Computer Organization & Assembly Language

Lab-5

What is Loop?

Loop is series of instructions that is repeated until terminating condition is reached.

What is the structure of loop?

Loop consist following basic instructions

Mov dx,'a'

Mov ah,2

INT 21h

If you want to call this set of instruction again an again, you need to put these instruction into a block of label such as:

LabelName:

Mov dx,'a'

Mov ah,2

INT 21h

Loop LabelName

But this is unconditional loop that means it won't contain the number of repetations.

To make loop conditional or terminate upon your desired number of times, you need a **COUNTER Register** this time.

Mov CX, 10 (It will automatically decrement by 1)

Label Rules:

- 1. Label can be placed at the beginning of the statement.
- No reserve word will be assigned as a label such as: (Add, Sub, Mov etc.)
- 3. Colon (:) must be placed after Label Name while initializing. But not while calling.

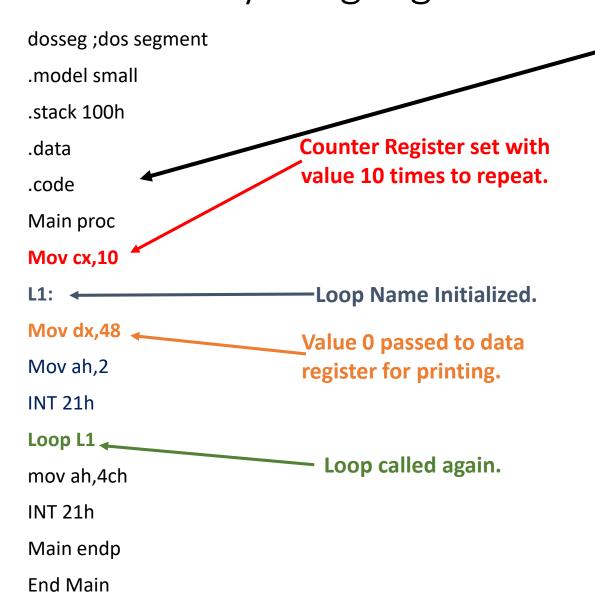
LabelName:

Mov dx,'a'

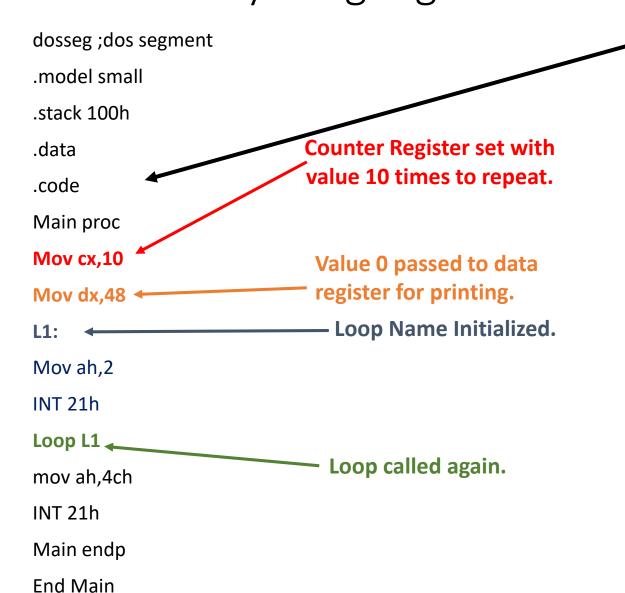
Mov ah,2

INT 21h

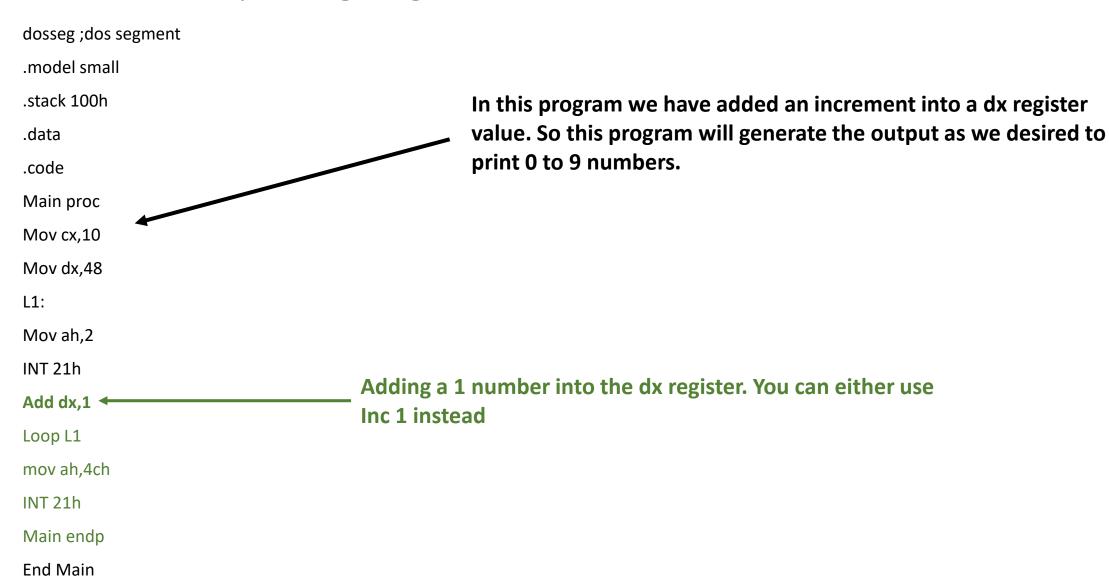
Loop LabelName



This program will print 0 (zero) 10 times without an increment of a digit. Because we have not used the increment as such.



If I pass the value 0(zero) into dx register before initializing a loop, it will again print the Zero (0), ten (10) times. But it will be initialized at starting and not in the loop again an again.



DosBox Commands

- Edit Filename.asm (to create new file if not exists/open existing file)
- MASM Filename.asm; (to convert into object file using MASM assembler)
- LINK Filename.obj; (to convert object file into execution file using linker)
- To execute the exe file you just created,
 - Filename.exe (it will execute)

• NOTE: (Semicolon is mandatory while converting via assembler and linker only)