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Data Transfers, Addressing, and Arithmetic

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4.1 Overview

- Data Transfer Instructions
- Addition and Subtraction
- Data-Related Operators and Directives
- Indirect Addressing
- JMP and LOOP Instructions
- 64-Bit Programming



4.2 Data Transfer Instructions

- Operand Types
- Instruction Operand Notation
- Direct Memory Operands
- MOV Instruction
- Zero & Sign Extension
- XCHG Instruction
- Direct-Offset Instructions



4.4 Operand Types

- Immediate: a constant integer (8, 16, or 32 bits)
 - Value is encoded within the instruction
- **Register:** the name of a register
 - Register name is converted to a number and encoded within the instruction
- Memory: reference to a location in memory
 - Memory address is encoded within the instruction, or a register holds the address of a memory location

Operand	Description
reg8	8-bit general-purpose register: AH, AL, BH, BL, CH, CL, DH, DL
reg16	16-bit general-purpose register: AX, BX, CX, DX, SI, DI, SP, BP
reg32	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
reg/mem8	8-bit operand, which can be an 8-bit general register or memory byte
reg/mem16	16-bit operand, which can be a 16-bit general register or memory word
reg/mem32	32-bit operand, which can be a 32-bit general register or memory doubleword
mem	An 8-, 16-, or 32-bit memory operand



4.5 Direct Memory Operands

- A direct memory operand is a named reference to storage in memory
- The named reference (label) is automatically dereferenced by the assembler

```
.data
var1 BYTE 10h
.code
mov al,var1 ; AL = 10h
mov al,[var1] ; AL = 10h

alternate format
```



4.6 MOV Instruction

- Move from source to destination. Syntax:
 MOV destination, source
- No more than one memory operand permitted
- CS, EIP, and IP cannot be the destination
- No immediate to segment moves

```
.data
  count BYTE 100
  wVal WORD 2
.code
  mov bl,count
  mov ax,wVal
  mov count,al

mov al,wVal ; error
  mov ax,count ; error
  mov eax,count ; error
```



4.7 Your turn . . .

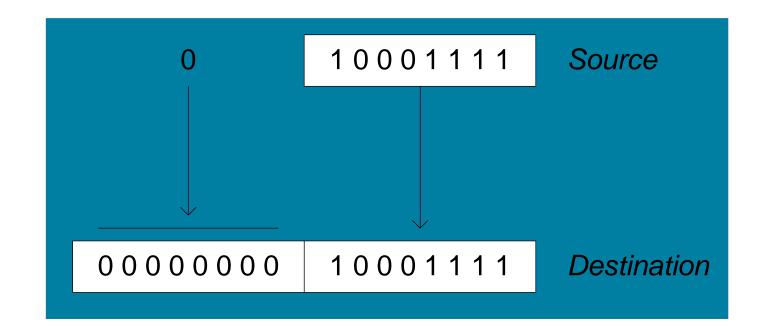
Explain why each of the following MOV statements are invalid:

```
.data
bVal BYTE 100
bVal2 BYTE ?
wVal WORD 2
dVal DWORD 5
.code
mov ds,45
mov esi,wVal
mov eip,dVal
mov 25,bVal
mo bVal2,bVal
```



4.8 Zero Extension

• When you copy a smaller value into a larger destination, the MOVZX instruction fills (extends) the upper half of the destination with zeros.



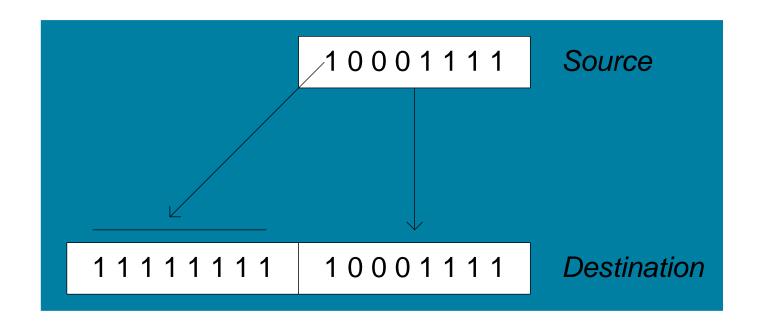
```
mov bl,10001111b
movzx ax,bl ; zero-extension
```

The destination must be a register.



4.9 Sign Extension

• The MOVSX instruction fills the upper half of the destination with a copy of the source operand's sign bit.



```
mov bl,10001111b
movsx ax,bl ; sign extension
```

The destination must be a register.



4.10 XCHG Instruction

• XCHG exchanges the values of two operands. At least one operand must be a register. No immediate operands are permitted.

```
.data
var1 WORD 1000h
var2 WORD 2000h
.code
xchg ax,bx     ; exchange 16-bit regs
xchg ah,al     ; exchange 8-bit regs
xchg var1,bx     ; exchange mem, reg
xchg eax,ebx     ; exchange 32-bit regs
xchg var1,var2     ; error: two memory operands
```



4.11 Direct-Offset Operands

• A constant offset is added to a data label to produce an effective address (EA). The address is dereferenced to get the value inside its memory location.

```
.data
arrayB BYTE 10h,20h,30h,40h
.code
mov al,arrayB+1 ; AL = 20h
mov al,[arrayB+1] ; alternative notation
```

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

```
.data
arrayW WORD 1000h,2000h,3000h
arrayD DWORD 1,2,3,4
.code
mov ax,[arrayW+2] ; AX = 2000h
mov ax,[arrayW+4] ; AX = 3000h
mov eax,[arrayD+4] ; EAX = 00000002h
```

```
; Will the following statements assemble?
mov ax,[arrayW-2] ; ??
mov eax,[arrayD+16] ; ??
```

What will happen when they run?



4.12 Your turn . . .

• Write a program that rearranges the values of three doubleword values in the following array as: 3, 1, 2.

• Step1: copy the first value into EAX and exchange it with the value in the second position

• Step 2: Exchange EAX with the third array value and copy the value in EAX to the first array position.



4.13 Evaluate this . . .

• We want to write a program that adds the following three bytes:

```
.data
myBytes BYTE 80h,66h,0A5h
```

What is your evaluation of the following code?

```
mov al,myBytes
add al,[myBytes+1]
add al,[myBytes+2]
```

• Any other possibilities?

```
.data
myBytes BYTE 80h,66h,0A5h
```

How about the following code. Is anything missing?

```
movzx ax,myBytes
mov bl,[myBytes+1]
add ax,bx
mov bl,[myBytes+2]
add ax,bx ; AX = sum
```

Yes: Move zero to BX before the MOVZX instruction.



4.13 Evaluate this . . .

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What is your evaluation of the following code?

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Yes: Move zero to BX before the MOVZX instruction.



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4.14 Addition and Subtraction

- INC and DEC Instructions
- ADD and SUB Instructions
- NEG Instruction
- Implementing Arithmetic Expressions
- Flags Affected by Arithmetic
 - Zero
 - Sign
 - Carry
 - Overflow



4.15 INC and DEC Instructions

- Add 1, subtract 1 from destination operand
 - operand may be register or memory
- INC destination
 - Logic: destination ← destination + 1
- DEC destination
 - Logic: destination ← destination –

INC and DEC Examples

```
.data
myWord WORD 1000h
myDword DWORD 10000000h
```

.code

```
inc myWord ; 1001h
dec myWord ; 1000h
inc myDword ; 1000001h
```



4.16 Your turn . . .

• Show the value of the destination operand after each of the following instructions executes:

```
.data
myByte BYTE 0FFh, 0
.code
mov al,myByte ; AL = FFh
mov ah,[myByte+1]; AH = 00h
dec ah ; AH = FFh
inc al ; AL = 00h
dec ax ; AX = FEFF
```



4.17 ADD and SUB Instructions

- ADD destination, source
 - Logic: destination ← destination + source
- SUB destination, source
 - Logic: destination ← destination source
- Same operand rules as for the MOV instruction

ADD and SUB Examples

.data

var1 DWORD 10000h

var2 DWORD 20000h

.code ; ---EAX---

mov eax, var1 ; 00010000h

add eax, var2 ; 00030000h

add ax, 0FFFFh ; 0003FFFFh

add eax,1 ; 00040000h

sub ax,1 ; 0004FFFFh



4.18 NEG (negate) Instruction

• Reverses the sign of an operand. Operand can be a register or memory operand.

```
.data
valB BYTE -1
valW WORD +32767
.code
mov al,valB ; AL = -1
neg al ; AL = +1
neg valW ; valW = -32767
```



4.19 NEG Instruction and the Flags

- The processor implements NEG using the following internal operation:
 - SUB 0, operand
- Any nonzero operand causes the Carry flag to be set.

```
.data
valB BYTE 1,0
valC SBYTE -128
.code
neg valB ; CF = 1

neg [valB + 1]; CF = 0
neg valC ; CF = 1
```



4.20 Implementing Arithmetic Expressions

• HLL compilers translate mathematical expressions into assembly language. You can do it also. For example:

```
    Rval = -Xval + (Yval – Zval)
```

```
Rval DWORD ?
Xval DWORD 26
Yval DWORD 30
Zval DWORD 40
.code
  mov eax, Xval
  neg eax ; EAX = -26
  mov ebx, Yval
  sub ebx, Zval; EBX = -10
  add eax, ebx
                 ; -36
  mov Rval,eax
```



4.21 Your turn . . .

- Translate the following expression into assembly language.
- Do not permit Xval, Yval, or Zval to be modified:

$$Rval = Xval - (-Yval + Zval)$$

Assume that all values are signed doublewords.

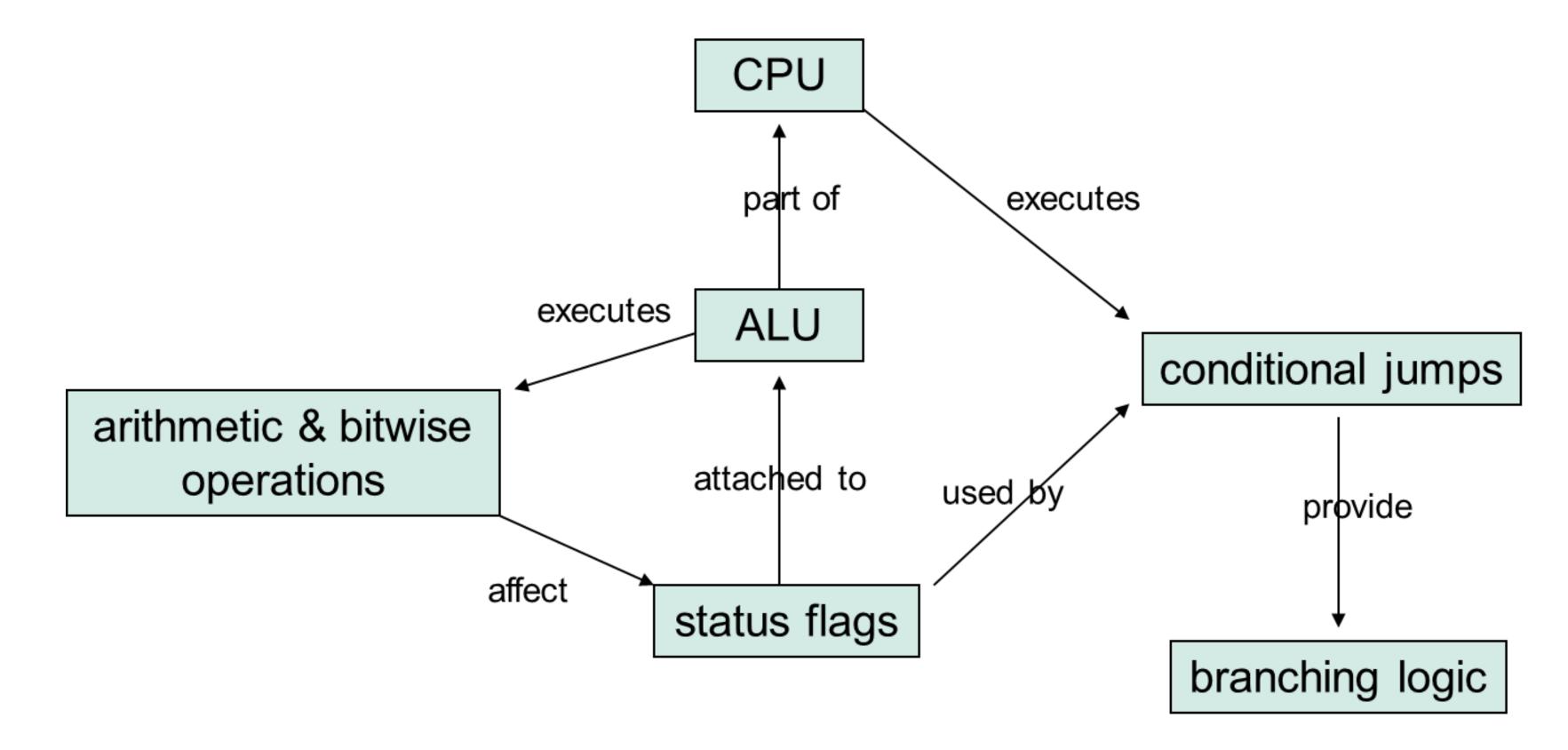


4.22 Flags Affected by Arithmetic

- The ALU has a number of status flags that reflect the outcome of arithmetic (and bitwise) operations
 - based on the contents of the destination operand
- Essential flags:
 - **Zero flag** set when destination equals zero
 - Sign flag set when destination is negative
 - Carry flag set when unsigned value is out of range
 - Overflow flag set when signed value is out of range
- The MOV instruction never affects the flags.



4.24 Concept Map





4.25 Zero Flag (ZF)

• The Zero flag is set when the result of an operation produces zero in the destination operand.

```
mov cx,1
sub cx,1
mov ax,0FFFFh
inc ax
inc ax
; AX = 0, ZF = 1
; AX = 1, ZF = 0
```

Remember...

- A flag is set when it equals 1.
- A flag is clear when it equals 0.



4.26 Sign Flag (SF)

• The Sign flag is set when the destination operand is negative. The flag is clear when the destination is positive.

```
mov cx,0

sub cx,1

add cx,2

; CX = -1, SF = 1

; CX = 1, SF = 0
```

The sign flag is a copy of the destination's highest bit:

```
mov al,0
sub al,1
add al,2
; AL = 111111111b, SF = 1
; AL = 00000001b, SF = 0
```



4.27 Signed and Unsigned Integers

A Hardware Viewpoint

- All CPU instructions operate exactly the same on signed and unsigned integers
- The CPU cannot distinguish between signed and unsigned integers
- YOU, the programmer, are solely responsible for using the correct data type with each instruction



4.28 Overflow and Carry Flags

A Hardware Viewpoint

- How the ADD instruction affects OF and CF:
 - -CF = (carry out of the MSB)
 - -OF = CF XOR MSB
- How the SUB instruction affects OF and CF:
 - -CF = INVERT (carry out of the MSB)
 - -negate the source and add it to the destination
 - -OF = CF XOR MSB

MSB = Most Significant Bit (high-order bit)

XOR = eXclusive-OR operation

NEG = Negate (same as SUB 0,operand)



4.29 Carry Flag (CF)

- The Carry flag is set when the result of an operation generates an unsigned value that is out of range (too big or too small for the destination operand).
- A subtract operation sets the Carry flag when a larger unsigned integer is subtracted from a smaller one.

```
mov al,0FFh
add al,1 ; CF = 1, AL = 00

; Try to go below zero:

mov al,0
sub al,1 ; CF = 1, AL = FF
```



4.30 Your turn . . .

• For each of the following marked entries, show the values of the destination operand and the Sign, Zero, and Carry flags:



4.31 Overflow Flag (OF)

• The Overflow flag is set when the signed result of an operation is invalid or out of range.

```
; Example 1
mov al,+127
add al,1 ; OF = 1, AL = ??

; Example 2
mov al,7Fh ; OF = 1, AL = 80h
add al,1
```

• The two examples are identical at the binary level because 7Fh equals +127. To determine the value of the destination operand, it is often easier to calculate in hexadecimal.



4.32 A Rule of Thumb

- When adding two integers, remember that 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

What will be the values of the Overflow flag?

```
mov al,80h
add al,92h ; OF = 1
mov al,-2
add al,+127 ; OF = 0
```



4.33 Your turn . . .

• What will be the values of the given flags after each operation?

```
mov al,-128
             ; CF = 1 OF = 1
neg al
mov ax,8000h
             ; CF = 0 OF = 0
add ax,2
mov ax,0
             ; CF = 1 OF = 0
sub ax,2
mov al,-5
          ; OF = 1
sub al,+125
```



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4.35 Data-Related Operators and Directives

- OFFSET Operator
- PTR Operator
- TYPE Operator
- LENGTHOF Operator
- SIZEOF Operator
- LABEL Directive

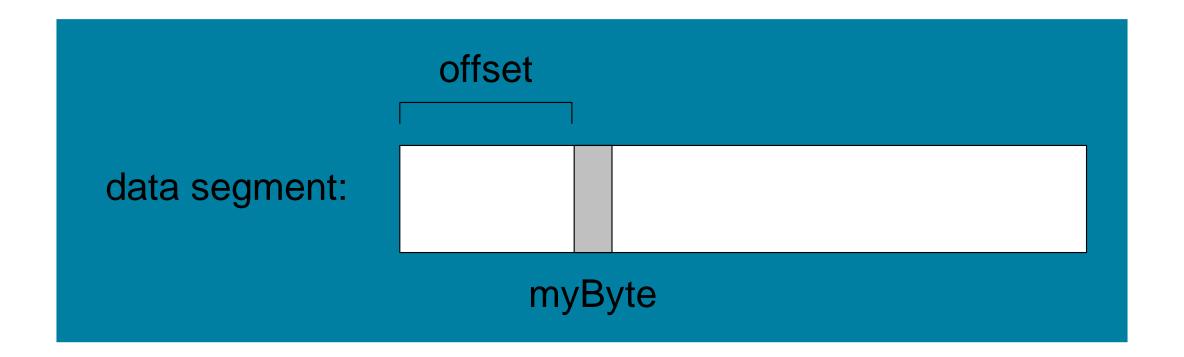


4.36 OFFSET Operator

• OFFSET returns the distance in bytes, of a label from the beginning of its enclosing segment

Protected mode: 32 bits

• Real mode: 16 bits



The Protected-mode programs we write use only a single segment (flat memory model).



4.38 Relating to C/C++

• The value returned by OFFSET is a pointer. Compare the following code written for both C++ and assembly language:

```
// C++ version:
    char array[1000];
    char * p = array;

; Assembly language:
    .data
    array BYTE 1000 DUP(?)
    .code
    mov esi,OFFSET array
```



4.39 PTR Operator

• Overrides the default type of a label (variable). Provides the flexibility to access part of a variable.

```
.data
myDouble DWORD 12345678h
.code
mov ax,myDouble ; error - why?
mov ax,WORD PTR myDouble ; loads 5678h
mov WORD PTR myDouble,4321h ; saves 4321h
```

Little endian order is used when storing data in memory



4.40 Little Endian Order

- Little endian order refers to the way Intel stores integers in memory.
- Multi-byte integers are stored in reverse order, with the least significant byte stored at the lowest address
- For example, the doubleword 12345678h would be stored as:

byte	offset
78	0000
56	0001
34	0002
12	0003

When integers are loaded from memory into registers, the bytes are automatically re-reversed into their correct positions.



4.41 PTR Operator Examples

.data
myDouble DWORD 12345678h

```
doubleword
            word
                  byte
                         offset
                               myDouble
           5678
                   78
12345678
                         0000
                               myDouble + 1
                   56
                         0001
            1234
                   34
                         0002
                               myDouble + 2
                               myDouble + 3
                         0003
```

```
mov al,BYTE PTR myDouble ; AL = 78h
mov al,BYTE PTR [myDouble+1]; AL = 56h
mov al,BYTE PTR [myDouble+2]; AL = 34h
mov ax,WORD PTR myDouble ; AX = 5678h
mov ax,WORD PTR [myDouble+2]; AX = 1234h
```



4.41 PTR Operator (cont)

 PTR can also be used to combine elements of a smaller data type and move them into a larger operand. The CPU will automatically reverse the bytes

```
.data
myBytes BYTE 12h, 34h, 56h, 78h
```

```
.code
mov ax, WORD PTR [myBytes] ; AX = 3412h
mov ax, WORD PTR [myBytes+2]; AX = 7856h
```

$$; AX = 7856h$$



4.42 Your turn . . .

Write down the value of each destination operand:

```
.data
varB BYTE 65h,31h,02h,05h
varW WORD 6543h,1202h
varD DWORD 12345678h
```

.code

```
mov ax,WORD PTR [varB+2] ; a.
mov bl,BYTE PTR varD ; b.
mov bl,BYTE PTR [varW+2] ; c.
mov ax,WORD PTR [varD+2] ; d.
mov eax,DWORD PTR varW ; e.
```



4.43 TYPE Operator

• The TYPE operator returns the size, in bytes, of a single element of a data declaration

```
.data
var1 BYTE ?
var2 WORD ?
var3 DWORD ?
var4 QWORD ?
.code
mov eax, TYPE var1; 1
mov eax, TYPE var2; 2
mov eax, TYPE var3; 4
mov eax, TYPE var4; 8
```



4.44 LENGTHOF Operator

The LENGTHOF operator counts the number of elements in a single data declaration.

```
LENGTHOF
byte1 BYTE 10,20,30 ; 3
array1 WORD 30 DUP(?),0,0 ; 32
array2 WORD 5 DUP(3 DUP(?)) ; 15
array3 DWORD 1,2,3,4 ; 4
digitStr BYTE "12345678",0 ; 9

.code
mov ecx,LENGTHOF array1 ; 32
```



4.45 SIZEOF Operator

The SIZEOF operator returns a value that is equivalent to multiplying LENGTHOF by TYPE.



4.46 Spanning Multiple Lines

• A data declaration spans multiple lines if each line (except the last) ends with a comma. The LENGTHOF and SIZEOF operators include all lines belonging to the declaration:

```
.data
array WORD 10,20,
   30,40,
   50,60

.code
mov eax,LENGTHOF array ; 6
mov ebx,SIZEOF array ; 12
```



4.46 Spanning Multiple Lines

• In the following example, array identifies only the first WORD declaration. Compare the values returned by LENGTHOF and SIZEOF here to those in the previous slide:

```
.data
array WORD 10,20
WORD 30,40
WORD 50,60
```

```
.code
mov eax,LENGTHOF array ; 2
mov ebx,SIZEOF array ; 4
```



4.47 LABEL Directive

- Assigns an alternate label name and type to an existing storage location
- LABEL does not allocate any storage of its own
- Removes the need for the PTR operator

```
.data
dwList LABEL DWORD
wordList LABEL WORD
intList BYTE 00h,10h,00h,20h
.code
mov eax,dwList ; 20001000h
mov cx,wordList ; 1000h
mov dl,intList ; 00h
```



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4.48 Indirect Addressing

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- Array Sum Example
- Indexed Operands
- Pointers



4.48 Indirect Operands

• An indirect operand holds the address of a variable, usually an array or string. It can be dereferenced (just like a pointer).

```
.data
val1 BYTE 10h,20h,30h
.code
mov esi, OFFSET val1
mov al,[esi]; dereference ESI (AL = 10h)
inc esi
mov al, [esi]; AL = 20h
inc esi
mov al, [esi]; AL = 30h
```



4.48 Indirect Operands

• Use PTR to clarify the size attribute of a memory operand.

```
.data
  myCount WORD 0

.code
  mov esi,OFFSET myCount
  inc [esi] ; error: ambiguous
  inc WORD PTR [esi] ; ok
```

Should PTR be used here? add [esi], 20

yes, because [esi] could point to a byte, word, or doubleword



4.49 Array Sum Example

• Indirect operands are ideal for traversing an array. Note that the register in brackets must be incremented by a value that matches the array type.

```
.data
arrayW WORD 1000h,2000h,3000h
.code
mov esi,OFFSET arrayW
mov ax,[esi]
add esi,2 ; or: add esi,TYPE arrayW
add ax,[esi]
add esi,2
add ax,[esi]; AX = sum of the array
```



4.50 Indexed Operands

- An indexed operand adds a constant to a register to generate an effective address. There are two notational forms:
 - [label + reg]
 - label[reg]

```
.data
  arrayW WORD 1000h,2000h,3000h
.code
  mov esi,0
  mov ax,[arrayW + esi] ; AX = 1000h
  mov ax,arrayW[esi] ; alternate format
  add esi,2
  add ax,[arrayW + esi]
  etc.
```



4.51 Index Scaling

.data

• You can scale an indirect or indexed operand to the offset of an array element. This is done by multiplying the index by the array's TYPE:

; 0004

; 00000004

```
arrayB BYTE 0,1,2,3,4,5
arrayW WORD 0,1,2,3,4,5
arrayD DWORD 0,1,2,3,4,5

.code
mov esi,4
mov al,arrayB[esi*TYPE arrayB] ; 04
```

mov bx,arrayW[esi*TYPE arrayW]

mov edx,arrayD[esi*TYPE arrayD]



4.52 Pointers

• You can declare a pointer variable that contains the offset of another variable.

```
.data
arrayW WORD 1000h,2000h,3000h
ptrW DWORD arrayW
.code
mov esi,ptrW
mov ax,[esi]; AX = 1000h
```

Alternate format:

ptrW DWORD OFFSET arrayW



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4.53 JMP and LOOP Instructions

- JMP Instruction
- LOOP Instruction
- LOOP Example
- Summing an Integer Array
- Copying a String



4.54 JMP Instruction

- JMP is an unconditional jump to a label that is usually within the same procedure.
- Syntax: **JMP target**
- Logic: EIP ← target
- Example: top:

```
top:
.
.
jmp top
```

• A jump outside the current procedure must be to a special type of label called a global label



4.55 LOOP Instruction

- The LOOP instruction creates a counting loop
- Syntax: LOOP target
- Logic:
 - $ECX \leftarrow ECX 1$
 - if ECX != 0, jump to target
- Implementation:
 - The assembler calculates the distance, in bytes, between the offset of the following instruction and the offset of the target label. It is called the relative offset.
 - The relative offset is added to EIP



4.56 LOOP Example

• The following loop calculates the sum of the integers 5 + 4 + 3 + 2 + 1:

```
Offset machine code source code
00000000 66 B8 0000 mov ax,0
00000004 B9 00000005 mov ecx,5

00000009 66 03 C1 L1: add ax,cx
00000000 E2 FB loop L1
0000000E
```

When LOOP is assembled, the current location = 0000000E (offset of the next instruction). –5 (FBh) is added to the the current location, causing a jump to location 00000009:

```
0000009 \leftarrow 000000E + FB
```



4.57 Your turn . . .

- If the relative offset is encoded in a single signed byte
 - a) what is the largest possible backward jump? -128
 - b) what is the largest possible forward jump? +127



4.58 Your turn . . .

- If the relative offset is encoded in a single signed byte
 - a) what is the largest possible backward jump? -128
 - b) what is the largest possible forward jump? +127
- What will be the final value of AX? 10

```
mov ax,6
mov ecx,4
L1:
inc ax
loop L1
```

How many times will the loop execute? 4,294,967,296

```
mov ecx,0
X2:
inc ax
loop X2
```



4.59 Nested Loop

.data

• If you need to code a loop within a loop, you must save the outer loop counter's ECX value. In the following example, the outer loop executes 100 times, and the inner loop 20 times.

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



4.60 Summing an Integer Array

• The following code calculates the sum of an array of 16-bit integers.

```
.data
intarray WORD 100h, 200h, 300h, 400h
.code
   mov edi,OFFSET intarray ; address of intarray
   mov ecx, LENGTHOF intarray
                                   ; loop counter
   mov ax,0; zero the accumulator
L1:
   add ax,[edi]
                                    ; add an integer
   add edi, TYPE intarray
                                    ; point to next integer
   loop L1 ; repeat until ECX = 0
```



4.62 Copying a String

• The following code copies a string from source to target:

```
.data
 source BYTE "This is the source string",0
 target BYTE SIZEOF source DUP(0)
.code
  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
                               ; move to next character
  inc esi
                               ; repeat for entire string
  loop L1
```



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4.63 64-Bit Programming

- MOV instruction in 64-bit mode accepts operands of 8, 16, 32, or 64 bits
- When you move a 8, 16, or 32-bit constant to a 64-bit register, the upper bits of the destination are cleared.
- When you move a memory operand into a 64-bit register, the results vary:
 - 32-bit move clears high bits in destination
 - 8-bit or 16-bit move does not affect high bits in destination
- MOVSXD sign extends a 32-bit value into a 64-bit destination register
- The OFFSET operator generates a 64-bit address
- LOOP uses the 64-bit RCX register as a counter
- RSI and RDI are the most common 64-bit index registers for accessing arrays.
- ADD and SUB affect the flags in the same way as in 32-bit mode
- You can use scale factors with indexed operands.



4.64 Summary

- Data Transfer
 - MOV data transfer from source to destination
 - MOVSX, MOVZX, XCHG
- Operand types
 - direct, direct-offset, indirect, indexed
- Arithmetic
 - INC, DEC, ADD, SUB, NEG
 - Sign, Carry, Zero, Overflow flags
- Operators
 - OFFSET, PTR, TYPE, LENGTHOF, SIZEOF, TYPEDEF
- JMP and LOOP branching instructions

