ARM Assembly Operations

Simplest Complete Program (compile with gcc -o filename filename.s; run with ./filename)

Basic operations

Argument dr is the register in which to store the result. Operands or must be a register (e.g. r1). Operands oi can be a register or an immediate (e.g. #5). The argument #0 for svc must be this value.

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Add
                                               add dr, or, oi
Subtract (or - oi)
                                                sub dr, or, oi
Reverse subtract (oi - or)
                                               rsb dr, or, oi
Multiply (dr and or1 cannot be the same)
                                               mul dr, or1, or2
Divide signed numbers (or1 / or2)
                                               sdiv dr, or1, or2
Logical shift left (oi must be immediate)
                                               lsl dr, or, oi
Copy (from oi to dr)
                                               mov dr, oi
Compare or to oi and set comparison flags
                                               cmp or, oi
Branch to label
                                               b address
Branch and link
                                               bl address
System call (see table below)
                                                svc #0
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svc #0 is controlled by the contents of register r7:

- 1 Exit program
- 3 Read string (r2 bytes long) and store using address in r1. r0 must be #0 (standard input)
- 4 Print string (r2 bytes long) whose address is stored in r1. r0 must be #1 (standard output)

Conditional Suffixes

All instructions can be used conditionally (based on the last call to cmp) by adding one of these suffixes.

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If flags are set to "equal" eq If flags are set to "not equal" ne
If flags are set to "greater than or equal" ge If flags are set to "less than or equal" le
If flags are set to "greater than" gt If flags are set to "less than" lt
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Memory instructions

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Switch to the text segment
                                                       .text
Switch to the data segment
                                                       .data
Store str as a null-terminated string
                                                       .asciz "str"
Reserve oi bytes of space (oi must be immediate)
                                                       .space oi
Create word (or can be a string)
                                                       .word or
Load word from address
                                                      ldr dr, address
Load address of labelText
                                                      ldr dr, =#labelText
Store word at address
                                                      str or, address
                                                      ldrb dr, address
Load byte from address
Store byte at address
                                                      strb or, address
Push register values to the stack
                                                      push {reglist}
Pop register values from the stack
                                                      pop {reglist}
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address can be [or] or [or, oi], with the values being added together when oi is provided reglist is a comma-separated list of registers and ranges of registers (e.g. r1, r5-r7) one more line

¹Requires the compile flag -mcpu=cortex-a7 for gcc; see https://forums.raspberrypi.com/viewtopic.php?t=320122