

Principle of Operation of a Computer Instruction Execution

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public class Interpreter
{
    static int PC;                // Program counter holds the address of the next instruction
    static int AC;                // Register for doing arithmetic, accumulator
    static int instruction;       // Current instruction
    static int instructionType;   // Type of the current instruction, i.e. what to do
    static int dataLocation;     // Address of the data for the instruction
    static int data;             // Holds the operand
    static boolean runBit = true; // Bit used to halt the computer

    public static void interpreter(int memory[], int startingAddress)
    {
        PC = startingAddress;    // Initialize the program
        while( runBit ) {
            instruction = memory[PC]; // Fetch next instruction
            PC = PC + 1;          // Increment PC
            instructionType = getInstructionType(instruction); // Determine instruction
            dataLocation = findData(instruction, instructionType); // Locate data
            if( dataLocation >= 0 ) // No operand if -1
                data = memory[dataLocation]; // Fetch data
            execute(instructionType, data); // Execute instruction
        }
    }
}
```