

Examples - implicit rules for prefixing an offset with the corresponding segment register

(material discussed and developed together with you)

Mov eax, [ebx+esp] ; - ESP – base , EBX – index ;...SS

Mov eax, [esp + ebx] ; - ESP – base , EBX – index ;...SS

Mov eax, [ebx+esp*2] ; - syntactic error !!

Mov eax, [ebx+ebp*2] ; - ok ! ...DS

Mov eax, [ebx+ebp] ; ok ! ...DS

Mov eax, [ebp+ebx] ; ok ! ...SS

Mov eax, [ebx*2+ebp] ; ok ! - ...SS

Mov eax, [ebx*1+ebp] ; ...SS

Mov eax, [ebp*1+ebx] ; ...DS

Mov eax, [ebx*1+ebp*1] ; ok !...SS

Mov eax, [ebp*1+ebx*1] ; ... DS

Mov eax, [ebx*1+ebp*2] ; ????

Mov eax, [ebp*1+ebx*2] ; ????

Jmp et1 ; ...CS:et1...

Jmp eax;

Jmp [DS:et1] ; 4 bytes (short / NEAR jmp) will be taken from [DS:et1] and will be considered as a POINTER to which the jmp will be made IN THE SAME CODE SEGMENT... The jmp will be made to **CS:[DS:et1]**

JMP FAR [et1]

Jmp 5 ; syntax error because it does not follow the syntax : **JMP label/register/memory address**

- **CS** for code labels target of the control transfer instructions (jmp, call, ret, jz etc);
 - **SS** in SIB addressing when using EBP or ESP as *base* (no matter of *index* or *scale*);
 - **DS** for the rest of data accesses;
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(material prepared by me in advance) – I left them both here for being parsed and analyzed comparatively if it helps you...

Mov eax, [ebx+esp] ; ESP – base... EBX – index ;EAX ← ...SS:...

Mov eax, [esp + ebx] ; ESP – base... EBX – index ;EAX ← ...SS:...

Mov eax, [ebx+esp*2] ; syntactic error BECAUSE ESP can be ONLY a base register !

Mov eax, [ebx+ebp*2] ; mov eax, DWORD PTR [DS:EBX+EBP*2]

Mov eax, [ebx+ebp] ; ...DS...

Mov eax, [ebp+ebx] ; ...SS...

Mov eax, [ebx*2+ebp] ; ...SS...

Mov eax, [ebx*1+ebp] ;...SS...

Mov eax, [ebp*1+ebx] ; ...DS...

Mov eax, [ebx*1+ebp*1] ; ;...SS...

Mov eax, [ebp*1+ebx*1] ; ...DS...

Jmp et1 ; ...CS:et1...

Jmp [et1] ; JMP short [DS:0f6795B4] - I have to take 4 bytes as the needed correct offset to be referred to the current CS !!! JMP DWORD PTR [DS...] – to be performed at CS:the correct identified offset ; JMP CS:correct_offset (taken relatively to DS) will result usually in “Access violation” run-time error ! (to be checked by you!)

- I go in memory to the address DS:0f6795B4 , because of [] I will take THE CONTENTS from this address (for example 0BA2F5C4) and BECAUSE of JMP this contents will be THE TARGET OFFSET to which I (the processor) will perform this JMP (this offset being relative to the current CS). So, the JMP will be made to the address CS: 0BA2F5C4 !!!!

What you will be as programmers confronted within your checkings will be that DS=ES=SS=GS, a different value for CS and a different value for FS (due to the FLAT MEMORY MODEL).

Jmp 5 ; syntax error BECAUSE it does not obey the JMP syntax , 5 is not a **label**, nor a **register** and nor **a memory address** !!! - Relative call to absolute address not supported by OBJ format

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[eax+ebx] – indirect addressed operand ; [v] – direct addressed operand (the contents !!!)
V – is determinable at assembly time as an offset !

Bitwise operations and operators

Attention to the difference between operators and instructions !!!

Mov ah, 01110111 << 3 ; AH :=10111000b Vs.

Mov ah, 01110111

Shl ah, 3

& - bitwise AND operator	$x \text{ AND } 0 = 0$; $x \text{ AND } x = x$
AND – instruction	$x \text{ AND } 1 = x$; $x \text{ AND } \sim x = 0$

Operation useful for FORCING THE VALUES OF CERTAIN BITS TO 0 !!!!

- bitwise OR operator	$x \text{ OR } 0 = x$; $x \text{ OR } x = x$
OR – instruction	$x \text{ OR } 1 = 1$; $x \text{ OR } \sim x = 1$

Operation useful for setting the values of some bits to 1 !!!

^ - bitwise EXCLUSIVE OR operator;	$x \text{ XOR } 0 = x$;	$x \text{ XOR } x = 0$
XOR – instruction	$x \text{ XOR } 1 = \sim x$;	$x \text{ XOR } \sim x = 1$

Operation useful for COMPLEMENTING the value of some bits !

XOR ax, ax ; AX=0 !!! = 00000000 0000000b

Reported Error types in Computer Science

- Syntax error – diagnosed by assembler/compiler !
- Run-time error (execution error) – program crashes – it stops executing
- Logical error = program runs until its end or remains blocked in an infinite loop ... if it functions until its end, it functions LOGICALLY WRONG obtaining totally different results/output then the envisioned ones
- Fatal: Linking Error !!! (for example in the case of a variable defined multiple times in a multimodule program ... if we have 17 modules, a variable must be defined ONLY in a SINGLE module ! If it is defined in 2 or more modules , a “Fatal: Linking Error !!! – Duplicate definition for symbol” Will be obtained.