

8086 Microprocessor

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Lecture Outline



1. A brief survey of 8086 family
2. The architecture of the 8086
3. The registers and their special functions
4. Overall structure of the IBM PC
5. The memory organization
6. I/O ports, DOS and BIOS routines

Intel 8086 Family of Microprocessors

Based on Intel 8086 family of microprocessor

- **IBM PC (8088)**
- **PC XT (8088)**
- **PC AT (80286)**
- **PS/1 (80286)**
- **PS/2 (8086/ 80286/ 80386/ 80486)**
- **Some PC compatible Laptop models (80186)**

The 8086 and 8088 Microprocessors



| 8086 | 8088 |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The first 16-bit Microprocessor that can process 16-bits of data at a time. [1978].8086 has 16-bit data bus | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Internally 8088 is essentially same as 8086.however, externally 8088 has a 8-bit data bus |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 8086 has faster clock rate and thus has better performance. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It is less expensive to build the computer around 8088 [used to build IBM original PC] |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Both 8086 and 8088 have the same instruction set and it forms the basic set of instruction for other microprocessors in the family. | |

80186 and 80188 Microprocessors

| 80186 | 80188 |
|---|---|
| ➤ 80186 is the enhanced version of 8086 | ➤ 80188 is the enhanced version of 8088 |
| ➤ 80816 incorporates with all the functions of the 8086 in addition to some support chips | ➤ 80818 incorporates with all the functions of the 8088 in addition to some support chips |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Both 80186 and 80188 can execute some extended instruction set.➤ 80186 and 80188 have no significant advantage over the 8086 and 8088.➤ 80186 and 80188 were overshadowed very soon due to the development of 80286. | |

The 80286 Microprocessor

- **80286** is 16-bit microprocessor and was introduced in 1982.
- It operates **faster** than the 8086 [12.5 MHz vs 10MHz]
- **Two modes of operation**
 - **Real address:**
 - In this mode, microprocessor behaves like 8086 and programs for 8086 can be executed without modification.
 - **Protected Virtual address:**
 - **Multitasking:** 80286 supports multi-tasking. So, it can operate several tasks at the same time.
 - **Memory protection:** Protects the memory used by one program from the actions of another program.

The 80286 Microprocessor

- **More addressable Memory:** The protected mode can address 16 megabytes of memory as opposed to 1MB in 8086 and 8088.
- **Virtual Memory in protected mode:** 80286 can consider external storage or disk as a physical memory and execute large programs [up to 1GB or 2^{30} bytes].

The 80386 and 80386SX Microprocessor

80386

- 80386 or 386 is the first 32-bit microprocessor introduced in 1985
- Much faster than 80286 as it has 32-bit data path, high clock rate (up to 33MHz) and the ability to execute instruction in fewer clock cycles than 80286 .
- Like 80286, the 386 can operate in two operational mode (real or protected).
- In real mode, 386 behaves like and 8086, however, it can emulate the 80286 in protected mode
- The 386 also has a virtual 8086 mode that is designed to run multiple 8086 applications under memory protection.
- The 386 protected mode can address 4 gigabytes of physical memory and 64 terabytes of virtual memory.

80386SX

- The 386SX has essentially the same internal structure as the 386, however, it has only a 16-bit data bus.

The 80486 and 80486SX Microprocessor

80486

- **80486 or 486 is another 32-bit microprocessor introduced in 1989.**
- **486 is the fastest and most powerful microprocessor in the family.**
- **486 incorporates all the functions of the 386 with some other supportive chips including 80387 numeric processor like 80387.**
- **80387 numeric processor performs floating-point number operations.**
- **An 8-KB cache memory serves as a fast memory area to buffer the data coming from a slower memory unit.**
- **With numeric processor, cache memory and faster design, 486 is three times faster than 386 running at the same clock speed.**

80486SX

- **The 486SX has essentially the same internal structure as the 486, however, it does not have any floating point processor.**

Organization of the 8086/8088 Microprocessor

- 8086 and 8088 has the simplest structure and they provide the insights to the most advanced processors.
- As both 8086 and 8088 essentially has the same structure, we will use the term “8086” for both.

Registers

- Information inside the microprocessor is stored in **registers**.
- Registers are classified according to their functions.
 - Data register holds the data for an operation.
 - Address register holds the address for an instruction or data.
 - Status register keeps the current status of the processor.
 - **Data registers:** 8086 has **four** general data registers.
 - **Address registers:** Segment, Pointer, and Index registers.
 - **Status register:** FLAG registers.
- **There are total fourteen 16-bit registers.**

*** The good news is, we DO NOT need to memorize them at all. it will become familiar as we go on. :)

8086 Registers

80x86 Registers

General
Register

| | | | |
|----|-------------|----|----|
| AX | Accumulator | AH | AL |
| BX | Base | BH | BL |
| CX | Counter | CH | CL |
| DX | Data | DH | DL |

Segment
Register

| |
|--------------------|
| CS (code segment) |
| DS (data segment) |
| SS (stack segment) |
| ES (extra segment) |

Pointer and
Index Register

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|--------------------------|
| IP (instruction pointer) |
| SP (stack pointer) |
| BP (base pointer) |
| SI (source index) |
| DI (destination index) |

FLAG Register

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| Flag Register |
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AX: Accumulator Register

- *** **Address registers store addresses, instructions, and data in memory.**
- Use of AX register generates shortest machine code.
- Thus, AX is preferred register to use in **arithmetic, logic, and data transfer** instructions.
- In **multiplication and division**, one of the numbers involved must be in AX or AL.
- Input and Output also require the use of AL or AX.

BX: Base Register

- BX also serves as an address register.

i.e. Table look-up instruction (XLAT)

CX: Counter Register

- CX is used as program's **loop counter**.
- CX is also used as a counter to control **string operations**.
- CL is used as count in **bit rotation** and **shifting instructions**.

DX: Data Register

- DX is used in **multiplication, division, and I/O operations**.

Memory Recall

- **List one special function of AX, BX, CX, and DX**

Segment Registers: CS, DS, SS, ES

- Memory is a collection of bytes.
- Each memory bytes has an address starting with 0.
- The 8086 assigns 20-bit physical address to its memory location. [i.e. we can address 2^{20} (1MB) of memory]. Thus the first byte of the memory addresses:

| Binary representation | Hex Representation |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 | 00000h |
| 0000 0000 0000 0000 0001 | 00001h |
| 0000 0000 0000 0000 0010 | 00010h |
| 0000 0000 0000 0000 0011 | 00011h |
| 0000 0000 0000 0000 0100 | 00100h |

- ***So what will be the highest address of 20-bit memory address?

Using 20-bit Address in 16-bit Processor

- To explain segment register's function, let's have a look on the idea of memory segments.
- How can we fit 20 bit address into 16 bit register?

Memory Partitioning Into Segments

- A memory segment is a block of 2^{16} (64KB) consecutive memory bytes.
- Each segment is identified by segment number. [starts with 0]
- A **segment** number is 16-bit [thus, highest value FFFFh].
- Within a segment, a memory location is specified by giving an offset.
- **Offset:** Number of bytes from the beginning of segment.

i.e. for a 64KB segment, the offset can be given as 16-bit number.

- **The first byte in a segment has offset 0000h.**
- **The Last byte in a segment has offset FFFFh**

Segment : Offset address

- A memory segment may be specified by providing a segment number and an offset.
- Memory segment is written in the form of *segment : offset*.
- The representation of *segment : offset* is known as logical address.
- e.g. A4FB:4872h means offset 4872h within segment A4FBh.

How to obtain 20-bit physical address in a 16-bit microprocessor?

1. The 8086 shifts the segment address 4-bits to the left [i.e. multiply by 10h].
2. Add the offset address to the segment address.

i.e. to get the 20-bit physical address from A4FB:4872h,

A4FB0h [multiplied segment with 10]

+ 4872h

=====

A9822h [20-bit physical address]

Task



Find the 20-bit address of ABC4:12BAh?

Location of Segments

- Segment 0 starts at address 0000:0000h=00000h and ends at 0000:FFFFh=0FFFFh.
- Segment 1 starts at address 0001:0000h=00010h and ends at 0001:FFFFh=1000Fh.
- Segment 2 starts at address 0010:0000h=00100h and ends at 0010:FFFFh=100FFh.

➤ **Observations:**

- The segments start at every 10h = 16 bytes
- The starting address of a segment always ends with 0h.
- We call 16 bytes a paragraph.
- An address divisible by 16 (ends with hex 0) is called a **paragraph boundary**.

Example-1

- Physical address of a memory location is 1256Ah, find the address in *segment : offset* form for segment 1256h?

$$\text{Physical address} = \text{Segment} \times 10\text{h} + \text{Offset}$$

$$\text{Offset} = \text{Physical address} - \text{Segment}$$

Lets consider, X = offset in 1256h. Thus,

- $1256\text{Ah} = 12560\text{h} [\text{segment } 1256 \text{ multiplied by } 10] + X$
- $X = 1256\text{Ah} - 12560\text{h}$
- $X = \text{Ah}$
- $X = 000\text{Ah}$

Segment : offset = 1256:000Ah

Example-2

- **Physical address of a memory location is 1256Ah, find the address in segment : offset form for segment 1240h?**

Lets consider, X = offset in 1240h. Thus,

- $1256Ah = 12400h$ [segment 1256 multiplied by 10] + X
- $X = 1256Ah - 12400h$
- $X = 16Ah$
- $X = 016Ah$

Segment : offset = 1240:016Ah

Calculate the Segment Number

- A physical address 80FD2h and offset BFD2h is given. Calculate the segment .

$$\text{Physical address} = \text{Segment} \times 10\text{h} + \text{offset}$$

Thus,

- $\text{Segment} \times 10\text{h} = \text{Physical address} - \text{offset}$
- $\text{Segment} = (\text{Physical address} - \text{offset}) / 10\text{h}$
- $\text{Segment} = (80\text{FD}2\text{h} - \text{BFD}2\text{h}) / 10\text{h}$
- $\text{Segment} = (75000\text{h}) / 10\text{h}$

$$\text{Segment} = 7500\text{h}$$

Task

- Find the physical address of memory location **0A51:CD90h**.
- A memory location has physical address **4A37Bh**. Compute the offset if segment number is **40FFh**.
- Compute the Segment if offset number is **123Bh**.

Program Segments

- Machine language program consists instruction and data.
- Processor uses stack to implement procedure calls.
- The program code are loaded into **Code Segment (CS)** of memory.
- Data are loaded into **Data Segment (DS)** of memory.
- Stack are loaded into **Stack Segment (SS)** of memory.
- The 8086 uses four segment registers (CS,DS,SS, ES) to **hold segment numbers**.
- Any program needs access for second data segment may use **Extra Segment (ES)**.

Program Segments

- A memory segment does not necessarily occupy the entire 64KB in a memory segment.
- Programs segment of less than 64KB are placed close together due to its overlapping nature.
- At any given time, only four memories are active and thus these four segments are accessible.
- However, **contents** of memory segments can be modified by a program to **address different segments**.

Pointer and Index Registers

- The registers **SP, BP, SI, and DI** usually **point** to the memory locations.
- Registers **contain the offset address** of Memory location.
- Unlike segment registers, **Index** registers can be used in **arithmetic** and other operations.

Stack Pointer (SP)

- The stack pointer (**SP**) is used **together with SS** to **access** the stack segment.

Base Pointer (BP)

- BP is used to access data on the stack.
- Unlike **SP**, **BP** can be used to access data in the other segments.

Source Index (SI)

- **SI** is used to **point to memory locations** in the data segment addressed by **DS**.
- Consecutive memory locations can be accessed by **incrementing** the content of SI.

Destination Index (DI)

- **DI** is also used to point memory location.
- **String operations** use **DI** to access memory locations addressed by ES.

Memory Recall

- **What is the primary difference between Index registers and segment registers?**

Instruction Pointer (IP)

- The memory registers are for **data access**.
- The 8086 uses **CS** and **IP** registers to **access instructions**.
- **CS** contains the **segment number** and IP contains the **offset** of next register.
- IP is updated each time after an instruction execution to **point to the next pointer**.
- Unlike other registers, IP can **not be directly** manipulated by an instruction. (i.e. an instruction may **not** contain IP as its **operand**.)

FLAGS Register

- **FLAGS** register is used to **indicate the status** of the microprocessor.
- Indication is done by setting of **individual bits** [flags].
- There are two kinds of FLAGS
 - **Status flags: Reflect the result** of an instruction executed by the processor. [More: chapter-5]

e.g. If AX-BX results to **0**, the **ZF** (Zero Flag) is set to **1** (True).
 - **Control flags: Enable or Disable** certain operations of the processor

e.g. if **IF (Interrupt Flag)** is cleared (set to 0), inputs from keyboard are ignored by the processor. [More: chapter-11]

The Organization of the PC

- A computer is made up of both Hardware and Software.
- Software controls the hardware operations.
- Thus, we need to understand the coordination of hardware and software to completely understand the operation of computer.

The Operating System

- The purpose of **OS** is to **coordinate** the operations between all the devices of the computer system.
- **The OS functions:**
 - Reading and executing the command typed by users.
 - Performing I/O operations.
 - Generating error messages.
 - Managing memory and other resources.
- DOS was designed for 8086 processors.
- DOS could manage only 1 MB memory and doesn't support multitasking.

DOS OS

- DOS performs reading and writing information on disk.
- Programs and other information stored on a disk are organized into **files**.
- Each file has a **file name** [within 1 to 8 characters.] followed by an **extension**.
- The extension is used for file type.

BIOS

- The BIOS routine perform I/O operation for the PC.
- However, DOS routine operates over the entire PC family.
- BIOS routines are **machine specific**.
- BIOS also performs **circuit checking** and **loading** of DOS routine.
- The address of the BIOS routines is called **interrupt vectors**.

Memory Organization of the PC

- 8086/8088 processor is capable of addressing 1MB of memory.
- But, all the memory **can not be used** by application program as some memory locations have special meaning to the processor.

e.g. First KB (00000h to 003FFh) is used for interrupt vectors.

- Other memory locations are reserved by IBM for special purposes (i.e. BIOS routines and Video display memory).

Memory Partition into Disjoint Segments

- Partitioning the memory into disjoint segments. [Ref: Figure: 3.4]
- start **Segment 00000h= 0000:0000** ends at **Segment 0FFFFh**
- start **Segment 10000h=1000:0000** ends at **Segment 1FFFFh**
- start **Segment 20000h=2000:0000** ends at **Segment 2FFFFh**
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- start **Segment F0000h** ends at **Segment FFFFFh** [Total 16 disjoint segments]
- The Only first 10 disjoint memory segments are used by DOS for **loading** and **running** application programs.
- The ten segments **0000h to 9000h** gives 640KB.
- The memory sizes of 8086/8088 based PCs are given in terms of these memory segments.

e.g. a PC with 512-KB memory has **eight** of these memory segments.

Memory Map of the PC

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| BIOS | F0000h |
| Reserved | E0000h |
| Reserved | D0000h |
| Reserved | C0000h |
| Video | B0000h |
| Video | A0000h |
| Application Program Area | |
| DOS | |
| BIOS and DOS data | 00400h |
| Interrupt Vectors | 00000h |

Start-up Operation

- When PC is powered up, the 8086/8088 processor is put in reset state.
- The register CS = FFFFh and IP = 0000h.
- First instruction it executes, is located at FFFF0h.
- This memory location is ROM.
- ROM contains an instruction that transfers control to the starting point of the BIOS routines.
- The BIOS routine first check for system and memory errors.
- BIOS routines then initialize the interrupt vectors and BIOS data area.
- Finally, BIOS loads the operating system from the system disk.
 - step-1: BIOS loads boot program
 - step-2: Boot program loads the actual operating systems routines
- Boot program is named so because computer pulling itself by bootstraps.
- Once OS is loaded into memory, COMMAND.COM is given control



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