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## **Using the Assembler**



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This chapter describes how to run the **as** assembler, which produces an object file from one or more files of assembly language source code.

**Note:** Although **a.out** is the default file name that **as** gives to the object file that's created (as is conventional with many compilers), the format of the object file is not standard 4.3BSD **a.out** format. Object files produced by the assembler are in Mach-O (Mach object) file format.

## Command Syntax

To run the assembler, type the following command in a shell window:

```
as [ option ] ... [ file ] ...
```

You can specify one or more command-line options. These assembler options are described in the following section.

You can specify one or more files containing assembly language source code. If no files are specified, **as** uses the standard input (stdin) for the assembly source input.

**Note:** By convention, files containing assembly language source code should have a **.s** extension.

## Assembler Options

The following command-line options are recognized by the assembler:

**-o**

```
-o name
```

The *name* argument after **-o** is used as the name of the **as** output file, instead of **a.out**.

**--**

```
--
```

Use the standard input (stdin) for the assembly source input.

**-f**

```
-f
```

Fast; no need to run **app** (the assembler preprocessor). This option is intended for use by compilers that produce assembly code in a strict “clean” format that specifies exactly where whitespace can go. The **app** preprocessor needs to be run on handwritten assembly files and on files that have been preprocessed by **cpp** (the C preprocessor). This typically is needed when assembler files are assembled through the use of the **cc(1)** command, which automatically runs the C preprocessor on assembly source files. The assembler preprocessor strips out excess spaces, turns each single-quoted character into a decimal constant, and turns occurrences of

```
#number filename level
```

into:

```
.line number;.file filename
```

The assembler preprocessor can also be turned off by starting the assembly file with **#NO\_APP**. When the assembler preprocessor has been turned off in this way, it can be turned on and off with pairs of **#APP** and **#NO\_APP** at the beginning of lines. This is used by the compiler to wrap assembly statements produced from **asm()** statements.

**-g**

```
-g
```

Produce debugging information for the symbolic debugger **gdb(1)** so the assembly source can be debugged symbolically. For include files (included by the C preprocessor’s **#include** or by the assembler directive **.include**) that produce instructions in the (**\_\_TEXT,\_\_text**) section, the include file must be included while a **.text** directive is in effect (that is, there must be a **.text** directive before the include) and end with the **.text** directive in effect (at the end of the include file). Otherwise the debugger will have trouble dealing with that assembly file.

**-v**

```
-v
```

Print the version of the assembler (both the OpenStep version and the GNU version that it is based on).

**-n**

```
-n
```

Don’t assume that the assembly file starts with a **.text** directive.

**-I**

```
-I dir
```

Add *dir* to the list of directories to search for files included with the `.include` directive. The default places to search are the current directory, and then `/usr/include`.

**-L**

`-L`

Save defined labels beginning with an 'L' (the compiler generates these temporary labels). Temporary labels are normally discarded to save space in the resulting symbol table.

**-W**

`-W`

Suppress warnings.

## Architecture Options

The program `/bin/as` is a driver that executes assemblers for specific target architectures. If no target architecture is specified, it defaults to the architecture of the host it is running on.

**-arch**

`-arch arch_type`

Specifies to the target architecture, *arch\_type*, the assembler to be executed. The target assemblers for each architecture are in `/lib/arch_type/as`.

**-arch\_multiple**

`-arch_multiple`

This is used by the `cc(1)` driver program when it is run with multiple `-arch arch_type` flags and instructs programs like `as(1)` that if it prints any messages to precede the messages with one line stating the program name—in this case `as`—and the architecture (from the `-arch arch_type` flag) to distinguish which architecture the error messages refer to. This flag is accepted only by the actual assemblers (in `/lib/arch_type/as`) and not by the assembler driver, `/bin/as`.

## M68000-Specific Options

**-l**

`-l`

For offsets from an address register that refers to an undefined symbol (as in `ab@(var)` where `var` is not defined in the assembly file), make the offset and the relocation entry width 32 bits rather than 16 bits.

**-k**`-k`

Produce a warning when a statement of the form

```
.word symbol1-symbol2+offset
```

does not fit in a 16-bit word. This is only applicable on the 68000 processor, where `.word` is 16 bits and all addresses are 16 bits; therefore, this option isn't applicable on OpenStep computers.

**-mc68000 and -mc68010**`-mc68000``-mc68010`

Don't generate branches that use 32-bit `pc`-relative displacements (which aren't implemented on the 68000 and 68010 processors). These options aren't applicable on NeXT computers.

**-mc68020**`-mc68020`

Generate branches that use 32-bit `pc`-relative displacements. This is the default behavior.

# **Assembly Language Syntax**



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This chapter first describes the basic lexical elements of assembly language programming, and then describes how those elements combine to form complete assembly language expressions.

The following chapter goes on to explain how sequences of expressions are put together to form the statements that make up an assembly language program.

## Elements of Assembly Language

This section describes the basic building blocks of an assembly language program—these are characters, symbols, labels, and constants.

### Characters

The following characters are used in assembly language programs

- alphanumeric characters—‘A’ through ‘Z’, ‘a’ through ‘z’, and ‘0’ through ‘9’
- other printable ASCII characters (such as #, \$, :, ., +, -, \*, /, !, and |)
- non-printing ASCII characters (such as space, tab, return, and newline)

Some of these characters have special meanings, which are described in the section “Expression Syntax” and in the following chapter.

### Identifiers

An *identifier* (also known as a *symbol*) can be used for several purposes:

- as the *label* for an assembler statement (see the following section, “Labels”)
- as a location tag for data
- as the symbolic name of a constant

Each identifier consists of a sequence of alphanumeric characters (which may include other printable ASCII characters such as ., \_, and \$). The first character must not be numeric. Identifiers may be of any length, and all characters are significant. Case of letters is significant—for example, the identifier `var` is different from the identifier `Var`.

It is also possible to define a new identifier by enclosing multiple identifiers within a pair of double quotes. For example:

```
"Object +new: " :  
.long "Object +new: "
```

## Labels

A label is written as an identifier immediately followed by a colon (:). The label represents the current value of the current location counter; it can be used in assembler instructions as an operand.

**Note:** You may not use a single identifier to represent two different locations.

## Numeric Labels

Local numeric labels allow compilers and programmers to use names temporarily. A numeric label consists of a digit (between 0 and 9) followed by a colon. These ten local symbol names can be reused any number of times throughout the program. As with alphanumeric labels, a numeric label assigns the current value of the location counter to the symbol.

Although multiple numeric labels with the same digit may be used within the same program, only the next definition and the most recent previous definition of a label can be referenced:

- To refer to the most recent previous definition of a local numeric label, write *digitb*, (using the same digit as when you defined the label).
- To refer to the next definition of a numeric label, write *digitf*.

## The Scope of a Label

The scope of a label is the distance over which it is visible to (and referenceable by) other parts of the program. Normally, a label that tags a location or data is visible only within the current assembly unit.

The `.globl` directive (described in Chapter 4) may be used to make a label external. In this case, the symbol is visible to other assembly units at link time.

## Constants

Four types of constants are available: *numeric constants*, *character constants*, *string constants*, and *floating point constants*. All constants are interpreted as absolute quantities when they appear in an expression.

## Numeric Constants

A numeric constant is a token that starts with a digit. Numeric constants can be decimal, hexadecimal, or octal. The following restrictions apply:

- Decimal constants contain only digits between 0 and 9, and normally aren't longer than 32 bits—having a value between -2,147,483,648 and 2,147,483,647 (values that don't fit in 32 bits are *bignums*, which are legal but which should fit within the designated format). Decimal constants cannot contain leading zeros or commas.
- Hexadecimal constants start with 0x (or 0X), followed by between one and eight decimal or hexadecimal digits (0 through 9, 'a' through 'f', and 'A' through 'F'). Values that don't fit in 32 bits are bignums.
- Octal constants start with 0, followed by from one to eleven octal digits (0 through 7). Values that don't fit in 32 bits are bignums.

## Character Constants

A single-character constant consists of a single quote ( ' ) followed by any ASCII character. The constant's value is the code for the given character.

## String Constants

A string constant is a sequence of 0 or more ASCII characters surrounded by quotation marks ( "characters" ).

## Floating Point Constants

The general lexical form of a floating point number is:

```
0flt_char[ {+-} ]dec... [ . ] [ dec... ] [ exp_char [ {+-} ] [ dec... ] ]
```

where:

Item	Description
<i>flt_char</i>	a required type specification character (see the following table)
[{+-}]	the optional occurrence of either + or -, but not both
<i>dec...</i>	a required sequence of 1 or more decimal digits
[.]	a single optional "."
[ <i>dec...</i> ]	an optional sequence of 1 or more decimal digits
[ <i>exp_char</i> ]	an optional exponent delimiter character (see the following table)

The type specification character, *flt\_char*, specifies the type and representation of the constructed number; the set of legal type specification characters with the processor architecture, as shown here:

Architecture	flt_char	exp_char
M98000	{dDfF}	{eE}
i386	{fFdDxX}	{eE}

On the M68000 architecture, **0b** can be used to specify an immediate hexadecimal bit pattern. For example:

```
fmoves #0b7f80001, fp0
```

moves the signaling Nan into the register **fp0** and

```
fmoves #0x7f80001, fp0
```

moves the decimal number 2,139,095,041 (0x7f80001 in hexadecimal) into the register **fp0**.

When floating-point constants are used as arguments to the **.single** and **.double** directives, the type specification character isn't actually used in determining the type of the number. For convenience, **r** or **R** can be used consistently to specify all types of floating-point numbers.

Collectively, all floating point numbers, together with quad and octal scalars, are called Bignums. When **as** requires a Bignum, a 32-bit scalar quantity may also be used.

Floating point constants are internally represented as flonums, in a machine-independent, precision-independent floating point format (for accurate cross-assembly).

## Assembly Location Counter

A single period (.), usually referred to as “dot,” is used to represent the current location counter. There is no way to explicitly reference any other location counters besides the current location counter.

Even if it occurs in the operand field of a statement, dot refers to the address of the first byte of that statement; the value of dot isn't updated until the next machine instruction or assembler directive.

# Expression Syntax

Expressions are combinations of operand terms (which can be numeric constants or symbolic identifiers ) and operators. This section lists the available operators, and describes the rules for combining these operators with operands in order to produce legal expressions.

## Operators

Identifiers and numeric constants can be combined, through the use of operators, to form expressions. Each operator operates on 32-bit values. If the value of a term occupies 8 or 16 bits, it is sign extended to a 32-bit value.

The assembler provides both unary and binary operators. A unary operator precedes its operand; a binary operator follows its first operand, and precedes its second operand. For example:

```
!var    | unary expression
var+5   | binary expression
```

The assembler recognizes the following unary operators:

Operator	Description
-	<i>Unary minus:</i> the result is the two's complement of the operand
~	<i>One's complement:</i> the result is the one's complement of the operand
!	<i>Logical negation:</i> the result is 0 if the operand is non-zero, and 1 if the operand is 0

The assembler recognizes the following binary operators:

Operator	Description
+	<i>Addition:</i> the result is the arithmetic addition of the two operands
-	<i>Subtraction:</i> the result is the arithmetic subtraction of the two operands
*	<i>Multiplication:</i> the result is the arithmetic multiplication of the two operands
/	<i>Division:</i> the result is the arithmetic division of the two operands; this is integer division, which truncates towards zero
%	<i>Modulus:</i> the result is the remainder that's produced when the first operand is divided by the second (this operator applies only to integral operands)

Operator	Description
>>	<i>Right shift:</i> the result is the value of the first operand shifted to the right, where the second operand specifies the number of bit positions by which the first operand is to be shifted (this operator applies only to integral operands). This is always an arithmetic shift since all operators operate on signed operands.
<<	<i>Left shift:</i> the result is the value of the first operand shifted to the left, where the second operand specifies the number of bit positions by which the first operand is to be shifted (this operator applies only to integral operands)
&	<i>Bitwise AND:</i> the result is the bitwise AND function of the two operands (this operator applies only to integral operands)
^	<i>Bitwise exclusive OR:</i> the result is the bitwise exclusive OR function of the two operands (this operator applies only to integral operands)
	<i>Bitwise inclusive OR:</i> the result is the bitwise inclusive OR function of the two operands (this operator applies only to integral operands); this operator can't be used on the M68000 microprocessor family, because the ' ' character is used there to mark the start of a comment
<	<i>Less than:</i> the result is 1 if the first operand is less than the second operand, and 0 otherwise
>	<i>Greater than:</i> the result is 1 if the first operand is greater than the second operand, and 0 otherwise
<=	<i>Less than or equal:</i> the result is 1 if the first operand is less than or equal to the second operand, and 0 otherwise
>=	<i>Greater than or equal:</i> the result is 1 if the first operand is greater than or equal to the second operand, and 0 otherwise
==	<i>Equal:</i> the result is 1 if the two operands are equal, and 0 otherwise
!=	<i>Not equal (same as &lt;&gt;):</i> the result is 0 if the two operands are equal, and 1 otherwise

## Terms

A term is a part of an expression; it may be:

- An identifier.
- A numeric constant (its 32-bit value is used). The assembly location counter (.), for example, is a valid numeric constant.
- An expression or term enclosed in parentheses. Any quantity enclosed in parentheses is evaluated before the rest of the expression. This can be used to alter the normal evaluation of expressions—for example, to differentiate between  $x * y + z$  and  $x * (y + z)$  or to apply a unary operator to an entire expression—for example,  $-(x * y + z)$ .
- A term preceded by a unary operator (for example,  $\sim$ var). Multiple unary operators may be used in a term (for example,  $!\sim$ var).

## Expressions

Expressions are combinations of terms joined together by binary operators. An expression is always evaluated to a 32-bit value, but in some situations a different value will be used:

- If the operand requires a one-byte value (a **.byte** directive, for example), the low-order eight bits of the expression are used.
- If the operand requires a 16-bit value (a **.short** directive or a **movem** instruction, for example), the low-order 16 bits of the expression are used.

All expressions are evaluated using the same operator precedence rules that are used by the C programming language.

When an expression is evaluated its value is absolute, relocatable, or external, as described below.

### Absolute Expressions

An expression is absolute if its value is fixed. The following, for example, are absolute:

- An expression whose terms are constants
- An identifier whose value is a constant via a direct assignment statement
- A relocatable expression minus a relocatable term, if both items belong to the same program section.

### Relocatable Expressions

An expression (or term) is relocatable if its value is fixed relative to a base address, but will have an offset value when it is linked or loaded into memory. For example, all labels of a program defined in relocatable sections are relocatable.

Expressions that contain relocatable terms must only add or subtract constants to their value. For example, if the identifiers **var** and **dat** were

defined in a relocatable section of the program, then the following examples demonstrate the use of relocatable expressions:

Expression	Description
<code>var</code>	is a simple relocatable term. Its value is an offset from the base address of the current control section.
<code>var+5</code>	is a simple relocatable expression. Since the value of <code>var</code> is an offset from the base address of the current control section, adding a constant to it doesn't change its relocatable status.
<code>var*2</code>	is not relocatable. Multiplying a relocatable term by a constant invalidates the relocatable status of the expression.
<code>2-var</code>	is not relocatable. The expression can't be linked by adding <code>var</code> 's offset to it.
<code>var+dat+5</code>	is a relocatable expression if both <code>var</code> and <code>dat</code> are both defined in some section—that is, if neither is undefined. This form of relocatable expression is used for position-independent code and is supported in NEXTSTEP Release 3.3 and later.

### External Expressions

An expression is *external* (or *global*) if it contains an external identifier not defined in the current program. In general, the same restrictions on expressions containing relocatable identifiers apply to expressions containing external identifiers. An exception is that the expression `var-dat` is incorrect when both `var` and `dat` are external identifiers (that is, you cannot subtract two external relocatable expressions). Also, you cannot multiply or divide any relocatable expression.

## **Assembly Language Statements**



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This chapter describes the assembly language statements that make up an assembly language program.

The general format of an assembly language statement is shown below. Each of the fields shown here is described in detail in one of the following sections.

```
[ label_field ] [ opcode_field [ operand_field ] ] [ comment_field ]
```

A line may contain multiple statements separated by semicolons, which may then be followed by a single comment:

```
[ statement [ ; statement ... ] ] [ comment_field ]
```

The following rules apply to the use of whitespace within a statement:

- Spaces or tabs are used to separate fields.
- At least one space or tab must occur between the opcode field and the operand field.
- Spaces may appear within the operand field.
- Spaces and tabs are significant when they appear in a character string.

## Label Field

Labels are identifiers that you use to tag the locations of program and data objects. Each label is composed of an identifier and a terminating colon.

The format of the label field is:

```
identifier: [ identifier: ] ...
```

The optional label field can only occur first in a statement. The following example shows a label field containing two labels, followed by a (M68000-style) comment:

```
var: VAR: | two labels defined here
```

As shown here, letters in identifiers are case-sensitive, and both uppercase and lowercase letters may be used.

## Operation Code Field

The operation code field of an assembly language statement identifies the statement as a machine instruction, an assembler directive, or a macro defined by the programmer:

- A machine instruction is indicated by an instruction mnemonic. An assembly language statement that contains an instruction mnemonic is intended to produce a single executable machine instruction. The operation and use of each instruction is described in the manufacturer's user manual.
- An assembler directive (or pseudo-op) performs some function during the assembly process. It doesn't produce any executable code, but it may assign space for data in the program.
- Macros are defined with the `.macro` directive (see Chapter 4 for more information).

One or more spaces or tabs must separate the operation code field from the following operand field in a statement. Spaces or tabs are optional between the label and operation code fields, but they help to improve the readability of the program.

### Architecture- and Processor-Specific Caveats

#### M68000 (including MC68882)

- Many M68000 machine instructions can operate on byte, word, or long word data. The desired size is indicated as part of the instruction mnemonic by adding a trailing `b`, `w`, or `l`:

Mnemonic	Description
<code>b</code>	byte (8-bit) data
<code>w</code>	word (16-bit) data
<code>l</code>	long word (32-bit) data

For instance, a `movb` instruction moves a byte of data, but a `movw` instruction moves a 16-bit word of data. In general, the default size for data manipulation instructions on the 68030 and 68040 processors is 16-bit word.

- Many 68882 instructions (as well as built-in floating-point instructions on the 68040) can operate on other types of data besides byte, word, or long word integer data. Again, the size required is specified as part of the instruction mnemonic by a trailing letter:

Mnemonic	Description
<b>s</b>	single-precision (32-bit) floating-point data
<b>d</b>	double-precision (64-bit) floating-point data
<b>x</b>	extended-precision (96-bit) floating-point data
<b>p</b>	packed decimal (96-bit) floating-point data (note that the assembler currently doesn't support packed immediate formats)

### Intel i386 Architecture

- As with the Motorola 68000 family, i386 instructions can operate on byte, word, or long word data (the last is called “double word” by Intel). The size can be indicated in the same way as it is for the MC68000. If no size is specified, the assembler attempts to determine the size from the operands. For example, if the 16-bit names for registers are used as operands, a 16-bit operation will be performed. When both a size specifier and a size-specific register name are given, the size specifier is used. Thus, the following are all correct and result in the same operation:

```
movw    %bx, %cx
mov     %bx, %cx
movw    %ebx, %ecx
```

- An i386 operation code can also contain optional prefixes, which are separated from the operation code by a slash (/) character. The prefix mnemonics are:

Prefix	Description
<b>data16</b>	operation uses 16-bit data
<b>addr16</b>	operation uses 16-bit addresses
<b>lock</b>	exclusive memory lock
<b>wait</b>	wait for pending numeric exceptions
<b>cs, ds, es, fs, gs, ss</b>	segment register override
<b>rep, repe, repne</b>	repeat prefixes for string instructions

More than one prefix may be specified for some operation codes. For example:

```
lock/fs/xchgl    %ebx, 4(%ebp)
```

Segment register overrides and the 16-bit data specifications are usually given as part of the operation code itself or of its operands. For example, the following two lines of assembly generate the same instructions:

```
movw            %bx, %fs:4(%ebp)
data16/fs/movl %bx, 4(%ebp)
```

Not all prefixes are allowed with all instructions. The assembler does check that the repeat prefixes for strings instructions are used correctly, but doesn't otherwise check for correct usage.

## Operand Field

The operand field of an assembly language statement supplies the arguments to the machine instruction, assembler directive, or macro.

The operand field may contain one or more operands, depending on the requirements of the preceding machine instruction or assembler directive. Some machine instructions and assembler directives don't take any operand, and some take two or more. If the operand field contains more than one operand, the operands are generally separated by commas, as shown here:

```
[ operand [ , operand ] ... ]
```

The following types of objects can be operands:

- register operands
- register pairs
- address operands
- string constants
- floating-point constants
- register lists
- expressions

Register operands in a machine instruction refer to the machine registers of the processor or coprocessor. Register names may appear in mixed case.

## Architecture- and Processor-Specific Caveats

### Intel 386 Architecture

- The OpenStep assembler orders operand fields for i386 instructions in the reverse order from Intel's conventions. Intel's convention is destination first, source second; OpenStep's is source first, destination second. Where Intel documentation would describe the Compare and Exchange instruction for 32-bit operands as follows:

```
CMPXCHG r/m32,r32    # Intel processor manual convention
```

The OpenStep assembler syntax for this same instruction is:

```
cmpxchg r32,r/m32    # OpenStep assembler syntax
```

So an example of actual assembly code for the OpenStep would be:

```
cmpxchg %ebx,(%eax) # OpenStep assembly code
```

## Comment Field

The assembler recognizes two types of comments in source code:

- A line whose first non-whitespace character is the hash character (#) is a comment. This style of comment is useful for passing C preprocessor output through the assembler. Note that comments of the form

```
# line_number file_name level
```

get turned into

```
.line line_number; .file file_name
```

This can cause problems when comments of this form which aren't intended to specify line numbers precede assembly errors, since the error will be reported as occurring on a line relative to that specified in the comment. Suppose a program contains these two lines of assembly source:

```
# 500
.var
```

If “.var” hasn’t been defined, this fragment will result in the following error message:

```
var.s:500:Unknown pseudo-op: .var
```

- A comment field, appearing on a line after one or more statements. The comment field consists of the appropriate comment character and all the characters that follow it on the line:

Character	Description
	comment character for MC68000 processors
;	comment character for hppa processors
#	comment character for i386 architecture processors

An assembly language source line can consist of just the comment field; in this case, it’s equivalent to using the hash character comment style:

```
# This is a comment.
| This is a comment.
```

Note the warning given above for hash character comments beginning with a number.

## Direct Assignment Statements

This section describes direct assignment statements, which don’t conform to the normal statement syntax described throughout this chapter. A direct assignment statement can be used to assign the value of an expression to an identifier. The format of a direct assignment statement is:

```
identifier = expression
```

If *expression* in a direct assignment is absolute, *identifier* is also absolute, and it may be treated as a constant in subsequent expressions. If *expression* is relocatable, *identifier* is also relocatable, and it is considered to be declared in the same program section as the expression.

The use of an assignment statement is analogous to using the `.set` directive (described in the following chapter), except that the `.set` directive requires that *expression* be absolute.

Once an identifier has been defined by a direct assignment statement, it may be redefined—its value is then the result of the last assignment statement. There are a few restrictions, however, concerning the redefinition of identifiers:

- Register identifiers may not be redefined.
- An identifier that has already been used as a label should not be redefined, since this would amount to redefining the address of a place in the program. Moreover, an identifier that has been defined in a direct assignment statement cannot later be used as a label. Only the second situation produces an assembler error message.



## **Assembler Directives**



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This chapter describes assembler directives (also known as pseudo operations, or pseudo-ops), which allow control over the actions of the assembler. For organizational purposes, the directives are grouped here into the following functional categories:

- Directives for designating the current section
- Built-in directives for designating the current section
- Directives for moving the location counter
- Directives for generating data
- Directives for dealing with symbols
- Miscellaneous directives
- Processor-specific directives

## Directives for Designating the Current Section

The assembler supports designation of arbitrary sections with the `.section` and `.zerofill` directives (descriptions appear below). Only those sections specified by a directive in the assembly file appear in the resulting object file (including implicit `.text` directives—see “Built-in Directives for Designating the Current Section”). Sections appear in the object file in the order their directives first appear in the assembly file. When object files are linked by the link editor, the output objects have their sections in the order the sections first appear in the object files that are linked. See the `ld(1)` Rhapsody man page for more details.

Associated with each section in each segment is an implicit location counter which begins at zero and is incremented by 1 for each byte assembled into the section. There is no way to explicitly reference a particular location counter, but the directives described here can be used to “activate” the location counter for a section, making it the *current* location counter. As a result, the assembler begins assembling into the section associated with that location counter.

**Note:** If the `-n` command line option isn’t used, the `(__TEXT,__text)` section is used by default at the beginning of each file being assembled, just as if each file began with the `.text` directive.

## **.section**

### SYNOPSIS

```
.section segname , sectname [[ [ , type ] , attribute ] , sizeof_stub ]
```

The **.section** directive causes the assembler to begin assembling into the section given by *segname* and *sectname*. A section created with this directive contains initialized data or instructions and is referred to as a content section. *type* and *attribute* may be specified as described below under “Section Types and Attributes.” If *type* is **symbol\_stubs**, then the *sizeof\_stub* field must be given as the size in bytes of the symbol stubs contained in the section.

## **.zerofill**

### SYNOPSIS

```
.zerofill segname , sectname [ , symbolname , size [ , align_expression ] ]
```

The **.zerofill** directive causes *symbolname* to be created as uninitialized data in the section given by *segname* and *sectname*, with a size in bytes given by *size*. A power of 2 between 0 and 15 may be given for *align\_expression* to indicate what alignment should be forced on *symbolname*, which will then be placed on the next expression boundary having the given alignment. See the description of the **.align** built-in directive for more information.

## **Section Types and Attributes**

A content section has a type, which informs the link editor about special processing needed for the items in that section. The most common form of special processing is for sections containing literals (strings, constants, and so on) where only one copy of the literal is needed in the output file and the same literal can be used by all references in the input files.

A section’s attributes record supplemental information about the section that the link editor may use in processing that section. For example, the **reloc\_at\_launch** attribute indicates that a section should be relocated immediately when a program is launched.

A section’s type and attribute are recorded in a Mach-O file as the **flags** field in the section header, using constants defined in the header file **mach-o/loader.h**. The following paragraphs describe the various types and attributes by the names used to identify them in a **.section** directive. The name of the related constant is also given in parentheses following the identifier.

## Type Identifiers

### **regular (S\_REGULAR)**

A **regular** section may contain any kind of data and gets no special processing from the link editor. This is the default section type. Examples of **regular** sections include program instructions or initialized data.

### **cstring\_literals (S\_CSTRING\_LITERALS)**

A **cstring\_literals** section contains null-terminated literal C language character strings. The link editor places only one copy of each literal into the output file's section and relocates references to different copies of the same literal to the one copy in the output file. There can be no relocation entries for a section of this type, and all references to literals in this section must be inside the address range for the specific literal being referenced. The last byte in a section of this type must be a null byte, and the strings can't contain null bytes in their bodies. An example of a **cstring\_literals** section is one for the literal strings that appear in the body of an ANSI C function where the compiler chooses to make such strings read-only.

### **4byte\_literals (S\_4BYTE\_LITERALS)**

A **4byte\_literals** section contains 4-byte literal constants. The link editor places only one copy of each literal into the output file's section and relocates references to different copies of the same literal to the one copy in the output file. There can be no relocation entries for a section of this type, and all references to literals in this section must be inside the address range for the specific literal being referenced. An example of a **4byte\_literals** section is one in which single-precision floating-point constants are stored for a RISC machine (these would normally be stored as immediates in CISC machine code).

### **8byte\_literals (S\_8BYTE\_LITERALS)**

An **8byte\_literals** section contains 8-byte literal constants. The link editor places only one copy of each literal into the output file's section and relocates references to different copies of the same literal to the one copy in the output file. There can be no relocation entries for a section of this type, and all references to literals in this section must be inside the address range for the specific literal being referenced. An example of a **8byte\_literals** section is one in which double-precision floating-point constants are stored for a RISC machine (these would normally be stored as immediates in CISC machine code).

**literal\_pointers (S\_LITERAL\_POINTERS)**

A **literal\_pointers** section contains 4-byte pointers to literals in a literal section. The link editor places only one copy of a pointer into the output file's section for each pointer to a literal with the same contents. The link editor also relocates references to each literal pointer to the one copy in the output file. There must be exactly one relocation entry for each literal pointer in this section, and all references to literals in this section must be inside the address range for the specific literal being referenced. The relocation entries can be external relocation entries referring to undefined symbols if those symbols identify literals in another object file. An example of a **literal\_pointers** section is one containing selector references generated by the Objective C compiler.

**symbol\_stubs (S\_SYMBOL\_STUBS)**

A **symbol\_stubs** section contains symbol stubs, which are sequences of machine instructions (all the same size) used for lazily binding undefined function calls at run time. If a call to an undefined function is made, the compiler outputs a call to a symbol stub instead, and tags the stub with an indirect symbol that indicates what symbol the stub is for. On transfer to a symbol stub, a program executes instructions that eventually reach the code for the indirect symbol associated with that stub. Here's a sample of assembly code based on a function **func()** containing only a call to the undefined function **foo()**:

```

        .text
        .align 4, 0x90
_func:
        call    _foo_stub
        ret

        .symbol_stub                                #
_foo_stub: #
        .indirect_symbol _foo                      #
        ljmp   _foo_lazy_ptr                       # the symbol stub
_foo_stub_1: #
        pushl  $_foo_lazy_ptr                      #
        jmp   dyld_stub_binding_helper            #

        .lazy_symbol_pointer                       #
_foo_lazy_ptr: # the symbol pointer
        .indirect_symbol _foo                      #
        .long _foo_stub_1                          # to be replaced by _foo's address

```

In the assembly code, **\_func** calls **\_foo\_stub**, which is responsible for finding the definition of the function **foo()**. **\_foo\_stub** jumps to the contents of **\_foo\_lazy\_ptr**, initially causing the code at **\_foo\_stub\_1** to be executed. This value is initially the address for **\_foo\_stub\_1**, which calls the **dyld\_stub\_binding\_helper()** function to overwrite

the contents of `_foo_lazy_ptr` with the address of the real function, `_foo`. This way, jumps through `_foo_lazy_ptr` will immediately execute `foo()`'s code.

The indirect symbol entries for `_foo` provide information to the static and dynamic linkers for binding the symbol stub. Each symbol stub and lazy pointer entry must have exactly one such indirect symbol, associated with the first address in the stub or pointer entry. See the description of the `.indirect_symbol` directive for more information.

The static link editor places only one copy of each stub into the output file's section for a particular indirect symbol, and relocates all references to the stubs with the same indirect symbol to the stub in the output file. Further, the static link editor eliminates a stub if a definition of the indirect symbol for that stub is present in the output file and that output file isn't a dynamically linked shared library file. The stub can refer only to itself, one lazy symbol pointer (referring to the same indirect symbol as the stub), and the `dyld_stub_binding_helper()` function. No global symbols can be defined in this type of section.

#### **lazy\_symbol\_pointers (S\_LAZY\_SYMBOL\_POINTERS)**

A `lazy_symbol_pointers` section contains 4-byte symbol pointers that will eventually contain the value of the indirect symbol associated with the pointer. These pointers are used by symbol stubs to lazily bind undefined function calls at run time. A lazy symbol pointer initially contains an address in the symbol stub of instructions that cause the symbol pointer to be bound to the function definition (in the example above, the lazy pointer `_foo_lazy_ptr` initially contains the address for `_foo_stub_1` but gets overwritten with the address for `_foo`). The dynamic link editor binds the indirect symbol associated with the lazy symbol pointer by overwriting it with the value of the symbol.

The static link editor only places a copy of a lazy pointer in the output file if the corresponding symbol stub is in the output file. Only the corresponding symbol stub can make a reference to a lazy symbol pointer, and no global symbols can be defined in this type of section. There must be one indirect symbol associated with each lazy symbol pointer. An example of a `lazy_symbol_pointers` section is one in which the compiler has generated calls to undefined functions, each of which can be bound lazily at the time of the first call to the function.

#### **non\_lazy\_symbol\_pointers (S\_NON\_LAZY\_SYMBOL\_POINTERS)**

A `non_lazy_symbol_pointers` section contains 4-byte symbol pointers that will contain the value of the indirect symbol associated with a pointer that may

be set at any time before any code makes a reference to it. These pointers are used by the code to reference undefined symbols. Initially these pointers have no interesting value, but will get overwritten by the dynamic link editor with the value of the symbol for the associated indirect symbol before any code can make a reference to it.

The static link editor places only one copy of each non-lazy pointer for its indirect symbol into the output file and relocates all references to the pointer with the same indirect symbol to the pointer in the output file. The static link editor further can fill in the pointer with the value of the symbol if a definition of the indirect symbol for that pointer is present in the output file. No global symbols can be defined in this type of section. There must be one indirect symbol associated with each non-lazy symbol pointer. An example of a **non\_lazy\_symbol\_pointers** section is one in which the compiler has generated code to indirectly reference undefined symbols to be bound at run time—this preserves the sharing of the machine instructions by allowing the dynamic link editor to update references without writing on the instructions.

Here's an example of assembly code referencing an element in the undefined structure. The corresponding 'C' code would be:

```
struct s {
    int member1, member2;
};
extern struct s bar;
int func()
{
    return(bar.member2);
}
```

The i386 assembly code might look like this:

```
.text
    .align 4, 0x90
.globl _func
_func:
    movl _bar_non_lazy_ptr,%eax
    movl 4(%eax),%eax
    ret

.non_lazy_symbol_pointer
_bar_non_lazy_ptr:
    .indirect_symbol _bar
    .long 0
```

**mod\_init\_funcs (S\_MOD\_INIT\_FUNC\_POINTERS)**

A **mod\_init\_funcs** section contains 4-byte pointers to functions that are to be called just after the module containing the pointer is bound into the program by the dynamic link editor. The static link editor does no special processing for this section type except for disallowing section ordering. This is done to maintain the order the functions will be called (which is the order their pointers appear in the original module). There must be exactly one relocation entry for each pointer in this section. An example of a **mod\_init\_funcs** section is one in which the compiler has generated code to call C++ constructors for modules that get dynamically bound at run time.

**Attribute Identifiers****none (0)**

No attributes for this section. This is the default section attribute.

**pure\_instructions (S\_ATTR\_PURE\_INSTRUCTIONS)**

The **pure\_instructions** attribute means that this section contains nothing but machine instructions. This attribute would be used for the (**\_\_TEXT,\_\_text**) section of OpenStep compilers and sections which have a section type of **symbol\_stubs**.

**S\_ATTR\_SOME\_INSTRUCTIONS**

This attribute is set by the assembler whenever it assembles a machine instruction in a section. There is no directive associated with it, since you cannot set it yourself. It is used by the dynamic link editor together with the **S\_ATTR\_EXT\_RELOC** and **S\_ATTR\_LOC\_RELOC**, set by the static link editor, to know it must flush the cache and other processor related functions when it relocates instructions by writing on them.

## Built-in Directives for Designating the Current Section

The directives described here are simply built-in equivalents for **.section** directives with specific arguments.

**Designating Sections in the **\_\_TEXT** Segment**

The directives listed below cause the assembler to begin assembling into the indicated section of the **\_\_TEXT** segment. Note that the underscore

before `__TEXT`, `__text`, and the rest of the segment names is actually two underscore characters.

Directive	Section
<code>.text</code>	<code>(__TEXT,__text)</code>
<code>.const</code>	<code>(__TEXT,__const)</code>
<code>.static_const</code>	<code>(__TEXT,__static_const)</code>
<code>.cstring</code>	<code>(__TEXT,__cstring)</code>
<code>.literal4</code>	<code>(__TEXT,__literal4)</code>
<code>.literal8</code>	<code>(__TEXT,__literal8)</code>
<code>.constructor</code>	<code>(__TEXT,__constructor)</code>
<code>.destructor</code>	<code>(__TEXT,__destructor)</code>
<code>.fvmlib_init0</code>	<code>(__TEXT,__fvmlib_init0)</code>
<code>.fvmlib_init1</code>	<code>(__TEXT,__fvmlib_init1)</code>
<code>.symbol_stub</code>	<code>(__TEXT,__symbol_stub)</code>

The following paragraphs describe the sections in the `__TEXT` segment and the types of information that should be assembled into each of them:

#### **.text**

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT,__text,regular,pure_instructions`

The compiler only places machine instructions in the `(__TEXT,__text)` section (no read-only data, jump tables or anything else). With this the entire `(__TEXT,__text)` section is pure instructions and tools that operate on object files can take advantage of this and can locate the instructions of the program and not get confused with data that could have been mixed in. To make this work all run-time support code linked into the program must also obey this rule (all OpenStep library code follows this rule).

#### **.const**

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT,__const`

The compiler places all data declared `const` in this section and all jump tables it generates for switch statements.

#### **.static\_const**

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT,__static_const`

This is not currently used by the compiler. It was added to the assembler so that the compiler may separate global and static const data into separate sections if it wished to.

#### **.cstring**

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT,__cstring,cstring_literals`

This section is marked with the section type `S_LITERAL_CSTRING`, which the link editor recognizes. The link editor merges the like literal C strings in all the input object files to one unique C string in the output file. Therefore this section must only contain C strings (a C string is a sequence of bytes that ends in a null byte, `'\0'`, and does not contain any other null bytes except its terminator). The compiler places literal C strings found in the code that are not initializers and do not contain any imbedded nulls in this section.

#### **.literal4**

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT,__literal4,4byte_literals`

This section is marked with the section type `S_4BYTE_LITERAL`, which the link editor recognizes. The link editor then can merge the like 4 byte literals in all the input object files to one unique 4 byte literal in the output file. Therefore this section must only contain 4 byte literals. This is typically intended for single precision floating-point constants and the compiler uses this section for that purpose. On some machines it is more efficient to place these constants in line as immediates as part of the instruction (this is what is done on OpenStep 68k machines when the optimizer is turned on).

#### **.literal8**

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT,__literal8,8byte_literals`

This section is marked with the section type `S_8BYTE_LITERAL`, which the link editor recognizes. The link editor then can merge the like 8 byte literals in all the input object files to one unique 8 byte literal in the output file. Therefore this section must only contain 8 byte literals. This is typically intended for double precision floating-point constants and the compiler uses this section for that purpose. On some machines it is more efficient to place these constants in line as immediates as part of the instruction (this is what is done on OpenStep 68k machines when the optimizer is turned on).

**.constructor**

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT,__constructor`  
(`__TEXT,__destructor`)

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT,__destructor`

These sections are used by the C++ run-time system, and are reserved exclusively for the C++ compiler.

**.fvmlib\_init0**

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT,__fvmlib_init0`

**.fvmlib\_init1**

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT,__fvmlib_init1`

These two sections are used by the fixed virtual memory shared library initialization. The compiler doesn't place anything in these sections, as they are reserved exclusively for the shared library mechanism.

**.symbol\_stub**

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT,__symbol_stub, symbol_stubs, pure_instructions, NBYTES`

This section is of type `symbol_stubs` and has the attribute `pure_instructions`. The compiler places symbol stubs in this section for undefined functions that are called in the module. This is the standard symbol stub section for non position-independent code. The value `NBYTES` is dependent on the target architecture. The standard symbol stub for the PowerPC is 20 bytes and has an alignment of 4 bytes (`.align 2`). For example, a stub for the symbol `_foo` would be (using a lazy symbol pointer `L_foo$lazy_ptr`):

```

        symbol_stub
Lfoo$stub:
        .indirect_symbol _foo
        lis     r11,ha16(L_foo$lazy_ptr)
        lwz    r12,1016(L_foo$lazy_ptr)(r11)
        mtctr  r12
        addi   r11,r11,1016(L_foo$lazy_ptr)
        bctr

        .lazy_symbol_pointer
L_foo$lazy_ptr:
        .indirect_symbol _foo
        .long  dyld_stub_binding_helper

```

The standard symbol stub for the i386 is 16 bytes and has an alignment of 1 byte (`.align 0`). For example a stub for the symbol `_foo` would be (using a lazy symbol pointer `L_foo$lazy_ptr`):

```

        .symbol_stub
Lfoo$stub:
        .indirect_symbol _foo
        ljmp     L_foo$lazy_ptr
Lfoo$stub_binder:
        pushl   $L_foo$lazy_ptr
        jmp     dyld_stub_binding_helper

        .lazy_symbol_pointer
L_foo$lazy_ptr:
        .indirect_symbol _foo
        .long   Lfoo$stub_binder

```

### **.picsymbol\_stub**

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT, __picsymbol_stub, symbol_stubs, pure_instructions, NBYTES`

This section is of type `symbol_stubs` and has the attribute `pure_instructions`. The compiler places symbol stubs in this section for undefined functions that are called in the module. This is the standard symbol stub section for position-independent code. The value of `NBYTES` is dependent on the target architecture.

The standard position-independent symbol stub for the PowerPC is 36 bytes and has an alignment of 4 bytes (`.align 2`). For example a stub for the symbol `_foo` would be (using a lazy symbol pointer `L_foo$lazy_ptr`):

```

        .picsymbol_stub
Lfoo$stub:
        .indirect_symbol _foo
        mflr    0
        bl     LO$foo
LO$foo:
        mflr    r11
        mtlr    r0
        addis   r11,r11,ha16(L_foo$lazy_ptr - LO$foo)
        lwz     r12,lo16(L_foo$lazy_ptr - LO$foo)(r11)
        mtctr   r12
        addi    r11,r11,lo16(L_foo$lazy_ptr - LO$foo)
        bctr

        .lazy_symbol_pointer
L_foo$lazy_ptr:

```

```

.indirect_symbol _foo
.long    dyld_stub_binding_helper

```

The standard position-independent symbol stub for the i386 is 26 bytes and has an alignment of 1 byte (`.align 0`). For example a stub for the symbol `_foo` would be (using a lazy symbol pointer `L_foo$lazy_ptr`):

```

.picsymbol_stub
Lfoo$stub:
    indirect_symbol _foo
    call    Llfoo$stub
Llfoo$stub:
    popl    %eax
    movl    L_foo$lazy_ptr-Llfoo$stub(%eax),%ebx
    jmp     %ebx
Lfoo$stub_binder:
    lea    L_foo$lazy_ptr-Llfoo$stub(%eax),%eax
    pushl  %eax
    jmp    dyld_stub_binding_helper

.lazy_symbol_pointer
L_foo$lazy_ptr:
    .indirect_symbol _foo
    .long   Lfoo$stub_binder

```

## Designating Sections in the `__DATA` Segment

These directives cause the assembler to begin assembling into the indicated section of the `__DATA` segment:

Directive	Section
<code>.data</code>	<code>(__DATA,__data)</code>
<code>.static_data</code>	<code>(__DATA,__static_data)</code>
<code>.non_lazy_symbol_pointer</code>	<code>(__DATA,__nl_symbol_pointer)</code>
<code>.lazy_symbol_pointer</code>	<code>(__DATA,__la_symbol_pointer)</code>
<code>.dyld</code>	<code>(__DATA,__dyld)</code>
<code>.mod_init_func</code>	<code>(__DATA,__mod_init_func)</code>
<code>.const_data</code>	<code>(__DATA,__const)</code>

The following paragraphs describe the sections in the `__DATA` segment and the types of information that should be assembled into each of them:

**.data**

This is equivalent to `.section __DATA, __data`

The compiler places all non-const initialized data (even initialized to zero) in this section.

**.static\_data**

This is equivalent to `.section __DATA, __static_data`

This is not currently used by the compiler. It was added to the assembler so that the compiler could separate global and static data symbol into separate sections if it wished to.

**.non\_lazy\_symbol\_ptr**

This is equivalent to `.section __DATA, __nl_symbol_ptr,non_lazy_symbol_pointers`

This section is of type `non_lazy_symbol_pointers` and has no attributes. The compiler places a non-lazy symbol pointer in this section for each undefined symbol referenced by the module (except for function calls). This section has an alignment of 4 bytes (`.align 2`).

**.lazy\_symbol\_ptr**

This is equivalent to `.section __DATA, __la_symbol_ptr,lazy_symbol_pointers`

This section is of type `lazy_symbol_pointers` and has no attributes. The compiler places a lazy symbol pointer in this section for each symbol stub it creates for undefined functions that are called in the module. (See `__TEXT, __symbol_stub` for examples.) This section has an alignment of 4 bytes (`.align 2`).

**.dyld**

This is equivalent to `.section __DATA, __dyld,regular`

This section is of type `regular` and has no attributes. This section is used by the dynamic link editor. The compiler doesn't place anything in this section, as it is reserved exclusively for the dynamic link editor.

**.mod\_init\_func**

This is equivalent to `.section __DATA, __mod_init_func,mod_init_funcs`

This section is of type `mod_init_funcs` and has no attributes. The C++ compiler places a pointer to a function in this section for each function it creates to call the constructors (if the module has them).

#### **.const\_data**

This is equivalent to `.section __DATA, __const, regular`.

This section is of type `regular` and has no attributes. This section is used when dynamic code is being compiled for const data that must be initialized.

## **Designating Sections in the \_\_OBJC Segment**

These directives cause the assembler to begin assembling into the indicated section of the `__OBJC` segment:

<b>Directive</b>	<b>Section</b>
<code>.objc_class</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__class)</code>
<code>.objc_meta_class</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__meta_class)</code>
<code>.objc_cat_cls_meth</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__cat_cls_meth)</code>
<code>.objc_cat_inst_meth</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__cat_inst_meth)</code>
<code>.objc_protocol</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__protocol)</code>
<code>.objc_string_object</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__string_object)</code>
<code>.objc_cls_meth</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__cls_meth)</code>
<code>.objc_inst_meth</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__inst_meth)</code>
<code>.objc_cls_refs</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__cls_refs)</code>
<code>.objc_message_refs</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__message_refs)</code>
<code>.objc_symbols</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__symbols)</code>
<code>.objc_category</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__category)</code>
<code>.objc_class_vars</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__class_vars)</code>
<code>.objc_instance_vars</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__instance_vars)</code>
<code>.objc_module_info</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__module_info)</code>
<code>.objc_class_names</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__class_names)</code>
<code>.objc_meth_var_names</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__meth_var_names)</code>
<code>.objc_meth_var_types</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__meth_var_types)</code>
<code>.objc_selector_strs</code>	<code>(__OBJC,__selector_strs)</code>

All sections in the `__OBJC` segment, including old sections that are no longer used and future sections that may be added, are exclusively reserved for the Objective C compiler's use.

## Directives for Moving the Location Counter

This section describes directives that advance the location counter to a location higher in memory. They have the additional effect of setting the intervening memory to some value.

### **.align**

#### SYNOPSIS

```
.align expression [ , fill_expression ]
```

The `.align` directive advances the location counter to the next expression boundary, if it isn't currently on such a boundary. *expression* is a power of 2 between 0 and 15 (not the result of the power of 2; for example, the argument of `.align 3` means 2 to the third). The fill expression, if specified, must be absolute. The space between the current value of the location counter and the desired value is filled with the low-order byte of the fill expression (or with zeros, if *fill\_expression* isn't specified).

**Note:** The assembler enforces no alignment for any bytes created in the object file (data or machine instructions). You must supply the desired alignment before any directive or instruction.

#### EXAMPLE:

```
.align 3
one:    .double 0r1.0
```

### **.org**

#### SYNOPSIS

```
.org expression [ , fill_expression ]
```

The `.org` directive sets the location counter to *expression*, which must be a currently known absolute expression. This directive can only move the location counter up in address. The fill expression, if specified, must be absolute. The space between the current value of the location counter and the desired value is filled with the low-order byte of the fill expression (or with zeros, if *fill\_expression* isn't specified).

**Note:** If the output file is later link-edited, the `.org` directive isn't preserved.

#### EXAMPLE

```
.org 0x100,0xff
```

## Directives for Generating Data

The directives described in this section all generate data (unless specified otherwise, the data goes into the current section). In some respects they are similar to the directives in the previous section, “Directives for Moving the Location Counter”—they do have the effect of moving the location counter—but this isn't their primary purpose.

### **.ascii and .asciz**

#### SYNOPSIS

```
.ascii [ "string" ] [ , "string" ] ...
.asciz [ "string" ] [ , "string" ] ...
```

These two directives translate character strings into their ASCII equivalents for use in the source program. Each directive takes zero or more comma-separated, quoted strings. Each string can contain any character or escape sequence that can appear in a character string; the newline character cannot appear, but it can be represented by the escape sequence `\012` or `\n`.

- The `.ascii` directive generates a sequence of ASCII characters.
- The `.asciz` directive is similar, except that it automatically terminates the sequence of ASCII characters with the null character, `\0` (necessary when generating strings usable by C programs).

If no strings are specified, the directive is ignored.

#### EXAMPLE

```
.ascii "Can't open the DSP.\0"
.asciz "%s has changes.\tSave them?"
```

### **.byte, .short, and .long**

#### SYNOPSIS

```
.byte [ expression ] [ , expression ] ...
```

```
.short [ expression ] [ , expression ] ...
.long  [ expression ] [ , expression ] ...
```

These directives reserve storage locations in the current section and initialize them with specified values. Each directive takes zero or more comma-separated absolute expressions and generates a sequence of bytes for each expression. The expressions are truncated to the size generated by the directive:

- **.byte** generates one byte per expression
- **.short** generates two bytes per expression
- **.long** generates four bytes per expression

#### EXAMPLE

```
.byte  74,0112,0x4A,0x4a,'J           | all the same byte
.short 64206,0175316,0xface          | all the same short
.long  -1234,037777775456,0xfffffb2e | all the same long
```

## **.single and .double**

#### SYNOPSIS

```
.single [ number ] [ , number ] ...
.double [ number ] [ , number ] ...
```

These two directives reserve storage locations in the current section and initialize them with specified values. Each directive takes zero or more comma-separated decimal floating-point numbers:

- **.single** takes IEEE single-precision floating point numbers; it reserves four bytes for each number, and initializes them to the value of the corresponding number
- **.double** takes IEEE double-precision floating point numbers; it reserves eight bytes for each number, and initializes them to the value of the corresponding number

#### EXAMPLE

```
.single 3.33333333333333310000e-01
.double 0.00000000000000000000e+00
.single +Infinity
.double -Infinity
.single NaN
```

**.fill**

## SYNOPSIS

```
.fill repeat_expression , fill_size , fill_expression
```

The **.fill** directive advances the location counter by *repeat\_expression* times *fill\_size* bytes.

- *fill\_size* is in bytes, and must have the value 1, 2, or 4
- *repeat\_expression* must be an absolute expression greater than zero
- *fill\_expression* may be any absolute expression (it gets truncated to the fill size)

## EXAMPLE

```
.fill 69,4,0xfeadface | put out 69 0xfeadface's
```

**.space**

## SYNOPSIS

```
.space num_bytes [ , fill_expression ]
```

The **.space** directive advances the location counter by *num\_bytes*, where *num\_bytes* is an absolute expression greater than zero. The fill expression, if specified, must be absolute. The space between the current value of the location counter and the desired value is filled with the low-order byte of the fill expression (or with zeros, if *fill\_expression* isn't specified).

## EXAMPLE

```
ten_ones:
    .space 10,1
```

**.comm**

## SYNOPSIS

```
.comm name, size
```

The **.comm** directive creates a common symbol named *name* of *size* bytes. If the symbol isn't defined elsewhere, its type is "common."

The link editor allocates storage for common symbols that aren't otherwise defined. Enough space is left after the symbol to hold the maximum size (in bytes) seen for each symbol in the (`__DATA,__common`) section.

The link editor will align each such symbol (based on its size aligned to the next greater power of two) to the maximum alignment of the (`__DATA,__common`)

section. For information about how to change the maximum alignment, see the description of `-sectalign` in the `ld(1)` Rhapsody manual page.

#### EXAMPLE

```
.comm _global_uninitialized,4
```

### **.lcomm**

#### SYNOPSIS

```
.lcomm name+, size [ , align ]
```

The `.lcomm` directive creates a symbol named *name* of *size* bytes in the (`__DATA`, `__bss`) section. It will contain zeros at execution. The name isn't declared as `global`, and hence will be unknown outside the object module.

The optional *align* expression, if specified, causes the location counter to be rounded up to an *align* power-of-two boundary before assigning the location counter to the value of *name*.

#### EXAMPLE

```
.lcomm abyte,1      | or: .lcomm abyte,1,0
.lcomm padding,7
.lcomm adouble,8   | or: .lcomm adouble,8,3
```

These are the same as:

```
.zerofill __DATA,__bss,abyte,1
.lcomm __DATA,__bss,padding,7
.lcomm __DATA,__bss,adouble,8
```

## Directives for Dealing with Symbols

This section describes directives that have an effect on symbols and the symbol table.

### **.globl**

#### SYNOPSIS

```
.globl symbol_name
```

The `.globl` directive makes *symbol\_name* external. If *symbol\_name* is otherwise defined (by `.set` or by appearance as a label), it acts within the assembly exactly as if the `.globl` statement were not given; however, the link editor may

be used to combine this object module with other modules referring to this symbol.

#### EXAMPLE

```
.globl abs
    .set abs,1

    .globl var
var: .long 2
```

### **.indirect\_symbol**

#### SYNOPSIS:

```
.indirect_symbol symbol_name
```

The **.indirect\_symbol** directive creates an indirect symbol with *symbol\_name* and associates the current location with the indirect symbol. An indirect symbol must be defined immediately before each item in a **symbol\_stub**, **lazy\_symbol\_pointers**, and **non\_lazy\_symbol\_pointers** section. The static and dynamic linkers use *symbol\_name* to identify the symbol associated with the following item.

### **.reference**

#### SYNOPSIS

```
.reference symbol_name
```

The **.reference** directive causes *symbol\_name* to be an undefined symbol that will be present in the output's symbol table. This is useful in referencing a symbol without generating any bytes to do it (used, for example, by the Objective C run-time system to reference superclass objects).

#### EXAMPLE

```
.reference .objc_class_name_Object
```

### **.private\_extern**

#### SYNOPSIS:

```
.private_extern symbol_name
```

The **.private\_extern** directive makes *symbol\_name* a private external symbol. When the link editor combines this module with other modules (and the **-keep\_private\_externs** command-line option is not specified) the symbol turns it from global to static.

## **.lazy\_reference**

### SYNOPSIS

```
.lazy_reference symbol_name
```

The **.reference** directive causes *symbol\_name* to be a lazy undefined symbol that will be present in the output's symbol table. This is useful in referencing a symbol without generating any bytes to do it (used, for example, by the Objective C run-time system with the dynamic linker to reference superclass objects but to allow the runtime to bind them on first use).

### EXAMPLE

```
.lazy_reference .objc_class_name_Object
```

## **.stabs, .stabn, and .stabd**

### SYNOPSIS

```
.stabs n_name , n_type , n_other , n_desc , n_value
```

```
.stabn n_type , n_other , n_desc , n_value
```

```
.stabd n_type , n_other , n_desc
```

These three directives are used to place symbols in the symbol table for the symbolic debugger (a “stab” is a symbol *table* entry).

- **.stabs** specifies all the fields in a symbol table entry. The *n\_name* is the name of a symbol; if the symbol name is null, the **.stabn** directive may be used instead.
- **.stabn** is like **.stabs**, except that it uses a NULL ("" ) name.
- **.stabd** is like **.stabn**, except that it uses the value of the location counter (.) as the *n\_value* field.

In each case, the *n\_type* field is assumed to contain a 4.3BSD-like value for the N\_TYPE bits. For **.stabs** and **.stabn** the **n\_sect** field of the Mach-O file's **nlist** is set to the section number of the symbol for the specified *n\_value* parameter. For **.stabd** the **n\_sect** field is set to the current section number for the location counter. The **nlist** structure is defined in **mach-o/nlist.h**.

**Note:** The *n\_other* field of a stab directive is ignored.

## EXAMPLE

```
.stabs "hello.c",100,0,0,Ltext
.stabn 192,0,0,LBB2
.stabd 68,0,15
```

**.desc**

## SYNOPSIS

```
.desc symbol_name , absolute_expression
```

The **.desc** directive sets the `n_desc` field of the specified symbol to *absolute\_expression*.

## EXAMPLE

```
.desc _main,0xface
```

**.set**

## SYNOPSIS

```
.set symbol_name , absolute_expression
```

The **.set** directive creates the symbol *symbol\_name* and sets its value to *absolute\_expression*. This is the same as using *symbol\_name = absolute\_expression*.

## EXAMPLE

```
.set one,1
two = 2
```

**.lsym**

## SYNOPSIS

```
.lsym symbol_name , expression
```

A unique and otherwise unreferenceable symbol of the (*symbol\_name*, *expression*) pair is created in the symbol table. Some Fortran 77 compilers use this mechanism to communicate with the debugger.

## Miscellaneous Directives

*This section describes additional directives that don't fit into any of the previous sections.*

### **.abort**

#### SYNOPSIS

```
.abort [ "abort_string" ]
```

The **.abort** directive causes the assembler to ignore all further input and quit processing. No files are created. The directive would be used, for example, in a pipe interconnected version of a compiler—the first major syntax error would cause the compiler to issue this directive, saving unnecessary work in assembling code that would have to be discarded anyway.

The optional "*abort\_string*" is printed as part of the error message when the **.abort** directive is encountered.

#### EXAMPLE

```
#ifndef VAR
    .abort "You must define VAR to assemble this file."
#endif
```

### **.file and .line**

#### SYNOPSIS

```
.file file_name
.line line_number
```

The **.file** directive causes the assembler to report error messages as if it were processing the file *file\_name*.

The **.line** directive causes the assembler to report error messages as if it were processing the line *line\_number*. The next line after the **.line** directive is assumed to be *line\_number*.

The assembler turns C preprocessor comments of the form

```
# line_number file_name level
```

into

```
.line line_number; .file file_name
```

## EXAMPLE

```
.line 6
nop      | this is line 6
```

**.if, .elseif, .else, and .endif**

## SYNOPSIS

```
.if expression
.elseif expression
.else
.endif
```

These directives are used to delimit blocks of code that are to be assembled conditionally, depending on the value of an expression. A block of conditional code may be nested within another block of conditional code. *Expression* must be an absolute expression.

For each `.if` directive,

- there must be a matching `.endif`
- there may be as many intervening `.elseif`'s as desired
- there may be no more than one intervening `.else` before the tailing `.endif`

Labels or multiple statements must not be placed on the same line as any of these directives; otherwise, statements including these directives won't be recognized and will produce errors or incorrect conditional assembly.

## EXAMPLE

```
.if a==1
.long 1
.elseif a==2
.long 2
.else
.long 3
.endif
```

**.include**

## SYNOPSIS

```
.include "filename"
```

The `.include` directive causes the named file to be included at the current point in the assembly. The `-dir` option to the assembler specifies alternative paths to be used in searching for the file if it isn't found in the current directory (the default path, `/usr/include`, is always searched last).

## EXAMPLE

```
.include "macros.h"
```

**.macro, .endmacro, .macros\_on, and .macros\_off**

## SYNOPSIS

```
.macro  
.endmacro  
.macros_on  
.macros_off
```

These directives allow you to define simple macros (once a macro is defined, however, you can't redefine it). For example:

```
.macro var  
instruction_1 $0,$1  
instruction_2 $2  
.  
.  
.  
instruction_N  
.long $n  
.endmacro
```

$\$d$  (where  $d$  is a single decimal digit, 0 through 9) represents each argument—there can be at most 10 arguments.  $\$n$  is replaced by the actual number of arguments the macro was invoked with.

When you use a macro, arguments are separated by a comma (except inside matching parentheses—for example, `xxx(1,3,4),yyy` contains only two arguments). You could use the macro defined above as follows:

```
var #0,@sp,4
```

This would be expanded to:

```
instruction_1 #0,@sp  
instruction_2 4  
.  
.  
.  
instruction_N  
.long 3
```

The directives `.macros_on` and `.macros_off` allow macros to be written that override an instruction or directive while still using the instruction or directive. For example:

```
.macro .long
.macos_off
.long $0,$0
.macos_on
.endmacro
```

If you don't specify an argument, the macro will substitute nothing (also see the `.abs` directive below).

## **.abs**

### SYNOPSIS

```
.abs symbol_name , expression
```

This directive sets the value of *symbol\_name* to 1 if *expression* is an absolute expression; otherwise, it sets the value to 0.

### EXAMPLE

```
.macro var
.abs is_abs,$0
.if is_abs==1
.abort "must be absolute"
.endif
.endmacro
```

## **.dump and .load**

### SYNOPSIS

```
.dump filename
```

```
.load filename
```

These directives let you dump and load the absolute symbols and macro definitions, for faster loading and faster assembly.

These work like this:

```
.include "big_file_1"
.include "big_file_2"
.include "big_file_3"
. . .
.include "big_file_N"
.dump "symbols.dump"
```

The `.dump` directive writes out all the `N_ABS` symbols and macros. You can later use the `.load` directive to load all the `N_ABS` symbols and macros faster than you could with `.include`:

```
.load "symbols.dump"
```

One useful side effect of loading symbols this way is that they aren't written out to the object file.

## Architecture- and Processor-specific Directives

### M68000-Specific Directives

The following directives are specific to the M68000 architecture.

#### **.word, .int, .quad, and .octa**

##### SYNOPSIS

```
.word [ expression ] [ , expression ] ...  
.int [ expression ] [ , expression ] ...  
.quad [ expression ] [ , expression ] ...  
.octa [ expression ] [ , expression ] ...
```

These directives reserve storage locations in the current section and initialize them with specified integral values. Each directive takes zero or more comma-separated absolute expressions and generates a sequence of bytes for each expression. The expressions are truncated to the size generated by the directive:

- `.word` generates two bytes per expression
- `.int` generates four bytes per expression
- `.quad` generates eight bytes per expression
- `.octa` generates sixteen bytes per expression

## Additional Processor-Specific Directives

The following processor-specific directives are synonyms for other standard directives described earlier in this chapter; although they are listed here for completeness, their use isn't recommended; wherever possible, you should use the standard directive instead.

The following are M68000-specific directives:

<b>M68000 Directive</b>	<b>Standard Directive</b>
.skip	.space
.float	.single
.even	.align 1
.proc	<<reserved for future use>>

The following are i386-specific directives:

<b>i386 Directive</b>	<b>Standard Directive</b>
.ffloat	.single
.dfloat	.double
.tfloat	[expression] ← 80-bit IEEE extended precision floating-point
.word	.short
.value	.short
.ident	(ignored)
.def	(ignored)
.optim	(ignored)
.version	(ignored)
.ln	(ignored)

## **PowerPC Addressing Modes and Assembler Instructions**



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This chapter contains information specific to the PowerPC processor architecture. The first section, “PowerPC Registers and Addressing Modes,” lists the registers available and describes the addressing modes used by assembler instructions. The second section, “PowerPC Assembler Instructions,” lists each assembler instruction with Rhapsody assembler syntax.

## PowerPC Registers and Addressing Modes

This section describes the conventions used to specify addressing modes and instruction mnemonics for the PowerPC series processor architecture. The instructions themselves are detailed in the next section, “PowerPC Assembler Instructions.”

### Registers

Many instructions accept register names as operands. The available register names are listed in this section. These are the user registers

Register	Description
<b>r0–r31</b>	General Purpose Registers
<b>f0–f31</b>	Floating-Point Registers
<b>xer</b>	Fixed-Point Exception Register
<b>fpscr</b>	Floating-Point Status and Control Register
<b>cr</b>	Condition Register
<b>lr</b>	Link Register
<b>ctr</b>	Count Register

For instructions that take either 0 or a general purpose register as an operand, **r0** may not be used as either a zero or a register operand; the literal value **0** must be used instead.

These are the special registers

Registers	Description
<b>sr0–sr15</b>	Segment Registers

## Operands and Addressing Modes

The PowerPC processor architecture has only one addressing mode for load and store instructions: register plus displacement. The general form for address operands is:

*displacement(register)*

If there is no displacement, the parentheses around the register name must still be used. For example, the first two of the following statements are legal, but the last isn't:

```
lwz    r12,4(r1)
lwz    r12,(r1)    ; same as displacement of 0
lwz    r12,r1      ; INCORRECT
```

To specify an arbitrary 32-bit address, two instructions must be used, since all instructions are 32 bits long and can't contain both an opcode and a full address. A pair of instructions used to load or store data at an address falls into one of a small set of idioms, using the assembler operators **lo16()**, **hi16()**, and **ha16()** to isolate the required portion of the 32-bit address expression. The idioms themselves are discussed below

- **lo16(*expression*)** evaluates to the low (least significant) 16 bits of *expression*, with a relocation type of PPC\_RELOC\_LO16 or PPC\_RELOC\_LO14, depending on the instruction the operator is used with.
- **hi16(*expression*)** evaluates to the high (most significant) 16 bits of *expression* shifted right 16 bits, with a relocation type of PPC\_RELOC\_HI16.
- **ha16(*expression*)** evaluates to the high (most significant) 16 bits of *expression* shifted right 16 bits, incremented by one if bit 15 of *expression* is set (that is, if the value given by **lo16(*expression*)** is negative). This allows the address to be properly reconstituted when the low 16 bit quantity of *expression* is sign-extended by some operators. It has a relocation type of PPC\_RELOC\_HA16.

In specifying a 32-bit address, the desired result is that the 32-bit quantity be in a register. To do this, the high and low 16 bits of the address are entered separately with instructions suited to this task. Generally, the high 16 bits can be entered into a register with the **addis** (Add Immediate Shifted) operator. For example, this instruction:

```
addis   r2,0,hi16(expr)
```

adds the high 16 bits of *expr* to 0, and enters the result into the high 16 bits of register 2. The instruction that immediately follows can then combine the low

16 bits with the high 16 bits in the register and perform whatever other operation it does (if any).

For example, to load the *address* of the global variable **spot** into general register 2, the instructions below would be used. The **ori** instruction doesn't sign-extend the displacement, so the high 16 bits of the address needn't be adjusted, and the **hi16()** assembler operator is used.

```
addis    r2,0,hi16(spot)    ; ori doesn't sign-extend
ori      r2,r2,lo16(spot)
```

In loading the *data* stored at **spot** the **lwz** operator is used, which does sign-extend the displacement, the adjusted high 16 bits must be given, with the **ha16()** assembler operator:

```
addis    r2,0,ha16(spot)    ; lwz sign-extends
lwz      r3,lo16(spot)(r2)
```

**lwz** treats the sign-extended low 16 bits as a displacement, adding it to the contents of register 2 to get a 32-bit address, and then loads the word at that address into register 3.

## Extended Instruction Mnemonics & Operands

### Branch Mnemonics

The PowerPC processor family supports a rich variety of extended mnemonics for its three conditional branch operators: **bc**, **bclr**, and **bcctr**. Normally, the condition and the nature of the branch are specified by numeric operands, but with the extended mnemonics, these numeric operands are determined by the assembler from the mnemonic used.

Conditional branches can alter the contents of the Count Register (**ctr**), and can take effect based on the resulting value in the Count Register, and on whether a specified condition is true or false. The first table below summarizes the extended mnemonics for branches that affect the Count Register, while the second summarizes additional mnemonics for branches on true and false conditions that don't affect the Count Register. The effect of the branch is given on the left. The first four columns of each table are for branches where the Link Register bit in the instruction is clear (not set); the remaining columns are for branches where the Link Register bit in the

instruction is set. Each set of four columns gives mnemonics for relative and absolute branches, and for branches to the Link Register or the Count Register.

Branch Type	LR not set				LR set			
	<i>bc</i> Rel.	<i>bca</i> Abs.	<i>bclr</i> to LR	<i>bcctr</i> to CTR	<i>bcl</i> Rel.	<i>bcla</i> Abs.	<i>bclrl</i> to LR	<i>bcctl</i> to CTR
unconditional	b	ba	blr	bctr	bl	bla	blrl	bctl
if condition true	bt	bta	btlr	btctr	btl	btla	btlrl	btctl
if condition false	bf	bfa	bflr	bfctr	bfl	bfla	bflrl	bfctl
decrement CTR, branch if CTR non-zero	bdnz	bdnza	bdnzlr	–	bdnzl	bdnzla	bdnzlrl	–
Decrement CTR, branch if CTR non-zero and condition true	bdnzt	bdnzta	bdnztlr	–	bdnztl	bdnztla	bdnztlrl	–
Decrement CTR, branch if CTR non-zero and condition false	bdnzf	bdnzfa	bdnzflr	–	bdnzfl	bdnzfla	bdnzflrl	–
Decrement CTR, branch if CTR zero	bdz	bdza	bdzlr	–	bdzl	bdzla	bdzlr	–
Decrement CTR, branch if CTR zero and condition true	bdzt	bdzta	bdztlr	–	bdztl	bdzta	bdztlrl	–
Decrement CTR, branch if CTR zero and condition false	bdzf	bdzfa	bdzflr	–	bdzfl	bdzfla	bdzflrl	–

The mnemonics in the table above encode specific values for the BO field of the non-extended operators. The BO field controls the effect on the Count Register and on what type of condition the branch is to be taken. The BI field, which controls the specific condition to consider, must still be given, as the first operand. The value of this operand indicates which field of the Condition Register to use, and which bit within that field to consider.

The Condition Register has 8 fields, numbered 0 to 7, each of which contains a bit for conditions *less than*, *greater than*, *equal*, and *summary overflow or unordered*. The numeric value for field *n* of the Condition Register is  $4 * n$ , and the numeric

values for the conditions are 0, 1, 2, and 3, respectively. The following symbols may be used instead of numbers:

Symbol	Value	Meaning
lt	0	Less than
gt	1	Greater than
eq	2	Equal
so	3	Summary overflow
un	3	Unordered (after floating-point comparison)
cr0	0	Condition Register field 0
cr1	4	Condition Register field 1
cr2	8	Condition Register field 2
cr3	12	Condition Register field 3
cr4	16	Condition Register field 4
cr5	20	Condition Register field 5
cr6	24	Condition Register field 6
cr7	28	Condition Register field 7

For example, a branch *if condition true* for the condition *greater than* in Condition Register field 3 could be written in any of these ways:

```
bt    cr3+gt,target
bt    12+1,target
bt    13,target
```

Omitting the symbol for either the Condition Register field or the condition is permitted, as long as the result of the expression is a number from 0–31:

```
bt    gt,target    ; uses field 0
bt    cr3,target   ; branches on less than in field 3
bt    13,target    ; branches on less than in field 3
```

Another way to specify these conditions is to use the extended mnemonics in the second table, below. These mnemonics encode the actual condition on which to take a branch. The second and third letters of the mnemonic indicate that condition:

Code	Meaning
lt	Less than

Code	Meaning
le	Less than or equal
eq	Equal
ge	Greater than or equal
gt	Greater than
nl	Not less than
ne	Not equal
ng	Not greater than
so	Summary overflow
ns	Not summary overflow
uo	Unordered (after floating-point comparison)
nu	Not unordered (after floating-point comparison)

Some condition codes, such as **le**, are actually more compact codes for a false result on the opposite condition in the set of conditions given previously (for example, **le** is equivalent to *if condition false on condition greater than*).

By default, the extended mnemonics in the table below used Condition Register field 0. An optional first operand can be given to specify another field, in either numeric form or as a symbol of the form **cr#**. For example:

```
bgt target ; branch if cr0 shows "greater than"
bgt cr3,target ; branch if cr3 shows "greater than"
```

Branch Type	LR not set				LR set			
	<i>bc</i>	<i>bca</i>	<i>bclr</i>	<i>bcctr</i>	<i>bcl</i>	<i>bcla</i>	<i>bclrl</i>	<i>bcctrl</i>
	Rel.	Abs.	to LR	to CTR	Rel.	Abs.	to LR	to CTR
less than	blt	blta	bltlr	bltctr	bltl	bltla	bltlrl	bltctrl
less than or equal	ble	blea	blelr	blectr	blel	blela	blelrl	blectrl
equal	beq	beqa	beqlr	beqctr	beql	beqla	beqlrl	beqctrl
greater than or equal	bge	bgea	bgehr	bgectr	bgel	bgeha	bgerl	bgectrl
greater than	bgt	bgta	bgtlr	bgctr	bgtl	bgta	bgtrl	bgctrl
not less than	bnl	bnla	bnllr	bnlctr	bnll	bnlla	bnllrl	bnlctrl
not equal	bne	bnea	bnelr	bnectr	bnel	bnela	bnelrl	bnectrl

Branch Type	LR not set				LR set			
	<i>bc</i>	<i>bca</i>	<i>bclr</i>	<i>bcctr</i>	<i>bcl</i>	<i>bcla</i>	<i>bclrl</i>	<i>bcctrl</i>
	Rel.	Abs.	to LR	to CTR	Rel.	Abs.	to LR	to CTR
not greater than	bng	bnga	bnglr	bngctr	bngl	bngla	bnglrl	bngctrl
summary overflow	bso	bsoa	bsolr	bsoctr	bsol	bsola	bsolrl	bsoctrl
not summary overflow	bns	bnsa	bnslr	bnsctr	bnsl	bnsla	bnslrl	bnsctrl
unordered	bun	buna	bunlr	bunctr	bunl	bunla	bunlrl	bunctrl
not unordered	bnu	bnu	bnulr	bnuctr	bnul	bnula	bnulrl	bnuctrl

## Branch Prediction

PowerPC processors attempt to determine whether a conditional branch is likely to be taken or not. By default, it assumes the following about conditional branches:

- A conditional branch with a negative displacement (that is, a branch to a lower address) is predicted to be taken. This type of branch may, for example, lead to the beginning of a loop that's repeated many times.
- A conditional branch with a non-negative displacement is predicted not to be taken (that is, it falls through).
- A conditional branch to an address in the Link or Count Registers is predicted not to be taken (that is, it falls through).

If the assembly language programmer knows the likely outcome of a conditional branch, a suffix can be added to the mnemonic that indicates which way the branch should be predicted to go: a '+' instructs the processor to predict that the branch will be taken, while a '-' instructs it to predict that the branch will not be taken. Where an operator allows a prediction suffix, a  $\pm$  symbol appears after it in the table in "PowerPC Assembler Instructions."

Use the `jbsr` pseudo instruction when you may not be able to reach the target of a branch and link instruction with a `bl` instruction. The `jbsr` instruction uses a sequence of code called a long branch stub which will always be able to reach the target.

```
jbsr  _foo,L1
...
L1:  lis  r12,hi16(_foo)    ; long branch stub
     ori  r12,r12,lo16(_foo)
```

```

        mtctr r12
        bctr

```

The `jbsr` pseudo instruction assembles to a `bl` instruction targeted at L1. It also generates a `PPC_RELOC_JBSR` relocation entry for the symbol `_foo`. Then when the linker creates a non-relocatable output file it will change the target of the `bl` instruction to `_foo` if the `bl` instruction's displacement will reach. Else it will leave the `bl` instruction targeted at L1.

## Trap Mnemonics

Like the branch-on-condition mnemonics above, the `trap` operator also has extended mnemonics which encode the numeric TO field as follows:

Code	Meaning	TO encoding
<code>lt</code>	Less than	16
<code>le</code>	Less than or equal	20
<code>eq</code>	Equal	4
<code>ge</code>	Greater than or equal	12
<code>gt</code>	Greater than	8
<code>nl</code>	Not less than	12
<code>ne</code>	Not equal	24
<code>ng</code>	Not greater than	20
<code>llt</code>	Logically less than	2
<code>lle</code>	Logically less than or equal	6
<code>lge</code>	Logically greater than or equal	5
<code>lgt</code>	Logically greater than	1
<code>lnl</code>	Logically not less than	5
<code>lng</code>	Logically not greater than	6
<i>(none)</i>	Unconditional	31

The condition is indicated from the third letter of the extended mnemonics in the table below:

Trap Type	64-bit comparison		32-bit-comparison	
	<i>tdi</i>	<i>td</i>	<i>twi</i>	<i>tw</i>
	Immediate	Register	Immediate	Register
unconditional	–	–	–	trap
if less than	tdlti	tdlt	twlti	twlt
if less than or equal	tdlei	tdle	twlei	twle
if equal	tdeqi	tdeq	tweqi	tweq
if greater than or equal	tdgei	tdge	twgei	twge
if greater than	tdgti	tdgt	twgti	twgt
if not less than	tdnli	tdnl	twnli	twnl
if not equal	tdnei	tdne	twnei	twne
if not greater than	tdngi	tdng	twngi	twng
if logically less than	tdllti	tdllt	twllti	twllt
if logically less than or equal	tdlle	tdlle	twlle	twlle
if logically greater than or equal	tdlgei	tdlge	twlgei	twlge
if logically greater than	tdlgti	tdlgt	twlgti	twlgt
if logically not less than	tdlnli	tdlnl	twlnli	twlnl
if logically not greater than	tdlngi	tdlng	twlngi	twlng

## PowerPC Assembler Instructions

Note the following points about the information contained in this section:

- **Operation Name** is the name that appears in the PowerPC manuals, or the effect of the operator for an extended mnemonic.
- The form of operands is that used in *PowerPC Microprocessor Family: The Programming Environments*.
- The order of operands is **destination ← source**.

**A**

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
abs	RT,RA	Absolute (601 specific)
abs.	RT,RA	
abso	RT,RA	
abso.	RT,RA	
add	RT,RA,RB	Add
add.	RT,RA,RB	
addo	RT,RA,RB	
addo.	RT,RA,RB	
addc	RT,RA,RB	Add Carrying
addc.	RT,RA,RB	
addco	RT,RA,RB	
addco.	RT,RA,RB	
adde	RT,RA,RB	Add Extended
adde.	RT,RA,RB	
addeo	RT,RA,RB	
addeo.	RT,RA,RB	
addi	RT,RA,SI	Add Immediate
addic	RT,RA,SI	Add Immediate Carrying
addic.	RT,RA,SI	Add Immediate Carrying and Record
addis	RT,RA,UI	Add Immediate Shifted
addme	RT,RA	Add To Minus One Extended
addme.	RT,RA	

addmeo	RT,RA	
addmeo.	RT,RA	
addze	RT,RA	Add To Zero Extended
addze.	RT,RA	
addzeo	RT,RA	
addzeo.	RT,RA	
and	RA,RT,RB	AND
and.	RA,RT,RB	
andc	RA,RT,RB	AND with Complement
andc.	RA,RT,RB	
andi.	RA,RT,UI	AND Immediate
andis.	RA,RT,UI	AND Immediate Shifted

**B**

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
b	target_addr	Branch
ba	target_addr	
bl	target_addr	
bla	target_addr	
bc±	B0,BD,target_addr	Branch Conditional
bca±	B0,BD,target_addr	
bcl±	B0,BD,target_addr	
bcla±	B0,BD,target_addr	
bclr±	B0,BD	Branch Conditional to Link Register

bclr±	B0,BD	
bcctr±	B0,BD	Branch Conditional to Count Register
bcctrl±	B0,BD	
bctr		Branch unconditionally to CTR
bctrl		
bctr±	B0,BD	Equiv. to <b>bctr± B0,BD</b>
bctrl±	B0,BD	Equiv. to <b>bctrl± B0,BD</b>
bdnz±	target_addr	Decrement CTR, branch if CTR non-zero
bdnza±	target_addr	
bdnzl±	target_addr	
bdnzla±	target_addr	
bdnzlr±		...to LR
bdnzlrl±		
bdnzf±	CRF+COND,target_addr	Decrement CTR, branch if CTR non-zero and condition false
bdnzfa±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdnzfl±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdnzfla±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdnzflr±	CRF+COND	...to LR
bdnzflrl±	CRF+COND	
bdnz±	CRF+COND,target_addr	Decrement CTR, branch if CTR non-zero and condition true
bdnzta±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdnztl±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdnztla±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdnztlr±	CRF+COND	...to LR
bdnztlrl±	CRF+COND	

bdz±	target_addr	Decrement CTR, branch if CTR zero
bdza±	target_addr	
bdzl±	target_addr	
bdzla±	target_addr	
bdzf±	CRF+COND,target_addr	Decrement CTR, branch if CTR zero and condition false
bdzfa±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdzfl±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdzfla±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdzflr±	CRF+COND	...to LR
bdzflrl±	CRF+COND	
bdzlr±		
bdzlr±		
bdzt±	CRF+COND,target_addr	Decrement CTR, branch if CTR zero and condition false
bdzta±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdztl±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdztle±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdztlr±	CRF+COND	...to LR
bdztlrl±	CRF+COND	
beq±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if equal
beq±	target_addr	
beqa±	CRF,target_addr	
beqa±	target_addr	
beql±	CRF,target_addr	
beql±	target_addr	
beqla±	CRF,target_addr	
beqla±	target_addr	
beqctr±	CRF	...to CTR
beqctr±		
beqctrl±	CRF	

beqctr±		
beqlr±	CRF	...to LR
beqlr±		
beqlr±	CRF	
beqlr±		
bf±	CRF+COND,target_addr	Branch if condition false
bfa±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bfl±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bfla±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bfctr±	CRF+COND	...to CTR
bfctr±	CRF+COND	
bflr±	CRF+COND	...to LR
bflr±	CRF+COND	
bge±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if greater than or equal
bge±	target_addr	
bgea±	CRF,target_addr	
bgea±	target_addr	
bge±	CRF,target_addr	
bge±	target_addr	
bge±	CRF,target_addr	
bge±	target_addr	
bge±	CRF,target_addr	
bge±	target_addr	
bge±	CRF	...to CTR
bge±		
bge±	CRF	
bge±		
bge±	CRF	...to LR
bge±		
bge±	CRF	
bge±		

bgt±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if greater than
bgt±	target_addr	
bgt±	CRF,target_addr	
bgt±	target_addr	
bgtl±	CRF,target_addr	
bgtl±	target_addr	
bgtla±	CRF,target_addr	
bgtla±	target_addr	
bgtctr±	CRF	...to CTR
bgtctr±		
bgtctrl±	CRF	
bgtctrl±		
bgtlr±	CRF	...to LR
bgtlr±		
bgtlrl±	CRF	
bgtlrl±		
ble±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if less than or equal
ble±	target_addr	
blea±	CRF,target_addr	
blea±	target_addr	
blel±	CRF,target_addr	
blel±	target_addr	
blela+±	CRF,target_addr	
blela±	target_addr	
blectr±	CRF	...to CTR
blectr±		
blectrl±	CRF	
blectrl±		
blelr±	CRF	...to LR
blelr±		
blelrl±	CRF	

blelr±		
blr		Branch unconditionally to LR
blr		
blt±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if less than
blt±	target_addr	
blta±	CRF,target_addr	
blta±	target_addr	
bltl±	CRF,target_addr	
bltl±	target_addr	
bltla±	CRF,target_addr	
bltla±	target_addr	
bltctr±	CRF	...to CTR
bltctr±		
bltctrl±	CRF	
bltctrl±		
bltlr±	CRF	...to LR
bltlr±		
bltlrl±	CRF	
bltlrl±		
bne±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if not equal
bne±	target_addr	
bnea±	CRF,target_addr	
bnea±	target_addr	
bnel±	CRF,target_addr	
bnel±	target_addr	
bnela±	CRF,target_addr	
bnela±	target_addr	
bnectr±	CRF	...to CTR
bnectr±		

bnectrl±	CRF	
bnectrl±		
bnelr±	CRF	...to LR
bnelr±		
bnelr±	CRF	
bnelr±		
bng±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if not greater than
bng±	target_addr	
bnga±	CRF,target_addr	
bnga±	target_addr	
bngl±	CRF,target_addr	
bngl±	target_addr	
bngla±	CRF,target_addr	
bngla±	target_addr	
bngctr±	CRF	...to CTR
bngctr±		
bngctrl±	CRF	
bngctrl±		
bnglr±	CRF	...to LR
bnglr±		
bnglrl±	CRF	
bnglrl±		
bnl±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if not less than
bnl±	target_addr	
bnla±	CRF,target_addr	
bnla±	target_addr	
bnll±	CRF,target_addr	
bnll±	target_addr	
bnlla±	CRF,target_addr	
bnlla±	target_addr	

bnlctr±	CRF	...to CTR
bnlctr±		
bnlctr±	CRF	
bnlctr±		
bnllr±	CRF	...to LR
bnllr±		
bnllr±	CRF	
bnllr±		
bns±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if not summary overflow
bns±	target_addr	
bnsa±	CRF,target_addr	
bnsa±	target_addr	
bns±	CRF,target_addr	
bns±	target_addr	
bns±	CRF,target_addr	
bns±	target_addr	
bnsctr±	CRF	...to CTR
bnsctr±		
bnsctr±	CRF	
bnsctr±		
bnslr±	CRF	...to LR
bnslr±		
bnslr±	CRF	
bnslr±		
bnu±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if not unordered
bnu±	target_addr	
bnu±	CRF,target_addr	
bnu±	target_addr	
bnu±	CRF,target_addr	
bnu±	target_addr	

bnula±	CRF,target_addr	
bnula±	target_addr	
bnuctr±	CRF	...to CTR
bnuctr±		
bnuctrl±	CRF	
bnuctrl±		
bnulr±	CRF	...to LR
bnulr±		
bnulrl±	CRF	
bnulrl±		
bso±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if summary overflow
bso±	target_addr	
bsoa±	CRF,target_addr	
bsoa±	target_addr	
bsol±	CRF,target_addr	
bsol±	target_addr	
bsola±	CRF,target_addr	
bsola±	target_addr	
bsoctr±	CRF	...to CTR
bsoctr±		
bsoctrl±	CRF	
bsoctrl±		
bsolr±	CRF	...to LR
bsolr±		
bsolrl±	CRF	
bsolrl±		
bt±	CRF+COND,target_addr	Branch if condition true
bta±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
btl±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
btla±	CRF+COND,target_addr	

btctr±	CRF+COND	...to CTR
btctrl±	CRF+COND	
btlr±	CRF+COND	...to LR
btlrl±	CRF+COND	
bun±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if unordered
bun±	target_addr	
buna±	CRF,target_addr	
buna±	target_addr	
bunl±	CRF,target_addr	
bunl±	target_addr	
bunla±	CRF,target_addr	
bunla±	target_addr	
bunctr±	CRF	...to CTR
bunctr±		
bunctrl±	CRF	
bunctrl±		
bunlr±	CRF	...to LR
bunlr±		
bunlrl±	CRF	
bunlrl±		

## C

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
clcs	RD,RA	Cache Line Compute Size (601 specific)
clrldi	ra,rs,n	Macro: <b>rldicl ra,rs,0,n</b>
clrldi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: <b>rldicl. ra,rs,0,n</b>
clrldi	ra,rs,b,n	Macro: <b>rldic ra,rs,n,b-n</b>
clrldi.	ra,rs,b,n	Macro: <b>rldic. ra,rs,n,b-n</b>
clrslwi	ra,rs,b,n	Macro: <b>rlwinm ra,rs,n,b-n,31-n</b>
clrslwi.	ra,rs,b,n	Macro: <b>rlwinm. ra,rs,n,b-n,31-n</b>

<code>clrlwi</code>	<code>ra,rs,n</code>	Macro: <b><code>rlwinm ra,rs,0,n,31</code></b>
<code>clrlwi.</code>	<code>ra,rs,n</code>	Macro: <b><code>rlwinm. ra,rs,0,n,31</code></b>
<code>clrrdi</code>	<code>ra,rs,n</code>	Macro: <b><code>rldicr ra,rs,0,63-n</code></b>
<code>clrrdi.</code>	<code>ra,rs,n</code>	Macro: <b><code>rldicr. ra,rs,0,63-n</code></b>
<code>clrrwi</code>	<code>ra,rs,n</code>	Macro: <b><code>rlwinm ra,rs,0,0,31-n</code></b>
<code>clrrwi.</code>	<code>ra,rs,n</code>	Macro: <b><code>rlwinm. ra,rs,0,0,31-n</code></b>
<code>cmp</code>	<code>BF,L,RA,RB</code>	Compare
<code>cmp</code>	<code>CRF,L,RA,RB</code>	
<code>cmp</code>	<code>BF,RA,RB</code>	Equiv to <b><code>cmp BF,0,RA,RB</code></b>
<code>cmp</code>	<code>CRF,L,RA,RB</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmp RF,0,RA,RB</code></b>
<code>cmpd</code>	<code>RA,RB</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmp 0,1,RA,RB</code></b>
<code>cmpd</code>	<code>BF,RA,RB</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmp BF,1,RA,RB</code></b>
<code>cmpd</code>	<code>CRF,RA,RB</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmp BF,1,RA,RB</code></b>
<code>cmpw</code>	<code>RA,RB</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmp 0,0,RA,RB</code></b>
<code>cmpw</code>	<code>BF,RA,RB</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmp BF,0,RA,RB</code></b>
<code>cmpw</code>	<code>CRF,RA,RB</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmp CRF,0,RA,RB</code></b>
<code>cmpi</code>	<code>BF,L,RA,SI</code>	Compare Immediate
<code>cmpi</code>	<code>CRF,L,RA,SI</code>	
<code>cmpi</code>	<code>BF,RA,SI</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpi BF,0,RA,SI</code></b>
<code>cmpi</code>	<code>CRF,RA,SI</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpi CRF,0,RA,SI</code></b>
<code>cmpdi</code>	<code>RA,SI</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpi 0,1,RA,SI</code></b>
<code>cmpdi</code>	<code>BF,RA,SI</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmp BF,1,RA,SI</code></b>
<code>cmpdi</code>	<code>CRF,RA,SI</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpi CRF,1,RA,SI</code></b>
<code>cmpwi</code>	<code>RA,SI</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpi 0,0,RA,SI</code></b>
<code>cmpwi</code>	<code>BF,RA,SI</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpi BF,0,RA,SI</code></b>
<code>cmpwi</code>	<code>CRF,RA,SI</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpi CRF,0,RA,SI</code></b>
<code>cmpl</code>	<code>BF,L,RA,RB</code>	Compare Logical
<code>cmpl</code>	<code>CRF,L,RA,RB</code>	

<code>cmpl</code>	<code>BF,RA,RB</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpl BF,0,RA,RB</code></b>
<code>cmpl</code>	<code>CRF,RA,RB</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpl CRF,0,RA,RB</code></b>
<code>cmpld</code>	<code>RA,RB</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpl 0,1,RA,RB</code></b>
<code>cmpld</code>	<code>BF,RA,RB</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpl BF,1,RA,RB</code></b>
<code>cmpld</code>	<code>CRF,RA,RB</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpl CRF,1,RA,RB</code></b>
<code>cmplw</code>	<code>RA,RB</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpl 0,0,RA,RB</code></b>
<code>cmplw</code>	<code>BF,RA,RB</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpl BF,0,RA,RB</code></b>
<code>cmplw</code>	<code>CRF,RA,RB</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpl CRF,0,RA,RB</code></b>
<code>cmpli</code>	<code>BF,L,RA,UI</code>	Compare Logical Immediate
<code>cmpli</code>	<code>CRF,L,RA,UI</code>	
<code>cmpli</code>	<code>BF,RA,UI</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpli BF,0,RA,UI</code></b>
<code>cmpli</code>	<code>CRF,RA,UI</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpli CRF,0,RA,UI</code></b>
<code>cmpldi</code>	<code>RA,UI</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpli 0,1,RA,UI</code></b>
<code>cmpldi</code>	<code>BF,RA,UI</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpli BF,1,RA,UI</code></b>
<code>cmpldi</code>	<code>CRF,RA,UI</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpli CRF,1,RA,UI</code></b>
<code>cmplwi</code>	<code>BF,RA,UI</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpli BF,0,RA,UI</code></b>
<code>cmplwi</code>	<code>CRF,RA,UI</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpli CRF,0,RA,UI</code></b>
<code>cmplwi</code>	<code>RA,UI</code>	Equiv. to <b><code>cmpli CRF,0,RA,UI</code></b>
<code>cntlzd</code>	<code>RA,RT</code>	Count Leading Zeros Doubleword
<code>cntlzd.</code>	<code>RA,RT</code>	
<code>cntlzw</code>	<code>RA,RT</code>	Count Leading Zeros Word
<code>cntlzw.</code>	<code>RA,RT</code>	
<code>crand</code>	<code>BT,BA,BB</code>	Condition Register AND
<code>crandc</code>	<code>BT,BA,BB</code>	Condition Register AND with Complement
<code>creqv</code>	<code>BT,BA,BB</code>	Condition Register Equivalent

crmove	BT,BA	Condition Register Move (Equiv. to <b>cror BT,BA,BA</b> )
crnand	BT,BA,BB	Condition Register NAND
crnor	BT,BA,BB	Condition Register NOR
crnot	BT,BA	Condition Register NOT (Equiv. to <b>crnor BT,BA,BA</b> )
cror	BT,BA,BB	Condition Register OR
crorc	BT,BA,BB	Condition Register OR with Complement
crxor	BT,BA,BB	Condition Register XOR

**D**

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
dcbf	RA,RB	Data Cache Block Fluch
dcbi	RA,RB	Data Cache Block Invalidate
dcbst	RA,RB	Data Cache Block Store
dcbt	RA,RB	Data Cache Block Touch
dcbtst	RA,RB	Data Cache Block Touch for Store
dcbz	RA,RB	Data Cache Block Set to Zero
div	RT,RA,RB	Divide (601 specific)
div.	RT,RA,RB	
divo	RT,RA,RB	

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divo.	RT,RA,RB	
divd	RT,RA,RB	Divide Doubleword
divd.	RT,RA,RB	
divdo	RT,RA,RB	
divdo.	RT,RA,RB	
divdu	RT,RA,RB	Divide Doubleword Unsigned
divdu.	RT,RA,RB	
divduo	RT,RA,RB	
divduo.	RT,RA,RB	
divs	RT,RA,RB	Divide Short (601 specific)
divs.	RT,RA,RB	
divso	RT,RA,RB	
divso.	RT,RA,RB	
divw	RT,RA,RB	Divide Word
divw.	RT,RA,RB	
divwo	RT,RA,RB	
divwo.	RT,RA,RB	
divwu	RT,RA,RB	Divide Word Unsigned
divwu.	RT,RA,RB	
divwuo	RT,RA,RB	
divwuo.	RT,RA,RB	
doz	RT,RA,RB	Difference or Zero (601 specific)
doz.	RT,RA,RB	
dozo	RT,RA,RB	
dozo.	RT,RA,RB	

dozi RT,RA,SI Difference or Zero *Immediate* (601 specific)

**E**

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
eciwx	RT,RA,RB	External Control In Word Indexed
ecowx	RT,RA,RB	External Control Out Word Indexed
eieio		Enforce In-order Execution of I/O
eqv	RA,RT,RB	Equivalent
eqv.	RA,RT,RB	
extldi	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: <b>rldicr ra,rs,b,n-1</b>
extldi.	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: <b>rldicr. ra,rs,b,n-1</b>
extlwi	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: <b>rlwinm ra,rs,b,0,n-1</b>
extlwi.	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: <b>rlwinm. ra,rs,b,0,n-1</b>
extrdi	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: <b>rldicl ra,rs,b+n,64-n</b>
extrdi.	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: <b>rldicl. ra,rs,b+n,64-n</b>
extrwi	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: <b>rlwinm ra,rs,b+n,32-n,31</b>
extrwi.	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: <b>rlwinm. ra,rs,b+n,32-n,31</b>
extsb	RA,RT	Extend Sign Byte
extsb.	RA,RT	
extsh	RA,RT	Extend Sign Halfword
extsh.	RA,RT	
extsw	RA,RT	Extend Sign Word
extsw.	RA,RT	

**F**

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
fabs	FRT, FRB	Floating Absolute Value
fabs.	FRT, FRB	
fadd	FRT,FRA,FRB	Floating Add
fadd.	FRT,FRA,FRB	
fadds	FRT,FRA,FRB	
fadds.	FRT,FRA,FRB	
fcfid	FRT,FRB	Floating Convert From Integer Doubleword
fcfid.	FRT,FRB	
fcmpo	BF,FRA,FRB	Floating Compare Ordered
fcmpu	BF,FRA,FRB	Floating Compare Unordered
fctid	FRT,FRB	Floating Convert to Integer Doubleword
fctid.	FRT,FRB	
fctidz	FRT,FRB	Floating Convert to Integer Doubleword with Round toward Zero
fctidz.	FRT,FRB	
fctiw	FRT,FRB	Floating Convert to Integer Word
fctiw.	FRT,FRB	
fctiwz	FRT,FRB	Floating Convert to Integer Word with Round toward Zero
fctiwz.	FRT,FRB	
fdiv	FRT,FRA,FRB	Floating Divide
fdiv.	FRT,FRA,FRB	
fdivs	FRT,FRA,FRB	

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<code>fdivs.</code>	<code>FRT,FRA,FRB</code>	
<code>fmadd</code>	<code>FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB</code>	Floating Multiply-Add [Single]
<code>fmadd.</code>	<code>FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB</code>	
<code>fmadds</code>	<code>FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB</code>	
<code>fmadds.</code>	<code>FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB</code>	
<code>fmr</code>	<code>FRT,FRB</code>	Floating Move Register
<code>fmr.</code>	<code>FRT,FRB</code>	
<code>fmsub</code>	<code>FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB</code>	Floating Multiply-Subtract
<code>fmsub.</code>	<code>FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB</code>	[Single]
<code>fmsubs</code>	<code>FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB</code>	
<code>fmsubs.</code>	<code>FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB</code>	
<code>fmul</code>	<code>FRT,FRA,FRC</code>	Floating Multiply
<code>fmul.</code>	<code>FRT,FRA,FRC</code>	
<code>fmuls</code>	<code>FRT,FRA,FRC</code>	
<code>fmuls.</code>	<code>FRT,FRA,FRC</code>	
<code>fnabs</code>	<code>FRT,FRB</code>	Floating Negative Absolute Value
<code>fnabs.</code>	<code>FRT,FRB</code>	
<code>fneg</code>	<code>FRT,FRB</code>	Floating Negate
<code>fneg.</code>	<code>FRT,FRB</code>	
<code>fnmadd</code>	<code>FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB</code>	Floating Negative Multiply-Add [Single]
<code>fnmadd.</code>	<code>FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB</code>	
<code>fnmadds</code>	<code>FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB</code>	
<code>fnmadds.</code>	<code>FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB</code>	

fnmsub	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	Floating Negative Multiply-Subtract [Single]
fnmsub.	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	
fnmsubs	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	
fnmsubs.	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	
fres	FRT,FRB	Floating Reciprocal Estimate Single
fres.	FRT,FRB	
frsp	FRT,FRB	Floating Round to Single-Precision
frsp.	FRT,FRB	
frsqrte	FRT,FRB	Floating Reciprocal Square Root Estimate
frsqrte.	FRT,FRB	
fsel	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	Floating Select
fsel.	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	
fsqrt	FRT,FRB	Floating Square Root (Double-Precision)
fsqrt.	FRT,FRB	
fsqrts	FRT,FRB	Floating Square Root Single
fsqrts.	FRT,FRB	
fsub	FRT,FRA,FRB	Floating Subtract
fsub.	FRT,FRA,FRB	
fsubs	FRT,FRA,FRB	
fsubs.	FRT,FRA,FRB	

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**I**

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
icbi	RA,RB	Instruction Cache Block Invalidate

inslwi	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: <b>rlwimi ra,rs,32-b,b,(b+n)-1</b>
inslwi.	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: <b>rlwimi. ra,rs,32-b,b,(b+n)-1</b>
insrdi	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: <b>rldimi ra,rs,64-(b+n),b</b>
insrdi.	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: <b>rldimi. ra,rs,64-(b+n),b</b>
insrwi	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: <b>rlwimi ra,rs,32-(b+n),b,(b+n)-1</b>
insrwi.	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: <b>rlwimi. ra,rs,32-(b+n),b,(b+n)-1</b>
isync		Instruction Synchronize

**L**

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
la	RT,D(RA)	Load Address (Equiv to <b>addi RT,RA,D</b> )
lbz	RT,D(RA)	Load Byte and Zero
lbzu	RT,D(RA)	Load Byte and Zero with Update
lbzux	RT,RA,RB	Load Byte and Zero with Update Indexed
lbzx	RT,RA,RB	Load Byte and Zero Indexed
ld	RT,DS(RA)	Load Doubleword
ldarx	RT,RA,RB	Load Doubleword and Reserve Indexed
ldu	RT,DS(RA)	Load Doubleword with Update
ldux	RT,RA,RB	Load Doubleword with Update Indexed
ldx	RT,RA,RB	Load Doubleword Indexed

lfd	FRT,D(RA)	Load Floating-Point Double
lfdw	FRT,D(RA)	Load Floating-Point Double with Update
lfdwx	FRT,RA,RB	Load Floating-Point Double with Update Indexed
lfdx	FRT,RA,RB	Load Floating-Point Double Indexed
lfs	FRT,D(RA)	Load Floating-Point Single
lfsu	FRT,D(RA)	Load Floating-Point Single with Update
lfsux	FRT,RA,RB	Load Floating-Point Single with Update Indexed
lfsx	FRT,RA,RB	Load Floating-Point Single Indexed
lha	RT,D(RA)	Load Halfword Algebraic
lhaw	RT,D(RA)	Load Halfword Algebraic with Update
lhawx	RT,RA,RB	Load Halfword Algebraic with Update Indexed
lhax	RT,RA,RB	Load Halfword Algebraic Indexed
lhbrx	RT,RA,RB	Load Halfword Byte-Reverse Indexed
lhz	RT,D(RA)	Load Halfword and Zero
lhzu	RT,D(RA)	Load Halfword and Zero with Update
lhzux	RT,RA,RB	Load Halfword and Zero with Update Indexed

lhzx	RT,RA,RB	Load Halfword and Zero Indexed
li	Rx,value	Load Immediate
li	Rx,value	
lis	Rx,value	
lis	Rx,value	
lmw	RT,D(RA)	Load Multiple Word
lscbx	RT,RA,RB	Load String and Compare Byte Indexed (601 specific)
lscbx.	RT,RA,RB	
lswi	RT,RA,NB	Load String Word Immediate
lswx	RT,RA,RB	Load String Word Indexed
lwa	RT,DS(RA)	Load Word Algebraic
lwarx	RT,RA,RB	Load Word and Reserve Indexed
lwaux	RT,RA,RB	Load Word Algebraic with Update Indexed
lwax	RT,RA,RB	Load Word Algebraic Indexed
lwbrx	RT,RA,RB	Load Word Byte-Reverse Indexed
lwz	RT,D(RA)	Load Word and Zero
lwzu	RT,D(RA)	Load Word and Zero with Update
lwzux	RT,RA,RB	Load Word and Zero with Update Indexed

lwz RT,RA,RB Load Word and Zero Indexed

## M

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
maskg	RA,RS,RB	Mask Generate (601 specific)
maskg.	RA,RS,RB	
maskir	RA,RS,RB	Mask Insert From Register (601 specific)
maskir.	RA,RS,RB	
mcrf	CRF,CRF	Move Condition Register Field
mcrfs	BF,BFA	Move to Condition Register from FPSCR
mcrfs	CRF,BFA	
mcrxr	BF	Move to Condition Register from XER
mcrxr	CRF	
mfcr	RT	Move From Condition Register
mfctr	RT	Move From Count Register
mffs	FRT	Move From FPSCR
mffs.	FRT	
mfmsr	RT	Move From Machine State Register
mfpmr	RT	Move From Program Mode Register
mfspr	RT,SPR	Move From Special Purpose Register
mfxr	Rx	Fixed-Point Exception Register (equiv. to <b>mfspir 1,Rx</b> )
mflr	Rx	Link Register (equiv. to <b>mfspir 8,Rx</b> )

mfctr	Rx	Count Register (equiv. to <b>mfspr 8,Rx</b> )
mfdsisr	Rx	Data Storage Interrupt Status Register (macro)
mfdar	Rx	Data Address Register (macro)
mfdec	Rx	Decrementer (macro)
mfear	Rx	Move from External Address (Equiv. to <b>mfspr 282, Rx</b> )
mfsdr1	Rx	Storage Description Register 1 (macro)
mfsrr0	Rx	Save/Restore Register 0 (macro)
mfsrr1	Rx	Save/Restore Register 1 (macro)
mfsprg	<i>n</i> ,Rx	Special Purpose Register <i>n</i> (macro)
mfasr	Rx	Address Space Register (macro)
mfmq	Rx	Move from MQ Register (601 Only) (Equiv. to <b>mfspr 0,Rx</b> )
mfrtcd	Rx	Real Time Clock Divisor (macro)
mfrtcl	Rx	Move from Real Time Clock Lower (601 Only) (Equiv. to <b>mfspr 5, Rx</b> )
mfrtcu	Rx	Move from Real Time Clock Upper (601 Only) (Equiv. to <b>mfspr 4, Rx</b> )
mfrtci	Rx	Real Time Clock Increment (macro)
mfprv	Rx	Processor Version Register (macro)
mfiatu	<i>n</i> ,Rx	IBAT Register <i>n</i> , Upper (macro)
mfiatl	<i>n</i> ,Rx	IBAT Register <i>n</i> , Lower (macro)
mfdbatu	<i>n</i> ,Rx	DBAT Register <i>n</i> , Upper (macro)
mfdbatl	<i>n</i> ,Rx	DBAT Register <i>n</i> , Lower (macro)
mfsrc	RT,SR	Move From Segment Register
mfsrcin	RT,RB	Move From Segment Register Indirect
mftb	RT	Move from Time Base
mftb	RT,TBR	
mftbu	RT	Move from Time Base Upper
mr	Rx,Ry	Move Register

mr.	Rx,Ry	
mtcrf	FXM,RT	Move to Condition Register Fields
mtfsb0	BT	Move to FPSCR Bit 0
mtfsb0.	BT	
mtfsb1	BT	Move to FPSCR Bit 1
mtfsb1.	BT	
mtfsf	FLM,FRB	Move to FPSCR Fields
mtfsf.	FLM,FRB	
mtfsfi	BF,U	Move to FPSCR Field Immediate
mtfsfi.	BF,U	
mtfs	Rx	Equiv. to <b>mtfsf 0xFF,Rx</b>
mtfs.	Rx	Equiv. to <b>mtfsf. 0xFF, Rx</b>
mtmsr	RT	Move to Machine State Register
mtpmr	RT	Move to Program Mode Register
mtspr	SPR,RT	Move To Special Purpose Register
mtxer	Rx	Fixed-Point Exception Register (equiv. to <b>mtspr 1,Rx</b> )
mtlr	Rx	Link Register (equiv. to <b>mtspr 8,Rx</b> )
mtctr	Rx	Count Register (equiv. to <b>mtspr 8,Rx</b> )
mtdsisr	Rx	Data Storage Interrupt Status Register (macro)
mtdar	Rx	Data Address Register (macro)
mtdec	Rx	Decrementer (macro)
mtear	Rx	Move to External Address Register (Equiv. to <b>mtspr 282,Rx</b> )
mtsdr1	Rx	Storage Description Register 1 (macro)
mtsrr0	Rx	Save/Restore Register 0 (macro)

mtsrr1	Rx	Save/Restore Register 1 (macro)
mtsprg	n,Rx	Special Purpose Register <i>n</i> (macro)
mtasr	Rx	Address Space Register (macro)
mtmq	Rx	Move to MQ Register (601 Only) (Equiv. to <b>mtspr 0,Rx</b> )
mtrtcd	Rx	Real Time Clock Divisor (macro)
mtrtcl	Rx	Move to Real TimeClock Lower (601 Only) (Equiv. to <b>mtspr 21,Rx</b> )
mtrtcu	Rx	Move to Real TimeClock Upper (601 Only) (Equiv. to <b>mtspr 20,Rx</b> )
mtrtci	Rx	Real Time Clock Increment (macro)
mtibatu	n,Rx	IBAT Register <i>n</i> , Upper (macro)
mtibatl	n,Rx	IBAT Register <i>n</i> , Lower (macro)
mtdbatu	n,Rx	DBAT Register <i>n</i> , Upper (macro)
mtdbatl	n,Rx	DBAT Register <i>n</i> , Lower (macro)
mtsr	SR,RT	Move to Segment Register
mtsrin	RT,RB	Move to Segment Register Indirect
mttbu	RB	Move to Time Base Upper (Equiv. to <b>mtspr 285,RB</b> )
mttrbl	RB	Move to Time Base Lower (Equiv. to <b>mtspr 284,RB</b> )
mul	RT,RA,RB	Multiply (601 specific)
mul.	RT,RA,RB	
mulo	RT,RA,RB	
mulo.	RT,RA,RB	
mulhd	RT,RA,RB	Multiply High Doubleword
mulhd.	RT,RA,RB	
mulhdu	RT,RA,RB	Multiply High Doubleword Unsigned
mulhdu.	RT,RA,RB	
mulhw	RT,RA,RB	Multiply High Word

mulhw.	RT,RA,RB	
mulhwu	RT,RA,RB	Multiply High Word Unsigned
mulhwu.	RT,RA,RB	
mulld	RT,RA,RB	Multiply Low Doubleword
mulld.	RT,RA,RB	
mulldo	RT,RA,RB	
mulldo.	RT,RA,RB	
mullw	RT,RA,RB	Multiply Low
mullw.	RT,RA,RB	
mullwo	RT,RA,RB	
mullwo.	RT,RA,RB	
mulli	RT,RA,SI	Multiply Low Immediate

## N

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
nabs	RT,RA	Negative Absolute (601 specific)
nabs.	RT,RA	
nabso	RT,RA	
nabso.	RT,RA	
nand	RA,RT,RB	NAND
nand.	RA,RT,RB	
neg	RT,RA	Negate
neg.	RT,RA	
nego	RT,RA	
nego.	RT,RA	

nop		No-op
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nor	RA,RT,RB	Nor
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nor.	RA,RT,RB	
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not	RA,RT	Not
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not.	RA,RT	
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**O**

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
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or	RA,RT,RB	OR
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or.	RA,RT,RB	
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orc	RA,RT,RB	OR with Complement
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orc.	RA,RT,RB	
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ori	RA,RT,UI	OR Immediate
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oris	RA,RT,UI	OR Immediate Shifted
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**R**

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
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rfi		Return From Interrupt
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rdcl	RA,RS,RB,mb	Rotate Left Doubleword then Clear Left
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rdcl.	RA,RS,RB,mb	
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rdcr	RA,RS,RB,mb	Rotate Left Doubleword then Clear Right
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rdcr.	RA,RS,RB,mb	
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rldic	RA,RS,sh,mb	Rotate Left Doubleword Immediate then Clear
rldic.	RA,RS,sh,mb	
rldicl	RA,RS,sh,mb	Rotate Left Doubleword Immediate then Clear Left
rldicl.	RA,RS,sh,mb	
rldicr	RA,RS,sh,mb	Rotate Left Doubleword Immediate then Clear
rldicr.	RA,RS,sh,mb	Right
rldimi	RA,RS,sh,mb	Rotate Left Doubleword then Mask Insert
rldimi.	RA,RS,sh,mb	
rlmi	RA,RS,RB,MB,ME	Rotate Left then Mask Insert (601 specific)
rlmi.	RA,RS,RB,MB,ME	
rlwimi	RA,RS,SH,MB,ME	Rotate Left Word Immediate then Mask Insert
rlwimi.	RA,RS,SH,MB,ME	
rlwinm	RA,RS,SH,MB,ME	Rotate Left Word Immediate then AND with Mask
rlwinm.	RA,RS,SH,MB,ME	
rlwnm	RA,RS,RB,MB,ME	Rotate Left Word then AND with Mask
rlwnm.	RA,RS,RB,MB,ME	
rotld	ra,rs,rb	Macro: <b>rldicl ra,rs,rb,0</b>
rotld.	ra,rs,rb	Macro: <b>rldicl. ra,rs,rb,0</b>
rotldi	ra,rs,n	Macro: <b>rldicl ra,rs,n,0</b>
rotldi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: <b>rldicl. ra,rs,n,0</b>
rotlw	ra,rs,rb	Macro: <b>rlwnm ra,rs,rb,0,31</b>
rotlw.	ra,rs,rb	Macro: <b>rlwnm. ra,rs,rb,0,31</b>
rotlwi	ra,rs,n	Macro: <b>rlwinm ra,rs,n,0,31</b>

rotlwi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: <b>rlwinm. ra,rs,n,0,31</b>
rotrdi	ra,rs,n	Macro: <b>rldicl ra,rs,64-n,0</b>
rotrdi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: <b>rldicl. ra,rs,64-n,0</b>
rotlwi	ra,rs,n	Macro: <b>rlwinm ra,rs,32-n,0,31</b>
rotlwi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: <b>rlwinm. ra,rs,32-n,0,31</b>

rrib	RA,RS,RB	Rotate Right and Insert Bit (601 specific)
rrib.	RA,RS,RB	

## S

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
sc		System Call
slbia		Segment Lookaside Buffer Invalidate All
slbie	RB	Segment Lookaside Buffer Invalidate Entry
sld	RA,RS,RB	Shift Left Doubleword
sld.	RA,RS,RB	
sldi	ra,rs,n	Macro: <b>rldicr ra,rs,n,63-n</b>
sldi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: <b>rldicr. ra,rs,n,63-n</b>
slwi	ra,rs,n	Macro: <b>rlwinm ra,rs,n,0,31-n</b>
slwi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: <b>rlwinm. ra,rs,n,0,31-n</b>
sle	RA,RS,RB	Shift Left Extended (601 specific)
sle.	RA,RS,RB	
sleq	RA,RS,RB	Shift Left Extended with MQ (601 specific)
sleq.	RA,RS,RB	

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sliq	RA,RS,SH	Shift Left Immediate with MQ (601 specific)
sliq.	RA,RS,SH	
slliq	RA,RS,SH	Shift Left Long Immediate with MQ (601 specific)
slliq.	RA,RS,SH	
sllq	RA,RS,RB	Shift Left Long with MQ (601 specific)
sllq.	RA,RS,RB	
slq	RA,RS,RB	Shift Left with MQ (601 specific)
slq.	RA,RS,RB	
slw	RA,RS,RB	Shift Left Word
slw.	RA,RS,RB	
srad	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right Algebraic Doubleword
srad.	RA,RS,RB	
sradi	RA,RS,sh	Shift Right Algebraic Doubleword Immediate
sradi.	RA,RS,sh	
sraiq	RA,RS,SH	Shift Right Algebraic Immediate with MQ (601 specific)
sraiq.	RA,RS,SH	
sraq	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right Algebraic with MQ (601 specific)
sraq.	RA,RS,RB	
sraw	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right Algebraic Word
sraw.	RA,RS,RB	
srawi	RA,RS,SH	Shift Right Algebraic Word Immediate

srawi.	RA,RS,SH	
srd	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right Doubleword
srd.	RA,RS,RB	
srdi	ra,rs,n	Macro: <b>rldicl ra,rs,64-n,n</b>
srdi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: <b>rldicl. ra,rs,64-n,n</b>
srwi	ra,rs,n	Macro: <b>rlwinm ra,rs,32-n,n,31</b>
srwi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: <b>rlwinm. ra,rs,32-n,n,31</b>
sre	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right Extended (601 specific)
sre.	RA,RS,RB	
srea	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right Extended Algebraic (601 specific)
srea.	RA,RS,RB	
sreq	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right Extended with MQ (601 specific)
sreq.	RA,RS,RB	
sriq	RA,RS,SH	Shift Right Immediate with MQ (601 specific)
sriq.	RA,RS,SH	
srlq	RA,RS,SH	Shift Right Long Immediate with MQ (601 specific)
srlq.	RA,RS,SH	
srlq	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right Long with MQ (601 specific)
srlq.	RA,RS,RB	
srq	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right with MQ (601 specific)
srq.	RA,RS,RB	
srw	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right Word

srw.	RA,RS,RB	
stb	RT,D(RA)	Store Byte
stbu	RT,D(RA)	Store Byte with Update
stbux	RT,RA,RB	Store Byte with Update Indexed
stbx	RT,RA,RB	Store Byte Indexed
std	RT,DS(RA)	Store Doubleword
stdcx.	RT,RA,RB	Store Doubleword Conditional Indexed
stdu	RT,DS(RA)	Store Doubleword with Update
stdux	RT,RA,RB	Store Doubleword with Update Indexed
stdx	RT,RA,RB	Store Doubleword Indexed
stfd	FRT,D(RA)	Store Floating-Point Double
stfdu	FRT,D(RA)	Store Floating-Point Double with Update
stfdx	FRT,RA,RB	Store Floating-Point Double with Update Indexed
stfdx	FRT,RA,RB	Store Floating-Point Double Indexed
stfiwx	FRT,RA,RB	Store Floating-Point as Integer Word Indexed
stfs	FRT,D(RA)	Store Floating-Point Single

stfsu	FRT,D(RA)	Store Floating-Point Single with Update
stfsux	FRT,RA,RB	Store Floating-Point Single with Update Indexed
stfsx	FRT,RA,RB	Store Floating-Point Single Indexed
sth	RT,D(RA)	Store Halfword
sthbrx	RT,RA,RB	Store Halfword Byte-Reverse Indexed
sthu	RT,D(RA)	Store Halfword with Update
sthux	RT,RA,RB	Store Halfword with Update Indexed
sthx	RT,RA,RB	Store Halfword Indexed
stmd	RT,DS(RA)	Store Multiple Doubleword
stmw	RT,D(RA)	Store Multiple Word
stswi	RT,RA,NB	Store String Word Immediate
stswx	RT,RA,RB	Store String Word Indexed
stw	RT,D(RA)	Store Word
stwbrx	RT,RA,RB	Store Word Byte-Reverse Indexed
stwcx.	RT,RA,RB	Store Word Conditional Indexed
stwu	RT,D(RA)	Store Word with Update

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stwx	RT,RA,RB	Store Word with Update Indexed
stwx	RT,RA,RB	Store Word Indexed
sub	RT,RB,RA	Equiv. to <b>subf RT,RA,RB</b>
sub.	RT,RB,RA	Equiv. to <b>subf. RT,RA,RB</b>
subo	RT,RB,RA	Equiv. to <b>subfo RT,RA,RB</b>
subo.	RT,RB,RA	Equiv. to <b>subfo. RT,RA,RB</b>
subc	RT,RB,RA	Equiv. to <b>subfc RT,RA,RB</b>
subc.	RT,RB,RA	Equiv. to <b>subfc. RT,RA,RB</b>
subco	RT,RB,RA	Equiv. to <b>subfco RT,RA,RB</b>
subco.	RT,RB,RA	Equiv. to <b>subfco. RT,RA,RB</b>
subf	RT,RA,RB	Subtract From
subf.	RT,RA,RB	
subfo	RT,RA,RB	
subfo.	RT,RA,RB	
subfc	RT,RA,RB	Subtract From Carrying
subfc.	RT,RA,RB	
subfco	RT,RA,RB	
subfco.	RT,RA,RB	
subfe	RT,RA,RB	Subtract From Extended
subfe.	RT,RA,RB	
subfeo	RT,RA,RB	
subfeo.	RT,RA,RB	
subfic	RT,RA,SI	Subtract From Immediate Carrying

subfme	RT,RA	Subtract From Minus One Extended
subfme.	RT,RA	
subfmeo	RT,RA	
subfmeo.	RT,RA	
subfze	RT,RA	Subtract From Zero Extended
subfze.	RT,RA	
subfzeo	RT,RA	
subfzeo.	RT,RA	
subi	Rx,Ry,value	Equiv. to <b>addi Rx,Ry,-value</b>
subic	Rx,Ry,value	Equiv. to <b>addic Rx,Ry,-value</b>
subic.	Rx,Ry,value	Equiv. to <b>addic. Rx,Ry,-value</b>
subis	Rx,Ry,value	Equiv. to <b>addis Rx,Ry,-value</b>
sync		Synchronize

## T

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
td	TO,RA,RB	Trap Doubleword
tdeq	RA,RB	if equal
tdne	RA,RB	if not equal
tdgt	RA,RB	if greater than
tdge	RA,RB	if greater than or equal
tdng	RA,RB	if not greater than
tdlt	RA,RB	if less than
tdle	RA,RB	if less than or equal
tdnl	RA,RB	if not less than
tdlgt	RA,RB	if logically greater than
tdlge	RA,RB	if logically greater than or equal
tdlng	RA,RB	if logically not greater than
tdllt	RA,RB	if logically less than

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
tdlle	RA,RB	if logically less than or equal
tdlnl	RA,RB	if logically not less than
tdi	TO,RA,SI	Trap Doubleword Immediate
tdeqi	RA,SI	if equal
tdnei	RA,SI	if not equal
tdgti	RA,SI	if greater than
tdgei	RA,SI	if greater than or equal
tdngi	RA,SI	if not greater than
tdlti	RA,SI	if less than
tdlei	RA,SI	if less than or equal
tdnli	RA,SI	if not less than
tdlgti	RA,SI	if logically greater than
tdlgei	RA,SI	if logically greater than or equal
tdlngi	RA,SI	if logically not greater than
tdllti	RA,SI	if logically less than
tdllei	RA,SI	if logically less than or equal
tdlnli	RA,SI	if logically not less than
tlbia		Translation Lookaside Buffer Invalidate All
tlbie	RB	Translation Lookaside Buffer Invalidate Entry
tlbld	RB	Load Data TLB Entry (603 specific)
tlbli	RB	Load Instruction TLB Entry (603 specific)
tlbsync		TLB Synchronize
trap		Trap Unconditionally

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tw	TO,RA,RB	Trap Word
tweq	RA,RB	if equal
twne	RA,RB	if not equal
twgt	RA,RB	if greater than
twge	RA,RB	if greater than or equal
twng	RA,RB	if not greater than
twlt	RA,RB	if less than
twle	RA,RB	if less than or equal
twnl	RA,RB	if not less than
twlgt	RA,RB	if logically greater than
twlge	RA,RB	if logically greater than or equal
twlng	RA,RB	if logically not greater than
twllt	RA,RB	if logically less than
twlle	RA,RB	if logically less than or equal
twlnl	RA,RB	if logically not less than
twi	TO,RA,SI	Trap Word Immediate
tweqi	RA,RB	if equal
twnei	RA,RB	if not equal
twgti	RA,RB	if greater than
twgei	RA,RB	if greater than or equal
twngi	RA,RB	if not greater than
twlti	RA,RB	if less than
twlei	RA,RB	if less than or equal
twnli	RA,RB	if not less than
twlgti	RA,RB	if logically greater than
twlgei	RA,RB	if logically greater than or equal
twlngi	RA,RB	if logically not greater than
twllti	RA,RB	if logically less than
twllei	RA,RB	if logically less than or equal
twlnli	RA,RB	if logically not less than

**X**

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
xor	RA,RT,RB	XOR
xor.	RA,RT,RB	
xori	RA,RT,UI	XOR Immediate
xoris	RA,RT,UI	XOR Immediate Shifted

# **i386 Addressing Modes and Assembler Instructions**



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This chapter contains information specific to the Intel i386 processor architecture, which includes the i386, i486, and Pentium processors. The first section, “i386 Registers and Addressing Modes,” lists the registers available and describes the addressing modes used by assembler instructions. The second section, “i386 Assembler Instructions,” lists each assembler instruction with NeXT assembler syntax.

**Note:** Don’t confuse the i386 *architecture* with the i386 *processor*. NEXTSTEP makes use of instructions specific to the i486 processor, and will not run on an i386 processor.

## i386 Registers and Addressing Modes

This section describes the conventions used to specify addressing modes and instruction mnemonics for the Intel i386 processor architecture. The instructions themselves are detailed in the next section, “i386 Assembler Instructions.”

### Instruction Mnemonics

The instruction mnemonics that the assembler uses are based on the mnemonics described in the relevant Intel processor manuals.

**Note:** Branch instructions are always long (32 bits) for non-local labels on the NeXT i386 architecture machines. This allows the link editor to do procedure ordering (see the description of the `-sectororder` option in the `ld(1)` man page, and the “Link Optimization” paper in the directory `/NextLibrary/Documentation/NextDev/Concepts/Performance`).

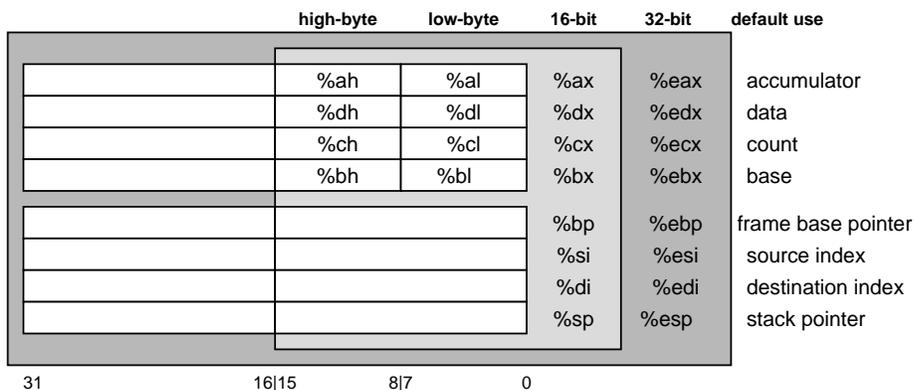
### Registers

Many instructions accept registers as operands. The available registers are listed in this section. The NeXT assembler for Intel i386 processors always uses names beginning with a percent sign (%) for registers, so naming conflicts with identifiers aren’t possible; further, all register names are in lowercase letters.

#### General Registers

Each of the 32-bit general registers of the i386 architecture are accessible by different names, which specify parts of that register to be used. For example, the AX register can be accessed as a single byte (`%ah` or `%al`), a 16-

bit value (`%ax`), or a 32-bit value (`%eax`). The figure below shows the names of these registers and their relation to the full 32-bit storage for each register:



## Floating-Point Registers

### Register

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`%st`

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`%st(0)–%st(7)`

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## Segment Registers

### Register

### Description

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`%cs` code segment register

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`%ss` stack segment register

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`%ds` data segment register

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`%es` data segment register (string operation destination segment)

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`%fs` data segment register

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`%gs` data segment register

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## Other Registers

Register	Description
%cr0–%cr3	control registers
%db0–%db7	debug registers
%tr3–%tr7	test registers

## Operands and Addressing Modes

The i386 architecture uses four kinds of instruction operands:

- Register
- Immediate
- Direct Memory
- Indirect Memory

Each type of operand corresponds to an addressing mode. Register operands specify that the value stored in the named register is to be used by the operator. Immediate operands are constant values specified in assembler code. Direct memory operands are the memory location of labels, or the value of a named register treated as an address. Indirect memory operands are calculated at run time from the contents of registers and optional constant values.

### Register Operands

A register operand is given simply as the name of a register. It can be any of the identifiers beginning with ‘%’ listed above; for example, `%eax`. When an operator calls for a register operand of a particular size, the operand is listed as `r8`, `r16`, or `r32`.

### Immediate Operands

Immediate operands are specified as numeric values preceded by a dollar sign ('\$'). They are decimal by default, but can be marked as hexadecimal by beginning the number itself with '0x'. Simple calculations are allowed if grouped in parentheses. Finally, an immediate operand can be given as a label, in which case its value is the address of that label. Here are some examples:

```
$100
$0x5fec4
$(10*6)    # calculated by the assembler
$begloop
```

A reference to an undefined label is allowed, but that reference must be resolved at link time.

### Direct Memory Operands

Direct memory operands are references to labels in assembler source. They act as static references to a single location in memory relative to a specific segment, and are resolved at link time. Here's an example:

```
.data
var: .byte 0      # declare a byte-size variable labelled "var"
.text
.
.
.
movb %al,var     # move the low byte of the AX register into the
                 # memory location specified by "var"
```

By default, direct memory operands use the `%ds` segment register. This can be overridden by prefixing the operands with the segment register desired and a colon:

```
movb %es:%al,var # move the low byte of the AX register into the
                 # memory location in the segment given by %es
                 # and "var"
```

Note that the segment override applies only to the memory operands in an instruction; “var” is affected, but not `%al`. The string instructions, which take two memory operands, use the segment override for both. A less common way of indicating a segment is to prefix the operator itself:

```
es/movb %al,%var # same as above
```

### Indirect Memory Operands

Indirect memory operands are calculated from the contents of registers at run time. An indirect memory operand can contain a base register, and index register, a scale, and a displacement. The most general form is:

*displacement(base\_register,index\_register,scale)*

*displacement* is an immediate value. The base and index registers may be any 32-bit general register names, except that `%esp` can't be used as an index register. *scale* must be 1, 2, 4, or 8; no other values are allowed. The displacement and scale can be omitted, but at least one register must be specified. Also, if items

from the end are omitted, the preceding commas can also be omitted, but the comma following an omitted item must remain:

```
10(%eax,%edx)
(%eax)
12(,%ecx,2)
12(,%ecx)
```

The value of an indirect memory operand is the memory location given by the contents of the register, relative to a segment's base address. The segment register used is `%ss` when the base register is `%ebp` or `%esp`, and `%ds` for all other base registers. For example:

```
movl (%eax),%edx    # default segment register here is %ds
```

The above assembler instruction moves 32 bits from the address given by `%eax` into the `%edx` register. The address `%eax` is relative to the `%ds` segment register. A different segment register from the default can be specified by prefixing the operand with the segment register name and a colon (':'):

```
movl %es:(%eax),%edx
```

A segment override can also be specified as an operator prefix:

```
es/movl (%eax),%edx
```

## i386 Assembler Instructions

Note the following points about the information contained in this section:

- **Name** is the name that appears in the upper left corner of a page in the Intel manuals.
- **Operation Name** is the name that appears after the operator name in the Intel manuals. Processor-specific instructions are marked as they occur.
- The form of operands is that used in Intel's *i486 Microprocessor Programmer's Reference Manual*.
- The order of operands is **source** → **destination**, the opposite of the order in Intel's manuals.

**A**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Operand</b>	<b>Operation Name</b>
aaa	aaa		ASCII Adjust after Addition
aad	aad		ASCII Adjust AX before Division
aam	aam		ASCII Adjust AX after Division
aas	aas		ASCII Adjust AL after Subtraction
adc	adc	<i>\$imm8,r/m8</i>	Add with Carry
	adc	<i>\$imm16,r/m16</i>	
	adc	<i>\$imm32,r/m32</i>	
	adc	<i>\$imm8,r/m16</i>	
	adc	<i>\$imm8,r/m32</i>	
	adc	<i>r8,r/m8</i>	
	adc	<i>r16,r/m16</i>	
	adc	<i>r32,r/m32</i>	
	adc	<i>r/m8,r8</i>	
	adc	<i>r/m16,r16</i>	
	adc	<i>r/m32,r32</i>	
	add	add	
add		<i>\$imm16,r/m16</i>	
add		<i>\$imm32,r/m32</i>	
add		<i>\$imm8,r/m16</i>	
add		<i>\$imm8,r/m32</i>	
add		<i>r8,r/m8</i>	
add		<i>r16,r/m16</i>	
add		<i>r32,r/m32</i>	
add		<i>r/m8,r8</i>	
add		<i>r/m16,r16</i>	
add		<i>r/m32,r32</i>	

	add	<i>r/m32,r32</i>	
and	and	<i>\$imm8,r/m8</i>	Logical AND
	and	<i>\$imm16,r/m16</i>	
	and	<i>\$imm32,r/m32</i>	
	and	<i>\$imm8,r/m16</i>	
	and	<i>\$imm8,r/m32</i>	
	and	<i>r8,r/m8</i>	
	and	<i>r16,r/m16</i>	
	and	<i>r32,r/m32</i>	
	and	<i>r/m8,r8</i>	
	and	<i>r/m16,r16</i>	
	and	<i>r/m32,r32</i>	
arpl	arpl	<i>r16,r/m16</i>	Adjust RPL Field of Selector

**B**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Operand</b>	<b>Operation Name</b>
bound	bound	<i>m16&amp;16,r16</i>	Check Array Index Against Bounds
	bound	<i>m32&amp;32,r32</i>	
bsf	bsf	<i>r/m16,r16</i>	Bit Scan Forward
	bsf	<i>r/m32,r16</i>	
bsr	bsr	<i>r/m16,r16</i>	Bit Scan Reverse
	bsr	<i>r/m32,r16</i>	
bswap	bswap	<i>r32</i>	Byte Swap (i486-specific)
bt	bt	<i>r16,r/m16</i>	Bit Test
	bt	<i>r32,r/m32</i>	
	bt	<i>\$imm8,r/m16</i>	

	bt	$\$imm8,r/m32$	
bt	btc	$r16,r/m16$	Bit Test and Complement
	btc	$r32,r/m32$	
	btc	$\$imm8,r/m16$	
	btc	$\$imm8,r/m32$	
btr	btr	$r16,r/m16$	Bit Test and Reset
	btr	$r32,r/m32$	
	btr	$\$imm8,r/m16$	
	btr	$\$imm8,r/m32$	
bts	bts	$r16,r/m16$	Bit Test and Set
	bts	$r32,r/m32$	
	bts	$\$imm8,r/m16$	
	bts	$\$imm8,r/m32$	

## C

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
call	call	$rel16$	Call Procedure
	call	$r/m16$	
	call	$ptr16:16$	
	call	$m16:16$	
	call	$rel32$	
	call	$r/m32$	
	lcall	$\$imm16,\$imm32$	
	lcall	$m16$	
	lcall	$m32$	
cbw/cwde	cbw		Convert Byte to Word/
	cwde		Convert Word to Doubleword

clc	clc		Clear Carry Flag
cld	cld		Clear Direction Flag
cli	cli		Clear Interrupt Flag
clts	clts		Clear Task-Switched Flag inCRO
cmc	cmc		Complement Carry Flag
cmp	cmp	<i>\$imm8,r/m8</i>	Compare Two Operands
	cmp	<i>\$imm16,r/m16</i>	
	cmp	<i>\$imm32,r/m32</i>	
	cmp	<i>\$imm8,r/m16</i>	
	cmp	<i>\$imm8,r/m32</i>	
	cmp	<i>r8,r/m8</i>	
	cmp	<i>r16,r/m16</i>	
	cmp	<i>r32,r/m32</i>	
	cmp	<i>r/m8,r8</i>	
	cmp	<i>r/m16,r16</i>	
	cmp	<i>r/m32,r32</i>	
cmps/cmps/cmpsw/cmprsd			Compare String Operands
cmps	<i>m8,m8</i>		
cmps	<i>m16,m16</i>		
cmps	<i>m32,m32</i>		
cmprsb			
cmprsw			
cmprsd			
	<i>(optional forms with segment override)</i>		
cmprsb	<i>%seg:0(%esi),%es:0(%edi)</i>		
cmprsw	<i>%seg:0(%esi),%es:0(%edi)</i>		

	<code>cmpsd</code>	<code>%seg:0(%esi),%es:0(%edi)</code>	
<code>cmpxchg</code>	<code>cmpxchg</code>	<code>r8,r/m8</code>	Compare and Exchange (i486-specific)
	<code>cmpxchg</code>	<code>r16,r/m16</code>	
	<code>cmpxchg</code>	<code>r32,r/m32</code>	
<code>cmpxchg8b</code>	<code>cmpxchg8b</code>	<code>m32</code>	Compare and Exchange 8 Bytes (Pentium-specific)
<code>cpuid</code>	<code>cpuid</code>		CPU Identification (Pentium-specific)
<code>cwd/cdq</code>	<code>cwd</code>		Convert Word to Doubleword/
	<code>cdq</code>		Convert Doubleword to Quadword

**D**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Operand</b>	<b>Operation Name</b>
<code>daa</code>	<code>daa</code>		Decimal Adjust AL after Addition
<code>das</code>	<code>das</code>		Decimal Adjust AL after Subtraction
<code>dec</code>	<code>dec</code>	<code>r/m8</code>	Decrement by 1
	<code>dec</code>	<code>r/m16</code>	
	<code>dec</code>	<code>r/m32</code>	
	<code>dec</code>	<code>r16</code>	
	<code>dec</code>	<code>r32</code>	
<code>div</code>	<code>div</code>	<code>r/m8,%al</code>	Unsigned Divide
	<code>div</code>	<code>r/m16,%ax</code>	
	<code>div</code>	<code>r/m32,%eax</code>	

**E**

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
enter	enter	$\$imm16, \$imm8$	Make Stack Frame for Procedure Parameters

**F**

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
f2xm1	f2xm1		Computer $2^x-1$
fabs	fabs		Absolute Value
fadd/faddp/fiadd			Add
	fadd	<i>m32real</i>	
	fadd	<i>m64real</i>	
	fadd	ST(i),ST	
	fadd	ST,ST(i)	
	faddp	ST,ST(i)	
	fadd		
	fiadd	<i>m32int</i>	
	fiadd	<i>m16int</i>	
fbld	fbld	<i>m80dec</i>	Load Binary Coded Decimal
fbstp	fbstp	<i>m80dec</i>	Store Binary Coded Decimal and Pop
fchs	fchs		Change Sign
fclex/fnclex	fclex		Clear Exceptions
	fnclex		
fcom/fcomp/fcompp			Compare Real
	fcom	<i>m32real</i>	

	fcom	<i>m64real</i>	
	fcom	ST(i)	
	fcom		
	fcomp	<i>m32real</i>	
	fcomp	<i>m64real</i>	
	fcomp	ST(i)	
	fcomp		
	fcompp		
fcos	fcos		Cosine
fdecstp	fdecstp		Decrement Stack-Top Pointer
fdiv/fdivp/fidiv			Divide
	fdiv	<i>m32real</i>	
	fdiv	<i>m64real</i>	
	fdiv	ST(i),ST	
	fdiv	ST,ST(i)	
	fdivp	ST,ST(i)	
	fdiv		
	fidiv	<i>m32int</i>	
	fidiv	<i>m16int</i>	
fdivr/fdivpr/fidivr			Reverse Divide
	fdivr	<i>m32real</i>	
	fdivr	<i>m64real</i>	
	fdivr	ST(i),ST	
	fdivr	ST,ST(i)	
	fdivrp	ST,ST(i)	
	fdivr		
	fidivr	<i>m32int</i>	
	fidivr	<i>m16int</i>	

ffree	ffree	ST(i)	Free Floating-Point Register
ficom/ficomp			Compare Integer
	ficom	<i>m16real</i>	
	ficom	<i>m32real</i>	
	ficomp	<i>m16int</i>	
	ficomp	<i>m32int</i>	
fild			Load Integer
	filds	<i>m16int</i>	
	fildl	<i>m32int</i>	
	fildq	<i>m64int</i>	
fincstp	fincstp		Increment Stack-Top Pointer
finit/fninit			Initialize Floating-Point Unit
	finit		
	fninit		
fist/fistp			Store Integer
	fists	<i>m16int</i>	
	fistl	<i>m32int</i>	
	fistps	<i>m16int</i>	
	fistpl	<i>m32int</i>	
	fistpq	<i>m64int</i>	
fld			Load Real
	flds	<i>m32real</i>	
	fldl	<i>m64real</i>	
	fldt	<i>m80real</i>	
	fld	ST(i)	
fld1/fldl2t/fldl2e/fldpi/fldlg2/gldln2/fldz			Load Constant
	fld1		
	fld2t		

		fld2e	
		fldpi	
		fldlg2	
		fldln2	
		fldz	
fldcw	fldcw	<i>m2byte</i>	Load Control Word
fldenv	fldenv	<i>m14/28byte</i>	Load FPU Environment
fmul/fmulp/fimul			Multiply
	fmul	<i>m32real</i>	
	fmul	<i>m64real</i>	
	fmul	ST(i),ST	
	fmul	ST(i),ST	
	fmulp	ST,ST(i)	
	fmul		
	fimul	<i>m32int</i>	
	fimul	<i>m16int</i>	
fnop	fnop		No Operation
fpatan	fpatan		Partial Arctangent
fprem	fprem		Partial Remainder
fprem1	fprem1		Partial Remainder
fptan	fptan		Partial Tangent
frndint	frndint		Round to Integer

frstor	frstor	<i>m94/108byte</i>	Restore FPU State
fsave/fnsave			Store FPU State
	fsave	<i>m94/108byte</i>	
	fnsave	<i>m94/108byte</i>	
fscale	fscale		Scale
fsin	fsin		Sine
fsincos	fsincos		Sine and Cosine
fsqrt	fsqrt		Square Root
fst/fstp	fst	<i>m32real</i>	Store Real
		<i>m64real</i>	
		ST(i)	
		<i>m32real</i>	
		<i>m64real</i>	
		<i>m80real</i>	
		ST(i)	
fstcw/fnstcw	fstcw	<i>m2byte</i>	Store Control Word
		<i>m2byte</i>	
		<i>m2byte</i>	
fstenv/fnstenv	fstenv	<i>m14/28byte</i>	Store FPU Environment
		<i>m14/28byte</i>	
		<i>m14/28byte</i>	
fstsw/fnstsw	fstsw	<i>m2byte</i>	Store Status Word
		<i>m2byte</i>	

	fstsw	%ax	
	fnstsw	m2byte	
	fnstsw	%ax	
	fsub/fsubp/fisub		Subtract
	fsub	m32real	
	fsub	m64real	
	fsub	ST(i),ST	
	fsub	ST,ST(i)	
	fsubp	ST,ST(i)	
	fsub		
	fisub	m32int	
	fisub	m16int	
	fsubr/fsubpr/fisubr		Reverse Subtract
	fsubr	m32real	
	fsubr	m64real	
	fsubr	ST(i),ST	
	fsubr	ST,ST(i)	
	fsubpr	ST,ST(i)	
	fsubr		
	fisubr	m32int	
	fisubr	m16int	
	ftst	ftst	Test
	fucom/fucomp/fucompp		Unordered Compare Real
	fucom	ST(i)	
	fucom		
	fucomp	ST(i)	
	fucomp		
	fucompp		

<code>fwait</code>	<code>fwait</code>		Wait
<code>fxam</code>	<code>fxam</code>		Examine
<code>fxch</code>	<code>fxch</code>	<code>ST(i)</code>	Exchange Register Contents
	<code>fxch</code>		
<code>fxtract</code>	<code>fxtract</code>		Extract Exponent and Significand
<code>fyl2x</code>	<code>fyl2x</code>		Compute $y \times \log_2 x$
<code>fyl2xp1</code>	<code>fyl2xp1</code>		Compute $y \times \log_2(x+1)$

**H**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Operand</b>	<b>Operation Name</b>
<code>hlt</code>	<code>hlt</code>		Halt

**I**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Operand</b>	<b>Operation Name</b>
<code>idiv</code>	<code>idiv</code>	<code>r/m8</code>	Signed Divide
	<code>idiv</code>	<code>r/m16,%eax</code>	
	<code>idiv</code>	<code>r/m32,%eax</code>	
<code>imul</code>	<code>imul</code>	<code>r/m8</code>	Signed Multiply
	<code>imul</code>	<code>r/m16</code>	
	<code>imul</code>	<code>r/m32</code>	
	<code>imul</code>	<code>r/m16,r16</code>	
	<code>imul</code>	<code>r/m32,r32</code>	
	<code>imul</code>	<code>\$imm8,r/m16,r16</code>	
	<code>imul</code>	<code>\$imm8,r/m32,r32</code>	

		imul	<i>\$imm8,r16</i>	
		imul	<i>\$imm8,r32</i>	
		imul	<i>\$imm16,r/m16,r16</i>	
		imul	<i>\$imm32,r/m32,r32</i>	
		imul	<i>\$imm16,r16</i>	
		imul	<i>\$imm32,r32</i>	
in	in		<i>\$imm8,%al</i>	Input from Port
	in		<i>\$imm8,%ax</i>	
	in		<i>\$imm8,%eax</i>	
	in		<i>%dx,%al</i>	
	in		<i>%dx,%ax</i>	
	in		<i>%dx,%eax</i>	
inc	inc		<i>r/m8</i>	Increment by 1
	inc		<i>r/m16</i>	
	inc		<i>r/m32</i>	
	inc		<i>r16</i>	
	inc		<i>r32</i>	
ins/insb/insw/insd				Input from Port to String
	ins			
	insb			
	insw			
	insd			
int/into	int		3	Call to Interrupt Procedure
	int		<i>\$imm8</i>	
	into			
invd	invd			Invalidate Cache (i486-specific)

invlpg	invlpg	m	Invalidate TLB Entry (i486-specific)
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iret/iretd	iret		Interrupt Return
	iretd		

**J**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Operand</b>	<b>Operation Name</b>
<i>jcc</i>			Jump if Condition is Met
	<i>ja</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if above
	<i>jae</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if above or equal
	<i>jb</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if below
	<i>jbe</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if below or equal
	<i>jc</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if carry
	<i>jcxz</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if <b>%cx</b> register is 0
	<i>jecxz</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if <b>%ecx</b> register is 0
	<i>je</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if equal
	<i>jz</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if 0
	<i>jg</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if greater
	<i>jge</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if greater or equal
	<i>jl</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if less
	<i>jle</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if less or equal
	<i>jna</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if not above
	<i>jnae</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if not above or equal
	<i>jnb</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if not below
	<i>jnb</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if not below or equal
	<i>jnc</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if not carry
	<i>jne</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if not equal
	<i>jng</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if not greater
	<i>jnge</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if not greater or equal
	<i>jnl</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if not less
	<i>jnle</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if not less or equal
	<i>jno</i>	<i>rel8</i>	short if not overflow

<b>Name</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Operand</b>	<b>Operation Name</b>
jnp		<i>rel8</i>	short if not parity
jns		<i>rel8</i>	short if not sign
jnz		<i>rel8</i>	short if not 0
jo		<i>rel8</i>	short if overflow
jp		<i>rel8</i>	short if parity
jpe		<i>rel8</i>	short if parity even
jpo		<i>rel8</i>	short if parity odd
js		<i>rel8</i>	short if sign
jz		<i>rel8</i>	short if zero
ja		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if above
jae		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if above or equal
jb		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if below
jbe		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if below or equal
jc		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if carry
je		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if equal
jz		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if 0
jl		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if less
jle		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if less or equal
jna		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if not above
jae		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if not above or equal
jnb		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if not below
jnbe		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if not below or equal
jnc		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if not carry
jne		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if not equal
jng		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if not greater
jnge		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if not greater or less
jnl		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if not less
jnle		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if not less or equal
jno		<i>rel16/32</i>	near if not overflow

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
	jnp	<i>rel16/32</i>	near if not parity
	jns	<i>rel16/32</i>	near if not sign
	jnz	<i>rel16/32</i>	near if not 0
	jo	<i>rel16/32</i>	near if overflow
	jp	<i>rel16/32</i>	near if parity
	jpe	<i>rel16/32</i>	near if parity even
	jpo	<i>rel16/32</i>	near if parity odd
	js	<i>rel16/32</i>	near if sign
	jz	<i>rel16/32</i>	near if 0
jmp	jmp	<i>rel8</i>	Jump
	jmp	<i>rel16</i>	
	jmp	<i>r/m16</i>	
	jmp	<i>rel32</i>	
	jmp	<i>r/m32</i>	
	ljmp	<i>\$imm16,\$imm32</i>	
	ljmp	<i>m16</i>	
	ljmp	<i>m32</i>	

## L

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
lahf	lahf		Load Flags into AH Register
lar	lar	<i>r/m16,r16</i>	Load Access Rights Byte
	lar	<i>r/m32,r32</i>	
lea	lea	<i>m,r16</i>	Load Effective Address
	lea	<i>m,r32</i>	
leave	leave		High Level Procedure Exit

lgdt/lidt	lgdt	<i>m16&amp;32</i>	Load Global/Interrupt
	lidt	<i>m16&amp;32</i>	Descriptor Table Register
lgs/lss/lfs/les/lfs			Load Full Pointer
	lgs	<i>m16:16,r16</i>	
	lgs	<i>m16:32,r32</i>	
	lss	<i>m16:16,r16</i>	
	lss	<i>m16:32,r32</i>	
	lds	<i>m16:16,r16</i>	
	lds	<i>m16:32,r32</i>	
	les	<i>m16:16,r16</i>	
	les	<i>m16:32,r32</i>	
	lfs	<i>m16:16,r16</i>	
	lfs	<i>m16:32,r32</i>	
lldt	lldt	<i>r/m16</i>	Load Local Descriptor Table Register
lmsw	lmsw	<i>r/m16</i>	Load Machine Status Word
lock	lock		Assert LOCK# Signal Prefix
lods/lodsb/lodsw/lodsd			Load String Operand
	lods	<i>m8</i>	
	lods	<i>m16</i>	
	lods	<i>m32</i>	
	lodsb		
	lodsw		
	lodsd		
	<i>(optional forms with segment override)</i>		
	lodsb	<i>%seg:0(%esi),%al</i>	
	lodsw	<i>%seg:0(%esi),%al</i>	
	lodsd	<i>%seg:0(%esi),%al</i>	

loop/loop <i>cond</i>			Loop Control with CX Counter
	loop	<i>rel8</i>	
	loope	<i>rel8</i>	
	loopz	<i>rel8</i>	
	loopne	<i>rel8</i>	
	loopnz	<i>rel8</i>	
lsl	lsl	<i>r/m16,r16</i>	Load Segment Limit
	lsl	<i>r/m32,r32</i>	
ltr	ltr	<i>r/m16</i>	Load Task Register

**M**

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
mov	mov	<i>r8,r/m8</i>	Move Data
	mov	<i>r16,r/m16</i>	
	mov	<i>r32,r/m32</i>	
	mov	<i>r/m8,r8</i>	
	mov	<i>r/m16,r16</i>	
	mov	<i>r/m16,r16</i>	
	mov	<i>Sreg,r/m16</i>	
	mov	<i>r/m16,Sreg</i>	
	mov	<i>moffs8,%al</i>	
	mov	<i>moffs8,%ax</i>	
	mov	<i>moffs8,%eax</i>	
	mov	<i>%al,moffs8</i>	
	mov	<i>%ax,moffs16</i>	
	mov	<i>%eax,moffs32</i>	
	mov	<i>\$imm8,reg8</i>	
	mov	<i>\$imm16,reg16</i>	
	mov	<i>\$imm32,reg32</i>	

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
	mov	<i>\$imm8,r/m8</i>	
	mov	<i>\$imm16,r/m16</i>	
	mov	<i>\$imm32,r/m32</i>	
mov	mov	<i>r32,%cr0</i>	Move to/from Special Registers
	mov	<i>%cr0/%cr2/%cr3,r32</i>	
	mov	<i>%cr2/%cr3,r32</i>	
	mov	<i>%dr0–3,r32</i>	
	mov	<i>%dr6/%dr7,r32</i>	
	mov	<i>r32,%dr0–3</i>	
	mov	<i>r32,%dr6/%dr7</i>	
	mov	<i>%tr4/%tr5/%tr6/%tr7,r32</i>	
	mov	<i>r32,%tr4/%tr5/%tr6/%tr7</i>	
	mov	<i>%tr3,r32</i>	
	mov	<i>r32,%tr3</i>	
movs/movsb/movsw/movsd			Move Data from String to String
	movs	<i>m8,m8</i>	
	movs	<i>m16,m16</i>	
	movs	<i>m32,m32</i>	
	movsb		
	movsw		
	movsd		
		<i>(optional forms with segment override)</i>	
	movsb	<i>%seg:0(%esi),%es:0(%edi)</i>	
	movsw	<i>%seg:0(%esi),%es:0(%edi)</i>	
	movsd	<i>%seg:0(%esi),%es:0(%edi)</i>	
movsx	movsx	<i>r/m8,r16</i>	Move with Sign-Extend
	movsx	<i>r/m8,r32</i>	

	movsx	<i>r/m16,r32</i>	
movzx	movzx	<i>r/m8,r16</i>	Move with Zero-Extend
	movzx	<i>r/m8,r32</i>	
	movzx	<i>r/m16,r32</i>	
mul	mul	<i>r/m8,%al</i>	Unsigned Multiplication of AL or AX
	mul	<i>r/m16,%ax</i>	
	mul	<i>r/m32,%eax</i>	

**N**

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
neg	neg	<i>r/m8</i>	Two's Complement Negation
	neg	<i>r/m16</i>	
	neg	<i>r/m32</i>	
nop	nop		No Operation
not	not	<i>r/m8</i>	One's Complement Negation
	not	<i>r/m16</i>	
	not	<i>r/m32</i>	

**O**

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
or	or	<i>\$imm8,r/m8</i>	Logical Inclusive OR
	or	<i>\$imm16,r/m16</i>	
	or	<i>\$imm32,r/m32</i>	
	or	<i>\$imm8,r/m16</i>	
	or	<i>\$imm8,r/m32</i>	
	or	<i>r8,r/m8</i>	
	or	<i>r16,r/m16</i>	

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
	or	<i>r32,r/m32</i>	
	or	<i>r/m8,r8</i>	
	or	<i>r/m16,r16</i>	
	or	<i>r/m32,r32</i>	
out	out	<b>%al,\$imm8</b>	Output to Port
	out	<b>%ax,\$imm8</b>	
	out	<b>%eax,\$imm8</b>	
	out	<b>%al,%dx</b>	
	out	<b>%ax,%dx</b>	
	out	<b>%eax,%dx</b>	
outs/outsb/outsw/outsd			Output String to Port
	outs	<i>r/m8,%dx</i>	
	outs	<i>r/m16,%dx</i>	
	outs	<i>r/m32,%dx</i>	
	outsb		
	outsw		
	outsd		

## P

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
pop	pop	<i>m16</i>	Pop a Word from the Stack
	pop	<i>m32</i>	
	pop	<i>r16</i>	
	pop	<i>r32</i>	
	pop	<b>%ds</b>	
	pop	<b>%es</b>	
	pop	<b>%ss</b>	
	pop	<b>%fs</b>	
	pop	<b>%gs</b>	

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
popa/popad			Pop all General Registers
	popa		
	popad		
popf/popfd	popf		Pop Stack into FLAGS or
	popfd		EFLAGS Register
push	push	<i>m16</i>	Push Operand onto the Stack
	push	<i>m32</i>	
	push	<i>r16</i>	
	push	<i>r32</i>	
	push	<i>\$imm8</i>	
	push	<i>\$imm16</i>	
	push	<i>\$imm32</i>	
	push	<i>Sreg</i>	
pusha/pushad			Push all General Registers
	pusha		
	pushad		
pushf/pushfd			Push Flags Register onto the Stack
	pushf		
	pushfd		

## R

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
rcl/rcr/rol/ror			Rotate
	rcl	<i>1,r/m8</i>	
	rcl	<i>%cl,r/m8</i>	
	rcl	<i>\$imm8,r/m8</i>	

<b>Name</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Operand</b>	<b>Operation Name</b>
rcl		<i>1,r/m16</i>	
rcl		<i>%cl,r/m16</i>	
rcl		<i>\$imm8,r/m16</i>	
rcl		<i>1,r/m32</i>	
rcl		<i>%cl,r/m32</i>	
rcl		<i>\$imm8,r/m32</i>	
rcr		<i>1,r/m8</i>	
rcr		<i>%cl,r/m8</i>	
rcr		<i>\$imm8,r/m8</i>	
rcr		<i>1,r/m16</i>	
rcr		<i>%cl,r/m16</i>	
rcr		<i>\$imm8,r/m16</i>	
rcr		<i>1,r/m32</i>	
rcr		<i>%cl,r/m32</i>	
rcr		<i>\$imm8,r/m32</i>	
rol		<i>1,r/m8</i>	
rol		<i>%cl,r/m8</i>	
rol		<i>\$imm8,r/m8</i>	
rol		<i>1,r/m16</i>	
rol		<i>%cl,r/m16</i>	
rol		<i>\$imm8,r/m16</i>	
rol		<i>1,r/m32</i>	
rol		<i>%cl,r/m32</i>	
rol		<i>\$imm8,r/m32</i>	
ror		<i>1,r/m8</i>	
ror		<i>%cl,r/m8</i>	
ror		<i>\$imm8,r/m8</i>	
ror		<i>1,r/m16</i>	
ror		<i>%cl,r/m16</i>	
ror		<i>\$imm8,r/m16</i>	
ror		<i>1,r/m32</i>	

<b>Name</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Operand</b>	<b>Operation Name</b>
	ror	<b>%cl,r/m32</b>	
	ror	<b>\$imm8,r/m32</b>	
rdmsr	rdmsr		Read from Model-Specific Register (Pentium-specific)
rdstc	rdstc		Read from Time Stamp Counter (Pentium-specific)
rep/repe/repz/repne/repnz			Repeat Following String
	rep ins	<b>%dx,rm8</b>	Operation
	rep ins	<b>%dx,rm16</b>	
	rep ins	<b>%dx,rm32</b>	
	rep movs	<i>m8,m8</i>	
	rep movs	<i>m16,m16</i>	
	rep movs	<i>m32,m32</i>	
	rep outs	<i>rm8,%dx</i>	
	rep outs	<i>rm16,%dx</i>	
	rep outs	<i>rm32,%dx</i>	
	rep lods	<i>m8</i>	
	rep lods	<i>m16</i>	
	rep lods	<i>m32</i>	
	rep stos	<i>m8</i>	
	rep stos	<i>m16</i>	
	rep stos	<i>m32</i>	
	repe cmps	<i>m8,m8</i>	
	repe cmps	<i>m16,m16</i>	
	repe cmps	<i>m32,m32</i>	
	repe scas	<i>m8</i>	
	repe scas	<i>m16</i>	
	repe scas	<i>m32</i>	
	repne cmps	<i>m8,m8</i>	

	repne cmps	<i>m16,m16</i>	
	repne cmps	<i>m32,m32</i>	
	repne scas	<i>m8</i>	
	repne scas	<i>m16</i>	
	repne scas	<i>m32</i>	
ret	ret		Return from Procedure
	ret	<i>\$imm16</i>	
rsm	rsm		Resume from System-Management Mode (Pentium-specific)

**S**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Operand</b>	<b>Operation Name</b>
sahf	sahf		Store AH into Flags
sal/sar/shl/shr			Shift Instructions
	sal	<i>1,r/m8</i>	
	sal	<i>%cl,r/m8</i>	
	sal	<i>\$imm8,r/m8</i>	
	sal	<i>1,r/m16</i>	
	sal	<i>%cl,r/m16</i>	
	sal	<i>\$imm8,r/m16</i>	
	sal	<i>1,r/m32</i>	
	sal	<i>%cl,r/m32</i>	
	sal	<i>\$imm8,r/m32</i>	
	sar	<i>1,r/m8</i>	
	sar	<i>%cl,r/m8</i>	
	sar	<i>\$imm8,r/m8</i>	
	sar	<i>1,r/m16</i>	
	sar	<i>%cl,r/m16</i>	
	sar	<i>\$imm8,r/m16</i>	

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	sar	1,r/m32	
	sar	%cl,r/m32	
	sar	\$imm8,r/m32	
	shl	1,r/m8	
	shl	%cl,r/m8	
	shl	\$imm8,r/m8	
	shl	1,r/m16	
	shl	%cl,r/m16	
	shl	\$imm8,r/m16	
	shl	1,r/m32	
	shl	%cl,r/m32	
	shl	\$imm8,r/m32	
	shr	1,r/m8	
	shr	%cl,r/m8	
	shr	\$imm8,r/m8	
	shr	1,r/m16	
	shr	%cl,r/m16	
	shr	\$imm8,r/m16	
	shr	1,r/m32	
	shr	%cl,r/m32	
	shr	\$imm8,r/m32	
sbb	sbb	\$imm8,r/m8	Integer Subtraction with Borrow
	sbb	\$imm16,r/m16	
	sbb	\$imm32,r/m32	
	sbb	\$imm8,r/m16	
	sbb	\$imm8,r/m32	
	sbb	r8,r/m8	
	sbb	r16,r/m16	
	sbb	r32,r/m32	
	sbb	r/m8,r8	
	sbb	r/m16,r16	

sbb	<i>r/m32,r32</i>	
scas/scasb/scasw/scasd		Compare String Data
scas	<i>m8</i>	
scas	<i>m16</i>	
scas	<i>m32</i>	
scasb		
scasw		
scasd		
	<i>(optional forms with segment override)</i>	
scasb	<b>%al,%seg:0(%edi)</b>	
scasw	<b>%ax,%seg:0(%edi)</b>	
scasd	<b>%eax,%seg:0(%edi)</b>	
setcc		Byte Set on Condition
seta	<i>r/m8</i>	above
setae	<i>r/m8</i>	above or equal
setb	<i>r/m8</i>	below
setbe	<i>r/m8</i>	below or equal
setc	<i>r/m8</i>	carry
sete	<i>r/m8</i>	equal
setg	<i>r/m8</i>	greater
setge	<i>r/m8</i>	greater or equal
setl	<i>r/m8</i>	less
setle	<i>r/m8</i>	less or equal
setna	<i>r/m8</i>	not above
setnae	<i>r/m8</i>	not above or equal
setnb	<i>r/m8</i>	not below
setnbe	<i>r/m8</i>	not below or equal
setnc	<i>r/m8</i>	not carry
setne	<i>r/m8</i>	not equal

	setng	<i>r/m8</i>	not greater
	setnge	<i>r/m8</i>	not greater or equal
	setnl	<i>r/m8</i>	not less
	setnle	<i>r/m8</i>	not less or equal
	setno	<i>r/m8</i>	not overflow
	setnp	<i>r/m8</i>	not parity
	setns	<i>r/m8</i>	not sign
	setnz	<i>r/m8</i>	not zero
	seto	<i>r/m8</i>	overflow
	setp	<i>r/m8</i>	parity
	setpe	<i>r/m8</i>	parity even
	setpo	<i>r/m8</i>	parity odd
	sets	<i>r/m8</i>	sign
	setz	<i>r/m8</i>	zero
sgdt/sidt	sgdt	<i>m</i>	Store Global/Interrupt
	sidt	<i>m</i>	Descriptor Table Register
shld	shld	<i>\$imm8,r16,r/m16</i>	Double Precision Shift Left
	shld	<i>\$imm8,r32,r/m32</i>	
	shld	<i>%cl,r16,r/m16</i>	
	shld	<i>%cl,r32,r/m32</i>	
shrd	shrd	<i>\$imm8,r16,r/m16</i>	Double Precision Shift Right
	shrd	<i>\$imm8,r32,r/m32</i>	
	shrd	<i>%cl,r16,r/m16</i>	
	shrd	<i>%cl,r32,r/m32</i>	
sldt	sldt	<i>r/m16</i>	Store Local Descriptor Table Register
smsw	smsw	<i>r/m16</i>	Store Machine Status Word

stc	stc		Set Carry Flag
std	std		Set Direction Flag
sti	sti		Set Interrupt Flag
stos/stosb/stosw/stosd			Store String Data
	stos	<i>m8</i>	
	stos	<i>m16</i>	
	stos	<i>m32</i>	
	stosb		
	stosw		
	stosd		
		<i>(optional forms with segment override)</i>	
	stosb	<b>%al,%seg:0(%edi)</b>	
	stosw	<b>%ax,%seg:0(%edi)</b>	
	stosd	<b>%eax,%seg:0(%edi)</b>	
str	str	<i>r/m16</i>	Store Task Register
sub	sub	<i>\$imm8,r/m8</i>	Integer Subtraction
	sub	<i>\$imm16,r/m16</i>	
	sub	<i>\$imm32,r/m32</i>	
	sub	<i>\$imm8,r/m16</i>	
	sub	<i>\$imm8,r/m32</i>	
	sub	<i>r8,r/m8</i>	
	sub	<i>r16,r/m16</i>	
	sub	<i>r32,r/m32</i>	
	sub	<i>r/m8,r8</i>	
	sub	<i>r/m16,r16</i>	
	sub	<i>r/m32,r32</i>	

**T**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Operand</b>	<b>Operation Name</b>
test	test	<i>\$imm8,r/m8</i>	Logical Compare
	test	<i>\$imm16,r/m16</i>	
	test	<i>\$imm32,r/m32</i>	
	test	<i>r8,r/m8</i>	
	test	<i>r16,r/m16</i>	
	test	<i>r32,r/m32</i>	

**V**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Operand</b>	<b>Operation Name</b>
verr, verw	verr	<i>r/m16</i>	Verify a Segment for Reading or Writing
	verw	<i>r/m16</i>	

**W**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Operand</b>	<b>Operation Name</b>
wait	wait		Wait
wbinvd	wbinvd		Write-Back and Invalidate Cache (i486-specific)
wrmsr	wrmsr		Write to Model-Specific Register (Pentium-specific)

**X**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Operand</b>	<b>Operation Name</b>
xadd	xadd	<i>r8,r/m8</i>	Exchange and Add (i486-specific)
	xadd	<i>r16,r/m16</i>	
	xadd	<i>r32,r/m32</i>	
xchg	xchg	<i>r16,%ax</i>	Exchange Register/Memory

	xchg	<b>%ax,r16</b>	with Register
	xchg	<b>%eax,r32</b>	
	xchg	<b>r32,%eax</b>	
	xchg	<b>r8,r/m8</b>	
	xchg	<b>r/m8,r8</b>	
	xchg	<b>r16,r/m16</b>	
	xchg	<b>r/m16,r16</b>	
	xchg	<b>r32,r/m32</b>	
	xchg	<b>r/m32,r32</b>	
xlat/xlatb	xlat	<b>m8</b>	Table Look-up Translation
	xlatb		
xor	xor	<b>\$imm8,r/m8</b>	Logical Exclusive OR
	xor	<b>\$imm16,r/m16</b>	
	xor	<b>\$imm32,r/m32</b>	
	xor	<b>\$imm8,r/m16</b>	
	xor	<b>\$imm8,r/m32</b>	
	xor	<b>r8,r/m8</b>	
	xor	<b>r16,r/m16</b>	
	xor	<b>r32,r/m32</b>	
	xor	<b>r/m8,r8</b>	
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