

Laboratory 0



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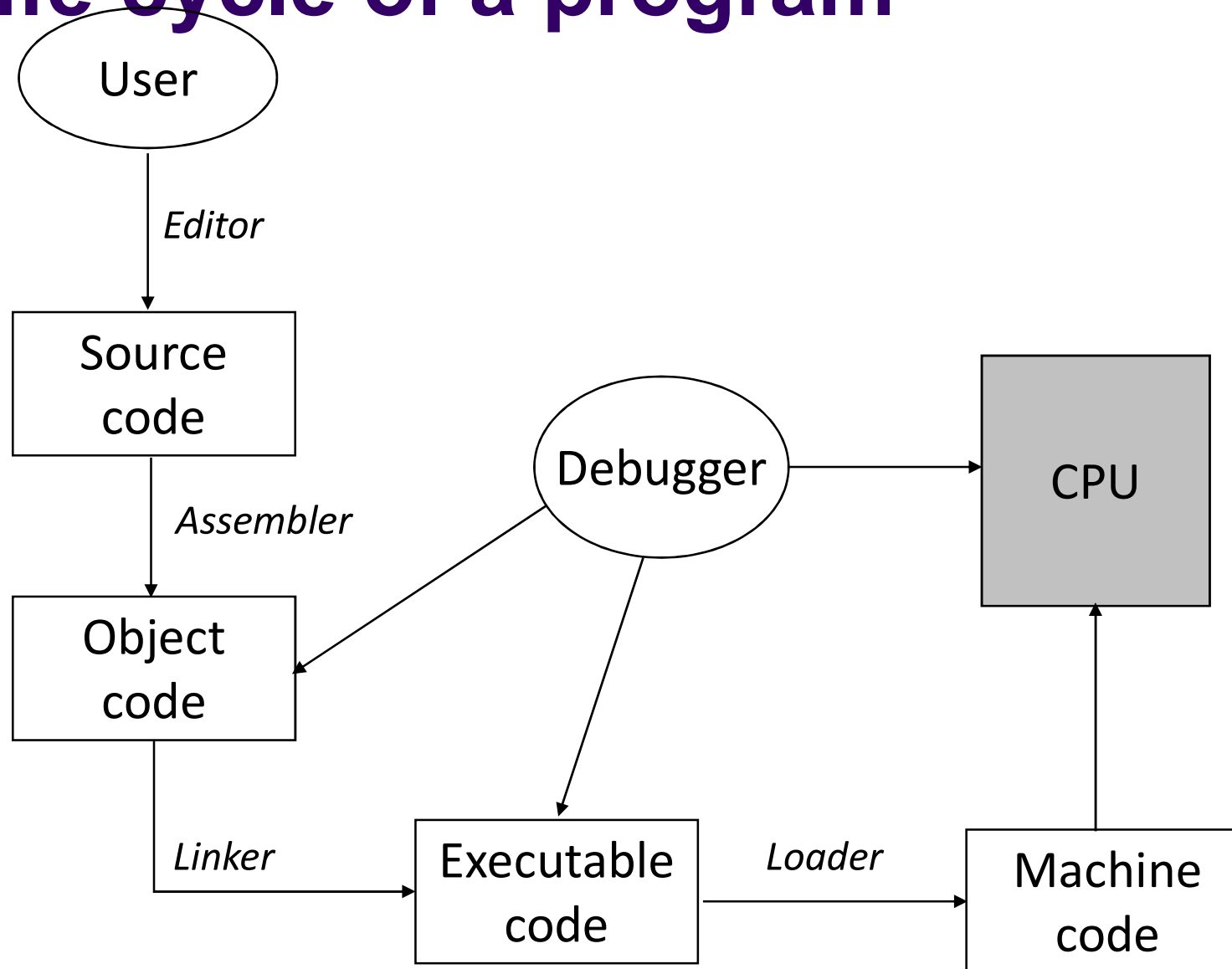
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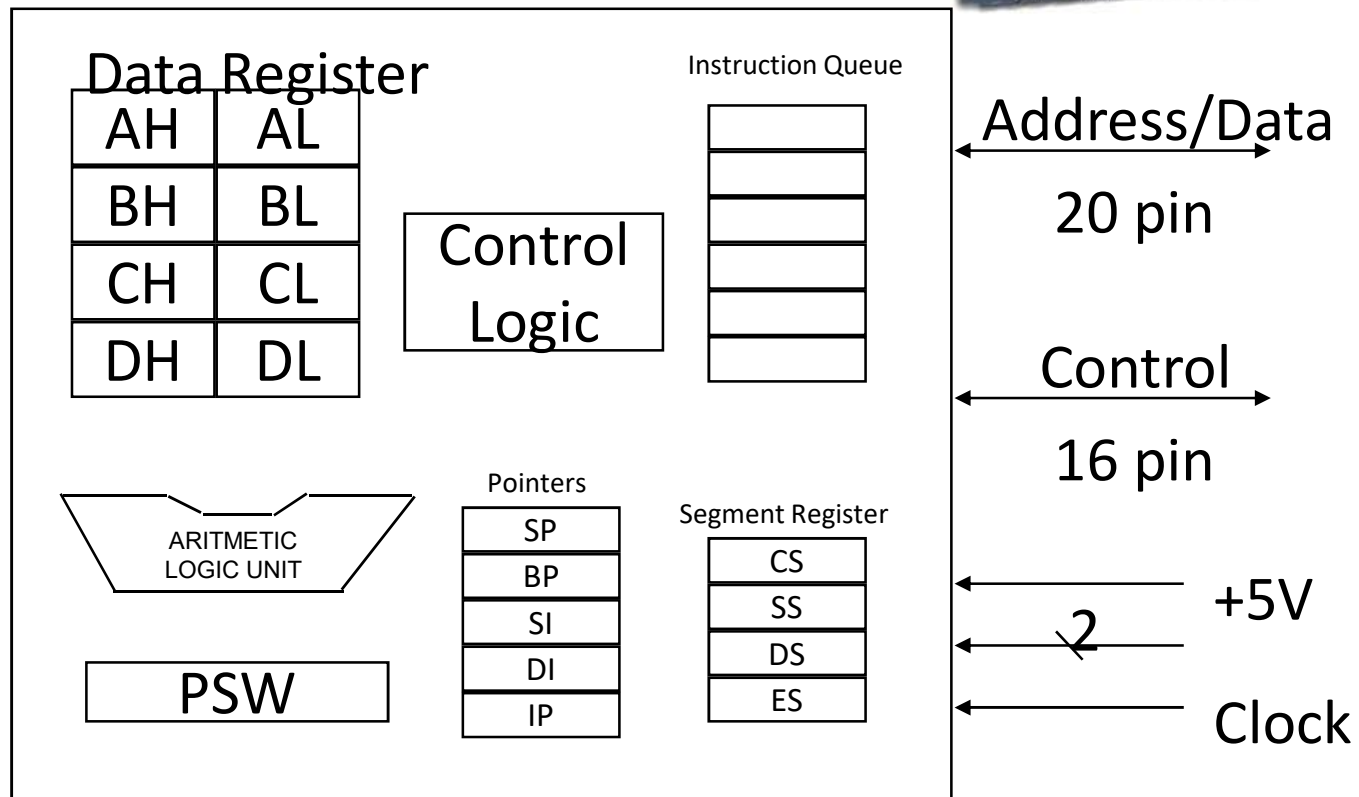
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Life cycle of a program



8086 architectural model



Processor Status Word (PSW)

- It is a 16-bit register, but only 9 bits are used.
- Every bit is a flag. Flags can be either:
 - condition flag
 - control flag.



Condition flags

- They are automatically set at the end of some instructions
 - SF (*Sign Flag*): MSB of the result after an arithmetic instruction
 - ZF (*Zero Flag*): it is 1 if the result is zero, 0 otherwise
 - PF (*Parity Flag*): it is 1 if the result has an even number of bits set to 1, 0 otherwise
 - CF (*Carry Flag*): it is 1 in presence of an arithmetic carry or borrow with unsigned arithmetic instructions
 - AF (*Auxiliary Carry Flag*): in BCD arithmetic, it is 1 with a carry or borrow of the third bit
 - OF (*Overflow Flag*): it is 1 in presence of an overflow with signed arithmetic instructions

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Control flag

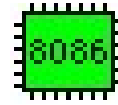
- They can be written and manipulated by specific instructions, and are used to regulate the functioning of certain processor functions:
 - DF (*Direction Flag*): used by the instructions for string manipulation; if it is 0, the strings are manipulated starting from the characters at the lower address, if it is 1 starting from the largest address
 - IF (*Interrupt Flag*): if it is 1, the maskable Interrupt signals are managed by the CPU, otherwise these are ignored
 - TF (*Trap Flag*): if it is 1, a trap is executed at the end of each instruction.

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EMU8086

- Emulator of the 8086 processor for *Windows*
 - The compiled code is executed by a virtual machine; the system is not used directly, so crashes are avoided
 - Memory, monitors and I / O devices are emulated
- It allows execution in step-by-step mode
- It integrates a disassembler
- Peripherals can be emulated and new ones can be designed.

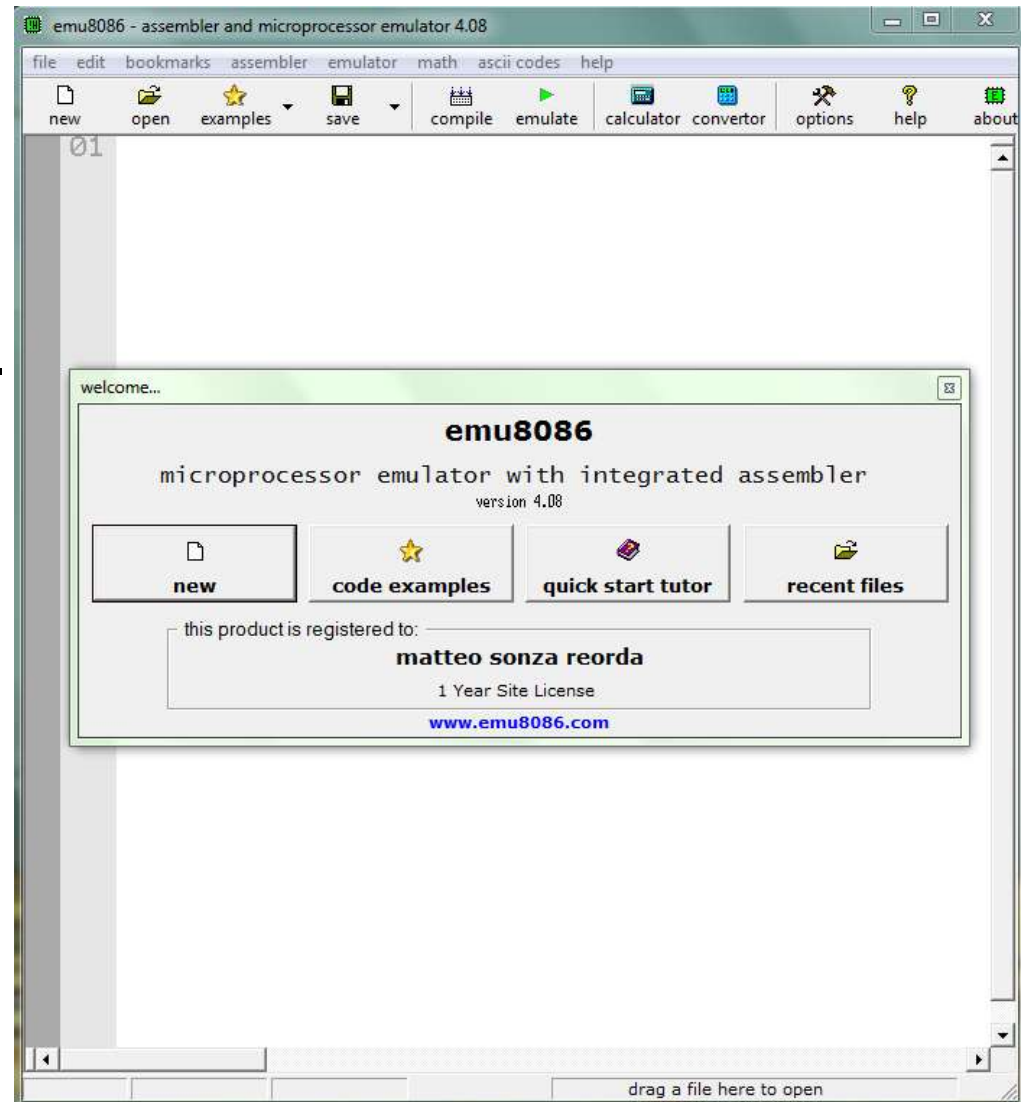
EMU8086 [cont.]



- You can download the latest version from the course pages on the portal
- For the current academic year, students can use the license of the Politecnico di Torino:
 - license name: LINO TODESCO
 - license code: 27RX-A747-6I2R-4J2W-1K6O
- The software is already installed in the laboratory.

Main window

- To begin:
 - *new*
 - *empty workspace.*



Entering the code

`.model` indicates which memory model is used

Memory model	Code	Data	Combined code and data
TINY	NEAR	NEAR	YES
SMALL	NEAR	NEAR	NO
MEDIUM	FAR	NEAR	NO
COMPACT	NEAR	FAR	NO
LARGE or HUGE	FAR	FAR	NO

```
01 .model small
02 .stack
03 .data
04
05 opa dw 3
   opb dw 2
   res dw ?

.code
.startup

mov al, opa
add ax, opb
mov res, ax

.exit
end
```

Entering the code [cont.]

`.stack {mem}` creates the stack (default size is 1Kbyte)

`.data` creates the data segment

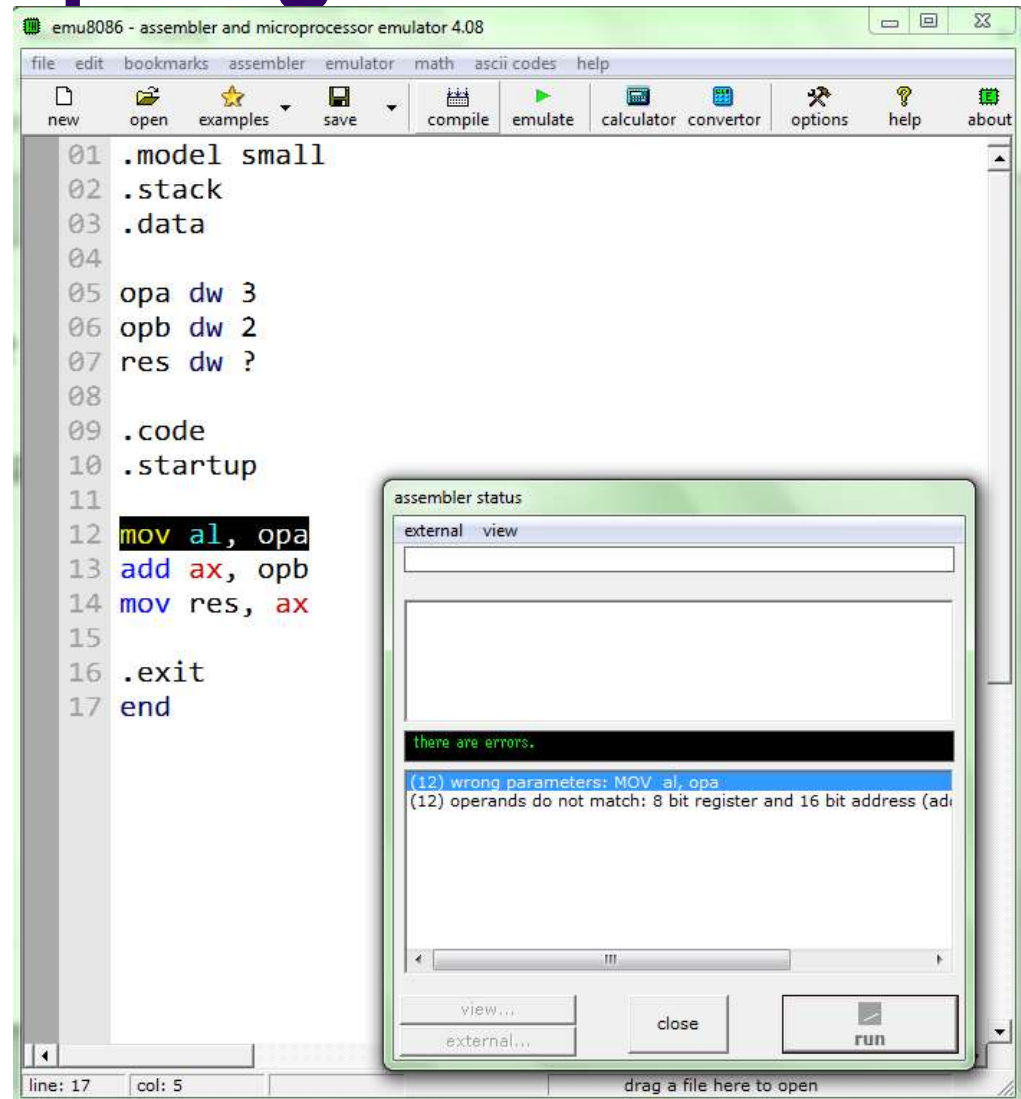
`.code` creates the code segment

`.startup` and `.exit` produce the machine instructions needed for executing the program in a virtual MS-DOS environment.

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01 .model small
02 .stack
03 .data
04
05 opa dw 3
06 opb dw 2
07 res dw ?
08
09 .code
10 .startup
11
12 mov al, opa
13 add ax, opb
14 mov res, ax
15
16 .exit
17 end
```

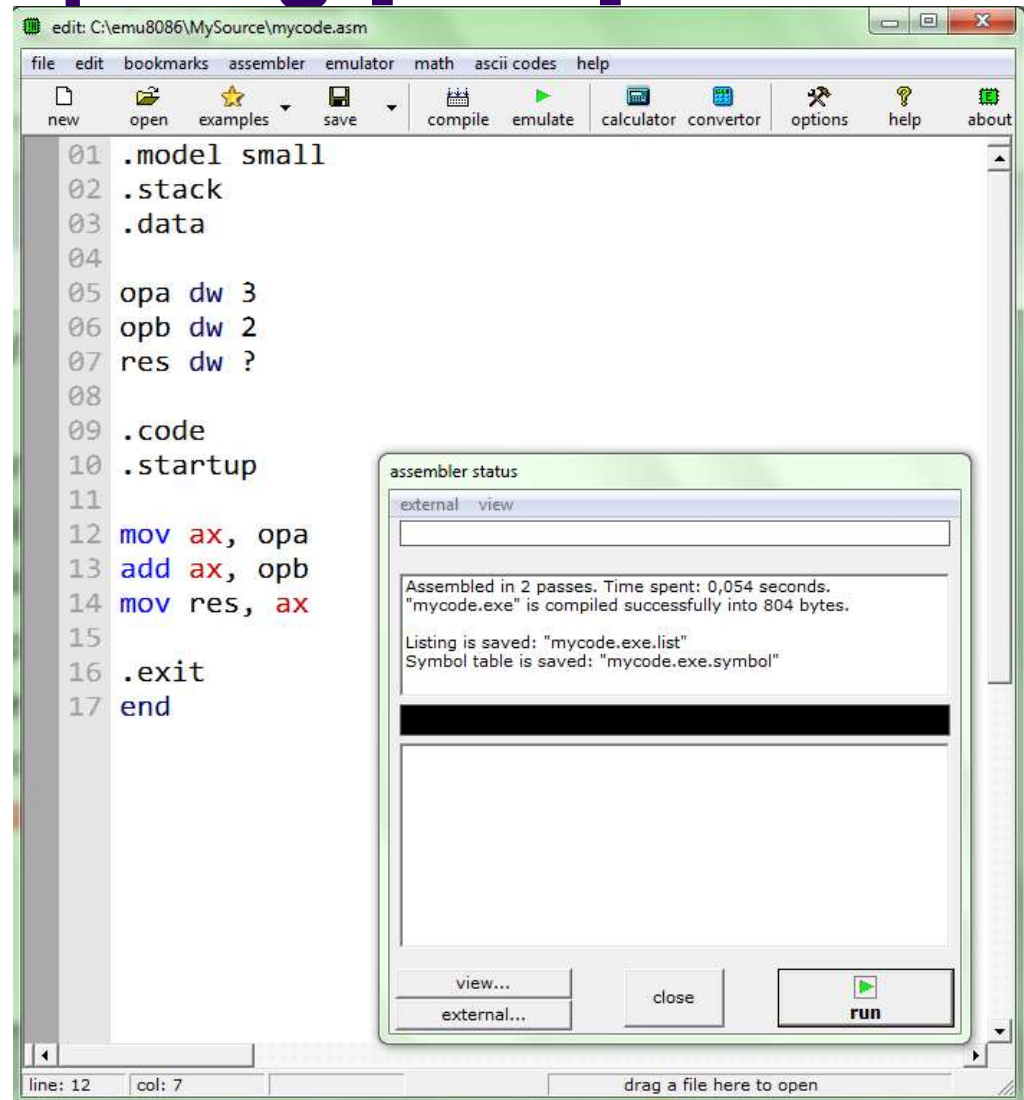
Saving and compiling

- To save the source file:
 - ***File > Save as...***
- To compile, either one of:
 - ***compile*** (button)
 - ***emulate*** (button)
- Beware of **error messages!**



Saving and compiling [cont.]

- If the compilation is successful, you can:
 - indicate where to save the executable file
 - emulate the executable file (*run* button).



Emulating and debugging

The image shows a screenshot of an x86 emulator and disassembler interface. The left window, titled "emulator: mycode.exe", displays the current state of the system. The right window, titled "original source code", shows the original assembly code. Annotations with yellow boxes and arrows point to specific elements in both windows.

Emulator Window (Left):

- Registers:** A list of registers (AX, BX, CX, DX, CS, IP, SS, SP, BP, SI, DI, DS, ES) with their current values. The values for AX, BX, CX, and DX are 00 00. The value for CS is 0721. The value for IP is 0000. The value for SS is 0710. The value for SP is 0100. The value for BP is 0000. The value for SI is 0000. The value for DI is 0000. The value for DS is 0700. The value for ES is 0700.
- Executable code (binary):** A list of memory addresses and their corresponding binary values. The address 07210: is highlighted in blue, and the value BA 186 is also in blue. The address 07211: is highlighted in blue, and the value 20 032 is also in blue. The address 07212: is highlighted in blue, and the value 07 007 is also in blue.

Original source code window (Right):

- Original source code:** The original assembly code is displayed. The line `.startup` is highlighted in yellow.
- Disassembled code:** The disassembled code is displayed. The line `mov ax, opa` is highlighted in blue.

Annotations:

- A yellow box labeled "Executable code (binary)" points to the binary code in the emulator window.
- A yellow box labeled "Original source code" points to the original source code in the right window.
- A yellow box labeled "Disassembled code" points to the disassembled code in the right window.
- A yellow box labeled "Current value of registers (recent changes are marked in blue font)." points to the register values in the emulator window.

Emulating and debugging [cont.]

The screenshot shows an x86 emulator window titled "emulator: mycode.exe". The interface includes a menu bar (file, math, debug, view, external, virtual devices, virtual drive, help), a toolbar with buttons for Load, reload, step back, single step, and run, and a "step delay ms: 0" slider. On the left, a "registers" panel lists registers AX through ES with their high (H) and low (L) bytes. The main window displays memory addresses and instructions, with the instruction at 07210: "MOV DX, 00720h" highlighted. To the right, a window titled "original source code" shows assembly code with ".code" and ".startup" sections. Five yellow callout boxes provide instructions for using the emulator's controls:

- Set the emulation speed**: Points to the "step delay ms: 0" slider.
- Execution of a single instruction (F8)**: Points to the "single step" button.
- Execution of all instructions up to the end, at a breakpoint or an input request (F9)**: Points to the "run" button.
- Return to previous instruction (F6)**: Points to the "step back" button.
- Return to first instruction**: Points to the "reload" button.

At the bottom of the emulator window, there are tabs for "vars", "debug", "stack", and "flags".

Emulating and debugging [cont.]

The image shows a screenshot of an x86 emulator and debugger interface. The main window is titled "emulator: mycode.exe" and contains several panes. On the left, there is a "registers" pane showing the state of various registers (AX, BX, SP, BP, SI, DI, DS, ES). In the center, there is a "source code" pane displaying assembly code. On the right, there is a "variables" pane. At the bottom, there is a "flags" pane. The interface includes a menu bar (file, math, debug, view, external, virtual devices, virtual drive, help) and a toolbar with buttons for Load, reload, step back, single step, run, and step delay ms: 0. The assembly code in the source code pane is as follows:

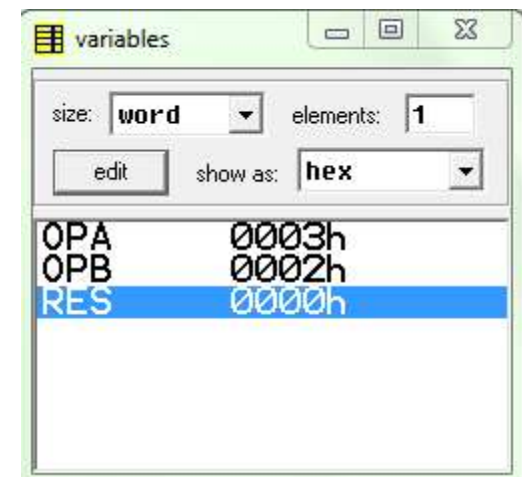
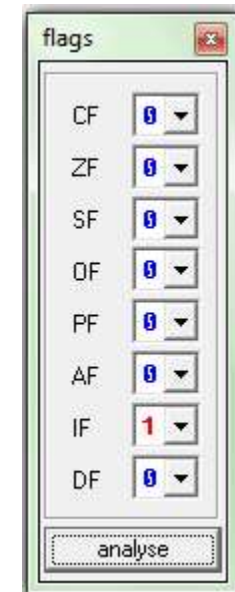
```
08  
09 .code  
10 startup  
11  
12 mov ax, opa  
13 add ax, opb  
14 mov res, ax  
15  
16 .exit  
17 end  
18  
19
```

Callouts point to the following windows:

- Output window (console)
- Source code window
- Variables window
- Flags window

Emulating and debugging [cont.]

- Flags window
 - flags modified by the last executed instruction are highlighted in red
- Variables window:
 - You can change the display modes (type, number of items, format)
 - You can change the value of the variable (edit).



Emulating and debugging [cont.]

The screenshot shows a DOS emulator window titled "emulator: mycode.exe_". The "debug" menu is open, displaying options like "single step", "step over", "step back", "stop on condition...", "run until (0721Ch)", "run", "stop", "set break point (0721Ch)", "clear break point (0721Ch)", "show current break point", "show current instruction (at CS:IP)", and "set CS:IP to selected position (0721Ch)". The "set break point (0721Ch)" option is highlighted. The assembly window on the right shows the following code:

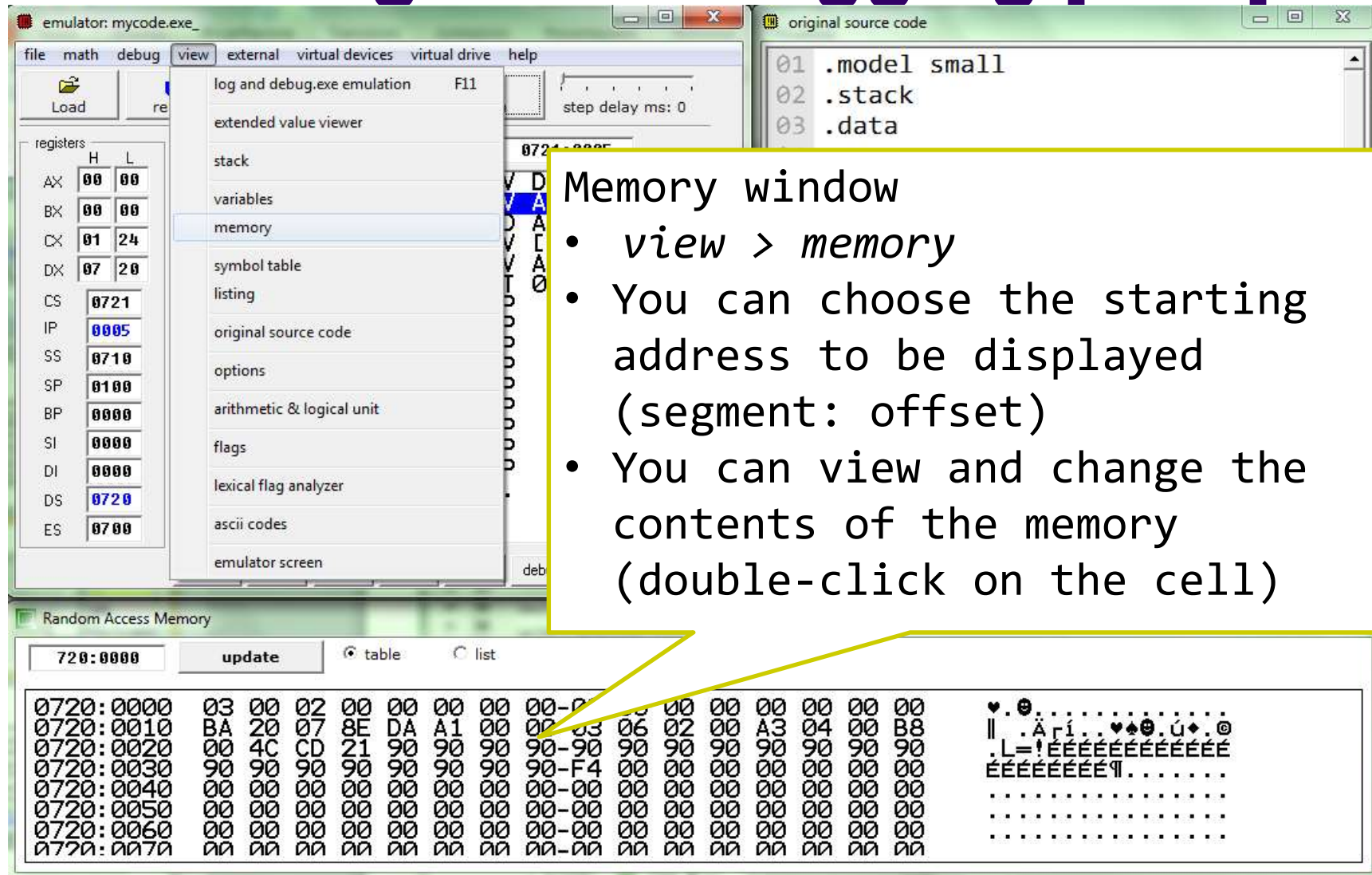
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10 .startup
11
12 mov ax, opa
13 add ax, opb
14 mov res, ax
15
16 .e
17 e
18
```

A yellow callout box points to the instruction "mov res, ax" at line 14, containing the text:

To insert a *breakpoint*:

- Click on the instruction
- *debug* > *set breakpoint*.

Emulating and debugging [cont.]



Emulating and debugging [cont.]

The screenshot displays a DOS emulator interface with three main windows:

- emulator: mycode.exe_**: Contains a menu bar (file, math, debug, view, external, virtual devices, virtu) and a toolbar with buttons for Load, reload, step back, and single step. Below the toolbar is a 'registers' section showing the state of various registers (AX, BX, CX, DX, CS, IP, SS, SP) with their high (H) and low (L) bytes. A memory dump is also visible, showing addresses from 0721F to 07229 and their corresponding hex values and ASCII characters.
- original source code**: Displays assembly code for lines 15 through 25. Line 20, `int 21h ; chiamata sistema operativo`, is highlighted in yellow.
- emulator screen (71x19 chars)**: A window for displaying the program's output. It currently shows the character '5' in the top-left corner. A yellow arrow points from the '5' to a text box.

Output window

- The *emulator screen* window appears automatically when the program performs a screen output
- Otherwise *view > emulator screen*

Exercises

- The following slides show some code examples.
- It is required to insert these code examples into EMU8086, compile them, run them and analyze their behavior in debug mode.

Writing a value in a register

```
.MODEL small  
.STACK  
.DATA  
.CODE  
.STARTUP  
MOV     AX, 0  
.EXIT  
END
```

Writing a value in a memory cell

```
.MODEL small
.STACK
.DATA
VAR      DW      ?
.CODE
.STARTUP
MOV      VAR, 0
.EXIT
END
```

Sum of two values

```
.MODEL small
.STACK
.DATA
OPD1  DW      10
OPD2  DW      24
RESULT      DW      ?
.CODE
.STARTUP
MOV    AX, OPD1
ADD    AX, OPD2
MOV    RESULT, AX
.EXIT
END
```


Sum of the elements of an array (I)

```
.MODEL SMALL
.STACK
.DATA
VETT    DW    5, 7, 3, 4, 3
RESULT  DW    ?
.CODE
.STARTUP
MOV     AX, 0
ADD     AX, VETT
ADD     AX, VETT+2
ADD     AX, VETT+4
ADD     AX, VETT+6
ADD     AX, VETT+8
MOV     RESULT, AX
.EXIT
END
```

Sum of the elements of an array (II)

```
DIM      EQU      15
          .MODEL    small
          .STACK
          .DATA
VETT      DW  2,  5, 16, 12, 34, 7, 20, 11, 31, 44, 70, 69, 2,
          4, 23
RESULT    DW      ?
          .CODE
          .STARTUP
MOV       AX, 0
MOV       CX, DIM      ; array size now stored in CX
MOV       DI, 0
```

```
lab:    ADD    AX, VETT[DI] ; add i-th element to AX
        ADD    DI, 2        ; go to next element
        DEC    CX
        CMP    CX, 0        ; compare array index with 0
        JNZ    lab         ; jump if not equal
        MOV    RESULT, AX   ; otherwise, write the result
        .EXIT
END
```

Read and display a character array

```
DIM      EQU      20
          .MODEL    small
          .STACK
          .DATA
VETT     DB      DIM DUP (?)
          .CODE
          .STARTUP
MOV      CX, DIM
MOV      DI, 0
MOV      AH, 1      ; set AH for reading
```

```

lab1:  INT    21H           ; read a character
        MOV    VETT[DI], AL ; store the character
        INC    DI           ; go to next element
        DEC    CX
        CMP    CX, 0        ; compare array index with 0
        JNZ    lab1         ; jump if not equal
        MOV    CX, DIM
        MOV    AH, 2        ; set AH for writing
lab2:  DEC    DI           ; go to next element
        MOV    DL, VETT[DI]
        INT    21H         ; display the character
        DEC    CX
        CMP    CX, 0
        JNZ    lab2
        .EXIT
        END

```

Search for the minimum character

```
        .MODEL          small
        .STACK
DIM      EQU      20
        .DATA
TABLE    DB      DIM DUP(?)
        .CODE
        .STARTUP
        MOV      CX, DIM
        LEA      DI, TABLE
        MOV      AH, 1                ; reading
lab1:    INT      21H
        MOV      [DI], AL
        INC      DI
        DEC      CX
        CMP      CX, 0
        JNE      lab1                ; loop 20 times
        MOV      CL, 0FFH
```

```

        MOV    DI, 0
ciclo:  CMP    CL, TABLE[DI]; compare with current minimum
        JB     dopo
        MOV    CL, TABLE[DI]; store new minimum
dopo:   INC    DI
        CMP    DI, DIM
        JB     ciclo
output: MOV    DL, CL
        MOV    AH, 2
        INT    21H                ; display
        .EXIT
END

```