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# **AVR Assembly Language Programming:**I) assembler directives



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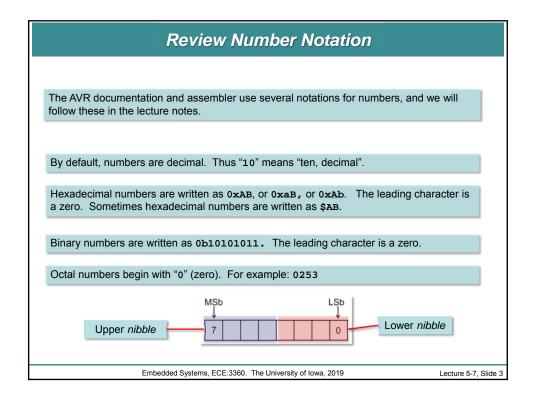
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# AVR, ATmega88PA, ATtiny45, etc.

- We will cover the main AVR assembler directives and features
  - → complete Atmel documentation can be found under "Resources" on class website
- The AVR assembler supports different number notations
  - → quick review of number notations

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Integer Number Notation (8-bit)					
	BIN	HEX	Unsigned INT	Signed INT	
	0р0000000	0x00	0	0	
	0b0000001	0x01	1	1	
	0b01111111	0x7F	127	127	
	0b1000000	0x80	128	-128	
	0b1000001	0x81	129	-127	
	0b10000010	0x82	130	-126	
		•••			N,Z,C Flags in SREG!
	0b11111110	0xFE	254	-2	
	0b11111111	0xFF	255	-1	
Signed INT, MSh. > sign					
Signed in	Signed INT: MSb → sign  -42 = 0b11010110 = 0xD6  2's complement				
0b10000000					
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#### **AVR Assembler**

- Assembler: tool to facilitate the generation of a sequence of bytes representing machine instructions (opcode) and data
  - Example:

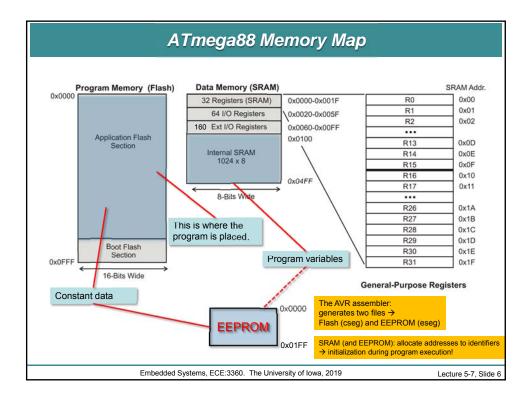
.db 0x03, 0x95

.dw 38147

inc R16

- The programmer should write statements that clearly communicate the intent
  - E.g., → Instructions vs. data
- The programmer needs to decide where the bytes will be placed in memory
  - Type of memory (Flash, SRAM, or EEPROM)
  - Memory address
  - → see AVR memory map
- → Assembler keeps track of where the next byte should be located

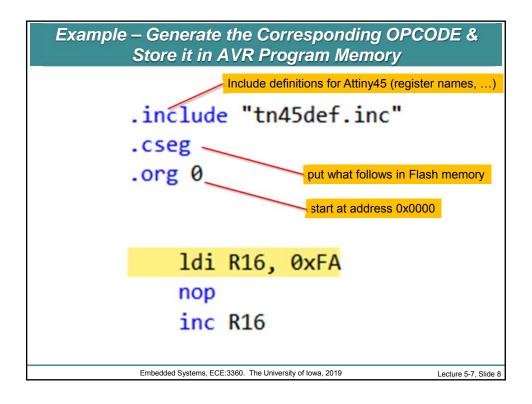
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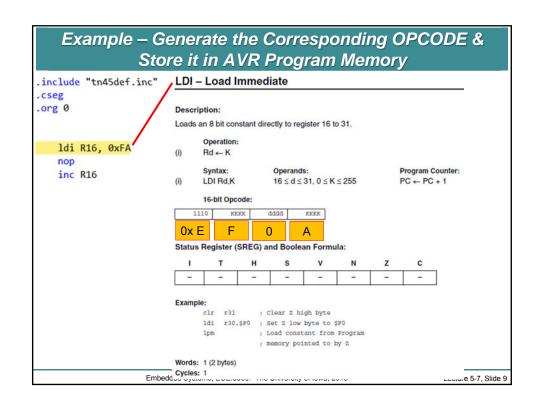


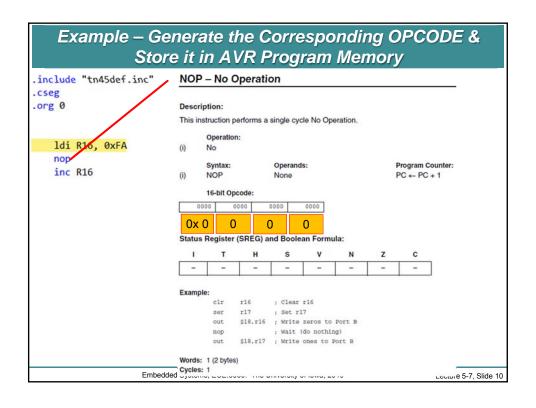
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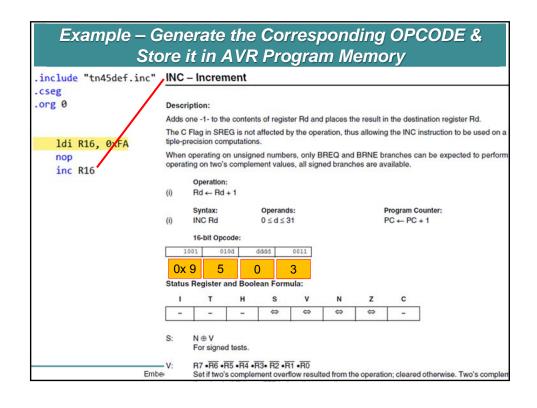
- We will be using AVRASM2 assembler that comes with AVR studio
- The assembler performs the conversion from English MNEMONICS to OPCODES that are programmed into the microcontroller
  - For example:
     inc R16 → 0x9503
- "Assembler" ≠ "Compiler"
- C compilers generate assembly language mnemonics that are then assembled by an assembler

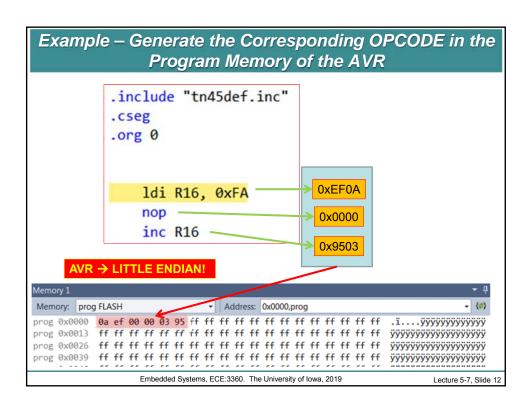
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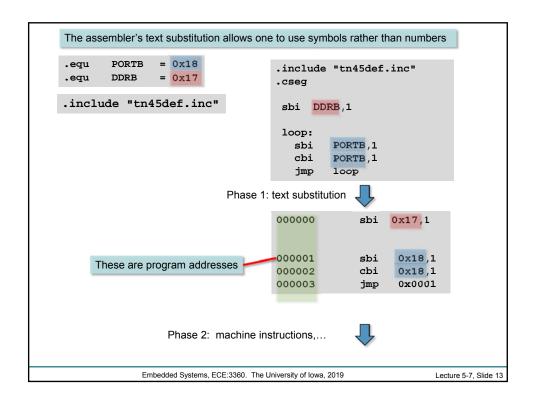


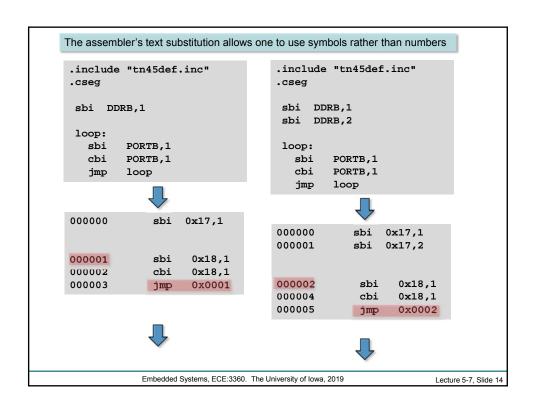












### The AVR Assembler

#### The AVR Assembler offers:

- Assembler Directives
- Assembler Functions
- Assembler Operators
- Assembler Preprocessor
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#### Assembler Directives

Assembler directives instruct the assembler.

The directives are not translated directly into opcode.

Instead, they are used to adjust the location of the program in memory, define macros, initialize memory and so on.

.include "tn45def.inc"
.cseg

sbi DDRB,1

loop:
 sbi PORTB,1
 cbi PORTB,1
 rjmp loop

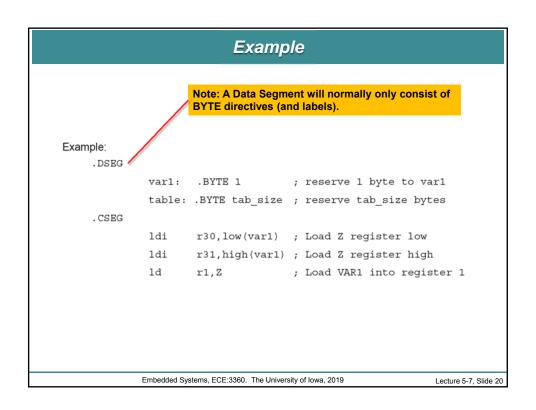
This does not generate opcode. Rather it directs the assembler to replace this line with the contents of "tn45def.inc"

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Directive	Description	
BYTE	Reserve byte to a variable	
CSEG	Code Segment	
DB	Define constant byte(s)	
DEF	Define a symbolic name on a register	r
DEVICE	Define which device to assemble for	
DSEG	Data Segment	
DW	Define constant word(s)	
ENDMACRO	End macro	
EQU	Set a symbol equal to an expression	
ESEG	EEPROM Segment	
EXIT	Exit from file	
INCLUDE	Read source from another file	
LIST	Turn listfile generation on	
LISTMAC	Turn macro expansion on	We have seen this directive
MACRO	Begin macro	several times thus far
NOLIST	Turn listfile generation off	
ORG	Set program origin	
SET	Set a symbol to an expression	
Vote: All directive	es must be preceded by a period.	
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	Assembler Directive	/es
Descriptio	on Exa	nples
segment: c (SRAM), or (SRAM), or the sam concate  • Each se location	r EEPROM .dseg  ve several segments of le type → will be	; program code comes next ; start data segment

Assembler Directives		
Directive	Description	Examples
.byte	Set aside address in <b>SRAM</b> or <b>EEPROM</b> where bytes can be stored during execution  Parameter: # of bytes to reserve  (Note: no initial values can be specified → initialization must be done by software during program execution)	buff: .byte 32 ; a 32 byte area  count: .byte 2 ; a word-sized counter
.db .dw	Define a series of <b>byte</b> or <b>word</b> values that will be placed in <b>Flash</b> or <b>EEPROM</b> when downloaded to the µC	lookup_table: .db 13, -5, 42, 0x80, 0xFF maxinit: .dw 32767 str: .db "hello" "there"
	Note the use of the addr → needed to be able to corresponding memory	refer to the
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Example
                  Important: initialize in program before use!
Example:
     .DSEG
                                          ; Start data segment
             vartab:
                        .BYTE 4
                                         ; Reserve 4 bytes in SRAM
     .ESEG
             eevar:
                        .DW 0xff0f
                                         ; Initialize one word in
                                         ; EEPROM
     . CSEG
                                          ; Start code segment
                        .DW 2
                                          ; Write 0x0002 in prog.mem.
             const:
             mov r1, r0
                                         ; Do something
   Important: program flash memory (16bit) and EEPROM (8bit)!
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# Example: .CSEG consts: .DB 0, 255, 0b01010101, -128, 0xaa .ESEG eeconst:.DB 0xff .DB > Each expression must evaluate to a number between -128 and 255. If the expression evaluates to a negative number, the 8 bits two's complement of the number will be placed in the program memory (flash) or EEPROM memory location. Embedded Systems, ECE:3360. The University of lowa, 2019 Lecture 5-7, Slide 22

# Example

#### Example:

.CSEG

varlist:.DW 0,0xffff,0b1001110001010101,-32768,65535

.ESEG

eevar: .DW 0xffff

.DW  $\rightarrow$  The expression list is a sequence of expressions, delimited by commas. Each expression must evaluate to a number between -32768 and 65535. If the expression evaluates to a negative number, the 16 bits two's complement of the number will be placed in the program memory location.

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Assembler Directives		
Directive	Description	Examples
.def	Define a symbolic name for a register. Note:  • A register can have several symbolic names attached to it  • A symbol can be redefined later in the program	.def sum=R16 .def counter=R24
.undef	Un-define a register name	.undef sum
.equ	Set a symbol equal to a value (or expression);  →symbols are constant!	.equ tabsize=14 .equ cr=0x0D
.set	Set a symbol to a value (or expression);  → set symbols can be reassigned!	.set flag=1 .set flag=flag+1
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Example - .def
Example:
   .DEF temp=R16
   .DEF ior=R0
     .CSEG
              ldi
                      temp, 0xf0
                                    ; Load 0xf0 into temp register
                     ior, 0x3f
              in
                                    ; Read SREG into ior register
                      temp, ior
                                    ; Exclusive or temp and ior
              eor
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Example - .equ

.EQU io_offset = 0x23
.EQU porta = io_offset + 2
.CSEG ; Start code segment
clr r2 ; Clear register 2
out porta,r2 ; Write to Port A
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Example - .set

Example:

.SET io_offset = 0x23

.SET porta = io_offset + 2

.CSEG ; Start code segment
    clr r2 ; Clear register 2
    out porta,r2 ; Write to Port A

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.SET io_offset = 0x60

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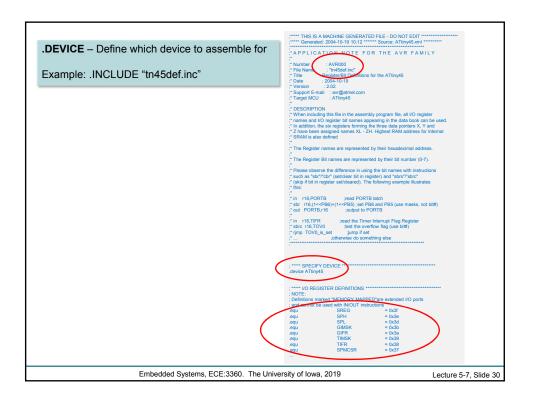
Assembler Directives			
Directive Description		Examples	
.include	Include a file as part of the source code	.include "iodefs"	
.exit	The EXIT directive tells the assembler to stop assembling the file	 .exit	
.org	Set the location counter of the current segment to a specific value	.cseg ; set flash location .org 0x002A  .dseg ; set SRAM location .org 64	
.device	Define which device to assemble for.  If this directive is used, a warning is issued if an instruction not supported by the specified device occurs in the code.  If the size of the Code Segment or EEPROM Segment is larger than supported by the specified device, a warning is issued.	.device AT90S1200	
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Example:

.DEVICE AT90S1200 ; Use the AT90S1200
.CSEG

push r30 ; This statement will generate ; a warning since the ; specified device does not ; have this instruction

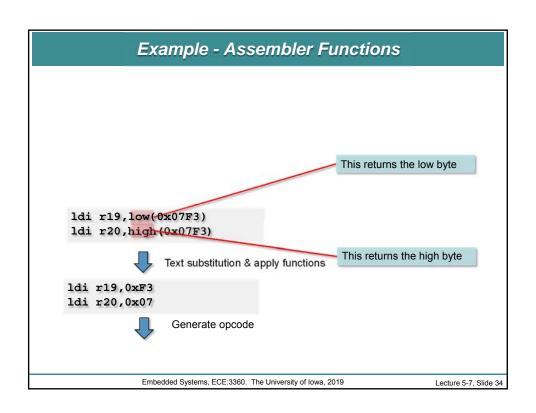
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Example - .include
 Contents of iodefs.asm
                                        ; iodefs.asm:
            sreg=0x3f
                                        ; Status register
  . EQU
   . EQU
            sphigh=0x3e
                                       ; Stack pointer high
            splow=0x3d
                                        ; Stack pointer low
   . EQU
                                        ; incdemo.asm
Include this in another ASM program, and one can use symbols such as sreg
rather than 0x3f:
  .INCLUDE "iodefs.asm"
                                      ; Include I/O definitions
           in
                  r0,sreg
                                      ; Read status register
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Example - .org
Example:
    .DSEG
                                    ; Start data segment
    .ORG 0x67
                                    ; Set SRAM address to hex 67
            variable:.BYTE 1
                                    ; Reserve a byte at SRAM
                                    ; adr.67H
    .ESEG
                                    ; Start EEPROM Segment
    .ORG 0x20
                                    ; Set EEPROM location
                                    ; counter
            eevar: .DW 0xfeff
                                   ; Initialize one word
    .CSEG
    .ORG 0x10
                                    ; Set Program Counter to hex
                                   ; Do something
            mov
                   r0,r1
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Example - Macro
.MACRO - Begin macro
.ENDMACRO - Ends macro
.LISTMAC - Show macros expanded in list file
        .LISTMAC
        .MACRO SUBI16
                                       ; Start macro definition
           subi @1,low(@0)
                                       ; Subtract low byte
           sbci @2,high(@0)
                                       ; Subtract high byte
        . ENDMACRO
                                       ; End macro definition
        .CSEG
           SUBI16 0x1234, r16, r17
                                       ; Sub.0x1234 from r17:r16
                                        Text substitution/macro expansion
                     subi r16 , low ( 0x1234 )
                     sbci r17 , high ( 0x1234 )
                                         Generate opcode
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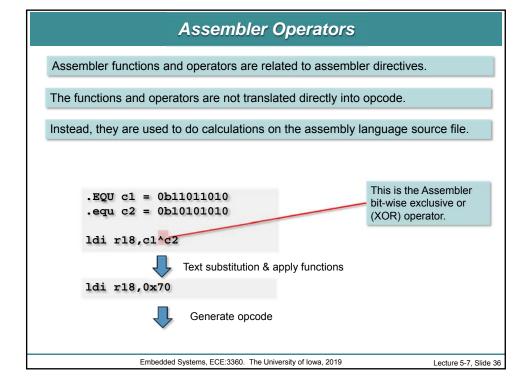


#### Assembler Functions

LOW and HIGH are often used, others less frequently, and we will not cover these in this course

- LOW(expression) returns the low byte of an expression
- HIGH(expression) returns the second byte of an expression
- BYTE2(expression) is the same function as HIGH
- BYTE3(expression) returns the third byte of an expression
- BYTE4(expression) returns the fourth byte of an expression
- LWRD(expression) returns bits 0-15 of an expression
- HWRD(expression) returns bits 16-31 of an expression
- PAGE(expression) returns bits 16-21 of an expression
- EXP2(expression) returns 2<sup>expression</sup>
- LOG2(expression) returns the integer part of log2(expression)

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#### Multiplication

Symbol:

Description: Binary operator which returns the product of two expressions

Precedence: 13

Example: ldi r30,label\*2 ; Load r30 with label\*2

#### Division

Symbol: /

Description: Binary operator which returns the integer quotient of the left expression

divided by the right expression

Precedence: 13

Example: ldi r30,label/2 ; Load r30 with label/2

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# Some Assembler Operators

#### Addition

Symbol: +

Description: Binary operator which returns the sum of two expressions

Precedence: 12

Example: ldi r30,c1+c2 ; Load r30 with c1+c2

#### Subtraction

Symbol: -

Description: Binary operator which returns the left expression minus the right

expression

Precedence: 12

Example: ldi r17,c1-c2 ;Load r17 with c1-c2

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#### Shift left

Symbol: <<

Description: Binary operator which returns the left expression shifted left a number of

times given by the right expression

Precedence: 11

Example: ldi r17,1<<br/>bitmask ;Load r17 with 1 shifted

;left bitmask times

#### Shift right

Symbol: >:

Description: Binary operator which returns the left expression shifted right a number of

times given by the right expression.

Precedence: 11

Example: ldi r17,c1>>c2 ;Load r17 with c1 shifted

;right c2 times

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# Some Assembler Operators

#### Bitwise AND

Symbol: &

Description: Binary operator which returns the bitwise And between two expressions

Precedence: 8

Example: ldi r18, High(c1&c2) ;Load r18 with an expression

#### Bitwise OR

Symbol:

Description: Binary operator which returns the bitwise Or between two expressions

Precedence: 6

Example: ldi r18,Low(c1|c2) ;Load r18 with an expression

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#### Logical AND

Symbol: &&

Description: Binary operator which returns 1 if the expressions are both nonzero, 0

otherwise

Precedence: 5

Example: ldi r18,Low(c1&&c2) ;Load r18 with an expression

#### Logical OR

Symbol: ||

Description: Binary operator which returns 1 if one or both of the expressions are

nonzero, 0 otherwise

Precedence: 4

Example: ldi r18, Low(c1 | | c2) ; Load r18 with an expression

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# Some Assembler Operators

#### Logical NOT

Symbol:

Description: Unary operator which returns 1 if the expression was zero, and returns 0

if the expression was nonzero

Precedence: 14

Example: ldi r16,!0xf0 ; Load r16 with 0x00

#### Bitwise NOT

Symbol: ~

Description: Unary operator which returns the input expression with all bits inverted

Precedence: 14

Example: ldi r16,~0xf0 ; Load r16 with 0x0f

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#### Not Equal

Symbol: !=

Description: Binary operator which returns 1 if the signed expression to the left is Not

Equal to the signed expression to the right, 0 otherwise

Precedence: 9

Example: .SET flag=(c1!=c2) ;Set flag to 1 or 0

#### Equal

Symbol: ==

Description: Binary operator which returns 1 if the signed expression to the left is

Equal to the signed expression to the right, 0 otherwise

Precedence: 9

Example: andi r19,bitmask\*(c1==c2)+1 ;And r19 with

;an expression

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# Some Assembler Operators

#### Less Than

Symbol:

Description: Binary operator which returns 1 if the signed expression to the left is Less

than the signed expression to the right, 0 otherwise

Precedence: 10

Example: ori r18,bitmask\*(c1<c2)+1 ;Or r18 with

;an expression

#### **Greater Than**

Symbol: >

Description: Binary operator which returns 1 if the signed expression to the left is

Greater than the signed expression to the right, 0 otherwise

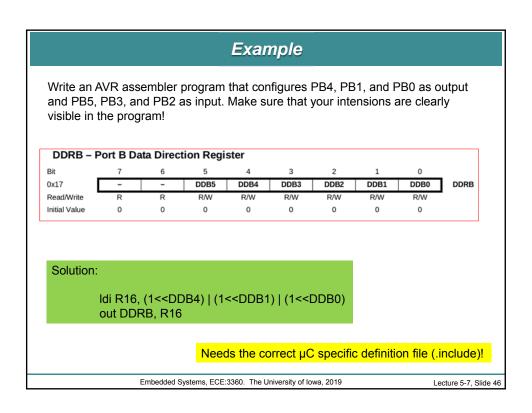
Precedence: 10

Example: ori r18,bitmask\*(c1>c2)+1 ;Or r18 with

;an expression

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#### Assembler Preprocessor The AVRASM2 preprocessor is modeled after the C preprocessor, with some exceptions (see AVRASM2 documentation). #define #if #pragma Operators: # (stringification #elif #ifdef #undef #ifndef #warning ## (concatenation) #else #endif #include # (empty directive) #error #message .equ c1 = 0b11011010 .equ c2 = 0b10101010As with the C preprocessor, the AVRASM2 preprocessor allows conditional processing. #define DEBUG For example, one can build a special debug version as #ifdef DEBUG ldi r18,low(c1|c2) shown in the snippet. rcall delay ldi r18, low(c1^c2) #endif Embedded Systems, ECE:3360. The University of Iowa, 2019 Lecture 5-7, Slide 45



#### Assembler Directives - Example .DEF temp=r23 .DSEG .CSEG .ORG 0x100 .ORG 0 array1: .BYTE 10 ldi R28,0x35 b: .BYTE 1 Idi R29,0x01 x2: .BYTE 1 Id R22,Y table3: .BYTE 22 inc R23 st Y+,temp .ESEG rjmp I1 T2: .DW 0b1100100110111110, 142, 0x23FE .DW 0x2014, \$20AA V3: .BYTE 1 11: .CSEG inc R23 st Y+, r23 inc R23 **I2: TST R23** .ESEG .ORG 10 T1: .DB 0b10100111, 12, 0xFE What is the address of label "l2"? V1: .BYTE 10 V2: .BYTE 1 Answer: I2 → 0x000B Embedded Systems, ECE:3360. The University of Iowa, 2019 Lecture 5-7, Slide 47

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