

4. Data Transfers, Addressing & Arithmetic

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* Three basic types of operands

* Immediate Operand - numeric & character literal

* Register Operand - named CPU register

* Memory Operand - memory location

.data

var1 byte 10h

.code

mov al, var1

machine language →

AO
operand code

00010400

) assembled

32-bit hex. address
to var1

MOV Instruction

* Operands must be same size

* both operands cannot be memory

& Instruction pointer register (IP, EIP, RIP)
cannot be destination operand

mov reg, reg
mem, reg
reg, mem
mem, imm
reg, imm

MOVZX Instruction

* move with zero-extend copies source
to destination and extends to 16 or 32-bits
* used with unsigned integers (positives)

`MOVZX` reg32, reg/mem8
 reg32, reg/mem16
 reg16, reg/mem8

- * add leading zeros if necessary
- * operands don't have to be same size

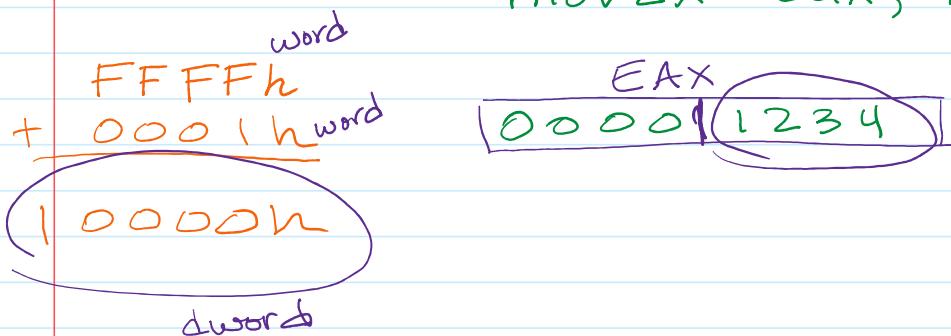
• data

var1 word 1234h

• code

`MOVZX` eax, var1

4-bytes \rightarrow 2-bytes



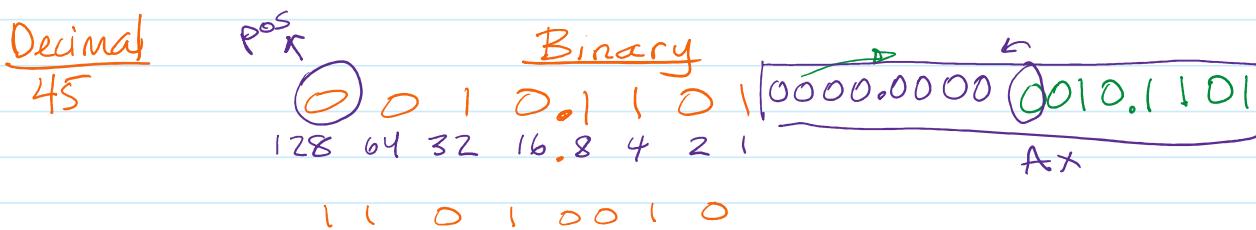
* `MOVSX` Instruction

- * move with sign-extend copies source to destination & sign extends to 16 or 32-bits
- * used with signed integers

`MOVSX` reg32, reg/mem8
 reg32, reg/mem16
 reg16, reg/mem8

- * Highest bit is repeated throughout extended bits

- * operands must not be the same size

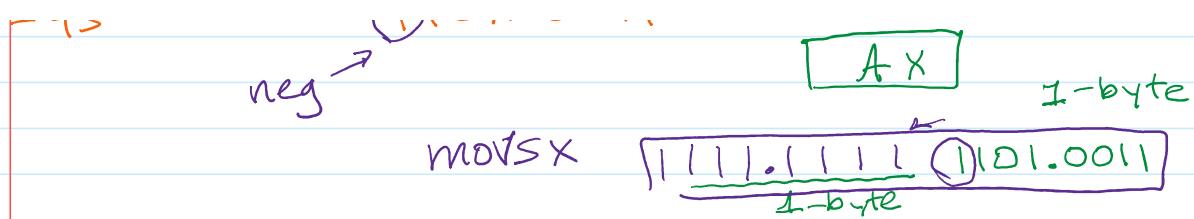


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neg \rightarrow 1101.0011

Ax

1-byte



* Direct Offset Operand

* Add displacement to name of variable

- data
 - array B byte 10h, 20h, 30h, 40h, 50h
- code

```

mov al, arrayB ; al = 10h
mov al, [arrayB+1] ; al = 20h
mov al, [arrayB+3] ; al = 40h

```

- data
 - array W word 100h, 200h, 300h

- code
 - mov ax, [arrayW+2] ; ax = 200h
 - mov ax, [arrayW+4] ; ax = 300h

- data
 - array DW dword 1000h, 2000h, 3000h

- code
 - mov eax, [arrayDW+4] ; eax = 2000h

INC/DEC Directives

- * INC reg/mem
- * DEC reg/mem

} increment/decrement by 1

ADD Instruction

- * ADD dest, source
SUB
- * Operands must be same size, and cannot both be memory
- * Instruction Pointer Register (IP, EIP, RIP) can't be destination operand

ADD reg, reg
SUB mem, reg
reg, mem
mem, imm
reg, imm

SUB Instruction

- * has same restrictions as ADD instruction

NEG Instruction

- * reverses sign of value by converting value to its two's complement

NEG reg
mem

OFFSET Directive - returns the distance from beginning of enclosing segment

PTR Directive - lets you override operands default size

TYPE Directive - returns size in bytes of an operand for each element in array

LENGTHOF Directive - returns number of elements in an array

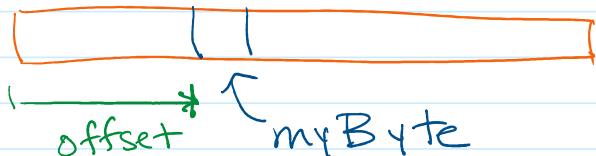
CONST first-in ... last-in

elements in an array

SIZEOF Directive - number of bytes used
in an array initializer

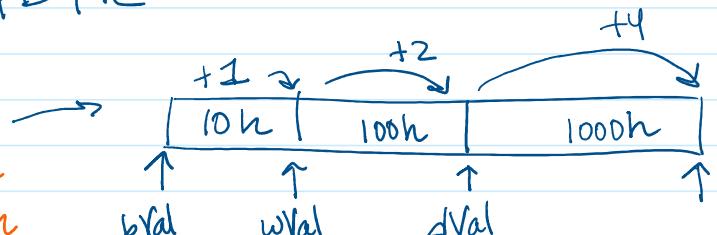
OFFSET

Data segment



• data

b Val byte 10h
w Val word 100h
d Val dword 1000h



• code

mov esi, offset bVal
mov esi, offset wVal
mov esi, offset dVal

; esi = 00404000h +1
; esi = 00404001h +2
; esi = 00404003h +4

PTR

• data

myDouble dword 12345678h → low 2 bytes

• code

mov ax, myDouble

mov ax, word ptr myDouble

moves low word (5678h)
due to little-endian order in
memory

`MOV AX, WORD PTR [myDouble + 2]`

moves high word (1234h)

`MOV AL, BYTE PTR myDouble`

moves low byte (78h)

TYPE

• data

`var1 byte ?`
`var2 word ?`
`var3 dword ?`

`; TYPE var1 = 1`
`; TYPE var2 = 2`
`; TYPE var3 = 4`

• code

`MOV EAX, TYPE var1`

LENGTHOF

• data

`arr1 byte 0,20,30`
`arr2 word 1,2,3,4`
`arr3 byte "12345678", 0`

`; LENGTHOF arr1 = 3`
`; LENGTHOF arr2 = 4`
`; LENGTHOF arr3 = 9`

SIZEOF

product of TYPE & LENGTHOF

`SIZEOF arr2 = 8`

Memory
`"1" → 31h`
`"2" → 32h`
`:`
`"(8)" → 38h`

Indirect Addressing

- * use registers as pointer to access elements of an array
- * Indirect operand - operand that uses indirect

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- * Registers that can be used as indirect operands:
EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX, **ESI**, EDI, EBP, ESP
- * Surround registers with brackets to dereference address
- * Registers will contain address of some data

Example:

```

• data
  byteVal byte 10h

• code
  mov esi, offset byteVal ; 00404000h
  mov al, [esi]
    ↳ dereferencing a register
    * moves into AL the byte
      pointed to by the address
      in ESI
  
```

Example:

```

• data
  arrayB byte 10h, 20h, 30h, 40h

• code
  mov esi, offset arrayB
  mov al, [esi] ; al=10h
  inc esi       ↳ byte ptr [esi]
  mov al, [esi] ; al=20h
  
```

`Mov al, [esii]
byte ptr [esii] ; al=20h
inc esii`

`Mov al, [esii]
byte ptr [esii] ; al = 30h`

- * A pointer refers a variable that contains the address of another variable

JMP Instruction

- * JMP jumps to a predefined label within your code segment (like a return statement)
- * Not a conditional jump

o code

`Mov eax, 0`

`someLabel:
inc eax
jmp someLabel`

} Infinite loop is engaged

Loop Instruction

- * Loop instruction is a conditional jump
- * Only jump if ECX is not zero
- * ECX is the loop counter
- * Don't use ECX register carelessly when using the loop instruction

Loop

- * Decrements ECX by 1
- * If ECX ≠ 0, then a jump happens
- * If ECX = 0, then don't jump

- * If ECX ≠ 0, then a jump happens
- * If ECX = 0, then you don't jump
- * Precondition for loop is to set ECX to a positive value

• code

```
mov eax, 0
mov ecx, 5
```

; loop five times

L1:

```
add eax, 5
loop L1
```

; decrements ecx by 1
& jmp if ecx ≠ 0

When loop terminates

- * EAX will have a value of 25
- * ECX will have a value of 0.

sample program

• data

```
str1 byte "nostra", 0
lenStr = ($ - str1)
```

↑ current location counter

• code

```
mov esi, OFFSET str1
mov ecx, lenStr
dec ecx
```

L1:

```
mov al, [esi]
* sub al, 10
mov [esi], al
inc esi
loop L1
```

offset	value
str1 → 0000	'n' - 110 → 100 - 'd'
esi → 0001	'o' - 111 → 101 - 'e'
0002	'S' - 115
0003	't' - 116
0004	'r' - 114
0005	'a' - 97 → 87 - 'w'
0006	0
0007	

ecx=6

↑ dereference
esi
AL determines how many bytes to grab from memory

