

Project Description

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Our program's purpose is to disassemble assembly instructions between a specific memory range that is provided by the user in the form of a .cfg file. The .S68 to be disassembled is loaded into memory by open data function in the Easy68K program. Per the project specification, our disassembler will decode a subset of opcodes and addressing modes that are built into the 68k architecture. The work was split into three main parts: I/O Section, the EA Section, and Opcode Section.

I/O Summary

The I/O section concerned the reading the .cfg file in order to receive the correct starting and ending addresses for the code that is going to be disassembled. The program uses Traptask13 in order to print to the output file.

Opcode Summary

After the IO code has found the starting and ending address and the main method calls the CLASSIFY_ADDRESS subroutine, the Opcode code begins. CLASSIFY_ADDRESS takes the first 4 bits of the subset of opcodes to decode and uses that information to determine what type of code it is. This evaluation is performed by first moving the current to-be decoded opcode stored in (A3) to D2. This prepares the to-be decoded opcode for a bitmask check, where D2 is ANDed with a hex value and is then compared to that same hex value. For example, when ANDing \$9 with \$9, we then compare the result with \$9. If they are equal, then we know that the opcode starts with \$9 (indicating SUB in this example).

You may notice that the bitmasks start from high (E) to low (0). This ordering is not just for clarity, it is crucial for the set up of our opcodes. In the previous example, if we had first ANDed \$9 with \$1 and then compared \$1 to the result, we would return a value of \$1, incorrectly indicating that this opcode is a MOVE operation, rather than the expected SUB operation.

After finding the first 4 bits of the to-be decoded opcode, further bitmask checks (again ordering high to low) are required to figure out what exact type of opcode we are handling, since some opcodes start with the same first 4 bits. After finding the exact opcode, a foundInsertOpcodeNameHere function is called. Here we push the name of the opcode to the makeshift A2 stack to be printed later. Here we also further parse the size suffix if necessary by calling the SIZE_APPENDER subroutine, and then calling one of 3 APPEND_L/W/B subroutines. After appending the suffix to the A2 stack, the size information is stored in the SIZE variable for EA's use later.

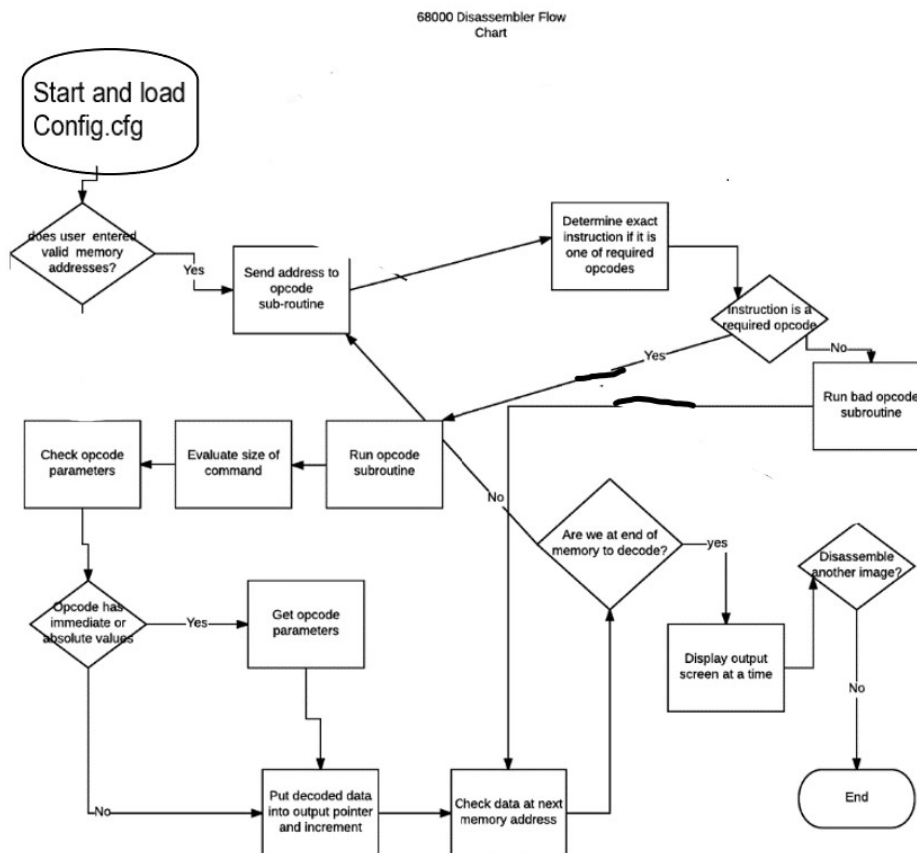
EA Summary

After OP routine finished parsing, the OP type would assign to the OP_NAME. It depends on different OP_NAME, the selector will decide to go to which EA parse subroutine. Most of OP type has a group of similar EA sequence, instruction with the same type EA address will share the same EA parsing algorithm.

For the common instruction, parsing function will check if it contains immediate value or absolute address for destination and source. If it does, the parsing function will retrieve the next address to get the value, and convert it to ascii, then append the ascii output to output register. If it doesn't, the parsing routine will retrieve the mod and reg for destination and source. Assign each different code for each different mod type, and depends on the reg value, it will append the register word of source and register to the output array.

Some special instructions may not follow the common rule. For these instructions, a proper parsing algorithm will added in each ea parsing subroutine.

Flowchart of Disassembler



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