Introduction to Assembly Programming

ECE511: Digital System & Microprocessor

What we will learn in this session:

- The concept of assembly language.
- Data representation methods in M68k.
- Introduction to Easy68k.
- How to use flowcharts to help you program.

Assembly Language

Introduction

- Computers only understand binary code:
  - Machine language.
  - Everything is 0's and 1's.
    - Instructions.
    - Data.
    - Control signals.
  - Hard for humans to understand.

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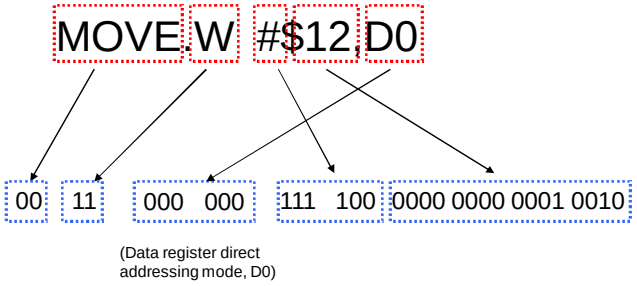


Assembly Language

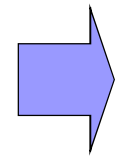
- We can represent machine code in Assembly Language:
  - Easier to understand, program.
- Simple, low-level programming language.
  - Using mnemonics (ADD, MOVE, MULU).
  - Close to human language.
- Code generated is machine-specific:
  - Each µP has own assembly language.

Assembly Language

- Assembler to generate machine code.
  - Object file (Motorola: S-file).
  - Contains machine code.
- Linker sometimes used for big projects:
  - Links together multiple S-files.
  - Creates single S-file from combined files.

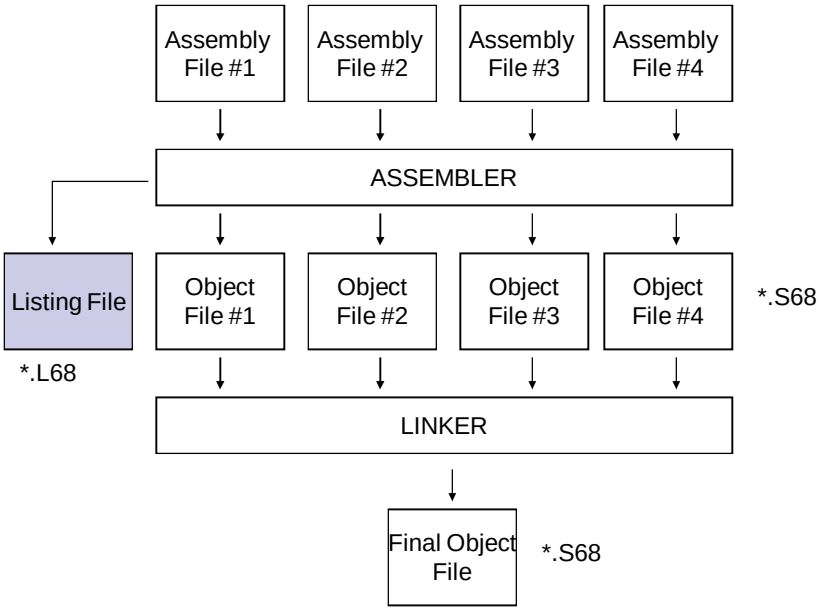
The Assembler

- Assembly Language:
  - MOVE.W #$12,D0
  - MOVE.W #$34,D1
  - MULU D1,D0
- Machine Language:

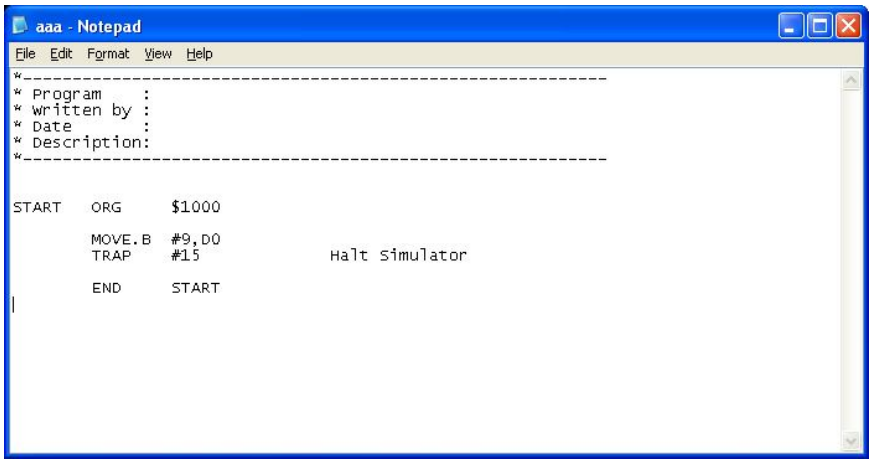


0011000000111100
0110010001111000
0000000011010 0

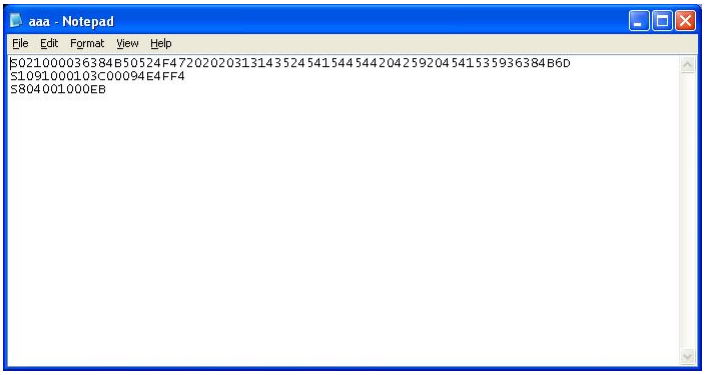
Assembler



Source Code (X68)



Object File (S-File)



Listing File

aaa - Notepad

File Edit Format View Help

```
00001000 Starting Address
Assembler used: EASy68K Editor/Assembler v3.5 Jan-06-2006
Created On: 7/24/2007 8:19:28 AM

00000000                            1
*-----------------------------------------------------------
00000000                            2  * Program    :
00000000                            3  * Written by :
00000000                            4  * Date       :
00000000                            5  * Description:
00000000                            6
*-----------------------------------------------------------
00000000                            7
00000000                            8
00001000                            9  START   ORG     $1000
00001000                           10
00001000  103C 0009                11          MOVE.B  #9,D0
00001004  4E4F                     12          TRAP    #15             Halt
Simulator
00001006                           13
00001006                           14          END     START

No errors detected
No warnings generated

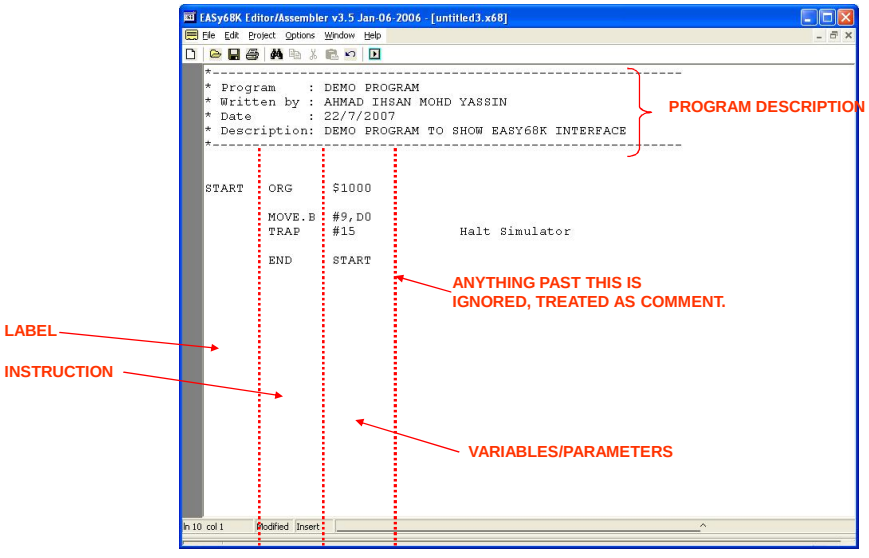

SYMBOL TABLE INFORMATION
Symbol-name         Value
-------------------------
START               1000
```

Easy68k

Easy68k

- Designed by Prof. C. Kelly, Monroe County Community College.
- Freeware.
- Installer: http://www.monroeccc.edu/ckelly/Files/SetupEASy68K.exe
- Easy68k Quick-Ref: http://www.monroeccc.edu/ckelly/easy68k/EASy68KQuickRefv1_8.pdf

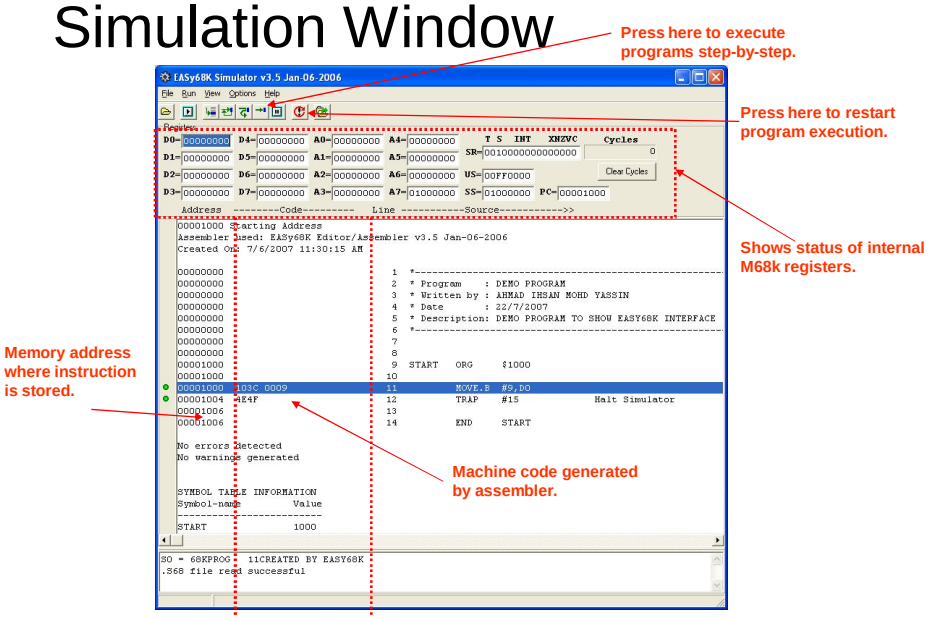
Easy68k Interface



Programming in Easy 68k

- Easy68k divides program into columns:
  - Label:
    - Marks memory locations using characters.
    - Easy reference.
  - Instruction:
    - What instruction to execute.
  - Variables/Parameters:
    - Usually specifies source & destination.
    - May specify parameters as well.
  - Comment:
    - Used to describe flow of program,

Simulation Window



```
00000000                          1  *-----------------------------------------------------------
00000000                          2  * Program    : DEMO PROGRAM
00000000                          3  * Written by : AHMAD IHSAN MOHD YASSIN
00000000                          4  * Date       : 22/7/2007
00000000                          5  * Description: DEMO PROGRAM TO SHOW EASY68K INTERFACE
00000000                          6  *-----------------------------------------------------------
00000000                          7
00000000                          8
00001000                          9  START   ORG     $1000
00001000                         10
00001000  103C 0009              11          MOVE.B  #9,D0
00001004  4E4F                   12          TRAP    #15             Halt Simulator
00001006                         13
00001006                         14          END     START
```

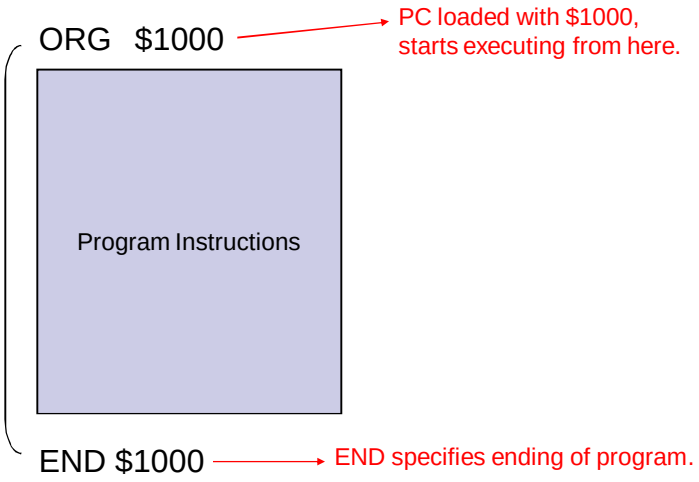
MOVE.B #9,D0 instruction:

Is on line 11 in M68k source file.
Is stored in memory address $1000.
Its machine code is $103C0009 (00010000001111000000000000001001).

Specify Start/End of Program

- M68k needs to know where to start executing instructions, where to stop.
- Specified using ORG (Origin), END (End).
- Value of ORG loaded into PC, execution starts there.

Format: Start/End Program



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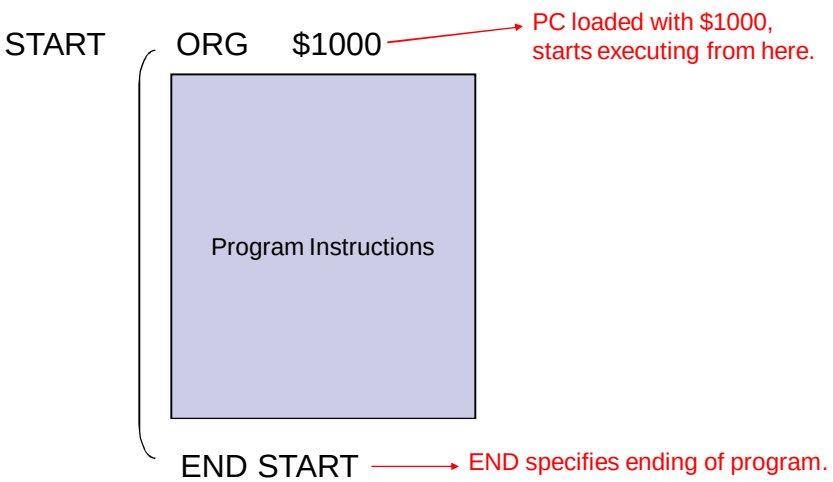
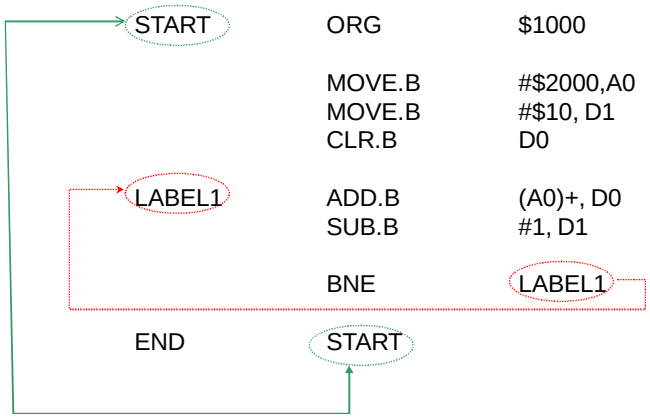


Use Labels

- Any memory location may be given labels.
- Easier to refer to specific locations:
  - Useful in `for` loops, subroutines, branch commands.

Using Labels - Example



Data Representation Methods

Data Sizes

- Bit:
  - Most basic representation.
  - Contains either 0 or 1.
  - Can be grouped together to represent more meaning.
- Nibble: 4 bits.
  - Can represent 16 values (2^4).
  - Not recognized in M68k.
  - Need to write special program to handle.
- Byte: 8 bits.
  - Indicated by ".B" notation.
  - Can hold value up to 256 (2^8).

Data Sizes

- Word: 16 bits.
  - Length of most instructions in M68k.
  - Can hold value up to 65,535 (2^{16}).
  - Indicated by ".W" notation.
- Long: 32 bits.
  - Length of data registers in M68k.
  - Can hold value up to 4,294,967,296 (2^{32}).
  - Indicated by ".L" notation.

Data Sizes

Data Representation Method

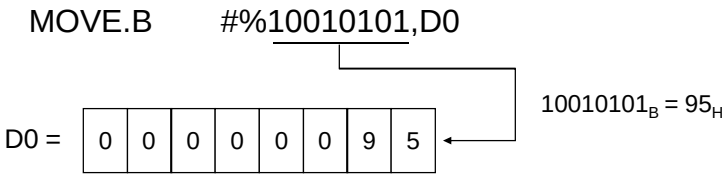
- M68k can accept many types of data:
  - Binary
  - Octal
  - Hexadecimal
  - Decimal
  - Character

Data Representation examples

- Binary
  - 8 bits: 10101010
  - 16 bits: 1111000011110000
- Octal
  - 8 bits: 252
  - 16 bits: 170360
- Hexadecimal
  - 8 bits: AA
  - 16 bits: F0F0
- Decimal
  - 8 bits: 170
  - 16 bits: 61680
- Character
  - 8 bits: A, B, C

Binary

- Binary: start with %
- Example:
  - Move binary value 10010101 to D0.

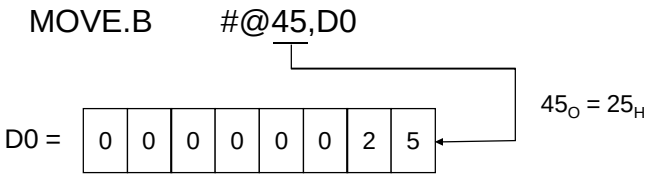


Binary

- MOVE.B #%10110110, D0
- MOVE.B #%100010111, D0

Octal

- Octal: start with @
- Example:
  - Move octal value 45 to D0.

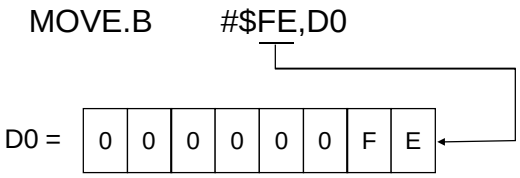


Octal

- MOVE.B #@377, D0
- MOVE.B #@400, D0

Hexadecimal

- Hexadecimal: start with $
- Example:
  - Move hexadecimal value FE to D0.

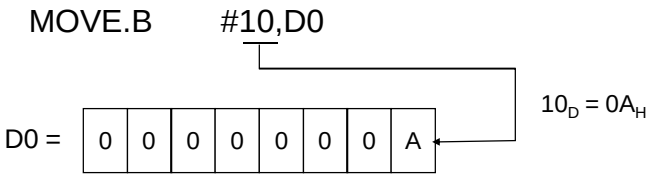


Hexadecimal

- MOVE.B #$FE, D0
- MOVE.B #$FF1, D0

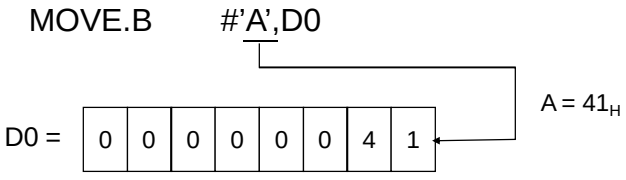
Decimal

- Decimal: no need to put any symbols.
- Example:
  - Move decimal value 10 to D0.



ASCII Characters

- Characters: Enclose character in single quotes (‘ ’).
- Example:
  - Move ASCII character ‘A’ to D0.



ASCII Characters

Ctrl	Dec	Hex	Char	Code
^@	0	00		NUL
^A	1	01		SOH
^B	2	02		STX
^C	3	03		ETX
^D	4	04		EOT
^E	5	05		ENQ
^F	6	06		ACK
^G	7	07		BEL
^H	8	08		BS
^I	9	09		HT
^J	10	0A		LF
^K	11	0B		VT
^L	12	0C		FF
^M	13	0D		CR
^N	14	0E		SO
^O	15	0F		SI
^P	16	10		DLE
^Q	17	11		DC1
^R	18	12		DC2
^S	19	13		DC3
^T	20	14		DC4
^U	21	15		NAK
^V	22	16		SYN
^W	23	17		ETB
^X	24	18		CAN
^Y	25	19		EM
^Z	26	1A		SUB
^[	27	1B		ESC
^\	28	1C		FS
^]	29	1D		GS
^^	30	1E	▲	RS
^-	31	1F	▼	US

Dec	Hex	Char
32	20	
33	21	!
34	22	"
35	23	#
36	24	$
37	25	%
38	26	&
39	27	'
40	28	(
41	29	)
42	2A	*
43	2B	+
44	2C	,
45	2D	-
46	2E	.
47	2F	/
48	30	0
49	31	1
50	32	2
51	33	3
52	34	4
53	35	5
54	36	6
55	37	7
56	38	8
57	39	9
58	3A	:
59	3B	;
60	3C	<
61	3D	=
62	3E	>
63	3F	?

Dec	Hex	Char
64	40	@
65	41	A
66	42	B
67	43	C
68	44	D
69	45	E
70	46	F
71	47	G
72	48	H
73	49	I
74	4A	J
75	4B	K
76	4C	L
77	4D	M
78	4E	N
79	4F	O
80	50	P
81	51	Q
82	52	R
83	53	S
84	54	T
85	55	U
86	56	V
87	57	W
88	58	X
89	59	Y
90	5A	Z
91	5B	[
92	5C	\
93	5D	]
94	5E	^
95	5F	_

Dec	Hex	Char
96	60	`
97	61	a
98	62	b
99	63	c
100	64	d
101	65	e
102	66	f
103	67	g
104	68	h
105	69	i
106	6A	j
107	6B	k
108	6C	l
109	6D	m
110	6E	n
111	6F	o
112	70	p
113	71	q
114	72	r
115	73	s
116	74	t
117	75	u
118	76	v
119	77	w
120	78	x
121	79	y
122	7A	z
123	7B	{
124	7C	|
125	7D	}
126	7E	~
127	7F	⌂

* ASCII code 127 has the code DEL. Under MS-DOS, this code has the same effect as ASCII 8 (BS). The DEL code can be generated by the CTRL + BKSP key.

Flowchart

Flowchart

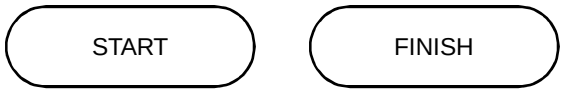
- Graphical method to plan flow of our programs.
- Shows program's step-by-step operation.
- Easy to understand and analyze.
- Can be used to write organized programs.

Flowchart

- Basic shapes:
  - Terminator.
  - Process.
  - Decision.
  - Input/Output.
  - Connectors.

Basic Shapes – Terminator

- Indicates beginning and end of flowchart.
- Once at beginning, once at end.
- Examples:



Basic Shapes - Process

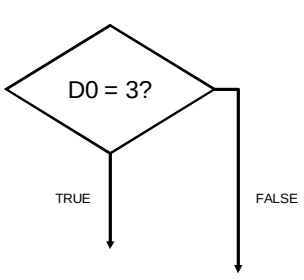
- Describes actions to be done.
- Represented as rectangles.
  - Short description of process in rectangle.
- Example:

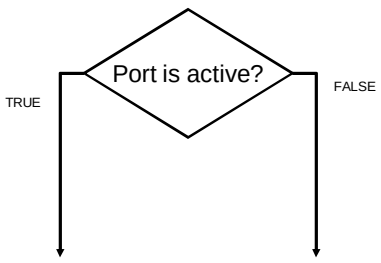
Basic Shapes - Decision

- Shows alternative program flow based on condition.
- Represented as diamond shape.
- Should have 2 arrows, representing TRUE and FALSE program flows.
- Can be used in “if…else”, “while”, and “for” situations.

Basic Shapes - Decision

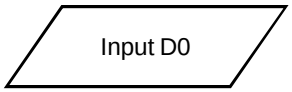
- Examples:

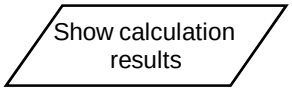




Basic Shapes – Input/Output

- Shows the process of inputting or outputting data.
- Represented using rhombus.
- Examples:

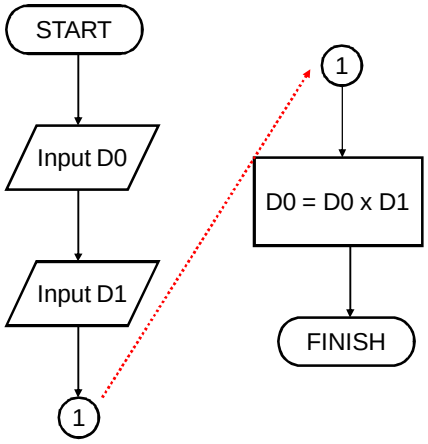




Basic Shapes - Connectors

- Used to link large process flows together.
- Represented using circles, with numbers inside.
- Numbers indicate connection.
- Examples:

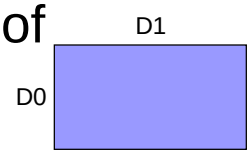
Example: Connector

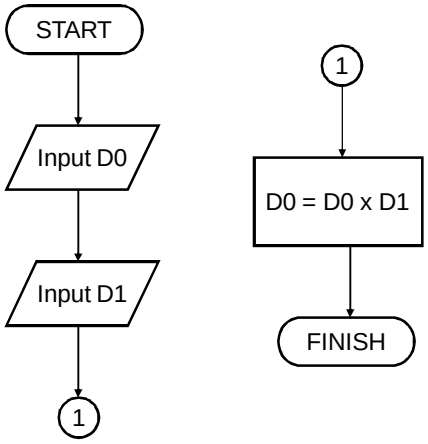


Writing the Program

- Once flowchart is complete, write code to implement program.
- Follow program flow closely.
- Check and fix problems if necessary.

Example: Calculate Area of Rectangle





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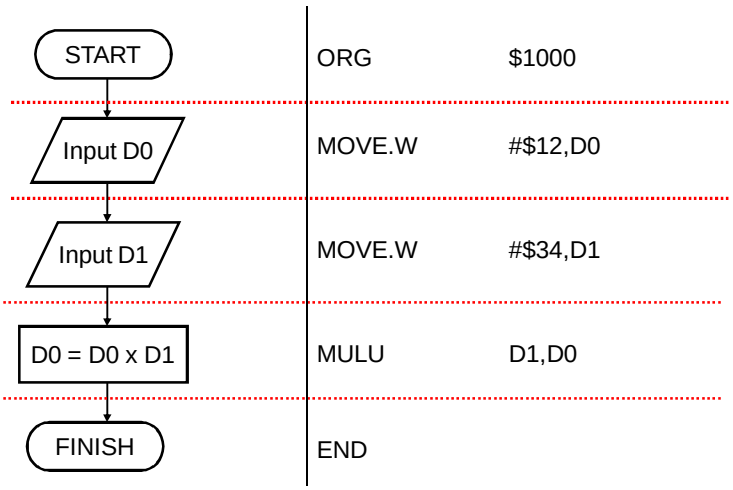


Complete Program

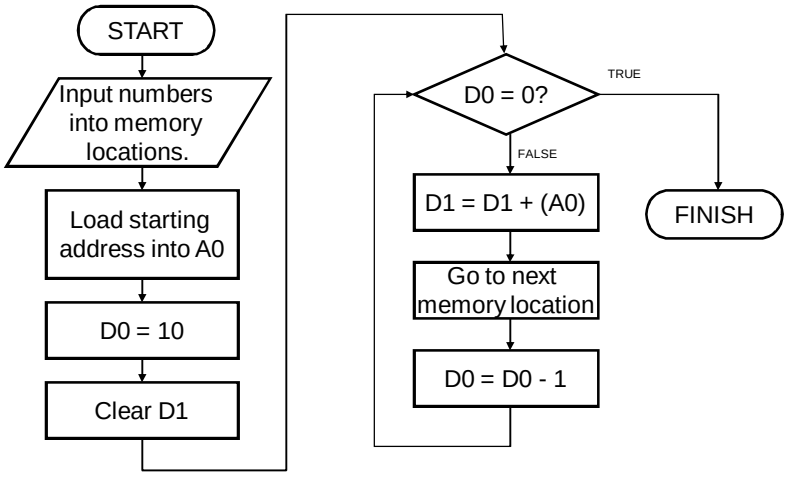
```
START   ORG     $1000

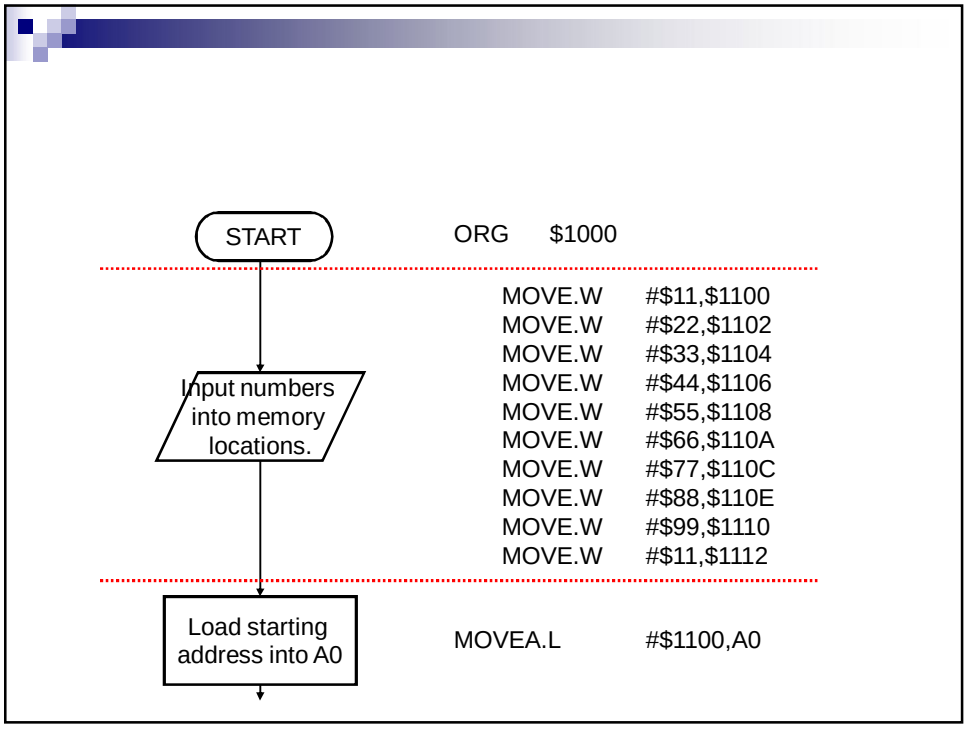
        MOVE.W  #$12,D0
        MOVE.W  #$34,D1

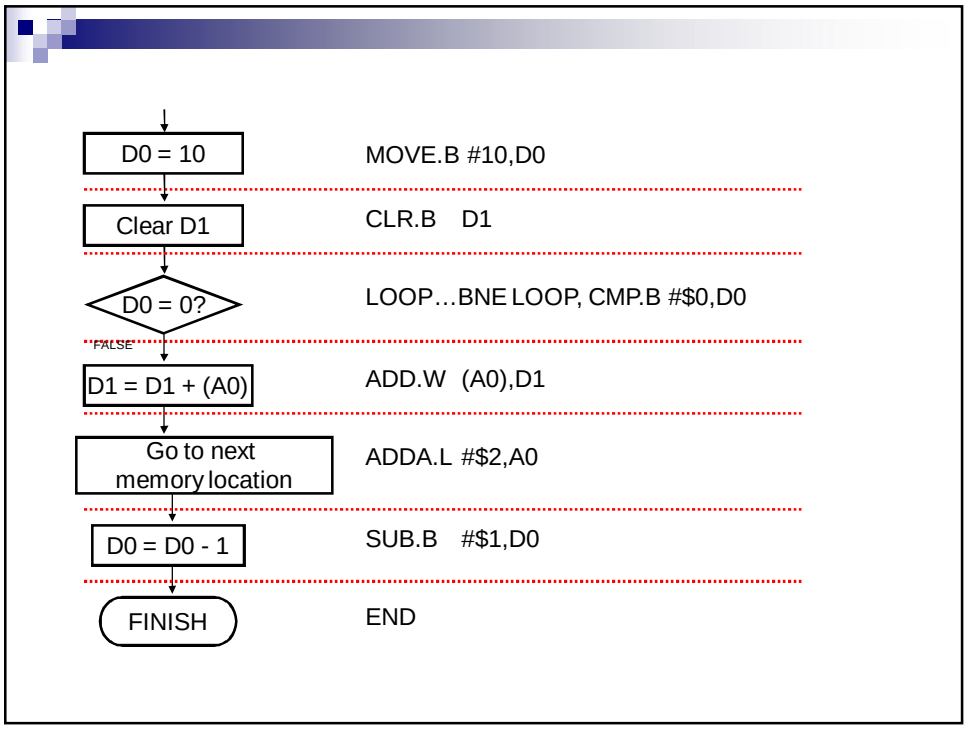
        MULU    D1,D0

        END     START
```

Example: Add 10 Numbers Together




START
ORG $1000
Input numbers into memory locations.
MOVE.W #$11,$1100
MOVE.W #$22,$1102
MOVE.W #$33,$1104
MOVE.W #$44,$1106
MOVE.W #$55,$1108
MOVE.W #$66,$110A
MOVE.W #$77,$110C
MOVE.W #$88,$110E
MOVE.W #$99,$1110
MOVE.W #$11,$1112
Load starting address into A0
MOVEA.L #$1100,A0


D0 = 10
MOVE.B #10,D0
Clear D1
CLR.B D1
D0 = 0?
LOOP…BNE LOOP, CMP.B #$0,D0
FALSE
D1 = D1 + (A0)
ADD.W (A0),D1
Go to next memory location
ADDA.L #$2,A0
D0 = D0 - 1
SUB.B #$1,D0
FINISH
END

Complete Program

```
START   ORG       $1000

        MOVE.W    #$11,$1100
        MOVE.W    #$22,$1102
        MOVE.W    #$33,$1104
        MOVE.W    #$44,$1106
        MOVE.W    #$55,$1108
        MOVE.W    #$66,$110A
        MOVE.W    #$77,$110C
        MOVE.W    #$88,$110E
        MOVE.W    #$99,$1110
        MOVE.W    #$11,$1112

        MOVEA.L   #$1100,A0
        MOVE.B    #10,D0
        CLR.B     D1

LOOP    ADD.W     (A0),D1
        ADDA.L    #$2,A0
        SUB.B     #$1,D0
        CMP.B     #$0,D0
        BNE       LOOP

        END       START
```

Try It Yourself

- Draw a flowchart to calculate an area of a circle. The radius is equal to 4.

Complete Program

```
START    ORG      $1000

         MOVE.W   #4, D0
         MOVE.W   #4, D1
         MOVE.W   #22, D2
         MOVE.W   #7, D3

         MULU     D0, D1
         MULU     D1, D2
         DIVU.W   D3, D2
         SWAP     D2
         CLR.W    D2

         END      START
```

Complete Program

```
START    ORG      $1000

         MOVE.W   #4, D0
         MOVE.W   #4, D1
         MOVE.W   #22, D2
         MOVE.W   #7, D3

         MULU     D0, D1
         MULU     D1, D2
         DIVU.W   D3, D2
         SWAP     D2
         CLR.W    D2

         END      START
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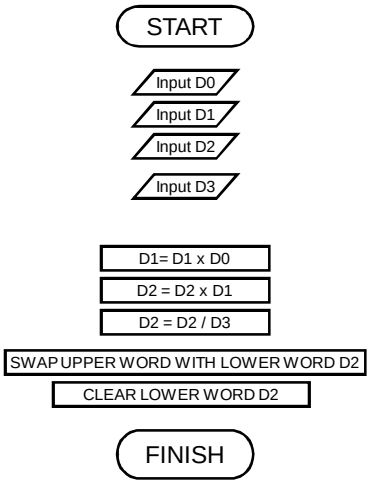
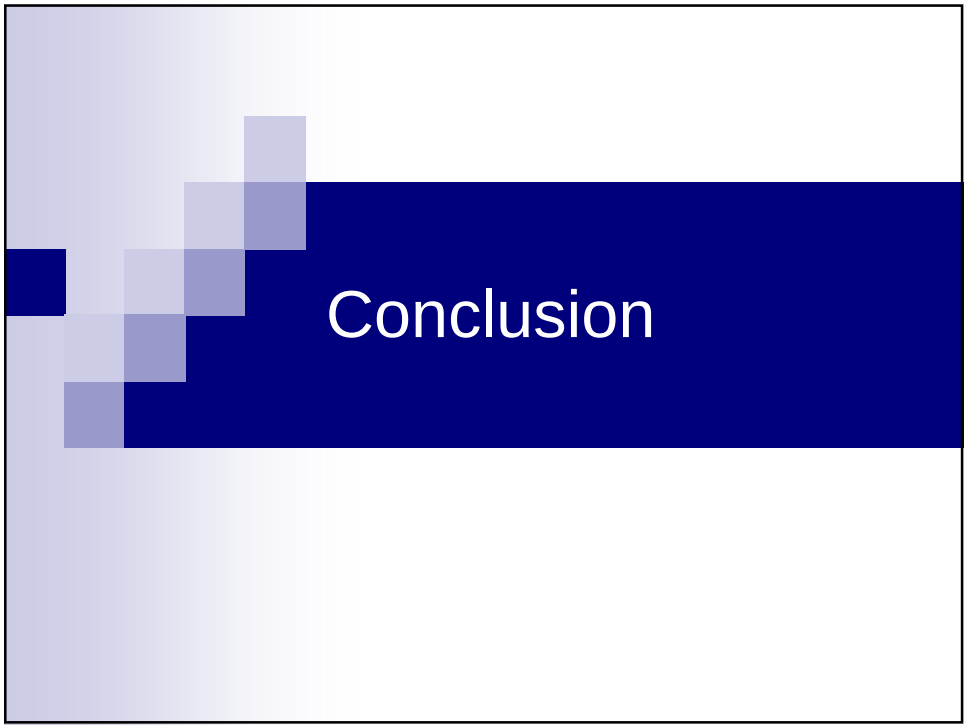


Try It Yourself

- Draw a flowchart that tests the memory location $2000. If the memory location is equal to 5, change D1 = $FFFFFFFF. Else, change D1 = $AAAAAAAA.

Try It Yourself

- Draw a flowchart for a program that moves 15 bytes of data starting from location $3000 to memory locations starting from $4000.



Conclusion

- Assembly language:
  - Mnemonics instead of binary.
  - Needs assembler to convert to machine code.
- Easy68k organizes code in columns.
- Flowcharts simplify program design:
  - Organize program flow.
  - Easier to manage and debug.

The End

Please read:
Antonakos, pg. 38-43
Antonakos, pg. 94-97