538 Lecture Notes Week 6

Answers to last week's questions

Remark on Decimal arithmetic and bcd (packed and unpacked) formats

Questions

1. Consider the following program:

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XDEF Entry ; export 'Entry' symbol
             ABSENTRY Entry ; for absolute assembly: mark
this as application entry point
    INCLUDE 'derivative.inc'
             org $400 ; RAM data section
             dc.b $00, $11, $22, $33
 counter
             dc.b $44, $55, $66, $77
             dc.b $88, $99, $aa, $bb
             dc.b $CC, $dd, $ee, $ff
             org $4000 ; ROM code section
 Entry:
             lds #$0410
             jsr init
             cli
             ldx #$400
             ldy #$401
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1dd 1, x+
          std 2,y+
          bra * ;Infinite loop (awaiting interrupts)
 tofISR:
         bset TFLG2,$80
         inc counter
         rti
 init:
         ldaa #%10000000
         staa TSCR1 ; Enable TCNT by setting bit 7
         staa TFLG2 ; Clear the TOF flag by writing to bit 7
         staa TSCR2 ; Turn timer overflow interrupt on by
setting bit 7
         rts
 Interrupt Vectors
 org $ffde
          dc.w tofISR ;Timer TOF Vector
          ORG
              $FFFE
          DC.W Entry ; Reset Vector
```

Show the memory dump 0x0400-0x040f just before the "rti" instruction is executed. Assume that the interrupt occcurs during the "bra *" instruction.

ANSWER:

0400 01 00 11 33 44 55 66 C0 11 00 04 01 04 03 40 12

Vocabulary

New terms are in **bold**.

Memory Dump The standard way to display the contents of a block of memory in

hexadecimal.

CPU The Central Processor Unit, the computer's heart.

Bus A set of parellel wires of digital signals

Address Bus It indicates the address involved in a bus operation

Data Bus The data being transferred during a bus cycle.

Control Bus Signals to time and define the type of bus cycle.

IDE "Integrated Development Environment". Includes editors, compilers,

assemblers, disassemblers, etc. We use *CodeWarrior* in this course. In your Java course, you used *Netbeans*. *Eclipse* is another IDE you may

use in other courses.

Read Bus Cycle Data transferred to the CPU.

Write Bus Cycle Data transferred from the CPU to memory or a memory-mapped device.

Idle Bus Cycle Bus inactive

Assembler Software to translate from symbolic assembler to machine code

Disassembler Software to translate from machine code to symbolic assembler.

Assembler directive A line of assembler code that gives information to the assembler

software and does not correspond to a machine instruction.

Program Counter A register containing the address of the next instruction.

Stack Pointer A register containing the address of the top of stack.

Condition Code Register Contains bits indicating various conditions (such as whether the last

number added was zero, negative, generated a carry, etc.) Also called

the *Status Register* in some machines (such as Intel processors).

Index Register A register mainly used as a pointer. It's size equals the width of the

Address Bus.

Arithmetic Shift Only applies to a right shift where the sign bit is "shifted in" from the

right maintaining the sign of the shifted value.

Indexed Addressing Accessing the contents of memory whose address is calculated by

adding an offset (usually zero) to an index register.

Indirect Indexed Addressing Using indexed addressing to obtain another pointer in memory and then

dereferencing the location it points to.

Overflow (V) bit Set when the result of an addition/subtraction will not fit in the number

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of bits used.

Effective Address The address that will be used in indexed addressing. i.e. the index

register + offset.

Addressing Mode The way an operand is specified.

Inherent Addressing The operand is inherent in the instruction itself.

Immediate Addressing The operand is part of the instruction (a specific field) and no further

memory reference is required.

PC-Relative Addressing The operand is an offset relative to the current value of the PC.

Subroutine Similar to a C function. Parameters, if any, can be passed in registers or

on the Stack.

Side effect A change in the CPUs state (such as a register) unrelated to the

subroutine's function.

Parameter An argument passed to a subroutine. They are usually passed in

registers or on the stack.

Direction Register A control register associated with a parallel port that configures

individual bits to be inputs or outputs.

Memory Mapped Device A peripheral device whose internal registers are mapped to specific

memory locations.

Bcd ascii