

The Toy Assembler language once used at Rhodes in Computer Science 201

Executable Instructions

The set of machine code functions available is quite small. Those marked * set/unset the N and Z flags, those marked C set/unset the C flag, those marked v clear the V flag, those marked V set/unset the V flag. An informal summary of their semantics follows:

Mnemonic	Hex	Decimal	Function
NOP	00h	0	No operation (break point in Fast Trace mode)
HLT	01h	1	Halt program execution
CLA	02h	2	CPU.A := 0
CMA	v *	03h 3	CPU.A := NOT CPU.A
INC	*	04h 4	CPU.A := CPU.A + 1
DEC	*	05h 5	CPU.A := CPU.A - 1
SHL	v c *	06h 6	Shift CPU.A one bit left
SHR	v c *	07h 7	Shift CPU.A one bit right
ASR	v c *	08h 8	Shift CPU.A one bit right, propagate sign bit
CLX		09h 9	CPU.X := 0
TAX		0Ah 10	CPU.X := CPU.A
INX	*	0Bh 11	CPU.X := CPU.X + 1
DEX	*	0Ch 12	CPU.X := CPU.X - 1
CLC	c	0Dh 13	CPU.C := 0
CMC	c	0Eh 14	CPU.C := NOT CPU.C
CLV	v	0Fh 15	CPU.V := 0
PSH		10h 16	CPU.SP := CPU.SP - 1; Mem[CPU.SP] := CPU.A
POP	v *	11h 17	CPU.A := Mem[CPU.SP]; CPU.SP := CPU.SP + 1
RET		12h 18	CPU.PC := Mem[CPU.SP]; CPU.SP := CPU.SP + 1

The following allow for simple I/O in various interpretations:

INI	v *	13h 19	CPU.A := ReadInt()
INH	v *	14h 20	CPU.A := ReadHex()
INB	v *	15h 21	CPU.A := ReadBinary()
INA	v *	16h 22	CPU.A := ReadChar()
OTI		17h 23	WriteInt(CPU.A)
OTC		18h 24	WriteCard(CPU.A)
OTH		19h 25	WriteHex(CPU.A)
OTB		1Ah 26	WriteBinary(CPU.A)
OTA		1Bh 27	WriteChar(CPU.A)

The above are all single-byte instructions. The following are all double-byte instructions. The first set load and store between the registers and memory:

LDA B	v *	1Ch 28	CPU.A := Mem[B]
LDX B	v *	1Dh 29	CPU.A := Mem[B+CPU.X]
LDI B	v *	1Eh 30	CPU.A := B
LSP B		1Fh 31	CPU.SP := Mem[B]
LSI B		20h 32	CPU.SP := B
STA B		21h 33	Mem[B] := CPU.A
STX B		22h 34	Mem[B+CPU.X] := CPU.A

The following perform arithmetic (two's complement)

ADD B	v c *	23h 35	CPU.A := CPU.A + Mem[B]
ADX B	v c *	24h 36	CPU.A := CPU.A + Mem[B+CPU.X]
ADI B	v c *	25h 37	CPU.A := CPU.A + B
ADC B	v c *	26h 38	CPU.A := CPU.A + Mem[B] + CPU.C
ACX B	v c *	27h 39	CPU.A := CPU.A + Mem[B+CPU.X] + CPU.C
ACI B	v c *	28h 40	CPU.A := CPU.A + B + CPU.C
SUB B	v c *	29h 41	CPU.A := CPU.A - Mem[B]
SBX B	v c *	2Ah 42	CPU.A := CPU.A - Mem[B+CPU.X]
SBI B	v c *	2Bh 43	CPU.A := CPU.A - B
SBC B	v c *	2Ch 44	CPU.A := CPU.A - Mem[B] - CPU.C
SCX B	v c *	2Dh 45	CPU.A := CPU.A - Mem[B+CPU.X] - CPU.C
SCI B	v c *	2Eh 46	CPU.A := CPU.A - B - CPU.C

The following perform comparisons without altering the accumulator (effectively they subtract the operand from the accumulator)

CMP B	v c *	2Fh 47	CPU.N := CPU.A < Mem[B]; CPU.Z := CPU.A = Mem[B]
CPX B	v c *	30h 48	CPU.N := CPU.A < Mem[B+CPU.X]; CPU.Z := CPU.A = Mem[B+CPU.X]
CPI B	v c *	31h 49	CPU.N := CPU.A < B; CPU.Z := CPU.A = B

The following do bit-wise logical operations:

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ANA B   v * 32h 50   CPU.A := CPU.A AND Mem[B]
ANX B   v * 33h 51   CPU.A := CPU.A AND Mem[B+CPU.X]
ANI B   v * 34h 52   CPU.A := CPU.A AND B
ORA B   v * 35h 53   CPU.A := CPU.A OR Mem[B]
ORX B   v * 36h 54   CPU.A := CPU.A OR Mem[B+CPU.X]
ORI B   v * 37h 55   CPU.A := CPU.A OR B
```

The following allow change in flow dependent on the current values of the processor flags:

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BRN B           38h 56   CPU.PC := B
BZE B           39h 57   IF Z THEN CPU.PC := B END
BNZ B           3Ah 58   IF NOT Z THEN CPU.PC := B END
BNG B           3Bh 59   IF N THEN CPU.PC := B END
BPZ B           3Ch 60   IF NOT N THEN CPU.PC := B END
BCS B           3Dh 61   IF CPU.C THEN CPU.PC := B END
BCC B           3Eh 62   IF NOT CPU.C THEN CPU.PC := B END
BVS B           3Fh 63   IF CPU.V THEN CPU.PC := B END
BVC B           40h 64   IF NOT CPU.V THEN CPU.PC := B END
```

The following are best used in conjunction with a comparison instruction. For example, assuming that one has just executed a CPI Y instruction:

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BLT B           41h 65   IF CPU.A < Y THEN CPU.PC := B END
BGE B           42h 66   IF CPU.A >= Y THEN CPU.PC := B END
BLE B           43h 67   IF CPU.A <= Y THEN CPU.PC := B END
BGT B           44h 68   IF CPU.A > Y THEN CPU.PC := B END
```

The above assume the comparison implies "two's complement" arithmetic. The following assume the comparison implies "unsigned" arithmetic.

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JLT B           45h 69   IF CPU.A < Y THEN CPU.PC := B END
JGE B           46h 70   IF CPU.A >= Y THEN CPU.PC := B END
JLE B           47h 71   IF CPU.A <= Y THEN CPU.PC := B END
JGT B           48h 72   IF CPU.A > Y THEN CPU.PC := B END
```

The following is used to set up simple subroutine calls:

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JSR B           49h 73   CPU.SP := CPU.SP - 1; Mem[CPU.SP] := CPU.PC + 2; CPU.PC := B
```

Identifiers and literals

- Labels start with a letter and contain letters and digits thereafter: PAT B TOTAL R2D2
- A decimal literal (0 ... 255) may be written in an obvious form: 234 34 56
- A hexadecimal literal may be written as a decimal digit followed by hex digits and a trailing H: 0FFH
- A binary literal may be written as a string of up to eight 0's and 1's followed by a trailing % : 0111% 01010101%
- A string literal is written between double quotes: "Hello Pat"
- A character literal is written between single quotes: 's'
- String and character literals may contain the usual escape sequences: "Pat \t said \"Good luck\" all"

Address fields

In executable instructions, an address field may consist of a single label, number, or character, or a simple expression with + and - signs between terms:

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LDI 034H        ; value given by hexadecimal literal
STA TOTAL       ; address denoted by single label
ADD TOTAL + 1   ; address denoted by a single label offset by 1
LDI 'S' + 1     ; value given by a simple expression
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* may be used to denote "the address of this byte" (for example LDI *)

Directives

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                BEG                ; start of program code
                END                ; end of program code
                DS 10              ; Reserve 10 bytes of storage, unlabelled
TOTAL          DS 1                ; Reserve one byte of storage, labelled TOTAL
LIST           DS 10              ; byte [] LIST = new byte[10];
                DC 'a'             ; preset 1 byte to '.' (ASCII 46), unlabelled
AGE            DC 64              ; 1 byte initialized to value 64
NAME           DC "Mr Muggins"    ; 10 bytes initialized to character values
                ; String literals may be used only in DC directives
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Examples

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                BEG                ; 09.ASM - count the bits in a number
                ; P.D. Terry, 2009

                CLA                ;
                STA BITS            ; bits = 0;
LOOP           INI                ; CPU.A = IO.readInt();
                ; do {
                SHR                ; CPU.A = CPU.A / 2
                BCC EVEN          ; if (CPU.A % 2 != 0) {
                STA TEMP          ; temp = CPU.A; // save it
                LDA BITS
                INC
                STA BITS          ; bits++;
                LDA TEMP          ; CPU.A = temp; // restore it
EVEN          BNZ LOOP            ; } while (CPU.A != 0);
                LDA BITS
                OTC                ; IO.writeCard(bits);
                HLT                ; System.exit(0);
TEMP          DS 1                ; byte temp;
BITS          DS 1                ; byte bits;
                END

                BEG                ; 21.ASM - Hello world! N times
                ; P.D. Terry, 2009

                LDI PROMPT
                JSR WRSTR          ; IO.writeString("How many more times must I greet you with Hello World! ");
                INI
                STA COUNT          ; count = IO.readInt();
WHILE         BZE EXIT            ; while (count != 0) {
                LDI STR
                JSR WRSTR          ; IO.writeString("Hello world!");
                JSR WRLN           ; IO.writeLine();
                LDA COUNT
                DEC
                STA COUNT          ; count-- ;
                BRN WHILE          ; }
EXIT          HLT                ; System.exit(0);

PROMPT       DC "How many more times must I greet you with "
STR           DC "Hello world! "
COUNT       DC 0
                DS 1

WRSTR        ; Subroutine to print a nul-terminated string
                ; To use, code JSR WRSTR with CPU.A
                ; set up to store the address of first byte
                TAX                ; CPU.X = CPU.A to point to start of string
WLOOP        LDX 0                ; while (str[CPU.X] != 0) {
                BZE WEXIT
                OTA                ; IO.writeChar(CPU.A);
                INX                ; CPU.X++;
                BRN WLOOP          ; }
WEXIT        RET                ; return;

WRLN         LDI ODH              ; Subroutine to output CR/LF sequence
                OTA                ; IO.writeChar(CR);
                LDI OAH
                OTA                ; IO.writeChar(LF);
                RET                ; return;

                END
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ASCII table

00	0	<NUL>	10	16	<DLE>	20	32	SP	30	48	0	40	64	@	50	80	P	60	96	'	70	112	p
01	1	<SOH>	11	17	<DC1>	21	33	!	31	49	1	41	65	A	51	81	Q	61	97	a	71	113	q
02	2	<STX>	12	18	<DC2>	22	34	"	32	50	2	42	66	B	52	82	R	62	98	b	72	114	r
03	3	<ETX>	13	19	<DC3>	23	35	#	33	51	3	43	67	C	53	83	S	63	99	c	73	115	s
04	4	<EOT>	14	20	<DC4>	24	36	\$	34	52	4	44	68	D	54	84	T	64	100	d	74	116	t
05	5	<ENQ>	15	21	<NAK>	25	37	%	35	53	5	45	69	E	55	85	U	65	101	e	75	117	u
06	6	<ACK>	16	22	<SYN>	26	38	&	36	54	6	46	70	F	56	86	V	66	102	f	76	118	v
07	7	<BEL>	17	23	<ETB>	27	39	'	37	55	7	47	71	G	57	87	W	67	103	g	77	119	w
08	8	<BS>	18	24	<CAN>	28	40	(	38	56	8	48	72	H	58	88	X	68	104	h	78	120	x
09	9	<HT>	19	25		29	41	)	39	57	9	49	73	I	59	89	Y	69	105	i	79	121	y
0A	10	<LF>	1A	26	<SUB>	2A	42	*	3A	58	;	4A	74	J	5A	90	Z	6A	106	j	7A	122	z
0B	11	<VT>	1B	27	<ESC>	2B	43	+	3B	59	;	4B	75	K	5B	91	[	6B	107	k	7B	123	{
0C	12	<FF>	1C	28	<FS>	2C	44	,	3C	60	<	4C	76	L	5C	92	\	6C	108	l	7C	124	|
0D	13	<CR>	1D	29	<GS>	2D	45	-	3D	61	=	4D	77	M	5D	93	]	6D	109	m	7D	125	}
0E	14	<SO>	1E	30	<RS>	2E	46	.	3E	62	>	4E	78	N	5E	94	^	6E	110	n	7E	126	~
0F	15	<SI>	1F	31	<US>	2F	47	/	3F	63	?	4F	79	O	5F	95	_	6F	111	o	7F	127	<DEL>
80	128	ç	90	144	É	A0	160	á	B0	176	⋮	C0	192	Ł	D0	208	ł	E0	224	α	F0	240	≡
81	129	ü	91	145	æ	A1	161	í	B1	177	⋮	C1	193	ł	D1	209	ł	E1	225	β	F1	241	±
82	130	é	92	146	Æ	A2	162	ó	B2	178	⋮	C2	194	ł	D2	210	ł	E2	226	Γ	F2	242	≥
83	131	â	93	147	ô	A3	163	ú	B3	179	⋮	C3	195	ł	D3	211	ł	E3	227	π	F3	243	≤
84	132	ä	94	148	ö	A4	164	ñ	B4	180	⋮	C4	196	ł	D4	212	ł	E4	228	Σ	F4	244	∫
85	133	à	95	149	ò	A5	165	ñ	B5	181	⋮	C5	197	ł	D5	213	ł	E5	229	σ	F5	245	∫
86	134	â	96	150	û	A6	166	ª	B6	182	⋮	C6	198	ł	D6	214	ł	E6	230	μ	F6	246	-
87	135	ç	97	151	ù	A7	167	º	B7	183	⋮	C7	199	ł	D7	215	ł	E7	231	τ	F7	247	≈
88	136	ê	98	152	ÿ	A8	168	→	B8	184	⋮	C8	200	ł	D8	216	ł	E8	232	φ	F8	248	°
89	137	ë	99	153	ö	A9	169	˘	B9	185	⋮	C9	201	ł	D9	217	ł	E9	233	θ	F9	249	•
8A	138	è	9A	154	Û	AA	170	˘	BA	186	⋮	CA	202	ł	DA	218	ł	EA	234	Ω	FA	250	
8B	139	ï	9B	155	↑	AB	171	½	BB	187	⋮	CB	203	ł	DB	219	ł	EB	235	δ	FB	251	√
8C	140	î	9C	156	£	AC	172	¼	BC	188	⋮	CC	204	ł	DC	220	ł	EC	236	∞	FC	252	η
8D	141	ì	9D	157	↓	AD	173	ı	BD	189	⋮	CD	205	ł	DD	221	ł	ED	237	φ	FD	253	²
8E	142	Ä	9E	158	↓	AE	174	«	BE	190	⋮	CE	206	ł	DE	222	ł	EE	238	ε	FE	254	▪
8F	143	Å	9F	159	⇅	AF	175	»	BF	191	⋮	CF	207	ł	DF	223	ł	EF	239	Π	FF	255	