

DATA TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS

Involves mainly the use of the instruction LOAD (LD). This class of instruction **moves** or **copy** or **write** data from one location into another location. Data can be transferred between registers (register to register), memory and register, and memory to memory.

Special data transfer instructions:-

1. PUSH and POP instructions uses stack pointer SP
2. IN and OUT instructions involves input/output unit

Examples:-

1. creating data in register

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LD A, 34H           ;8 bit load
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LD HL,5784H        ;16 bit load
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2. moving data from register to register

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LD A,B             ;copy reg. B into reg. A
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LD H,E             ;copy reg. E into reg. H
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3. creating data in memory

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ORG 1800H
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1800 3E 76         LD   A, 76H       ;create data in reg. A
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1802 32 70 18      LD   (1870H),A     ;copy data into memory
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1805 FF           RST   38H       ;end
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4. exchange data in memory address with another memory address

5. moving data from memory to memory (direct addressing)

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                ORG 1800H

1800 3A 50 18    LD  A,(1850H) ;copy data from memory into reg. A

1803 32 70 18    LD  (1870H),A ;copy data in reg. A into memory

1806 FF          RST  38H

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6. moving data from memory to memory using pointer (16-bit reg. pair to hold the memory address)

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                ORG 1800H

1800 21 00 20    LD  HL,2000H ;set source address in reg. HL

1803 11 00 30    LD  DE,3000H ;set destination address in reg. DE

1806 7E          LD  A,(HL) ;load data from memory into reg A

1807 12          LD  (DE),A ;copy back data from reg. A into memory

1808 FF          RST  38H

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7. moving data from memory to memory using index register IX and IY as pointer

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                ORG 1800H

1800 DD 21 00 20    LD  IX,2000H ;set source addr. in IX

1804 FD 21 00 30    LD  IY,3000H ;set destination addr. in IY

1808 DD 7E 00       LD  A,(IX+00H) ;load data from memory into reg. A

180B FD 77 00       LD  (IY+00H),A ;copy back data from reg. A into mem.

180E FF             RST  38H

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8. using special instructions eg. LDIR

ORG 1800H

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1800 21 00 20  LD  HL,2000H  ;set source address in reg. HL
1803 11 00 30  LD  DE,3000H  ;set destination address in reg. DE
1806 01 FF 00  LD  BC,00FFH  ;set number of bytes to be copied
1809 ED B0     LDIR                ;do the transfer until finished

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Exercises :

1. What five addressing modes are available for use with the Z80 microprocessor?
2. Describe how the memory address is stored with a direct addressed instruction.
3. How does one use the HL register pair in an instruction to indirectly address the memory?
4. Write a program that store 1234H into the register pair BC and 12H into the accumulator.
5. Write a program that store 16H into memory address 1900H and 17H into memory address 1901H.
6. Write a program that uses register indirect addressing to transfer the data stored in memory address 1850H into memory address 1851H.
7. If register IX have the value 1820H, and the following instruction is executed : LD A, (IX +12H), data in what memory address is loaded into the accumulator?
8. Write a program that exchange the contents of memory addresses 1900H to 1903H with the data in memory addresses 1950H to 1953H.
 - a) using direct addressing
 - b) using register indirect addressing
 - c) using Index register addressing
9. If register IX have the value 1820H, and the following instruction is executed : LD A,

(IX +12H), data in what memory address is loaded into the accumulator?

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