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ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE AND SYSTEM PROGRAMMING



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Chapter 2 Assemblers

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INTRODUCTION TO ASSEMBLERS

□ Fundamental functions

- **Translate mnemonic operation codes** to their machine language equivalents
- **Assign** machine addresses to **symbolic labels** used by the programmer

EXAMPLE OF A SIC ASSEMBLER LANGUAGE PROGRAM (FIG 2.1,2.2)

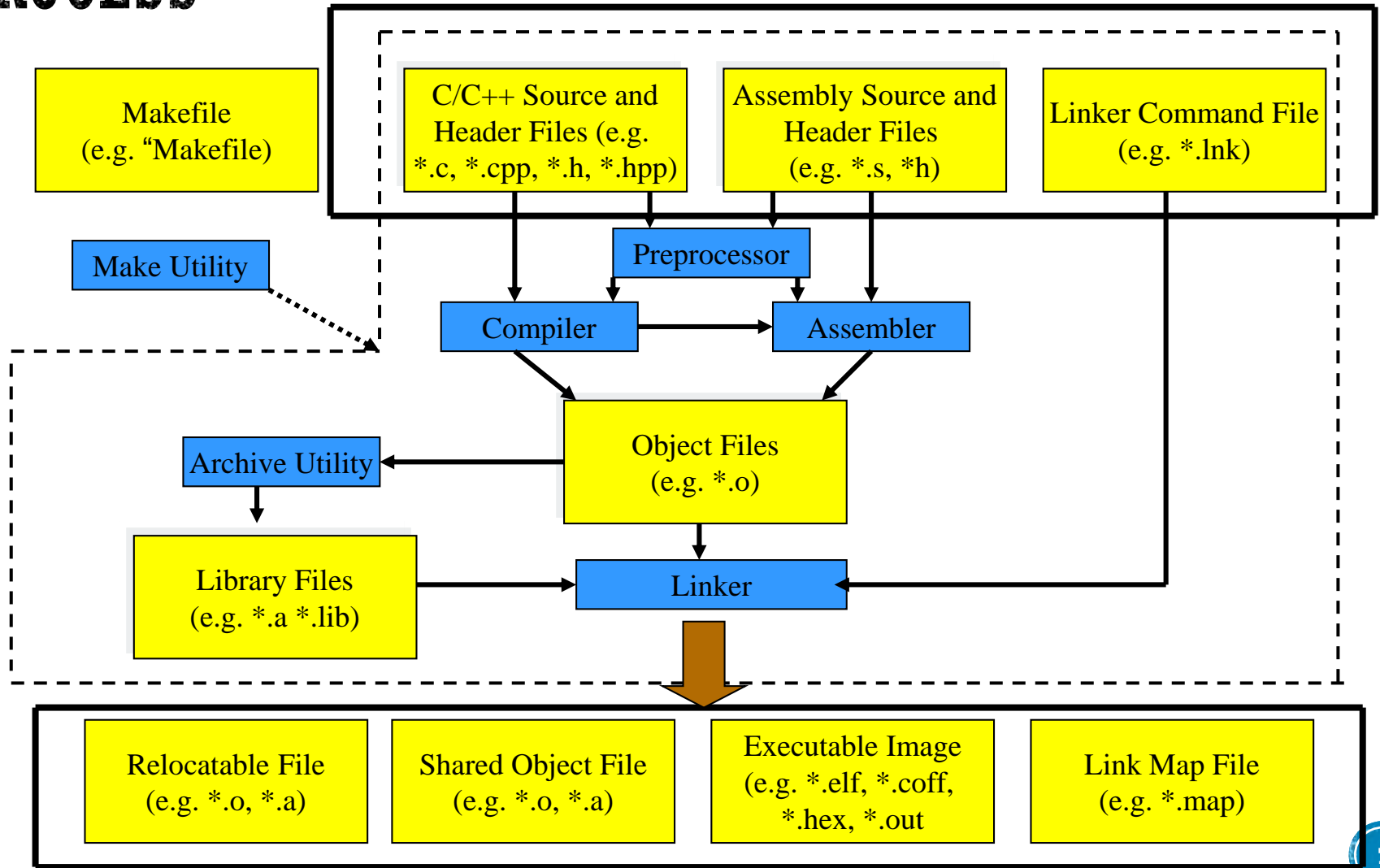
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5	1000	COPY	START	1000	
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15	1003	CLOOP	<u>JSUB</u>	<u>RDREC</u>	<u>482039</u>
20	1006		<u>LDA</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>001036</u>
25	1009		COMP	ZERO	281030
30	100C		JEQ	ENDFIL	301015
35	100F		JSUB	WRREC	482061
40	1012		J	CLOOP	3C1003
45	1015	ENDFIL	LDA	EOF	00102A
50	1018		STA	BUFFER	0C1039
55	101B		LDA	THREE	00102D
60	101E		STA	LENGTH	0C1036
65	1021		JSUB	WRREC	482061
70	1024		LDL	RETADR	081033
75	1027		RSUB		4C0000
80	102A	EOF	BYTE	C'EOF'	454F46
85	102D	THREE	WORD	3	000003
90	1030	ZERO	WORD	0	000000
95	<u>1033</u>	<u>RETADR</u>	RESW	1	
100	<u>1036</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	RESW	1	
105	1039	BUFFER	RESB	4096	

2.1 BASIC ASSEMBLER FUNCTIONS

□ ***Assembler:*** a program

- Accepts an *assembly language program* as input
- Produces its *machine language equivalent* along with *information for the loader*

OVERVIEW OF LINKERS AND THE LINKING PROCESS



ASSEMBLER DIRECTIVES

❑ Pseudo-instructions

- Not translated into machine instructions
- Provide instructions to the assembler itself

❑ Basic assembler directives

- **START:** specify *name* and *starting address of the program*
- **END:** specify *end of program* and (option) *the first executable instruction in the program*
 - If not specified, use the address of the first executable instruction
- **BYTE:** *generate character or hexadecimal constants*
- **WORD :** generate one-word integer constant
- **RESB:** : instruct the assembler to *reserve memory location* without generating data values
- **RESW**

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EXAMPLE OF A SIC ASSEMBLER LANGUAGE PROGRAM

(FIG 2.1,2.2) (CONT.)

```
110      .
115      .          SUBROUTINE TO READ RECORD INTO BUFFER
120      .
125      2039      RDREC      LDX          ZERO          041030
130      203C          LDA          ZERO          001030
135      203F      RLOOP      TD          INPUT          E0205D
140      2042          JEQ          RLOOP          30203F
145      2045          RD          INPUT          D8205D
150      2048          COMP          ZERO          281030
155      204B          JEQ          EXIT          302057
160      204E          STCH          BUFFER,X          549039
165      2051          TIX          MAXLEN          2C205E
170      2054          JLT          RLOOP          38203F
175      2057      EXIT      STX          LENGTH          101036
180      205A          RSUB          4C0000
185      205D      INPUT      BYTE          X'F1'          F1
190      205E      MAXLEN      WORD          4096          001000
```



EXAMPLE OF A SIC ASSEMBLER LANGUAGE PROGRAM

(FIG 2.1,2.2) (CONT.)



```
195      .
200      .          SUBROUTINE TO WRITE RECORD FROM BUFFER
205      .
210      2061      WRREC      LDX          ZERO          041030
215      2064      WLOOP     TD          OUTPUT        E02079
220      2067              JEQ          WLOOP          302064
225      206A              LDCH         BUFFER,X        509039
230      206D              WD          OUTPUT        DC2079
235      2070              TIX          LENGTH         2C1036
240      2073              JLT          WLOOP          382064
245      2076              RSUB
250      2079      OUTPUT    BYTE        X'05'         05
255              END          FIRST
```

Figure 2.2 Program from Fig. 2.1 with object code.



EXAMPLE OF A SIC ASSEMBLER LANGUAGE PROGRAM (FIG 2.2)

- ❑ **Loc** column shows the *machine address (memory address)* for each part of the program
 - Assume program starts at address 1000
 - A *location counter* is used to keep track the address changing

FUNCTIONS OF A BASIC ASSEMBLER

- ❑ Convert *mnemonic operation codes* to their *machine language equivalents*
 - E.g. STL -> 14 (line 10)
- ❑ Convert *symbolic operands* to their equivalent *machine addresses*
 - E.g. RETADR -> 1033 (line 10)
- ❑ Build the machine instructions in the proper *format*
- ❑ Convert the *data constants* to *internal machine representations*
 - E.g. EOF -> 454F46 (line 80)
- ❑ Write the *object program (object file)*

FUNCTIONS OF A BASIC ASSEMBLER (CONT.)

- ❑ All of above functions can be accomplished by *sequential processing* of the source program
 - Except step 2 in processing **symbolic operands**

- ❑ Example
 - **10 STL RETADR**
 - RETADR is not yet defined when we encounter STL instruction
 - Called **forward reference**

ADDRESS TRANSLATION PROBLEM

❑ Forward reference

- A reference to a label that is defined later in the program
 - We will be unable to process this statement sequentially

❑ As a result, most assemblers make **2 passes** over the source program

- **1st pass**: scan *label definitions* and *assign addresses*
- **2nd pass**: actual translation (object code)

OBJECT PROGRAM

- ❑ Finally, assembler must write the generated object code to some output device
 - Called *object program*
 - Will be later loaded into memory for execution

OBJECT PROGRAM FOR FIG 2.2 (FIG 2.3)

Program name, Starting address (hex), Length of object program in bytes (hex)

HCOPY 00100000107A

T0010001E1410334820390010362810303010154820613C100300102A0C103900102D
T00101E150C10364820610810334C0000454F46000003000000
T0020391E041030001030E0205D30203FD8205D2810303020575490392C205E38203F
T0020571C1010364C0000F1001000041030E02079302064509039DC20792C1036
T002073073820644C000005

E001000

FIG 2.3 Object program corresponding to assembly program

Address of first executable instruction (hex)

Starting address (hex), Length of object code in this record (hex), Object code (hex)

OBJECT PROGRAM (CONT.)

□ Contains 3 types of records:

- **Header record:**

Col. 1	H
Col. 2-7	Program name
Col. 8-13	Starting address (hex)
Col. 14-19	Length of object program in bytes (hex)

- **Text record**

Col. 1	T
Col. 2-7	Starting address in this record (hex)
Col. 8-9	Length of object code in this record in bytes (hex)
Col. 10-69	Object code (hex) (2 columns per byte)

- **End record**

Col. 1	E
Col. 2~7	Address of first executable instruction (hex) (END program_name)

2.1.2 ASSEMBLER ALGORITHM AND DATA STRUCTURES

❑ Algorithm

- Two-pass assembler

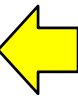
❑ Data Structures

- Operation Code Table (**OPTAB**)
- Symbol Table (**SYMTAB**)
- Location Counter (**LOCCTR**)

INTERNAL DATA STRUCTURES

❑ **OPTAB (operation code table)**

- Content
 - Mnemonic machine code and its machine language equivalent
 - May also include instruction format, length etc.
- Usage
 - Pass 1: used to look up and validate operation codes in the source program
 - **Pass 2: used to translate the operation codes to machine language**
- Characteristics
 - Static table, predefined when the assembler is written
- Implementation
 - Array or hash table with mnemonic operation code as the key (preferred)
- Ref. Appendix A



OPTAB

Mnemonic	OPCODE	SIC/XE-Specific	Format
ADD	18		3/4
ADDF	58	v	3/4
ADDR	90	v	2
AND	40		3/4
.....

INTERNAL DATA STRUCTURES

□ **SYMTAB (symbol table)**

- Content
 - Label name and its value (address)
 - May also include flag (type, length) etc.
- Usage
 - **Pass 1: labels are entered into SYMTAB with their address (from LOCCTR) as they are encountered in the source program**
 - **Pass 2: symbols used as operands are looked up in SYMTAB to obtain the address to be inserted in the assembled instruction**
- Characteristic
 - Dynamic table (insert, delete, search)
- Implementation
 - Hash table for efficiency of *insertion* and *retrieval*

SYMTAB

Label Name	Address
FIRST	1000
CLOOP	1003
ENDFIL	1015
EOF	102A
.....
RETADR	1033

INTERNAL DATA STRUCTURES

□ Location Counter

- A variable used to *assign addresses*
- Initialized to the beginning address specified in the START statement

ALGORITHM FOR 2 PASS ASSEMBLER (FIG 2.4)

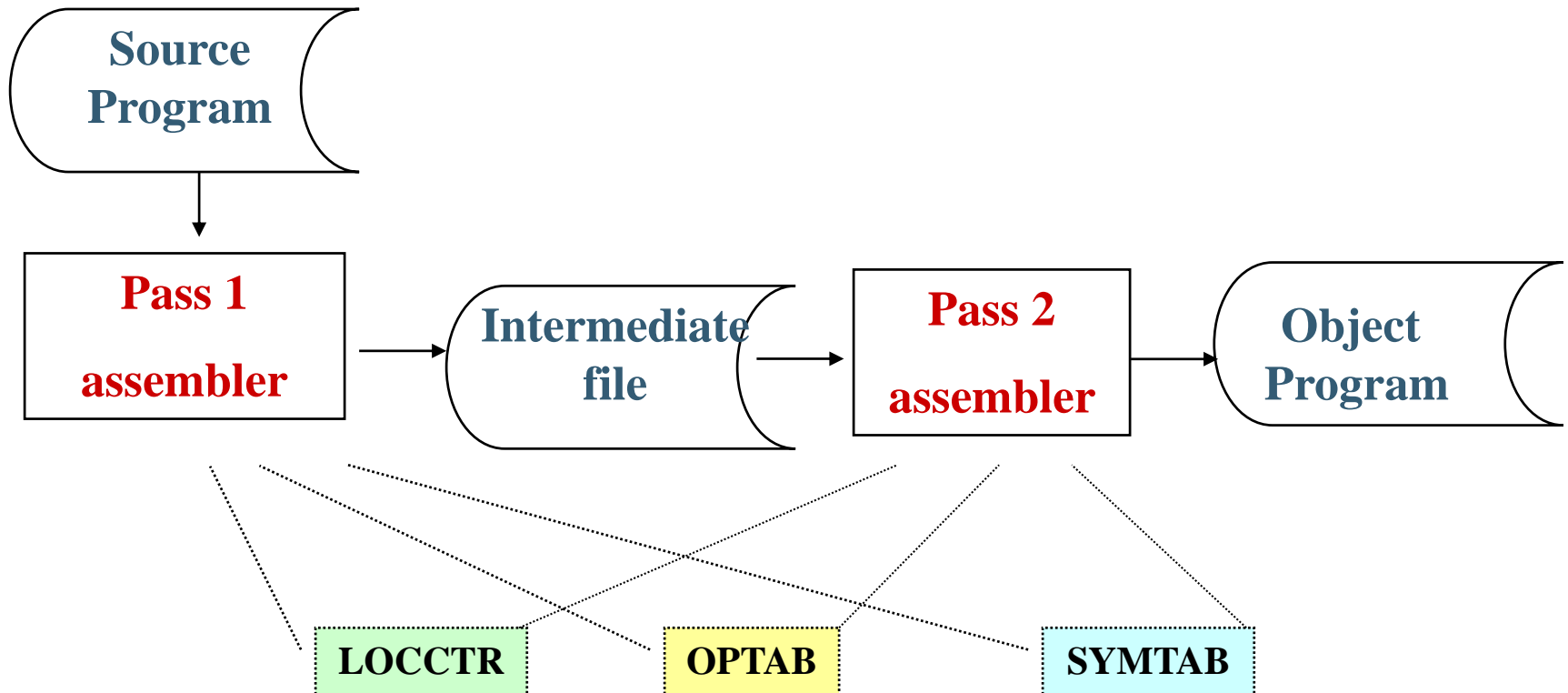
- Figure 2.4 (a): algorithm for **pass 1** of assembler
- Figure 2.4 (b): algorithm for **pass 2** of assembler

ALGORITHM FOR 2 PASS ASSEMBLER (FIG 2.4)

- ❑ Both pass 1 and pass 2 need to read the source program.
 - However, pass 2 needs more information
 - *Location counter value*, error flags
- ❑ **Sol: An intermediate file**
 - Contains each source statement with its assigned address, error indicators, etc.
 - Used as the **input to Pass 2**

INTERMEDIATE FILE

■ LABEL, OPCODE, OPERAND



ALGORITHM FOR **PASS 1** OF ASSEMBLER (FIG 2.4A)



Pass 1:

begin

read first input line

if OPCODE = 'START' **then**

begin

save #[OPERAND] as starting address

initialize LOCCTR to starting address


write line to intermediate file

read next input line

end {if START}

else

initialize LOCCTR to 0



```

while OPCODE ≠ 'END' do
  begin
    if this is not a comment line then
      begin
        if there is a symbol in the LABEL field then
          begin
            search SYMTAB for LABEL
            if found then
              set error flag (duplicate symbol)
            else
              insert (LABEL,LOCCTR) into SYMTAB
            end {if symbol}
          search OPTAB for OPCODE
          if found then
            add 3 {instruction length} to LOCCTR
          else if OPCODE = 'WORD' then
            add 3 to LOCCTR
          else if OPCODE = 'RESW' then
            add 3 * #[OPERAND] to LOCCTR
          else if OPCODE = 'RESB' then
            add #[OPERAND] to LOCCTR
          else if OPCODE = 'BYTE' then
            begin
              find length of constant in bytes
              add length to LOCCTR
            end {if BYTE}
          else
            set error flag (invalid operation code)
          end {if not a comment}
        write line to intermediate file
        read next input line
      end {while not END}
    write last line to intermediate file
    save (LOCCTR - starting address) as program length
  end {Pass 1}

```

Label

LOC

Figure 2.4(a) Algorithm for Pass 1 of assembler.

ALGORITHM FOR **PASS 2** OF ASSEMBLER (FIG 2.4B)

Pass 2:

begin

read first input line {from intermediate file}

if OPCODE = 'START' **then**

begin

write listing line

read next input line

end {if START}

write Header record to object program

initialize first Text record

...



```
while OPCODE ≠ 'END' do
  begin
    if this is not a comment line then
      begin
        search OPTAB for OPCODE
        if found then
          begin
            if there is a symbol in OPERAND field then
              begin
                search SYMTAB for OPERAND
                if found then
                  store symbol value as operand address
                else
                  begin
                    store 0 as operand address
                    set error flag (undefined symbol)
                  end
                end {if symbol}
              else
                store 0 as operand address
                assemble the object code instruction
              end {if opcode found}
            else if OPCODE = 'BYTE' or 'WORD' then
              convert constant to object code
              if object code will not fit into the current Text record then
                begin
                  write Text record to object program
                  initialize new Text record
                end
                add object code to Text record
              end {if not comment}
            write listing line
            read next input line
          end {while not END}
          write last Text record to object program
          write End record to object program
          write last listing line
        end {Pass 2}
```

Figure 2.4(b) Algorithm for Pass 2 of assembler.

ALGORITHM FOR 2 PASS ASSEMBLER

□ Pass 1 (**define symbol**)

1. Assign addresses to all statement in the program
2. Save the value (addresses) assigned to all labels for user in Pass 2.
3. Perform some processing of assembler directives

□ Pass2 (**assemble instruction and generate object program**)

1. Assemble instructions (translating operation codes and looking up address)
2. Perform processing of assembler directives not done during Pass1.
3. Generate data values defined by BYTE, WORD, etc.
4. Write the object program

OUTLINE

□ 2.1 Basic Assembler Functions

□ **2.2 Machine-Dependent Assembler Features**

- Instruction Formats and Addressing Modes
- Program Relocation

□ 2.3 Machine-Independent Assembler Features

□ 2.4 Assembler Design Options

□ 2.5 Implementation Examples

2.2 MACHINE DEPENDENT ASSEMBLER FEATURES

- Machine Dependent Assembler Features
 - Example: SIC/XE supports
 - More **instruction formats** and **addressing modes**
 - Program relocation

SIC/XE ASSEMBLER

- ❑ Previous, we know how to implement the **2-pass SIC assembler**.
- ❑ What's new for SIC/XE?
 - More addressing modes and instruction formats.
 - Program Relocation.

SIC/XE ASSEMBLER (CONT.)

□ SIC/XE

- Immediate addressing: op **#c**
- Indirect addressing: op **@m**
- PC-relative or Base-relative addressing: op m
 - The assembler directive **BASE** is used with base-relative addressing
 - If displacements are too large to fit into a 3-byte instruction, then 4-byte extended format is used
- Extended format: **+op** m
- Indexed addressing: op m, **x**
- Register-to-register instructions
- Large memory
 - Support multiprogramming and need *program reallocation* capability

EXAMPLE OF A SIC/XE PROGRAM (FIG 2.5)

- ❑ Improve the execution speed of Fig. 2.2 (SIC version)
 - Register-to-register instructions
 - Immediate addressing: $op \#c$
 - Operand is already present as part of the instruction
 - Indirect addressing: $op @m$
 - Often avoid the need of another instruction

EXAMPLE OF A SIC/XE PROGRAM (FIG 2.5,2.6)

Line	Loc	Source statement	Object code
5	0000	COPY START 0	
10	0000	FIRST STL RETADR	17202D
12	0003	LDB #LENGTH	69202D
13		BASE LENGTH	
15	0006	CLOOP +JSUB RDREC	4B101036
20	000A	LDA LENGTH	032026
25	000D	COMP #0	290000
30	0010	JEQ ENDFIL	332007
35	0013	+JSUB WRREC	4B10105D
40	0017	J CLOOP	3F2FEC
45	001A	ENDFIL LDA EOF	032010
50	001D	STA BUFFER	0F2016
55	0020	LDA #3	010003
60	0023	STA LENGTH	0F200D
65	0026	+JSUB WRREC	4B10105D
70	002A	J @RETADR	3E2003
80	002D	EOF BYTE C 'EOF'	454F46
95	0030	RETADR RESW 1	
100	0033	LENGTH RESW 1	
105	0036	BUFFER RESB 4096	

EXAMPLE OF A SIC/XE PROGRAM (FIG 2.5,2.6)

(CONT.)

```
110      .
115      .          SUBROUTINE TO READ RECORD INTO BUFFER
120      .
125      1036      RDREC      CLEAR      X          B410
130      1038              CLEAR      A          B400
132      103A              CLEAR      S          B440
133      103C              +LDT      #4096      75101000
135      1040      RLOOP      TD          INPUT      E32019
140      1043              JEQ          RLOOP      332FFA
145      1046              RD          INPUT      DB2013
150      1049              COMPR      A, S      A004
155      104B              JEQ          EXIT      332008
160      104E              STCH          BUFFER, X      57C003
165      1051              TIXR          T          B850
170      1053              JLT          RLOOP      3B2FEA
175      1056      EXIT      STX          LENGTH      134000
180      1059              RSUB
185      105C      INPUT      BYTE      X'F1'      F1
18F
```

EXAMPLE OF A SIC/XE PROGRAM (FIG 2.5,2.6)

(CONT.)

```

195      .
200      .      SUBROUTINE TO WRITE RECORD FROM BUFFER
205      .
210      105D      WRREC      CLEAR      X      B410
212      105F      LDT      LENGTH      774000
215      1062      WLOOP      TD      OUTPUT      E32011
220      1065      JEQ      WLOOP      332FFA
225      1068      LDCH      BUFFER,X      53C003
230      106B      WD      OUTPUT      DF2008
235      106E      TIXR      T      B850
240      1070      JLT      WLOOP      3B2FEF
245      1073      RSUB      4F0000
250      1076      OUTPUT      BYTE      X'05'      05
255      END      FIRST

```

Figure 2.6 Program from Fig. 2.5 with object code.

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- ❑ 2.5 Implementation Examples

2.2.1 INSTRUCTION FORMATS AND ADDRESSING MODES

❑ START now specifies a beginning program address of 0

- Indicate a *relocatable program*

❑ Register translation

- For example: *COMPR A, S => A004*
- Must keep the register name (A, X, L, B, S, T, F, PC, SW) and their values (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9)
 - Keep in **SYMTAB**

ADDRESS TRANSLATION

- ❑ Most register-to-memory instructions are assembled using *PC relative* or *base relative* addressing
 - Assembler must calculate a *displacement* as part of the object instruction
 - If displacement can be fit into 12-bit field, format 3 is used.
 - Format 3: 12-bit address field
 - **Base-relative: 0~4095**
 - **PC-relative: -2048~2047**
 - *Assembler attempts to **translate using PC-relative first, then base-relative***
 - If displacement in PC-relative is out of range, then try base-relative

ADDRESS TRANSLATION (CONT.)

- If displacement can not be fit into 12-bit field in the object instruction, format 4 must be used.
 - Format 4: 20-bit address field
 - No displacement need to be calculated.
 - 20-bit is large enough to contain the full memory address
 - Programmer must specify extended format: +op m
 - For example: +JSUB RDREC => 4B101036
 - $LOC(RDREC) = 1036$, get it from SYMTAB

PC-RELATIVE ADDRESSING MODES

□ *10 0000 FIRST STL RETADR 17202D*

- Displacement = RETADR – (PC) = 30-**3** = 2D
- opcode (6 bits) = $14_{16} = 00010100_2$
- nixbpe = 110010
 - n=1, i = 1: indicate neither *indirect* nor *immediate* addressing
 - p = 1: indicate *PC-relative* addressing

OPCODE	n	i	x	b	p	e	Displacement
0001 01	1	1	0	0	1	0	$(02D)_{16}$

Object Code = 17202D

PC-RELATIVE ADDRESSING MODES (CONT.)

□ 40 0017 J CLOOP 3F2FEC

- Displacement = CLOOP - (PC) = 6 - **1A** = -14 = FEC (2's complement for negative number)
- opcode = $3C_{16} = 00111100_2$
- nixbpe = 110010

OPCODE	n	i	x	b	p	e	Displacement
0011 11	1	1	0	0	1	0	(FEC) ₁₆

Object Code = 3F2FEC

BASE-RELATIVE ADDRESSING MODES

- ❑ Base register is under the control of the programmer
 - Programmer use **assembler directive** ***BASE*** to specify which value to be assigned to base register (B)
 - **Assembler directive** ***NOBASE***: inform the assembler that the contents of base register no longer be used for addressing
 - ***BASE*** and ***NOBASE*** produce no executable code

BASE-RELATIVE ADDRESSING MODES

□ 175 1056 STX LENGTH 134000

- Try PC-relative first
 - Displacement= LENGTH - (PC) = 0033 - 1059 = -1026 (hex)
- Try base-relative next
 - displacement= LENGTH - (B) = 0033 - 0033 = 0
 - Opcode=10₁₆ = (00010000)₂
 - nixbpe=110100
 - n=1, i = 1: indicate neither *indirect* nor *immediate* addressing
 - b = 1: *base-relative* addressing

OPCODE	n	i	x	b	p	e	Displacement
000100	1	1	0	1	0	0	(000) ₁₆

BASE-RELATIVE ADDRESSING MODES (CONT.)

❑ 160 104E STCH BUFFER, X 57C003

- The displacement of PC-relative is out of range
- Displacement= BUFFER – (B) = 0036 – 0033(=LOC(LENGTH)) = 3
- opcode=54
- nixbpe=111100
 - n=1, i = 1: indicate neither *indirect* nor *immediate* addressing
 - x = 1: *indexed* addressing
 - b = 1: *base-relative* addressing

OPCODE	n	i	x	b	p	e	Displacement
0101 01	1	1	1	1	0	0	(003) ₁₆

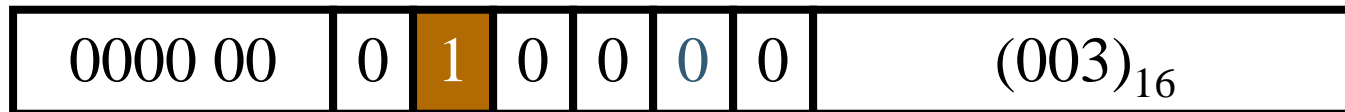
Object Code = 57C003

IMMEDIATE ADDRESS TRANSLATION

❑ Convert the *immediate* operand to its internal representation and insert it into the instruction

❑ 55 0020 LDA #3 010003

- opcode=00
- nixbpe=010000
 - i = 1: *immediate addressing*

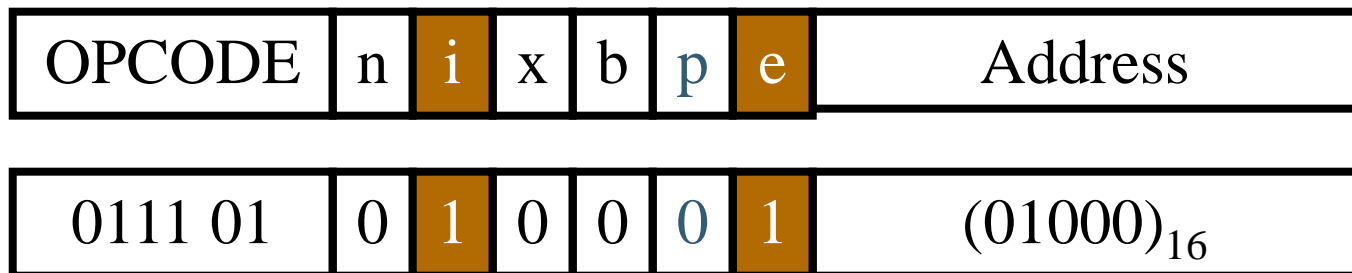


Object Code = 010003

IMMEDIATE ADDRESS TRANSLATION (CONT.)

□ 133 103C +LDT #4096 75101000

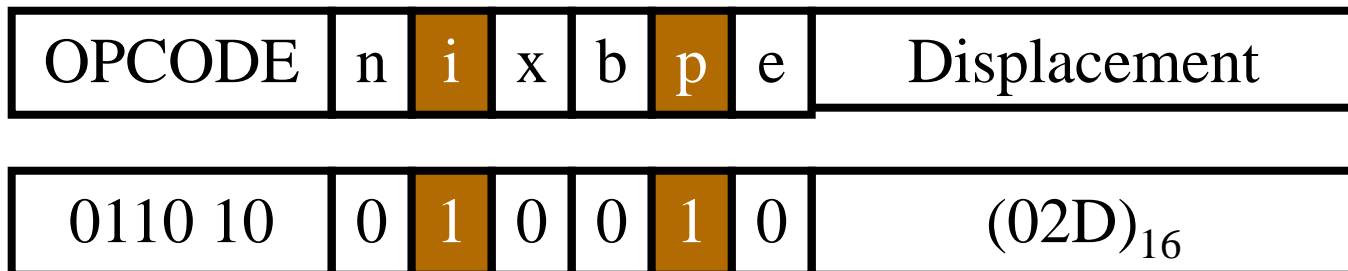
- opcode=74
- nixbpe=010001
 - i = 1: *immediate addressing*
 - e = 1: *extended instruction format* since 4096 is too large to fit into the 12-bit displacement field



Object Code = 75101000

IMMEDIATE ADDRESS TRANSLATION (CONT.)

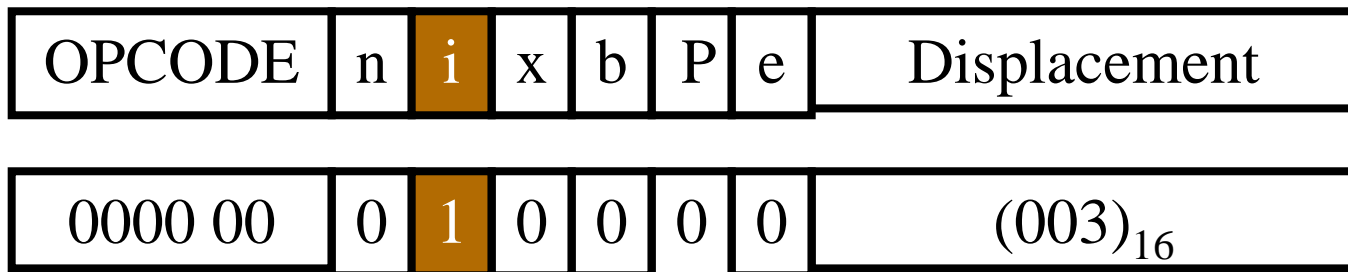
- ❑ 12 0003 LDB #LENGTH 69202D
- The immediate operand is the symbol LENGTH
 - The address of LENGTH is loaded into register B
 - Displacement = LENGTH – (PC) = 0033 – 0006 = 02D
 - opcode = $68_{16} = 01101000_2$
 - nixbpe = 010010
 - Combined *PC relative* (p=1) with *immediate addressing* (i=1)



IMMEDIATE ADDRESS TRANSLATION (CONT.)

□ 55 0020 LDA #3 010003

- opcode = $00_{16} = 00000000_2$
- nixbpe=010000
 - i = 1: immediate addressing



INDIRECT ADDRESS TRANSLATION

□ Indirect addressing

- The contents stored at the location represent the *address* of the operand, not the operand itself
- Target addressing is computed as usual (PC-relative or BASE-relative)
- n bit is set to 1

INDIRECT ADDRESS TRANSLATION (CONT.)

□ 70 002A J @RETADR 3E2003

- Displacement= RETADR- (PC) = 0030 – 002D =3
- opcode= 3C
- nixbpe=100010
 - n = 1: *indirect addressing*
 - p = 1: *PC-relative addressing*

