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The 6800 was too expensive for the mainstream, and it had many of its features cut, and was released as the 6502... its second accumulator gone, its command set cut back - and everyone forgot about the 6800....

But the 6800 came back - as the 6809... with new previously unheard-of powers!... armed with twin stack pointers, 16 bit Stack, X and Y registers- 16 bit capabilities and advanced addressing modes and even a MULTiPLY command (unheard of in most 8 bits)... the 6809 is the 'missing link' between the 6502 and the 68000!

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We'll be using Macroassembler AS for our assembly in these tutorials... VASM is an assembler which supports rarer CPU's like 6809 and 65816 and many more, and also supports multiple syntax schemes...

You can get the source and documentation for AS from the official website [HERE](#)

What is the 6809 and what are 8 'bits' You can skip this if you know about binary and Hex (This is a copy of the same section in the Z80 tutorial)

The 6809 is an 8-Bit processor with a 16 bit Address bus!... it has two 8 bit accumulators, A and B, that can be combined to make up one 16 bit accumulator D (AB)

What's 8 bit... well, one 'Bit' can be 1 or 0

four bits make a Nibble (0-15)

two nibbles (8 bits) make a byte (0-255)

two bytes (16 bits) make a word (0-65535)

And what is 65535? well that's 64 kilobytes ... in computers Kilo is 1024, because four bytes is 1024 bytes
64 kilobytes is the amount of memory a basic 8-bit system can access

the 6809 is 8 bit so it's best at numbers less than 256... it can do numbers up to 65535 too more slowly... and really big numbers will be much harder to do! - we can design our game round small numbers so these limits aren't a problem.

You probably think 64 kilobytes doesn't sound much when a small game now takes 8 gigabytes, but that's 'cos modern games are sloppy, inefficient, fat and lazy - like the



basement dwelling losers who wrote them!!!

6809 code is small, fast, and super efficient - with ASM you can do things in 1k that will amaze you!

Numbers in Assembly can be represented in different ways.

A 'Nibble' (half a byte) can be represented as Binary (0000-1111) , Decimal (0-15) or Hexadecimal (0-F)... unfortunately, you'll need to learn all three for programming!

Also a letter can be a number... Capital 'A' is stored in the computer as number 65!

Think of Hexadecimal as being the number system invented by someone with 15 fingers, ABCDEF are just numbers above 9!

Decimal is just the same, it only has 1 and 0.

In this guide, Binary will be shown with a % symbol... eg %11001100 ... hexadecimal will be shown with & eg.. &FF.

*Assemblers will use a symbol to denote a hexadecimal number, some use \$FF or #FF or even 0x, but this guide uses & - as this is how hexadecimal is represented in CPC basic
All the code in this tutorial is designed for compiling with WinApe's assembler - if you're using something else you may need to change a few things!*

But remember, whatever compiler you use, while the text based source code may need to be slightly different, the compiled "BYTES" will be the same!



Decimal	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	...	255
Binary	0000	0001	0010	0011	0100	0101	0110	0111	1000	1001	1010	1011	1100	1101	1110	1111		11111111
Hexadecimal	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F		FF

Another way to think of binary is think what each digit is 'Worth' ... each digit in a number has its own value... let's take a look at %11001100 in detail and add up its total

Bit position	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Digit Value (D)	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Our number (N)	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
D x N	128	64	0	0	8	4	0	0
128+64+8+4= 204 So %11001100 = 204 !								

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If a binary number is small, it may be shown as %11 ... this is the same as %00000011
 Also notice in the chart above, each bit has a number, the bit on the far right is no 0, and the far left is 7... don't worry about it now, but you will need it one day!

If you ever get confused, look at Windows Calculator, Switch to 'Programmer Mode' and it has binary and Hexadecimal view, so you can change numbers from one form to another!
If you're an Excel fan, Look up the functions [DEC2BIN](#) and [DEC2HEX](#)... Excel has all the commands to you need to convert one thing to the other!



But wait! I said a Byte could go from 0-255 before, well what happens if you add 1 to 255? Well it overflows, and goes back to 0!... The same happens if we add 2 to 254... if we add 2 to 255, we will end up with 1
 this is actually usefull, as if we want to subtract a number, we can use this to work out what number to add to get the effect we want

Negative number	-1	-2	-3	-5	-10	-20	-50	-254	-255
Equivalent Byte value	255	254	253	251	246	236	206	2	1
Equivalent Hex Byte Value	FF	FE	FD	FB	F6	EC	CE	2	1



All these number types can be confusing, but don't worry! Your Assembler will do the work for you!
You can type %11111111 , &FF , 255 or -1 ... but the assembler knows these are all the same thing! Type whatever you prefer in your ode and the assembler will work out what that means and put the right data in the compiled code!

The 6809 Registers

Compared to the 6502, , the 6809 is seriously powerful - and even gives the Z80 something to think about!

	8 Bit	16 Bit	Use cases
accumulator A	A		8 Bit Accumulator
accumulator B	B		8 Bit Accumulator
16-Bit Accumulator D	A	B	A+B combined to make a 16 bit accumulator

Flags: EFHINZVC

	Name	Meaning
E	Entire Flag	Regular/Fast Interrupt flag
F	FIRQ Mask	Fast Interrupt Flag

Condition Code Register	CCR		Flags
Indirect X	X		Indirect Register
Indirect Y	Y		Indirect Register
User Stack Pointer	U		User Stack
Hardware Stack Pointer	S		Stack
Program Counter	PC		Running Command
Direct Page	DP		Zero page is relocatable on 6809

H	Half Carry	Bit 3/4 carry for BCD
I	IRQ Mask	Interrupt Flag
N	Negative	
Z	Zero	
V	oVerflow	
C	Carry	

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The Direct page is like the 6502 Zero Page, however it does not need to be at zero!

We can load A with a value, then TFR A,DP to set the direct page... we need to tell the assembler where the direct page is, otherwise some commands may malfunction, we do this with ASSUME dpr:\$xx - this is called SETDP on some assemblers



Like the 68000, the 6809 is **BIG ENDIAN**... this means a 16 bit pair stored to an address like \$6000 will save the high byte to \$6000, and the low byte to \$6001

Special Memory addresses on the 6809

Unlike the 6502, The 6809 has full 16 bit Stack pointers, U and S.... the 'Zero Page' (AKA Direct Page) can also be repositioned

Like the 6502, there are a variety of 'Interrupt Vectors' with fixed addresses...

Address Vector (Address) Registers Auto-pushed onto stack

\$FFF2	SWi 3 Vector	D,X,Y,U,DP,CC
\$FFF4	SWI 2 Vector	D,X,Y,U,DP,CC
\$FFF6	FIRQ Vector	CC (E flag cleared)
\$FFF8	IRQ Vector	D,X,Y,U,DP,CC
\$FFFA	SWI 1 Vector	D,X,Y,U,DP,CC
\$FFFC	NMI Vector	D,X,Y,U,DP,CC
\$FFFE	RESET Vector	NA

The 6809 Addressing Modes

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The 6502 has 11 different addrssing modes... many have no comparable equivalent on the Z80

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Inherent Addressing	Commands that don't take a parameter	ABX
Register Addressing	Commands that only use register	TFR A,DP
Immediate Addressing	Direct Address of command	ADDA #\$10 ADDD #\$1000
Direct Page addressing	Read from DP (zero page)	ADDA \$10
Extended Direct addressing	Read from an address	ADDA \$1234
Extended Indirect Addressing	Read from the address specified... then get the value from that address	ADDA [\$1234]
Indexed Addressing	Uses a 2nd setting byte - allows for Autoinc	,R offset,R label,pcr ,R+ ,-R []
Indexed Addressing: Zero Offset	Just use the address in the register	LDA ,Y LDA 0,Y LDA Y
Indexed Addressing: 5 bit offset	-16 to +15 offset	LDA -1,Y
Indexed Addressing: Consant offset from base register	8 / 16 bit offset from X,Y,U,S ... Can be negative or positive	LDA 1000,Y
Indexed Addressing: Constant Offset From PC	8 / 16 bit offset from PC	LDA \$10,PC
Program counter relative	PCR is like PC, but is calculated by the assembler	ADDA label,PCR
Indirect with constant offset from base register	Load from the address in the register + offset	LDA [1,X]
Accumulator offset from Base register	Add accumulator (A/B/D) to a X,Y,U,S (not PC)	LDA B,Y
Indirect Accumulator offset from Base register	Load from the address made up of a X,Y,U,S Plus the accumulator	LD [B,Y]
AutoIncrement	Add 1 or 2 to the register	ADDA ,X+ ADDA ,X++
AutoDecrement	Subtract 1 or 2 from the register	ADDA ,-X ADDA ,--X

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Indirect AutoIncrement	Load from the address in Register, then add 1 or 2	ADDA [,X+] ADDA [,X++]
Indirect AutoDecrement	Subtract 1 or 2 then Load from the address in Register	ADDA [,-X] ADDA [,-X]
Program relative	Offset to PC	BRA label

Hints

Saving a byte on return:


Rather than returning, if your last command is a pop, just pop the PC with your other registers:
PULS B , X , PC

Addresses, Numbers and Hex... 6809 notification

We'll be using VASM for our assembler, but most other 6502 assemblers use the same formats... however coming from Z80, they can be a little confusing, so lets make it clear which is which!

Prefix	Example	Z80 equivalent	Meaning
#	#16384	16384	Decimal Number
#%	#%00001111	%00001111	Binary Number
#\$	#\$4000	&4000	Hexadecimal number
#'	#'a	'a'	ascii value
	12345	(16384)	decimal memory address
\$	\$4000	(&4000)	Hexadecimal memory address

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Missing Commands!

Commands we don't have, but might want!

DEX/DEY/INX/INY	Tfr X,D ;replace X with Y if required DecB ;or IncB as required Tfr D,X ;replace X with Y if required
CLC	AndCC #%11111110
SEC	OrCC #%00000001
DeX	LEAX -1,X

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Lesson 1 - Getting started with 6809

Lets learn the basics of 6809... In this lesson we'll set

some registers, and do a few simple maths operations.
We'll be testing on a Dragon 32 or XM7 (XM7 shown)



Structure of an ASM source file

Lets look at a simple file (Minimal.asm)

we have a **header** - We're including a header to do our setup

In our **body** we're running a simple monitor program - this is where you would put your code

In our **footer** we're including some useful files (with include statements)

This example will show a hello world message, the status of the registers, and dump some bytes of memory.

```
include "\src\ALL\vi_header.asm"

////////////////////////////////////

ldd #$1234      ;Test Value
jsr Monitor     ;Show the Register

ldy #32         ;Bytes to dump
ldx #$C000      ;Address to dump
jsr Memdump

ldy #Hello      ;255 terminated Message
jsr PrintString ;Show String to screen

InfLoop:
  jmp InfLoop    ;Infinite Loop

PrintString:
  ;Print 255 terminated string
  lda ,Y+
  cmpa #255
  beq PrintStringDone
  jsr printchar
  jmp PrintString

PrintStringDone:
  rts

Hello:
  dc.b "Hello WORLD!?",255

////////////////////////////////////

include "\src\ALL\vi_Monitor.asm"
include "\src\ALL\vi_Functions.asm"
include "\src\ALL\vi_Footer.asm"
```

This example will work fine on the Dragon 32 and the FM7

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It will not work on the Vectrex!... that's because the Vectrex is a vector based system, and the text routines will not work on that system.

Loading Values From immediates

The 6809 has a 16 bit accumulator (D - made up of AB), Two index registers (X,Y) and two stack pointers (U,S)

These are Loaded with LD?...where ? is a register name... an immediate value can be loaded with # followed by a number.

We can specify **Hex Values using \$**
We can specify **Decimal without the \$**
we can specify **binary with %**

we can **even load the Stack..** but beware, the stack is used by calls, so we need to be sure the new value will work OK

```
TestBasics:
    ldD #$1234      ;Load Dual Accumulator (A=High B=Low)
                    ;$=Hex
    ldx #5678       ;Load X
                    ;no $=Decimal
    ldy #101011110000 ;Load Y
                    ;%=Binary

    ifdef BuildXM7
        lds #$70F0   ;Load Stack
    endif
    ifdef BuildDGN
        lds #$7EFO   ;Load Stack
    endif

    ldu #DEF0        ;Load User Stack
    jsr Monitor
```

The 16 bit Accumulator D is made up of two 8 bit accumulators A and B (A is the High byte of D - B is the low byte)

We can load these from an 8 bit immediate. **We can specify an Ascii value with '**

```
    lda #'A'        ;Store A (8 bit)
                    ;' = Ascii
    ldb #$22         ;Store B (8 bit)
    jsr Monitor
```

Here are the results

```
D:1234 X:162E Y:0AF0
S:70F0 U:DEF0 P:2199 C:00 Dp:00
D:4122 X:162E Y:0AF0
```



*You'll see lots of JSR command - this is like a GOSUB in basic, it jumps to a subroutine...
RTS is the equivalent of RETURN...
JMP is like GOTO... don't worry too much though... we'll see these again later.*

Loading and saving Values From Addresses in memory

Just like the 6502, If we don't specify the # then the number

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specified is an address... we can use **ST?** to Store register
? To an address

```
;NO # - Save to address
std $6000      ;Save D to $6000 ...
               ;A->4$6000, A->4$6001
stx $6002      ;Store X (16 bit)
sty $6004      ;Store Y (16 bit)
sts $6006      ;Store Stack
stu $6008      ;Store User Stack

sta $6009      ;Store A (8 bit)
stb $600A      ;Store B (8 bit)

ldy #16        ;Bytes to show
ldx #$6000     ;Address to show
jsr Memdump    ;Show Memory
```

Here are the results

```
D:4122 X:162E Y:0AF0
S:70F0 U:DEF0 P:2199 C:00 Dp:00
6000:
41 22 16 2E 0A F0 70 F0
DE 41 22 00 00 00 00 00
```

Loading works the same way...

We don't need to specify a two byte address... if we **specify just one byte** (like \$60) then the data will be loaded from the DIRECT PAGE.

This is like the 6502 Zero page, though register DP is used for the top byte of the address, and it doesn't have to be \$00xx

```
;NO # - Load from address
ldx $6000
;NO $ - Decimal value
ldy 24576      ;$6000 in decimal
jsr Monitor

ldd #$1234
std $60        ;Store in Direcpage address $0060
ldd #$FEDC
std $62

ldy #16        ;Bytes to show
ldx #$0060     ;Address to show
jsr Memdump    ;Show Memory
```

We've loaded bytes from memory,

And stored two words to the **Direct Page** (Zero Page)

```
6000:
41 22 16 2E 0A F0 70 F0
DE 41 22 00 00 00 00 00
D:4122 X:4122 Y:4122
S:70F0 U:DEF0 P:2199 C:00 Dp:00
0060:
12 34 FE DC 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00 00 03 48 00
```

Specifying addresses in the direct page uses One byte, compared to the normal Two, so memory in this area saves program code and is faster.

The Direct page should be used as a 'Temporary store' for values you don't have enough register for.



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Transferring values between registers

As well as immediates and memory, we have commands to transfer between registers.

We can **Copy the value** from one register to another with **TFR**... the source register is on the LEFT of the comma, the Destination is on the RIGHT

We can **swap registers** with **EXG**... the two registers values are swapped.

Here are the results

```
ldd #$FEDC      ;Test Value
jsr MonitorABP
tfr D,X        ;Store D in X
jsr MonitorABP
exg Y,X        ;Swap Y and X
jsr MonitorABP
```

```
D: FEDC X: 0060 Y: 0000
D: FEDC X: FEDC Y: 0000
D: FEDC X: 0000 Y: FEDC
```

INCrease, DECrease and CLearR!

We can use **INC?** and **DEC?** to add 1 or subtract 1 from a register - these are great when doing loops

We can also zero a register using **CLR?**...

these only work on 8 Bit Registers A or B, not X,Y or D

Here are the result

We have versions for memory addresses too... **INC**, **DEC** and **CLR** - these are also all 8 bit.

Here are the results

```
TestMore:
ldd #$8888
jsr MonitorABP
inca           ;Add 1 to A
decb           ;Subtract 1 from B
jsr MonitorABP
clra           ;Zero A
clrb           ;Zero B
jsr MonitorABP
```

```
D: 8888 X: 2000 Y: 001A P: 2120 C: 00
D: 8889 X: 2000 Y: 001A P: 2120 C: 00
D: 8888 X: 2000 Y: 001A P: 2120 C: 00
```

```
jsr MonitorMem
inc $6000      ;Add one to value at $6000
dec $6001      ;Subtract one from value at $6000
clr $6002      ;Store Zero to $6000
jsr MonitorMem
```

```
6000:
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
6001:
01 FF 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

Addition and Subtraction

We have **ADD?** and **SUB?** commands... these can work with 8 bit registers...

We also have **ADDD** and **SUBD** which work with the 16

bit accumulator

We also have **ABX** - which adds B to X ($X=X+B$)... A is not used...

ABX is the only such command, there's no AAX, ABY or ADX

```
TestAddSub:
    ldd #8888
    jsr MonitorABP
    adda #4          ;Add 4 to A
    addb #4          ;Add 4 to B
    jsr MonitorABP
    suba #4          ;Subtract 4 from A
    subb #4          ;Subtract 4 from B
    jsr MonitorABP

    jsr NewLine

    jsr MonitorABP
    addd #1234       ;Add $1234 to D
    jsr MonitorABP
    subd #1234       ;Subtract $1234 to D
    jsr MonitorABP

    jsr NewLine
    ldx #1234
    ldb #4
    jsr MonitorABP
    abx              ;Add B to X... X=X+B
    jsr MonitorABP    ;There's no AAX!

    jmp InfLoop
```

Here is the result

```
D:8888 X:2000 Y:001A P:2120 C:00
D:808C X:2000 Y:001A P:2120 C:00
D:8888 X:2000 Y:001A P:2120 C:00

D:8888 X:2000 Y:001A P:2120 C:00
D:9ABC X:2000 Y:001A P:2120 C:00
D:8888 X:2000 Y:001A P:2120 C:00

D:8804 X:1234 Y:001A P:2120 C:00
D:8804 X:1238 Y:001A P:2120 C:00
```

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JuMPs... Jump to SubRoutine... ReTurn from Subroutine... Labels

There will be many times in our program that we want to call subroutines, or jump to different places in our code.

When we want to mark part of our code as a destination for a jump or a subroutine we use a Label - these are always at the far left of the source - whereas normal commands are tab indented.

If we want to jump to a different position in our code we can use

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JMP - this sets the program counter to the address of the specified **label** (of course a fixed address can be used too)

If we want to jump to a subroutine - and come back once the subroutine is done we use **JSR**.... the end of the subroutine is marked by a **RTS** return command... execution will continue on the line after the JSR command

```
TestSubroutine:
  lda #'A'
  jsr printchar
  lda #'B'
  jsr printchar

  jmp Skip      ;Jump to label Skip

  lda #'X'      ;This never happens
  jsr printchar
Skip:
  lda #'C'
  jsr printchar

  jsr TestJsr   ;Call subroutine


  lda #'E'      ;This line happens after sub RTS
  jsr printchar

  jmp InfLoop

TestJsr:        ;Sub routine
  lda #'D'
  jsr printchar
  rts           ;Return from subroutine
```

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You'll notice that many of the commands on the 6809 are the same as the 6502, but many are different on the 6809

Both have their 'roots' in the 6800, and the 6809 has some compatibility with the old cpu, but code would need recompiling for the 6809...

Next time we'll take a look at addressing modes - and we'll learn about all the impressive options the 6809 offers.

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Lesson 2 - Addressing modes on 6809

Lets look into more detail of the 6809... our commands need to load from or save to somewhere, and the 6809 offers us a wide range of 'addressing mode' choices for this purpose,

Lets try them all out, and learn about them.



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Inherent Addressing

<p>Inherent addressing is commands which do not take a parameter, the 'destination' of the command is built into the command.</p> <p>In this case... INCA will always use A as a source and destination</p>	<pre>TestSimple: ;Inherent Addressing jsr MonitorABP inca jsr MonitorABP jsr NewLine</pre>
here is the result	<pre>D:0000 X:1A18 :1A18 Y:0000 D:0000 X:1A18</pre>

Register Addressing

<p>Register addressing is where we specify a register by name as a source or destination</p>	<pre>;Register Addressing jsr MonitorABP tfr a,b ;Transfer A->B jsr MonitorABP jsr NewLine</pre>
The source and destination are registers - we copied A to B!	<pre>D:0000 X:1A18 :1A18 Y:0000 D:0000 X:1A18</pre>

Immediate Addressing

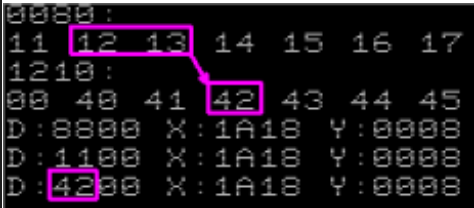
<p>We've seen Immediate addressing before, this is where a fixed value is specified with the command with a # symbol, and that value is used as the parameter</p>	<pre>;Immediate Addressing jsr MonitorABP lda #01F ;load 1F into the register jsr MonitorABP jsr NewLine jmp InfLoop</pre>
Here is the result	<pre>D:0000 X:1A18 D:01F0 X:1A18</pre>

Direct Page addressing

<p>Direct Page Addressing is basically the same as Zero Page addressing... however thanks to the DP register the Direct Page can be at any address!</p> <p>We specify a single byte (without a #)... this is used as the bottom byte of an address - the top byte is taken from the DP register... that address contains the source parameter for the command</p>	<pre>;Direct Page addressing TestDP: jsr MonitorABP lda \$80 ;Load A from ZP address jsr MonitorABP ;\$80 = \$0080 jsr NewLine jmp InfLoop</pre>
In this example we specified \$80 , and DP=00... so we loaded from address \$0080	<pre>0080: 11 12 13 14 15 D:0000 X:1A18 D:1100 X:1A18</pre>

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Indirect Direct Page Addressing


<p>Indirect Direct Page Addressing also uses the DP - however the two bytes at the specified DP address are used as an address... and the parameter is loaded from that address!</p> <p>The one byte DP address is in square brackets</p> <p>The address specified is \$81 in the example... so as DP=00 we load in from \$0081...</p> <p>the two bytes here are \$1213... this becomes the source address for our parameter - at address \$1213 is \$42 - so this is the value that ends up being loaded into A</p>	<pre>;Indirect Direct Page Addressing lda [\$81] ;Load A from address at DP addr jsr MonitorABP ;\$80 = \$0080</pre> 
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Don't forget! Unlike the 6502 the 6809 is BIG ENDIAN... the value \$1234 will be stored in memory as \$12 \$34

It sounds logical if you're used to the 68000 - but it will be a shock to the 6502 or z80 users!

Extended Direct addressing

<p>Extended Direct Addressing sounds complex, but it's not...</p> <p>If we specify a one byte address, we load from the direct page, but if extend our address to two bytes, we specify the Direct address to load from</p> <p>In this case we specify \$2000 - so the parameter is read from address \$2000</p>	<pre>TestExtended: ;Extended Direct addressing lda [\$2000] jsr MonitorABP</pre> 
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Extended Indirect Addressing

<p>Extended indirect Addressing is where we load our parameter from the address at an address (specified in 16 bits - a full address)</p> <p>The two byte DP address is in square brackets</p> <p>In this example we specified [\$2000]... at this address is \$1A1B (Big Endian)... so the parameter loaded into A is read from \$1A1B (\$CC)</p>	<pre>;Extended Indirect Addressing lda [\$2000] jsr MonitorABP jmp InfLoop</pre>
--	--

```

0000:
11 12 13 14 15 16 17
2000:
1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 20
1A1B:
FF EE DD CC BB AA 99
D:1A00 X:1A1B Y:0000
D:CC00 X:1A1B Y:0000

```

Indexed Addressing

Indexed Addressing uses a register plus an offset... the offset comes first, followed by a comma, then the register

The **offset can be Zero** - in which case we can omit it.
The offset can be **positive** or **negative**, and the register can be X,Y,S or U (not D)

```

TestIndexed:
;Indexed Addressing
ldy #$2000
ldu #$2002
jsr MonitorABP

lda ,Y          ;Zero Offset
ldb 1,Y         ;Parameter loaded from address in Y +1
ldx 2,U         ;Can Also use Y,X,S,U
ldy -1,U        ;Can be negative!
jsr MonitorABP

```

Here are the results.

Y was pointing to \$2000 (the 1A)... U was pointing to \$2002 (the 1C)

```

0000:
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
2000:
1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 20 21
D:8800 X:1A1B Y:2000 P:20BD
D:1A1B X:1E1F Y:1B1C P:20C9

```

We can use a **symbol** to give a numbered offset a label.

On the 6809 we can even have a **16 bit offset**!

```

ldy #2
jsr MonitorABP

testoff equ $80

lda testoff,Y   ;Symbol used
ldb $2000,Y     ;Very large offsets possible!
jsr MonitorABP

```

Both these work just fine!

```

2000:
1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 20 21
0000:
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
D:1A1B X:0000 Y:0002 P:20E7
D:131C X:0000 Y:0002 P:20F2

```

There are **multiple ways** of specifying a zero offset

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```

TestZero:
;Indexed Addressing - Zero Offset
jsr MonitorABP
ldy #$2000

lda ,Y           ;All these use value at address Y
ldb 0,Y          ;All these use value at address Y
ldx Y            ;All these use value at address Y

jsr MonitorABP

```

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```

2000:
1A 1B 1C 1D 1E
D:8888 X:1A18
D:1A1A X:1A1E

```

Here are the results



Actually, the offset doesn't have to be a fixed number - we can use the Accumulator as an offset!

This has a different name though... "Accumulator offset from Base register"

Program Counter Relative

We can specify a label as a parameter by offset using **PCR** as the parameter, and the label as the offset, the assembler will calculate the offset for us.

```

;Program counter relative
ProgramCounterRelative:
jsr MonitorABP
ldd TestLabel,PCR ;Calculate offset from Program counter
jsr MonitorABP    ;to Testlabel

jmp InfLoop
TestLabel:
dc.w $FEDC ;Test Data

```

The data has been loaded in

```

D:8888 X:1A18
D:FEDC X:1A18

```

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Indirect With Constant Offset

Rather than reading a parameter from a register+offset, we can read the parameter from the address at the address register+offset...

We specify an offset and a register in Square brackets []

this is **Indirect With Constant Offset Addressing**

```

;Indirect with constant offset from base register
IndirectWithConstantOffset:
ldx #1 ;Load X with 1
jsr MonitorABP ;Call the monitor
lda [$80,X] ;Preindex with constant ($0080+X)
;so load data from address at ($0081)
ldb [$2000,X] ;Preindex with constant ($2000+X)
;so load data from address at ($2001)

jsr MonitorABP ;Call the monitor
jmp InfLoop ;Inf Loop

```




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in the first example we loaded from **[\$80,X]**... at address \$0080+1 is \$1213 - this becomes the source address of the parameter... at address \$1213 is value \$42

in the second example we loaded from **[\$2000,X]**... at address \$2000+1 is \$1B1C - this becomes the source address of the parameter... at address \$1B1C is value \$AB

```
0080:
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
2000:
1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 20 21
1210:
00 40 41 42 43 44 45 46
1B10:
EF DE CD BC AB 9A 89 78
D:7800 X:0001 Y:0000 P:214D C:20
D:42AB X:0001 Y:0000 P:2158 C:00
```

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Accumulator offset from Base register

Rather than a fixed offset, we can use an accumulator (**A,B** or **D**) as an offset from an index register (X,Y,S,U) this is known as Accumulator Offset From Base Register

in this example The parameter will be loaded from the address in **A+X** or **B+X**

```
;Accumulator offset from Base register
AccumulatorOffsetFromBase:
    ldx #$2000      ;Load X with $2000
    lda #4          ;Offset 4
    ldb #5          ;Offset 5
    jsr MonitorABP  ;Call the monitor


    ldy A,X         ;Load from address (X+A)
    ldd B,X         ;Can also use B or D (X+B)

    jsr MonitorABP  ;Call the monitor
    jmp InfLoop     ;Inf Loop
```

Here are the results

```
2000:
1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 20 21
D:0405 X:2000 Y:0000 P:215F
D:1F20 X:2000 Y:1E1F P:2167
```

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Indirect Accumulator Offset From Base Register

Rather than use the address Accumulator+Base as the address of the parameter... we can indirectly use the address at that address as the source.

```
;Indirect Accumulator offset from Base register
IndirectAccumulatorOffsetFromBase:
    ldx #$0080      ;Load X with $0080
    lda #1
    ldb #2
    jsr MonitorABP  ;Call the monitor

    ldy [A,X]       ;Load From Address at Address (A+X)
                    ;Can also use B or D
    ldd [B,X]

    jsr MonitorABP  ;Call the monitor
    jmp InfLoop     ;Inf Loop
```

For Y
X=\$0080 and A=1... so we look at address \$0080 - at this

address is \$1213... so this becomes the source address of the parameter - at address \$1213 is value \$4243

For D

X=\$0080 and A=2... so we look at address \$0080 - at this address is \$1314... so this becomes the source address of the parameter - at address \$1314 is value \$3334

```
0080:
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
1210:
00 40 41 42 43 44 45 46
1310:
00 30 31 32 33 34 35 36
D:0102 X:0080 Y:0008 P:2177
D:3334 X:0080 Y:4243 P:217F
```

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Post Increment and Pre Decrement

AutoIncrement will read from the address in a register, and add 1 or 2 to the register AFTER the read.

We just put a + or ++ at the end of the register - the register can be X,Y,S or U

```
;AutoIncrement
AutoInc:
    ldx #$0080          ;Load X with 1
    ldy #$0080          ;Load Y with 1
    jsr MonitorABP
    lda X+              ;Load from address in X, Add 1 to X
    ldb Y++             ;Load from address in Y, Add 2 to Y
    jsr MonitorABP
    lda X+              ;Load from address in X, Add 1 to X
    ldb Y++             ;Load from address in Y, Add 2 to Y
    jsr MonitorABP
    lda X+              ;Load from address in X, Add 1 to X
    ldb Y++             ;Load from address in Y, Add 2 to Y
    jsr MonitorABP
    lda X+              ;Load from address in X, Add 1 to X
    ldb Y++             ;Load from address in Y, Add 2 to Y
    jsr MonitorABP
    jmp InfLoop
```

Here are the results

```
0080:
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
D:7800 X:0080 Y:0008 P:2186
D:1111 X:0081 Y:0082 P:218D
D:1213 X:0082 Y:0084 P:2194
D:1315 X:0083 Y:0086 P:219B
D:1417 X:0084 Y:0088 P:21A2
```

AutoDecrement will decrease the register BEFORE the read by 1 or 2

We just put a - or -- at the end of the register - the register can be X,Y,S or U

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```
;AutoDecrement
AutoDec:
    ldx #$0084
    ldy #$0088
    jsr MonitorABP          ;Call the monitor
    lda -X
    ldb --Y
    jsr MonitorABP          ;Call the monitor
    lda -X
    ldb --Y
    jsr MonitorABP          ;Call the monitor
    lda -X
    ldb --Y
    jsr MonitorABP          ;Call the monitor
    lda -X
    ldb --Y
    jsr MonitorABP          ;Call the monitor
    jmp InLoop
```

```
0080:
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
D: 7880 X: 0084 Y: 0088 P: 21AF
D: 1417 X: 0083 Y: 0086 P: 21B6
D: 1315 X: 0082 Y: 0084 P: 21BD
D: 1213 X: 0081 Y: 0082 P: 21C4
D: 1111 X: 0080 Y: 0080 P: 21CB
```

Here are the results

Indirect Post Increment and Pre Decrement

Just like with Post Increment we can change the index register - but we can use that indirectly, and the address at the address that register points to becomes the address of the parameter

We just put a **+** or **++** at the end of the register for an Inc of 1 or 2... we use Square brackets **[]** to denote indirection - the register can be X,Y,S or U

```
IndirectAutoInc:
    ldx #$0080
    ldy #$0080
    jsr MonitorABP
    lda [X+]          ;Load from Address at Address X - Add 1 to X
    ldb [Y++]          ;Load from Address at Address Y - Add 2 to Y
    jsr MonitorABP
    lda [X+]          ;Load from Address at Address X - Add 1 to X
    ldb [Y++]          ;Load from Address at Address Y - Add 2 to Y
    jsr MonitorABP
    lda [X+]          ;Load from Address at Address X - Add 1 to X
    ldb [Y++]          ;Load from Address at Address Y - Add 2 to Y
    jsr MonitorABP
```

Here are the results...

The registers X and Y are Incremented... and the address in those registers is used to generate an address that is the source of the parameter

```

1110: 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
1210: 00 40 41 42 43 44 45 46
1310: 00 30 31 32 33 34 35 36
D: 7800 X: 0080 Y: 0080 P: 21E8
D: 0000 X: 0081 Y: 0082 P: 21EF
D: 4233 X: 0082 Y: 0084 P: 21F6
D: 3300 X: 0083 Y: 0086 P: 21FD
D: 0000 X: 0084 Y: 0088 P: 2204

```

We can also use indirection with Pre-Decrement, and the address at the address that register points to becomes the address of the parameter

We just put a - or -- at the start of the register for an Dec of 1 or 2... we use Square brackets [] to denote indirection - the register can be X,Y,S or U

```

;Indirect AutoDecrement
IndirectAutoDec:
    ldx #$0084
    ldy #$0088
    jsr MonitorABP
    lda [-X]          ;Subtract 1 from X - Load from Address at Address X
    ldb [--Y]         ;Subtract 2 from Y - Load from Address at Address Y
    jsr MonitorABP
    lda [-X]          ;Subtract 1 from X - Load from Address at Address X
    ldb [--Y]         ;Subtract 2 from Y - Load from Address at Address Y
    jsr MonitorABP
    lda [-X]          ;Subtract 1 from X - Load from Address at Address X
    ldb [--Y]         ;Subtract 2 from Y - Load from Address at Address Y
    jsr MonitorABP
    lda [-X]          ;Subtract 1 from X - Load from Address at Address X
    ldb [--Y]         ;Subtract 2 from Y - Load from Address at Address Y
    jsr MonitorABP
    jmp InfLoop

```

Here are the results...

The registers X and Y are Incremented.. and the address in those registers is used to generate an address that is the source of the parameter

```

1110: 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
1210: 00 40 41 42 43 44 45 46
1310: 00 30 31 32 33 34 35 36
D: 7800 X: 0084 Y: 0088 P: 2211 C: 00
D: 0000 X: 0083 Y: 0086 P: 2218 C: 00
D: 3300 X: 0082 Y: 0084 P: 221F C: 20
D: 4233 X: 0081 Y: 0082 P: 2226 C: 00
D: 0000 X: 0080 Y: 0080 P: 222D C: 20

```

Program Relative Addressing

Branch commands use a 'relative offset' to

the destination, represented in the byte code as a positive or negative number. This is calculated automatically by the assembler...

BRA uses a single byte offset , so can only jump short distances... LBRA (Long Branch) can jump long distances

```
;Program relative
ProgramRelative:
    lda #'A'
    jsr PrintChar
    lda #'B'
    jsr PrintChar

    bra Skipped          ;Branch to relative location (-128 to +127)

    ;lbra Skipped        -Works for Long distances
    ;ds 129              ;Relative Branch can only be a short distance (use LBRA)

    lda #'X'
    jsr PrintChar
Skipped:
    lda #'C'
    jsr PrintChar
```

Here are the results!



Load Effective Address

All the commands above will calculate an an address, and use the parameter at that address.

However, there may be times when we want to calculate the address, but save it for later... Load Effective Address does this for us!

This is a handy 'time saver' if we need to use a calculated address several times - it's faster to store the address in a register, then use that pre-calculated address for future commands.

```
LoadEffectiveAddress:
    ldy #$2000

    leaU $100,y ;Load Address of $100+$2000... U=$2100

    jsr Monitor
    jsr NewLine

    leaX --y    ;Load Address of $2000--... X=$1FFE ,Y=$1FFE

    leaS [$80]  ;Load Address of Indirect $0080 S=$1112

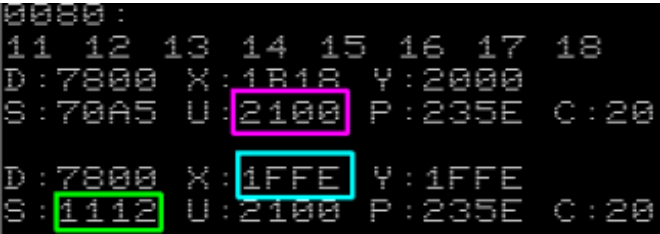
    jsr Monitor

    jmp InfLoop
```

In the **First example**, we used an offset of \$100 from Y. As Y=\$2000, the result loaded into U is \$2100

In the **Second Example**, we PreDecrementd Y by 2. As Y was \$2000, Y Went down to \$1FFE, and that value is loaded int X

In the **Third Example**, we loaded the indirect address at \$0080... at address \$0080 is \$1112 - so this value is loaded into S



Lesson 3 - Carry, Branch, Test

We need to learn about conditions and branching... which brings up the topic of Flags!

Lets learn about it all!



Branch to Subroutine, and Long branch

The 6809 has a wide variety of Branch commands - these use a single byte relative offset to the current code position.

While most of these are conditional, the 6809 actually has a 'Branch to Subroutine' command (BSR) - this is the same as JSR, but uses a single byte for the address (saving 1 byte over JSR)

on the 6809 All branch commands have a 'Long' Equivalent (in this case LBSR), this uses a 16 bit offset, allowing a branch to anywhere in ram.

```
TestJsrBer:
    bsr SubTest      ;Short distances only Branch to Sub (-128 to +127)
    lbsr SubTest     ;Long distance Branch to Sub (Same as JSR)
    jmp InfLoop
    ;ds.b 256        ;Long branch test (BSR will fail)

SubTest:
    lda #'!'
    jsr PrintChar
    rts
```

The subroutine will show an ! onscreen



Add with Carry, and Subtract with Carry

When we do a mathematical operation like ADD or SUB, there is the possibility that the mathematical operation will cause the value in the register to go over 255 or under 0, causing a 'Carry' or 'Borrow'

If we want, we can use an extra register as a second byte (in a 16 bit pair - or more)

An ADD or SUB command will set the carry (also used as borrow)... we then use ADC for Add with Carry, or SBC for Subtract with carry - which will Add or subtract a value PLUS the Carry flag (if set)


```

TestAdcSbc:
    lda #6
    sta $1          ;Counter
    lda #1          ;High Byte
    ldb #253        ;Low Byte

;Add with Carry Test
AdcRep:
    addb #1         ;Add 1 to Low Byte
    jsr MonitorB
    jsr MonitorCC
    adca #0         ;Add 0 + Carry to High byte
    jsr MonitorA
    jsr NewLine
    dec $1          ;Decrease counter and repeat
    bne AdcRep

    jsr NewLine
    pshs d
    lda #6          ;Reset the loop counter
    sta $1
    puls d

;Subtract with Carry Test
SbcRep:
    subb #1         ;Subtract 1 from the Low Byte
    jsr MonitorB
    jsr MonitorCC
    sbca #0         ;Subtract 0 + Carry from High byte
                    ;(Carry acts as Borrow)
    jsr MonitorA
    jsr NewLine
    dec $1          ;Decrease counter and repeat
    bne SbcRep

```

```

B:FE ---N--- A:01
B:FF ---N--- A:01
B:00 --H--Z-C A:02
B:01 ----- A:02
B:02 ----- A:02
B:03 ----- A:02
B:02 ----- A:02
B:01 ----- A:02
B:00 ---Z--- A:02
B:FF ---N-C A:01
B:FE ---N--- A:01
B:FD ---N--- A:01

```

Here are the results... when the Carry flag was set, the High byte (A) is affected by the ADC or SBC.

We've looked at ADD and SUB, but many other commands affect and use the carry flag,



Rotate commands will shift bits around the register, and some will use the carry too.

Branch on Carry

We've learned ADD can set the carry... but what if we want to do a different command depending on the Carry flag?

We can use **BCC** to Branch if Carry Clear (no carry)

We can use **BCS** to Branch if Carry Set (carry)

```
TestCarry:
  lda #253
  adda #1          ;254
  jsr MonitorACC
  adda #1          ;255
  jsr MonitorACC
  adda #1          ;0 - Carry!
  jsr MonitorACC
  adda #1          ;1 - Rem this out to cause a carry
  jsr MonitorACC

  bcc ShowNc       ;Branch if Carry Clear (NC)
  bcs ShowC        ;Branch if Carry Set (C)
```

Depending on the **Carry flag**, one of the two branches will occur!

```
PC::TF ---N---
PC::TF ---N---
PC::G0 ---H---Z C
PC::G1 ---
NC
```

To properly learn about how commands affect these flags, and the branches, you really need to download the source, and change the commands.

If you REM (;) out the last ADDA, you'll leave the carry flag set, and the BCC branch will happen.



What? you thought you didn't need to try things yourself? Good luck with that!

Compare, and Branch on Equal / Not Equal (Zero Flag)

When we want to test a value in a register, we can do this with Compare (**CMP**).... this will set the flags, but not change any register - we have a whole range of CMP commands for different registers.

The easiest Branch we can try out is BEQ and BNE... our

Compare command will set the Zero flag if the difference between the register and the compared value is Zero...

BEQ (Branch if Equal) will branch if the Zero flag is set
BNE (Branch if Not Equal) will branch if the Zero flag is set

```
TestCmpEqNe:
    lda #1
    ldb #2
    ldx #3
    ldy #4
    ldu #5

    cmpa #1                ;Compare A
    jsr MonitorCCNL
    cmpb #22               ;Compare B
    jsr MonitorCCNL
    cmpd #0102             ;Compare D (AB)
    jsr MonitorCCNL
    cmpx #333              ;Compare X
    jsr MonitorCCNL
    cmpy #4                ;Compare Y
    jsr MonitorCCNL
    cmps #4                ;Compare S
    jsr MonitorCCNL

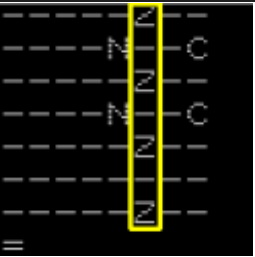
    cmpu #55               ;Compare U (NE Test)
    cmpu #5                ;Compare U (EQ Test)
    jsr MonitorCCNL

    beq ShowEq             ;Branch on Z flag Set
    bne ShowNe             ;Branch on Z flag clear

    ;lbeq ShowEq           ;Long Branch on Z flag Set
    ;lbne ShowNe           ;Long Branch on Z flag clear

    jmp InfLoop
    ;ds.b 2048             ;Long branch test
ShowNe
    lda #'!'
    jsr PrintChar
ShowEq
    lda #'='
    jsr PrintChar
    jmp InfLoop
```

Which Branch occurs will depend on whether the **Zero flag** was set or not.



The *CMP* commands are actually a 'simulated subtraction' - in the sense that they set the flags the same as a *SUB* would, but they leave the register unchanged.



That's why Z is set if the two compared values are the same.

Comparisons of Unsigned numbers

Depending if the values in our registers are Signed or Unsigned numbers we need to use different branch commands for our comparison

If our number is UNSIGNED (0 to 255 or 0 to 65535) then we use the following commands:

BHI will branch if Higher (>)

BHS will branch if Higher or Same (>=)

BLO will branch if Lower (<)

BLS will branch if Lower or Same (<=)

```
TestUnsigned:
    ldd #$7000          ;28672

    ;cmpd #$7000        ;=
    ;cmpd #$7800        ;D < 30720
    ;cmpd #$8000        ;D < 32768 (-32768 Signed)
    cmpd #$6000         ;D > 24576

    bhi ShowGreater     ;Branch if Higher
    bhs ShowGreater     ;Branch if Higher or Same

    bls ShowLess        ;Branch if Lower or Same
    blo ShowLess        ;Branch if Lower
```

In this example D contained 28672... we compared to 24576, so BHI occurred - showing a >



Comparisons of Signed numbers

If our number is SIGNED (-128 to 127 or -32768 to 32767) then we use the following commands:

BGT will branch if Greater Than(>)

BGE will branch if Greater or Even (>=)

BLT will branch if Less Than (<)

BLE will branch if Less or Even (<=)

```
TestSigned:
    ldd #$7000          ;28672

    ;cmpd #$7000        ;=
    ;cmpd #$7800        ;D < 30720
    cmpd #$8000         ;D > -32768 (32768 Unsigned)
    ;cmpd #$6000        ;D > 24576

    bgt ShowGreater     ;Branch if Greater Than (Signed)
    bge ShowGreater     ;Branch if Greater or Even (Signed)

    blt ShowLess        ;Branch if Less Than (Signed)
    ble ShowLess        ;Branch if Less or Even (Signed)
```

In this example D contained 28672... we compared to -32768, so BGT occurred - showing a >



Note, If we had

Checking if Signed or Unsigned

We're going to do some tests on positive and negative numbers.

We'll see how the flags change as a number goes from Positive to Negative

The Negative flag denotes if a register is Negative - effectively if it's top bit is 1

the oVerflow flag denotes if a register just changed sign - for example if we add 1 to 127 (\$7F) it will become -128 (\$80)

BMI will Branch if MInus (N flag set - top bit 1)

BPL will Branch if PLus (N flag clear - top bit 0)

```
TestNegativePositive:
    lda #-1                ;Negative Number
    jsr MonitorACC
    lda #1                 ;Positive Number
    jsr MonitorACC
    jsr NewLine

    lda #6
    sta $10                ;Loop Count
    lda #124

TestNegativePositiveAgain:
    inca                  ;Increase A
    jsr MonitorACC
    dec $10
    bne TestNegativePositiveAgain

    jsr NewLine

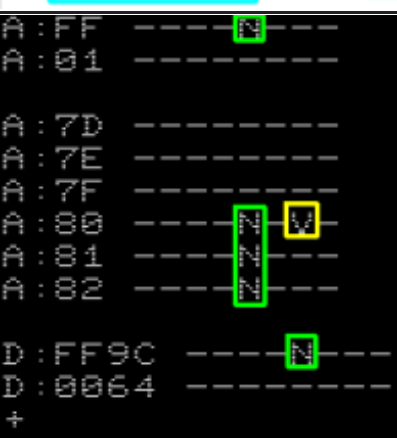
    ldd #-100              ;Negative Number
    jsr MonitorDCC
    ldd #100               ;Positive Number
    jsr MonitorDCC

    bmi BranchMinus        ;Branch if top bit 1 (N flag)
    bpl BranchPlus         ;Branch if top bit 0 (N flag)
```

the N flag will be set when a number is negative (the top bit is 1)

When the sign changes, the oVerflow flag is set.

In this example the sign was positive, so BPL occurred, and a + was shown



Checking if Overflowed

If our mathematical operation accidentally changes the sign of a register we'll have a problem with our maths!

In order to work around this, we can check the overflow flag (V) and see if the sign changed.

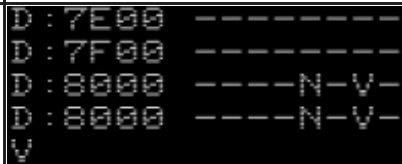
We have two commands:

BVS will Branch if oVerflow Set
BVC will Branch if oVerflow Clear

```
TestOverflow:
    lda #$7D          ; 125
    inca              ;Add 1 = $7E 126
    jsr MonitorDCC
    inca              ;Add 1 = $7F 127
    jsr MonitorDCC
    inca              ;Add 1 = $80 -128 oVerflow!
    jsr MonitorDCC
    ;inca              ;Add 1 = $81 127
    jsr MonitorDCC

    bvs ShowOverflow  ;Branch if Overflow Set
    bvc ShowNoOverflow ;Branch if Overflow Clear
```

Here's the result, in this case the V flag was set, so BVS occurred



BRanch Always and Never!

Finally we have to exceptions that don't look at the flags

BRA will BRanch Always
BRN will BRanch Never

```
TestAlwaysNever:
    brn ShowNever      ;Branch Never
    bra ShowBranch     ;Branch Always
    jmp InfLoop
```

BRN is useless really, it's just a 'quirk' of the instruction set.

Unsurprisingly BRA occurred!



BRN is pretty useless, but it could be handy for self modifying code!

Self modifying code is code that re-writes itself, for example, you may wish to modify a jump to turn it off.. changing BRA to BRN will do this!

Lesson 4 - The StackS! (Yes... there's two!) *

In Assembly, We often need to temporarily store values for a short while and bring them back later, we use the Stack for this!



Unlike most 8 bits, however the 6809 doesn't just have one stack... it has TWO! S and U - Twice the stacky goodness!

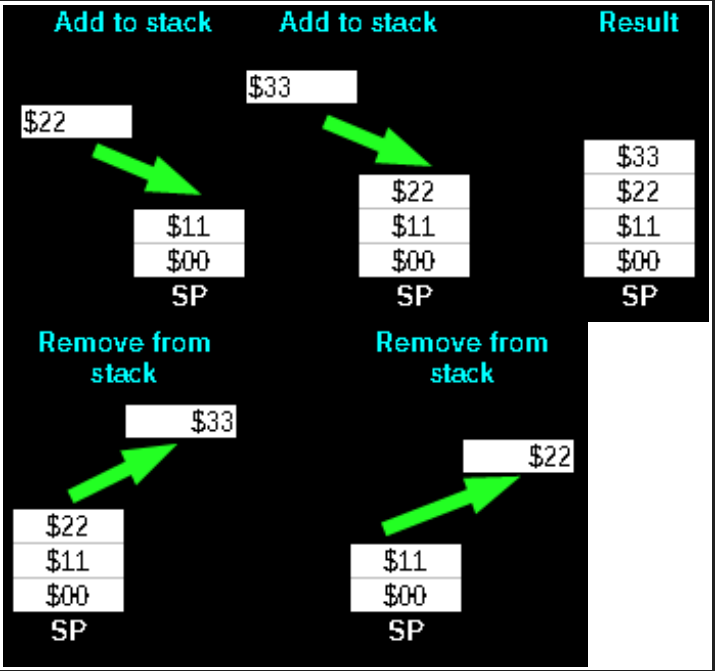
Stack attack!

'Stacks' in assembly are like an 'In tray' for temporary storage...

Imagine we have an In-Tray... we can put items in it, but only ever take the top item off... we can store lots of paper - but have to take it off in the same order we put it on!... this is what a stack does!

If we want to temporarily store a register - we can put it's value on the top of the stack... but we have to take them off in the same order...

The stack will appear in memory, and the stack pointer goes DOWN with each push on the stack... so if it starts at \$01FF and we push 1 byte, it will point to \$01FE



Using Stacks S and U

Like most CPU's, the stack on the 6809 moves DOWN memory as items are 'pushed' onto it... We'll need to point our stack pointers to the top of a spare area of memory.

When we want to set the stack up we use commands LDS and LDU (Load Stack and Load User stack)

When we want to put an item on the stack we use a PUSH command PSHS/PSHD... we get it back with PULL command PULS/PULU....

The stack is in **reverse order**, so the items are pulled off the stack in the opposite order they were pushed...

```
LD S #3E00      ;Set Stack S (Main)
LD U #3D00      ;Set Stack U (User)
```

Pushed items can be pulled into different registers later.

Multiple registers can be pushed or pulled at the same time... the order we list the registers in the source does not affect the order they are processed by the command.

We can push one register onto the stack

```
ldd #$FEDC
pshs d ;Push D onto the S Stack
ldd #$1234
pshs d ;Push D onto the S Stack
ldd #$FFEE
pshu d ;Push D onto the U Stack
ldd #$DDCC
pshu d ;Push D onto the U Stack

jsr MonitorStacks

jsr MonitorXYSU
pulu x,y ;Pull two 16 bit registers onto the stack

pshu x,y ;Push XY
jsr MonitorXYSU
pulu y,x ;Pull YX Order doesn't matter
jsr MonitorXYSU ;Same effect as pulu x,y
jsr NewLine

puls x
jsr MonitorXYSU
puls y
jsr MonitorXYSU
```

Here are the results.

With each push the stack pointer S or U will go down... with each pull S or U will go up

```
D:0000 X:2000 Y:001A
S:3E00 U:3D00 P:2176 C:00 Dp:00
3DF0:
00 3D F2 00 DD CC 3D F0
20 C9 20 24 12 34 FE DC
3CF0:
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00 DD CC FF EE

X:3CF0 Y:0000 S:3DFC U:3CFC
X:DDCC Y:FFEE S:3DFC U:3CFC
X:DDCC Y:FFEE S:3DFC U:3D00

X:1234 Y:FFEE S:3DFE U:3D00
X:1234 Y:FEDC S:3E00 U:3D00
```

We can push and pull any of the registers onto the stack... 8 Bit accumulators A or B, 16 bit registers X, Y or D, the Stack pointers themselves S, U the program counter PC, or the 8 bit flags (CC)



Combining Bytes and Words, and pushing Stack registers!

We can **push the 8 bit accumulators** onto the stack - when we do so a single byte is pushed onto the stack. We can even then **pull them off into a 16 bit register**.

We should always make sure our routines leave the stack as they found them - with the stack pointer in the same position at the end as the start,

however we don't actually need to pull all the items off the stack - in this case we **pushed the Stack register onto the User stack** - and **popped it off at the end**... restoring the Stack pointer to it's starting state!

```
pshu s      ;Push the S stack onto the U Stack
lda #$FF
pshs a      ;Push A onto the S Stack (1 Byte)
lda #$EE
pshs a      ;Push A onto the S Stack (1 Byte)
lda #$DD
pshs a      ;Push A onto the S Stack (1 Byte)
lda #$CC
pshs a      ;Push A onto the S Stack (1 Byte)
jsr MonitorStacks
jsr MonitorXYSU
puls x      ;Pull 2 bytes off the S stack into X
jsr MonitorXYSU

pulu s      ;Pull the S stack pointer off the U Stack
;We didn't Pull all the pushed data off the stack,
;but now it doesn't matter
jsr MonitorXYSU
```

Here are the results.



Subroutines and stacks

Subroutines and returns also use the main stack (S)

When we use **JSR**, the return address is pushed onto the stack...

for this reason we need to ensure our stack is the same at the end of the subroutine as when it started.

```

StackTests3:
    lda #$FF
    pshs a                ;Push A onto the S Stack (1 Byte)
    jsr MonitorA
    jsr SubTest           ;Sub call puts return address
                          ;onto stack
    puls a
    jsr MonitorA
    jmp InfLoops

SubTest:
    lda #$EE
    pshs a                ;Push A onto the S Stack (1 Byte)
    jsr MonitorA
    lda #$DD
    pshs a                ;Push A onto the S Stack (1 Byte)
    jsr MonitorA
    jsr NewLine
    jsr MonitorStack
    puls a
    jsr MonitorA
    puls a
    jsr MonitorA
    jsr NewLine
    rts                  ;Stack needs to be in same position as
                          ;when sub started

```

```

A:EE A:EE A:DD
3DF0:
21 F1 00 DD 00 3D F0 20
D3 20 94 DD EE 20 75 FF
A:DD A:EE
3DF0:
21 CC 21 44 3D F5 00 EE
00 3D F0 20 D3 20 78 FF
A:FF

```

In this example we can see the **Return address**, surrounded by the **Other values pushed** onto the stack



While JSR pushes the address of the next command onto the stack, RTS effectively pops an item off the main stack (S) into the Program counter (PC)

JSR always uses the main stack (S) not the user stack (U).

Look Ma!... no RTS

we can also back up the flags (CC)!

In this example, our subroutine backs up X, Y and CC

Normally our subroutine would end with **RTS**... but as RTS effectively pops the **program counter (PC)** off the stack, we can do this with the PULS, and save the command!

```
StackTests4:
    ldY #$1234      ;Test Values
    ldX #$5678      ;Test Values
    lda #0
    jsr Monitor

    jsr SubTest2     ;Call Sub (Return addr onto stack)

    jsr Monitor
    jmp InfLoops

SubTest2:
    pshs x,y,cc
    ldY #$FFEE      ;More test values
    ldX #$DDCC
    jsr MonitorXYSU
    jsr MonitorStack
    puls x,y,cc,pc   ;Pop Return into PC - no need for RTS
```

```
D:0000 X:5678 Y:1234
S:3DFF U:3D00 P:218F C:04 Dp:00
X:DDCC Y:FFEE S:3DF9 U:3D00
3DF0:
00 00 00 3D F0 20 D5 20
C6 04 56 78 12 34 20 B1
D:0000 X:5678 Y:1234
S:3DFF U:3D00 P:218F C:04 Dp:00
```

Here are the results

No matter how many or few registers we push or pull the command always ends up being two bytes.

Therefore, if we need to end our sub with a PULS we can save one byte by adding the PC to the list... PC is always the last register popped off the stack if it's in the PULS list.



Lesson 5 - More Maths - Logical Ops, Bit shifts and more

We've covered a wide range of of commands, but we've overlooked a wide range of common maths commands.

Lets look at them now and learn what they do



Logical Operations... AND, OR and EOR

There will be many times when we need to change some of the bits in a register, we have a range of commands to do this!

AND will return a bit as 1 where the bits of both the accumulator and parameter are 1
OR will set a bit to 1 where the bit of either the accumulator or the parameter is 1
EOR is nothing to do with donkeys... it means Exclusive OR... it will invert the bits of the accumulator with the parameter - it's called XOR on the z80!

Effectively, when a bit is 1 - AND will keep it... OR will set it, and EOR will invert it

A summary of each command can be seen below:

Command	Accumulator	Parameter	Result
AND	1	1	1
	0	1	0
	1	0	0
	0	0	0
ORA	1	1	1
	0	1	1
	1	0	1
	0	0	0
EOR	1	1	0
	0	1	1
	1	0	1
	0	0	0

Command	lda #%10101010 eor #%11110000	lda #%10101010 and #%11110000	lda #%10101010 ora #%11110000
Result	##%01011010	##%10100000	##%11111010
Meaning	Invert the bits where the mask bits are 1	return 1 where both bits are 1	Return 1 when either bit is 1

In the Z80 tutorials, we saw a visual representation of how these commands changed the bits - it may help you understand each command.

Sample	EOR %11110000	AND %11110000	ORA %11110000
	Invert Bits that are 1	Keep Bits that are 1	Set Bits that are 1

Our commands need to specify the register we want to work on.

We can only operate on A or B (Not D)... we can also use ANDCC to set Condition codes, or ORCC to clear them.

AND will clear bits where the parameter bit is 0

OR will set bits where the parameter bit is 1

EOR will flip bits where the parameter bit is 1

COM will flip all the bits (complement) - it doesn't take a parameter

NEG will negate a number (turn a positive to negative or vice versa) - effectively flipping the bits and adding 1

```
TestLogicalOps:
    lda #%11001101
    ldb #$CD
    pshs d,cc
    jsr MonitorACCBits
    anda #%11110000    ;Return 1 when both bits 1, else 0
    andb #%11110000    ;Return 1 when both bits 1, else 0
    andcc #%11110000   ;Return 1 when both bits 1, else 0
    jsr MonitorACCBits
    jsr NewLine
    puls d,cc
    pshs d,cc
    jsr MonitorACCBits
    ora  #%00001111    ;Return 1 when either bit 1, else 0
    orb  #%00001111    ;Return 1 when either bit 1, else 0
    orcc #%00001111    ;Return 1 when either bit 1, else 0
    jsr MonitorACCBits
    jsr NewLine
    puls d,cc
    pshs d,cc
    jsr MonitorACCBits
    eora #%00001111    ;Return opposite when bit 1
    eorb #%00001111    ;Return opposite when bit 1
    jsr MonitorACCBits
    jsr NewLine
    puls d,cc
    pshs d,cc
    jsr MonitorACCBits
    coma                ;Flip bits
    comb                ;Flip bits
    jsr MonitorACCBits
    jsr NewLine
    puls d,cc
    lda #10
    ldb #-10
    jsr MonitorACCBits
    nega                ;Negate number
    negb                ;Negate number
    jsr MonitorACCBits
    nega                ;Negate number
    negb                ;Negate number
    jsr MonitorACCBits
```

The bottom bits of the AND Test were 0, so these were cleared in the test

The bottom bits of the OR test were 1, so these were set in the test

The bottom bits of the **EOR** test were 1, so these were flipped in the test

When tested **COM** flipped all the bits

When tested **NEG** negated the value - of course if we run it twice, we end up with the value we started

```
A: 11001101 B: CD CC: ---N---
A: 11000000 B: CB CC: ---N---
A: 11001101 B: CD CC: ---N---
A: 11001111 B: CE CC: ---NZOC
A: 11001101 B: CD CC: ---N---
A: 11000010 B: C2 CC: ---N---
A: 11001101 B: CD CC: ---N---
A: 00110010 B: 32 CC: ---C
A: 00001010 B: F6 CC: ---N---
A: 11110110 B: 0A CC: ---C
A: 00001010 B: F6 CC: ---N---C
```

Rotations and Shifts

The 6809 has 3 kinds of rotate command, these can work to the Left, or Right, and can work on A, B or an address... they always work on a single byte

Operation	Left	Right
Rotate bits around through Carry	ROL	ROR
Arithmetic Shift (Signed)	ASL	ASR
Logical Shift (Unsigned)	LSL	LSR

```
TestRotation:
    lda #%10111001
    ldb #7
    pshs d
TestRotationAgain:
    jsr MonitorACCBits

    rora                ;Rotate Right
    asra                ;Arithmetic Shift Right
    lsra                ;Logical Shift Right

    decb
    bne TestRotationAgain
    puls d
    jsr NewLine
TestRotationAgainB:
    jsr MonitorACCBits

    rola                ;Rotate Left
    asla                ;Arithmetic Shift Left
    lsle                ;Logical Shift Left

    decb
    bne TestRotationAgainB
```

ROL and **ROR** rotate the bits by 1 to either the left or the right...

Of course the register contains 8 bits, but the Carry acts as a 9th

bit - so any bit pushed out of the register goes into the carry, and any carry is pushed into the "other side" of the registers

A: 10111001	B: 07	CC: -----	
A: 01011100	B: 06	CC: -----C	
A: 10101110	B: 05	CC: -----	
A: 01010111	B: 04	CC: -----	
A: 00101011	B: 03	CC: -----C	
A: 10010101	B: 02	CC: -----C	
A: 11001010	B: 01	CC: -----C	
A: 10111001	B: 07	CC: -----	
A: 01110010	B: 06	CC: -----C	
A: 11100101	B: 05	CC: -----	
A: 11001010	B: 04	CC: -----C	
A: 10010101	B: 03	CC: -----C	
A: 00101011	B: 02	CC: -----C	
A: 01010111	B: 01	CC: -----	

ASL and ASR are designed to work with signed numbers...

When the bits are shifted to the right with ASR, any new bit will be the same as the previous top bit (in this case 1)...
ASL will fill any new bits with 0 ... though it's effectively the same as LSL

ASR effectively halves signed number, but keeps the sign intact...
so 8 will turn to 4, or -8 will turn to -4
ASL effectively doubles numbers so 4 becomes 8

A: 10111001	B: 07	CC: -----	
A: 11011100	B: 06	CC: -----C	
A: 11101110	B: 05	CC: -----	
A: 11110111	B: 04	CC: -----	
A: 11111011	B: 03	CC: -----C	
A: 11111101	B: 02	CC: -----C	
A: 11111110	B: 01	CC: -----C	
A: 10111001	B: 07	CC: -----	
A: 01110010	B: 06	CC: -----C	
A: 11100100	B: 05	CC: -----	
A: 11001000	B: 04	CC: -----C	
A: 10010000	B: 03	CC: -----C	
A: 00100000	B: 02	CC: -----C	
A: 01000000	B: 01	CC: -----	

LSL and LSR are designed to work with unsigned numbers...

When the bits are shifted to the right with LSR or ASL, any new bits with 0 ...

LSR effectively halves unsigned number, but breaks signed numbers... so 8 will turn to 4
ASL effectively doubles numbers so 4 becomes 8

A: 10111001	B: 07	CC: -----	
A: 01011100	B: 06	CC: -----C	
A: 00101110	B: 05	CC: -----	
A: 00010111	B: 04	CC: -----	
A: 00001011	B: 03	CC: -----C	
A: 00000101	B: 02	CC: -----C	
A: 00000010	B: 01	CC: -----C	
A: 10111001	B: 07	CC: -----	
A: 01110010	B: 06	CC: -----C	
A: 11100100	B: 05	CC: -----	
A: 11001000	B: 04	CC: -----C	
A: 10010000	B: 03	CC: -----C	
A: 00100000	B: 02	CC: -----C	
A: 01000000	B: 01	CC: -----	



You need to download the source code and unrem the alternate shifts to see them in operation!

What do you mean, you can't be bothered! Grr... I don't know, the youth of today are sooo lazy!

Sign EXtending a register with...SEX (oh dear!)

There may be times when you want to sign extend an 8 bit register to 16 bits - effectively filling the top byte with the top bit of the low byte.

We can do this with the dubiously named '**SEX**' command.... this sign extends B into A... so the D register now contains a 16 bit version of the signed number

In this example we load some junk into A - then we load a test number into B - and sign extend it.

```
TestSEX:
    lda #$66
    ldb #64
    jsr MonitorD
    sex                ;Sign EXtend B->D (B->AB)
    jsr MonitorD        ;Bits of A to top bit of B

    jsr NewLine

    lda #$66
    ldb #-64
    jsr MonitorD
    sex                ;Sign EXtend B->D (B->AB)
    jsr MonitorD        ;Bits of A to top bit of B

    jmp InfLoop
```

When the top bit was **zero**... A was set to %00000000 (\$00)
When the top bit was **one**... A was set to %11111111 (\$FF)

```
D: 6640
D: 0040
D: 66C0
D: FFC0
```

Test bits and set flags

We have some commands to set flags based on a register without changing it

the **BIT** commands allow us to provide a bitmask - this is effectively the equivalent of an AND command - but does not actually change the register

TST sets the flags according to a register (or memory address) and sets the flags accordingly - we can use it to check if a register contains zero

```

TestBits:
    lda #%00000011
    bita #%00000001    ;logical AND (only changes Flags)
    jsr MonitorACCBits
    bita #%00000010    ;logical AND (only changes Flags)
    jsr MonitorACCBits
    bita #%00000100    ;logical AND (only changes Flags)
    jsr MonitorACCBits
    bita #%00000011    ;logical AND (only changes Flags)
    jsr MonitorACCBits
    bita #%10000000    ;logical AND (only changes Flags)
    jsr MonitorACCBits

    jsr NewLine

    lda #0
    tsta                ;Set Flags From A
    jsr ShowFlagsN
    lda #1
    tsta                ;Set Flags From A
    jsr ShowFlagsN
    lda #-1
    tsta                ;Set Flags From A
    jsr ShowFlagsN

```

```

A:00000011 B:00 CC:-----
A:00000011 B:00 CC:-----
A:00000011 B:00 CC:-----Z-
A:00000011 B:00 CC:-----
A:00000011 B:00 CC:-----Z-
CC:-----Z-
CC:-----
CC:-----N-

```

BIT will compare the selected bits, and set the Z flag if the bits that were 1 in the parameter are 0 in the tested register.

TST will set the flags according to the register or memory address... in this case we set the Zero flag when A=0... and the Negative flag when A was <0

DAA - Decimal Adjust Accumulator

Binary coded decimal is where we use a byte to store two decimal digits (one per nibble)....

Actually they are stored as 'hexadecimal' however the digits never go over 9... for example \$09 + 1 = \$10 and \$0099 +1 = \$0100

DAA will decimal adjust the A accumulator (it cannot work on B)... this should be done after addition, and will correct the accumulator, converting numbers like \$0A to \$10

```

TestDaa
    ldb #16
    lda #08
DAA_Again:
    jsr ShowAN

    inca                ;Test #1
    ;adda #2            ;Test #2

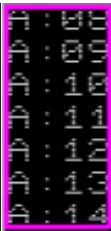
    daa                ;Decimal Adjust Accumulator (1 nibble per digit)

    decb
    bne DAA_Again

    jmp InfLoop

```


The Two nibbles act as a pair of decimal numbers (even though they are actually base 16)



Multiplication!

The **MUL** command will multiply A * B and store the result in D

```
TestMult:
    lda #$10
    ldb #$69
    jsr MonitorD

    mul                ;Multiply... D=A*B

    jsr MonitorD
```

in this example we multiplied \$69 by \$10 ... The result? \$0690



We've learned how to Multiply... Wondering where the Divide command is?... Well, um, there isn't one!

You've got a MUL command - that's more than the Z80 or 6502 had... stop being so demanding!