

The NOT Instruction

The High Level

The **NOT** instruction is a type of **Arithmetic/Logic instruction** that logically NOTs a value and stores the result in a **destination register**. When not “NOT” a bit, it inverts the value (i.e. 1-becomes-0 or 0-becomes-1) (See Table 1 below).

NOT True	False
NOT False	True

Table 1: Truth table for AND

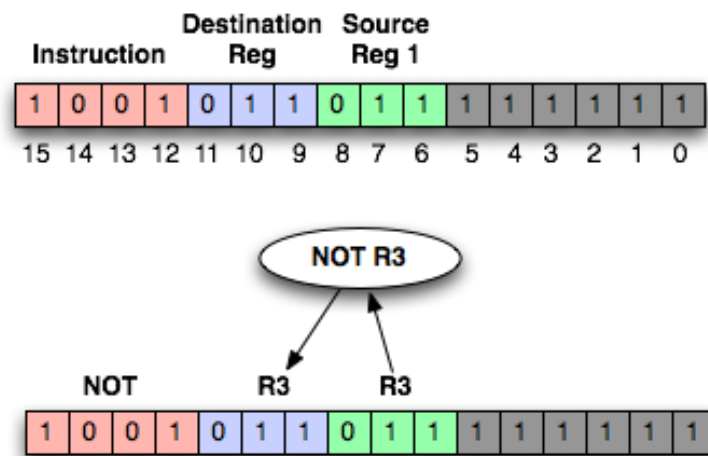


Figure 1: The NOT instruction

Breakdown:

- Bits [15-12] specify what instruction to execute (1001 is NOT)
- Bits [11-9] specify which register to store the result in
- Bits [8-6] specify which register to perform the logical NOT on
- Bits [5-0] are all 1 because they are unused

The Examples!

```
NOT R1, R2      ; R1 <-- NOT R2
NOT R1, R1      ; R1 <-- NOT R1      (Protip: This is **HALF** of the process of
                                     negativizing the value of a register)
```

Pitfalls... (aka: Erroneous code makes baby puppies cry)

The example below is erroneous. Please do NOT try to code this way!

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NOT R1, #1      ; (ERROR: You MUST use registers for both destination and source)
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The example pitfall code above is **incorrect** because there are no forms of the NOT instruction that allow any immediate values to be used. The only allowable form that the NOT instruction takes is to use a register for both the destination and the source.