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COAL LAB TASK 3

file 1: c02-01.asm

```
a program to add three numbers using memory variables
[org 0x0100]
                             ; load first number in ax
    mov
         ax, [num1]
      mov [num1], [num2]
                            ; illegal
         bx, [num2]
    MOV
    add
         ax, bx
         bx, [num3]
    mov
    add
         ax. bx
         [num4], ax
    MOV
         ax, 0x4c00
    MOV
    int
         0x21
           5
num1: dw
num2: dw
           10
num3: dw
           15
num4: dw
           0
; watch the listing carefully
```

1. Data Section:

• The lines num1: dw 5, num2: dw 10, num3: dw 15, and num4: dw 0 define four data words (16 Bits)named num1, num2, num3, and num4. These words reserve memory locations and initialize them with the given values (5, 10, 15, and 0, respectively).

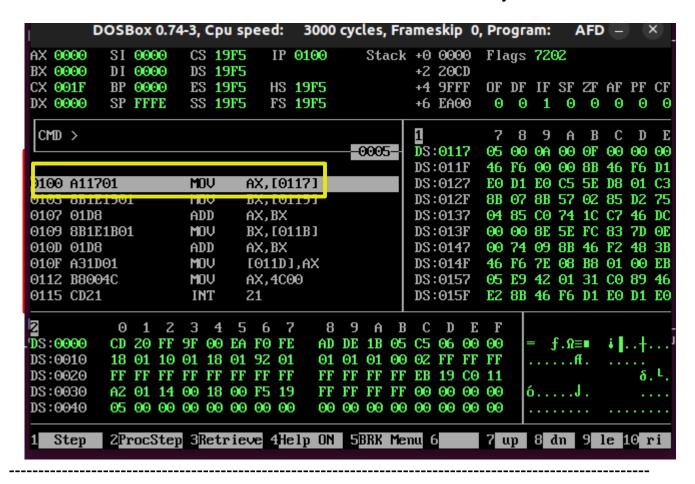
2. Code Section:

• Instruction 1: mov ax, [num1]

- This instruction loads the value stored at the memory address of num1 into the ax register. Since num1 holds 5, this instruction effectively moves 5 into ax.
- The [] brackets indicate **memory operands** (accessing data at a specific memory location).
- Instruction 2: mov [num1], [num2] (illegal)

In older computer architectures, directly moving data between memory locations without going through registers was generally not possible due to limitations in the bus system.

- Instruction 7: mov [num4], ax
- This instruction stores the value in ax (30) into the memory location of num4.

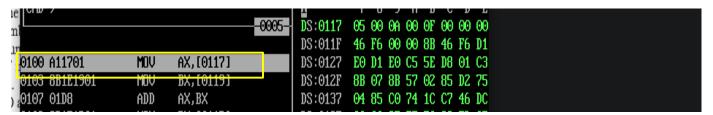


• The first seven instructions in your assembly code occupy a total of 23 bytes (0x17 in hexadecimal).

- The label num1 serves as a symbolic reference for the memory address where the value 5 is stored. During assembly, this label is replaced with its actual address, which is 0x0117 in this case.
- Since the program starts at memory address 0x0100, num1 resides at an offset of 23 bytes (0x17) from the program's base. This translates to an absolute memory address of 0x0117.

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3
4 00000000 A1[1700] mov ax, [num1]
5 00000003 8B1E[1900] mov bx, [num1 + 2] ; notice how we can do arithmetic here
6 00000007 01D8 add ax, bx ; also, why +2 and not +1?
7 00000009 8B1E[1B00] mov bx, [num1 + 4]
```



1. Instruction Change:

- The original instruction (B80500) directly loaded a value into the register.
- The assembler replaced it with A11701 to load the value from the memory location labeled num1.

2. Why the Change?

- num1 is a variable, and its actual address depends on the program's location in memory.
- Using the memory address ensures the correct value is loaded, regardless of where the program is loaded.

• 3. Address Adjustment:

• The number 117 in the instruction might seem wrong because the program starts at 100.

• This is because the assembler adds the program's base address (100) to the offset (17) to get the absolute memory address (117).

```
14
15 num1: dw 5
16 num2: dw 10
17 num3: dw 15
18 num4: dw 0
```

File: c02-02.asm and c02-03.asm

We used dw(word/2bytes/16 bits) because ax is a 16 bits register and it stores 16 bits.

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12
13 num1: dw 5
14 dw 10
15 dw 15
16 dw 0
```

The labels num2, num3, and num4 are removed and the data there will be accessed with reference to num1.

as we used dw(word/2bytes/16 bits) because ax is a 16 bits register and it stores 16 bits so to access the next num we use num1+2

which will be 0117+ 2 = 0119. and num1 + 4 to access next one and so on.

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5 mov bx, [num1 + 2]
6 <del>add ax, bx</del>
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```
mov bx, [num1 + 4]
add ax, bx
mov [num1 + 6], ax ; store sum at num1+6
mov ax, 0x4c00
int 0x21

num1: dw 5
dw 10
dw 15
dw 0
```

```
3 num1: dw 5, 10, 15, 0
```

we don't need different variables to store multiple values, we can save space and declare all data on a single line separated by commas.

```
13 00000017 0500 num1: dw 5
14 00000019 0A00 dw 10
15 0000001B 0F00 dw 15
16 0000001D 0000 2 12
3 00000017 05000A000F000000 num1: dw 5, 10, 15, 0

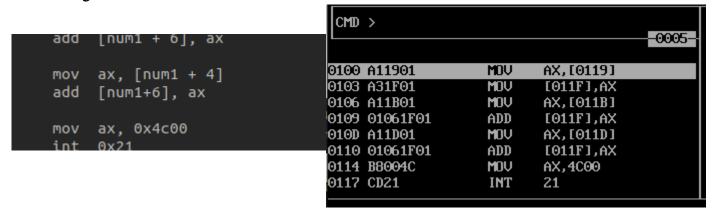
c02-02.lst c02-03.lst
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see the difference here the operands are stored in different variables (there addresses are given).

File: c02-04.asm

```
mov ax, [num1]
mov [num1 + 6], ax ; add this value to result
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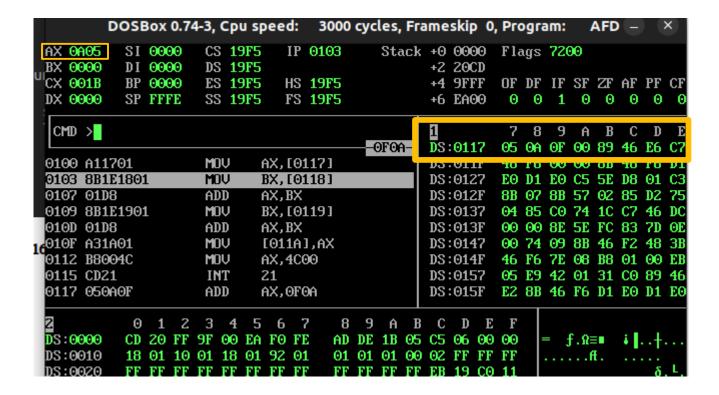
Storing the value of ax in result.



The opcode of add is changed because the destination is now a memory location instead of a register.

File: c02-05.asm

```
a program to add three numbers using byte variables
[org 0x0100]
         ax, [num1]
   mov
   mov
         bx, [num1+1]
    add
         ax, bx
        bx, [num1+2]
   mov
   add
        ax, bx
         [num1+3], ax
   mov
   mov
         ax, 0x4c00
    int
         0x21
num1: db 5, 10, 15, 0
; something's wrong with this code.
; let's figure out what that is!
```



Problem: The code mixes byte variables (defined with db) and a 16-bit register (ax). This leads to incorrect addition because ax stores extra garbage bits when loading single bytes.

Solution:

- 1. Use al (lower 8 bits of ax) with db:
 - Load each byte value into al: mov al, [num1], mov al, [num1+1], mov al, [num1+2]
 - Perform additions using al: add al, [num1+1], add al, [num1+2]
 - Store the result (in al) back to memory: mov [num1+3], al
- 2. Use ax with dw:
 - Change num1 to dw (defines word variables): num1: dw 5, 10, 15, 0

file: c02-06.asm

```
a program to add three numbers using byte variables
[org 0x0100]
    : mov
           ax, 0x8787
                               ; We need to make sure AX is empty
           ax, ax
    ; хог
         ah, [num1]
                             ; Intel Sotware Developer Manual - F
    mov
         bl, [num1+1]
    mov
    add
         ah, bh
         bh, [num1+2]
    MOV
         ah, bh
    add
         [num1+3], ah
    MOV
    mov
         ax, 0x4c00
    int
         0x21
num1: db 5, 10, 15, 0
```

db signifies that each element in num1 is a single byte (8 bits) of data.

The instructions mov al, [num1], mov al, [num1+1], and mov al, [num1+2] load the byte values from memory locations num1, num1+1, and num1+2, respectively, into the lower 8 bits (AL) of the ax register.

Adding 1 to the base address (num1) moves to the next byte location (num1+1).

The instruction mov [num1+3], al stores the final result (the sum) from AL back into the memory location num1+3.

File c02-07.asm

```
1 ; a program to add three numbers using byte variables
2 [org 0x0100]
      ; for (int c = 3 c > 0
      ; result += data[c];
      ;}
     ; initialize stuff
                            ; reset the accumulator
     mov ax, 0
     MOV
                            ; set the iterator count
    mov bx, num1
                            ; set the base
     outerloop:
        add ax, [bx]
        add bx, 2
        sub cx, 1
         jnz outerloop
     mov [result], ax
     mov ax, 0x4c00
     int 0x21
     ; Intel Sotware Developer Manual - EFLAGS and Instructions (Page 435)
1 num1: dw 5, 10, 15
2 result: dw 0
```

The loop (outerloop) continues as long as the counter (cx) is greater than 0.

- The jnz (jump if not zero) instruction checks the **Zero Flag (ZF)** after the sub cx, 1 instruction.
- If cx becomes zero after the subtraction, the Zero Flag is set (ZF = 1).
- If cx is still **positive** (greater than zero), the Zero Flag remains **cleared** (ZF = 0).