

Pico Assembly Language (PAL)
(adapted from Wakerly)
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Typical Three-Address/Operand Instruction Set

<i>Instruction</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Notes</i>
COPY s, d	$s \rightarrow d$	copy
MOVE v, d	$v \rightarrow d$	move
ADD s1, s2, d	$s1 + s2 \rightarrow d$	
INC s	$s + 1 \rightarrow s$	increment
SUB s1, s2, d	$s1 - s2 \rightarrow d$	
DEC s	$s - 1 \rightarrow s$	decrement
MUL s1, s2, d	$s1 * s2 \rightarrow d$	
DIV s1, s2, d	$s1 / s2 \rightarrow d$	I nteger division
BEQ s1, s2, addr	if $s1 == s2$ branch to address addr	branch if equal
BGT s1, s2, addr	if $s1 > s2$ branch to address addr	branch if greater than
BR addr	branch to address addr	unconditional branch (goto)
END	halts program	

notes

- s, s1, and s2 are source locations; d is a destination location; addr is a memory location (label)
 - sources and destinations may be a named memory location or a register
 - there are 8 registers, named R0 through R7
 - memory identifiers are composed of letters only, max length of 5
- v is an immediate value
 - all numeric data is of type unsigned integer, represented in octal
- labels (on a line of code) are terminated by a colon
- note that comparisons are part of the branch instructions
- one instruction per line
- white space will be spaces only (no tabs)
 - commas in operand lists may be followed by zero or more spaces
 - spaces may appear after the end of the instruction
 - colons in labels may be followed by zero or more spaces
 - instructions may be followed by zero or more spaces
- comments begin with a semi-colon and end with EOL; they may be on a line alone, or following code on a line