

LAB 10

Advanced Procedures



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Lab Session 10: Advanced Procedures

Learning Objectives

- Implementing procedures using stack frame
- Using stack parameters in procedures
- Passing value type and reference type parameters

Stack Applications

There are several important uses of runtime stacks in programs:

1. A stack makes a convenient temporary save area for registers when they are used for more than one purpose. After they are modified, they *can* be restored to their original values.
2. When the CALL instruction executes, the CPU saves the current subroutine's return address on the stack.
3. When calling a subroutine, you pass input values called arguments by pushing them on the stack.
4. The stack provides temporary storage for local variables inside subroutines.

Stack Parameters

- **Passing by value**

When an argument is passed by value, a copy of the value is pushed on the stack.

EXAMPLE # 01:

```
.data
var1  DWORD    5
var2  DWORD    6
.code
push var2
push var1
call AddTwo
exit
AddTwo PROC
push  ebp
mov  ebp, esp
mov  eax, [ebp + 12]
add  eax, [ebp + 8]
pop  ebp
ret
AddTwo ENDP
```

- **Explicit stack parameters**

When stack parameters are referenced with expressions such as [ebp+8], we call them explicit stack parameters.

Example 2:

```
.data
var1    DWORD    5
var2    DWORD    6
y_param    EQU    [ebp + 12]
x_param    EQU    [ebp+ 8]
.code
push var2
push var1
call AddTwo
exit
AddTwo PROC
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
mov eax, y_param
add eax, x_param
pop ebp
ret
AddTwo ENDP
```

- **Passing by reference**

An argument passed by reference consists of the offset of an object to be passed.

EXAMPLE # 03:

```
.data
count = 10
arr    WORD count DUP (?)
.code
push OFFSET arr
push count
call ArrayFill
exit
ArrayFill PROC
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
pushad
```

```
mov esi, [ebp + 12]
mov ecx, [ebp + 8]
cmp ecx, 0
je L2
L1:
mov  eax, 100h
call RandomRange
mov [esi], ax
add esi, TYPE WORD
loop L1
L2:
popad
pop ebp
ret 8
ArrayFill ENDP
```

LEA Instruction

LEA instruction returns the effective address of an indirect operand. Offsets of indirect operands are calculated at runtime.

EXAMPLE # 04:

```
.code
call  makeArray
exit
makeArray  PROC
push  ebp
mov   ebp, esp
sub   esp, 32
lea   esi, [ebp - 30]
mov   ecx, 30
L1:
mov   BYTE PTR [esi], '*'
inc   esi
loop  L1
add   esp, 32
pop   ebp ret
makeArray  ENDP
```

ENTER & LEAVE Instructions

Enter instruction automatically creates stack frame for a called Procedure. Leave instruction reverses the effect of enter instruction.

EXAMPLE # 05:

```
.data
var1  DWORD    5
var2  DWORD    6
.code
push var2
push var1
call AddTwo
exit
AddTwo PROC
enter 0, 0
mov   eax, [ebp + 12]
add   eax, [ebp + 8]
leave
ret
AddTwo ENDP
```

Local Variables

In MASM Assembly Language, local variables are created at runtime stack, below the basepointer (EBP).

EXAMPLE # 06:

```
.code
call  MySub
exit
MySub PROC
push  ebp
mov   ebp, esp
sub   esp, 8
mov   DWORD PTR [ebp - 4], 10    ; first parameter
mov   DWORD PTR [ebp - 8], 20    ; second parameter
mov   esp, ebp
pop   ebp
ret
MySub ENDP
```

LOCAL Directive

LOCAL directive declares one or more local variables by name, assigning them sizeattributes.

EXAMPLE # 07:

```
.code
call LocalProc
```

```

exit
LocalProc PROC
LOCAL temp : DWORD
mov     temp, 5
mov     eax, temp
ret
LocalProc ENDP

```

Recursive Procedures

Recursive procedures are those that call themselves to perform some task.

EXAMPLE # 08:

```

.code
L1:
mov     ecx, 5
mov     eax, 0
call    CalcSum
call    WriteDec
call    crlf
exit
CalcSum PROC
cmp     ecx, 0
jz      L2
add     eax, ecx
dec     ecx
call    CalcSum
L2:
ret
CalcSum ENDP

```

- **INVOKE Directive**

The INVOKE directive pushes arguments on the stack and calls a procedure. INVOKE is a convenient replacement for the CALL instruction because it lets you pass multiple arguments using a single line of code.

Here is the general syntax:

INVOKE procedureName [, argumentList]

For example:

push TYPE array

push LENGTHOF array

push OFFSET array

call DumpArray

is equal to

INVOKE DumpArray, OFFSET array, LENGTHOF array, TYPE array

• ADDR Operator

The ADDR operator can be used to pass a pointer argument when calling a procedure using INVOKE. The following INVOKE statement, for example, passes the address of myArray to the FillArray procedure:

INVOKE FillArray, ADDR myArray

• PROC Directive

Syntax of the PROC Directive

The PROC directive has the following basic syntax:

Label PROC [attributes] [USES reglist], parameter_list

The PROC directive permits you to declare a procedure with a comma-separated list of named parameters.

Example: The FillArray procedure receives a pointer to an array of bytes:

```
FillArray PROC,
pArray:PTR BYTE
...
FillArray ENDP
```

• PROTO Directive

The PROTO directive creates a prototype for an existing procedure. A prototype declares a procedure's name and parameter list. It allows you to call a procedure before defining it and to verify that the number and types of arguments match the procedure definition.

MySub PROTO ; procedure prototype

.

INVOKE MySub ; procedure call

.

MySub PROC ; procedure implementation

.

MySub ENDP

Exercises:

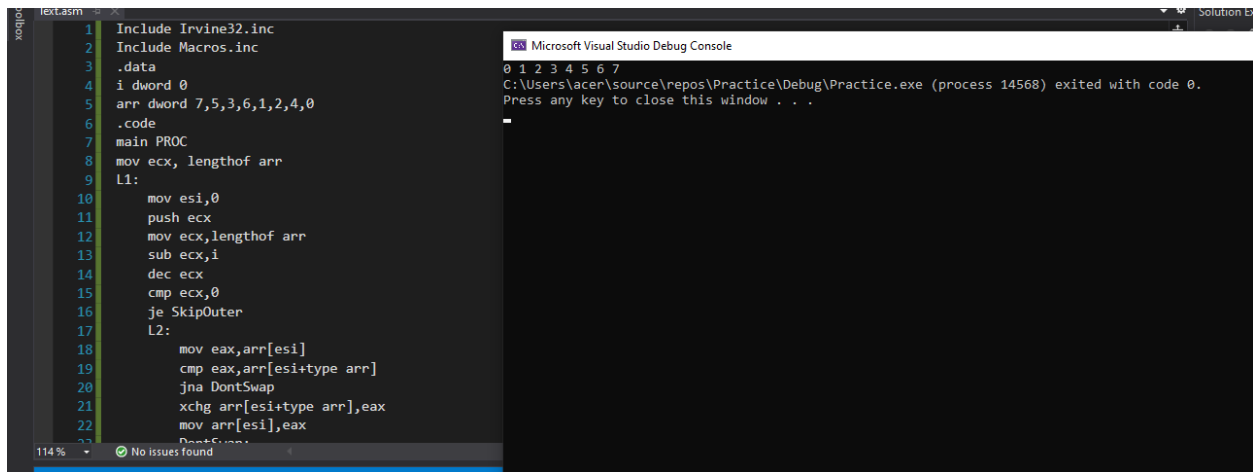
1. Write a program which contains a procedure named **BubbleSort** that sorts an array which is passed through a stack using indirect addressing.
2. Write a program which contains a procedure named **TakeInput** which takes input numbers from user and call a procedure named **Armstrong** which checks either a number is an Armstrong number or not and display the answer on console by calling another function **Display**. (Also show ESP values during nested function calls)
3. Write a program which contains a procedure named **Reverse** that reverse the string using recursion.
4. Write a program which contains a procedure named **LocalSquare** . The procedure must declare a local variable. Initialize this variable by taking an input value from the user and then display its square. Use **ENTER & LEAVE** instructions to allocate and de-allocate the local variable.
5. Write a program that calculates factorial of a given number *n*. Make a recursive procedure named **Fact** that takes *n* as an input parameter.
6. Write a program to take 4 input numbers from the users. Then make two procedures **CheckPrime** and **LargestPrime**. The program should first check if a given number is a prime number or not. If all of the input numbers are prime numbers then the program should call the procedure LargestPrime.

CheckPrime: This procedure tests if a number is prime or not

LargestPrime: This procedure finds and displays the largest of the four prime numbers.

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Q1 Code + Output:



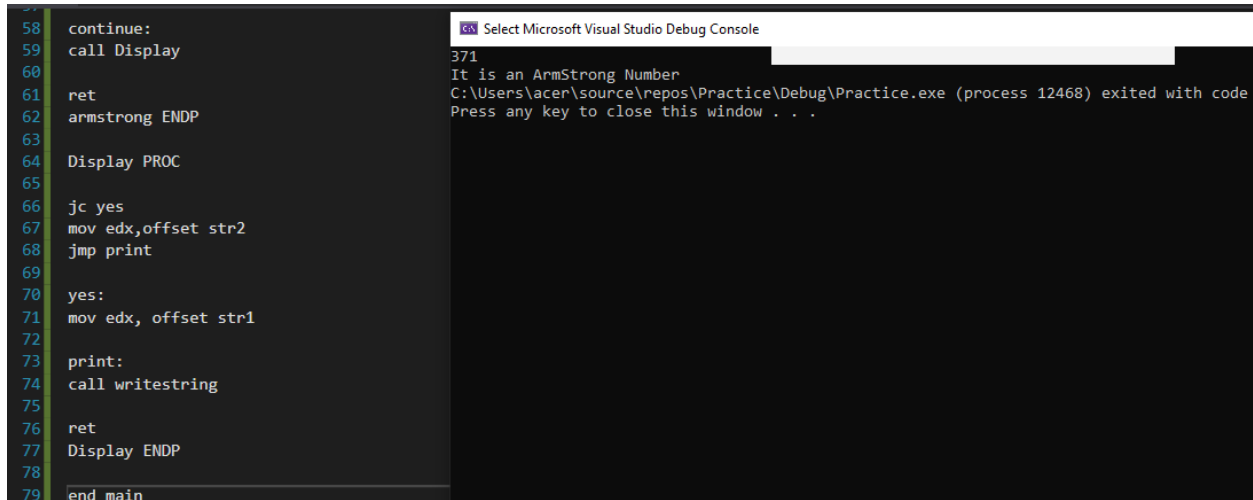
The screenshot shows the Visual Studio IDE with an assembly file named 'text.asm'. The code defines a main procedure that iterates through an array of 8 integers (0, 7, 5, 3, 6, 1, 2, 4) and checks if each is an Armstrong number. The debug console on the right shows the output: '0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7' followed by 'C:\Users\acer\source\repos\Practice\Debug\Practice.exe (process 14568) exited with code 0. Press any key to close this window . . .'. The status bar at the bottom indicates '114 %' zoom and 'No issues found'.

```
1 Include Irvine32.inc
2 Include Macros.inc
3 .data
4 i dword 0
5 arr dword 7,5,3,6,1,2,4,0
6 .code
7 main PROC
8 mov ecx, lengthof arr
9 L1:
10 mov esi,0
11 push ecx
12 mov ecx,lengthof arr
13 sub ecx,i
14 dec ecx
15 cmp ecx,0
16 je SkipOuter
17 L2:
18 mov eax,arr[esi]
19 cmp eax,arr[esi+type arr]
20 jna DontSwap
21 xchg arr[esi+type arr],eax
22 mov arr[esi],eax
23 DontSwap:
24 inc esi
25 jmp L2
26 SkipOuter:
27 ret
28 end main
```

Microsoft Visual Studio Debug Console

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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Q2 Code + Output:



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio IDE with an assembly file. The code defines a main procedure that calls a 'Display' procedure. The 'Display' procedure checks if a number is an Armstrong number and prints the result. The debug console on the right shows the output: '371' followed by 'It is an ArmStrong Number' and 'C:\Users\acer\source\repos\Practice\Debug\Practice.exe (process 12468) exited with code 0. Press any key to close this window . . .'. The status bar at the bottom indicates '114 %' zoom and 'No issues found'.

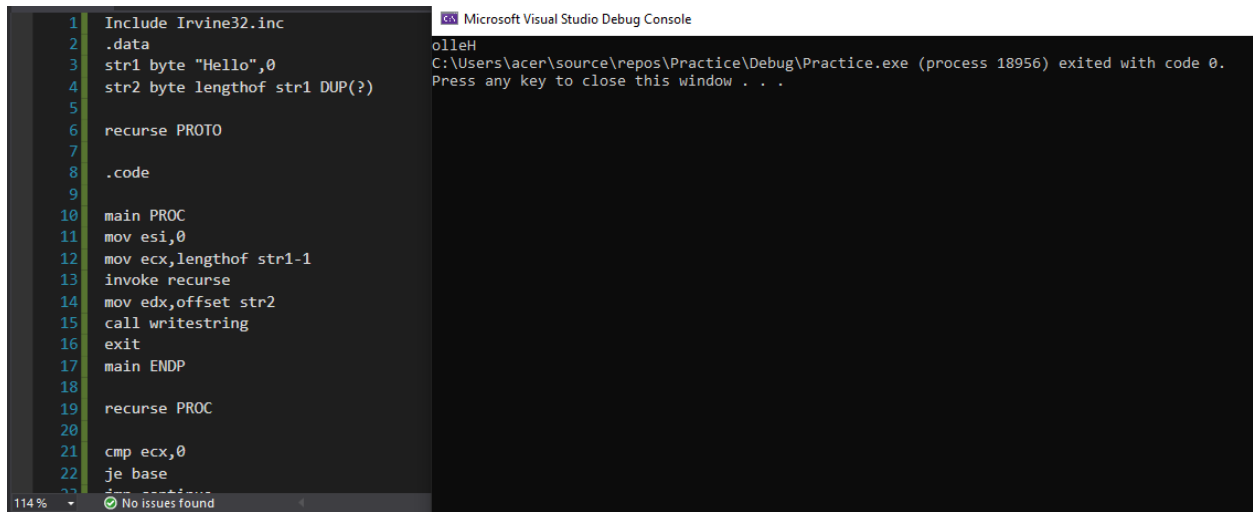
```
58 continue:
59 call Display
60
61 ret
62 armstrong ENDP
63
64 Display PROC
65
66 jc yes
67 mov edx,offset str2
68 jmp print
69
70 yes:
71 mov edx, offset str1
72
73 print:
74 call writestring
75
76 ret
77 Display ENDP
78
79 end main
```

Select Microsoft Visual Studio Debug Console

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It is an ArmStrong Number
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Q3 Code + Output:

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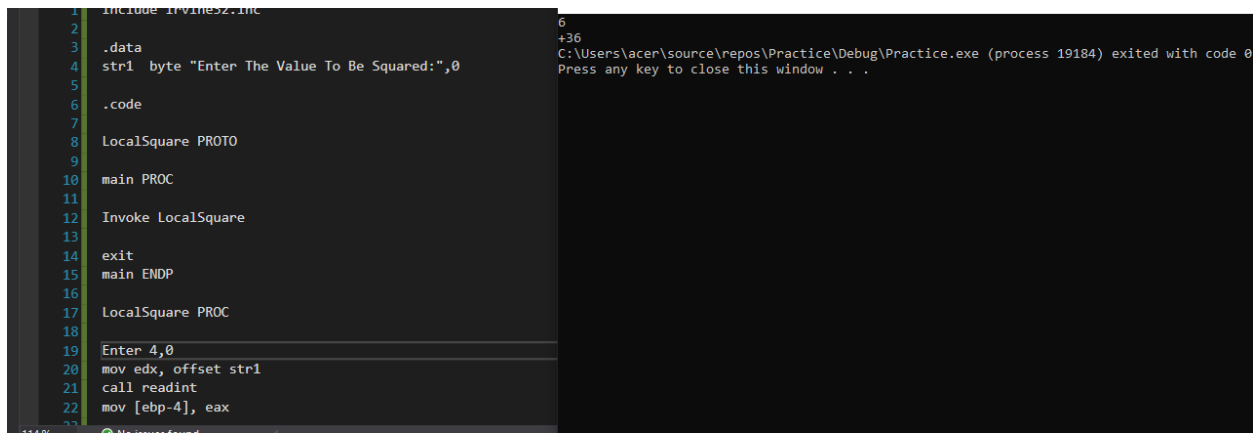
The screenshot shows the Visual Studio IDE with assembly code on the left and the Microsoft Visual Studio Debug Console on the right. The assembly code defines a recursive function 'recurse' and a 'main' function. The debug console shows the output of the program, which is 'olleH'.

```
1 Include Irvine32.inc
2 .data
3 str1 byte "Hello",0
4 str2 byte lengthof str1 DUP(?)
5
6 recurse PROTO
7
8 .code
9
10 main PROC
11 mov esi,0
12 mov ecx,lengthof str1-1
13 invoke recurse
14 mov edx,offset str2
15 call writestring
16 exit
17 main ENDP
18
19 recurse PROC
20
21 cmp ecx,0
22 je base
23
```

Microsoft Visual Studio Debug Console

olleH
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Q4 Code + Output:



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio IDE with assembly code on the left and the Microsoft Visual Studio Debug Console on the right. The assembly code defines a function 'LocalSquare' and a 'main' function. The debug console shows the output of the program, which is 'Enter 4,0'.

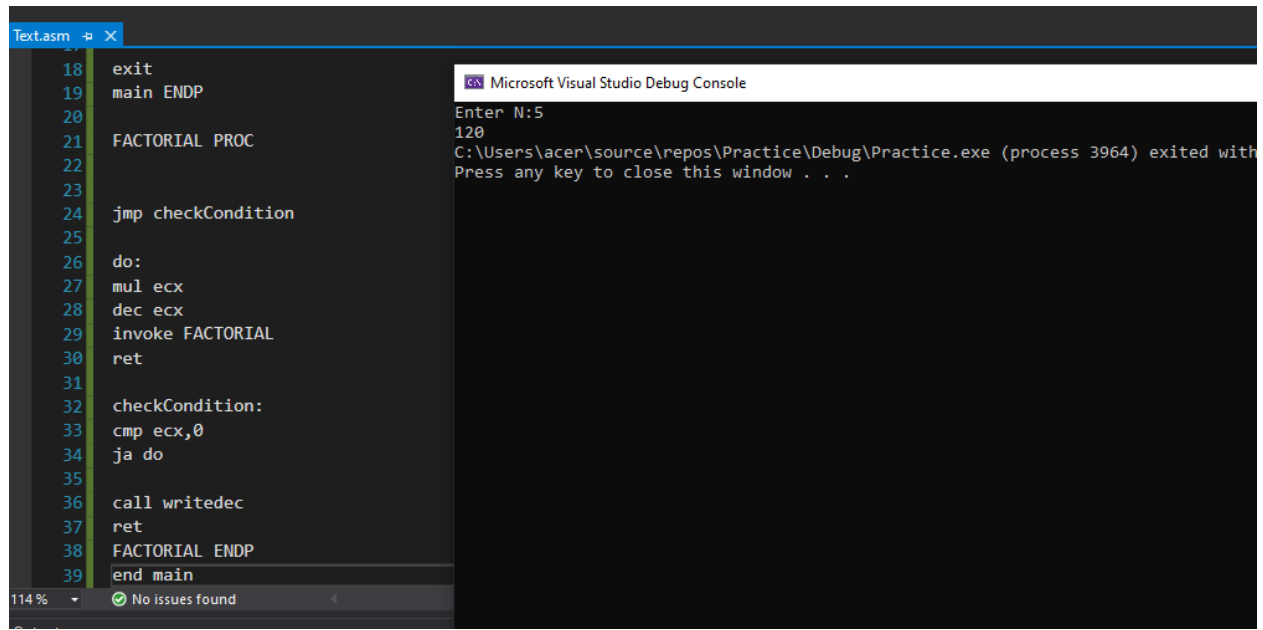
```
1 Include Irvine32.inc
2
3 .data
4 str1 byte "Enter The Value To Be Squared:",0
5
6 .code
7
8 LocalSquare PROTO
9
10 main PROC
11
12 Invoke LocalSquare
13
14 exit
15 main ENDP
16
17 LocalSquare PROC
18
19 Enter 4,0
20 mov edx, offset str1
21 call readint
22 mov [ebp-4], eax
23
```

Microsoft Visual Studio Debug Console

Enter 4,0
C:\Users\acer\source\repos\Practice\Debug\Practice.exe (process 19184) exited with code 0
Press any key to close this window . . .

Q5 Code + Output:

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The screenshot shows the Visual Studio IDE with an assembly file named 'Text.asm'. The code defines a 'main' procedure that calls a 'FACTORIAL' procedure. The 'FACTORIAL' procedure uses a loop to calculate the factorial of a number. The debug console shows the program's execution, including the input 'N:5' and the final exit message.

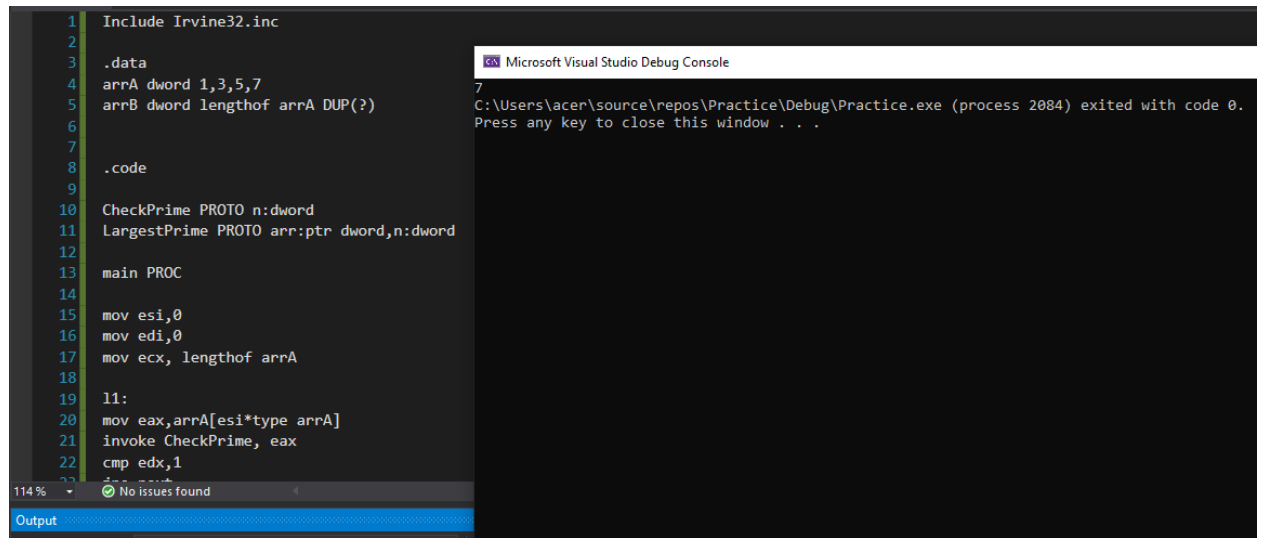
```
18 exit
19 main ENDP
20
21 FACTORIAL PROC
22
23
24 jmp checkCondition
25
26 do:
27 mul ecx
28 dec ecx
29 invoke FACTORIAL
30 ret
31
32 checkCondition:
33 cmp ecx,0
34 ja do
35
36 call writedec
37 ret
38 FACTORIAL ENDP
39 end main
```

Microsoft Visual Studio Debug Console

```
Enter N:5
120
C:\Users\acer\source\repos\Practice\Debug\Practice.exe (process 3964) exited with
Press any key to close this window . . .
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Q6 Code + Output:



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio IDE with an assembly file. The code includes Irvine32.inc and defines a 'main' procedure that checks if a number is prime. The debug console shows the program's execution, including the input '7' and the final exit message.

```
1 Include Irvine32.inc
2
3 .data
4 arrA dword 1,3,5,7
5 arrB dword lengthof arrA DUP(?)
6
7
8 .code
9
10 CheckPrime PROTO n:dword
11 LargestPrime PROTO arr:ptr dword,n:dword
12
13 main PROC
14
15 mov esi,0
16 mov edi,0
17 mov ecx, lengthof arrA
18
19 l1:
20 mov eax,arrA[esi*type arrA]
21 invoke CheckPrime, eax
22 cmp edx,1
23
```

Microsoft Visual Studio Debug Console

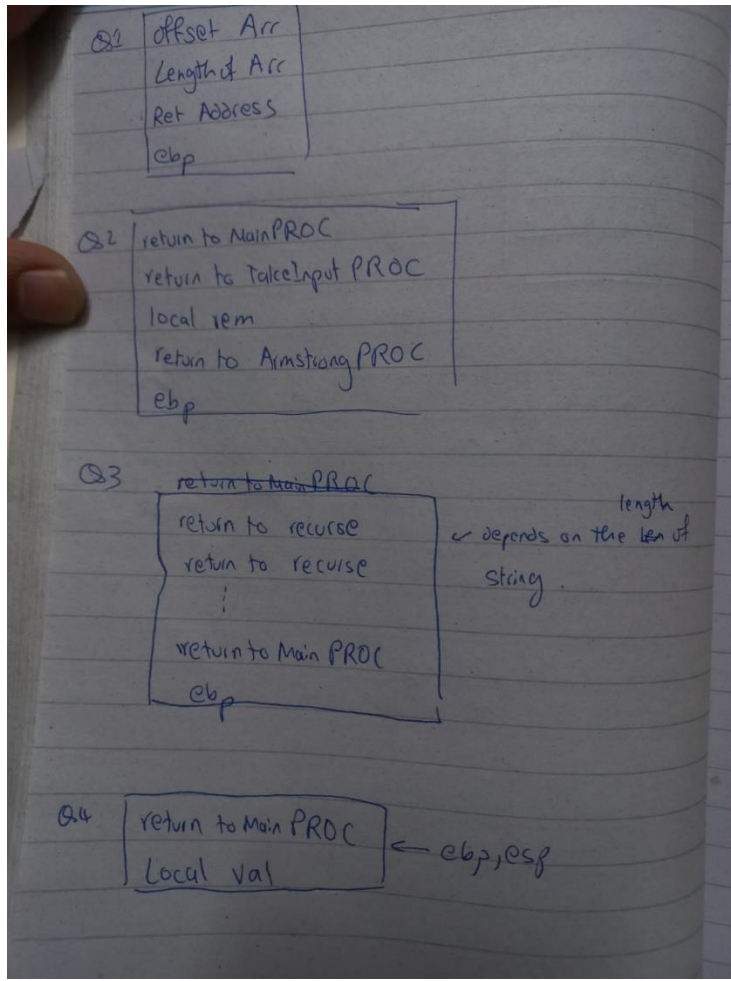
```
7
C:\Users\acer\source\repos\Practice\Debug\Practice.exe (process 2084) exited with code 0.
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```

114 % No issues found

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Q5

ret to Fa(1)

ret to Fa(2)

ret to Fa(3)

ret to Fac(4)

return to main PROC

Q6

return to LargestPrime

return to CheckPrime

← for n elements

esp,ebp → return to main PROC