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Chapter 11
Instruction Sets:
Addressing Modes and Formats

Addressing Modes

- Immediate
- Direct
- Indirect
- Register
- Register Indirect
- Displacement (Indexed)
- Stack

Immediate Addressing

- Operand is part of instruction
- Operand = address field
- e.g. ADD 5
 - —Add 5 to contents of accumulator
 - —5 is operand
- No memory reference to fetch data
- Fast
- Limited range

Immediate Addressing Diagram

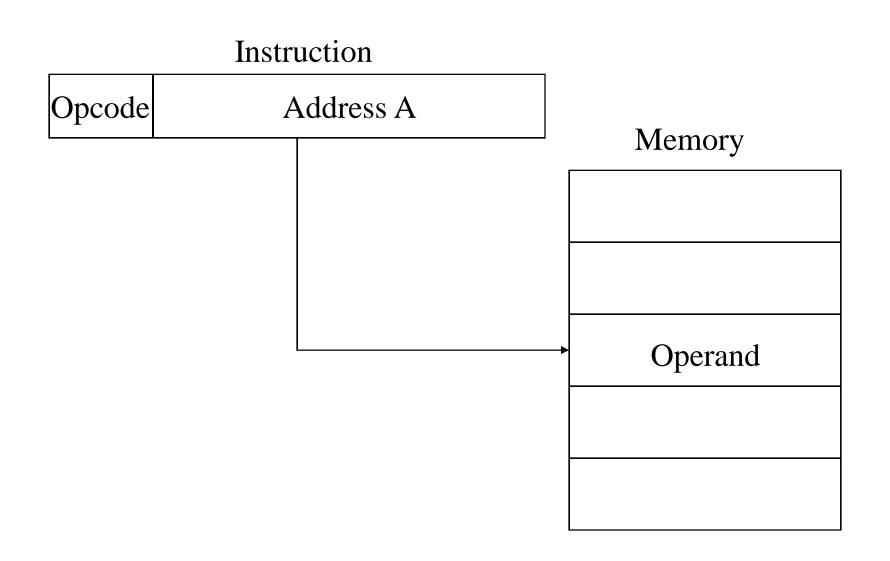
Instruction

Opcode	Operand
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Direct Addressing

- Address field contains address of operand
- Effective address (EA) = address field (A)
- e.g. ADD A
 - —Add contents of cell A to accumulator
 - —Look in memory at address A for operand
- Single memory reference to access data
- No additional calculations to work out effective address
- Limited address space

Direct Addressing Diagram



Indirect Addressing (1)

- Memory cell pointed to by address field contains the address of (pointer to) the operand
- EA = (A)
 - —Look in A, find address (A) and look there for operand
- e.g. ADD (A)
 - —Add contents of cell pointed to by contents of A to accumulator

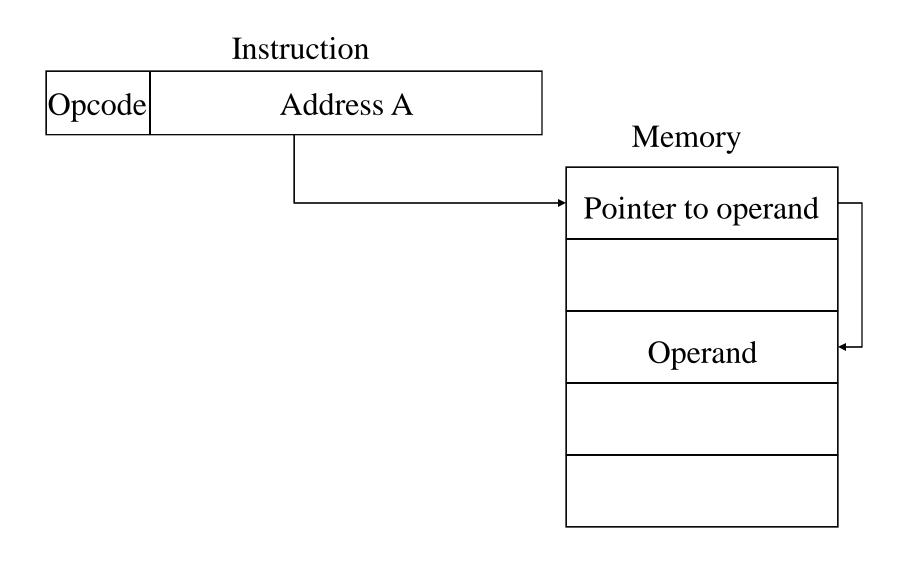
Indirect Addressing (2)

- Large address space
- 2ⁿ where n = word length
- May be nested, multilevel, cascaded

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-e.g. EA = (((A)))
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- Draw the diagram yourself
- Multiple memory accesses to find operand
- Hence slower

Indirect Addressing Diagram



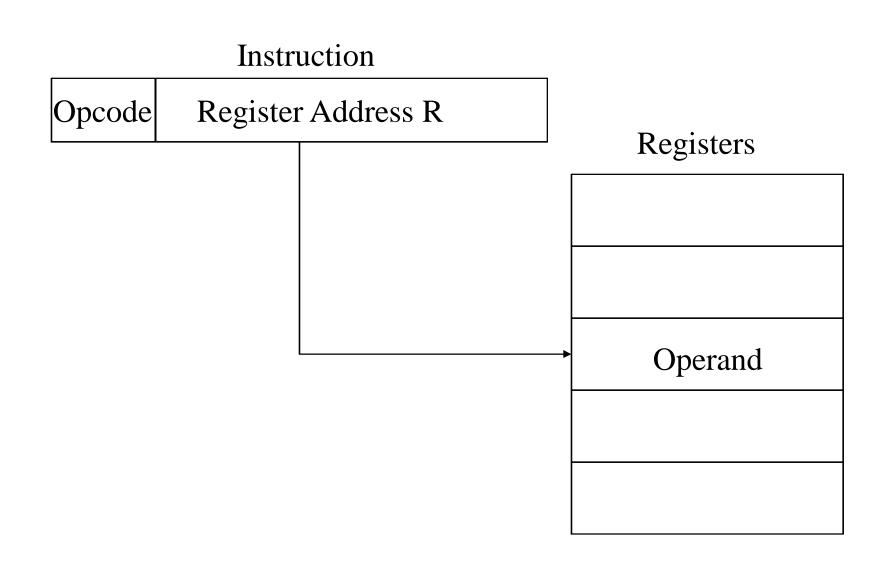
Register Addressing (1)

- Operand is held in register named in address filed
- EA = R
- Limited number of registers
- Very small address field needed
 - —Shorter instructions
 - —Faster instruction fetch

Register Addressing (2)

- No memory access
- Very fast execution
- Very limited address space
- Multiple registers helps performance
 - Requires good assembly programming or compiler writing
 - -N.B. C programming
 - register int a;
- c.f. Direct addressing

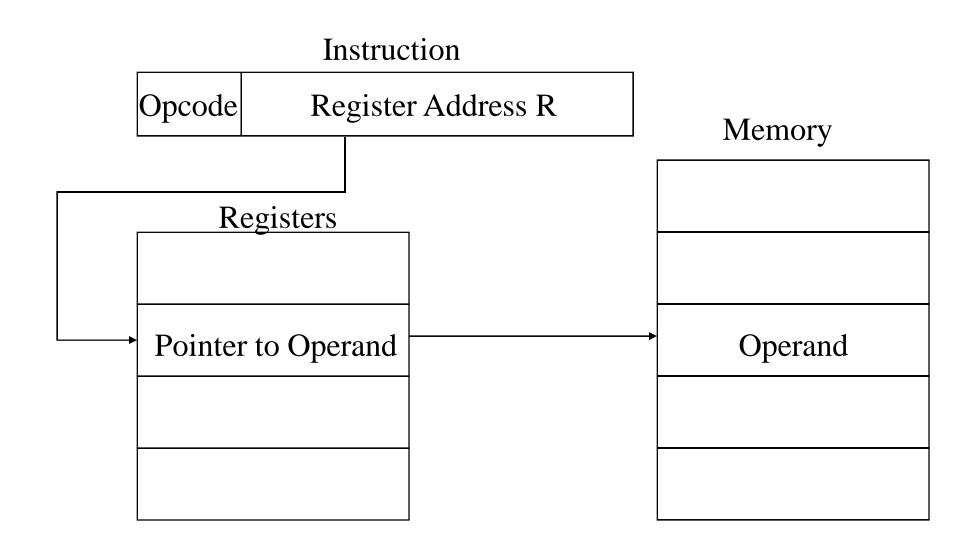
Register Addressing Diagram



Register Indirect Addressing

- C.f. indirect addressing
- EA = (R)
- Operand is in memory cell pointed to by contents of register R
- Large address space (2ⁿ)
- One fewer memory access than indirect addressing

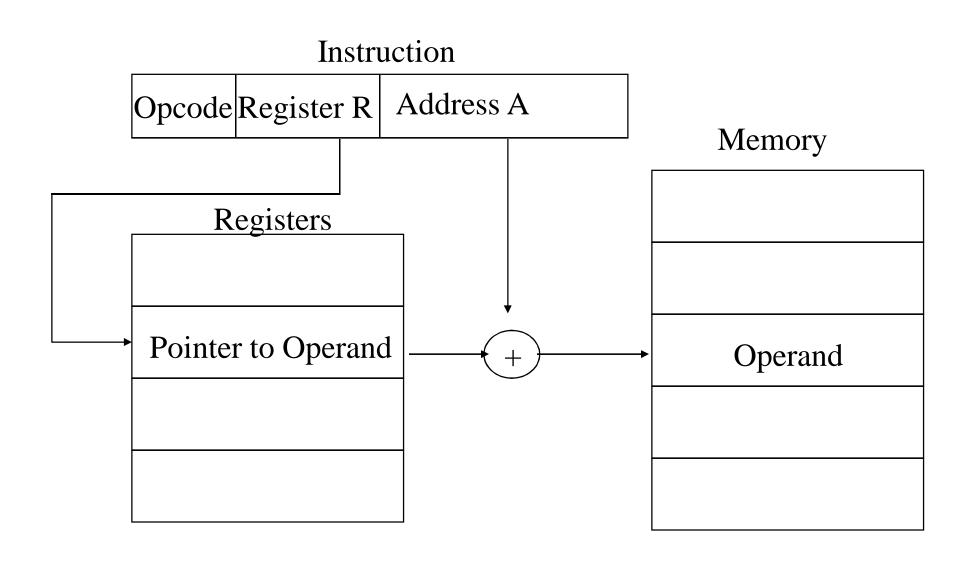
Register Indirect Addressing Diagram



Displacement Addressing

- EA = A + (R)
- Address field hold two values
 - -A = base value
 - —R = register that holds displacement
 - —or vice versa

Displacement Addressing Diagram



Relative Addressing

- A version of displacement addressing
- R = Program counter, PC
- EA = A + (PC)
- i.e. get operand from A cells from current location pointed to by PC
- c.f locality of reference & cache usage

Base-Register Addressing

- A holds displacement
- R holds pointer to base address
- R may be explicit or implicit
- e.g. segment registers in 80x86

Indexed Addressing

- **A** = base
- R = displacement
- EA = A + R
- Good for accessing arrays

$$-EA = A + R$$

$$-R + +$$

Stack Addressing

- Operand is (implicitly) on top of stack
- e.g.
 - —ADD Pop top two items from stack and add