CSC 3210 Computer Organization and Programming

CHAPTER 6: CONDITIONAL PROCESSING

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Boolean and Comparison Instructions

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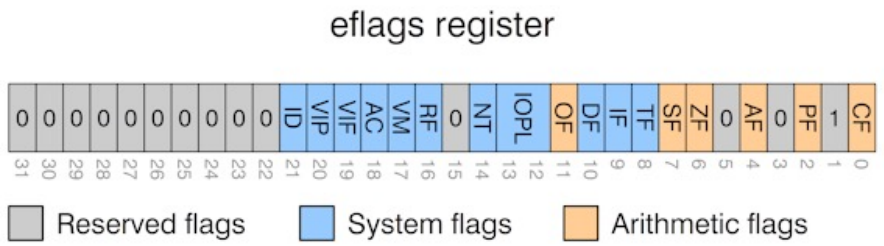
Boolean operations are the core of all **decision statements** because they **affect** the **CPU status flags**.

Status Flags - Review

- **Boolean instructions** **affect** the Zero, Carry, Sign, Overflow, and Parity flags.

Table 6-1 Selected Boolean Instructions.

Operation	Description
AND	Boolean AND operation between a source operand and a destination operand.
OR	Boolean OR operation between a source operand and a destination operand.
XOR	Boolean exclusive-OR operation between a source operand and a destination operand.
NOT	Boolean NOT operation on a destination operand.
TEST	Implied boolean AND operation between a source and destination operand, setting the CPU flags appropriately.



Status Flags - Review

- The Zero flag is set when the result of an operation equals zero.
- The Carry flag is set when an instruction generates a result that is too large (or too small) for the destination operand.
- The Sign flag is set if the destination operand is negative, and it is clear if the destination operand is positive.
- The Overflow flag is set when an instruction generates an invalid signed result.
- The Parity flag is set when an instruction generates an **even number** of **1** bits in the **low byte** of the destination operand.

AND Instruction

- Performs a Boolean AND operation between **each pair of matching bits** in two operands
- Syntax:

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AND reg,mem
AND reg,imm
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AND AL, BL

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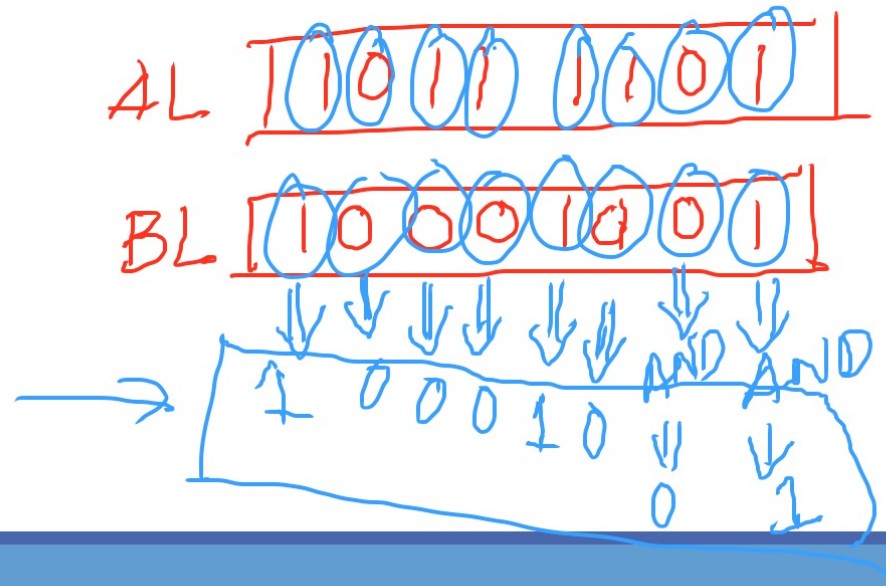

AND Instruction

- **Flags**
  - The AND instruction always clears the Overflow and Carry flags.
  - It modifies the Sign, Zero, and Parity flags
    - Consistent with the value assigned to the **destination operand**.

- **Example:**
  - Suppose the following instruction **results in** a value of Zero in the al register.
  - Thus, the Zero flag will be **set**:

```
and al,1Fh
```

AND Example

- **Task**: Jump to a label if an integer is even.
- **Solution**: AND the **lowest bit** with a 1,

  If the result is Zero, the number was even.

```
mov ax,wordVal
And ax,1                ; low bit set?
jz  EvenValue           ; jump if Zero flag set
```

JZ (jump if Zero) is covered in Section 6.3.

OR Instruction

- Performs a **Boolean OR** operation between each pair of matching bits in two operands
- **Syntax**: `OR destination, source`

```
OR reg,reg
OR reg,mem
OR reg,imm
OR mem,reg
OR mem,imm
```

OR

x	y	x ∨ y
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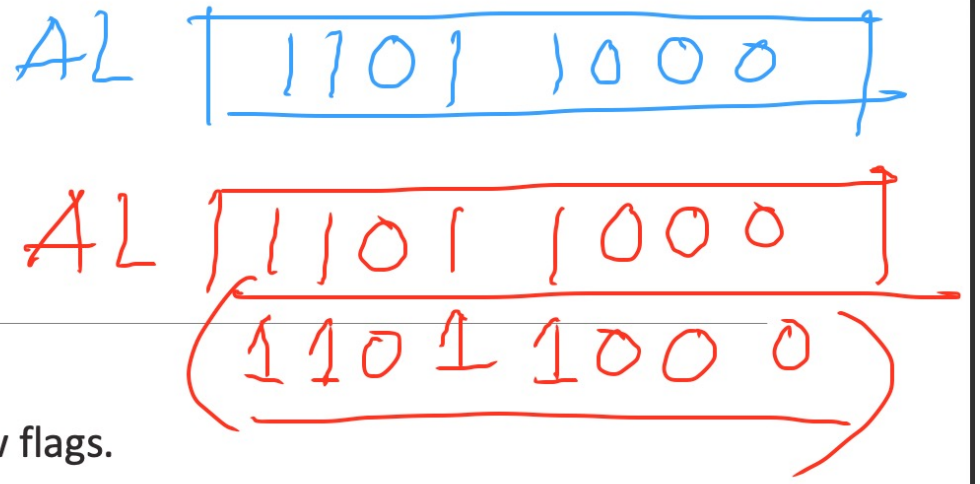
OR Instruction



- **Flags**
  - The OR instruction always clears the Carry and Overflow flags.
  - It modifies the Sign, Zero, and Parity flags
    - consistent with the value assigned to the destination operand.

- **Example**: OR a number with itself (or zero) to **obtain certain information about its value**:

```
or al,al
```

OR Instruction

- The values of the Zero and Sign flags indicate the following about the contents of AL:

Zero Flag	Sign Flag	Value in AL Is . . .
Clear	Clear	Greater than zero
Set	Clear	Equal to zero
Clear	Set	Less than zero

OR Example

- Task: Jump to a label if the value in AL is not zero.
- Solution: OR the byte with itself, then use the JNZ (jump if not zero) instruction.

```
or   al,al
jnz  IsNotZero              ; jump if not zero
```

ORing any number with itself **does not change its value**.

XOR Instruction

- Performs a Boolean exclusive-OR operation between each pair of matching bits in two operands

Syntax: `XOR destination, source`

XOR

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0	0	0
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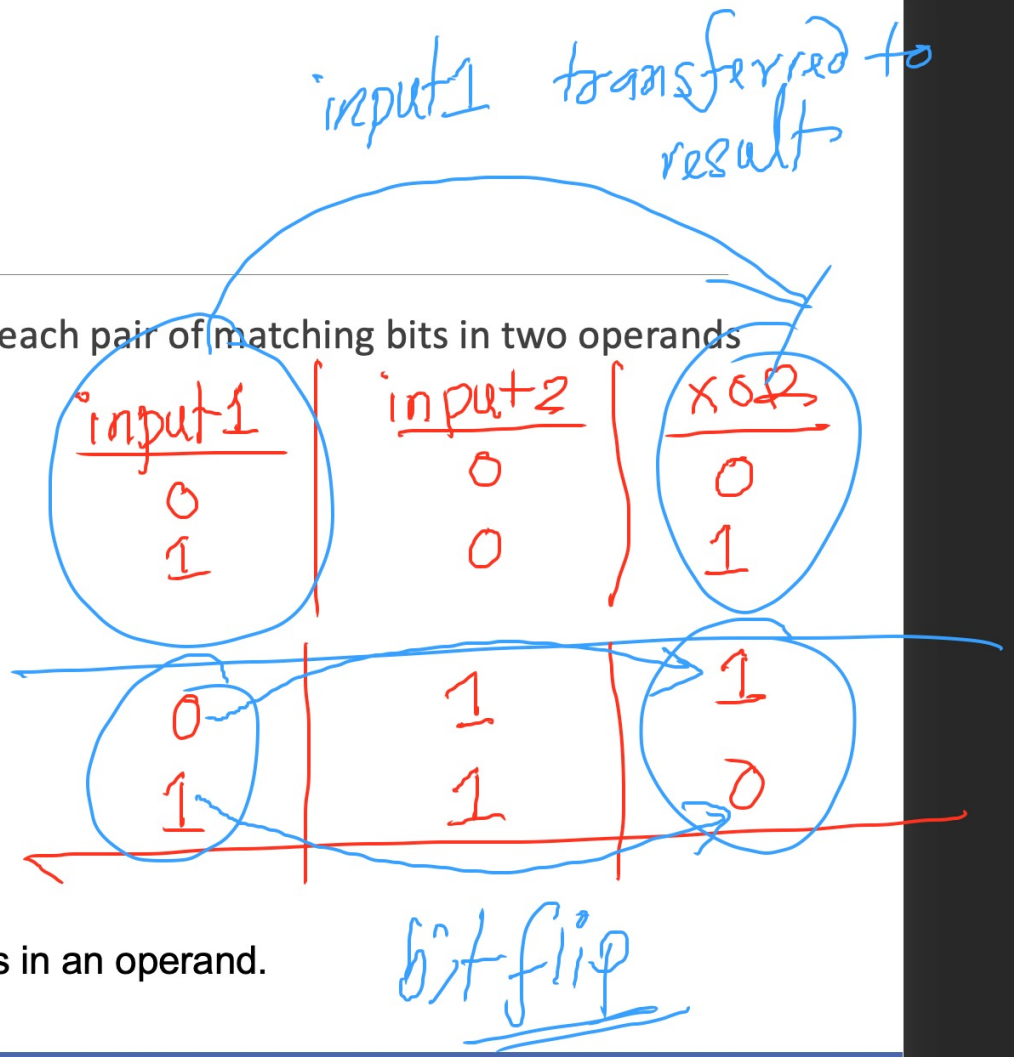

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XOR Instruction

- **Example:**
  - **bit masking:**
    - A bit exclusive-ORed with 0 **retains its value**,
    - A bit exclusive-ORed with 1 is **toggle** (complemented).

```
          0 0 1 1 1 0 1 1
XOR       0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1
          -----------------
          0 0 1 1 0 1 0 0
unchanged ---------------- inverted
```

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XOR

x	y	x ⊕ y
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

XOR Instruction

- **Flags**
  - The XOR instruction always clears the Overflow and Carry flags.
  - XOR modifies the Sign, Zero and Parity flags
    - consistent with the value assigned to the destination operand.

- **Example:**
  - **An effective way to check the parity of a number** without changing its value is to exclusive-OR the number with zero:

```
mov  al,10110101b      ; 5 bits = odd parity
xor  al,0              ; Parity flag clear (odd)
mov  al,11001100b      ; 4 bits = even parity
xor  al,0              ; Parity flag set (even)
```

The Parity flag (PF) is set when The least significant byte of the **destination** has an **even number of 1 bits**.

XOR Instruction : Another Property

$$((X \otimes Y) \otimes Y) = X$$

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M = 60

Q = 50

60 XOR 50 = ?

60 → binary → 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0

50 → bin → 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0

0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 XOR 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0

= 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0

= 50

80 XOR 50

80 → 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0

50 → 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0

0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 XOR 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0

= 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 0

= 60

XOR Instruction : Another Property

$$((X \otimes Y) \otimes Y) = X$$

$$(0 \otimes 1) \otimes 1$$

$$1 \otimes 1$$

$$0$$

XOR Application: Encrypting a String

- The following loop uses the XOR instruction to transform every character in a string into a new value.

$$((X \otimes Y) \otimes Y) = X$$

```
KEY = 239                          ; can be any byte value between 1-255
BUFMAX = 128
.data
buffer  BYTE BUFMAX+1 DUP(0)
bufSize DWORD BUFMAX

.code
    mov ecx,bufSize                ; loop counter
    mov esi,0                      ; index 0 in buffer
L1:
    xor buffer[esi],KEY            ; translate a byte
    inc esi                        ; point to next byte
    loop L1
```

```
Enter the plain text: Attack at dawn.
Cipher text: «¢¢Äîä-Ä¢-ïÄÿü-Gs
Decrypted: Attack at dawn.
```