

EL-213: Computer Organization & Assembly Language Lab

Lab 4: Data Related Operators & Directives	Session: Fall 2019
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Direct-offset Operands

You can add a displacement to the name of a variable, creating a direct-offset operand.

Example:

```
.data
arrayB BYTE 10h,20h,30h,40h,50h

.code
mov al, arrayB           ; AL = 10h
mov al, [arrayB+1]       ; AL = 20h
mov al, [arrayB+2]       ; AL = 30h ;
```

Activity1:

Initialize a double word array consisting of elements 61,43,11,52, 25. Sort the given array in ascending order in another array directly with the help of registers (you do not need to use a loop here). Use direct-offset addressing to access the array elements

Indexed Operator

Example in 32-bit mode:

Syntax:

constant [reg32] ;reg32 can be any of the 32-bit general registers
[constant + reg32]

Example:

```
.data
arrayB db 20, 40, 60, 80
arrayW dw 100, 150, 250, 300
.code
mov esi, 1 ; SI = 0001
mov al, arrayB[esi] ; AL = 40
mov al, [arrayB + 3] ; AL = 80
mov esi, 2 ; SI = 2
mov cx, arrayW[esi] ; CX = 150
mov cx, [arrayW + 4] ; CX = 250
```

Example using scale factors:

Syntax:

constant [reg32 * TYPE constant]

Example:

```
.data
arrayW WORD 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000
.code
```

```

main PROC
mov ax, arrayW
mov esi, 1
mov ax, arrayW[esi * TYPE arrayW]
mov esi, 2
mov ax, arrayW[esi * TYPE arrayW]
mov esi, 3
mov ax, arrayW[esi * TYPE arrayW]
call DumpRegs

```

Activity2:

Use following array declarations:

arrayB BYTE 60, 70, 80

arrayW WORD 150, 250, 350

arrayD DWORD 600, 1200, 1800

For each array, add its 1st and last element using scale factors and display the result in a separate register.

OFFSET Operator

The OFFSET operator returns the offset of a data label.

Syntax:

MOV reg32, OFFSET mem ; our 32-bit register now points to mem

Example:

```

.data
bVal BYTE ?
wVal WORD ?
dVal DWORD ?
dVal2 DWORD ?

```

If bVal is located at offset 00404000h, we would get:

```

mov esi, OFFSET bval ; ESI = 00404000
mov esi, OFFSET wVal ; ESI = 00404001
mov esi, OFFSET dVal ; ESI = 00404003
mov esi, OFFSET dVal2 ; ESI = 00404007

```

PTR Operator

You can use the PTR operator to override the declared size of an operand.

Example:

```

.data
val32 DWORD 12345678h
.code
mov ax, word PTR val32 ;AX=5678h
mov dx, word PTR val32+2 ;DX=1234h

```

Pointers

Syntax:

constant1 TYPE OFFSET constant2

Example:

```

.data
arrayW WORD 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000
ptrW DWORD OFFSET arrayW

```

```
.code
main PROC
mov eax, ptrW
```

Activity3:

Initialize an array:

```
arr DWORD 1000, 2000, 4000, 6000
```

Initialize four different pointer variables addressing each of the elements of this array.

ALIGN Directive

The ALIGN directive aligns a variable on a byte, word, double-word, or paragraph boundary. 32/64 bit word length in new architectures.

Syntax:

ALIGN bound (where bound is either 1, 2 or 4)

Example:

```
bVal BYTE ?          ; 00404000
ALIGN 2
```

```
wVal WORD ?          ; 00404002
bVal BYTE ?          ; 00404004
ALIGN 4
```

```
dVal DWORD ?         ; 00404008
dVal2 DWORD ?        ; 0040400C
```

For further reading: <http://web.cs.iastate.edu/~prabhu/Tutorial/PIPELINE/addressAlign.html>

TYPE Operator

The TYPE operator returns the size, in bytes, of a single element of a variable.

Syntax:

MOV reg16, TYPE mem

Example:

```
.data
var1 BYTE ?          ; TYPE var1 = 1
var2 WORD ?          ; TYPE var2 = 2
var3 DWORD ?         ; TYPE var3 = 4
var4 QWORD ?         ; TYPE var4 = 8
```

Example:

```
.data
var1 BYTE 20h
var2 WORD 1000h
var3 DWORD ?
var4 BYTE 10, 20, 30, 40, 50
msg BYTE 'File not found', 0
```

```
.code
mov ax, TYPE var1    ; AX = 0001
mov ax, TYPE var2    ; AX = 0002
mov ax, TYPE var3    ; AX = 0004
```

```
mov ax, TYPE var4    ; AX = 0001
mov ax, TYPE msg     ; AX = 0001
```

LENGTH OF Operator

The LENGTHOF operator counts the number of individual elements in a variable that has been defined using DUP.

Syntax:

MOV reg16, LENGTHOF mem

Example:

```
.data
val1 WORD 1000h
val2 SWORD 10, 20, 30
array WORD 32 DUP(0)
array2 WORD 5 DUP(3 DUP(0))
message BYTE 'File not found', 0

.code
mov ax, LENGTHOF val1      ; AX = 1
mov ax, LENGTHOF val2      ; AX = 3
mov ax, LENGTHOF array     ; AX = 32
mov ax, LENGTHOF array2    ; AX = 5
mov ax, LENGTHOF message   ; AX = 1
```

SIZE OF Operator

The SIZEOF operator returns the number of bytes an array takes up. It is similar in effect to multiplying LENGTHOF with TYPE.

Syntax:

MOV reg16/32, SIZEOF mem

Example:

```
intArray WORD 32 DUP(0)    ; SIZEOF = 64
```

Exercises

1. Use following array declarations:

arrayB	BYTE	5, 6, 2
arrayW	WORD	15, 5, 10
arrayD	DWORD	60, 12, 18

Now initialize three double word variables PROD1, PROD2, PROD3 and perform following operations (expressed in pseudo-code here):

PROD1 =	arrayB[0] * arrayW[0] * arrayD[0]
PROD2 =	arrayB[1] * arrayW[1] * arrayD[1]
PROD3 =	arrayB[2] * arrayW[2] * arrayD[2]

Note: You can use PTR or any other directives/operators, if required.

2. Write instructions to evaluate the following expressions. Variables x , y , w, u and v must store consecutive uninitialized storage in memory between range -127 to +128.

$z = x + y + w - v + u$

3. Initialize two arrays:

array1	BYTE	10, 20, 30, 40
array2	WORD	DUP(?)

Copy elements of array1 into array2 in reverse order.