

Generic Assembly Language (GAL) Quick Reference

Line format:

label operator operands // Comments follow “//” anywhere on a line

label: alpha numeric string beginning with a letter (begins as first character of line)

A “label” can occur within either instructions or data definitions.

Every program must have a label “main” which is where execution will begin.

Data definitions:

label int value // allocate memory location “label” and set to “value”

Instructions:

operands:

Rn // the name of a general register (R1 -> R15)
Ri // the name of a general register (R1 -> R15)
mem // the label (or name) of a memory location
value // a constant value

operators:

load Rn, mem // load contents of “mem” into Rn
load Rn, mem, Ri // load the contents of memory location
 // “mem + (contents of Ri)” into Rn
store Rn, mem // store contents of Rn into memory location “mem”
store Rn, mem, Ri // store the contents of Rn into the memory
 // location “mem + (contents of Ri)”
loadK Rn, value // put the constant “value” into Rn
copy Rn, Ri // copy the contents of Ri into Rn
add Rn, Ri // add contents of Rn and Ri
 // the result goes into Rn
sub Rn, Ri // subtract the contents of register Ri from the
 // contents of Rn, the result goes in Rn
mult Rn, Ri // multiply contents of registers Rn and Ri
 // the result goes into Rn
div Rn, Ri // divide the contents of register Rn by the contents of Ri
 // integer quotient goes in Rn and remainder goes into Rn+1
jmp mem // jump to location mem
jmpZero Rn,mem // if Rn contains the value 0, jump to location mem
jmpNZero Rn,mem // if Rn does not contain 0, jump to location mem
jmpPos Rn,mem // if Rn is positive, jump to location mem
jmpNeg Rn,mem // if Rn is negative, jump to location mem
return // end execution and return to operating system

Input/Output Instructions:

readChar mem // Read 1 character into memory location “mem”
writeChar mem // Write 1 character from memory location “mem”
printReg Rn // Debug tool: print information about register Rn
printMsg “message” // Debug tool: print a message string (can contain spaces)