3.5 addressing modes

- the ways of accessing data are called addressing modes
- data could be in register, program memory, data memory, or in instruction (*immediate value*)
- addressing modes are determined by designer
- PIC18 provides 4 addressing modes: immediate direct register indirect indexed-ROM

3.5.1 immediate addressing mode

- operand is part of instruction (immediately after the opcode, you can see it in program memory window)
- in PIC, immediate value is also called literal
- use this addressing mode to load data into WREG
- also use this addressing mode for arithmetic and logic instructions



```
count EQU 0x30 use EQU to access immediate data
```

. . .

movlw count; WREG = 30H

Cannot load immediate value to file registers!

3.5.2 direct addressing mode

- the entire data memory can be accessed using direct addressing mode
- address (memory *lo*cation) of operand is known
- address is given as part of the instruction (you can see it in program memory window)

Address Machine Code

0000 0E56 MOVLW 0x56

0002 6E40 MOVWF 0x40, ACCESS

0004 C040 MOVFF 0x40, 0x50

0006 F050

56 →WREG

WREG \rightarrow loc 40H

 $(\text{Loc }40\text{H})\rightarrow \text{loc }50\text{H}$

MOVWF

0110	111A	ffff	ffff
------	------	------	------

 $0 \le ffff ffff \le FF$

A = 0 use access bank

A = 1 use bank pointed to by BSR

What is the difference between

```
INCF fileReg, W
INCF fileReg, F
```

 movlw
 0

 movwf
 0x20

 incf
 0x20, W

 incf
 0x20, F

 incf
 0x20

We have the option to save the result in fileReg or WREG.

What is the difference between

DECF fileReg, W

DECF fileReg, F

clrf TRISB

movlw 5

movwf MyReg

clrf PORTB

Loop: comf PORTB

decf MyReg, F

bnz Loop

setf PORTB

What happens when decf MyReg, F is changed to decf MyReg, W?

SFR Registers and their addresses

- can be accessed by their names
- can be accessed by their addresses

• Which is easier to remember?

MOVWF PORTB

or

MOVWF 0xF81

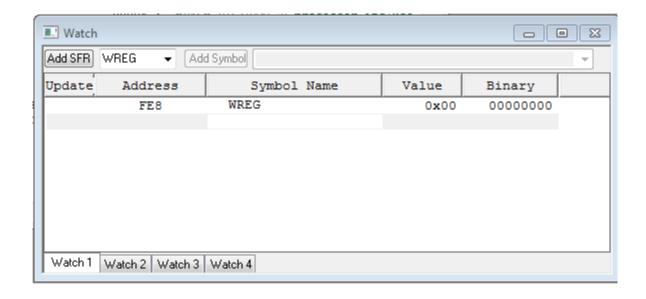
Feen	PORTA
F81h	PORTB
F82h	PORTS
F83h	PORTD
F84h	PORTE
F85h	
F86h	
F87h	
F88h	
F89h	LATA
F8Ah	LATB
F8Bh	LATC
F8Ch	LATD
F8Dh	LATE
F8Eh	
F8Fh	
F90h	
F91h	
F92h	TRISA
F93h	TRISB
F94h	TRISC
F95h	TRISD
F96h	TRISE
F97h	
F98h	
F99h	
F9Ah	
F9Bh	
F9Ch	
F9Dh	PIE1
F9Eh	PIR1
F9Fh	IPR1

PIE2
PIR2
IPR2
RCSTA
TXSTA
TXREG
RCREG
SPBRG
T3C ON
TMR3L
TMR3H
CCP2CON
CCPR2L
CCPR2H
CCP1CON
CCPR1L
CCPR1H

FCOh		l
FC1h	ADC ON1	ı
FC2h	ADCONO	ı
FСЗh	ADRESL	ı
FC4h	ADRESH	l
FC5h	SSPC ON2	l
F C6h	SSPC ON1	ı
FC7h	SSPSTAT	l
FC8h	SSPADD	l
FC9h	SSPBUF	l
FCAh	T2CON	l
FCBh	PR2	l
FCCh	TMR2	l
FCDh	T1CON	l
FCEh	TMR 1L	l
FCFh	TMR1H	l
FDOh	RCON	l
FD1h	WDTCON	l
FD2h	LVDCON	l
FDЗh	OSCCON	l
FD4h		l
FD5h	TOCON	l
FD6h	TMROL	l
FD7h	TMROH	l
FD8h	STATUS	l
FD9h	FSR2L	l
FDAh	FSR2H	l
FDBh	PLUSW2	*
FDCh	PREINC2	*
FDDh	POSTDEC2	*
FDEh	POSTINC2	*
FDFh	INDF2	*

FEOh	BSR	ı
FE1h	FSR1L	ı
FE2h	F SR 1H	ı
FE3h	PLUSW1	ľ
FE4h	PREINC1	ŀ
FE5h	POSTDEC1	ľ
FE6h	POSTINC1	ŀ
FE7h	INDF1	ľ
FE8h	WREG	ı
FE9h	FSROL	ı
FEAh	FSROH	ı
FEBh	PLUSWO	ľ
FECh	PREINCO	ľ
FEDh	POSTDECO	ľ
FEEh	POSTINCO	ľ
FEFh	INDFO	ľ
F FOh	INTCONS	ı
FF1h	INTCON2	ı
FF2h	INTCON	ı
F F3h	PRODL	ı
FF4h	PRODH	ı
F F5h	TABLAT	ı
F F6h	TBLPTRL	ı
FF7h	TBLPTRH	ı
F F8h	TBLPTRU	ı
F F9h	PCL	ı
FFAh	PCLATH	ı
FFBh	PCLATU	ı
FFCh	STKPTR	ı
FFDh	TOSL	ı
FFEh	TOSH	ı
FFFh	TOSU	l
		-

- SFRs have addresses from F80H to FFFH
- in listing file (.*lst*), you will see that the SFR names are replaced with their addresses
- WREG is one of the SFRs and has address FE8h



000000		00008		ORG	0x0000
000000 EF80	F000	00009		goto	Main
		00010			
000100		00011		ORG	0x0100
000100 0E0F		00012	Main:	movlw	0x0F
000102 6EC1		00013		movwf	ADCON1
000104 6A95		00014		clrf	TRISD
000106 6A83		00015		clrf	PORTD
000108		00016	Loop:		
000108 0E5B		00017		movlw	0x5B
00010A 6E83		00018		movwf	PORTD
00010C EF84	F000	00019		goto	Loop
		00020		END	

3.5.3 register indirect addressing mode

- register is used as pointer to data memory location
- 3 registers are used: FSR0, FSR1, and FSR2 (FSR means file select register)
- each is 12-bit (can access the entire 4KB data memory)
- to use FSRx, load the data memory address

lfsr 0,0x30; load FSR0 with 0x30

• FSRx has low-byte (FSRxL) and high-byte (FSRxH)

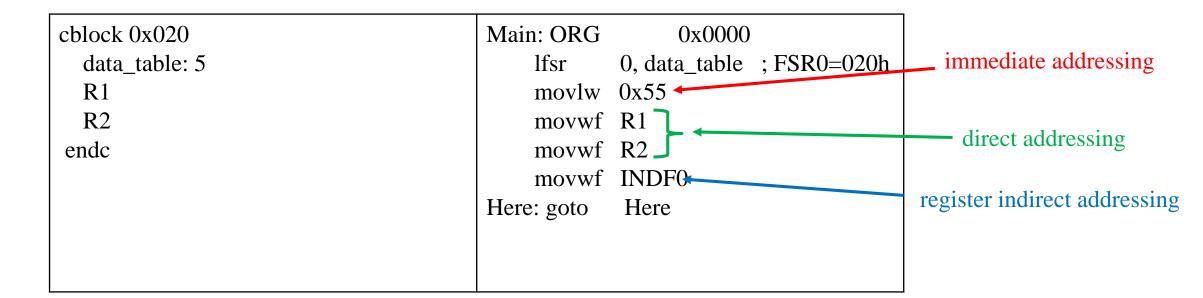
• FSRxH uses only the lower 4 bits

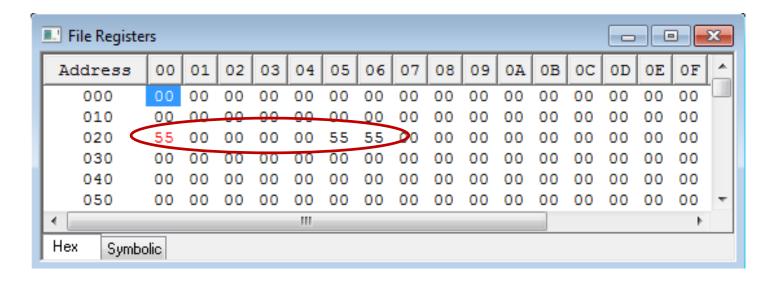
• each register is associated with INDFx (indirect register for using FSRx)

lfsr 0,0x30 ; FSR0 = 30H

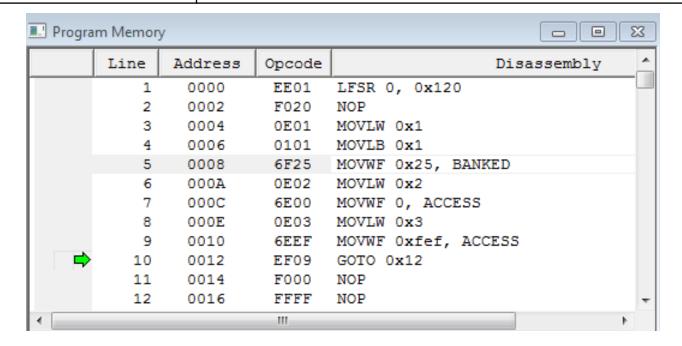
movwf INDFO; move contents of WREG to the location pointed by FSRO

N.B. "indf0 is wrong! "fsrxl" is wrong!

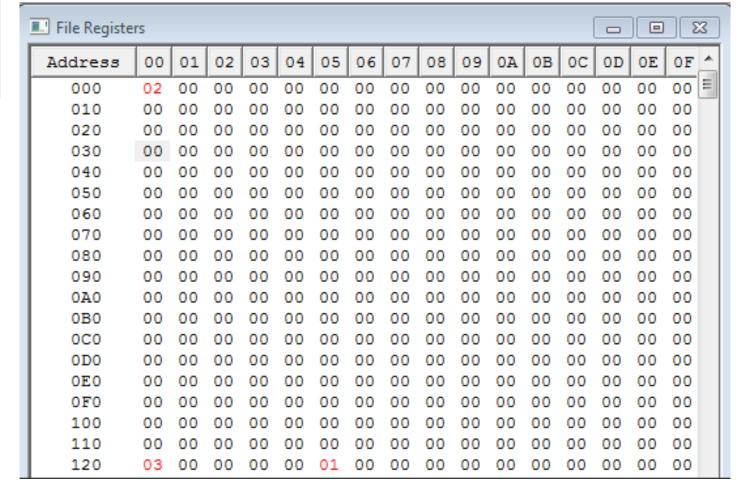




cblock 0x000 Main ORG 0x0000R2 lfsr 0, data_table movlw 01H endc cblock 0x120 movlb high R1 movwf R1 data_table: 5 movlw 02H **R**1 movwf R2 endc R1 address = 125Hmovlw 03H R2 address = 000Hmovwf INDF0 data_table address = 120H Here goto here



Progra	m Memor	у		
	Line	Address	Opcode	Disassembly
	1	0000	EE01	LFSR 0, 0x120
	2	0002	F020	NOP
	3	0004	0E01	MOVLW 0x1
	4	0006	0101	MOVLB 0x1
	5	8000	6F25	MOVWF 0x25, BANKED
	6	A000	0E02	MOVLW 0x2
	7	000C	6E00	MOVWF 0, ACCESS
	8	000E	0E03	MOVLW 0x3
	9	0010	6EEF	MOVWF 0xfef, ACCESS
	10	0012	EF09	GOTO 0x12
	11	0014	F000	NOP
	12	0016	FFFF	NOP +
4			III	•



Advantages:

- can access data dynamically
- can copy large amount of data to data memory efficiently, e.g. use a loop (*looping is not possible in direct addressing mode*)

Example:

Write a program to copy the value 55H into data memory locations 40H to 44H using

- a) direct addressing mode
- b) register indirect addressing mode without a loop
- c) register indirect addressing mode with a loop

a) direct addressing mode

movlw	0x55
movwf	0x40
movwf	0x41
movwf	0x42
movwf	0x43
movwf	0x44

b) register indirect addressing mode without a loop

movlw	0x55
lfsr	0,0x40
movwf	INDF0
incf	FSR0L, f
movwf	INDF0
incf	FSR0L, f
movwf	INDF0
incf	FSR0L, f
movwf	INDF0
incf	FSR0L, f
movwf	INDF0

There is no such instruction as incf FSR0, f

c) register indirect addressing mode with a loop

	count	EQU 0x10
	movlw	5
	movwf	count
	lfsr	0,0x40
	movlw	0x55
loop:	movwf	INDF0
	incf	FSR0L, f
	decf	count, f
	bnz	loop

Summary

- immediate addressing mode
- direct addressing mode
- register indirect addressing mode

3.6 look-up table, stack, subroutine

- look-up table, table processing
- stack
- subroutine call

3.6.1 look-up table and table processing

- we can use program memory to store data
- program ROM has enough space (2 MB!)
- can store and access 8-bit fixed data using the DB (*define byte*) directive
- numbers can be in decimal (d ''), binary (b ''), hex, or ASCII (single character '', string "")

ORG 0x500

DATA1 DB d'28'

DATA2 DB b'00110101'

DATA3 DB 0x39

ORG 0x510

DATA4 DB 'z'

DATA5 DB "Hello All"

 Program counter is 21-bit, which is used to point to any location in ROM space

How to fetch data from the code space?

 We need SFR to point to the data to be – register indirect ROM addressing mode

This addressing mode is often called table processing

- To read the fixed data byte, we need an address pointer (points to the data in ROM) and a register (to store the data)
- TBLPTR is a 21-bit register (there is no instruction to load the 21-bit address to TBLPTR!)
- TBLPTR is divided into 3 8-bit registers

TBLPTRL (low) TBLPTRH (high)

load these registers if data are stored in 0000H - FFFFH

TBLPTRU (upper)

load this register if data are stored in 10000H or beyond

Storage register TBLLAT

F80h	PORTA	F AOh	PIE2	FCOh		FEOh	BSR]
F81h	PORTB	FA1h	PIR2	FC1h	ADC ON1	FE1h	FSR1L	1
F82h	PORTC	FA2h	IPR2	FC2h	ADCONO	FE2h	F SR 1H	1
F83h	PORTD	FA3h		FСЗh	ADRESL	FE3h	PLUSW1	*
F84h	PORTE	F A4h		FC4h	ADRESH	FE4h	PREINC1	*
F85h		F.A5h		FC5h	SSPC ON2	FE5h	POSTDEC1	*
F86h		FA6h		FC6h	SSPC ON1	FE6h	POSTINC1	~
F87h		F.A7h		FC7h	SSPSTAT	FE7h	IND F1	∗
F88h		FA8h		FC8h	SSPADD	FE8h	WREG	1
F89h	LATA	FA9h		FC9h	SSPBUF	FE9h	FSROL	1
F8Ah	LATB	FAAh		FCAh	T2CON	FEAh	FSROH	1
F8Bh	LATC	FABh	RCSTA	FCBh	PR2	FEBh	PLUSWO	*
F8Ch	LATD	FACh	TXSTA	FCCh	TMR2	FECh	PREINCO	*
F8Dh	LATE	FADh	TXREG	FCDh	T1CON	FEDh	POSTDECO	*
F8Eh		FAEh	RCREG	FCEh	TMR 1L	FEEh	POSTINCO	*
F8Fh		FAFh	SPBRG	FCFh	TMR1H	FEFh	INDFO	*
F90h		F BOh		FDOh	RCON	F FOh	INTCONS	1
F91h		FB1h	T3C ON	FD1h	WDTCON	FF1h	INTCON2	1
F92h	TRISA	FB2h	TMR3L	FD2h	LVDCON	FF2h	INTCON	1
F93h	TRISB	FB3h	TMR3H	F D3h	OSCCON	F F3h	PRODL	1
F94h	TRISC	FB4h		FD4h		F E-2H	PRODE	
F95h	TRISD	FB5h		FD5h	TOCON	F F5h	TABLAT]
F96h	TRISE	FB6h		FD6h	TMROL	F F6h	TBLPTRL	1
F97h		F 87 h		FD7h	TMROH	F F7h	TBLPTRH	1
F98h		FB8h		FD8h	STATUS	F F8h	TBLPTRU	ر ا
F99h		FB9h		FD9h	FSR2L	F F9h	PC	
F9Ah		FBAh	CCP2CON	FDAh	FSR2H	FF.Ah	PCLATH	1
F9Bh		FBBh	CCPR2L	FDBh	PLUSW2	* FFBh	PCLATU	1
F9Ch		FBCh	CC PR2H	FDCh	PREINC2	* FFCh	STKPTR	1
F9Dh	PIE1	FBDh	CCP1CON	FDDh	POSTDEC2	* FFDh	TOSL]
F9Eh	PIR1	FBEh	CCPR1L	FDEh	POSTINC2	* FFEh	TOSH]
F9Fh	IPR1	FBFh	CCPR1H	FDFh	INDF2	* FFFh	TOSU	1

A group of instructions for table processing

TBLRD*	Table Read	After Read, TBLPRTR stays the sam
TBLRD*+	Table Read with Post-inc	Reads and inc. TBLPTR
TBLRD*-	Table Read with Post-dec	Reads and dec TBLPTR
TBLRD+*	Table Read with pret-inc	Increments TBLPTR and then reads

• Use instruction TBLRD* to read the data from ROM (put it in TBLLAT)

Procedure:

- 1. Declare table
- 2. Load starting address of table into TBLPTR
- 3. Perform TBLRD*
- 4. Read the data from TABLAT

Load table pointer

MOVWF

Method 1: MYDATA L ; low-byte address **MOVLW** TBLPTRL ; low-byte table pointer **MOVWF** MYDATA H ; high-byte address **MOVLW** TBLPTRH ; high-byte table pointer **MOVWF** ; upper-byte address MYDATA U **MOVLW**

; upper-byte table pointer

TBLPTRU

Method 2:

MOVLW Iow MYDATA
MOVWF TBLPTRL
MOVLW high MYDATA
MOVWF TBLPTRH
MOVLW upper MYDATA
MOVWF TBLPTRU

Write a program to read a byte in MYDATA (at location 18H), and then put it to PORTD.

Main: ORG 0x0000

clrf TRISD

movlw 0x18

movwf TBLPTRL

movlw 0

movwf TBLPTRH

movlw 0

movwf TBLPTRU

tblrd*

movf TABLAT,W

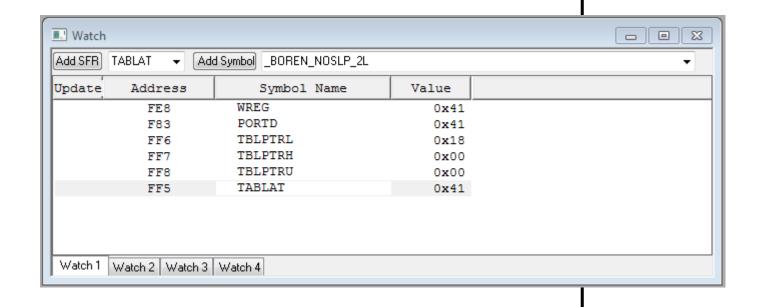
movwf PORTD

Here: goto Here

ORG 0x18

MYDATA DB 'A'

END

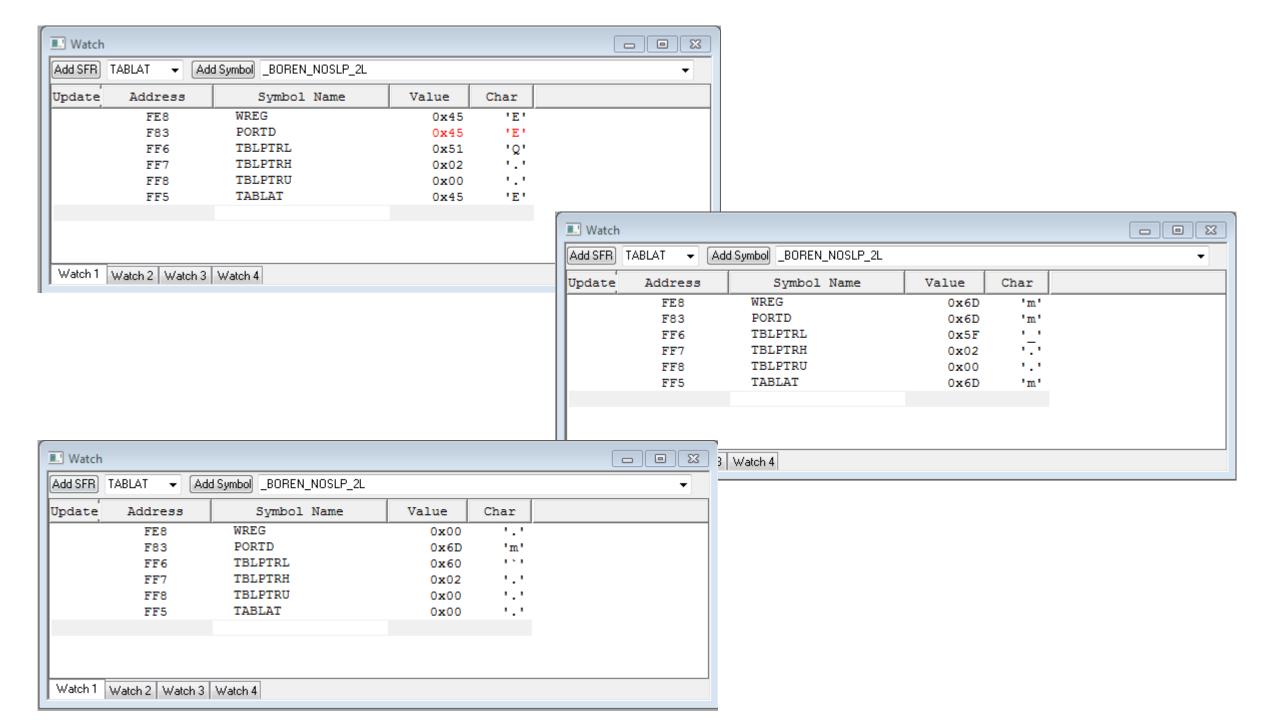


Write a program to read a byte in MYDATA, and then put it to PORTD.

000000	00004 Main	ORG	0x0000	
000000 6A95	00005		CLRF	TRISD
000002 0E <mark>18</mark>	00006		MOVLW	low MYDATA
000004 6EF6	00007		MOVWF	TBLPTRL
000006 0E <mark>00</mark>	80000		MOVLW	high MYDATA
000008 6EF7	00009		MOVWF	TBĹPTRH
00000A 0E00	00010		MOVLW	upper MYDATA
00000C 6EF8	00011		MOVWF	TBLPTRU
00000E 0008	00012		TBLRD*	
000010 50F5	00013		MOVF	TABLAT, W
000012 6E83	00014		MOVWF	PORTD
	00015			
000014 EF0A F000	00016		here	goto here
	00017			_
000018 0041	00018 MYDATA	DB "A"		
	00019			
	00020		END	

Assume that ROM space starting at 250H contains "Embedded System", write a program to send all characters to PORTD one byte at a time.

```
000000
                       00004 Main
                                      ORG
                                           0x0000
000000 6A95
                       00005
                                           CLRF
                                                    TRISD
000002
       0E50
                       00006
                                                    low MYDATA
                                           MOVLW
000004 6EF6
                       00007
                                           MOVWF
                                                    TBLPTRL
000006 0E02
                       00008
                                           MOVLW
                                                    high MYDATA
000008 6EF7
                       00009
                                           MOVWF
                                                    TBLPTRH
00000A 0E00
                       00010
                                                    upper MYDATA
                                           MOVLW
00000C
      6EF8
                       00011
                                           MOVWF
                                                    TBLPTRU
                       00012 B7
00000E 0009
                                           TBLRD*+
000010 50F5
                       00013
                                           MOVF
                                                    TABLAT, W
000012 E002
                       00014
                                           BZ
                                                    EXIT
000014
       6E83
                       00015
                                           MOVWF
                                                    PORTD
000016
       D7FB
                       00016
                                           BRA
                                                    В7
000018 EFOC F000
                       00017 EXIT
                                           GOTO
                                                    EXIT
000250
                       00018
                                                    0x250
                                           ORG
                                      DB "Embedded System", 0
000250 6D45 6562 6464 00019 MYDATA
       6465 5320 7379
       6574 006D
                       00020
                                               END
```



Look-Up table

- access elements of a frequently used table with minimum operations
- Example: x²
- we can use a look-up table instead of calculating the values WHY?
- store the function f(x) in a table (RAM or ROM)
- get the base address of the table
- input x provides the displacement

 RETLW (Return from subroutine with Literal to WREG) will provide the desired look-up table element in WREG

- Before execute RETLW, we need to add a fixed value (displacement) to the PCL (low-byte of PC) to index into the look-up table. So PC = PC + displacement
 - And the corresponding RETLW is at the PC + displacement

Write a program to get x^2 . Use look-up table instead of a multiply instruction.

```
Main:
                             XSQR TABLE
       ORG
             0x0000
                                           0x2
                                    MULLW
      movlw d'4'
                                           PRODL, WREG
                                    MOVFF
      call XSQR TABLE
                                    ADDWF
                                           PCL
              EXIT
EXIT:
       goto
                                    RETLW D'0'
                                    RETLW D'1'
                                    RETLW D'4'
                                    RETLW D'9'
                                    RETLW D'16'
                                    RETLW D'25'
                                    RETLW D'36'
                                    RETLW D'49'
                                    RETLW D'64'
                                    RETLW D'81'
                             END
```

Since RETLW occupies two bytes, we need MULLW 02

ADDWF does not affect the whole PC

Any potential problem?

Write a program to get x^2 . Use look-up table and TABLAT instead of a multiply instruction.

```
ORG
                                         0x0FE
   Input EQU 0
       ORG 0 \times 0000
Main:
                                  XSQR TABLE
              d'9'
        MOVLW
                                   db D'0', D'1',D'4',D'9',
        MOVWF input
                                   db D'16',D'25',D'36',D'49',
        call XSQR
                                   db D'64',D'81'
      GOTO EXIT
EXIT:
                                  END
XSQR:
       MOVLW low XSQR TABLE
       MOVWF
              TBLPTRL
       MOVLW high XSQR TABLE
              TBLPTRH
       MOVWF
       MOVLW upper XSQR TABLE
       MOVWF TBLPTRU
       MOVF
              input, W
       ADDWF TBLPTRL, F
      MOVLW
      ADDWFC
              TBLPTRH
      ADDWFC
              TBLPTRU
      TBLRD*
      MOVF
              TABLAT, W
       RETURN
```

Look-Up table in RAM

table can also be stored in RAM

table elements can be changed

• use FSR (12-bit) as pointer (cover the entire 4 KB RAM space)

use WREG as an index into the look-up table

Use "incf FSROL, F" to increment the pointer can cause problem!

Auto-increment/decrement of FSRn for clrf instruction

Instruction	Function
clrf INDFn	After clearing fileReg pointed to by FSRn, FSRn stays the same
clrf POSTINCn	After clearing fileReg pointed to by FSRn, FSRn is incremented
clrf PREINCn	FSRn is incremented, then fileReg pointed to by FSRn is cleared
clrf POSTDECn	After clearing fileReg pointed to by FSRn, FSRn is decremented
clrf PLUSWn	Clears fileReg pointed to by FSRn + WREG, FSRn and WREG unchanged

The auto-increment or auto-decrement affects the entire 12 bits of FSRn (no effect on status register)

Example:

MOVFF PLUSW2, PortD

will copy data from location pointed by FSR2+WREG into Port D

Write a program to get x^2 . Use look-up table and FSR instead of a multiply instruction. FSR provide the base address, WREG provide displacement

```
table
        equ 0
                                           MOVLW d'7'
               0x0000
Main:
       ORG
                                           call XSQR
        LFSR 0, table
                                    EXIT: GOTO EXIT
        MOVLW 0
        MOVWF POSTINCO
        MOVLW d'1'
                                           LFSR 0, table
                                    XSOR
        MOVWF POSTINCO
                                                     PLUSWO, WREG
        MOVLW d'4'
                                            MOVFF
        MOVWF POSTINCO
                                            RETURN
        MOVLW d'9'
                                            END
        MOVWF POSTINCO
        MOVLW d'16'
        MOVWF POSTINCO
        MOVLW d'25'
        MOVWF POSTINCO
        MOVLW d'36'
        MOVWF POSTINCO
        MOVLW d'49'
        MOVWF POSTINCO
        MOVLW d'64'
        MOVWF POSTINCO
        MOVLW d'81'
        MOVWF POSTINCO
 ; for initialization of the table in RAM
```

Write a program to copy the value 55H into RAM locations 40h to 45h using

- 1. register indirect addressing mode and auto-increment of FSR without a loop
- 2. register indirect addressing mode and auto-increment of FSR with a loop

Solution 1

MOVLW 55H

LFSR 0,0x40

MOVWF POSTINCO

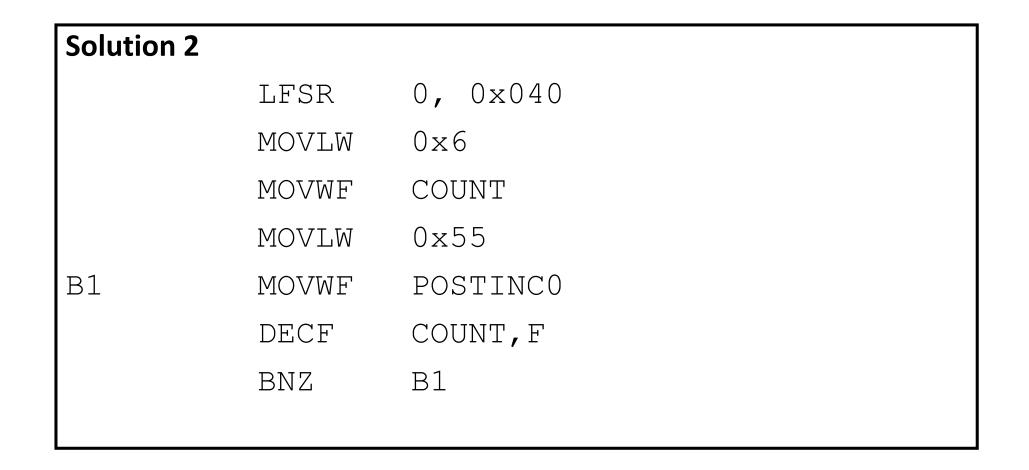
MOVWF POSTINCO

MOVWF POSTINCO

MOVWF POSTINCO

MOVWF POSTINCO

MOVWF POSTINCO



Which method is better?

Write a program to clear 16 RAM locations starting at location 60H using auto-increment.

COUNTREG EQU 0x10

CNTVAL EQU D'16'

MOVLW CNTVAL

MOVWF COUNTREG

LFSR 1,0x60

B3 CLRF POSTINC1

DECF COUNTREG, F

BNZ B3

Write a program to copy a block of 5 bytes of data from locations starting at 30H to RAM locations starting at 60H.

Startii	ig at Juli to NA	ivi iocat	ions startii
	COUNTREG	EQU	0 x 10
	CNTVAL	EQU	D'5'
	MOVLW	CNTV	AL
	MOVWF	COUN	TREG
	LFSR	0, 0	x 30
	LFSR	1, 0	x 60
B 3	MOVF	POST	INCO,W
	MOVWF	POST	INC1
	DECF	COUN	TREG, F
	BNZ	B3	

Assume that RAM locations 40-43H have the following hex data. Write a program to add them together and place the result in locations 06 and 07.

	COUNTREG	EQU 0x20
	L BYTE	EQU $0x06$
	H BYTE	EQU $0x07$
	\overline{CNTVAL}	EQU 4
	MOVLW	CNTVAL
	MOVWF	COUNTREG
	LFSR	0,0x40
	CLRF	WREG
	CLRF	H BYTE
B5	ADDWF	POSTINCO, W
	BNC	OVER
	INCF	H BYTE, F
OVER	DECF	$C\overline{O}UNTREG,F$
	BNZ	B5
	MOVWF	L BYTE
		_

Address	Data
040H	7D
041H	EB
042H	C5
043H	5B

Review: bit-addressability (*refer to section* 3.3.2)

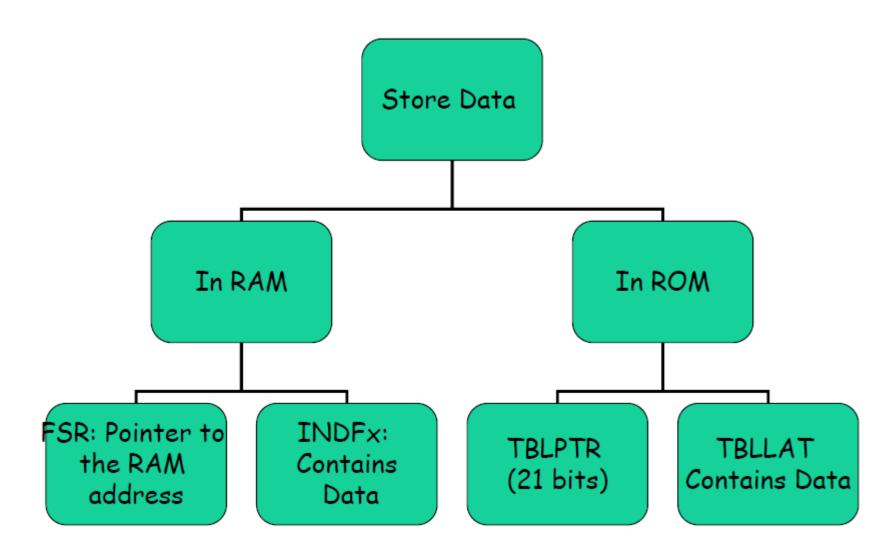
- need to access individual bits of RAM instead of the entire 8 bits
- PIC18 provides instructions that alter individual bits without altering the rest of the bits
- common bit-oriented instructions:

Instructions		<u>Function</u>					
bsf	fileReg, bit	Bit Set fileReg					
bcf	fileReg, bit	Bit Clear fileReg					
btg	fileReg, bit	Bit Toggle fileReg					
btfsc	fileReg, bit	Bit test fileReg, skip if clear					
btfss	fileReg, bit	Bit test fileReg, skip if set					

Write a program to add the following multi-byte BCD numbers and save the result at location 60H. 12896577 + 23647839

COT	UNTREG	EQU 0x20	
CN	IVAL	EQU D'4'	
MO7	VLW	CNTVAL	
MOVWF		COUNTREG	
LFS	SR	0,0 x 30	
LFS	SR	1,0x50	Address Data
LFS	SR	2,0x60	030H 77
BCI	F	STATUS, C	031H 65
В3	MOVF	POSTINCO, W	032H 89
	ADDWFC	POSTINC1,W	033H 12
	DAW		050H 39
	MOVWF	POSTINC2	051H 78
	DECF	COUNTREG, F	052H 64
	BNZ	B3	053H 23

Summary



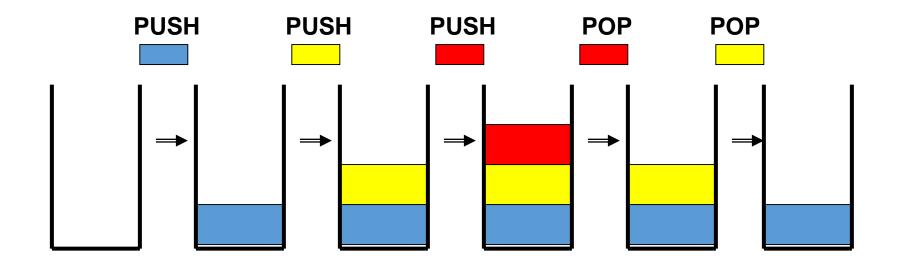
3.6.2 stack

- temporary memory storage space used during the execution of a program
- can be part of R/W memory or specially designed group of registers
- Stack Pointer (SP)
 - a register similar to the program counter, to keep track of available stack locations

• two operations on the stack:

PUSH: put an item onto the *top* of the stack

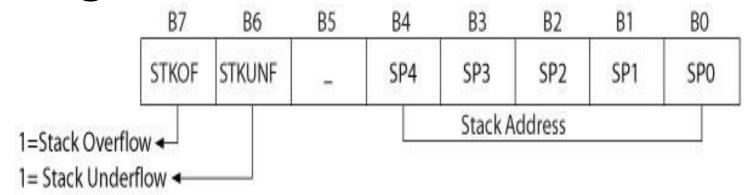
POP: remove an item from the *top* of the stack



first-in-last-out (or last-in-first-out)

- Hardware Stack
 - 31 registers
 - 21-bits wide
 - Not part of program memory or data registers
- Stack Pointer (STKPTR)
 - 5-bit address
- Top of the Stack (TOS)
 - Pointed to by the stack pointer
 - Copied into three special function registers
 - TOSU (Upper), TOSH (High), and TOSL (Low)

STKPTR Register



- SP4-SP0: Stack Address
- STKOF: Stack overflow
 - When the user attempts to use more than 31 registers to store information (data bytes) on the stack
- STKUNF: Stack underflow
 - When the user attempts to retrieve more information than what is stored previously on the stack

Stack Instructions

PUSH

• Increment the memory address in the stack pointer and store the information (e.g. program counter) on the top of the stack

POP

 Discard the information at the top of the stack and decrement the stack pointer by one

3.6.3 subroutine call

- A group of instructions that performs a specified task
- Written independent of a main program
- Can be called multiple times to perform task by main program or by another subroutine
- Call and Return instructions used to call a subroutine and return from the subroutine

LIST P=18F4520 ;directive to define processor

#include <P18F4520.INC> ;CPU specific variable definitions

ORG 0

GOTO Main

Main: ORG 20H ; start at address 0

MOVLW 25H ; WREG = 25

CALL sub1

MOVLW 20H

CALL sub1

HERE: GOTO HERE ; stay here forever

sub1: nop ; a subroutine

nop

MOVLW 0H

Return

END ; end of asm source file

CALL and RCALL

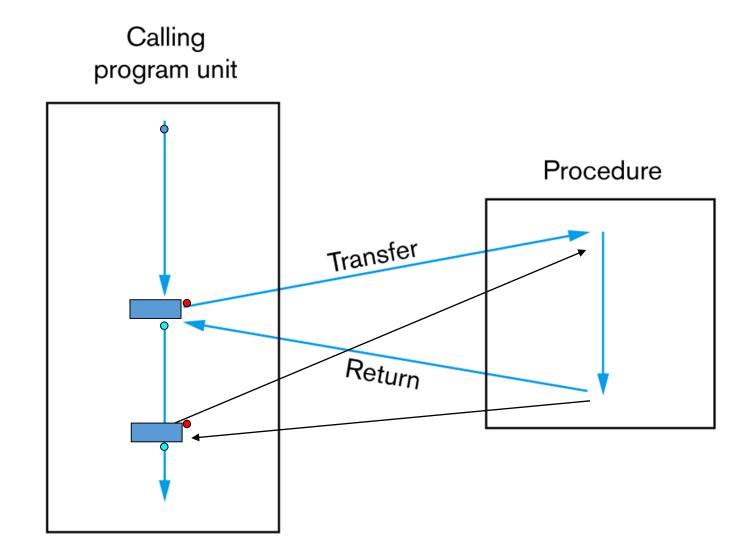
- CALL Label, s ;Call subroutine at Label
- CALL Label, FAST ;FAST equivalent to s = 1
 - If s = 0: Increment the stack pointer and store the return address (PC+4) on the top of the stack (TOS) and branch to the subroutine address located at Label
 - If s = 1: Also copy the contents of W, STATUS, and BSR registers in their respective shadow registers
- RCALL, n ;Relative call to subroutine
 - Increment the stack pointer and store the return address (PC+2) on the top of the stack (TOS) and branch to the location Label within = -2048 to + 2046

- CALL: 4 bytes (long call)
 call a subroutine in anywhere
 format is similar to GOTO
- RCALL: 2 bytes (relative call)
 11-bit relative address

RETURN

- RETURN s ;Return from subroutine
- RETURN FAST :FAST equivalent to s = 1
 - If s = 0: Get the return address from the stack (TOS) and place it in PC and decrement the stack pointer
 - If s = 1: Also retrieve the contents of W, STATUS, and BSR registers from their shadow registers
- RETLW 8-bit ;Return literal to WREG
 - Get the return address from the stack (TOS) and place it in PC and decrement the stack pointer
 - Return 8-bit literal to WREG

The Flow of Control Involving a Procedure



The Process of Calling a Subroutine

- After execution of the called subroutine, the CPU must know where to come back to
- The process of calling a subroutine :
 - A subroutine is called by CALL instruction
 - The CPU pushes the PC onto the stack (in PIC18 it is a hardware stack)
 - The CPU copies the target address to the PC
 - The CPU fetches instructions from the new location
 - When the instruction RETURN is fetched, the subroutine ends
 - The CPU pops the return address from the stack
 - The CPU copies the return address to the PC
 - The CPU fetches instructions from the new location

Sample

```
; MAIN program calling subroutines
        ORG 0
MAIN:
         CALL SUBR 1
         CALL SUBR 2
HERE: GOTO HERE
;---end of MAIN
SUBR 1: ....
        RETURN
    --end of subroutine 1
```

Sample

```
; MAIN program calling subroutines
MYREG EQU
         0×8
PORTB EQU 0xF8
     ORG 0
BACK: MOVLW 0x55
     MOVWF PORTB
     CALL DELAY
     MOVLW 0xAA
     MOVWF PORTB
     CALL DELAY
     GOTO BACK
DELAY:
     MOVLW 0xFF
     MOVWF MYREG
AGAIN:
     NOP
     NOP
      DECE
           MYREG F
      BNZ
           AGAIN
```

Main	Program Subroutine								
0020	0EFE		START:	MOVLW	B'11111110'	DELAY5	OMC:		
0022	6E94			MOVWF	TRISC	0040	0EA6	MOVLW	D'166'
0024	6E01			MOVWF	REG1 /	0042	6E10	MOVWF	REG10
0026	C001	FF82	ONOFF:	MOVFF	REG1, PORTC	0044	0610	DECF	REG10,1
002A	EC20	F000		CALL	DELAY50MC	0046	E1FE	BNZ	LOOP1
002E	1E01			COMF		♥0048	0012	RETURN	
0030	D7FA			BRA	ONOFF				

the return address is 002E

ROM Code Line No. address

000000

 000000 EF10 F000
 00004
 GOTO Main

 000020
 00005 Main:
 ORG 20H; start at address 0

 000020 0E25
 00006
 MOVLW 25H; WREG = 25

 000022 EC18 F000
 00007
 CALL sub1

 000026 0E20
 00008
 MOVLW 20H

 000028 EC18 F000
 00009
 CALL sub1

00003

00002C EF16 F000 00010 HERE: GOTO HERE ;stay here forever

000030 0000 00011 sub1: nop ; a subroutine

000034 0E00 00013 MOVLW 0H

000036 0012 00014 Return

00015 END; end of asm source file

ORG 0

- In modern computers, we need a stack to store the return address during subroutine call
- Besides, we need to save the register values that will be modified by the subroutine
- In the PIC18, we only have a hardware stack for storing the return address (that is why stack is 21-bit wide!)
- How to solve this problem?

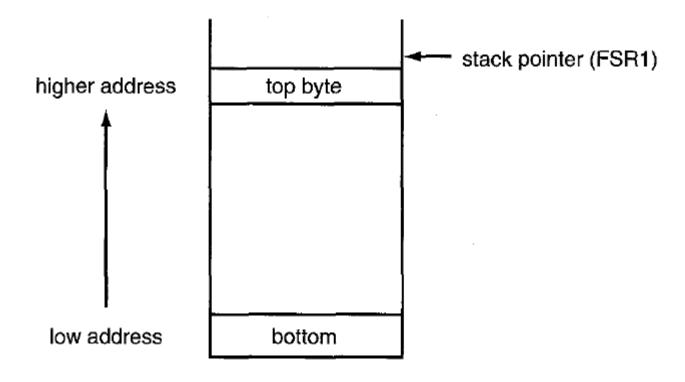
```
ascii_l EQU 0x0; input parameter ascii_h EQU 0x1; input parameter out_bcd EQU 0x2; output value local_var EQU 0x3

Main program
......
CALL SUB1
......
CALL SUB1
......
```

Use some locations to store the affected registers

```
ascii l EQU 0x0 ;input parameter
                                       SUB1
ascii h EQU 0x1; input parameter
                                        MOVWF W TEMP SUB1
out b\overline{c}d EQU 0x2; output value
                                        MOVFF STATUS, STATUS TEMP SUB1
local var EQU 0x3
W TEMP SUB1 EQU 0x4
                                        MOVFF BSR, BSR TEMP SUB1
Flag TEMP SUB1 EQU 0x5
BSR TEMP SUB1 EQU 0x6
                                        this routine may modify
                                        WREG, STATUS, BSR
Main program
                                        MOVFF BSR TEMP SUB1, BSR
                                        MOVFF STATUS TEMP SUB1, STATUS
CALL SUB1
                                        MOVF W TEMP SUB1, W
                                       RETURN
CALL SUB1
```

Waste resource if we have many routines. Also, the routines cannot be re-entered. Why? We can use FSR to implement a user stack.



Use LFSR to define a stack

LFSR FSR1, 0x500

The following instruction will push the STATUS register onto the stack:

MOVFF STATUS, PREINCL

The following instruction sequence will pull the top byte of the stack onto the STATUS register:

MOVFF POSTDEC1, STATUS

```
equ 0x200
stack
R0
       equ 0
R1
       equ 1
       equ 2
R2
       ORG 0 \times 0000
Main
       LFSR 0, stack
                              ; define a user stack
       MOVLW 0 \times 00
       MOVWF R0
       MOVLW 0x10
       MOVWF R1
       MOVLW 0x20
       MOVWF R2
       MOVLW 0x99
       MOVFF R0, PREINCO
                           ; push R0 to stack FSR0=0201
       MOVFF R1, PREINCO
                           ; push R1 to stack FSR0=0202
       MOVFF R2, PREINCO
                           ; push R2 to stack FSR0=0203
       MOVFF WREG, PREINCO
                           ; push WREG to stack FSR0=0204
       MOVLW 0 \times 71
                              ; Now program change W, R0, R1, R2
       MOVWF RO
       MOVWF R1
       MOVWF R2
                             ; restore the value from stack
       MOVFF POSTDECO, WREG ; FSR0=0203
       MOVFF POSTDECO, R2 ; FSR0=0202
       MOVFF POSTDECO, R1 ; FSR0=0201
       MOVFF POSTDECO, RO ; FSR0=0200
       EXIT GOTO EXIT
END
```

Use stack to store the affected registers

```
ascii 1 EQU 0x0 ;input parameter
                                      SUB1
ascii h EQU 0x1 ; input parameter
                                       MOVFF WREG, PREINCO
out bcd EQU 0x2 ; output value
local var EQU 0x3
                                       MOVFF STATUS, PREINCO
stack
         EOU 0x200; define a stack
                                       MOVFF BSR, PREINCO
Main program
    LFSR 0, stack
                                       this routine may modify
                                       WREG, STATUS, BSR
CALL SUB1
                                       MOVFF POSTDECO, BSR
                                       MOVFF POSTDECO, STATUS
CALL SUB1
                                       MOVFF POSTDECO, WREG
                                      RETURN
```

In general, modern computer systems use stack to pass parameters and to handle local variables.

Parameter passing

- pass parameters to and from a subroutine
- subroutine can process a different set of data each time they are called, e.g. communication application

Example:

a subroutine that processes two BCD digits (packed BCD)

In high level language, we have **pass by value** - variables are referred to directly **pass by address (pointer)** – a pointer to a value or a pointer to a data structure is passed

The procedure is complicated in assembly language

Parameter passing by value (use fixed file register locations)

```
Registers
advantage: fast,
disadvantages: limited number of
parameters
ascii_l EQU 0x0
ascii h EQU 0x1
out bcd EQU 0x2
local_var EQU 0x3
             ORG 0
             MOVLW A'4'
             MOVWF ascii h
                   A'7'
             MOVLW
                   ascii l
             MOVWF
              CALL ASCTOBCD
                   A'3'
             MOVLW
             MOVWF ascii h
             MOVLW A'9'
              MOVWF
                    ascii l
              CALL ASCTOBCD
              goto here
here
```

```
ASCTOBCD:

MOVF ascii_h,W
ANDLW 0x0F

MOVWF local_var
SWAPF local_var, F

MOVF ascii_l,W
ANDLW 0x0F

IORWF local_var, F

MOVFF local_var, out_bcd
return
```

Summary

♦ look-up table and table processing

♦ stack

♦ subroutine