



THEORY

Variable Initialization In Assembly Program

- Variables are defined in `.data` directive of Program structure.

`dosseg` → optional (It arrange segments if any segment or directive not in place it rearrange it).

• `model small` → Size of Assembly Prog.

• `stack 100h` → Size of stack if use stack management, part of Prog. structure.

• `.data` → We define Variables

• Space b/w `.data` & `.code`
we define variables.

Variable Initialization

How to define variables?

Other	Prog. Lang's	Datatype 1	Variable Name 2	Value 3
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Here the change is
VariableName

Variable Name	Datatype	Value
the change is		

→ Data size (Initializer Directive)

In assembly we called data size:

VariableName	Datasize	Value
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Initializer

Initialize Directive

In terms of Assembly lang.

- Variable name should not be reserved keywords.
(AL, BL, CL, DL, Sub, Add, Div, Mul, Mov, Pop, Push)
- Don't use reserved keywords as Variable Name.
- Data size (Initializer Directive). → Size of Value is given

DB	Define Byte	1 byte, 8 bits
DW	Define word	2 bytes, 16 bits.
DD	Define Double word	4 bytes, 32 bits.
DQ	Define Quadword	8 bytes, 64 bits.
DT	Define Ten Bytes	10 bytes, 80 bits.

e.g. Var1 db 49 → ASCII code 1, Give ASCII code in variable

- If don't want to give value.

Var1 db ?

→ Initialize in .code,
or take input from reg, or
direct value or take input
from Acc.Reg.

- If not remember ASCII code.

Var1 db '1'

Var1 db 'A'

- For string

Var1 db '123456\$'

→ For Number

Var2 db 'hello world\$'

→ For letters

\$ = String Terminate.

1	2	3	4	5	\$
1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B

- In RAM there are frames, & value/number is placed in different frames. \$ sign indicates, where string is completed.
- \$ must be used in end of string.
- \$ = terminator, endpoint of string.

To implement variable in program, create program structure

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data
Var1 db '1'
Var2 db '?'
  
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Var3 db '123\$'

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- We defined three variables in .data.
- In RAM part of data and code segment, Variables go in Data Segment. If any variable I want to access from data to code, need address of that. (In code part I need address of data i.e. need to use).
- So we write in .code first.

mov ax, @data → @data (data directive)

It moves the memory location of @data into the AX register (16bit Register).

Now I have address of data, I want
to access any variable direct. (Want to Access Var3
don't want to go through Var1, Var2)

Need heap memory (is a memory in which we take
any variable, data directly / randomly, a fast memory).

We write.

Mov ds, ax → Move data address to
ds, so that data
segment get initialized
as heap memory to
access variables fast.

So, We write these two instructions,

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Mov ax, @data
Mov ds, ax

these must be write
to directly access
variable.

First We Access Variable 1 :-

• code

main proc

Mov ax, @data

Mov ds, ax.

Mov dl, Var1

Mov ah, 2

int 21h.

→ Here write dl, (8 bits) and
Var1 is db(8 bits) we can't
write dx (16 bits) type mismatch
Must be careful about size

Access Variable 2

Mov Var2, bl. →

(Value present in bl goes to Var2) OR.

We can give direct value.
(Var2, 3).

Access Variable 3

Variable 3 is a string.

∴ Var3 db '12345\$'

how to Access a String = ?

If we write

Mov dl, Var3 X

→
This instruction not used
for string.

Var3 go to RAM, It
Pick first digit and
send to dl, (we used
8 bit of 1 digit).

To print Variable 3 we used offset.

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`mov dx, offset Var3`

→ Offset gives us starting address of string & through that address we access all characters of string and finish till \$.

Offset address is 16 bits, so we used dx

Offset → Holds the beginning address of Variable as 16 bits

- Now we can point it with service routine 9. (11)
- If don't want to used offset.

`lea dx, Var 3` → Load Effective Address.

points it
address.

"It is an indirect instruction used as a pointer in which first Variable points the address of second variable."

`mov dx, offset Var 3`

Due to offset, address of Variable 3 goes to dx.

Both cases are acceptable and can be used
to Access string.

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To print.

mov ah, 9
int 21h

Service routine = 9 to print
String.



LAB

- Here to define 2 strings and point on different lines
Like $\begin{bmatrix} \text{Start} \\ \text{End} \end{bmatrix}$.
- First we define 2 variables. (msg1 and msg2).
- In .code we write,
 $\text{mov ax, @data} \rightarrow$ To access data segment
 mov ds, ax directive, send address of
data address to ax,
then send address in
ax to data segment.
In this way heap memory is
initialized to quickly
access memory.

- To print the msg1 ~~message~~

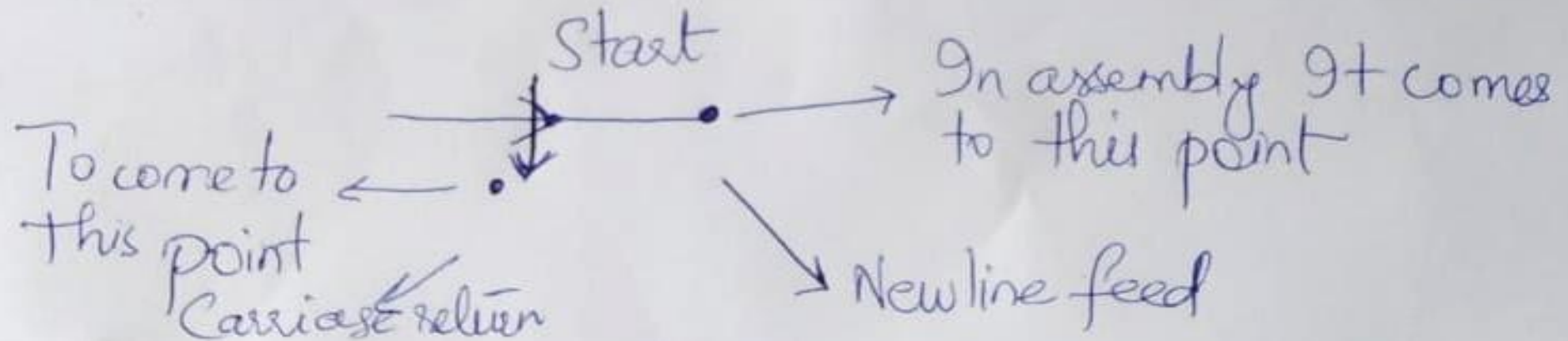
[mov dx, offset msg1
OR
lea dx, msg1] →

offset, address of msg1
send to dx.

mov ah, 9
int 21h.

In this way first way first ~~message~~
String is printed.

To move to next line, like



- We need two characters to print.
- One for newline and other is for carriage return.

newline feed : 10.
carriage return : 13

We print these two after first string.

Program to print 2 strings on two different lines, (linefeed, Carriage Return).

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~~data~~
~~msg~~

dosseg

- model small
- stack 100h

• data

- msg1 db 'Start\$'
- msg2 db 'End\$'

• code

main proc

mov ax, @data

mov ds, ax

mov dx, offset msg1
mov ah, 9
int 21h

mov dx, 10
mov ah, 2
int 21h

mov dx, 13
mov ah, 2
int 21h.

mov dx, offset msg2

mov ah, 9

int 21h

mov ah, 4ch

int 21h

~~mov ah, 4ch~~
~~int 21h~~

main endp
end main