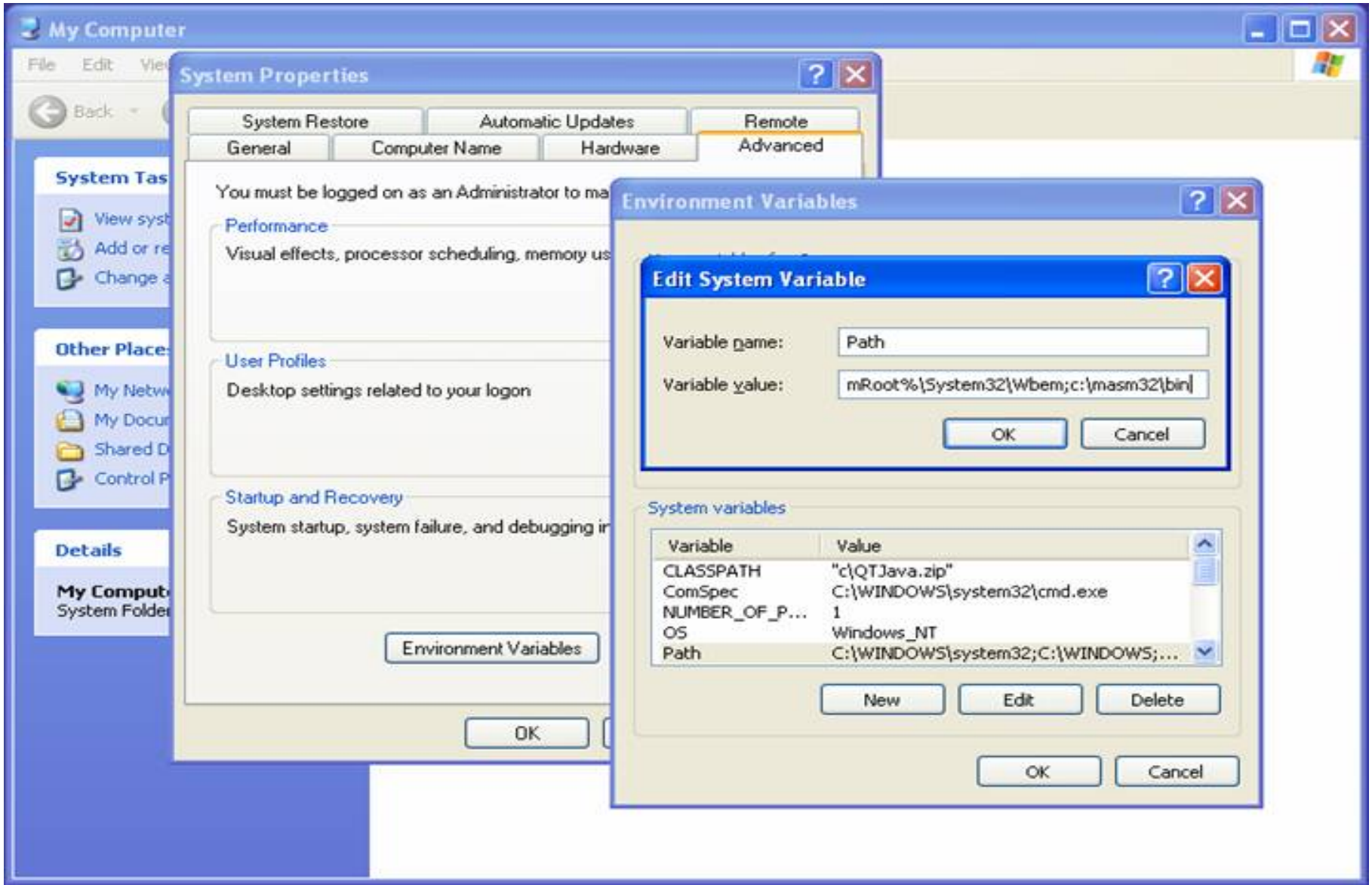
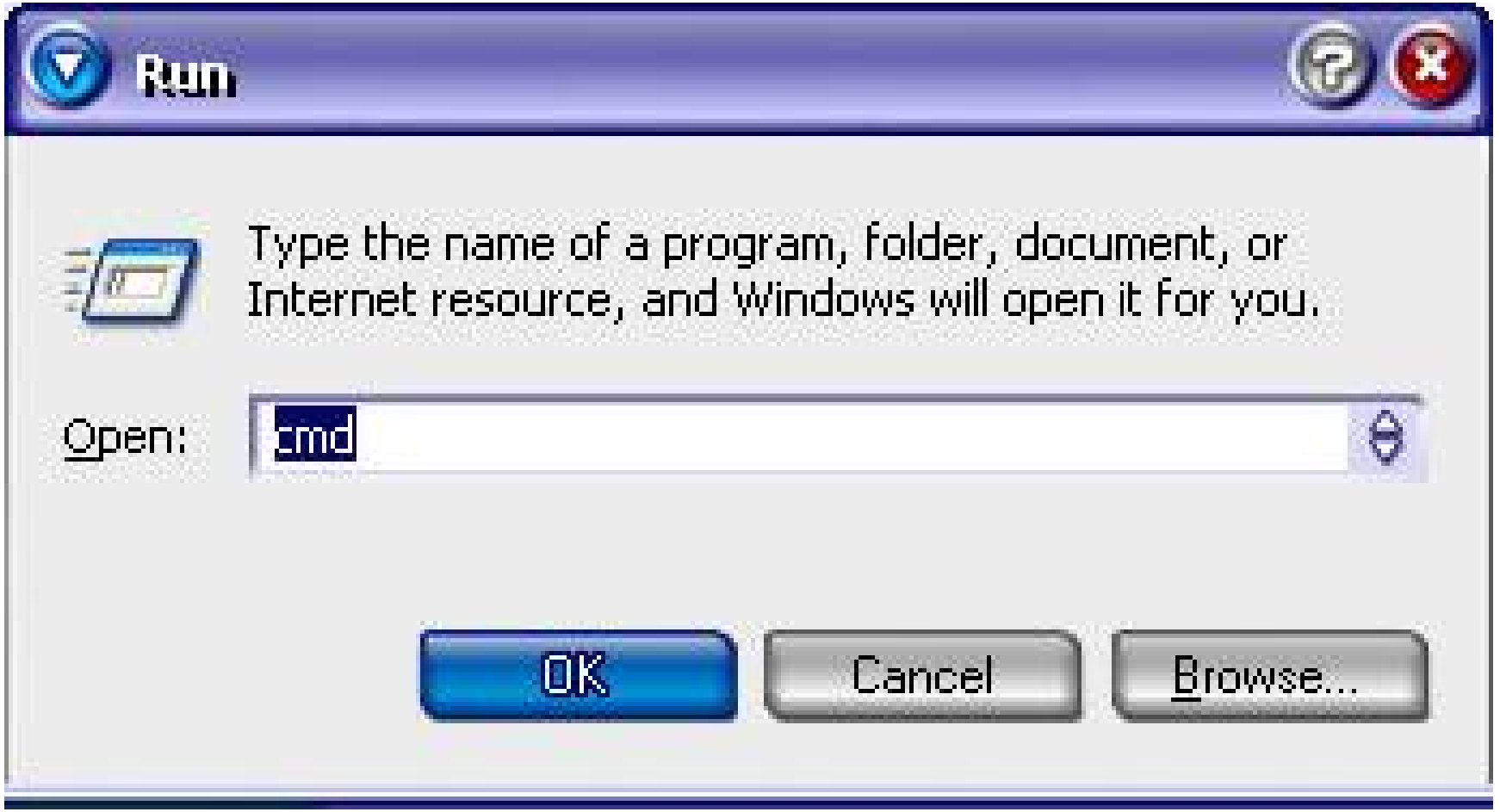
MASM CODEVIEW TUTORIALS

- **1. Download the package MASM 6.14**
- **2. Unzip the package to a folder name MASM32 or MASM 6.14 anywhere you like.**

3. Set the path to the compiler. Open “My computer”, right click and select “Properties”. Select “Advanced” -> “Environment variables”->”Path”. Click “Edit” and add “;c:\masm32\bin” to the path

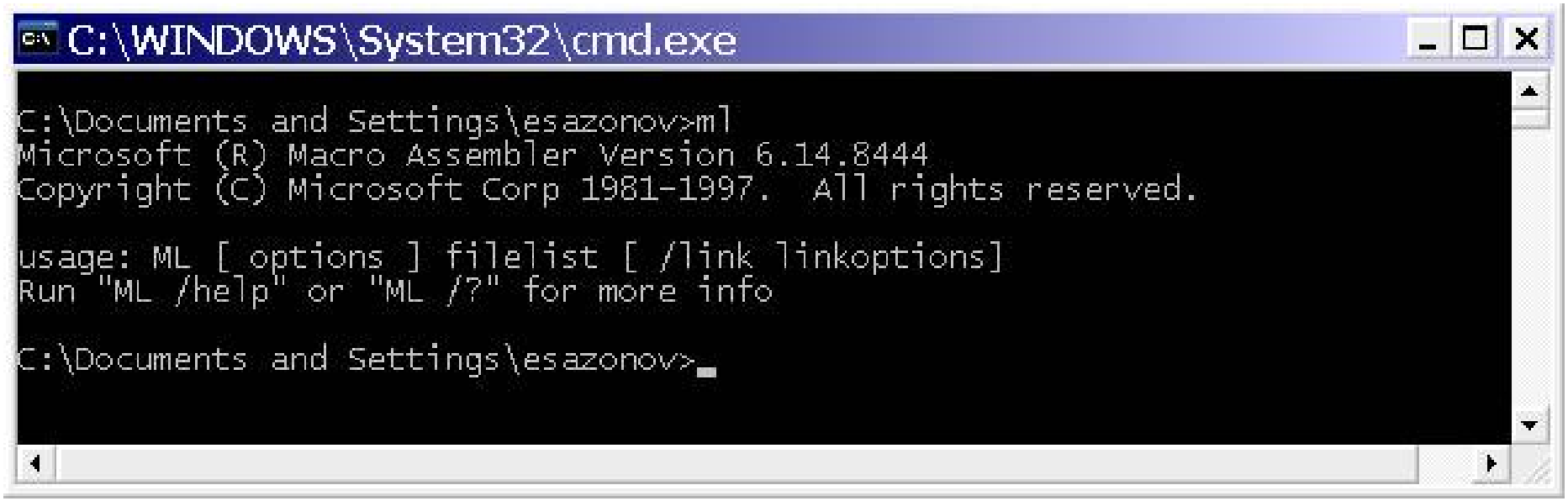


4. Check the installation by opening the command prompt window (Start->Run->cmd)



- **and typing ML at the command prompt**

cmd.exe


C:\WINDOWS\System32\cmd.exe
C:\Documents and Settings\esazonov>ml
Microsoft (R) Macro Assembler Version 6.14.8444
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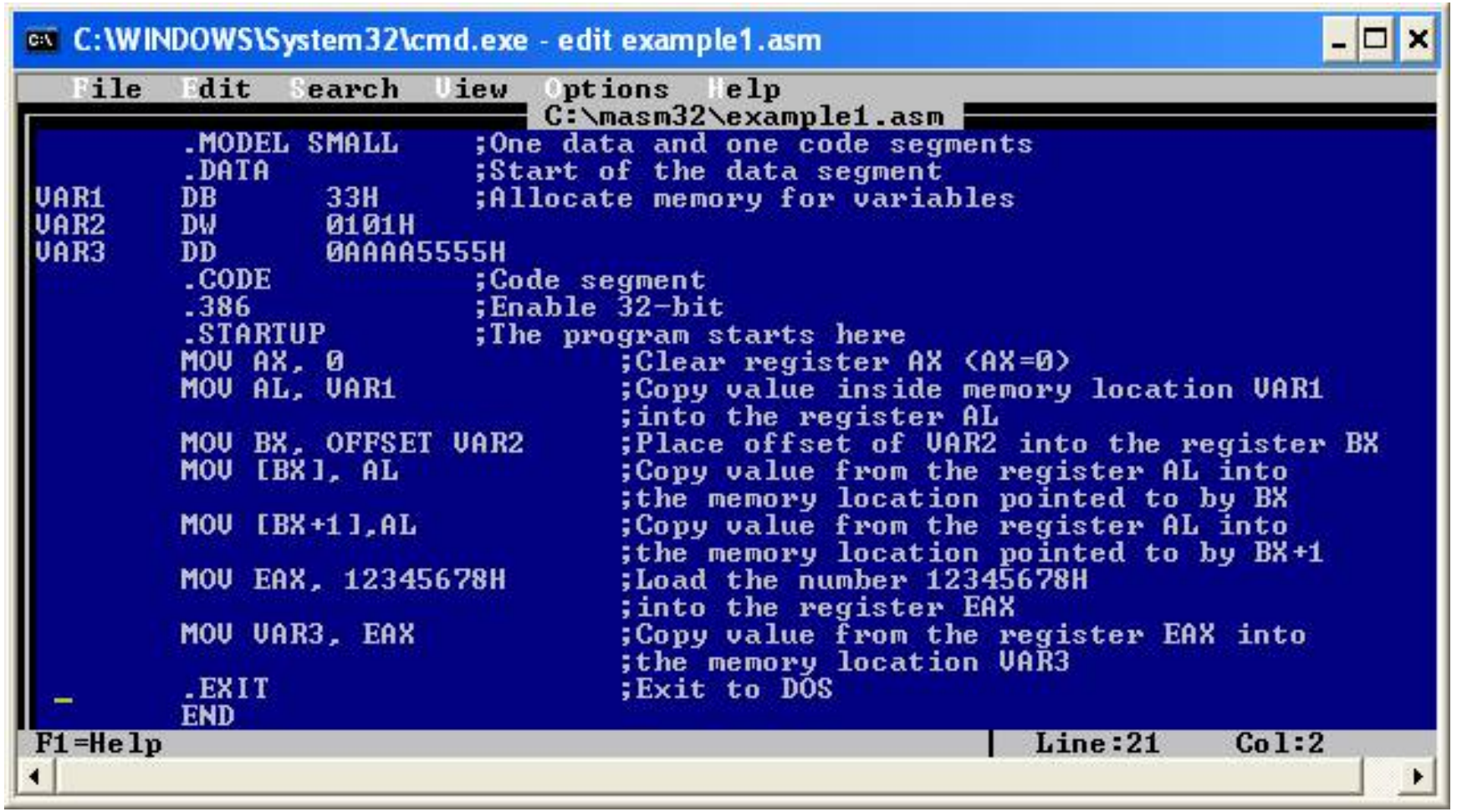
usage: ML [options] filelist [/link linkoptions]
Run "ML /help" or "ML /?" for more info
C:\Documents and Settings\esazonov>

- **Now you can use almost any text editor to create an assembly program. In this example, we will use Microsoft's EDIT. Type "edit example1.asm" on the command prompt and enter the text of the program.**
- **Save the file by "Alt-F","Alt+S". Exit "Alt-F","Alt-X"**



8. Compile and link the assembly file by issuing "ml /Zi example1.asm"

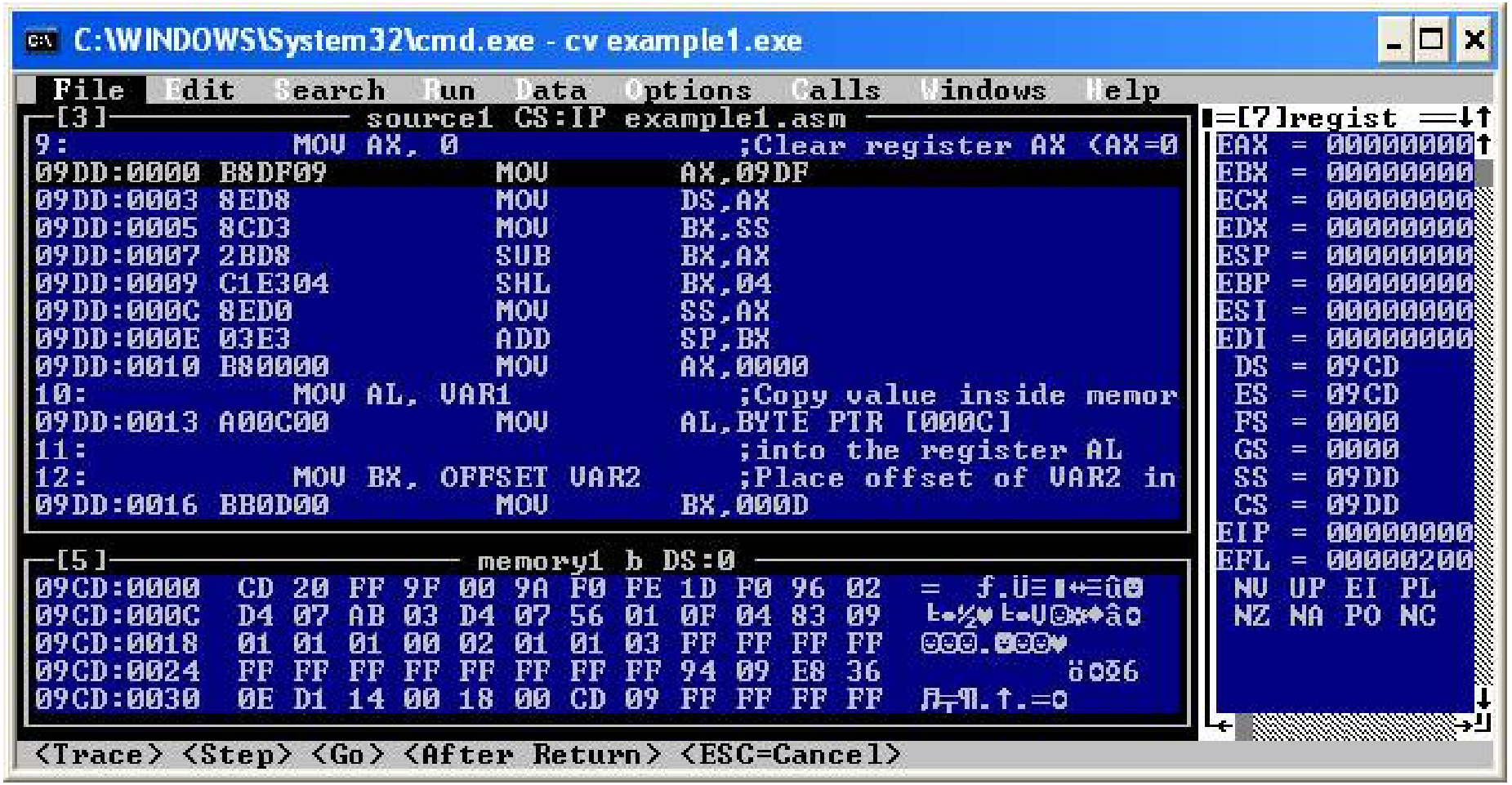
Notes: The letter Z must be capital.

Different way: masm/zi **example1**; ***Compiling***

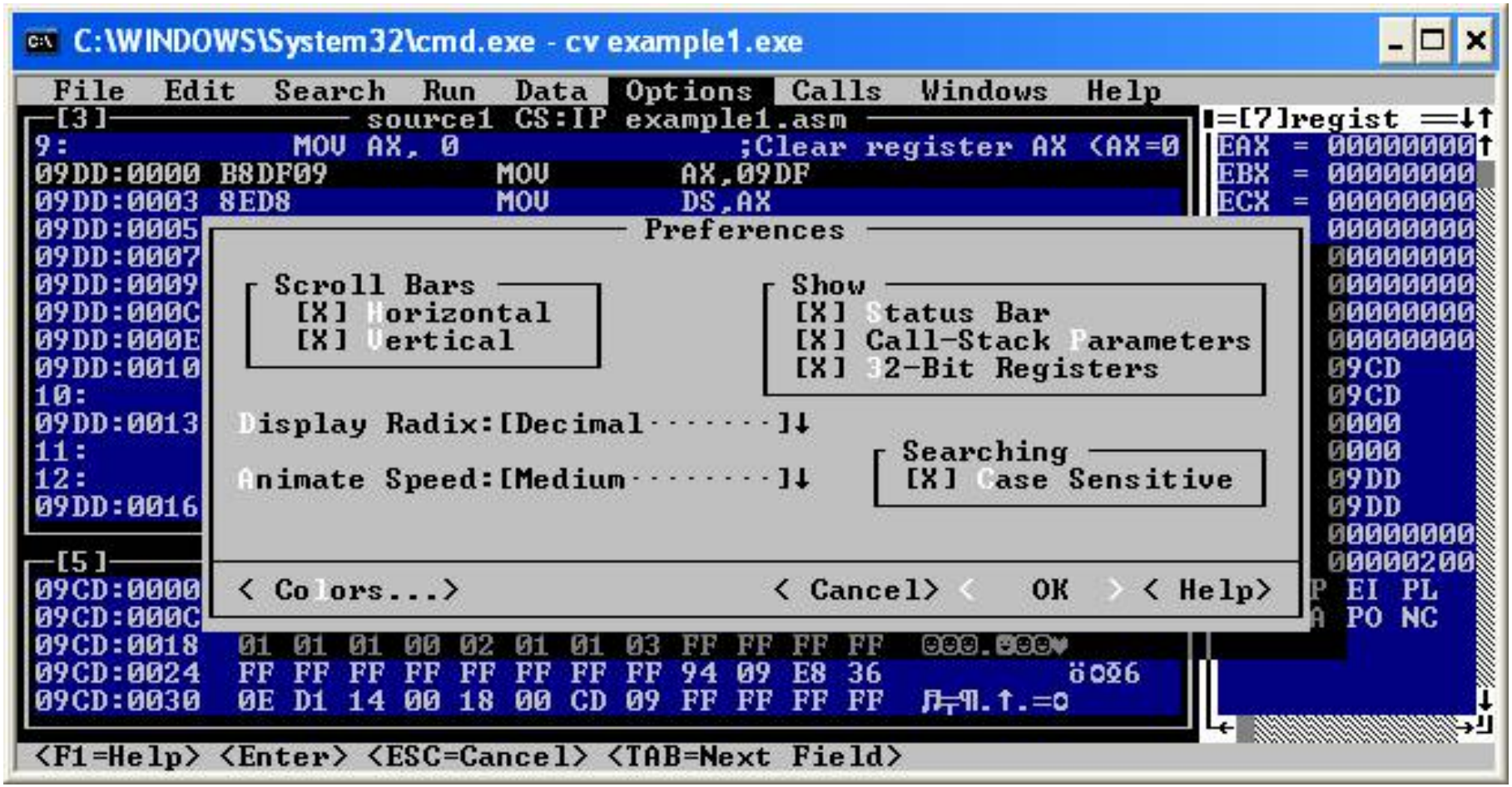
link/co **example1**; ***Linking***

Linking is the final stage of compilation. It takes one or more object files or libraries as input and combines them to produce a single (usually executable) file.

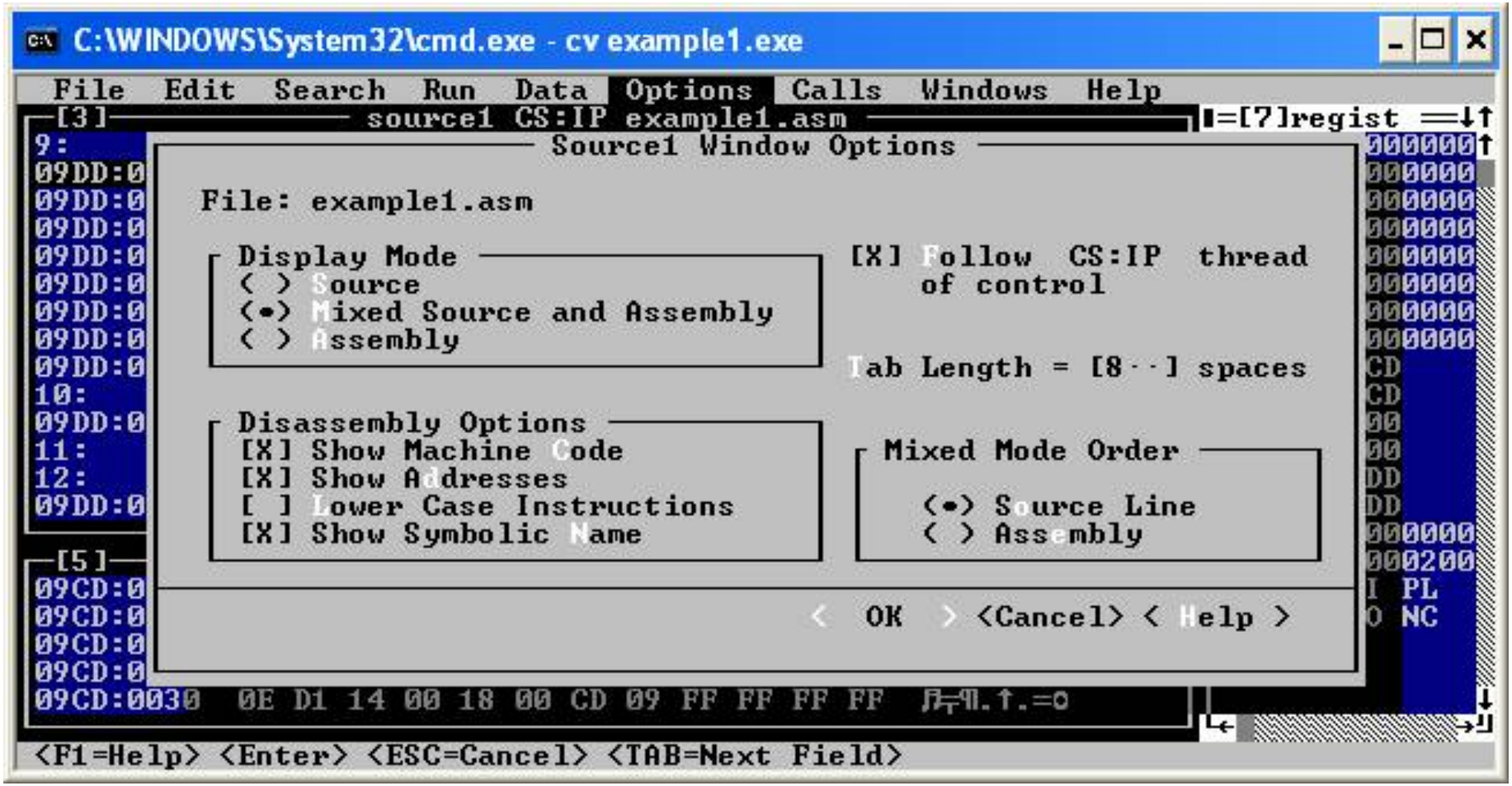
- Now lets start and configure the Code View debugger. Type “cv example1.exe’ at the command prompt.
- Enter “Alt-W” and make sure that you have the following windows on the screen:
  - Code 1 - Registers - Memory 1
- Press “Alt-F5” to arrange the windows on the screen.



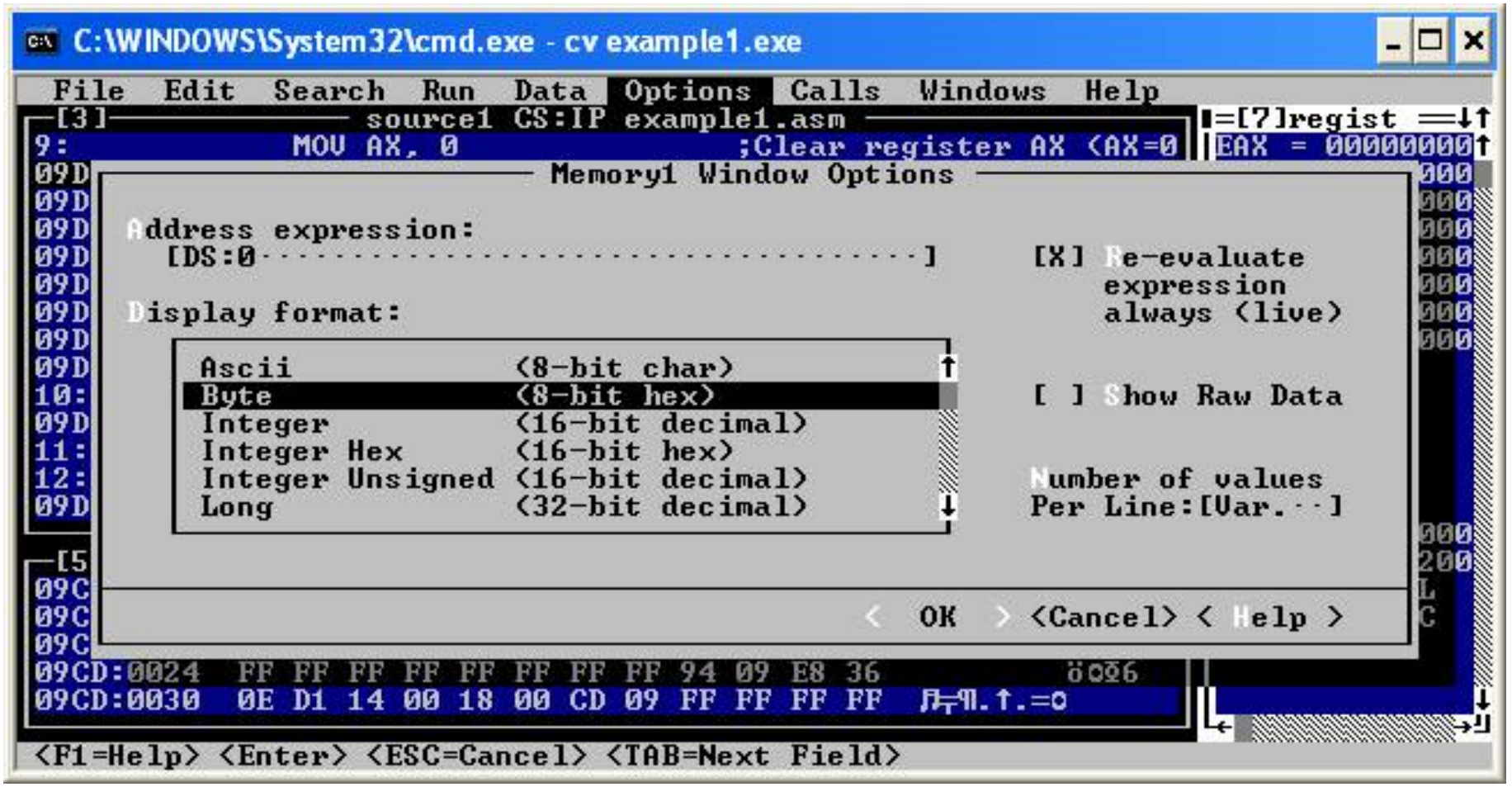
- **Now lets set the options. “Alt-O” -> Preferences. Set the options as shown and click “ok”.**



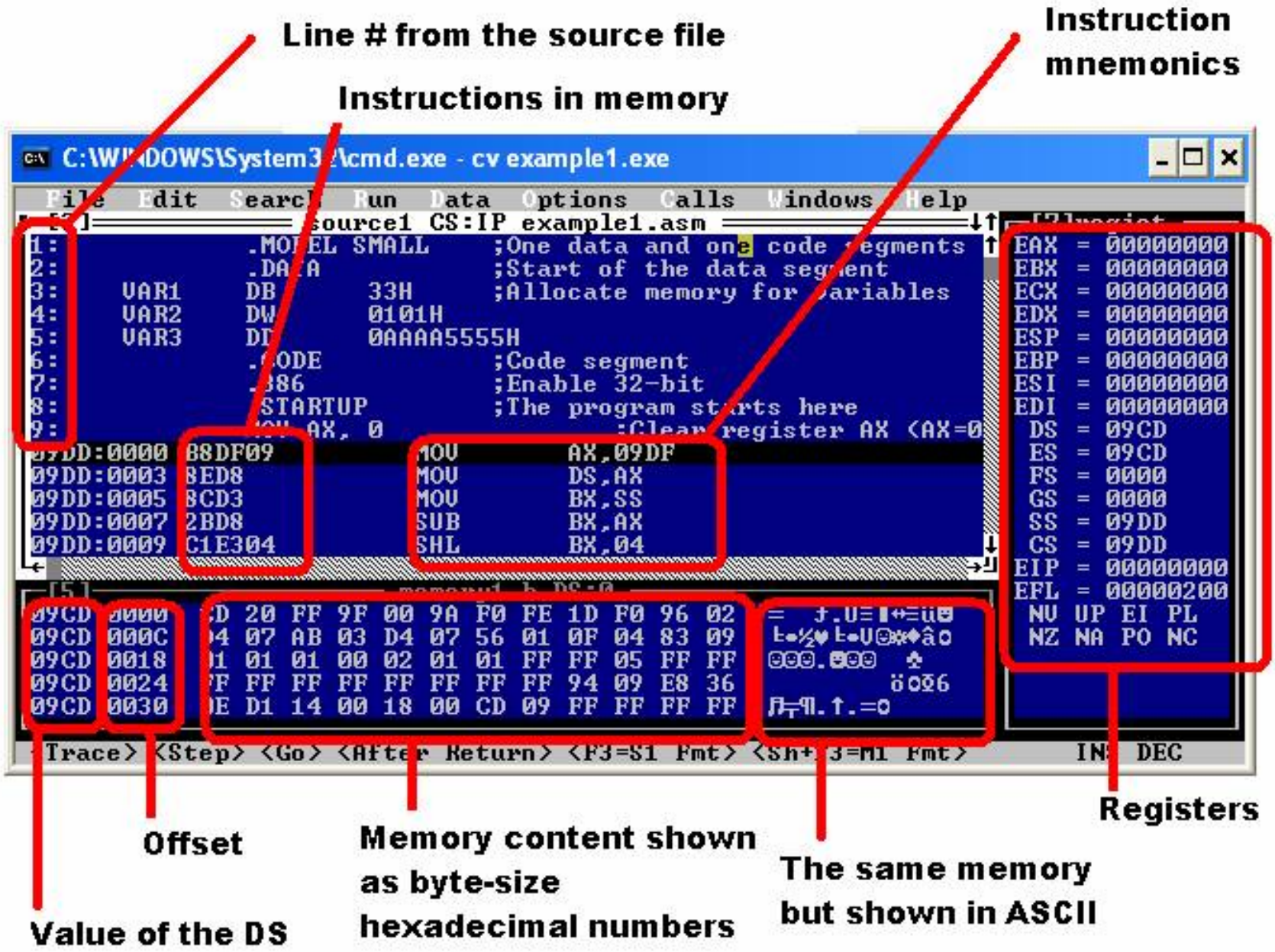
- Again, “Alt-O” -> “Source 1 window”

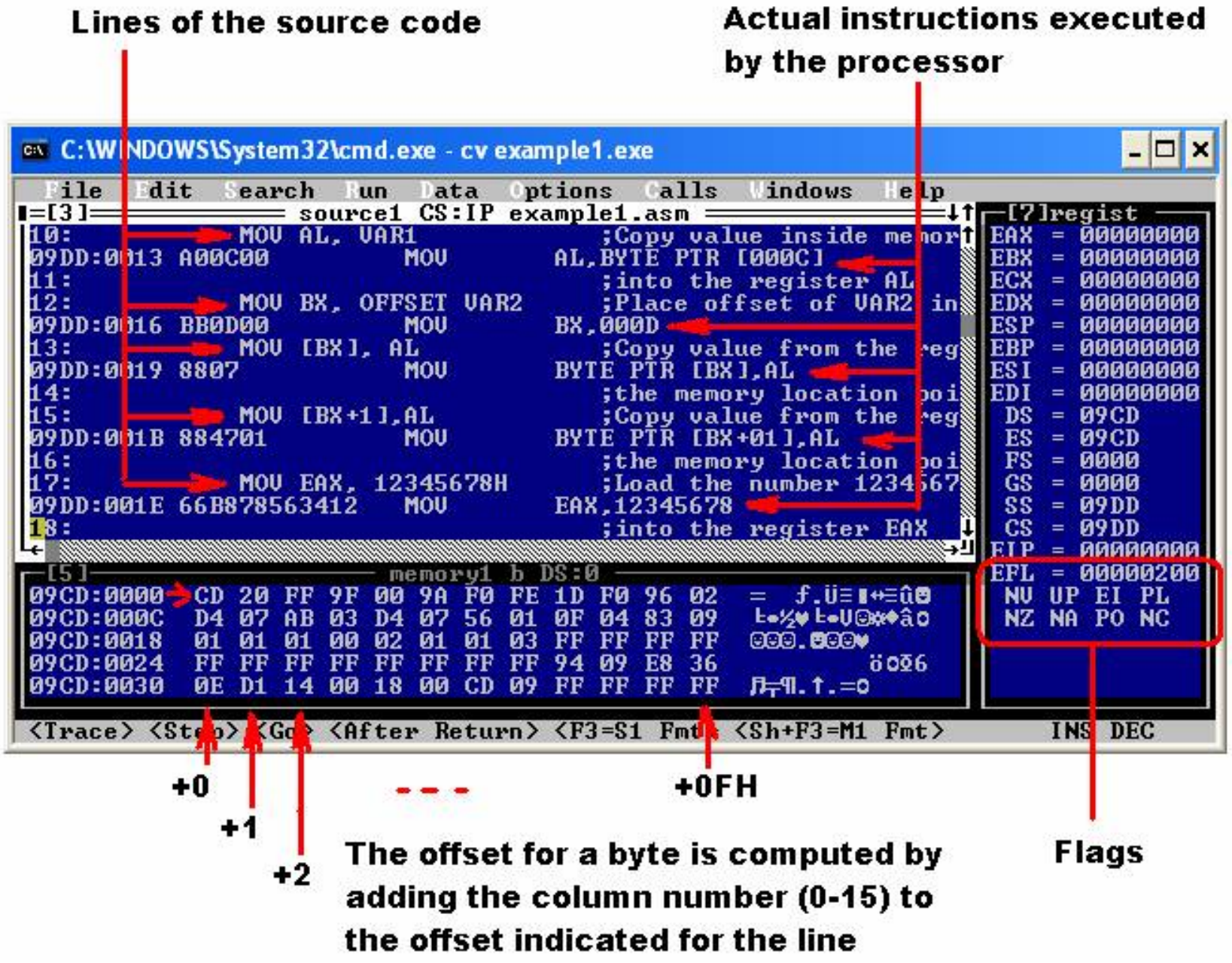


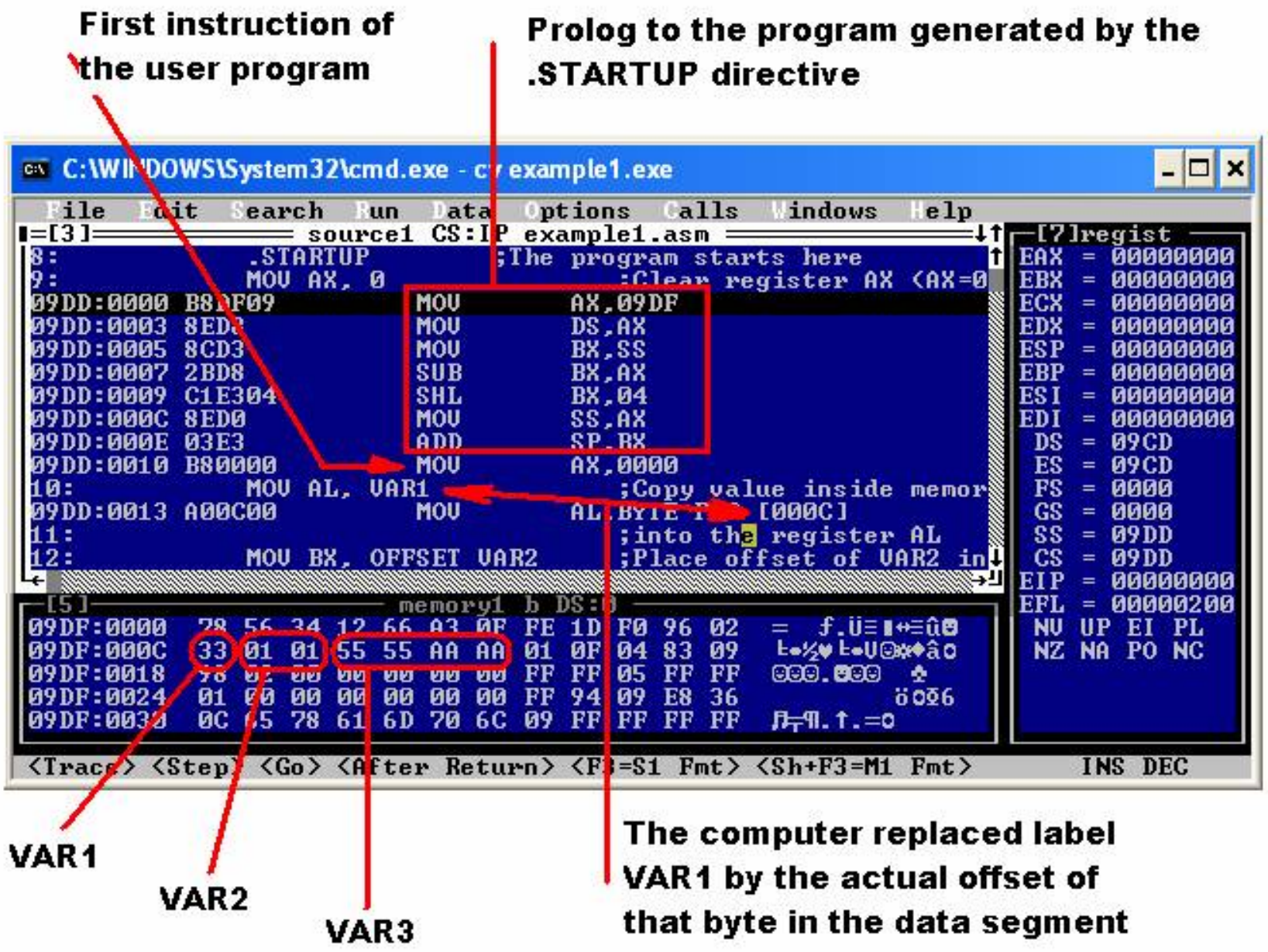
- “Alt-O” - >”Memory 1 window”
- Make sure to mark X over Re-evaluate expression always field.



10. Lets look at the program.




Lines of the source code
Actual instructions executed by the processor
C:\WINDOWS\System32\cmd.exe - cv example1.exe
File Edit Search Run Data Options Calls Windows Help
source1 CS:IP example1.asm
10: MOV AL, VAR1 ;Copy value inside memor
09DD:0013 A00C00 MOV AL,BYTE PTR [000C]
11: ;into the register AL
12: MOV BX, OFFSET VAR2 ;Place offset of VAR2 in
09DD:0016 BB0D00 MOV BX,000D
13: MOV [BX], AL ;Copy value from the reg
09DD:0019 8807 MOV BYTE PTR [BX],AL
14: ;the memory location poi
15: MOV [BX+1],AL ;Copy value from the reg
09DD:001B 884701 MOV BYTE PTR [BX+01],AL
16: ;the memory location poi
17: MOV EAX, 12345678H ;Load the number 1234567
09DD:001E 66B878563412 MOV EAX,12345678
18: ;into the register EAX
[7]regist
EAX = 00000000
EBX = 00000000
ECX = 00000000
EDX = 00000000
ESP = 00000000
EBP = 00000000
ESI = 00000000
EDI = 00000000
DS = 09CD
ES = 09CD
FS = 0000
GS = 0000
SS = 09DD
CS = 09DD
EIP = 00000000
EFL = 00000200
NV UP EI PL
NZ NA PO NC
memory1 b DS:0
09CD:0000 CD 20 FF 9F 00 9A F0 FE 1D F0 96 02
09CD:000C D4 07 AB 03 D4 07 56 01 0F 04 83 09
09CD:0018 01 01 01 00 02 01 01 03 FF FF FF FF
09CD:0024 FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF 94 09 E8 36
09CD:0030 0E D1 14 00 18 00 CD 09 FF FF FF FF
<Trace> <Step> <Go> <After Return> <F3=S1 Fmt> <Sh+F3=M1 Fmt> INS DEC
+0
+1
+2
+0FH
The offset for a byte is computed by adding the column number (0-15) to the offset indicated for the line
Flags


First instruction of the user program
Prolog to the program generated by the .STARTUP directive
C:\WINDOWS\System32\cmd.exe - c:\example1.exe
File Edit Search Run Data Options Calls Windows Help
source1 CS:IP example1.asm
8: .STARTUP ;The program starts here
9: MOV AX, 0 ;Clear register AX (AX=0
09DD:0000 B8DF09 MOV AX,09DF
09DD:0003 8ED8 MOV DS,AX
09DD:0005 8CD3 MOV BX,SS
09DD:0007 2BD8 SUB BX,AX
09DD:0009 C1E304 SHL BX,04
09DD:000C 8ED0 MOV SS,AX
09DD:000E 03E3 ADD SP,BX
09DD:0010 B80000 MOV AX,0000
10: MOV AL, VAR1 ;Copy value inside memor
09DD:0013 A00C00 MOV AL,BYTE PTR [000C]
11: ;into the register AL
12: MOV BX, OFFSET VAR2 ;Place offset of VAR2 in
[7]regist
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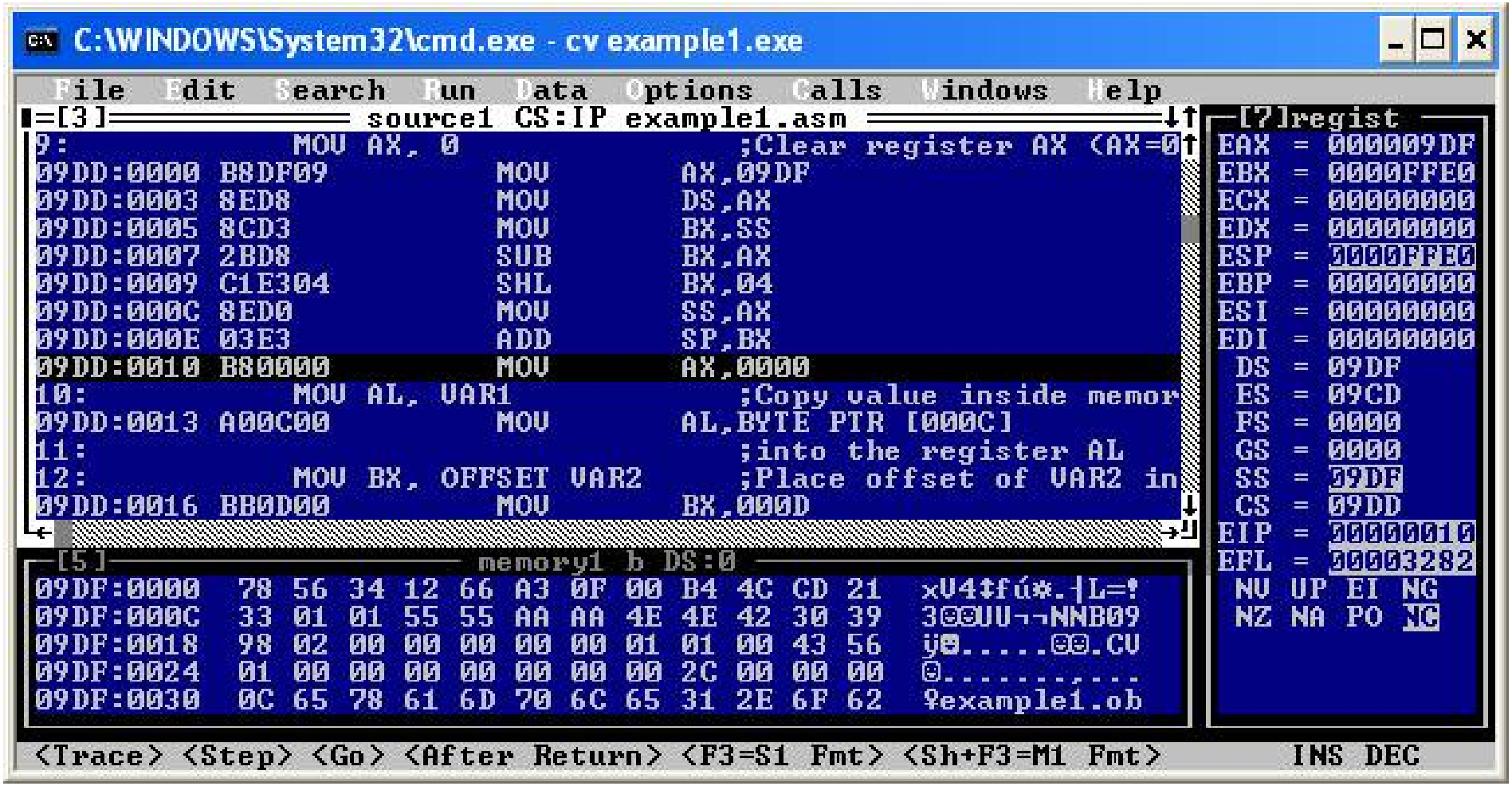
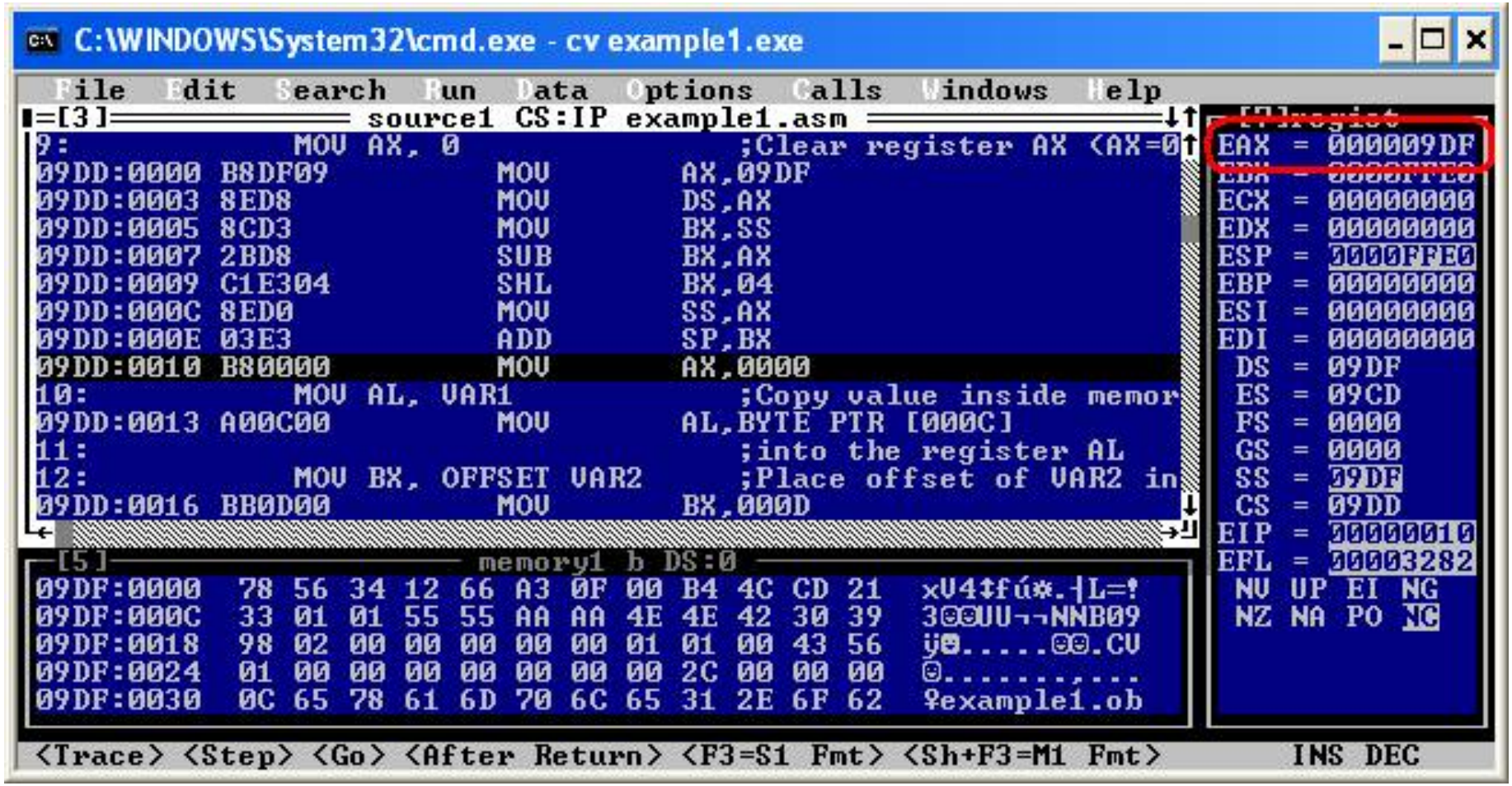
EBX = 00000000
ECX = 00000000
EDX = 00000000
ESP = 00000000
EBP = 00000000
ESI = 00000000
EDI = 00000000
DS = 09CD
ES = 09CD
FS = 0000
GS = 0000
SS = 09DD
CS = 09DD
EIP = 00000000
EFL = 00000200
NV UP EI PL
NZ NA PO NC
[5] memory1 b DS:0
09DF:0000 78 56 34 12 66 A3 0F FE 1D F0 96 02
09DF:000C 33 01 01 55 55 AA AA 01 0F 04 83 09
09DF:0018 FF FF 00 00 00 00 00 FF FF 05 FF FF
09DF:0024 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF 94 09 E8 36
09DF:0030 0C 05 78 61 6D 70 6C 09 FF FF FF FF
<Trace> <Step> <Go> <After Return> <F3=S1 Fmt> <Sh+F3=M1 Fmt> INS DEC
VAR1
VAR2
VAR3
The computer replaced label VAR1 by the actual offset of that byte in the data segment

Now lets step through the program and observe execution of each instruction.

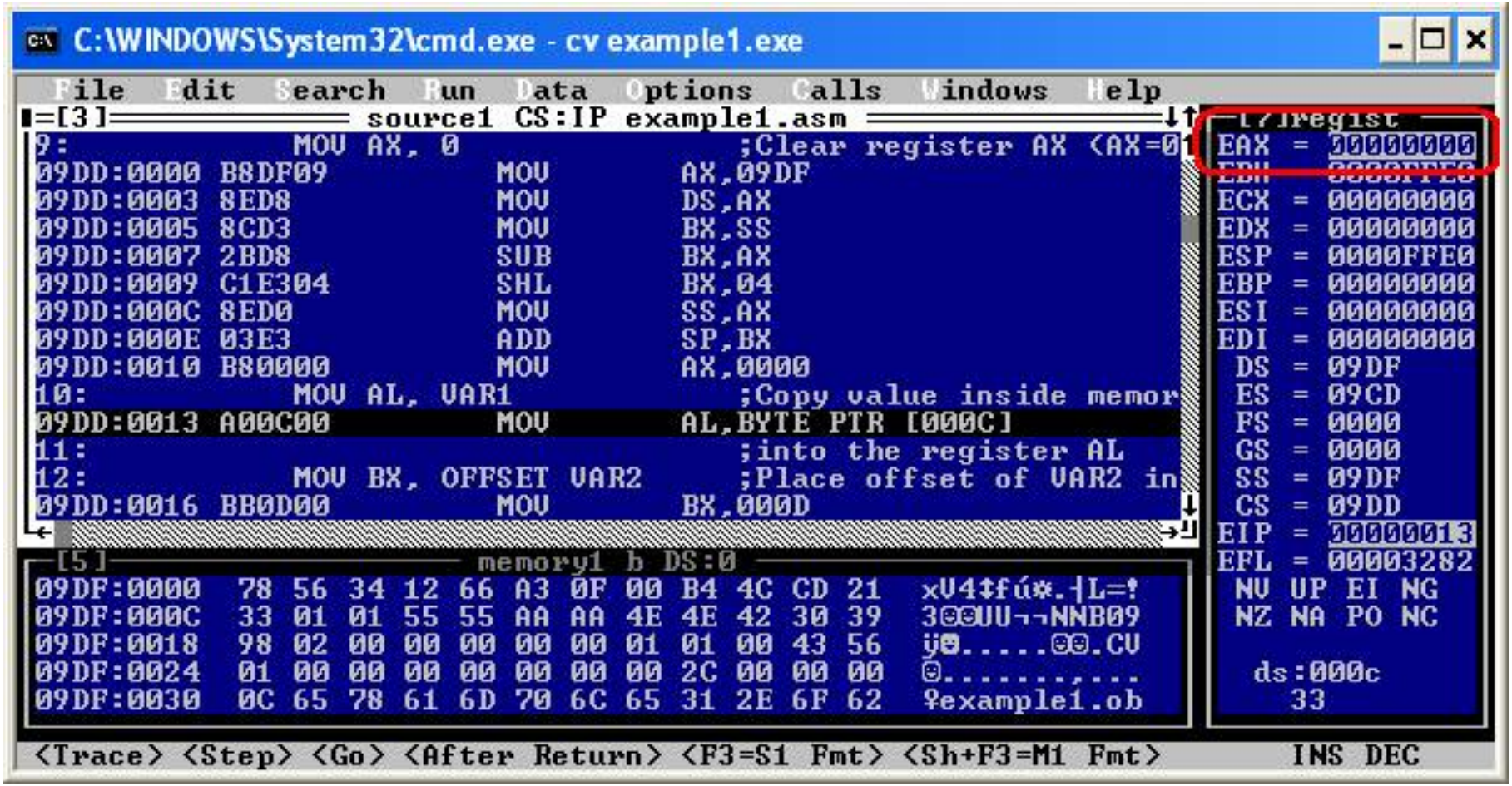
- Press “F10”.
- The debugger will show execution of the first line of the prolog.
- Press “F10” until instruction “MOV AX,0” is highlighted. This is the first instruction of your program.



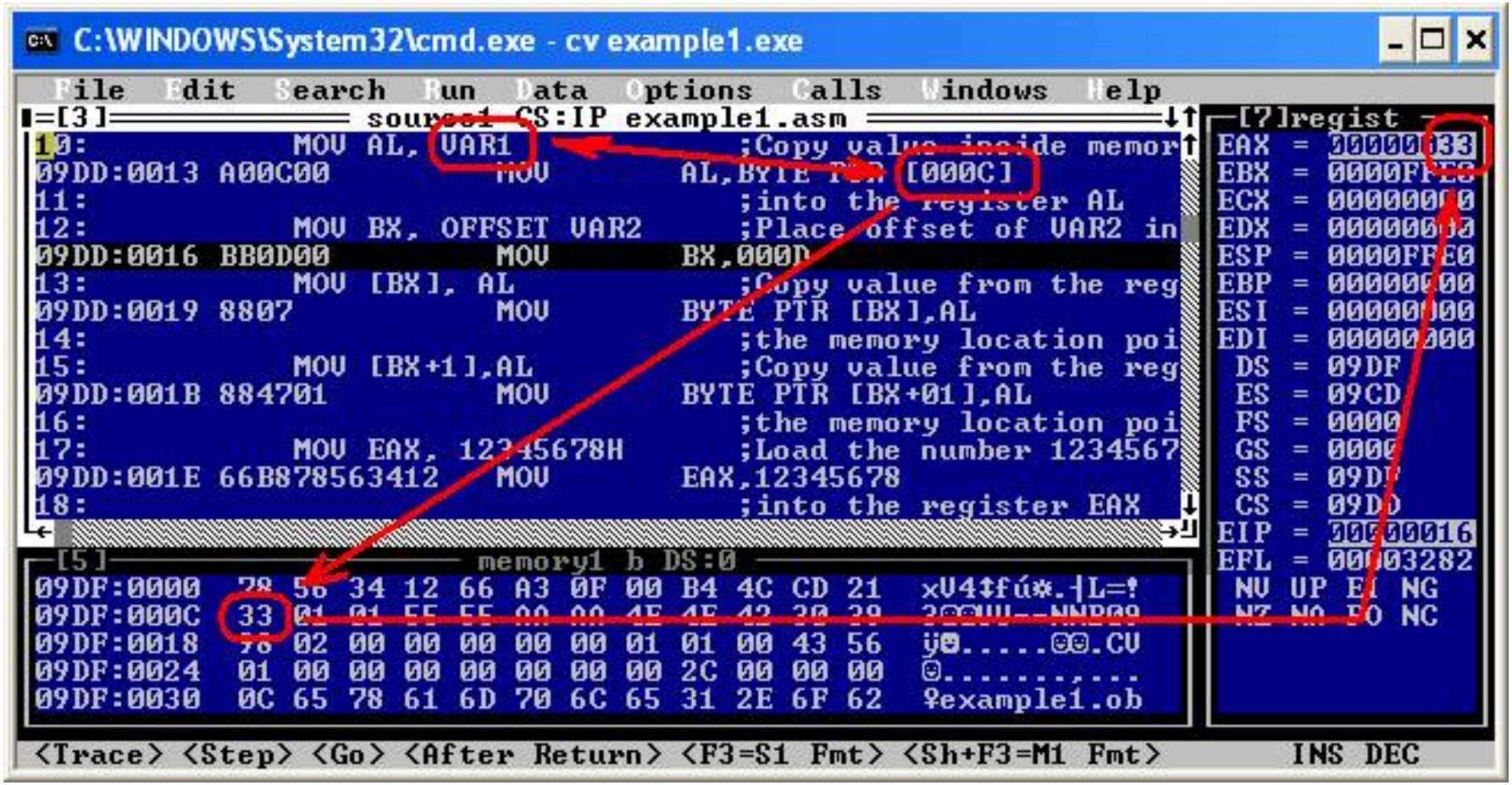
- **Observe the value in the register EAX. Register AX contains number 09DFH.**



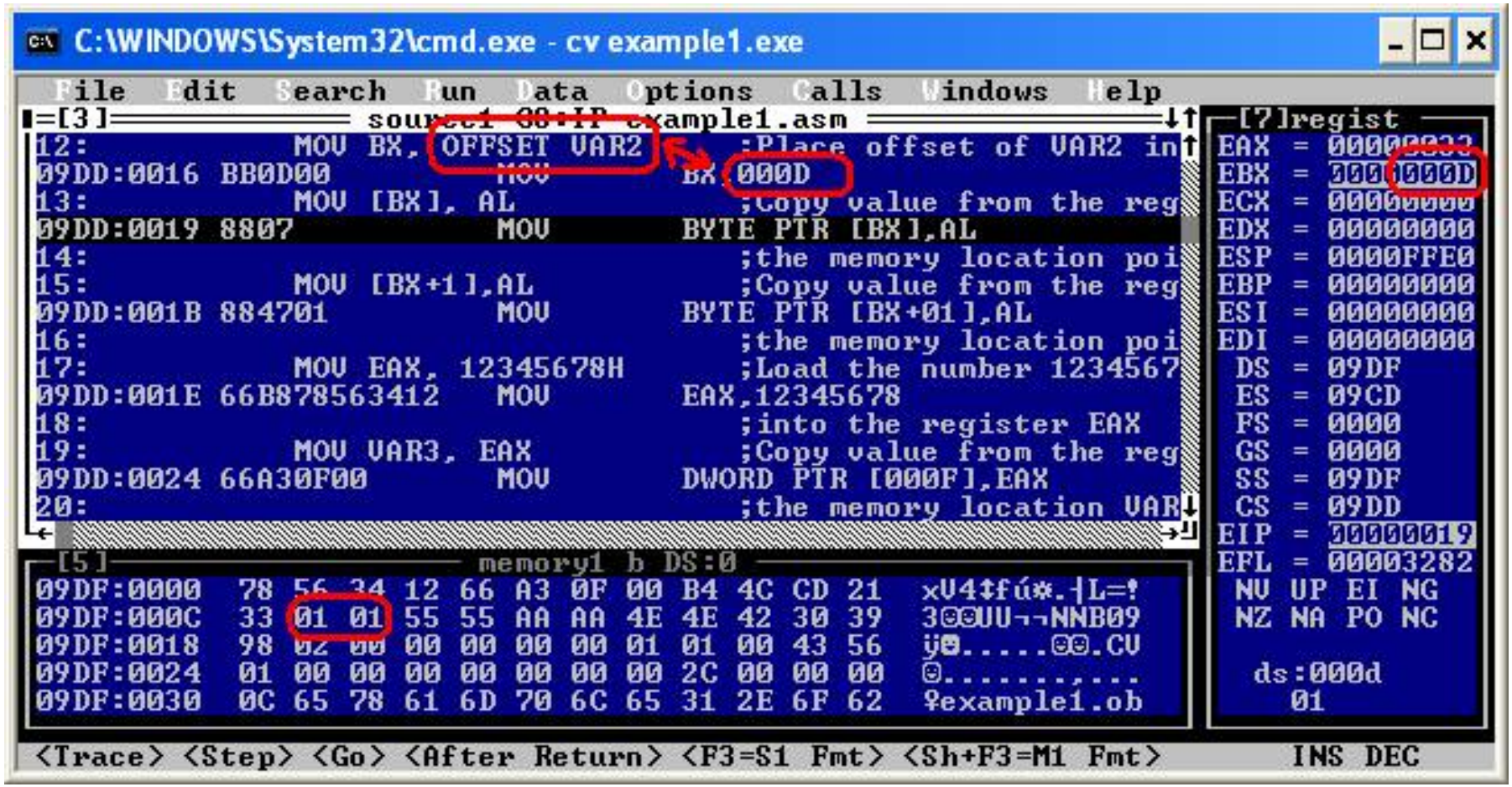
- Now press “F10”. The debugger will execute the highlighted instruction.
- Note the change in the content of EAX and the fact that the register has been highlighted by the debugger, indicating the change.



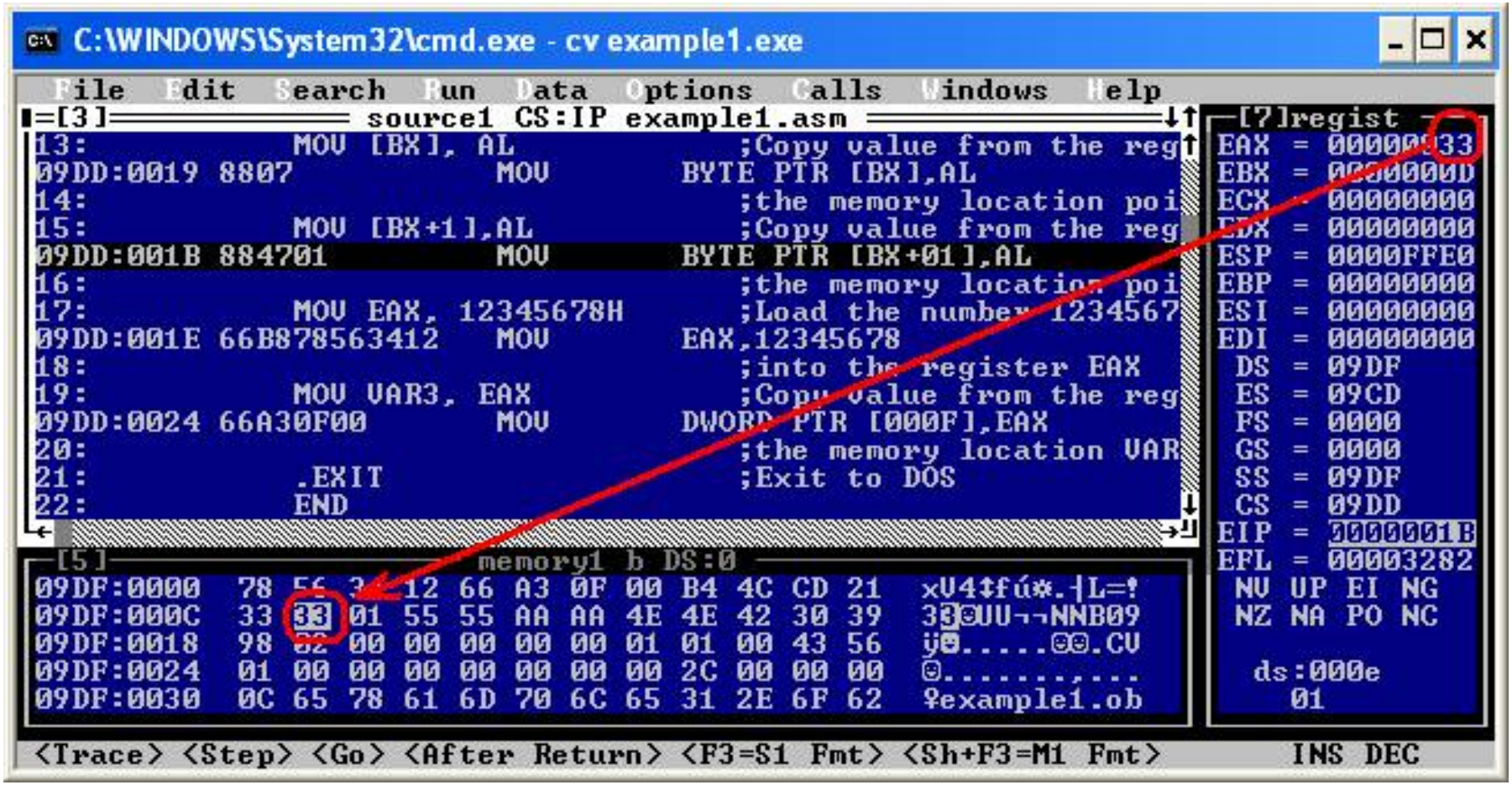
- The highlighting the code window moved to the next instruction.
- Note that the line of the source code “MOV AL, VAR1” became “MOV AL, [000C] where 000CH is the actual offset of VAR1 in the data segment. You can check that this is true by checking the content of memory location DS:000CH in the data window.
- Now execute this instruction by pressing “F10”. Content of the register AL changed, taking the value from the VAR1.



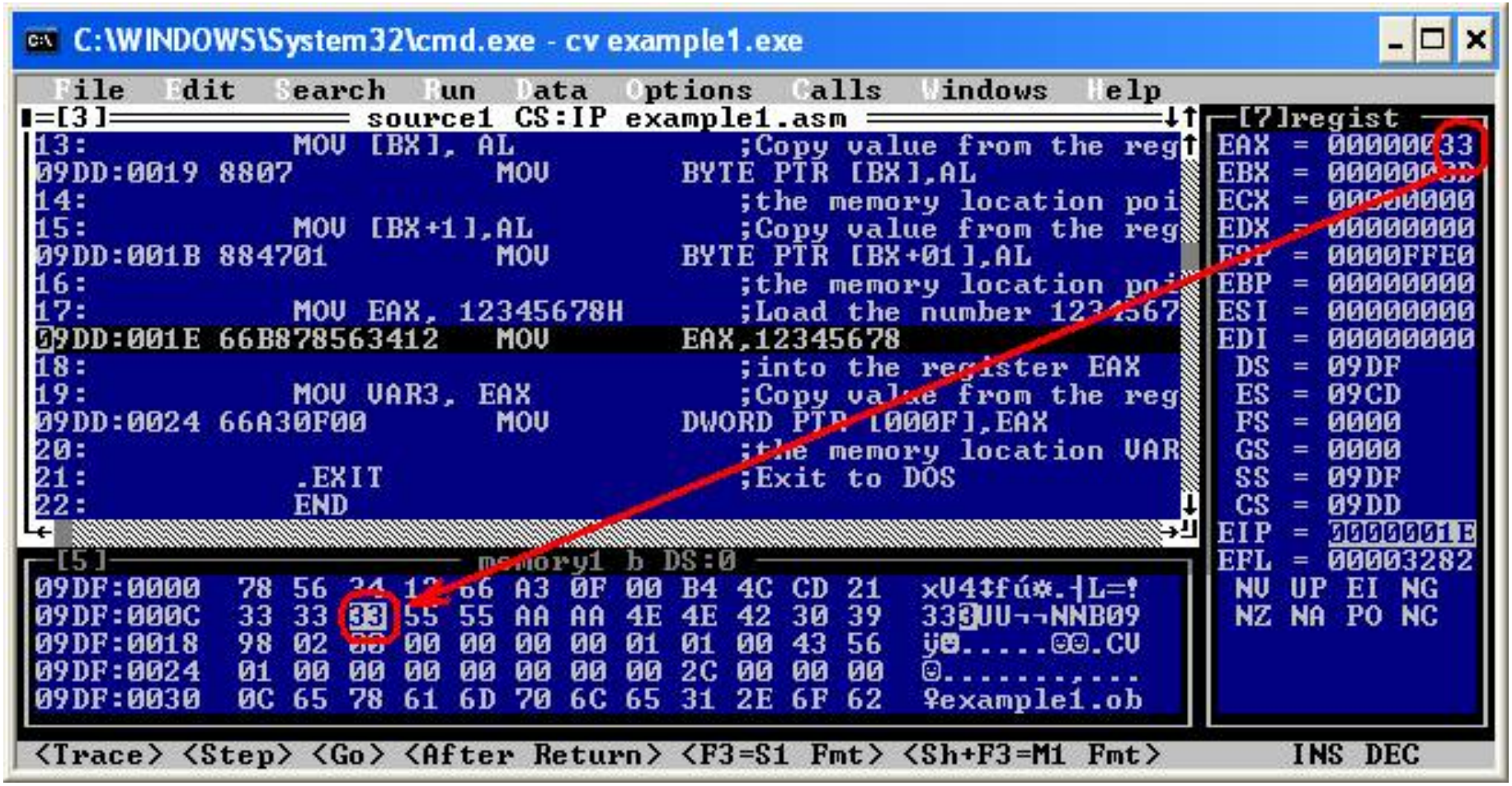
- **The next instruction is “MOV BX, OFFSET VAR2”. VAR2 follows VAR1 in memory and has offset of 000DH. This is the value that will be placed into the BX upon execution of this instruction. Press “F10” to execute.**



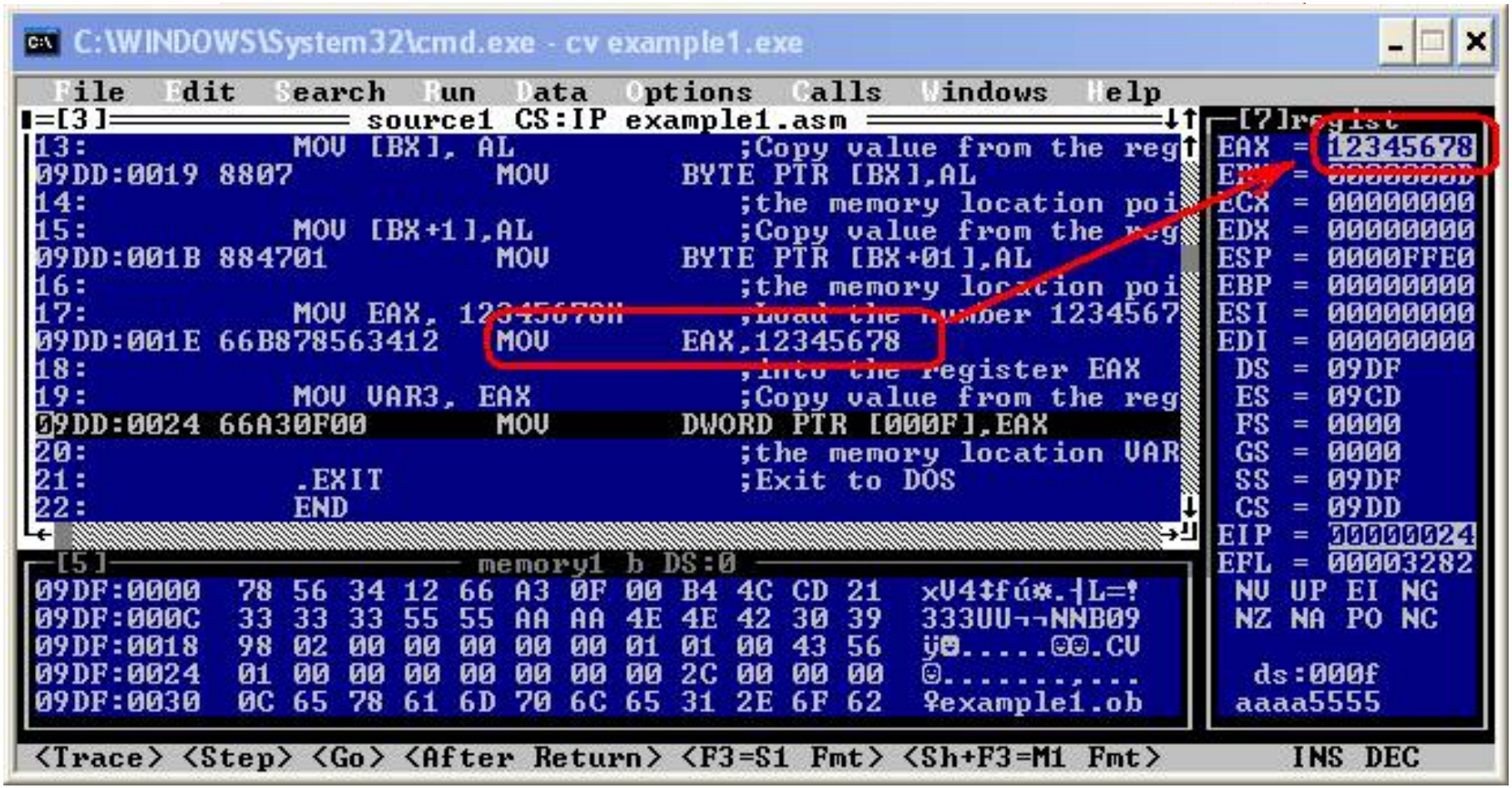
- The following instruction “MOV [BX], AL” will copy the content of AL into the memory location pointed by BX within the data segment. After the previous instruction BX contains the offset of the first byte of VAR2 or 000DH. That is where the data from AL will appear. Press “F10” to execute.
- Note the debugger also highlighted changes in the data window.



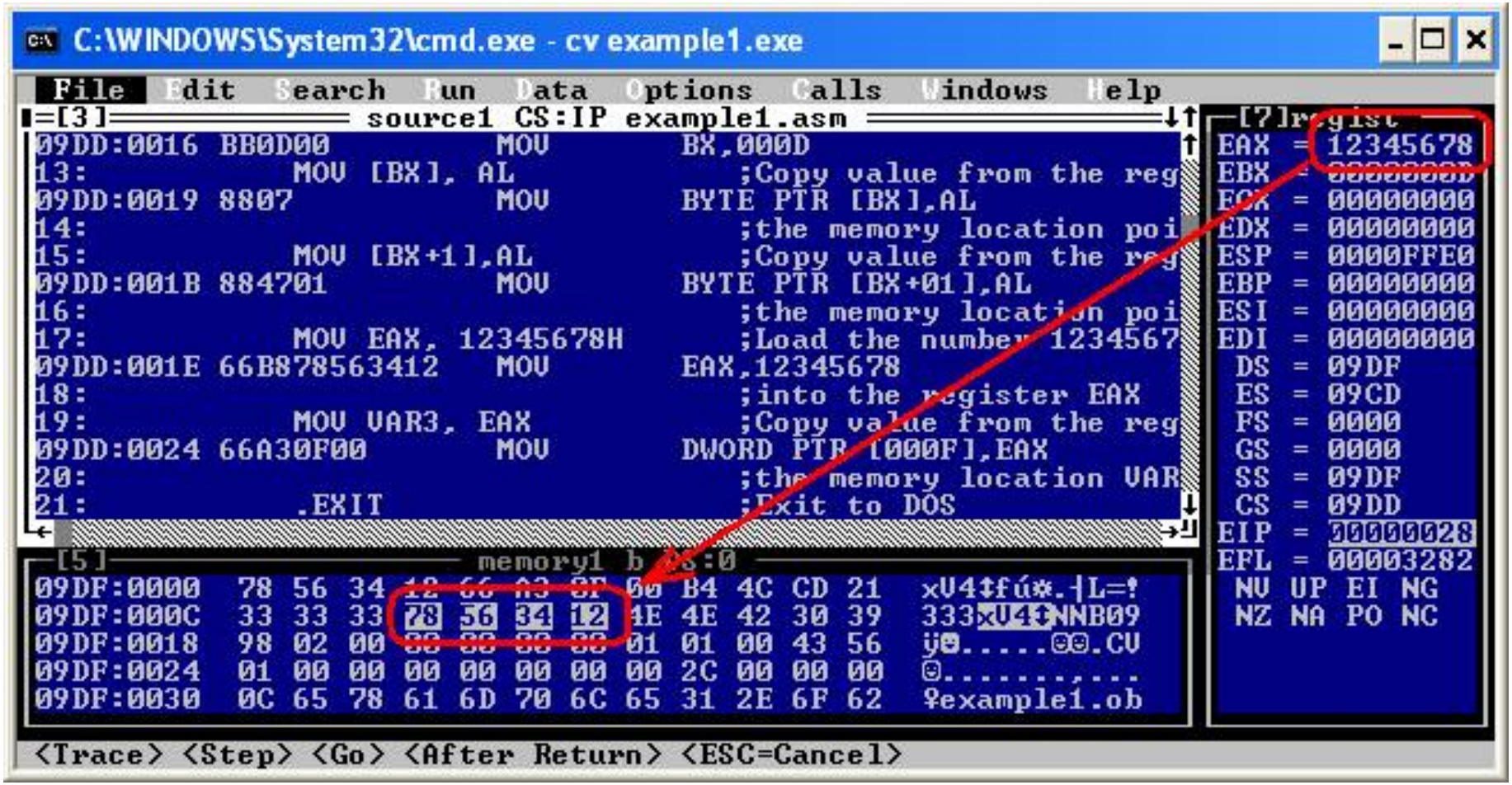
- Instruction “MOV [BX+1], AL” will copy the content of the register AL into the memory location with offset equal whatever the number is in BX plus 1. In our case BX=000DH, then the offset is 000DH+0001H=000EH. That is the second byte of the VAR2. Press “F10” to execute. Note the change in the memory content.



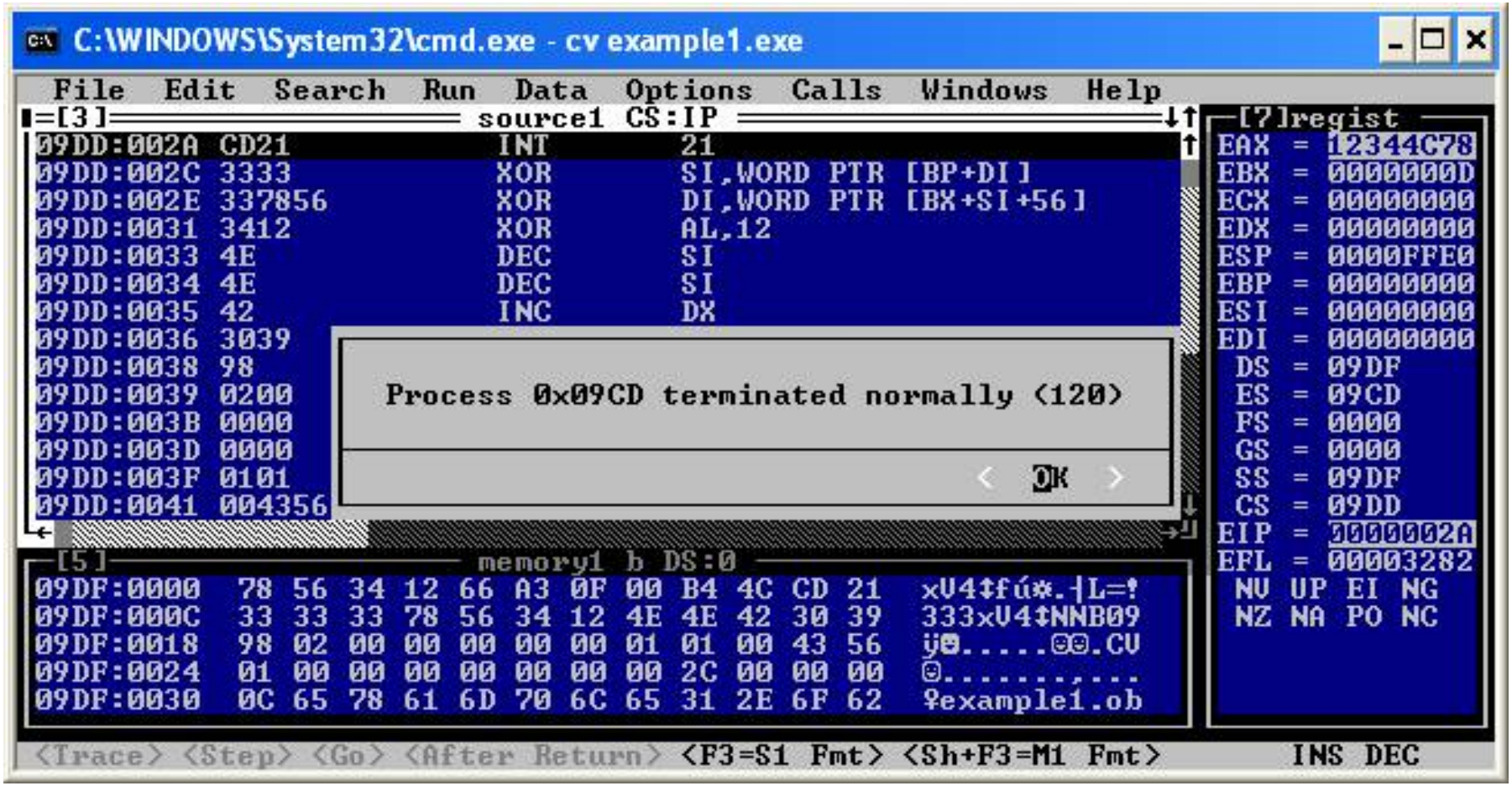
- **Instruction “MOV EAX, 12345678H” will place number 12345678H into the register EAX. Press “F10” to execute.**



- The instruction “MOV VAR3, EAX” became “MOV DWORD PTR [000F], EAX”.
- VAR3 has been replaced by the actual offset (000FH) of VAR3 in the data memory. This instruction will take the content of the EAX and place into the four consecutive bytes of memory (a 32-bit variable) starting with the offset 000FH. Press “F10” to execute.



- **That was the last instruction of the user program. The remaining instructions are generated by the .EXIT directive and serve to terminate the program. Press “F10” until the process terminates.**



Examples

```
.Model small
.data
var1     db  33h
var2     dw  0101h
var3     dd  0AAAA5555h

.code
.386
.startup
        mov             ax,0
     mov  al,var1
     mov  bx,offset var2
     mov  [bx],al
     mov  [bx+1],al
     mov  eax,12345678h
     mov  var3,eax
     .exit
END
```

Examples

```
.Model small
.data
array DW 20 DUP(?)
.code
        Mov Ax,@data
        Mov DS,AX
        Mov ES,AX
        mov DI,OFFSET array
        Mov Bx,05H
        Mov CX,20
   L1:  Mov  [DI],Bx
        ADD DI,2
        loop L1
.exit
END
```

NOTE:

If the .startup directive is used (MASM version 6.x), the

Mov Ax,@data followed by

Mov DS,AX statement can be eliminated.

Examples

```
.Model small
.data
array DW 20 DUP(?)
.code
.startup
        mov DI,OFFSET array
        Mov Bx,05H
        Mov CX,20
   L1:  Mov  [DI],Bx
        ADD DI,2
        loop L1
.exit
END
```

NOTE: In new versions of MASM, the assembly program can be complied successfully without using .startup directive.

Examples

```
DATA_SEG SEGMENT 'DATA'
    array DW 20 DUP(?)
DATA_SEG      ENDS

CODE_SEG      SEGMENT       'CODE'
MOV AX, DATA_SEG
MOV ES, AX
MOV DS, AX
 mov DI,OFFSET array
       Mov Bx,05H
       Mov CX,20
 L1:  Mov  [DI],Bx
       ADD DI,2
       loop L1
CODE_SEG      ENDS
END
```

*'DATA' is an **optional** field: gives important Information to the assembler for organizing The segment, but is not required.*

NOTE: In new versions of MASM, the assembly program can be complied successfully without including the following instructions:

MOV AX, DATA_SEG
MOV ES, AX
MOV DS, AX

Examples

```
DATA_SEG SEGMENT    'DATA'
      array DW 20 DUP(?)
DATA_SEG  ENDS

CODE_SEG  SEGMENT   'CODE'
ASSUME CS:CODE_SEG, DS:DATA_SEG
MAIN          PROC          FAR
MOV AX, DATA_SEG
MOV ES, AX
MOV DS, AX
      mov DI,OFFSET array
      Mov Bx,05H
      Mov CX,20
L1:    Mov  [DI],Bx
      ADD DI,2
      loop L1
MAIN          ENDP
CODE_SEG  ENDS
END  MAIN   ; or just END
```

Notes:

1. The ASSUME statement is needed because a given assembly language program can have several code segments, one or more data segments, and more than a stack segment, but only one of each can be addressed by the CPU at a given time since there is only one of each of the segment registers available inside the CPU. Therefore, ASSUME tells the assembler which of the segments defined by the SEGMENT directives should be used.
2. Procedures:

• FAR corresponds to the term *global* which denotes for a procedure that can be used by any program.
• *NEAR* corresponds to the term *Local* which defines a procedure that is only used by the current program.

- **Still not clear how to work with the CodeView debugger?**
- **Here is additional tutorials you can go through.**

CodeView tutorial

- **http://www.nuvisionmiami.com/books/asm/cv/index.htm**

Debugging

- **http://www.math.uaa.alaska.edu/~afkjm/cs221/handouts/debugging.pdf**