
Using BRA instruction to implement subroutine

- **Implement Subroutine**

- Consider:

```

main( )
{
    ...
    A( );    // Execute instructions in A and continue
    ...
}

A( )
{
    ....
}

```

We can **implement** the **subroutine call** as **follows**:

```

main:
    ....
    ....
    BRA  A
Ret:  ...
    ...

A:   ....
    ....
    ....
    BRA Ret

```

- **WHy BRA will not work !**

- Consider **now**:

```

main( )
{
    ...
    A( );    // Execute instructions in A and continue
    ...
    A( );    // Execute instructions in A and continue
}

A( )
{
    ....
}

```

The **implementation** would be **as follows**:

```

main:
    ....
    ....
    BRA  A
Ret1: ...
    ....
    BRA  A
Ret2: ...
    ....
    ....

A: ....
    ....
    ....
    BRA Ret1

```

Problem:

- **BRA Ret1** will **jump** to the **wrong continuation location** in the **second invocation !!!**

- **Lesson learned**

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- The **subroutine call** (to run code in the **subroutine**) must **remember** the **location** of the **subroutine invocation !!!**
- The **subroutine** must **return (= go back)** to the **location** where the **subroutine call instruction** was **executed**

Analogy: Hansel and Gretel


