

3 Assembly Language

1st vs 2nd editions

- .word in 2nd edition is equivalent to .fill in 1st edition
- bl in 2nd edition is equivalent to jsr in 1st edition
- .asciz and .string in 2nd edition is equivalent to .stringz in 1st edition
- .zero and .space in the 2nd edition is equivalent to .blkw in 1st edition
- The LCC assembler supports both 1st and 2nd editions
- If the shift count (2nd edition) is omitted, it defaults to 1.
- If a register is not specified in an I/O trap instruction, it defaults to r0.

```
; ex0301.bin
0010 000 000000101
0010 001 000000101
0001 000 000 000 001
1111 000 0000 00010
1111 000 0000 00001
1111 000 0000 00000
00000000000000010
00000000000000011
```

```
; ex0301.a
    ld r0, x
    ld r1, y
    add r0, r0, r1
    dout r0
    nl
    halt
x:    .word 2
y:    .word 3
```

Rule: Mnemonics, directives, and register names, but not labels, are *case insensitive*. That is, they can be in either upper or lower case in an assembly language program. Thus, ld and LD are equivalent but not the labels x and X. *Only labels start in column 1* in an assembly language instruction.

```
x:    .word 3      ; translated to 0000000000000011 (3 in binary)
y:    .word 'A'    ; translated to 0000000001000001 (ASCII code for 'A')
z:    .word x      ; translated to the address of x
```

Insert before halt:

```
    hout r0        ; displays value in r0 in hex
    nl             ; move cursor to beginning of next line
```

Assembling and Executing ex0301.a

Run lcc program:

```
lcc ex0301.a
```

```
Starting assembly pass 1
```

```
Starting assembly pass 2
```

```
Starting interpretation of ex0301.e
```

```
lst file = ex0301.lst
```

```
bst file = ex0301.bst
```

```
===== Output
```

```
5
```

ex0301.lst file Produced by the lcc Program

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Header

File signature

Nothing here so empty header for this program

Terminates header

Loc Code Source Code Machine code part of executable file

; ex0301.a

0000	2005	ld r0, x
0001	2205	ld r1, y
0002	1001	add r0, r0, r1
0003	f002	dout r0
0004	f001	nl
0005	f000	halt
0006	0002	x: .word 2
0007	0003	y: .word 3

===== Output

5

===== Program statistics

Input file name	=	ex0301.a
Instructions executed	=	6 (hex) 6 (dec)
Program size	=	8 (hex) 8 (dec)
Max stack size	=	0 (hex) 0 (dec)
Load point	=	0 (hex) 0 (dec)

Sub Instruction

```
add r0, r1, r2    ; adds r1 and r2, result goes into r0
sub r0, r1, r2    ; subtracts r2 from r1, result goes into r0
```

```
add r0, r1, 1     ; add r1 and 1, result goes into r0
sub r0, r1, 1     ; subtract 1 from r1, result goes into r0
```

```
sub r0, r0, r0
```

.zero (.blkw) and .string (.stringz, .asciz) Directives

```
buffer:  .zero 100
```

This single directive is equivalent to

```
buffer:  .word 0  
        .word 0  
        :  
        .word 0 } 100 .word directives
```

```
greeting: .string "Hello, world"
```

```
1 ; ex0302.a  
2      lea r0, prompt      ; get address of prompt message  
3      sout r0             ; display prompt message  
4      lea r0, buffer      ; get address of buffer  
5      sin                 ; read string from keyboard  
6      sout r0             ; echo string to display  
7      halt  
8 prompt: .string "Enter string\n"  
9 buffer: .zero 100
```

Mov Pseudo-Instruction

```
mvi r0, 5      ; moves 5 into r0
add r1, r0, 0  ; moves contents of r0 into r1
mvr r1, r0
```

```
mov r0, 5      ; move 5 into r0
mov r1, r0     ; move contents of r0 into r1
mov r0, 'A'
```

Branch Instructions and Loops

4 3 9
0000 code pcoffset9

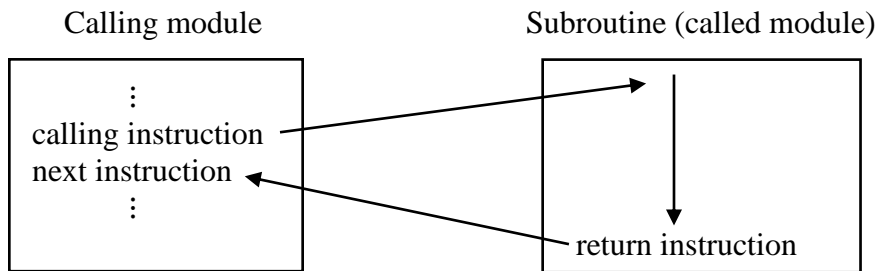
	code	branch occurs if
brz or bre	000	$z = 1$ (branch on zero, branch on equal)
brnz or brne	001	$z = 0$ (branch on nonzero, branch on not equal)
brn	010	$n = 1$ (branch on negative)
brp	011	$n = z$ (branch on positive)
brlt	100	$n \neq v$ (branch on less than after a compare)
brgt	101	$n = v$ and $z = 0$ (branch on greater than after compare)
brc	110	$c = 1$ (branch on carry)
br	111	(unconditional branch)

```
add r0, r0, r1  
brz dog
```

Add First 10 Odd Numbers

```
1 ; ex0303.a
2     mov r1, 0           ; sum initially is 0
3     mov r2, 1           ; initialize r2 to first odd number
4     mov r3, 2           ; r3 used to get next odd number in series
5     mov r4, 10          ; 10 is number of odd numbers to sum
6 loop: add r1, r1, r2     ; add odd number in r2 to r1
7     add r2, r2, r3      ; add 2 to r2 to get next odd number
8     sub r4, r4, 1       ; decrement count
9     brp loop           ; do loop again if count in r4 is positive
10    lea r0,s            ; get address of string
11    sout r0             ; display "Sum = "
12    dout r1             ; display the sum
13    nl                 ; move cursor to the next line
14    halt
15 s:    .string "Sum = "
```


Calling Subroutines



bl (branch and link) instruction:

```
      4      1      11
0100 1 pcoffset11
```

```
1 ; ex0304.a
2 main:      bl sub          ; saves return address (address of 2nd bl) in r7
3            bl sub          ; saves return address (address of halt) in r7
4            halt
5 ;=====
6 sub:       lea r0, msg
7            sout r0
8            ret              ; return to address in r7
9 msg:       .string "Hello\n"
```

Can also use the mnemonics jsr and call in place of bl.

Second form of branch and link (register in place of a label as operand). Use mnemonic **blr**:

```
blr r5      ; jump to address in r5
```

Header in an Executable File

```
1 ; ex0305.a  Infinite loop
2 sub:      lea r0, msg ← Execution starts here but it should NOT!
3           sout r0
4           ret ← Returns to lea instruction
5 msg:      .string "Hello\n"
6 ;=====
7 main:     bl sub    ; saves return address (address of next bl) in r7
8           bl sub    ; saves return address (address of halt) in r7
9           halt

1 ; ex0306.a
2           .start main ← Indicates main is the entry point
3 sub:      lea r0, msg
4           sout r0
5           ret
6 msg:      .string "Hello\n"
7 ;=====
8 main:     bl sub    ← Entry point is here
9           bl sub
10          halt
```

.start Directive

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Header

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Entry point address relative
to beginning of program

Loc Code Source Code

; ex0306.a

Specifies entry point

.start main
0000 e002 sub: lea r0, msg
0001 f006 sout r0
0002 c1c0 ret
0003 0048 msg: .string "Hello\n"
0004 0065
0005 006c
0006 006c
0007 006f
0008 000a
0009 0000

; =====

000a 4ff5 main: bl sub
000b 4ff4 bl sub
000c f000 halt

Here is the entry point

===== Output

Hello
Hello

===== Program statistics

Input file name = ex0306.a
Instructions executed = 9 (hex) 9 (dec)
Program size = d (hex) 13 (dec)
Max stack size = 0 (hex) 0 (dec)
Load point = 0 (hex) 0 (dec)LCC

```

1 ; ex0307.a
2         ld r0, y          ; translated to 0010 000 000000010
3         halt              ; translated to 1111 0000 00100101
4 x:      .word 7           ; translated to 0000000000000111 (7 decimal)
5 y:      .word x           ; translated to 0000000000000010 (address of x)

```

```

1 ; ex0308.a
2         ld r0, y          ; translated to 0010 000 000000010
3         halt              ; translated to 1111 0000 00000000
4 x:      .word 7           ; translated to 0000000000000111 (7 decimal)
5 y:      .word 2           ; translated to 0000000000000010 (2 decimal)

```

```
lcc ex0307.e -r -m
```

```
lcc ex0307.e -L 0x3000 -r -m
```

----- Memory display

```

3000: 2002
3001: f000
3002: 0007
3003: 3002

```

Adjusted
address

----- End of memory display

----- Register display

```

n  = 0    z  = 0    p  = 1    pc = 3002    ir = 0007
r0 = 3002  r1 = 0000  r2 = 0000  r3 = 0000
r4 = 0000  fp = 0000  sp = 0000  lr = 0000

```

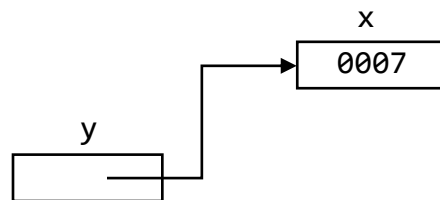
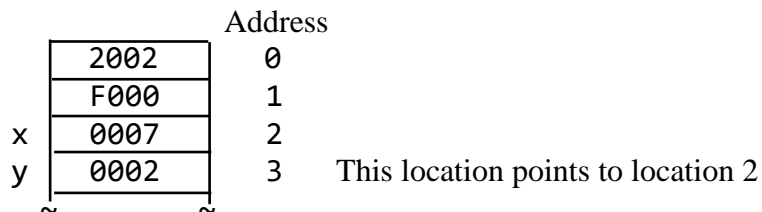
----- End of register display

A 0003 is in ex0307.e

Dereferencing Pointers

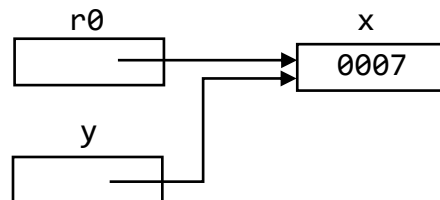
The last two lines of the program in `ex0307.a` are

```
x:      .word 7      ; translated to 0000000000000111 (7 decimal)
y:      .word x      ; translated to 0000000000000010 (the address of x)
```



```
ld r0, y      ; load r0 from y
```

Thus, after this instruction is executed `r0` points to `x` (i.e., it contains the address of `x`).



LDR Instruction

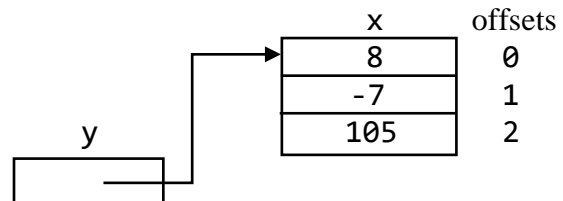
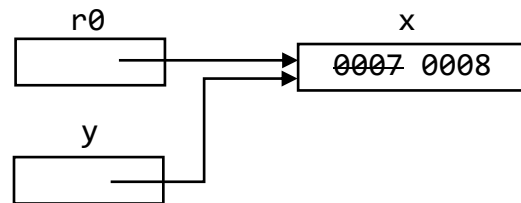
$\begin{array}{cccc} 4 & 3 & 3 & 6 \\ 0110 & dr & baser & offset6 \end{array}$

Suppose we then execute, where `r0` contains the address of `x`.

```
ldr r1, r0, 0    ; load r1 from address given by r0 + 0
```

```
add r1, r1, 1    ; add 1 to r1
```

```
str r1, r0, 0    ; stores incremented value into x
```



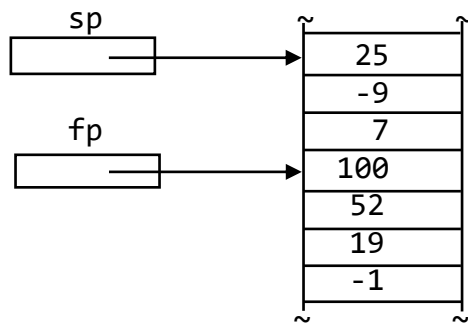
```
ld r0, y        ; load r0 with the pointer in y
```

```
ldr r1, r0, 2    ; load from address given by r0 + 2
```

Accessing the Stack

```
push r3
```

```
pop r4
```



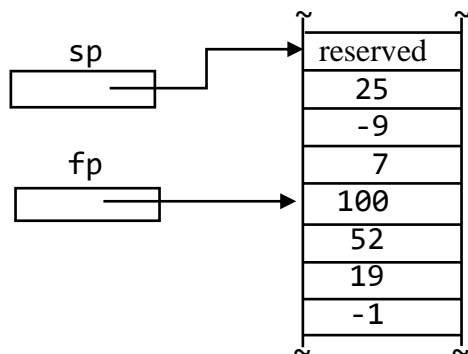
```
ldr r2, fp, 2
```

```
ldr r2, fp, -3
```

```
str r0, fp, 1
```

```
sub sp, sp, 1
```

This instruction transforms the stack configuration from that shown above to the following:



Comparing Numbers

Incorrect!!!

```
    ld r0, x
    ld r1, y
    sub r0, r0, r1    ; subtract r1 from r0, result goes into r0
    brn less         ; branch if x < y
    brz equal        ; branch if x = y
    brp greater      ; branch if x > y
    :
x:   .word 5
y:   .word 10
```


Correct!!!

```
1      ld r0, x      ; x is the top number
2      ld r1, y      ; y is the bottom number
3      sub r0, r0, r1 ; subtract r1 from r0, result goes into r0
4      brlt less     ; branch if x < y
5      brz equal     ; branch if x = y
6      brgt greater  ; branch if x > y
7      :
8 x:    .word 5
9 y:    .word 10
```

The `brlt` instruction branches if $n \neq v$ (i.e., the n flag does not equal the v flag). Thus, it branches if

$n = 1$ and $v = 0$

or

$n = 0$ and $v = 1$.

The `brlt` instruction does not branch if $n = v$. Thus, it does not branch if

$n = 0$ and $v = 0$

or

$n = 1$ and $v = 1$

Rule: When a `brlt` instruction follows a subtraction of two signed numbers, the `brlt` instruction branches if and only if the top number in the subtraction is less than the bottom number.

Program That Uses the brlt, brz, and br Instructions

```
1 ; ex0309.a
2     lea r0, prompt      ; prompt for numbers
3     sout r0
4     din r0              ; read in first number
5     din r1              ; read in second number
6     sub r0, r0, r1      ; subtract 2nd number from 1st number
7     brlt less           ; branch according to the result
8     brz equal
9     brgt greater        ; can use br here instead of brgt
10 less: lea r0, msglt
11     br display          ; unconditional branch to display
12 equal: lea r0, msge
13     br display          ; unconditional branch to display
14 greater: lea r0, msgg
15 display: sout r0        ; display result
16     halt
17 prompt: .string "Enter two signed numbers\n"
18 msglt:  .string "First number less\n"
19 msge:   .string "Numbers equal\n"
20 msggt:  .string "First number greater\n"
```

Comparing Unsigned Numbers

```
1      ld r0, x      ; x is the top number
2      ld r1, y      ; y is the bottom number
3      sub r0, r0, r1 ; subtract r1 from r0, result goes into r0
4      brc below     ; branch if x < y
5      brz equal     ; branch if x = y
6      br above      ; otherwise, branch if x > y
7      :
8 x:    .word 5
9 y:    .word 10
```

CMP Instruction

```
cmp r0, r1 ; subtracts r1 from r2 (r0 and r1 unaffected)
brlt less
```

```
cmp r0,5
brlt less
```

Rule: If the result of a subtraction is not needed, compare values using `cmp` instead of `sub`.

Assembly Process

To translate an assembly language instruction, an assembler needs to know

1. the opcode for the mnemonic
2. if the instruction includes any register names, the numbers that denote those registers
3. if the instruction specifies an operand using a label, the address corresponding to that label

ld r0, x

Opcode table	
br	0000
add	0001
ld	0010
⋮	⋮

Register table	
r0	000
r1	001
r2	010
⋮	⋮
r7	111
fp	101
sp	110
lr	111

Symbol Table (built in Pass 1)

```
1 ; ex0310.a
2         ld r0, x
3         dout r0
4         halt
5 x:      .word 5
```

Symbol	Address
x	00000000000000011

Computing PC-Relative Address (Pass 2)

```
1 ; ex0310.a
2         ld r0, x
3         dout r0
4         halt
5 x:      .word 5
6 y:      .word x
```

Symbol	Address
x	000000000000000011
y	00000000000000100

$\text{pc-relative address} = (\text{address of x from symbol table}) - (\text{location_counter} + 1)$

From opcode table Computed from `location_counter` and the address in the symbol table for x

0010 000 000000000000000010

From register table

An assembler is so called because its principal activity is to assemble (i.e., put together) machine instructions from its component parts.

Label Offsets and the Current Location Marker

```
1      ld r0, x      ; loads 5
2      ld r1, x+1    ; loads 11
3      ld r2, x+2    ; loads 17
4      ld r3, y-2    ; loads 5
5      halt
6 x:    .word 5
7      .word 11
8 y:    .word 17
9 z:    .word x+2      ; assembled to the address of y

      brp *+3          ; branch on positive to hout r0 instruction
      dout r0
      br *+2           ; unconditional branch to halt instruction
      hout r0
      halt
```


More Instructions

jmp

jmp r3

The **ret** instruction is a special case of the **jmp** instruction. The assembler translates the **ret** instruction to

jmp r7

Shift Instructions

r1 before srl r1,1

1111111111111100

r1 after srl r1

0111111111111110

n set to 0, z set to 0, c set to 0

r1 before sra r1,1

1111111111111101

r1 after sra r1

1111111111111110

n set to 1, z set to 0, c set to 1

r1 before sll r1,1

1000000000000000

r1 after sll r1

0000000000000000

n set to 0, z set to 1, c set to 1

Extended Opcode Instructions

push	1010	sr	0000	00000		mem[--sp] = sr
pop	1010	dr	0000	00001	nz	dr = mem[sp++];
srl	1010	sr	ct	00010	nzc	sr >> ct (0 inserted on left, c=last out)
nop	1010	000	0000	00010		no operation
sra	1010	sr	ct	00011	nzc	sr >> ct (sign bit replicated, c=last out)
sll	1010	sr	ct	00100	nzc	sr << ct (0 inserted on right, c=last out)
rol	1010	sr	ct	00101	nzc	sr << ct (rotate: bit 15 → bit 0, c=last out)
ror	1010	sr	ct	00110	nzc	sr << ct (rotate: bit 0 → bit 15, c=last out)
mul	1010	dr	sr	0 00111	nz	dr = dr * sr
div	1010	dr	sr	0 01000	nz	dr = dr / sr
rem	1010	dr	sr	0 01001	nz	dr = dr % sr
or	1010	dr	sr	0 01010	nz	dr = dr sr (bitwise OR)
xor	1010	dr	sr	0 01011	nz	dr = dr ^ sr (bitwise exclusive OR)

LCC Instruction Set Summary

Mnemonic	Format		Flags Set		Description
br--	0000	code	pcoffset9		on code, pc = pc + pcoffset9
add	0001	dr	sr1 000 sr2	nzcv	dr = sr1 + sr2
add	0001	dr	sr1 1 imm5	nzcv	dr = sr1 + imm5
ld	0010	dr	pcoffset9		dr = mem[pc + pcoffset9]
st	0011	sr	pcoffset9		mem[pc + pcoffset9] = sr
bl	0100	1	pcoffset11		lr= pc; pc = [pc + pcoffset11]
bl	0100	000	baser 000000		lr = pc; pc = baser
and	0101	dr	sr1 000 sr2	nz	dr = sr1 & sr2
and	0101	dr	sr1 1 imm5	nz	dr = sr1 & imm5
ldr	0110	dr	baser offset6		dr = mem[baser + offset6]
str	0111	sr	baser offset6		mem[baser + offset6] = sr
cmp	1000	000	sr1 000 sr2	nzcv	sr1 - sr2 (set flags)
cmp	1000	000	sr1 1 imm5	nzcv	sr1 - imm5 (set flags)
not	1001	dr	sr1 000000	nz	dr = ~sr1
push	1010	sr	0000 00000		mem[--sp] = sr
pop	1010	dr	0000 00001		dr = mem[sp++];
srl	1010	sr	ct 00010	nzc	sr >> ct (0 inserted on left, c=last out)
nop	1010	000	0000 00010		no operation
sra	1010	sr	ct 00011	nzc	sr >> ct (sign bit replicated, c=last out)
sll	1010	sr	ct 00100	nzc	sr << ct (0 inserted on right, c=last out)
rol	1010	sr	ct 00101	nzc	sr << ct (rotate: bit 15 → bit 0, c=last out)
ror	1010	sr	ct 00110	nzc	sr << ct (rotate: bit 0 → bit 15, c=last out)
mul	1010	dr	sr 0 00111	nz	dr = dr * sr
div	1010	dr	sr 0 01000	nz	dr = dr / sr
rem	1010	dr	sr 0 01001	nz	dr = dr % sr
or	1010	dr	sr 0 01010	nz	dr = dr sr (bitwise OR)
xor	1010	dr	sr 0 01011	nz	dr = dr ^ sr (bitwise exclusive OR)
sub	1011	dr	sr1 000 sr2	nzcv	dr = sr1 - sr2
sub	1011	dr	sr1 1 imm5	nzcv	dr = sr1 - imm5
jmp	1100	000	baser offset6		on code, pc = baser + offset6
ret	1100	000	111 offset6		pc = lr + offset6
mvi	1101	dr	imm9		dr = imm9
lea	1110	dr	pcoffset9		dr = pc + pcoffset9

mov dr, imm9 is a pseudo-instruction translated to mvi dr, imm9.

mov dr, sr is a pseudo-instruction translated to add dr, sr, 0.

dr, sr, sr1, sr2, baser are 3-bit register fields.

ct is a 4-bit shift count field (if omitted in a shift assembly instruction, it defaults to 1).

pcoffset9, pcoffset11, imm5, imm9, offset6 are signed number fields of the indicated length.

If offset6 is omitted in an assembly language instruction, it defaults to 0.

Trap Instructions (call OS)

Mnemonic		Format		Flags Set	Description
halt	1111	000 0000 00000		none	Stop execution, return to OS
nl	1111	000 0000 00001		none	Output newline
dout	1111	sr 0000 00010		none	Display signed number in sr
udout	1111	sr 0000 00011		none	Display unsigned number in sr in decimal
hout	1111	sr 0000 00100		none	Display hex number in sr in hex
aout	1111	sr 0000 00101		none	Display ASCII character in sr
sout	1111	sr 0000 00110		none	Display string sr points to
din	1111	dr 0000 00111		none	Read decimal number from keyboard into dr
hin	1111	dr 0000 01000		none	Read hex number from keyboard into dr
ain	1111	dr 0000 01001		none	Read ASCII character from keyboard into dr
sin	1111	sr 0000 01010		none	Input string into buffer sr points to

If **sr** or **dr** is omitted in a trap assembly language instruction, it defaults to **r0 (000)**.

Debugging Instructions

Mnemonic		Format		Flags Set	Description
m	1111	000 0000 01011		none	Display all memory in use
r	1111	000 0000 01100		none	Display all registers
s	1111	000 0000 01101		none	Display stack
bp	1111	000 0000 01110		none	Software breakpoint (activates debugger)

Branch Instruction Codes (same suffixes can be used on the jmp instruction)

Mnemonic	Code	Description
brz or bre	000	Zero or equal
brnz or brne	001	Nonzero or not equal
brn	010	Negative (signed number)
brp	011	Positive (signed number)
brlt	100	Less than (signed comparison)
brgt	101	Greater than (signed comparison)
brc or brb	110	Carry or less than (unsigned comparison)
br	111	Unconditional

Assembler Directives

Directive	Description
.word <value>	Create word initialized to <value>
.fill <value>	Same as .word
.zero <size>	Create block of <size> words initialized to 0
.space <size>	Same as .zero
.blkw <size>	Same as .zero
.string <string>	Create null-terminated ASCII <string>
.stringz <string>	Same as .string
.asciz <string>	Same as .string
.start	Mark entry point (or use <code>_start</code> label)
.global <var>	Specify <var> is a global variable
.globl <var>	Same as .global
.extern <var>	Specify <var> is an external variable
.orig <address>	Reset location counter to higher <address>