

# Hitchhiker's Guide to FlashForth on PIC and AVR Microcontrollers

## Interpreter

The other interpreter looks for words and numbers delimited by whitespace. Everything is interpreted as a word or a number. Numbers are pushed onto the stack. Words are looked up and acted upon. Names of words are limited to 15 characters.

## Data and the stack

The data stack (S:) is directly accessible and has 32 16-bit cells for holding numerical values. Functions get their arguments from the stack and leave their results there as well. There is also a return address stack (R:) that can be used for temporary storage.

## Notation

<code>n</code> , <code>n1</code> , <code>n2</code> , <code>n3</code>	Single-cell integers (16-bit).
<code>u</code> , <code>u1</code> , <code>u2</code>	Unsigned integers (16-bit).
<code>x</code> , <code>x1</code> , <code>x2</code> , <code>x3</code>	Single-cell item (16-bit).
<code>c</code>	Character value (8-bit).
<code>d ud</code>	Double-cell signed and unsigned (32-bit).
<code>t ut</code>	Triple-cell signed and unsigned (48-bit).
<code>q uq</code>	Quad-cell signed and unsigned (64-bit).
<code>f</code>	Boolean flag: 0 is false, -1 is true.
<code>addr</code> , <code>addr1</code> , <code>addr2</code>	16-bit addresses.
<code>a+addr</code>	cell-aligned address.
<code>c+addr</code>	character or byte address.

## Numbers and values

<code>2</code>	Leave integer two onto the stack. ( -- 2 )
<code>#255</code>	Leave decimal 255 onto the stack. ( -- 255 )
<code>%11</code>	Leave integer three onto the stack. ( -- 3 )
<code>\$10</code>	Leave integer sixteen onto the stack. ( -- 16 )
<code>23.</code>	Leave double number on the stack. ( -- 23 0 )
<code>decimal</code>	Set number format to base 10. ( -- )
<code>hex</code>	Set number format to hexadecimal. ( -- )
<code>bin</code>	Set number format to binary. ( -- )
<code>s&gt;d</code>	Sign extend single to double number. ( n -- d ) Since double numbers have the most significant bits in the cell above the least significant bits, you can just <b>drop</b> the top cell to recover the single number, provided that the value is not too large to fit in a single cell.
<code>d&gt;q</code>	Extend double to quad-cell number. ( d -- q ) Requires <code>qmath.h</code> to be loaded.

## Displaying data

<code>.</code>	Display a number. ( n -- )
<code>u.</code>	Display u unsigned. ( u -- )
<code>u.r</code>	Display u with field width n, 0 < n < 256. ( u n -- )
<code>d.</code>	Display double number. ( d -- )
<code>ud.</code>	Display unsigned double number. ( ud -- )

<code>.s</code>	Display stack content (nondestructively).
<code>.st</code>	Emit status string for base, current data section, and display the stack contents. ( -- )
<code>dump</code>	Display memory from address, for u bytes. ( addr u -- )

## Stack manipulation

<code>dup</code>	Duplicate top item. ( x -- x x )
<code>?dup</code>	Duplicate top item if nonzero. ( x -- 0   x x )
<code>swap</code>	Swap top two items. ( x1 x2 -- x2 x1 )
<code>over</code>	Copy second item to top. ( x1 x2 -- x1 x2 x1 )
<code>drop</code>	Discard top item. ( x -- )
<code>nip</code>	Remove x1 from the stack. ( x1 x2 -- x2 )
<code>rot</code>	Rotate top three items. ( x1 x2 x3 -- x2 x3 x1 )
<code>tuck</code>	Insert x2 below x1 in the stack. ( x1 x2 -- x2 x1 x2 )
<code>pick</code>	Duplicate the u-th item on top. ( xu ... x0 u -- xu ... x0 xu )
<code>2dup</code>	Duplicate top double-cell item. ( d -- d d )
<code>2swap</code>	Swap top two double-cell items. ( d1 d2 -- d2 d1 )
<code>2over</code>	Copy second double item to top. ( d1 d2 -- d1 d2 d1 )
<code>2drop</code>	Discard top double-cell item. ( d -- )
<code>&gt;r</code>	Send to return stack. S:( n -- n ) R:( -- n )
<code>r&gt;</code>	Take from return stack. S:( -- n ) R:( n -- )
<code>r@</code>	Copy top item of return stack. S:( -- n ) R:( n -- n )
<code>rdrop</code>	Discard top item of return stack. S:( -- ) R:( n -- )
<code>sp@</code>	Leave data stack pointer. ( -- addr )
<code>sp!</code>	Set the data stack pointer to address. ( addr -- )

## Operators

### Arithmetic with single-cell numbers

Some of these words require `core.txt` and `math.txt`.

<code>+</code>	Add. ( n1 n2 -- n1+n2 ) sum
<code>-</code>	Subtract. ( n1 n2 -- n1-n2 ) difference
<code>*</code>	Multiply. ( n1 n2 -- n1*n2 ) product
<code>/</code>	Divide. ( n1 n2 -- n1/n2 ) quotient
<code>mod</code>	Divide. ( n1 n2 -- n.rem ) remainder
<code>/mod</code>	Divide. ( n1 n2 -- n.rem n.quot )
<code>u/</code>	Unsigned 16/16 to 16-bit division. ( u1 u2 -- u2/u1 )
<code>u/mod</code>	Unsigned division. ( u1 u2 -- u.rem u.quot ) 16-bit/16-bit to 16-bit
<code>1+</code>	Add one. ( n -- n1 )
<code>1-</code>	Subtract one. ( n -- n1 )
<code>2+</code>	Add two. ( n -- n1 )
<code>2-</code>	Subtract 2 from n. ( n -- n1 )
<code>2*</code>	Multiply by 2; Shift left by one bit. ( u -- u1 )
<code>2/</code>	Divide by 2; Shift right by one bit. ( u -- u1 )
<code>*/</code>	Scale. ( n1 n2 n3 -- n1*n2/n3 ) Uses 32-bit intermediate result.
<code>*/mod</code>	Scale with remainder. ( n1 n2 n3 -- n.rem n.quot ) Uses 32-bit intermediate result.
<code>u*/mod</code>	Unsigned Scale u1*u2/u3 ( u1 u2 u3 -- u.rem u.quot ) Uses 32-bit intermediate result.

<code>abs</code>	Absolute value. ( n -- u )
<code>negate</code>	Negate n. ( n -- -n )
<code>?negate</code>	Negate n1 if n2 is negative. ( n1 n2 -- n3 )
<code>min</code>	Leave minimum. ( n1 n2 -- n )
<code>max</code>	Leave maximum. ( n1 n2 -- n )
<code>umin</code>	Unsigned minimum. ( u1 u2 -- u )
<code>umax</code>	Unsigned maximum. ( u1 u2 -- u )

### Arithmetic with double-cell numbers

Some of these words require `core.txt`, `math.txt` and `qmath.txt`.

<code>d+</code>	Add double numbers. ( d1 d2 -- d1+d2 )
<code>d-</code>	Subtract double numbers. ( d1 d2 -- d1-d2 )
<code>m+</code>	Add single cell to double number. ( d1 n -- d2 )
<code>m*</code>	Signed 16*16 to 32-bit multiply. ( n n -- d )
<code>d2*</code>	Multiply by 2. ( d -- d )
<code>d2/</code>	Divide by 2. ( d -- d )
<code>um*</code>	Unsigned 16x16 to 32 bit multiply. ( u1 u2 -- ud )
<code>ud*</code>	Unsigned 32x16 to 32-bit multiply. ( ud u -- ud )
<code>um/mod</code>	Unsigned division. ( ud u1 -- u.rem u.quot ) 32-bit/16-bit to 16-bit
<code>ud/mod</code>	Unsigned division. ( ud u1 -- u.rem ud.quot ) 32-bit/16-bit to 32-bit
<code>fm/mod</code>	Floored division. ( d n -- n.rem n.quot )
<code>sm/rem</code>	Symmetric division. ( d n -- n.rem n.quot ) 32-bit/16-bit to 16-bit.
<code>dabs</code>	Absolute value. ( d -- ud )
<code>dnegate</code>	Negate double number. ( d -- -d )
<code>?dnegate</code>	Negate d if n is negative. ( d n -- -d )

### Arithmetic with triple- and quad-numbers

These words require `core.txt`, `math.txt` and `qmath.txt`.

<code>qm+</code>	Add double to a quad. ( q1 d -- q2 )
<code>uq*</code>	Unsigned 32x32 to 64-bit multiply. ( ud ud -- uq )
<code>ut*</code>	Unsigned 32x16 to 48-bit multiply. ( ud u -- ut )
<code>ut/</code>	Divide triple by single. ( ut u -- ud )
<code>uq/mod</code>	Divide quad by double. ( uq ud -- ud-rem ud-quot )

## Relational

<code>=</code>	Leave true if x1 x2 are equal. ( x1 x2 -- f )
<code>&lt;&gt;</code>	Leave true if x1 x2 are not equal. ( x1 x2 -- f )
<code>&lt;</code>	Leave true if n1 less than n2. ( n1 n2 -- f )
<code>&gt;</code>	Leave true if n1 greater than n2. ( n1 n2 -- f )
<code>0=</code>	Leave true if n is zero. ( n -- f ) Inverts logical value.
<code>0&lt;</code>	Leave true if n is negative. ( n -- f )
<code>within</code>	Leave true if xl <= x < xh. ( x x1 xh -- f )
<code>u&lt;</code>	Leave true if u1 < u2. ( u1 u2 -- f )
<code>u&gt;</code>	Leave true if u1 > u2. ( u1 u2 -- f )
<code>d0=</code>	Leave true if d is zero. ( d -- f )
<code>d0&lt;</code>	Leave true if d is negative. ( d -- f )
<code>d&lt;</code>	Leave true if d1 < d2. ( d1 d2 -- f )
<code>d&gt;</code>	Leave true if d1 > d2. ( d1 d2 -- f )

## Bitwise

**invert** Ones complement. ( *x* -- *x* )  
**dinvert** Invert double number. ( *du* -- *du* )  
**and** Bitwise and. ( *x1 x2* -- *x* )  
**or** Bitwise or. ( *x1 x2* -- *x* )  
**xor** Bitwise exclusive-or. ( *x* -- *x* )  
**lshift** Left shift by *u* bits. ( *x1 u* -- *x2* )  
**rshift** Right shift by *u* bits. ( *x1 u* -- *x2* )

## Interaction with the operator

Interaction with the user is via the serial port, typically UART1.

Settings are 38400 baud, 8N1, using Xon/Xoff handshaking.

**tx0** Send a character via the USB UART. ( *c* -- )  
**rx0** Receive a character from the USB UART. ( -- *c* )  
Use hardware flow control.  
**tx1** Send character to UART1. ( *c* -- )  
Buffered via a 32 byte interrupt driven queue.  
**rx1** Receive a character from UART1. ( -- *c* )  
Has a 64-byte interrupt buffer.  
**rx1?** Leave the number of characters in queue. ( -- *n* )  
**u1-** Disable flow control for operator interface. ( -- )  
**u1+** Enable flow control for operator interface, default. ( -- )  
**emit** Emit *c* to the serial port FIFO. ( *c* -- )  
FIFO is 46 chars. Executes pause.  
**space** Emit one space character. ( -- )  
**spaces** Emit *n* space characters. ( *n* -- )  
**cr** Emit carriage-return, line-feed. ( -- )  
**key** Get a character from the serial port FIFO.  
Execute pause until a character is available. ( -- *c* )  
**key?** Leave true if character is waiting  
in the serial port FIFO. ( -- *f* )

## Other Hardware

**cwd** Clear the WatchDog counter. ( -- )  
**ei** Enable interrupts. ( -- )  
**di** Disable interrupts. ( -- )  
**ms** Pause for *+n* milliseconds. ( *+n* -- )  
**ticks** System ticks, 0-ffff milliseconds. ( -- *u* )

## Memory

Typically, the microcontroller has three distinct memory contexts: Flash, EEPROM and SRAM. FlashForth unifies these memory spaces into a single 64kB address space.

## PIC18 Memory map

The address ranges are:

**\$0000 – \$ebff** Flash  
**\$ec00 – \$efff** EEPROM  
**\$f000 – \$ff5f** SRAM, general use  
**\$ff60 – \$ffff** SRAM, special function registers

The high memory mark for each context will depend on the particular device used. Using a PIC18F26K22 and the default values in `p18f-main.cfg` for the UART version of FF, a total of 423 bytes is dedicated to the FF system. The rest (3473 bytes) is free for application use. Also, the full 64kB of Flash memory is truncated to fit within the range specified above.

## PIC24 Memory map

A device with EEPROM will have its 64kB address space divided into:

**\$0000 – \$07ff** SRAM, special function registers  
**\$0800 – (\$0800+RAMSIZE-1)** SRAM, general use  
**(\$0800+RAMSIZE) – \$fbff** Flash  
**\$fc00 – \$ffff** EEPROM

The high memory mark for the Flash context will depend on the device. Also, the full Flash memory of the device may not be accessible.

## AVR8 Memory map

All operations are restricted to 64kB byte address space that is divided into:

**\$0000 – (RAMSIZE-1)** SRAM  
**RAMSIZE – (RAMSIZE+EEPROMSIZE-1)** EEPROM  
**(\$ffff-FLASHSIZE+1) – \$ffff** Flash

The SRAM space includes the IO-space and special function registers. The high memory mark for the Flash context is set by the combined size of the boot area and FF kernel.

## Memory Context

**ram** Set address context to SRAM.  
**eprom** Set address context to EEPROM.  
**flash** Set address context to Flash.  
**fl-** Disable writes to Flash, EEPROM.  
**fl+** Enable writes to Flash, EEPROM, default.  
**lock** Disable writes to Flash, EEPROM.  
**here** Leave the current data section dictionary pointer. ( -- *addr* )  
**align** Align the current data section dictionary pointer to cell boundary. ( -- )  
**hi** Leave the high limit of the current data space. ( -- *u* )

## Accessing Memory

**!** Store *x* to address. ( *x a-addr* -- )  
**@** Fetch from address. ( *a-addr* -- *x* )  
**c!** Store character to address. ( *c addr* -- )  
**c@** Fetch character from address. ( *addr* -- *c* )  
**c@+** Fetch char, increment address.  
( *addr1* -- *addr2 c* )  
**+** Add *n* to cell at address. ( *n addr* -- )  
**-@** Fetch from *addr* and decrement *addr* by 2.  
( *addr1* -- *addr2 x* )  
**cf!** Store to Flash memory. ( *dataL dataH addr* -- )  
PIC24-30-33 only.  
**cf@** Fetch from Flash memory. ( *addr* -- *dataL dataH* )  
PIC24-30-33 only.

## Accessing bits in RAM

**mset** Set bits in file register with mask *c*. ( *c addr* -- )  
For PIC24-30-33, the mask is 16 bits.  
**mc1r** Clear bits in file register with mask *c*. ( *c addr* -- )  
**mtst** AND file register byte with mask *c*. ( *c addr* -- *x* )

The following come from `bit.txt`

**bit1: name** Define a word to set a bit. ( *addr bit* -- )  
**bit0: name** Define a word to clear a bit. ( *addr bit* -- )  
**bit?: name** Define a word to test a bit. ( *addr bit* -- )  
When executed, *name* leaves a flag. ( -- *f* )

For manipulating bits in the ATmega IO-space, the following come

from `bio.txt`

**bio1: name** Define a word to set a bit. ( *io-addr bit* -- )  
**bio0: name** Define a word to clear a bit. ( *io-addr bit* -- )  
**bio?: name** Define a word to test a bit. ( *io-addr bit* -- )  
When executed, *name* leaves a flag. ( -- *f* )

## Constants and Variables

**constant name** Define new constant. ( *n* -- )  
**2constant name** Define double constant. ( *x x* -- )  
**name** Leave value on stack. ( -- *n* )  
**variable varname** Define variable in address context. ( -- )  
**2variable name** Define double variable. ( -- )  
**varname** Leave address on stack. ( -- *addr* )  
**value valname** Define value. ( *n* -- )  
**to valname** Assign new value to *valname*. ( *n* -- )  
**valname** Leave value on stack. ( -- *n* )

## Examples

**ram** Set SRAM context for variables and values. Be careful not to accidentally define variables in EEPROM or Flash memory. That memory wears quickly with multiple writes.  
**\$ff81 constant portb** Define constant in Flash.  
**3 value xx** Define value in SRAM.  
**variable yy** Define variable in SRAM.  
**6 yy !** Store 6 in variable *yy*.  
**eprom 5 value zz ram** Define value in EEPROM.  
**xx yy zz portb yy @** Leaves 3 f172 5 ff81 6  
**warm** Warm restart clears SRAM data.  
**xx yy zz portb yy @** Leaves 0 f172 5 ff81 0  
**4 to xx** Sets new value.  
**xx yy zz portb yy @** Leaves 4 f172 5 ff81 0  
**hi here - u.** Prints the number of bytes free.  
**\$ff8a constant latb** PortB latch for the PIC18.  
**\$ff93 constant trisb** PortB direction-control register.  
**%00000010 trisb mc1r** Sets RB1 as output.  
**latb 1 bit1: pb1-high** Defines a word to set RB1 high.  
**pb1-high** Sets RB1 high.

## Converting between cells, chars

**cells** Convert cells to address units. ( *u* -- *u* )  
**chars** Convert chars to address units. ( *u* -- *u* )  
**char+** Add one to address. ( *addr1* -- *addr2* )  
**cell+** Add size of cell to address. ( *addr1* -- *addr2* )  
**aligned** Align address to a cell boundary. ( *addr* -- *a-addr* )

## Memory operations

Some of these words come from `core.txt`.

**cmove** Move u bytes from address-1 to address-2.  
( `addr1 addr2 u --` )  
Copy proceeds from low addr to high address.

**fill** Fill u bytes with c starting at address.  
( `addr u c --` )

**erase** Fill u bytes with 0 starting at address.  
( `addr u --` )

**blanks** Fill u bytes with spaces starting at address.  
( `addr u --` )

## The P register

The P register can be used as a variable or as a pointer. It can be used in conjunction with `for.next` or at any other time.

**!p** Store address to P(pointer) register. ( `addr --` )

**@p** Fetch the P register to the stack. ( `-- addr` )

**!p>r** Push contents of P to return stack and store new address to P. ( `addr --` ) ( `R: -- addr` )

**r>p** Pop from return stack to P register. ( `R: addr --` )

**p+** Increment P register by one. ( `--` )

**p2+** Add 2 to P register. ( `--` )

**p++** Add n to the p register. ( `n --` )

**p!** Store x to the location pointed to by the p register. ( `x --` )

**pc!** Store c to the location pointed to by the p register. ( `c --` )

**p@** Fetch the cell pointed to by the p register. ( `-- x` )

**pc@** Fetch the char pointed to by the p register. ( `-- c` )

In a definition `!p>r` and `r>p` should always be used to allow proper nesting of words.

## Predefined constants

**cell** Size of one cell in characters. ( `-- n` )

**true** Boolean true value. ( `-- -1` )

**false** Boolean false value. ( `-- 0` )

**bl** ASCII space. ( `-- c` )

**Fcy** Leave the cpu instruction-cycle frequency in kHz. ( `-- u` )

**ti#** Size of the terminal input buffer. ( `-- u` )

## Predefined variables

**base** Variable containing number base. ( `-- a-addr` )

**irq** Interrupt vector (SRAM variable). ( `-- a-addr` )  
Always disable user interrupts and clear related interrupt enable bits before zeroing interrupt vector.  
`di false to irq ei`

**turnkey** Vector for user start-up word. ( `-- a-addr` )  
EEPROM value mirrored in SRAM.

**prompt** Deferred execution vector for the info displayed by quit. ( `-- a-addr` )

**'emit** EMIT vector. Default is TX1. ( `-- a-addr` )

**'key** KEY vector. Default is RX1. ( `-- a-addr` )

**'key?** KEY? vector. Default is RX1. ( `-- a-addr` )

**'source** Current input source. ( `-- a-addr` )

**s0** Variable for start of data stack. ( `-- a-addr` )

**rcnt** Number of saved return stack cells. ( `-- a-addr` )

**tib** Address of the terminal input buffer. ( `-- a-addr` )

**tiu** Terminal input buffer pointer. ( `-- a-addr` )

**>in** Variable containing the offset, in characters, from the start of `tib` to the current parse area. ( `-- a-addr` )

**pad** Address of the temporary area for strings. ( `-- addr` )  
: `pad tib ti# + ;`  
Each task has its own pad but has zero default size. If needed the user must allocate it separately with `allot` for each task.

**dp** Leave the address of the current data section dictionary pointer. ( `-- addr` )  
EEPROM variable mirrored in RAM.

**hp** Hold pointer for formatted numeric output. ( `-- a-addr` )

**latest** Variable holding the address of the latest defined word. ( `-- a-addr` )

## Characters

**digit?** Convert char to a digit according to base.  
( `c -- n` )

**>digit** Convert n to ascii character value. ( `n -- c` )

**char char** Parse a character and leave ASCII value. ( `-- n` )  
For example: `char A ( -- 65 )`

**[char] char** Compile inline ASCII character. ( `--` )

## Strings

Some of these words come from `core.txt`.

**s" text"** Compile string into flash. ( `--` )  
At run time, leaves address and length.  
( `-- addr u` )

**." text"** Compile string to print into flash.  
( `--` )

**place** Place string from a1 to a2  
as a counted string. ( `addr1 u addr2 --` )

**count** Leave the address and length of text portion of a counted string ( `addr1 -- addr2 n` )

**n=** Compare strings in RAM(a) and flash(nfa).  
Leave true if strings match, `n < 16`.  
( `addr nfa u -- f` )

**/string** Trim string. ( `addr u n -- addr+n u-n` )

**>number** Convert string to a number.  
( `0 0 addr1 u1 -- ud.1 ud.h addr2 u2` )

**number?** Convert string to a number and flag.  
( `addr1 -- addr2 0 | n 1 | d.1 d.h 2` )  
Prefix: # decimal, \$ hexadecimal, % binary.

**type** Type line to terminal, `u < $100`. ( `addr u --` )

**accept** Get line from the terminal. ( `c-addr +n1 -- +n2` )  
At most n1 characters are accepted, until the line is terminated with a carriage return.

**source** Leave address and length of input buffer.  
( `-- c-addr u` )

**evaluate** Interpret a string in SRAM. ( `addr n --` )

## Pictured numeric output

Formatted string representing an unigned double-precision integer is constructed in the end of `tib`.

**<#** Begin conversion to formatted string. ( `--` )

**#** Convert 1 digit to formatted string. ( `ud1 -- ud2` )

**#s** Convert remaining digits. ( `ud1 -- ud2` )  
Note that `ud2` will be zero.

**hold** Append char to formatted string. ( `c --` )

**sign** Add minus sign to formatted string, if `n<0`. ( `n --` )

**#>** End conversion, leave address and count of formatted string. ( `ud1 -- c-addr u` )

For example, the following:

```
-i 34. <# # # #s rot sign #> type
results in -034 ok
```

## Defining functions

### Colon definitions

**:** Begin colon definition. ( `--` )

**;** End colon definition. ( `--` )

**[** Enter interpreter state. ( `--` )

**]** Enter compilation state. ( `--` )

**[i** Enter Forth interrupt context. ( `--` )

**i]** Enter compilation state. ( `--` )

**;i** End an interrupt word. ( `--` )

**literal** Compile value on stack at compile time.  
At run time, leave value on stack. ( `-- x` )

**inline name** Inline the following word. ( `--` )

**inlined** Mark the last compiled word as inlined. ( `--` )

**immediate** Mark latest definition as immediate. ( `--` )

**postpone name** Postpone action of immediate word. ( `--` )

**see name** Show definition. Load `see.txt`.

### Comments

( *comment text* ) Inline comment.

\ *comment text* Skip rest of line.

### Examples

```
: square ( n -- n**2 )
  dup * ;
: poke0 ( -- )
  [ $f8a 0 a, bsf, ] ;
```

Example with stack comment.  
...body of definition.  
Example of using PIC18 assembler.

## Flow control

### Structured flow control

```
if xxx else yyy then    Conditional execution. ( f -- )
begin xxx again        Infinite loop. ( -- )
begin xxx cond until   Loop until cond is true. ( -- )
begin xxx cond while   Loop while cond is true. ( -- )
    yyy repeat         yyy is not executed on the last iteration.
for xxx next          Loop u times. ( u -- )
    r@ gets the loop counter u-1 ... 0
endit                 Sets loop counter to zero so that we leave
                    a for loop when next is encountered.
                    ( -- )
```

From `doloop.txt`, we get the ANSI loop constructs which iterate from *initial* up to, but not including, *limit*:

```
limit initial do words-to-repeat loop
limit initial do words-to-repeat value +loop
i          Leave the current loop index. ( -- n )
           Innermost loop, for nested loops.
j          Leave the next-outer loop index. ( -- n )
leave     Leave the do loop immediately. ( -- )
```

### Loop examples

```
decimal
: sumdo 0 100 0 do i + loop ;      sumdo leaves 4950
: sumfor 0 100 for r@ + next ;    sumfor leaves 4950
: print-twos 10 0 do i u. 2 +loop ;
```

### Case example

From `case.txt`, we get words `case`, `of`, `endof`, `default` and `endcase` to define case constructs.

```
: testcase
  4 for r@
    case
      0 of ." zero " endof
      1 of ." one " endof
      2 of ." two " endof
      default ." default " endof
    endcase
  next
;
```

### Unstructured flow control

```
exit          Exit from a word. ( -- )
              If exiting from within a for loop,
              we must drop the loop count with rdrop.
?abort       If flag is false, print message
              and abort. ( f addr u -- )
?abort?     If flag is false, output ? and abort. ( f -- )
abort " xxx" if flag, type out last word executed,
              followed by text xxx. ( f -- )
quit        Interpret from keyboard. ( -- )
warm        Make a warm start.
              Note that irq vector is cleared.
```

## Function pointers (vectors)

```
' name        Search for name and leave its
              execution token (address). ( -- addr )
['] name      Search for name and compile
              its execution token. ( -- )
execute       Execute word at address. ( addr -- )
              The actual stack effect will depend on
              the word executed.
@ex           Fetch vector from addr and execute.
              ( addr -- )
defer vec-name Define a deferred execution vector. ( -- )
is vec-name   Store execution token in vec-name.
              ( addr -- )
vec-name      Execute the word whose execution token
              is stored in vec-name's data space.
int!          Store interrupt vector to table. ( xt n -- )
              PIC18: n is dummy vector number (0).
              PIC30: Alternate interrupt vector table in Flash.
              PIC33: Alternate interrupt vector table in RAM.
              PIC24: Alternate interrupt vector table in RAM.
              ATmega: Interrupt vector table in RAM.
```

### Autostart example

```
' my-app is turnkey  Autostart my-app.
false is turnkey    Disable turnkey application.
```

### Interrupt example

```
ram variable icnt1    ...from FF source.
: irq_forth           It's a Forth colon definition
  [i                 ...in the Forth interrupt context.
    icnt1 @ 1+
    icnt1 !
  ]i
;
' irq_forth 0 int!    Set the user interrupt vector.

: init                Alternatively, compile a word
  ['] irq_forth 0 int! ...so that we can install the
;                    ...interrupt service function
' init is turnkey    ...at every warm start.
```

## Multitasking

Load the words for multitasking from `task.txt`.

```
task              Define a new task in flash memory space
                  ( tibble size rsize addsize -- )
                  Use ram xxx allot to leave space for the PAD
                  of the previously defined task.
                  The OPERATOR task does not use PAD.
tinit             Initialise a user area and link it
                  to the task loop. ( taskloop-addr task-addr -- )
                  Note that this may only be executed from
                  the operator task.
```

```
run              Makes a task run by inserting it after operator
                  in the round-robin linked list. ( task-addr -- )
                  May only be executed from the operator task.
end              Remove a task from the task list. ( task-addr -- )
                  May only be executed from the operator task.
single           End all tasks except the operator task. ( -- )
                  Removes all tasks from the task list.
                  May only be executed from the operator task.
tasks            List all running tasks. ( -- )
pause           Switch to the next task in the
                  round robin task list. ( -- )
his             Access user variables of other task.
                  ( task.addr vvar.addr -- addr )
load            Leave the CPU load on the stack. ( -- n )
                  Load is percentage of time that the CPU is busy.
                  Updated every 256 milliseconds.
busy            CPU idle mode not allowed. ( -- )
idle           CPU idle is allowed. ( -- )
operator        Leave the address of the operator task. ( -- )
ulink          Link to next task. ( -- addr )
```

## Defining compound data objects

```
create name      Create a word definition and store
                  the current data section pointer.
does>            Define the runtime action of a created word.
allot            Advance the current data section dictionary
                  pointer by u bytes. ( u -- )
,               Append x to the current data section. ( x -- )
c,              Append c to the current data section. ( c -- )
cF,             Compile xt into the flash dictionary. ( addr -- )
c>n             Convert code field addr to name field addr.
                  ( addr1 -- addr2 )
n>c             Convert name field addr to code field addr.
                  ( addr1 -- addr2 )
," xxx"         Append a string at HERE. ( -- )
```

### Array examples

```
ram              Example
create my-array 20 allot ...of creating an array,
my-array 20 $ff fill ...filling it with 1s, and
my-array 20 dump  ...displaying its content.
create my-cell-array
  100 , 340 , 5 ,      Initialised cell array.
my-cell-array 2 cells + @ Should leave 5. ( -- x )
create my-byte-array
  18 c, 21 c, 255 c,   Initialised byte array.
my-byte-array 2 chars + c@ Should leave 255. ( -- c )
: mk-byte-array      Defining word ( n -- )
  create allot       ...to make byte array objects
  does> + ;          ...as shown in FF user's guide.
10 mk-byte-array my-bytes Creates an array object
my-bytes ( n -- addr ).
18 0 my-bytes c!     Sets an element
21 1 my-bytes c!     ...and another.
255 2 my-bytes c!
2 my-bytes c@        Should leave 255.
```

```

: mk-cell-array      Defining word ( n -- )
    create cells allot ...to make cell array objects.
    does> swap cells + ;
5 mk-cell-array my-cells  Creates an array object
    my-cells ( n -- addr ).
3000 0 my-cells !      Sets an element
45000 1 my-cells !     ...and another.
63000 2 my-cells !
1 my-cells @ .        Should print 45000

```

## Dictionary manipulation

```

marker -my-mark  Mark the dictionary and memory
                 allocation state with -my-mark.
-my-mark        Return to the dictionary and allotted-memory
                 state that existed before -my-mark was created.
find name       Find name in dictionary. ( -- n )
                 Leave 1 immediate, -1 normal, 0 not found.
forget name     Forget dictionary entries back to name.
empty           Reset all dictionary and allotted-memory
                 pointers. ( -- )
words           List words in dictionary. ( -- )

```

## Structured Assembler

To use many of the words listed in the following sections, load the text file `asm.txt`. The assembler for each processor family provides the same set of structured flow control words, however, the conditionals that go with these words are somewhat processor-specific.

```

if, xxx else, yyy then,  Conditional execution. ( cc -- )
begin, xxx again,       Loop indefinitely. ( -- )
begin, xxx cc until,    Loop until condition is true. ( -- )

```

## Assembler words for PIC18

In the stack-effect notation for the PIC18 family, `f` is a file register address, `d` is the result destination, `a` is the access bank modifier, and `k` is a literal value.

### Conditions for structured flow control

```

cc,    test carry ( -- cc )
nc,    test not carry ( -- cc )
mi,    test negative ( -- cc )
pl,    test not negative ( -- cc )
z,     test zero ( -- cc )
nz,    test not zero ( -- cc )
ov,    test overflow ( -- cc )
nov,   test not overflow ( -- cc )
not,   invert condition ( cc -- not-cc )

```

### Destination and access modifiers

```

w,    Destination WREG ( -- 0 )
f,    Destination file ( -- 1 )
a,    Access bank ( -- 0 )
b,    Use bank-select register ( -- 1 )

```

## Byte-oriented file register operations

```

addwf,  Add WREG and f. ( f d a -- )
addwfc, Add WREG and carry bit to f. ( f d a -- )
andwf,  AND WREG with f. ( f d a -- )
clrf,   Clear f. ( f a -- )
comf,   Complement f. ( f d a -- )
cpfseq, Compare f with WREG, skip if equal. ( f a -- )
cpfsgt, Compare f with WREG, skip if greater than. ( f a -- )
cpfslt, Compare f with WREG, skip if less than. ( f a -- )
decf,   Decrement f. ( f d a -- )
decfsz, Decrement f, skip if zero. ( f d a -- )
dcfsnz, Decrement f, skip if not zero. ( f d a -- )
incf,   Increment f. ( f d a -- )
incfsz, Increment f, skip if zero. ( f d a -- )
infsnz, Increment f, skip if not zero. ( f d a -- )
iorwf,  Inclusive OR WREG with f. ( f d a -- )
movf,   Move f. ( f d a -- )
movff,  Move fs to fd. ( fs fd -- )
movwf,  Move WREG to f. ( f a -- )
mulwf,  Multiply WREG with f. ( f a -- )
negf,   Negate f. ( f a -- )
rlcf,   Rotate left f, through carry. ( f d a -- )
rlncf,  Rotate left f, no carry. ( f d a -- )
rrcf,   Rotate right f, through carry. ( f d a -- )
rrncf,  Rotate right f, no carry. ( f d a -- )
setf,   Set f. ( f d a -- )
subfwb, Subtract f from WREG, with borrow. ( f d a -- )
subwf,  Subtract WREG from f. ( f d a -- )
subwfb, Subtract WREG from f, with borrow. ( f d a -- )
swapf,  Swap nibbles in f. ( f d a -- )
tstfsz, Test f, skip if zero. ( f a -- )
xorwf,  Exclusive OR WREG with f. ( f d a -- )

```

## Bit-oriented file register operations

```

bcf,    Bit clear f. ( f b a -- )
bsf,    Bit set f. ( f b a -- )
btfsc,  Bit test f, skip if clear. ( f b a -- )
btfss,  Bit test f, skip if set. ( f b a -- )
btg,    Bit toggle f. ( f b a -- )

```

## Literal operations

```

addlw,  Add literal and WREG. ( k -- )
andlw,  AND literal with WREG. ( k -- )
daw,    Decimal adjust packed BCD digits in WREG. ( -- )
iorlw,  Inclusive OR literal with WREG. ( k -- )
lfsr,   Move literal to FSRx. ( k f -- )
movlb,  Move literal to BSR. ( k -- )
movlw,  Move literal to WREG. ( k -- )
mullw,  Multiply literal with WREG. ( k -- )
sublw,  Subtract WREG from literal. ( k -- )
xorlw,  Exclusive OR literal with WREG. ( k -- )

```

## Data memory – program memory operations

```

tblrd*,  Table read. ( -- )
tblrd**, Table read with post-increment. ( -- )
tblrd*-, Table read with post-decrement. ( -- )
tblrd**, Table read with pre-increment. ( -- )
tblwt*,  Table write. ( -- )
tblwt**, Table write with post-increment. ( -- )
tblwt*-, Table write with post-decrement. ( -- )
tblwt**, Table write with pre-increment. ( -- )

```

## Low-level flow control operations

```

bra,     Branch unconditionally. ( rel-addr -- )
call,    Call subroutine. ( addr -- )
goto,    Go to address. ( addr -- )
pop,     Pop (discard) top of return stack. ( -- )
push,    Push address of next instruction to
         top of return stack. ( -- )
rcall,   Relative call. ( rel-addr -- )
retfie,  Return from interrupt enable. ( -- )
retlw,   Return with literal in WREG. ( k -- )
return,  Return from subroutine. ( -- )

```

## Other MCU control operations

```

clrwdt,  Clear watchdog timer. ( -- )
nop,     No operation. ( -- )
reset,   Software device reset. ( -- )
sleep,   Go into standby mode. ( -- )

```

## Assembler words for PIC24-30-33

As stated in the `wordsAll.txt`, there is only a partial set of words for these families of microcontrollers.

### Conditions for structured flow control

```

z,     test zero ( -- cc )
nz,    test not zero ( -- cc )
not,   invert condition ( cc -- not-cc )

```

### Low-level flow control operations

```

bra,     Branch unconditionally. ( rel-addr -- )
rcall,   Call subroutine. ( rel-addr -- )
return,  Return from subroutine. ( -- )
retfie,  Return from interrupt enable. ( -- )

```

### Bit-oriented operations

```

bclr,   Bit clear. ( bit ram-addr -- )
bset,   Bit set. ( bit ram-addr -- )
btst,   Bit test to z. ( bit ram-addr -- )
btsc,   Bit test, skip if clear. ( bit ram-addr -- )
btss,   Bit test, skip if set. ( bit ram-addr -- )

```

## Assembler words for AVR8

For the ATmega instructions, Rd denotes the destination (and source) register, Rr denotes the source register, Rw denotes a register-pair code, K denotes constant data, k is a constant address, b is a bit in the register, x,Y,Z are indirect address registers, A is an I/O location address, and q is a displacement (6-bit) for direct addressing.

### Conditions for structured flow control

cs, carry set ( -- cc )  
eq, zero ( -- cc )  
hs, half carry set ( -- cc )  
ie, interrupt enabled ( -- cc )  
lo, lower ( -- cc )  
lt, less than ( -- cc )  
mi, negative ( -- cc )  
ts, T flag set ( -- cc )  
vs, no overflow ( -- cc )  
not, invert condition ( cc -- not-cc )

### Register constants

Z ( -- 0 )  
Z+ ( -- 1 )  
-Z ( -- 2 )  
Y ( -- 8 )  
Y+ ( -- 9 )  
-Y ( -- 10 )  
X ( -- 12 )  
X+ ( -- 13 )  
-X ( -- 14 )  
XH:XL ( -- 01 )  
YH:YL ( -- 02 )  
ZH:ZL ( -- 03 )  
R0 ( -- 0 ) | R16 ( -- 16 )  
R1 ( -- 1 ) | R17 ( -- 17 )  
R2 ( -- 2 ) | R18 ( -- 18 )  
R3 ( -- 3 ) | R19 ( -- 19 )  
R4 ( -- 4 ) | R20 ( -- 20 )  
R5 ( -- 5 ) | R21 ( -- 21 )  
R6 ( -- 6 ) | R22 ( -- 22 )  
R7 ( -- 7 ) | R23 ( -- 23 )  
R8 ( -- 8 ) | R24 ( -- 24 )  
R9 ( -- 9 ) | R25 ( -- 25 )  
R10 ( -- 10 ) | R26 ( -- 26 )  
R11 ( -- 11 ) | R27 ( -- 27 )  
R12 ( -- 12 ) | R28 ( -- 28 )  
R13 ( -- 13 ) | R29 ( -- 29 )  
R14 ( -- 14 ) | R30 ( -- 30 )  
R15 ( -- 15 ) | R31 ( -- 31 )

### Arithmetic and logic instructions

add, Add without carry. ( Rd Rr -- )  
adc, Add with carry. ( Rd Rr -- )  
adiw, Add immediate to word. ( Rw K -- )  
Rw = {XH:XL,YH:YL,ZH:ZL}

sub, Subtract without carry. ( Rd Rr -- )  
subi, Subtract immediate. ( Rd K -- )  
sbc, Subtract with carry. ( Rd Rr -- )  
sbci, Subtract immediate with carry. ( Rd K -- )  
sbiw, Subtract immediate from word. ( Rw K -- )  
Rw = {XH:XL,YH:YL,ZH:ZL}  
and, Logical AND. ( Rd Rr -- )  
andi, Logical AND with immediate. ( Rd K -- )  
or, Logical OR. ( Rd Rr -- )  
ori, Logical OR with immediate. ( Rd K -- )  
eor, Exclusive OR. ( Rd Rr -- )  
com, One's complement. ( Rd -- )  
neg, Two's complement. ( Rd -- )  
sbr, Set bit(s) in register. ( Rd K -- )  
cbr, Clear bit(s) in register. ( Rd K -- )  
inc, Increment. ( Rd -- )  
dec, Decrement. ( Rd -- )  
tst, Test for zero or minus. ( Rd -- )  
clr, Clear register. ( Rd -- )  
ser, Set register. ( Rd -- )  
mul, Multiply unsigned. ( Rd Rr -- )  
muls, Multiply signed. ( Rd Rr -- )  
mulsu, Multiply signed with unsigned. ( Rd Rr -- )  
fmul, Fractional multiply unsigned. ( Rd Rr -- )  
fmuls, Fractional multiply signed. ( Rd Rr -- )  
fmulsu, Fractional multiply signed with unsigned. ( Rd Rr -- )

### Branch instructions

rjmp, Relative jump. ( k -- )  
ijmp, Indirect jump to (Z). ( -- )  
eijmp, Extended indirect jump to (Z). ( -- )  
jmp, Jump. ( k16 k6 -- )  
k6 is zero for a 16-bit address.  
rcall, Relative call subroutine. ( k -- )  
icall, Indirect call to (Z). ( -- )  
eicall, Extended indirect call to (Z). ( -- )  
call, Call subroutine. ( k16 k6 -- )  
k6 is zero for a 16-bit address.  
ret, Subroutine return. ( -- )  
reti, Interrupt return. ( -- )  
cpse, Compare, skip if equal. ( Rd Rr -- )  
cp, Compare. ( Rd Rr -- )  
cpc, Compare with carry. ( Rd Rr -- )  
cpi, Compare with immediate. ( Rd K -- )  
sbrc, Skip if bit in register cleared. ( Rr b -- )  
sbrs, Skip if bit in register set. ( Rr b -- )  
sbic, Skip if bit in I/O register cleared. ( A b -- )  
sbis, Skip if bit in I/O register set. ( A b -- )

### Data transfer instructions

mov, Copy register. ( Rd Rr -- )  
movw, Copy register pair. ( Rd Rr -- )

ldi, Load immediate. ( Rd K -- )  
lds, Load direct from data space. ( Rd K -- )  
ld, Load indirect. ( Rd Rr -- )  
Rr = {X,X+,-X,Y,Y+,-Y,Z,Z+,-Z}  
ldd, Load indirect with displacement. ( Rd Rr q -- )  
Rr = {Y,Z}  
sts, Store direct to data space. ( k Rr -- )  
st, Store indirect. ( Rr Rd -- )  
Rd = {X,X+,-X,Y,Y+,-Y,Z,Z+,-Z}  
std, Store indirect with displacement. ( Rr Rd q -- )  
Rd={Y,Z}  
in, In from I/O location. ( Rd A -- )  
out, Out to I/O location. ( Rr A -- )  
push, Push register on stack. ( Rr -- )  
pop, Pop register from stack. ( Rd -- )

### Bit and bit-test instructions

lsl, Logical shift left. ( Rd -- )  
lsr, Logical shift right. ( Rd -- )  
rol, Rotate left through carry. ( Rd -- )  
ror, Rotate right through carry. ( Rd -- )  
asr, Arithmetic shift right. ( Rd -- )  
swap, Swap nibbles. ( Rd -- )  
bset, Flag set. ( s -- )  
bclr, Flag clear. ( s -- )  
sbi, Set bit in I/O register. ( A b -- )  
cbi, Clear bit in I/O register. ( A b -- )  
bst, Bit store from register to T. ( Rr b -- )  
bld, Bit load from T to register. ( Rd b -- )  
sec, Set carry. ( -- )  
clc, Clear carry. ( -- )  
sen, Set negative flag. ( -- )  
cln, Clear negative flag. ( -- )  
sez, Set zero flag. ( -- )  
clz, Clear zero flag. ( -- )  
sei, Global interrupt enable. ( -- )  
cli, Global interrupt disable. ( -- )  
ses, Set signed test flag. ( -- )  
cls, Clear signed test flag. ( -- )  
sev, Set two's complement overflow. ( -- )  
clv, Clear two's complement overflow. ( -- )  
set, Set T in SREG. ( -- )  
clt, Clear T in SREG. ( -- )  
seh, Set half carry flag in SREG. ( -- )  
clh, Clear half carry flag in SREG. ( -- )

### MCU control instructions

break, Break. ( -- )  
nop, No operation. ( -- )  
sleep, Sleep. ( -- )  
wdr, Watchdog reset. ( -- )

## Extras

### I<sup>2</sup>C communications as master

Load these words from `i2c_base.txt` for a PIC18 microcontroller.

`i2cinit`    Initializes I<sup>2</sup>C master mode, 100 kHz clock. ( -- )  
`i2cws`     Wake slave. Bit 0 is R/W bit. ( `slave-addr` -- )  
          The 7-bit I<sup>2</sup>C address is in bits 7-1.  
`i2c!`      Write one byte to I<sup>2</sup>C bus and wait for ACK. ( `c` -- )  
`i2c@ak`    Read one byte and continue. ( -- `c` )  
`i2c@nak`   Read one last byte from the I<sup>2</sup>C bus. ( -- `c` )  
`i2c-addr1` Write 8-bit address to slave. ( `addr` `slave-addr` -- )  
`i2c-addr2` Write 16-bit address to slave ( `addr` `slave-addr` -- )  
Lower-level words.

`ssen`     Assert start condition. ( -- )  
`srsen`    Assert repeated start condition. ( -- )  
`spen`     Generate a stop condition. ( -- )  
`srcen`    Set receive enable. ( -- )  
`snoack`   Send not-acknowledge. ( -- )  
`sack`     Send acknowledge bit. ( -- )  
`sspbuf!`   Write byte to SSPBUF and wait for  
          transmission. ( `c` -- )

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