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Assembly Language Programming with DOS Interrupts

Laboratory Experiment No. 1

GRADE

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PRINCIPLES

The Intel CPU recognizes two types of interrupts namely *hardware interrupt* when a peripheral device needs attention from the CPU, and *software interrupt* that is call to a subroutine located in the operating system.

The common software interrupts used here are INT 10H for video services and INT 21H for DOS services.

The INT 21H is called the DOS function call for keyboard and display operations follow the function or service number.

Syntax some useful INT 21H DOS service:

01H - Read a character with echo

Syntax:
```
MOV AH, 01H     ;request keyboard input
INT 21H         ;service function granted/executed
```

Returns character in AL.
If AL= non-zero value, operation echoes on the screen.
If AL = zero means that user has pressed an extended function key such as F1 or home.

02H - Display single character

Syntax:
```
MOV AH, 02H     ;request display character
MOV DL, char    ;load character to display to DL
INT 21H         ;service function granted/executed
```

Display character in DL at current cursor position. The tab, carriage return and line feed characters act normally and the operation automatically advances the cursor.

09H – Display string

Syntax:
```
MOV AH, 09H     ;request display string
MOV DX, strloc  ;load string to DX
```

```
INT 21H          ;service function granted/executed
```

Displays string in the data area, immediately followed by a dollar sign ($ or 24H), which uses to end the display. Note that 10h and 13h

```
text db "Print string!", 10, 13, "$"
```

Note that 10 (0Ah) is the ASCII control code for line feed while 13 (0Fh) is the code for carriage return.

OBJECTIVES AND MATERIALS

Objectives:

After this lab experiment, student should be able to:

1. familiar with the operation of some useful DOS interrupt service routines,
2. create assembly programs using INT 21h DOS service routines,
3. test and simulate the functionality of the assembly program with emu8086 assembler software,

Materials:

QUANTITY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	-	PC/Laptop with emu8086 software installed

DRILL EXERCISES

Drill Exercise 1 – Given the assembly language source code list below, re-type and test the program. Save as **`COEN3211_3x-x_Drill1.asm`**.

```
;Drill Exercise 1 - Display A to Z character with delay

.model small         ;model directive describing .ASM program segment register not greater than 64KB
.code                ;start CODE SEGMENT (CS)
    org 0100h        ;start at offset address 0100h (offset addres for .COM program)
    call clr_regs    ;call clr_regs procedure
    jmp drill_exer1  ;jmp to drill_exer1

.data                ;start DATA SEGMENT (DS)
    first_char equ 'A'   ;first_char == 'A'
    stop_char  equ '['   ;stop_char == '['

drill_exer1:    mov al, first_char  ;load the value of first_char to AL
   next_char:   call print_char     ;call disp_char procedure
                call disp_del       ;call disp_char procedure
                inc al              ;increment AL value by 1
                cmp al, stop_char   ;comapre AL to stop_char value
                jne next_char       ;jump to next char label if AL not equal to stop_char value
                call exit           ;call exit procedure


;--- USER-DEFINED PROCEDURES ---

;procedure for printing character
print_char proc near
    mov ah, 02h      ;request INT 21h service 02h (printer character)
    mov dl, al       ;load AL value to DL
    int 21h          ;execute INT 21h service
    ret              ;return to invoking statememt
print_char endp      ;end of the procedure print_char

;procedure for clearing all the general-purpose registers
 clr_regs proc near
    xor ax, ax  ;XOR ax and ax (ax = 0000h)
    xor bx, bx  ;XOR bx and bx (bx = 0000h)
    xor cx, cx  ;XOR cx and cx (cx = 0000h)
    xor dx, dx  ;XOR dx and dx (dx = 0000h)
    ret         ;return to invoking statememt
clr_regs endp   ;end of the procedure clr_regs

;procedure for terminating program
exit proc near
    mov ah, 4ch ;request INT 21h service 4ch (exit program)
    int 21h     ;execute INT 21h service
    ret         ;return to invoking statememt
exit endp       ;end of the procedure exit

;procedure for terminating program
disp_del proc near
            mov cx, 000fh   ;number of loops
    del:    nop             ;NOP - no operation (provide short delay
            loop del        ;repeat instruction at del label based on CX value
            ret             ;return to invoking statememt
disp_del endp               ;end of the proceduredisp_del

end drill_exer1 ;end of drill_exr1 label (1st label in the program)
```

Figure 1-1. Code listing of Drill Exercise 1

Drill Exercise 2 – Given the assembly language source code list below, re-type and test the program. Save as **`COEN3211_3x-x_Drill2.asm`**.

.

```
;Drill Exercise 2 - Accept starting lower case character and stop character
;and print the sequence of character from first character to stop chacter minus 1
.model small          ;model directive describing .ASM program segment register not greater than 64KB
.code                 ;start CODE SEGMENT (CS)
    org 0100h         ;start at offset address 0100h (offset addres for .COM program)
    call clr_regs     ;call clr_regs procedure
    jmp drill_exer2 ;jmp to drill_exer1

.data                 ;start DATA SEGMENT (DS)
    first_char  db ?                                                ;declare a variable with unknown value
    stop_char   db ?                                                ;declare a variable with unknown value
    text1       db 10,"Enter starting lowercase character >> ",20h,"$"  ;string variable declaration 1
    text2       db 13,10,"Enter stop lowercase character >> ",20h,"$"   ;string variable declaration 2
    text3       db 13,10,"Output sequence:",20h,"$"                     ;string variable declaration 3

drill_exer2:    lea dx, text1       ;load effective address of text1 to dx
                call disp_string    ;call disp_string procedure
                call read_char      ;call read_char procedure
                mov first_char, al  ;load al to first_char variable
                lea dx, text2       ;load effective address of text2 to dx
                call disp_string    ;call disp_string procedure
                call read_char      ;call read_char procedure
                mov stop_char, al   ;load al to stop_char variable
                lea dx, text3       ;load effective address of text3 to dx
                call disp_string     ;call disp_string procedure
                mov dl, first_char  ;load the value of first_char to DL
    next_char:  call print_char     ;call disp_char procedure
                call disp_del       ;call disp_char procedure
                inc dl              ;increment DL value by 1
                cmp dl, stop_char   ;comapre DL to stop_char value
                jne next_char       ;jump to next char label if DL not equal to stop_char value
                call exit           ;call exit procedure


;--- USER-DEFINED PROCEDURES ---

;procedure for printing character
print_char proc near
    mov ah, 02h       ;request INT 21h service 02h (print character)
    int 21h           ;execute INT 21h service
    ret               ;return to invoking statement
print_char endp       ;end of the procedure print_char

;procedure for printing string
disp_string proc near
    mov ah, 09h       ;request INT 21h service 09h (print string)
    int 21h           ;execute INT 21h service
    ret               ;return to invoking statement
disp_string endp      ;end of the procedure disp_string

;procedure for reading character
read_char proc near
    mov ah, 01h       ;request INT 21h service 01h (read character w/ echo)
    int 21h           ;execute INT 21h service
    ret               ;return to invoking statement
read_char endp        ;end of the procedure read_char

;procedure for clearing all the general-purpose registers
 clr_regs proc near
    xor ax, ax  ;XOR ax and ax (ax = 0000h)
    xor bx, bx  ;XOR bx and bx (bx = 0000h)
    xor cx, cx  ;XOR cx and cx (cx = 0000h)
    xor dx, dx  ;XOR dx and dx (dx = 0000h)
    ret         ;return to invoking statement
clr_regs endp   ;end of the procedure clr_regs

;procedure for terminating program
exit proc near
    mov ah, 4ch ;request INT 21h service 4ch (exit program)
    int 21h     ;execute INT 21h service
    ret         ;return to invoking statement
exit endp       ;end of the procedure exit

;procedure for terminating program
disp_del proc near
            mov cx, 000fh   ;number of loops
    del:    nop             ;NOP - no operation (provide short delay
            loop del        ;repeat instruction at del label based on CX value
            ret             ;return to invoking statement
disp_del endp               ;end of the proceduredisp_del

end drill_exer2 ;end of drill_exr2 label (1st label in the program)
```

Figure 1-2. Code listing of Drill Exercise 2

PROGRAM EXERCISES

Program Exercise 1. Create and test an optimized and procedural-based assembly program that will display character sequence as shown below. **Note:** Execute each character output with delay. Save as **COEN3211_3x-x_ProgExer1.asm.**

aA bB cC … yY zZ

Program Exercise 2. Create and test an optimized and procedural-based assembly program in that will accepts start and stop character then the program will display the following. **Note:** Execute each character output with delay. Save as **COEN3211_3x-x_ProgExer1.asm**.

Sample input and output:

```
Enter start letter (lowercase letter only): b
Enter last letter (lowercase letter only): g
Sequence of uppercase characters b to g in descending order is
G F E D C B
```

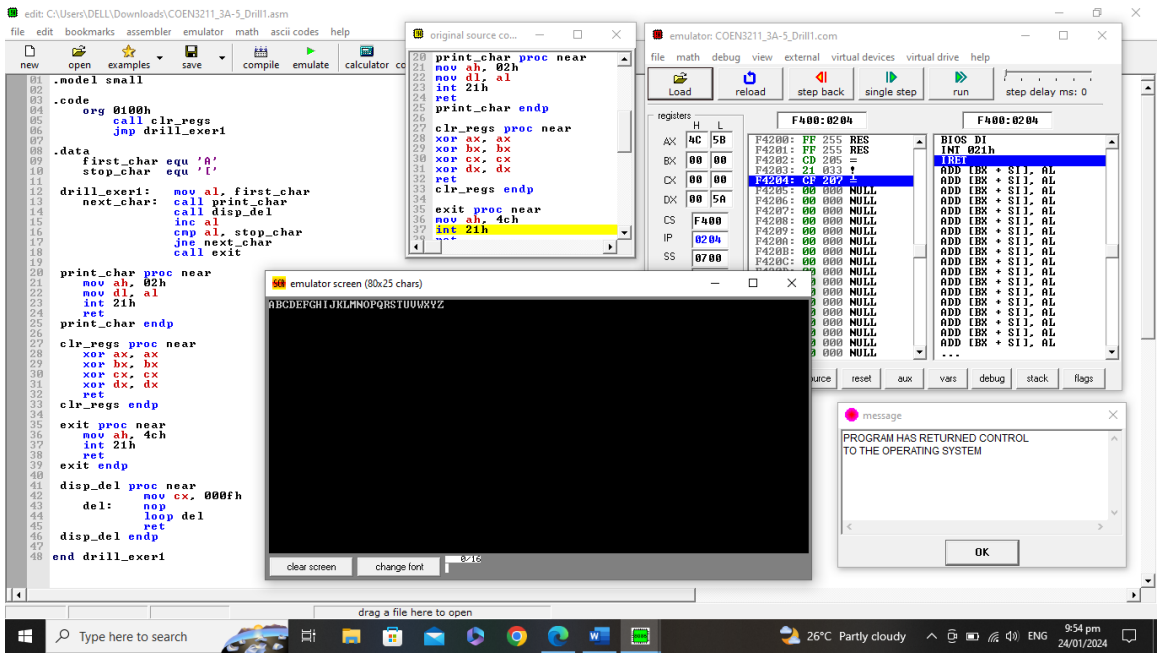
Program Exercise 1-3. Create and test optimized and procedural-based assembly program that will prompt the user to enter single digit number from (0 to 9) then program will display the sum of the numbers. **Note:** digit '0' = 30h to '9' = 39h. If the sum is greater than 9 then print digit '1' and subtract sum by digit '9' to get the least significant digit (LSB) and print, else display the sum. Save as **COEN3211_3x-x_ProgExer1.asm**.

Sample input and output:

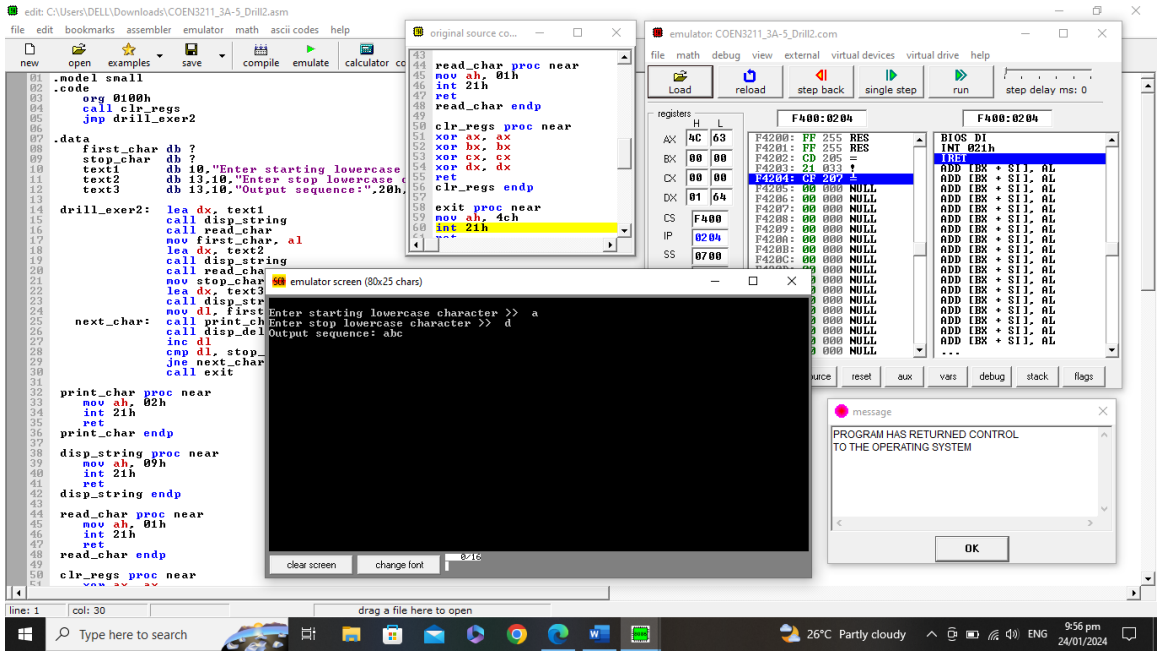
```
Enter the first single digit number: 5
Enter the second single digit number: 7
The sum of 5 and 7 is 12
```

DATA RESULTS

Drill Exercise 1-1. Test output



Drill Exercise 1-2. Test output

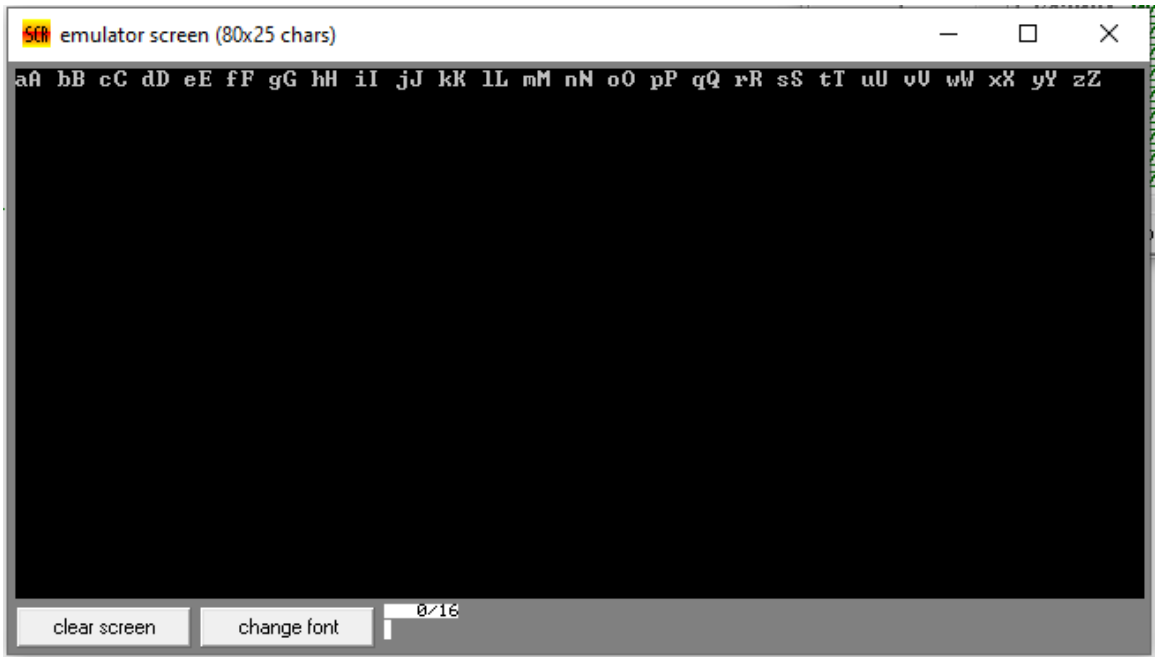


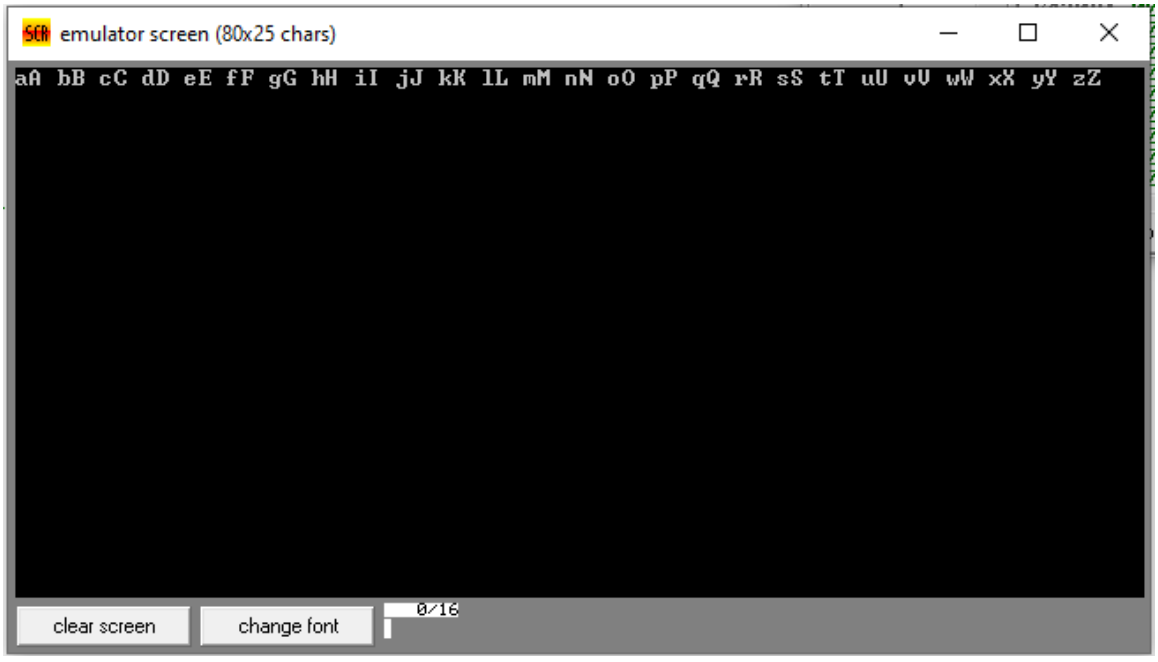
Program Exercise 1-1. Program Listing and Outputs

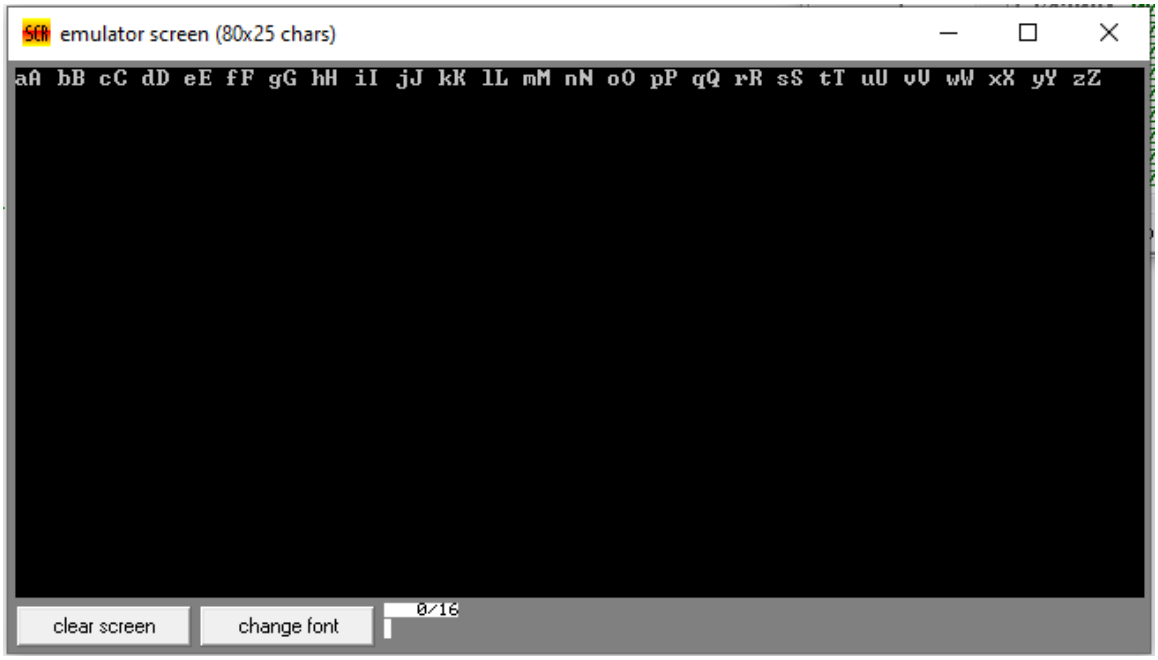
Program Listing:

```
01 .model small
02
03 .code
04     org 100h
05     jmp start
06
07 .data
08     whiteSpace db ' ', '$'
09     lowerCase db 'a'
10     upperCase db 'A'
11
12 start:
13     mov cx, 26           ; initialize counter register
14     mov ah, 02h          ; function to print character
15     mov dl, lowerCase
16     int 21h              ; DOS Interrupt / execute
17     inc byte ptr lowerCase
18     call disp_del
19
20     mov ah, 02h
21     mov dl, upperCase
22     int 21h
23     inc byte ptr upperCase
24     call disp_del
25
26     cmp dl, 'Z'
27     je loop_exit
28
29     mov ah, 09h          ; function to print string
30     mov dx, offset whiteSpace
31     int 21h
32 loop start
33
34 loop_exit:
35     call exit
36
37 ;subroutine to delay printing
38 disp_del proc near
39     mov cx, 000Fh
40  again: nop
41         loop again
42         ret
43 disp_del endp
44
45 ;subroutine to exit program
46 exit proc near
47     mov ah, 4ch
48     int 21h
49     ret
50 exit endp
```

Output (at least 3 scenarios):






SCR
emulator screen (80x25 chars)
aA bB cC dD eE fF gG hH iI jJ kK lL mM nN oO pP qQ rR sS tT uU vV wW xX yY zZ
clear screen
change font
0/16

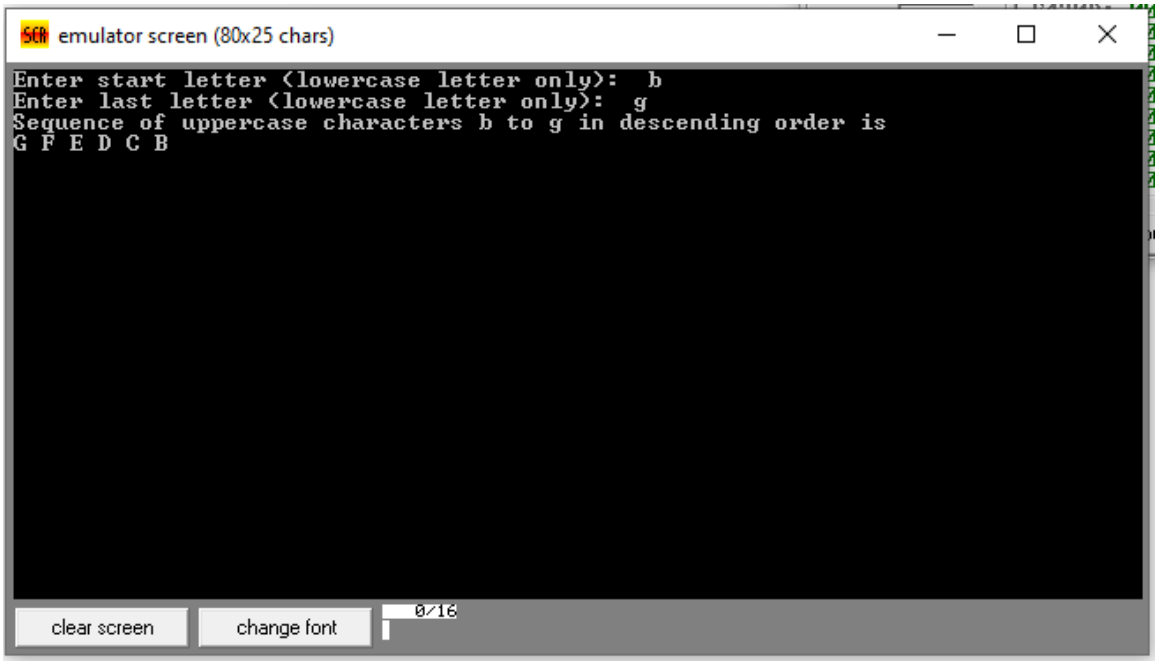
Program Exercise 1-2. Program Listing and Outputs

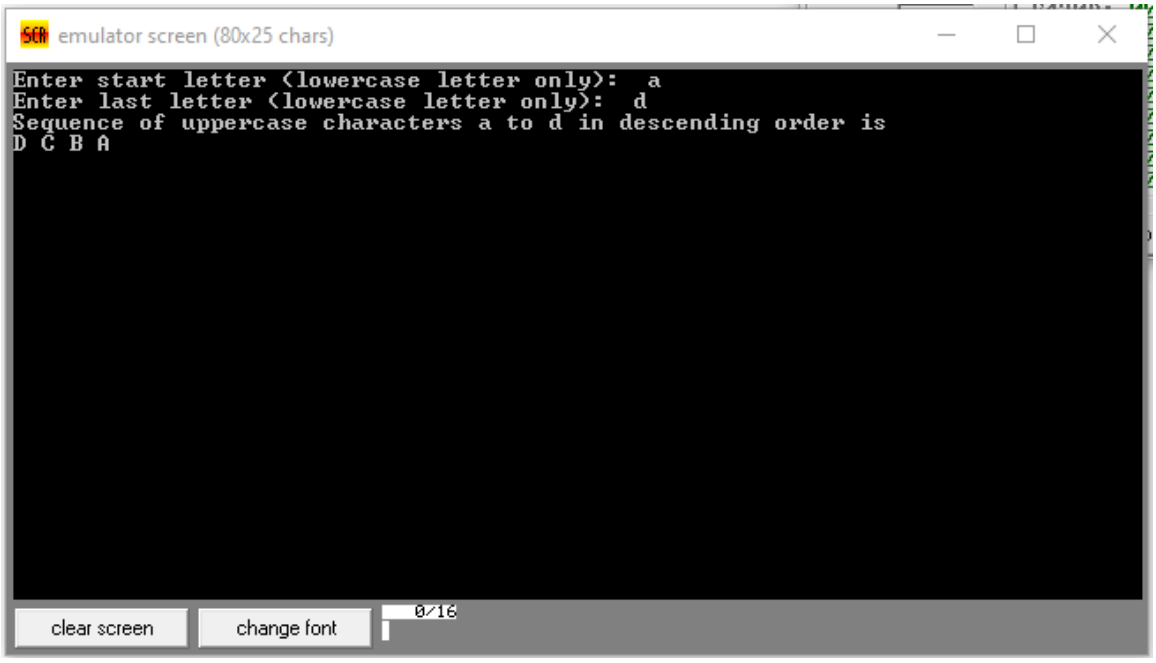
Program Listing:

```
001 .model small
002
003 .code
004     org 100h
005     jmp start
006
007 .data
008     firstChar db ?
009     secondChar db ?
010
011     startLetter db "Enter start letter (lowercase letter only): ",20h, "$"
012     lastLetter db 10,13,"Enter last letter (lowercase letter only): ",20h, "$"
013     resultLetters db 13,10,"Sequence of uppercase characters ", "$"
014     keywordOne db " to ", "$"
015     keywordTwo db " in descending order is ",10, 13, "$"
016     whiteSpace db " ", "$"
017
018 start:
019     lea dx, startLetter
020     call disp_string
021     call read_char
022     mov firstChar, al
023
024     lea dx, lastLetter
025     call disp_string
026     call read_char
027     mov secondChar, al
028
029     lea dx, resultLetters
030     call disp_string
031     mov dl, firstChar
032     call print_char
033     lea dx, keywordOne
034     call disp_string
035     mov dl, secondChar
036     call print_char
037     lea dx, keywordTwo
038     call disp_string
039     call disp_del
040
041     mov dl, firstChar
042
043     cmp secondChar, dl
044     jl  loop exit
045
046     mov dl, firstChar
047     sub dl, 32
048     mov firstChar, dl
049
050 output:
```

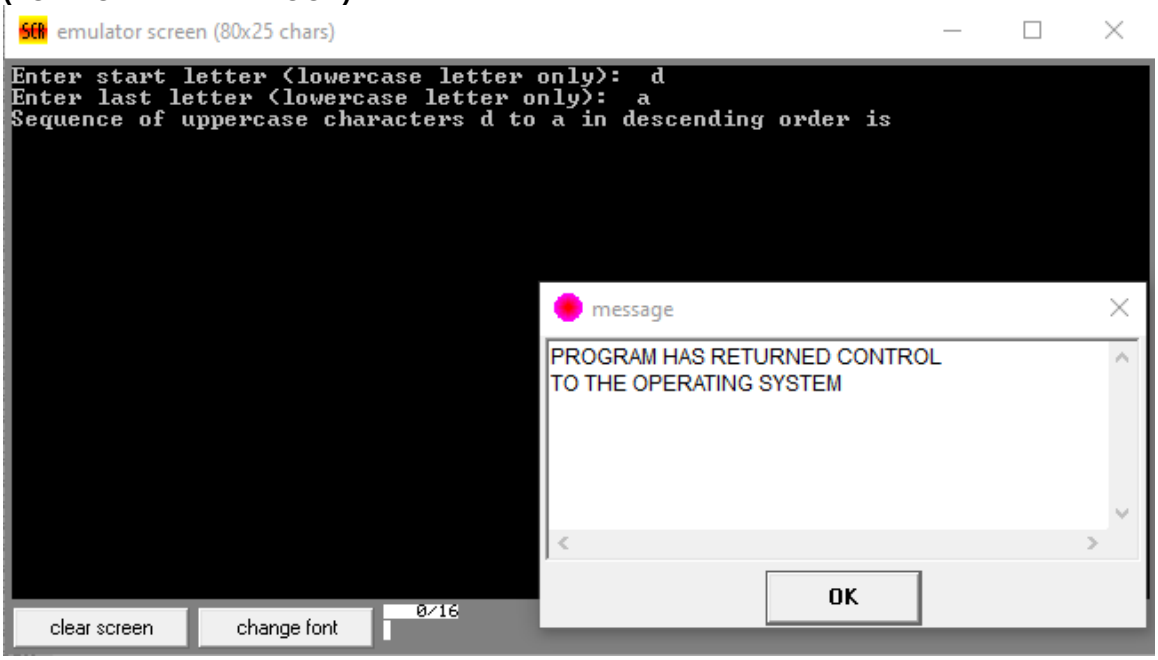
```
050 output:
051     mov dl, secondChar
052     sub dl, 32
053     call print_char
054     call disp_del
055     dec byte ptr secondChar
056
057     cmp dl, firstChar
058     je loop_exit
059
060     mov dx, offset whiteSpace
061     call disp_string
062     call disp_del
063 loop output
064
065 loop_exit:
066     call exit
067
068 print_char proc near
069     mov ah, 02h
070     int 21h
071     ret
072 print_char endp
073
074 read_char proc near
075     mov ah, 01h
076     int 21h
077     ret
078 read_char endp
079
080 disp_string proc near
081     mov ah, 09h
082     int 21h
083     ret
084 disp_string endp
085
086 disp_del proc near
087     mov cx, 000Fh
088  again: nop
089         loop again
090         ret
091 disp_del endp
092
093 exit proc near
094     mov ah, 4ch
095     int 21h
096     ret
097 exit endp
098
099 end start
```

Output (at least 3 scenarios):





PROGRAM TERMINATES IF SECOND LETTER IS LESS THAN THE FIRST LETTER:
(TO AVOID INFINITE LOOP)



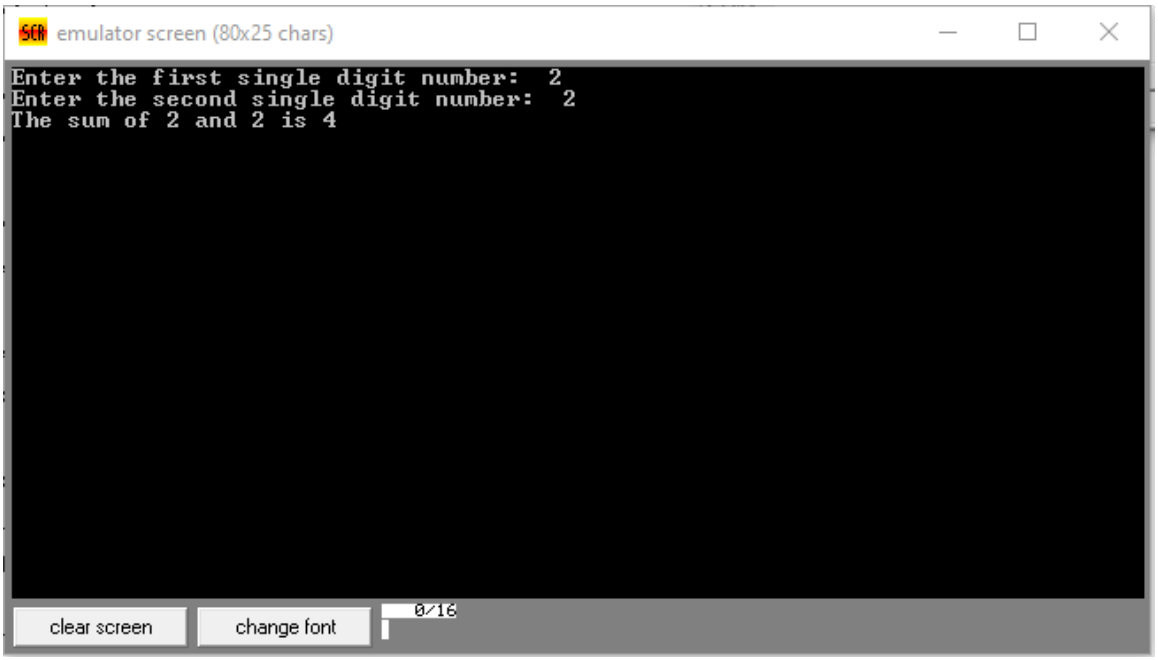
Program Exercise 1-3. Program Listing and Outputs

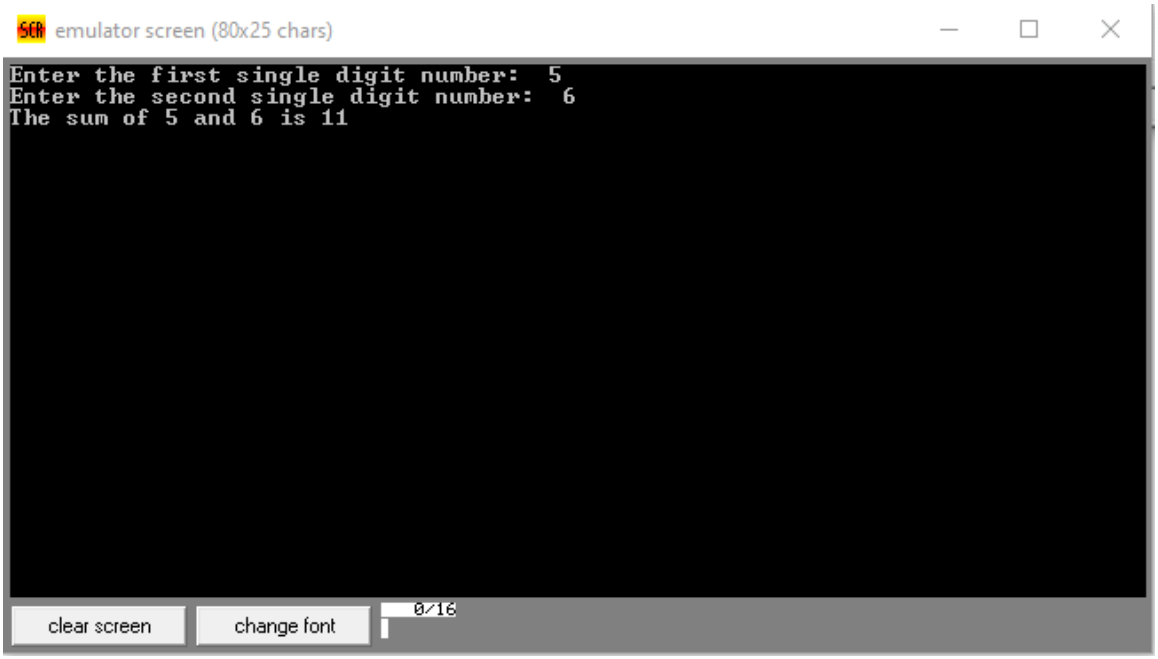
Program Listing:

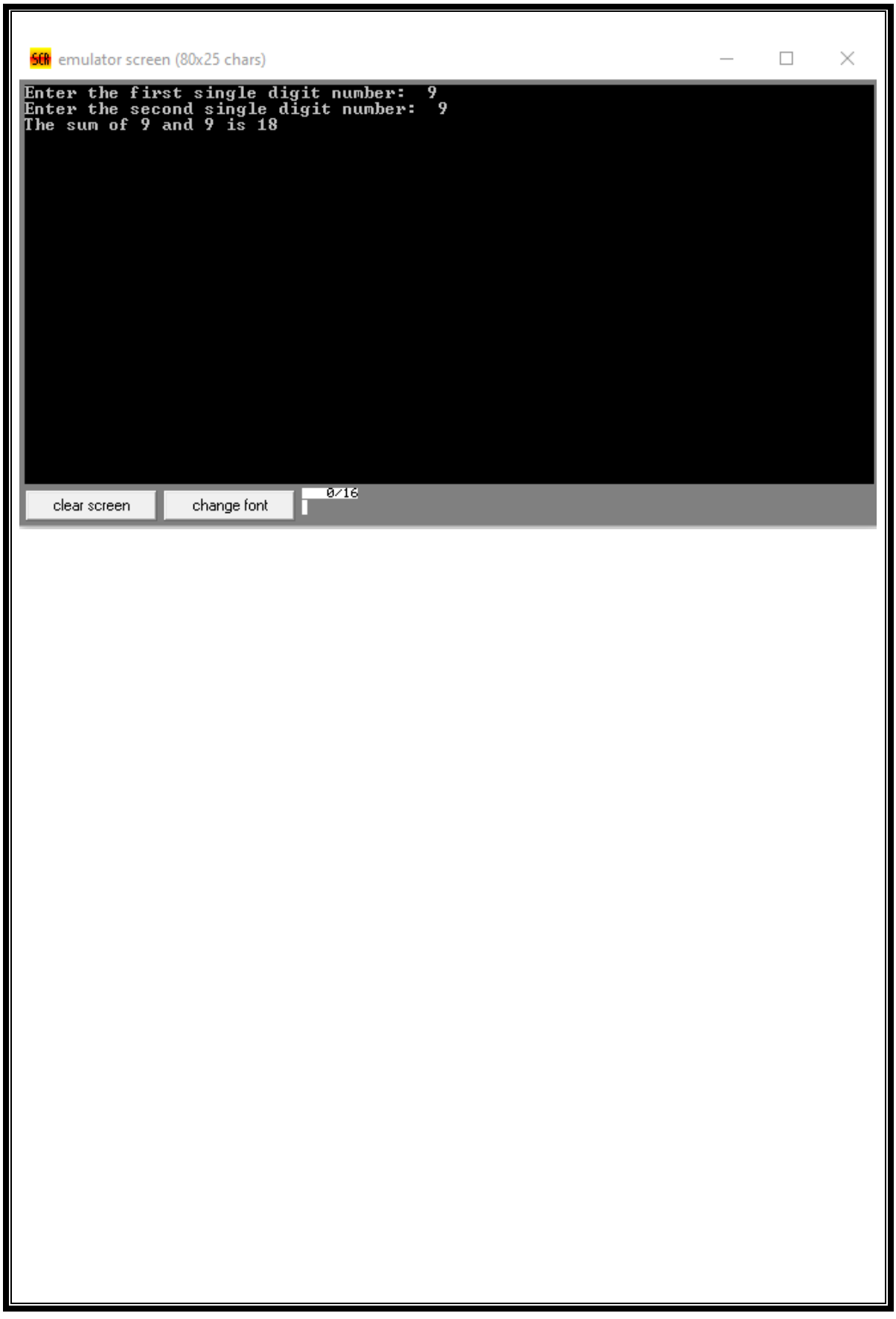
```
001 .model small
002
003 .code
004     org 100h
005     jmp start
006
007 .data
008     firstDigit db "Enter the first single digit number: ",20h, "$"
009     secondDigit db 10, 13, "Enter the second single digit number: ", 20h, "$"
010
011     resultKeyOne db 10, 13, "The sum of ", "$"
012     resultKeyTwo db " and ", "$"
013     resultKeyThree db " is ", "$"
014
015     numOne db ?
016     numTwo db ?
017     sum db ?
018
019     placeholderOne db ?
020     placeholderTwo db ?
021
022 start:
023     lea dx, firstDigit
024     call print_string
025     call read_char
026     sub al, '0'
027     mov numOne, al
028
029     lea dx, secondDigit
030     call print_string
031     call read_char
032     sub al, '0'
033     mov numTwo, al
034
035     mov al, numOne
036     add al, numTwo
037     mov sum, al
038
039     cmp sum, 9
040     jg disp_two_digits_sum
041
042     jmp disp_sum
043
044 disp_two_digits_sum:
045     call disp_result
046
047     mov al, 1
048     add al, '0'
049     mov dl, al
050     call print_char
```

```
051
052         sub sum, 10
053         add sum, '0'
054         mov dl, sum
055         call print_char
056         call exit
057
058 disp_sum:
059         call disp_result
060
061         add sum, '0'
062         mov dl, sum
063         call print_char
064         call exit
065
066 disp_result proc near
067         lea dx, resultKeyOne
068         call print_string
069
070         add numOne, '0'
071         mov dl, numOne
072         call print_char
073
074         lea dx, resultKeyTwo
075         call print_string
076
077         add numTwo, '0'
078         mov dl, numTwo
079         call print_char
080
081         lea dx, resultKeyThree
082         call print_string
083         ret
084 disp_result endp
085
086 print_char proc near
087         mov ah, 02h
088         int 21h
089         ret
090 print_char endp
091
092 print_string proc near
093         mov ah, 09h
094         int 21h
095         ret
096 print_string endp
097
098 read_char proc near
099         mov ah, 01h
100         int 21h
101         ret
102 read_char endp
103
104 exit proc near
105         mov ah, 4ch
106         int 21h
107         ret
108 exit endp
109
110 disp_del proc near
111           mov cx, 000Fh
112  del:     nop
113           loop del
114           ret
115 disp_del endp
116
117 end start
```

Output (at least 3 scenarios):






emulator screen (80x25 chars)
Enter the first single digit number: 9
Enter the second single digit number: 9
The sum of 9 and 9 is 18
clear screen
change font
0/16

DATA ANALYSIS

In addressing a drill exercise like Program Exercise 1, our focus is on developing an optimized and procedural-based assembly program. This specific drill requires us to display a character sequence that progresses from uppercase 'A' to 'Z'. Crucially, we introduce delays between character outputs to enhance the user experience.

Turning our attention to drill exercise 2 inspired by Program Exercise 2, our objective is to create and test an optimized assembly program. This drill prompts users to input start and stop characters (in lowercase) and then displays the corresponding uppercase characters in ascending order. Like Program Exercise 2, controlled delays between character outputs are implemented for clarity.

Revisiting Program Exercise 1, our focus is on crafting an optimized and procedural-based assembly program. This exercise requires the display of a character sequence like the one in our first drill exercise. However, in this program exercise, we emphasize a more holistic approach to assembly programming by incorporating additional features such as structured delays.

Like our drill exercise inspired by Program Exercise 2, our attention in Program Exercise 2 itself is centered on creating an optimized assembly program. This program is designed to dynamically handle user input for start and stop characters and present the corresponding uppercase characters in descending order. Our approach prioritizes procedural programming and efficiency, with deliberate delays between character outputs.

The final program exercise, Program Exercise 3, introduces a unique challenge. Our objective is to create and test an optimized and procedural-based assembly program that prompts users to input two single-digit numbers (ranging from '0' to '9'). The program then displays the sum of these numbers, addressing specific cases where the sum may exceed 9. This exercise demonstrates our adaptability in assembly programming, showcasing the ability to handle complex computation tasks efficiently.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Questions:

1. What is the between INT 21H service 01H, 07H, and 08H?
2. Create and test assembly program that will display information similar to the output below using INT 21H service 09H. Save as SURNAME_**COEN3211_QA2.asm.**

   Sample output:

   DELA CRUZ, Juan T.
   *<space>***Colegio de Muntinlupa**
   *<space><space>***BS Computer Engineering Student**
   *<space><space><space>***COEN3211 – Microprocessors Lab**

Answers:

1. **INT 21H** Service 01H is used for reading a single character, Service 07H is used for reading a string with echo, and Service 08H is used for reading a string without echo from the standard input.

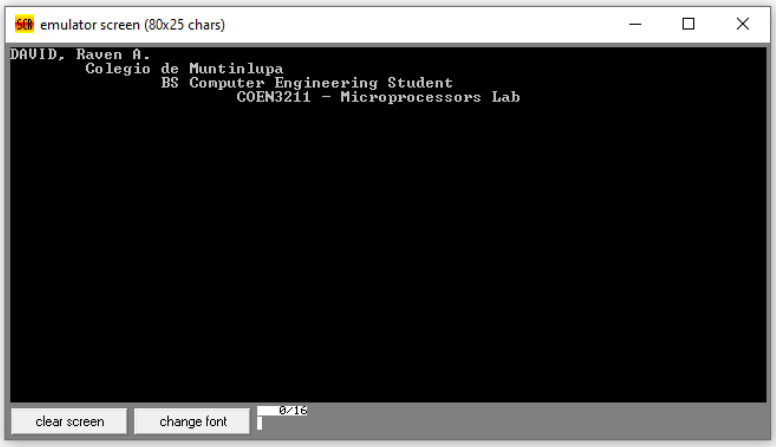
   INT 21H Service 01H (Read Character Input):
   Function: This service reads a character from the standard input (keyboard).
   Registers Used:
   AH = 01H (function code for read character)
   AL = (returned) ASCII code of the read character

   INT 21H Service 07H (Read String Input with Echo):
   Function: This service reads a string from the standard input with echo (characters are displayed as they are typed).
   Registers Used:
   AH = 07H (function code for read string with echo)
   AL = (returned) ASCII code of the last character in the string
   DX = Address of the buffer to store the input string

INT 21H Service 08H (Read String Input without Echo):
Function: This service reads a string from the standard input without echo (characters are not displayed as they are typed).
Registers Used:
AH = 08H (function code for read string without echo)
AL = (returned) ASCII code of the last character in the string
DX = Address of the buffer to store the input string

2. Program and Output:

```
.model small

.code
    org 100h
    jmp start

.data
    completeName db "DAVID, Raven A. ",10,13, "$"
    schoolName db 09h, "Colegio de Muntinlupa ", 10, 13, "$"
    department db 09h, 09h, "BS Computer Engineering Student ", 10,13, "$"
    courseCode db 09h, 09h, 09h, "COEN3211 - Microprocessors Lab $", 10,13, "$"

start:
    lea dx, completeName
    call print_string

    lea dx, schoolName
    call print_string

    lea dx, department
    call print_string

    lea dx, courseCode
    call print_string

    call exit

print_string proc near
    mov ah, 09h
    int 21h
    ret
print_string endp

tab_space proc near
    mov ah, 02h
    mov dl, 09h
    int 21h
tab_space endp

exit proc near
    mov ah, 4ch
    int 21h
    ret
exit endp

end start
```



CONCLUSION

In our first Microprocessors lab, we're diving into the basics of assembly language programming. We're focusing on Intel x86 architecture and DOS interrupt services. This lab helps students gain practical skills, especially in working with DOS interrupt service routines through hands-on activities.

Our goal is to make students comfortable with how DOS interrupt service routines work. We'll explore both hardware and software interruptions, with a special focus on INT 21H DOS service routines. These routines handle tasks like reading characters, displaying single characters, and presenting strings, giving students a practical understanding of dealing with the operating system.

We're also asking students to create assembly programs using INT 21H DOS service routines through some drill exercises. These exercises are not just challenges; they're opportunities for students to practice and solidify their understanding of syntax and using interrupt service routines effectively.

Finally, we're putting an emphasis on testing and simulating assembly programs using emu8086 assembler software. This step is crucial for students to not only write code but also thoroughly evaluate how it runs. Through these drills, we're ensuring a strong understanding of program behavior.

In essence, this lab is designed to offer a complete and hands-on learning experience in assembly language programming. We're combining theoretical concepts with practical exercises and using modern tools to prepare students for working with Intel x86 assembly language and DOS interrupt services. The ultimate goal is to empower students with the skills needed to create, test, and optimize assembly programs, laying a solid foundation for further exploration in low-level programming.

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