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# Chapter 1

## as

### 1.1 as.guide

Using as

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This file is a user guide to the GNU assembler as.

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## 1.2 as.guide/Overview

Overview

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Here is a brief summary of how to invoke as. For details, see

Comand-Line Options

.

```
as [ -a[dhlns] ] [ -D ] [ -f ]
  [ -I path ] [ -K ] [ -L ]
  [ -o objfile ] [ -R ] [ -v ] [ -w ]
  [ -Av6 | -Av7 | -Av8 | -Asparclite | -bump ]
  [ -ACA | -ACA_A | -ACB | -ACC | -AKA | -AKB | -AKC | -AMC ]
  [ -b ] [ -norelax ]
  [ -l ] [ -m68000 | -m68010 | -m68020 | ... ]
  [ -- | files ... ]
```

-a[dhlns]

Turn on listings; -ad, omit debugging pseudo-ops from listing, -ah, include high-level source, -al, assembly listing, -an, no forms processing, -as, symbols. These options may be combined; e.g., -aln for assembly listing without forms processing. By itself, -a defaults to -ahls -- that is, all listings turned on.

-D

This option is accepted only for script compatibility with calls to other assemblers; it has no effect on as.

-f

"fast"--skip whitespace and comment preprocessing (assume source is compiler output)

-I path

Add path to the search list for .include directives

-K

Issue warnings when difference tables altered for long displacements.

-L

Keep (in symbol table) local symbols, starting with L

-o objfile

Name the object-file output from as

-R

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Fold data section into text section

-v

Announce as version

-W

Suppress warning messages

- | files ...

Standard input, or source files to assemble.

The following options are available when as is configured for the Intel 80960 processor.

-ACA | -ACA\_A | -ACB | -ACC | -AKA | -AKB | -AKC | -AMC

Specify which variant of the 960 architecture is the target.

-b

Add code to collect statistics about branches taken.

-norelax

Do not alter compare-and-branch instructions for long displacements; error if necessary.

The following options are available when as is configured for the Motorola 68000 series.

-l

Shorten references to undefined symbols, to one word instead of two.

-m68000 | -m68008 | -m68010 | -m68020 | -m68030 | -m68040

| -m68302 | -m68331 | -m68332 | -m68333 | -m68340 | -mcpu32

Specify what processor in the 68000 family is the target. The default is normally the 68020, but this can be changed at configuration time.

-m68881 | -m68882 | -mno-68881 | -mno-68882

The target machine does (or does not) have a floating-point coprocessor. The default is to assume a coprocessor for 68020, 68030, and cpu32. Although the basic 68000 is not compatible with the 68881, a combination of the two can be specified, since it's possible to do emulation of the coprocessor instructions with the main processor.

-m68851 | -mno-68851

The target machine does (or does not) have a memory-management unit coprocessor. The default is to assume an MMU for 68020 and up.

The following options are available when as is configured for the SPARC architecture:

-Av6 | -Av7 | -Av8 | -Asparclite

Explicitly select a variant of the SPARC architecture.

-bump

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Warn when the assembler switches to another architecture.

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GNU Assembler	as, the GNU Assembler
Object Formats	Object File Formats
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Input Files	Input Files
Object	Output (Object) File
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### 1.3 as.guide/Manual

Structure of this Manual  
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This manual is intended to describe what you need to know to use GNU as. We cover the syntax expected in source files, including notation for symbols, constants, and expressions; the directives that as understands; and of course how to invoke as.

This manual also describes some of the machine-dependent features of various flavors of the assembler.

On the other hand, this manual is not intended as an introduction to programming in assembly language--let alone programming in general! In a similar vein, we make no attempt to introduce the machine architecture; we do not describe the instruction set, standard mnemonics, registers or addressing modes that are standard to a particular architecture. You may want to consult the manufacturer's machine architecture manual for this information.

### 1.4 as.guide/GNU Assembler

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as, the GNU Assembler

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GNU as is really a family of assemblers. If you use (or have used) the GNU assembler on one architecture, you should find a fairly similar environment when you use it on another architecture. Each version has much in common with the others, including object file formats, most assembler directives (often called pseudo-ops) and assembler syntax.

as is primarily intended to assemble the output of the GNU C compiler gcc for use by the linker ld. Nevertheless, we've tried to make as assemble correctly everything that other assemblers for the same machine would assemble. Any exceptions are documented explicitly (see

Machine Dependencies

). This doesn't mean as always uses the same syntax as another assembler for the same architecture; for example, we know of several incompatible versions of 680x0 assembly language syntax.

Unlike older assemblers, as is designed to assemble a source program in one pass of the source file. This has a subtle impact on the .org directive (see

.org  
).

## 1.5 as.guide/Object Formats

Object File Formats

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The GNU assembler can be configured to produce several alternative object file formats. For the most part, this does not affect how you write assembly language programs; but directives for debugging symbols are typically different in different file formats. See

Symbol Attributes

.

## 1.6 as.guide/Command Line

Command Line

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After the program name as, the command line may contain options and file names. Options may appear in any order, and may be before, after, or between file names. The order of file names is significant.

- (two hyphens) by itself names the standard input file explicitly, as one of the files for as to assemble.

Except for - any command line argument that begins with a hyphen (-) is an option. Each option changes the behavior of as. No option changes the way another option works. An option is a - followed by one or more letters; the case of the letter is important. All options are optional.

Some options expect exactly one file name to follow them. The file name may either immediately follow the option's letter (compatible with older assemblers) or it may be the next command argument (GNU standard). These two command lines are equivalent:

```
as -o my-object-file.o mumble.s
as -omy-object-file.o mumble.s
```

## 1.7 as.guide/Input Files

### Input Files

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We use the phrase source program, abbreviated source, to describe the program input to one run of as. The program may be in one or more files; how the source is partitioned into files doesn't change the meaning of the source.

The source program is a concatenation of the text in all the files, in the order specified.

Each time you run as it assembles exactly one source program. The source program is made up of one or more files. (The standard input is also a file.)

You give as a command line that has zero or more input file names. The input files are read (from left file name to right). A command line argument (in any position) that has no special meaning is taken to be an input file name.

If you give as no file names it attempts to read one input file from the as standard input, which is normally your terminal. You may have to type `ctl-D` to tell as there is no more program to assemble.

Use - if you need to explicitly name the standard input file in your command line.

If the source is empty, as will produce a small, empty object file.

### Filename and Line-numbers

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There are two ways of locating a line in the input file (or files) and either may be used in reporting error messages. One way refers to a line number in a physical file; the other refers to a line number in a

"logical" file. See  
 Error and Warning Messages  
 .

Physical files are those files named in the command line given to as.

Logical files are simply names declared explicitly by assembler directives; they bear no relation to physical files. Logical file names help error messages reflect the original source file, when as source is itself synthesized from other files. See  
 .app-file  
 .

## 1.8 as.guide/Object

Output (Object) File  
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Every time you run as it produces an output file, which is your assembly language program translated into numbers. This file is the object file, named b.out, if as is configured for the Intel 80960, or unless you tell as to give it another name by using the -o option. Conventionally, object file names end with .o. The default name of a.out is used for historical reasons: older assemblers were capable of assembling self-contained programs directly into a runnable program. (For some formats, this isn't currently possible, but it can be done for a.out format.)

The object file is meant for input to the linker ld. It contains assembled program code, information to help ld integrate the assembled program into a runnable file, and (optionally) symbolic information for the debugger.

## 1.9 as.guide/Errors

Error and Warning Messages  
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as may write warnings and error messages to the standard error file (usually your terminal). This should not happen when a compiler runs as automatically. Warnings report an assumption made so that as could keep assembling a flawed program; errors report a grave problem that stops the assembly.

Warning messages have the format

file\_name:NNN:Warning Message Text

(where NNN is a line number). If a logical file name has been given

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(see

`.app-file`

) it is used for the filename, otherwise the name of the current input file is used. If a logical line number was given (see

`.line`

) then it is used to calculate the number printed, otherwise the actual line in the current source file is printed. The message text is intended to be self explanatory (in the grand Unix tradition).

Error messages have the format

`file_name:NNN:FATAL:Error Message Text`

The file name and line number are derived as for warning messages. The actual message text may be rather less explanatory because many of them aren't supposed to happen.

## 1.10 as.guide/Invoking

### Command-Line Options

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This chapter describes command-line options available in all versions of the GNU assembler; see `Machine Dependencies`, for options specific to particular machine architectures.

If you are invoking `as` via the GNU C compiler (version 2), you can use the `-Wa` option to pass arguments through to the assembler. The assembler arguments must be separated from each other (and the `-Wa`) by commas. For example:

```
gcc -c -g -O -Wa,-alh,-L file.c
```

will cause a listing to be emitted to standard output with high-level and assembly source.

Many compiler command-line options, such as `-R` and many machine-specific options, will be automatically be passed to the assembler by the compiler, so usually you do not need to use this `-Wa` mechanism.

a

`-a[dhlns]` enable listings

D

`-D` for compatibility

f

`-f` to work faster



I	-I for .include search path
K	-K for difference tables
L	-L to retain local labels
o	-o to name the object file
R	-R to join data and text sections
v	-v to announce version
W	-W to suppress warnings

## 1.11 as.guide/a

Enable Listings: -a[dhlns]

=====

These options enable listing output from the assembler. By itself, -a requests high-level, assembly, and symbols listing. Other letters may be used to select specific options for the list: -ah requests a high-level language listing, -al requests an output-program assembly listing, and -as requests a symbol table listing. High-level listings require that a compiler debugging option like -g be used, and that assembly listings (-al) be requested also.

The -ad option may be used to omit debugging pseudo-ops from the listing.

Once you have specified one of these options, you can further control listing output and its appearance using the directives .list, .nolist, .psize, .eject, .title, and .sbtbl. The -an option turns off all forms processing. If you do not request listing output with one of the -a options, the listing-control directives have no effect.

The letters after -a may be combined into one option, e.g., -aln.

## 1.12 as.guide/D

-D  
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This option has no effect whatsoever, but it is accepted to make it more likely that scripts written for other assemblers will also work with as.

## 1.13 as.guide/f

Work Faster: -f

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-f should only be used when assembling programs written by a (trusted) compiler. -f stops the assembler from doing whitespace and comment pre-processing on the input file(s) before assembling them. See

Pre-processing

.

Warning: if the files actually need to be pre-processed (if they contain comments, for example), as will not work correctly if -f is used.

## 1.14 as.guide/I

.include search path: -I path

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Use this option to add a path to the list of directories as will search for files specified in .include directives (see

.include

). You

may use -I as many times as necessary to include a variety of paths. The current working directory is always searched first; after that, as searches any -I directories in the same order as they were specified (left to right) on the command line.

## 1.15 as.guide/K

Difference Tables: -K

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as sometimes alters the code emitted for directives of the form .word sym1-sym2; see

```
.word
. You can use the -K option if you want a
warning issued when this is done.
```

## 1.16 as.guide/L

```
Include Local Labels: -L
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```

Labels beginning with L (upper case only) are called local labels.  
See

```
Symbol Names
```

. Normally you don't see such labels when debugging, because they are intended for the use of programs (like compilers) that compose assembler programs, not for your notice. Normally both as and ld discard such labels, so you don't normally debug with them.

This option tells as to retain those L... symbols in the object file. Usually if you do this you also tell the linker ld to preserve symbols whose names begin with L.

## 1.17 as.guide/o

```
Name the Object File: -o
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```
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```

There is always one object file output when you run as. By default it has the name a.out (or b.out, for Intel 960 targets only). You use this option (which takes exactly one filename) to give the object file a different name.

Whatever the object file is called, as will overwrite any existing file of the same name.

## 1.18 as.guide/R

```
Join Data and Text Sections: -R
```

```
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```

-R tells as to write the object file as if all data-section data lives in the text section. This is only done at the very last moment: your binary data are the same, but data section parts are relocated differently. The data section part of your object file is zero bytes long because all its bytes are appended to the text section. (See

Sections and Relocation  
.)

When you specify `-R` it would be possible to generate shorter address displacements (because we don't have to cross between text and data section). We refrain from doing this simply for compatibility with older versions of `as`. In future, `-R` may work this way.

When `as` is configured for COFF output, this option is only useful if you use sections named `.text` and `.data`.

## 1.19 `as.guide/v`

Announce Version: `-v`  
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You can find out what version of `as` is running by including the option `-v` (which you can also spell as `-version`) on the command line.

## 1.20 `as.guide/W`

Suppress Warnings: `-W`  
=====

`as` should never give a warning or error message when assembling compiler output. But programs written by people often cause `as` to give a warning that a particular assumption was made. All such warnings are directed to the standard error file. If you use this option, no warnings are issued. This option only affects the warning messages: it does not change any particular of how `as` assembles your file. Errors, which stop the assembly, are still reported.

## 1.21 `as.guide/Syntax`

Syntax

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This chapter describes the machine-independent syntax allowed in a source file. `as` syntax is similar to what many other assemblers use; it is inspired by the BSD 4.2 assembler, except that `as` does not assemble Vax bit-fields.

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## 1.22 as.guide/Pre-processing

### Pre-Processing

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The as internal pre-processor:

- \* adjusts and removes extra whitespace. It leaves one space or tab before the keywords on a line, and turns any other whitespace on the line into a single space.
- \* removes all comments, replacing them with a single space, or an appropriate number of newlines.
- \* converts character constants into the appropriate numeric values.

Note that it does not do macro processing, include file handling, or anything else you may get from your C compiler's pre-processor. You can do include file processing with the `.include` directive (see `.include`).

Other "CPP" style pre-processing can be done with the GNU C compiler, by giving the input file a `.S` suffix; see the compiler documentation for details.

Excess whitespace, comments, and character constants cannot be used in the portions of the input text that are not pre-processed.

If the first line of an input file is `#NO_APP` or the `-f` option is given, the input file will not be pre-processed. Within such an input file, parts of the file can be pre-processed by putting a line that says `#APP` before the text that should be pre-processed, and putting a line that says `#NO_APP` after them. This feature is mainly intend to support asm statements in compilers whose output normally does not need to be pre-processed.

## 1.23 as.guide/Whitespace

Whitespace

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Whitespace is one or more blanks or tabs, in any order. Whitespace is used to separate symbols, and to make programs neater for people to read. Unless within character constants (see Character Constants), any whitespace means the same as exactly one space.

## 1.24 as.guide/Comments

Comments

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There are two ways of rendering comments to as. In both cases the comment is equivalent to one space.

Anything from /\* through the next \*/ is a comment. This means you may not nest these comments.

```
/*
  The only way to include a newline ('\n') in a comment
  is to use this sort of comment.
*/
```

```
/* This sort of comment does not nest. */
```

Anything from the line comment character to the next newline is considered a comment and is ignored. The line comment character is # on the Vax; # on the i960; ! on the SPARC; | on the 680x0; ; for the AMD 29K family; ; for the H8/300 family; ! for the H8/500 family; ! for the Hitachi SH; ! for the Z8000; see Machine Dependencies

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On some machines there are two different line comment characters. One will only begin a comment if it is the first non-whitespace character on a line, while the other will always begin a comment.

To be compatible with past assemblers, a special interpretation is given to lines that begin with #. Following the # an absolute expression (see

Expressions

) is expected: this will be the logical

line number of the next line. Then a string (See

Strings

.) is allowed:

if present it is a new logical file name. The rest of the line, if any, should be whitespace.

If the first non-whitespace characters on the line are not numeric, the line is ignored. (Just like a comment.)

```

# This is an ordinary comment.
# 42-6 "new_file_name" # New logical file name
# This is logical line # 36.

```

This feature is deprecated, and may disappear from future versions of as.

## 1.25 as.guide/Symbol Intro

### Symbols

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A symbol is one or more characters chosen from the set of all letters (both upper and lower case), digits and the three characters `._$`. On most machines, you can also use `$` in symbol names; exceptions are noted in

#### Machine Dependencies

. No symbol may begin with a digit. Case is significant. There is no length limit: all characters are significant. Symbols are delimited by characters not in that set, or by the beginning of a file (since the source program must end with a newline, the end of a file is not a possible symbol delimiter). See

#### Symbols

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## 1.26 as.guide/Statements

### Statements

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A statement ends at a newline character (`\n`) or line separator character. (The line separator is usually `;`, unless this conflicts with the comment character; see

#### Machine Dependencies

.) The newline or separator character is considered part of the preceding statement. Newlines and separators within character constants are an exception: they don't end statements.

It is an error to end any statement with end-of-file: the last character of any input file should be a newline.

You may write a statement on more than one line if you put a backslash (`\`) immediately in front of any newlines within the statement. When as reads a backslashed newline both characters are

ignored. You can even put backslashed newlines in the middle of symbol names without changing the meaning of your source program.

An empty statement is allowed, and may include whitespace. It is ignored.

A statement begins with zero or more labels, optionally followed by a key symbol which determines what kind of statement it is. The key symbol determines the syntax of the rest of the statement. If the symbol begins with a dot `.` then the statement is an assembler directive: typically valid for any computer. If the symbol begins with a letter the statement is an assembly language instruction: it will assemble into a machine language instruction. Different versions of `as` for different computers will recognize different instructions. In fact, the same symbol may represent a different instruction in a different computer's assembly language.

A label is a symbol immediately followed by a colon (`:`). Whitespace before a label or after a colon is permitted, but you may not have whitespace between a label's symbol and its colon. See

Labels

.

```
label:      .directive    followed by something
another_label:      # This is an empty statement.
                instruction operand_1, operand_2, ...
```

## 1.27 as.guide/Constants

Constants

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A constant is a number, written so that its value is known by inspection, without knowing any context. Like this:

```
.byte  74, 0112, 092, 0x4A, 0X4a, 'J, '\J # All the same value.
.ascii "Ring the bell\7"                # A string constant.
.octa  0x123456789abcdef0123456789ABCDEF0 # A bignum.
.float 0f-314159265358979323846264338327\
95028841971.693993751E-40                # - pi, a flonum.
```

Characters

Character Constants

Numbers

Number Constants



## 1.28 as.guide/Characters

### Character Constants

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There are two kinds of character constants. A character stands for one character in one byte and its value may be used in numeric expressions. String constants (properly called string literals) are potentially many bytes and their values may not be used in arithmetic expressions.

Strings

Strings

Chars

Characters

## 1.29 as.guide/Strings

Strings

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A string is written between double-quotes. It may contain double-quotes or null characters. The way to get special characters into a string is to escape these characters: precede them with a backslash `\` character. For example `\` represents one backslash: the first `\` is an escape which tells as to interpret the second character literally as a backslash (which prevents as from recognizing the second `\` as an escape character). The complete list of escapes follows.

`\b`

Mnemonic for backspace; for ASCII this is octal code 010.

`\f`

Mnemonic for FormFeed; for ASCII this is octal code 014.

`\n`

Mnemonic for newline; for ASCII this is octal code 012.

`\r`

Mnemonic for carriage-Return; for ASCII this is octal code 015.

`\t`

Mnemonic for horizontal Tab; for ASCII this is octal code 011.

`\ digit digit digit`

An octal character code. The numeric code is 3 octal digits. For compatibility with other Unix systems, 8 and 9 are accepted as digits: for example, `\008` has the value 010, and `\009` the value 011.

`\`  
 Represents one `\` character.

`\"`  
 Represents one `"` character. Needed in strings to represent this character, because an unescaped `"` would end the string.

`\ anything-else`  
 Any other character when escaped by `\` will give a warning, but assemble as if the `\` was not present. The idea is that if you used an escape sequence you clearly didn't want the literal interpretation of the following character. However `as` has no other interpretation, so `as` knows it is giving you the wrong code and warns you of the fact.

Which characters are escapable, and what those escapes represent, varies widely among assemblers. The current set is what we think the BSD 4.2 assembler recognizes, and is a subset of what most C compilers recognize. If you are in doubt, don't use an escape sequence.

## 1.30 as.guide/Chars

Characters

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A single character may be written as a single quote immediately followed by that character. The same escapes apply to characters as to strings. So if you want to write the character backslash, you must write `'\` where the first `\` escapes the second `\`. As you can see, the quote is an acute accent, not a grave accent. A newline immediately following an acute accent is taken as a literal character and does not count as the end of a statement. The value of a character constant in a numeric expression is the machine's byte-wide code for that character. `as` assumes your character code is ASCII: `'A` means 65, `'B` means 66, and so on.

## 1.31 as.guide/Numbers

Number Constants

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`as` distinguishes three kinds of numbers according to how they are stored in the target machine. Integers are numbers that would fit into an `int` in the C language. Bignums are integers, but they are stored in more than 32 bits. Flonums are floating point numbers, described below.

Integers

	Integers
Bignums	Bignums
Flonums	Flonums

## 1.32 as.guide/Integers

Integers

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A binary integer is 0b or 0B followed by zero or more of the binary digits 01.

An octal integer is 0 followed by zero or more of the octal digits (01234567).

A decimal integer starts with a non-zero digit followed by zero or more digits (0123456789).

A hexadecimal integer is 0x or 0X followed by one or more hexadecimal digits chosen from 0123456789abcdefABCDEF.

Integers have the usual values. To denote a negative integer, use the prefix operator - discussed under expressions (see

Prefix Operators  
).

## 1.33 as.guide/Bignums

Bignums

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A bignum has the same syntax and semantics as an integer except that the number (or its negative) takes more than 32 bits to represent in binary. The distinction is made because in some places integers are permitted while bignums are not.

## 1.34 as.guide/Flonums

## Flonums

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A flonum represents a floating point number. The translation is indirect: a decimal floating point number from the text is converted by as to a generic binary floating point number of more than sufficient precision. This generic floating point number is converted to a particular computer's floating point format (or formats) by a portion of as specialized to that computer.

A flonum is written by writing (in order)

- \* The digit 0.

- \* A letter, to tell as the rest of the number is a flonum. e is recommended. Case is not important.

On the H8/300, H8/500, Hitachi SH, and AMD 29K architectures, the letter must be one of the letters DFPRSX (in upper or lower case).

On the Intel 960 architecture, the letter must be one of the letters DFT (in upper or lower case).

- \* An optional sign: either + or -.

- \* An optional integer part: zero or more decimal digits.

- \* An optional fractional part: . followed by zero or more decimal digits.

- \* An optional exponent, consisting of:

- \* An E or e.

- \* Optional sign: either + or -.

- \* One or more decimal digits.

At least one of the integer part or the fractional part must be present. The floating point number has the usual base-10 value.

as does all processing using integers. Flonums are computed independently of any floating point hardware in the computer running as.

## 1.35 as.guide/Sections

Sections and Relocation

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Background

Ld Sections	ld Sections
As Sections	as Internal Sections
Sub-Sections	Sub-Sections
bss	bss Section

## 1.36 as.guide/Secs Background

### Background

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Roughly, a section is a range of addresses, with no gaps; all data "in" those addresses is treated the same for some particular purpose. For example there may be a "read only" section.

The linker ld reads many object files (partial programs) and combines their contents to form a runnable program. When as emits an object file, the partial program is assumed to start at address 0. ld will assign the final addresses the partial program occupies, so that different partial programs don't overlap. This is actually an over-simplification, but it will suffice to explain how as uses sections.

ld moves blocks of bytes of your program to their run-time addresses. These blocks slide to their run-time addresses as rigid units; their length does not change and neither does the order of bytes within them. Such a rigid unit is called a section. Assigning run-time addresses to sections is called relocation. It includes the task of adjusting mentions of object-file addresses so they refer to the proper run-time addresses. For the H8/300 and H8/500, and for the Hitachi SH, as pads sections if needed to ensure they end on a word (sixteen bit) boundary.

An object file written by as has at least three sections, any of which may be empty. These are named text, data and bss sections.

When it generates COFF output, as can also generate whatever other named sections you specify using the .section directive (see .section).

If you don't use any directives that place output in the .text or .data sections, these sections will still exist, but will be empty.

Within the object file, the text section starts at address 0, the data section follows, and the bss section follows the data section.

To let ld know which data will change when the sections are

relocated, and how to change that data, as also writes to the object file details of the relocation needed. To perform relocation ld must know, each time an address in the object file is mentioned:

- \* Where in the object file is the beginning of this reference to an address?
- \* How long (in bytes) is this reference?
- \* Which section does the address refer to? What is the numeric value of  
(address) - (start-address of section)?
- \* Is the reference to an address "Program-Counter relative"?

In fact, every address as ever uses is expressed as  
(section) + (offset into section)

Further, every expression as computes is of this section-relative nature. Absolute expression means an expression with section "absolute" (see

Ld Sections

). A pass1 expression means an expression

with section "pass1" (see

as Internal Sections

). In this manual we use

the notation {secname N } to mean "offset N into section secname".

Apart from text, data and bss sections you need to know about the absolute section. When ld mixes partial programs, addresses in the absolute section remain unchanged. For example, address {absolute 0} is "relocated" to run-time address 0 by ld. Although two partial programs' data sections will not overlap addresses after linking, by definition their absolute sections will overlap. Address {absolute 239} in one partial program will always be the same address when the program is running as address {absolute 239} in any other partial program.

The idea of sections is extended to the undefined section. Any address whose section is unknown at assembly time is by definition rendered {undefined U }--where U will be filled in later. Since numbers are always defined, the only way to generate an undefined address is to mention an undefined symbol. A reference to a named common block would be such a symbol: its value is unknown at assembly time so it has section undefined.

By analogy the word section is used to describe groups of sections in the linked program. ld puts all partial programs' text sections in contiguous addresses in the linked program. It is customary to refer to the text section of a program, meaning all the addresses of all partial program's text sections. Likewise for data and bss sections.

Some sections are manipulated by ld; others are invented for use of as and have no meaning except during assembly.

## 1.37 as.guide/Ld Sections

### ld Sections

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ld deals with just four kinds of sections, summarized below.

#### named sections

##### text section

##### data section

These sections hold your program. as and ld treat them as separate but equal sections. Anything you can say of one section is true another. When the program is running, however, it is customary for the text section to be unalterable. The text section is often shared among processes: it will contain instructions, constants and the like. The data section of a running program is usually alterable: for example, C variables would be stored in the data section.

##### bss section

This section contains zeroed bytes when your program begins running. It is used to hold uninitialized variables or common storage. The length of each partial program's bss section is important, but because it starts out containing zeroed bytes there is no need to store explicit zero bytes in the object file. The bss section was invented to eliminate those explicit zeros from object files.

##### absolute section

Address 0 of this section is always "relocated" to runtime address 0. This is useful if you want to refer to an address that ld must not change when relocating. In this sense we speak of absolute addresses being "unrelocatable": they don't change during relocation.

##### undefined section

This "section" is a catch-all for address references to objects not in the preceding sections.

An idealized example of three relocatable sections follows. The example uses the traditional section names .text and .data. Memory addresses are on the horizontal axis.

```

partial program # 1:  +-----+-----+---+
                    |ttttt|dddd|00|
                    +-----+-----+---+

                    text  data bss
                    seg.  seg. seg.

partial program # 2:  +---+---+---+
                    |TTT|DDD|000|
                    +---+---+---+

linked program:      +---+---+-----+---+-----+---+-----+---+-----+---+
                    |  |TTT|ttttt|  |dddd|DDD|00000|

```

```

+---+---+-----+---+---+---+-----+~
addresses:      0 ...

```

## 1.38 as.guide/As Sections

as Internal Sections  
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These sections are meant only for the internal use of as. They have no meaning at run-time. You don't really need to know about these sections for most purposes; but they can be mentioned in as warning messages, so it might be helpful to have an idea of their meanings to as. These sections are used to permit the value of every expression in your assembly language program to be a section-relative address.

ASSEMBLER-INTERNAL-LOGIC-ERROR!

An internal assembler logic error has been found. This means there is a bug in the assembler.

expr section

The assembler stores complex expression internally as combinations of symbols. When it needs to represent an expression as a symbol, it puts it in the expr section.

## 1.39 as.guide/Sub-Sections

Sub-Sections  
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Assembled bytes conventionally fall into two sections: text and data. You may have separate groups of data in named sections that you want to end up near to each other in the object file, even though they are not contiguous in the assembler source. as allows you to use subsections for this purpose. Within each section, there can be numbered subsections with values from 0 to 8192. Objects assembled into the same subsection will be grouped with other objects in the same subsection when they are all put into the object file. For example, a compiler might want to store constants in the text section, but might not want to have them interspersed with the program being assembled. In this case, the compiler could issue a .text 0 before each section of code being output, and a .text 1 before each group of constants being output.

Subsections are optional. If you don't use subsections, everything will be stored in subsection number zero.

Each subsection is zero-padded up to a multiple of four bytes. (Subsections may be padded a different amount on different flavors of



as.)

Subsections appear in your object file in numeric order, lowest numbered to highest. (All this to be compatible with other people's assemblers.) The object file contains no representation of subsections; ld and other programs that manipulate object files will see no trace of them. They just see all your text subsections as a text section, and all your data subsections as a data section.

To specify which subsection you want subsequent statements assembled into, use a numeric argument to specify it, in a .text expression or a .data expression statement. When generating COFF output, you can also use an extra subsection argument with arbitrary named sections: .section name, expression. Expression should be an absolute expression. (See

Expressions

.) If you just say .text then .text 0 is assumed.

Likewise .data means .data 0. Assembly begins in text 0. For instance:

```
.text 0      # The default subsection is text 0 anyway.
.ascii "This lives in the first text subsection. *"
.text 1
.ascii "But this lives in the second text subsection."
.data 0
.ascii "This lives in the data section,"
.ascii "in the first data subsection."
.text 0
.ascii "This lives in the first text section,"
.ascii "immediately following the asterisk (*)."
```

Each section has a location counter incremented by one for every byte assembled into that section. Because subsections are merely a convenience restricted to as there is no concept of a subsection location counter. There is no way to directly manipulate a location counter--but the .align directive will change it, and any label definition will capture its current value. The location counter of the section that statements are being assembled into is said to be the active location counter.

## 1.40 as.guide/bss

bss Section

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The bss section is used for local common variable storage. You may allocate address space in the bss section, but you may not dictate data to load into it before your program executes. When your program starts running, all the contents of the bss section are zeroed bytes.

Addresses in the bss section are allocated with special directives; you may not assemble anything directly into the bss section. Hence there are no bss subsections. See

.comm  
, see

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.lcomm
.
```

## 1.41 as.guide/Symbols

Symbols

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Symbols are a central concept: the programmer uses symbols to name things, the linker uses symbols to link, and the debugger uses symbols to debug.

Warning: as does not place symbols in the object file in the same order they were declared. This may break some debuggers.

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## 1.42 as.guide/Labels

Labels

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A label is written as a symbol immediately followed by a colon :. The symbol then represents the current value of the active location counter, and is, for example, a suitable instruction operand. You are warned if you use the same symbol to represent two different locations: the first definition overrides any other definitions.

## 1.43 as.guide/Setting Symbols

### Giving Symbols Other Values

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A symbol can be given an arbitrary value by writing a symbol, followed by an equals sign =, followed by an expression (see

Expressions

). This is equivalent to using the .set directive. See

.set

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## 1.44 as.guide/Symbol Names

### Symbol Names

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Symbol names begin with a letter or with one of `._`. On most machines, you can also use `$` in symbol names; exceptions are noted in

Machine Dependencies

. That character may be followed by any string of digits, letters, dollar signs (unless otherwise noted in

Machine Dependencies

), and underscores. For the AMD 29K family, `?` is also allowed in the body of a symbol name, though not at its beginning.

Case of letters is significant: `foo` is a different symbol name than `Foo`.

Each symbol has exactly one name. Each name in an assembly language program refers to exactly one symbol. You may use that symbol name any number of times in a program.

### Local Symbol Names

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Local symbols help compilers and programmers use names temporarily. There are ten local symbol names, which are re-used throughout the program. You may refer to them using the names `0 1 ... 9`. To define a local symbol, write a label of the form `N:` (where `N` represents any digit). To refer to the most recent previous definition of that symbol write `Nb`, using the same digit as when you defined the label. To refer to the next definition of a local label, write `Nf`--where `N` gives you a choice of 10 forward references. The `b` stands for "backwards" and the `f` stands for "forwards".

Local symbols are not emitted by the current GNU C compiler.

There is no restriction on how you can use these labels, but remember that at any point in the assembly you can refer to at most 10

prior local labels and to at most 10 forward local labels.

Local symbol names are only a notation device. They are immediately transformed into more conventional symbol names before the assembler uses them. The symbol names stored in the symbol table, appearing in error messages and optionally emitted to the object file have these parts:

L

All local labels begin with L. Normally both as and ld forget symbols that start with L. These labels are used for symbols you are never intended to see. If you give the -L option then as will retain these symbols in the object file. If you also instruct ld to retain these symbols, you may use them in debugging.

digit

If the label is written 0: then the digit is 0. If the label is written 1: then the digit is 1. And so on up through 9:.

This unusual character is included so you don't accidentally invent a symbol of the same name. The character has ASCII value \001.

ordinal number

This is a serial number to keep the labels distinct. The first 0: gets the number 1; The 15th 0: gets the number 15; etc.. Likewise for the other labels 1: through 9:.

For instance, the first 1: is named L!A1, the 44th 3: is named L!A44.

## 1.45 as.guide/Dot

The Special Dot Symbol

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The special symbol . refers to the current address that as is assembling into. Thus, the expression melvin: .long . will cause melvin to contain its own address. Assigning a value to . is treated the same as a .org directive. Thus, the expression .=+4 is the same as saying .space 4.

## 1.46 as.guide/Symbol Attributes

Symbol Attributes

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Every symbol has, as well as its name, the attributes "Value" and "Type". Depending on output format, symbols can also have auxiliary attributes.

If you use a symbol without defining it, `as` assumes zero for all these attributes, and probably won't warn you. This makes the symbol an externally defined symbol, which is generally what you would want.

```

Symbol Value
                Value

Symbol Type
                Type

a.out Symbols
                Symbol Attributes: a.out

COFF Symbols
                Symbol Attributes for COFF

```

## 1.47 `as.guide/Symbol Value`

Value  
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The value of a symbol is (usually) 32 bits. For a symbol which labels a location in the text, data, bss or absolute sections the value is the number of addresses from the start of that section to the label. Naturally for text, data and bss sections the value of a symbol changes as `ld` changes section base addresses during linking. Absolute symbols' values do not change during linking: that is why they are called absolute.

The value of an undefined symbol is treated in a special way. If it is 0 then the symbol is not defined in this assembler source program, and `ld` will try to determine its value from other programs it is linked with. You make this kind of symbol simply by mentioning a symbol name without defining it. A non-zero value represents a `.comm` common declaration. The value is how much common storage to reserve, in bytes (addresses). The symbol refers to the first address of the allocated storage.

## 1.48 `as.guide/Symbol Type`

Type  
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The type attribute of a symbol contains relocation (section) information, any flag settings indicating that a symbol is external, and (optionally), other information for linkers and debuggers. The exact format depends on the object-code output format in use.

## 1.49 as.guide/a.out Symbols

Symbol Attributes: a.out

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Symbol Desc	Descriptor
Symbol Other	Other

## 1.50 as.guide/Symbol Desc

Descriptor

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This is an arbitrary 16-bit value. You may establish a symbol's descriptor value by using a `.desc` statement (see

`.desc`  
`). A descriptor`

value means nothing to `as`.

## 1.51 as.guide/Symbol Other

Other

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This is an arbitrary 8-bit value. It means nothing to `as`.

## 1.52 as.guide/COFF Symbols

Symbol Attributes for COFF

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The COFF format supports a multitude of auxiliary symbol attributes; like the primary symbol attributes, they are set between `.def` and `.endef` directives.

#### Primary Attributes

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The symbol name is set with `.def`; the value and type, respectively, with `.val` and `.type`.

#### Auxiliary Attributes

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The `as` directives `.dim`, `.line`, `.scl`, `.size`, and `.tag` can generate auxiliary symbol table information for COFF.

## 1.53 as.guide/Expressions

### Expressions

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An expression specifies an address or numeric value. Whitespace may precede and/or follow an expression.

#### Empty Exprs

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#### Integer Exprs

Integer Expressions

## 1.54 as.guide/Empty Exprs

### Empty Expressions

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An empty expression has no value: it is just whitespace or null. Wherever an absolute expression is required, you may omit the expression and `as` will assume a value of (absolute) 0. This is compatible with other assemblers.

## 1.55 as.guide/Integer Exprs

## Integer Expressions

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An integer expression is one or more arguments delimited by operators.

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## 1.56 as.guide/Arguments

Arguments

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Arguments are symbols, numbers or subexpressions. In other contexts arguments are sometimes called "arithmetic operands". In this manual, to avoid confusing them with the "instruction operands" of the machine language, we use the term "argument" to refer to parts of expressions only, reserving the word "operand" to refer only to machine instruction operands.

Symbols are evaluated to yield {section NNN } where section is one of text, data, bss, absolute, or undefined. NNN is a signed, 2's complement 32 bit integer.

Numbers are usually integers.

A number can be a flonum or bignum. In this case, you are warned that only the low order 32 bits are used, and as pretends these 32 bits are an integer. You may write integer-manipulating instructions that act on exotic constants, compatible with other assemblers.

Subexpressions are a left parenthesis ( followed by an integer expression, followed by a right parenthesis ); or a prefix operator followed by an argument.

## 1.57 as.guide/Operators



## Operators

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Operators are arithmetic functions, like + or %. Prefix operators are followed by an argument. Infix operators appear between their arguments. Operators may be preceded and/or followed by whitespace.

### 1.58 as.guide/Prefix Ops

#### Prefix Operator

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as has the following prefix operators. They each take one argument, which must be absolute.

- Negation. Two's complement negation.
- ~  
Complementation. Bitwise not.

### 1.59 as.guide/Infix Ops

#### Infix Operators

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Infix operators take two arguments, one on either side. Operators have precedence, but operations with equal precedence are performed left to right. Apart from + or -, both arguments must be absolute, and the result is absolute.

##### 1. Highest Precedence

- \*  
Multiplication.
  - /  
Division. Truncation is the same as the C operator /
  - %  
Remainder.
  - <  
<<  
Shift Left. Same as the C operator <<.
  - >  
>>  
Shift Right. Same as the C operator >>.
-

## 2. Intermediate precedence

|  
Bitwise Inclusive Or.

&  
Bitwise And.

^  
Bitwise Exclusive Or.

!  
Bitwise Or Not.

## 3. Lowest Precedence

+  
Addition. If either argument is absolute, the result has the section of the other argument. If either argument is pass1 or undefined, the result is pass1. Otherwise + is illegal.

-  
Subtraction. If the right argument is absolute, the result has the section of the left argument. If either argument is pass1 the result is pass1. If either argument is undefined the result is difference section. If both arguments are in the same section, the result is absolute--provided that section is one of text, data or bss. Otherwise subtraction is illegal.

The sense of the rule for addition is that it's only meaningful to add the offsets in an address; you can only have a defined section in one of the two arguments.

Similarly, you can't subtract quantities from two different sections.

## 1.60 as.guide/Pseudo Ops

### Assembler Directives

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All assembler directives have names that begin with a period (.). The rest of the name is letters, usually in lower case.

This chapter discusses directives that are available regardless of the target machine configuration for the GNU assembler. Some machine configurations provide additional directives. See

Machine Dependencies

.

Abort

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	<code>.abort</code>
ABORT	<code>.ABORT</code>
Align	<code>.align abs-expr , abs-expr</code>
App-File	<code>.app-file string</code>
Ascii	<code>.ascii "string" ...</code>
Asciz	<code>.asciz "string" ...</code>
Byte	<code>.byte expressions</code>
Comm	<code>.comm symbol , length</code>
Data	<code>.data subsection</code>
Def	<code>.def name</code>
Desc	<code>.desc symbol, abs-expression</code>
Dim	<code>.dim</code>
Double	<code>.double flonums</code>
Eject	<code>.eject</code>
Else	<code>.else</code>
Endef	<code>.endef</code>
Endif	<code>.endif</code>

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Equ	<code>.equ symbol, expression</code>
Extern	<code>.extern</code>
File	<code>.file string</code>
Fill	<code>.fill repeat , size , value</code>
Float	<code>.float flonums</code>
Global	<code>.global symbol, .globl symbol</code>
hword	<code>.hword expressions</code>
Ident	<code>.ident</code>
If	<code>.if absolute expression</code>
Include	<code>.include "file"</code>
Int	<code>.int expressions</code>
Lcomm	<code>.lcomm symbol , length</code>
Lflags	<code>.lflags</code>
Line	<code>.line line-number</code>
Ln	<code>.ln line-number</code>
List	<code>.list</code>
Long	<code>.long expressions</code>

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Nolist	.nolist
Octa	.octa bignums
Org	.org new-lc , fill
Psize	.psize lines, columns
Quad	.quad bignums
Sbttl	.sbttl "subheading"
Scl	.scl class
Section	.section name, subsection
Set	.set symbol, expression
Short	.short expressions
Single	.single flonums
Size	.size
Space	.space size , fill
Stab	.stabd, .stabn, .stabs
Tag	.tag structname
Text	.text subsection
Title	

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	<code>.title "heading"</code>
Type	<code>.type int</code>
Val	<code>.val addr</code>
Word	<code>.word expressions</code>
Deprecated	Deprecated Directives

## 1.61 as.guide/Abort

```
.abort
=====
```

This directive stops the assembly immediately. It is for compatibility with other assemblers. The original idea was that the assembly language source would be piped into the assembler. If the sender of the source quit, it could use this directive tells as to quit also. One day `.abort` will not be supported.

## 1.62 as.guide/ABORT

```
.ABORT
=====
```

When producing COFF output, as accepts this directive as a synonym for `.abort`.

When producing b.out output, as accepts this directive, but ignores it.

## 1.63 as.guide/Align

```
.align abs-expr , abs-expr
=====
```

Pad the location counter (in the current subsection) to a particular storage boundary. The first expression (which must be absolute) is the number of low-order zero bits the location counter will have after

advancement. For example `.align 3` will advance the location counter until it is a multiple of 8. If the location counter is already a multiple of 8, no change is needed.

The second expression (also absolute) gives the value to be stored in the padding bytes. It (and the comma) may be omitted. If it is omitted, the padding bytes are zero.

## 1.64 as.guide/App-File

```
.app-file string
=====
```

`.app-file` (which may also be spelled `.file`) tells `as` that we are about to start a new logical file. `string` is the new file name. In general, the filename is recognized whether or not it is surrounded by quotes `"`; but if you wish to specify an empty file name is permitted, you must give the quotes-`"`". This statement may go away in future: it is only recognized to be compatible with old `as` programs.

## 1.65 as.guide/Ascii

```
.ascii "string" ...
=====
```

`.ascii` expects zero or more string literals (see `Strings`) separated by commas. It assembles each string (with no automatic trailing zero byte) into consecutive addresses.

## 1.66 as.guide/Asciz

```
.asciz "string" ...
=====
```

`.asciz` is just like `.ascii`, but each string is followed by a zero byte. The `"z"` in `.asciz` stands for `"zero"`.

## 1.67 as.guide/Byte

`.byte expressions`

=====

`.byte` expects zero or more expressions, separated by commas. Each expression is assembled into the next byte.

## 1.68 `as.guide/Comm`

`.comm symbol , length`

=====

`.comm` declares a named common area in the bss section. Normally `ld` reserves memory addresses for it during linking, so no partial program defines the location of the symbol. Use `.comm` to tell `ld` that it must be at least `length` bytes long. `ld` will allocate space for each `.comm` symbol that is at least as long as the longest `.comm` request in any of the partial programs linked. `length` is an absolute expression.

## 1.69 `as.guide/Data`

`.data subsection`

=====

`.data` tells `as` to assemble the following statements onto the end of the data subsection numbered `subsection` (which is an absolute expression). If `subsection` is omitted, it defaults to zero.

## 1.70 `as.guide/Def`

`.def name`

=====

Begin defining debugging information for a symbol name; the definition extends until the `.endef` directive is encountered.

This directive is only observed when `as` is configured for COFF format output; when producing `b.out`, `.def` is recognized, but ignored.

## 1.71 `as.guide/Desc`



```
.desc symbol, abs-expression
```

```
=====
```

This directive sets the descriptor of the symbol (see

Symbol Attributes

) to the low 16 bits of an absolute expression.

The `.desc` directive is not available when `as` is configured for COFF output; it is only for `a.out` or `b.out` object format. For the sake of compatibility, `as` will accept it, but produce no output, when configured for COFF.

## 1.72 as.guide/Dim

```
.dim
```

```
=====
```

This directive is generated by compilers to include auxiliary debugging information in the symbol table. It is only permitted inside `.def/.endef` pairs.

`.dim` is only meaningful when generating COFF format output; when `as` is generating `b.out`, it accepts this directive but ignores it.

## 1.73 as.guide/Double

```
.double flonums
```

```
=====
```

`.double` expects zero or more flonums, separated by commas. It assembles floating point numbers. The exact kind of floating point numbers emitted depends on how `as` is configured. See

Machine Dependencies

.

## 1.74 as.guide/Eject

```
.eject
```

```
=====
```

Force a page break at this point, when generating assembly listings.

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## 1.75 as.guide/Else

```
        .else
=====
```

.else is part of the as support for conditional assembly; see  
.if

It marks the beginning of a section of code to be assembled if the condition for the preceding .if was false.

## 1.76 as.guide/Endef

```
.endef
=====
```

This directive flags the end of a symbol definition begun with .def.

.endef is only meaningful when generating COFF format output; if as is configured to generate b.out, it accepts this directive but ignores it.

## 1.77 as.guide/Endif

```
        .endif
=====
```

.endif is part of the as support for conditional assembly; it marks the end of a block of code that is only assembled conditionally. See

```
        .if
        .
```

## 1.78 as.guide/Equ

```
        .equ symbol, expression
=====
```

This directive sets the value of symbol to expression. It is synonymous with .set; see

```
        .set
        .
```

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## 1.79 as.guide/Extern

```
.extern
=====
```

`.extern` is accepted in the source program--for compatibility with other assemblers--but it is ignored. `as` treats all undefined symbols as external.

## 1.80 as.guide/File

```
.file string
=====
```

`.file` (which may also be spelled `.app-file`) tells `as` that we are about to start a new logical file. `string` is the new file name. In general, the filename is recognized whether or not it is surrounded by quotes `"`; but if you wish to specify an empty file name, you must give the quotes-`"`". This statement may go away in future: it is only recognized to be compatible with old `as` programs. In some configurations of `as`, `.file` has already been removed to avoid conflicts with other assemblers. See

Machine Dependencies

.

## 1.81 as.guide/Fill

```
.fill repeat , size , value
=====
```

`result`, `size` and `value` are absolute expressions. This emits `repeat` copies of `size` bytes. `Repeat` may be zero or more. `Size` may be zero or more, but if it is more than 8, then it is deemed to have the value 8, compatible with other people's assemblers. The contents of each `repeat` bytes is taken from an 8-byte number. The highest order 4 bytes are zero. The lowest order 4 bytes are `value` rendered in the byte-order of an integer on the computer as is assembling for. Each `size` bytes in a repetition is taken from the lowest order `size` bytes of this number. Again, this bizarre behavior is compatible with other people's assemblers.

`size` and `value` are optional. If the second comma and `value` are absent, `value` is assumed zero. If the first comma and following tokens are absent, `size` is assumed to be 1.

## 1.82 as.guide/Float

```
.float flonums  
=====
```

This directive assembles zero or more flonums, separated by commas. It has the same effect as `.single`. The exact kind of floating point numbers emitted depends on how `as` is configured. See

```
Machine Dependencies  
.
```

## 1.83 as.guide/Global

```
.global symbol, .globl symbol  
=====
```

`.global` makes the symbol visible to `ld`. If you define `symbol` in your partial program, its value is made available to other partial programs that are linked with it. Otherwise, `symbol` will take its attributes from a symbol of the same name from another partial program it is linked with.

Both spellings (`.globl` and `.global`) are accepted, for compatibility with other assemblers.

## 1.84 as.guide/hword

```
.hword expressions  
=====
```

This expects zero or more expressions, and emits a 16 bit number for each.

This directive is a synonym for `.short`; depending on the target architecture, it may also be a synonym for `.word`.

## 1.85 as.guide/Ident

```
.ident  
=====
```

This directive is used by some assemblers to place tags in object files. `as` simply accepts the directive for source-file compatibility with such assemblers, but does not actually emit anything for it.

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## 1.86 as.guide/If

```

        .if absolute expression
=====

        .if marks the beginning of a section of code which is only
considered part of the source program being assembled if the argument
(which must be an absolute expression) is non-zero. The end of the
conditional section of code must be marked by .endif (see
        .endif
        );
optionally, you may include code for the alternative condition, flagged
by .else (see
        .else
        .

```

The following variants of .if are also supported:

```

.ifdef symbol
    Assembles the following section of code if the specified symbol
    has been defined.

.ifndef symbol
ifnotdef symbol
    Assembles the following section of code if the specified symbol
    has not been defined. Both spelling variants are equivalent.

```

## 1.87 as.guide/Include

```

        .include "file"
=====

```

This directive provides a way to include supporting files at specified points in your source program. The code from file is assembled as if it followed the point of the .include; when the end of the included file is reached, assembly of the original file continues. You can control the search paths used with the -I command-line option (see

```

        Command-Line Options
        ). Quotation marks are required around file.

```

## 1.88 as.guide/Int

```

.int expressions
=====

```

Expect zero or more expressions, of any section, separated by commas. For each expression, emit a 32-bit number that will, at run time, be the value of that expression. The byte order of the

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expression depends on what kind of computer will run the program.

## 1.89 as.guide/Lcomm

```
.lcomm symbol , length
=====
```

Reserve length (an absolute expression) bytes for a local common denoted by symbol. The section and value of symbol are those of the new local common. The addresses are allocated in the bss section, so at run-time the bytes will start off zeroed. Symbol is not declared global (see

```
.global
), so is normally not visible to ld.
```

## 1.90 as.guide/Lflags

```
.lflags
=====
```

as accepts this directive, for compatibility with other assemblers, but ignores it.

## 1.91 as.guide/Line

```
.line line-number
=====
```

Tell as to change the logical line number. line-number must be an absolute expression. The next line will have that logical line number. So any other statements on the current line (after a statement separator character) will be reported as on logical line number line-number - 1. One day this directive will be unsupported: it is used only for compatibility with existing assembler programs.

Warning: In the AMD29K configuration of as, this command is only available with the name .ln, rather than as either .line or .ln.

Even though this is a directive associated with the a.out or b.out object-code formats, as will still recognize it when producing COFF output, and will treat .line as though it were the COFF .ln if it is found outside a .def/.endef pair.

Inside a .def, .line is, instead, one of the directives used by compilers to generate auxiliary symbol information for debugging.

## 1.92 as.guide/Ln

```
.ln line-number  
=====
```

.ln is a synonym for .line.

## 1.93 as.guide/List

```
.list  
=====
```

Control (in conjunction with the .nolist directive) whether or not assembly listings are generated. These two directives maintain an internal counter (which is zero initially). .list increments the counter, and .nolist decrements it. Assembly listings are generated whenever the counter is greater than zero.

By default, listings are disabled. When you enable them (with the -a command line option; see [Command-Line Options](#)), the initial value of the listing counter is one.

## 1.94 as.guide/Long

```
.long expressions  
=====
```

.long is the same as .int, see  
.int  
.

## 1.95 as.guide/Nolist

```
.nolist  
=====
```

Control (in conjunction with the .list directive) whether or not assembly listings are generated. These two directives maintain an internal counter (which is zero initially). .list increments the counter, and .nolist decrements it. Assembly listings are generated whenever the counter is greater than zero.

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## 1.96 as.guide/Octa

```
.octa bignums  
=====
```

This directive expects zero or more bignums, separated by commas. For each bignum, it emits a 16-byte integer.

The term "octa" comes from contexts in which a "word" is two bytes; hence octa-word for 16 bytes.

## 1.97 as.guide/Org

```
.org new-lc , fill  
=====
```

.org will advance the location counter of the current section to new-lc. new-lc is either an absolute expression or an expression with the same section as the current subsection. That is, you can't use .org to cross sections: if new-lc has the wrong section, the .org directive is ignored. To be compatible with former assemblers, if the section of new-lc is absolute, as will issue a warning, then pretend the section of new-lc is the same as the current subsection.

.org may only increase the location counter, or leave it unchanged; you cannot use .org to move the location counter backwards.

Because as tries to assemble programs in one pass new-lc may not be undefined. If you really detest this restriction we eagerly await a chance to share your improved assembler.

Beware that the origin is relative to the start of the section, not to the start of the subsection. This is compatible with other people's assemblers.

When the location counter (of the current subsection) is advanced, the intervening bytes are filled with fill which should be an absolute expression. If the comma and fill are omitted, fill defaults to zero.

## 1.98 as.guide/Psize

```
.psize lines , columns  
=====
```

Use this directive to declare the number of lines--and, optionally, the number of columns--to use for each page, when generating listings.

If you don't use .psize, listings will use a default line-count of 60. You may omit the comma and columns specification; the default width is 200 columns.

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as will generate formfeeds whenever the specified number of lines is exceeded (or whenever you explicitly request one, using `.eject`).

If you specify lines as 0, no formfeeds are generated save those explicitly specified with `.eject`.

## 1.99 as.guide/Quad

```
.quad bignums  
=====
```

`.quad` expects zero or more bignums, separated by commas. For each bignum, it emits an 8-byte integer. If the bignum won't fit in 8 bytes, it prints a warning message; and just takes the lowest order 8 bytes of the bignum.

The term "quad" comes from contexts in which a "word" is two bytes; hence quad-word for 8 bytes.

## 1.100 as.guide/Sbttl

```
.sbttl "subheading"  
=====
```

Use subheading as the title (third line, immediately after the title line) when generating assembly listings.

This directive affects subsequent pages, as well as the current page if it appears within ten lines of the top of a page.

## 1.101 as.guide/Scf

```
.scf class  
=====
```

Set the storage-class value for a symbol. This directive may only be used inside a `.def/.endef` pair. Storage class may flag whether a symbol is static or external, or it may record further symbolic debugging information.

The `.scf` directive is primarily associated with COFF output; when configured to generate b.out output format, as will accept this directive but ignore it.

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## 1.102 as.guide/Section

```
.section name, subsection
=====
```

Assemble the following code into end of subsection numbered subsection in the COFF named section name. If you omit subsection, as uses subsection number zero. `.section .text` is equivalent to the `.text` directive; `.section .data` is equivalent to the `.data` directive.

## 1.103 as.guide/Set

```
.set symbol, expression
=====
```

This directive sets the value of symbol to expression. This will change symbol's value and type to conform to expression. If symbol was flagged as external, it remains flagged. (See  
Symbol Attributes  
.)

You may `.set` a symbol many times in the same assembly. If the expression's section is unknowable during pass 1, a second pass over the source program will be forced. The second pass is currently not implemented. `as` will abort with an error message if one is required.

If you `.set` a global symbol, the value stored in the object file is the last value stored into it.

## 1.104 as.guide/Short

```
.short expressions
=====
```

```
.short is normally the same as .word. See
.word
.
```

In some configurations, however, `.short` and `.word` generate numbers of different lengths; see  
Machine Dependencies  
.

## 1.105 as.guide/Single

```
.single flonums
```

```
=====
```

This directive assembles zero or more flonums, separated by commas. It has the same effect as `.float`. The exact kind of floating point numbers emitted depends on how `as` is configured. See

```
Machine Dependencies
```

```
.
```

## 1.106 `as.guide/Size`

```
.size
```

```
=====
```

This directive is generated by compilers to include auxiliary debugging information in the symbol table. It is only permitted inside `.def/.endef` pairs.

`.size` is only meaningful when generating COFF format output; when `as` is generating `b.out`, it accepts this directive but ignores it.

## 1.107 `as.guide/Space`

```
.space size , fill
```

```
=====
```

This directive emits `size` bytes, each of value `fill`. Both `size` and `fill` are absolute expressions. If the comma and `fill` are omitted, `fill` is assumed to be zero.

On the AMD 29K, this directive is ignored; it is accepted for compatibility with other AMD 29K assemblers.

Warning: In most versions of the GNU assembler, the directive `.space` has the effect of `.block`. See

```
Machine Dependencies
```

```
.
```

## 1.108 `as.guide/Stab`

```
.stabd, .stabn, .stabs
```

```
=====
```

There are three directives that begin `.stab`. All emit symbols (see

Symbols

), for use by symbolic debuggers. The symbols are not entered in the `as` hash table: they cannot be referenced elsewhere in the source file. Up to five fields are required:

`string`

This is the symbol's name. It may contain any character except `\000`, so is more general than ordinary symbol names. Some debuggers used to code arbitrarily complex structures into symbol names using this field.

`type`

An absolute expression. The symbol's type is set to the low 8 bits of this expression. Any bit pattern is permitted, but `ld` and debuggers will choke on silly bit patterns.

`other`

An absolute expression. The symbol's "other" attribute is set to the low 8 bits of this expression.

`desc`

An absolute expression. The symbol's descriptor is set to the low 16 bits of this expression.

`value`

An absolute expression which becomes the symbol's value.

If a warning is detected while reading a `.stabd`, `.stabn`, or `.stabs` statement, the symbol has probably already been created and you will get a half-formed symbol in your object file. This is compatible with earlier assemblers!

`.stabd type , other , desc`

The "name" of the symbol generated is not even an empty string. It is a null pointer, for compatibility. Older assemblers used a null pointer so they didn't waste space in object files with empty strings.

The symbol's value is set to the location counter, relocatably. When your program is linked, the value of this symbol will be where the location counter was when the `.stabd` was assembled.

`.stabn type , other , desc , value`

The name of the symbol is set to the empty string "".

`.stabs string , type , other , desc , value`

All five fields are specified.

## 1.109 `as.guide/Tag`

---

```
.tag structname  
=====
```

This directive is generated by compilers to include auxiliary debugging information in the symbol table. It is only permitted inside `.def/.endif` pairs. Tags are used to link structure definitions in the symbol table with instances of those structures.

`.tag` is only used when generating COFF format output; when `as` is generating `b.out`, it accepts this directive but ignores it.

### 1.110 `as.guide/Text`

```
.text subsection  
=====
```

Tells `as` to assemble the following statements onto the end of the text subsection numbered `subsection`, which is an absolute expression. If `subsection` is omitted, subsection number zero is used.

### 1.111 `as.guide/Title`

```
.title "heading"  
=====
```

Use `heading` as the title (second line, immediately after the source file name and `pagenumber`) when generating assembly listings.

This directive affects subsequent pages, as well as the current page if it appears within ten lines of the top of a page.

### 1.112 `as.guide/Type`

```
.type int  
=====
```

This directive, permitted only within `.def/.endif` pairs, records the integer `int` as the type attribute of a symbol table entry.

`.type` is associated only with COFF format output; when `as` is configured for `b.out` output, it accepts this directive but ignores it.

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### 1.113 as.guide/Val

```
.val addr
=====
```

This directive, permitted only within `.def/.endif` pairs, records the address `addr` as the value attribute of a symbol table entry.

`.val` is used only for COFF output; when `as` is configured for `b.out`, it accepts this directive but ignores it.

### 1.114 as.guide/Word

```
.word expressions
=====
```

This directive expects zero or more expressions, of any section, separated by commas.

The size of the number emitted, and its byte order, depends on what kind of computer will run the program.

Warning: Special Treatment to support Compilers

Machines with a 32-bit address space, but that do less than 32-bit addressing, require the following special treatment. If the machine of interest to you does 32-bit addressing (or doesn't require it; see

```
Machine Dependencies
), you can ignore this issue.
```

In order to assemble compiler output into something that will work, `as` will occasionally do strange things to `.word` directives. Directives of the form `.word sym1-sym2` are often emitted by compilers as part of jump tables. Therefore, when `as` assembles a directive of the form `.word sym1-sym2`, and the difference between `sym1` and `sym2` does not fit in 16 bits, `as` will create a secondary jump table, immediately before the next label. This secondary jump table will be preceded by a short-jump to the first byte after the secondary table. This short-jump prevents the flow of control from accidentally falling into the new table. Inside the table will be a long-jump to `sym2`. The original `.word` will contain `sym1` minus the address of the long-jump to `sym2`.

If there were several occurrences of `.word sym1-sym2` before the secondary jump table, all of them will be adjusted. If there was a `.word sym3-sym4`, that also did not fit in sixteen bits, a long-jump to `sym4` will be included in the secondary jump table, and the `.word` directives will be adjusted to contain `sym3` minus the address of the long-jump to `sym4`; and so on, for as many entries in the original jump table as necessary.

## 1.115 as.guide/Deprecated

Deprecated Directives

=====

One day these directives won't work. They are included for compatibility with older assemblers.

```
.abort
.app-file
.line
```

## 1.116 as.guide/Machine Dependencies

Machine Dependent Features

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The machine instruction sets are (almost by definition) different on each machine where as runs. Floating point representations vary as well, and as often supports a few additional directives or command-line options for compatibility with other assemblers on a particular platform. Finally, some versions of as support special pseudo-instructions for branch optimization.

This chapter discusses most of these differences, though it does not include details on any machine's instruction set. For details on that subject, see the hardware manufacturer's manual.

Vax-Dependent

VAX Dependent Features

AMD29K-Dependent

AMD 29K Dependent Features

H8-300-Dependent

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H8-500-Dependent

Hitachi H8/500 Dependent Features

SH-Dependent

Hitachi SH Dependent Features

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M680x0 Dependent Features

Sparc-Dependent  
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Z8000-Dependent  
Z8000 Dependent Features

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80386 Dependent Features

## 1.117 as.guide/Vax-Dependent

VAX Dependent Features

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VAX Operands

VAX-no  
Not Supported on VAX

## 1.118 as.guide/Vax-Opts

VAX Command-Line Options

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The Vax version of as accepts any of the following options, gives a warning message that the option was ignored and proceeds. These options are for compatibility with scripts designed for other people's assemblers.

-D (Debug)

-S (Symbol Table)

-T (Token Trace)

These are obsolete options used to debug old assemblers.

-d (Displacement size for JUMPs)

This option expects a number following the -d. Like options that expect filenames, the number may immediately follow the -d (old standard) or constitute the whole of the command line argument that follows -d (GNU standard).

-V (Virtualize Interpass Temporary File)

Some other assemblers use a temporary file. This option commanded them to keep the information in active memory rather than in a disk file. as always does this, so this option is redundant.

-J (JUMPify Longer Branches)

Many 32-bit computers permit a variety of branch instructions to do the same job. Some of these instructions are short (and fast) but have a limited range; others are long (and slow) but can branch anywhere in virtual memory. Often there are 3 flavors of branch: short, medium and long. Some other assemblers would emit short and medium branches, unless told by this option to emit short and long branches.

-t (Temporary File Directory)

Some other assemblers may use a temporary file, and this option takes a filename being the directory to site the temporary file. Since as does not use a temporary disk file, this option makes no difference. -t needs exactly one filename.

The Vax version of the assembler accepts two options when compiled for VMS. They are -h, and --. The -h option prevents as from modifying the symbol-table entries for symbols that contain lowercase characters (I think). The -- option causes as to print warning messages if the FILENAME part of the object file, or any symbol name is larger than 31 characters. The -- option also insertes some code following the \_main symbol so that the object file will be compatible with Vax-11 "C".

## 1.119 as.guide/VAX-float

VAX Floating Point

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Conversion of flonums to floating point is correct, and compatible with previous assemblers. Rounding is towards zero if the remainder is exactly half the least significant bit.

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D, F, G and H floating point formats are understood.

Immediate floating literals (e.g. S`\$6.9) are rendered correctly. Again, rounding is towards zero in the boundary case.

The .float directive produces f format numbers. The .double directive produces d format numbers.

## 1.120 as.guide/VAX-directives

### Vax Machine Directives

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The Vax version of the assembler supports four directives for generating Vax floating point constants. They are described in the table below.

#### .dfloat

This expects zero or more flonums, separated by commas, and assembles Vax d format 64-bit floating point constants.

#### .ffloat

This expects zero or more flonums, separated by commas, and assembles Vax f format 32-bit floating point constants.

#### .gfloat

This expects zero or more flonums, separated by commas, and assembles Vax g format 64-bit floating point constants.

#### .hfloat

This expects zero or more flonums, separated by commas, and assembles Vax h format 128-bit floating point constants.

## 1.121 as.guide/VAX-opcodes

### VAX Opcodes

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All DEC mnemonics are supported. Beware that case... instructions have exactly 3 operands. The dispatch table that follows the case... instruction should be made with .word statements. This is compatible with all unix assemblers we know of.

## 1.122 as.guide/VAX-branch

## VAX Branch Improvement

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Certain pseudo opcodes are permitted. They are for branch instructions. They expand to the shortest branch instruction that will reach the target. Generally these mnemonics are made by substituting j for b at the start of a DEC mnemonic. This feature is included both for compatibility and to help compilers. If you don't need this feature, don't use these opcodes. Here are the mnemonics, and the code they can expand into.

### jbsb

Jsb is already an instruction mnemonic, so we chose jbsb.

(byte displacement)

bsbb ...

(word displacement)

bsbw ...

(long displacement)

jsb ...

### jbr

#### jr

Unconditional branch.

(byte displacement)

brb ...

(word displacement)

brw ...

(long displacement)

jmp ...

### jCOND

COND may be any one of the conditional branches neq, nequ, eql, eqlu, gtr, geq, lss, gtru, lequ, vc, vs, gequ, cc, lssu, cs. COND may also be one of the bit tests bs, bc, bss, bcs, bsc, bcc, bssi, bcci, lbs, lbc. NOTCOND is the opposite condition to COND.

(byte displacement)

bCOND ...

(word displacement)

bNOTCOND foo ; brw ... ; foo:

(long displacement)

bNOTCOND foo ; jmp ... ; foo:

### jacbX

X may be one of b d f g h l w.

(word displacement)

OPCODE ...

(long displacement)

OPCODE ..., foo ;

brb bar ;

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```

    foo: jmp ... ;
    bar:

```

jaobYYY

YYY may be one of lss leq.

jsobZZZ

ZZZ may be one of geq gtr.

(byte displacement)

OPCODE ...

(word displacement)

OPCODE ..., foo ;

brb bar ;

foo: brw destination ;

bar:

(long displacement)

OPCODE ..., foo ;

brb bar ;

foo: jmp destination ;

bar:

aobleq

aoblss

sobgeq

sobgtr

(byte displacement)

OPCODE ...

(word displacement)

OPCODE ..., foo ;

brb bar ;

foo: brw destination ;

bar:

(long displacement)

OPCODE ..., foo ;

brb bar ;

foo: jmp destination ;

bar:

## 1.123 as.guide/VAX-operands

VAX Operands

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The immediate character is \$ for Unix compatibility, not # as DEC writes it.

The indirect character is \* for Unix compatibility, not @ as DEC writes it.

The displacement sizing character is ` (an accent grave) for Unix

compatibility, not ^ as DEC writes it. The letter preceding ` may have either case. G is not understood, but all other letters (b i l s w) are understood.

Register names understood are r0 r1 r2 ... r15 ap fp sp pc. Any case of letters will do.

For instance  
tstb \*w`\$4(r5)

Any expression is permitted in an operand. Operands are comma separated.

## 1.124 as.guide/VAX-no

Not Supported on VAX  
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Vax bit fields can not be assembled with as. Someone can add the required code if they really need it.

## 1.125 as.guide/AMD29K-Dependent

AMD 29K Dependent Features  
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AMD29K Options  
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Floating Point

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AMD 29K Machine Directives

AMD29K Opcodes  
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## 1.126 as.guide/AMD29K Options

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## Options

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as has no additional command-line options for the AMD 29K family.

## 1.127 as.guide/AMD29K Syntax

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Syntax

AMD29K-Chars

Special Characters

AMD29K-Regs

Register Names

## 1.128 as.guide/AMD29K-Chars

## Special Characters

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; is the line comment character.

@ can be used instead of a newline to separate statements.

The character ? is permitted in identifiers (but may not begin an identifier).

## 1.129 as.guide/AMD29K-Regs

## Register Names

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General-purpose registers are represented by predefined symbols of the form GRnnn (for global registers) or LRnnn (for local registers), where nnn represents a number between 0 and 127, written with no leading zeros. The leading letters may be in either upper or lower case; for example, gr13 and LR7 are both valid register names.

You may also refer to general-purpose registers by specifying the register number as the result of an expression (prefixed with %% to flag the expression as a register number):

```
%%expression
```

--where expression must be an absolute expression evaluating to a number between 0 and 255. The range [0, 127] refers to global registers, and the range [128, 255] to local registers.

In addition, as understands the following protected special-purpose register names for the AMD 29K family:

vab	chd	pc0
ops	chc	pc1
cps	rbp	pc2
cfg	tmc	mmu
cha	tmr	lru

These unprotected special-purpose register names are also recognized:

ipc	alu	fpe
ipa	bp	inte
ipb	fc	fps
q	cr	exop

## 1.130 as.guide/AMD29K Floating Point

Floating Point

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The AMD 29K family uses IEEE floating-point numbers.

## 1.131 as.guide/AMD29K Directives

AMD 29K Machine Directives

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`.block size , fill`

This directive emits size bytes, each of value fill. Both size and fill are absolute expressions. If the comma and fill are omitted, fill is assumed to be zero.

In other versions of the GNU assembler, this directive is called `.space`.

`.cputype`

This directive is ignored; it is accepted for compatibility with other AMD 29K assemblers.

`.file`

This directive is ignored; it is accepted for compatibility with other AMD 29K assemblers.

Warning: in other versions of the GNU assembler, `.file` is used for the directive called `.app-file` in the AMD 29K

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support.

**.line**

This directive is ignored; it is accepted for compatibility with other AMD 29K assemblers.

**.sect**

This directive is ignored; it is accepted for compatibility with other AMD 29K assemblers.

**.use section name**

Establishes the section and subsection for the following code; section name may be one of `.text`, `.data`, `.data1`, or `.lit`. With one of the first three section name options, `.use` is equivalent to the machine directive `section name`; the remaining case, `.use .lit`, is the same as `.data 200`.

## 1.132 as.guide/AMD29K Opcodes

Opcodes

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`as` implements all the standard AMD 29K opcodes. No additional pseudo-instructions are needed on this family.

For information on the 29K machine instruction set, see 'Am29000 User's Manual', Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.

## 1.133 as.guide/H8-300-Dependent

H8/300 Dependent Features

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H8-300 Options

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Opcodes



## 1.134 as.guide/H8-300 Options

Options

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as has no additional command-line options for the Hitachi H8/300 family.

## 1.135 as.guide/H8-300 Syntax

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Syntax

H8-300-Chars

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Register Names

H8-300-Addressing

Addressing Modes

## 1.136 as.guide/H8-300-Chars

Special Characters

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; is the line comment character.

\$ can be used instead of a newline to separate statements. Therefore you may not use \$ in symbol names on the H8/300.

## 1.137 as.guide/H8-300-Regs

Register Names

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You can use predefined symbols of the form `rnn` and `rnl` to refer to the H8/300 registers as sixteen 8-bit general-purpose registers. `n` is

a digit from 0 to 7); for instance, both r0h and r7l are valid register names.

You can also use the eight predefined symbols rn to refer to the H8/300 registers as 16-bit registers (you must use this form for addressing).

On the H8/300H, you can also use the eight predefined symbols ern (er0 ... er7) to refer to the 32-bit general purpose registers.

The two control registers are called pc (program counter; a 16-bit register, except on the H8/300H where it is 24 bits) and ccr (condition code register; an 8-bit register). r7 is used as the stack pointer, and can also be called sp.

## 1.138 as.guide/H8-300-Addressing

### Addressing Modes

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as understands the following addressing modes for the H8/300:

rn

Register direct

@rn

Register indirect

@(d, rn)

@(d:16, rn)

@(d:24, rn)

Register indirect: 16-bit or 24-bit displacement d from register n. (24-bit displacements are only meaningful on the H8/300H.)

@rn+

Register indirect with post-increment

@-rn

Register indirect with pre-decrement

@ aa

@ aa:8

@ aa:16

@ aa:24

Absolute address aa. (The address size :24 only makes sense on the H8/300H.)

#xx

#xx:8

#xx:16

#xx:32

Immediate data xx. You may specify the :8, :16, or :32 for clarity, if you wish; but as neither requires this nor uses it--the data size required is taken from context.

```
@ @ aa
@ @ aa:8
Memory indirect. You may specify the :8 for clarity, if you wish;
but as neither requires this nor uses it.
```

## 1.139 as.guide/H8-300 Floating Point

Floating Point  
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The H8/300 family has no hardware floating point, but the `.float` directive generates IEEE floating-point numbers for compatibility with other development tools.

## 1.140 as.guide/H8-300 Directives

H8/300 Machine Directives  
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as has only one machine-dependent directive for the H8/300:

`.h300h`

Recognize and emit additional instructions for the H8/300H variant, and also make `.int` emit 32-bit numbers rather than the usual (16-bit) for the H8/300 family.

On the H8/300 family (including the H8/300H) `.word` directives generate 16-bit numbers.

## 1.141 as.guide/H8-300 Opcodes

Opcodes  
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For detailed information on the H8/300 machine instruction set, see 'H8/300 Series Programming Manual' (Hitachi ADE-602-025). For information specific to the H8/300H, see 'H8/300H Series Programming Manual' (Hitachi).

as implements all the standard H8/300 opcodes. No additional pseudo-instructions are needed on this family.

The following table summarizes the H8/300 opcodes, and their arguments. Entries marked \* are opcodes used only on the H8/300H.

Legend:

Rs source register

Rd destination register  
 abs absolute address  
 imm immediate data  
 disp:N N-bit displacement from a register  
 pcrel:N N-bit displacement relative to program counter

add.b #imm,rd	* andc #imm,ccr
add.b rs,rd	band #imm,rd
add.w rs,rd	band #imm,@rd
* add.w #imm,rd	band #imm,@abs:8
* add.l rs,rd	bra pcrel:8
* add.l #imm,rd	* bra pcrel:16
adds #imm,rd	bt pcrel:8
addx #imm,rd	* bt pcrel:16
addx rs,rd	brn pcrel:8
and.b #imm,rd	* brn pcrel:16
and.b rs,rd	bf pcrel:8
* and.w rs,rd	* bf pcrel:16
* and.w #imm,rd	bhi pcrel:8
* and.l #imm,rd	* bhi pcrel:16
* and.l rs,rd	bls pcrel:8
* bls pcrel:16	bld #imm,rd
bcc pcrel:8	bld #imm,@rd
* bcc pcrel:16	bld #imm,@abs:8
bhs pcrel:8	bnot #imm,rd
* bhs pcrel:16	bnot #imm,@rd
bcs pcrel:8	bnot #imm,@abs:8
* bcs pcrel:16	bnot rs,rd
blo pcrel:8	bnot rs,@rd
* blo pcrel:16	bnot rs,@abs:8
bne pcrel:8	bor #imm,rd
* bne pcrel:16	bor #imm,@rd
beq pcrel:8	bor #imm,@abs:8
* beq pcrel:16	bset #imm,rd
bvc pcrel:8	bset #imm,@rd
* bvc pcrel:16	bset #imm,@abs:8
bvs pcrel:8	bset rs,rd
* bvs pcrel:16	bset rs,@rd
bpl pcrel:8	bset rs,@abs:8
* bpl pcrel:16	bsr pcrel:8
bmi pcrel:8	bsr pcrel:16
* bmi pcrel:16	bst #imm,rd
bge pcrel:8	bst #imm,@rd
* bge pcrel:16	bst #imm,@abs:8
blt pcrel:8	btst #imm,rd
* blt pcrel:16	btst #imm,@rd
bgt pcrel:8	btst #imm,@abs:8
* bgt pcrel:16	btst rs,rd
ble pcrel:8	btst rs,@rd
* ble pcrel:16	btst rs,@abs:8
bclr #imm,rd	bxor #imm,rd
bclr #imm,@rd	bxor #imm,@rd
bclr #imm,@abs:8	bxor #imm,@abs:8
bclr rs,rd	cmp.b #imm,rd
bclr rs,@rd	cmp.b rs,rd
bclr rs,@abs:8	cmp.w rs,rd

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biand #imm,rd
biand #imm,@rd
biand #imm,@abs:8
bild #imm,rd
bild #imm,@rd
bild #imm,@abs:8
bior #imm,rd
bior #imm,@rd
bior #imm,@abs:8
bist #imm,rd
bist #imm,@rd
bist #imm,@abs:8
bixor #imm,rd
bixor #imm,@rd
bixor #imm,@abs:8

* exts.w rd
* exts.l rd
* extu.w rd
* extu.l rd
inc rs
* inc.w #imm,rd
* inc.l #imm,rd
jmp @rs
jmp abs
jmp @@abs:8
jsr @rs
jsr abs
jsr @@abs:8
ldc #imm,ccr
ldc rs,ccr
* ldc @abs:16,ccr
* ldc @abs:24,ccr
* ldc @(disp:16,rs),ccr
* ldc @(disp:24,rs),ccr
* ldc @rs+,ccr
* ldc @rs,ccr
* mov.b @(disp:24,rs),rd
* mov.b rs,@(disp:24,rd)
mov.b @abs:16,rd
mov.b rs,rd
mov.b @abs:8,rd
mov.b rs,@abs:8
mov.b rs,rd
mov.b #imm,rd
mov.b @rs,rd
mov.b @(disp:16,rs),rd
mov.b @rs+,rd
mov.b @abs:8,rd
mov.b rs,@rd
mov.b rs,@(disp:16,rd)
mov.b rs,@-rd
mov.b rs,@abs:8
mov.w rs,@rd
* mov.w @(disp:24,rs),rd
* mov.w rs,@(disp:24,rd)
* mov.w @abs:24,rd

cmp.w rs,rd
* cmp.w #imm,rd
* cmp.l #imm,rd
* cmp.l rs,rd
daa rs
das rs
dec.b rs
* dec.w #imm,rd
* dec.l #imm,rd
divxu.b rs,rd
* divxu.w rs,rd
* divxs.b rs,rd
* divxs.w rs,rd
eepmov
* eepmovw

mov.w rs,@abs:16
* mov.l #imm,rd
* mov.l rs,rd
* mov.l @rs,rd
* mov.l @(disp:16,rs),rd
* mov.l @(disp:24,rs),rd
* mov.l @rs+,rd
* mov.l @abs:16,rd
* mov.l @abs:24,rd
* mov.l rs,@rd
* mov.l rs,@(disp:16,rd)
* mov.l rs,@(disp:24,rd)
* mov.l rs,@-rd
* mov.l rs,@abs:16
* mov.l rs,@abs:24
movfpe @abs:16,rd
movtpe rs,@abs:16
mulxu.b rs,rd
* mulxu.w rs,rd
* mulxs.b rs,rd
* mulxs.w rs,rd
neg.b rs
* neg.w rs
* neg.l rs
nop
not.b rs
* not.w rs
* not.l rs
or.b #imm,rd
or.b rs,rd
* or.w #imm,rd
* or.w rs,rd
* or.l #imm,rd
* or.l rs,rd
orc #imm,ccr
pop.w rs
* pop.l rs
push.w rs
* push.l rs
rotl.b rs
* rotl.w rs

```

```

*  mov.w  rs,@abs:24          *  rotr.b  rs
  mov.w  rs,rd              *  rotr.w  rs
  mov.w  #imm,rd           *  rotr.l  rs
  mov.w  @rs,rd            *  rotxl.b rs
  mov.w  @(disp:16,rs),rd  *  rotxl.w rs
  mov.w  @rs+,rd           *  rotxl.l rs
  mov.w  @abs:16,rd        *  rotxr.b rs
  mov.w  rs,@(disp:16,rd)  *  rotxr.w rs
  mov.w  rs,@-rd

*  rotxr.l rs
  bpt
  rte
  rts
  shal.b rs
*  shal.w rs
*  shal.l rs
  shar.b rs
*  shar.w rs
*  shar.l rs
  shll.b rs
*  shll.w rs
*  shll.l rs
  shlr.b rs
*  shlr.w rs
*  shlr.l rs
  sleep
  stc  ccr,rd
*  stc  ccr,@rs
*  stc  ccr,@(disp:16,rd)

*  stc  ccr,@(disp:24,rd)
*  stc  ccr,@-rd
*  stc  ccr,@abs:16
*  stc  ccr,@abs:24
  sub.b rs,rd
  sub.w rs,rd
*  sub.w #imm,rd
*  sub.l rs,rd
*  sub.l #imm,rd
  subs #imm,rd
  subx #imm,rd
  subx rs,rd
*  trapa #imm
  xor  #imm,rd
  xor  rs,rd
*  xor.w #imm,rd
*  xor.w rs,rd
*  xor.l #imm,rd
*  xor.l rs,rd
  xorc #imm,ccr

```

Four H8/300 instructions (`add`, `cmp`, `mov`, `sub`) are defined with variants using the suffixes `.b`, `.w`, and `.l` to specify the size of a memory operand. `as` supports these suffixes, but does not require them; since one of the operands is always a register, `as` can deduce the correct size.

For example, since `r0` refers to a 16-bit register,

```

mov    r0,@foo

```

is equivalent to

```

mov.w  r0,@foo

```

If you use the size suffixes, `as` issues a warning when the suffix and the register size do not match.

## 1.142 `as.guide/H8-500-Dependent`

H8/500 Dependent Features

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H8-500 Options

Options

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           H8/500 Machine Directives

H8-500 Opcodes
           Opcodes

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### 1.143 as.guide/H8-500 Options

Options

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as has no additional command-line options for the Hitachi H8/500 family.

### 1.144 as.guide/H8-500 Syntax

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Syntax

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### 1.145 as.guide/H8-500-Chars

Special Characters

.....

! is the line comment character.

; can be used instead of a newline to separate statements.

Since \$ has no special meaning, you may use it in symbol names.

## 1.146 as.guide/H8-500-Regs

Register Names

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You can use the predefined symbols `r0`, `r1`, `r2`, `r3`, `r4`, `r5`, `r6`, and `r7` to refer to the H8/500 registers.

The H8/500 also has these control registers:

<code>cp</code>	code pointer
<code>dp</code>	data pointer
<code>bp</code>	base pointer
<code>tp</code>	stack top pointer
<code>ep</code>	extra pointer
<code>sr</code>	status register
<code>ccr</code>	condition code register

All registers are 16 bits long. To represent 32 bit numbers, use two adjacent registers; for distant memory addresses, use one of the segment pointers (`cp` for the program counter; `dp` for `r0-r3`; `ep` for `r4` and `r5`; and `tp` for `r6` and `r7`).

## 1.147 as.guide/H8-500-Addressing

Addressing Modes

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as understands the following addressing modes for the H8/500:

<code>Rn</code>	Register direct
<code>@Rn</code>	Register indirect



@(d:8, Rn)  
Register indirect with 8 bit signed displacement

@(d:16, Rn)  
Register indirect with 16 bit signed displacement

@-Rn  
Register indirect with pre-decrement

@Rn+  
Register indirect with post-increment

@aa:8  
8 bit absolute address

@aa:16  
16 bit absolute address

#xx:8  
8 bit immediate

#xx:16  
16 bit immediate

## 1.148 as.guide/H8-500 Floating Point

Floating Point  
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The H8/500 family uses IEEE floating-point numbers.

## 1.149 as.guide/H8-500 Directives

H8/500 Machine Directives  
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as has no machine-dependent directives for the H8/500. However, on this platform the .int and .word directives generate 16-bit numbers.

## 1.150 as.guide/H8-500 Opcodes

Opcodes  
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For detailed information on the H8/500 machine instruction set, see 'H8/500 Series Programming Manual' (Hitachi M21T001).

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as implements all the standard H8/500 opcodes. No additional pseudo-instructions are needed on this family.

The following table summarizes H8/500 opcodes and their operands:

Legend:

abs8	8-bit absolute address
abs16	16-bit absolute address
abs24	24-bit absolute address
crb	ccr, br, ep, dp, tp, dp
disp8	8-bit displacement
ea	rn, @rn, @(d:8, rn), @(d:16, rn), @-rn, @rn+, @aa:8, @aa:16, #xx:8, #xx:16
ea_mem	@rn, @(d:8, rn), @(d:16, rn), @-rn, @rn+, @aa:8, @aa:16
ea_noimm	rn, @rn, @(d:8, rn), @(d:16, rn), @-rn, @rn+, @aa:8, @aa:16
fp	r6
imm4	4-bit immediate data
imm8	8-bit immediate data
imm16	16-bit immediate data
pcrel8	8-bit offset from program counter
pcrel16	16-bit offset from program counter
qim	-2, -1, 1, 2
rd	any register
rs	a register distinct from rd
rlist	comma-separated list of registers in parentheses; register ranges rd-rs are allowed
sp	stack pointer (r7)
sr	status register
sz	size; .b or .w. If omitted, default .w

ldc[.b] ea,crb	bcc[.w] pcrel16
ldc[.w] ea,sr	bcc[.b] pcrel8
add[:q] sz qim,ea_noimm	bhs[.w] pcrel16
add[:g] sz ea,rd	bhs[.b] pcrel8
adds sz ea,rd	bcs[.w] pcrel16
addx sz ea,rd	bcs[.b] pcrel8
and sz ea,rd	blo[.w] pcrel16
andc[.b] imm8,crb	blo[.b] pcrel8
andc[.w] imm16,sr	bne[.w] pcrel16
bpt	bne[.b] pcrel8
bra[.w] pcrel16	beq[.w] pcrel16
bra[.b] pcrel8	beq[.b] pcrel8
bt[.w] pcrel16	bvc[.w] pcrel16
bt[.b] pcrel8	bvc[.b] pcrel8
brn[.w] pcrel16	bvs[.w] pcrel16
brn[.b] pcrel8	bvs[.b] pcrel8
bf[.w] pcrel16	bpl[.w] pcrel16
bf[.b] pcrel8	bpl[.b] pcrel8
bhi[.w] pcrel16	bmi[.w] pcrel16
bhi[.b] pcrel8	bmi[.b] pcrel8
bls[.w] pcrel16	bge[.w] pcrel16
bls[.b] pcrel8	bge[.b] pcrel8

blt[.w] pcrel16	mov[:g][.b] imm8,ea_mem
blt[.b] pcrel8	mov[:g][.w] imm16,ea_mem
bgt[.w] pcrel16	movfpe[.b] ea,rd
bgt[.b] pcrel8	movtpe[.b] rs,ea_noimm
ble[.w] pcrel16	mulxu sz ea,rd
ble[.b] pcrel8	neg sz ea
bclr sz imm4,ea_noimm	nop
bclr sz rs,ea_noimm	not sz ea
bnot sz imm4,ea_noimm	or sz ea,rd
bnot sz rs,ea_noimm	orc[.b] imm8,crb
bset sz imm4,ea_noimm	orc[.w] imm16,sr
bset sz rs,ea_noimm	pjmp abs24
bsr[.b] pcrel8	pjmp @rd
bsr[.w] pcrel16	pjsr abs24
btst sz imm4,ea_noimm	pjsr @rd
btst sz rs,ea_noimm	prtd imm8
clr sz ea	prtd imm16
cmp[:e][.b] imm8,rd	prts
cmp[:i][.w] imm16,rd	rotl sz ea
cmp[:g].b imm8,ea_noimm	rotr sz ea
cmp[:g][.w] imm16,ea_noimm	rotxl sz ea
Cmp[:g] sz ea,rd	rotxr sz ea
dadd rs,rd	rtd imm8
divxu sz ea,rd	rtd imm16
dsub rs,rd	rts
exts[.b] rd	scb/f rs,pcrel8
extu[.b] rd	scb/ne rs,pcrel8
jmp @rd	scb/eq rs,pcrel8
jmp @(imm8,rd)	shal sz ea
jmp @(imm16,rd)	shar sz ea
jmp abs16	shll sz ea
jsr @rd	shlr sz ea
jsr @(imm8,rd)	sleep
jsr @(imm16,rd)	stc[.b] crb,ea_noimm
jsr abs16	stc[.w] sr,ea_noimm
ldm @sp+, (rlist)	stm (rlist),@-sp
link fp,imm8	sub sz ea,rd
link fp,imm16	subs sz ea,rd
mov[:e][.b] imm8,rd	subx sz ea,rd
mov[:i][.w] imm16,rd	swap[.b] rd
mov[:l][.w] abs8,rd	tas[.b] ea
mov[:l].b abs8,rd	trapa imm4
mov[:s][.w] rs,abs8	trap/vs
mov[:s].b rs,abs8	tst sz ea
mov[:f][.w] @(disp8,fp),rd	unlk fp
mov[:f][.w] rs,@(disp8,fp)	xch[.w] rs,rd
mov[:f].b @(disp8,fp),rd	xor sz ea,rd
mov[:f].b rs,@(disp8,fp)	xorc.b imm8,crb
mov[:g] sz rs,ea_mem	xorc.w imm16,sr
mov[:g] sz ea,rd	

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## Hitachi SH Dependent Features

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as has no additional command-line options for the Hitachi SH family.

### 1.153 as.guide/SH Syntax

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## Special Characters

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! is the line comment character.

You can use ; instead of a newline to separate statements.

Since \$ has no special meaning, you may use it in symbol names.

## 1.155 as.guide/SH-Regs

### Register Names

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You can use the predefined symbols r0, r1, r2, r3, r4, r5, r6, r7, r8, r9, r10, r11, r12, r13, r14, and r15 to refer to the SH registers.

The SH also has these control registers:

pr  
    procedure register (holds return address)

pc  
    program counter

mach  
macl  
    high and low multiply accumulator registers

sr  
    status register

gbr  
    global base register

vbr  
    vector base register (for interrupt vectors)

## 1.156 as.guide/SH-Addressing

### Addressing Modes

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as understands the following addressing modes for the SH. Rn in the following refers to any of the numbered registers, but not the control registers.

Rn

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Register direct

@Rn  
Register indirect

@-Rn  
Register indirect with pre-decrement

@Rn+  
Register indirect with post-increment

@(disp, Rn)  
Register indirect with displacement

@(R0, Rn)  
Register indexed

@(disp, GBR)  
GBR offset

@(R0, GBR)  
GBR indexed

addr  
@(disp, PC)  
PC relative address (for branch or for addressing memory). The as implementation allows you to use the simpler form addr anywhere a PC relative address is called for; the alternate form is supported for compatibility with other assemblers.

#imm  
Immediate data

## 1.157 as.guide/SH Floating Point

Floating Point  
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The SH family uses IEEE floating-point numbers.

## 1.158 as.guide/SH Directives

SH Machine Directives  
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as has no machine-dependent directives for the SH.

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## 1.159 as.guide/SH Opcodes

Opcodes  
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For detailed information on the SH machine instruction set, see 'SH-Microcomputer User's Manual' (Hitachi Micro Systems, Inc.).

as implements all the standard SH opcodes. No additional pseudo-instructions are needed on this family. Note, however, that because as supports a simpler form of PC-relative addressing, you may simply write (for example)

```
mov.l bar,r0
```

where other assemblers might require an explicit displacement to bar from the program counter:

```
mov.l @(disp, PC)
```

Here is a summary of SH opcodes:

Legend:

```
Rn          a numbered register
Rm          another numbered register
#imm       immediate data
disp       displacement
disp8      8-bit displacement
disp12     12-bit displacement
```

add #imm,Rn	lds.l @Rn+,PR
add Rm,Rn	mac.w @Rm+,@Rn+
addc Rm,Rn	mov #imm,Rn
addv Rm,Rn	mov Rm,Rn
and #imm,R0	mov.b Rm,@(R0,Rn)
and Rm,Rn	mov.b Rm,@-Rn
and.b #imm,@(R0,GBR)	mov.b Rm,@Rn
bf disp8	mov.b @(disp,Rm),R0
bra disp12	mov.b @(disp,GBR),R0
bsr disp12	mov.b @(R0,Rm),Rn
bt disp8	mov.b @Rm+,Rn
clrm	mov.b @Rm,Rn
clrt	mov.b R0,@(disp,Rm)
cmp/eq #imm,R0	mov.b R0,@(disp,GBR)
cmp/eq Rm,Rn	mov.l Rm,@(disp,Rn)
cmp/ge Rm,Rn	mov.l Rm,@(R0,Rn)
cmp/gt Rm,Rn	mov.l Rm,@-Rn
cmp/hi Rm,Rn	mov.l Rm,@Rn
cmp/hs Rm,Rn	mov.l @(disp,Rn),Rm
cmp/pl Rn	mov.l @(disp,GBR),R0
cmp/pz Rn	mov.l @(disp,PC),Rn
cmp/str Rm,Rn	mov.l @(R0,Rm),Rn
div0s Rm,Rn	mov.l @Rm+,Rn
div0u	mov.l @Rm,Rn
divl Rm,Rn	mov.l R0,@(disp,GBR)
exts.b Rm,Rn	mov.w Rm,@(R0,Rn)

```

exts.w Rm,Rn
extu.b Rm,Rn
extu.w Rm,Rn
jmp @Rn
jsr @Rn
ldc Rn,GBR
ldc Rn,SR
ldc Rn,VBR
ldc.l @Rn+,GBR
ldc.l @Rn+,SR
ldc.l @Rn+,VBR
lds Rn,MACH
lds Rn,MACL
lds Rn,PR
lds.l @Rn+,MACH
lds.l @Rn+,MACL

mov.w Rm,@-Rn
mov.w Rm,@Rn
mov.w @(disp,Rm),R0
mov.w @(disp,GBR),R0
mov.w @(disp,PC),Rn
mov.w @(R0,Rm),Rn
mov.w @Rm+,Rn
mov.w @Rm,Rn
mov.w R0,@(disp,Rm)
mov.w R0,@(disp,GBR)
mova @(disp,PC),R0
movt Rn
muls Rm,Rn
mulu Rm,Rn
neg Rm,Rn
negc Rm,Rn

nop
not Rm,Rn
or #imm,R0
or Rm,Rn
or.b #imm,@(R0,GBR)
rotcl Rn
rotcr Rn
rotl Rn
rotr Rn
rte
rts
sett
shal Rn
shar Rn
shll Rn
shll16 Rn
shll2 Rn
shll8 Rn
shlr Rn
shlr16 Rn
shlr2 Rn
shlr8 Rn
sleep
stc GBR,Rn
stc SR,Rn

stc VBR,Rn
stc.l GBR,@-Rn
stc.l SR,@-Rn
stc.l VBR,@-Rn
sts MACH,Rn
sts MACL,Rn
sts PR,Rn
sts.l MACH,@-Rn
sts.l MACL,@-Rn
sts.l PR,@-Rn
sub Rm,Rn
subc Rm,Rn
subv Rm,Rn
swap.b Rm,Rn
swap.w Rm,Rn
tas.b @Rn
trapa #imm
tst #imm,R0
tst Rm,Rn
tst.b #imm,@(R0,GBR)
xor #imm,R0
xor Rm,Rn
xor.b #imm,@(R0,GBR)
xtrct Rm,Rn

```

## 1.160 as.guide/i960-Dependent

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```

### 1.161 as.guide/Options-i960

#### i960 Command-line Options

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`-ACA` | `-ACA_A` | `-ACB` | `-ACC` | `-AKA` | `-AKB` | `-AKC` | `-AMC`  
 Select the 80960 architecture. Instructions or features not supported by the selected architecture cause fatal errors.

`-ACA` is equivalent to `-ACA_A`; `-AKC` is equivalent to `-AMC`.  
 Synonyms are provided for compatibility with other tools.

If none of these options is specified, `as` will generate code for any instruction or feature that is supported by some version of the 960 (even if this means mixing architectures!). In principle, `as` will attempt to deduce the minimal sufficient processor type if none is specified; depending on the object code format, the processor type may be recorded in the object file. If it is critical that the `as` output match a specific architecture, specify that architecture explicitly.

#### `-b`

Add code to collect information about conditional branches taken, for later optimization using branch prediction bits. (The conditional branch instructions have branch prediction bits in the CA, CB, and CC architectures.) If BR represents a conditional branch instruction, the following represents the code generated by the assembler when `-b` is specified:

```

        call    increment routine
        .word  0          # pre-counter
Label: BR
        call    increment routine
        .word  0          # post-counter
  
```

The counter following a branch records the number of times that branch was not taken; the difference between the two counters is the number of times the branch was taken.

A table of every such Label is also generated, so that the external postprocessor `gbr960` (supplied by Intel) can locate all the counters. This table is always labelled `__BRANCH_TABLE__`; this is a local symbol to permit collecting statistics for many separate object files. The table is word aligned, and begins with a two-word header. The first word, initialized to 0, is used in

maintaining linked lists of branch tables. The second word is a count of the number of entries in the table, which follow immediately: each is a word, pointing to one of the labels illustrated above.

```

+-----+-----+-----+ ... +-----+
| *NEXT   | COUNT: N | *BRLAB 1 |   | *BRLAB N |
|         |         |         |   |         |
+-----+-----+-----+ ... +-----+

```

\_\_BRANCH\_TABLE\_\_ layout

The first word of the header is used to locate multiple branch tables, since each object file may contain one. Normally the links are maintained with a call to an initialization routine, placed at the beginning of each function in the file. The GNU C compiler will generate these calls automatically when you give it a `-b` option. For further details, see the documentation of `gbr960`.

#### `-norelax`

Normally, Compare-and-Branch instructions with targets that require displacements greater than 13 bits (or that have external targets) are replaced with the corresponding compare (or `chkbit`) and branch instructions. You can use the `-norelax` option to specify that as should generate errors instead, if the target displacement is larger than 13 bits.

This option does not affect the Compare-and-Jump instructions; the code emitted for them is always adjusted when necessary (depending on displacement size), regardless of whether you use `-norelax`.

## 1.162 as.guide/Floating Point-i960

### Floating Point

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as generates IEEE floating-point numbers for the directives `.float`, `.double`, `.extended`, and `.single`.

## 1.163 as.guide/Directives-i960

### i960 Machine Directives

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`.bss` symbol, length, align

Reserve length bytes in the bss section for a local symbol, aligned to the power of two specified by align. length and align must be positive absolute expressions. This directive differs from `.lcomm` only in that it permits you to specify an alignment.

See

`.lcomm`

.

`.extended flonums`

`.extended` expects zero or more flonums, separated by commas; for each flonum, `.extended` emits an IEEE extended-format (80-bit) floating-point number.

`.leafproc call-lab, bal-lab`

You can use the `.leafproc` directive in conjunction with the optimized `callj` instruction to enable faster calls of leaf procedures. If a procedure is known to call no other procedures, you may define an entry point that skips procedure prolog code (and that does not depend on system-supplied saved context), and declare it as the `bal-lab` using `.leafproc`. If the procedure also has an entry point that goes through the normal prolog, you can specify that entry point as `call-lab`.

A `.leafproc` declaration is meant for use in conjunction with the optimized call instruction `callj`; the directive records the data needed later to choose between converting the `callj` into a `bal` or a `call`.

`call-lab` is optional; if only one argument is present, or if the two arguments are identical, the single argument is assumed to be the `bal` entry point.

`.sysproc name, index`

The `.sysproc` directive defines a name for a system procedure. After you define it using `.sysproc`, you can use `name` to refer to the system procedure identified by `index` when calling procedures with the optimized call instruction `callj`.

Both arguments are required; `index` must be between 0 and 31 (inclusive).

## 1.164 as.guide/Opcodes for i960

i960 Opcodes

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All Intel 960 machine instructions are supported; see

i960 Command-line Options

for a discussion of selecting the instruction subset for a particular 960 architecture.

Some opcodes are processed beyond simply emitting a single corresponding instruction: `callj`, and `Compare-and-Branch` or `Compare-and-Jump` instructions with target displacements larger than 13 bits.

```

callj-i960
                callj

Compare-and-branch-i960
                Compare-and-Branch

```

## 1.165 as.guide/callj-i960

```

callj
.....

```

You can write `callj` to have the assembler or the linker determine the most appropriate form of subroutine call: `call`, `bal`, or `calls`. If the assembly source contains enough information--a `.leafproc` or `.sysproc` directive defining the operand--then `as` will translate the `callj`; if not, it will simply emit the `callj`, leaving it for the linker to resolve.

## 1.166 as.guide/Compare-and-branch-i960

```

Compare-and-Branch
.....

```

The 960 architectures provide combined Compare-and-Branch instructions that permit you to store the branch target in the lower 13 bits of the instruction word itself. However, if you specify a branch target far enough away that its address won't fit in 13 bits, the assembler can either issue an error, or convert your Compare-and-Branch instruction into separate instructions to do the compare and the branch.

Whether `as` gives an error or expands the instruction depends on two choices you can make: whether you use the `-norelax` option, and whether you use a "Compare and Branch" instruction or a "Compare and Jump" instruction. The "Jump" instructions are always expanded if necessary; the "Branch" instructions are expanded when necessary unless you specify `-norelax`--in which case `as` gives an error instead.

These are the Compare-and-Branch instructions, their "Jump" variants, and the instruction pairs they may expand into:

Compare and Branch	Jump	Expanded to
-----	-----	-----
<code>bbc</code>		<code>chkbit; bno</code>
<code>bbs</code>		<code>chkbit; bo</code>
<code>cmpibe</code>	<code>cmpije</code>	<code>cmpi; be</code>
<code>cmpibg</code>	<code>cmpijg</code>	<code>cmpi; bg</code>

cmpibge	cmpijge	cmpi; bge
cmpibl	cmpijl	cmpi; bl
cmpible	cmpijle	cmpi; ble
cmpibno	cmpijno	cmpi; bno
cmpibne	cmpijne	cmpi; bne
cmpibo	cmpijo	cmpi; bo
cmpobe	cmpoje	cmpo; be
cmpobg	cmpojg	cmpo; bg
cmpobge	cmpojge	cmpo; bge
cmpobl	cmpojl	cmpo; bl
cmpoble	cmpojle	cmpo; ble
cmpobne	cmpojne	cmpo; bne

## 1.167 as.guide/M68K-Dependent

M680x0 Dependent Features

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## 1.168 as.guide/M68K-Opts

M680x0 Options

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The Motorola 680x0 version of as has two machine dependent options. One shortens undefined references from 32 to 16 bits, while the other is used to tell as what kind of machine it is assembling for.

You can use the `-l` option to shorten the size of references to undefined symbols. If the `-l` option is not given, references to

undefined symbols will be a full long (32 bits) wide. (Since as cannot know where these symbols will end up, as can only allocate space for the linker to fill in later. Since as doesn't know how far away these symbols will be, it allocates as much space as it can.) If this option is given, the references will only be one word wide (16 bits). This may be useful if you want the object file to be as small as possible, and you know that the relevant symbols will be less than 17 bits away.

The 680x0 version of as is most frequently used to assemble programs for the Motorola MC68020 microprocessor. Occasionally it is used to assemble programs for the mostly similar, but slightly different MC68000 or MC68010 microprocessors. You can give as the options -m68000, -mc68000, -m68010, -mc68010, -m68020, and -mc68020 to tell it what processor is the target.

## 1.169 as.guide/M68K-Syntax

### Syntax

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This syntax for the Motorola 680x0 was developed at MIT.

The 680x0 version of as uses syntax similar to the Sun assembler. Intervening periods are now ignored; for example, movl is equivalent to move.l.

In the following table apc stands for any of the address registers (a0 through a7), nothing, (), the Program Counter (pc), or the zero-address relative to the program counter (zpc).

The following addressing modes are understood:

Immediate

#digits

Data Register

d0 through d7

Address Register

a0 through a7

Address Register Indirect

a0@ through a7@

a7 is also known as sp, i.e. the Stack Pointer. a6 is also known as fp, the Frame Pointer.

Address Register Postincrement

a0@+ through a7@+

Address Register Predecrement

a0@- through a7@-

Indirect Plus Offset

apc @(digits)

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## Index

apc @(digits,register:size:scale)

or apc @(register:size:scale)

## Postindex

apc @(digits)@(digits,register:size:scale)

or apc @(digits)@(register:size:scale)

## Preindex

apc @(digits,register:size:scale)@(digits)

or apc @(register:size:scale)@(digits)

## Memory Indirect

apc @(digits)@(digits)

## Absolute

symbol, or digits

For some configurations, especially those where the compiler normally does not prepend an underscore to the names of user variables, the assembler requires a % before any use of a register name. This is intended to let the assembler distinguish between user variables and registers named a0 through a7, et cetera. The % is always accepted, but is only required for some configurations, notably m68k-coff.

## 1.170 as.guide/M68K-Moto-Syntax

### Motorola Syntax

The standard Motorola syntax for this chip differs from the syntax already discussed (see

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). as can accept both kinds of syntax, even within a single instruction. The syntaxes are fully compatible, because the Motorola syntax never uses the @ character and the MIT syntax always does, except in cases where the syntaxes are identical.

In particular, you may write or generate M68K assembler with the following conventions:

(In the following table apc stands for any of the address registers (a0 through a7), nothing, (), the Program Counter (pc), or the zero-address relative to the program counter (zpc).)

The following additional addressing modes are understood:

#### Address Register Indirect

a0 through a7

a7 is also known as sp, i.e. the Stack Pointer. a6 is also known as fp, the Frame Pointer.

Address Register Postincrement  
 (a0)+ through (a7)+

Address Register Predecrement  
 -(a0) through -(a7)

Indirect Plus Offset  
 digits(apc)

Index

digits(apc, (register.size\*scale)  
 or (apc, register.size\*scale)

In either case, size and scale are optional (scale defaults to 1, size defaults to 1). scale can be 1, 2, 4, or 8. size can be w or l. scale is only supported on the 68020 and greater.

## 1.171 as.guide/M68K-Float

Floating Point  
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The floating point code is not too well tested, and may have subtle bugs in it.

Packed decimal (P) format floating literals are not supported. Feel free to add the code!

The floating point formats generated by directives are these.

.float  
 Single precision floating point constants.

.double  
 Double precision floating point constants.

There is no directive to produce regions of memory holding extended precision numbers, however they can be used as immediate operands to floating-point instructions. Adding a directive to create extended precision numbers would not be hard, but it has not yet seemed necessary.

## 1.172 as.guide/M68K-Directives

680x0 Machine Directives  
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In order to be compatible with the Sun assembler the 680x0 assembler understands the following directives.

---



**.data1**

This directive is identical to a `.data 1` directive.

**.data2**

This directive is identical to a `.data 2` directive.

**.even**

This directive is identical to a `.align 1` directive.

**.skip**

This directive is identical to a `.space` directive.

## 1.173 as.guide/M68K-opcodes

Opcodes

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M68K-Branch

Branch Improvement

M68K-Chars

Special Characters

## 1.174 as.guide/M68K-Branch

Branch Improvement

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Certain pseudo opcodes are permitted for branch instructions. They expand to the shortest branch instruction that will reach the target. Generally these mnemonics are made by substituting `j` for `b` at the start of a Motorola mnemonic.

The following table summarizes the pseudo-operations. A \* flags cases that are more fully described after the table:

Pseudo-Op	Displacement				
	BYTE	WORD	68020 LONG	68000/10 LONG	non-PC relative
<code>jbsr</code>	<code>bsrs</code>	<code>bsr</code>	<code>bsrl</code>	<code>jsr</code>	<code>jsr</code>
<code>jra</code>	<code>bras</code>	<code>bra</code>	<code>bral</code>	<code>jmp</code>	<code>jmp</code>
* <code>jXX</code>	<code>bXXs</code>	<code>bXX</code>	<code>bXXl</code>	<code>bNXs; jmpl</code>	<code>bNXs; jmp</code>
* <code>dbXX</code>	<code>dbXX</code>	<code>dbXX</code>	<code>dbXX; bra; jmpl</code>		
* <code>fjXX</code>	<code>fbXXw</code>	<code>fbXXw</code>	<code>fbXXl</code>	<code>fbNXw; jmp</code>	

XX: condition  
 NX: negative of condition XX

\*--see full description below

jbsr  
 jra

These are the simplest jump pseudo-operations; they always map to one particular machine instruction, depending on the displacement to the branch target.

jXX

Here, jXX stands for an entire family of pseudo-operations, where XX is a conditional branch or condition-code test. The full list of pseudo-ops in this family is:

jhi jls jcc jcs jne jeq jvc  
 jvs jpl jmi jge jlt jgt jle

For the cases of non-PC relative displacements and long displacements on the 68000 or 68010, as will issue a longer code fragment in terms of NX, the opposite condition to XX. For example, for the non-PC relative case:

```
jXX foo
gives
    bNXs oof
    jmp foo
oof:
```

dbXX

The full family of pseudo-operations covered here is

dbhi dbls dbcc dbcs dbne dbeq dbvc  
 dbvs dbpl dbmi dbge dblt dbgt dble  
 dbf dbra dbt

Other than for word and byte displacements, when the source reads dbXX foo, as will emit

```
dbXX ool
bra oo2
ool: jmpl foo
oo2:
```

fjXX

This family includes

fjne fjeq fjge fjlt fjgt fjle fjf  
 fjt fjgl fjgle fjnge fjngl fjngle fjngt  
 fjnle fjnlt fjoge fjogl fjogt fjole fjolt  
 fjor fjseq fjsf fjsne fjst fjueq fjuge  
 fjugt fjule fjult fjun

For branch targets that are not PC relative, as emits

```
fbNX oof
jmp foo
oof:
when it encounters fjXX foo.
```

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Special Characters

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The immediate character is # for Sun compatibility. The line-comment character is |. If a # appears at the beginning of a line, it is treated as a comment unless it looks like # line file, in which case it is treated normally.

## 1.176 as.guide/Sparc-Dependent

SPARC Dependent Features

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## 1.177 as.guide/Sparc-Opts

Options

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The SPARC chip family includes several successive levels (or other variants) of chip, using the same core instruction set, but including a few additional instructions at each level.

By default, as assumes the core instruction set (SPARC v6), but "bumps" the architecture level as needed: it switches to successively higher architectures as it encounters instructions that only exist in the higher levels.

**-Av6 | -Av7 | -Av8 | -Asparclite**

Use one of the -A options to select one of the SPARC architectures explicitly. If you select an architecture explicitly, as reports a fatal error if it encounters an instruction or feature requiring a higher level.

**-bump**

Permit the assembler to "bump" the architecture level as required, but warn whenever it is necessary to switch to another level.

## 1.178 as.guide/Sparc-Float

### Floating Point

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The Sparc uses IEEE floating-point numbers.

## 1.179 as.guide/Sparc-Directives

### Sparc Machine Directives

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The Sparc version of as supports the following additional machine directives:

#### .common

This must be followed by a symbol name, a positive number, and "bss". This behaves somewhat like .comm, but the syntax is different.

#### .half

This is functionally identical to .short.

#### .proc

This directive is ignored. Any text following it on the same line is also ignored.

#### .reserve

This must be followed by a symbol name, a positive number, and "bss". This behaves somewhat like .lcomm, but the syntax is different.

#### .seg

This must be followed by "text", "data", or "data1". It behaves like .text, .data, or .data 1.

#### .skip

This is functionally identical to the .space directive.

#### .word

On the Sparc, the .word directive produces 32 bit values, instead of the 16 bit values it produces on many other machines.

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## 80386 Dependent Features

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#### Options

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The 80386 has no machine dependent options.

### 1.182 [as.guide/i386-Syntax](#)

#### AT&T Syntax versus Intel Syntax

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In order to maintain compatibility with the output of `gcc`, `as` supports AT&T System V/386 assembler syntax. This is quite different from Intel syntax. We mention these differences because almost all 80386 documents used only Intel syntax. Notable differences between

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the two syntaxes are:

- \* AT&T immediate operands are preceded by `$`; Intel immediate operands are undelimited (Intel `push 4` is AT&T `pushl $4`). AT&T register operands are preceded by `%`; Intel register operands are undelimited. AT&T absolute (as opposed to PC relative) `jump/call` operands are prefixed by `*`; they are undelimited in Intel syntax.
- \* AT&T and Intel syntax use the opposite order for source and destination operands. Intel `add eax, 4` is AT&T `addl $4, %eax`. The source, dest convention is maintained for compatibility with previous Unix assemblers.
- \* In AT&T syntax the size of memory operands is determined from the last character of the opcode name. Opcode suffixes of `b`, `w`, and `l` specify byte (8-bit), word (16-bit), and long (32-bit) memory references. Intel syntax accomplishes this by prefixes memory operands (not the opcodes themselves) with `byte ptr`, `word ptr`, and `dword ptr`. Thus, Intel `mov al, byte ptr foo` is AT&T `movb foo, %al` in AT&T syntax.
- \* Immediate form long jumps and calls are `lcall/ljmp $section, $offset` in AT&T syntax; the Intel syntax is `call/jmp far section:offset`. Also, the far return instruction is `lret $stack-adjust` in AT&T syntax; Intel syntax is `ret far stack-adjust`.
- \* The AT&T assembler does not provide support for multiple section programs. Unix style systems expect all programs to be single sections.

## 1.183 as.guide/i386-Opcodes

### Opcode Naming

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Opcode names are suffixed with one character modifiers which specify the size of operands. The letters `b`, `w`, and `l` specify byte, word, and long operands. If no suffix is specified by an instruction and it contains no memory operands then `as` tries to fill in the missing suffix based on the destination register operand (the last one by convention). Thus, `mov %ax, %bx` is equivalent to `movw %ax, %bx`; also, `mov $1, %bx` is equivalent to `movw $1, %bx`. Note that this is incompatible with the AT&T Unix assembler which assumes that a missing opcode suffix implies long operand size. (This incompatibility does not affect compiler output since compilers always explicitly specify the opcode suffix.)

Almost all opcodes have the same names in AT&T and Intel format. There are a few exceptions. The sign extend and zero extend instructions need two sizes to specify them. They need a size to sign/zero extend from and a size to zero extend to. This is accomplished by using two opcode suffixes in AT&T syntax. Base names for sign extend and zero extend are `movs...` and `movz...` in AT&T syntax (`movsx` and `movzx` in Intel syntax). The opcode suffixes are tacked

on to this base name, the from suffix before the to suffix. Thus, `movsbl %al, %edx` is AT&T syntax for "move sign extend from %al to %edx." Possible suffixes, thus, are `bl` (from byte to long), `bw` (from byte to word), and `wl` (from word to long).

The Intel-syntax conversion instructions

- \* `cbw` -- sign-extend byte in %al to word in %ax,
- \* `cwde` -- sign-extend word in %ax to long in %eax,
- \* `cwd` -- sign-extend word in %ax to long in %dx:%ax,
- \* `cdq` -- sign-extend dword in %eax to quad in %edx:%eax,

are called `cbtw`, `cwtl`, `cwtd`, and `cltd` in AT&T naming. `as` accepts either naming for these instructions.

Far call/jump instructions are `lcall` and `ljmp` in AT&T syntax, but are `call far` and `jump far` in Intel convention.

## 1.184 as.guide/i386-Regs

### Register Naming

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Register operands are always prefixed with `%`. The 80386 registers consist of

- \* the 8 32-bit registers `%eax` (the accumulator), `%ebx`, `%ecx`, `%edx`, `%edi`, `%esi`, `%ebp` (the frame pointer), and `%esp` (the stack pointer).
- \* the 8 16-bit low-ends of these: `%ax`, `%bx`, `%cx`, `%dx`, `%di`, `%si`, `%bp`, and `%sp`.
- \* the 8 8-bit registers: `%ah`, `%al`, `%bh`, `%bl`, `%ch`, `%cl`, `%dh`, and `%dl` (These are the high-bytes and low-bytes of `%ax`, `%bx`, `%cx`, and `%dx`)
- \* the 6 section registers `%cs` (code section), `%ds` (data section), `%ss` (stack section), `%es`, `%fs`, and `%gs`.
- \* the 3 processor control registers `%cr0`, `%cr2`, and `%cr3`.
- \* the 6 debug registers `%db0`, `%db1`, `%db2`, `%db3`, `%db6`, and `%db7`.
- \* the 2 test registers `%tr6` and `%tr7`.
- \* the 8 floating point register stack `%st` or equivalently `%st(0)`, `%st(1)`, `%st(2)`, `%st(3)`, `%st(4)`, `%st(5)`, `%st(6)`, and `%st(7)`.

## 1.185 as.guide/i386-prefixes

### Opcode Prefixes

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Opcode prefixes are used to modify the following opcode. They are used to repeat string instructions, to provide section overrides, to perform bus lock operations, and to give operand and address size (16-bit operands are specified in an instruction by prefixing what would normally be 32-bit operands with a "operand size" opcode prefix). Opcode prefixes are usually given as single-line instructions with no operands, and must directly precede the instruction they act upon. For example, the `scas` (scan string) instruction is repeated with:

```
    repne
    scas
```

Here is a list of opcode prefixes:

- \* Section override prefixes `cs`, `ds`, `ss`, `es`, `fs`, `gs`. These are automatically added by specifying using the `section:memory-operand` form for memory references.
- \* Operand/Address size prefixes `data16` and `addr16` change 32-bit operands/addresses into 16-bit operands/addresses. Note that 16-bit addressing modes (i.e. 8086 and 80286 addressing modes) are not supported (yet).
- \* The bus lock prefix `lock` inhibits interrupts during execution of the instruction it precedes. (This is only valid with certain instructions; see a 80386 manual for details).
- \* The wait for coprocessor prefix `wait` waits for the coprocessor to complete the current instruction. This should never be needed for the 80386/80387 combination.
- \* The `rep`, `repe`, and `repne` prefixes are added to string instructions to make them repeat `%ecx` times.

## 1.186 as.guide/i386-Memory

### Memory References

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An Intel syntax indirect memory reference of the form

```
section:[base + index*scale + disp]
```

is translated into the AT&T syntax

```
section:disp(base, index, scale)
```

where `base` and `index` are the optional 32-bit base and index registers, `disp` is the optional displacement, and `scale`, taking the values 1, 2,

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4, and 8, multiplies index to calculate the address of the operand. If no scale is specified, scale is taken to be 1. section specifies the optional section register for the memory operand, and may override the default section register (see a 80386 manual for section register defaults). Note that section overrides in AT&T syntax must have be preceded by a %. If you specify a section override which coincides with the default section register, as will not output any section register override prefixes to assemble the given instruction. Thus, section overrides can be specified to emphasize which section register is used for a given memory operand.

Here are some examples of Intel and AT&T style memory references:

AT&T: `-4(%ebp)`, Intel: `[ebp - 4]`  
 base is `%ebp`; disp is `-4`. section is missing, and the default section is used (`%ss` for addressing with `%ebp` as the base register). index, scale are both missing.

AT&T: `foo(,%eax,4)`, Intel: `[foo + eax*4]`  
 index is `%eax` (scaled by a scale 4); disp is `foo`. All other fields are missing. The section register here defaults to `%ds`.

AT&T: `foo(,1)`; Intel `[foo]`  
 This uses the value pointed to by `foo` as a memory operand. Note that base and index are both missing, but there is only one `,`. This is a syntactic exception.

AT&T: `%gs:foo`; Intel `gs:foo`  
 This selects the contents of the variable `foo` with section register section being `%gs`.

Absolute (as opposed to PC relative) call and jump operands must be prefixed with `*`. If no `*` is specified, as will always choose PC relative addressing for jump/call labels.

Any instruction that has a memory operand must specify its size (byte, word, or long) with an opcode suffix (`b`, `w`, or `l`, respectively).

## 1.187 as.guide/i386-jumps

### Handling of Jump Instructions

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Jump instructions are always optimized to use the smallest possible displacements. This is accomplished by using byte (8-bit) displacement jumps whenever the target is sufficiently close. If a byte displacement is insufficient a long (32-bit) displacement is used. We do not support word (16-bit) displacement jumps (i.e. prefixing the jump instruction with the `addr16` opcode prefix), since the 80386 insists upon masking `%eip` to 16 bits after the word displacement is added.

Note that the `jcxz`, `jecxz`, `loop`, `loopz`, `loope`, `loopnz` and `loopne` instructions only come in byte displacements, so that it is possible that use of these instructions (gcc does not use them) will cause the

assembler to print an error message (and generate incorrect code). The AT&T 80386 assembler tries to get around this problem by expanding `jcxz` `foo` to

```

        jcxz cx_zero
        jmp cx_nonzero
cx_zero: jmp foo
cx_nonzero:

```

## 1.188 as.guide/i386-Float

### Floating Point

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All 80387 floating point types except packed BCD are supported. (BCD support may be added without much difficulty). These data types are 16-, 32-, and 64-bit integers, and single (32-bit), double (64-bit), and extended (80-bit) precision floating point. Each supported type has an opcode suffix and a constructor associated with it. Opcode suffixes specify operand's data types. Constructors build these data types into memory.

- \* Floating point constructors are `.float` or `.single`, `.double`, and `.tfloat` for 32-, 64-, and 80-bit formats. These correspond to opcode suffixes `s`, `l`, and `t`. `t` stands for temporary real, and that the 80387 only supports this format via the `fldt` (load temporary real to stack top) and `fstpt` (store temporary real and pop stack) instructions.
- \* Integer constructors are `.word`, `.long` or `.int`, and `.quad` for the 16-, 32-, and 64-bit integer formats. The corresponding opcode suffixes are `s` (single), `l` (long), and `q` (quad). As with the temporary real format the 64-bit `q` format is only present in the `fildq` (load quad integer to stack top) and `fistpq` (store quad integer and pop stack) instructions.

Register to register operations do not require opcode suffixes, so that `fst %st, %st(1)` is equivalent to `fstl %st, %st(1)`.

Since the 80387 automatically synchronizes with the 80386 `fwait` instructions are almost never needed (this is not the case for the 80286/80287 and 8086/8087 combinations). Therefore, `as` suppresses the `fwait` instruction whenever it is implicitly selected by one of the `fn...` instructions. For example, `fsave` and `fnsave` are treated identically. In general, all the `fn...` instructions are made equivalent to `f...` instructions. If `fwait` is desired it must be explicitly coded.

## 1.189 as.guide/i386-Notes

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## Notes

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There is some trickery concerning the `mul` and `imul` instructions that deserves mention. The 16-, 32-, and 64-bit expanding multiplies (base opcode 0xf6; extension 4 for `mul` and 5 for `imul`) can be output only in the one operand form. Thus, `imul %ebx, %eax` does not select the expanding multiply; the expanding multiply would clobber the `%edx` register, and this would confuse gcc output. Use `imul %ebx` to get the 64-bit product in `%edx:%eax`.

We have added a two operand form of `imul` when the first operand is an immediate mode expression and the second operand is a register. This is just a shorthand, so that, multiplying `%eax` by 69, for example, can be done with `imul $69, %eax` rather than `imul $69, %eax, %eax`.

## 1.190 as.guide/Z8000-Dependent

### Z8000 Dependent Features

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The Z8000 as supports both members of the Z8000 family: the unsegmented Z8002, with 16 bit addresses, and the segmented Z8001 with 24 bit addresses.

When the assembler is in unsegmented mode (specified with the `unsegm` directive), an address will take up one word (16 bit) sized register. When the assembler is in segmented mode (specified with the `segm` directive), a 24-bit address takes up a long (32 bit) register. See

Assembler Directives for the Z8000  
, for a list of other Z8000 specific

assembler directives.

#### Z8000 Options

No special command-line options for Z8000

#### Z8000 Syntax

Assembler syntax for the Z8000

#### Z8000 Directives

Special directives for the Z8000

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Opcodes

## 1.191 as.guide/Z8000 Options

Options

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as has no additional command-line options for the Zilog Z8000 family.

## 1.192 as.guide/Z8000 Syntax

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## 1.193 as.guide/Z8000-Chars

Special Characters

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! is the line comment character.

You can use ; instead of a newline to separate statements.

## 1.194 as.guide/Z8000-Regs

Register Names

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The Z8000 has sixteen 16 bit registers, numbered 0 to 15. You can refer to different sized groups of registers by register number, with the prefix r for 16 bit registers, rr for 32 bit registers and rq for 64 bit registers. You can also refer to the contents of the first eight (of the sixteen 16 bit registers) by bytes. They are named rnh and rnl.

byte registers

```

    r0l r0h r1h r1l r2h r2l r3h r3l
    r4h r4l r5h r5l r6h r6l r7h r7l
word registers
    r0 r1 r2 r3 r4 r5 r6 r7 r8 r9 r10 r11 r12 r13 r14 r15
long word registers
    rr0 rr2 rr4 rr6 rr8 rr10 rr12 rr14
quad word registers
    rq0 rq4 rq8 rq12

```

## 1.195 as.guide/Z8000-Addressing

Addressing Modes

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as understands the following addressing modes for the Z8000:

rn

Register direct

@rn

Indirect register

addr

Direct: the 16 bit or 24 bit address (depending on whether the assembler is in segmented or unsegmented mode) of the operand is in the instruction.

address(rn)

Indexed: the 16 or 24 bit address is added to the 16 bit register to produce the final address in memory of the operand.

rn(#imm)

Base Address: the 16 or 24 bit register is added to the 16 bit sign extended immediate displacement to produce the final address in memory of the operand.

rn(rm)

Base Index: the 16 or 24 bit register rn is added to the sign extended 16 bit index register rm to produce the final address in memory of the operand.

#xx

Immediate data xx.

## 1.196 as.guide/Z8000 Directives

Assembler Directives for the Z8000

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The Z8000 port of as includes these additional assembler directives,

for compatibility with other Z8000 assemblers. As shown, these do not begin with `.` (unlike the ordinary `as` directives).

`segm`

Generates code for the segmented Z8001.

`unsegm`

Generates code for the unsegmented Z8002.

`name`

Synonym for `.file`

`global`

Synonym for `.global`

`wval`

Synonym for `.word`

`lval`

Synonym for `.long`

`bval`

Synonym for `.byte`

`sval`

Assemble a string. `sval` expects one string literal, delimited by single quotes. It assembles each byte of the string into consecutive addresses. You can use the escape sequence `%xx` (where `xx` represents a two-digit hexadecimal number) to represent the character whose ASCII value is `xx`. Use this feature to describe single quote and other characters that may not appear in string literals as themselves. For example, the C statement `char *a = "he said \"it's 50% off\"";` is represented in Z8000 assembly language (shown with the assembler output in hex at the left) as

```
68652073    sval    'he said %22it%27s 50%25 off%22%00'  
61696420  
22697427  
73203530  
25206F66  
662200
```

`rsect`

synonym for `.section`

`block`

synonym for `.space`

`even`

synonym for `.align 1`

## 1.197 as.guide/Z8000 Opcodes

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## Opcodes

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For detailed information on the Z8000 machine instruction set, see 'Z8000 Technical Manual'.

The following table summarizes the opcodes and their arguments:

rs	16 bit source register	
rd	16 bit destination register	
rbs	8 bit source register	
rbd	8 bit destination register	
rrs	32 bit source register	
rrd	32 bit destination register	
rqs	64 bit source register	
rqd	64 bit destination register	
addr	16/24 bit address	
imm	immediate data	
adc rd,@rs	clrb addr	cpsir @rd,@rs,rr,cc
adcb rbd,rbs	clrb addr(rd)	cpsirb @rd,@rs,rr,cc
add rd,@rs	clrb rbd	dab rbd
add rd,addr	com @rd	dbjnz rbd,disp7
add rd,addr(rs)	com addr	dec @rd,imm4m1
add rd,imm16	com addr(rd)	dec addr(rd),imm4m1
add rd,rs	com rd	dec addr,imm4m1
addb rbd,@rs	comb @rd	dec rd,imm4m1
addb rbd,addr	comb addr	decb @rd,imm4m1
addb rbd,addr(rs)	comb addr(rd)	decb addr(rd),imm4m1
addb rbd,imm8	comb rbd	decb addr,imm4m1
addb rbd,rbs	comflg flags	decb rbd,imm4m1
addl rrd,@rs	cp @rd,imm16	di i2
addl rrd,addr	cp addr(rd),imm16	div rrd,@rs
addl rrd,addr(rs)	cp addr,imm16	div rrd,addr
addl rrd,imm32	cp rd,@rs	div rrd,addr(rs)
addl rrd,rrs	cp rd,addr	div rrd,imm16
and rd,@rs	cp rd,addr(rs)	div rrd,rs
and rd,addr	cp rd,imm16	divl rqd,@rs
and rd,addr(rs)	cp rd,rs	divl rqd,addr
and rd,imm16	cpb @rd,imm8	divl rqd,addr(rs)
and rd,rs	cpb addr(rd),imm8	divl rqd,imm32
andb rbd,@rs	cpb addr,imm8	divl rqd,rrs
andb rbd,addr	cpb rbd,@rs	djnz rd,disp7
andb rbd,addr(rs)	cpb rbd,addr	ei i2
andb rbd,imm8	cpb rbd,addr(rs)	ex rd,@rs
andb rbd,rbs	cpb rbd,imm8	ex rd,addr
bit @rd,imm4	cpb rbd,rbs	ex rd,addr(rs)
bit addr(rd),imm4	cpd rd,@rs,rr,cc	ex rd,rs
bit addr,imm4	cpdb rbd,@rs,rr,cc	exb rbd,@rs
bit rd,imm4	cpdr rd,@rs,rr,cc	exb rbd,addr
bit rd,rs	cpdrb rbd,@rs,rr,cc	exb rbd,addr(rs)
bitb @rd,imm4	cpir rd,@rs,rr,cc	exb rbd,rbs
bitb addr(rd),imm4	cpib rbd,@rs,rr,cc	ext0e imm8
bitb addr,imm4	cpir rd,@rs,rr,cc	ext0f imm8
bitb rbd,imm4	cpirb rbd,@rs,rr,cc	ext8e imm8
bitb rbd,rs	cpl rrd,@rs	ext8f imm8

bpt	cpl rrd,addr	exts rrd
call @rd	cpl rrd,addr(rs)	extsb rd
call addr	cpl rrd,imm32	extsl rqd
call addr(rd)	cpl rrd,rrs	halt
calr displ2	cpsd @rd,@rs,rr,cc	in rd,@rs
clr @rd	cpsdb @rd,@rs,rr,cc	in rd,imm16
clr addr	cpsdr @rd,@rs,rr,cc	inb rbd,@rs
clr addr(rd)	cpsdrb @rd,@rs,rr,cc	inb rbd,imm16
clr rd	cpsti @rd,@rs,rr,cc	inc @rd,imm4m1
clrb @rd	cpsib @rd,@rs,rr,cc	inc addr(rd),imm4m1
inc addr,imm4m1	ldb rbd,rs(rx)	mult rrd,addr(rs)
inc rd,imm4m1	ldb rd(imm16),rbs	mult rrd,imm16
incb @rd,imm4m1	ldb rd(rx),rbs	mult rrd,rs
incb addr(rd),imm4m1	ldctl ctrl,rs	multl rqd,@rs
incb addr,imm4m1	ldctl rd,ctrl	multl rqd,addr
incb rbd,imm4m1	ldd @rs,@rd,rr	multl rqd,addr(rs)
ind @rd,@rs,ra	lddb @rs,@rd,rr	multl rqd,imm32
indb @rd,@rs,rba	lddr @rs,@rd,rr	multl rqd,rrs
inib @rd,@rs,ra	lddrb @rs,@rd,rr	neg @rd
inibr @rd,@rs,ra	ldi @rd,@rs,rr	neg addr
iret	ldib @rd,@rs,rr	neg addr(rd)
jp cc,@rd	ldir @rd,@rs,rr	neg rd
jp cc,addr	ldirb @rd,@rs,rr	negb @rd
jp cc,addr(rd)	ldk rd,imm4	negb addr
jr cc,disp8	ldl @rd,rrs	negb addr(rd)
ld @rd,imm16	ldl addr(rd),rrs	negb rbd
ld @rd,rs	ldl addr,rrs	nop
ld addr(rd),imm16	ldl rd(imm16),rrs	or rd,@rs
ld addr(rd),rs	ldl rd(rx),rrs	or rd,addr
ld addr,imm16	ldl rrd,@rs	or rd,addr(rs)
ld addr,rs	ldl rrd,addr	or rd,imm16
ld rd(imm16),rs	ldl rrd,addr(rs)	or rd,rs
ld rd(rx),rs	ldl rrd,imm32	orb rbd,@rs
ld rd,@rs	ldl rrd,rrs	orb rbd,addr
ld rd,addr	ldl rrd,rs(imm16)	orb rbd,addr(rs)
ld rd,addr(rs)	ldl rrd,rs(rx)	orb rbd,imm8
ld rd,imm16	ldm @rd,rs,n	orb rbd,rbs
ld rd,rs	ldm addr(rd),rs,n	out @rd,rs
ld rd,rs(imm16)	ldm addr,rs,n	out imm16,rs
ld rd,rs(rx)	ldm rd,@rs,n	outb @rd,rbs
lda rd,addr	ldm rd,addr(rs),n	outb imm16,rbs
lda rd,addr(rs)	ldm rd,addr,n	outd @rd,@rs,ra
lda rd,rs(imm16)	ldps @rs	outdb @rd,@rs,rba
lda rd,rs(rx)	ldps addr	outib @rd,@rs,ra
ldar rd,disp16	ldps addr(rs)	outibr @rd,@rs,ra
ldb @rd,imm8	ldr displ6,rs	pop @rd,@rs
ldb @rd,rbs	ldr rd,disp16	pop addr(rd),@rs
ldb addr(rd),imm8	ldrb displ6,rbs	pop addr,@rs
ldb addr(rd),rbs	ldrb rbd,disp16	pop rd,@rs
ldb addr,imm8	ldrl displ6,rrs	popl @rd,@rs
ldb addr,rbs	ldrl rrd,disp16	popl addr(rd),@rs
ldb rbd,@rs	mbit	popl addr,@rs
ldb rbd,addr	mreq rd	popl rrd,@rs
ldb rbd,addr(rs)	mres	push @rd,@rs
ldb rbd,imm8	mset	push @rd,addr
ldb rbd,rbs	mult rrd,@rs	push @rd,addr(rs)
ldb rbd,rs(imm16)	mult rrd,addr	push @rd,imm16



push @rd,rs	set addr,imm4	subl rrd,imm32
pushl @rd,@rs	set rd,imm4	subl rrd,rrs
pushl @rd,addr	set rd,rs	tcc cc,rd
pushl @rd,addr(rs)	setb @rd,imm4	tccb cc,rbd
pushl @rd,rrs	setb addr(rd),imm4	test @rd
res @rd,imm4	setb addr,imm4	test addr
res addr(rd),imm4	setb rbd,imm4	test addr(rd)
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