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# Introduction to Motorola 68000's Addressing Modes



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# Tools

- Tool:

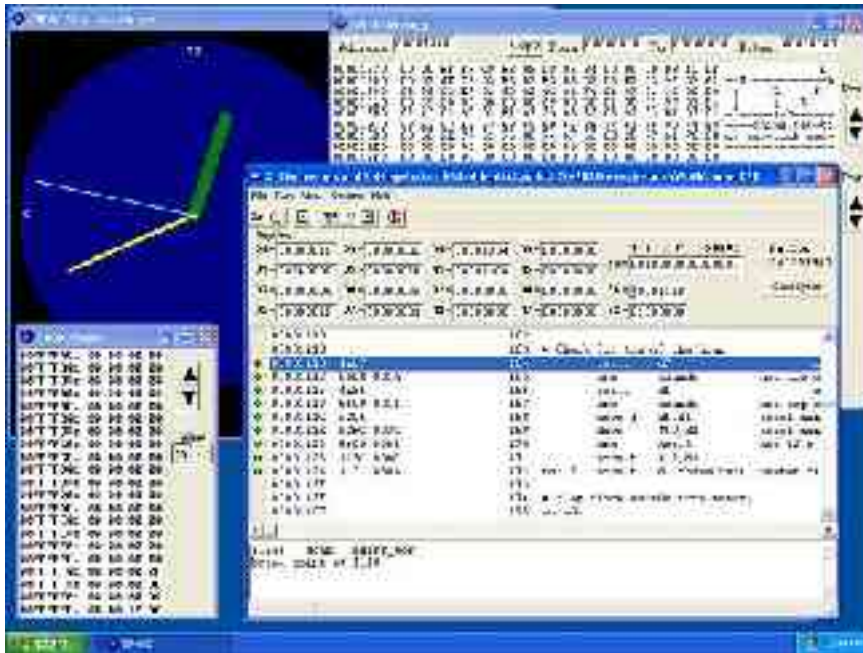
EASy68K

Editor/Assembler/Simulator for the 68000

Available at:

<http://www.monroeccc.edu/ckelly/easy68k.htm>

- The examples we provide here were successfully tested with this simulator (unless otherwise specified);



# Motorola 68000 Assembly basics

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- 8 data registers (D0-D7) and 8 address registers (A0-A7)
- The MOVE instruction has syntax:  
MOVE source, destination
- The stack in the 68000 family grows from higher to lower addresses;  
push = SP--;      pop= SP++;
- Address register A7 is the stack pointer.
- Function calls:
  - A6 is used as frame pointer;
  - D0 is used to return values to the caller;

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- Each instruction comprises an *operation code*, which specifies the function to perform;
- Instructions must also define *which are the operands* for that function;
- An instruction's *addressing mode* specifies the operands in one of the following ways:
  - by specifying *the value* of the operand;
  - by specifying *a register* that contains the operand;
  - by specifying how to derive the *effective address* of an operand in memory;
- Each addressing has its assembly language syntax;

# Addressing modes: summary

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- Register Direct
  - Data #1
  - Address #2
- Register Indirect
  - Address #3
  - Address with Postincrement #4
  - Address with Predecrement #5
  - Address with Displacement #6
- Address Register Indirect with Index
  - 8-Bit displacement #7
  - Base displacement #8
- Memory indirect
  - Postindexed #9
  - Preindexed #10
- Program Counter Indirect
  - with Displacement #11
- Program Counter Indirect with Index
  - 8-Bit displacement #12
  - Base displacement #13
- Program Counter Memory Indirect
  - Postindexed #14
  - Preindexed #15
- Absolute Data Addressing
  - Short #16
  - Long #17
- Immediate #18

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- Register Direct mode
  - #1: Data register direct mode
  - #2: Address register direct mode
- In the register direct modes, the instruction specifies the data or address register containing the operand;
- Assembly language syntax: **Dn** or **An**

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- #3: Address register indirect mode
  - the operand is in memory;
  - the instruction specifies which address register contains the address of the operand in memory;
- Assembly language syntax:    **(An)**



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- #4: Address Register Indirect with Postincrement mode
  - the operand is in memory;
  - the instruction specifies which address register contains the address of the operand in memory;
  - after the operand address is used, it is incremented by 1, 2 or 4 depending on the operand size (byte, word, long word respectively)
  - if the address register is *stack pointer* and operand size is byte, the address is incremented by 2 to preserve alignment;
- Assembly language syntax:    **(An) +**

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- #5: Address Register Indirect with Predecrement mode
  - the operand is in memory;
  - the instruction specifies which address register contains the address of the operand in memory;
  - before the operand address is used, it is decremented by 1, 2 or 4 depending on the operand size (byte, word, long word respectively)
  - if the address register is *stack pointer* and operand size is byte, the address is decremented by 2 to preserve alignment;
- Assembly language syntax:    - **(An)**

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- #6 Address Register Indirect with Displacement mode
  - the operand is in memory;
  - the operand's address in memory is the sum of:
    - an address contained in an address register (the instruction specifies which register); and
    - a 16-bit displacement integer (the instruction specifies it)
- Assembly language syntax: **(d, An)**

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- Address Register Indirect with Index mode
  - #7 8-Bit Displacement
  - #8 Base Displacement
- The operand's address in memory is the sum of:
  - an address contained in an address register (the instruction specifies which register); and
  - a scaled index register (the instruction specifies which register); and
  - a 8-bit displacement or a base displacement integer (the instruction specifies it)
- Assembly language syntax: **(d, An, Xn.s)**  
where **s** is one of: **B, W, L**

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- #9: Memory Indirect Post-indexed mode
  - the operand is in memory and the operand's address is in memory too;
  - an intermediate address IA is obtained as:  
 $IA = \text{address (in reg.)} + \text{base displacement (in instr.)}$
  - the operand is at the final address, obtained as:  
 $\text{value @IA} + \text{index (in reg.)} + \text{outer displacement (in instr.)}$
- Assembly language syntax: ( [**bd+An**] , **Xn . s** , **od**)  
where **s** is one of: **B** , **W** , **L**
  - all four user-specified values are optional;
  - if not specified, their value is assumed zero;

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- #10: Memory Indirect Pre-indexed mode
  - the operand is in memory and the operand's address is in memory too;
  - an intermediate address IA is obtained as:  
$$IA = \text{address (in reg.)} + \text{base displacement (in instr.)} + \text{index (in reg.)}$$
  - the operand is at the final address, obtained as:  
value @IA + outer displacement (in instr.)
- Assembly language syntax: ( [**bd**, **An**, **Xn** . **s** ] , **od**)  
where **s** is one of: **B**, **W**, **L**
  - all four user-specified values are optional;
  - if not specified, their value is assumed zero;

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- #11: Program Counter Indirect with Displacement mode
  - the operand is in memory;
  - the operand's address is the sum of the address in PC and a 16-bit displacement (in the instruction);
  - the operand is at the final address, obtained as:  
value @IA + outer displacement (in instr.);
  - this mode is allowed only for reads;
- Assembly language syntax:    **(d, PC)**

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- Program Counter Indirect with Index modes
  - #12/#13: PC Indirect with Index (8-Bit/Base Displacement) are like modes #7/#8 Reg. Indirect with Index, except the PC is the base register;
  - the operand's address is the sum of the address in PC, an 8-bit or base displacement (in the instruction) and the scaled index (in the index register);
- Assembly language syntax: **(d, PC, Xn . s)**  
where **s** is one of: **B, W, L**



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- Program Counter Memory Indirect modes
  - #14/#15: PC Mem. Indirect Post-/Pre-index modes are like modes #9/#10 Memory Indirect Post-/Pre-index, except the PC is the base register;
  - the operand's address is the sum of the address in PC, an 8-bit or base displacement (in the instruction) and the scaled index (in the index register);
- Assembly language syntax:  $( [bd, PC], Xn.s, od )$   
 $( [bd, PC, Xn.s], od )$   
where **s** is one of: **B, W, L**



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- #18: Immediate data;
  - the operand is in the instruction;
- Assembly language syntax: **#xxx**

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- Sample code: immediate and direct addressing modes

\*\*\* Example: ref000.X68

START      ORG          \$1000

          CLR          D0

**MOVE.W   #\$7F0,D0**

**MOVE.W   #\$0008,A0**

**ADDQ.W   #\$0008,A1**

**ADD.W     D0,A1**

          STOP         #\$2000

          END          START

\* clear value in D0 (0 --> D0)

\* move **immediate** word into data register

\* EA of destination is data register **direct**

\* move immediate word into address register 0

\* add immediate word into address register 1

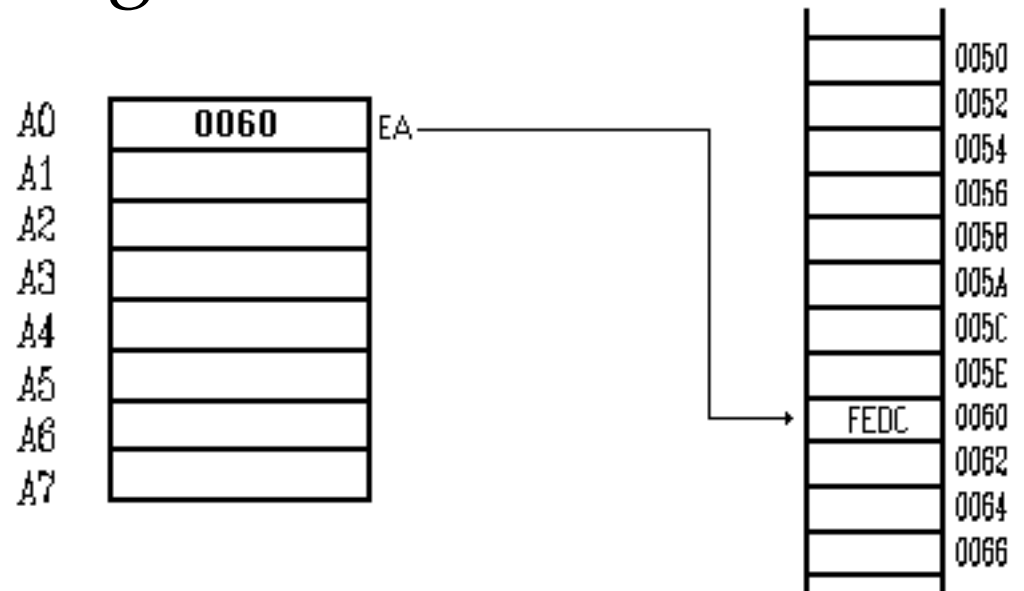
\* add D0 to current contents A1

\* EA of source is data register **direct**

\* EA of destination is address register **direct**

# Addressing Mode examples

- Sample code: address register indirect mode



\*\*\* Example: ref001.X68

```
ORG      $60
DSEG EQU  $60
DC.W    $FEDC
```

\* data segment

\* data word "FEDC"

```
START ORG      $1000
      MOVE.W   #DSEG, A0
      MOVE.W   (A0), D0
```

\* point A0 to location \$0060

\* load D0 from (A0), eg \$0060

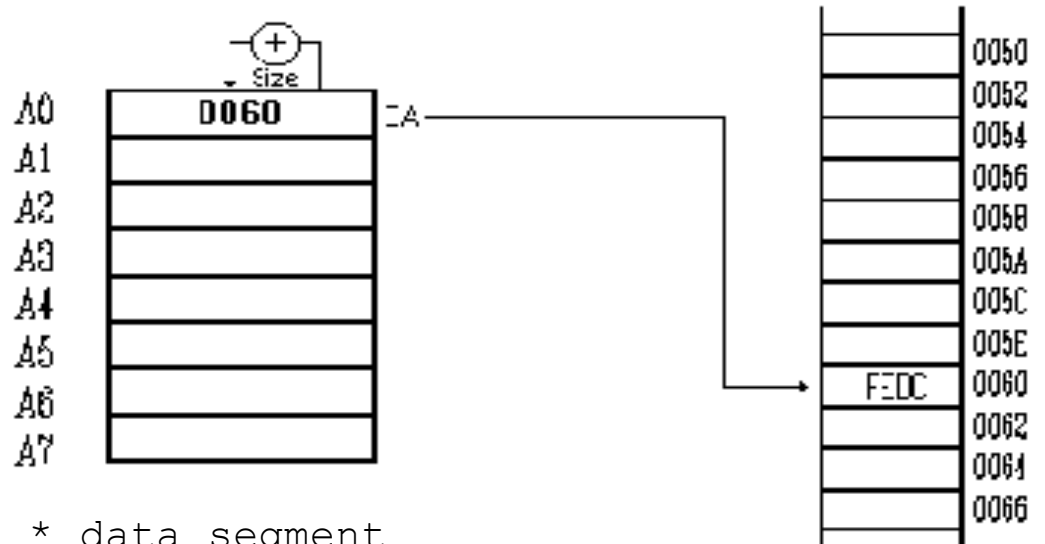
```
STOP   #$2000
END    START
```

# Addressing Mode examples

- Sample code: address register indirect with postincrement mode

Useful to: scan tables  
pop stack

MOVE (A7)+, ...



\*\*\* Example: ref002.X68

```
DSEG    ORG        $60
        EQU        $60
        DC.W      $FEDC
        DC.W      $BA98
```

\* data segment

\* load two words in subsequent locations

\*

```
START   ORG        $1000
        MOVE.W    #DSEG, A0
        MOVE.W    (A0)+, D0
        MOVE.W    (A0)+, D1
```

\* point A0 to location \$0060

\* load D0 from (A0), eg \$0060

\* load D1 from (A0), now \$0062

\* now A0 is \$0064

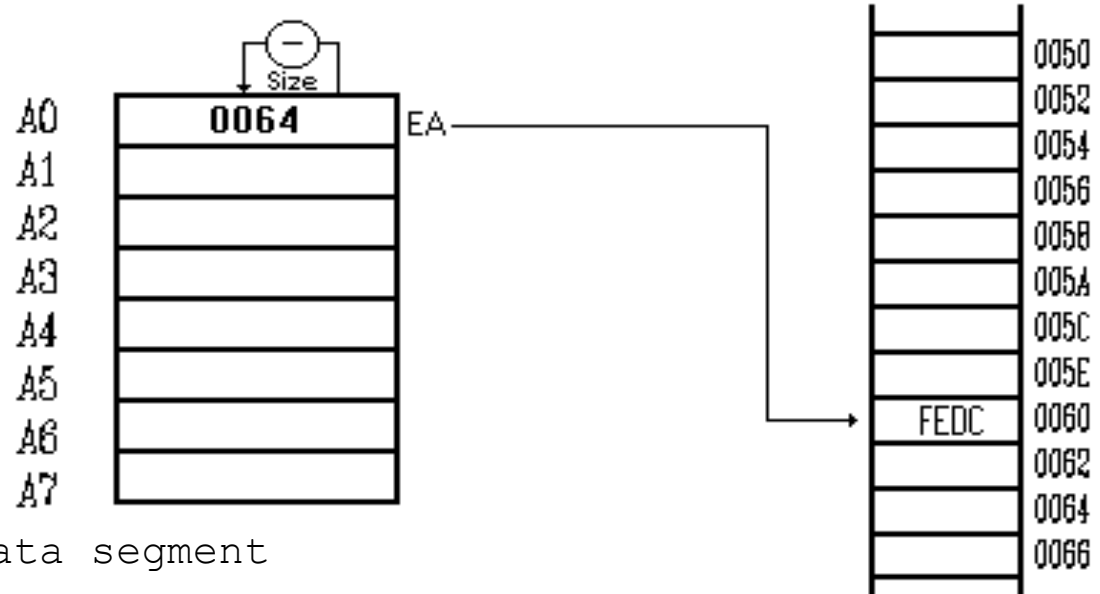
```
        STOP     # $2000
        END      START
```

# Addressing Mode examples

- Sample code: address register indirect with predecrement mode

Useful to: scan tables backward  
push onto the stack

MOVE ..., (A7) -



\*\*\* Example: ref003.X68

```

                ORG $60
DSEG EQU $60
                DC.W $FEDC
                DC.W $BA98
    
```

\* data segment  
\* load two words in subsequent locations  
\*

```

START ORG $1000
      MOVE.W #DSEG+4, A0
      MOVE.W -(A0), D0
      MOVE.W -(A0), D1
    
```

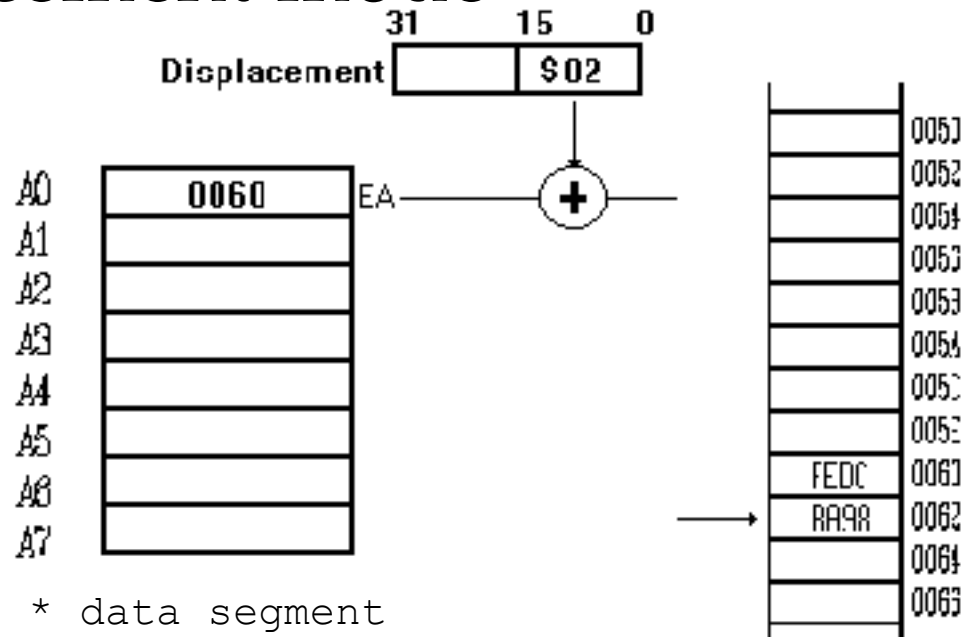
\* point A0 to location \$0064  
\* A0 = A0-2 = \$0062; load D0 from (A0)  
\* A0 = A0-2 = \$0060; load D1 from (A0)

```

      STOP # $2000
      END START
    
```

# Addressing Mode examples

- Sample code: address register indirect with displacement mode



\*\*\* Example: ref004.X68

```

ORG          $60
DSEG EQU     $60
DC.W        $FEDC
DC.W        $BA98
    
```

\* data segment

\* load two words in subsequent locations

\*

```

START ORG          $1000
      MOVE.W       #DSEG, A0
      MOVE.W       $2(A0), D0
    
```

\* point A0 to location \$0060

\* load the second word into D0

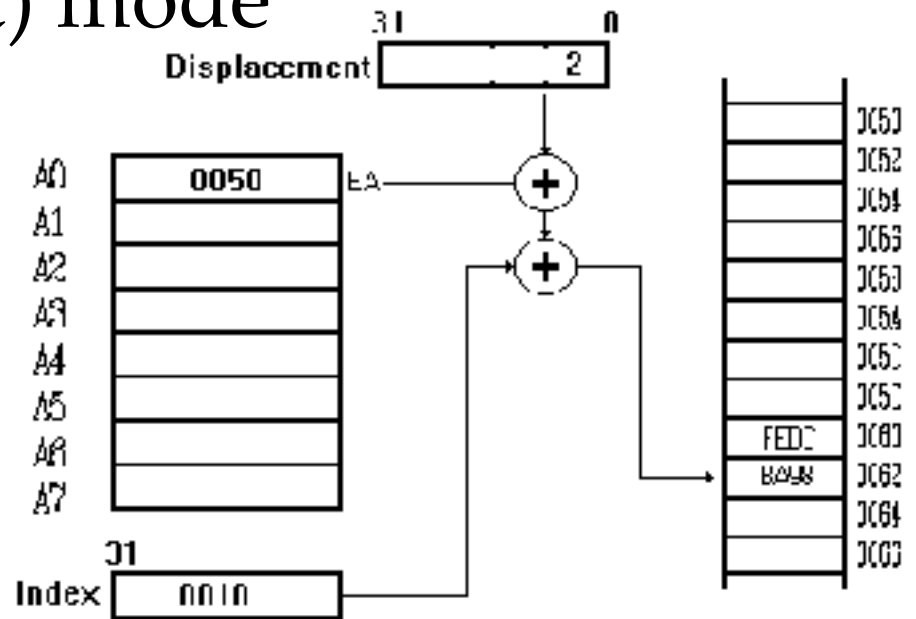
```

      STOP        # $2000
      END         START
    
```



# Addressing Mode examples

- Sample code: address register indirect with index (8-bit) mode



\*\*\* Example: ref005.X68

```
DSEG    ORG        $60
        EQU        $60
        ORG        $70
        DC.W       $FEDC
        DC.W       $BA98
```

\* displaced data segment (\$10 bytes later)  
 \* load two words in subsequent locations  
 \*

```
START   ORG        $1000
        MOVE.W     #DSEG, A0      * point A0 to location $0060
        MOVE.W     #$10, A1      * load A1 as index register
        MOVE.W     $02(A0,A1.W),D0 * indirect with index addressing mode

        STOP      # $2000
        END       START
```

# Addressing Mode examples

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- Sample code: absolute short addressing mode

```
*** Example: ref006.X68
      ORG          $60          * data segment
DSEG  EQU          $60
      DC.W        $FEDC        * load two words in subsequent locations
      DC.W        $BA98        *

START ORG          $1000
      MOVE.W      #DSEG, A0     * point A0 to location $0060
      MOVE.W      DSEG+2, A1    * move (DSEG+2) to A1
      MOVE.W      A1, DSEG     * move A1 to (DSEG)

      STOP        # $2000
      END         START
```

# Addressing Mode examples

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- Sample code: absolute long addressing mode

\*\*\* Example: ref007.X68

\*\*\* Not designed to run in the simulator!!

```
DSEG      ORG          $60          * data segment
          EQU          $60
          DC.W         $FEDC        * load two words in subsequent locations
          DC.W         $BA98        *

START     ORG          $1000
          MOVE         $7f000060,A0 * read from absolute location

          STOP         # $2000
          END          START
```

# Addressing Mode examples

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- Sample code: immediate addressing mode

\*\*\* Example: ref008.X68

\*\*\* Not designed to run in the simulator!!

```
CR          EQU $0A
LF          EQU $0D
PPI_INIT    EQU $7f03
PPI_CTRL_ADR EQU $07ffffff * address of the control register
PPI_DATA_ADR EQU $07ffffffe * address of the control register

START      ORG          $1000
           MOVE.W      #PPI_INIT,D0 * move PPI init bytes to D0
           MOVE.L      #PPI_CTRL_ADR,A0 * move PPI control reg to A0
           MOVE.L      #PPI_DATA_ADR,A1 * move PPI data reg to A1
           MOVE.B      D0,PPI_CTRL_ADR * initialise PPI
           ROR          #8,D0
           MOVE.B      D0,PPI_CTRL_ADR
           MOVE.B      #CR,D0
           MOVE.B      D0,(A1) * CR to PPI data reg

           STOP        # $2000
           END         START
```

# Addressing Mode examples

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- Sample code: program counter with displacement

Useful to access memory relative to the current value of the Program Counter.  
Example: jumps in position independent code,  
reading constants in code segments

\*\*\* Example: ref009.X68

```
START          ORG      $1000
               JMP      TABLE_END

TABLE:         DC.B     $20          * table inside the code segment
               DC.B     $32          *
               DC.B     $64          *

TABLE_END:    MOVE.B TABLE,   D0      * moves TABLE[0] into D0
               MOVE.B TABLE+1, D1    * moves TABLE[1] into D1

               STOP    # $2000
               END     START
```

# Addressing Mode examples

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- Sample code: program counter with index

This addressing mode extends the program counter relative mode to include an index and offset value.

\*\*\* Example: ref010.X68

```
START          ORG          $1000
                JMP          TABLE_END
TABLE:         DC.B         $20
                DC.B         $32
                DC.B         $64
TABLE_END:

                MOVE        #0,A0          * use A0 as index register
                MOVE.B     TABLE(A0),D0    * read TABLE[0] into D0
                ADD         #1,A0          * use A0 as index register
                MOVE.B     TABLE(A0),D1    * read TABLE[1] into D1
                STOP        # $2000
                END         START
```