

chapter 3 (programming with 8086 microprocessor)

Features of 8086 CPU

- 16 bit CPU.
- 40 pin IC.
- 16 bit data bus.
- 20 bit address bus thus it can address $2^{20} = 1 \text{ MB}$ of memory.
- Uses segmented memory. Different memory segments for code, data, stack etc.
- Register based CPU.
- Uses Pipelining Feature.
- It prefetches 6 bytes of instruction code from memory and queue them in order to speed up the program execution by overlapping instruction fetch with execution.
- Internally divided into two units : BIU (Bus Interface Unit) and EU (Execution Unit).

Internal architecture of 8086 CPU

- Internally divided into BIU and EU.

1. BIU

- BIU sends out addresses, fetches instructions from the memory, reads data from ports & memory and writes data to ports / memory.
- fetches upto 6 instruction byte and store these prefetched bytes in a FIFO register called queue.

→ BIU also contains a dedicated adder which is used to generate 20 bit physical address by using the content of segment register and 16 bit offset address.

2. EU

→ EU tells the BIU where to fetch instructions or data from memory, decodes and executes instructions.

→ The major units of EU are:

i. control clk : directs internal operations

ii. Decoder : translates the instruction fetched from queue.

iii. ALU : 16 bit ALU to perform arithmetic & logical instructions like add, subtract etc.

iv. 16 bit registers : AX, BX, CX, DX, SP, BP, SI, DI.

v. flag register : 16 bit register (9 flags)

Registers of 8086 CPU

i. code segment (CS) register and instruction pointer (IP)

→ CS register holds the starting address of memory from where code segment starts.

→ IP holds the address of next code byte within the code segment.

→ the value contained in IP is known as offset and it denotes how far the code is located.

to form the start:

- Both are 16 bit ~~addresses~~ registers.
 - BIU computes 20 bit physical address using the content of CS and IP.
 - Content of CS is shifted left by 4 bits (or multiplied by $(16)_{10} = (10)_{16}$) and 16 bit offset from IP is added to produce 20 bit physical address.
- eg: let, $[IP] = 0050H$ and $[CS] = 8819H$
Then physical address = $8819 \times 10 + 0050$
 $= 88190 + 0050$
 $= 881E0H$

2. stack segment (SS) register, stack pointer (SP) and Base pointer (BP)

- SS register contains the starting address of stack segment (current stack).
- SP holds the 16 bit offset from the start of stack segment.
- 20 bit physical address is computed from SS and SP ($SS \times 10 + SP$)
- PUSH & POP instructions use this.
- BP is used instead of SP when based addressing mode is used. In this mode, 20 bit address is computed from SS and BP.

3. Data segment (DS) register.

- DS register points to the starting address of data segment.
- Operands (data) are fetched from this segment.
- In order to access operand in data segment, 20 bit physical address is calculated from DS register combined with offset of DI (Destination Index) or SI (Source Index) or 16 bit displacement.
- DS, SI, DI are 16 bit registers.

4. Extra segment (ES) register

- If the data segment memory (64 KB) is not enough, then extra segment is used.
- ES register contains starting address of ES.
- String operations utilize ES where, 20 bit physical address is computed from ES and DI.

5. AX register.

- 16 bit accumulator
- can be divided into two 8 bit registers: AH & AL.
- AL is used as 8-bit accumulator.
- I/O operations use AX or AL register.
- multiplication and division use AX or AL.
- AL is similar to 8085 accumulator.

6. BX register.

- called base register.
- contents are used for addressing memory.
- divided into BH and BL, each of 8 bits.
- BH is similar to H and BL is similar to L register of 8085.

F. CX register

- 16 bit counter register.
- Shift, rotate, loop etc. instructions use CX as counter.
- eg: loop start -; automatically decrements CX by 1 and goes to start until CX is 0.

G. DX registers

- 16 bit data register. (DH → 8 bit, DL → 8 bit)
- used to specify port number in I/O operation.
- 16 × 16 bit multiplication, 32/16 bit division make use of data register.

H. Flag register

- 16 bit register, contains 9 different flags.
- out of the 9 flags, 6 are status and 3 are control flags.
- control flag can be set or reset by programmer.

x	x	x	x	0	D	I	T	S	z	x	Ac	x	P	x	cy
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- i. Status flags : shows the condition of result.
- cy (carry)
 - p (parity)
 - Ac (aux. carry)
 - z (zero)
 - s (sign)
- ↳ similar to 8085
- overflow flag (of)
- It is set when the result of a signed number operation is large causing higher order bit to overflow into the sign bit.
- Usually if the size of the result of the operation is greater than that of destination register, of is set.

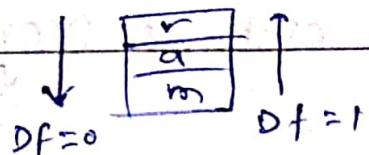
$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{eg } +117 = 01110101 \\
 +55 = 00110111 \\
 \hline
 +172 = 10101100
 \end{array}$$

↳ sign bit = 1 = negative

- ii. Control flags : to enable or disable certain operations.

a. Direction flag (df)

- when $DF = 0$: string is processed from lowest address ie. string instruction is autoincremented.
- when $DF = 1$: string is processed from highest address ie. string instruction is autodecremented



b. Interrupt flag (If)

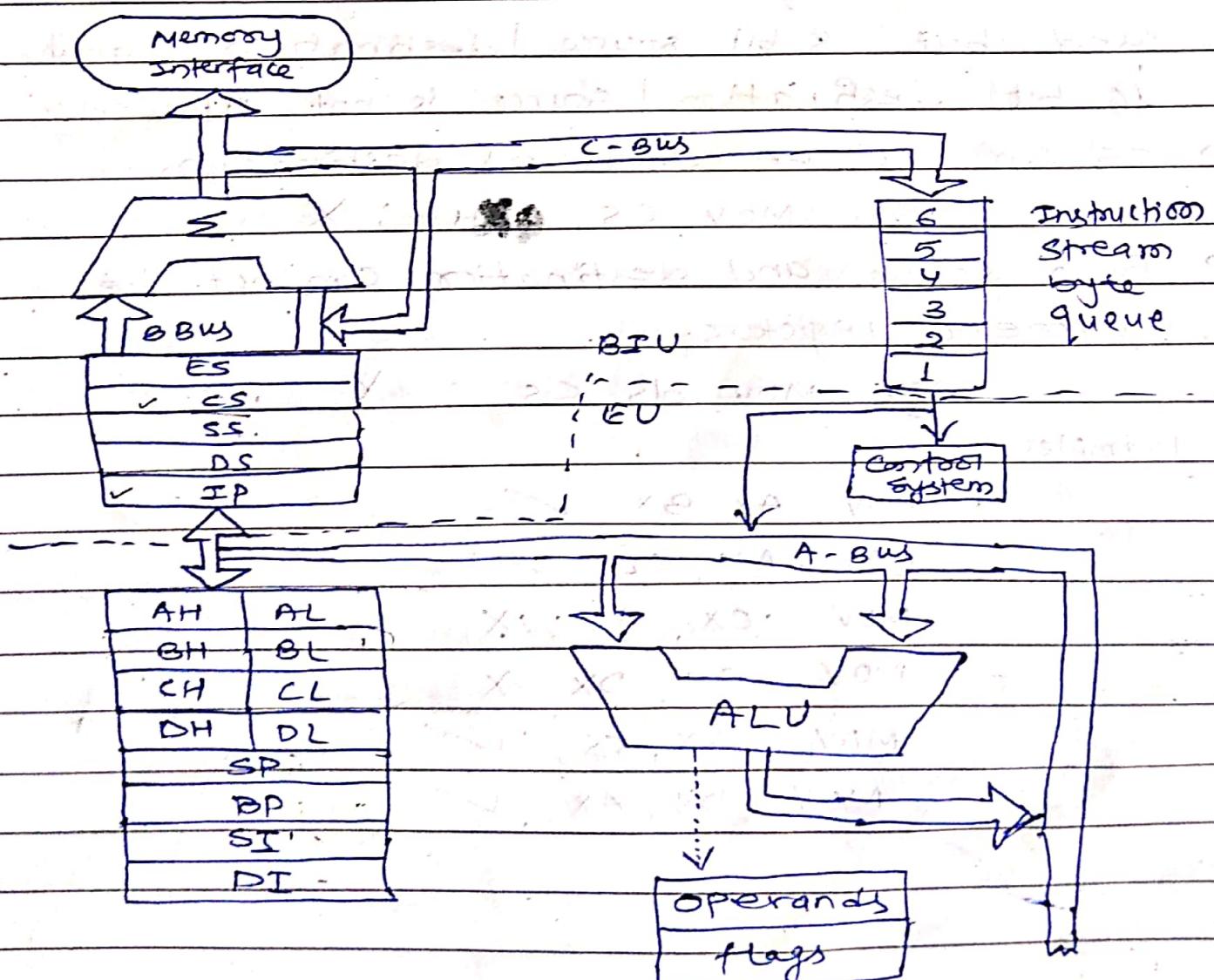
→ If = 0 : interrupts are disabled

→ If = 1 : interrupts are enabled.

c. Trap flag (Tf)

→ if Tf = 1, 8086 generates an internal interrupt after execution of each instruction (single step mode)

→ Up stops ~~at~~ at each instruction and waits for command from programmer.



8086 Addressing modes

The way in which a processor can access the operand is called addressing mode.

a. Register access.

i. Register addressing mode

- Both source and destination operands are registers
- Both 16 bit registers or 8 bit registers can be used but 8 bit source | destination and 16 bit destination | source is not allowed.
- CS can not be used as destination.

eg: MOV CS, ~~00H~~; X

- Both source and destination can not be segment registers.

eg: MOV DS, CS; X

Examples:

MOV AX, BX ✓

MOV AH, CL ✓

MOV CX, AL X

MOV BH, DX X

MOV AX, CS ✓

MOV DS, AX ✓

ii. Immediate addressing mode

- immediate data is the part of instruction which is located in CS not DS
- destination is 8 (or 16) bit register and source is 8 (or 16) bit immediate data

eg: MOV AX, 2437H ✓

MOV AL, 82 H ✓

MOV AL, 2437H X

MOV DX, offset msg ✓

b. Memory access

- different addressing modes are used to specify location of operand in memory.
- EU can not directly access memory : EU sends offset to BIU and BIU calculates 20 bit physical address using contents of segment register and offset sent by EU.

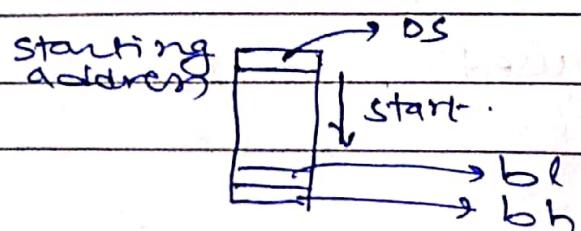
i. Direct addressing mode

- physical address is calculated using segment register and displacement value in the operand.

→ unless specified, segment register is DS.

eg: mov bx, start, moves the content of

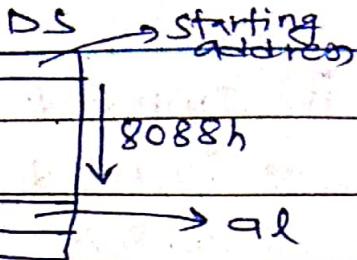
memory location at
address $(DS \times 10 + start)$
to bx register



mov al, ds:[8088h] ✓

↓ Same

mov al, [8088h]



mov ax, cs:[1234h]; segment override

where DS is replaced by CS.

$$[A2] \leftarrow [CS \times 10 + 1234]$$

$$[AH] \leftarrow [CS \times 10 + 1235]$$

ii. Register Indirect addressing mode

→ Effective address (offset) is taken directly from one of the four base or index registers

i.e. BX, BP, SI and DI.

e.g.: mov al, [bx]

mov ax, [bp] $\quad ax \leftarrow [SS \times 10 + bp]$

mov cx, [si]

mov ah, [di]

→ physical address is calculated using segment register and base or index register.

→ The content at that location is moved to specified register.

→ By default, bp uses ss and others use DS.

→ Segment override can be used.

iii. Based addressing mode (bx/bp)

- offset is the sum of displacement and contents of bx or bp (base register / pointer)
- segment register may be DS or SS.

eg: $mov ax, 18[bx]$; $ax \leftarrow [DS \times 10 + bx + 18]$

$mov ax, [bx+8]$; $ax \leftarrow [DS \times 10 + bx + 8]$

$$al \leftarrow [DS \times 10 + (bx + 8)]$$

$$ah \leftarrow [DS \times 10 + (bx + 8 + 1)]$$

- if stack is used, SS and BP are used otherwise DS and BX.

iv. Indexed addressing mode

- same as based except SI and DI are used instead of BX and BP.

- segment involved is DS.

eg: $mov ax, 8[si]$; $ax \leftarrow [DS \times 10 + (si + 8)]$

$mov ax, [si+8]$

$ax \leftarrow [DS \times 10 + si + 8]$

v. Based indexed addressing mode

- combination of based and indexed addressing modes.

- effective address is computed from the sum of base registers (bx or bp), index registers (SI or DI) and a displacement.

- DS is only involved.

eg: $mov ax, 4.[bx][si]$; offset = $4 + bx + si$

$mov ax, [bx + si]$; offset = $bx + si$

vi. string address

- si^o is used to point first byte (word) of source string
 - di^o is used to point first byte (word) of destination
 - ds is default segment for source and es is the must for destination
 - si or di are increased or decreased depending upon DF.
- eg: `movs rword`.

Let, $[DF] = 0$, $[RSI] = 4000H$, $[SI] = 0040H$,
 $[ES] = 8000H$, $[DI] = 0080H$, $[40040H]$
 $= FDH$, $[40041H] = ABH$, $[80080H] =$
 $54H$ and $[80081H] = 77H$

after execution,

$4000 \times 10 + 40 = 40040H$ content i.e. FDH
is moved to $8000 \times 10 + 0080 = 80080H$

$\because Df = 0$, si and di are incremented by 1 (auto)
∴ Content of $40041H = ABH$ is moved to
 $80081H$ and si^o and di^o are again
incremented by 1 to produce $si^o = 0042H$
and $di^o = 0082H$

c. I/O port addressing

- 8 bit port is directly specified in the operand.
- 16 bit port is specified using DX register.

Examples:

IN AL, 28H ✓ ; takes 8 bit data

IN AX, 34H ✓ ; takes 16 bit data

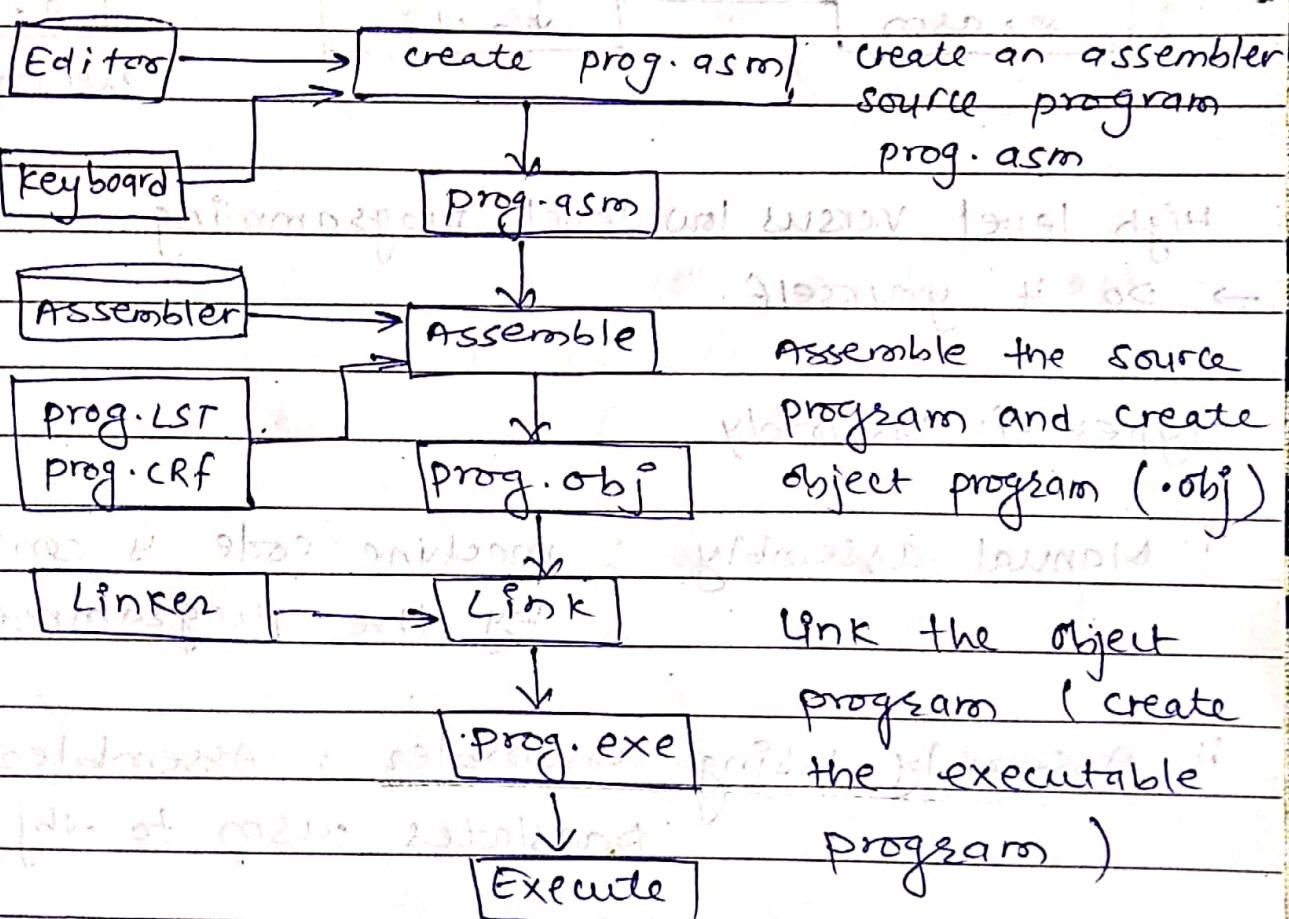
IN AL, DX ✓

IN AX, DX ✓

OUT 3BH, AL ✓ , OUT 3BH, AX ✓

OUT DX, AL ✓ , OUT DX, AX ✓

Assembly language programming

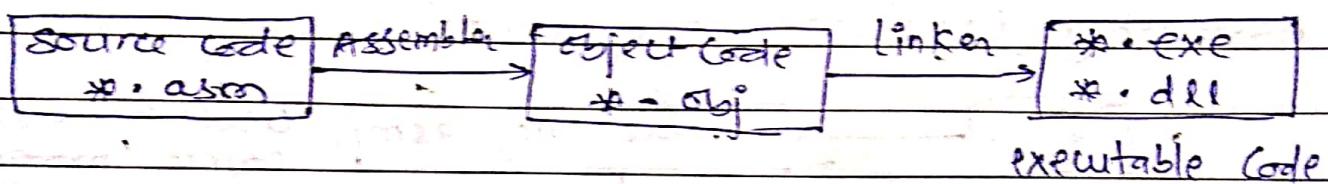


Assembler

→ program written in assembly language (using mnemonics) must be converted to machine level

language to make it understandable for the CPU.

- An assembler translates the program written in assembly language (.asm) into a machine language (.obj) so that the CPU can execute the program. The process is known as assembling.
- Linker converts the object code into executable code (.exe or .dll)



High level versus low level programming.

→ Do it yourself.

Types of assembly

i. Manual assembly : machine code is computed by the programmer.

ii. Assembly using assembler : Assembler translates .asm to .obj file.

Types of assembler

i. one pass assembler

→ This assembler goes through the assembly

language program one and translates the ALP.

→ The assembler has programs defining toward references.

ii. Two pass assembler

→ This assembler scans the ALP twice.

→ In the first pass, assembler generates the table of symbols. In the second pass, the assembler translates the ALP into the machine code.

Macroassembler

→ Macro is a group of instructions that appear repeatedly in a program assigned with a specific name.

→ An assembler that can translate the ALP using macros is known as macroassembler.

Statements

→ An ALP consists of a set of statements.

→ Two types

i. Instruction

→ which the assembler translates into machine code.

→ Composed of two fields:

Op-code and Address

- * label field
- * opcode field (mnemonic)
- * operand field
- * comment field.

e.g.:

Label-1 : MOV AL, BL ; Copy content of BL
 ↓ ↓ ↓
 Label opcode operand register into AL
 Comment

ii. Directives

- These are the statements that tell the assembler to perform specific actions. These statements act only during the assembly of programs and generates no any machine executable data.
- Some common directives are :

1. Title

- It defines the title of the program so that the text typed to the right of this directive is printed at the top of each page in the listing file as comment.

2. DOSSEG

- There is standard order for placing the stack, code, data segments. One can place the

segments in any order as well. This directive tells the assembler to place the segments in standard order.

3. • model

→ this directive determines the size of each segment

model set up standard description

1. tiny → (code + data) segments can not be greater than 64 KB.
2. small → neither code nor data segment is greater than 64 KB.
3. medium → the code segment may be greater than 64 KB.
4. compact → only the data segment may be greater than 64 KB.
5. large → both code and data segments may be greater than 64 KB.
6. huge → all available memory may be used for data and code.

4. • stack

→ this directive sets the size of the program stack, which may be any size upto 64 KB.

5. • Code

- It defines the part of the program that contains the code (instructions)

6. proc and endp

- A program consists of one or more procedures (procedure name ≤ 31 characters)
- These procedures are defined by the proc directive along with the name of the procedure.
- The end of any procedure is indicated by the endp directive.
- Its name must match with the name used by the proc directive.

7. • data

- variables that are to be used in the program must be defined in the area following the •data directive.

8. Defining data types (db, dw, dd, dq, dt)

These directives define the variables of different types.

Name	On	Expression
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Name → A program references the data item by means of name but it is an optional parameter.

On → directives which may be:

Directives	Description	Number of bytes
DB	Define byte	1
DW	Define word	2
DD	Define Double word	4
DQ	Define Quad word	8
DT	Define Ten bytes	10

Expression → it defines the value with which the variable is to be initialized.

Eg:-

array1	db	5	5
array2	dw	10	10
array	db	2,3,5,6	2 3 5 6 ; array[0] = 2

9. EQU directive → used to define constant.

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Eg: const EQU 3500H

So, mov ax, const → mov ax, 3500H

↳ named (not keyword)

10. DUP

→ whenever multiple variables are to be defined and initialized with same value, DUP directive is used.

Eg: var db 5 dup (?)

↳ var(0) = ?

var(1) = ?

var(4) = ?

2
2
2
2
2

array db 6 dup (?)



uninitialized.

↳ reserves 6 bytes of uninitialized data.

II. END Directive and its function

→ It indicates the end of a program. Any statements after this directive are ignored.

Syntax : END proc_name.

Other directives

12. ASSUME

→ Name of logical segment that the assembler should use for the specified segment.

Eg: ASSUME CS:CODE

↳ Instructions are in logical segment CODE.

(ASSUME DS:DATA)

↳ Data are in logical Segment DATA.

13. SEGMENT and ENDS

DATA SEGMENT

{ similar to DATA }

DATA ENDS

CODE SEGMENT

{ Similar to - code }

CODE ENDS

14. EVEN

→ tells the assembler to increment the location counter to next even address if it is not already at even address.

15. EXTRN

→ tells the assembler that the names or labels following the directive are in some other assembly module.

Other directives (see DV Hall page 160-161)

- * Global
- * Group
- * Include
- * Label
- * Name
- * Org.
- * public.

Operators in 8086

1. Length.

- This operator tells the assembler to determine the length of the data item, such as array or string.
eg: `mov cx, length arr1`; moves the number of elements in arr1, into cx register.
- if array was declared as byte, length will produce numbers of bytes in the ~~string~~ array.
- if array was declared as word, length will produce number of words in the ~~string~~ array.

2. offset

- It indicates the offset or displacement of a variable or procedure from the segment which contains it.
- eg: `mov bx, offset array1`; moves the offset address of array1 into bx register.

3. ptr

- used to assign a specific type to a variable or to a label.
- It is necessary to do this in any instructions

where the type of the operand is not clear.

Eg:

inc [bx] ; it is unknown whether to increment byte in [bx] or word in [bx]. Thus:

inc byte ptr [bx] ; increments the byte pointed by [bx]

inc word ptr [bx] ; increments the word pointed by [bx]

→ ptr operator assigns the type specified before ptr to the variable specified after ptr.

→ can be used to override the declared type of variable.

Eg: .data
word_arr dw 437AH, 0B97H, 7C41H

;

.code

mov al, word_arr[0] ; X

mov al, byte ptr word_arr[0] ; ✓

4. short

→ It indicates that only a 1-byte displacement is needed to code a jump instruction.

→ If the jump destination is after the jump instruction in the program, the assembler will automatically reserve 2 bytes for the displacement.

Eg: jmp short label; sets 1 byte of memory for this jump.

5. Type

- determines the type of specified variable.
- number of bytes in the type of variable is determined.
- for byte type variables, assembler will give value of 1, for word → 2, double word → 4
- Eg: add bx, type w-array; increments bx by 2 to point to next word.

some commonly used instructions in 8086:

1. MOV

→ syntax: Mov reg | mem , reg | mem | immediate

Eg: MOV AX, 1234H

MOV val1, AL ; val1 is defined in DS.

Mov [di], 16H

Mov bln, [43FAH] bln = $(256 \times 10 + 43)H$

Mov val2, bx

Mov dl, [bx]

Mov ds, bx

Mov ax, bx

Mov al, bx

Mov ah, bx

2. XCHG

→ syntax: XCHG reg | memory, reg | memory

eg: XCHG ax, bx

XCHG cl, bh

XCHG al, Array1[BX]

3. LEA (Load Effective Address)

→ effective address of variable is loaded into specified 16-bit registers.

→ syntax: Lea reg, mem | variable

eg: Lea bx, data1

→ similar to mov bx, offset data1

3. Loop

→ syntax: Loop label

→ automatically decrements cx by 1 and goes to label unless cx is 0.

eg: Loop start_label

4. INC and DEC (Increment and Decrement)

→ syntax: INC | DEC reg | memory

→ AF, OF, PF, SF and ZF are affected

→ CF is not affected

Eg: inc bl

inc ax

inc word ptr [SI]

5. ADD and SUB / ADC and SBB

- Syntax: ADD/SUB reg/mem, reg/mem/immediate
- Syntax: ADC/SBB reg/mem, reg/mem/immediate
- Source and destination must be same size.
- flags affected: AF, CF, OF, PF; SF, ZF

Eg: ADD AL, 74H

ADC CL, AL

SUB AX, CX

SBB BX, [3427H]

ADD array[BX], AL

6. MUL | IMUL

- IMUL: multiply signed numbers
- MUL: multiply unsigned numbers.
- flags affected: OF, CCF (other flags undefined)

→ 8 bit multiplication: $AL * \text{reg/mem} \Rightarrow AX$

→ 16 bit multiplication: $AX * \text{reg/mem} \Rightarrow DX:AX$

→ Syntax: MUL | IMUL reg/mem

→ Eg: IMUL BL

→ let $AL = 01000101 = +69 \text{ decimal}$

$BL = 00001110 = +14 \text{ decimal}$

result = $AX = 03C6H = +966 \text{ decimal}$

Eg: IMUL BL ; $\begin{array}{r} 28 \times 59 \\ \times 1100100 \\ \hline E4 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 00111011 \\ \times 3B \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} \text{Result (AX)} \\ -1652 \\ F98CH \\ 348CH \end{array}$

Eg3: MUL CX ; AX * CX
result: DX : Higher order
AX : Lower order

F. DIV | IDIV (DIV: unsigned, IDIV: signed)

→ Dividend Divisor Quotient Remainder
AX 8 bit reg/mem AL
DX:AX 16 bit reg/mem AH
 AX DX

→ Eg: DIV BL \Rightarrow AX | BL \Rightarrow Q = AL, R = AH
Div CX \Rightarrow DX:AX | CX \Rightarrow Q = AX, R = DX

Eg2: dividend: 03ABH | divisor: 03DH
AX = 37D?H, BH = 37H

div BH \Rightarrow AL = 5EH, AH = 65H
AX = 03ABH, BL = D3H

IDIV BL \Rightarrow AX | BL

(-14)₁₀ / 25H \Rightarrow BL = D3H = -2D₁₀ = -15₁₀

AL = ECH = -14H = (-20)₁₀
AH = (+39)₁₀

Final result: 123423 or 3A1C9H

8. Jump (jmp) (contd.)

* unconditional jump (JMP)

→ JMP short | near | far address

→ near: next instruction from same CS

→ far: next instruction from another segment

Eg: jmp continue

(long jump)

$a < b$ $a > b$ $a \leq b$
 $a \geq b$ $a \neq b$

- * conditional jump
 \rightarrow jnn "short" address
 Eg: jc ls.

i. for unsigned data (above/below)

		flags
jel jz	jump if equal or zero	zf
jne jnz	jump if not equal or not zero	zf
jg jnb	jump if above not below or equal	zf, cf
jae jnb	jump if above or equal not below	cf
jbe jnae	jump if below not above or equal	cf
jbe jna	jump if below or equal not above	zf, cf

- \rightarrow jnk = jae | jnb, all three can be used.
- \rightarrow jc = jbe | jnae; all three can be used.

ii. for signed data (g=greater, n=not, l=less)

jg | jnle \Rightarrow jump on greater | not less or equal
 $(zf = 0, cf = of)$

jge | jnl \Rightarrow ($sf = of$), jl | jnge \Rightarrow ($sf \neq of$)
 jle | jng \Rightarrow ($zf = 1$ or $sf \neq of$)

iii. other jumps

- * jcxz (jump if $cz = 0$)
- * jno (jump if $of = 0$), jo (jump if $of = 1$)
- * jnp | jpo (jump if $pf = 0$)
- * jpe | jpe (jump if $Pf = 1$)

* jns (jump if sf = 0), js (jump if sf = 1)

9. CALL

Syntax : CALL procedure-name

→ near call and far call also allowed.

RET ; Return from subroutine

10. CMP

→ Syntax : CMP reg/mem, reg/mem / immediate

→ Flags updated : af, of, sf, zf, pf, cf

Some logical operations :

Syntax : operation reg/mem, reg/mem / immediate

→ Operation : AND, OR, XOR, TEST.

→ Operation : NOT (operation) ↳ AND two operands

→ Operation : BX (operation) but no result is stored.

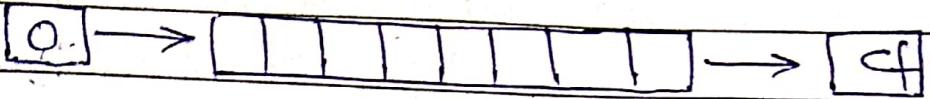
→ Operation : (operation) (Pf, sf, zf affected)

Shifting operation

1. SHR | SAR (Logical shift (for unsigned no.) right / Arithmetic shift (for signed no.) right)

2. SHL | SAL (Logical shift left / Arithmetic shift left)

SHR: (Logical shift right (unsigned number))



Syntax: SHR reg/mem, CL/immediate

Eg: Let DL = 11001001

SHR DL, 01 ; 01100100, cf = 1
MOV CL, 02

SHR DL, CL ; 00011001, cf = 0

SAR: (Arithmetic shift right (signed number))



Syntax: SAR reg/mem, CL/immediate

Eg: Let BL = 10101001

SAR BL, 01 ; 11010100, cf = 1
MOV CL, 02

SAR BL, CL ; 11110101, cf = 0

Rotating operation

* ROR (Rotate right without carry) ≡ RRC

* RCR (Rotate right with carry) ≡ RAR

* ROL (Rotate left without carry) ≡ RLC

* RCL (Rotate left with carry) ≡ RAL

Syntax: Rotate Reg/mem, CL/immediate

other instructions

1. CLC : clear carry (no operand) $\Rightarrow Cf = 0$
2. CLD : clear direction (no operand) $\Rightarrow Df = 0$
3. CLI : clear interrupt (no operand) $\Rightarrow If = 0$
4. STC : set the carry (no operand) $\Rightarrow Cf = 1$
5. STD : set the direction (no operand) $\Rightarrow Df = 1$
6. SII : set the interrupt (no operand) $\Rightarrow If = 1$
7. CMC did complement the carry (no operand) $\Rightarrow Cf = \overline{Cf}$
8. LAHF : load AH from flag low byte (no operand)
9. SAHF : store low order flag AH into lower (SAH order flag byte) (no operand)
10. PUSHF : push flag register into stack (no operand)
11. POPF : pop flag register from stack (no operand)

study yourself

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. AAA | 10. ESC (Escape) |
| 2. AAD | 11. HLT (Halt) |
| 3. AAM | 12. IN / OUT |
| 4. AAS | 13. INT (Interrupt) |
| 5. CBW (Signed byte into signed word) | 14. INTO (Interrupt) |
| 6. CMPS CMPSB CMPSW
(compare string, byte, word) | 15. IRET (Interrupt) |
| 7. CWD (convert signed word in AX to double word in DX:AX) | 16. LES LDS |
| 8. DAA
9. DAS
} decimal adjust AL
} after add, sub | 17. LODK
18. LODS LODSB LODSW |

- 19. LOOP | LOOPZ (loop while CX ≠ 0 and ZF = 1)
- 20. LOOPNE | LOOPNZ (loop while CX ≠ 0 and ZF = 0)
- 21. MOVS | MOVSB | MOVSW (move string, byte, word)
- 22. NEG (Negate) → 2's complement
- 23. NOP (No operation)
- 24. PUSH | POP
- 25. REP | REPE | REPZ | REPNE | REPNZ
- 26. SCAS | SCASB | SCASW (scan string, byte, word)
- 27. STOS | STOSB | STOSW (store string, byte, word)
- 28. WAIT (wait until test | interrupt signal)
- 29. XLAT | XLATB (translate a byte in AL)

DOS functions and Interrupts

- DOS functions and interrupts are used for
- I/O services
- Interrupt occurs when currently running program is interrupted
- interrupt may be hardware or software interrupt.
- commonly used software interrupts are INT 10h for video services and INT 21h for DOS services.
- INT 10H
- DOS provides interrupt 10H for video display control.
- This interrupt is used to control the screen

format, color, text style, scroll etc.

→ the corresponding function number is loaded in AH register with other parameters.

Eg:

function no.	description	fun? no.	description
00H	set video mode	01H	Set cursor line -
02H	Get cursor position	03H	Get cursor position
04H	Read light pen	05H	Set display page
06H	scroll window up	07H	scroll window down
08H	Read character and attribute at cursor position	09H	write character and attribute
0AH	write character only	0BH	Set colors palette (Background / border)
0CH	write dot	0DH	read dot
0EH	write character	0FH	Get video mode

INT 21H

→ 87 different functions are loaded in AH register to perform different I/O operations.

Eg:

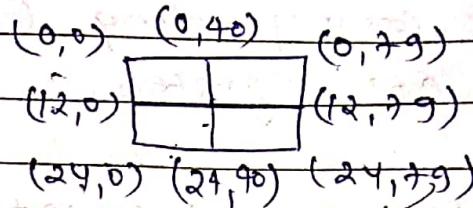
fun? no.	description	fun? no.	description
00H	Terminate program	01H	console I/P with echo
02H	character O/P	03H	Auxiliary I/P
04H	Auxiliary O/P	05H	printer O/P
06H	Direct console I/O	07H	console I/O
08H	console I/P without echo	09H	string O/P

Display screen and keyboard processing

* typical monitor

Row = 25

Column = 80



* Tasks to do : cursor locate, clear screen, char. display

* screen location

	row	(decimal)	row	(hex)	column	column
upper left corner	00	00	00	00	00	00
upper right corner	00	79	00	4F	79	79
center of screen	12	40	0C	28	40	40
lower left corner	24	00	18	12	00	00
lower right corner	24	79	18	12	79	79

* cursor setting

- interrupt 10H (INT 10H)
- function 02H in AH register
- required page number in BH register
- Row in DH register
- Column in DL register

Set cursor at 08 row and 15 column

```
=> mov ah, 02h  
    mov bh, 00h ; 1st page  
    mov dh, 8 ; row  
    mov dl, 15 ; column  
    int 10h
```

INT 10H

- * clear screen
- interrupt 10H (INT 10H)
- function 06H in AH register.
- number of lines to scroll up in AL register.
(00 for entire screen)
- Attribute value (eg: C000; reverse screen, blinking) in CH register.
- starting row: column in CX register.
- Ending row: column in DX register

clear screen, set background = white and foreground = blue

```
⇒ mov ah, 06h  
    mov al, 00h           white bg  
    mov bh, 71h ; 71H      0 0 0 → black  
    mov cx, 0000h          blue fg. 1 1 1 → white  
    mov dx, 184fh  
    int 10h
```

- * screen display of string
- interrupt 10H (INT 10H)
- function 09H in AH register
- Requires definition of a display string in data area immediately followed by '\$' sign.
- DX: load display string offset address.

string

Display the string "Test".

=)

- data

string db 'Test', '\$' ; \$ is null byte address of

- Code

mov ah, 09h ; function 09h, AH register

mov dx, string ; DX register contains offset of string

int 21h ; interrupt 21h, AX register contains function number

ret ; return from interrupt

* Keyboard input of string.

→ function 0AH in AH register

→ offset of defined parameters in DX register

→ INT 21H.

* parameters for string input

- data

paralist label byte

maxlen db 20

actlen db ? ; pointer to parameter

kbddata db dup(' ') ; 20 bytes of keyboard data

- code

mov ah, 0ah ; function 0ah, AH register

mov dx, paralist ; DX register contains offset of

Int 21h

* Hold screen

→ `mov ah, 07h`

→ `int 21h`

* Character input from keyboard

→ `mov ah, 01h` ; with echo ie. entered char. is seen in screen

→ `int 21h`

→ Entered character is stored in AL register

* Screen display for single characters

→ function : 02H in AH register → `mov ah, 02h`

→ interrupt : 21H → `int 21h`

→ character to display in DL register

Eg:

`mov dl, 'q'`

`mov ah, 02h`

`int 21h`

Sample 8086 program.

title transfer

dosseg

model small

stack 64h

code

main proc

`mov ax, bx`

main endp

data segment

var1 db 20

end main

Reserved words.

- * instructions eg: MOV, ADD
- * directives eg: END, ENDP
- * operators eg: length, byteptr
- * predefined symbols eg: @data, '\$data

Identifiers.

→ identifiers = symbol

* name : eg: str db 40 dup ('')

* label : eg: L3 : mov ax, bx

• Exe and .com files.

→ .com file is smaller than .exe file.

→ In .exe file, the linker generates particular format with special headers of 512 bytes or long - 16 bit offset

→ program size of .com \Rightarrow code + data $\leq 64\text{ KB}$

including program segment prefix

→ segment : .com \Rightarrow single segment.

→ initialization : .com \Rightarrow auto initialized by org 100h