

Thumb® 16-bit Instruction Set
Quick Reference Card

This card lists all Thumb instructions available on Thumb-capable processors earlier than ARM®v6T2. In addition, it lists all Thumb-2 16-bit instructions. The instructions shown on this card are all 16-bit in Thumb-2, except where noted otherwise. All registers are Lo (R0-R7) except where specified. Hi registers are R8-R15.

| Key to Tables | | | | |
|---------------|--|--|----------------|---|
| § | See Table ARM architecture versions . | | <loreglist+LR> | A comma-separated list of Lo registers, plus the LR, enclosed in braces, { and }. |
| <loreglist> | A comma-separated list of Lo registers, enclosed in braces, { and }. | | <loreglist+PC> | A comma-separated list of Lo registers, plus the PC, enclosed in braces, { and }. |

| Operation | | § | Assembler | Updates | Action | Notes |
|--------------|------------------------------|----|-----------------------|---------|--------------------------------|--|
| Move | Immediate | 6 | MOVS Rd, #<imm> | N Z | Rd := imm | imm range 0-255. |
| | Lo to Lo | | MOVS Rd, Rm | N Z | Rd := Rm | Synonym of LSLS Rd, Rm, #0 |
| | Hi to Lo, Lo to Hi, Hi to Hi | | MOV Rd, Rm | | Rd := Rm | Not Lo to Lo. |
| | Any to Any | | MOV Rd, Rm | | Rd := Rm | Any register to any register. |
| Add | Immediate 3 | T2 | ADDS Rd, Rn, #<imm> | N Z C V | Rd := Rn + imm | imm range 0-7. |
| | All registers Lo | | ADDS Rd, Rn, Rm | N Z C V | Rd := Rn + Rm | |
| | Hi to Lo, Lo to Hi, Hi to Hi | | ADD Rd, Rd, Rm | | Rd := Rd + Rm | Not Lo to Lo. |
| | Any to Any | | ADD Rd, Rd, Rm | | Rd := Rd + Rm | Any register to any register. |
| | Immediate 8 | | ADDS Rd, Rd, #<imm> | N Z C V | Rd := Rd + imm | imm range 0-255. |
| | With carry | | ADCS Rd, Rd, Rm | N Z C V | Rd := Rd + Rm + C-bit | |
| | Value to SP | | ADD SP, SP, #<imm> | | SP := SP + imm | imm range 0-508 (word-aligned). |
| | Form address from SP | | ADD Rd, SP, #<imm> | | Rd := SP + imm | imm range 0-1020 (word-aligned). |
| | Form address from PC | | ADR Rd, <label> | | Rd := label | label range PC to PC+1020 (word-aligned). |
| Subtract | Lo and Lo | | SUBS Rd, Rn, Rm | N Z C V | Rd := Rn – Rm | |
| | Immediate 3 | | SUBS Rd, Rn, #<imm> | N Z C V | Rd := Rn – imm | imm range 0-7. |
| | Immediate 8 | | SUBS Rd, Rd, #<imm> | N Z C V | Rd := Rd – imm | imm range 0-255. |
| | With carry | | SBCS Rd, Rd, Rm | N Z C V | Rd := Rd – Rm – NOT C-bit | |
| | Value from SP | | SUB SP, SP, #<imm> | | SP := SP – imm | imm range 0-508 (word-aligned). |
| Multiply | Negate | | RSBS Rd, Rn, #0 | N Z C V | Rd := – Rn | Synonym: NEGS Rd, Rn |
| | | | | | | |
| Multiply | Multiply | | MULS Rd, Rm, Rd | N Z * * | Rd := Rm * Rd | * C and V flags unpredictable in §4T, unchanged in §5T and above |
| Compare | | | CMP Rn, Rm | N Z C V | update APSR flags on Rn – Rm | Can be Lo to Lo, Lo to Hi, Hi to Lo, or Hi to Hi. |
| | Negative | | CMN Rn, Rm | N Z C V | update APSR flags on Rn + Rm | |
| | Immediate | | CMP Rn, #<imm> | N Z C V | update APSR flags on Rn – imm | imm range 0-255. |
| Logical | AND | | ANDS Rd, Rd, Rm | N Z | Rd := Rd AND Rm | |
| | Exclusive OR | | EORS Rd, Rd, Rm | N Z | Rd := Rd EOR Rm | |
| | OR | | ORRS Rd, Rd, Rm | N Z | Rd := Rd OR Rm | |
| | Bit clear | | BICS Rd, Rd, Rm | N Z | Rd := Rd AND NOT Rm | |
| | Move NOT | | MVNS Rd, Rm | N Z | Rd := NOT Rm | |
| | Test bits | | TST Rn, Rm | N Z | update APSR flags on Rn AND Rm | |
| Shift/rotate | Logical shift left | | LSLS Rd, Rm, #<shift> | N Z C* | Rd := Rm << shift | Allowed shifts 0-31. * C flag unaffected if shift is 0. |
| | | | LSLS Rd, Rd, Rs | N Z C* | Rd := Rd << Rs[7:0] | * C flag unaffected if Rs[7:0] is 0. |
| | Logical shift right | | LSRS Rd, Rm, #<shift> | N Z C | Rd := Rm >> shift | Allowed shifts 1-32. |
| | | | LSRS Rd, Rd, Rs | N Z C* | Rd := Rd >> Rs[7:0] | * C flag unaffected if Rs[7:0] is 0. |
| | Arithmetic shift right | | ASRS Rd, Rm, #<shift> | N Z C | Rd := Rm ASR shift | Allowed shifts 1-32. |
| | | | ASRS Rd, Rd, Rs | N Z C* | Rd := Rd ASR Rs[7:0] | * C flag unaffected if Rs[7:0] is 0. |
| | Rotate right | | RORS Rd, Rd, Rs | N Z C* | Rd := Rd ROR Rs[7:0] | * C flag unaffected if Rs[7:0] is 0. |
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| Load | with immediate offset, word | | LDR Rd, [Rn, #<imm>] | Rd := [Rn + imm] | imm range 0-124, multiple of 4. |
| | halfword | | LDRH Rd, [Rn, #<imm>] | Rd := ZeroExtend([Rn + imm][15:0]) | Clears bits 31:16. imm range 0-62, even. |
| | byte | | LDRB Rd, [Rn, #<imm>] | Rd := ZeroExtend([Rn + imm][7:0]) | Clears bits 31:8. imm range 0-31. |
| | with register offset, word | | LDR Rd, [Rn, Rm] | Rd := [Rn + Rm] | |
| | halfword | | LDRH Rd, [Rn, Rm] | Rd := ZeroExtend([Rn + Rm][15:0]) | Clears bits 31:16 |
| | signed halfword | | LDRSH Rd, [Rn, Rm] | Rd := SignExtend([Rn + Rm][15:0]) | Sets bits 31:16 to bit 15 |
| | byte | | LDRB Rd, [Rn, Rm] | Rd := ZeroExtend([Rn + Rm][7:0]) | Clears bits 31:8 |
| | signed byte | | LDRSB Rd, [Rn, Rm] | Rd := SignExtend([Rn + Rm][7:0]) | Sets bits 31:8 to bit 7 |
| | PC-relative | | LDR Rd, <label> | Rd := [label] | label range PC to PC+1020 (word-aligned). |
| | SP-relative | | LDR Rd, [SP, #<imm>] | Rd := [SP + imm] | imm range 0-1020, multiple of 4. |
| | Multiple, not including base | | LDM Rn!, <loreglist> | Loads list of registers (not including Rn) | Always updates base register, Increment After. |
| | Multiple, including base | | LDM Rn, <loreglist> | Loads list of registers (including Rn) | Never updates base register, Increment After. |
| Store | with immediate offset, word | | STR Rd, [Rn, #<imm>] | [Rn + imm] := Rd | imm range 0-124, multiple of 4. |
| | halfword | | STRH Rd, [Rn, #<imm>] | [Rn + imm][15:0] := Rd[15:0] | Ignores Rd[31:16]. imm range 0-62, even. |
| | byte | | STRB Rd, [Rn, #<imm>] | [Rn + imm][7:0] := Rd[7:0] | Ignores Rd[31:8]. imm range 0-31. |
| | with register offset, word | | STR Rd, [Rn, Rm] | [Rn + Rm] := Rd | |
| | halfword | | STRH Rd, [Rn, Rm] | [Rn + Rm][15:0] := Rd[15:0] | Ignores Rd[31:16] |
| | byte | | STRB Rd, [Rn, Rm] | [Rn + Rm][7:0] := Rd[7:0] | Ignores Rd[31:8] |
| | SP-relative, word | | STR Rd, [SP, #<imm>] | [SP + imm] := Rd | imm range 0-1020, multiple of 4. |
| | Multiple | | STM Rn!, <loreglist> | Stores list of registers | Always updates base register, Increment After. |
| Push | Push | | PUSH <loreglist> | Push registers onto full descending stack | |
| | Push with link | | PUSH <loreglist>+LR | Push LR and registers onto full descending stack | |
| Pop | Pop | | POP <loreglist> | Pop registers from full descending stack | |
| | Pop and return | 4T | POP <loreglist>+PC | Pop registers, branch to address loaded to PC | |
| | Pop and return with exchange | 5T | POP <loreglist>+PC | Pop, branch, and change to ARM state if address[0] = 0 | |
| If-Then | If-Then | T2 | IT{pattern} {cond} | Makes up to four following instructions conditional, according to pattern. pattern is a string of up to three letters. Each letter can be T (Then) or E (Else). | The first instruction after IT has condition cond. The following instructions have condition cond if the corresponding letter is T, or the inverse of cond if the corresponding letter is E. See Table Condition Field . |
| Branch | Conditional branch | | B{cond} <label> | If {cond} then PC := label | label must be within – 252 to + 258 bytes of current instruction. See Table Condition Field . |
| | Compare, branch if (non) zero | T2 | CB{N}Z Rn, <label> | If Rn {== !=} 0 then PC := label | label must be within +4 to +130 bytes of current instruction. |
| | Unconditional branch | | B <label> | PC := label | label must be within ±2KB of current instruction. |
| | Long branch with link | | BL <label> | LR := address of next instruction, PC := label | This is a 32-bit instruction. label must be within ±4MB of current instruction (T2: ±16MB). |
| | Branch and exchange | | BX Rm | PC := Rm AND 0xFFFFFFF | Change to ARM state if Rm[0] = 0. |
| | Branch with link and exchange | 5T | BLX <label> | LR := address of next instruction, PC := label Change to ARM | This is a 32-bit instruction. label must be within ±4MB of current instruction (T2: ±16MB). |
| | Branch with link and exchange | 5T | BLX Rm | LR := address of next instruction, PC := Rm AND 0xFFFFFFF | Change to ARM state if Rm[0] = 0. |
| Extend | Signed, halfword to word | 6 | SXTH Rd, Rm | Rd[31:0] := SignExtend(Rm[15:0]) | |
| | Signed, byte to word | 6 | SXTB Rd, Rm | Rd[31:0] := SignExtend(Rm[7:0]) | |
| | Unsigned, halfword to word | 6 | UXTH Rd, Rm | Rd[31:0] := ZeroExtend(Rm[15:0]) | |
| | Unsigned, byte to word | 6 | UTB Rd, Rm | Rd[31:0] := ZeroExtend(Rm[7:0]) | |
| Reverse | Bytes in word | 6 | REV Rd, Rm | Rd[31:24] := Rm[7:0], Rd[23:16] := Rm[15:8], Rd[15:8] := Rm[23:16], Rd[7:0] := Rm[31:24] | |
| | Bytes in both halfwords | 6 | REV16 Rd, Rm | Rd[15:8] := Rm[7:0], Rd[7:0] := Rm[15:8], Rd[31:24] := Rm[23:16], Rd[23:16] := Rm[31:24] | |
| | Bytes in low halfword, sign extend | 6 | REVSH Rd, Rm | Rd[15:8] := Rm[7:0], Rd[7:0] := Rm[15:8], Rd[31:16] := Rm[7] * &FFFF | |

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| Processor state change | Supervisor Call | | SVC <immed_8> | Supervisor Call processor exception | 8-bit immediate value encoded in instruction. Formerly SWI. |
| | Change processor state | 6 | CPSID <iflags> | Disable specified interrupts | |
| | | 6 | CPSIE <iflags> | Enable specified interrupts | |
| | Set endianness | 6 | SETEND <endianness> | Sets endianness for loads and saves. | <endianness> can be BE (Big Endian) or LE (Little Endian). |
| | Breakpoint | 5T | BKPT <immed_8> | Prefetch abort <i>or</i> enter debug state | 8-bit immediate value encoded in instruction. |
| No Op | No operation | | NOP | None, might not even consume any time. | Real NOP available in ARM v6K and above. |
| Hint | Set event | T2 | SEV | Signal event in multiprocessor system. | Executes as NOP in Thumb-2. Functionally available in ARM v7. |
| | Wait for event | T2 | WFE | Wait for event, IRQ, FIQ, Imprecise abort, or Debug entry request. | Executes as NOP in Thumb-2. Functionally available in ARM v7. |
| | Wait for interrupt | T2 | WFI | Wait for IRQ, FIQ, Imprecise abort, or Debug entry request. | Executes as NOP in Thumb-2. Functionally available in ARM v7. |
| | Yield | T2 | YIELD | Yield control to alternative thread. | Executes as NOP in Thumb-2. Functionally available in ARM v7. |

| Condition Field | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Mnemonic | Description |
| EQ | Equal |
| NE | Not equal |
| CS / HS | Carry Set / Unsigned higher or same |
| CC / LO | Carry Clear / Unsigned lower |
| MI | Negative |
| PL | Positive or zero |
| VS | Overflow |
| VC | No overflow |
| HI | Unsigned higher |
| LS | Unsigned lower or same |
| GE | Signed greater than or equal |
| LT | Signed less than |
| GT | Signed greater than |
| LE | Signed less than or equal |
| AL | Always. Do not use in B{cond} |

In Thumb code for processors earlier than ARMv6T2, cond must not appear anywhere except in Conditional Branch (B{cond}) instructions.

In Thumb-2 code, cond can appear in any of these instructions (except CBZ, CBNZ, CPSID, CPSIE, IT, and SETEND).
The condition is encoded in a preceding IT instruction (except in the case of B{cond} instructions).
If IT instructions are explicitly provided in the Assembly language source file, the conditions in the instructions must match the corresponding IT instructions.

| ARM architecture versions | |
|---------------------------|---|
| 4T | All Thumb versions of ARM v4 and above. |
| 5T | All Thumb versions of ARM v5 and above. |
| 6 | All Thumb versions of ARM v6 and above. |
| T2 | All Thumb-2 versions of ARM v6 and above. |

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