

Lecture 5

Advanced Assembly Language

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Working with Assembler

- Start with detailed psuedocode
- Possible instructions are on the slides of the last lecture
- If you have no idea how to perform a function, write it in C and look at the assembler the compiler produces for ideas
- Try your code through the assembler, and worry about addressing modes, etc, when it complains

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M16C Address Modes

- M16C implements all 4 standard addressing modes
 - Inherent for relevant instructions
 - Immediate for 8, 16 and 20 bit values
 - Direct for most registers and memory locations, except most instructions can only address first 64k of memory (address is limited to 16 bits)
 - Indirect using the address registers A0 and A1
 - Useful 'indirect with fixed displacement' mode
- Details are given in Section 2 of the M16C Programming Manual (on the web site)

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M16C Address Modes

- Immediate
 - 8, 16 or 20 bit depending on instruction
- Register Direct
 - R0L, R0H, R0, R1L, R1H, R1, R2,R3, An
- Absolute
 - Only 16 bit (I.e. 0000 - FFFFh) for most instructions
- Register Indirect
 - [An]
- Address register relative
 - 8 or 16 bit displacement (written displacement[An])
- SB/FB relative
 - 8 or 16 bit displacement from SB, or 8 from FB

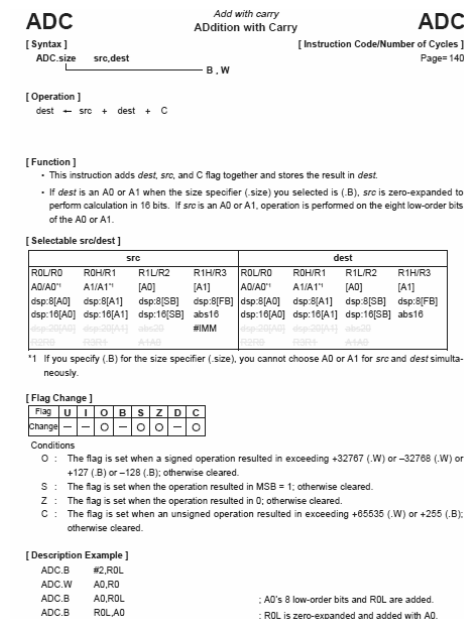
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Available Modes

- Not all modes are available for all instructions
- Permitted modes are:

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Software Manual



Software Manual

- Detailed description of each instruction
 - Syntax (including size of operands)
 - Number of cycles to complete
 - 'Operation' (what it does as an equation)
 - 'Function' (what it does in words)
 - Options for the source and destination (e.g. address modes)
 - What condition flags are changed
 - Examples

Things to consider...

- Programming assembler is time-consuming and error-prone, so use it only when required
- When something has to be fast
- When something has to be small
- When something has to last a precise time
 - You have complete control of the processor, and know the number of cycles taken for each operation
- When you've no other choice
 - But even PICs have C compilers...

Segments

BITVARS	Bit variables.
CODE	The program code
CSTACK	The stack used by C or Embedded C++ programs.
CSTART	The startup code.
DATA16_HEAP	Heap data used by malloc and free. Used by CLib and DLib
FAR_HEAP	Heap used by malloc and free in DLib
DATA20_HEAP	Heap used by malloc and free in DLib
x_AC	Non-initialized located const objects
x_AN	Non-initialized located non-const objects
x_C	Constant data, including string literals
x_I	Initialized data
x_ID	Data that is copied to x_I by cstartup.
x_N	Uninitialized data
x_Z	zero initialized data
Where x can be one of:	
DATA13	(Range: 0-0x1FFF)
DATA16	(Range: 0-0xFFFF, except DATA16_ID)
DATA20	(Range: 0-0xFFFFF)
FAR	(Range: 0-0xFFFFF)
DIFUNCT	Pointers to code, typically EC++ constructors
FLIST	Jump table for __tiny_func functions.
INTVEC	Contains reset and interrupt vectors.
INTVEC1	Contains the fixed reset and interrupt vectors.
ISTACK	The stack used by interrupts and exceptions.

Variables

- In assembler, everything is just a number
- Variables are labelled memory locations
- Define a data segment
 - .RSEG DATA16_N
- Label a line with the name of the variable
- Reserve the correct number of bytes
 - DS8 (Define space 8 bits) for bytes
 - DS16 for words
 - DS32 for longs (32 bits)

Variables

```
.RSEG DATA16_N

time DS16 1
digit DS8 1

.RSEG CODE
main: <code starts here...>
```

- Constants can have the same approach
 - Use DC8, DC16 and DC32
 - Put them in a .RSEG CONST
- CONST segment normally in flash, but not for the monitor, so ‘constants’ not initialised

Sample Program

```
#include <iom16c62p.h>

.NAME main
.PUBLIC main

.RSEG DATA16_N
msec DS16 1 //number of milliseconds

.RSEG CODE
main:
    FSET I // enable interrupts for debugging
    MOV.B #0x0F, PD4 // data direction registers
    MOV.B #0x0A, P4 // turn on 2 LEDs
    MOV.B #0, TA0MR // Free running reloaded timer mode
    MOV.W #6000, TA0 // 6000 clicks at 6Mhz = 1ms
    BCLR 0, UDF // Set down count
    MOV.W #0, msec // Initialise millisecond count
    BSET 0, TABSR // Start the timer

mainloop:
    BTST 3, TA0IC // loop until TA0 times out
    JZ mainloop
    BCLR 3, TA0IC
    ADD.W #1, msec // A millisecond has passed, so count it
    CMP.W #1000, msec // Have we reached a second yet?
    JNZ mainloop // If not, loop
    XOR.B #0x0F, P4 // Second is up, so flip LEDs
    MOV.W #0, msec // Reset counter
    JMP mainloop // Start again
.END main
```

BTSTC

```
#include <iom16c62p.h>

.NAME main
.PUBLIC main

.RSEG DATA16_N
msec DS16 1           //number of milliseconds

.RSEG CODE

main:
FSET I                // enable interrupts for debugging
MOV.B #0x0F, PD4      // data direction registers
MOV.B #0x0A, P4        // turn on 2 LEDs
MOV.B #0, TA0MR        // Free running reloaded timer mode
MOV.W #6000, TA0       // 6000 clicks at 6Mhz = 1ms
BCLR 0, UDF            // Set down count
MOV.W #0, msec         // Initialise millisecond count
BSET 0, TABSR          // Start the timer

mainloop:
BTSTC 3, TA0IC         // loop until TA0 times out
JZ mainloop
ADD.W #1, msec          // A millisecond has passed, so count it
CMP.W #1000, msec      // Have we reached a second yet?
JNZ mainloop           // If not, loop
XOR.B #0x0F, P4        // Second is up, so flip LEDs
MOV.W #0, msec         // Reset counter
JMP mainloop           // Start again
.END main
```

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Count down

```
#include <iom16c62p.h>

.NAME main
.PUBLIC main

.RSEG DATA16_N
msec DS16 1           //number of milliseconds

.RSEG CODE

main:
FSET I                // enable interrupts for debugging
MOV.B #0x0F, PD4      // data direction registers
MOV.B #0x0A, P4        // turn on 2 LEDs
MOV.B #0, TA0MR        // Free running reloaded timer mode
MOV.W #6000, TA0       // 6000 clicks at 6Mhz = 1ms
BCLR 0, UDF            // Set down count
MOV.W #1000, msec      // 1000 ms = 1 second
BSET 0, TABSR          // Start the timer

mainloop:
BTSTC 3, TA0IC         // loop until TA0 times out
JZ mainloop
SUB.W #1, msec          // A millisecond has passed, so count it
JNZ mainloop           // If not 1 second yet, loop
XOR.B #0x0F, P4        // Second is up, so flip LEDs
MOV.W #1000, msec      // Reset counter for 1 second
JMP mainloop           // Start again
.END main
```

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SBJNZ

```
#include <iom16c62p.h>

.NAME main
.PUBLIC main

.RSEG DATA16_N
msec DS16 1           //number of milliseconds

.RSEG CODE

main:
FSET I                // enable interrupts for debugging
MOV.B #0x0F, PD4      // data direction registers
MOV.B #0x0A, P4        // turn on 2 LEDs
MOV.B #0, TA0MR        // Free running reloaded timer mode
MOV.W #6000, TA0       // 6000 clicks at 6Mhz = 1ms
BCLR 0, UDF            // Set down count
MOV.W #1000, msec      // 1000 ms = 1 second
BSET 0, TABSR          // Start the timer

mainloop:
BTSTC 3, TA0IC         // loop until TA0 times out
JZ mainloop
SBJNZ.W #1, msec, mainloop // If not 1 second yet, loop
XOR.B #0x0F, P4        // Second is up, so flip LEDs
MOV.W #1000, msec      // Reset counter for 1 second
JMP mainloop           // Start again
.END main
```

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Fast code

- Use registers for frequently accessed variables
 - But remember helpful comments to avoid confusion
- Loop down to zero
 - Decrement and comparison in one, saving an instruction
- Better still – SBJNZ
 - Subtract & jump if not zero
 - If you have a complex instruction set processor, use them!
- Multiply/divide by factors of two when possible
 - Shifts are faster than additions

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Look Up Tables

2 options:

- Have the code in RAM
 - Simpler addressing (RAM is <16bit limit, so standard addressing modes can be used)
 - Values have to be initialised
- Have the code in ROM
 - Have to use LDE instructions (ROM is > 16 bit limit)
 - Can't use other instructions (ADD, etc) directly – have to move the data first
 - No initialisation required

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RAM based code

```
.RSEG DATA16_N
RAMseg_LUT:
    .BLKB 10                //reserve 10 bytes for LUT

.RSEG CODE

MOV #0xC9, RAMseg_LUT      //initialise the LUT
MOV #0xA0, RAMseg_LUT+1

etc
```

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ROM based code

```
.RSEG CODE

seg_LUT:
    .BYTE 0xC0, 0xF9, 0xA4, 0xB0, 0x99, 0x92, 0x82, 0xF8, 0x80, 0x98
    ;      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9
    ; Digit values

<other code>

LDE.B seg_LUT, P0          // Do something with the LUT value
                           // Only LDE instruction can be used
```

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Interrupts

- To use interrupts with assembler, you must:
 - Define an interrupt routine
 - Define the interrupt vector to point to the routine
 - Set up the interrupt vector table
 - Enable interrupts

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Define an interrupt routine

- Routine defined as any normal subroutine
 - Put it in a code segment (.RSEG CODE)
- Give the entry point a label (so you can set up the vector)
- Finish with an RETI (return from interrupt)
- If you alter any registers, push them on the stack at the start and pop them off the stack before returning

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Set up the interrupt vector

- Put the address of the interrupt routine in the vector table
 - Get the address of the vector from the programming manual
 - Reference the common segment called INTVEC
 - .COMMON INTVEC
 - Move to the vector address using .ORG <address>
 - DC24 <interrupt_routine_label>
- Set up the vector table
 - Put LDINTB #sfb(INTVEC) early in your code (*before* enabling interrupts)

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Enable interrupts

- Programme your interrupt generating device (set up the interrupt control registers, etc)
- Enable interrupts
 - FSET I
- **BEWARE!** (<http://documentation.renesas.com/eng/products/mpumcu/tu/mc850204.pdf>)
 - The M16C uses pipelining – more than one instruction is being processed at one time
 - FSET I is processed quickly, so if you do it immediately after an instruction to clear an interrupt flag (in an interrupt control register), the interrupt flag will be set – and an interrupt generated – *before* the ICR gets cleared
 - Work around – Add a dummy move instruction between an ICR move and FSET I

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```
#include <iom16c62p.h>

.NAME main
.PUBLIC main

.RSEG DATA16_N
msec BLKW 1          ;number of milliseconds
flag BLKB 1          ;flag to indicate interrupt

;===== Interrupt routine for timer TA0
.RSEG CODE
Int_TimerA0:          ;Interrupt routine for TA0
    MOV.B #0x1, flag  ;Set flag to indicate timeout
    RETI

;===== Interrupt vectors
.COMMON INTVEC
    ORG 84             ; Defaults to starting at 0
    DC24 Int_TimerA0   ; Move origin to 84, the interrupt vector for TA0
                     ; Point to the interrupt routine

;===== Main code block
.RSEG CODE

main:
    LDINTB #sfb(INTVEC) ; Point to the interrupt vector table
    FSET I              ; data direction registers
    MOV.B #0x0F, PD4    ; turn on 2 LEDs */
    MOV.B #0x0A, P4     ; Free running reloaded timer mode
    MOV.B #0, TA0MR      ; 6000 clicks at 6Mhz = 1ms
    MOV.W #6000, TA0     ; Set down count
    BCLR 0, UDF          ; 1000 ms = 1 second
    MOV.W #1000, msec    ; Level 4 interrupt from TA0
    MOV.B #4, TA0IC      ; Start the timer
    BSET 0, TABSR

mainloop:
    CMP.B #0, flag      ; Wait for interrupt to set flag
    JZ mainloop
    MOV.B #0, flag      ; Reset timer timed-out flag
    SBJNZ.W #1, msec, mainloop ; Decrement time count, and loop if not zero
    XOR.B #0x0F, P4     ; Flip LEDs
    MOV.W #1000, msec   ; Reset to 1 second
    JMP mainloop        ; Start all over again
.END
```

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