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# Chapter-1.2

## Macro

- Nested Macro Calls
- Advanced Macro Facilities
- Design Of a Macro Preprocessor



# Nested Macro Calls

## Nested Macro Definitions

A macro body may also contain further macro definitions. However, these nested macro definitions aren't valid until the enclosing macro has been expanded! That means, the enclosing macro must have been called, before the nested macros can be called.

### **Example 1:**

- A macro, which can be used to define macros with arbitrary names, may look as follows:

```
DEFINE MACRO MACNAME
```

```
MACNAME MACRO
```

```
DB 'I am the macro &MACNAME.'
```

```
ENDM
```

```
ENDM
```

# Nested Macro Calls

In order not to overload the example with "knowhow", the nested macro only introduces itself kindly with a suitable character string in ROM.

```
The call DEFINE Obiwan  
would define the macro  
Obiwan MACRO  
DB 'I am the macro Obiwan.'  
ENDM
```

and the call DEFINE Skywalker would define the following macro:

```
Skywalker MACRO  
DB 'I am the macro Skywalker.'  
ENDM
```

# Nested Macro Calls

## Example 2:

- A macro is to insert a variable number of NOPs into the program. For this, a macro with a nested REPT block seems to be best-suited: REPEAT MACRO  
NOPS

```
REPT NOPS
```

```
NOP
```

```
ENDM
```

```
ENDM
```

The macro call REPEAT 4 results in something like that:

- Line | Addr Code Source 9+ 1 N 0004 REPT 4
- 10+ 1 NOP
- 11+ 1 ENDM
- 12+ 2 0000 00 NOP
- 13+ 2 0001 00 NOP
- 14+ 2 0002 00 NOP
- 15+ 2 0003 00 NOP

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