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Laboratory Manual
for
Computer Organization and Assembly Language Programming

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Objectives

After performing this lab, students shall be able to:

- ✓ Learn different types of addressing modes
- ✓ Differentiate between code data segment
- ✓ Declare and use variables in assembly language
- ✓ Segmented Memory Models

Addressing Modes

1. Register Addressing Mode:

Register operands are the easiest to understand. Consider the following forms of the MOV instruction:

MOV AX, AX

MOV AX, BX

MOV AL, BL

2. Immediate Addressing Mode:

Constants are also pretty easy to deal with. Consider the following instructions:

MOV AX, 0x25

MOV DX, 1000

3. Direct Addressing Mode:

There are three addressing modes which deal with accessing data in memory. These addressing modes take the following forms:

MOV AX, [1000]

The first instruction above uses the direct addressing mode to load AX with the 16 bit value stored in memory starting at location 1000.

4. Indirect Addressing Mode:

MOV AX, [BX]

The MOV AX, [BX] instruction loads AX from the memory location specified by the contents of the BX register. This is an *indirect* addressing mode. Rather than using the value in BX, this instruction accesses to the memory location whose address appears in BX. Note that the following two instructions:

MOV BX, 1000

MOV AX, [BX]

are equivalent to the following single instruction:

MOV AX, [1000]

Of course, the second sequence is preferable. However, there are many cases where the use of indirection is faster, shorter, and better.

5. Indexed Addressing Mode: The last memory addressing mode is the *indexed* addressing mode with the base register. An example of this memory addressing mode is

MOV AX, [1000+BX]

This instruction adds the contents of BX with 1000 to produce the address of the memory value to fetch. This instruction is useful for accessing elements of arrays, records, and other data structures.

Data Types

Variables are declared in memory.

DB	Define Byte	allocates 1 byte ($0 - (2^8 - 1)$)
DW	Define Word	allocates 2 bytes ($0 - (2^{16} - 1)$)
DD	Define Doubleword	allocates 4 bytes ($0 - (2^{32} - 1)$)
DQ	Define Quadword	allocates 8 bytes ($0 - (2^{64} - 1)$)
DT	Define Ten Bytes	allocates 10 bytes ($0 - (2^{80} - 1)$)

Example:

; a program to add three numbers using memory variables
[org 0x0100]

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mov ax, [num1]           ;load first number in ax
mov bx, [num2]           ; load second number in bx
add ax, bx               ; accumulate sum in ax
mov [result1], ax        ; store result in result1 variable, 15
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mov ax, 0x4c00           ; terminate program
int 0x21
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num1: dw 5               ;variables
num2: dw 10
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result1: dw
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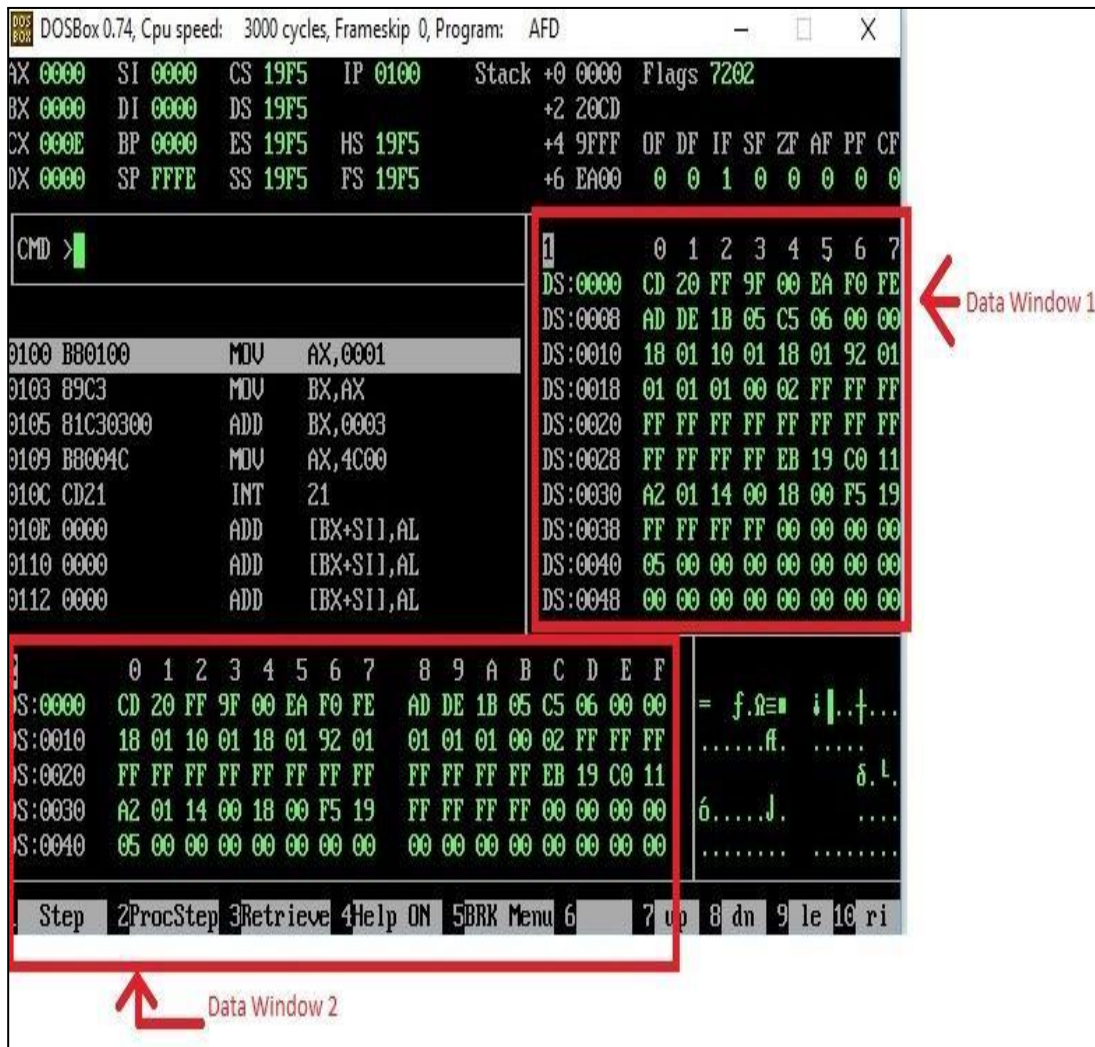
Code Segment

Pointed by CS

Data Segment

Pointed by DS or ES

How to View Memory in AFD



In above screenshot, there are two data windows, each window is showing the contents of Memory. Such as at Offset 0000, we can see that the data is CD and at Offset 0001, the data is 20. If you want to see the data at offset 0040, simply write m1 DS:0040 or m2 DS:0040 on AFD console. (m1 is for window 1, and m2 is for window 2).

If you want to check your declared memory content, you have to create listing file of your program, then note offset of your data label from listing file, and then simply write m1 DS:offset, then you will see your data label content in m1 window. Offset value will be calculated after the addition of 0x0100 in the instruction address displayed by listing window since we ask assembler to start writing machine code from the address 0x0100 using the first line of code: `[org 0x0100]`

Practice Exercise:

Write a program which fulfills the following requirements: AX = 200h BX=150h Memory location 250 =50h
Memory Location 200= 25h Array = {1,2,7,5,10}

- a) Load AX with contents of memory location 200 using indirect addressing
- b) Load CX with contents of memory location 250 using direct addressing.

For further understanding of registers addressing, follow [Bilal Hashmi Book Chapter 2](#).

QUESTIONS

Exercise 1: (5) Write an assembly language program which fulfills the following:

- a) Load 25h to Ax register
- b) Swap contents of Ax and Bx
- c) Load the contents of memory location [0x270] in Bx
- d) Define an array of num = [12,25,10] and load the contents of array in Ax using offset addressing. [hint: array is defined as: num: db 1, 2 at the end of code]

Exercise 2: (10) Make two Byte type arrays named array1 and array2 and one Byte Type array named array3, each containing only 5 elements such that following rules are satisfied for each element of all the arrays:

Array1 [i+1] = Array1 [i] + Array3 [i]

Array2 [i+1] = Array3 [i] - Array2 [i]

Array3 [i] = Array1 [i] + Array2 [i]

Here “i” denotes the element number in each array and it will range from 0 to 4 for five elements.

Use BX as your Offset Register. Don't use loops for this question

You have to use two Initial Values: Array1 [0]= 0 and Array2[0]=1

The final arrays should look like this:

Array1: 0, 1, 2, 5, 12

Array2: 1, 0, 1, 2, 5

Array3: 1, 1, 3, 7, 17

Exercise 3:(5) Write instructions to do the following. Visualize the memory contents using memory windows to see if instruction is executed correctly. (Use m2 DS:offset to visualize the memory contents at the specified offset)

- a. Copy contents of memory location with offset 0025 into AX.
- b. Copy AX into memory location with offset 0FFF.
- c. Move contents of memory location with offset 0010 to memory location with offset 002F.

Exercise 4:(5)

Give the value of the zero flag, the carry flag, the sign flag, and the overflow flag after each of the following instructions:

	ZF	CF	SF	OF
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mov ax, 0x1254				
mov bx, 0x0FFF				
add ax, 0xEDAB				
add ax, bx				
add bx, 0xF001				