

The Brookshear Machine

The Brookshear machine has 16 registers, numbered (in hexadecimal) 0x to Fx. There are 256 cells (bytes) in memory, numbered from 00x to FFx. Each instruction in the language is coded in two bytes. The first half-byte contains the opcode. The thirteen forms of instruction are described in the table below, with their assembly code mnemonics.

0iii	No-operation NOP	
1rxy	Load register r with contents of location xy	MOV [xy] -> Rr
2rxy	Load register r with value xy	MOV xy -> Rr
3rxy	Store contents of register r at location xy	MOV Rr -> [xy]
4irs	Move contents of register r to register s	MOV Rr -> Rs
5rst	Add contents of registers s and t as binary numbers, place result in register r	ADDI Rs, Rt -> Rr
6rst	Add contents of registers s and t as floating-point numbers, place result in register r	ADDF Rs, Rt -> Rr
7rst	OR together the contents of registers s and t , place result in register r	OR Rs, Rt -> Rr
8rst	AND together the contents of registers s and t , place result in register r	AND Rs, Rt -> Rr
9rst	XOR together the contents of registers s and t , place result in register r	XOR Rs, Rt -> Rr
Ariz	Rotate the contents of register r one bit to the right, z times	ROT Rr, z
Brxy	Jump to instruction at xy if contents of register r equal contents of register 0	JMPEQ xy, Rr
Ciii	Halt	HALT

The following conventions are used in the above table:

r, s, t	Register numbers
xy	A one-byte address or data value
z	A half byte value
i	Ignored when the instruction is de-coded: usually entered as 0

References:

The Brookshear machine design is from “Computer Science: An Overview”, J. Glenn Brookshear, Prentice Hall (author’s web site: <http://www.mscs.mu.edu/~glennb/>).

The assembly code mnemonics are from “Extended Brookshear Machine emulator and assembler”, David Young, <http://www.mathworks.co.uk/matlabcentral/fileexchange/22593-extended-brookshear-machine-emulator-and-assembler/content/bmcode/html/bmhelp.html>