

SP	See <a href="#">Register names on page C1-145</a> .
Wn	See <a href="#">Register names on page C1-145</a> .
WSP	See <a href="#">Register names on page C1-145</a> .
WZR	See <a href="#">Register names on page C1-145</a> .
Xn	See <a href="#">Register names on page C1-145</a> .
XZR	See <a href="#">Register names on page C1-145</a> .

### C1.2.3 Instruction Mnemonics

The A64 assembly language overloads instruction mnemonics and distinguishes between the different forms of an instruction based on the operand types. For example, the following ADD instructions all have different opcodes. However, the programmer must only remember one mnemonic, as the assembler automatically chooses the correct opcode based on the operands. The disassembler follows the same procedure in reverse.

**Example C1-1 ADD instructions with different opcodes**

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ADD W0, W1, W2           // add 32-bit register
ADD X0, X1, X2           // add 64-bit register
ADD X0, X1, W2, SXTW    // add 64-bit extended register
ADD X0, X1, #42         // add 64-bit immediate
  
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### C1.2.4 Condition code

The A64 ISA has some instructions that set Condition flags or test Condition codes or both. For information about instructions that set the Condition flags or use the condition mnemonics, see [Condition flags and related instructions on page C6-525](#).

Table C1-1 shows the available Condition codes.

**Table C1-1 Condition codes**

cond	Mnemonic	Meaning (integer)	Meaning (floating-point) <sup>a</sup>	Condition flags
0000	EQ	Equal	Equal	Z == 1
0001	NE	Not equal	Not equal or unordered	Z == 0
0010	CS or HS	Carry set	Greater than, equal, or unordered	C == 1
0011	CC or LO	Carry clear	Less than	C == 0
0100	MI	Minus, negative	Less than	N == 1
0101	PL	Plus, positive or zero	Greater than, equal, or unordered	N == 0
0110	VS	Overflow	Unordered	V == 1
0111	VC	No overflow	Ordered	V == 0
1000	HI	Unsigned higher	Greater than, or unordered	C == 1 && Z == 0
1001	LS	Unsigned lower or same	Less than or equal	!(C == 1 && Z == 0)
1010	GE	Signed greater than or equal	Greater than or equal	N == V
1011	LT	Signed less than	Less than, or unordered	N! = V

**Table C1-1 Condition codes (continued)**

cond	Mnemonic	Meaning (integer)	Meaning (floating-point) <sup>a</sup>	Condition flags
1100	GT	Signed greater than	Greater than	Z == 0 && N == V
1101	LE	Signed less than or equal	Less than, equal, or unordered	!(Z == 0 && N == V)
1110	AL	Always	Always	Any
1111	NV <sup>b</sup>	Always	Always	Any

- a. Unordered means at least one NaN operand.  
b. The Condition code NV exists only to provide a valid disassembly of the 0b1111 encoding, otherwise its behavior is identical to AL.

### C1.2.5 Register names

This section describes the AArch64 registers. It contains the following subsections:

- [General-purpose register file and zero register and stack pointer.](#)
- [SIMD and floating-point register file on page C1-146.](#)
- [SIMD and floating-point scalar register names on page C1-146.](#)
- [SIMD vector register names on page C1-147.](#)
- [SIMD vector element names on page C1-147.](#)

#### General-purpose register file and zero register and stack pointer

The 31 general-purpose registers in the general-purpose register file are named R0-R30 and encoded in the instruction register fields with values 0-30. In a general-purpose register field the value 31 represents either the current stack pointer or the zero register, depending on the instruction and the operand position.

When the registers are used in a specific instruction variant, they must be qualified to indicate the operand data size, 32 bits or 64 bits, and the data size of the instruction.

When the data size is 32 bits, the lower 32 bits of the register are used and the upper 32 bits are ignored on a read and cleared to zero on a write.

[Table C1-2](#) shows the qualified names for registers, where *n* is a register number 0-30.

**Table C1-2 Naming of general-purpose registers, the zero register, and the stack pointer**

Name	Size	Encoding	Description
Wn	32 bits	0-30	General-purpose register 0-30
Xn	64 bits	0-30	General-purpose register 0-30
WZR	32 bits	31	Zero register
XZR	64 bits	31	Zero register
WSP	32 bits	31	Current stack pointer
SP	64 bits	31	Current stack pointer

This list gives more information about the instruction arguments shown in [Table C1-2](#):

- The names Xn and Wn both refer to the same general-purpose register, Rn.
- There is no register named W31 or X31.