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String Comparisons

* Block Data manipulation occurs with MOVS, LODS, STOS, INS and OUTS.

* SCAS B/W/D/Q ⇒ String Scan

  - scan within a memory with a register.

⇒ Source and destination operand fixed by default.

- Only the flag bits changed after execution.

⇒ Destination operand:

ES : DI

Source Operand : AL, AX, EAX

D = used for auto increament or decrement

CX = used for bit count to scan or repeat count.

* Two repeat instruction can be used here.

REPNE ⇒ Repeat if not equal

REPE ⇒ Repeat if equal

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CMPSB/W/D/Q ⇒ String Compare

- compare two data block in memory

⇒ Source and Destination operand is fixed by default.

- Only the flag bits changed after execution.

⇒ Destination operand:

ES : DI

Source Operand :

DS : SI

D = used for direction

CX = used for repeat count on data block size for compare

⇒ two repeat instruction can be used

⇒ REPE & REPNE

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From eBooks

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Flow Control Instruction

⇒ Control the execution flow.

* There are two types of jump instruction:

(i) Unconditional Jump ⇒ JMP ⇒ No Restriction

(ii) Conditional Jump ⇒ Jxxx/Jxx/Jx ⇒ Label need to be close to the jump instruction. Limit above - 126 byte bellow - 127 byte

- Unsigned C.J.
- Signed C.J.
- Single flag/bit C.J.

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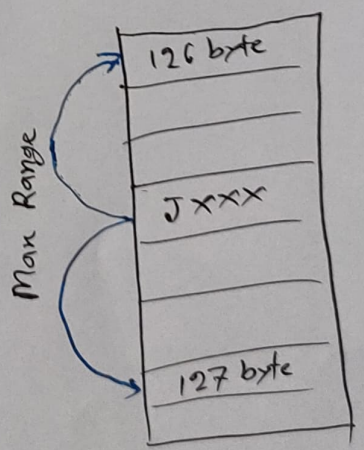
Unsigned ⇒ above/below ⇒ JA

Signed ⇒ greater/less ⇒ JG

flag bits ⇒ JO → Overflow flag



Importance of ~~sing.~~ signed and unsigned!

Let's say,

$AX = 7FFF\ H \Rightarrow$ Positive for signed number (0111 → Sign bit (+))

$BX = 8000\ H \Rightarrow$ negative for signed number (1000 → sign bit (-))

$\Rightarrow$

```
CMP AX, BX  ;  AX - BX = ? (-)
```

✗ `JA NSV` ; if $AX > BX \Rightarrow$ for unsigned its false

✓ `JG NSV` ; if $AX^{(+)} > BX^{(-)} \Rightarrow$ for signed its true

For extended ASCII character:

80 H → FF H

1000 (-) for signed

1111 (-) for signed

$\Rightarrow$ we need to use unsigned conditional jump.

$\Rightarrow$ for other case, we can use both signed or unsigned conditional jump.

Handling the range of conditional jump:

```
TOP:
    ;body of the loop
    DEC CX  ; Decrement counter - arithmetic operation, flag bits will change (Z)
    JNZ TOP ; if Z flag is not set as 0, jump to TOP
    MOV AX, BX ; if conditional jump is false, it will execute as normal.
```

⇒ This code will work perfectly as soon as the label TOP is within the 126 byte range. What about if the label is far away than the JNZ instruction over 126 byte?

It will not work.

⇒ Solution:

```
TOP:
    ;body of the loop
    DEC CX
    JNZ BOTTOM
    MOV AX, BX
BOTTOM:
    JMP TOP ; unconditional jump. no restriction can jump any where.
```

⇒ So, the range problem is solved. But another problem is here. MOV instruction will execute as normal flow as well as JMP will also

execute in nonmal execution flow, even after the JNZ is false, it will execute. And it will cause an infinite loop execution.

⇒ Solution:

```
TOP :
    ; body of the loop
    DEC CX
    JNZ BOTTOM
    JMP EXZT ; in normal flow it will jump to the exit.
                ignore the BOTTOM label.
BOTTOM:
    JMP TOP

EXZT :
    MOV AX, BX ; after that normal execution flow
                 will occure.
```

High Language Structure:

⇒ We have used a lot of function, method in high level language ~~like C.~~ (c) like if, if else, switch-case etc.

We already see, how ~~if~~ loop work in low level language. Now we will see the structure of if then, if else, switch-case etc.

6.3/ IF-THEN ⇒ Replace number in AX by its absolute value
↳ [Modules]

Algorithm:

IF AX<0 ⇒ we need to inverse the condition for executing 'then'

THEN
replace AX by -AX ⇒ in this case < or >=

END_IF

Code:

```
CMP AX, 0 ; AX-0
JGE END_IF : AX ≥ 0 exit ~~loop~~ if else continue normal flow
NEG AX ; it will execute as normal flow. when AX < 0

END_IF:
    ; normal execution flow
```

6.3/ IF-THEN-ELSE

⇒ Suppose AL, BL contain extended ASCII characters. Display the character which come first in sequence.

need to use unsigned conditional jump

Algorith:

IF AL <= BL ⇒ we need to inverse the condition ⇒ <= or >

~~THEN~~
THEN
display the character in AL

ELSE
display the character in BL

END_IF

Code:

```
MOV AH, 2   ; prepare to display

; IF start
    CMP AL, BL   ; AL - BL
    JA ELSE      ; if AL > BL goto else
; then
    MOV DL, AL   ; mov al for output. normal execution flow if above condition false.
    JMP DISPLAY  ; jump to display section for interrupt.
                 ; ignore else statement
ELSE:
    MOV DL, BL   ; mov bl to output register
DISPLAY:
    INT 21H      ; display it. normal execution flow
END_IF:
    ; normal execution flow
```

6.4/ Switch-Case

⇒ if AX contains a negative number, put -1 in BX; if AX contain 0, put 0 in BX; if AX contain a positive number, put 1 in BX.

Algorithm:

```
CASE AX
    < 0 : put -1 in BX
    = 0 : put 0 in BX
    > 0 : put 01 in BX
END_CASE
```

} no need to inverse the condition in switch-case structure

Code:

```
; CASE AX
        CMP AX, 0   ; test ax, AX-0
        JL NEGATIVE ; AX<0
        JE ZERO     ; AX=0
        JA POSITIVE ; AX>0. we can use the code of
                      positive section here directly. Because,
                      in this case if above two condition
NEGATIVE:             is false then, AX must be positive.
        MOV BX, -1
        JMP END_CASE ; exit to avoid other statement of
                       another case.
ZERO :
        MOV BX, 0
        JMP END_CASE
POSITIVE:
        MOV BX, 1 ; no ~~end~~ need to exit as it will execute
                    as normal flow.
END_CASE:
        ; normal execution flow
```

6.6| AND (&&)

⇒ Read a character, and if it's an uppercase letter, display it.

range 41H → 54H
we can use signed conditional jump

Algorithm:

Read a character in AL

IF ('A' <= character && character <= 'Z') ⇒ again we need to inverse the condition

THEN
display character

END_IF

Code:

```
; read a character

    MOV AH, 1   ; prepare for read
    INT 21H     ; read char in AL

; if statement

    CMP AL, 'A'   ;  AL - 'A' test
    JL END_IF     ;  AL < 'A' go to end_if, as one condition is fail
    CMP AL, 'Z'   ;  compare with 'Z'
    JG END_IF     ;  AL > 'Z' go to exit, any one false exit the if statement

; if both condition false that means its uppercase letter, display
  it by normal execution flow

    MOV DL, AL  ; moving to output register
    MOV AH, 2   ; prepare to display
    INT 21H     ; show output

END_IF:
        ; normal execution flow as if statement end here.
```

6.7/ OR (11)

⇒ Read a character if its "y" or "Y", display it, otherwise terminate it.

Algorithm:

Read a character in AL

IF (character = 'y' || character = 'Y') ⇒ no need to inverse for OR structure

THEN

display it

ELSE

terminate the program

END_IF

Code:

```
; read a character

    MOV AH, 1   ; prepare to read
    INT 21H     ; read character in AL

; if condition

    CMP AL, 'y' ; comparing with 'y' ; AL-'y'
    JE THEN     ; any one true execute the if statement
    CMP AL, 'Y' ; comparing with 'Y' ; AL-'Y'
    JE THEN     ; any one true execute the if statement
    JMP ELSE    ; if both are false go to else

THEN:
    MOV AH, 2   ; prepare to display
    MOV DL, AL  ; moving to output register
    INT 21H     ; display it
    JMP END_IF  ; ignoring the ELSE statement

ELSE:
    MOV AH, 4C H ; DOS Exit
    INT 21 H
```

END_IF:

; normal execution flow.

Extra: AND, OR mix

⇒ read a character, if it is a uppercase letter or a number then display it.

Algorithm:

Read a character in AL

if (('A' <= AL && AL <= 'Z') || ('0' <= AL && AL <= '9'))

THEN

display it

END_IF

Code:

```
; read a character

    MOV AH, 1   ; prepare to read
    INT 21H     ; read character in AL

; 1st condition
    CMP AL, 'A'   ; comparing with 'A'
    JL  SECOND_CONDITION ; need to check 2nd condition
    CMP AL, 'Z'   ; comparing with 'Z'
    JG  SECOND_CONDITION ; need to check 2nd condition
    JMP THEN ; if both false, then 1st condition true and
             need to execute the statement under if.
             no need to check second condition
```

```
SECOND_CONDITION:      ; we are now in second condition
                         that's means first condition false
        CMP AL, '0'
        JL END_IF      ; AL < '0', ~~then~~ any one false will make
                         the second condition also False
                         and need to exit if

        CMP AL, '9'
        JG END_IF      ; AL > '9', ~~fail~~ then goto exit.

        ~~JUMP THEN~~  ; if both fail, then go as normal flow

THEN:   ; normal execution flow ~~if~~ for second condition
        MOV DL, AL     ; moving to output register
        MOV AH, 2      ; prepare for output
        INT 21H        ; display it

END_IF:
        ; normal execution flow
```

H.W. ⇒ All Example

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