



## Flow Control

- Flow control:
  - Altering the normal instruction execution sequence by explicit modification of the PC.
- So far, our programs have been **sequential**
- Example: Multiply by repeated addition

<code>move.b d0,d1</code>	* copy x into d1
<code>add.b d0,d1</code>	* d1 holds x+x=2x
<code>add.b d0,d1</code>	* d1 holds 2x+x=3x
<code>add.b d0,d1</code>	* d1 holds 3x+x=4x



## Problem:

- To multiply a number by 1000 we need a large program.
  - > Need to specify that an instruction or a sequence of instructions should be executed **many times**:

*Do 5 times*  
`add.b d0,d1`

- Solution:**
  - The **Program Counter (PC)**.
  - To alter the normal flow of a program we need instructions that can change the value stored in the PC:
  - We need a **PC modifying instruction**.



## Classification of **PC** Modifying Instructions

- PC modifying instructions
  - Absolute/Relative
  - Unconditional/Conditional
- Absolute
  - Instruction supplies the address of the next instruction to execute
    - > The operand value is loaded into the PC.
  - Example: **jmp**

1000	<code>jmp</code>	<code>\$1008</code>
1006	<code>move</code>	<code>d0,d1</code>
1008	<code>trap</code>	<code>#0</code>



## Relative

- z The operand is a signed offset from the current value of the PC
  - y -> Offset is added to the current PC to determine the address of the next instruction.
- z Example: **bra** (branch always)

1000	<code>bra</code>	<code>2</code>
1002	<code>move</code>	<code>d0,d1</code>
1004	<code>trap</code>	<code>#0</code>



## Be Careful !

- z The offset or displacement (8 bit) is added to the contents of the PC after the **bra** instruction has been fetched and decoded.

y -> PC has already been incremented by 2 bytes (to skip the bra instruction)

Execution Phase	Value of PC	
Fetch bra 2 \$1000	<- Instruction address	
Decode	\$1002	<- PC = PC + 2
Execute	\$1004	<- PC = PC + displacement
Fetch next inst.	\$1004	

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## How do we implement backwards branches?

-> Use **negative** displacement

```

1000    move    d0,d1
1002    bra     -4      * = $fc
1004    trap    #0
  
```

- What does this program do?
- It never stops.
- This is known as an infinite loop

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## Adding a Negative Displacement

Earlier we added the negative displacement -4 (= \$fc) to the PC to branch backwards.

```

PC before bra:    $0000 4004
Displacement:      $fc+
                  -----
                  $0000 4100
  
```

- This is not the correct answer. Why?
  - When adding or subtracting 2's complement numbers you must ensure that the numbers have the same modulus.
- The displacement must be converted to a 32-bit 2's complement number.

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## Sign Extension

8-bit	16-bit	32-bit	
01000000	0000000010000000	00000000000000000000000000000000	+64
11111100	1111111111111100	11111111111111111111111111111100	-4

The MSB is repeated into the extra bits to the left.

```

PC before bra:    $0000 4004
Displacement:      $ffff fffc+
                  -----
                  $0000 4000
  
```

Sign extension is done automatically by the CPU during the execution phase of the **bra** instruction.

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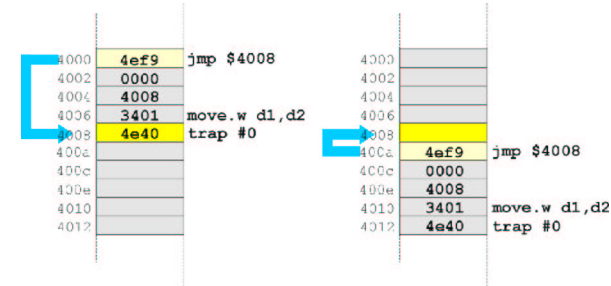


## Relative Branches vs. Absolute Jumps

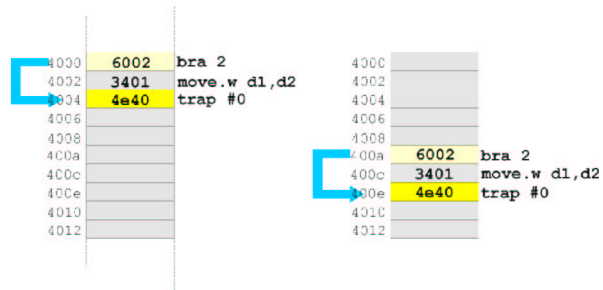
- Usually, **relative branches** are more desirable than **absolute jumps**.
- Code is more compact:
  - Displacement (8-bits) vs. (32-bits) address operands.
- Code is relocatable



## Relocating Code with a **jmp** Instruction



## Relocating Code with a **bra** Instruction



## Unconditional and Conditional

- Unconditional
  - Branch/Jump is **always** taken
- Conditional
  - Usually we wish to execute certain instructions only when certain requirements are met.
  - Example:

```

If bank account is not empty then
    withdraw the requested amount
otherwise
    beep loudly and embarrassingly
end
  
```



## Test a Condition

We need an instruction that can **test a condition** and **branch** if the condition was met.



We branch on the condition that a flag (XNZVC) is **set** or **cleared**.



## Example

**bne** branches if Z=0

```
sub.w    d0,d1
bne      4
move.w   #1,d2
trap     #0
```

- If d0 and d1 contain the same word then d2 is loaded with the immediate value #1
- -> The sequence of instructions execution depends on the input data



## Pseudo-Code

To make coding more readable, it is very good practice to use pseudo-code as comments.

```
Org      $4000

sub.w    d0,d1      * compare d0,d1
bne      $04        * if equal then
move.w   #1,d2 *    d2 = 1;
trap     #0
```



## All conditional branches are of form:

**bxx** -> where **xx** represents the condition code being checked.

Symbol	CCR flag	Branch Name
bcs	C	carry set
bcc	!C	carry clear
beq	Z	equal (to zero)
bne	!Z	not equal (to zero)
bmi	N	minus
bpl	!N	plus
bvs	V	overflow set
bvc	!V	overflow clear



## Example

Write a program to multiply the word in \$2000 by 5 and store the result in \$2002.

- Express the solution in english:
  - Get the word at \$2000
  - Add it to an accumulator 5 times
  - Store the result in \$2002



## Write out the Pseudo-Code

```
count = 5; ← loop counter (will loop 5 times)
total = 0; ← accumulator
value = ($2000);
```

```
do {
    total = total + value;
    count = count - 1;
} while (count != 0);
($2000) = total;
```

*Looped Code*

*loop condition*

Code between the braces is the code that will execute multiple times



## Convert this to Assembly Language

Map *variables* to data-registers:

Count → d0    Total → d1    Value → d2



```
move.w #5,d0      * count=5
move.w #0,d1      * total=0
move.w $2000,d2   * Load value
                  * do
add.w d2,d1       * total=total+value
sub.w #1,d0       * Decrement Count
                  *
bne -8            * while count!=0
move.w d2,$2002   * Store Result
trap #0          * End
```



## Loop

	d0	d1	d2	Z
Initially	5	0	10	0
move.w #5,d0	4	10	10	0
move.w #0,d1	3	20	10	0
move.w \$2000,d2	2	30	10	0
	1	40	10	0
	0	50	10	1
add.w d2,d1				
sub.w #1,d0				
bne -8				
move.w d2,\$2002				
trap #0				

**Loop Exits**

*Z tested after sub*