AND Operation

The Boolean instructions in assembly language are used to perform logical operations on bits or bytes. These instructions are typically used to manipulate data, make decisions, and control the flow of a program.

AND
The AND instruction performs a bit-by-bit logical AND operation on two operands. The result is stored in the destination operand. The AND operation returns a 1 if both bits are 1, otherwise it returns a 0.

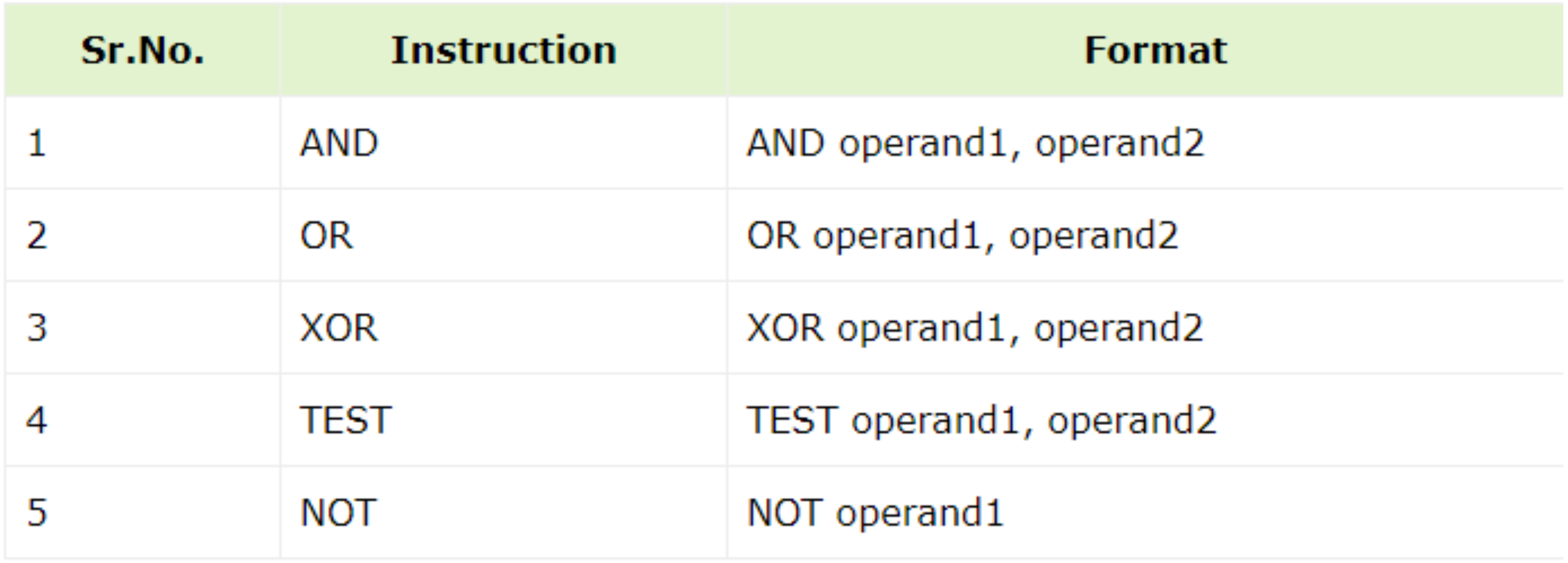
OR
The OR instruction performs a bit-by-bit logical OR operation on two operands. The result is stored in the destination operand. The OR operation returns a 1 if either bit is 1, otherwise it returns a 0.

XOR
The XOR instruction performs a bit-by-bit logical exclusive OR operation on two operands. The result is stored in the destination operand. The XOR operation returns a 1 if only one bit is 1, otherwise it returns a 0.

NOT
The NOT instruction performs a bit-by-bit logical NOT operation on a single operand. The result is stored in the destination operand. The NOT operation inverts all of the bits in the operand.

TEST
The TEST instruction performs a bit-by-bit logical AND operation on two operands, but does not store the result. Instead, the TEST instruction sets the CPU flags according to the result of the operation. The TEST instruction is often used to check the value of a register or memory location

before making a decision.



Sr.No.	Instruction	Format
1	AND	AND operand1, operand2
2	OR	OR operand1, operand2
3	XOR	XOR operand1, operand2
4	TEST	TEST operand1, operand2
5	NOT	NOT operand1

Here are some examples of how to use the Boolean instructions in assembly language:

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; AND two registers
mov eax, 10h
mov ebx, 5h
and eax, ebx ; eax = 4h

; OR two registers
mov eax, 10h
mov ebx, 5h
or eax, ebx ; eax = 15h

; XOR two registers
mov eax, 10h
mov ebx, 5h
xor eax, ebx ; eax = 11h

; NOT a register
mov eax, 10h
not eax ; eax = 11111110h

; TEST two registers
mov eax, 10h
mov ebx, 5h
test eax, ebx ; CF flag is set to 0

; TEST a register against a value
mov eax, 10h
test eax, 0Fh ; CF flag is set to 1
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Zero Flag (ZF):
Set when the result of an operation is zero.
Used for testing equality or non-equality.
Example: Used to skip instructions if the result is zero.

Carry Flag (CF):
Set when an operation generates a carry out of the highest bit.
Commonly used in arithmetic operations like addition and subtraction.
Example: Indicates an overflow in addition if set.

Sign Flag (SF):
Set when the most significant bit of the result is set.
Indicates whether the result is positive or negative.
Example: Set if the result is negative.

Overflow Flag (OF):
Set when an operation generates a result outside the signed range.
Used to detect arithmetic errors.
Example: Set when adding two positive numbers results in a negative value.

Parity Flag (PF):
Set when the destination operand has an even number of 1 bits.
Used for data error checking.
Example: Can indicate data corruption if not set when reading from memory.

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AND Instruction:

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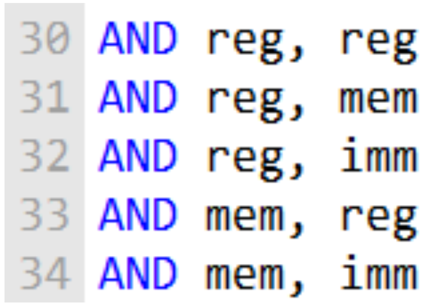
Operation: The AND instruction performs a bitwise AND operation between each pair of matching bits in two operands and stores the result in the destination operand.

Syntax: AND destination, source

Operand Combinations:



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AND reg, reg
AND reg, mem
AND reg, imm
AND mem, reg
AND mem, imm
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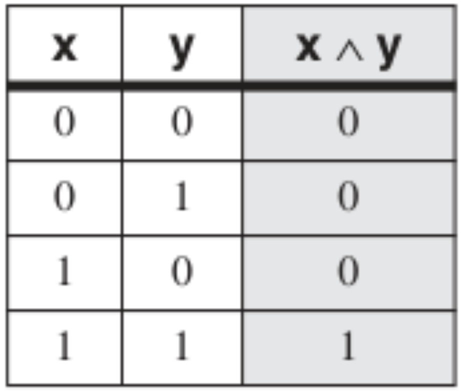
Operand Sizes: The operands can be 8, 16, 32, or 64 bits, and they must be the same size.

If both bits equal 1, the result bit is 1; otherwise, it is 0.

Example: x AND y, where x and y are bits.



x	y	$x \wedge y$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Bit Masking: The AND instruction is commonly used for bit masking. It allows you to clear specific bits in an operand without affecting other bits. For example, if you want to reset a hardware device by clearing bits 0 and 3 in the AL register without modifying other bits, you can use:

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and AL, 11110110b ; Clear bits 0 and 3, leave others unchanged
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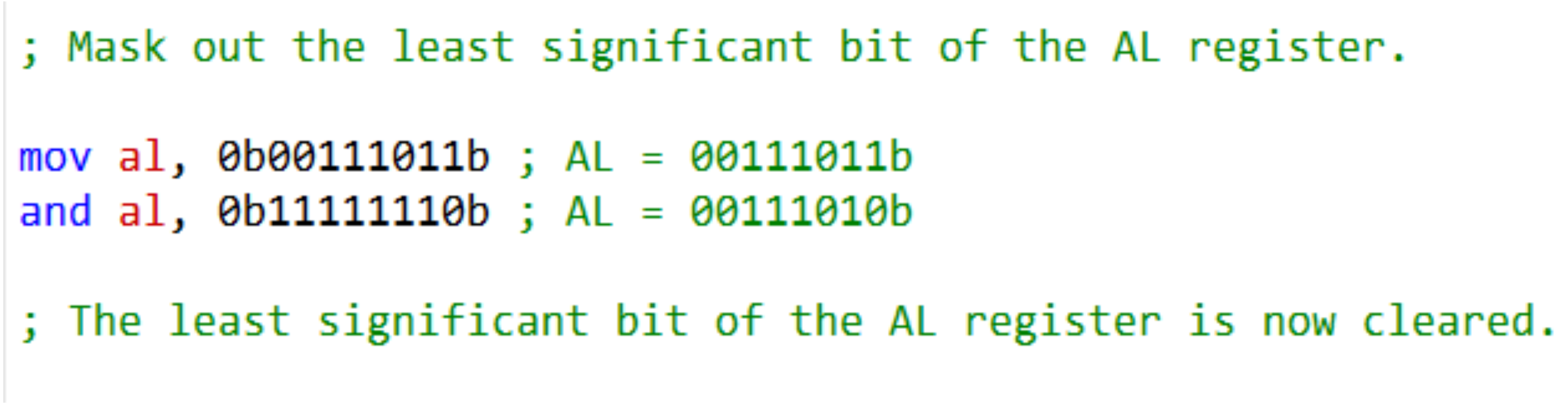
Flags: The AND instruction always clears the Overflow and Carry flags. It modifies the Sign, Zero, and Parity flags based on the value assigned to the destination operand.

Yes, the AND instruction can be used to clear selected bits in an operand while preserving the remaining bits. This is called **masking.**

To mask out a bit, you AND the operand with a mask that has a 0 in the bit position that you want to clear. For example, to mask out the least significant bit of the AL register, you would AND it with the mask 0b11111110.

Here is an example of how to use the AND instruction to mask out the least significant bit of the AL register:



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; Mask out the least significant bit of the AL register.

mov al, 0b00111011b ; AL = 00111011b
and al, 0b11111110b ; AL = 00111010b

; The least significant bit of the AL register is now cleared.
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You can use the same technique to mask out any bit in an operand, regardless of its position. To mask out bit n, simply AND the operand with a mask that has a 0 in the bit position n.

Masking is a very useful technique in assembly language programming. It can be used to perform a variety of tasks, such as:

- Isolating a specific bit or bits in an operand.
- Clearing or setting a specific bit or bits in an operand.
- Checking if a specific bit or bits in an operand are set or cleared Performing logical AND operations on multiple operands.

The assembly code below is a simple way to convert a character from lowercase to uppercase. It works by clearing bit 5 of the character, which is the bit that determines whether the character is lowercase or uppercase.

Here is a breakdown of the code:

```
.data
    array BYTE 50 DUP(?)

.code
    mov ecx, LENGTHOF array
    mov esi, OFFSET array
    L1:
    and byte ptr [esi], 11011111b
    inc esi
    loop L1
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- The .data section declares an array of 50 bytes, each of which can store a single character.
- The .code section contains the actual code to convert the characters in the array to uppercase.
- The mov ecx, LENGTHOF array instruction loads the length of the array into register ecx.
- The mov esi, OFFSET array instruction loads the address of the first element in the array into register esi.
- The L1: label marks the beginning of a loop. The loop will iterate LENGTHOF array times, once for each character in the array.
- The and byte ptr [esi], 11011111b instruction ANDs the byte at the address stored in register esi with the value 11011111b. This clears bit 5 of the byte, which converts the character to uppercase.
- The inc esi instruction increments register esi by 1. This moves the pointer to the next element in the array.
- The loop L1 instruction loops back to the beginning of the loop. This will continue until the loop has iterated LENGTHOF array times.

- After the loop has finished executing, all of the characters in the array will have been converted to uppercase.