

Table 1

Addressing mode		Implicit	Accumulator	Immediate	Zero Page Absolute	Zero Page,X	Zero Page,Y	Relative	Absolute	Absolute,X	Absolute,Y	Indirect	Indexed Indirect	Indirect Indexed	Notes
Parameters		-	A	#Snn	Snn	Snn,x	Snn,y	Snn (signed)	Snnnn	Snnnn,x	Snnnn,y	(Snnnn)	(Snn,x)	(Snn),y	
		Implied by operator	Acts on accumulator	literal value	value at Snn	value at (Snn+x)	value at (Snn+y)	PC = PC+Snn	value at Snnnn	value at (Snnnn+x)	value at (Snnnn+y)	value of (value at Snnnn)	value of (value at Snnnn+x)	value of (value at Snnnn + y)	
ADC	Add with Carry			x	x	x			x	x	x		x	x	On numerical values nn = decimal Snn = hexadecimal
AND	Logical AND			x	x	x			x	x	x		x	x	
ASL	Arithmetic Shift Left		x		x	x			x	x					The assembler converts for you.
BCC	Branch if Carry Clear (C=0)							x							
BCS	Branch if Carry Set (C=1)							x							Signed vs unsigned Usually values are interpreted as unsigned. We mostly use signed values for relative jumps, and we let the assembler worry about the values.
BEQ	Branch if Equal (Z = 1)							x							
BIT	Bit test				x				x						Addressing modes
BMI	Branch if Minus (N=1)							x							
BNE	Branch if Not Equal (Z=0)							x							Implicit No parameters; the instruction implies on what value to act (if any). Examples: INX (operates on X), RTS (operates on PC)
BPL	Branch if Positive (N=0)							x							
BRK	Break	x													Accumulator Use A as parameter to act on A. Examples: LSR A (left shifts A), LSR \$00 (left shift value at \$00)
BVC	Branch if oVerflow is Clear (O=0)							x							
BVS	Branch if oVerflow is Set (O=1)							x							Zero Page Single byte parameter of zero page memory address. Example: LDA \$00 (load memory value at \$00 into A)
CLC	Clear Carry	x													
CLD	Clear Decimal	x													Zero Page,X Single byte parameter of zero page memory address, X will be added to it. Example: LDX #a0, LDA \$10,X (load memory value at \$a0 into A) Note: Wraps around, so if X = \$f0, LDA \$10,X will not load \$0100 but \$00.
CLI	Clear Interrupt mask	x													
CLV	Clear Overflow flag	x													Zero Page,Y Same as Zero Page,X but with Y.
CMP	Compare A to value			x	x	x			x	x	x		x	x	
CPX	Compare X to value			x	x				x						Relative Single byte parameter, interpreted as signed. Only used by branch instructions, which add the value to the PC (if the condition is matched). You'll generally use labels, and let the assembler worry about the actual value. Note: this means you cannot branch farther than -128 - +127 bytes. If you need this, branch to closer position after which you'll JMP to where you need to go.
CPY	Compare Y to value			x	x				x						
DEC	Decrement value				x	x			x	x					Absolute Two byte parameter of a memory address in the full 65k range. Examples: JMP \$abcd (set PC to \$abcd), LDA \$1234 (load value at \$1234 into A)
DEX	Decrement X	x													
DEY	Decrement Y	x													Absolute,X Two byte parameter of a memory address in the full 65k range, X will be added to it. Example: LDX #04, LDA \$1230,X (load memory value \$1234 into A) Note: does not wrap around, unlike Zero Page,X/Y (although maybe around \$ffff?)
EOR	Logical XOR			x	x	x			x	x	x		x	x	
INC	Increment				x	x			x	x	x		x	x	Indirect Only used by JMP. Two byte parameter of a memory address which contains the low byte a 16 bit value; the next byte should contain the high byte. Example: LDA #Scd, STA \$1000, LDA #Sab, STA \$1001, JMP (\$1000) (set PC to \$abcd; the contents of \$1001-\$1000 respectively)
INX	Increment X	x													
INY	Increment Y	x													Indexed Indirect Single byte parameter of a zero page address. The value of X will be added to the address, which then should contain the low byte of a 16 bit value; the next byte should contain the high byte. This is useful for an address table. Example: Assume the following bytes at \$00: \$cd \$ab \$34 \$12 LDX #00, LDA (\$00,X) (loads the value at address \$abcd into A) LDX #02, LDA (\$00,X) (loads the value at address \$1234 into A) Note: This wraps around like Zero Page,X.
JMP	Jump to location								x			x			
JSR	Jump to subroutine								x						Indirect Indexed Single byte parameter of a zero page address containing the low byte of a 16 bit value; the next byte should contain the high byte. The value of Y will be added to the resulting address. This is useful to point at a struct in memory. Example: Assume the following bytes at \$00: \$30 \$12 LDY #00, LDA (\$00),Y (loads the value at address \$1230 into A) LDY #04, LDA (\$00),Y (loads the value at address \$1234 into A)
LDA	Load into A			x	x	x			x	x	x		x	x	
LDX	Load into X			x	x		x		x		x				Processor Status / Flags
LDY	Load into Y			x	x	x			x	x					
LSR	Logical Shift Right		x		x	x			x	x					Carry - Set if last operation caused overflow from bit 7 or underflow from bit 0. Zero - Set if the result of the last operation was 0. Interrupt disable - If set processor will not respond to interrupts Decimal mode - If set ADC and SBC will use binary coded decimal arithmetic (eg 9+1=10, instead of \$9 + \$1 = \$a). Break - Set if BRK has been executed and an interrupt has been generated to process it. Overflow - Set during arithmetic operation if the result has yielded an invalid 2's complement result (e.g. adding to positive numbers and ending up with a negative result: \$4 + \$4 => -\$128). It is determined by looking at the carry between bits 6 and 7 and between bit 7 and the carry flag. Negative - Set if the result of the last operation had bit 7 set to 1.
NOP	No Operation	x													
ORA	Logical OR			x	x	x			x	x	x		x	x	Indirect Only used by JMP. Two byte parameter of a memory address which contains the low byte a 16 bit value; the next byte should contain the high byte. Example: LDA #Scd, STA \$1000, LDA #Sab, STA \$1001, JMP (\$1000) (set PC to \$abcd; the contents of \$1001-\$1000 respectively)
PHA	Push A	x													
PHP	Push Processor (Flags)	x													Indexed Indirect Single byte parameter of a zero page address. The value of X will be added to the address, which then should contain the low byte of a 16 bit value; the next byte should contain the high byte. This is useful for an address table. Example: Assume the following bytes at \$00: \$cd \$ab \$34 \$12 LDX #00, LDA (\$00,X) (loads the value at address \$abcd into A) LDX #02, LDA (\$00,X) (loads the value at address \$1234 into A) Note: This wraps around like Zero Page,X.
PLA	Pull A	x													
PLP	Pull Processor (Flags)	x													Indirect Indexed Single byte parameter of a zero page address containing the low byte of a 16 bit value; the next byte should contain the high byte. The value of Y will be added to the resulting address. This is useful to point at a struct in memory. Example: Assume the following bytes at \$00: \$30 \$12 LDY #00, LDA (\$00),Y (loads the value at address \$1230 into A) LDY #04, LDA (\$00),Y (loads the value at address \$1234 into A)
ROL	Rotate Left		x		x	x			x	x					
ROR	Rotate Right		x		x	x			x	x					Carry - Set if last operation caused overflow from bit 7 or underflow from bit 0. Zero - Set if the result of the last operation was 0. Interrupt disable - If set processor will not respond to interrupts Decimal mode - If set ADC and SBC will use binary coded decimal arithmetic (eg 9+1=10, instead of \$9 + \$1 = \$a). Break - Set if BRK has been executed and an interrupt has been generated to process it. Overflow - Set during arithmetic operation if the result has yielded an invalid 2's complement result (e.g. adding to positive numbers and ending up with a negative result: \$4 + \$4 => -\$128). It is determined by looking at the carry between bits 6 and 7 and between bit 7 and the carry flag. Negative - Set if the result of the last operation had bit 7 set to 1.
RTI	Return from Interrupt	x													
RTS	Return from Subroutine	x													Carry - Set if last operation caused overflow from bit 7 or underflow from bit 0. Zero - Set if the result of the last operation was 0. Interrupt disable - If set processor will not respond to interrupts Decimal mode - If set ADC and SBC will use binary coded decimal arithmetic (eg 9+1=10, instead of \$9 + \$1 = \$a). Break - Set if BRK has been executed and an interrupt has been generated to process it. Overflow - Set during arithmetic operation if the result has yielded an invalid 2's complement result (e.g. adding to positive numbers and ending up with a negative result: \$4 + \$4 => -\$128). It is determined by looking at the carry between bits 6 and 7 and between bit 7 and the carry flag. Negative - Set if the result of the last operation had bit 7 set to 1.
SBC	Subtract (with carry)			x	x				x	x	x		x	x	
SEC	Set Carry	x													Carry - Set if last operation caused overflow from bit 7 or underflow from bit 0. Zero - Set if the result of the last operation was 0. Interrupt disable - If set processor will not respond to interrupts Decimal mode - If set ADC and SBC will use binary coded decimal arithmetic (eg 9+1=10, instead of \$9 + \$1 = \$a). Break - Set if BRK has been executed and an interrupt has been generated to process it. Overflow - Set during arithmetic operation if the result has yielded an invalid 2's complement result (e.g. adding to positive numbers and ending up with a negative result: \$4 + \$4 => -\$128). It is determined by looking at the carry between bits 6 and 7 and between bit 7 and the carry flag. Negative - Set if the result of the last operation had bit 7 set to 1.
SED	Set Decimal	x													
SEI	Set Interrupt Mask (disable interrupts)	x													Carry - Set if last operation caused overflow from bit 7 or underflow from bit 0. Zero - Set if the result of the last operation was 0. Interrupt disable - If set processor will not respond to interrupts Decimal mode - If set ADC and SBC will use binary coded decimal arithmetic (eg 9+1=10, instead of \$9 + \$1 = \$a). Break - Set if BRK has been executed and an interrupt has been generated to process it. Overflow - Set during arithmetic operation if the result has yielded an invalid 2's complement result (e.g. adding to positive numbers and ending up with a negative result: \$4 + \$4 => -\$128). It is determined by looking at the carry between bits 6 and 7 and between bit 7 and the carry flag. Negative - Set if the result of the last operation had bit 7 set to 1.
STA	Store A				x	x			x	x	x		x	x	
STX	Store X				x		x		x						Carry - Set if last operation caused overflow from bit 7 or underflow from bit 0. Zero - Set if the result of the last operation was 0. Interrupt disable - If set processor will not respond to interrupts Decimal mode - If set ADC and SBC will use binary coded decimal arithmetic (eg 9+1=10, instead of \$9 + \$1 = \$a). Break - Set if BRK has been executed and an interrupt has been generated to process it. Overflow - Set during arithmetic operation if the result has yielded an invalid 2's complement result (e.g. adding to positive numbers and ending up with a negative result: \$4 + \$4 => -\$128). It is determined by looking at the carry between bits 6 and 7 and between bit 7 and the carry flag. Negative - Set if the result of the last operation had bit 7 set to 1.
STY	Store Y				x	x			x						
TAX	Transfer A to X	x													Carry - Set if last operation caused overflow from bit 7 or underflow from bit 0. Zero - Set if the result of the last operation was 0. Interrupt disable - If set processor will not respond to interrupts Decimal mode - If set ADC and SBC will use binary coded decimal arithmetic (eg 9+1=10, instead of \$9 + \$1 = \$a). Break - Set if BRK has been executed and an interrupt has been generated to process it. Overflow - Set during arithmetic operation if the result has yielded an invalid 2's complement result (e.g. adding to positive numbers and ending up with a negative result: \$4 + \$4 => -\$128). It is determined by looking at the carry between bits 6 and 7 and between bit 7 and the carry flag. Negative - Set if the result of the last operation had bit 7 set to 1.
TAY	Transfer A to Y	x													
TSX	Transfer SP to X	x													Carry - Set if last operation caused overflow from bit 7 or underflow from bit 0. Zero - Set if the result of the last operation was 0. Interrupt disable - If set processor will not respond to interrupts Decimal mode - If set ADC and SBC will use binary coded decimal arithmetic (eg 9+1=10, instead of \$9 + \$1 = \$a). Break - Set if BRK has been executed and an interrupt has been generated to process it. Overflow - Set during arithmetic operation if the result has yielded an invalid 2's complement result (e.g. adding to positive numbers and ending up with a negative result: \$4 + \$4 => -\$128). It is determined by looking at the carry between bits 6 and 7 and between bit 7 and the carry flag. Negative - Set if the result of the last operation had bit 7 set to 1.
TXA	Transfer X to A	x													
TXS	Transfer X to SP	x													Carry - Set if last operation caused overflow from bit 7 or underflow from bit 0. Zero - Set if the result of the last operation was 0. Interrupt disable - If set processor will not respond to interrupts Decimal mode - If set ADC and SBC will use binary coded decimal arithmetic (eg 9+1=10, instead of \$9 + \$1 = \$a). Break - Set if BRK has been executed and an interrupt has been generated to process it. Overflow - Set during arithmetic operation if the result has yielded an invalid 2's complement result (e.g. adding to positive numbers and ending up with a negative result: \$4 + \$4 => -\$128). It is determined by looking at the carry between bits 6 and 7 and between bit 7 and the carry flag. Negative - Set if the result of the last operation had bit 7 set to 1.
TYA	Transfer Y to A	x													

Memory layout

Zero page

The zero page is the first page of memory, so \$0000 - \$00ff. There are special addressing modes which use this page. These are generally 1 clock cycle faster than the instructions which access the higher pages in memory so they are a good place for variables you need often.

On our "machine"

- \$fe contains a new random byte on every instruction
- \$ff contains the ascii code of the last key pressed

Stack

The stack lives in the second page of memory (\$0100 - \$01ff) and cannot be moved. Some clones differ, or can move the origin.

The SP starts at \$01ff and decrements when you push values onto the stack. Pulling (popping) values of the stack will not clear them.

If you JSR, it will push the high byte of the PC to the address at SP (so \$01ff at the start), and the low byte to SP-1 (\$01fe). SP will be decremented to \$01fd.

When you RTS, it will read back the PC to use from SP+1 and SP+2 (and increment the SP). So you better make sure you pull all values from the stack you pushed onto in in your subroutine!

Display (specific to our "machine")

The next four pages (\$0200-\$05ff) are reserved for the display; every pixel is a byte (although only 4 bits are used). 32 x 32 pixels.

Each page is 256 pixels, so 256/32 = 8 rows.

Fun: we'll need 16 bit arithmetic for this!

Colors

\$0 Black	\$1 White	\$2 Red	\$3 Cyan
\$4 Purple	\$5 Green	\$6 Blue	\$7 Yellow
\$8 Orange	\$9 Brown	\$a L red	\$b D gray
\$c Gray	\$d L green	\$e L blue	\$f L grey

Addition

ADC - Add with carry

We can only add with carry (which admittedly is better than only without), so, carry will always be included.

```
CLC      ; clear carry
LDA #$a0 ; load $a0 into A
ADC #$10 ; add $10 to A
          ; A will be $b0
          ; do not clear carry
ADC #$80 ; add $80 to A
          ; A will be $30
          ; Carry will be set
```

We can use this for multiple byte addition
For example 16 byte value at \$00-\$01

```
LDA $00 ; assumed 0
CLC
ADC #$90 ; A = $90
ADC #$90 ; A = $20, carry is set
STA $00 ; store low byte
LDA $01 ; load high byte
ADC #$00 ; Add carry to A → A = $01
STA $01 ; store high byte
```

Subtraction

SBC - Subtract with Carry

Subtracts including the NOT of the Carry (so in all ways the opposite of ADC). So you need to SET the carry before subtracting.

```
LDA #$10
SEC
SBC #$20 ; A = $f0; carry UNSET
SBC #$00 ; A = $ef
```

Signed values

They're fun, ask me later. We don't need them today.

Other assembler commands

Labels

A label creates a constant with the same name, the value is the address of the next instruction.

```
LDX #$0f
loop:
DEX
BNE loop ; if Z = 0 branch
```

Define

You can use define to define a constant value. You can use this as at any place where you need a numerical value. Same as a label but you get to define the value.

```
define x $10
LDA x ; load value from $10 into A
LDA #x ; load $10 into A
```

EQU/ORG

Tell the assembler where to continue to put assembled bytes into memory.

By default we start at \$0600 (just after the display memory), but we can use this to move stuff around on our terms.

```
JMP $06a0
*=$06a0
LDA #$10
```

DCB

Put out raw bytes

```
*=$0000
dcb $0, $1, $2, $3, $4, $5, $6, $7
dcb $8, $9, $a, $b, $c, $d, $e, $f
```

Note: this will be reset when you hit "reset" :(.