

## OSE 331 L-1 : Introduction to Assembly Language.

### Introduction:

In this session, you will be introduced to assembly language programming and to the emu8086 emulator software. emu8086 will be used as both an editor and as an assembler for all your assembly language programming.

Step required to run an assembly program:

1. Write the necessary assembly source code
2. Save the assembly source code
3. Compile/Assemble source code to create machine code
4. Emulate/Run the machine code.

First; familiarize yourself with the software before you begin to write any code. Follow the in-class instructions regarding the layout of emu8086.

Microcontrollers VS. microprocessors

- A microprocessor is a CPU on a single chip
- If a microprocessor, its associated support

Circuitry, memory, and peripheral I/O  
Components are implemented on a single chip,  
it is a microcontroller.

## Features of 8086

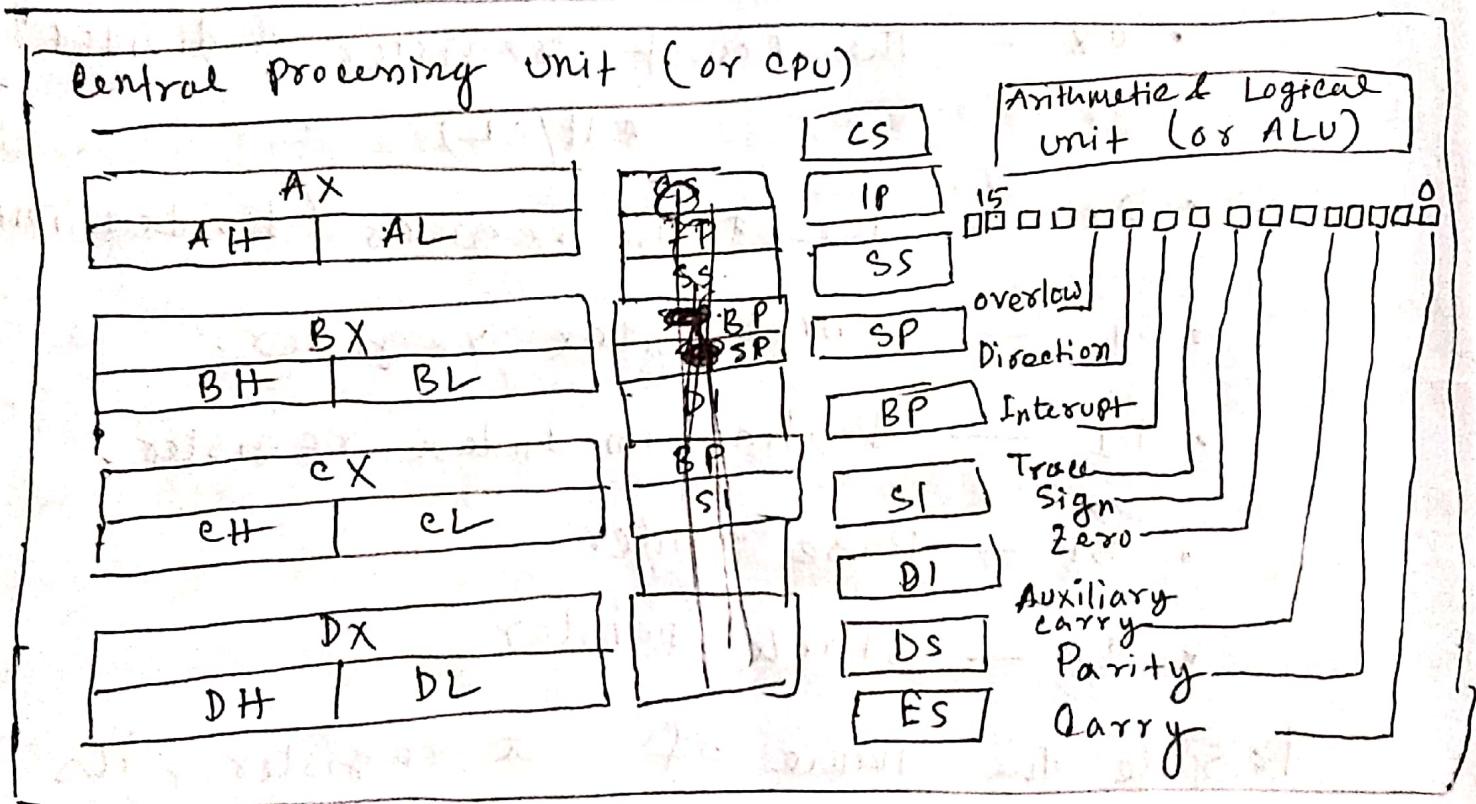
- 8086 is a 16 bit processor. Its ALU, internal registers work with 16 bit binary word.
- 8086 has a 16 bit data bus. It can read or write data to a memory / port either 16 bits or 8 bits at a time.
- 8086 has 20 bit address bus which means it can address up to  $2^{20} = 1 \text{ MB}$  memory location.

## Registers - Register - Register

- Both ALU & FPU have a very small amount of super fast private memory placed right next to them for their exclusive use. These are called registers.
- The ALU & FPU store intermediate and final result from their calculations in these registers.

• processed data goes back to the data cache and then to the main memory from these registers.

Inside the CPU: Get to know the Various Registers



Registers are basically the CPU's own internal memory. They are used, among other purposes, to store temporary data while performing calculations. Let's look at each one in detail.

### General Purpose Registers (GPR)

The 8086 CPU has 8 general purpose registers. Each register has its own name:

• Ax - The Accumulator register (divided into AH / AL)

• BX - The Base Address register (divided into BH / BL)

• CX - The Count register (divided into CH / CL)

• DX - The Data register (divided into DH / DL)

• SI - Source Index register.

• DI - Destination Index register.

• BP - Base pointer

• SP - Stack pointer.

Despite the name of a register, it's the programmer who determines the usage for each general-purpose register. The main purpose of a register is to keep a number (variable). The size of the above registers is 16 bits.

4 General-purpose registers (Ax, Bx, cx, dx) are made of two separate 8-bit registers for example if  $Ax = 00110000011001_2$ , then  $AH = 00110000_2$  and  $AL = 011001_2$ . therefore.

When you modify any of the 8-bit registers, 16-bit registers are also updated and vice-versa. The same is for other 3 registers, "H" is for high and "L" is for low part.

Since registers are located inside the CPU, they are much faster than a memory. Accessing a memory location requires the use of a system bus, so it takes much longer. Accessing data in a register usually takes no time. Therefore, you should try to keep variables in the registers. Registers sets are very small and most registers have special purpose which limit their use as variables, but they are still an excellent place to store temporary data of calculations.

### Segment Registers:

CS - points at the segment containing the current program.

DS - generally points at the segment where variables are defined.

Es - ~~extra~~ extra segment register; it's up to a coder to define its usage.

SS - points at the segment containing the stack.

Although it is possible to store any data in the segment registers, this is never a good idea. The segment registers have a very special purpose - pointing at accessible blocks of memory. This will be discussed further in upcoming classes.

### Special purpose Registers

- IP - The Instruction pointer. Points to the next location of instruction in the memory.
- Flag Register - Determines the current state of the microprocessor modified automatically by the CPU after some mathematical operations, determines certain types of results and determines how to transfer control of a program.

## Writing your first Assembly code

In order to write programs in assembly language you will need to familiarize yourself with most, if not all, of the instructions in the 8086 instruction set. This class will introduce two instructions and will serve as the basis for your first assembly program.

The following table shows the instruction name, the syntax of its use, and its description. The operands heading refers to the type of operands that can be used with the instruction along their order.

- REG : Any Valid Register.
- Memory: Referring to a memory location in RAM.
- Immediate : Using direct Values.

Instruction	operands	Description
MOV	REG, Memory Memory, REG REG, REG Memory, immediate REG, immediate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy operand2 to operand1</li> <li>The MOV instruction cannot set the value of the CS and IP registers.</li> <li>Copy value of one segment register to another segment register (Should copy to general register first)</li> <li>Copy an immediate value to segment register (Should copy to general register first)</li> </ul> <p>Algorithm:</p> $\text{operand1} = \text{operand2}$
ADD	REG → memory Memory, REG REG, REG Memory, immediate REG, immediate.	<p>Adds two numbers</p> <p>Algorithm:</p> $\begin{aligned} \text{operand1} &= \text{operand1} \\ &\quad + \text{operand2} \end{aligned}$

## CSE 331 L - 2 - Variables, I/O, Array

Topics to be covered in this class:

- Creating variables
- Creating Arrays
- Create Constants
- Introduction to INC, DEC, LEA instruction
- Learn how to access memory

### Creating Variables

Syntax for a Variable declaration:

name DB value

name DW value

DB - Stands for Define Byte

DW - Stands for Define Word.

- Name can be any letter or digit combination; though it should start with a letter, it's possible to declare unnamed variables by not specifying the name (this variable will have an address but no name).

- Value - Can be any numeric value in any supported numbering system (hexadecimal, binary, or decimal) or ? symbol for variables that are not initialized.

### Creating Constants

Constant are just like variables, but they exist only until your program is compiled (assembled). After definition of a constant its value cannot be changed. To define Constant EQU directive is used.

name EQU <any expression>

for example

K EQU 5

Mov AX, K

### Creating Arrays

Array can be seen as chains of variables. A text string is an example of a byte array. Each character is represented as an ASCII code value (0-255).

Here are some array definition examples:

a DB 48h, 65h, 6ch, 6fh, 00h

b DB 'Hello', 0

- You can access the value of any element in array using square brackets, for example,

Mov AL, a[3]

- you can also use any of the memory index registers BE, SI, DI, BP, for Example:

Mov SI, 3

Mov AL, a[SI]

- If you need to declare a large array you can use Dup operator.

The Syntax for Dup:

Number Dup (value(s))

number = number of duplicates to make (any constant value)

value = expression that Dup will duplicate.

for example:

c DB .5 DUP(0)

is an alternative way of declaring

c DB 0,0,0,0

One more example

d DB 5 DUP(1,2)

is an alternative way of declaring

d DB 1,2,4,2,1,2,4,2,1,2

### Memory Access

To access memory, we can use these four registers, BX, SI, DI, BP. Combining these registers inside [] symbols, we can get different memory locations.

$[BX + SI]$	$[SI]$	$(BX + SI + d8)$
$[BX + DI]$	$[DI]$	$(BX + DI + d8)$
$[BP + SI]$	$d16$ (variable offset only)	
$[BP + DI]$	$[BX]$	$(BP + SI + d8)$
$[SI + d8]$	$[BX + SI + d16]$	$ESI + d16$
$[DI + d8]$	$[BX + DI + d16]$	$EDI + d16$
$[BP + d8]$	$[BP + SI + d16]$	$[BP + d16]$
$[BX + d8]$	$[BP + DI + d16]$	$[BX + d16]$

- Displacement can be an immediate value or offset of a variable, or even both. If there are several values, assembler evaluates all values and calculates a single immediate value.
- Displacement can be inside or outside of the  $[]$  symbol; assembler generates the same machine code for both ways.
- Displacement is a signed value, so it can be both positive or negative.

instruction	operands	Description
INC	REG MEM	<p>Increment:</p> <p>Algorithm:  <math>\text{operand} = \text{operand} + 1</math></p> <p>Example:  <math>\text{MOV AL, 4}</math></p>

		$\text{INC AL} ; \text{AL} = 5$ $\text{RET}$
DEC	REG MEM	<p>Decrement:</p> <p>Algorithm:  <math>\text{operand} = \text{operand} - 1</math></p> <p>Example:  <math>\text{MOV AL, 85}</math>  <math>\text{DEC AL}; \text{AL} = 84</math>  <math>\text{RET}</math></p>
LEA	REG, MEM	<p>Load Effective Address</p> <p>Algorithm</p> <p><math>\text{REG} = \text{Address of memory offset}</math></p> <p>Example:  <math>\text{MOV BX, 35h}</math>  <math>\text{MOV DI, 12h}</math>  <math>\text{LEA SI, [BX+DI]}</math></p>

Declaring array:

Array Name & size DUP (?)

value initializer.

arr1 db 50 dup (5,10,12)

Index Values:

Mov bx, offset arr

mov [bx], 6 ; inc bx

mov [bx+1], 10

mov [bx+2], 9

Offset:

'offset' is an assembly directive in x86 assembly language. It actually means address and is a way of handling the overloading of the 'mov' instruction. Allow me to illustrate this usage -

1. Mov si, offset Variable
2. mov si, Variable.

The first line loads SI with the address of variable. The second line loads SI with the value stored at the address of variable.

As a matter of style, when I wrote x86 assembler I would write it this way

1. mov si, offset variable

2. mov si, [variable]

The square brackets aren't necessary but they make it much clearer while loading the contents rather than the address.

LEA is an instruction that load "offset variable" while adjusting the address between 16 and 32 bits as necessary. LEA (16-bit register) ; (32-bit address) -> loads the lower 16 bits of the address into the register and "LEA" (32-bit register) ; (16-bit address) load the 32-bit register with the address zero extended to 32 bits.

## CSE 331 L-3 - Point and I/O

In this Assembly Language programming,  
A single program is divided into four  
Segments which are -  
1. Data Segment  
2. Code Segment  
3. Stack Segment and  
4. Extra Segment.

Point: Hello world in Assembly Language.

Data Segment

MESSAGE DB "HELLO WORLD!! \$"

~~ENDS~~ ENDS

Code Segment

ASSUME DS: ~~Data~~ DATA CS: CODE

START:

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MOV AX, DATA
MOV DS, AX
LEA DX, MESSAGE
MOV AH, 9
INT 21H
MOV AH, 4CH
INT 21H
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ENDS

END START

Now, from these one is compulsory i.e. Code Segment if at all you don't need variables for your programs. If you need variables for your program you will need two segment i.e. Code segment and Data segment.

First Line: DATA SEGMENT

DATA SEGMENT is the starting point of the DATA Segment in a program and DATA is the name given to this segment and SEGMENT is the keyword for defining segments, where we can declare our variable.

Next Lines MESSAGE DB "HELLO WORLD. !!! \$"

MESSAGE is the variable name given to a data type (size) that is DB. Stands for define Byte and is of one byte (8 bits)

In Assembly language programs, variables are defined by Data ~~size~~ not its type. Characters need one Byte so to store character or string we need DB only that don't mean DB can't numbers or numerical value. DB is given in double quotes. The string is given in double quotes so that compiler can understand where to stop.

Next line = DATA ENDS

DATA ENDS is the end point of Data Segment in a program. we can write just ENDS but to differentiate the end of which segment it is of which we have to write the same name given to the Data Segment.

Next line - CODE SEGMENT

CODE SEGMENT is the starting point of the code segment in a program and CODE is the name given to this segment and Segment is the keyword for defining segment.

Where we can write the coding of the program.

Next Line - ASSUME DS: DATA, CS: CODE

In this Assembly Language programming there are different Registers present for different purpose. So we have to assume DATA is the name given to DATA Segment and CODE is the name given to Code Segment register (SS, ES and used in the same way as CS, DS)

Next Line = START

START is the label used to show the starting point of the code which is written in the code segment; is used to define a label as in C programming.

Next Line - MOV AX, DATA

Mov DS, AX

After assuming DATA and CODE Segment still it is compulsory to initialize Data Segment to DS register. Mov is a keyword

to move the second element into the first element. But we can not move a DATA directly to DS due to MOV commands restriction; hence we move DATA to AX and then from AX to DS. AX is the first and most important register in the ALU unit. This part is also called INITIALIZATION of DATA SEGMENT and it is important so that the data elements or variable in the DATA segment are made accessible. Other segments are not needed to be initialized if only assuring is in hand.

Next line. — LGA DX, MESSAGE

MOV AH, 9

DNT 21H

The above three-line code is used to print the string inside the MESSAGE variable. LGA stands for Load Effective Address which is used to assign address of variable to DX register. (The first two can be written like this also)

MOV DX, OFFSET MESSAGE both mean the same). To do input and output in Assembly

Language we use Interrupts. Standard Input and standard output related Interrupt are found in INT 21H which is also called as DOS interrupt. It works with the value of AH register. If the value is 90H or 9DH or 9AH (all means the same) that means PRINT the string whose Address is loaded in DX register.

Next Line - MOV AH, 4CH

INT 21H

The above two-line code is used to exit to DOS or exit to operating system. Standard input and standard output related Interrupt are found in INT 41H which is also called as DOS interrupt. It works with the value of AH register. If the value is 4CH, that means Return to operating system or DOS which is the END of the program.

Next-line - CODE ENDS

CODE ENDS is the END point of the code segment in a program. We can write just

ENDS But to differentiate the end of which segment it is of which we have to write the same name given to the code segment.

Last Line - ~~END~~ END START

END START is the end of the label used to show the ending point of the code which is written in the code segment.

Execution of program explanation - Hello world

First save the program which Hello world.asm filename. No space is allowed in the name of the program file and extension as .asm (dot asm because it's an Assembly language program). The written program has to be compiled and run by clicking on the RUN button on the top. The program with no errors will only run and could show you the desired output. Just see the screenshots below.

Note - In this Assembly Language programming we have COM format and EXE format. We are learning in EXE format only which is simple than COM format to understand and write. We can write the program in lower or upper case, but I prefer Upper case. (This program is executed on EMU-8086 Emulator software).

Now Try this

```
DATA SEGMENT
MESSAGE DB "Hello World$"
START:
    MOV AX, DATA
    MOV DS, AX
    LEA DX, MESSAGE
    MOV AH, 9
    INT 21H
    MOV AH, 4CH
    INT 21H
END START
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## Assembly Example 1 - Print 2 strings.

- MDS SMALL
- STACK 100H

DATA  
STRING\_1 DB 'I hate LSE BSI \$'  
STRING\_2 DB 'I love Kachi!!!\$'

### • CODE

#### MAIN PROC

MOV AX, @DATA ; initialize DS

MOV DS, AX

LEA DX, STRING\_1 ; load & display  
the STRING\_1

MOV AH, 9

INT 21H

MOV AH, 2

MOV DL, 0DH

INT 21H

MOV DL, 0AH ; line feed

INT 21H

LEA DX, STRING-2 ; load & display the  
MOV AH, 9 STRING-2  
INT 21H  
  
MOV AH, 4CH ; return control to DOS  
INT 21H  
  
MAIN ENDP  
END MAIN

Assembly : Example 2 - Read a string and print it

MODEL SMALL  
STACK 100H  
DATA  
MSG-1 EQU 'Enter the character : \$'  
MSG-2 DB 0DH, 0AH, 'The given character  
is : \$'  
PROMPT\_1 DB MSG-1  
PROMPT\_2 DB MSG-2  
  
CODE  
MAIN PROC  
MOV AX, @DATA ; initialize DS

MOV DS, AX

LEA DX, PROMPT\_1 ; load and display  
MOV AH, 9 PROMPT\_2

INT 21H

MOV AH, 1 ; read a character

INT 21H

MOV BL, AL ; save the given character  
INTO BL

IF A DX, PROMPT\_2 ; load and display PROMPT\_2

MOV AH, 9

INT 21H

MOV AH, 2 ; display the character

MOV DL, BL

INT 21H

MOV AH, 4CH ; return control to DOS

INT 21H

MAIN ENDP

END MAIN

Assembly Example 3 - Read a string from user and display this string in a new line.

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• MODEL SMALL
• STACK 100H
• CDSF

MAIN PROC
    MOV AH, 1 ; read a character
    INT 21H
    MOV BL, AL ; save input character
                ; into BL
    MOV AH, 2 ; carriage return
    INT 21H
    MOV DL, 0AH ; line feed
    INT 21H
    MOV AH, 2 ; display the character
                ; stored in BL
    MOV DL, BL
    INT 21H
    MOV AH, 4CH ; return control to DOS
    INT 21H
END MAIN
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Assembly Example 4 - Read a string with gaps and print it

• MODEL SMALL

• STACK 64

• DATA

STRING DB ?,

SYM DB '\$'

INPUT\_M DB 0Ah, 0Dh, 0AH, 0DH, 'Enter-M'

'Input', 0DH, 0AH, '\$'

OUTPUT\_M DB 0Ah, 0Dh, 0AH, 0DH, 'The out-  
put is', 0DH, 0AH, '\$'

• CODE

~~MAIN~~ MAIN PROC

MOV AX, @DATA

MOV DS, AX

MOV DX, OFFSET INPUT\_M, lea dx, input

MOV AH, 00

INT 21H

LEA SI, STRING

INPUT: .MOV AH, 01

INT 21H

Mov [SI], AL

INC SI

CMP AL, 0DH

JNZ INPUT

; MOV AL, SYM\_IDR

Mov [SI], '8'

OUTPUT: 2EA DX, 00 TOUT - M

Mov AH, 9

INT 21H

Mov DL, 0AH

Mov AH, 02H

INT 21H

OFFSB STRING

Mov DX, FFFF

Mov AH, 09H

INT 21H

Mov AH, 4CH

INT 21H

MAIN ENDP

END MAIN

Assembly Example 5 - Printing String Using  
MOV Instruction

.MODEL SMALL

.STACK 100H

.DATA

MSG1 DB 'KETI!!' ; Message in DS

.CODE

MOV AX, @DATA

MOV DS, AX

MOV DX, OFFSET MSG1 ; LFA DX, MSG1

MOV AH, 0DH

INT 21H

MOV AH, 4CH

INT 21H

END

Assembly Example 6 - Print Digit from 0-9

.MODEL SMALL

.STACK 100H

.Data

PROMT DB 'The Counting from 0 to 9 is: '

Code  
CODE

MAIN PROC

MOV AX, @DATA ; initialize DS

MOV DS, AX

LEA DX, PROMPT ; load and print prompt

MOV AH, 9

INT 21H

MOV CX, 10 ; initialize ex

MOV AH, 2 ; set output function

MOV DL, 48

; set DL with 0

@LOOP:

INT 21H

; loop label

; print character

INC DL

; increment DL to next

DEC CX

; ASCII character

; decrement ex

JMP @LOOP

; jump to label @LOOP  
if ex is 0

MOV AH, 4CH

; return control to Dos

INT 21H

MAIN ENDP

END MAIN

Assembly Example 7 - sum of two integers

MODEL SMALL

STACI 100H

DATA

PROMPT - 1 DB 'Enter the first digit: ?'

PROMPT - 2 DB 'Enter the second digit : ?'

PROMPT - 3 DB 'BSum of first  
and second digit.'

VALUE - 1 DB ?

VALUE - 2 DB ?

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MAIN PROC

Mov AX, @DATA ; initialize DS

Mov DS, AX

LGA DX, PROMPT - 2 ; load and disp  
the PROMPT-1

Mov AH, 9

INT 21H

Mov AH, 1 ; read a character  
INT 21H

Sub AL, 30H ; save first digit in  
~~VALUE\_1~~ in ASCII cod

Mov VALUE\_1 ; AL

Mov AH, 2 ; carriage return  
Mov DL, 0DH

INT 21H

Mov DL, 0AH ; Line feed  
INT 21H

LGA DX, PROMPT\_2 ; load and display  
PROMPT\_2

Mov AH, 9

INT 21H

Mov AH, 1 ; read a character  
INT 21H

Sub AL, 30H ; save second digit in  
VALUE\_2 in ASCII cod

Mov VALUE\_2 AL

MOV AH, 2 ; carriage return  
MOV DL, 0DH  
INT 21H  
  
MOV DL, 0A1H ; line feed  
INT 21H  
  
LEA DX, PROMPT\_3 ; Load ans display the  
MOV AH, 9  
INT 21H  
  
MOV AL, VALUE\_1 ; add first and second  
MOV AL, VALUE\_2 ; digit  
  
ADD AL, 30H ; convert ASCII to Decimal  
CODE  
  
MOV AH, 2 ; Display the character  
MOV DL, AL  
INT 21H  
  
MOV AH, 4CH ; Return control to DOS  
INT 21H  
  
END MAIN.