BACS1024 INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SYSTEMS

Chapter 7: Assembly Language Fundamental - Part II

0. Overview

- 1. Unconditional Jump & Loop Instructions
- 2. Conditional Jump & Loop Instructions
- 3. Video & Keyboard Processing
- 4. BIOS Interrupts

- JMP Instruction
 - ☐ Transfers control under all circumstances
 - □ Allow transfer of control to the target address (any instruction that has labelled)
 - ☐ Format: JMP short / near / far address

Distance	Short	Near	Far		
Instructions	-128 to 127	-32k to +32K	<-32K or >32K		
	Same segment	Same segment	Another segment		
JMP	V	V	V		
Jnnn	V	80386 / 486	X		
LOOP	V	X	X		

- JMP Instruction
 - ☐ The JMP and LOOP instructions require an operand that refers to the label of an instruction
 - ☐ E.g.:

JMP A10

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A10: ...

Backward Jump	Forward Jump
A20: JMP A20	JMP A30 A30:

■ LOOP Instruction

- ☐ Repeat a block of statements for a specific number.
- ☐ The cx is automatically used as a counter & is decremented each time the LOOP repeats
- ☐ Format: LOOP shortAddress
- \square E.g.: Increase the value 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

```
MOV AX,00H ; AX = 0

MOV CX,05 ; CX = 5
```

L1:

```
INC AX ;AX = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
LOOP L1 ;CX = 4, 3, 2, 1, 0
```

■ LOOP Instruction

☐ E.g.: Calculates the sum of the integers 1+2+3+4+5

```
MOV AX,00H ;AX = 0

MOV BX,00H ;BX = 0

MOV CX,05 ;CX = 5

L1:

INC AX ;AX = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

ADD BX,AX ;BX = 1, 3, 5, 9, 14

LOOP L1 ;Decrement CX, repeat if nonzero
;CX = 4, 3, 2, 1, 0
```

■ LOOP Instruction

```
□ E.g.: Calculates the sum of an array of 8-bit integer

.DATA

arraySum DB 10h, 20H, 30H, 40H

.CODE

MOV DI, OFFSET arraySum ;address

MOV CX, 4 ;set loop counter

MOV AX, 0 ;zero the accumulator

L1:

ADD AL, [DI] ;add the integer

INC DI ;point to next

LOOP L1
```

- Nested LOOP Instruction
 - ☐ When creating a **LOOP** inside another **LOOP**, special consideration must be given to the outer loop counter in **cx**

```
.DATA
TEMP DW ?
.CODE
MOV CX,100
L1:
MOV TEMP, CX ;save outer loop count
MOV CX, 20 ;set inner loop count
L1:

LOOP L2 ;repeat the inner loop
MOV CX, TEMP ;restore outer loop count
LOOP L1 ;repeat outer loop
```

- CMP Instruction
 - ☐ Used to compare two numeric data values
 - □ Perform an implied subtraction of a source operand from a destination operand
 - ☐ Affect the AF, CF, SF, PF and ZF flags
 - ☐ Format: CMP destination, source

- CMP Instruction
 - ☐ Compare between two unsigned operands

CMP Result	ZF	CF
Destination < Source	0	1
Destination > Source	0	0
Destination = Source	1	0

☐ Compare between two signed operands

CMP Result	Flags
Destination < Source	SF≠0F
Destination > Source	SF≠OF
Destination = Source	ZF = 1

CMP Instruction

☐ E.g.:

Destination < Source	Destination > Source	Destination = Source			
MOV AX, 5 CMP AX, 10	MOV SI, 105 CMP SI, 0	MOV AX, 1000 MOV CX, 1000 CMP CX, AX			
ZF = 0	ZF = 0	ZF = 1			
CF = 1	CF = 0	CF = 0			

- Conditional Structure
 - ☐ Logic structure can be implemented using a combination of comparisons and jumps
 - ☐ 2 steps:
 - 1. An operation such as **CMP** or **AND** modifies the CPU status flags
 - 2. A conditional jump instruction tests the flags and causes a branch to new address
 - ☐ E.g.: JZ instruction jumps to Label L1 if ZF was set

```
CMP AX, 0

JZ L1 ; Jump if ZF = 1
```

- Jnnn Instruction
 - □ A conditional jump instruction branches to a destination label when a status flag conditions is true
 - □ Otherwise, the instruction immediately following the condition jump is executed
 - ☐ Format: Jnnn destination
 - 4 groups of conditional jump instructions:
 - 1. Jumps based on specific flag values
 - 2. Jumps based on equality between operands or the value of CX
 - 3. Jumps based on comparisons of unsigned operands.
 - 4. Jumps based on comparisons of signed operands.

- Jnnn Instruction
 - 1. Jumps based on specific flag values

Mnemonic	Description	Flags / Registers
JZ	Jump if zero	ZF = 1
JNZ	Jump if not zero	ZF = 0
JC	Jump if carry	CF = 1
JNC	Jump if not carry	CF = 0
JO	Jump if overflow	OF = 1
JNO	Jump if not overflow	OF = 0
JS	Jump if signed	SF = 1
JNS	Jump if not signed	SF = 0
JP	Jump if parity (even)	PF=1
JNP	Jump if not parity (odd)	PF=0

- Jnnn Instruction
 - 1. Jumps based on specific flag values

- Jnnn Instruction
 - 2. Jumps based on equality between operands or the value of CX

Mnemonic	Description
JE	Jump if equal
JNE	Jump if not equal
JCXZ	Jump if CX = 0

- Jnnn Instruction
 - 2. Jumps based on equality between operands or the value of CX

- Jnnn Instruction
 - 3. Jumps based on comparisons of unsigned operands.

Mnemonic	Description
JA	Jump if a bove (if destination > source)
JNBE	Jump if not below or equal
JAE	Jump if a bove or equal (if destination ≥ source)
JNB	Jump if not below
JB	Jump if below (if destination < source)
JNAE	Jump if not above or equal
JBE	Jump if below or equal (if destination ≤ source)
JNA	Jump if not above

- Jnnn Instruction
 - 3. Jumps based on comparisons of unsigned operands.

```
♣ E.g.:

MOV DL, +127

CMP AL, -128

JA L2 ;Jump >

JB L3 ;Jump <

L2: ...
L3: ...</pre>
```

- Jnnn Instruction
 - 4. Jumps based on comparisons of signed operands.

Mnemonic	Description
JG	Jump if greater (if destination > source)
JNLE	Jump if not less than or equal
JGE	Jump if greater than or equal (if $destination \ge source$)
JNL	Jump if not less
JL	Jump if less (if destination < source)
JNGE	Jump if not greater than or equal
JLE	Jump if less than or equal (if destination ≤ source)
JNG	Jump if not greater

- Jnnn Instruction
 - 4. Jumps based on comparisons of signed operands.

```
♣ E.g.:

MOV DL, 127

CMP AL, 128

JG L2 ;Jump >

JL L3 ;Jump <</pre>
L2: ...
L3: ...
```

- LOOPZ & LOOPE Instruction
 - ☐ Loop if zero and loop if equal
 - ☐ Continue looping as long as CX is zero / zero condition is set
 - ☐ Useful when scanning an array for the first element that does not match a given value
- LOOPNZ & LOOPNE Instruction
 - ☐ Loop if not zero and loop if not equal
 - ☐ Continue looping as long as CX is not zero / zero condition is not set
 - ☐ Useful when scanning an array for the first element that match a given value

3. Video & Keyboard Processing

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Screen Features

☐ Typical computer screens are features with 25 rows and 80 columns

Screen location	Decimal	format	Hex format			
	Row	Column	Row	Column		
Upper left corner	00	00	00h	00h		
Upper right corner	00	79	00h	4fh		
Center	12	39/40	Och	27h/28h		
Lower left corner	24	00 18h		00h		
Lower right corner	24	79	18h	4fh		

- **INT** instruction
 - ☐ The INT (Interrupt) instruction handles BIOS operations.
 - ☐ Lower level interrupts (INT 10H function)
 - Go directly to BIOS
 - For screen handling
 - ☐ Higher level interrupt (INT 21H function)
 - Go to the operating systems
 - For displaying output & accepting keyboard input

■ INT instruction

- ☐ Function code specifies the action to be taken
- ☐ Insert a function code in **AH** register to identify the type of service the interrupt is to be performed.

	INT 10H	INT 21H		
02H	Set cursor	01H	Input byte	
06H	06H Scroll screen		Output byte	
		07H	Input byte (no echo)	
		09H	Output string	
			Input string	

- INT 10H instruction & Function 02H
 - □ Set cursor's position determines where the next character is to be displayed / entered
 - ☐ E.g.:

```
MOV AH, 02H ; set function (cursor)

MOV BH, 00 ; set page number 0 (0 = current page)

MOV DH, 08 ; set row number

MOV DL, 15 ; set column number

INT 10H ; call interrupt service
```

- INT 10H instruction & Function 06H
 - ☐ Clear all / part of a display beginning at any screen location & ending at any higher numbered location on the screen
 - □ E.g.:

```
MOV AH, 0600H ; AH = 06 (scroll)
; AL = 00 (full screen)

MOV BH, 71H ; background = white (7)
; foreground = blue (1)

MOV CX, 0000H ; upper left row:column

MOV DX, 1847H ; lower right row:column

INT 10H ; call interrupt service
```

- INT 10H instruction & Function 06H
 - ☐ Color code
 - **❖ Background**: **8** colors & **Foreground**: **16** color

COLOR	-1	R	6	В	HEX	COLOR	1	R	G	В	HEX
Black	0	0	0	0	0	Gray	1	0	0	0	8
Blue	0	0	0	1	1	Light Blue	1	0	0	1	9
Green	0	0	1	0	2	Light green	1	0	1	0	A
Cyan	0	0	1	1	3	Light Cyan	1	0	1	1	В
Red	0	1	0	0	4	Light red	1	1	0	0	C
Magenta	0	1	0	1	5	Light Magenta	1	1	0	1	D
8rown	0	1	1	0	6	Yellow	1	1	1	0	Ε
White	0	1	1	1	7	Bright white	1	1	1	1	F

- INT 21H instruction & Function 01H
 - ☐ Input byte
 - Accept single byte from keyboard
 - ☐ User input byte is stored in **AL** register
 - ☐ E.g.:

```
MOV AH, 01H ; request keyboard input
```

INT 21H ; call interrupt service

■ INT 21H instruction & Function 02H

■ INT 21H instruction & Function 07H

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    □ Input byte
    □ Accept single byte from keyboard but no echoed on screen
    □ Could be used to key in password that is to be invisible
    □ User input byte is stored in AL register
    □ E.g.:
    MOV AH, 07H ; request keyboard input
    INT 21H ; call interrupt service
```

- INT 21H instruction & Function 09H
 - Output string
 - Requires definition of a display string in data are, immediately followed by a dollar sign ('\$" or 24н) as a delimiter to mark the end of the string
 - ☐ Uses **LEA** instruction to load the effective start address of the string
 - ☐ E.g.:

```
.DATA str DB 'Hello','$'
```

. CODE

```
MOV AH,09H
LEA DX, str1
INT 21H
```

str1 DB 'Hello\$'

- INT 21H instruction & Function 02H
 - □ New line
 - □ To display cursor on new line, use Carriage Return (CR) character ODH and Line Feed (LF) character OAH
 - ☐ E.g.:

```
MOV AH,02H ;for byte output

MOV DL,0DH ;CR

INT 21H ;call interrupt service

MOV DL, 0AH ;LF

INT 21H ;call interrupt service
```

- INT 21H instruction & Function OAH
 - ☐ Input string
 - ☐ The input area for keyed-in byte requires a **parameter** list containing specified fields that the **INT** operation is to process
 - ☐ E.g.:

. DATA

```
ARRAY LABEL BYTE ;name

MAX DB 20 ;max no. of input

ACT DB ? ;actual no. of input

ARRAYDATA DB 20 DUP (0) ;data are for input

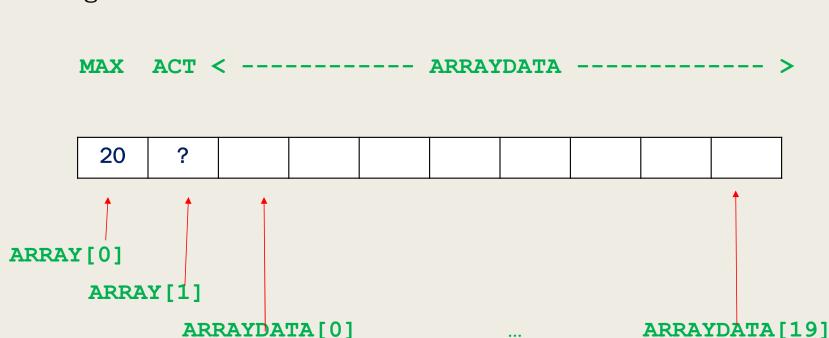
string
.CODE
```

```
MOV AH, 0AH ;request keyboard input

LEA DX, ARRAY ;load address of parameter

INT 21H ;call interrupt service 38
```

- INT 21H instruction & Function OAH
 - The **LABEL** directive tells the assembler to align on a **BYTE** boundary and give the location the name **ARRAY**



- INT 21H instruction & Function OAH
 - ☐ Key in the name **Wlilson+<enter>**
 - ☐ The parameter list appears as:

ASCII	20	6	W	i	I	S	0	n	 	
Hex	14	06	57	69	6C	73	6F	6E	 	

- ☐ This operation accepts and acts on <Backspace> character, but does not add it to the count
- ☐ This operation bypasses extended function keys such as **F1**, **Home**, **PgUp** and Arrows. If the mentioned function keys are expected, user INT **16H** or **INT 21H** with function **01H**

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 - **♦** 07H
 - **♦** 09H
 - **♦** OAH