

# Assembly Language

# Two types of bit patterns

- Instructions
  - ▶ Mnemonics for opcodes
  - ▶ Letters for addressing modes
- Data
  - ▶ Pseudo-ops, also called dot commands

aaa	Addressing Mode	Letters
000	Immediate	i
001	Direct	d
010	Indirect	n
011	Stack-relative	s
100	Stack-relative deferred	sf
101	Indexed	x
110	Stack-indexed	sx
111	Stack-indexed deferred	sxf

Instruction Specifier	Mnemonic	Instruction	Addressing Modes	Status Bits
0000 0000	STOP	Stop execution	U	
0000 0001	RETTR	Return from trap	U	
0000 0010	MOVSPA	Move SP to A	U	
0000 0011	MOVFLGA	Move NZVC flags to A	U	
0000 010a	BR	Branch unconditional	i, x	
0000 011a	BRLE	Branch if less than or equal to	i, x	
0000 100a	BRLT	Branch if less than	i, x	
0000 101a	BREQ	Branch if equal to	i, x	
0000 110a	BRNE	Branch if not equal to	i, x	
0000 111a	BRGE	Branch if greater than or equal to	i, x	
0001 000a	BRGT	Branch if greater than	i, x	
0001 001a	BRV	Branch if V	i, x	
0001 010a	BRC	Branch if C	i, x	
0001 011a	CALL	Call subroutine	i, x	

0001 100r	NOTr	Bitwise invert r	U	NZ
0001 101r	NEGr	Negate r	U	NZV
0001 110r	ASLr	Arithmetic shift left r	U	NZVC
0001 111r	ASRr	Arithmetic shift right r	U	NZC
0010 000r	ROLr	Rotate left r	U	C
0010 001r	RORr	Rotate right r	U	C
0010 01nn	NOPn	Unary no operation trap	U	
0010 1aaa	NOP	Nonunary no operation trap	i	
0011 0aaa	DECI	Decimal input trap	d, n, s, sf, x, sx, sxf	NZV
0011 1aaa	DECO	Decimal output trap	i, d, n, s, sf, x, sx, sxf	
0100 0aaa	STRO	String output trap	d, n, sf	
0100 1aaa	CHARI	Character input	d, n, s, sf, x, sx, sxf	
0101 0aaa	CHARO	Character output	i, d, n, s, sf, x, sx, sxf	
0101 1nnn	RETn	Return from call with n local bytes	U	

0110 0aaa	ADDSP	Add to stack pointer (SP)	i, d, n, s, sf, x, sx, sxf	NZVC
0110 1aaa	SUBSP	Subtract from stack pointer (SP)	i, d, n, s, sf, x, sx, sxf	NZVC
0111 raaa	ADDr	Add to r	i, d, n, s, sf, x, sx, sxf	NZVC
1000 raaa	SUBr	Subtract from r	i, d, n, s, sf, x, sx, sxf	NZVC
1001 raaa	ANDr	Bitwise AND to r	i, d, n, s, sf, x, sx, sxf	NZ
1010 raaa	ORr	Bitwise OR to r	i, d, n, s, sf, x, sx, sxf	NZ
1011 raaa	CPr	Compare r	i, d, n, s, sf, x, sx, sxf	NZVC
1100 raaa	LDr	Load r from memory	i, d, n, s, sf, x, sx, sxf	NZ
1101 raaa	LDBYTEr	Load byte from memory	i, d, n, s, sf, x, sx, sxf	NZ
1110 raaa	STr	Store r to memory	d, n, s, sf, x, sx, sxf	
1111 raaa	STBYTEr	Store byte r to memory	d, n, s, sf, x, sx, sxf	

# The unimplemented opcode instructions

- NOPn      Unary no operation trap
- NOP      Nonunary no operation trap
- DECI      Decimal input trap
- DECO      Decimal output trap
- STRO      String output trap



# Pseudo-operations

- `.ADDRSS`      The address of a symbol
- `.ASCII`        A string of ASCII bytes
- `.BLOCK`        A block of bytes
- `.BURN`         Initiate ROM burn
- `.BYTE`         A byte value
- `.END`          The sentinel for the assembler
- `.EQUATE`        Equate a symbol to a constant value
- `.WORD`         A word value (two bytes)



## Assembler Input

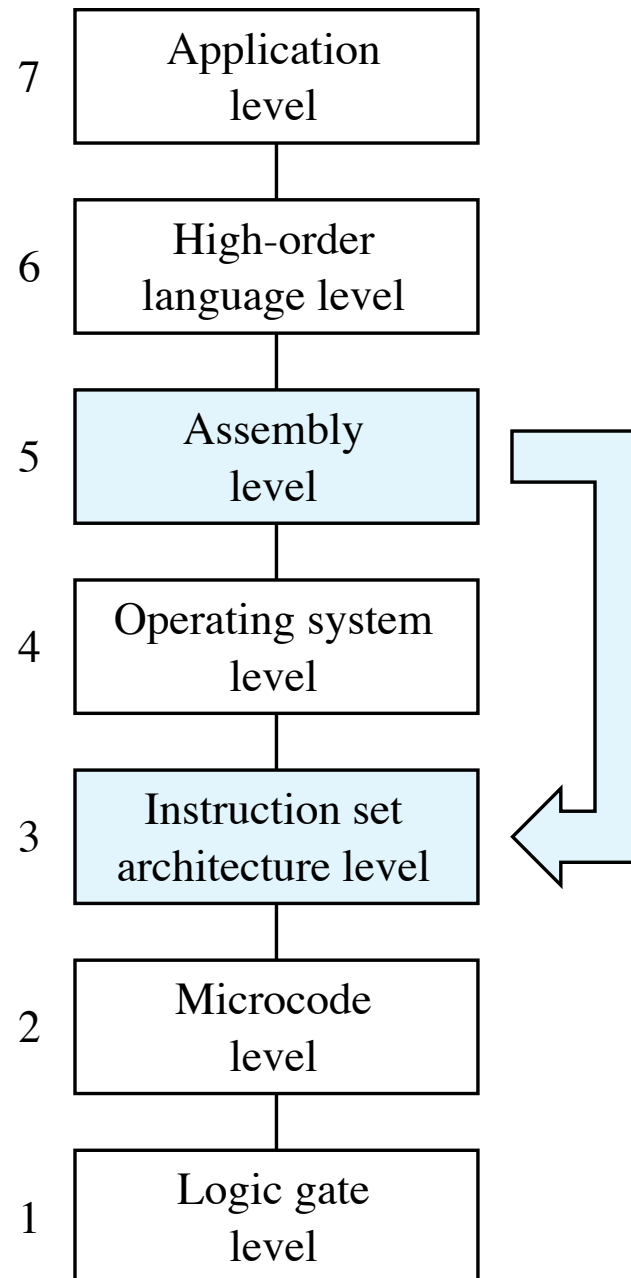
```
;Stan Warford  
;January 13, 2009  
;A program to output "Hi"  
;  
CHARO    0x0007,d    ;Output 'H'  
CHARO    0x0008,d    ;Output 'i'  
STOP  
.ASCII   "Hi"  
.END
```

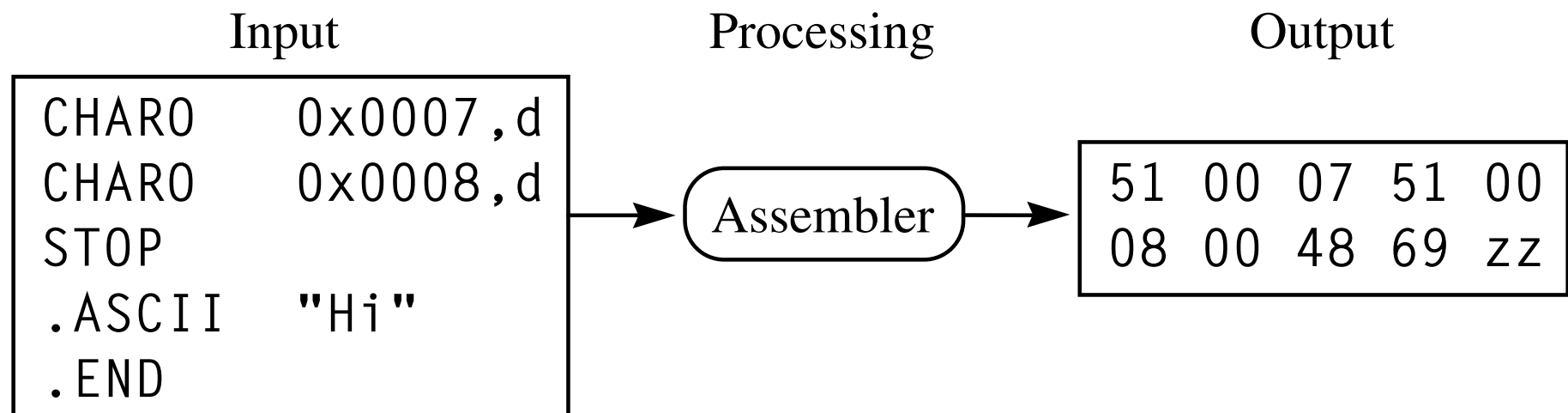
## Assembler Output

```
51 00 07 51 00 08 00 48 69 zz
```

## Program Output

Hi





## Assembler Input

```
CHARI    0x000D,d      ;Input first character
CHARI    0x000E,d      ;Input second character
CHARO    0x000E,d      ;Output second character
CHARO    0x000D,d      ;Output first character
STOP
.BLOCK   1              ;Storage for first char
.BLOCK   1              ;Storage for second char
.END
```

## Assembler Output

```
49 00 0D 49 00 0E 51 00 0E 51 00 0D 00 00 00 zz
```

## Program Input

up

## Program Output

pu

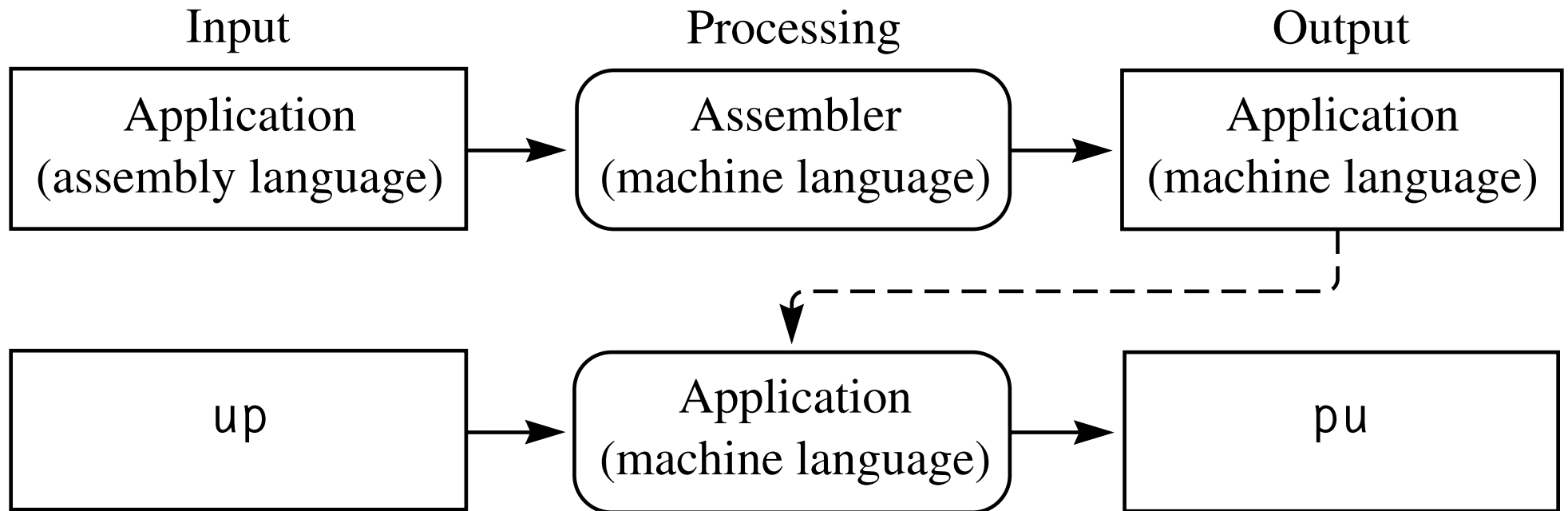
## Assembler Input

```
LDA      0x0011,d      ;A <- first number
ADDA     0x0013,d      ;Add the two numbers
ORA      0x0015,d      ;Convert sum to character
STBYTEA 0x0010,d      ;Store the character
CHARO    0x0010,d      ;Output the character
STOP
.BLOCK   1             ;Character to output
.WORD    5             ;Decimal 5
.WORD    3             ;Decimal 3
.WORD    0x0030        ;Mask for ASCII char
.END
```

## Assembler Output

```
C1 00 11 71 00 13 A1 00 15 F1 00 10 51 00 10 00
00 00 05 00 03 00 30 zz
```

## Program Output



## Assembler Input

```
chari 0x000D,d    ;Input first character
CHARI  0x000E,d    ;Input second character
charo 0x000E,      d    ;Output second character
CHARO  0x000D,D    ;Output first character
      stop
.block 1 ;Storage for first char
.BLOCK 1      ;Storage for second char
      .END
```

## Assembler Listing

Addr	code	Mnemon	Operand	Comment
0000	49000D	CHARI	0x000D,d	;Input first character
0003	49000E	CHARI	0x000E,d	;Input second character
0006	51000E	CHARO	0x000E,d	;Output second character
0009	51000D	CHARO	0x000D,d	;Output first character
000C	00	STOP		
000D	00	.BLOCK	1	;Storage for first char
000E	00	.BLOCK	1	;Storage for second char
000F		.END		



# Direct addressing

- $\text{Oprnd} = \text{Mem}[\text{OprndSpec}]$
- Asmb5 letter: d
- The operand specifier is the *address* in memory of the operand.

# Immediate addressing

- $\text{Oprnd} = \text{OprndSpec}$
- Asmb5 letter: *i*
- The operand specifier *is* the operand.

```
0000 500048 CHARO 'H',i ;Output 'H'
0003 500069 CHARO 'i',i ;Output 'i'
0006 00 STOP
0007 .END
```

## Output

Hi

# The decimal input instruction

- Instruction specifier: 0011 0aaa
- Mnemonic: DECI
- Convert a string of ASCII characters from the input device into a 16-bit signed integer and store it into memory

$\text{Oprnd} \leftarrow \{decimal\ input\}$

# The decimal output instruction

- Instruction specifier: 0011 1aaa
- Mnemonic: DECO
- Convert a 16-bit signed integer from memory into a string of ASCII characters and send the string to the output device

$\{decimal\ output\} \leftarrow Oprnd$

# The unconditional branch instruction

- Instruction specifier: 0000 010a
- Mnemonic: BR
- Skips to a different memory location for the next instruction to be executed.

$$PC \leftarrow \{Oprnd\}$$

0000	040005	BR	0x0005	;Branch around data
0003	0000	.BLOCK	2	;Storage for one integer
0005	310003	DECI	0x0003,d	;Get the number
0008	390003	DECO	0x0003,d	;and output it
000B	500020	CHARO	' ',i	;Output " + 1 = "
000E	50002B	CHARO	'+',i	
0011	500020	CHARO	' ',i	
0014	500031	CHARO	'1',i	
0017	500020	CHARO	' ',i	
001A	50003D	CHARO	'=',i	
001D	500020	CHARO	' ',i	
0020	C10003	LDA	0x0003,d	;A <- the number
0023	700001	ADDA	1,i	;Add one to it
0026	E10003	STA	0x0003,d	;Store the sum
0029	390003	DECO	0x0003,d	;Output the sum
002C	00	STOP		
002D		.END		

## Input

-479

## Output

-479 + 1 = -478



# The string output instruction

- Instruction specifier: 0100 0aaa
- Mnemonic: STRO
- Send a string of null-terminated ASCII characters to the output device

$$\{string\ output\} \leftarrow Oprnd$$

```

0000 04000D BR      0x000D      ;Branch around data
0003 0000  .BLOCK  2            ;Storage for one integer
0005 202B20 .ASCII  " + 1 = \x00"
      31203D
      2000

      ;
000D 310003 DECI    0x0003,d     ;Get the number
0010 390003 DECO    0x0003,d     ;and output it
0013 410005 STRO    0x0005,d     ;Output " + 1 = "
0016 C10003 LDA     0x0003,d     ;A <- the number
0019 700001 ADDA    1,i          ;Add one to it
001C E10003 STA     0x0003,d     ;Store the sum
001F 390003 DECO    0x0003,d     ;Output the sum
0022 00      STOP
0023      .END

```

## Input

-479

## Output

-479 + 1 = -478

# Interpreting bit patterns

- Dot commands set bit patterns at assembly time
- Executable statements interpret bit patterns at run time

```
0000 040009 BR      0x0009      ;Branch around data
0003 FFFE  .WORD  0xFFFE      ;First
0005 00    .BYTE  0x00        ;Second
0006 55    .BYTE  'U'         ;Third
0007 0470  .WORD  1136        ;Fourth
      ;
0009 390003 DECO    0x0003,d    ;Interpret First as decimal
000C 50000A CHARO   '\n',i
000F 390005 DECO    0x0005,d    ;Interpret Second and Third as decimal
0012 50000A CHARO   '\n',i
0015 510006 CHARO   0x0006,d    ;Interpret Third as character
0018 510008 CHARO   0x0008,d    ;Interpret Fourth as character
001B 00    STOP
001C      .END
```

## Output

0000	040009	BR	0x0009	;Branch around data
0003	FFFE	.WORD	0xFFFF	;First
0005	00	.BYTE	0x00	;Second
0006	55	.BYTE	'U'	;Third
0007	0470	.WORD	1136	;Fourth
0009	390003	DECO	0x0003,d	;Interpret First as decimal
000C	50000A	CHARO	'\n',i	
000F	390005	DECO	0x0005,d	;Interpret Second and Third as decimal
0012	50000A	CHARO	'\n',i	
0015	510006	CHARO	0x0006,d	;Interpret Third as character
0018	510008	CHARO	0x0008,d	;Interpret Fourth as character
001B	00	STOP		
001C		.END		

## Output

-2  
85  
Up

# Disassembler

- The inverse mapping of an assembler is not unique
- Given a bit pattern at level ISA3, you cannot determine the Asmb5 statement that produced it

## Assembly Language Program

```
0000 51000A CHARO 0x000A,d
0003 51000B CHARO 0x000B,d
0006 51000C CHARO 0x000C,d
0009 00 STOP
000A 50756E .ASCII "Pun"
000D .END
```

## Assembly Language Program

```
0000 51000A CHARO 0x000A,d
0003 51000B CHARO 0x000B,d
0006 51000C CHARO 0x000C,d
0009 00 STOP
000A 50756E CHARO 0x756E,i
000D .END
```

## Program Output

Pun



# Mappings

- The mapping from Asmb5 to ISA3 is one-to-one
- The mapping from HOL6 to Asmb5 is one-to-many

# Symbols

- Defined by an identifier followed by a colon at the start of a statement
- The value of a symbol is the address of the object code generated by the statement

## Assembler Listing

Addr	Object code	Symbol	Mnemon	Operand	Comment
0000	04000D		BR	main	;Branch around data
0003	0000	num:	.BLOCK	2	;Storage for one integer
0005	202B20	msg:	.ASCII	" + 1 = \x00"	
	31203D				
	2000				
		;			
000D	310003	main:	DECI	num,d	;Get the number
0010	390003		DECO	num,d	;and output it
0013	410005		STRO	msg,d	;Output ' + 1 = '
0016	C10003		LDA	num,d	;A := the number
0019	700001		ADDA	1,i	;Add one to it
001C	E10003		STA	num,d	;Store the sum
001F	390003		DECO	num,d	;Output the sum
0022	00		STOP		
0023			.END		

### Symbol table:

Symbol	Value	Symbol	Value
main	000D	msg	0005
num	0003		

## Input

-479

## Output

-479 + 1 = -478

## Assembler Input

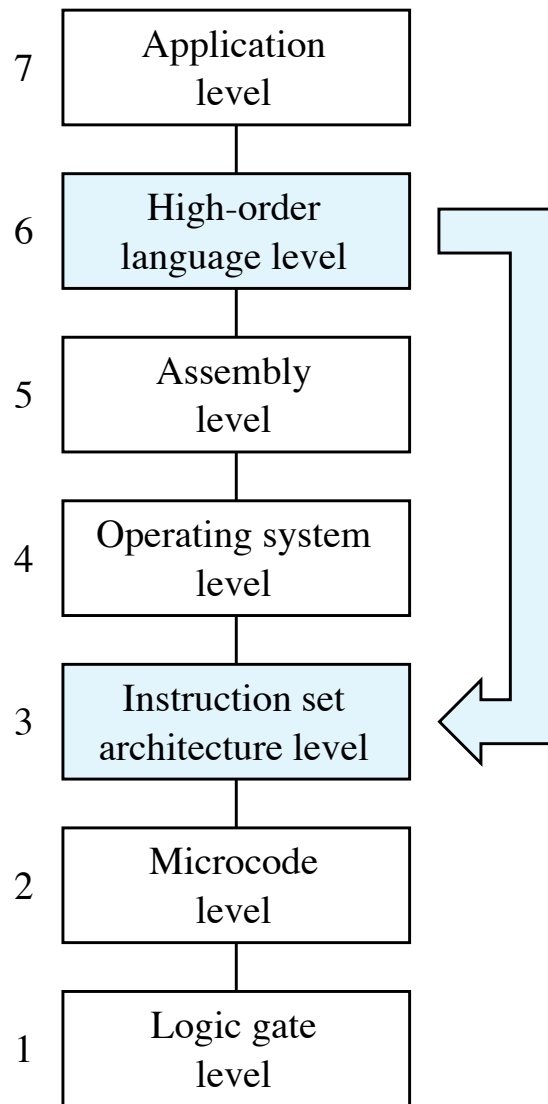
```
this: DECO this,d  
      STOP  
      .END
```

## Assembler Listing

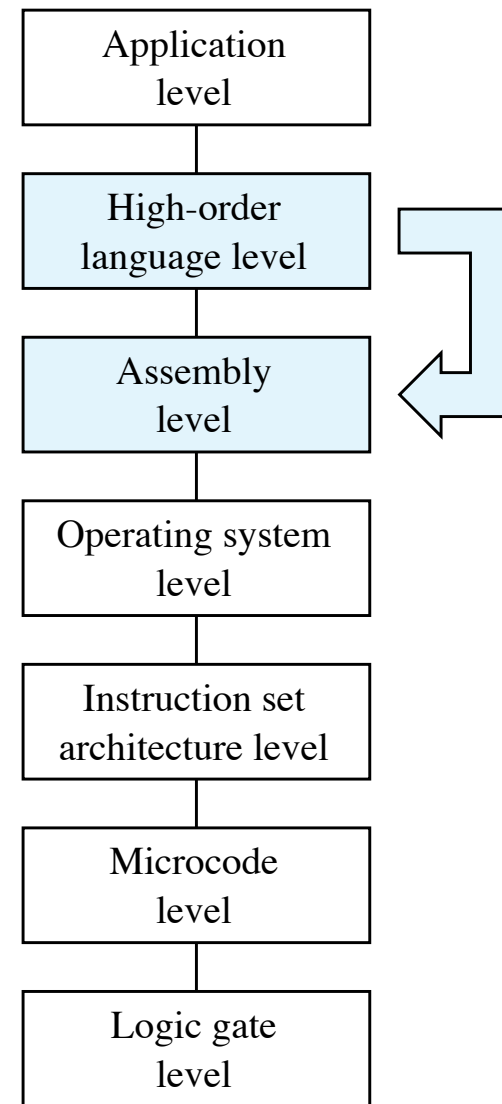
```
0000 390000 this:  DECO  this,d  
0003 00          STOP  
0004           .END
```

## Output

14592



**(a)** Translation directly to machine language.



**(b)** Translation to assembly language.

# Translating cout

- Translate string output with STRO
- Translate character output with CHARO
- Translate integer output with DECO



## High-Order Language

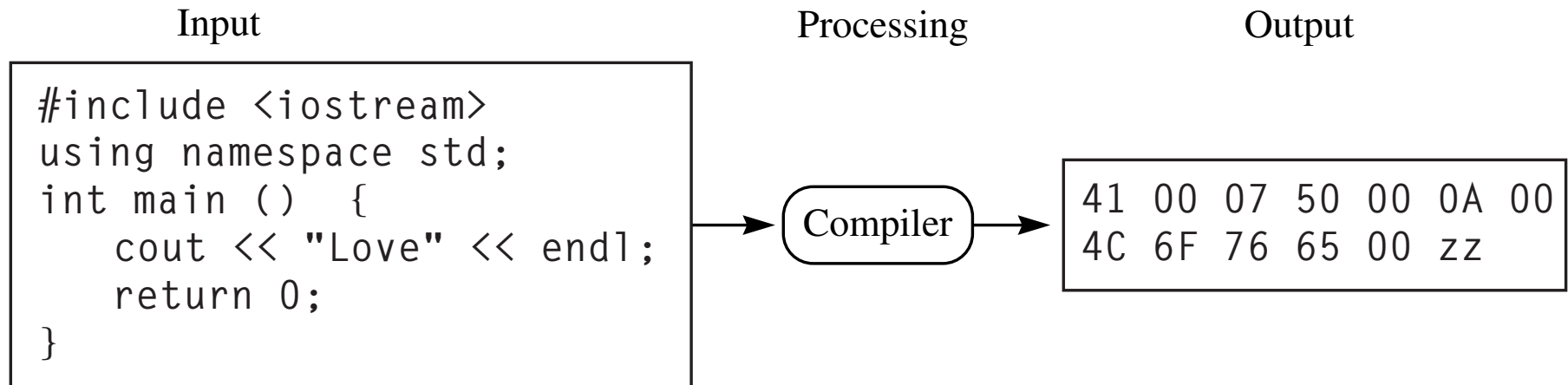
```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main () {
    cout << "Love" << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

## Assembly Language

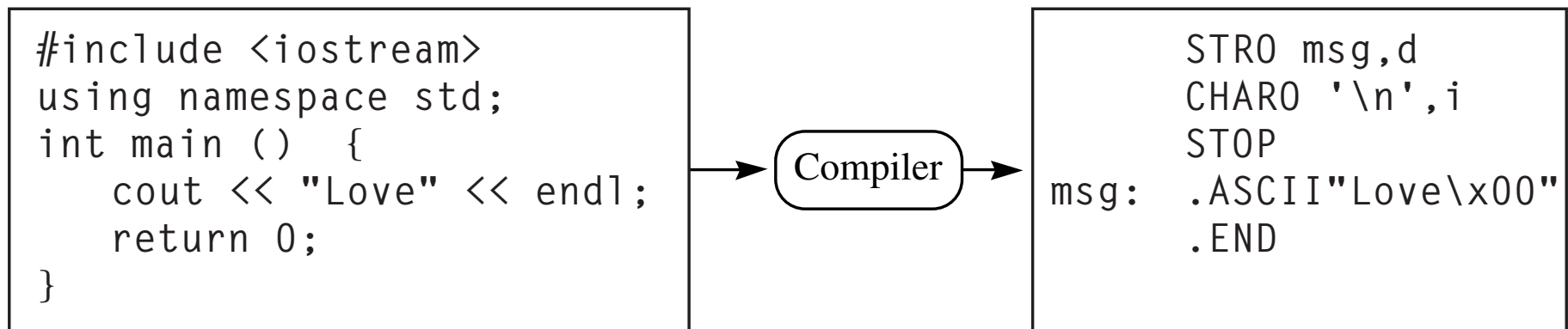
```
0000  410007          STRO    msg,d
0003  50000A          CHARO   '\n',i
0006  00             STOP
0007  4C6F76 msg:     .ASCII  "Love\x00"
        6500
000C             .END
```

## Output

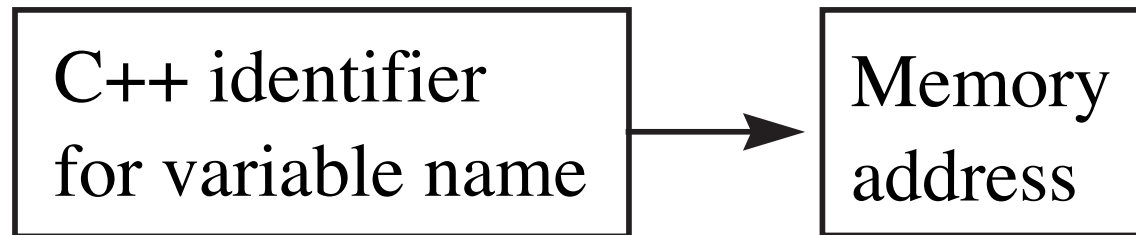
Love



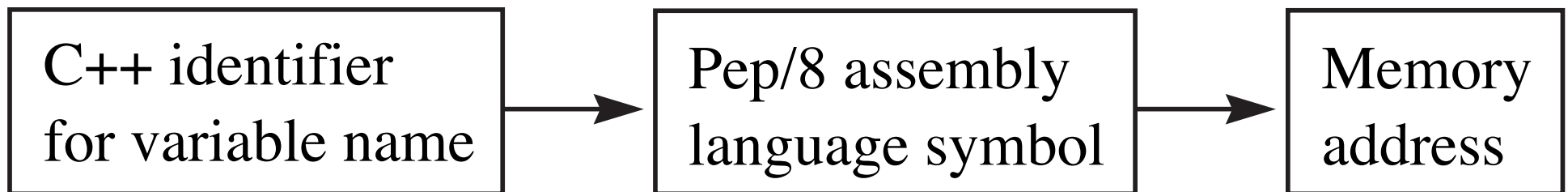
(a) A compiler that translates directly into machine language.



(b) A compiler that translates into assembly language.



(a) A compiler that translates to machine language.



(b) A hypothetical compiler for illustrative purposes.

# Global variables

- Allocated at a fixed location in memory with `.BLOCK`
- Accessed with direct addressing (`d`)

# Assignment statements

- Load the accumulator from the right hand side of the assignment with LDA
- Compute the value of the right hand side of the assignment if necessary
- Store the value to the variable on the left hand side of the assignment with STA

## High-Order Language

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

char ch;
int j;

int main () {
    cin >> ch >> j;
    j += 5;
    ch++;
    cout << ch << endl << j << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

## Assembly Language

```

0000  040006      BR      main
0003  00      ch:    .BLOCK  1          ;global variable #1c
0004  0000      j:    .BLOCK  2          ;global variable #2d
                                ;
0006  490003 main:    CHARI    ch,d      ;cin >> ch
0009  310004      DECI    j,d          ;    >> j
000C  C10004      LDA     j,d          ;j += 5
000F  700005      ADDA    5,i
0012  E10004      STA     j,d
0015  D10003      LDBYTEA ch,d          ;ch++
0018  700001      ADDA    1,i
001B  F10003      STBYTEA ch,d
001E  510003      CHARO    ch,d          ;cout << ch
0021  50000A      CHARO    '\n',i       ;    << endl
0024  390004      DECO    j,d          ;    << j
0027  50000A      CHARO    '\n',i       ;    << endl
002A  00          STOP
002B          .END

```

## Input

M 419

## Output

N  
424



```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

char ch;
int j;

int main () {
    cin >> ch >> j;
    j += 5;
    ch++;
    cout << ch << endl << j << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

	symbol	value	kind
[0]	ch	0003	sChar
[1]	j	0004	sInt
[2]	:	:	:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int j;
float y;

int main () {
    ...
    j = j % 8;
    ...
    y = y % 8; // Compile error
    ...
}
```

	symbol	value	kind
[0]	j	0003	sInt
[1]	y	0005	sFloat
[2]	:	:	:

# Trace tags

- Format trace tags
  - ▶ Required for global and local variables
- Symbol trace tags
  - ▶ Not required for global variables

# Format trace tags

- #1c One-byte character
- #1d One-byte decimal
- #2d Two-byte decimal
- #1h One-byte hexadecimal
- #2h Two-byte hexadecimal

# The arithmetic shift right instruction

- Instruction specifier: 0001 111r
- Mnemonic: ASRr (ASRA, ASRX)
- Performs a one-bit arithmetic shift right on a 16-bit register

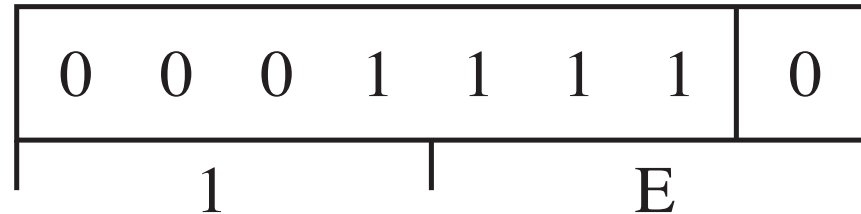
$$C \leftarrow r\langle 15 \rangle, r\langle 1..15 \rangle \leftarrow r\langle 0..14 \rangle;$$

$$N \leftarrow r < 0, Z \leftarrow r = 0$$

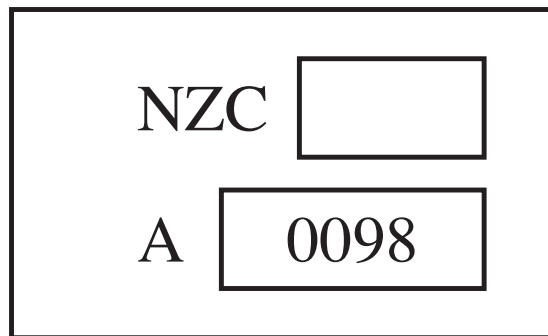
Instruction specifier

Opcode

r



CPU

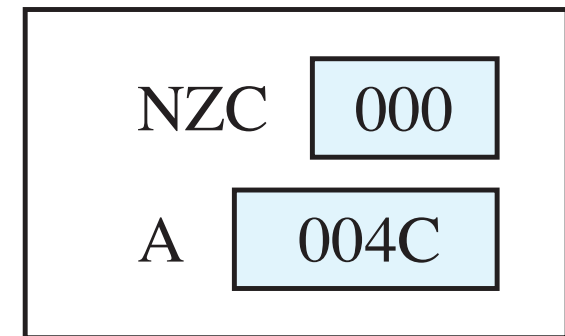


(a) Before

1E

Arithmetic shift right  
accumulator

CPU



(b) After

# The arithmetic shift left instruction

- Instruction specifier: 0001 110r
- Mnemonic: ASLr (ASLA, ASLX)
- Performs a one-bit arithmetic shift left on a 16-bit register

$$C \leftarrow r\langle 0 \rangle, r\langle 0..14 \rangle \leftarrow r\langle 1..15 \rangle, r\langle 15 \rangle \leftarrow 0;$$
$$N \leftarrow r < 0, Z \leftarrow r = 0, V \leftarrow \{overflow\}$$

# The rotate left instruction

- Instruction specifier: 0010 000r
- Mnemonic: ROLr (ROLA, ROLX)
- Performs a one-bit rotate left on a 16-bit register

$$C \leftarrow r\langle 0 \rangle, r\langle 0..14 \rangle \leftarrow r\langle 1..15 \rangle, r\langle 15 \rangle \leftarrow C;$$



# The rotate right instruction

- Instruction specifier: 0010 001r
- Mnemonic: RORr (RORA, RORX)
- Performs a one-bit rotate right on a 16-bit register

$$C \leftarrow r\langle 15 \rangle, r\langle 1..15 \rangle \leftarrow r\langle 0..14 \rangle, r\langle 0 \rangle \leftarrow C;$$

# Constants

- Equate the constant to its value with `.EQUATE`
- `.EQUATE` does not generate object code
- The value of the constant symbol is not an address

## High-Order Language

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

const int bonus = 5;
int exam1;
int exam2;
int score;

int main () {
    cin >> exam1 >> exam2;
    score = (exam1 + exam2) / 2 + bonus;
    cout << "score = " << score << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

## Assembly Language

```

0000  040009          BR      main

                bonus:  .EQUATE 5          ;constant
0003  0000  exam1:    .BLOCK 2            ;global variable #2d
0005  0000  exam2:    .BLOCK 2            ;global variable #2d
0007  0000  score:    .BLOCK 2            ;global variable #2d
                ;
0009  310003 main:    DECI    exam1,d      ;cin >> exam1
000C  310005          DECI    exam2,d      ;  >> exam2
000F  C10003          LDA     exam1,d      ;score = (exam1
0012  710005          ADDA    exam2,d      ;  + exam2)
0015  1E             ASRA                     ;  / 2
0016  700005          ADDA    bonus,i      ;  + bonus
0019  E10007          STA     score,d
001C  410026          STRO    msg,d        ;cout << "score = "
001F  390007          DECO    score,d      ;  << score
0022  50000A          CHARO   '\n',i      ;  << endl
0025  00             STOP
0026  73636F msg:    .ASCII  "score = \x00"
                726520
                3D2000
002F                .END

```

**Symbol table:**

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Value</b>
<b>bonus</b>	<b>0005</b>	<b>exam1</b>	<b>0003</b>
<b>exam2</b>	<b>0005</b>	<b>main</b>	<b>0009</b>
<b>msg</b>	<b>0026</b>	<b>score</b>	<b>0007</b>

## **Input**

**68 84**

## **Output**

**score = 81**

## Assembly Language

```

0000 31001D main:    DECI    exam1,d        ;cin >> exam1
0003 31001F          DECI    exam2,d        ;    >> exam2
0006 C1001D          LDA     exam1,d        ;score = (exam1
0009 71001F          ADDA    exam2,d        ;    + exam2)
000C 1E             ASRA                     ;    / 2
000D 700005          ADDA    bonus,i         ;    + bonus
0010 E10021          STA     score,d
0013 410023          STRO    msg,d           ;cout << "score = "
0016 390021          DECO    score,d         ;    << score
0019 50000A          CHARO   '\n',i         ;    << endl
001C 00             STOP

;
bonus: .EQUATE 5        ;constant
001D 0000 exam1: .BLOCK 2        ;global variable #2d
001F 0000 exam2: .BLOCK 2        ;global variable #2d
0021 0000 score: .BLOCK 2        ;global variable #2d
0023 73636F msg: .ASCII "score = \x00"
      726520
      3D2000
002C          .END

```

