

ARM Instructions Worksheet #2

Load, Store, Zero-Fill, Sign-Ext

Prerequisite Reading: Chapters 3 and 4

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Objectives: To use the web-based simulator ("CPULator") to better understand how the ...

1. LDRB and LDRH instructions copy unsigned 8 and 16-bit variables into 32-bit registers by zero-filling
2. LDRSB and LDRSH instructions copy 2's complement 8 and 16-bit variables into 32-bit registers by sign-extending
3. STRB and STRH instructions write the least-significant 8 and 16-bits of a 32-bit register to memory

To do offline: Answer the questions that follow the listing below. (Numbers at far left are memory addresses.)

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.syntax      unified
.global     _start

00000000  _start:  LDR    R1,=0x00000100    // *** EXECUTION STARTS HERE ***
00000004          LDR    R0,=0x00000000    // Initialize word at address 0x100 to 0.
00000008          STR    R0,[R1]

0000000C          LDR    R0,=0x1234BCDE    // R0 <-- 1234BCDE
00000010          STRH   R0,[R1]    // Demonstrate the STRH instruction
00000014          LDRSH  R0,[R1]    // Demonstrate the LDRSH instruction
00000018          LDRH   R0,[R1]    // Demonstrate the LDRH instruction

0000001C          LDR    R0,=0x123456AF    // R0 <-- 123456AF
00000020          STRB   R0,[R1]    // Demonstrate the STRB instruction
00000024          LDRSB  R0,[R1]    // Demonstrate the LDRSB instruction
00000028          LDRB   R0,[R1]    // Demonstrate the LDRB instruction

0000002C          LDR    R0,=0x12345678    // R0 <-- 12345678
00000030          STR    R0,[R1]    // Demonstrate the STR instruction
00000034          LDRSB  R0,[R1]    // Demonstrate the LDRSB instruction

00000038  done:   B       done

                .end
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What hex value is in memory address 100_{16} after executing the 1st three instructions?

What hex value is left in R0 by the LDR instruction at address $0000000C_{16}$?

What hex value is left in address 100_{16} by the STRH at address 00000010_{16} ?

What hex value is left in R0 by the LDRSH instruction at address 00000014_{16} ?

What hex value is left in R0 by the LDRH instruction at address 00000018₁₆?

What hex value is left in R0 by the LDR instruction at address 0000001C₁₆?

What hex value is left in address 100₁₆ by the STRB at address 00000020₁₆?

What hex value is left in R0 by the LDRSB instruction at address 00000024₁₆?

What hex value is left in R0 by the LDRB instruction at address 00000028₁₆?

What hex value is left in address 100₁₆ by the STR at address 00000030₁₆?

What hex value is left in R0 by the LDRSB instruction at address 00000034₁₆?

Getting ready: Now use the simulator to collect the following information and compare to your earlier answers.

1. Click [here](#) to open a browser for the ARM instruction simulator with pre-loaded code.
2. Press Ctrl-M to open the memory display window and drag-n-drop it about halfway to the right.
3. In the “Memory” window, enter 0x100 into the search box and press Enter to highlight that address for easy reference.

Step 1: Press F2 exactly 3 times to execute the first 3 instructions. (The 3rd LDR should be highlighted in yellow.)

What hex value is in memory address 100₁₆ after executing the 1st three instructions?

Step 2: Press F2 exactly 2 times to execute the LDR, STRH sequence.

What hex value is left in R0 by the LDR instruction at address 0000000C₁₆?

What hex value is left in address 100₁₆ by the STRH at address 00000010₁₆?

Step 3: Press F2 exactly once to execute the LDRSH.

What hex value is left in R0 by the LDRSH instruction at address 00000014₁₆?

Step 4: Press F2 exactly once to execute the LDRH.

What hex value is left in R0 by the LDRH instruction at address 00000018₁₆?

Step 5: Press F2 exactly 2 times to execute the LDR, STRB sequence.

What hex value is left in R0 by the LDR instruction at address 0000001C₁₆?

What hex value is left in address 100₁₆ by the STRB at address 00000020₁₆?

Step 6: Press F2 exactly once to execute the LDRSB.

What hex value is left in R0 by the LDRSB instruction at address 00000024₁₆?

Step 7: Press F2 exactly once to execute the LDRB.

What hex value is left in R0 by the LDRB instruction at address 00000028₁₆?

Step 8: Press F2 exactly 3 times to execute the LDR, STR, LDRSB sequence.

What hex value is left in address 100₁₆ by the STR at address 00000030₁₆?

What hex value is left in R0 by the LDRSB instruction at address 00000034₁₆?