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## Assembly Language Programming

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# OBJECTIVES

this chapter enables the student to:

- Explain the difference between Assembly language instructions and pseudo-instructions.
- Identify the segments of an Assembly language program.
- Code simple Assembly language instructions.
- Assemble, link, and run a simple Assembly language program.
- Code control transfer instructions such as conditional and unconditional jumps and call instructions.

# OBJECTIVES

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this chapter enables the student to:

- Code Assembly language data directives for binary, hex, decimal, or ASCII data.
- Write an Assembly language program using either the simplified segment definition or the full segment definition.
- Explore the use of the MASM and emu8086 assemblers.

## 2.0: ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE

- An Assembly language program is a series of statements, or lines.
  - Either Assembly language instructions, or statements called *directives*.
    - Directives (pseudo-instructions) give directions to the assembler about how it should translate the Assembly language instructions into machine code.
- Assembly language instructions consist of four fields:  
**[label:] mnemonic [operands] [;comment]**
  - Brackets indicate that the field is optional.
    - Do not type in the brackets.

## 2.1: DIRECTIVES AND A SAMPLE PROGRAM

### assembly language instructions

**[label:] mnemonic [operands] [;comment]**

- The label field allows the program to refer to a line of code by name.
  - The label field cannot exceed 31 characters.
    - A label must end with a colon when it refers to an opcode generating instruction.

## 2.1: DIRECTIVES AND A SAMPLE PROGRAM

### assembly language instructions

`[label:] mnemonic [operands] [;comment]`

- The mnemonic (instruction) and operand(s) fields together accomplish the tasks for which the program was written.

ADD  
MOV

AL, BL  
AX, 6764

- The mnemonic opcodes are **ADD** and **MOV**.
- "**AL, BL**" and "**AX, 6764**" are the operands.
  - Instead of a mnemonic and operand, these fields could contain assembler pseudo-instructions, or *directives*.
  - Directives do not generate machine code and are used only by the assembler as opposed to instructions.

## 2.1: DIRECTIVES AND A SAMPLE PROGRAM

### assembly language instructions

[label:] **mnemonic** [operands] [;comment]

- Examples of directives are **DB**, **END**, and **ENDP**.

```
;THE FORM OF AN ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PROGRAM
;NOTE: USING SIMPLIFIED SEGMENT DEFINITION
.MODEL SMALL
.STACK 64
.DATA
DATA1 DB 52H
DATA2 DB 29H
SUM DB ?
.CODE
MAIN PROC FAR ;this is the program entry point
MOV AX,@DATA ;load the data segment address
MOV DS,AX ;assign value to DS
MOV AL,DATA1 ;get the first operand
MOV BL,DATA2 ;get the second operand
ADD AL,BL ;add the operands
MOV SUM,AL ;store the result in location SUM
MOV AH,4CH ;set up to return to OS
INT 21H ;
MAIN ENDP
END MAIN ;this is the program exit point
```

## 2.1: DIRECTIVES AND A SAMPLE PROGRAM

### assembly language instructions

`[label:] mnemonic [operands] [;comment]`

- The comment field begins with a ";" and may be at the end of a line or on a line by themselves.
  - The assembler ignores comments.
    - Comments are optional, but highly recommended to make it easier to read and understand the program.



## 2.1: DIRECTIVES AND A SAMPLE PROGRAM

### model definition

- After the first two comments is the MODEL directive.
  - This directive selects the size of the memory model.

```
;THE FORM OF AN ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PROGRAM
;NOTE: USING SIMPLIFIED SEGMENT DEFINITION
        .MODEL SMALL
        .STACK 64
        .DATA
DATA1    DB    52H
DATA2    DB    29H
SUM      DB    ?
        .CODE
MAIN     PROC   FAR           ;this is the program entry point
        MOV    AX,@DATA      ;load the data segment address
        MOV    DS,AX         ;assign value to DS
        MOV    AL,DATA1      ;get the first operand
        MOV    BL,DATA2      ;get the second operand
        ADD    AL,BL         ;add the operands
        MOV    SUM,AL        ;store the result in location SUM
        MOV    AH,4CH        ;set up to return to OS
        INT    21H           ;
MAIN     ENDP
        END    MAIN         ;this is the program exit point
```

## 2.1: DIRECTIVES AND A SAMPLE PROGRAM

### model definition

- Among the options for the memory model are SMALL, MEDIUM, COMPACT, and LARGE.

```
.MODEL SMALL      ;this directive defines the model as small
.MODEL MEDIUM     ;the data must fit into 64K bytes
                  ;but the code can exceed 64K bytes of memory
.MODEL COMPACT     ;the data can exceed 64K bytes
                  ;but the code cannot exceed 64K bytes
.MODEL LARGE       ;both data and code can exceed 64K
                  ;but no single set of data should exceed 64K
.MODEL HUGE        ;both code and data can exceed 64K
                  ;data items (such as arrays) can exceed 64K
.MODEL TINY        ;used with COM files in which data and code
                  ;must fit into 64K bytes
```

## 2.1: DIRECTIVES AND A SAMPLE PROGRAM

### segment definition

- Every line of an Assembly language program must correspond to one of an x86 CPU segment register.
  - CS (code segment); DS (data segment).
  - SS (stack segment); ES (extra segment).
- The simplified segment definition format uses three simple directives: ".CODE" ".DATA" ".STACK"
  - Which correspond to the CS, DS, and SS registers.

```
.STACK      ;marks the beginning of the stack segment
.DATA       ;marks the beginning of the data segment
.CODE       ;marks the beginning of the code segment
```

- The stack segment defines storage for the stack.
- The data segment defines the data the program will use.
- The code segment contains Assembly language instructions.

## 2.1: DIRECTIVES AND A SAMPLE PROGRAM

### stack segment

- This directive reserves 64 bytes of memory for the stack:

```
;THE FORM OF AN ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PROGRAM
;NOTE: USING SIMPLIFIED SEGMENT DEFINITION
.MODEL SMALL
.STACK 64
.DATA
DATA1    DB    52H
DATA2    DB    29H
SUM       DB    ?
.CODE
MAIN     PROC   FAR           ;this is the program entry point
        MOV    AX,@DATA      ;load the data segment address
        MOV    DS,AX         ;assign value to DS
        MOV    AL,DATA1      ;get the first operand
        MOV    BL,DATA2      ;get the second operand
        ADD    AL,BL         ;add the operands
        MOV    SUM,AL        ;store the result in location SUM
        MOV    AH,4CH         ;set up to return to OS
        INT    21H           ;
MAIN     ENDP
        END    MAIN          ;this is the program exit point
```

## 2.1: DIRECTIVES AND A SAMPLE PROGRAM

### data segment

- The data segment defines three data items:
  - DATA1, DATA2, and SUM.

```
;THE FORM OF AN ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PROGRAM
;NOTE: USING SIMPLIFIED SEGMENT DEFINITION
.MODEL SMALL
.STACK 64
.DATA
DATA1 DB 52H
DATA2 DB 29H
SUM DB ?
.CODE
MAIN PROC FAR ;this is the program entry point
MOV AX,@DATA ;load the data segment address
MOV DS,AX ;assign value to DS
MOV AL,DATA1 ;get the first operand
MOV BL,DATA2 ;get the second operand
ADD AL,BL ;add the operands
MOV SUM,AL ;store the result in location SUM
MOV AH,4CH ;set up to return to OS
INT 21H ;
MAIN ENDP
END MAIN ;this is the program exit point
```

## 2.1: DIRECTIVES AND A SAMPLE PROGRAM

### data segment

- The DB directive is used by the assembler to allocate memory in byte-sized chunks.
  - Each is defined as DB (define byte).
    - Memory can be allocated in different sizes.
  - Data items defined in the data segment will be accessed in the code segment by their labels.
- DATA1 and DATA2 are given initial values in the data section.
- SUM is not given an initial value.
  - But storage is set aside for it.

## 2.1: DIRECTIVES AND A SAMPLE PROGRAM

### code segment definition

- The first line of the segment after the .CODE directive is the PROC directive.

```
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;NOTE: USING SIMPLIFIED SEGMENT DEFINITION
.MODEL SMALL
.STACK 64
.DATA
DATA1 DB 52H
DATA2 DB 29H
SUM DB ?
.CODE
MAIN PROC FAR ;this is the program entry point
MOV AX,@DATA ;load the data segment address
MOV DS,AX ;assign value to DS
MOV AL,DATA1 ;get the first operand
MOV BL,DATA2 ;get the second operand
ADD AL,BL ;add the operands
MOV SUM,AL ;store the result in location SUM
MOV AH,4CH ;set up to return to OS
INT 21H ;
MAIN ENDP
END MAIN ;this is the program exit point
```



## 2.1: DIRECTIVES AND A SAMPLE PROGRAM

### code segment definition

- A *procedure* is a group of instructions designed to accomplish a specific function.
  - A code segment is organized into several small procedures to make the program more structured.
- Every procedure must have a name defined by the PROC directive.
  - Followed by the assembly language instructions, and closed by the ENDP directive.
    - The PROC and ENDP statements must have the same label.
  - The PROC directive may have the option FAR or NEAR.
    - The OS requires the entry point to the user program to be a FAR procedure.



## 2.1: DIRECTIVES AND A SAMPLE PROGRAM

### code segment definition

- Before the OS passes control to the program so it may execute, it assigns segment registers values.
  - When the program begins executing, only CS and SS have the proper values.
    - DS (and ES) values are initialized by the program.

```
MOV AX,@DATA ;DATA refers to the start of the data segment
MOV DS,AX
```

## 2.1: DIRECTIVES AND A SAMPLE PROGRAM

### code segment definition

- The program loads **AL** & **BL** with **DATA1** & **DATA2**, ADDs them together, and stores the result in **SUM**.

```
;THE FORM OF AN ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PROGRAM
;NOTE: USING SIMPLIFIED SEGMENT DEFINITION
.MODEL SMALL
.STACK 64
.DATA
DATA1 DB 52H
DATA2 DB 29H
SUM DB ?
.CODE
MAIN PROC FAR ;this is the program entry point
MOV AX,@DATA ;load the data segment address
MOV DS,AX ;assign value to DS
MOV AL,DATA1 ;get the first operand
MOV BL,DATA2 ;get the second operand
ADD AL,BL ;add the operands
MOV SUM,AL ;store the result in location SUM
MOV AH,4CH ;set up to return to OS
INT 21H ;
MAIN ENDP
END MAIN ;this is the program exit point
```

## 2.1: DIRECTIVES AND A SAMPLE PROGRAM

### code segment definition

- The last instructions, "**MOV AH, 4CH**" & "**INT 21H**" return control to the operating system.

```
;THE FORM OF AN ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PROGRAM
;NOTE: USING SIMPLIFIED SEGMENT DEFINITION
.MODEL SMALL
.STACK 64
.DATA
DATA1 DB 52H
DATA2 DB 29H
SUM DB ?
.CODE
MAIN PROC FAR ;this is the program entry point
MOV AX,@DATA ;load the data segment address
MOV DS,AX ;assign value to DS
MOV AL,DATA1 ;get the first operand
MOV BL,DATA2 ;get the second operand
ADD AL,BL ;add the operands
MOV SUM,AL ;store the result in location SUM
MOV AH,4CH ;set up to return to OS
INT 21H ;
MAIN ENDP
END MAIN ;this is the program exit point
```

## 2.1: DIRECTIVES AND A SAMPLE PROGRAM

### code segment definition

- The last two lines end the procedure & program.
  - The label for **ENDP (MAIN)** matches the label for **PROC**.

```
;THE FORM OF AN ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PROGRAM
;NOTE: USING SIMPLIFIED SEGMENT DEFINITION
.MODEL SMALL
.STACK 64
.DATA
DATA1 DB 52H
DATA2 DB 29H
SUM DB ?
.CODE
MAIN PROC FAR ;this is the program entry point
MOV AX,@DATA ;load the data segment address
MOV DS,AX ;assign value to DS
MOV AL,DATA1 ;get the first operand
MOV BL,DATA2 ;get the second operand
ADD AL,BL ;add the operands
MOV SUM,AL ;store the result in location SUM
MOV AH,4CH ;set up to return to OS
INT 21H ;
MAIN ENDP ;this is the program exit point
END MAIN
```

## 2.1: DIRECTIVES AND A SAMPLE PROGRAM

### code segment definition

- It is handy to keep a sample shell & fill it in with the instructions and data for your program.

```
;THE FORM OF AN ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PROGRAM
; USING SIMPLIFIED SEGMENT DEFINITION
        .MODEL SMALL
        .STACK 64
        .DATA
        ;
        ;place data definitions here
        ;
        .CODE
MAIN     PROC    FAR           ;this is the program entry point
        MOV     AX,@DATA      ;load the data segment address
        MOV     DS,AX         ;assign value to DS
        ;
        ;place code here
        ;
        MOV     AH,4CH         ;set up to
        INT     21H           ;return to OS
MAIN     ENDP
        END     MAIN         ;this is the program exit point
```

## 2.2: ASSEMBLE, LINK, AND RUN A PROGRAM

- MASM & LINK are the assembler & linker programs.
  - Many editors or word processors can be used to create and/or edit the program, and produce an ASCII file.
  - The steps to create an executable Assembly language program are as follows:

Step	Input	Program	Output
1. Edit the program	keyboard	editor	myfile.asm
2. Assemble the program	myfile.asm	MASM or TASM	myfile.obj
3. Link the program	myfile.obj	LINK or TLINK	myfile.exe

## 2.3: MORE SAMPLE PROGRAMS

- Program 2-1, and the list file generated when the program was assembled.

Write, run, and analyze a program that adds 5 bytes of data and saves the result. The data should be the following hex numbers: 25, 12, 15, 1F, and 2B.

```
PAGE      60,132
TITLE     PROG2-1  (EXE)    PURPOSE: ADDS 5 BYTES OF DATA
        .MODEL SMALL
        .STACK 64

;-----
        .DATA
DATA_IN  DB      25H,12H,15H,1FH,2BH
SUM      DB      ?
;-----
        .CODE
MAIN     PROC     FAR
        MOV      AX,@DATA
        MOV      DS,AX
        MOV      CX,05          ;set up loop counter CX=5
        MOV      BX,OFFSET DATA_IN ;set up data pointer BX
        MOV      AL,0           ;initialize AL
ACATN.   ADD      AL,[BX]        ;add data item to AL
```

**See the entire program listing on page 63 of your textbook.**



## 2.3: MORE SAMPLE PROGRAMS

### analysis of Program 2-1

- Program 2-1, explained instruction by instruction:
  - "**MOV CX, 05**" will load the value 05 into the CX register.
    - Used by the program as a counter for iteration (looping).
  - "**MOV BX, OFFSET DATA\_IN**" will load into BX the offset address assigned to DATA.
    - The assembler starts at offset 0000 and uses memory for the data, then assigns the next available offset memory for SUM (in this case, 0005).
  - "**ADD AL, [BX]**" adds the contents of the memory location pointed at by the register BX to AL.
    - Note that [BX] is a pointer to a memory location.
  - "**INC BX**" increments the pointer by adding 1 to BX.
    - This will cause BX to point to the next data item. (next byte)



## 2.3: MORE SAMPLE PROGRAMS

### analysis of Program 2-1

- Program 2-1, explained instruction by instruction:
  - "DEC CX" will decrement (subtract 1 from) the CX counter and set the zero flag high if CX becomes zero.
  - "JNZ AGAIN" will jump back to the label AGAIN as long as the zero flag is indicating that CX is not zero.
    - "JNZ AGAIN" will *not* jump only after the zero flag has been set high by the "DEC CX" instruction (CX becomes zero).
  - When CX becomes zero, this means that the loop is completed and all five numbers have been added to AL.

## 2.3: MORE SAMPLE PROGRAMS

### various approaches to Program 2-1

- Variations of Program 2-1 clarify use of addressing modes, and show that the x86 can use any general-purpose register for arithmetic and logic operations.

```
;from the data segment:
DATA1  DB  25H
DATA2  DB  12H
DATA3  DB  15H
DATA4  DB  1FH
DATA5  DB  2BH
SUM    DB  ?
;from the code segment:
MOV     AL,DATA1           ;MOVE DATA1 INTO AL
ADD     AL,DATA2           ;ADD DATA2 TO AL
ADD     AL,DATA3
ADD     AL,DATA4
ADD     AL,DATA5
MOV     SUM,AL             ;SAVE AL IN SUM
```

## 2.3: MORE SAMPLE PROGRAMS

### analysis of Program 2-2

- The 16-bit data (a word) is stored with the low-order byte first, referred to as "little endian."

Write and run a program that adds four words of data and saves the result. The values will be 234DH, 1DE6H, 3BC7H, and 566AH. Use DEBUG to verify the sum is D364.

```
TITLE      PROG2-2   (EXE)   PURPOSE: ADDS 4 WORDS OF DATA
PAGE      60,132

          .MODEL SMALL
          .STACK 64

;-----
          .DATA
DATA_IN   DW          234DH,1DE6H,3BC7H,566AH
          ORG      10H
SUM       DW          ?
;-----

MAIN      .CODE
          PROC          FAR
          MOV     AX,@DATA
          MOV     DS,AX
          MOV     CX,04          ;set up loop counter CX=4
          MOV     DI,OFFSET DATA_IN ;set up data pointer DI
          MOV     BX,00          ;initialize BX
```

**See the entire program listing on page 66 of your textbook.**

## 2.3: MORE SAMPLE PROGRAMS

### analysis of Program 2-2

- The address pointer is incremented twice, since the operand being accessed is a word (two bytes).
  - The program could have used **"ADD DI,2"** instead of using **"INC DI"** twice.
- **"MOV SI,OFFSET SUM"** was used to load the pointer for the memory allocated for the label SUM.
- **"MOV [SI],BX"** moves the contents of register BX to memory locations with offsets 0010 and 0011.
- Program 2-2 uses the ORG directive to set the offset addresses for data items.
  - This caused SUM to be stored at DS:0010.

## 2.3: MORE SAMPLE PROGRAMS

### analysis of Program 2-3

- Program 2-3 shows the data segment being dumped before and after the program was run.

Write and run a program that transfers 6 bytes of data from memory locations with offset of 0010H to memory locations with offset of 0028H.

```
TITLE      PROG2-3   (EXE)      PURPOSE: TRANSFERS 6 BYTES OF DATA
PAGE      60,132
          .MODEL  SMALL
          .STACK  64
          .DATA
DATA_IN    ORG     10H
          DB      25H,4FH,85H,1FH,2BH,0C4H
COPY       ORG     28H
          DB      6 DUP(?)
;-----
MAIN       .CODE
          PROC          FAR
          MOV     AX,@DATA
          MOV     DS,AX
          MOV     SI,OFFSET DATA_IN ;SI points to data to be copied
          MOV     DI,OFFSET COPY     ;DI points to copy of data
          MOV     CX,06H              ;loop counter = 6
MOV_LOOP:  MOV     AL,[SI]             ;move the next byte from DATA area to AL
          MOV     [DI],AL             ;move the byte from AL to COPY area
          INC     SI
          INC     DI
          DEC     CX
          JNZ     MOV_LOOP
          RET
```

***See the entire program listing on page 67 of your textbook.***

## 2.3: MORE SAMPLE PROGRAMS

### analysis of Program 2-3

- C4 was coded in the data segments as 0C4.
  - Indicating that C is a hex number and not a letter.
    - Required if the first digit is a hex digit A through F.
- This program uses registers SI & DI as pointers to the data items being manipulated.
  - The first is a pointer to the data item to be copied.
  - The second points to the location the data is copied to.
- With each iteration of the loop, both data pointers are incremented to point to the next byte.

## 2.4: CONTROL TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS

### conditional jumps

- Conditional jumps have mnemonics such as JNZ (jump not zero) and JC (jump if carry).
  - In the conditional jump, control is transferred to a new location if a certain condition is met.
  - The flag register indicates the current condition.
- For example, with "JNZ label", the processor looks at the zero flag to see if it is raised.
  - If not, the CPU starts to fetch and execute instructions from the address of the label.
  - If  $ZF = 1$ , it will not jump but will execute the next instruction below the JNZ.



## 2.4: CONTROL TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS

### conditional jumps

**Table 2-1: 8086  
Conditional  
Jump Instructions**

*Note:* “Above” and “below” refer to the relationship of two unsigned values; “greater” and “less” refer to the relationship of two signed values.

Mnemonic	Condition Tested	“Jump IF ...”
JA/JNBE	$(CF = 0) \text{ and } (ZF = 0)$	above/not below nor zero
JAЕ/JNB	$CF = 0$	above or equal/not below
JB/JNAE	$CF = 1$	below/not above nor equal
JBE/JNA	$(CF \text{ or } ZF) = 1$	below or equal/not above
JC	$CF = 1$	carry
JE/JZ	$ZF = 1$	equal/zero
JG/JNLE	$((SF \text{ xor } OF) \text{ or } ZF) = 0$	greater/not less nor equal
JGE/JNL	$(SF \text{ xor } OF) = 0$	greater or equal/not less
JL/JNGE	$(SF \text{ xor } OF) = 1$	less/not greater nor equal
JLE/JNG	$((SF \text{ xor } OF) \text{ or } ZF) = 1$	less or equal/not greater
JNC	$CF = 0$	not carry
JNE/JNZ	$ZF = 0$	not equal/not zero
JNO	$OF = 0$	not overflow
JNP/JPO	$PF = 0$	not parity/parity odd
JNS	$SF = 0$	not sign
JO	$OF = 1$	overflow
JP/JPE	$PF = 1$	parity/parity equal
JS	$SF = 1$	sign



## 2.4: CONTROL TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS

### CALL statements

- The CALL instruction is used to call a procedure, to perform tasks that need to be performed frequently.
  - The target address could be in the current segment, in which case it will be a NEAR call or outside the current CS segment, which is a FAR call.
- The microprocessor saves the address of the instruction following the call on the stack.
  - To know where to return, after executing the subroutine.
    - In the NEAR call only the IP is saved on the stack.
    - In a FAR call both CS and IP are saved.

## 2.4: CONTROL TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS

### assembly language subroutines

```
MAIN      .CODE
          PROC FAR           ;THIS IS THE ENTRY POINT FOR OS
          MOV AX,@DATA
          MOV DS,AX
          CALL SUBR1
          CALL SUBR2
          CALL SUBR3
          MOV AH,4CH
          INT 21H
MAIN      ENDP
;-----
SUBR1     PROC
          ...
          ...
          RET
SUBR1     ENDP
;-----
SUBR2     PROC
          ...
          ...
          RET
SUBR2     ENDP
;-----
SUBR3     PROC
          ...
          ...
          RET
SUBR3     ENDP
;-----
          END               MAIN ;THIS IS THE EXIT POINT
```

It is common to have one main program and many subroutines to be called from the main. Each subroutine can be a separate module, tested separately, then brought together. If there is no specific mention of FAR after the directive PROC, it defaults to NEAR.

## 2.4: CONTROL TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS

### rules for names in Assembly language

- The names used for labels in Assembly language programming consist of...
  - Alphabetic letters in both upper- and lowercase.
  - The digits 0 through 9.
  - Question mark (?); Period (.); At (@)
  - Underline (\_); Dollar sign (\$)
- Each label name must be unique.
  - They may be up to 31 characters long.
- The first character must be an alphabetic or special character.
  - It cannot be a digit.

## 2.4: CONTROL TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS

### rules for names in Assembly language

- The period can only be used as the first character.
  - This is not recommended since later versions of MASM have several reserved words that begin with a period.

## 2.5: DATA TYPES AND DATA DEFINITION

### x86 data types

- The 8088/86 processor supports many data types.
  - Data types can be 8- or 16-bit, positive or negative.
    - The programmer must break down data larger than 16 bits (0000 to FFFFH, or 0 to 65535 in decimal).
  - A number less than 8 bits wide must be coded as an 8-bit register with the higher digits as zero.
    - A number is less than 16 bits wide must use all 16 bits.

## 2.5: DATA TYPES AND DATA DEFINITION

### ORG origin

- ORG is used to indicate the beginning of the offset address.
  - The number after ORG can be either in hex or in decimal.
    - If the number is *not* followed by H, it is decimal and the assembler will convert it to hex.

## 2.5: DATA TYPES AND DATA DEFINITION

### DB define byte

- One of the most widely used data directives, it allows allocation of memory in byte-sized chunks.
  - This is the smallest allocation unit permitted.
  - DB can define numbers in decimal, binary, hex, & ASCII.
    - **D** after the decimal number is optional.
    - **B** (binary) and **H** (hexadecimal) is required.
    - To indicate ASCII, place the string in single quotation marks.
- DB is the only directive that can be used to define ASCII strings larger than two characters.
  - It should be used for all ASCII data definitions.

## 2.5: DATA TYPES AND DATA DEFINITION

### DB define byte

- Some DB examples:

DATA1	DB	25	; DECIMAL
DATA2	DB	10001001B	; BINARY
DATA3	DB	12H	; HEX
		ORG 0010H	
DATA4	DB	'2591'	; ASCII NUMBERS
		ORG 0018H	
DATA5	DB	?	; SET ASIDE A BYTE
		ORG 0020H	
DATA6	DB	'My name is Joe'	; ASCII CHARACTERS

- **Single** or **double** quotes can be used around ASCII strings.
  - Useful for strings, which should contain a single quote, such as "O'Leary".



## 2.5: DATA TYPES AND DATA DEFINITION

### DB define byte

- List file for DB examples.

0000 19	DATA1 DB 25	;DECIMAL
0001 89	DATA2 DB 10001001B	;BINARY
0002 12	DATA3 DB 12H	;HEX
0010	ORG 0010H	
0010 32 35 39 31	DATA4 DB '2591'	;ASCII NUMBERS
0018	ORG 0018H	
0018 00	DATA5 DB ?	;SET ASIDE A BYTE
0020	ORG 0020H	
0020 4D 79 20 6E 61 6D 65 20 69 73 20 4A 6F 65	DATA6 DB 'My name is Joe'	;ASCII CHARACTERS

## 2.5: DATA TYPES AND DATA DEFINITION

### DUP duplicate

- DUP will duplicate a given number of characters.

```
ORG 0030H
DATA7 DB 0FFH,0FFH,0FFH,0FFH,0FFH,0FFH ;FILL 6 BYTES WITH FF
ORG 38H
DATA8 DB 6 DUP(0FFH) ;FILL 6 BYTES WITH FF
; the following reserves 32 bytes of memory with no initial
; value given
ORG 40H
DATA9 DB 32 DUP (?) ;SET ASIDE 32 BYTES
;DUP can be used inside another DUP
; the following fills 10 bytes with 99
DATA10 DB 5 DUP (2 DUP (99)) ;FILL 10 BYTES WITH 99
```

- Two methods of filling six memory locations with FFH.

## 2.5: DATA TYPES AND DATA DEFINITION

### DUP duplicate

- List file for DUP examples.

```
0030                                ORG    0030H
0030 FF FF FF FF FF FF          DATA7 DB    0FFH,0FFH,0FFH,0FFH,0FFH,0FFH ; 6 FF
0038                                ORG    38H
0038 0006[                        DATA8 DB    6 DUP(0FFH)      ;FILL 6 BYTES WITH FF
                                FF
                                ]
0040                                ORG    40H
0040 0020 [                      DATA9 DB    32 DUP (?)      ;SET ASIDE 32 BYTES
    ??
                                ]
0060                                ORG    60H
0060 0005[                      DATA10 DB   5 DUP (2 DUP (99)) ;FILL 10 BYTES WITH 99
                                0002[
                                63
                                ]
                                ]
```

## 2.5: DATA TYPES AND DATA DEFINITION

### DW define word

- DW is used to allocate memory 2 bytes (one word) at a time:

```
                ORG      70H
DATA11          DW      954                      ;DECIMAL
DATA12          DW      100101010100B           ;BINARY
DATA13          DW      253FH                   ;HEX
                ORG      78H
DATA14          DW      9,2,7,0CH,00100000B,5,'HI' ;MISC. DATA
DATA15          DW      8 DUP (?)                ;SET ASIDE 8 WORDS
```

- List file for DW examples.

```
0070                                ORG      70H
0070 03BA          DATA11 DW      954                      ;DECIMAL
0072 0954          DATA12 DW      100101010100B           ;BINARY
0074 253F          DATA13 DW      253FH                   ;HEX
0078                                ORG      78H
0078 0009 0002 0007 000C          DATA14 DW      9,2,7,0CH,00100000B,5,'HI' ;MISC. DATA
0020 0005 4849
0086 0008[          DATA15 DW      8 DUP (?)                ;SET ASIDE 8 WORDS
      ????      ]
```

## 2.5: DATA TYPES AND DATA DEFINITION

### EQU equate

- EQU associates a constant value with a data label.
  - When the label appears in the program, its constant value will be substituted for the label.
  - Defines a constant without occupying a memory location.
- EQU for the counter constant in the immediate addressing mode:

```
COUNT EQU 25
```

- When executing the instructions "**MOV CX,COUNT**", the register CX will be loaded with the value 25.
  - In contrast to using DB:

```
COUNT DB 25
```

## 2.5: DATA TYPES AND DATA DEFINITION

### EQU equate

- When executing the same instruction "MOV CX,COUNT" it will be in the direct addressing mode.
  - EQU can also be used in the data segment:

```
COUNT          EQU          25
COUNTER1       DB          COUNT
COUNTER2       DB          COUNT
```

- Assume a constant (a fixed value) used in many different places in the data and code segments.
  - By use of EQU, one can change it once and the assembler will change all of them.

## 2.5: DATA TYPES AND DATA DEFINITION

### DD define doubleword

- The DD directive is used to allocate memory locations that are 4 bytes (two words) in size.
  - Data is converted to hex & placed in memory locations
    - Low byte to low address and high byte to high address.

```
                ORG    00A0H
DATA16         DD      1023                      ;DECIMAL
DATA17         DD      10001001011001011100B     ;BINARY
DATA18         DD      5C2A57F2H                 ;HEX
DATA19         DD      23H,34789H,65533
```

- List file for DD examples.

```
00A0                                ORG 00A0H
00A0 000003FF                      DATA16 DD 1023                      ;DECIMAL
00A4 0008965C                      DATA17 DD 10001001011001011100B     ;BINARY
00A8 5C2A57F2                      DATA18 DD 5C2A57F2H                 ;HEX
00AC 00000023 00034789              DATA19 DD 23H,34789H,65533
0000FFFD
```



## 2.5: DATA TYPES AND DATA DEFINITION

### DQ define quadword

- DQ is used to allocate memory 8 bytes (four words) in size, to represent any variable up to 64 bits wide:

```
                ORG    00C0H
DATA20         DQ      4523C2H           ; HEX
DATA21         DQ      'HI'             ; ASCII CHARACTERS
DATA22         DQ      ?                 ; NOTHING
```

- List file for DQ examples.

00C0		ORG 00C0H	
00C0	C223450000000000	DATA20 DQ	4523C2H ;HEX
00C8	4948000000000000	DATA21 DQ	'HI' ;ASCII CHARACTERS
00D0	0000000000000000	DATA22 DQ	? ;NOTHING



## 2.5: DATA TYPES AND DATA DEFINITION

### DT define ten bytes

- DT is used for memory allocation of packed BCD numbers.
  - This directive allocates 10 bytes.
    - A maximum of 18 digits can be entered.
  - The "H" after the data is not needed.

```
                ORG    00E0H
DATA23          DT      867943569829      ;BCD
DATA24          DT      ?                  ;NOTHING
```

- List file for DT examples.

```
00E0                                ORG 00E0H
00E0 299856437986000000          DATA23 DT      867943569829          ;BCD
00                                00
00EA 000000000000000000          DATA24 DT      ?                  ;NOTHING
00                                00
```

## 2.5: DATA TYPES AND DATA DEFINITION

### DQ define ten bytes

- DT can also be used to allocate 10-byte integers by using the "D" option:

```
DEC    DT    65535d    ;the assembler will convert the  
                        ;decimal number to hex and store it
```

## 2.5: DATA TYPES AND DATA DEFINITION

### directives

- Figure 2-7 shows the memory dump of the data section, including all the examples in this section.
  - It is essential to understand the way operands are stored in memory.

```
-D 1066:0 100
1066:0000 19 89 12 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:0010 32 35 39 31 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 2591.....
1066:0020 4D 79 20 6E 61 6D 65 20-69 73 20 4A 6F 65 00 00 My name is Joe..
1066:0030 FF FF FF FF FF FF 00 00-FF FF FF FF FF FF 00 00 .....
1066:0040 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:0060 63 63 63 63 63 63 63 63-63 63 00 00 00 00 00 00 cccccccccc.....
1066:0070 BA 03 54 09 3F 25 00 00-09 00 02 00 07 00 0C 00 :.T.?%.....
1066:0080 20 00 05 00 4F 48 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ...OH.....
1066:0090 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:00A0 FF 03 00 00 5C 96 08 00-F2 57 2A 5C 23 00 00 00 ....\...rW*\#...
1066:00B0 89 47 03 00 FD FF 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 B#E.....IH.....
1066:00C0 C2 23 45 00 00 00 00 00-49 48 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:00D0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:00E0 29 98 56 43 79 86 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 9.VCy6.....
```

## 2.5: DATA TYPES AND DATA DEFINITION

### directives

- All of the data directives use the little endian format.
  - For ASCII data, only DB can define data of any length.
    - Use of DD, DQ, or DT directives for ASCII strings of more than 2 bytes gives an assembly error.

```
-D 1066:0 100
1066:0000 19 89 12 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:0010 32 35 39 31 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 2591.....
1066:0020 4D 79 20 6E 61 6D 65 20-69 73 20 4A 6F 65 00 00 My name is Joe..
1066:0030 FF FF FF FF FF FF 00 00-FF FF FF FF FF FF 00 00 .....
1066:0040 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:0060 63 63 63 63 63 63 63 63-63 63 00 00 00 00 00 00 cccccccccc.....
1066:0070 BA 03 54 09 3F 25 00 00-09 00 02 00 07 00 0C 00 :.T.?%.
1066:0080 20 00 05 00 4F 48 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ...OH.....
1066:0090 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:00A0 FF 03 00 00 5C 96 08 00-F2 57 2A 5C 23 00 00 00 ....\...rW*\#...
1066:00B0 89 47 03 00 FD FF 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 B#E.....IH.....
1066:00C0 C2 23 45 00 00 00 00 00-49 48 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:00D0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:00E0 29 98 56 43 79 86 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 9.VCy6.....
```

## 2.5: DATA TYPES AND DATA DEFINITION directives

- Review "DATA20 DQ 4523C2", residing in memory starting at offset 00C0H.
  - **C2**, the least significant byte, is in location **00C0**, with **23** in 00C1, and **45**, the most significant byte, in 00C2.

```
-D 1066:0 100
1066:0000 19 89 12 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:0010 32 35 39 31 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 2591.....
1066:0020 4D 79 20 6E 61 6D 65 20-69 73 20 4A 6F 65 00 00 My name is Joe..
1066:0030 FF FF FF FF FF FF 00 00-FF FF FF FF FF FF 00 00 .....
1066:0040 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:0060 63 63 63 63 63 63 63 63-63 63 00 00 00 00 00 cccccccccc.....
1066:0070 BA 03 54 09 3F 25 00 00-09 00 02 00 07 00 0C :.T.?%.....
1066:0080 20 00 05 00 4F 48 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ...OH.....
1066:0090 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:00A0 FF 03 00 00 5C 96 08 00-F2 57 2A 5C 23 00 00 ....\...rW*\#...
1066:00B0 89 47 03 00 FD FF 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 B#E.....IH.....
1066:00C0 C2 23 45 00 00 00 00 00-49 48 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:00D0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:00E0 29 98 56 43 79 86 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 9.VCy6.....
```



## 2.5: DATA TYPES AND DATA DEFINITION directives

- When DB is used for ASCII numbers, it places them backwards in memory.
  - Review "DATA4 DB '2591'" at origin 10H:32,
    - ASCII for 2, is in memory location 10H;35; for 5, in 11H; etc.

```
-D 1066:0 100
1066:0000 19 89 12 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:0010 32 35 39 31 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 2591.....
1066:0020 4D 79 20 6E 61 6D 65 20-69 73 20 4A 6F 65 00 00 My name is Joe..
1066:0030 FF FF FF FF FF FF 00 00-FF FF FF FF FF FF 00 00 .....
1066:0040 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:0060 63 63 63 63 63 63 63 63-63 63 00 00 00 00 00 00 cccccccccc.....
1066:0070 BA 03 54 09 3F 25 00 00-09 00 02 00 07 00 0C 00 :.T.?%.....
1066:0080 20 00 05 00 4F 48 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ...OH.....
1066:0090 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:00A0 FF 03 00 00 5C 96 08 00-F2 57 2A 5C 23 00 00 00 ....\...rW*\#...
1066:00B0 89 47 03 00 FD FF 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 B#E.....IH.....
1066:00C0 C2 23 45 00 00 00 00 00-49 48 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:00D0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1066:00E0 29 98 56 43 79 86 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 9.VCy6.....
```

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