

GeeBee's GB Assembly Code Tips v1.0

Note: The following references to 'cycles' refers to machine cycles. To convert to clock cycles multiply by 4. (i.e. 1 machine cycle = 4 clock cycles)

; **** Load A with \$00 ****

Method 1:

ld a,0 ; 2 bytes, 2 cycles, Doesn't affect flags

Method 2:

xor a ; 1 byte, 1 cycle, Flag results: C=0, Z=1

; **** Compare A to \$00 ****

Method 1:

cp 0 ; 2 bytes, 2 cycles

Method 2:

or a ; 1 byte, 1 cycle

Method 3:

and a ; 1 byte, 1 cycle

; **** Call/Return ****

Method 1: ; 4 bytes, 10 cycles

```
...
call sub
ret
```

Method 2: ; 3 bytes, 4 cycles

```
...
jp sub
```

; **** Exchange DE & HL ****

Method 1: ; 6 bytes, 6 cycles

```
ld a,d
ld d,h
ld h,a
ld a,e
ld e,l
ld l,a
```

Method 2: ; 4 bytes, 9 cycles

```
push de
ld d,h
ld e,l
pop hl
```

; **** Load hl,[Address] ****

Method 1:

```
ld a,[Address] ; 8 bytes, 10 cycles
ld l,a
ld a,[Address+1]
ld h,a
```

Method 2:

ld hl,Address ; 6 bytes, 8 cycles

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ld a,[hl+]
ld h,[hl]
ld l,a

; **** Call [HL] ****
Method 1:                ; 5 bytes, 8 cycles
    ld de,.retadr
    push de
    jp [hl]
.retadr:

Method 2:                ; 4 bytes, 7 cycles
    call DoJump
    ...
    ...

DoJump:
    jp [hl]

```

```

; **** HL = -HL ****
Method 1:                ; 7 bytes, 8 cycles
    ld a,l
    cpl
    ld l,a
    ld a,h
    cpl
    ld h,a
    inc hl

Method 2:                ; 7 bytes, 7 cycles
    xor a
    sub l
    ld l,a
    ld a,0
    sbc h
    ld h,a

```

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; **** A = CONST - A ****
Method 1:                ; 4 bytes, 4 cycles
    ld b,a
    ld a,CONST
    sub b

Method 2:                ; 3 bytes, 3 cycles
    cpl
    add CONST+1

```

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; **** HL = HL + A ****
Method 1:                ; 6 bytes, 6 cycles
    add l
    ld l,a
    ld a,0
    adc h
    ld h,a

Method 2:                ; 5 bytes, 5 cycles
    add l
    ld l,a
    jr nc,.notcarry
    inc h
.notcarry:

```

```

; **** Parameter Setup ****
Method 1:                ; 10 bytes

Entry1:
    ld a,1
    jr Sub
Entry2:
    ld a,2
    jr Sub
Entry3:
    ld a,3
Sub:
    ...
    ...

Method 2:                ; 8 bytes

Entry1:
    ld a,1
    DB 1                ; Opcode for LD BC,xxxx
Entry2:
    ld a,2
    DB 1                ; Opcode for LD BC,xxxx
Entry3:
    ld a,3
Sub:
    ...
    ...

; **** Fast subroutine execution ***

Method 1:
    ld hl,param1
    call sub1
    ld hl,param2
    call sub2
    ld hl,param3
    call sub1
    ...
    ...

.sub1:
    ...
    ret
.sub2:
    ...
    ret

Method 2:
    ld sp,calltable
    ret                ; jump to sub1

.sub1:
    pop hl
    ...
    ret
.sub2:
    pop hl
    ...
    ret

calltable:

```

```
dw sub1,param1
dw sub2,param2
dw sub1,param3
```

```
** End of File **
```

Jeff's GB Assembly Code Tips v1.0

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; **** Load A with $00 ****
```

```
Method 1:
```

```
ld a,0          ; 2 bytes, 2 cycles, Doesn't affect flags
```

```
Method 2:
```

```
xor a          ; 1 byte, 1 cycle, Flag results: C=0, Z=1
```

```
; **** Compare A to $00 ****
```

```
Method 1:
```

```
cp 0           ; 2 bytes, 2 cycles
```

```
Method 2:
```

```
or a           ; 1 byte, 1 cycle
```

```
Method 3:
```

```
and a          ; 1 byte, 1 cycle
```

```
; **** Call/Return ****
```

```
Method 1:      ; 4 bytes, 10 cycles
```

```
...
call sub
ret
```

```
Method 2:      ; 3 bytes, 4 cycles
```

```
...
jp sub
```

```
; **** Exchange DE & HL ****
```

```
Method 1:      ; 6 bytes, 6 cycles
```

```
ld a,d
ld d,h
ld h,a
ld a,e
ld e,l
ld l,a
```

```
Method 2:      ; 4 bytes, 9 cycles
```

```
push de
ld d,h
ld e,l
```

```
    pop  hl

; **** Load hl,[Address] ****

Method 1:
    ld a,[Address]      ; 8 bytes, 10 cycles
    ld l,a
    ld a,[Address+1]
    ld h,a

Method 2:
    ld hl,Address       ; 6 bytes, 8 cycles
    ld a,[hl+]
    ld h,[hl]
    ld l,a

; **** Call [HL] ****
```

```
Method 1:                ; 5 bytes, 8 cycles

    ld de,.retadr

    push de

    jp [hl]

.retadr:
```

```
Method 2:                ; 4 bytes, 7 cycles

    call DoJump

    ...

    ...
```

```
DoJump:

    jp [hl]
```

```
; **** HL = -HL ****
```

```
Method 1:                ; 7 bytes, 8 cycles

    ld a,l

    cpl

    ld l,a

    ld a,h

    cpl

    ld h,a

    inc hl
```

Method 2: ; 7 bytes, 7 cycles

xor a

sub l

ld l,a

ld a,0

sbc h

ld h,a

; **** A = CONST - A ****

Method 1: ; 4 bytes, 4 cycles

ld b,a

ld a,CONST

sub b

Method 2: ; 3 bytes, 3 cycles

cpl

add CONST+1

; **** HL = HL + A ****

Method 1: ; 6 bytes, 6 cycles

add l

ld l,a

ld a,0

adc h

ld h,a

Method 2: ; 5 bytes, 5 cycles

add l

ld l,a

```
    jr nc,.notcarry

    inc h

.notcarry:
```

```
; **** Parameter Setup ****
```

```
Method 1:                ; 10 bytes
```

```
Entry1:
```

```
    ld a,1
    jr Sub
```

```
Entry2:
```

```
    ld a,2
    jr Sub
```

```
Entry3:
```

```
    ld a,3
```

```
Sub:
```

```
    ...
    ...
```

```
Method 2:                ; 8 bytes
```

```
Entry1:
```

```
    ld a,1
    DB 1      ; Opcode for LD BC,xxxx
```

```
Entry2:
```

```
    ld a,2
    DB 1      ; Opcode for LD BC,xxxx
```

```
Entry3:
```

```
    ld a,3
```

```
Sub:
```

```
    ...
    ...
```

```
; **** Fast subroutine execution ****
```

Method 1:

```
ld hl,param1
call sub1
ld hl,param2
call sub2
ld hl,param3
call sub1
...
...
```

.sub1:

```
...
ret
```

.sub2:

```
...
ret
```

Method 2:

```
ld sp,calltable
ret          ; jump to sub1
```

.sub1:

```
pop hl
...
ret
```

.sub2:

```
pop hl
...
```



```
ret
```

```
calltable:
```

```
dw sub1,param1
```

```
dw sub2,param2
```

```
dw sub1,param3
```

```
** End of File ***
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FF04	rDIV	Divider Register
FF05	rTIMA	Timer Counter
FF06	rTMA	Timer Modulo
FF07	rTAC	Timer Control
FF0F	rIF	Interrupt Flag
FF10	rNR10	Sound Channel 1 : Sweep
FF11	rNR11	Sound Channel 1 : Length / Duty
FF12	rNR12	Sound Channel 1 : Envelope
FF13	rNR13	Sound Channel 1 : Frequency Lo
FF14	rNR14	Sound Channel 1 : Frequency Hi
FF16	rNR21	Sound Channel 2 : Length / Duty
FF17	rNR22	Sound Channel 2 : Envelope
FF18	rNR23	Sound Channel 2 : Frequency Lo
FF19	rNR24	Sound Channel 2 : Frequency Hi
FF1A	rNR30	Sound Channel 3 : On / Off
FF1B	rNR31	Sound Channel 3 : Sound Length
FF1C	rNR32	Sound Channel 3 : Output Level
FF1D	rNR33	Sound Channel 3 : Frequency Lo
FF1E	rNR34	Sound Channel 3 : Frequency Hi
FF20	rNR41	Sound Channel 3 : Sound Length
FF21	rNR42	Sound Channel 3 : Envelope
FF22	rNR42_2	Sound Channel 3 : Polynomial Counter
FF23	rNR43	Sound Channel 3 : ??
FF24	rNR50	Channel Control
FF25	rNR51	Sound Output Terminal Selection
FF26	rNR52	Sound On / Off