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# User's Guide

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## Introduction

CCASM is a Windows-based 6809/6309 machine language cross-assembler created with TRS-80 Color Computer and Vectrex users in mind. The command is issuable from any console prompt, batch file, another program, etc. Specifying a source code file and some optional parameters, your programs can be quickly assembled and ready to run on any 6809 or 6309-based computer. For CoCo users, most Tandy EDTASM source code can be assembled without any modifications.

#### For Beginners

If you've never worked with assembly, many examples are given in this guide and the included source code files for helping you learn how to accomplish common tasks. Once you start putting together small routines and programs, there's no limit to what can be created. Learn the language first and your programming style will build over time.

Ofcourse, there's no certain style required to create great ML programs. CCASM also offers high-level functions to help take the pain away from writing raw assembly programs.

#### For Experts

You're definately not limited to assembling just EDTASM-compatible source code. Many other powerful psuedo-ops, directives, and instructions are available which will help you create programs that can be bigger, faster, and easier to build.

You have the leisure of namespaces, structures, procedures, procedure libraries and more, allowing you to create much more powerful programs in less time than it would take using a bare-bones assembler.

As CCASM advances, more options, features, and high-level structures will be added making it one of the most powerful 6809/6309 assemblers available.

## **Summary of Features**

program type: 32-bit Windows command prompt

target systems for assembled code: Tandy CoCo 1,2,3; Vectrex, and any 6809

or 6309-based computer

assembled files: 'LOADM' record format, ROM and ROM-like images

accepted source code formats: Tandy EDTASM and variants

source code file compatibility: CoCo text editors, PC text editors, various LF/CR

support

maximum source code lines: 32,768

maximum nested include levels: virtually unlimited

assembly passes: 2

nested conditional assembly: yes

**expression evaluator:** unlimited nesting, logical operations

structures: yes

procedures: yes, nesting & local variable support

#### **Terms Used In This Guide**

white space (TABs or SPACEs between source code line fields)

**symbol/label** (alpha-numeric name that translates into a value or address)

**mnemonic** (CPU instruction not including any operand)

**operand** (data used by the mnemonic to form the instruction)

conditional assembly (code segments assembled only if a case is true or false)

**PC** (the CPU's *program counter* register)

**reg.** (CPU register/accumulator/pointer)

**expression** (a way of specifying a simplified or mathematical value)

void (reserved but uninitialized memory)

word (2-byte/16-bit data)

**dword** (4-byte/32-bit data)

MSB (most-significant byte, leftmost as in MSB/LSB, lower memory address)

**LSB** (least-significant byte, rightmost as in MSB/LSB, higher memory address)

**MSBit** (most-significant bit, leftmost as in **b**bbbbbbb)

**LSBit** (least-significant bit, rightmost as in bbbbbbbbb)

**Boolean** (0 means False and <>0 means True)

data structure (related group of data objects)

## **Command Options**

-I [dump assembly listing]

**-s** [dump symbols]

**-sa** [dump symbols, including automatic & local labels]

**-o=** [override default filename for binary output]

-bin [assemble as Tandy CoCo 'LOADM/EXEC' file (default)]-sr [assemble as single-record file having only one origin]

**-nr** [assemble with no origin records]

**-rom**{=} [assemble as ROM image of 2k,4k,{8k},16,32,64,128,256]

**-h** [show help messages along with any errors]

-d [show debug messages]-z [internal debug listing]

#### **Example of the -o option**

cm array -o=array.sys
(assemble array.asm to array.sys)

#### **Examples of the -rom option**

cm mygame -rom (assemble mygame.asm to mygame.rom of exactly 8192 bytes)

cm newbasic -rom=32k (assemble newbasic.asm to newbasic.rom of exactly 32768 bytes)

ROM image files are pure data and are compatible with all or most EPROM-burning software, even if you need to rename the files so they will load into your utility.

## **Example of the -I option**

cm mygame -l >listing.txt (assemble mygame.asm to mygame.bin and send a listing to the file "listing.txt")

## **Example of the -s option**

cm pacman -s

(assemble pacman.asm to pacman.bin and dump the symbol table to the screen)

## The CPU Registers

#### 6809 Registers

[8-bit accumulator] a [8-bit accumulator] b [16-bit concatenated register of **a/b**] d [16-bit pointer] X [16-bit pointer] У [User Stack or 16-bit pointer] u [System Stack or 16-bit pointer] dp [Direct-Page Register] рс [16-bit Program Counter] [8-bit CPU condition-code register {E-F-H-I-N-Z-V-C}] CC cc flags: Е [Entire State on stack - determines RTI action] F [Fast Interrupt mask - set to enable FIRQ-to-CPU] [Half Carry - carry out of bit 3 of arithmetic data] Η Ι [IRQ interrupt mask - set to enable IRQ-to-CPU] Ν [Negative Code - automatically set if result is negative] Ζ [Zero Code - set if result is zero] V [Overflow Code - set for arithmetic overflow] C [Carry Code - set for math carries and borrows]

#### 6309-Only Registers

The 6309 CPU has all of the 6809 registers, plus:

```
[8-bit accumulator]
e
     [8-bit accumulator]
     [16-bit concatenated reg. of e/f]
W
     [32-bit concatentated reg. of a/b/e/f]
q
     [16-bit accumulator] *
V
Z
     [Zero reg.]*
0
     [Zero reg.] *
     [alternate Zero reg.] **
00
md
     [Mode/Error reg.]
```

Note that register names are case-insensitive, meaning  $\boldsymbol{a}$  is the same as  $\boldsymbol{A}$ , and  $\boldsymbol{x}$  is the same as  $\boldsymbol{X}$ , etc.

<sup>\*</sup> used by inter-register instructions only

<sup>\*\*</sup> there are two Zero registers in the 6309 CPU

#### **Source Code Format**

A variety of white space methods may be used in your source code. An intelligent parsing routine is used for breaking source code lines down into the fields used to build each instruction. CCASM will generate an error if the required line format is not met or if the combined fields do not form a valid function.

#### Source code lines:

- 1) are separated into fields by SPACEs or TABs
- 2) can optionally have a line number in the first field
- 3) can optionally have a label in the first field (second field if a line number is present)
- 4) must have a SPACE or TAB before all mnemonics, psuedo-ops, and trailing comments.

The following examples show the typical layout of any given source code line. The '-' character represents a SPACE or TAB used to separate fields.

Label-Mnemonic-Operand-Comment

Label-Mnemonic--Comment

Label-Mnemonic

- -Mnemonic-Operand
- -Mnemonic--Comment

LineNumber-Label-Mnemonic-Operand-Comment

LineNumber--Mnemonic-Operand-Comment

A TAB-formatted line might look like this:

start jsr subroutine this is a comment

Or, since line numbers are supported:

00010 start jsr subroutine this is a comment

A SPACE-formatted line might look like this:

00010 start jsr subroutine; this is a comment

## **Labels and Symbols**

#### **Label and symbol names:**

- 1) should generally be kept under 32 character long
- 2) should not be named the same as any reserved symbol
- 3) should not contain any mathematical characters or names used by the expression evaluator

Although the CCASM preference is to use lowercase-oriented source code, capitol letters are welcome if that is what you prefer. However, symbol names are casesensitive. In other words, the symbol "color" is not the same as the symbol "Color".

#### **Automatic Symbols**

The following symbols and their values are automatically set by the assembler.

\* [returns the address of the Program Counter]

. [returns the offset into the operand]
sizeof{struct} [returns the size of a data structure]

#### **Standard Labels:**

jmp *label* bsr *some\_routine* 

#### **Local Labels:**

Local labels are resusable labels containing at least one '@' character or '?' character and generally kept short. Local labels may be used to save symbol table space or to avoid having to think of many unique label names in large programs.

You can reuse the same local label name many times as long as a blank line separates them. This scheme can be pictured as *local blocks* of source code, each possibly containing local labels used in other blocks. Local blocks cannot access local labels used in other blocks.

lbra a@ bra ?b jmp @@exit

#### **Branch Points:**

Branch Points are very similar to local labels but they are much more efficient and easier to type. They can also save you lots of time thinking of named labels.

Using the single-character label called '!', you can branch forward and backward in your source code to the nearest *Branch Point*. Debugging your programs can be more difficult if you use too many Branch Points; therefore, they are best for short code segments.

bra < branch backward to nearest Branch Point label
bra > branch forward to nearest Branch Point label

#### example:

! Ida ,x+ grab a byte from table
bne < branch upwards to last "!" label
bra > branch downwards to next "!" label
nop
! rts exit

## **Psuedo-Ops and Directives**

The following list of assembler commands are used in the mnemonic/operand fields just like regular instructions, only they generate data or perform special assembler functions; they do not automatically create CPU instructions.

```
title {string} [set the title of the source code]
org {address} [set/change program origin address]
include {filename[.asm]} [insert/include another source file at the current line]
includebin {filename[.bin]} [insert any file into the codestream]
proc {parameter:type,parameter:type...} [define a procedure]
call {procedure,param1,param2,param3...} [call a procedure]
namespace {label} [causes {label} to prefix to all subsequent labels]
endnamespace [end all namespaces in effect]
struct [start a data structure containing fields]
endstruct [end a structure]
union [start a union structure where the PC doesn't advance per object]
endunion [end a union structure]
page [inject a FORM-FEED character into the assembly listing]
setdp {0-255} [inform the assembler of the Direct Page register value]
{label} equ {expression} [assign a value to a label, becoming a symbol]
{label} = {expression} [assign a value to a label, becoming a symbol]
{label} set {expression} [reassign a value to a label, becoming a symbol]
even [align the PC on an even address]
odd [align the PC on an odd address]
align [align the PC on any boundary]
fcc {"string"} [form constant character string]
fcn {"string"} [form null-terminated string, adds (0) to end]
fcs {"string"} [form sign-terminated string, sets bit 7 of last character]
fcr {"string"} [form carriage-return/null-terminated string, adds 13,0 to end]
fcb {value,expression...} [form constant byte, 8-bit data]
fdb {value,expression...} [form double-byte/word/16-bit data]
fqb {value,expression...} [form quad-byte/dword/32-bit data]
fzb/rzb {number of cleared bytes} [form # of initialized byte(s)]
fzd/rzd {number of cleared words} [form # of initialized double-byte(s)]
fzq/rzq {number of cleared dwords} [form # of initialized quad-byte(s)]
rmb {number of voided bytes} [reserved memory, creates void]
rmd {number of voided words} [reserved memory, creates void]
rmq {number of voided dwords} [reserved memory, creates void]
end {address} [marks the end of assembly, used only once in master source
file]
```

#### **Conditional Assembly**

Source lines between a *condition test* and an *end condition* statement are assembled only if the condition is true.

```
if {boolean expression} [start conditional assembly segment if condition=true]
ifeq [assemble segment if expression evaluates to zero]
ifne [assemble segment if expression evaluates to nonzero]
iflt [assemble segment if expression yields a negative result]
ifgt [assemble segment if expression yields a positive result]
ifle [assemble segment if expression yields a negative or zero result]
ifge [assemble segment if expression yields a positive or zero result]
cond {boolean expression} [start conditional assembly segment if result=true]
ifp1 [assemble source segment only if in assembly pass #1]
ifp2 [assemble source segment only if in assembly pass #2]
endif {end an if conditional assembly segment]
endc [end a cond conditional assembly segment]
endp [end an ifp1/ifp2 conditional assembly segment]
```

Important note: Make sure all symbols to be used in conditional assembly expressions are predefined. Forward references are not supported within conditional assembly expressions. Nesting is supported up to 32 levels (virtually unlimited).

## **Mnemonics**

All legal 6809 mnemonics are supported by the 6309 CPU. Mnemonics and registers in *italics* are supported only by the 6309 CPU.

#### **Loading & Moving Data Around**

```
Id{a,b,d,x,y,u,s,e,f,w,q,md} {memory,value} [load data into a reg.]
st{a,b,d,x,y,u,s,e,f,q,w} {memory} [store reg. contents to mem.]
Idbt {a,b}, {source bit}, {dest. bit}, {DP mem.} [transfer mem. bit into reg.
bit1
stbt {a,b}, {source bit}, {dest. bit}, {DP mem.} [transfer reg. bit into mem.
band {a,b}, {source bit}, {dest. bit}, {DP mem.} [AND mem. bit into reg.]
biand {a,b}, {source bit}, {dest. bit}, {DP mem.} [AND complimented mem.
bit into reg. 1
bor {a,b} , {source bit} , {dest. bit} , {DP mem.} [OR mem. bit into reg.]
bior {a,b}, {source bit}, {dest. bit}, {DP mem.} [OR complimented mem. bit
into reg.1
beor {a,b}, {source bit}, {dest. bit}, {DP mem.} [EOR mem. bit into reg.]
bieor {a,b}, {source bit}, {dest. bit}, {DP mem.} [EOR complimented mem.
bit into reg.]
copy {source reg.,destination reg.} [copy block of memory to another address]
copy- {source reg.,destination reg.} [copy block of memory in reverse]
imp {source reg.,destination reg.} [implode block of memory into one address]
exp {source req.,destination req.} [expand target into block of memory]
tfrp [same as copy] *
tfrm [same as copy-] *
tfrs [same as imp] *
tfrr [same as exp] *
```

## **Comparing, Testing, And Clearing**

```
clr{a,b,d,e,f,w} [clear register]
clr {memory,index} [clear byte at memory location]
tst{a,b,d,e,f,w} [test the target reg., setting reg. cc]
tst {memory} [test the target memory, setting reg. cc]
bit{a,b,d,md} {memory,value} [test target bits with bits of a reg.]
cmp{a,b,d,x,y,u,s,e,f,w} [compare a reg. with memory data]
```

<sup>\*</sup> Used by the "EDTASM6309" assembler created by Robert Gault.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The HD63B09EP Reference Guide by Chet Simpson and Alan Dekok mentions a single mnemonic not used in CCASM, called "TFM" for doing memory block operations. TFM R,R+ translates into **exp r,r**; TFM R+,R translates into **imp r,r**; TFM R-,R- translates into **copy-r,r**; and TFM R+,R+ translates into **copy r,r**.

#### Saving And Restoring Registers On The Stacks

```
pshs {register list} [push registers onto System stack}
puls {register list} [pull registers from System stack}
pshu {register list} [push registers onto User stack}
pulu {register list} [pull registers from User stack}
pshsw [push reg. w onto System Stack]
pulsw [pull reg. w register from System stack]
pshuw [push reg. w onto User stack]
puluw [pull reg. w from User stack]
```

#### **Doing Arithmetic**

```
abx [add req. b to req. x]
add{a,b,d,e,f,w} {memory,value} [add memory to reg.]
sub{a,b,d,e,f,w} {memory,value} [subtract target from reg.]
adc{a,b,d} {memory,value} [add memory plus carry to reg.]
sbc{a,b,d} {memory,value} [subtract target & carry from req.]
daa [decimal-adjust contents of reg. a]
mul [multiply req. a by req. b, becoming req. d]
muld {memory,value} [multiply d * operand, becoming d]
divd {memory,value} [divide register d by target, becoming d]
diva [divide register q by target]
inc{a,b,d,e,f,w} [increment (add 1) to reg.]
inc {memory} [increment memory]
dec{a,b,d,e,f,w} [decrement (subtract 1 from) req.]
dec {memory} [decrement byte at memory location]
neg{a,b,d} [negate (2's complement) a reg.]
neg {memory} [negate the target]
sexw [sign-extend reg. w (bit 15) into req. d]
sex [sign-extend reg. b (bit 7) into reg. a]
asr{a,b,d} [shift reg. bits to the right, retaining sign bit]
asr {memory} [shift memory bits to the right, retaining sign bit]
asl{a,b,d} [shift req. bits to the left, filling LSBit with zero]
asl {memory} [shift memory bits to the left, filling LSBit with zero]
```

## **Moving Around Within Your Programs**

```
jmp {memory} [jmp to a direct/indirect address]
jsr {memory} [jump to a direct/indirect subroutine]
rts [return from subroutine (jsr or bsr); same as puls pc]
rti [return from interrupt (CPU- or swi-generated interrupt]
nop [no operation, code that does nothing]
```

#### **Doing Bit-Based Operations**

```
com{a,b,d,e,f,w} [1's-compliment a CPU req.]
com {memory} [1's-compliment a byte of memory]
and{a,b,cc,d} {memory,value} [logical AND of memory bits with a reg.]
or{a,b,cc,d} {memory,value} [OR the bits of the target byte into a reg.]
eor{a,b,d} {memory,value} [exclusive OR of target memory bits with reg.}
rol{a,b,d,w} [rotate reg. bits to the left, filling LSBit with Carry]
rol {memory} [rotate memory bits to the left, filling LSBit with Carry]
ror{a,b,d,w} [rotate reg. bits to the right, filling MSBit with Carry]
ror {memory} [rotate memory bits to the right, filling MSBit with Carry]
Isl{a,b,d} [logical shift req. bits to the left, filling LSBit with zero]
Isl {memory} [logical shift memory bits to the left, filling LSBit with zero]
Isr{a,b,d,w} [logical shift reg. bits to the right, filling MSBit with zero]
Isr {memory} [logical shift memory bits to the right, filling MSBit with zero]
aim {value; memory} [AND the bits of the value with the bits of the memory byte]
eim {value; memory} [EOR/XOR the bits of the value with the bits of the memory
byte1
oim {value; memory} [OR the bits of the value with the bits of the memory byte]
tim {value; memory} [TEST the bits of the value with the bits of the memory
byte]
```

#### **Operating Between Two Registers**

```
tfr {reg.,reg.} [exchange contents of two registers]
tfr {src. reg.,dest. reg.} [transfer src. reg. into dest. reg.]
lea{x,y,u,s} {offset,pointer} [load effective address]
adcr {source reg,destination reg} [add source reg. plus carry to destination reg.]
addr {source reg,destination reg} [AND of source reg. with the destination reg.]
cmpr {source reg,destination reg} [compare source reg. with destination reg.]
eorr {source reg,destination reg} [Exclusive OR of source reg. with destination reg.]
orr {source reg,destination reg} [OR of source reg. with destination reg.]
sbcr {source reg,destination reg} [subtract source reg. and carry from dest. reg.]
subr {source reg,destination reg} [subtract source reg. from destination reg.]
```

## **Handling Interrupts**

```
cwai {#byte} [clear and wait for interrupt]
swi{2,3} [software (manual) interrupt types 2 and 3]
swi [software interrupt type 1]
sync [synchronize to interrupt]
```

## **Unconditional Relative Branches (always performed)**

```
bra {address} [branch]
Ibra {address} [long branch]
brn {address} [branch never]
Ibrn {address} [long branch never]
bsr {address} [branch to a subroutine]
Ibsr {address} [long branch to a subroutine]
```

#### Conditional Relative Branches based on (reg. cc) flags

<pre>bhs {address} [branch if higher or same, C=0] lbhs {address} [long branch if higher or same, C=0]</pre>	unsigned unsigned
<b>blo</b> {address} [branch if lower, <b>C=1</b> ]	unsigned
<b>Iblo</b> {address} [long branch if lower, <b>C=1</b> ]	unsigned
<b>bhi</b> {address} [branch if higher]	unsigned
Ibhi {address} [long branch if higher]	unsigned
<b>bls</b> {address} [branch if less than or same]	unsigned
Ibls {address} [long branch if less than or same]	unsigned
<pre>blt {address} [branch if less than, N XOR V=1]</pre>	signed
<pre>Iblt {address} [long branch if less than, N XOR V=1]</pre>	signed
<b>ble</b> {address} [branch if less than or equal, <b>Z=1 or N XOR V=1</b> ]	signed
<b>Ible</b> {address} [long branch if less than or equal]	signed
<pre>bgt {address} [branch if greater than, N XOR V=0]</pre>	signed
<pre>lbgt {address} [long branch if greater than, N XOR V=0]</pre>	signed
<b>bge</b> {address} [branch if greater than or equal, <b>Z=1 or N XOR V=0</b> ]	
<b>Ibge</b> {address} [long branch if greater than or equal to]	signed

#### **Branches based on a CPU Condition Code**

<pre>bne {address} [branch if not equal]</pre>	Z=0
<b>Ibne</b> {address} [long branch if not equal]	Z=0
<b>beq</b> {address} [branch if equal]	Z=1
<b>Ibeq</b> {address} [long branch if equal]	Z=1
<b>bcc</b> {address} [branch if carry is clear]	C=0
<b>Ibcc</b> {address} [long branch if carry is clear]	C=0
<b>bcs</b> {address} [branch if carry is set]	C=1
<b>Ibcs</b> {address} [long branch if carry is set]	C=1
<b>bmi</b> {address} [branch if minus]	N=1
<b>Ibmi</b> {address} [long branch if minus]	N=1
<b>bpl</b> {address} [branch if plus]	N=0
<pre>Ibpl {address} [long branch if plus]</pre>	N=0
<b>bvc</b> {address} [branch if no overflow]	V=0
<b>Ibvc</b> {address} [long branch if no overflow]	V=0
<b>bvs</b> {address} [branch if overflow]	V=1
<b>Ibvs</b> {address} [long branch if overflow]	V=1

## **Operands**

## When a direct value is expected by an instruction

```
#%010101 [binary value]
#100 [decimal value]
#$7F [hexidecimal value]
#symbol_name [use symbol's equate]
#expression
```

#### When memory access is expected

```
%address [binary address]
$address [hexidecimal address]
symbol_name [use symbol's equate]
address [decimal address]
<address [LSB of address, reg. dp is the MSB]
>address [full 16-bit address]
```

#### When a string or character is expected

```
"a string"
/a string/
'c a character
'b' a character
```

#### **Indexed memory**

```
,{x,y,u,s,pc,w} (access memory pointed to by reg.)
[,{x,y,u,s,pc,w}] (indirect access)
{a,b,d,e,f,w},{x,y,u,s,pc,w}
[address] (indirect address)
offset,{x,y,u,s,pc,w} (use 5-bit offset from pointer if possible)
<offset,{x,y,u,s,pc,w} (force 8-bit offset from pointer if possible)
>offset,{x,y,u,s,pc,w} (force 16-bit offset from pointer if possible)
```

typical examples of indexed memory access:

,X	offset, $\mathbf{x}$	<b>,x</b> +	, <b>x</b> ++	,- <b>x</b>	, <b>x</b>
a,x	b,x	d,x	e,x	f,x	W,X
<b>,y</b>	offset, <b>y</b>	<b>,y</b> +	, <b>y</b> ++	,- <b>y</b>	, <b>y</b>
a,y	b,y	d,y	e,y	f,y	w,y
, <b>u</b>	offset, <b>u</b>	,u+	,u++	,-u	,u
a,u	b,u	d,u	e,u	<i>f</i> ,u	w,u
,S	offset, <b>s</b>	,s+	,s++	,-s	, <b>s</b>
a,s	b,s	d,s	e,s	f,s	w,s
, <b>W</b>	offset, <b>w</b>	, <b>w</b> ++	, <b>W</b>	,pc	offset, <b>pc</b>
[ <b>,x</b> ]	[offset, <b>x</b> ]	[, <b>x</b> ++]	[, <b>x</b> ]		
[a,x]	[ <b>b</b> , <b>x</b> ]	[ <b>d</b> ,x]	[ <b>e</b> ,x]	[ <b>f</b> ,x]	[ <b>w</b> , <b>x</b> ]
[, <b>y</b> ]	[offset, <b>y</b> ]	[, <b>y</b> ++]	[, <b>y</b> ]		
[a,y]	[ <b>b</b> ,y]	[ <b>d</b> ,y]	[ <b>e</b> ,y]	[ <b>f</b> ,y]	[ <b>w</b> , <b>y</b> ]
[, <b>u</b> ]	[offset, <b>u</b> ]	[, <b>u</b> ++]	[, <b>u</b> ]		
[a,u]	[b,u]	[d,u]	[ <b>e</b> ,u]	[ <b>f</b> ,u]	[ <i>w</i> ,u]
[, <b>s</b> ]	[offset, <b>s</b> ]	[, <b>s</b> ++]	[, <b>s</b> ]		
[a,s]	[b,s]	[d,s]	[ <b>e</b> ,s]	[ <b>f</b> ,s]	[ <b>w</b> ,s]
[, <b>w</b> ]	[offset, <b>w</b> ]	[, <b>w</b> ++]	[, <b>w</b> ]	[, <b>pc</b> ]	[offset, <b>pc</b> ]

Indexed memory using 6309 AIM, TIM, EIM, OIM instructions

```
#100;5,x
#65;a,y
```

## **Expressions**

Values, offsets, addresses, and any other type of parameter may be defined as simple or complex mathematical expressions.

#### **Operators**

```
*
            [multiply]
            [divide]
%
            [modulas]
            [add] (also unary)
+
            [subtract] (also unary)
Λ
            [1's compliment, logical NOT] (also unary)
            [logical AND]
&
            [logical OR]
            [logical OR]
            [logical Exclusive OR]
\sim
```

#### **Comparisons**

The result of these operations will be of the Boolean type (either 0 for False or 1 for True). You compare mathematical expressions on either side of the operation, and get a True or False result.

```
[is equal to]
[is less than]
[is greater than]
[is less than or equal to]
[is greater than or equal to]
[is not equal to]
```

## **Order Of Operations**

```
1) parenthesis (innermost (first))
2) unaries (like '-', '+', and '^')
2) multiplies and divides (*, /, %)
3) adds and subtracts (+, -)
4) logical operations (&, !, ~, ^)
5) comparisons (=, <, >, <>, <=, >=)
```

You can always use parenthesis to control the order or to enhance the clarity of an expression.

#### **Expression Examples**

```
-64
+101
100+5
-symbol 5
$2000+$100
$3120-$ab
-255<=254
timercount>3600
symbol=anothersymbol
label <> another label
^255
label c+^5
^symbol [return 1's compliment of "symbol"]
port!enableDAC [return both values OR'ed into one value]
sample&%11111100 [mask out the lower 2 bits of "sample"]
%11111%%1000 [1st binary value modulas the 2nd binary value)
50*4/2
1+2*(3+4)+5; notice the order of operations (1 + 2*7 + 5 = 20)
(1024+32)*15+31
(52-2)*2
+-5
-(+5)
-100/5*2; automatically orders as -(100/(5*2))
100+-100/10
apple+200/2; return ("apple" plus 100)
1*2+3*4+5*6
-254<=255
1000>-1000
-2000>2000
true&true ; returns true if both cases are true
true&false
false&true
false&false
true!true ; returns true if either case is true
true!false
false!true
false!false
```

See the file "test.asm" for many more examples of CCASM's powerful expression evaluator.

## Structures, Unions, and Namespaces

#### **Structures**

A CCASM structure is a segment of data or code separated into fields or offsets from the structure beginning. By using the format "structurename.structurefield" you can access any field of any structure. These fields translate into their own offset from the beginning of the structure.

An example of a simple structure is:

```
color struct
red rmb 1
green rmb 1
blue rmb 1
ends
```

To access the "green" field, you would reference the symbol "color.green".

Database applications can rely heavily on structures. Using pointers to objects, you can access records by name and field fairly easily in a large table or database. Because each structure field is an offset, it can be used as the offset for indexed memory instructions or anywhere else an offset is expected.

```
ldx
                 #colors
                                   start of database memory
                 #256
                                   records in database
           ldy
                                   load "green" field of this record
                 color.green,x
a@
           lda
                                   load "blue" field of this record
                 color.blue,x
           ldb
                                   load "red" field of this record
           lde
                 color.red,x
                 plot
           jsr
           leax 3,x
                                   point to next record (skip structure size)
           leay -1,y
           bne
                 a@
```

To automatically compute the size of a structure, use the following compile-time symbol:

```
example:
```

```
ldy #sizeof{color}
ldx #sizeof{transaction}
```

To declare a structure that inherits the fields of another structure, and possibly appends new fields to the new structure, the following syntax is used:

```
apple struct fruit diameter rmb 1 ends
```

To generate data in the code stream (like FCB, FDB, FCC, etc. does) based on a structure, use the syntax:

label apple

The label is required, and the mnemonic (psuedo-op) is whatever the structure name is. The above example generates initialized data the size of the source structure (apple).

Note that label inherits all of apple's structure fields. You can now directly access this data *area* using direct and exctended addressing.

start Ida label.diameter actual address of field

#### **Unions**

A union structure allows overlapping objects or data fields. The program counter does not advance as usual inside of a union structure for each object. The total size of a union is the size of the largest object in the union. Ending a union causes the program counter to advance by the size of the union (the largest object inside).

variant union byte rmb 1 word rmb 2 endu

To automatically compute the size of a union, use the following compile-time symbol:

example:

Idy #sizeof{variant}

It's beyond the scope of this document to go into detail about all of the uses for union structures, but several uses will be mentioned briefly.

- 1) allows variable name aliasing
- 2) allows the reuse of variable memory by placing all union symbols at the same PC address
- 3) allows different data types to exist at the same location

A named union inside of a parent structure will cause all of its fields to take on the form *parent\_structure.union\_name.union\_field*. You may optionally wish to use another method for accessing the union.

CCASM also supports anonymous unions. Anonymous (unnamed) unions must be declared within a structure. Because the union resides inside of a named structure, no name for the union is required. The resulting dot notation name for the union fields will be *parent structure.union field*.

#### <u>Namespaces</u>

Using the *namespace* directive, a constant prefix label will be assigned to all subsequent labels; thus, allowing composite labels to be formed. This feature might come in handy more when you are attempting to merge or include foreign source code into your programs.

foo namespace

start rts

endname close namespace

jmp foo.start

#### **Procedures**

#### **Introduction to CCASM Procedures**

Procedures in assembly language? Ofcourse! You can create procedures that use formal parameters, then call your procedures along with the required parameters. Code generation and stack management is handled automatically.

Procedures are declared using the *proc/begin/endproc* directives. The *proc* directive is required to name the procedure and list the required parameters and their types. Procedures are ended using the *endproc* directive.

#### **Declaring Procedures**

fillmem	-	top:word,le	ngth:word,filler:byte
	ldx	top,u	get parameter
	ldy	length,u	get parameter
	lda	filler,u	get parameter
a@	sta	,x+	
	leay	-1,y	
	bne	a@	
	endpi	roc	

The first required field is the procedure name ('fillmen' in this example). The second field (always called **proc**) is also required. The third field is optional and lists any parameters required by the procedure. Procedures do not have to have parameters. Then why use a procedure instead of the **jsr** instruction? Procedures can reserve local named variables on the stack automatically. This helps isolate your procedures or subroutines from the rest of the program.

The **begin** directive marks the entry point into your procedure. This allows static and local memory to be reserved between the **proc** and **begin** directives. Static memory will be placed at the current program counter inside of the procedure while local memory gets allocated on the stack at run-time. The code for this is generated automatically by the assembler.

You define formal parameters by listing any number of symbol names along with their types (such as byte, word, dword, int8, int16, etc.). The format is **symbol:type,symbol:type,...** for as many parameters as you need.

Note: No spaces are allowed in a procedures's parameter list.

The following parameter list defines 5 bytes used by the procedure, composed of two 16-bit values and one 8-bit value.

top:word,length:word,filler:byte

#### **Calling Procedures**

After defining a procedure, it's ready to call using the *call* function. When you call a procedure, you must pass the same number of parameters into the procedure that are defined in the formal parameter list. However, the names or values you pass in are separate (outside) objects. This information is copied into the formal parameter names used only by the procedure.

Here's an example of how we would call the fillmem procedure:

org 3584

start call fillmem,1024,512,128
rts

end start

Here's what happens when the *call* function is invoked:

First, the supplied actual parameters (1024, 512, 128) are pushed onto the S stack starting from the last parameter (128) and ending with the first parameter (1024). The above example pushes the following parameters onto the S stack in the order of *byte, word, word*. The parameters are pushed onto the S stack automatically (at run-time) using code generated by the assembler (at compile-time).

The parameter values that are pushed onto the S stack occupy the same number of bytes as the formal parameter's type states. If you try to pass in a 16-bit value for an 8-bit formal parameter, only the LSB of the parameter will be passed to the procedure.

#### **Inside of Procedures**

So, what goes on inside of a procedure? The quick answer is: anything you like! The other answer explains what is generated by the assembler to make the procedure do what it is supposed to do.

First there is a small bit of automatic code that finishes creating the procedure's *activation record* (stack frame).

The previous activation record pointer (,U) is pushed to the S stack, then the current value of the S stack is copied to the U register so that parameters and local memory can be accessed as offsets from ,U. This is the base address of the procedure's activation record. Parameters are accessed from positive sides of ,U while local memory is accessed from negative sides of ,U. As long as we preserve the U register during the procedure, everything is ok. However, if there's no parameters or local variables, you can use U for whatever you like.

Now the S stack is moved down in memory one byte for each byte of local memory required by the procedure. This stack adjustment is done using one instruction which subtracts the total local memory requirement from the value of the S stack.

Inside of a procedure, the current location of the S stack base is not that important. In other words, since ,U now points to the activation record which also holds information used to restore the S stack to where it was before the procedure call, you can use S to play around with some. However, be careful not to destroy anything on the plus side of the stack since there's likely to be an activation record (or more) sitting there at any given time.

At this time, there is currently no "display". All labels and symbols are local to the procedure, meaning you can't access any symbols that were defined outside of the procedure.

#### **Accessing Procedure Parameters**

You can access the parameters that the *call* function passed in by using the following syntax:

```
Ida parameter1,u normal
Idd parameter2,u normal
Idx [parameter3,u] indirect (pass-by-reference support)
Ida parameter1+1,u offset of parameter + 1
```

Simple enough, all procedure *parameters* are accessed as offsets from the U register. That is, the parameter values are pushed onto the S stack before the procedure is called, then the U register is pointed to this base pointer of the S stack.

The assembler automatically computes parameter offsets, so you don't have to really worry too much about where your data is on the stack. Just use the formal parameter name (defined in the procedure declaration) and append the ",U" indexed register.

You can also place static data (RMBs, FCB's, FCC's, etc.) inside of your procedures.

#### **Local Variables**

You can reserve local variables inside of a procedure by using the **var** directive, like so:

```
fillmem proc start:word,length:word,filler:byte
aa var 1 reserve 1 byte of local memory
bb var 2 reserve 2 bytes of local memory
begin fillmem
...
lda aa,u access local mem
ldd bb,u access local mem
endproc
```

You access local variables the same way you access procedure parameters, using the ,U indexing mode. Local memory is accessed on the negative side of ,U while parameters are accessed on the positive side of ,U. For example:

```
lda local,u translates to lda -offset,u lda param,u translates to lda offset,u
```

The offsets for both parameters and local variables are automatically computed at compile-time. These offsets into the procedure's activation record will be explained next.

#### **Procedure Activation Records**

Every procedure has an activation record that is created at run-time and stored on the S stack. The code for creating the activation record is generated by the assembler automatically, based on a procedure's optional parameters and local variables, etc.

A procedure with both parameters and local variables will have an activation record similar to the one below. Note that {address} is given as an example of where the S stack was originally at (32768) before the procedure call.

{32759} +0,s	-3,u
{32760} +1,s	-2,u
{32761} +2,s	-1,u
{32762} +3,s	< Record Base (,u)
{32763} +4,s	1,u
{32764} +5,s	2,u
{32765} +6,s	3,u
{32766} +7,s	4,u
{32767} +8,s	5,u
	{32760} +1,s {32761} +2,s {32762} +3,s {32763} +4,s {32764} +5,s {32765} +6,s {32766} +7,s

A procedure having parameters but no local variables will have an activation record similar to the one below.

Register U MSB	{32762} +0,s	< Record Base (,u)
Register U LSB	{32763} +1,s	1,u
Program Counter MSB	{32764} +2,s	2,u
Program Counter LSB	{32765} +3,s	3,u
Parameter2 (LEVEL)	{32766} +4,s	4,u
Parameter1 (COLOR)	{32767} +5,s	5,u

A procedure having no parameters and no local variables will have an activation record similar to the one below. Note that this is basically a pointless activation record unless you plan to do some manual allocation of local memory, etc. by adjusting the S stack yourself from within the procedure.

Register U MSB	{32762} +0,s	< Record Base (,u)
Register U LSB	{32763} +1,s	1,u
Program Counter MSB	{32764} +2,s	2,u
Program Counter LSB	{32765} +3,s	3,u

## **Instruction Examples**

#### 6809 Examples

```
orcc #80 [disable IRQ and FIRQ interrupts]
andcc #175 [enable IRQ and FIRQ interrupts]
orcc #%0000001 [manually set the Carry condition code]
andcc #%11111110 [manually clear the Carry condition code]
pshs x,d [push reg. x, reg. b, and reg. a onto S stack]
puls d,x,pc [pull regs. from stack then simulate an rts]
leay -1,y [subtract 1 from reg. y]
leau 2,\mathbf{x} [load reg.x + 2 into reg.u]
leax d,x [req. \mathbf{x} = \text{req. } \mathbf{x} + \text{req. } \mathbf{d}]
leax table, pc [load relative address of "table" into reg. x]
here equ * ['*' translates into the address where "here" is or will be]
fdb 1024,. ['.' translates into the address of the 2nd operand value]
fcc "this is a basic ASCII string"
fcn "this string automatically gets a NULL added to it!"
fcs "this is a bit7-terminated ASCII string"
fcr "this string automatically gets a CR+NULL added to it"
fcb 1,2,3,4,5 [store 5 8-bit values]
fdb 10,20,30 [store 3 16-bit values]
fqb 5,10,15,20 [store 4 32-bit values]
rmb 200 [reserve/void 200 bytes of memory, for use at run-time]
Ida ,x [get data at address pointed to by reg. x]
Ida [,x] [get data at address pointed to by address in reg. x]
Ida -5,u [get data at 5 bytes above address in reg. u]
adca #0 [add Carry result (0 or 1) into reg. a]
adcb #10 [add Carry result plus 10 into reg. b]
asrb [divide the signed contents of reg. b by 2]
Isrb [divide the unsigned contents of reg. a by 2]
rora [done consecutively, 9-bit right rotation is possible]
rola [9-bit left rotation through the Carry condition code]
```

#### 6309-Only Examples

```
Idmd #1 [enable full 6309 CPU operation mode]
sexw [converts signed reg. w into signed reg. q]
oim 64;1024 [OR the value 64 into address 1024]
oim 128;,u [OR the value 128 into the memory pointed to by reg. u]
aim 254;2,u [AND the value 254 into offsetted mem. pointed to by reg. u]
aim 191;1024 [AND the value 191 into address 1024]
tim $80;65280 [TEST bit #7 of address 65280]
tim %11;[1000] [TEST bits #0&1 of indirect address 1000]
eim 85;255 [XOR the value 85 into address 255]
bor a,1,7,255 [OR bit #1 in reg. a with bit #7 from address 255]
Idbt a,2,6,200 [load bit #2 in reg. a with bit #6 from address 200]
Idq #98765 [load reg. q with a 32-bit integer]
Idq #$A4B2C3D9 [load reg. q with a 32-bit hex. value]
Idq #%10110010110000111010100011101011 [32-bit binary value]
```

## **Sample Program**

## This program prints a message to your Color BASIC screen:

	org	16384	run at this address
start	leax	msg,pcr	point to our message
!	lda	, x+	get ASCII byte in msg
	beq	done	stop at null byte
	jsr	[40962]	print using BASIC ROM's STDOUT
	bra	<	loop back to "!"
done	rts		return to BASIC
msg	fcn	"HELLO WO	RLD"
	end	start	set BASIC "EXEC" address

# This program echos your keystrokes to the Color BASIC screen (hit <BREAK> to exit):

	org	16384	run at this address
getkey	jsr	[40960]	get key from BASIC ROM's STDIN
	tsta		is it a NULL character?
	beq	getkey	yes, ignore it
	cmpa	#3	is it the BREAK key?
	beq	done2	yes, so exit
	jsr	[40962]	no, so print the char to STDOUT
	bra	getkey	keep checking keys
done2	rts		return to BASIC
	end	getkey	set BASIC "EXEC" address

## This program clears the Color BASIC screen:

	org	16384	run at this address
filler	equ	\$6060	"filler = \$6060"
cls	ldx	#1024	point to top of screen
	ldy	#512	set # of bytes to clear
	ldd	#filler	use 2 bytes of \$60
!	std	, x++	clear the 2 characters
	leay	-2,y	subtract them from count
	bne	<	count not 0, so repeat
	rts		return to BASIC
	end	cls	

# This example combines the above routines into one program:

start	org ldx ldy	16384 #1024 #512	<pre>run at this address point to top of screen set # of bytes to clear</pre>
	ldd	#\$6060	use 2 blank characters
!	std	, x++	clear the 2 characters
	leay	-2,y	subtract them from count
	bne	<	go back to "!" until count=0
	leax	msg,pcr	point to our message
!	lda	, x+	get ASCII byte in msg
	beq	getkey	stop at null byte
	jsr	[40962]	print using BASIC ROM
	bra	<	loop back to "!"
getkey	jsr	[40960]	get keystroke using BASIC ROM
	tsta		is it a NULL character?
	beq	getkey	yes, ignore it
	cmpa	#3	is it the BREAK key?
	beq	done	yes, so exit
	jsr	[40962]	no, so print the character
	bra	getkey	keep checking keys
done	rts		return to BASIC
msg	fcr	"HELLO WO	RLD OF ASSEMBLY"
	end	start	

## **File Formats**

#### **Multi-record files:**

- 1) are created automatically based on the structure of your source code
- 2) can be LOADMed by Disk BASIC or similar loaders
- 3) have a beginning ORG record defining where the code should loading into RAM
- 4) have subsequent ORG records causing the loader to jump somewhere else
- 5) have an END record signifying there are no more records

This type of file can contain sub origins and any mix of voided memory, etc. An example of a multi-record file would be one that has the ability to load 3 different programs into 3 different locations of RAM, all done by the loader based on information found in the embedded records. Another example would be a program that automatically executes after being loaded, by embedding a small segment of code that overwrites a system area of Disk BASIC.

#### **Single-record files:**

- 1) are created automatically based on the structure of your source code
- 2) can be LOADMed by Disk BASIC or similar loaders
- 3) have a beginning LOAD record defining where the code should loading into RAM
- 4) have an END record signifying there are no more records

An example of a single-record binary file would be a file created by BASIC after typing SAVEM "SCREEN",1024,1535,0. The resulting file would 522 bytes long because a 5-byte LOAD record begins, then 512 bytes of screen data, then a 5-byte END record.

You can also force a single-record file output (-sr option) which has an additional effect of translating any RMB statements in your source into initialized data (rather than voided memory).

Because of the translation of voided memory areas into initialized data, a continuous stream of code is generated from the first ORG statement to the END statement of your source code. No other embedded ORG statements should be used in your source code that will be assembled in single-record format.

#### **No-records files:**

- 1) must be force-assembled using the -nr option
- 2) are similar to ROM images
- 3) have no beginning or subsequent ORG records
- 4) have no END record

This type of file can be viewed as a variable-sized ROM image where the file consists of only program opcode or data and no loader control structures. Such ROM-like files must be structured correctly before assembly. Multiple ORG statements are allowed in the *source code*, but should be used very carefully. No opcode or initialized data should be placed after any RMB statement in a program to be assembled in no-records format. In other words, voided memory is not assembled, because a record is not generated to tell the loader to advance past or load around any voided memory.

Multiple ORG statments followed by sets of RMBs are generally used for enumerating variable addresses, etc. Large buffers and uninitialized tables and can also be reserved this way so long as no opcode or data appears after any RMB statements. Doing so would cause those stray opcodes to be loaded into unintended locations in RAM.

# **6809 Opcode Summary**

							Notes
•						+  Add to Index Register	+   X=X+B
ADCa							a=a+s+C
ADDa				XXXXX			a=a+s
							D=D+s
ANDa							a=a&s
•			?????1			Logical AND with CCR	
ASL						Arithmetic Shift Left	
						Arithmetic Shift Left	
ASR				•		Arithmetic Shift Right	
						Arithmetic Shift Right	
BCC						Branch if Carry Clear	
	m	251		l x		Branch if Carry Set	
BEQ							If Z=1
						Branch if Great/Equal	
BGT						Branch if Greater Than	
BHI						Branch if Higher	
BHS						Branch if Higher/Same	
BITa							la&s
BLE						Branch if Less/Equal	
BLO						·	If C=1
BLS						Branch if Lower/Same	
BLT						Branch if Less Than	
							If N=1
			 			Branch if Not Equal	
BPL					3	Branch if Plus	If N=0
BRA			 		2		PC=m
BRN				 	2	Branch Never	NOP
BKN  BSR						Branch to Subroutine	
BVC						Branch if Overflow Clr	
BVS						Branch if Overflow Set	
CLR				XXX X			d=0
			0100				a=0
CMPa							a-0
CMPD							D-s (10H)
CMPD	5		***		0	Compare Stack pointer	S-s (10H)
CMPU	5		****	AAA A	0	Compare User stack ptr	S
CMP0  CMPi	5		****	AAA^A	0	Compare User Stack ptr	U-s (11H)
						· ±	d=~d
						Complement accumulator	
CWAI						AND CCR, Wait for int.	
						. ,	A=BCD format
						•	d=d-1
						•	a=a-1
EORa						. 3	a=axs
							r1<->r2
INC						•	d=d+1
						Increment accumulator	
JMP 	S	/比  	 	XXX X	4	ປ ແແp 	PC=EAs

# 6809 Opcode Summary (cont.)

				IEXD#R		Description	Notes
  JSR						'  Jump to Subroutine	- [S]=PC, JMP
LBcc	nn	10		l x	5	Long cond. Branch(~=6)	If cc LBRA
LBRA	nn	16		X	5	Long Branch Always	PC=nn
LBSR	nn	17				Long Branch Subroutine	-[S]=PC, LBRA
LDa						_	a=s
LDD							D=s
LDS							S=s (10H)
LDU						<del>-</del>	U=s
LDi						·	i=s (Y ~s=7)
LEAp			i			Load Effective Address	p=EAs (X=0-3)
LSL	d	78	0***				d={C,d,0}<-
LSLa			0***			_	a={C,a,0}<-
LSR	d	74	0***			_	$ d=->\{C,d,0\}$
LSRa			0***			_	$ d=->\{C,d,0\}$
MUL		'	*_*				D=A*B
NEG	d	70	-?***	XXX X			d=-d
NEGa			-?***			Negate accumulator	a=-a
NOP						No Operation	
ORa							a=avs
ORCC			333333				CC=CCvn
PSHS						•	-[S]={r,}
PSHU						<del>-</del>	-[U]={r,}
PULS			333333				{r,}=[S]+
PULU			??????			<del>-</del>	{r,} = [U] +
ROL						<del>-</del>	d={C,d}<-
ROLa			***				a={C,a}<-
ROR							d=->{C,d}
RORa			***			_	a=->{C,a}
RTI						<del>-</del>	{regs}=[S]+
RTS						Return from Subroutine	
SBCa							a=a-s-C
SEX						Sign Extend	D=B
STa						_	d=a
STD							D=a
STS							S=a (10H)
STU							U=a
STi						<del>-</del>	i=a (Y ~s=7)
SUBa							a=a-s
SUBD						Subtract Double acc.	'
SWI		13F1	1	ΙΧ		Software Interrupt 1	
SWI2		3F	E	X	K	Software Interrupt 2	SWI (10H)
SWI3		3F	E	ΙX	K	Software Interrupt 3	ISWI (11H)
SYNC				X	2	Sync. to interrupt	$\begin{array}{c} \text{(min } \sim s=2) \end{array}$
, 2 1110 I TFR r	·.r	±0     1 F	 	X	16	Transfer (r1 size<=r2)	r2=r1
				XXX X			s
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# 6809 Opcode Summary (cont.)

CCR   E   F I   H   N   Z   V   C	-*01?	Unaffect/affected/reset/set/unknown   Entire flag (Bit 7, if set RTI~s=F)   FIRQ/IRQ interrupt mask (Bit 6/4)    Half carry (Bit 5)    Negative (Bit 3)    Zero (Bit 2)    Overflow (Bit 1)    Carry/borrow (Bit 0)
a   nn,E   [nn]   xx,p!   [xx,p!]   n,D   #n   #nn   m   [m]	X     D     #     *	Inherent (a=A,Op=4XH, a=B,Op=5XH)    Extended (Op=E, ~s=e)    Extended indirect    Indexed (Op=E-10H, ~s=e-1)    Indexed indirect (p!=p++,p only)    Direct (Op=E-20H, ~s=e-1)    Immediate (8-bit, Op=E-30H, ~s=e-3)    Immediate (16-bit)    Relative (PC=PC+2+offset)    Relative indirect (ditto)
DIRECT  EXTEND  FCB  FCC  FDB  RMB	n 'string' nn nn	Direct addressing mode
A B   CC   D   DP   PC   S U   X Y		Accumulators (8-bit)
i p r   m   n nn   xx p!   + - *   & ~ v   <>	/ · ×	Acc A or B (a=A,Op=BXH, a=B,Op=FXH)    Destination/source/effective addr.    Regs X,Y/regs X,Y,S,U/any register    Relative address (-126 to +129)    8/16-bit expression(0 to 255/65535)    A,B,D,nn/p+,-p,p++,-p (indexed)    Add/subtract/multiply/divide    AND/NOT/inclusive OR/exclusive OR    Rotate left/rotate right/exchange    Indirect address/increment/decr.    Combination of operands    If E {PC,U/S,Y,X,DP,B,A,CC}/{PC,CC}    Hex opcode to precede main opcode

## Hexidecimal, Binary, and Decimal Conversions

Use this chart to translate values between the different number types accepted by CCASM. You can use any number base system you prefer when writing software --hexidecimal (base 16), binary (base 2), or decimal (base 10).

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Dec Neg ASCII
Hex Bin
$00 = $00000000 = 0
$01 = $00000001 = 1 = -255
$02 = $00000010 = 2 = -254

$03 = $00000011 = 3 = -253

$04 = $00000100 = 4 = -252
$05 = $00000101 = 5 = -251
$06 = $00000110 = 6 = -250
\$07 = \$00000111 = 7 = -249 = Bell

\$08 = \$00001000 = 8 = -248 = Backspace

\$09 = \$00001001 = 9 = -247 = TAB
$0A = $00001010 = 10 = -246 = Line Feed
$0B = $00001011 = 11 = -245
\$0C = \$00001100 = 12 = -244 = Form Feed/Clear
$0D = $00001101 = 13 = -243 = Carriage Return
\$0E = \$00001110 = 14 = -242
\$0F = \$00001111 = 15 = -241
$10 = $00010000 = 16 = -240
$11 = $00010001 = 17 = -239
$12 = $00010010 = 18 = -238
$13 = $00010011 = 19 = -237
$14 = $00010100 = 20 = -236
$15 = $00010101 = 21 = -235
$16 = $00010110 = 22 = -234
$17 = $00010111 = 23 = -233
$18 = $00011000 = 24 = -232
$19 = $00011001 = 25 = -231
$1A = $00011010 = 26 = -230
$1B = $00011011 = 27 = -229
$1C = %00011100 = 28 = -228
$1D = $00011101 = 29 = -227
$1E = $00011110 = 30 = -226
$1F = %00011111 = 31 = -225
$20 = $00100000 = 32 = -224 = 
$21 = $00100001 = 33 = -223 = !!
$22 = %00100010 = 34 = -222 = ""
$23 = $00100011 = 35 = -221 = '#
$24 = $00100100 = 36 = -220 = '$
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$25 = $00100101 = 37 = -219 = "
$26 = $00100110 = 38 = -218 = '&
                     = -217 = ''
$27 = $00100111 = 39
                      = -216 = '(
$28 = $00101000 = 40
$29 = %00101001 = 41
                      = -215 = ')
$2A = $00101010 = 42
                      = -214 = '*
                      = -213 = '+
$2B = $00101011 = 43
$2C = %00101100 = 44
                      = -212 = '
                      = -211 = '-
$2D = %00101101 = 45
                      = -210 = '.
$2E = %00101110 = 46
$2F = $00101111 = 47
                      = -209 = '/
$30 = $00110000 = 48
                      = -208 = '0
$31 = $00110001 = 49 = -207 = '1
                     = -206 = '2
$32 = $00110010 = 50
$33 = $00110011 = 51 = -205 = '3
$34 = $00110100 = 52 = -204 = '4
$35 = %00110101 = 53
                      = -203 = 5
                      = -202 = '6
$36 = %00110110 = 54
$37 = $00110111 = 55 = -201 = "7"
$38 = %00111000 = 56
                      = -200 = '8
$39 = $00111001 = 57 = -199 = '9
$3A = $00111010 = 58 = -198 = ':
$3B = %00111011 = 59
                      = -197 = ';
                     = -196 = '<
\$3C = \$00111100 = 60
\$3D = \$00111101 = 61 = -195 = '=
$3E = $001111110 = 62 = -194 = ">
$3F = %00111111 = 63
                     = -193 = '?
$40 = $01000000 = 64 = -192 = '0
$41 = %01000001 = 65
                     = -191 = 'A
$42 = $01000010 = 66
                      = -190 = 'B
$43 = $01000011 = 67
                      = -189 = 'C
$44 = $01000100 = 68
                     = -188 = 'D
$45 = $01000101 = 69
                      = -187 = 'E
$46 = $01000110 = 70
                     = -186 = 'F
$47 = $01000111 = 71
                      = -185 = 'G
$48 = $01001000 = 72
                     = -184 = 'H
$49 = $01001001 = 73
                      = -183 = 'I
$4A = $01001010 = 74
                      = -182 = 'J
$4B = $01001011 = 75
                      = -181 = 'K
                      = -180 = 'L
$4C = $01001100 = 76
$4D = $01001101 = 77
                      = -179 = 'M
$4E = $01001110 = 78
                      = -178 = 'N
$4F = $01001111 = 79
                     = -177 = '0
$50 = $01010000 = 80 = -176 = 'P
                      = -175 = '0
$51 = %01010001 = 81
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$52 = $01010010 = 82 = -174 = 'R
$53 = $01010011 = 83 = -173 = 'S
$54 = $01010100 = 84 = -172 = T
$55 = $01010101 = 85 = -171 = "U"
$56 = $01010110 = 86 = -170 = "V"
$57 = $01010111 = 87 = -169 = "W"
$58 = $01011000 = 88 = -168 = 'X
$59 = $01011001 = 89 = -167 = 'Y
$5A = $01011010 = 90 = -166 = 'Z
$5B = %01011011 = 91
                     = -165 = '[
$5C = $01011100 = 92 = -164 = '
$5D = $01011101 = 93 = -163 = 1
$5E = $01011110 = 94 = -162 = '^
$5F = $01011111 = 95 = -161 = 
$60 = $01100000 = 96 = -160 = '
$61 = $01100001 = 97 = -159 = 'a
$62 = $01100010 = 98 = -158 = 'b
$63 = $01100011 = 99 = -157 = 'c
$64 = $01100100 = 100 = -156 = 'd
$65 = $01100101 = 101 = -155 = 'e
$66 = $01100110 = 102 = -154 = 'f
$67 = $01100111 = 103 = -153 = 'q
$68 = $01101000 = 104 = -152 = 'h
$69 = %01101001 = 105 = -151 = 'i
$6A = $01101010 = 106 = -150 = 'i
$6B = $01101011 = 107 = -149 = 'k
$6C = $01101100 = 108 = -148 = '1
$6D = $01101101 = 109 = -147 = 'm
$6E = $01101110 = 110 = -146 = 'm
$6F = $01101111 = 111 = -145 = 'o
$70 = $01110000 = 112 = -144 = 'p
$71 = $01110001 = 113 = -143 = 'q
$72 = $01110010 = 114 = -142 = 'r
$73 = $01110011 = 115 = -141 = 's
$74 = $01110100 = 116 = -140 = 't
$75 = $01110101 = 117 = -139 = 'u
$76 = $01110110 = 118 = -138 = 'v
$77 = $01110111 = 119 = -137 = 'w
$78 = $01111000 = 120 = -136 = 'x
$79 = $01111001 = 121 = -135 = 'y
$7A = $01111010 = 122 = -134 = 'z
$7B = $01111011 = 123 = -133 = '{}
$7C = $011111100 = 124 = -132 = "|
$7D = $011111101 = 125 = -131 = "
$7E = $011111110 = 126 = -130 = '~
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$7F = $01111111 = 127 = -129
$80 = $10000000 = 128 = -128
\$81 = \$10000001 = 129 = -127
$82 = $10000010 = 130 = -126
$83 = $10000011 = 131 = -125
$84 = $10000100 = 132 = -124
$85 = $10000101 = 133 = -123
$86 = $10000110 = 134 = -122
$87 = $10000111 = 135 = -121
$88 = $10001000 = 136 = -120
$89 = $10001001 = 137 = -119
$8A = $10001010 = 138 = -118
$8B = $10001011 = 139 = -117
\$8C = \$10001100 = 140 = -116
$8D = $10001101 = 141 = -115
\$8E = \$10001110 = 142 = -114
\$8F = \$10001111 = 143 = -113
$90 = $10010000 = 144 = -112
$91 = $10010001 = 145 = -111
$92 = $10010010 = 146 = -110
$93 = $10010011 = 147 = -109
$94 = $10010100 = 148 = -108
$95 = $10010101 = 149 = -107
$96 = $10010110 = 150 = -106
$97 = $10010111 = 151 = -105
$98 = $10011000 = 152 = -104
$99 = $10011001 = 153 = -103
$9A = $10011010 = 154 = -102
$9B = $10011011 = 155 = -101
$9C = $10011100 = 156 = -100
$9D = $10011101 = 157 = -99
$9E = $10011110 = 158 = -98
$9F = $10011111 = 159 = -97
$A0 = $10100000 = 160 = -96
$A1 = $10100001 = 161 = -95
$A2 = $10100010 = 162 = -94
$A3 = $10100011 = 163 = -93
$A4 = $10100100 = 164 = -92
$A5 = $10100101 = 165 = -91
$A6 = $10100110 = 166 = -90
$A7 = $10100111 = 167 = -89
$A8 = $10101000 = 168 = -88
$A9 = $10101001 = 169 = -87
AA = 10101010 = 170 = -86
$AB = $10101011 = 171 = -85
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AC = 10101100 = 172 = -84
$AD = %10101101 = 173 = -83
AE = \$10101110 = 174 = -82
AF = 10101111 = 175 = -81
$B0 = $10110000 = 176 = -80
$B1 = $10110001 = 177 = -79
$B2 = $10110010 = 178 = -78
$B3 = $10110011 = 179 = -77
$B4 = $10110100 = 180 = -76
$B5 = $10110101 = 181 = -75
$B6 = $10110110 = 182 = -74
$B7 = $10110111 = 183 = -73
$B8 = $10111000 = 184 = -72
$B9 = $10111001 = 185 = -71
$BA = $10111010 = 186 = -70
$BB = $10111011 = 187 = -69
\$BC = \$101111100 = 188 = -68
$BD = $10111101 = 189 = -67
\$BE = \$101111110 = 190 = -66
\$BF = \$10111111 = 191 = -65
$C0 = $11000000 = 192 = -64
$C1 = $11000001 = 193 = -63
$C2 = $11000010 = 194 = -62
$C3 = $11000011 = 195 = -61
$C4 = $11000100 = 196 = -60
$C5 = $11000101 = 197 = -59
$C6 = $11000110 = 198 = -58
$C7 = $11000111 = 199 = -57
$C8 = $11001000 = 200 = -56
$C9 = $11001001 = 201 = -55
$CA = %11001010 = 202 = -54
$CB = %11001011 = 203 = -53
CC = 11001100 = 204 = -52
$CD = %11001101 = 205 = -51
SCE = %11001110 = 206 = -50
SCF = \$11001111 = 207 = -49
$D0 = $11010000 = 208 = -48
$D1 = $11010001 = 209 = -47
D2 = 11010010 = 210 = -46
D3 = 11010011 = 211 = -45
D4 = 11010100 = 212 = -44
D5 = 11010101 = 213 = -43
$D6 = $11010110 = 214 = -42
D7 = 11010111 = 215 = -41
$D8 = $11011000 = 216 = -40
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$D9 = $11011001 = 217 = -39
DA = 11011010 = 218 = -38
DB = 11011011 = 219 = -37
DC = 11011100 = 220 = -36
$DD = \$11011101 = 221 = -35
DE = 11011110 = 222 = -34
DF = 11011111 = 223 = -33
$E0 = $11100000 = 224 = -32
$E1 = $11100001 = 225 = -31
$E2 = $11100010 = 226 = -30
$E3 = $11100011 = 227 = -29
$E4 = $11100100 = 228 = -28
$E5 = $11100101 = 229 = -27
$E6 = $11100110 = 230 = -26
$E7 = $11100111 = 231 = -25
$E8 = $11101000 = 232 = -24
$E9 = $11101001 = 233 = -23
$EA = %11101010 = 234 = -22
$EB = $11101011 = 235 = -21
\$EC = \$11101100 = 236 = -20
$ED = $11101101 = 237 = -19
$EE = %11101110 = 238 = -18
$EF = $11101111 = 239 = -17
$F0 = $11110000 = 240 = -16
$F1 = $11110001 = 241 = -15
F2 = 11110010 = 242 = -14
F3 = 11110011 = 243 = -13
F4 = 11110100 = 244 = -12
F5 = 111110101 = 245 = -11
$F6 = $11110110 = 246 = -10
F7 = 11110111 = 247 = -9
$F8 = $111111000 = 248 = -8
$F9 = $11111001 = 249 = -7
FA = %11111010 = 250 = -6
$FB = %11111011 = 251 = -5
FC = \$111111100 = 252 = -4
$FD = \$111111101 = 253 = -3
$FE = %11111110 = 254 = -2
$FF = %11111111 = 255 = -1
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