

Str_copy Procedure

The Str_copy procedure copies a null-terminated string from a source location to a target location.

It takes two arguments: pointers to the source and target strings, respectively.

The Str_copy procedure works by first calling the Str_length procedure to get the length of the source string.

The Str_copy procedure then copies the source string to the target string byte by byte using the REP MOVSB instruction.

The following is the MASM code for the Str_copy procedure:

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325 ;-----
326 ; Str_copy Procedure
327 ; Copies a string from the source to the target.
328 ; Requires: the target string must contain enough space
329 ; to hold a copy of the source string.
330 ;-----
331 Str_copy PROC USES eax ecx esi edi,
332     source:PTR BYTE,    ; source string
333     target:PTR BYTE     ; target string
334
335     INVOKE Str_length, source    ; Calculate the length of the source string and store it in EAX.
336     mov ecx, eax                ; Copy the length into ECX for REP count.
337     inc ecx                     ; Add 1 for the null byte at the end of the string.
338
339     mov esi, source             ; Initialize esi with the source pointer.
340     mov edi, target            ; Initialize edi with the target pointer.
341
342     cld                         ; Set the direction flag to forward.
343
344     rep movsb                   ; Use REP to copy the string byte by byte from source to target.
345
346     ret                         ; Return when the string is copied.
347
348 Str_copy ENDP
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This code defines the Str_copy procedure, which copies a null-terminated string from the source to the target.

It uses the Str_length procedure to calculate the length of the source string, sets up pointers to both source and target strings, and then uses the rep movsb instruction to copy the string byte by byte.

The procedure returns once the entire string is copied to the target.

To use the Str_copy procedure, you would pass the addresses of the source and target strings to the procedure as arguments.

For example, to copy the string "Hello, world!" from one location to another, you would use the following code:

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350 mov eax, OFFSET "Hello, world!"
351 mov ebx, OFFSET target_string
352 call Str_copy
353
354 ; The target_string variable will now contain a copy of the string "Hello, world!"
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