; is a comment


## Some Assembler Directives

- END
- Ends program to be processed by assembler
- Any statement after END is ignored
- ORG
- Assembler uses a location counter to keep track of current memory location
- where next machine code byte or data byte should be placed
- ORG directive sets a new value into the location counter
- for example:

will place the opcode byte for the "ldab" instruction at memory address $\$ 1000$


## Initialize Memory Directives

- DC.B (define constant byte)
- define value of byte (or bytes) at current memory location
- location counter is updated to point to next byte address
- value can be specified by expression
- DC.W (define constant word)
- define value of 2-byte word(s)

|  |  |  | \$A3 | \$4000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | \$11 | \$4001 |
|  |  |  | \$22 | \$4002 |
|  | ORG | \$4000 | \$33 | \$4003 |
| array: | DC.B | \$A3 | \$12 | \$4004 |
|  | DC.B | \$11, \$22, \$33 | \$34 | \$4005 |
|  | DC.W |  | \$3F | \$4006 |
|  |  | \$1234, amay 2 | \$FE | \$4007 |

## Initialize Text String

- DC.B can also be used to define and load a string of ascii characters
- string specified using quotes ("")
- each character represented by one-byte ascii code



## Initialize Memory Directives

- DCB.B (define constant block of bytes)
- fill a block of memory locations with same one-byte value
- syntax is: DCB.B count ,value
- value is optional - default value is \$00
- DCB.W (define constant block of words)
- fill a block of memory with same two-byte value



## Reserve Memory Directives

- DS.B (define storage byte)
- reserves (and optionally labels) number of bytes at current memory location
- location counter is updated to point to next byte address following the reserved space
- reserved locations are not initialized
- DS.W (define storage word)
- reserves, and optionally labels: (\# words X 2) bytes

|  | ORG | $\$ 1400$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| buffer: | DS.B | $\$ 100$ | ;reserves 256 bytes of memory from $\$ 1400$ <br> ;to $\$ 14 \mathrm{FF}$ with "buffer" labeling first byte |
| wbuf: | DS.W | 20 | ;reserves 20 words (40 bytes) of memory from <br> ;\$1500 to $\$ 1527$ with "wbuf" labeling first byte |

## Equate Directive

- EQU (equate)
- assigns a value (rather than a memory address) to a label
- does not affect memory contents
loop_count: EQU 16
ldaa \#loop_count ;load 16 into accumulator A


## Assembler Directive Examples

- Show the contents of memory resulting from the following assembler directives:

|  | ORG | $\$ 4800$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| xyz: | EQU | 24 |
| abc: | DC.B | $\$ 20,16$ |
|  | DC.W | $\$ 21, \$ 1$ ACD |
| res: |  |  |
|  | DS.B | 3 |
|  | DC.B | "bcd" |
|  | DC.W | abc+xyz |

- Show results as a table:

| label | address | data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

## Software Development Process

- Problem definition:
- Identify precisely what needs to be done
- Develop a plan or algorithm
- computational procedure that takes a set of inputs and produces required outputs
- may be expressed as a set of steps that need to be performed
- may include iteration and sub-procedures or subroutines
- need to specify data structures that may be required
- algorithm may be expressed in pseudo-code (e.g. A $\leftarrow A+1$ )
- algorithm code may be expressed in flow-chart
- Programming
- convert computational (or flowchart) steps into executable statements and data structures in target language
- Program testing \& debugging
- Program maintenance


## Flow-Chart Symbols



## Programs to do Simple Arithmetic

- Write a program starting at memory location $\$ 1500$ to subtract the contents of memory location $\$ 1005$ from the sum of memory locations $\$ 1000$ and $\$ 1002$ and store the difference at $\$ 1010$.
- Solution:

Step1: Load contents of memory loc. \$1000 into A

Step2: Add contents of memory loc. \$1002 to A

Step3: Subtract contents of memory loc. \$1005 from A
Step4: Store contents of A to memory loc. \$1010


## Algorithm to Assembly Code



## More on Arithmetic (Add/Sub)

- We know how to add 8-bit quantities using A or B accumulator:

| ldaa | $\$ 1000$ | ; add 8-bit data in $\$ 1000$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| adda | $\$ 1001$ | ; to 8-bit data in $\$ 1001$ |
| staa | $\$ 2000$ | ; and store 8-bit result in \$2000 |

- and we can add 16-bit quantities using D accumulator:

| ldd | $\$ 1000$ | ; add 16 -bit data in $\$ 1000: \$ 1001$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| addd | $\$ 1002$ | ; to 16-bit data in $\$ 1002: \$ 1003$ |
| std | $\$ 2000$ | ; and store 16-bit result in \$2000:\$2001 |

- How can we add quantities of greater precision (e.g. 24-bit) ?


## Carry/Borrow Flag

- Carry is LSB of CCR

| $S$ | $X$ | $H$ | $I$ | $N$ | $Z$ | $V$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

- Carry acts like the $\mathrm{n}^{\text {th }}$ result bit when doing n -bit add/sub
- Carry set to ' 1 ' whenever addition generates carry-out
- Carry set to ' 1 ' whenever subtraction requires borrow-out

| Idaa | $\# \$ 20$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| adda | $\# \$ 30$ |
| 20 |  |
| +30 |  |
| 050 |  |


| Idaa $\# \$ 93$ |
| :---: |
| adda |
| $9 \$ 8 \mathrm{~B}$ |
| 93 |
| $\frac{+8 \mathrm{~B}}{11 \mathrm{E}}$ |


| Idaa | $\# \$ 96$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| suba | $\# \$ 3 \mathrm{~A}$ |
| 96 |  |
| -3 A |  |
| 05 C |  |

- also 16-bit:

| Idd | \#\$A200 |
| :---: | :---: |
| addd | $\# \$ 7000$ |
| A200 |  |
| +7000 |  |
| 11200 |  |

## Multi-precision Addition

- Carry bit allows us to do multi-precision arithmetic
- i.e. arithmetic on numbers whose precision is greater than that of the ALU
- For example how do we add \$59A183 to \$5482DB ?
- Solution:

Step1: Add \$A183 to \$82DB and remember carry
Step2: Store 16-bit result as least significant two bytes of answer
Step3: Add \$59 to \$54 with carry from step 1
Step4: Store 8-bit result as MSbyte of answer

## 32-bit Arithmetic

- Write a program at memory location $\$ 4000$ to add 4-byte numbers that are stored at \$1000~\$1003 and \$1004~\$1007 and store the sum at locations \$1010~1013


## Multiplication

| Mnemonic | Function | Operation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| emul | Unsigned $16 \times 16$ multiply | $\mathrm{Y}: \mathrm{D} \leftarrow[\mathrm{D}] \times[\mathrm{Y}]$ |
| emuls | Signed $16 \times 16$ multiply | $\mathrm{Y}: \mathrm{D} \leftarrow[\mathrm{D}] \times[\mathrm{Y}]$ |
| mul | Unsigned 8 $\times 8$ multiply | $\mathrm{D} \leftarrow[\mathrm{A}] \times[\mathrm{B}]$ |

- Write an instruction sequence to multiply (unsigned) register $X$ by register Y and store result in \$1000~\$1003
\(\left.$$
\begin{array}{lll}\text { tfr } & \text { x,d } & \begin{array}{l}\text {;transfer X operand into D } \\
\text { emul }\end{array}
$$ <br>

;perform multiplication\end{array}\right]\)| ;save upper 16-bits of product |
| :--- |
| sty |
| std |

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- n 1 and n 2 are signed 16 -bit integers and n 3 is a 32-bit signed integer. Use assembler directives to reserve space for n1, n2 and n3 at memory locations \$1000, \$1002 and \$1004 respectively.

Write code starting at $\$ 4000$ to perform: n3 = n1 * n2

## Division

| Mnemonic | Function | Operation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ediv | Unsigned 32 by 16 divide | $Y \leftarrow[Y]:[D] \div[X]$ <br> $D \leftarrow$ remainder |
| edivs | Signed 32 by 16 divide | $Y \leftarrow[Y]:[D] \div[X]$ <br> $D \leftarrow$ remainder |
| idiv | Unsigned 16 by 16 divide | $X \leftarrow[D] \div[X]$ <br> $D \leftarrow$ remainder |
| idivs | Signed 16 by 16 divide | $X \leftarrow[D] \div[X]$ <br> $D \leftarrow$ remainder |

- Remember that if divisor > dividend, then quotient $=0$


## Integers Math and Precision

- When performing integer arithmetic (especially multiplication and division), important to keep track of potential size of results to avoid overflow and/or loss of precision
- Suppose we want to calculate: $\frac{1200 \times 2500}{1150}$
- Does the order of the operations matter?
- Correct answer is 2608.6956
- (but we can only do integer arithmetic)
- If I do multiply first (emul followed by ediv), I get $\underline{2608}$
- If I do divide first ( ediv followed by emul), I get $\underline{2500}$


## Rounding

- If we take the quotient as being the answer to a divide operation (and ignore the remainder), the result is truncated to the closest integer that is less than the correct answer ( 2608 instead of 2608.6956)
- A better result would be to round to the nearest integer (2609). This can be achieved by adding half of the divisor to the dividend before executing the divide operation:

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\text { rounded quotient }=\frac{\text { dividend }+(\text { divisor } / 2)}{\text { divisor }}
$$

- This effectively adds 0.5 to the answer before truncation.


## Integer Precision: Example

- Multiply the unsigned 16 -bit number in locations $\$ 1000: \$ 1001$ by 1.414 (approx. to $\sqrt{2}$ ), truncating result to nearest integer.
- Multiply the unsigned 16 -bit number in locations $\$ 1000$ :\$1001 by 1.414 (approx. to $\sqrt{2}$ ), rounding result to nearest integer.

