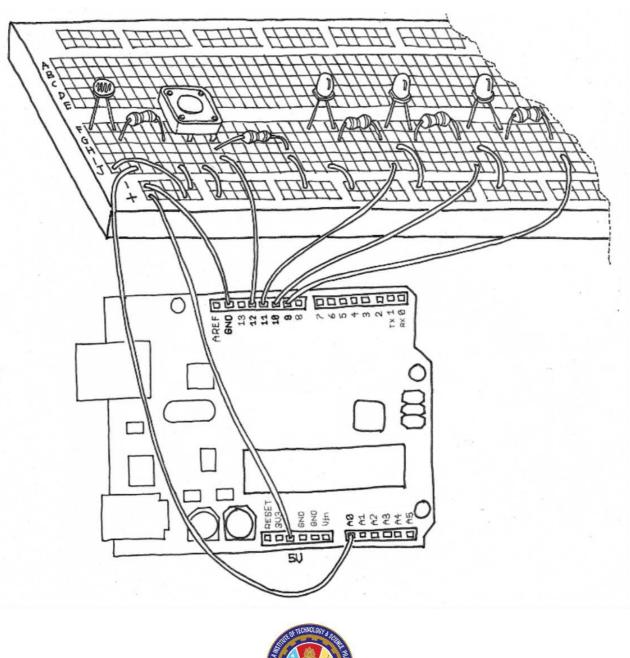
CS/EEE/INSTR F241 Microprocessor Programming and Interfacing

Lab 9 - Advanced BIOS Interrupts for Display





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BIOS Interrupt 10h

There are four main aspects to Video Display

Setting an appropriate video mode (or resolution, as you know it)

Reading/Setting the cursor position

Reading/Writing an ASCII character at a given cursor position

Working at the pixel level on the screen (for e.g., drawing a line, square on the screen

We can choose what action to perform by identifying the interrupt option type, which is the value stored in register AH and providing whatever extra information that the specific option requires. We shall only discuss the important interrupt types in the next section. However, additional interrupts are provided at the end for your benefit.

Filling Up a Pixel

Input:

AH = 0Ch

AL = pixel color //SAME ATTRIBUTE FORMAT AS PREVIOUS LAB

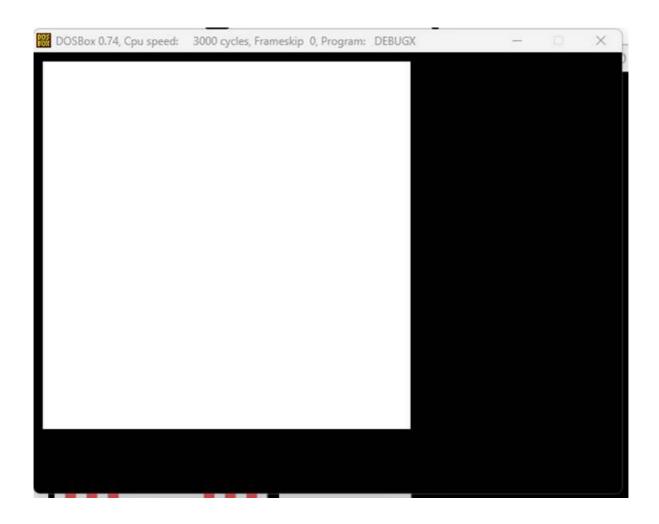
CX = column.

DX = row

```
. code
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      .startup
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 7
          mov ah, 0
 8
          Mov al, 12h
          int 10h; set graphics video mode.
10
          mov ah, Och
11
          mov al, 00001100b
12
13
          mov cx, 10
14
          mov dx, 20
15
          int 10h; set pixel.
16
17
          mov ah,07h
          x1: int 21h
18
          cmp al, '%'
19
          jnz x1
20
21
```

Follow Along Example:

Write an ALP to print a white square of pixel 400x 400 and starting from pixel (10,10)



▶ Set display mode to 640x480 with 16 colors:

```
; Set display mode to 640x480 16 colors
MOV AH, 00H
MOV AL, 12H
INT 10H
```

Set cursor position to (25,25) for graceful exit

▶ Initialize Parameters for box drawing

```
; Initialize parameters for box drawing
MOV rowstr, 10
MOV rowend, 410
MOV colmstr, 10
MOV colmend, 210
MOV cont, 00
```

Paint the white Box code

```
; Paint the first box
PAINT1:
MOV SI, rowstr; Row start
COLM1:
MOV CX, colmend; Column end
ROW1:
DEC CX
MOV DI, CX
PUSH CX
MOV AH, OCh
MOV AL, 1111b; Color for first box
MOV CX, DI
MOV DX, SI
INT 10h
POP CX
CMP CX, colmstr ; Column start
JNZ ROW1
INC SI
MOV AX, rowend; Row end
CMP SI, AX
```

JNZ COLM1

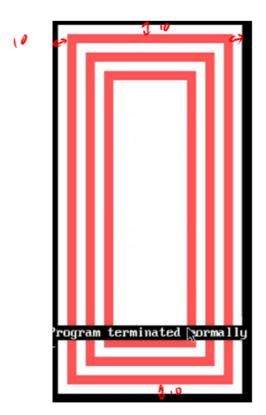
▶ Blocking Function

```
END1:
MOV AH, 07H
INT 21h
CMP AL, "%"
JNZ END1; Loop until '%' is received

TERM:
MOV AH, 4CH; Terminate program
INT 21H
```

Follow along example

Write an ALP to print the following pattern in 12h mode graphic mode





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▶ Set display mode to 640x480 with 16 colors:

```
14 ; Set display mode to 640x480 16 colors
15 MOV AH, 00H
16 MOV AL, 12H
17 INT 10H
```

Set cursor position to (20,20)

```
; Set cursor position to (20, 20)
MOV AH, 02H
MOV DH, 20
MOV DL, 20
MOV BH, 00
INT 10H
```

▶ Initialize Parameters for box drawing

```
; Initialize parameters for box drawing
MOV rowstr, 10
MOV rowend, 410
MOV colmstr, 10
MOV colmend, 210
MOV cont, 00
```

Painting the first box: The code uses a nested loop structure to draw the box by iterating through rows and columns, setting the color, and calling the BIOS interrupt 10h to paint the pixel.

```
33
        ; Paint the first box
34
        PAINT1:
        MOV SI, rowstr ; Row start
35
       COLM1
36
37
       MOV CX, colmend; Column end
        ROW1:
38
39
        DEC CX
       MOV DI, CX
41
      PUSH CX
42
      MOV AH, OCh
43
      MOV AL, 1111b; Color for first box
44
        MOV CX, DI
45
       MOV DX, SI
46
        INT 10h
47
        POP CX
48
       CMP CX, colmstr ; Column start
49
        JNZ ROW1
50
        INC SI
51
        MOV AX, rowend; Row end
52
        CMP SI, AX
        JNZ COLM1
```

Change vertices for the next box: After drawing the first box, the code adjusts the row and column start and end points, as well as increments the counter variable to keep track of how many boxes have been drawn.

```
; Change vertices for the next box
LEA SI, rowstr
ADD WORD PTR[SI], 10
LEA SI, rowend
SUB WORD PTR[SI], 10
LEA SI, colmstr
ADD WORD PTR[SI], 10
LEA SI, colmend
SUB WORD PTR[SI], 10
LEA SI, cot
INC BYTE PTR[SI]
```

▶ Check if the counter has reached 7: If the counter reaches 7 or more, the code jumps to the termination process.

```
MOV AL, 07h
MOV BL, cnt
CMP BL, AL
JGE TERM; Terminate if cnt >= 7
```

Paint the second box: Similar to the first box, this part paints the second box with a different color using the same nested loop structure

```
; Paint the second box
MOV SI, rowstr ; Row start
COLM2:
MOV CX, colmend; Column end
ROW2:
DEC CX
MOV DI, CX
PUSH CX
MOV AH, OCh
MOV AL, 1100b; Color for second box
MOV CX, DI
MOV DX, SI
INT 10h
POP CX
CMP CX, colmstr ; Column start
JNZ ROW2
INC SI
MOV AX, rowend; Row end
CMP SI, AX
JNZ COLM2
```

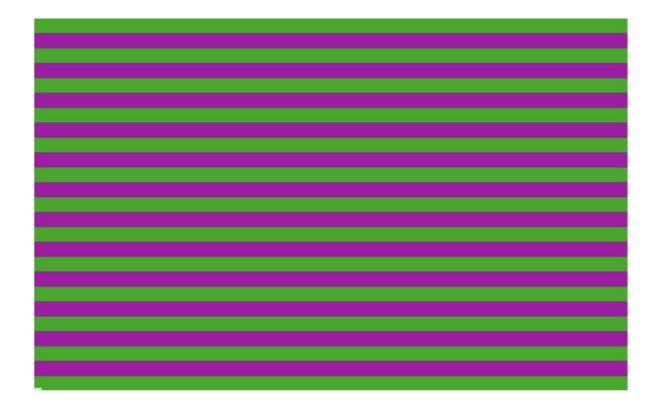
▶ Change vertices for the next box: The code again adjusts the row and column start and end points and increments the counter variable.

```
; Change vertices for the next box
LEA SI, rowstr
ADD WORD PTR[SI], 10
LEA SI, rowend
SUB WORD PTR[SI], 10
LEA SI, colmstr
ADD WORD PTR[SI], 10
LEA SI, colmend
SUB WORD PTR[SI], 10
LEA SI, cnt
INC BYTE PTR[SI]
```



Lab Task

Write an ALP that takes in a single user input from the keyboard. The key pressed by the user must not be displayed. The program should compare the user input with the 12th byte in the file lab1.txt and if the user input is equal to the 12th byte (counting from one) in the file then the following pattern must be displayed on the screen.



Else the following pattern must be displayed:



The contents of the file can be written by the student to try out both possible displays given. The file must be placed in the BIN folder of MASM.

