

Addressing Modes

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- The addressing mode specifies a rule for interpreting or modifying the address field of the instruction before the operand is actually referenced.
- Computers use addressing mode techniques for the purpose of accommodating one or both of the following provisions:
 1. To give programming versatility to the user by providing such facilities as pointers to memory, counters for loop control, indexing of data, and program relocation.
 2. To reduce the number of bits in the addressing field of the instruction.
- There are basic 10 addressing modes supported by the computer.

Addressing Modes

1. Implied Mode
2. Immediate Mode
3. Register Mode
4. Register Indirect Mode
5. Autoincrement or Autodecrement Mode
6. Direct Address Mode
7. Indirect Address Mode
8. Relative Address Mode
9. Indexed Addressing Mode
10. Base Register Addressing Mode

1. Implied Mode

- Operands are specified *implicitly* in the definition of the instruction.
- For example, the instruction “**complement accumulator (CMA)**” is an implied-mode instruction because the operand in the accumulator register is implied in the definition of the instruction.
- In fact, all register reference instructions that use an accumulator and zero address instructions are implied mode instructions.

2. Immediate Mode

- Operand is specified in the instruction itself.
- In other words, an immediate-mode instruction has an operand field rather than an address field.
- The operand field contains the actual operand to be used in conjunction with the operation specified in the instruction.
- Immediate mode of instructions is useful for initializing register to constant value.
- E.g. `MOV R1, 05H`
instruction copies immediate number 05H to R1 register.

3. Register Mode

- Operands are in registers that reside within the CPU.
- The particular register is selected from a register field in the instruction.
- E.g. `MOV AX, BX`
move value from BX to AX register

4. Register Indirect Mode

- In this mode the instruction specifies a register in the CPU whose contents give the address of the operand in memory.
- Before using a register indirect mode instruction, the programmer must ensure that the memory address of the operand is placed in the processor register with a previous instruction.
- The advantage of this mode is that address field of the instruction uses fewer bits to select a register than would have been required to specify a memory address directly.
- E.g. `MOV [R1], R2`
value of R2 is moved to the memory location specified in R1.

5. Autoincrement or Autodecrement Mode

- This is similar to the register indirect mode except that the register is incremented or decremented after (or before) its value is used to access memory.
- When the address stored in the register refers to a table of data in memory, it is necessary to increment or decrement the register after every access to the table. This can be achieved by using the increment or decrement instruction.

6. Direct Address Mode

- In this mode the effective address is equal to the address part of the instruction.
- The operand resides in memory and its address is given directly by the address field of the instruction.
- E.g. `ADD 457`

7. Indirect Address Mode

- In this mode the address field of the instruction gives the address where the effective address is stored in memory.
- Control fetches the instruction from memory and uses its address part to access memory again to read the effective address.
- The effective address in this mode is obtained from the following computational:

`Effective address = address part of instruction + content of CPU register`

8. Relative Address Mode

- In this mode the content of the program counter is added to the address part of the instruction in order to obtain the effective address.
- The address part of the instruction is usually a signed number which can be either positive or negative.

Effective address = address part of instruction + content of PC

9. Indexed Addressing Mode

- In this mode the content of an index register is added to the address part of the instruction to obtain the effective address.
- The indexed register is a special CPU register that contain an index value.
- The address field of the instruction defines the beginning address of a data array in memory.
- Each operand in the array is stored in memory relative to the beginning address.

Effective address = address part of instruction + content of index register

10. Base Register Addressing Mode

- In this mode the content of a base register is added to the address part of the instruction to obtain the effective address.
- A base register is assumed to hold a base address and the address field of the instruction gives a displacement relative to this base address.
- The base register addressing mode is used in computers to facilitate the relocation of programs in memory.

Effective address = address part of instruction + content of base register

Addressing Modes (Example)

	Address	Memory	
			Mode
PC = 200	200	Load to AC	
	201	Address = 500	
R1 = 400	202	Next instruction	
XR = 100	399	450	
	400	700	
AC	500	800	
	600	900	
	702	325	
	800	300	