

Lab3 Assembly Language

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EMU8086

- Emu8086 combines an advanced source editor, assembler, with debugger, step by step tutorials ,and software emulator (Virtual PC) this completely blocks your program from accessing real hardware.
- Emu8086 is the emulator of 8086 intel microprocessor.
- The emulator runs programs like the real microprocessor in step-by-step mode. It shows registers, memory, stack, variables and flags.
- All memory values can be investigated and edited by a double click.

Integer Constants

An integer constant is made up of an optional leading sign, one or more digits and an optional suffix character (called a radix) indicating the number's base:

[{+|-}] digits [radix]

- IF there's no radix, decimal is default.

- Radix:

H h	hexadecimal
O o	octal
D d	decimal
B b	binary

Integer Constants cont...

- A hexa decimal constant **beginning with a letter** must have a leading zero to prevent the assembler from interpreting it as an identifier.

- Examples:

26

26d

10101111b

1Ah

0A3h

Integer Expressions

- An integer expression is a **mathematical expression** involving **integer values** and **arithmetic operators**. The expression must evaluate to an integer which can be stored in 32bit (16 bit in our case).

Operator	Name	Precedence Level
()	parentheses	1
+, -	unary plus, minus	2
*, /	multiply, divide	3
%	modulus	4
+, -	add, subtract	5

Character Constants

- A character constant is a **single character** enclosed in either **single or double quotes**.
- The assembler converts it to the **binaryASCII** code matching the character.
- Examples:

'A'

"d"

String Constants

- A string constant is a **string of characters** enclosed in either **single or double quotes**.
- Embedded quotes are permitted when used in the manner.
- Examples:
 - "Goodnight , Gracie"
 - '4096'
 - "This isn't a test"
 - 'Say "Goodnight," Gracie'

Reserved Words

- Are List of words that have special meaning and can only be used in their correct context. Some of these words:
 - **Instruction mnemonics**, such as MOV, ADD or MUL, which correspond to built-in operations performed by Intel processors.
 - **Directives**, which tell MASM how to assemble programs or a specific command that can only run on that assembler.
 - **Attributes**, which provide size and usage information for variables and operands. Examples are DB and DW.
 - **Operators**, used in constant expressions.
 - **Predefined symbols** such as @data, which return constant integer values at assembly time.

Identifiers

- An identifier is a programmer chosen name. It might identify a variable, a constant, a procedure, or a code label.

- Rules:

- between 1 and 247 characters.

- They are not case-sensitive.

- The first character must be either a letter (A..Z.a..z), _, @@, or \$. Subsequent characters may also be digits.

- An identifier cannot be the same as an assembler reserved word.

- Examples:

var1

main

@@myfile

\$first

Directives

- A directive is a command that is **recognized and acted upon by the assembler** as the program's source code is being assembled.
- Directives are **part of the assembler's syntax**, but are not related to the Intel instruction set.
- Directives **aren't case sensitive**.
- Example:
 - The **.DATA directive** identifies the area of a program that contains variables.
 - The **.CODE directive** identifies the area of a program that contains instructions.
 - The **PROC directive** identifies the beginning of a procedure.
Name may be any identifier:
name PROC

Instructions

- An **instruction** is a statement that is **executed by the processor** at runtime **after the program has been loaded into memory** and started.
- An instruction contains four basic parts:
 - **Label**(optional)
 - **Instruction mnemonic**(required)
 - **Operand**(s)(usually required)
 - **Comment**(optional)

Label

- A label is an identifier that acts as a place marker for either instructions or data.
- In the process of scanning a source program, the assembler assigns a numeric address to each program statement. A label placed just before an instruction implies the instruction's address. Similarly, a label placed just before a variable implies the variable's address.

Label cont...

- Code Labels:

- A label in the code area of a program must end with a colon(:) character.

target: mov ax,bx

.....

jmp target

- Data Labels:

- If a label is used in the data area of a program, it cannot end with a colon.

first DB 10

Instruction Mnemonic

- An instruction mnemonic is a **short word** that identifies the operation carried out by an instruction.
- Some Mnemonics:
 - **mov** Move (assign) one value to another
 - **add** Add two values
 - **sub** Subtract one value from another
 - **mul** Multiply two values
 - **jmp** Jump to a new location
 - **call** Call a procedure
- We will talk about each one soon.

Operands

- An assembly language instruction can have between zero and three operands, each of which can be a register, memory operand, constant expression, or I/O port.

- Example:

```
Stc          ;set Carry flag
inc ax       ;add 1 to ax
mov count,bx ;move BX to count
```

Example	Operand Type
96	constant (<i>immediate value</i>)
2 + 4	constant expression
eax	register
count	memory

Comments

- Comments, as you probably know, are an important way for the writer of a program to **communicate information** about how the program works to a person **reading the source code**.

- Comments can be specified in two ways:

- **Single-line comments**, beginning with a semicolon character (;)

- ;This is a comment

- **Block comments**, beginning with the COMMENT directive and a user-specified symbol.

- COMMENT !

- This line is a comment.

- This line is also a comment. !

Adding three integers program

```
org 100h
; This program adds 16-bit integers.
.code
jmp main

main proc
    mov ax,100h
    add ax,400h
    add ax,400h
    jmp exit
main endp

exit: ret
END
```

Program template

```
;Program Description:
;Author:
;Creation date:
;Revisions:
;Date:                ;Modified by:
.data
;Insert variables here
.code
JMP main
main PROC
;Insert your code here
JMP Exit
main ENDP
;(insert additional procedures here)
Exit: ret
END
```


Data Definition Statement

- A data definition statement sets aside storage in memory for a variable and may optionally assign a name to the variable:

[name] directive initializer [,initializer].

- At least one initializer is required in a data definition, even if it is the ? expression, which does not assign a specific value to the data.
- All initializers, regardless of their number format, are converted to binary data by the assembler.

Data Definition Statement cont...

- Variable is a memory location. For a programmer it is much easier to have some value be kept in a variable named "**var1**" then at the address 5A73:235B, especially when you have 10 or more variables.

- Syntax for a variable declaration:

name **DB** value

name **DW** value

- **DB** → Define Byte.
- **DW** → Define Word.
- Name - can be any letter or digit combination, though it should start with a letter.
- Value - can be any numeric value in any supported numbering system (hexadecimal, binary, or decimal), or "?" symbol for variables that are not initialized.

Intrinsic Data Types

MASM defines various intrinsic data types, each of which describes a set of values that can be assigned to variables and expressions of the given type.

Keyword MASM	Usage	Keyword 8086
BYTE	8-bit unsigned integer	DB
WORD	16-bit unsigned integer = 2byte	DW
DWORD	32-bit unsigned integer =2 word = 4 byte	DD
QWORD	64-bit integer = 4 word =8 byte	DQ
TBYTE	80-bit integer= 5 word =10 byte	DT

Defining BYTE

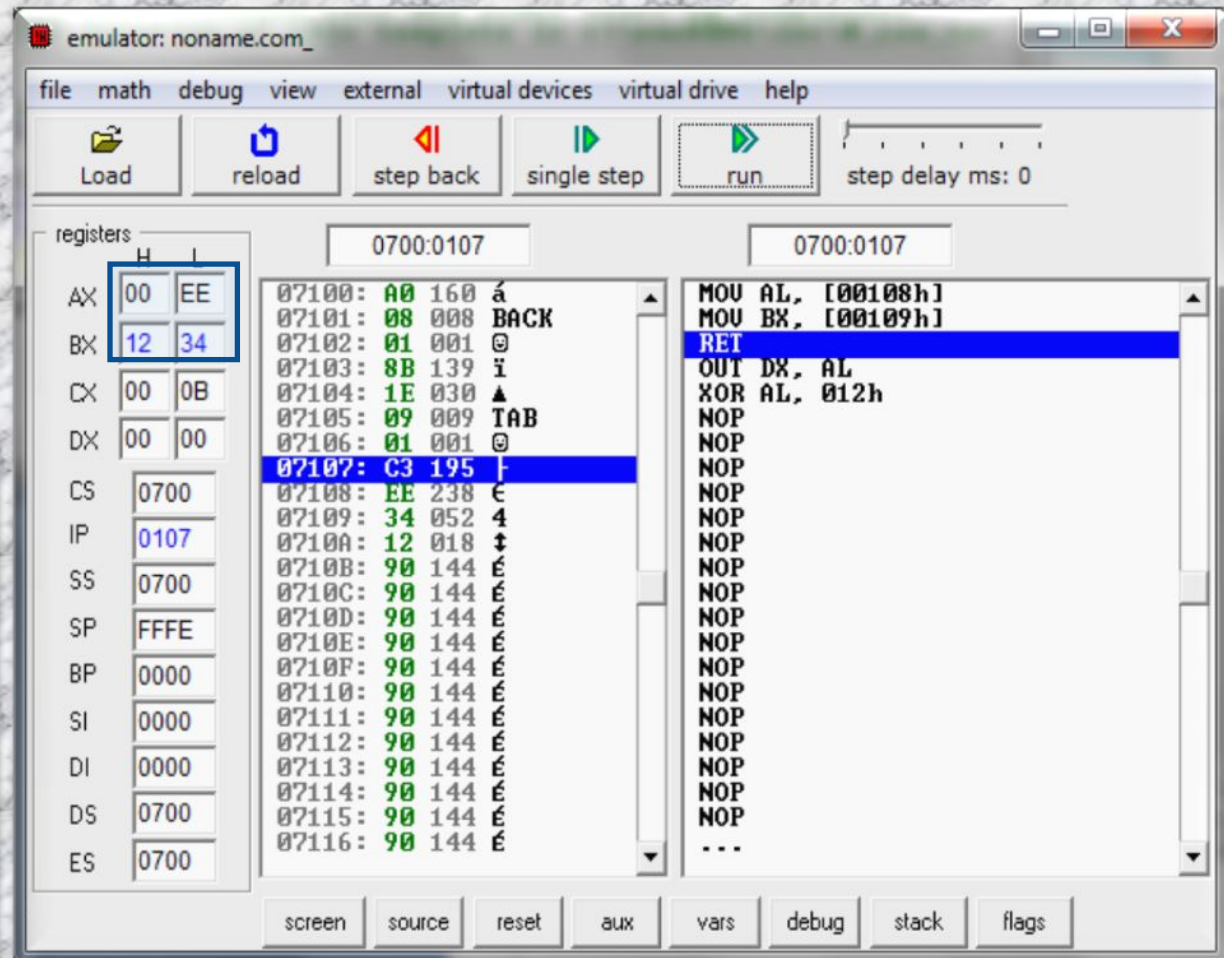
- value1 DB 'A' ; character constant
- value2 DB 0 ; smallest unsigned byte
- value3 DB 255 ; largest unsigned byte
- value4 DB ? ; Empty byte
- value5 DB 255 ; unsigned byte
- value6 DB -128 ; signed byte

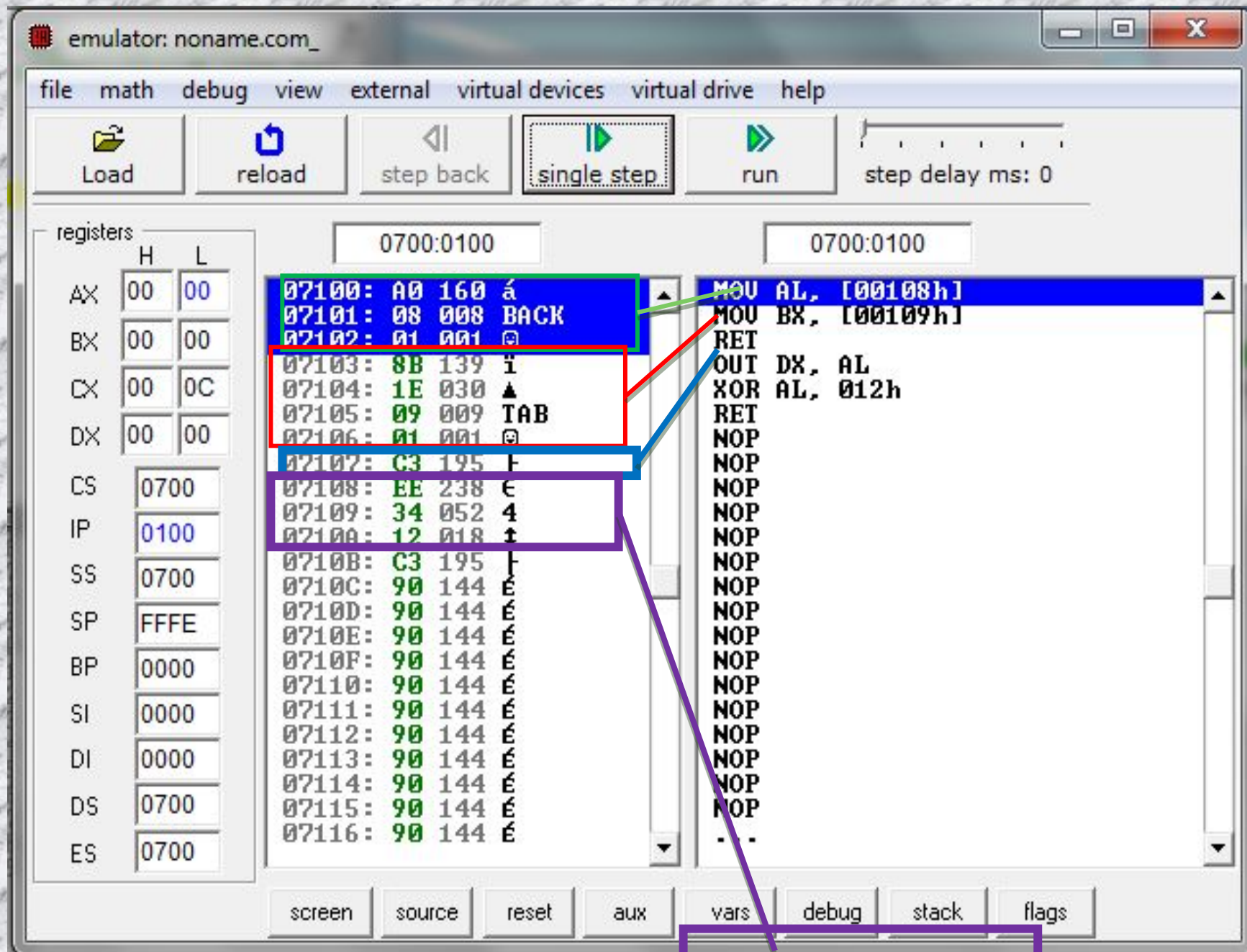
Example:

Write assembly program that define two variable -12h and 1234h and copy the first number to register AL and the second number to register BX.

```
ORG 100h
MOV AL,var1
MOV BX,var2
RET
VAR1 DB -12h
var2 DW 1234h
```

```
ORG 100h
.data
VAR1 DB -12h
var2 DW 1234h
.code
MOV AL,var1
MOV BX,var2
RET
```





Multiple initializers

- If multiple initializers are used in the same data definition, its label refers only to the offset of the first byte.
- Example:

`.data`

`list DB 10,20,30,40`

Offset	Value
0000:	10
0001:	20
0002:	30
0003:	40

Multiple initializers cont...

- Not all data definitions require labels. If we wanted to continue the array of bytes begun with list, example:

```
list  DB 10, 20, 30, 40  
      DB 50, 60, 70, 80  
      DB 81, 82, 83, 84
```

- Within a single data definition, its initializers can use different radixes.

```
list1 DB 10, 32, 4lh, 00100010b  
list2 DB 0Ah, 20h, 'A', 22h
```

Arrays

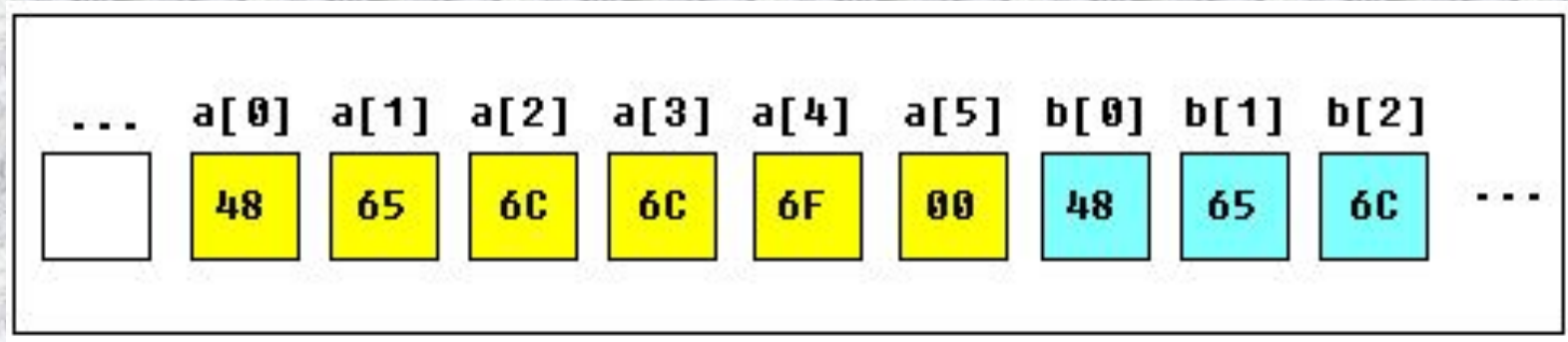
- Arrays can be seen as **chains of variables**.
- A text string is an example of a byte array, each character is presented as an **ASCII code value** (0..255).

Ex:

a DB 48h, 65h, 6Ch, 6Ch, 6Fh, 00h

b DB 'Hello', 0

- b is an exact copy of the a array, when compiler sees a string inside quotes it automatically converts it to set of bytes.
- This chart shows a part of the memory where these arrays are declared:



Arrays cont...

- You can access the value of any element in array using square brackets, for example:

```
MOV AL, a[3]
```

- You can also use any of the memory index registers **BX, SI, DI, BP**, for example:

```
MOV SI, 3  
MOV AL, a[SI]
```


Defining Strings

- To create a string data definition, enclose a sequence of characters in quotation marks.
- The most common type of string ends with a null byte, a byte containing the value 0. This type of string is used by C/C++, by Java, and by Microsoft Windows functions:

```
greeting1 DB "Good afternoon",0
```

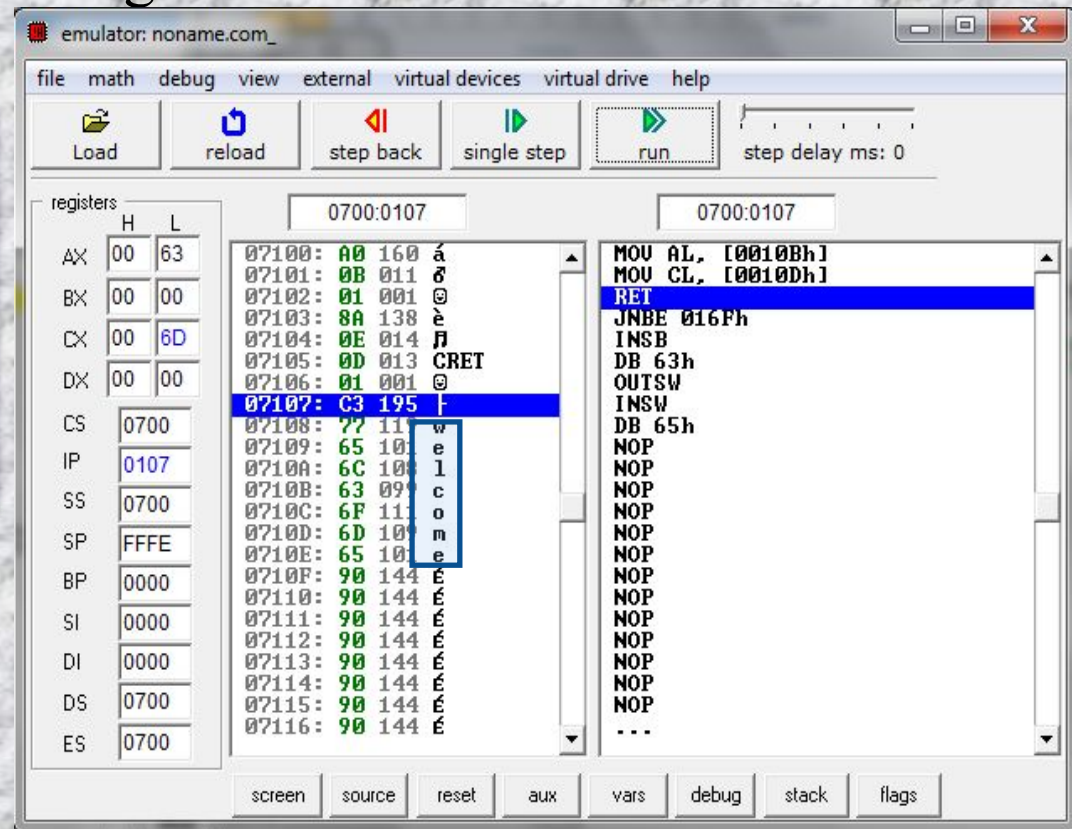
- String multiple lines:

```
greeting2 DB "Welcome to the Encryption Demo program "  
           DB "created by Kip Irvine.",0dh,0ah,0
```

Example

Write assembly code that define firstly a variable take the value of “Welcme” and then put the character ‘c’ in register AL and the character ‘m’ in register CL

```
Org 100h  
Mov al, a[3]  
Mov cl, a[5]  
Ret  
A db “welcome”
```



Using the DUP Operator

If you need to declare a large array you can use **DUP (Duplicate)** operator.

The syntax for **DUP**:

number **DUP** (value(s))

number - number of duplicate to make (any constant value).

value - expression that DUP will duplicate.

Ex:

1. `c DB 5 DUP(9)` ; 5 bytes , all equal to 9

is an alternative way of declaring: `c DB 9, 9, 9, 9, 9`

2. `d DB 5 DUP(1, 2)`

is an alternative way of declaring: `d DB 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2`

3. `DB 20 DUP(?)` ; 20 bytes, uninitialized

Array

array	10
Array+1	20
Array+2	30
Array+3	40

Array db 10h,20h,30h,40h

array	00
Array+1	10
Array+2	01
Array+3	20
Array+4	22
Array+5	30
Array+6	35
Array+7	35

Array dw 1000h, 2001h, 3022h, 4035h

Array

➤ If you define array as

Array db 10h,20h,30h,40h

Mov al,array ; move the first byte in the array

Mov bl,[array+1] ; access the second byte in the array by adding
1 to the offset of array

Or Mov bl, array+1

	H	L
AX	00	10
BX	00	20

➤ If you define array as

Array dw 1000h, 2001h,3022h,4035h

Mov ax,array

Mov bx,[array+2] ; the offset of each array element is two
bytes beyond the previous one.

Mov cx,[array+4]

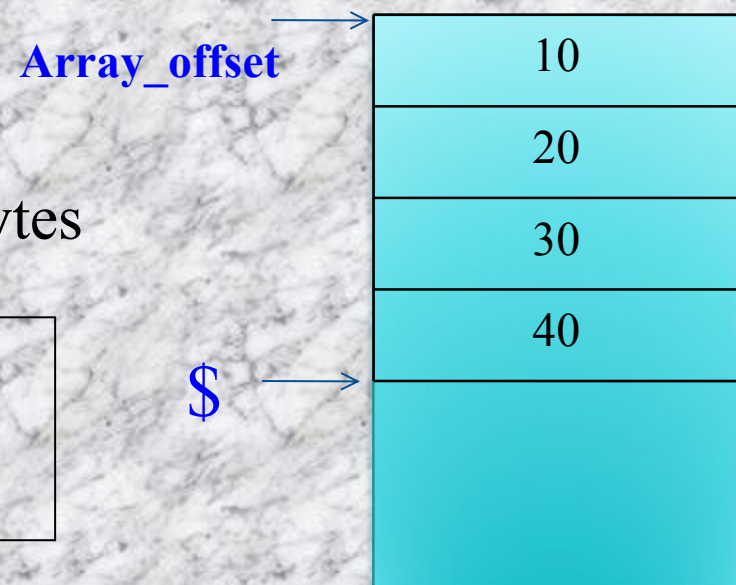
	H	L
AX	10	00
BX	20	01
CX	30	22

Calculating the Size of a Byte Array

Current location counter: \$

- subtract address of list
- difference is the number of bytes

Array db 10,20,30,40
ArraySize = (\$ - Array)



It is important for Array Size to follow immediately after list

Calculating the Size of a Byte Array cont...

The following, for example, would produce too large a value for ListSize because of the storage used by var2:

```
list db 10 , 20 ,30 , 40  
var2 db 20 DUP(5 )  
List Size = ( $ - list )
```

List offset

\$

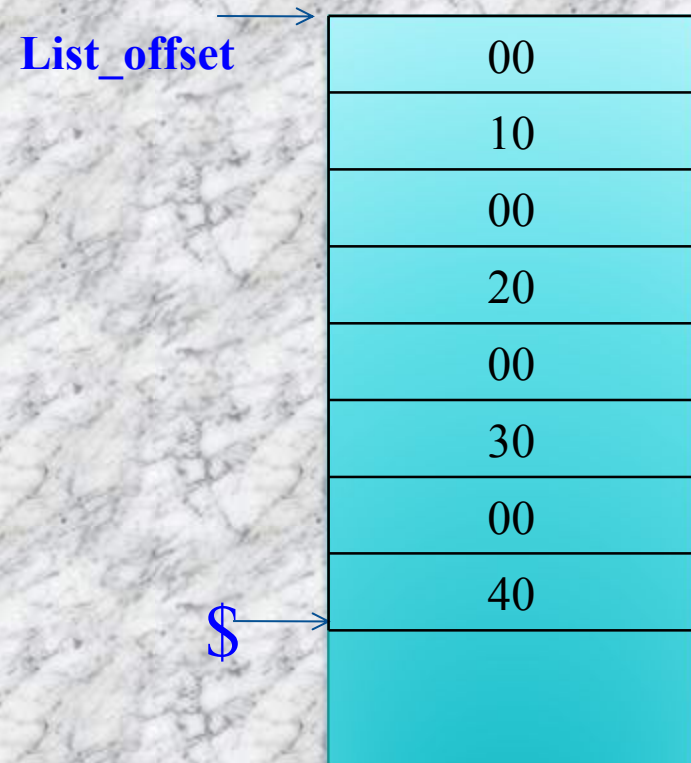
List
elements

var2

Calculating the Size of a Word Array

Divide total number of bytes by 2 (the size of a word)

```
list dw 1000h,2000h,3000h,4000h  
ListSize = ($ - list) / 2
```



Example:

org 100h

.data

Array db 10h,11h,12h,14h

currentLoc=\$

ArraySize=(\$-Array)

.code

mov si,\$; si=106

mov al, Array

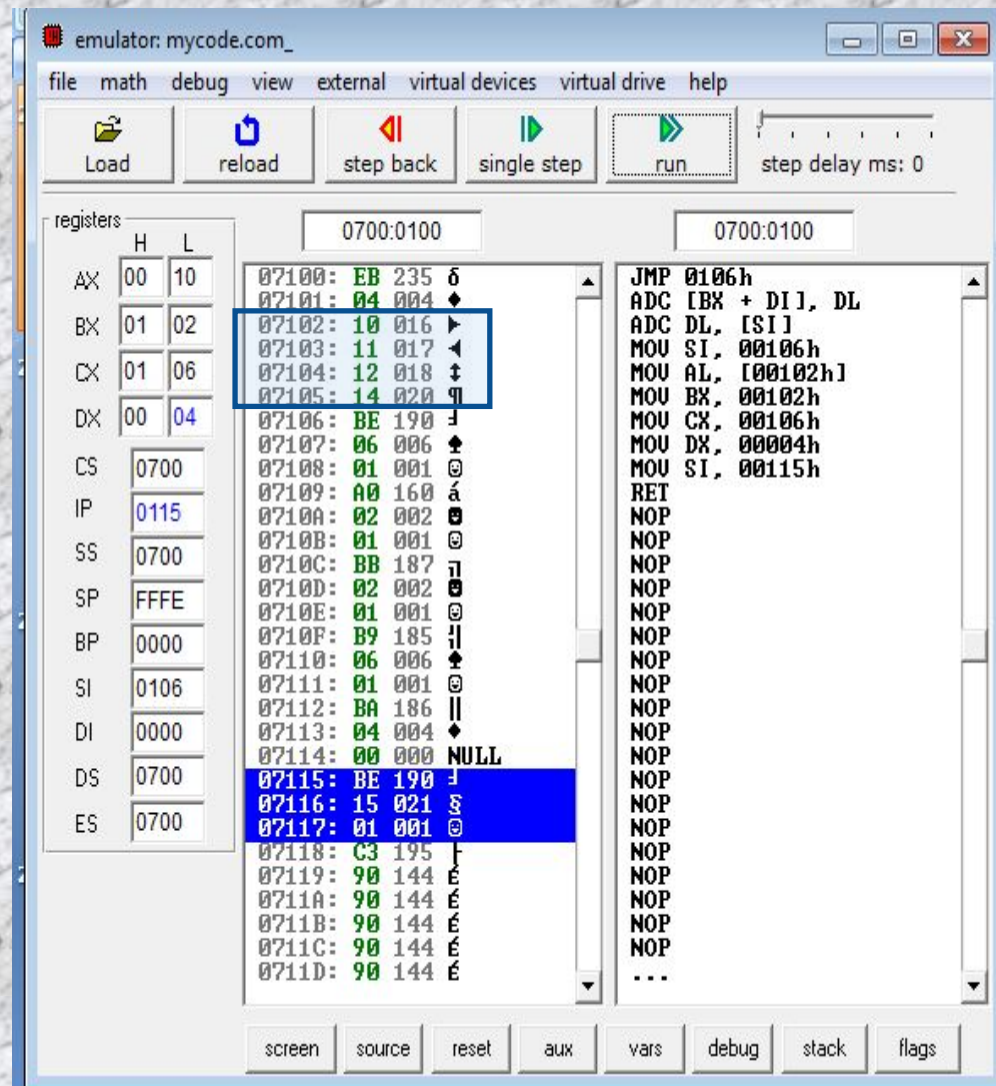
lea bx, Array ; al=10h

mov cx,currentLoc ; bx=102

mov dx, ArraySize ; cx=106

mov si,\$;dx=4 → \$- Array =106-102=4

ret ; si=115



Constants

- Constants are just like variables, but they exist only until your program is compiled (assembled). After definition of a constant its value cannot be changed.
- To define constants **EQU** directive is used:

name **EQU** < any expression >

- For example:

k **EQU** 5

MOV AX, k

- The above example is functionally identical to code:

MOV AX, 5

Equal-Sign Directive

- The equal-sign directive associates a symbol name with an integer expression
- The syntax is:

`name = expression`

- Example

`COUNT = 500`

`mov ax,COUNT`

- it generates and assembles the following statement:

`mov ax,500`

Assignment 2

1. Write a constant expression that divides 10 by 3 and returns the integer remainder.
2. Write an assembly program to find the sum of 12 numbers stored in array the sum will be stored to variable sum . All the numbers will be less than 18h
3. write a program that subtracts three integers using only 16-bit registers.
4. Write a program that defines symbolic constants for all of the days of the week . Create an array variable that uses the symbols as initializers.

Thank You