

Java Card Virtual Machine Instruction Set

A Java Card virtual machine instruction consists of an opcode specifying the operation to be performed, followed by zero or more operands embodying values to be operated upon. This chapter gives details about the format of each Java Card virtual machine instruction and the operation it performs.

7.1 Assumptions: The Meaning of “Must”

The description of each instruction is always given in the context of Java Card virtual machine code that satisfies the static and structural constraints of Chapter 6, “The CAP File Format”.

In the description of individual Java Card virtual machine instructions, we frequently state that some situation “must” or “must not” be the case: “The value2 must be of type int.” The constraints of Chapter 6 “The CAP File Format” guarantee that all such expectations will in fact be met. If some constraint (a “must” or “must not”) in an instruction description is not satisfied at run time, the behavior of the Java Card virtual machine is undefined.

7.2 Reserved Opcodes

In addition to the opcodes of the instructions specified later this chapter, which are used in Java Card CAP files (see Chapter 6, “The CAP File Format”), two opcodes are reserved for internal use by a Java Card virtual machine implementation. If Sun Microsystems, Inc. extends the instruction set of the Java Card virtual machine in the future, these reserved opcodes are guaranteed not to be used.

The two reserved opcodes, numbers 254 (0xfe) and 255 (0xff), have the mnemonics `impdep1` and `impdep2`, respectively. These instructions are intended to provide “back doors” or traps to implementation-specific functionality implemented in software and hardware, respectively.

Although these opcodes have been reserved, they may only be used inside a Java Card virtual machine implementation. They cannot appear in valid CAP files.

7.3 Virtual Machine Errors

A Java Card virtual machine may encounter internal errors or resource limitations that prevent it from executing correctly written Java programs. While The Java Virtual Machine Specification allows reporting and handling of virtual machine errors, it also states that they cannot ordinarily be handled by application code. This Virtual Machine Specification for the Java Card Platform, v2.2.2 is more restrictive in that it does not allow for any reporting or handling of unrecoverable virtual machine errors at the application code level. A virtual machine error is considered unrecoverable if further execution could compromise the security or correct operation of the virtual machine or underlying system software. When an unrecoverable error occurs, the virtual machine will halt bytecode execution. Responses beyond halting the virtual machine are implementation-specific policies and are not mandated in this specification.

In the case where the virtual machine encounters a recoverable error, such as insufficient memory to allocate a new object, it will throw a `SystemException` with an error code describing the error condition. The Virtual Machine Specification for the Java Card Platform, v2.2.2 cannot predict where resource limitations or internal errors may be encountered and does not mandate precisely when they can be reported. Thus, a `SystemException` may be thrown at any time during the operation of the Java Card virtual machine.

7.4 Security Exceptions

Instructions of the Java Card virtual machine throw an instance of the class `SecurityException` when a security violation has been detected. The Java Card virtual machine does not mandate the complete set of security violations that can or will result in an exception being thrown. However, there is a minimum set that must be supported.

In the general case, any instruction that de-references an object reference must throw a `SecurityException` if the context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) in which the instruction is executing is different than the owning context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) of the referenced object. The list of instructions includes the instance field `get` and `put` instructions, the array `load` and `store` instructions, as well as the `arraylength`, `invokeinterface`, `invokespecial`, `invokevirtual`, `checkcast`, `instanceof` and `athrow` instructions.

There are several exceptions to this general rule that allow cross-context use of objects or arrays. These exceptions are detailed in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification for the Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*. An important detail to note is that any cross-context method invocation will result in a context switch (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2).

The Java Card virtual machine may also throw a `SecurityException` if an instruction violates any of the static constraints of Chapter 6, “The CAP File Format”. The *Virtual Machine Specification for the Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2* does not mandate which instructions must implement these additional security checks, or to what level. Therefore, a `SecurityException` may be thrown at any time during the operation of the Java Card virtual machine.

7.5 The Java Card Virtual Machine Instruction Set

Java virtual machine instructions are represented in this chapter by entries of the form shown in TABLE 7-1, an example instruction page, in alphabetical order.

TABLE 7-1 Example Instruction Page

mnemonic

Short description of the instruction.

Format

mnemonic

operand1

operand2

...

Forms

mnemonic = opcode

Stack

..., *value1*, *value2* ->

.../ *value3*

Description

A longer description detailing constraints on operand stack contents or constant pool entries, the operation performed, the type of the results, and so on.

Runtime Exception

If any runtime exceptions can be thrown by the execution of an instruction, that instruction must not throw any runtime exceptions except for instances of System Exception.

Notes

Commands not strictly part of the specification of an instruction are set aside as notes at the end of the description.

Each cell in the instruction format diagram represents a single 8-bit byte. The instruction's mnemonic is its name. Its opcode is its numeric representation and is given in both decimal and hexadecimal forms. Only the numeric representation is actually present in the Java Card virtual machine code in a CAP file.

Keep in mind that there are "operands" generated at compile time and embedded within Java Card virtual machine instructions, as well as "operands" calculated at run time and supplied on the operand stack. Although they are supplied from several different areas, all these operands represent the same thing: values to be operated upon by the Java Card virtual machine instruction being executed. By implicitly taking many of its operands from its operand stack, rather than representing them explicitly in its compiled code as additional operand bytes, register numbers, etc., the Java Card virtual machine's code stays compact.

Some instructions are presented as members of a family of related instructions sharing a single description, format, and operand stack diagram. As such, a family of instructions includes several opcodes and opcode mnemonics; only the family mnemonic appears in the instruction format diagram, and a separate forms line lists

all member mnemonics and opcodes. For example, the forms line for the `sconst_<s>` family of instructions, giving mnemonic and opcode information for the two instructions in that family (`sconst_0` and `sconst_1`), is

Forms `sconst_0 = 3 (0x3)`,
`sconst_1 = 4 (0x4)`

In the description of the Java Card virtual machine instructions, the effect of an instruction's execution on the operand stack (Section 3.5, "Frames" on page 3-3) of the current frame (Section 3.5, "Frames" on page 3-3) is represented textually, with the stack growing from left to right and each word represented separately. Thus,

Stack..., value1, value2 ->
..., result

shows an operation that begins by having a one-word `value2` on top of the operand stack with a one-word `value1` just beneath it. As a result of the execution of the instruction, `value1` and `value2` are popped from the operand stack and replaced by a one-word `result`, which has been calculated by the instruction. The remainder of the operand stack, represented by an ellipsis (...), is unaffected by the instruction's execution.

The type `int` takes two words on the operand stack. In the operand stack representation, each word is represented separately using a dot notation:

Stack..., value1.word1, value1.word2, value2.word1, value2.word2 ->
..., result.word1, result.word2

The Virtual Machine Specification for the Java Card Platform, v2.2.2 does not mandate how the two words are used to represent the 32-bit `int` value; it only requires that a particular implementation be internally consistent.

7.5.1 `aaload`

Load reference from array

Format

aaload

Forms

`aaload = 36 (0x24)`

Stack

..., arrayref, index ->
..., value

Description

The arrayref must be of type reference and must refer to an array whose components are of type reference. The index must be of type short. Both arrayref and index are popped from the operand stack. The reference value in the component of the array at index is retrieved and pushed onto the top of the operand stack.

Runtime Exceptions

If arrayref is null, aload throws a NullPointerException.

Otherwise, if index is not within the bounds of the array referenced by arrayref, the aload instruction throws an ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException.

Notes

In some circumstances, the aload instruction may throw a SecurityException if the current context (Section 3.4, "Contexts" on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, "Contexts" on page 3-2) of the array referenced by arrayref. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

7.5.2 aastore

Store into reference array

Format

aastore

Forms

aastore = 55 (0x37)

Stack

..., arrayref, index, value ->

...

Description

The arrayref must be of type reference and must refer to an array whose components are of type reference. The index must be of type short and the value must be of type reference. The arrayref, index and value are popped from the operand stack. The reference value is stored as the component of the array at index.

At runtime the type of value must be confirmed to be assignment compatible with the type of the components of the array referenced by arrayref. Assignment of a value of reference type *S* (source) to a variable of reference type *T* (target) is allowed only when the type *S* supports all of the operations defined on type *T*. The detailed rules follow:

- If *S* is a class type, then:
 - If *T* is a class type, then *S* must be the same class as *T*, or *S* must be a subclass of *T*;
 - If *T* is an interface type, then *S* must implement interface *T*.
- If *S* is an interface type¹, then:
 - If *T* is a class type, then *T* must be Object (Section 2.2.2.4, “Classes” on page 2-7);
 - If *T* is an interface type, *T* must be the same interface as *S* or a superinterface of *S*.
- If *S* is an array type, namely the type *SC*[], that is, an array of components of type *SC*, then:
 - If *T* is a class type, then *T* must be Object.
 - If *T* is an array type, namely the type *TC*[], an array of components of type *TC*, then one of the following must be true:
 - TC and *SC* are the same primitive type (Section 3.1, “Data Types and Values” on page 3-1”).
 - TC and *SC* are reference types² (Section 3.1, “Data Types and Values” on page 3-1) with type *SC* assignable to *TC*, by these rules.
- If *T* is an interface type, *T* must be one of the interfaces implemented by arrays.

Runtime Exceptions

If arrayref is null, astore throws a NullPointerException.

Otherwise, if index is not within the bounds of the array referenced by arrayref, the astore instruction throws an ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException.

Otherwise, if arrayref is not null and the actual type of value is not assignment compatible with the actual type of the component of the array, astore throws an ArrayStoreException.

Notes

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1. When both *S* and *T* are arrays of reference types, this algorithm is applied recursively using the types of the arrays, namely *SC* and *TC*. In the recursive call, *S*, which was *SC* in the original call, may be an interface type. This rule can only be reached in this manner. Similarly, in the recursive call, *T*, which was *TC* in the original call, may be an interface type.
 2. This version of the Java Card virtual machine does not support multi-dimensional arrays. Therefore, neither *SC* or *TC* can be an array type.

In some circumstances, the `aastore` instruction may throw a `SecurityException` if the current context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) of the array referenced by `arrayref`. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

7.5.3 `aconst_null`

Push null

Format

aconst_null

Forms

`aconst_null = 1 (0x1)`

Stack

... ->
..., null

Description

Push the null object reference onto the operand stack.

7.5.4 `aload`

Load reference from local variable

Format

aload

index

Forms

`aload = 21 (0x15)`

Stack

... ->
..., objectref

Description

The index is an unsigned byte that must be a valid index into the local variables of the current frame (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3). The local variable at index must contain a reference. The objectref in the local variable at index is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

The `aload` instruction cannot be used to load a value of type `returnAddress` from a local variable onto the operand stack. This asymmetry with the `astore` instruction is intentional.

7.5.5 `aload_<n>`

Load reference from local variable

Format

`aload_<n>`

Forms

`aload_0` = 24 (0x18)
`aload_1` = 25 (0x19)
`aload_2` = 26 (0x1a)
`aload_3` = 27 (0x1b)

Stack

... ->
..., objectref

Description

The `<n>` must be a valid index into the local variables of the current frame (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3). The local variable at `<n>` must contain a reference. The objectref in the local variable at `<n>` is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

An `aload_<n>` instruction cannot be used to load a value of type `returnAddress` from a local variable onto the operand stack. This asymmetry with the corresponding `astore_<n>` instruction is intentional.

Each of the `aload_<n>` instructions is the same as `aload` with an index of `<n>`, except that the operand `<n>` is implicit.

7.5.6 `anewarray`

Create new array of reference

Format

anewarray

indexbyte1

indexbyte2

Forms

`anewarray = 145 (0x91)`

Stack

..., count ->

..., arrayref

Description

The count must be of type short. It is popped off the operand stack. The count represents the number of components of the array to be created. The unsigned `indexbyte1` and `indexbyte2` are used to construct an index into the constant pool of the current package (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3), where the value of the index is $(\text{indexbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{indexbyte2}$. The item at that index in the constant pool must be of type `CONSTANT_Classref` (Section 6.7.1, “CONSTANT_Classref” on page 6-16), a reference to a class or interface type. The reference is resolved. A new array with components of that type, of length `count`, is allocated from the heap, and a reference `arrayref` to this new array object is pushed onto the operand stack. All components of the new array are initialized to null, the default value for reference types.

Runtime Exception

If `count` is less than zero, the `anewarray` instruction throws a `NegativeArraySizeException`.

7.5.7 `areturn`

Return reference from method

Format

areturn

Forms

areturn = 119 (0x77)

Stack

..., objectref ->
[empty]

Description

The objectref must be of type reference. The objectref is popped from the operand stack of the current frame (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3) and pushed onto the operand stack of the frame of the invoker. Any other values on the operand stack of the current method are discarded.

The virtual machine then reinstates the frame of the invoker and returns control to the invoker.

7.5.8 arraylength

Get length of array

Format

arraylength

Forms

arraylength = 146 (0x92)

Stack

..., arrayref ->
..., length

Description

The arrayref must be of type reference and must refer to an array. It is popped from the operand stack. The length of the array it references is determined. That length is pushed onto the top of the operand stack as a short.

Runtime Exception

If arrayref is null, the arraylength instruction throws a NullPointerException.

Notes

In some circumstances, the arraylength instruction may throw a SecurityException if the current context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) of the array referenced by arrayref. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

7.5.9 astore

Store reference into local variable

Format

astore

index

Forms

astore = 40 (0x28)

Stack

..., objectref ->

...

Description

The index is an unsigned byte that must be a valid index into the local variables of the current frame (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3). The objectref on the top of the operand stack must be of type returnAddress or of type reference. The objectref is popped from the operand stack, and the value of the local variable at index is set to objectref.

Notes

The astore instruction is used with an objectref of type returnAddress when implementing Java’s finally keyword. The aload instruction cannot be used to load a value of type returnAddress from a local variable onto the operand stack. This asymmetry with the astore instruction is intentional.

7.5.10 astore_<n>

Store reference into local variable

Format

astore_<n>

Forms

astore_0 = 43 (0x2b)

astore_1 = 44 (0x2c)

astore_2 = 45 (0x2d)

astore_3 = 46 (0x2e)

Stack

..., objectref ->

...

Description

The <n> must be a valid index into the local variables of the current frame (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3). The objectref on the top of the operand stack must be of type returnAddress or of type reference. It is popped from the operand stack, and the value of the local variable at <n> is set to objectref.

Notes

An astore_<n> instruction is used with an objectref of type returnAddress when implementing Java’s finally keyword. An aload_<n> instruction cannot be used to load a value of type returnAddress from a local variable onto the operand stack. This asymmetry with the corresponding astore_<n> instruction is intentional.

Each of the astore_<n> instructions is the same as astore with an index of <n>, except that the operand <n> is implicit.

7.5.11 **athrow**

Throw exception or error

Format

athrow

Forms

athrow = 147 (0x93)

Stack

..., objectref ->
objectref

Description

The objectref must be of type reference and must refer to an object that is an instance of class Throwable or of a subclass of Throwable. It is popped from the operand stack. The objectref is then thrown by searching the current frame (Section 3.5, "Frames" on page 3-3) for the most recent catch clause that catches the class of objectref or one of its superclasses.

If a catch clause is found, it contains the location of the code intended to handle this exception. The pc register is reset to that location, the operand stack of the current frame is cleared, objectref is pushed back onto the operand stack, and execution continues. If no appropriate clause is found in the current frame, that frame is popped, the frame of its invoker is reinstated, and the objectref is rethrown.

If no catch clause is found that handles this exception, the virtual machine exits.

Runtime Exception

If objectref is null, athrow throws a NullPointerException instead of objectref.

Notes

In some circumstances, the athrow instruction may throw a SecurityException if the current context (Section 3.4, "Contexts" on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, "Contexts" on page 3-2) of the object referenced by objectref. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

7.5.12 baload

Load byte or boolean from array

Format

baload

Forms

baload = 37 (0x25)

Stack

..., arrayref, index ->
..., value

Description

The arrayref must be of type reference and must refer to an array whose components are of type byte or of type boolean. The index must be of type short. Both arrayref and index are popped from the operand stack. The byte value in the component of the array at index is retrieved, sign-extended to a short value, and pushed onto the top of the operand stack.

Runtime Exceptions

If arrayref is null, baload throws a NullPointerException.

Otherwise, if index is not within the bounds of the array referenced by arrayref, the baload instruction throws an ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException.

Notes

In some circumstances, the baload instruction may throw a SecurityException if the current context (Section 3.4, "Contexts" on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, "Contexts" on page 3-2) of the array referenced by arrayref. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

7.5.13 **bastore**

Store into byte or boolean array

Format

bastore

Forms

bastore = 56 (0x38)

Stack

..., arrayref, index, value ->

...

Description

The arrayref must be of type reference and must refer to an array whose components are of type byte or of type boolean. The index and value must both be of type short. The arrayref, index and value are popped from the operand stack. The short value is truncated to a byte and stored as the component of the array indexed by index.

Runtime Exceptions

If arrayref is null, bastore throws a NullPointerException.

Otherwise, if index is not within the bounds of the array referenced by arrayref, the bastore instruction throws an ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException.

Notes

In some circumstances, the bastore instruction may throw a SecurityException if the current context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) of the array referenced by arrayref. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

7.5.14 bipush

Push byte

Format

bipush

byte

Forms

bipush = 18 (0x12)

Stack

... ->
..., value.word1, value.word2

Description

The immediate byte is sign-extended to an int, and the resulting value is pushed onto the operand stack.

Note – If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the bipush instruction will not be available.

7.5.15 bspush

Push byte

Format

bspush

byte

Forms

bspush = 16 (0x10)

Stack

... ->

..., value

Description

The immediate byte is sign-extended to a short, and the resulting value is pushed onto the operand stack.

7.5.16 checkcast

Check whether object is of given type

Format

checkcast

atype

indexbyte1

indexbyte2

Forms

checkcast = 148 (0x94)

Stack

..., objectref ->

..., objectref

Description

The unsigned byte `atype` is a code that indicates if the type against which the object is being checked is an array type or a class type. It must take one of the following values or zero:

TABLE 7-2 Array Values

Array Type	atype
T_BOOLEAN	10
T_BYTE	11
T_SHORT	12
T_INT	13
T_REFERENCE	14

If the value of `atype` is 10, 11, 12, or 13, the values of the `indexbyte1` and `indexbyte2` must be zero, and the value of `atype` indicates the array type against which to check the object. Otherwise the unsigned `indexbyte1` and `indexbyte2` are used to construct an index into the constant pool of the current package (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3), where the value of the index is $(\text{indexbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{indexbyte2}$. The item at that index in the constant pool must be of type `CONSTANT_Classref` (Section 6.7.1, “CONSTANT_Classref” on page 6-16), a reference to a class or interface type. The reference is resolved. If the value of `atype` is 14, the object is checked against an array type that is an array of object references of the type of the resolved class. If the value of `atype` is zero, the object is checked against a class or interface type that is the resolved class.

The `objectref` must be of type reference. If `objectref` is null or can be cast to the specified array type or the resolved class or interface type, the operand stack is unchanged; otherwise the checkcast instruction throws a `ClassCastException`.

The following rules are used to determine whether an `objectref` that is not null can be cast to the resolved type: if `S` is the class of the object referred to by `objectref` and `T` is the resolved class, array or interface type, checkcast determines whether `objectref` can be cast to type `T` as follows:

- If `S` is a class type, then:
 - If `T` is a class type, then `S` must be the same class as `T`, or `S` must be a subclass of `T`;
 - If `T` is an interface type, then `S` must implement interface `T`.
- If `S` is an interface type¹, then:

1. When both `S` and `T` are arrays of reference types, this algorithm is applied recursively using the types of the arrays, namely `SC` and `TC`. In the recursive call, `S`, which was `SC` in the original call, may be an interface type. This rule can only be reached in this manner. Similarly, in the recursive call, `T`, which was `TC` in the original call, may be an interface type.

- If T is a class type, then T must be Object (Section 2.2.2.4, “Classes” on page 2-7);
- If T is an interface type, T must be the same interface as S or a superinterface of S.
- If S is an array type, namely the type SC[], that is, an array of components of type SC, then:
 - If T is a class type, then T must be Object.
 - If T is an array type, namely the type TC[], an array of components of type TC, then one of the following must be true:
 - TC and SC are the same primitive type (Section 3.1, “Data Types and Values” on page 3-1).
 - TC and SC are reference types¹ (Section 3.1, “Data Types and Values” on page 3-1) with type SC assignable to TC, by these rules.
 - If T is an interface type, T must be one of the interfaces implemented by arrays.

Runtime Exception

If `objectref` cannot be cast to the resolved class, array, or interface type, the `checkcast` instruction throws a `ClassCastException`.

Notes

The `checkcast` instruction is fundamentally very similar to the `instanceof` instruction. It differs in its treatment of null, its behavior when its test fails (`checkcast` throws an exception, `instanceof` pushes a result code), and its effect on the operand stack.

In some circumstances, the `checkcast` instruction may throw a `SecurityException` if the current context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) of the object referenced by `objectref`. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

If a virtual machine does not support the `int` data type, the value of `atype` may not be 13 (`array type = T_INT`).

7.5.17 dup

Duplicate top operand stack word

1. This version of the Java Card virtual machine specification does not support multi-dimensional arrays. Therefore, neither `SC` or `TC` can be an array type.

Format

dup

Forms

`dup = 61 (0x3d)`

Stack

..., word ->

..., word, word

Description

The top word on the operand stack is duplicated and pushed onto the operand stack.

The `dup` instruction must not be used unless word contains a 16-bit data type.

Notes

Except for restrictions preserving the integrity of 32-bit data types, the `dup` instruction operates on an untyped word, ignoring the type of data it contains.

7.5.18 `dup_x`

Duplicate top operand stack words and insert below

Format

<i>dup_x</i>
<i>mn</i>

Forms

`dup_x = 63 (0x3f)`

Stack

..., wordN, ..., wordM, ..., word1 ->

..., wordM, ..., word1, wordN, ..., wordM, ..., word1

Description

The unsigned byte *mn* is used to construct two parameter values. The high nibble, $(mn \& 0xf0) \gg 4$, is used as the value *m*. The low nibble, $(mn \& 0xf)$, is used as the value *n*. Permissible values for *m* are 1 through 4. Permissible values for *n* are 0 and *m* through *m*+4.

For positive values of *n*, the top *m* words on the operand stack are duplicated and the copied words are inserted *n* words down in the operand stack. When *n* equals 0, the top *m* words are copied and placed on top of the stack.

The *dup_x* instruction must not be used unless the ranges of words 1 through *m* and words *m*+1 through *n* each contain either a 16-bit data type, two 16-bit data types, a 32-bit data type, a 16-bit data type and a 32-bit data type (in either order), or two 32-bit data types.

Notes

Except for restrictions preserving the integrity of 32-bit data types, the *dup_x* instruction operates on untyped words, ignoring the types of data they contain.

If a virtual machine does not support the *int* data type, the permissible values for *m* are 1 or 2, and permissible values for *n* are 0 and *m* through *m*+2.

7.5.19 *dup2*

Duplicate top two operand stack words

Format

dup2

Forms

dup2 = 62 (0x3e)

Stack

..., word2, word1 ->
..., word2, word1, word2, word1

Description

The top two words on the operand stack are duplicated and pushed onto the operand stack, in the original order.

The *dup2* instruction must not be used unless each of *word1* and *word2* is a word that contains a 16-bit data type or both together are the two words of a single 32-bit datum.

Notes

Except for restrictions preserving the integrity of 32-bit data types, the dup2 instruction operates on untyped words, ignoring the types of data they contain.

7.5.20 `getfield_<t>`

Fetch field from object

Format

getfield_<t>

index

Forms

`getfield_a` = 131 (0x83)
`getfield_b` = 132 (0x84)
`getfield_s` = 133 (0x85)
`getfield_i` = 134 (0x86)

Stack

..., objectref ->
..., value

OR

..., objectref ->
..., value.word1, value.word2

Description

The objectref, which must be of type reference, is popped from the operand stack. The unsigned index is used as an index into the constant pool of the current package (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3). The constant pool item at the index must be of type `CONSTANT_InstanceFieldref` (Section 6.7.2, “`CONSTANT_InstanceFieldref`, `CONSTANT_VirtualMethodref`, and `CONSTANT_SuperMethodref`” on page 6-18), a reference to a class and a field token.

The class of objectref must not be an array. If the field is protected, and it is a member of a superclass of the current class, and the field is not declared in the same package as the current class, then the class of objectref must be either the current class or a subclass of the current class.

The item must resolve to a field with a type that matches `t`, as follows:

- a field must be of type reference

- b field must be of type byte or type boolean
- s field must be of type short
- i field must be of type int

The width of a field in a class instance is determined by the field type specified in the instruction. The item is resolved, determining the field offset¹. The value at that offset into the class instance referenced by objectref is fetched. If the value is of type byte or type boolean, it is sign-extended to a short. The value is pushed onto the operand stack.

Runtime Exception

If objectref is null, the `getfield_<t>` instruction throws a `NullPointerException`.

Notes

In some circumstances, the `getfield_<t>` instruction may throw a `SecurityException` if the current context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) of the object referenced by objectref. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the `getfield_i` instruction will not be available.

7.5.21 `getfield_<t>_this`

Fetch field from current object

Format

getfield_<t>_this

index

Forms

`getfield_a_this` = 173 (0xad)
`getfield_b_this` = 174 (0xae)
`getfield_s_this` = 175 (0xaf)
`getfield_i_this` = 176 (0xb0)

Stack

1. The offset may be computed by adding the field token value to the size of an instance of the immediate superclass. However, this method is not required by this specification. A Java Card virtual machine may define any mapping from token value to offset into an instance.

... ->
..., value

OR

... ->
..., value.word1, value.word2

Description

The currently executing method must be an instance method. The local variable at index 0 must contain a reference objectref to the currently executing method's this parameter. The unsigned index is used as an index into the constant pool of the current package (Section 3.5, "Frames" on page 3-3). The constant pool item at the index must be of type CONSTANT_InstanceFieldref (Section 6.7.2, "CONSTANT_InstanceFieldref, CONSTANT_VirtualMethodref, and CONSTANT_SuperMethodref" on page 6-18), a reference to a class and a field token.

The class of objectref must not be an array. If the field is protected, and it is a member of a superclass of the current class, and the field is not declared in the same package as the current class, then the class of objectref must be either the current class or a subclass of the current class.

The item must resolve to a field with a type that matches t, as follows:

- a field must be of type reference
- b field must be of type byte or type boolean
- s field must be of type short
- i field must be of type int

The width of a field in a class instance is determined by the field type specified in the instruction. The item is resolved, determining the field offset¹. The value at that offset into the class instance referenced by objectref is fetched. If the value is of type byte or type boolean, it is sign-extended to a short. The value is pushed onto the operand stack.

Runtime Exception

If objectref is null, the getField_<t>_this instruction throws a NullPointerException.

Notes

1. The offset may be computed by adding the field token value to the size of an instance of the immediate superclass. However, this method is not required by this specification. A Java Card virtual machine may define any mapping from token value to offset into an instance.

In some circumstances, the `getfield_<t>_this` instruction may throw a `SecurityException` if the current context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) of the object referenced by `objectref`. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

If a virtual machine does not support the `int` data type, the `getfield_i_this` instruction will not be available.

7.5.22 `getfield_<t>_w`

Fetch field from object (wide index)

Format

`getfield_<t>_w`

`indexbyte1`

`indexbyte2`

Forms

`getfield_a_w` = 169 (0xa9)
`getfield_b_w` = 170 (0xaa)
`getfield_s_w` = 171 (0xab)
`getfield_i_w` = 172 (0xac)

Stack

..., `objectref` ->
..., `value`

OR

..., `objectref` ->
..., `value.word1`, `value.word2`

Description

The `objectref`, which must be of type reference, is popped from the operand stack. The unsigned `indexbyte1` and `indexbyte2` are used to construct an index into the constant pool of the current package (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3), where the value of the index is $(\text{indexbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{indexbyte2}$. The constant pool item at the index must be of type `CONSTANT_InstanceFieldref` (Section 6.7.2, “`CONSTANT_InstanceFieldref`, `CONSTANT_VirtualMethodref`, and `CONSTANT_SuperMethodref`” on page 6-18), a reference to a class and a field token. The item must resolve to a field of type reference.

The class of `objectref` must not be an array. If the field is protected, and it is a member of a superclass of the current class, and the field is not declared in the same package as the current class, then the class of `objectref` must be either the current class or a subclass of the current class.

The item must resolve to a field with a type that matches `t`, as follows:

- a field must be of type reference
- b field must be of type byte or type boolean
- s field must be of type short
- i field must be of type int

The width of a field in a class instance is determined by the field type specified in the instruction. The item is resolved, determining the field offset¹. The value at that offset into the class instance referenced by `objectref` is fetched. If the value is of type byte or type boolean, it is sign-extended to a short. The value is pushed onto the operand stack.

Runtime Exception

If `objectref` is null, the `getfield_<t>_w` instruction throws a `NullPointerException`.

Notes

In some circumstances, the `getfield_<t>_w` instruction may throw a `SecurityException` if the current context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) of the object referenced by `objectref`. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the `getfield_i_w` instruction will not be available.

7.5.23 `getstatic_<t>`

Get static field from class

Format

`getstatic_<t>`

`indexbyte1`

`indexbyte2`

1. The offset may be computed by adding the field token value to the size of an instance of the immediate superclass. However, this method is not required by this specification. A Java Card virtual machine may define any mapping from token value to offset into an instance.

Forms

```
getstatic_a = 123 (0x7b)
getstatic_b = 124 (0x7c)
getstatic_s = 125 (0x7d)
getstatic_i = 126 (0x7e)
```

Stack

```
... ->
..., value
```

OR

```
... ->
..., value.word1, value.word2
```

Description

The unsigned `indexbyte1` and `indexbyte2` are used to construct an index into the constant pool of the current package (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3), where the value of the index is $(\text{indexbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{indexbyte2}$. The constant pool item at the index must be of type `CONSTANT_StaticFieldref` (Section 6.7.3, “`CONSTANT_StaticFieldref` and `CONSTANT_StaticMethodref`” on page 6-19), a reference to a static field.

The item must resolve to a field with a type that matches `t`, as follows:

- a field must be of type reference
- b field must be of type byte or type boolean
- s field must be of type short
- i field must be of type int

The width of a class field is determined by the field type specified in the instruction. The item is resolved, determining the field offset. The item is resolved, determining the class field. The value of the class field is fetched. If the value is of type byte or boolean, it is sign-extended to a short. The value is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the `getstatic_i` instruction will not be available.

7.5.24 goto

Branch always

Format

goto

branch

Forms

goto = 112 (0x70)

Stack

No change

Description

The value *branch* is used as a signed 8-bit offset. Execution proceeds at that offset from the address of the opcode of this *goto* instruction. The target address must be that of an opcode of an instruction within the method that contains this *goto* instruction.

7.5.25 goto_w

Branch always (wide index)

Format

goto_w

branchbyte1

branchbyte2

Forms

goto_w = 168 (0xa8)

Stack

No change

Description

The unsigned bytes *branchbyte1* and *branchbyte2* are used to construct a signed 16-bit *branchoffset*, where *branchoffset* is $(\text{branchbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{branchbyte2}$. Execution proceeds at that offset from the address of the opcode of this *goto* instruction. The target address must be that of an opcode of an instruction within the method that contains this *goto* instruction.

7.5.26 i2b

Convert int to byte

Format

i2b

Forms

i2b = 93 (0x5d)

Stack

..., value.word1, value.word2 ->
..., result

Description

The value on top of the operand stack must be of type int. It is popped from the operand stack and converted to a byte result by taking the low-order 16 bits of the int value, and discarding the high-order 16 bits. The low-order word is truncated to a byte, then sign-extended to a short result. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

The i2b instruction performs a narrowing primitive conversion. It may lose information about the overall magnitude of value. The result may also not have the same sign as value.

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the i2b instruction will not be available.

7.5.27 i2s

Convert int to short

Format

i2s

Forms

i2s = 94 (0x5e)

Stack

..., value.word1, value.word2 ->
..., result

Description

The value on top of the operand stack must be of type int. It is popped from the operand stack and converted to a short result by taking the low-order 16 bits of the int value and discarding the high-order 16 bits. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

The i2s instruction performs a narrowing primitive conversion. It may lose information about the overall magnitude of value. The result may also not have the same sign as value.

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the i2s instruction will not be available.

7.5.28 iadd

Add int

Format

iadd

Forms

iadd = 66 (0x42)

Stack

..., value1.word1, value1.word2, value2.word1, value2.word2 ->
..., result.word1, result.word2

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type int. The values are popped from the operand stack. The int result is value1 + value2. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

If an iadd instruction overflows, then the result is the low-order bits of the true mathematical result in a sufficiently wide two's-complement format. If overflow occurs, then the sign of the result may not be the same as the sign of the mathematical sum of the two values.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the iadd instruction will not be available.

7.5.29 iaload

Load int from array

Format

iaload

Forms

iaload = 39 (0x27)

Stack

..., arrayref, index ->
..., value.word1, value.word2

Description

The arrayref must be of type reference and must refer to an array whose components are of type int. The index must be of type short. Both arrayref and index are popped from the operand stack. The int value in the component of the array at index is retrieved and pushed onto the top of the operand stack.

Runtime Exceptions

If arrayref is null, iaload throws a NullPointerException.

Otherwise, if index is not within the bounds of the array referenced by arrayref, the iaload instruction throws an ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException.

Notes

In some circumstances, the iaload instruction may throw a SecurityException if the current context (Section 3.4, "Contexts" on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, "Contexts" on page 3-2) of the array referenced by arrayref. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the iaload instruction will not be available.

7.5.30 **iand**

Boolean AND int

Format

iand

Forms

`iand = 84 (0x54)`

Stack

`..., value1.word1, value1.word2, value2.word1, value2.word2 ->`
`..., result.word1, result.word2`

Description

Both `value1` and `value2` must be of type `int`. They are popped from the operand stack. An `int` result is calculated by taking the bitwise AND (conjunction) of `value1` and `value2`. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the `int` data type, the `iand` instruction will not be available.

7.5.31 **iastore**

Store into int array

Format

iastore

Forms

`iastore = 58 (0x3a)`

Stack

`..., arrayref, index, value.word1, value.word2 ->`
`...`

Description

The arrayref must be of type reference and must refer to an array whose components are of type int. The index must be of type short and value must be of type int. The arrayref, index and value are popped from the operand stack. The int value is stored as the component of the array indexed by index.

Runtime Exception

If arrayref is null, iastore throws a NullPointerException.

Otherwise, if index is not within the bounds of the array referenced by arrayref, the iastore instruction throws an ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException.

Notes

In some circumstances, the iastore instruction may throw a SecurityException if the current context (Section 3.4, "Contexts" on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, "Contexts" on page 3-2) of the array referenced by arrayref. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the iastore instruction will not be available.

7.5.32 icmp

Compare int

Format

icmp

Forms

icmp = 95 (0x5f)

Stack

..., value1.word1, value1.word2, value2.word1, value2.word2 ->
..., result

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type int. They are both popped from the operand stack, and a signed integer comparison is performed. If value1 is greater than value2, the short value 1 is pushed onto the operand stack. If value1 is equal to value2, the short value 0 is pushed onto the operand stack. If value1 is less than value2, the short value -1 is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the icmp instruction will not be available.

7.5.33 **iconst_<i>**

Push int constant

Format

iconst_<i>

Forms

iconst_m1 = 10 (0x09)
iconst_0 = 11 (0xa)
iconst_1 = 12 (0xb)
iconst_2 = 13 (0xc)
iconst_3 = 14 (0xd)
iconst_4 = 15 (0xe)
iconst_5 = 16 (0xf)

Stack

... ->
..., <i>.word1, <i>.word2

Description

Push the int constant <i> (-1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5) onto the operand stack.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the iconst_<i> instruction will not be available.

7.5.34 **idiv**

Divide int

Format

idiv

Forms

`idiv = 72 (0x48)`

Stack

..., value1.word1, value1.word2, value2.word1, value2.word2 ->
..., result.word1, result.word2

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type int. The values are popped from the operand stack. The int result is the value of the Java expression value1 / value2. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

An int division rounds towards 0; that is, the quotient produced for int values in n/d is an int value q whose magnitude is as large as possible while satisfying $|d \cdot q| \leq |n|$. Moreover, q is a positive when $|n| \geq |d|$ and n and d have the same sign, but q is negative when $|n| \geq |d|$ and n and d have opposite signs.

There is one special case that does not satisfy this rule: if the dividend is the negative integer of the largest possible magnitude for the int type, and the divisor is -1 , then overflow occurs, and the result is equal to the dividend. Despite the overflow, no exception is thrown in this case.

Runtime Exception

If the value of the divisor in an int division is 0, `idiv` throws an `ArithmeticException`.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the `idiv` instruction will not be available.

7.5.35 `if_acmp<cond>`

Branch if reference comparison succeeds.

Format

if_acmp<cond>

branch

Forms

`if_acmpeq = 104 (0x68)`

`if_acmpne = 105 (0x69)`

Stack

..., value1, value2 ->

...

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type reference. They are both popped from the operand stack and compared. The results of the comparisons are as follows:

- eq succeeds if and only if value1 = value2
- ne succeeds if and only if value1 \neq value2

If the comparison succeeds, branch is used as signed 8-bit offset, and execution proceeds at that offset from the address of the opcode of this if_acmp<cond> instruction. The target address must be that of an opcode of an instruction within the method that contains this if_acmp<cond> instruction.

Otherwise, execution proceeds at the address of the instruction following this if_acmp<cond> instruction.

7.5.36 if_acmp<cond>_w

Branch if reference comparison succeeds (wide index)

Format

if_acmp<cond>_w

branchbyte1

branchbyte2

Forms

if_acmpeq_w = 160 (0xa0)

if_acmpne_w = 161 (0xa1)

Stack

..., value1, value2 ->

...

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type reference. They are both popped from the operand stack and compared. The results of the comparisons are as follows:

- eq succeeds if and only if value1 = value2
- ne succeeds if and only if value1 \neq value2

If the comparison succeeds, the unsigned bytes `branchbyte1` and `branchbyte2` are used to construct a signed 16-bit `branchoffset`, where `branchoffset` is $(\text{branchbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{branchbyte2}$. Execution proceeds at that offset from the address of the opcode of this `if_acmp<cond>_w` instruction. The target address must be that of an opcode of an instruction within the method that contains this `if_acmp<cond>_w` instruction.

Otherwise, execution proceeds at the address of the instruction following this `if_acmp<cond>_w` instruction.

7.5.37 `if_scmp<cond>`

Branch if short comparison succeeds

Format

if_scmp<cond>

branch

Forms

`if_scmpeq` = 106 (0x6a)

`if_scmpne` = 107 (0x6b)

`if_scmplt` = 108 (0x6c)

`if_scmpge` = 109 (0x6d)

`if_scmpgt` = 110 (0x6e)

`if_scmple` = 111 (0x6f)

Stack

..., `value1`, `value2` ->

...

Description

Both `value1` and `value2` must be of type `short`. They are both popped from the operand stack and compared. All comparisons are signed. The results of the comparisons are as follows:

- `eq` succeeds if and only if `value1` = `value2`
- `ne` succeeds if and only if `value1` \neq `value2`
- `lt` succeeds if and only if `value1` < `value2`
- `le` succeeds if and only if `value1` \leq `value2`
- `gt` succeeds if and only if `value1` > `value2`
- `ge` succeeds if and only if `value1` \geq `value2`

If the comparison succeeds, branch is used as signed 8-bit offset, and execution proceeds at that offset from the address of the opcode of this `if_scmp<cond>` instruction. The target address must be that of an opcode of an instruction within the method that contains this `if_scmp<cond>` instruction.

Otherwise, execution proceeds at the address of the instruction following this `if_scmp<cond>` instruction.

7.5.38 `if_scmp<cond>_w`

Branch if short comparison succeeds (wide index)

Format

if_scmp<cond>_w

branchbyte1

branchbyte2

Forms

`if_scmpeq_w` = 162 (0xa2)

`if_scmpne_w` = 163 (0xa3)

`if_scmplt_w` = 164 (0xa4)

`if_scmpge_w` = 165 (0xa5)

`if_scmpgt_w` = 166 (0xa6)

`if_scmple_w` = 167 (0xa7)

Stack

..., value1, value2 ->

...

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type short. They are both popped from the operand stack and compared. All comparisons are signed. The results of the comparisons are as follows:

- `eq` succeeds if and only if value1 = value2
- `ne` succeeds if and only if value1 \neq value2
- `lt` succeeds if and only if value1 < value2
- `le` succeeds if and only if value1 \leq value2
- `gt` succeeds if and only if value1 > value2
- `ge` succeeds if and only if value1 \geq value2

If the comparison succeeds, the unsigned bytes `branchbyte1` and `branchbyte2` are used to construct a signed 16-bit `branchoffset`, where `branchoffset` is $(\text{branchbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{branchbyte2}$. Execution proceeds at that offset from the address of the opcode of this `if_scmp<cond>_w` instruction. The target address must be that of an opcode of an instruction within the method that contains this `if_scmp<cond>_w` instruction.

Otherwise, execution proceeds at the address of the instruction following this `if_scmp<cond>_w` instruction.

7.5.39 `if<cond>`

Branch if short comparison with zero succeeds

Format

if<cond>

branch

Forms

`ifeq` = 96 (0x60)
`ifne` = 97 (0x61)
`iflt` = 98 (0x62)
`ifge` = 99 (0x63)
`ifgt` = 100 (0x64)
`ifle` = 101 (0x65)

Stack

..., value ->
...

Description

The value must be of type `short`. It is popped from the operand stack and compared against zero. All comparisons are signed. The results of the comparisons are as follows:

- `eq` succeeds if and only if `value = 0`
- `ne` succeeds if and only if `value ≠ 0`
- `lt` succeeds if and only if `value < 0`
- `le` succeeds if and only if `value ≤ 0`
- `gt` succeeds if and only if `value > 0`
- `ge` succeeds if and only if `value ≥ 0`

If the comparison succeeds, branch is used as signed 8-bit offset, and execution proceeds at that offset from the address of the opcode of this if<cond> instruction. The target address must be that of an opcode of an instruction within the method that contains this if<cond> instruction.

Otherwise, execution proceeds at the address of the instruction following this if<cond> instruction.

7.5.40 if<cond>_w

Branch if short comparison with zero succeeds (wide index)

Format

if<cond>_w

branchbyte1

branchbyte2

Forms

ifeq_w = 152 (0x98)

ifne_w = 153 (0x99)

iflt_w = 154 (0x9a)

ifge_w = 155 (0x9b)

ifgt_w = 156 (0x9c)

ifle_w = 157 (0x9d)

Stack

..., value ->

...

Description

The value must be of type short. It is popped from the operand stack and compared against zero. All comparisons are signed. The results of the comparisons are as follows:

- eq succeeds if and only if value = 0
- ne succeeds if and only if value \neq 0
- lt succeeds if and only if value < 0
- le succeeds if and only if value \leq 0
- gt succeeds if and only if value > 0
- ge succeeds if and only if value \geq 0

If the comparison succeeds, the unsigned bytes `branchbyte1` and `branchbyte2` are used to construct a signed 16-bit `branchoffset`, where `branchoffset` is $(\text{branchbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{branchbyte2}$. Execution proceeds at that offset from the address of the opcode of this `if<cond>_w` instruction. The target address must be that of an opcode of an instruction within the method that contains this `if<cond>_w` instruction.

Otherwise, execution proceeds at the address of the instruction following this `if<cond>_w` instruction.

7.5.41 `ifnonnull`

Branch if reference not null

Format

ifnonnull

branch

Forms

`ifnonnull` = 103 (0x67)

Stack

..., value ->

...

Description

The value must be of type reference. It is popped from the operand stack. If the value is not null, branch is used as signed 8-bit offset, and execution proceeds at that offset from the address of the opcode of this `ifnonnull` instruction. The target address must be that of an opcode of an instruction within the method that contains this `ifnonnull` instruction.

Otherwise, execution proceeds at the address of the instruction following this `ifnonnull` instruction.

7.5.42 `ifnonnull_w`

Branch if reference not null (wide index)

Format

ifnonnull_w

branchbyte1

branchbyte2

Forms

ifnonnull_w = 159 (0x9f)

Stack

..., value ->

...

Description

The value must be of type reference. It is popped from the operand stack. If the value is not null, the unsigned bytes branchbyte1 and branchbyte2 are used to construct a signed 16-bit branchoffset, where branchoffset is $(\text{branchbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{branchbyte2}$. Execution proceeds at that offset from the address of the opcode of this ifnonnull_w instruction. The target address must be that of an opcode of an instruction within the method that contains this ifnonnull_w instruction.

Otherwise, execution proceeds at the address of the instruction following this ifnonnull_w instruction.

7.5.43 ifnull

Branch if reference is null

Format

ifnull

branch

Forms

ifnull = 102 (0x66)

Stack

..., value ->

...

Description

The value must be of type reference. It is popped from the operand stack. If the value is null, branch is used as signed 8-bit offset, and execution proceeds at that offset from the address of the opcode of this ifnull instruction. The target address must be that of an opcode of an instruction within the method that contains this ifnull instruction.

Otherwise, execution proceeds at the address of the instruction following this ifnull instruction.

7.5.44 ifnull_w

Branch if reference is null (wide index)

Format

ifnull_w

branchbyte1

branchbyte2

Forms

ifnull_w = 158 (0x9e)

Stack

..., value ->

...

Description

The value must be of type reference. It is popped from the operand stack. If the value is null, the unsigned bytes branchbyte1 and branchbyte2 are used to construct a signed 16-bit branchoffset, where branchoffset is $(\text{branchbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{branchbyte2}$. Execution proceeds at that offset from the address of the opcode of this ifnull_w instruction. The target address must be that of an opcode of an instruction within the method that contains this ifnull_w instruction.

Otherwise, execution proceeds at the address of the instruction following this ifnull_w instruction.

7.5.45 iinc

Increment local int variable by constant

Format

iinc

index

const

Forms

iinc = 90 (0x5a)

Stack

No change

Description

The *index* is an unsigned byte. Both *index* and *index* + 1 must be valid indices into the local variables of the current frame (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3). The local variables at *index* and *index* + 1 together must contain an int. The *const* is an immediate signed byte. The value *const* is first sign-extended to an int, then the int contained in the local variables at *index* and *index* + 1 is incremented by that amount.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the *iinc* instruction will not be available.

7.5.46 *iinc_w*

Increment local int variable by constant

Format

iinc_w

index

byte1

byte2

Forms

iinc_w = 151 (0x97)

Stack

No change

Description

The index is an unsigned byte. Both index and index + 1 must be valid indices into the local variables of the current frame (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3). The local variables at index and index + 1 together must contain an int. The immediate unsigned byte1 and byte2 values are assembled into an intermediate short where the value of the short is $(\text{byte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{byte2}$. The intermediate value is then sign-extended to an int const. The int contained in the local variables at index and index + 1 is incremented by const.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the iinc_w instruction will not be available.

7.5.47 `iipush`

Push int

Format

iipush

byte1

byte2

byte3

byte4

Forms

`iipush = 20 (0x14)`

Stack

... ->

..., value1.word1, value1.word2

Description

The immediate unsigned byte1, byte2, byte3, and byte4 values are assembled into a signed int where the value of the int is $(\text{byte1} \ll 24) \mid (\text{byte2} \ll 16) \mid (\text{byte3} \ll 8) \mid \text{byte4}$. The resulting value is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the iipush instruction will not be available.

7.5.48 `iload`

Load int from local variable

Format

iload

index

Forms

`iload = 23 (0x17)`

Stack

... ->

..., value1.word1, value1.word2

Description

The index is an unsigned byte. Both index and index + 1 must be valid indices into the local variables of the current frame (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3). The local variables at index and index + 1 together must contain an int. The value of the local variables at index and index + 1 is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the `iload` instruction will not be available.

7.5.49 `iload_<n>`

Load int from local variable

Format

iload_<n>

Forms

iload_0 = 32 (0x20)
iload_1 = 33 (0x21)
iload_2 = 34 (0x22)
iload_3 = 35 (0x23)

Stack

... ->
..., value1.word1, value1.word2

Description

Both $\langle n \rangle$ and $\langle n \rangle + 1$ must be a valid indices into the local variables of the current frame (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3). The local variables at $\langle n \rangle$ and $\langle n \rangle + 1$ together must contain an int. The value of the local variables at $\langle n \rangle$ and $\langle n \rangle + 1$ is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

Each of the `iload_<n>` instructions is the same as `iload` with an index of $\langle n \rangle$, except that the operand $\langle n \rangle$ is implicit.

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the `iload_<n>` instruction will not be available.

7.5.50 ilookupswitch

Access jump table by key match and jump

Format

ilookupswitch

defaultbyte1

defaultbyte2

npairs1

npairs2

match-offset pairs...

Pair Format

matchbyte1

matchbyte2

matchbyte3

matchbyte4

offsetbyte1

offsetbyte2

Forms

ilookupswitch = 118 (0x76)

Stack

..., key.word1, key.word2 ->

...

Description

An ilookupswitch instruction is a variable-length instruction. Immediately after the ilookupswitch opcode follow a signed 16-bit value default, an unsigned 16-bit value npairs, and then npairs pairs. Each pair consists of an int match and a signed 16-bit offset. Each match is constructed from four unsigned bytes as $(\text{matchbyte1} \ll 24) \mid (\text{matchbyte2} \ll 16) \mid (\text{matchbyte3} \ll 8) \mid \text{matchbyte4}$. Each offset is constructed from two unsigned bytes as $(\text{offsetbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{offsetbyte2}$.

The table match-offset pairs of the ilookupswitch instruction must be sorted in increasing numerical order by match.

The key must be of type int and is popped from the operand stack and compared against the match values. If it is equal to one of them, then a target address is calculated by adding the corresponding offset to the address of the opcode of this ilookupswitch instruction. If the key does not match any of the match values, the target address is calculated by adding default to the address of the opcode of this ilookupswitch instruction. Execution then continues at the target address.

The target address that can be calculated from the offset of each match-offset pair, as well as the one calculated from default, must be the address of an opcode of an instruction within the method that contains this ilookupswitch instruction.

Notes

The match-offset pairs are sorted to support lookup routines that are quicker than linear search.

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the ilookupswitch instruction will not be available.

7.5.51 `imul`

Multiply int

Format

imul

Forms

`imul = 70 (0x46)`

Stack

..., value1.word1, value1.word2, value2.word1, value2.word2 ->
..., result.word1, result.word2

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type int. The values are popped from the operand stack. The int result is value1 * value2. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

If an `imul` instruction overflows, then the result is the low-order bits of the mathematical product as an int. If overflow occurs, then the sign of the result may not be the same as the sign of the mathematical product of the two values.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the `imul` instruction will not be available.

7.5.52 `ineg`

Negate int

Format

ineg

Forms

`ineg = 76 (0x4c)`

Stack

..., value.word1, value.word2 ->
..., result.word1, result.word2

Description

The value must be of type int. It is popped from the operand stack. The int result is the arithmetic negation of value, -value. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

For int values, negation is the same as subtraction from zero. Because the Java Card virtual machine uses two's-complement representation for integers and the range of two's-complement values is not symmetric, the negation of the maximum negative int results in that same maximum negative number. Despite the fact that overflow has occurred, no exception is thrown.

For all int values x , $-x$ equals $(\sim x) + 1$.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the ineg instruction will not be available.

7.5.53 instanceof

Determine if object is of given type

Format

instanceof

atype

indexbyte1

indexbyte2

Forms

instanceof = 149 (0x95)

Stack

..., objectref ->

..., result

Description

The unsigned byte `atype` is a code that indicates if the type against which the object is being checked is an array type or a class type. It must take one of the following values or zero:

TABLE 7-3 Array Values

Array Type	atype
T_BOOLEAN	10
T_BYTE	11
T_SHORT	12
T_INT	13
T_REFERENCE	14

If the value of `atype` is 10, 11, 12, or 13, the values of the `indexbyte1` and `indexbyte2` must be zero, and the value of `atype` indicates the array type against which to check the object. Otherwise the unsigned `indexbyte1` and `indexbyte2` are used to construct an index into the constant pool of the current package (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3), where the value of the index is $(\text{indexbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{indexbyte2}$. The item at that index in the constant pool must be of type `CONSTANT_Classref` (Section 6.7.1, “CONSTANT_Classref” on page 6-16), a reference to a class or interface type. The reference is resolved. If the value of `atype` is 14, the object is checked against an array type that is an array of object references of the type of the resolved class. If the value of `atype` is zero, the object is checked against a class or interface type that is the resolved class.

The `objectref` must be of type reference. It is popped from the operand stack. If `objectref` is not null and is an instance of the resolved class, array or interface, the `instanceof` instruction pushes a short result of 1 on the operand stack. Otherwise it pushes a short result of 0.

The following rules are used to determine whether an `objectref` that is not null is an instance of the resolved type: if `S` is the class of the object referred to by `objectref` and `T` is the resolved class, array or interface type, `instanceof` determines whether `objectref` is an instance of `T` as follows:

- If `S` is a class type, then:
 - If `T` is a class type, then `S` must be the same class as `T`, or `S` must be a subclass of `T`;
 - If `T` is an interface type, then `S` must implement interface `T`.
- If `S` is an interface type¹, then:

1. When both `S` and `T` are arrays of reference types, this algorithm is applied recursively using the types of the arrays, namely `SC` and `TC`. In the recursive call, `S`, which was `SC` in the original call, may be an interface type. This rule can only be reached in this manner. Similarly, in the recursive call, `T`, which was `TC` in the original call, may be an interface type.

- If T is a class type, then T must be Object (Section 2.2.2.4, “Classes” on page 2-7);
- If T is an interface type, T must be the same interface as S or a superinterface of S.
- If S is an array type, namely the type SC[], that is, an array of components of type SC, then:
 - If T is a class type, then T must be Object.
 - If T is an array type, namely the type TC[], an array of components of type TC, then one of the following must be true:
 - TC and SC are the same primitive type (Section 3.1, “Data Types and Values” on page 3-1).
 - TC and SC are reference types¹ (Section 3.1, “Data Types and Values” on page 3-1) with type SC assignable to TC, by these rules.
- If T is an interface type, T must be one of the interfaces implemented by arrays.

Notes

The instanceof instruction is fundamentally very similar to the checkcast instruction. It differs in its treatment of null, its behavior when its test fails (checkcast throws an exception, instanceof pushes a result code), and its effect on the operand stack.

In some circumstances, the instanceof instruction may throw a SecurityException if the current context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) of the object referenced by objectref. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the value of atype may not be 13 (array type = T_INT).

7.5.54 invokeinterface

Invoke interface method

Format

invokeinterface

nargs

1. This version of the Java Card virtual machine specification does not support multi-dimensional arrays. Therefore, neither SC or TC can be an array type.

indexbyte1

indexbyte2

method

Forms

invokeinterface = 142 (0x8e)

Stack

..., objectref, [arg1, [arg2 ...]] ->

...

Description

The unsigned *indexbyte1* and *indexbyte2* are used to construct an index into the constant pool of the current package (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3), where the value of the index is $(\text{indexbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{indexbyte2}$. The constant pool item at that index must be of type `CONSTANT_Classref` (Section 6.7.1, “CONSTANT_Classref” on page 6-16), a reference to an interface class. The specified interface is resolved.

The *nargs* operand is an unsigned byte that must not be zero.

The *method* operand is an unsigned byte that is the interface method token for the method to be invoked. The interface method must not be `<init>` or an instance initialization method.

The *objectref* must be of type reference and must be followed on the operand stack by *nargs* – 1 words of arguments. The number of words of arguments and the type and order of the values they represent must be consistent with those of the selected interface method.

The interface table of the class of the type of *objectref* is determined. If *objectref* is an array type, then the interface table of class `Object` (Section 2.2.2.4, “Classes” on page 2-7) is used. The interface table is searched for the resolved interface. The result of the search is a table that is used to map the method token to a index.

The index is an unsigned byte that is used as an index into the method table of the class of the type of *objectref*. If the *objectref* is an array type, then the method table of class `Object` is used. The table entry at that index includes a direct reference to the method’s code and modifier information.

The *nargs* – 1 words of arguments and *objectref* are popped from the operand stack. A new stack frame is created for the method being invoked, and *objectref* and the arguments are made the values of its first *nargs* words of local variables, with *objectref* in local variable 0, *arg1* in local variable 1, and so on. The new stack frame

is then made current, and the Java Card virtual machine pc is set to the opcode of the first instruction of the method to be invoked. Execution continues with the first instruction of the method.

Runtime Exception

If objectref is null, the invokeinterface instruction throws a NullPointerException.

Notes

In some circumstances, the invokeinterface instruction may throw a SecurityException if the current context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) is not the context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) of the object referenced by objectref. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*. If the current context is not the object’s context and the Java Card RE permits invocation of the method, the invokeinterface instruction will cause a context switch (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) to the object’s context before invoking the method, and will cause a return context switch to the previous context when the invoked method returns.

7.5.55 invokespecial

Invoke instance method; special handling for superclass, private, and instance initialization method invocations

Format

invokespecial

indexbyte1

indexbyte2

Forms

invokespecial = 140 (0x8c)

Stack

..., objectref, [arg1, [arg2 ...]] ->

...

Description

The unsigned indexbyte1 and indexbyte2 are used to construct an index into the constant pool of the current package (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3), where the value of the index is (indexbyte1 << 8) | indexbyte2. If the invoked method is a private instance method or an instance initialization method, the constant pool item

at index must be of type CONSTANT_StaticMethodref (Section 6.7.3, “CONSTANT_StaticFieldref and CONSTANT_StaticMethodref” on page 6-19), a reference to a statically linked instance method. If the invoked method is a superclass method, the constant pool item at index must be of type CONSTANT_SuperMethodref (Section 6.7.2, “CONSTANT_InstanceFieldref, CONSTANT_VirtualMethodref, and CONSTANT_SuperMethodref” on page 6-18), a reference to an instance method of a specified class. The reference is resolved. The resolved method must not be <clinit>, a class or interface initialization method. If the method is <init>, an instance initialization method, then the method must only be invoked once on an uninitialized object, and before the first backward branch following the execution of the new instruction that allocated the object. Finally, if the resolved method is protected, and it is a member of a superclass of the current class, and the method is not declared in the same package as the current class, then the class of objectref must be either the current class or a subclass of the current class.

The resolved method includes the code for the method, an unsigned byte nargs that must not be zero, and the method’s modifier information.

The objectref must be of type reference, and must be followed on the operand stack by nargs – 1 words of arguments, where the number of words of arguments and the type and order of the values they represent must be consistent with those of the selected instance method.

The nargs – 1 words of arguments and objectref are popped from the operand stack. A new stack frame is created for the method being invoked, and objectref and the arguments are made the values of its first nargs words of local variables, with objectref in local variable 0, arg1 in local variable 1, and so on. The new stack frame is then made current, and the Java Card virtual machine pc is set to the opcode of the first instruction of the method to be invoked. Execution continues with the first instruction of the method.

Runtime Exception

If objectref is null, the invokespecial instruction throws a NullPointerException.

7.5.56 invokestatic

Invoke a class (static) method

Format

invokestatic

indexbyte1

indexbyte2

Forms

invokestatic = 141 (0x8d)

Stack

..., [arg1, [arg2 ...]] ->

...

Description

The unsigned indexbyte1 and indexbyte2 are used to construct an index into the constant pool of the current package (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3), where the value of the index is $(\text{indexbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{indexbyte2}$. The constant pool item at that index must be of type `CONSTANT_StaticMethodref` (Section 6.7.3, “`CONSTANT_StaticFieldref` and `CONSTANT_StaticMethodref`” on page 6-19), a reference to a static method. The method must not be `<init>`, an instance initialization method, or `<clinit>`, a class or interface initialization method. It must be static, and therefore cannot be abstract.

The resolved method includes the code for the method, an unsigned byte nargs that may be zero, and the method’s modifier information.

The operand stack must contain nargs words of arguments, where the number of words of arguments and the type and order of the values they represent must be consistent with those of the resolved method.

The nargs words of arguments are popped from the operand stack. A new stack frame is created for the method being invoked, and the words of arguments are made the values of its first nargs words of local variables, with arg1 in local variable 0, arg2 in local variable 1, and so on. The new stack frame is then made current, and the Java Card virtual machine pc is set to the opcode of the first instruction of the method to be invoked. Execution continues with the first instruction of the method.

7.5.57 `invokevirtual`

Invoke instance method; dispatch based on class

Format

invokevirtual

indexbyte1

indexbyte2

Forms

invokevirtual = 139 (0x8b)

Stack

..., objectref, [arg1, [arg2 ...]] ->
...

Description

The unsigned indexbyte1 and indexbyte2 are used to construct an index into the constant pool of the current package (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3), where the value of the index is $(\text{indexbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{indexbyte2}$. The constant pool item at that index must be of type CONSTANT_VirtualMethodref (Section 6.7.2, “CONSTANT_InstanceFieldref, CONSTANT_VirtualMethodref, and CONSTANT_SuperMethodref” on page 6-18), a reference to a class and a virtual method token. The specified method is resolved. The method must not be <init>, an instance initialization method, or <clinit>, a class or interface initialization method. Finally, if the resolved method is protected, and it is a member of a superclass of the current class, and the method is not declared in the same package as the current class, then the class of objectref must be either the current class or a subclass of the current class.

The resolved method reference includes an unsigned index into the method table of the resolved class and an unsigned byte nargs that must not be zero.

The objectref must be of type reference. The index is an unsigned byte that is used as an index into the method table of the class of the type of objectref. If the objectref is an array type, then the method table of class Object (Section 2.2.2.4, “Classes” on page 2-7) is used. The table entry at that index includes a direct reference to the method’s code and modifier information.

The objectref must be followed on the operand stack by nargs – 1 words of arguments, where the number of words of arguments and the type and order of the values they represent must be consistent with those of the selected instance method.

The nargs – 1 words of arguments and objectref are popped from the operand stack. A new stack frame is created for the method being invoked, and objectref and the arguments are made the values of its first nargs words of local variables, with objectref in local variable 0, arg1 in local variable 1, and so on. The new stack frame is then made current, and the Java Card virtual machine pc is set to the opcode of the first instruction of the method to be invoked. Execution continues with the first instruction of the method.

Runtime Exception

If objectref is null, the invokevirtual instruction throws a NullPointerException.

In some circumstances, the invokevirtual instruction may throw a SecurityException if the current context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) is not the context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) of the object referenced by objectref. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*. If the current

context is not the object's context and the Java Card RE permits invocation of the method, the `invokevirtual` instruction will cause a context switch (Section 3.4, "Contexts" on page 3-2) to the object's context before invoking the method, and will cause a return context switch to the previous context when the invoked method returns.

7.5.58 `ior`

Boolean OR int

Format

ior

Forms

`ior = 86 (0x56)`

Stack

..., value1.word1, value1.word2, value2.word1, value2.word2 ->
..., result.word1, result.word2

Description

Both `value1` and `value2` must be of type `int`. The values are popped from the operand stack. An `int` result is calculated by taking the bitwise inclusive OR of `value1` and `value2`. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the `int` data type, the `ior` instruction will not be available.

7.5.59 `irem`

Remainder int

Format

irem

Forms

`irem = 74 (0x4a)`

Stack

..., value1.word1, value1.word2, value2.word1, value2.word2 ->
..., result.word1, result.word2

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type int. The values are popped from the operand stack. The int result is the value of the Java expression $\text{value1} - (\text{value1} / \text{value2}) * \text{value2}$. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

The result of the irem instruction is such that $(a/b)*b + (a\%b)$ is equal to a. This identity holds even in the special case that the dividend is the negative int of largest possible magnitude for its type and the divisor is -1 (the remainder is 0). It follows from this rule that the result of the remainder operation can be negative only if the dividend is negative and can be positive only if the dividend is positive. Moreover, the magnitude of the result is always less than the magnitude of the divisor.

Runtime Exception

If the value of the divisor for a short remainder operator is 0, irem throws an ArithmeticException.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the irem instruction will not be available.

7.5.60 ireturn

Return int from method

Format

ireturn

Forms

ireturn = 121 (0x79)

Stack

..., value.word1, value.word2 ->
[empty]

Description

The value must be of type `int`. It is popped from the operand stack of the current frame (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3) and pushed onto the operand stack of the frame of the invoker. Any other values on the operand stack of the current method are discarded.

The virtual machine then reinstates the frame of the invoker and returns control to the invoker.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the `int` data type, the `ireturn` instruction will not be available.

7.5.61 `ishl`

Shift left `int`

Format

ishl

Forms

`ishl = 78 (0x4e)`

Stack

..., `value1.word1`, `value1.word2`, `value2.word1`, `value2.word2` ->
..., `result.word1`, `result.word2`

Description

Both `value1` and `value2` must be of type `int`. The values are popped from the operand stack. An `int` result is calculated by shifting `value1` left by `s` bit positions, where `s` is the value of the low five bits of `value2`. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

This is equivalent (even if overflow occurs) to multiplication by 2 to the power `s`. The shift distance actually used is always in the range 0 to 31, inclusive, as if `value2` were subjected to a bitwise logical AND with the mask value `0x1f`.

If a virtual machine does not support the `int` data type, the `ishl` instruction will not be available.

7.5.62 ishr

Arithmetic shift right int

Format

ishr

Forms

ishr = 80 (0x50)

Stack

..., value1.word1, value1.word2, value2.word1, value2.word2 ->
..., result.word1, result.word2

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type int. The values are popped from the operand stack. An int result is calculated by shifting value1 right by s bit positions, with sign extension, where s is the value of the low five bits of value2. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

The resulting value is $\hat{I}(\text{value1}) / 2^s$, where s is value2 & 0x1f. For nonnegative value1, this is equivalent (even if overflow occurs) to truncating int division by 2 to the power s. The shift distance actually used is always in the range 0 to 31, inclusive, as if value2 were subjected to a bitwise logical AND with the mask value 0x1f.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the ishr instruction will not be available.

7.5.63 istore

Store int into local variable

Format

istore

index

Forms

istore = 42 (0x2a)

Stack

..., value.word1, value.word2 ->
...

Description

The index is an unsigned byte. Both index and index + 1 must be a valid index into the local variables of the current frame (Section 3.5, "Frames" on page 3-3). The value on top of the operand stack must be of type int. It is popped from the operand stack, and the local variables at index and index + 1 are set to value.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the istore instruction will not be available.

7.5.64 istore_<n>

Store int into local variable

Format

istore_<n>

Forms

istore_0 = 51 (0x33)
istore_1 = 52 (0x34)
istore_2 = 53 (0x35)
istore_3 = 54 (0x36)

Stack

..., value.word1, value.word2 ->
...

Description

Both <n> and <n> + 1 must be a valid indices into the local variables of the current frame (Section 3.5, "Frames" on page 3-3). The value on top of the operand stack must be of type int. It is popped from the operand stack, and the local variables at index and index + 1 are set to value.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the `istore_<n>` instruction will not be available.

7.5.65 `isub`

Subtract int

Format

isub

Forms

`isub` = 68 (0x44)

Stack

..., value1.word1, value1.word2, value2.word1, value2.word2 ->
..., result.word1, result.word2

Description

Both `value1` and `value2` must be of type `int`. The values are popped from the operand stack. The `int` result is `value1 - value2`. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

For `int` subtraction, `a - b` produces the same result as `a + (-b)`. For `int` values, subtraction from zeros is the same as negation.

Despite the fact that overflow or underflow may occur, in which case the result may have a different sign than the true mathematical result, execution of an `isub` instruction never throws a runtime exception.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the `int` data type, the `isub` instruction will not be available.

7.5.66 `itableswitch`

Access jump table by `int` index and jump

Format

itableswitch

defaultbyte1

defaultbyte2

lowbyte1

lowbyte2

lowbyte3

lowbyte4

highbyte1

highbyte2

highbyte3

highbyte4

jump offsets...

Offset Format

offsetbyte1

offsetbyte2

Forms

`itableswitch = 116 (0x74)`

Stack

..., index ->

...

Description

An `itableswitch` instruction is a variable-length instruction. Immediately after the `itableswitch` opcode follow a signed 16-bit value `default`, a signed 32-bit value `low`, a signed 32-bit value `high`, and then `high - low + 1` further signed 16-bit offsets. The value `low` must be less than or equal to `high`. The `high - low + 1` signed 16-bit offsets are treated as a 0-based jump table. Each of the signed 16-bit values is constructed from two unsigned bytes as $(\text{byte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{byte2}$. Each of the signed 32-bit values is constructed from four unsigned bytes as $(\text{byte1} \ll 24) \mid (\text{byte2} \ll 16) \mid (\text{byte3} \ll 8) \mid \text{byte4}$.

The `index` must be of type `int` and is popped from the stack. If `index` is less than `low` or `index` is greater than `high`, then a target address is calculated by adding `default` to the address of the opcode of this `itableswitch` instruction. Otherwise, the offset at

position index – low of the jump table is extracted. The target address is calculated by adding that offset to the address of the opcode of this itableswitch instruction. Execution then continues at the target address.

The target addresses that can be calculated from each jump table offset, as well as the one calculated from default, must be the address of an opcode of an instruction within the method that contains this itableswitch instruction.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the itableswitch instruction will not be available.

7.5.67 iushr

Logical shift right int

Format

iushr

Forms

`iushr = 82 (0x52)`

Stack

..., value1.word1, value1.word2, value2.word1, value2.word2 ->
..., result.word1, result.word2

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type int. The values are popped from the operand stack. An int result is calculated by shifting the result right by s bit positions, with zero extension, where s is the value of the low five bits of value2. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

If value1 is positive and s is value2 & 0x1f, the result is the same as that of value1 >> s; if value1 is negative, the result is equal to the value of the expression (value1 >> s) + (2 << ~s). The addition of the (2 << ~s) term cancels out the propagated sign bit. The shift distance actually used is always in the range 0 to 31, inclusive, as if value2 were subjected to a bitwise logical AND with the mask value 0x1f.

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the iushr instruction will not be available.

7.5.68 `ixor`

Boolean XOR int

Format

ixor

Forms

`ixor = 88 (0x58)`

Stack

..., value1.word1, value1.word2, value2.word1, value2.word2 ->
..., result.word1, result.word2

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type int. The values are popped from the operand stack. An int result is calculated by taking the bitwise exclusive OR of value1 and value2. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the `ixor` instruction will not be available.

7.5.69 `jsr`

Jump subroutine

Format

jsr

branchbyte1

branchbyte2

Forms

`jsr = 113 (0x71)`

Stack

... ->
..., address

Description

The address of the opcode of the instruction immediately following this jsr instruction is pushed onto the operand stack as a value of type returnAddress. The unsigned branchbyte1 and branchbyte2 are used to construct a signed 16-bit offset, where the offset is $(\text{branchbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{branchbyte2}$. Execution proceeds at that offset from the address of this jsr instruction. The target address must be that of an opcode of an instruction within the method that contains this jsr instruction.

Notes

The jsr instruction is used with the ret instruction in the implementation of the finally clause of the Java language. Note that jsr pushes the address onto the stack and ret gets it out of a local variable. This asymmetry is intentional.

7.5.70 new

Create new object

Format

new

indexbyte1

indexbyte2

Forms

new = 143 (0x8f)

Stack

... ->
..., objectref

Description

The unsigned indexbyte1 and indexbyte2 are used to construct an index into the constant pool of the current package (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3), where the value of the index is $(\text{indexbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{indexbyte2}$. The item at that index in the constant pool must be of type CONSTANT_Classref (Section 6.7.1, “CONSTANT_Classref” on page 6-16), a reference to a class or interface type. The reference is resolved and must result in a class type (it must not result in an interface type). Memory for a new instance of that class is allocated from the heap, and the instance variables of the new object are initialized to their default initial values. The objectref, a reference to the instance, is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

The new instruction does not completely create a new instance; instance creation is not completed until an instance initialization method has been invoked on the uninitialized instance.

7.5.71 newarray

Create new array

Format

newarray

atype

Forms

`newarray = 144 (0x90)`

Stack

..., count ->

..., arrayref

Description

The count must be of type short. It is popped off the operand stack. The count represents the number of elements in the array to be created.

The unsigned byte *atype* is a code that indicates the type of array to create. It must take one of the following values:

TABLE 7-4 Array Values

Array Type	<i>atype</i>
T_BOOLEAN	10
T_BYTE	11
T_SHORT	12
T_INT	13

A new array whose components are of type *atype*, of length *count*, is allocated from the heap. A reference *arrayref* to this new array object is pushed onto the operand stack. All of the elements of the new array are initialized to the default initial value for its type.

Runtime Exception

If count is less than zero, the newarray instruction throws a NegativeArraySizeException.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the value of atype may not be 13 (array type = T_INT).

7.5.72 `nop`

Do nothing

Format

nop

Forms

`nop = 0 (0x0)`

Stack

No change

Description

Do nothing.

7.5.73 `pop`

Pop top operand stack word

Format

pop

Forms

`pop = 59 (0x3b)`

Stack

..., word ->

...

Description

The top word is popped from the operand stack. The pop instruction must not be used unless the word contains a 16-bit data type.

Notes

The pop instruction operates on an untyped word, ignoring the type of data it contains.

7.5.74 pop2

Pop top two operand stack words

Format

pop2

Forms

pop2 = 60 (0x3c)

Stack

..., word2, word1 ->

...

Description

The top two words are popped from the operand stack.

The pop2 instruction must not be used unless each of word1 and word2 is a word that contains a 16-bit data type or both together are the two words of a single 32-bit datum.

Notes

Except for restrictions preserving the integrity of 32-bit data types, the pop2 instruction operates on an untyped word, ignoring the type of data it contains.

7.5.75 putfield_<t>

Set field in object

Format

putfield_<t>

index

Forms

putfield_a = 135 (0x87)

putfield_b = 136 (0x88)

putfield_s = 137 (0x89)

putfield_i = 138 (0x8a)

Stack

..., objectref, value ->

...

OR

..., objectref, value.word1, value.word2 ->

...

Description

The unsigned index is used as an index into the constant pool of the current package (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3). The constant pool item at the index must be of type `CONSTANT_InstanceFieldref` (Section 6.7.2, “`CONSTANT_InstanceFieldref`, `CONSTANT_VirtualMethodref`, and `CONSTANT_SuperMethodref`” on page 6-18), a reference to a class and a field token.

The class of objectref must not be an array. If the field is protected, and it is a member of a superclass of the current class, and the field is not declared in the same package as the current class, then the class of objectref must be either the current class or a subclass of the current class. If the field is final, it must be declared in the current class.

The item must resolve to a field with a type that matches *t*, as follows:

- a field must be of type reference
- b field must be of type byte or type boolean
- s field must be of type short
- i field must be of type int

value must be of a type that is assignment compatible with the field descriptor (*t*) type.

The width of a field in a class instance is determined by the field type specified in the instruction. The item is resolved, determining the field offset¹. The objectref, which must be of type reference, and the value are popped from the operand stack. If the field is of type byte or type boolean, the value is truncated to a byte. The field at the offset from the start of the object referenced by objectref is set to the value.

Runtime Exception

If objectref is null, the putfield_<t> instruction throws a NullPointerException.

Notes

In some circumstances, the putfield_<t> instruction may throw a SecurityException if the current context Section 3.4, "Contexts" on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, "Contexts" on page 3-2) of the object referenced by objectref. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the putfield_i instruction will not be available.

7.5.76 putfield_<t>_this

Set field in current object

Format

putfield_<t>_this

index

Forms

putfield_a_this = 181 (0xb5)
putfield_b_this = 182 (0xb6)
putfield_s_this = 183 (0xb7)
putfield_i_this = 184 (0xb8)

Stack

..., value ->

...

OR

1. The offset may be computed by adding the field token value to the size of an instance of the immediate superclass. However, this method is not required by this specification. A Java Card virtual machine may define any mapping from token value to offset into an instance.

..., value.word1, value.word2 ->
...

Description

The currently executing method must be an instance method that was invoked using the `invokevirtual`, `invokeinterface` or `invokespecial` instruction. The local variable at index 0 must contain a reference `objectref` to the currently executing method's this parameter. The unsigned index is used as an index into the constant pool of the current package (Section 3.5, "Frames" on page 3-3). The constant pool item at the index must be of type `CONSTANT_InstanceFieldref` (Section 6.7.2, "CONSTANT_InstanceFieldref, CONSTANT_VirtualMethodref, and CONSTANT_SuperMethodref" on page 6-18), a reference to a class and a field token.

The class of `objectref` must not be an array. If the field is protected, and it is a member of a superclass of the current class, and the field is not declared in the same package as the current class, then the class of `objectref` must be either the current class or a subclass of the current class. If the field is final, it must be declared in the current class.

The item must resolve to a field with a type that matches `t`, as follows:

- a field must be of type reference
- b field must be of type byte or type boolean
- s field must be of type short
- i field must be of type int

`value` must be of a type that is assignment compatible with the field descriptor (`t`) type.

The width of a field in a class instance is determined by the field type specified in the instruction. The item is resolved, determining the field offset¹. The value is popped from the operand stack. If the field is of type byte or type boolean, the value is truncated to a byte. The field at the offset from the start of the object referenced by `objectref` is set to the value.

Runtime Exception

If `objectref` is null, the `putfield_<t>_this` instruction throws a `NullPointerException`.

Notes

1. The offset may be computed by adding the field token value to the size of an instance of the immediate superclass. However, this method is not required by this specification. A Java Card virtual machine may define any mapping from token value to offset into an instance.

In some circumstances, the `putfield_<t>_this` instruction may throw a `SecurityException` if the current context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) of the object referenced by `objectref`. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

If a virtual machine does not support the `int` data type, the `putfield_i_this` instruction will not be available.

7.5.77 `putfield_<t>_w`

Set field in object (wide index)

Format

putfield<t>_w

indexbyte1

indexbyte2

Forms

`putfield_a_w` = 177 (0xb1)

`putfield_b_w` = 178 (0xb2)

`putfield_s_w` = 179 (0xb3)

`putfield_i_w` = 180 (0xb4)

Stack

..., `objectref`, `value` ->

...

OR

..., `objectref`, `value.word1`, `value.word2` ->

...

Description

The unsigned `indexbyte1` and `indexbyte2` are used to construct an index into the constant pool of the current package (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3), where the value of the index is $(\text{indexbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{indexbyte2}$. The constant pool item at the index must be of type `CONSTANT_InstanceFieldref` (Section 6.7.2, “`CONSTANT_InstanceFieldref`, `CONSTANT_VirtualMethodref`, and `CONSTANT_SuperMethodref`” on page 6-18), a reference to a class and a field token.

The class of `objectref` must not be an array. If the field is protected, and it is a member of a superclass of the current class, and the field is not declared in the same package as the current class, then the class of `objectref` must be either the current class or a subclass of the current class. If the field is final, it must be declared in the current class.

The item must resolve to a field with a type that matches `t`, as follows:

- a field must be of type reference
- b field must be of type byte or type boolean
- s field must be of type short
- i field must be of type int

value must be of a type that is assignment compatible with the field descriptor (`t`) type.

The width of a field in a class instance is determined by the field type specified in the instruction. The item is resolved, determining the field offset¹. The `objectref`, which must be of type reference, and the value are popped from the operand stack. If the field is of type byte or type boolean, the value is truncated to a byte. The field at the offset from the start of the object referenced by `objectref` is set to the value.

Runtime Exception

If `objectref` is null, the `putfield_<t>_w` instruction throws a `NullPointerException`.

Notes

In some circumstances, the `putfield_<t>_w` instruction may throw a `SecurityException` if the current context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) of the object referenced by `objectref`. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the `putfield_i_w` instruction will not be available.

7.5.78 `putstatic_<t>`

Set static field in class

1. The offset may be computed by adding the field token value to the size of an instance of the immediate superclass. However, this method is not required by this specification. A Java Card virtual machine may define any mapping from token value to offset into an instance.

Format

putstatic_<t>

indexbyte1

indexbyte2

Forms

putstatic_a = 127 (0x7f)
putstatic_b = 128 (0x80)
putstatic_s = 129 (0x81)
putstatic_i = 130 (0x82)

Stack

..., value ->

...

OR

..., value.word1, value.word2 ->

...

Description

The unsigned *indexbyte1* and *indexbyte2* are used to construct an index into the constant pool of the current package (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3), where the value of the index is $(\text{indexbyte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{indexbyte2}$. The constant pool item at the index must be of type `CONSTANT_StaticFieldref` (Section 6.7.3, “`CONSTANT_StaticFieldref` and `CONSTANT_StaticMethodref`” on page 6-19), a reference to a static field. If the field is final, it must be declared in the current class.

The item must resolve to a field with a type that matches *t*, as follows:

- a field must be of type reference
- b field must be of type byte or type boolean
- s field must be of type short
- i field must be of type int

value must be of a type that is assignment compatible with the field descriptor (*t*) type.

The width of a class field is determined by the field type specified in the instruction. The item is resolved, determining the class field. The value is popped from the operand stack. If the field is of type byte or type boolean, the value is truncated to a byte. The field is set to the value.

Notes

In some circumstances, the `putstatic_a` instruction may throw a `SecurityException` if the current context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) of the object being stored in the field. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

If a virtual machine does not support the `int` data type, the `putstatic_i` instruction will not be available.

7.5.79 `ret`

Return from subroutine

Format

ret

index

Forms

`ret = 114 (0x72)`

Stack

No change

Description

The `index` is an unsigned byte that must be a valid index into the local variables of the current frame (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3). The local variable at `index` must contain a value of type `returnAddress`. The contents of the local variable are written into the Java Card virtual machine’s `pc` register, and execution continues there.

Notes

The `ret` instruction is used with the `jsr` instruction in the implementation of the `finally` keyword of the Java language. Note that `jsr` pushes the address onto the stack and `ret` gets it out of a local variable. This asymmetry is intentional.

The `ret` instruction should not be confused with the `return` instruction. A `return` instruction returns control from a Java method to its invoker, without passing any value back to the invoker.

7.5.80 return

Return void from method

Format

return

Forms

return = 122 (0x7a)

Stack

... ->
[empty]

Description

Any values on the operand stack of the current method are discarded. The virtual machine then reinstates the frame of the invoker and returns control to the invoker.

7.5.81 s2b

Convert short to byte

Format

s2b

Forms

s2b = 91 (0x5b)

Stack

..., value ->
..., result

Description

The value on top of the operand stack must be of type short. It is popped from the top of the operand stack, truncated to a byte result, then sign-extended to a short result. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

The s2b instruction performs a narrowing primitive conversion. It may lose information about the overall magnitude of value. The result may also not have the same sign as value.

7.5.82 s2i

Convert short to int

Format

s2i

Forms

s2i = 92 (0x5c)

Stack

..., value ->
..., result.word1, result.word2

Description

The value on top of the operand stack must be of type short. It is popped from the operand stack and sign-extended to an int result. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

The s2i instruction performs a widening primitive conversion. Because all values of type short are exactly representable by type int, the conversion is exact.

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the s2i instruction will not be available.

7.5.83 sadd

Add short

Format

sadd

Forms

sadd = 65 (0x41)

Stack

..., value1, value2 ->
..., result

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type short. The values are popped from the operand stack. The short result is value1 + value2. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

If a sadd instruction overflows, then the result is the low-order bits of the true mathematical result in a sufficiently wide two's-complement format. If overflow occurs, then the sign of the result may not be the same as the sign of the mathematical sum of the two values.

7.5.84 `saload`

Load short from array

Format

saload

Forms

`saload = 38 (0x46)`

Stack

..., arrayref, index ->
..., value

Description

The arrayref must be of type reference and must refer to an array whose components are of type short. The index must be of type short. Both arrayref and index are popped from the operand stack. The short value in the component of the array at index is retrieved and pushed onto the top of the operand stack.

Runtime Exceptions

If arrayref is null, `saload` throws a `NullPointerException`.

Otherwise, if index is not within the bounds of the array referenced by arrayref, the `saload` instruction throws an `ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException`.

Notes

In some circumstances, the `saload` instruction may throw a `SecurityException` if the current context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, “Contexts” on page 3-2) of the array referenced by `arrayref`. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

7.5.85 `sand`

Boolean AND short

Format

sand

Forms

`sand = 83 (0x53)`

Stack

..., value1, value2 ->

..., result

Description

Both `value1` and `value2` are popped from the operand stack. A short result is calculated by taking the bitwise AND (conjunction) of `value1` and `value2`. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

7.5.86 `sastore`

Store into short array

Format

sastore

Forms

`sastore = 57 (0x39)`

Stack

..., arrayref, index, value ->

...

Description

The arrayref must be of type reference and must refer to an array whose components are of type short. The index and value must both be of type short. The arrayref, index and value are popped from the operand stack. The short value is stored as the component of the array indexed by index.

Runtime Exception

If arrayref is null, sastore throws a NullPointerException.

Otherwise, if index is not within the bounds of the array referenced by arrayref, the sastore instruction throws an ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException.

Notes

In some circumstances, the sastore instruction may throw a SecurityException if the current context (Section 3.4, "Contexts" on page 3-2) is not the owning context (Section 3.4, "Contexts" on page 3-2) of the array referenced by arrayref. The exact circumstances when the exception will be thrown are specified in Chapter 6 of the *Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card Platform, Version 2.2.2*.

7.5.87 sconst_<s>

Push short constant

Format

sconst_<s>

Forms

sconst_m1 = 2 (0x2)
sconst_0 = 3 (0x3)
sconst_1 = 4 (0x4)
sconst_2 = 5 (0x5)
sconst_3 = 6 (0x6)
sconst_4 = 7 (0x7)
sconst_5 = 8 (0x8)

Stack

... ->
..., <s>

Description

Push the short constant <s> (-1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5) onto the operand stack.

7.5.88 `sdiv`

Divide short

Format

sdiv

Forms

`sdiv = 71 (0x47)`

Stack

..., value1, value2 ->

..., result

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type short. The values are popped from the operand stack. The short result is the value of the Java expression `value1 / value2`. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

A short division rounds towards 0; that is, the quotient produced for short values in n/d is a short value q whose magnitude is as large as possible while satisfying $|d \cdot q| \leq |n|$. Moreover, q is a positive when $|n| \geq |d|$ and n and d have the same sign, but q is negative when $|n| \geq |d|$ and n and d have opposite signs.

There is one special case that does not satisfy this rule: if the dividend is the negative integer of the largest possible magnitude for the short type, and the divisor is `-1`, then overflow occurs, and the result is equal to the dividend. Despite the overflow, no exception is thrown in this case.

Runtime Exception

If the value of the divisor in a short division is 0, `sdiv` throws an `ArithmeticException`.

7.5.89 `sinc`

Increment local short variable by constant

Format

sinc

index

const

Forms

sinc = 89 (0x59)

Stack

No change

Description

The *index* is an unsigned byte that must be a valid index into the local variable of the current frame (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3). The *const* is an immediate signed byte. The local variable at *index* must contain a short. The value *const* is first sign-extended to a short, then the local variable at *index* is incremented by that amount.

7.5.90 *sinc_w*

Increment local short variable by constant

Format

sinc_w

index

byte1

byte2

Forms

sinc_w = 150 (0x96)

Stack

No change

Description

The index is an unsigned byte that must be a valid index into the local variable of the current frame (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3). The immediate unsigned byte1 and byte2 values are assembled into a short const where the value of const is (byte1 << 8) | byte2. The local variable at index, which must contain a short, is incremented by const.

7.5.91 sipush

Push short

Format

sipush

byte1

byte2

Forms

sipush = 19 (0x13)

Stack

... ->

..., value1.word1, value1.word2

Description

The immediate unsigned byte1 and byte2 values are assembled into a signed short where the value of the short is (byte1 << 8) | byte2. The intermediate value is then sign-extended to an int, and the resulting value is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

If a virtual machine does not support the int data type, the sipush instruction will not be available.

7.5.92 sload

Load short from local variable

Format

sload

index

Forms

sload = 22 (0x16)

Stack

... ->

..., value

Description

The index is an unsigned byte that must be a valid index into the local variables of the current frame (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3). The local variable at index must contain a short. The value in the local variable at index is pushed onto the operand stack.

7.5.93 sload_<n>

Load short from local variable

Format

sload_<n>

Forms

sload_0 = 28 (0x1c)

sload_1 = 29 (0x1d)

sload_2 = 30 (0x1e)

sload_3 = 31 (0x1f)

Stack

... ->

..., value

Description

The <n> must be a valid index into the local variables of the current frame (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3). The local variable at <n> must contain a short. The value in the local variable at <n> is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

Each of the sload_<n> instructions is the same as sload with an index of <n>, except that the operand <n> is implicit.

7.5.94 slookupswitch

Access jump table by key match and jump

Format

slookupswitch

defaultbyte1

defaultbyte2

npairs1

npairs2

match-offset pairs...

Pair Format

matchbyte1

matchbyte2

offsetbyte1

offsetbyte2

Forms

slookupswitch = 117 (0x75)

Stack

..., key ->
...

Description

A slookupswitch instruction is a variable-length instruction. Immediately after the slookupswitch opcode follow a signed 16-bit value default, an unsigned 16-bit value npairs, and then npairs pairs. Each pair consists of a short match and a signed 16-bit offset. Each of the signed 16-bit values is constructed from two unsigned bytes as (byte1 << 8) | byte2.

The table match-offset pairs of the slookupswitch instruction must be sorted in increasing numerical order by match.

The key must be of type short and is popped from the operand stack and compared against the match values. If it is equal to one of them, then a target address is calculated by adding the corresponding offset to the address of the opcode of this

slookupswitch instruction. If the key does not match any of the match values, the target address is calculated by adding default to the address of the opcode of this slookupswitch instruction. Execution then continues at the target address.

The target address that can be calculated from the offset of each match-offset pair, as well as the one calculated from default, must be the address of an opcode of an instruction within the method that contains this slookupswitch instruction.

Notes

The match-offset pairs are sorted to support lookup routines that are quicker than linear search.

7.5.95 **smul**

Multiply short

Format

smul

Forms

smul = 69 (0x45)

Stack

..., value1, value2 ->
..., result

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type short. The values are popped from the operand stack. The short result is value1 * value2. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

If a smul instruction overflows, then the result is the low-order bits of the mathematical product as a short. If overflow occurs, then the sign of the result may not be the same as the sign of the mathematical product of the two values.

7.5.96 **sneg**

Negate short

Format

sneg

Forms

sneg = 72 (0x4b)

Stack

..., value ->

..., result

Description

The value must be of type short. It is popped from the operand stack. The short result is the arithmetic negation of value, -value. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

For short values, negation is the same as subtraction from zero. Because the Java Card virtual machine uses two's-complement representation for integers and the range of two's-complement values is not symmetric, the negation of the maximum negative short results in that same maximum negative number. Despite the fact that overflow has occurred, no exception is thrown.

For all short values x , $-x$ equals $(\sim x) + 1$.

7.5.97

sor

Boolean OR short

Format

sor

Forms

sor = 85 (0x55)

Stack

..., value1, value2 ->

..., result

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type short. The values are popped from the operand stack. A short result is calculated by taking the bitwise inclusive OR of value1 and value2. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

7.5.98 srem

Remainder short

Format

srem

Forms

srem = 73 (0x49)

Stack

..., value1, value2 ->

..., result

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type short. The values are popped from the operand stack. The short result is the value of the Java expression $\text{value1} - (\text{value1} / \text{value2}) * \text{value2}$. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

The result of the irem instruction is such that $(a/b)*b + (a\%b)$ is equal to a. This identity holds even in the special case that the dividend is the negative short of largest possible magnitude for its type and the divisor is -1 (the remainder is 0). It follows from this rule that the result of the remainder operation can be negative only if the dividend is negative and can be positive only if the dividend is positive. Moreover, the magnitude of the result is always less than the magnitude of the divisor.

Runtime Exception

If the value of the divisor for a short remainder operator is 0, srem throws an ArithmeticException.

7.5.99 sreturn

Return short from method

Format

sreturn

Forms

sreturn = 120 (0x78)

Stack

..., value ->
[empty]

Description

The value must be of type short. It is popped from the operand stack of the current frame (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3) and pushed onto the operand stack of the frame of the invoker. Any other values on the operand stack of the current method are discarded.

The virtual machine then reinstates the frame of the invoker and returns control to the invoker.

7.5.100 sshl

Shift left short

Format

sshl

Forms

sshl = 77 (0x4d)

Stack

..., value1, value2 ->
..., result

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type short. The values are popped from the operand stack. A short result is calculated by shifting value1 left by s bit positions, where s is the value of the low five bits of value2. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

This is equivalent (even if overflow occurs) to multiplication by 2 to the power s . The shift distance actually used is always in the range 0 to 31, inclusive, as if $value2$ were subjected to a bitwise logical AND with the mask value 0x1f.

The mask value of 0x1f allows shifting beyond the range of a 16-bit short value. It is used by this instruction, however, to ensure results equal to those generated by the Java instruction `ishl`.

7.5.101 `sshr`

Arithmetic shift right short

Format

sshr

Forms

`sshr = 79 (0x4f)`

Stack

..., $value1$, $value2$ ->
..., result

Description

Both $value1$ and $value2$ must be of type short. The values are popped from the operand stack. A short result is calculated by shifting $value1$ right by s bit positions, with sign extension, where s is the value of the low five bits of $value2$. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

The resulting value is $\hat{I}(value1) / 2^s$, where s is $value2 \& 0x1f$. For nonnegative $value1$, this is equivalent (even if overflow occurs) to truncating short division by 2 to the power s . The shift distance actually used is always in the range 0 to 31, inclusive, as if $value2$ were subjected to a bitwise logical AND with the mask value 0x1f.

The mask value of 0x1f allows shifting beyond the range of a 16-bit short value. It is used by this instruction, however, to ensure results equal to those generated by the Java instruction `ishr`.

7.5.102 sspush

Push short

Format

sspush

byte1

byte2

Forms

sspush = 17 (0x11)

Stack

... ->

..., value

Description

The immediate unsigned byte1 and byte2 values are assembled into a signed short where the value of the short is $(\text{byte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{byte2}$. The resulting value is pushed onto the operand stack.

7.5.103 sstore

Store short into local variable

Format

sstore

index

Forms

sstore = 41 (0x29)

Stack

..., value ->

...

Description

The index is an unsigned byte that must be a valid index into the local variables of the current frame (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3). The value on top of the operand stack must be of type short. It is popped from the operand stack, and the value of the local variable at index is set to value.

7.5.104 `sstore_<n>`

Store short into local variable

Format

sstore_<n>

Forms

`sstore_0` = 47 (0x2f)
`sstore_1` = 48 (0x30)
`sstore_2` = 49 (0x31)
`sstore_3` = 50 (0x32)

Stack

..., value ->
...

Description

The `<n>` must be a valid index into the local variables of the current frame (Section 3.5, “Frames” on page 3-3). The value on top of the operand stack must be of type short. It is popped from the operand stack, and the value of the local variable at `<n>` is set to value.

7.5.105 `ssub`

Subtract short

Format

ssub

Forms

`ssub` = 67 (0x43)

Stack

..., value1, value2 ->
..., result

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type short. The values are popped from the operand stack. The short result is value1 - value2. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

For short subtraction, $a - b$ produces the same result as $a + (-b)$. For short values, subtraction from zeros is the same as negation.

Despite the fact that overflow or underflow may occur, in which case the result may have a different sign than the true mathematical result, execution of a `ssub` instruction never throws a runtime exception.

7.5.106 `stableswitch`

Access jump table by short index and jump

Format

stableswitch

defaultbyte1

defaultbyte2

lowbyte1

lowbyte2

highbyte1

highbyte2

jump offsets...

Offset Format

offsetbyte1

offsetbyte2

Forms

`stableswitch` = 115 (0x73)

Stack

..., index ->
...

Description

A stableswitch instruction is a variable-length instruction. Immediately after the stableswitch opcode follow a signed 16-bit value default, a signed 16-bit value low, a signed 16-bit value high, and then high – low + 1 further signed 16-bit offsets. The value low must be less than or equal to high. The high – low + 1 signed 16-bit offsets are treated as a 0-based jump table. Each of the signed 16-bit values is constructed from two unsigned bytes as $(\text{byte1} \ll 8) \mid \text{byte2}$.

The index must be of type short and is popped from the stack. If index is less than low or index is greater than high, then a target address is calculated by adding default to the address of the opcode of this stableswitch instruction. Otherwise, the offset at position index – low of the jump table is extracted. The target address is calculated by adding that offset to the address of the opcode of this stableswitch instruction. Execution then continues at the target address.

The target addresses that can be calculated from each jump table offset, as well as the one calculated from default, must be the address of an opcode of an instruction within the method that contains this stableswitch instruction.

7.5.107 sushr

Logical shift right short

Format

sushr

Forms

sushr = 81 (0x51)

Stack

..., value1, value2 ->
..., result

Description

Both value1 and value2 must be of type short. The values are popped from the operand stack. A short result is calculated by sign-extending value1 to 32 bits¹ and shifting the result right by s bit positions, with zero extension, where s is the value of the low five bits of value2. The resulting value is then truncated to a 16-bit result. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

Notes

If value1 is positive and s is value2 & 0x1f, the result is the same as that of value1 >> s; if value1 is negative, the result is equal to the value of the expression (value1 >> s) + (2 << ~s). The addition of the (2 << ~s) term cancels out the propagated sign bit. The shift distance actually used is always in the range 0 to 31, inclusive, as if value2 were subjected to a bitwise logical AND with the mask value 0x1f.

The mask value of 0x1f allows shifting beyond the range of a 16-bit short value. It is used by this instruction, however, to ensure results equal to those generated by the Java instruction iushr.

7.5.108 swap_x

Swap top two operand stack words

Format

swap_x

mn

Forms

swap_x = 64 (0x40)

Stack

..., wordM+N, ..., wordM+1, wordM, ..., word1 ->
..., wordM, ..., word1, wordM+N, ..., wordM+1

Description

The unsigned byte mn is used to construct two parameter values. The high nibble, (mn & 0xf0) >> 4, is used as the value m. The low nibble, (mn & 0xf), is used as the value n. Permissible values for both m and n are 1 and 2.

The top m words on the operand stack are swapped with the n words immediately below.

The swap_x instruction must not be used unless the ranges of words 1 through m and words m+1 through n each contain either a 16-bit data type, two 16-bit data types, a 32-bit data type, a 16-bit data type and a 32-bit data type (in either order), or two 32-bit data types.

1. Sign extension to 32 bits ensures that the result computed by this instruction will be exactly equal to that computed by the Java iushr instruction, regardless of the input values. In a Java Card virtual machine the expression "0xffff >>> 0x01" yields 0xffff, where ">>>" is performed by the sushr instruction. The same result is rendered by a Java virtual machine.

Notes

Except for restrictions preserving the integrity of 32-bit data types, the `swap_x` instruction operates on untyped words, ignoring the types of data they contain.

If a virtual machine does not support the `int` data type, the only permissible value for both `m` and `n` is 1.

7.5.109 `sxor`

Boolean XOR short

Format

sxor

Forms

`sxor = 87 (0x57)`

Stack

..., value1, value2 ->

..., result

Description

Both `value1` and `value2` must be of type `short`. The values are popped from the operand stack. A `short` result is calculated by taking the bitwise exclusive OR of `value1` and `value2`. The result is pushed onto the operand stack.

Tables of Instructions

The following pages contain lists of the APDU instructions recognized by the Java Card platform, organized by opcode value (TABLE 8-1) and by opcode mnemonic (TABLE 8-2).

TABLE 8-1 Instructions by Opcode Value

dec	hex	mnemonic	dec	hex	mnemonic
0	00	nop	47	2F	sstore_0
1	01	aconst_null	48	30	sstore_1
2	02	sconst_m1	49	31	sstore_2
3	03	sconst_0	50	32	sstore_3
4	04	sconst_1	51	33	istore_0
5	05	sconst_2	52	34	istore_1
6	06	sconst_3	53	35	istore_2
7	07	sconst_4	54	36	istore_3
8	08	sconst_5	55	37	aastore
9	09	iconst_m1	56	38	bastore
10	0A	iconst_0	57	39	sastore
11	0B	iconst_1	58	3A	iastore
12	0C	iconst_2	59	3B	pop
13	0D	iconst_3	60	3C	pop2
14	0E	iconst_4	61	3D	dup
15	0F	iconst_5	62	3E	dup2
16	10	bspush	63	3F	dup_x
17	11	sspush	64	40	swap_x

TABLE 8-1 Instructions by Opcode Value (*Continued*)

dec	hex	mnemonic	dec	hex	mnemonic
18	12	bipush	65	41	sadd
19	13	sipush	66	42	iadd
20	14	iipush	67	43	ssub
21	15	aload	68	44	isub
22	16	sload	69	45	smul
23	17	iload	70	46	imul
24	18	aload_0	71	47	sdiv
25	19	aload_1	72	48	idiv
26	1A	aload_2	73	49	srem
27	1B	aload_3	74	4A	irem
28	1C	sload_0	75	4B	sneg
29	1D	sload_1	76	4C	ineg
30	1E	sload_2	77	4D	sshl
31	1F	sload_3	78	4E	ishl
32	20	iload_0	79	4F	sshr
33	21	iload_1	80	50	ishr
34	22	iload_2	81	51	sushr
35	23	iload_3	82	52	iushr
36	24	aaload	83	53	sand
37	25	baload	84	54	iand
38	26	saload	85	55	sor
39	27	iaload	86	56	ior
40	28	astore	87	57	sxor
41	29	sstore	88	58	ixor
42	2A	istore	89	59	sinc
43	2B	astore_0	90	5A	iinc
44	2C	astore_1	91	5B	s2b
45	2D	astore_2	92	5C	s2i
46	2E	astore_3	93	5D	i2b
94	5E	i2s	141	8D	invokestatic

TABLE 8-1 Instructions by Opcode Value (*Continued*)

<u>dec</u>	<u>hex</u>	<u>mnemonic</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>hex</u>	<u>mnemonic</u>
95	5F	icmp	142	8E	invokeinterface
96	60	ifeq	143	8F	new
97	61	ifne	144	90	newarray
98	62	iflt	145	91	anewarray
99	63	ifge	146	92	arraylength
100	64	ifgt	147	93	athrow
101	65	ifle	148	94	checkcast
102	66	ifnull	149	95	instanceof
103	67	ifnonnull	150	96	sinc_w
104	68	if_acmpeq	151	97	iinc_w
105	69	if_acmpne	152	98	ifeq_w
106	6A	if_scmpeq	153	99	ifne_w
107	6B	if_scmpne	154	9A	iflt_w
108	6C	if_scмпlt	155	9B	ifge_w
109	6D	if_scmpge	156	9C	ifgt_w
110	6E	if_scmpgt	157	9D	ifle_w
111	6F	if_scмпle	158	9E	ifnull_w
112	70	goto	159	9F	ifnonnull_w
113	71	jsr	160	A0	if_acmpeq_w
114	72	ret	161	A1	if_acmpne_w
115	73	stableswitch	162	A2	if_scmpeq_w
116	74	itableswitch	163	A3	if_scmpne_w
117	75	slookupswitch	164	A4	if_scмпlt_w
118	76	illookupswitch	165	A5	if_scmpge_w
119	77	areturn	166	A6	if_scmpgt_w
120	78	sreturn	167	A7	if_scмпle_w
121	79	ireturn	168	A8	goto_w
122	7A	return	169	A9	getfield_a_w
123	7B	getstatic_a	170	AA	getfield_b_w
124	7C	getstatic_b	171	AB	getfield_s_w

TABLE 8-1 Instructions by Opcode Value (*Continued*)

dec	hex	mnemonic	dec	hex	mnemonic
125	7D	getstatic_s	172	AC	getfield_i_w
126	7E	getstatic_i	173	AD	getfield_a_this
127	7F	putstatic_a	174	AE	getfield_b_this
128	80	putstatic_b	175	AF	getfield_s_this
129	81	putstatic_s	176	B0	getfield_i_this
130	82	putstatic_i	177	B1	putfield_a_w
131	83	getfield_a	178	B2	putfield_b_w
132	84	getfield_b	179	B3	putfield_s_w
133	85	getfield_s	180	B4	putfield_i_w
134	86	getfield_i	181	B5	putfield_a_this
135	87	putfield_a	182	B6	putfield_b_this
136	88	putfield_b	183	B7	putfield_s_this
137	89	putfield_s	184	B8	putfield_i_this
138	8A	putfield_i			...
139	8B	invokevirtual	254	FE	impdep1
140	8C	invokespecial	255	FF	impdep2

TABLE 8-2 Instructions by Opcode Mnemonic

mnemonic	dec	hex	mnemonic	dec	hex
aaload	36	24	iand	84	54
aastore	55	37	iastore	58	3A
aconst_null	1	01	icmp	95	5F
aload	21	15	iconst_0	10	0A
aload_0	24	18	iconst_1	11	0B
aload_1	25	19	iconst_2	12	0C
aload_2	26	1A	iconst_3	13	0D
aload_3	27	1B	iconst_4	14	0E
anewarray	145	91	iconst_5	15	0F
areturn	119	77	iconst_m1	9	09

TABLE 8-2 Instructions by Opcode Mnemonic (*Continued*)

mnemonic	dec	hex	mnemonic	dec	hex
arraylength	146	92	idiv	72	48
astore	40	28	if_acmpeq	104	68
astore_0	43	2B	if_acmpeq_w	160	A0
astore_1	44	2C	if_acmpne	105	69
astore_2	45	2D	if_acmpne_w	161	A1
astore_3	46	2E	if_scmpeq	106	6A
athrow	147	93	if_scmpeq_w	162	A2
aload	37	25	if_scmpge	109	6D
bastore	56	38	if_scmpge_w	165	A5
bipush	18	12	if_scmpgt	110	6E
bspush	16	10	if_scmpgt_w	166	A6
checkcast	148	94	if_scmpne	111	6F
dup	61	3D	if_scmpne_w	167	A7
dup_x	63	3F	if_scmplt	108	6C
dup2	62	3E	if_scmplt_w	164	A4
getfield_a	131	83	if_scmpne	107	6B
getfield_a_this	173	AD	if_scmpne_w	163	A3
getfield_a_w	169	A9	ifeq	96	60
getfield_b	132	84	ifeq_w	152	98
getfield_b_this	174	AE	ifge	99	63
getfield_b_w	170	AA	ifge_w	155	9B
getfield_i	134	86	ifgt	100	64
getfield_i_this	176	B0	ifgt_w	156	9C
getfield_i_w	172	AC	ifle	101	65
getfield_s	133	85	ifle_w	157	9D
getfield_s_this	175	AF	iflt	98	62
getfield_s_w	171	AB	iflt_w	154	9A
getstatic_a	123	7B	ifne	97	61
getstatic_b	124	7C	ifne_w	153	99
getstatic_i	126	7E	ifnonnull	103	67

TABLE 8-2 Instructions by Opcode Mnemonic (*Continued*)

mnemonic	dec	hex	mnemonic	dec	hex
getstatic_s	125	7D	ifnonnull_w	159	9F
goto	112	70	ifnull	102	66
goto_w	168	A8	ifnull_w	158	9E
i2b	93	5D	iinc	90	5A
i2s	94	5E	iinc_w	151	97
iadd	66	42	iipush	20	14
iaload	39	27	iload	23	17
iload_0	32	20	putstatic_s	129	81
iload_1	33	21	ret	114	72
iload_2	34	22	return	122	7A
iload_3	35	23	s2b	91	5B
ilookupswitch	118	76	s2i	92	5C
imul	70	46	sadd	65	41
ineg	76	4C	saload	38	26
instanceof	149	95	sand	83	53
invokeinterface	142	8E	sastore	57	39
invokespecial	140	8C	sconst_0	3	03
invokestatic	141	8D	sconst_1	4	04
invokevirtual	139	8B	sconst_2	5	05
ior	86	56	sconst_3	6	06
irem	74	4A	sconst_4	7	07
ireturn	121	79	sconst_5	8	08
ishl	78	4E	sconst_m1	2	02
ishr	80	50	sdiv	71	47
istore	42	2A	sinc	89	59
istore_0	51	33	sinc_w	150	96
istore_1	52	34	sipush	19	13
istore_2	53	35	sload	22	16
istore_3	54	36	sload_0	28	1C
isub	68	44	sload_1	29	1D

TABLE 8-2 Instructions by Opcode Mnemonic (*Continued*)

mnemonic	dec	hex	mnemonic	dec	hex
itableswitch	116	74	sload_2	30	1E
iushr	82	52	sload_3	31	1F
ixor	88	58	slookupswitch	117	75
jsr	113	71	smul	69	45
new	143	8F	sneg	75	4B
newarray	144	90	sor	85	55
nop	0	00	srem	73	49
pop	59	3B	sreturn	120	78
pop2	60	3C	sshl	77	4D
putfield_a	135	87	sshr	79	4F
putfield_a_this	181	B5	sspush	17	11
putfield_a_w	177	B1	sstore	41	29
putfield_b	136	88	sstore_0	47	2F
putfield_b_this	182	B6	sstore_1	48	30
putfield_b_w	178	B2	sstore_2	49	31
putfield_i	138	8A	sstore_3	50	32
putfield_i_this	184	B8	ssub	67	43
putfield_i_w	180	B4	stableswitch	115	73
putfield_s	137	89	sushr	81	51
putfield_s_this	183	B7	swap_x	64	40
putfield_s_w	179	B3	sxor	87	57
putstatic_a	127	7F			
putstatic_b	128	80			
putstatic_i	130	82			

Glossary

active applet instance	an applet instance that is selected on at least one of the logical channels.
AID (application identifier)	<p>defined by ISO 7816, a string used to uniquely identify card applications and certain types of files in card file systems. An AID consists of two distinct pieces: a 5-byte RID (resource identifier) and a 0 to 11-byte PIX (proprietary identifier extension). The RID is a resource identifier assigned to companies by ISO. The PIX identifiers are assigned by companies.</p> <p>A unique AID is assigned for each package. In addition, a unique AID is assigned for each applet in the package. The package AID and the default AID for each applet defined in the package are specified in the CAP file. They are supplied to the converter when the CAP file is generated.</p>
APDU	an acronym for Application Protocol Data Unit as defined in ISO 7816-4.
API	an acronym for Application Programming Interface. The API defines calling conventions by which an application program accesses the operating system and other services.
applet	within the context of this document, a Java Card applet, which is the basic unit of selection, context, functionality, and security in Java Card technology.
applet developer	a person creating an applet using Java Card technology.
applet execution context	context of a package that contains currently active applet.
applet firewall	the mechanism that prevents unauthorized accesses to objects in contexts other than currently active context.
applet package	see <i>library package</i> .
assigned logical channel	the logical channel on which the applet instance is either the active applet instance or will become the active applet instance.

atomic operation	an operation that either completes in its entirety or no part of the operation completes at all.
atomicity	state in which a particular operation is atomic. Atomicity of data updates guarantee that data are not corrupted in case of power loss or card removal.
ATR	an acronym for Answer to Reset. An ATR is a string of bytes sent by the Java Card platform after a reset condition.
basic logical channel	logical channel 0, the only channel that is active at card reset. This channel is permanent and can never be closed.
big-endian	a technique of storing multibyte data where the high-order bytes come first. For example, given an 8-bit data item stored in big-endian order, the first bit read is considered the high bit.
binary compatibility	in a Java Card system, a change in a Java programming language package results in a new CAP file. A new CAP file is binary compatible with (equivalently, does not break compatibility with) a preexisting CAP file if another CAP file converted using the export file of the preexisting CAP file can link with the new CAP file without errors.
bytecode	machine-independent code generated by the compiler and executed by the Java virtual machine.
CAD	an acronym for Card Acceptance Device. The CAD is the device in which the card is inserted.
CAP file	the CAP file is produced by the Converter and is the standard file format for the binary compatibility of the Java Card platform. A CAP file contains an executable binary representation of the classes of a Java programming language package. The CAP file also contains the CAP file components (see also <i>CAP file component</i>). The CAP files produced by the converter are contained in Java™ Archive (JAR) files.
CAP file component	<p>a Java Card platform CAP file consists of a set of components which represent a Java programming language package. Each component describes a set of elements in the Java programming language package, or an aspect of the CAP file. A complete CAP file must contain all of the required components: Header, Directory, Import, Constant Pool, Method, Static Field, and Reference Location</p> <p>The following components are optional: the Applet, Export, and Debug. The Applet component is included only if one or more Applets are defined in the package. The Export component is included only if classes in other packages may import elements in the package defined. The Debug component is optional. It contains all of the data necessary for debugging a package.</p>
card session	a card session begins with the insertion of the card into the CAD. The card is then able to exchange streams of APDUs with the CAD. The card session ends when the card is removed from the CAD.
cast	the explicit conversion from one data type to another.

constant pool	<p>the constant pool contains variable-length structures representing various string constants, class names, field names, and other constants referred to within the CAP file and the Export File structure. Each of the constant pool entries, including entry zero, is a variable-length structure whose format is indicated by its first tag byte. There are no ordering constraints on entries in the constant pool entries. One constant pool is associated with each package.</p> <p>There are differences between the Java platform constant pool and the Java Card technology-based constant pool. For example, in the Java platform constant pool there is one constant type for method references, while in the Java Card constant pool, there are three constant types for method references. The additional information provided by a constant type in Java Card technologies simplifies resolution of references.</p>
context	protected object space associated with each applet package and Java Card RE. All objects owned by an applet belong to context of the applet's package.
context switch	a change from one currently active context to another. For example, a context switch is caused by an attempt to access an object that belongs to an applet instance that resides in a different package. The result of a context switch is a new currently active context.
Converter	a piece of software that preprocesses all of the Java programming language class files that make up a package, and converts the package to a CAP file. The Converter also produces an export file.
currently active context	when an object instance method is invoked, an owning context of this object becomes the currently active context.
currently selected applet	the Java Card RE keeps track of the currently selected Java Card applet. Upon receiving a SELECT FILE command with this applet's AID, the Java Card RE makes this applet the currently selected applet. The Java Card RE sends all APDU commands to the currently selected applet.
custom CAP file component	a new component added to the CAP file. The new component must conform to the general component format. It is silently ignored by a Java Card virtual machine that does not recognize the component. The identifiers associated with the new component are recorded in the <code>custom_component</code> item of the CAP file's Directory component.
default applet	an applet that is selected by default on a logical channel when it is opened. If an applet is designated the default applet on a particular logical channel on the Java Card platform, it becomes the active applet by default when that logical channel is opened using the basic channel.
EEPROM	an acronym for Electrically Erasable, Programmable Read Only Memory.
entry point objects	see Java Card RE entry point objects.

Export file	a file produced by the Converter that represents the fields and methods of a package that can be imported by classes in other packages.
externally visible	<p>in the Java Card platform, any classes, interfaces, their constructors, methods, and fields that can be accessed from another package according to the Java programming language semantics, as defined by the <i>Java Language Specification</i>, and Java Card API package access control restrictions (see <i>Java Language Specification</i>, section 2.2.1.1).</p> <p>Externally visible items may be represented in an export file. For a library package, all externally visible items are represented in an export file. For an applet package, only those externally visible items that are part of a shareable interface are represented in an export file.</p>
finalization	<p>the process by which a Java virtual machine (VM) allows an unreferenced object instance to release non-memory resources (for example, close and open files) prior to reclaiming the object's memory. Finalization is only performed on an object when that object is ready to be garbage collected (meaning, there are no references to the object).</p> <p>Finalization is not supported by the Java Card virtual machine. The method <code>finalize()</code> is not called automatically by the Java Card virtual machine.</p>
firewall	see <i>applet firewall</i> .
flash memory	a type of persistent mutable memory. It is more efficient in space and power than EPROM. Flash memory can be read bit by bit but can be updated only as a block. Thus, flash memory is typically used for storing additional programs or large chunks of data that are updated as a whole.
framework	the set of classes that implement the API. This includes core and extension packages. Responsibilities include applet selection, sending APDU bytes, and managing atomicity.
garbage collection	the process by which dynamically allocated storage is automatically reclaimed during the execution of a program.
heap	a common pool of free memory usable by a program. A part of the computer's memory used for dynamic memory allocation, in which blocks of memory are used in an arbitrary order. The Java Card virtual machine's heap is not required to be garbage collected. Objects allocated from the heap are not necessarily reclaimed.
installer	the on-card mechanism to download and install CAP files. The installer receives executable binary from the off-card installation program, writes the binary into the smart card memory, links it with the other classes on the card, and creates and initializes any data structures used internally by the Java Card Runtime Environment.
installation program	the off-card mechanism that employs a card acceptance device (CAD) to transmit the executable binary in a CAP file to the installer running on the card.

instance variables	also known as non-static fields.
instantiation	in object-oriented programming, to produce a particular object from its class template. This involves allocation of a data structure with the types specified by the template, and initialization of instance variables with either default values or those provided by the class's constructor function.
instruction	a statement that indicates an operation for the computer to perform and any data to be used in performing the operation. An instruction can be in machine language or a programming language.
internally visible	items that are not externally visible. These items are not described in a package's export file, but some such items use private tokens to represent internal references. See also <i>externally visible</i> .
JAR file	an acronym for Java Archive file, which is a file format used for aggregating many files into one.
Java Card Platform Remote Method Invocation	a subset of the Java Platform Remote Method Invocation (RMI) system. It provides a mechanism for a client application running on the CAD platform to invoke a method on a remote object on the card.
Java Card Runtime Environment (Java Card RE)	consists of the Java Card virtual machine, the framework, and the associated native methods.
Java Card Virtual Machine (Java Card VM)	a subset of the Java virtual machine, which is designed to be run on smart cards and other resource-constrained devices. The Java Card VM acts an engine that loads Java class files and executes them with a particular set of semantics.
Java Card RE entry point objects	objects owned by the Java Card RE context that contain entry point methods. These methods can be invoked from any context and allow non-privileged users (applets) to request privileged Java Card RE system services. Java Card RE entry point objects can be either temporary or permanent: temporary - references to temporary Java Card RE entry point objects cannot be stored in class variables, instance variables or array components. The Java Card RE detects and restricts attempts to store references to these objects as part of the firewall functionality to prevent unauthorized reuse. Examples of these objects are APDU objects and all Java Card RE-owned exception objects. permanent - references to permanent Java Card RE entry point objects can be stored and freely reused. Examples of these objects are Java Card RE-owned AID instances.

JDK™ software	an acronym for Java Development Kit. The JDK software is a Sun Microsystems, Inc. product that provides the environment required for software development in the Java programming language. The JDK software is available for a variety of operating systems, for example Sun Microsystems Solaris™ OS and Microsoft Windows.
library package	a Java programming language package that does not contain any non-abstract classes that extend the class <code>javacard.framework.Applet</code> . An applet package contains one or more non-abstract classes that extend the <code>javacard.framework.Applet</code> class.
local variable	a data item known within a block, but inaccessible to code outside the block. For example, any variable defined within a method is a local variable and cannot be used outside the method.
logical channel	as seen at the card edge, works as a logical link to an application on the card. A logical channel establishes a communications session between a card applet and the terminal. Commands issued on a specific logical channel are forwarded to the active applet on that logical channel. For more information, see the <i>ISO/IEC 7816 Specification, Part 4</i> . (http://www.iso.org).
MAC	an acronym for Message Authentication Code. MAC is an encryption of data for security purposes.
mask production (masking)	refers to embedding the Java Card virtual machine, runtime environment, and applets in the read-only memory of a smart card during manufacture.
method	a procedure or routine associated with one or more classes in object-oriented languages.
multiselectable applets	implements the <code>javacard.framework.MultiSelectable</code> interface. Multiselectable applets can be selected on multiple logical channels at the same time. They can also accept other applets belonging to the same package being selected simultaneously.
multiselecting applet	an applet instance that is selected and, therefore, active on more than one logical channel simultaneously.
namespace	a set of names in which all names are unique.
native method	a method that is not implemented in the Java programming language, but in another language. The CAP file format does not support native methods.
nibble	four bits.
object-oriented	a programming methodology based on the concept of an <i>object</i> , which is a data structure encapsulated with a set of routines, called <i>methods</i> , which operate on the data.

object owner	the applet instance within the currently active context when the object is instantiated. An object can be owned by an applet instance, or by the Java Card RE.
objects	in object-oriented programming, unique instances of a data structure defined according to the template provided by its class. Each object has its own values for the variables belonging to its class and can respond to the messages (methods) defined by its class.
origin logical channel	the logical channel on which an APDU command is issued.
owning context	the context in which an object is instantiated or created.
package	a namespace within the Java programming language that can have classes and interfaces.
PCD	an acronym for Proximity Coupling Device. The PCD is a contactless card reader device.
persistent object	persistent objects and their values persist from one CAD session to the next, indefinitely. Objects are persistent by default. Persistent object values are updated atomically using transactions. The term persistent does not mean there is an object-oriented database on the card or that objects are serialized and deserialized, just that the objects are not lost when the card loses power.
PIX	see <i>AID</i> .
RAM (random access memory)	temporary working space for storing and modifying data. RAM is non-persistent memory; that is, the information content is not preserved when power is removed from the memory cell. RAM can be accessed an unlimited number of times and none of the restrictions of EEPROM apply.
reference implementation	a fully functional and compatible implementation of a given technology. It enables developers to build prototypes of applications based on the technology.
remote interface	<p>an interface which extends, directly or indirectly, the interface <code>java.rmi.Remote</code>.</p> <p>Each method declaration in the remote interface or its super-interfaces includes the exception <code>java.rmi.RemoteException</code> (or one of its superclasses) in its <code>throws</code> clause.</p> <p>In a remote method declaration, if a remote object is declared as a return type, it is declared as the remote interface, not the implementation class of that interface.</p> <p>In addition, Java Card RMI imposes additional constraints on the definition of remote methods. These constraints are as a result of the Java Card platform language subset and other feature limitations.</p>

remote methods	the methods of a remote interface.
remote object	an object whose remote methods can be invoked remotely from the CAD client. A remote object is described by one or more remote interfaces.
RFU	acronym for Reserved for Future Use.
RID	see <i>AID</i> .
RMI	an acronym for Remote Method Invocation. RMI is a mechanism for invoking instance methods on objects located on remote virtual machines (meaning, a virtual machine other than that of the invoker).
ROM (read-only memory)	memory used for storing the fixed program of the card. A smart card's ROM contains operating system routines as well as permanent data and user applications. No power is needed to hold data in this kind of memory. ROM cannot be written to after the card is manufactured. Writing a binary image to the ROM is called masking and occurs during the chip manufacturing process.
runtime environment	see <i>Java Card Runtime Environment (Java Card RE)</i> .
shareable interface	an interface that defines a set of shared methods. These interface methods can be invoked from an applet in one context when the object implementing them is owned by an applet in another context.
shareable interface object (SIO)	an object that implements the shareable interface.
smart card	a card that stores and processes information through the electronic circuits embedded in silicon in the substrate of its body. Unlike magnetic stripe cards, smart cards carry both processing power and information. They do not require access to remote databases at the time of a transaction.
terminal	a Card Acceptance Device that is typically a computer in its own right and can integrate a card reader as one of its components. In addition to being a smart card reader, a terminal can process data exchanged between itself and the smart card.
thread	the basic unit of program execution. A process can have several threads running concurrently each performing a different job, such as waiting for events or performing a time consuming job that the program doesn't need to complete before going on. When a thread has finished its job, it is suspended or destroyed. The Java Card virtual machine can support only a single thread of execution. Java Card technology programs cannot use class <code>Thread</code> or any of the thread-related keywords in the Java programming language.
transaction	an atomic operation in which the developer defines the extent of the operation by indicating in the program code the beginning and end of the transaction.

- transient object** the state of transient objects do not persist from one CAD session to the next, and are reset to a default state at specified intervals. Updates to the values of transient objects are not atomic and are not affected by transactions.
- verification** a process performed on a CAP file that ensures that the binary representation of the package is structurally correct.
- word** an abstract storage unit. A word is large enough to hold a value of type `byte`, `short`, `reference` or `returnAddress`. Two words are large enough to hold a value of `integer` type.