

EL-213: Computer Organization & Assembly Language Lab

Lab 8: Advanced Procedures
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Stack Applications

- A stack makes a convenient temporary save area for registers when they are used for more than one purpose. After they are modified, they can be restored to their original values.
- When the CALL instruction executes, the CPU saves the current subroutine's return address on the stack.
- When calling a subroutine, you pass input values called arguments by pushing them on the stack.
- The stack provides temporary storage for local variables inside subroutines.

Stack Parameters

1. Pass by value

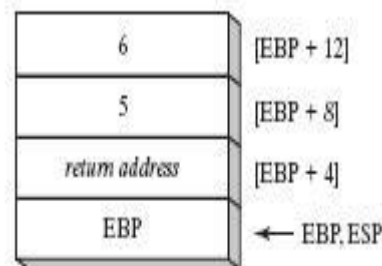
When an argument is passed by value, a copy of the value is pushed on the stack.

Example:

```
.data
    var1    DWORD    5
    var2    DWORD    6

.code
main PROC
    push var2
    push var1
    call AddTwo
    call DumpRegs
    exit
main ENDP

AddTwo PROC
    push    ebp
    mov     ebp, esp
    mov     eax, [ebp + 12]
    add     eax, [ebp + 8]
    pop     ebp
    ret
AddTwo ENDP
END main
```



2. Explicit stack parameters

When stack parameters are referenced with expressions such as [ebp+8], we call them explicit stack parameters.

Example:

```
.data
    var1    DWORD    5
    var2    DWORD    6
    y_param EQU     [ebp + 12]
    x_param EQU     [ebp + 8]

.code
    push var2
    push var1
```

```

        call AddTwo
        exit

AddTwo PROC
    push    ebp
    mov     ebp, esp
    mov     eax, y_param
    add     eax, x_param
    pop     ebp
    ret
AddTwo ENDP
END main

```

3. Pass by reference

An argument passed by reference consists of the offset of an object to be passed.

Example:

```

.data
    count = 10
    arr WORD count DUP (?)

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```

.code
    push    OFFSET arr
    push    count
    call    ArrayFill
exit

```

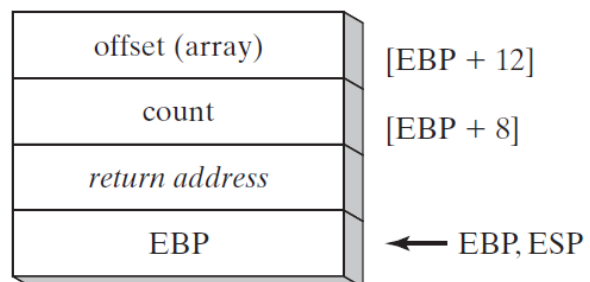
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ArrayFill PROC
    push    ebp
    mov     ebp, esp
    pushad
    mov     esi, [ebp + 12]
    mov     ecx, [ebp + 8]
    cmp     ecx, 0
    je      L2

L1:
    mov     eax, 100h
    call    RandomRange
    mov     [esi], ax
    add     esi, TYPE WORD
    loop    L1

L2:
    popad
    pop     ebp
    ret     8
ArrayFill ENDP

```



Local Variables

In MASM Assembly Language, local variables are created at runtime stack, below the base pointer (EBP).

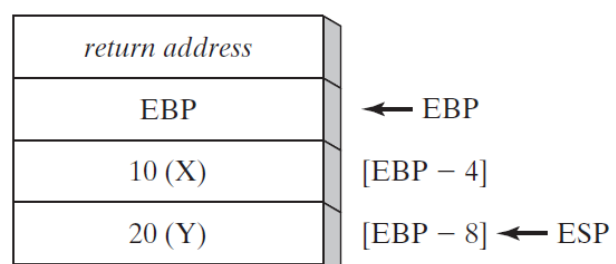
Example:

```

.code
    call    MySub
    exit

MySub PROC
    push    ebp

```



```

        mov     ebp, esp
        sub     esp, 8
        mov     DWORD PTR [ebp - 4], 10    ; first parameter
        mov     DWORD PTR [ebp - 8], 20    ; second parameter
        mov     esp, ebp
        pop     ebp
        ret
MySub    ENDP

```

LEA Instruction

LEA instruction returns the effective address of an indirect operand. Offsets of indirect operands are calculated at runtime.

Example:

```

.code
        call    makeArray
        exit

makeArray PROC
        push    ebp
        mov     ebp, esp
        sub     esp, 32
        lea     esi, [ebp - 30]
        mov     ecx, 30
L1:
        mov     BYTE PTR [esi], '*'
        inc     esi
        loop    L1
        add     esp, 32
        pop     ebp
        ret
makeArray ENDP

```

ENTER & LEAVE Instructions

Enter instruction automatically creates stack frame for a called Procedure. Leave instruction reverses the effect of enter instruction.

Example:

```

.data
        var1    DWORD    5
        var2    DWORD    6

.code
        push    var2
        push    var1
        call    AddTwo
        exit

AddTwo PROC
        enter   0, 0
        mov     eax, [ebp + 12]
        add     eax, [ebp + 8]
        leave
        ret
AddTwo ENDP

```

LOCAL Directive

LOCAL directive declares one or more local variables by name, assigning them size attributes.

Example:

```
.code
    call LocalProc
    exit

LocalProc    PROC
    LOCAL temp : DWORD
    mov     temp, 5
    mov     eax, temp
    ret
LocalProc    ENDP
```

Recursive Procedures

Recursive procedures are those that call themselves to perform some task.

Example:

```
.code
    mov     ecx, 5
    mov     eax, 0
    call    CalcSum
L1:
    call    WriteDec
    call    crlf
    exit
CalcSum    PROC
    cmp     ecx, 0
    jz      L2
    add     eax, ecx
    dec     ecx
    call    CalcSum
L2:
    ret
CalcSum    ENDP
```

Invoke Directive

```
INVOKE procedureName [, argumentList]
```

```
INVOKE DumpArray, OFFSET array, LENGTHOF array, TYPE array
```

Proc Directive

```
label PROC [attributes] [USES reglist],
    parameter_1,
    parameter_2,
    .
    .
    parameter_n
```

ADDR Directive

```
INVOKE FillArray, ADDR myArray
```

Using INVOKE and PROTO

```
; (sum.inc)
INCLUDE Irvine32.inc

PromptForIntegers PROTO,
    ptrPrompt:PTR BYTE,          ; prompt string
    ptrArray:PTR DWORD,          ; points to the array
    arraySize:DWORD              ; size of the array

ArraySum PROTO,
    ptrArray:PTR DWORD,          ; points to the array
    arraySize:DWORD              ; size of the array

DisplaySum PROTO,
    ptrPrompt:PTR BYTE,          ; prompt string
    theSum:DWORD                 ; sum of the array

TITLE Integer Summation Program (Sum_main.asm)

INCLUDE sum.inc
Count = 3
.data
prompt1 BYTE "Enter a signed integer: ",0
prompt2 BYTE "The sum of the integers is: ",0
array    DWORD    Count DUP(?)
sum      DWORD    ?

.code
main PROC

    call Clrscr

    INVOKE PromptForIntegers, ADDR prompt1, ADDR array, Count
    INVOKE ArraySum, ADDR array, Count
    mov    sum,eax
    INVOKE DisplaySum, ADDR prompt2, sum

    call Crlf
    exit
main ENDP
END main
```

Activity:

1. Write a program which contains a procedure named *ThreeProd* that displays the product of three numeric parameters passed through a stack.
2. Write a program which contains a procedure named *MinMaxArray* that displays the minimum & maximum values in an array. Pass a size-20 array by reference to this procedure.
3. Write a program which contains a procedure named *LocalSquare*. The procedure must declare a local variable. Initialize this variable by taking an input value from the user and then display its square. Use ENTER& LEAVE instructions to allocate and de-allocate the local variable.
4. Write a program that calculates factorial of a given number n. Make a recursive procedure named *Fact* that takes n as an input parameter.
5. Write a non-recursive version of the procedure *Fact* that uses a loop to calculate factorial of given number n. Compare efficiency of both versions of the *Fact* procedure using *GetMSeconds*.
6. Write a program to take 4 input numbers from the users. Then make two procedures *CheckPrime* and *LargestPrime*. The program should first check if a given number is a prime number or not. If all of the input numbers are prime numbers then the program should call the procedure *LargestPrime*.

CheckPrime: This procedure tests if a number is prime or not

LargestPrime: This procedure finds and displays the largest of the four prime numbers.