

EE213 COMPUTER ORGANIZATION AND ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE

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DATA TRANSFERS, Addressing, and Arithmetic

OUTLINES

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4.1 DATA TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS

Operand Types

•Instructions in assembly language can have zero, one, two, or three operands.

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•mnemonic [destination]

•mnemonic [destination],[source]

•mnemonic [destination],[source1],[source2]

- •The three types of operands are:
- 1. **Immediate:** a numeric literal expression /a constant integer (8, 16, or 32 bits), value is encoded within the instruction
- Register: the name of a register, register name is converted to a number and encoded within the instruction

 Memory: references a location in memory, memory address is encoded within the instruction, or a register holds the address of a memory location

Operand	Description
reg8	8-bit general-purpose register: AH, AL, BH, BL, CH, CL, DH, DL
reg16	16-bit general-purpose register: AX, BX, CX, DX, SI, DI, SP, BP
reg32	32-bit general-purpose register: EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX, ESI, EDI, ESP, EBP
reg	Any general-purpose register
sreg	16-bit segment register: CS, DS, SS, ES, FS, GS
imm	8-, 16-, or 32-bit immediate value
imm8	8-bit immediate byte value
imm16	16-bit immediate word value
imm32	32-bit immediate doubleword value
reg/mem8	8-bit operand, which can be an 8-bit general register or memory byte
reg/mem16	16-bit operand, which can be a 16-bit general register or memory word
reg/mem32	32-bit operand, which can be a 32-bit general register or memory doubleword
mem	An 8-, 16-, or 32-bit memory operand

mov al var1 A0 00010400

Direct Memory Operands

- •Variable names are references to offsets within the data segment.
- •A direct memory operand is a named reference to storage in memory
- •The named reference (label) is automatically dereferenced by the assembler

MOV INSTRUCTION

•The MOV instruction copies data from a source operand to a destination operand. Known as a data transfer instruction.

- Both operands must be the same size.
- Both operands cannot be memory operands.
- •The instruction pointer register (IP, EIP) and CS cannot be a destination operand.

```
MOV reg,reg
MOV mem,reg
MOV reg,mem
MOV mem,imm
MOV reg,imm
```

```
.data
    count BYTE 100
    wVal WORD 2
.code
    mov bl, count
    mov ax, wVal
    mov count, al
    mov al, wVal
                     ; error
    mov ax, count
                   ; error
    mov eax, count
                    ; error
```

Zero Extension

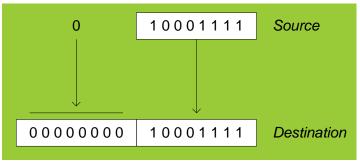
•MOV instruction cannot directly copy data from a smaller operand to a larger one.

```
mov bl,10001111b

mov ax,bl ; error
```

•MOVZX (move with zero-extend) instruction fills (extends) the upper half of the destination with zeros.

```
mov bl,10001111b
movzx ax,bl ; zero-extension
```



.data

byte1 BYTE 9Bh

word1 WORD 0A69Bh

.code

movzx eax, word1

movzx edx, byte1

movzx cx, byte1

; EAX = 0000A69Bh

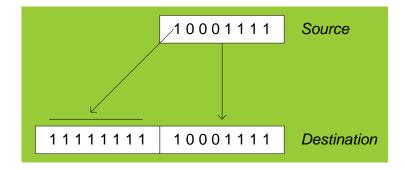
; EDX = 0000009Bh

; CX = 009Bh

MOVSX Instruction

•The MOVSX instruction (move with sign-extend) copies the contents of a source operand into a destination operand and fills the upper half of the destination with a copy of the source operand's sign bit.

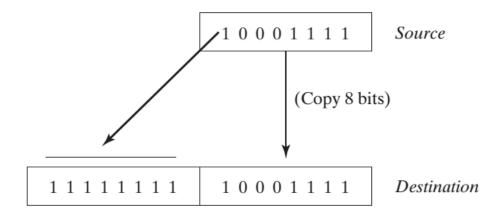
```
mov bl,10001111b
movsx ax,bl ; sign extension
```



.data byteVal BYTE 10001111b

.code

movsx ax, byteVal ; AX = 1111111111100011111b



XCHG exchanges the values of two operands. At least one operand must be a register. No immediate operands are permitted.

Direct-Offset Operands lets you access memory locations that may not have explicit labels.

•A constant is added to a data label to produce an effective address (EA). The address is dereferenced to get the value inside its memory location.

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

.code
   mov al, arrayB+1 ; AL = 20h
   mov al, [arrayB+1] ; alternative notation
```

4.2 ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION

INC and **DEC** Instructions

•The INC (increment) and DEC (decrement) instructions, respectively, add 1 and subtract 1 from a register or memory operand.

```
.data
   myWord WORD 1000h
   myDword DWORD 1000000h
.code
                               ; 1001h
   inc myWord
   dec myWord
                               ; 1000h
   inc myDword
                               ; 10000001h
   mov ax,00FFh
   inc ax
                               : AX = 0100h
   mov ax,00FFh
   inc al
                               : AX = 0000h
```

ADD Instruction

The ADD instruction adds a source operand to a destination operand of the same size.

ADD dest, source

SUB Instruction

The SUB instruction subtracts a source operand from a destination operand

SUB dest, source

•The set of possible operands is the same as for the MOV instruction

.data var1 DWORD 10000h var2 DWORD 20000h

```
.code
  mov eax,var1
  add eax,var2
  add ax,0FFFFh
  add eax,1
  sub ax,1
```

```
; ---EAX---; 00010000h
; 00030000h
; 0003FFFFh
; 00040000h
; 0004FFFFh
```

NEG Instruction

The NEG (negate) instruction reverses the sign of a number by converting the number to its two's complement

NEG reg

NEG mem

Implementing Arithmetic Expressions

HLL compilers translate mathematical expressions into assembly language. You can do it also. For example:

Rval = -Xval + (Yval - Zval)

```
Rval DWORD ?
   Xval DWORD 26
   Yval DWORD 30
   Zval DWORD 40
.code
   mov eax, Xval
                                : EAX = -26
   neg eax
   mov ebx, Yval
   sub ebx, Zval
                                ; EBX = -10
   add eax, ebx
                                ; -36
   mov Rval, eax
```

Flags Affected by Addition and Subtraction

- •The ALU has a number of status flags that reflect the outcome of arithmetic (and bitwise) operations
 - based on the contents of the destination operand
- •We use the values of CPU status flags to check the outcome of arithmetic operations and to activate conditional branching instructions.
- Essential flags:
 - Zero flag set when destination equals zero
 - Sign flag set when destination is negative; if the MSB of the destination operand is set,
 - Carry flag set when unsigned value is out of range
 - Overflow flag set when signed value is out of range

mov cx,1 sub cx,1

; CX = 0, ZF = 1

mov ax, 0FFFFh

inc ax

inc ax

; AX = 0, ZF = 1

; AX = 1, ZF = 0

mov cx, 0

sub cx,1

add cx, 2

; CX = -1, SF = 1

; CX = 1, SF = 0

Addition and the Carry Flag

```
mov al, OFFh
                            ; AL = 00, CF = 1
add al,1
             1 1 1 1 1 1
             1
                   1
                         1
                              1
             0
                0
                   0
                      0
                         0
                            0
                              1
   CF
          0
             0
                0
                   0
                      0
                         0
                            0
                              0
```

Subtraction and the Carry Flag

mov al,1

sub al,2

; AL = FFh, CF = 1

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 (1)

+ 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 (-2)

CF 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 (FFh)

Signed Operations: Sign and Overflow Flags

•The **Sign flag** is set when the result of a signed arithmetic operation is negative.

```
mov eax, 4 sub eax, 5 ; EAX = -1, SF = 1
```

•The **Overflow flag** is set when the result of a signed arithmetic operation overflows or underflows the destination operand.

mov al, 127 add al, 1 ; OF = 1
$$mov al, -128$$
 sub al, 1 ; OF = 1

•The NEG instruction produces an invalid result if the destination operand cannot be stored correctly.

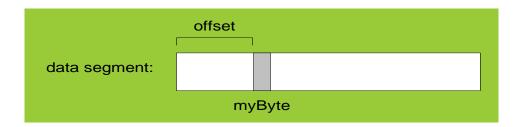
```
mov al,-128; AL = 10000000b
neg al; AL = 10000000b, OF = 1
```

The Overflow flag is set, indicating that AL contains an invalid value:

4.3 DATA-RELATED OPERATORS AND DIRECTIVES

- •OFFSET Operator
- •PTR Operator
- •TYPE Operator
- •LENGTHOF Operator
- SIZEOF Operator
- •LABEL Directive

- •The OFFSET operator returns the offset of a data label.
 - returns the distance (in bytes) of a variable from the beginning of its enclosing segment.



Assuming, data segment begins at 00404000h:

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

.code
   mov esi, OFFSET bVal ; ESI = 00404000
   mov esi, OFFSET wVal ; ESI = 00404001
   mov esi, OFFSET dVal ; ESI = 00404003
   mov esi, OFFSET dVal ; ESI = 00404007
```

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

```
.data
    myDouble DWORD 12345678h
.code

mov ax,myDouble ;error - why?
mov ax,WORD PTR myDouble ; loads 5678h
```

•Why wasn't 1234h moved into AX? x86 processors use the *little* endian storage format in which the low-order byte is stored at the variable's starting address.

•The **TYPE** operator returns the size, in bytes, of a single element of a data declaration.

.data

var1 BYTE ?
var2 WORD ?
var3 DWORD ?
var4 QWORD ?

Expression	Value
TYPE var1	1
TYPE var2	2
TYPE var3	4
TYPE var4	8

•The **LENGTHOF** operator counts the number of elements in an array, defined by the values appearing on the same line as its label.

.data

byte1 BYTE 10,20,30

array1 WORD 30 DUP(?),0,0

array2 WORD 5 DUP(3 DUP(?))

array3 DWORD 1,2,3,4

digitStr BYTE "12345678",0

Expression	Value
LENGTHOF byte1	3
LENGTHOF array1	30 + 2
LENGTHOF array2	5 * 3
LENGTHOF array3	4
LENGTHOF digitStr	9

•If you declare an array that spans multiple program lines, **LENGTHOF** only regards the data from the first line as part of the array (here **LENGTHOF** myArray returns 5).

myArray BYTE 10,20,30,40,50 BYTE 60,70,80,90,100

•The SIZEOF operator returns a value that is equivalent to multiplying LENGTHOF by TYPE.

.data	SIZEOF
bytel BYTE 10,20,30 array1 WORD 30 DUP(?),0,0 array2 WORD 5 DUP(3 DUP(?)) array3 DWORD 1,2,3,4 digitStr BYTE "12345678",0	; 3 ; 64 ; 30 ; 16 ; 9
.code mov ecx, SIZEOF array1	; 64

The **LABEL** directive assigns an alternate label name and type to an existing storage location. **LABEL** does not allocate any storage of its own.

 A common use of LABEL is to provide an alternative name and size attribute for the variable declared next in the data segment.

```
.data
```

```
val16 LABEL WORD val32 DWORD 12345678h
```

.code

```
mov ax, val16 ; AX = 5678h
mov dx, [val16+2] ; DX = 1234h
```

.data

LongValue **LABEL** DWORD val1 WORD 5678h val2 WORD 1234h

.code

mov eax, LongValue ; EAX = 12345678h

4.4 INDIRECT ADDRESSING

- •Direct addressing is rarely used for array processing because it is impractical to use constant offsets to address more than a few array elements.
 - An indirect operand holds the address of a variable, usually an array or string. It can be dereferenced (just like a pointer).

```
.data
   val1 BYTE 10h,20h,30h
.code
   mov esi,OFFSET val1
   mov al,[esi] ; dereference ESI (AL = 10h)

inc esi
   mov al,[esi] ; AL = 20h

inc esi
   mov al,[esi] ; AL = 30h
```

•The size of an operand may not be evident from the context of an instruction.

```
inc [esi] ; error: operand must have size
```

 Because the assembler does not know whether ESI points to a byte, word, doubleword, or some other size. The PTR operator confirms the operand size:

```
inc BYTE PTR [esi]
```

Arrays

•Indirect operands are ideal tools for stepping through arrays.

```
.data
    arrayB BYTE 10h, 20h, 30h
.code

mov esi, OFFSET arrayB
    mov al, [esi] ; AL = 10h

inc esi
    mov al, [esi] ; AL = 20h

inc esi
    mov al, [esi] ; AL = 30h
```

Indexed Operands

•An indexed operand adds a constant to a register to generate an effective address. There are two notational forms:

4.5 JMP AND LOOP INSTRUCTIONS

- •By default, the CPU loads and executes programs sequentially, however, control may be transferred to a new location in the program.
- •A transfer of control, or branch, is a way of altering the order in which statements are executed, there are two basic types:
- 1. **Unconditional Transfer**: No condition is involved, control is transferred to a new location in all cases.

2. Conditional Transfer: The program branches if a certain condition is true (based on status of flags).

JMP Instruction

The JMP instruction causes an unconditional transfer to a destination, identified by a code label.

JMP destination

offset of destination is moved into the instruction pointer, causing execution to continue at the new location

top: INC AX
MOV BX, AX
jmp top

LOOP Instruction

The LOOP instruction, formally known as Loop According to ECX Counter, repeats a block of statements a specific number of times.

• ECX is automatically used as a counter and is decremented each time the loop repeats.

LOOP destination

The loop destination must be within -128 to +127 bytes of the current location counter.

 \circ -128 bytes is the largest backward jump from current instruction +127 bytes is the largest forward jump.

The execution of the LOOP instruction involves two steps:

- 1. First, it subtracts 1 from ECX.
- 2. Next, it compares ECX to zero. If ECX is not equal to zero, a jump is taken to the label identified by destination. Otherwise, no jump takes place, and control passes to the instruction following the loop.

```
mov ax, 0
mov ecx, 5

L1: inc ax
    loop L1
    mov bx, ax
```

YOUR TURN . . .

What will be the value of BX?

```
mov ax,6
mov ecx,4
L1:
  inc ax
  loop L1
  mov bx, ax
```

NESTED LOOPS

•When creating a loop inside another loop, special consideration must be given to the outer loop counter in ECX. You can save it in a variable:

```
.data
      count DWORD ?
.code
      mov ecx, 100
                          ; set outer loop count
T.1:
      mov count, ecx ; save outer loop count
      mov ecx, 20
                          ; set inner loop count
L2:
      loop L2
                          ; repeat the inner loop
                          ; restore outer loop count
      mov ecx, count
                          ; repeat the outer loop
      loop L1
```

SUMMARY

Data Transfer

- MOV data transfer from source to destination
- MOVSX, MOVZX, XCHG

Operand types

direct, direct-offset, indirect, indexed

Arithmetic

- INC, DEC, ADD, SUB, NEG
- Sign, Carry, Zero, Overflow flags

Operators

OFFSET, PTR, TYPE, LENGTHOF, SIZEOF, LABEL

JMP and LOOP – branching instructions