

# INSTRUCTION SET OVERVIEW



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## **Three Basic Types of Operands**

- Immediate
  - Constant integer (8, 16, or 32 bits)
  - Constant value is stored within the instruction
- Register
  - Name of a register is specified
  - Register number is encoded within the instruction
- Memory
  - Reference to a location in memory
  - Memory address is encoded within the instruction, or
  - Register holds the address of a memory location



### **Instruction Operand Notation**

Operand	Description	
r8	8-bit general-purpose register: AH, AL, BH, BL, CH, CL, DH, DL	
r16	16-bit general-purpose register: AX, BX, CX, DX, SI, DI, SP, BP	
r32	32-bit general-purpose register: EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX, ESI, EDI, ESP, EBP	
reg	Any general-purpose register	
sreg	16-bit segment register: CS, DS, SS, ES, FS, GS	
imm	8-, 16-, or 32-bit immediate value	
imm8	8-bit immediate byte value	
imm16	16-bit immediate word value	
imm32	32-bit immediate doubleword value	
r/m8	8-bit operand which can be an 8-bit general-purpose register or memory byte	
r/m16	16-bit operand which can be a 16-bit general-purpose register or memory word	
r/m32	32-bit operand which can be a 32-bit general register or memory doubleword	
тет	8-, 16-, or 32-bit memory operand	



#### **Data Transfer Instructions**

- MOV Instruction: Move source operand to destination
   mov destination, source
- Source and destination operands can vary

```
mov reg, reg
mov mem, reg
mov reg, mem
mov mem, imm
mov reg, imm
mov r/m16, sreg
mov sreg, r/m16
```

#### Rules

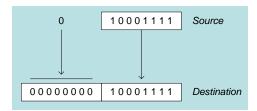
- •Both operands must be of same size
- •No memory to memory moves
- •No immediate to segment moves
- •No segment to segment moves
- Destination cannot be CS

#### **MOV Examples** DATA count BYTE 100 bVal BYTE wVal WORD dVal DWORD 5 . CODE mov bl, count ; bl = count = 100mov ax, wVal ; ax = wVal = 2mov count,al ; count = al = 2; eax = dval = 5mov eax, dval Assembler will not accept the following moves mov ds, 45 ; immediate move to DS not permitted mov esi, wVal ; size mismatch mov eip, dVal ; EIP cannot be the destination mov 25, ; immediate value cannot be destination bVal mov bVal count; memory-to-memory move not permitted



#### **Zero Extension**

- MOVZX Instruction
  - Fills (extends) the upper part of the destination with zeros
  - Used to copy a small source into a larger destination
  - Destination must be a register
- movzx r32, r/m8
- movzx r32, r/m16
- movzx r16, r/m8

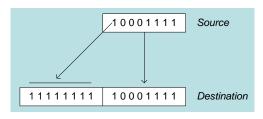


mov bl, 8Fh movzx ax, bl



### **Sign Extension**

- MOVSX Instruction
  - Fills (extends) the upper part of the destination register with a copy of the source operand's sign bit
  - Used to copy a small source into a larger destination
- movsx r32, r/m8
- movsx r32, r/m16
- movsx r16, r/m8



mov bl, 8Fh movsx ax, bl



#### **XCHG Instruction**

XCHG exchanges the values of two operands

Rules
• Operands must be of the same size

· At least one operand must be a register

· No immediate operands are permitted

- xchg reg, reg
- xchg reg, mem
- xchg mem, reg
- Examples
- DATA
- var1 DWORD 10000000h
- var2 DWORD 20000000h
- CODE
- xchg ah, al ; exchange 8-bit regs
- xchg ax, bx ; exchange 16-bit regs
- xchg eax, ebx; exchange 32-bit regs
- xchg var1,ebx; exchange mem, reg
- xchg var1,var2; error: two memory operands



#### **Direct Memory Operands**

- Variable names are references to locations in memory
- Direct Memory Operand: Named reference to a memory location
- Assembler computes address (offset) of named variable

```
.DATA
var1 BYTE 10h
.CODE
mov al, var1 ; AL = var1 = 10h
mov al, [var1] ; AL = var1 = 10h

Alternate Format
```



#### **Direct-Offset Operands**

- Direct-Offset Operand: Constant offset is added to a named memory location to produce an effective address
  - Assembler computes the effective address
- Lets you access memory locations that have no name

```
.DATA
arrayB BYTE 10h,20h,30h,40h
.CODE
mov al, arrayB+1 ; AL = 20h
mov al,[arrayB+1] ; alternative notation
mov al, arrayB[1] ; yet another notation
```

Q: Why doesn't arrayB+1 produce 11h?

#### **Direct-Offset Operands - Examples**

```
arrayW WORD 1020h, 3040h, 5060h
arrayD DWORD 1, 2, 3, 4
. CODE
mov ax, arrayW+2
                    ; AX = 3040h
mov ax, arrayW[4]
                    ; AX = 5060h
mov eax,[arrayD+4]
                     ; EAX = 00000002h
mov eax, [arrayD-3]; EAX = 01506030h
mov ax, [arrayW+9]
                     ; AX = 0200h
mov ax, [arrayD+3] ; Error: Operands are not same size
mov ax, [arrayW-2] ; AX = ? Out-of-range address
mov eax,[arrayD+16] ; EAX = ? MASM does not detect error
  1020 3040 5060
 20 10 40 30 60 50 01 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 03 00 00 04 00 00 00
  +1 +2 +3 +4 +5 | +1 +2 +3 +4 +5 +6 +7 +8 +9 +10 +11 +12 +13 +14 +15
```



### **Examples**

- Given the following definition of arrayD
   .DATA
   arrayD DWORD 1,2,3
- Rearrange the three values in the array as: 3, 1, 2
- Solution:



#### **Addition and Subtraction**

- ADD destination, source
   destination = destination + source
- SUB destination, source
   destination = destination source
- Destination can be a *register* or a *memory* location
- Source can be a *register*, *memory* location, or a *constant*
- Destination and source must be of the same size
- Memory-to-memory arithmetic is not allowed



#### **Examples**

• Write a program that adds the following three words:

#### .DATA

#### array WORD 890Fh, 1276h, 0AF5Bh

Solution: Accumulate the sum in the AX register

```
mov ax, array
add ax,[array+2]
add ax,[array+4] ; what if sum cannot fit in AX?
```

Solution 2: Accumulate the sum in the EAX register

```
movzx eax, array  ; error to say: mov eax,array
movzx ebx, array[2] ; use movsx for signed integers
add eax, ebx  ; error to say: add eax,array[2]
movzx ebx, array[4]
add eax, ebx
```



#### **Flags Affected**

- ADD and SUB affect all the six status flags:
  - Carry Flag: Set when unsigned arithmetic result is out of range
  - Overflow Flag: Set when signed arithmetic result is out of range
  - Sign Flag: Copy of sign bit, set when result is negative
  - Zero Flag: Set when result is zero
  - Auxiliary Carry Flag: Set when there is a carry from bit 3 to bit 4
  - Parity Flag: Set when parity in least-significant byte is even



#### More on Carry and Overflow

- Addition: A + B
  - The Carry flag is the carry out of the most significant bit
  - The Overflow flag is only set when . . .
    - Two positive operands are added and their sum is negative
    - Two negative operands are added and their sum is positive
    - Overflow cannot occur when adding operands of opposite signs
- Subtraction: A B
  - For Subtraction, the carry flag becomes the borrow flag
  - Carry flag is set when A has a smaller unsigned value than B
  - The Overflow flag is only set when . . .
    - A and B have different signs and sign of result ≠ sign of A
    - Overflow cannot occur when subtracting operands of the same sign



### **Hardware Viewpoint**

- CPU cannot distinguish signed from unsigned integers
  - YOU, the programmer, give a meaning to binary numbers
- How the ADD instruction modifies OF and CF:
  - $CF = (carry out of the MSB) \leftarrow MSB = Most Significant Bit$
  - OF = (carry out of the MSB) XOR (carry into the MSB)
- Hardware does SUB by ... Took = eXclusive-OR operation
  - ADDing destination to the 2's complement of the source operand
- How the SUB instruction modifies OF and CF:
  - Negate (2's complement) the source and ADD it to destination
  - OF = (carry out of the MSB) XOR (carry into the MSB)
  - CF = INVERT (carry out of the MSB)



For each of the following marked entries, show the values of the destination operand and the six status flags:

```
mov al, 0FFh
               ; AL=-1
                            CF=1 OF=0 SF=0 ZF=1 AF=1 PF=1
add al,1
               ; AL=00h
sub al,1
                            CF=1 OF=0 SF=1 ZF=0 AF=1 PF=1
               ; AL=FFh
mov al,+127
               ; AL=7Fh
add al,1
               ; AL=80h
                          CF=0 OF=1 SF=1 ZF=0 AF=1 PF=0
mov al,26h
sub al,95h
               ; AL=91h \longrightarrow CF=1 OF=1 SF=1 ZF=0 AF=0 PF=0
          (0) 0
                                (0)
                        26h (38)
                                                         26h (38)
     0 | 1 |
          0 0 1
                   1 0
                                   0
                                      0
                                            0
                                              0
                                                 1
                                           0 1 0 1 1 6Bh (107)
     0 0 1
             0
                   0 1 95h (-107)
                                   0
                                      1
                                         1
               1
     0 0 1
             0 0 0 1 91h (-111)
                                      0
                                         0 | 1 |
                                              0 0
                                                    0 1 91h (-111)
```



#### INC, DEC, and NEG Instructions

- INC destination
  - destination = destination + 1
  - More compact (uses less space) than: ADD destination, 1
- DEC destination
  - destination = destination 1
  - More compact (uses less space) than: SUB destination, 1
- NEG destination
  - destination = 2's complement of destination
- Destination can be 8-, 16-, or 32-bit operand
  - In memory or a register
  - NO immediate operand



#### **Affected Flags**

- INC and DEC affect five status flags
  - Overflow, Sign, Zero, Auxiliary Carry, and Parity
  - Carry flag is NOT modified
- NEG affects all the six status flags
  - Any nonzero operand causes the carry flag to be set

```
DATA

B SBYTE -1 ; OFFh
C SBYTE 127 ; 7Fh

CODE

inc B ; B=0 OF=0 SF=0 ZF=1 AF=1 PF=1
dec B ; B=-1=FFh OF=0 SF=1 ZF=0 AF=1 PF=1
inc C ; C=-128=80h OF=1 SF=1 ZF=0 AF=1 PF=0
neg C ; C=-128 CF=1 OF=1 SF=1 ZF=0 AF=0 PF=0
```



#### **ADC and SBB Instruction**

- ADC Instruction: Addition with Carry
   ADC destination, source
  - destination = destination + source + CF
- SBB Instruction: Subtract with Borrow
  - SBB destination, source
  - destination = destination source CF
- Destination can be a register or a memory location
- Source can be a *register*, *memory* location, or a *constant*
- Destination and source must be of the same size
- Memory-to-memory arithmetic is not allowed



#### **Extended Arithmetic**

- ADC and SBB are useful for extended arithmetic
- Example: 64-bit addition
  - Assume first 64-bit integer operand is stored in EBX:EAX
  - Second 64-bit integer operand is stored in EDX:ECX
- Solution:

```
add eax, ecx ;add lower 32 bits
adc ebx, edx ;add upper 32 bits + carry
64-bit result is in EBX:EAX
```

- STC and CLC Instructions
  - Used to Set and Clear the Carry Flag



#### Addressing Modes

- Two Basic Questions
  - Where are the operands?
  - How memory addresses are computed?
- Intel IA-32 supports 3 fundamental addressing modes
  - Register addressing: operand is in a register
  - Immediate addressing: operand is stored in the instruction itself
  - Memory addressing: operand is in memory
- Memory Addressing
  - Variety of addressing modes
  - Direct and indirect addressing
  - Support high-level language constructs and data structures



### **Register and Immediate Addressing**

- Register Addressing
  - Most efficient way of specifying an operand: no memory access
  - Shorter Instructions: fewer bits are needed to specify register
  - Compilers use registers to optimize code
- Immediate Addressing
  - Used to specify a constant
  - Immediate constant is part of the instruction
  - Efficient: no separate operand fetch is needed
- Examples

```
mov eax, ebx ; register-to-register move add eax, 5 ; 5 is an immediate constant
```



#### **Direct Memory Addressing**

- Used to address simple variables in memory
  - Variables are defined in the data section of the program
  - We use the variable name (label) to address memory directly
  - Assembler computes the offset of a variable
  - The variable offset is specified directly as part of the instruction
- Example

```
.data
var1 DWORD 100
var2 DWORD 200
sum DWORD ?
.code
mov eax, var1
add eax, var2
```

mov sum, eax

var1, var2, and sum are direct memory operands



### **Register Indirect Addressing**

- Problem with Direct Memory Addressing
  - Causes problems in addressing arrays and data structures
    - Does not facilitate using a loop to traverse an array
  - Indirect memory addressing solves this problem
- Register Indirect Addressing
  - The memory address is stored in a register
  - Brackets [] used to surround the register holding the address
  - For 32-bit addressing, any 32-bit register can be used
- Example

EBX contains the address of the operand, not the operand itself



#### **Array Sum Example**

❖ Indirect addressing is ideal for traversing an array

```
.data
    array DWORD 10000h,20000h,30000h
.code
    mov esi, OFFSET array ; esi = array address
    mov eax,[esi] ; eax = [array] = 10000h
    add esi,4 ; why 4?
    add eax,[esi] ; eax = eax + [array+4]
    add esi,4 ; why 4?
    add eax,[esi] ; eax = eax + [array+8]
```

- ❖ Note that ESI register is used as a pointer to array
  - ♦ ESI must be incremented by 4 to access the next array element
    - Because each array element is 4 bytes (DWORD) in memory



## **Ambiguous Indirect Operands**

Consider the following instructions:

```
mov [EBX], 100
add [ESI], 20
inc [EDI]
```

- Where EBX, ESI, and EDI contain memory addresses
- The size of the memory operand is not clear to the assembler
  - EBX, ESI, and EDI can be pointers to BYTE, WORD, or DWORD
- Solution: use PTR operator to clarify the operand size

```
mov BYTE PTR [EBX], 100 ; BYTE operand in memory add WORD PTR [ESI], 20 ; WORD operand in memory inc DWORD PTR [EDI] ; DWORD operand in memory
```



#### **Indexed Addressing**

- Combines a displacement (name±constant) with an index register
  - ♦ Assembler converts displacement into a constant offset
  - ♦ Constant offset is added to register to form an effective address
- ❖ Syntax: [disp + index] or disp [index]



#### **Index Scaling**

- ❖ Useful to index array elements of size 2, 4, and 8 bytes
  - ♦ Syntax: [disp + index \* scale] or disp [index \* scale]
- Effective address is computed as follows:
  - ♦ Disp.'s offset + Index register \* Scale factor

```
.DATA

arrayB BYTE 10h,20h,30h,40h
arrayW WORD 100h,200h,300h,400h
arrayD DWORD 10000h,20000h,30000h,40000h
.CODE

mov esi, 2

mov al, arrayB[esi] ; AL = 30h
mov ax, arrayW[esi*2] ; AX = 300h
mov eax, arrayD[esi*4] ; EAX = 30000h
```



### **Based Addressing**

- Syntax: [Base + disp.]
  - Effective Address = Base register + Constant Offset
- Useful to access fields of a structure or an object
  - Base Register  $\rightarrow$  points to the base address of the structure
  - Constant Offset → relative offset within the structure

```
.DATA

mystruct WORD 12

DWORD 1985

BYTE 'M'

.CODE

mov ebx, Offset mystruct

mov eax, [ebx+2]

mystruct is a structure

consisting of 3 fields: a

word, a double word,

and a byte

EAX = 1985

mov al, [ebx+6]

; AL = 'M'
```



#### **Based-Indexed Addressing**

- Syntax: [Base + (Index \* Scale) + disp.]
  - Scale factor is optional and can be 1, 2, 4, or 8
- Useful in accessing two-dimensional arrays
  - Offset: array address => we can refer to the array by name
  - Base register: holds row address => relative to start of array
  - Index register: selects an element of the row => column index
  - Scaling factor: when array element size is 2, 4, or 8 bytes
- Useful in accessing arrays of structures (or objects)
  - Base register: holds the address of the array
  - Index register: holds the element address relative to the base
  - Offset: represents the offset of a field within a structure

#### **Based-Indexed Examples**

```
.data
  matrix DWORD 0, 1, 2, 3, 4; 4 rows, 5 cols
          DWORD 10,11,12,13,14
          DWORD 20,21,22,23,24
          DWORD 30,31,32,33,34
                 SIZEOF matrix ; 20 bytes per row
  ROWSIZE EQU
. code
  mov ebx, 2*ROWSIZE
                                 ; row index = 2
                                 ; col index = 3
  mov esi, 3
  mov esi, 3 ; col index = 3
mov eax, matrix[ebx+esi*4] ; EAX = matrix[2][3]
  mov ebx, 3*ROWSIZE
                                ; row index = 3
  mov esi, 1
                                 ; col index = 1
  mov eax, matrix[ebx+esi*4] ; EAX = matrix[3][1]
```



#### **LEA Instruction**

■ LEA = Load Effective Address

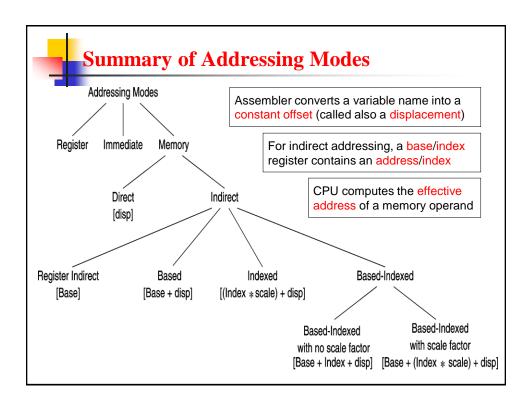
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LEA r32, mem (Flat-Memory)
LEA r16, mem (Real-Address Mode)
```

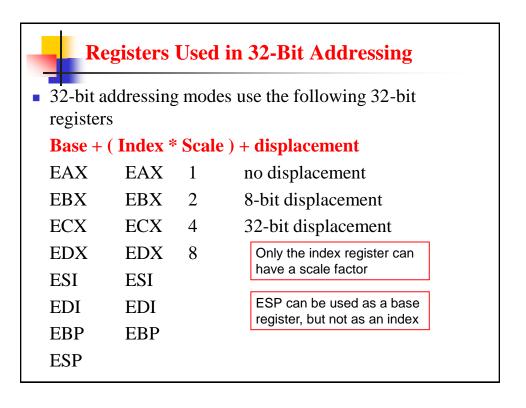
- Calculate and load the effective address of a memory operand
- Flat memory uses 32-bit effective addresses
- Real-address mode uses 16-bit effective addresses
- LEA is similar to MOV ... OFFSET, except that:
  - OFFSET operator is executed by the assembler
    - Used with named variables: address is known to the assembler
  - LEA instruction computes effective address at runtime
    - Used with indirect operands: effective address is known at runtime

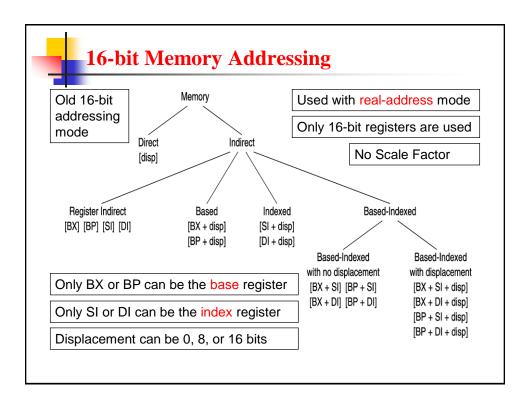


#### **LEA Examples**

```
.data
  array WORD 1000 DUP(?)
. code
                           ; Equivalent to . . .
  lea eax, array
                          ; mov eax, OFFSET array
  lea eax, array[esi]
                          ; mov eax, esi
                          ; add eax, OFFSET array
  lea eax, array[esi*2]
                          ; mov eax, esi
                           ; add eax, eax
                           ; add eax, OFFSET array
  lea eax, [ebx+esi*2] ; mov eax, esi
                          ; add eax, eax
                           ; add eax, ebx
```









#### **Default Segments**

- When 32-bit register indirect addressing is used ...
  - Address in EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX, ESI, and EDI is relative to DS
  - Address in EBP and ESP is relative to SS
  - In flat-memory model, DS and SS are the same segment
    - Therefore, no need to worry about the default segment
- When 16-bit register indirect addressing is used ...
  - Address in BX, SI, or DI is relative to the data segment DS
  - Address in BP is relative to the stack segment SS
  - In real-address mode, DS and SS can be different segments
- We can override the default segment using segment prefix
  - mov ax, ss:[bx]; address in bx is relative to stack segment
  - mov ax, ds: [bp]; address in bp is relative to data segment



#### **JMP Instruction**

- JMP is an unconditional jump to a destination instruction
- Syntax: JMP destination
- JMP causes the modification of the EIP register

  EIP ← destination address
- A label is used to identify the destination address
- JMP provides an easy way to create a loop
  - Loop will continue endlessly unless we find a way to terminate it



#### **LOOP Instruction**

- The LOOP instruction creates a counting loop
- Syntax: LOOP destination
- Logic:  $ECX \leftarrow ECX 1$  if ECX != 0, jump to *destination* label
- ECX register is used as a counter to count the iterations
- Example: calculate the sum of integers from 1 to 100

```
mov eax, 0 ; sum = eax
mov ecx, 100; count = ecx
L1:
  add eax, ecx; accumulate sum in eax
  loop L1 ; decrement ecx until 0
```



#### Your turn ...

What will be the final value of EAX?

Solution: 10

mov eax,6
mov ecx,4
L1:
inc eax
loop L1

How many times will the loop execute?

Solution:  $2^{32} = 4,294,967,296$ 

What will be the final value of EAX?

Solution: same value 1

```
mov eax,1
mov ecx,0
L2:
dec eax
loop L2
```



#### **Nested Loop**

If you need to code a loop within a loop, you must save the outer loop counter's ECX value

```
.DATA
count DWORD ?
.CODE
mov ecx, 100 ; set outer loop count to 100
L1:
mov count, ecx ; save outer loop count
mov ecx, 20 ; set inner loop count to 20
L2: .
loop L2 ; repeat the inner loop
mov ecx, count ; restore outer loop count
loop L1 ; repeat the outer loop
```



#### **Copying a String**

The following code copies a string from source to target

```
source BYTE "This is the source string",0
   target BYTE SIZEOF source DUP(0)
                     <u>†</u>
                  Good use of SIZEOF
main PROC
   mov esi,0
                             ; index register
   mov ecx, SIZEOF source ; loop counter
L1:
   mov al,source[esi]
                             ; get char from source
   mov target[esi],al
                             ; store it in the target
   inc esi
                           ; increment index
              ESI is used to index loop for entire string
   loop L1
   exit
              source & target
main ENDP
              strings
END main
```



#### **Summing an Integer Array**

This program calculates the sum of an array of 16-bit integers

```
.DATA
intarray WORD 100h,200h,300h,400h,500h,600h
main PROC
   mov esi, OFFSET intarray
                                 ; address of intarray
   mov ecx, LENGTHOF intarray
                                 ; loop counter
   mov ax,
                                  ; zero the accumulator
L1:
   add ax, [esi]
                                  ; accumulate sum in ax
   add esi, 2
                                  ; point to next integer
   loop L1
                                  ; repeat until ecx = 0
   exit
             esi is used as a pointer
main ENDP
             contains the address of an array element
END main
```



### Summing an Integer Array - cont'd

This program calculates the sum of an array of 32-bit integers

```
intarray DWORD 10000h,20000h,30000h,40000h,50000h,60000h
. CODE
main PROC
   mov esi, 0
                                 ; index of intarray
   mov ecx, LENGTHOF intarray
                                 ; loop counter
   mov eax, 0
                                  ; zero the accumulator
L1:
   add eax, intarray[esi*4]
                                  ; accumulate sum in eax
   inc esi
                                  ; increment index
   loop L1
                                  ; repeat until ecx = 0
   exit
main ENDP
                  esi is used as a scaled index
END main
```



#### **PC-Relative Addressing**

The following loop calculates the sum: 1 to 1000

Offset	Machine Code	Source Code
00000000	вв 00000000	mov eax, 0
00000005 0000000A	B9 000003E8	mov ecx, 1000 L1:
0000000A	03 C1	add eax, ecx
000000C	E2 FC	loop L1
0000000E		

When LOOP is assembled, the label L1 in LOOP is translated as FC which is equal to -4 (decimal). This causes the loop instruction to jump 4 bytes backwards from the offset of the next instruction. Since the offset of the next instruction = 0000000E, adding -4 (FCh) causes a jump to location 0000000A. This jump is called PC-relative.



### PC-Relative Addressing - cont'd

#### Assembler:

Calculates the difference (in bytes), called PC-relative offset, between the offset of the target label and the offset of the following instruction

#### Processor:

Adds the PC-relative offset to EIP when executing LOOP instruction

If the PC-relative offset is encoded in a single signed byte,

- (a) what is the largest possible backward jump?
- (b) what is the largest possible forward jump?

Answers: (a) -128 bytes and (b) +127 bytes



#### Summary

- Data Transfer
  - MOV, MOVSX, MOVZX, and XCHG instructions
- Arithmetic
  - ADD, SUB, INC, DEC, NEG, ADC, SBB, STC, and CLC
  - Carry, Overflow, Sign, Zero, Auxiliary and Parity flags
- Addressing Modes
  - Register, immediate, direct, indirect, indexed, based-indexed
  - Load Effective Address (LEA) instruction
  - 32-bit and 16-bit addressing
- JMP and LOOP Instructions
  - Traversing and summing arrays, copying strings
  - PC-relative addressing