

CSC 3210

Computer Organization and
Programming

CHAPTER3: ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE
FUNDAMENTALS

Outline

- **Basic Elements of Assembly Language**
- Example: Adding and Subtracting Integers
- Assembling, Linking, and Running Programs
- Defining Data
- Symbolic Constants
- 64-Bit Programming

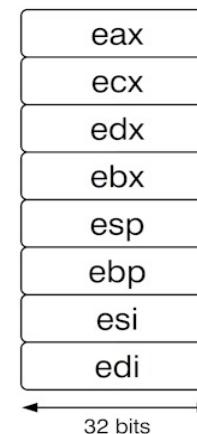
Basic Language Elements

- **Parts of assembly program:**

- Main procedure (entry point)
- eax register
- mov & add instruction (eax=11)
- INVOKE (call, unix) ExitProcess, 0
- Comments begin with semicolon ;

AddTwo program:

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1: main PROC
2:     mov eax,5          ; move 5 to the eax register
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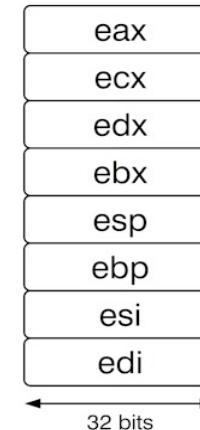


Basic Language Elements

- No output?
- **Debugger!**
 - See what is in CPU [registers](#) and [flags](#)
 - Need to manage [data](#) representation and [instruction](#) formats
- Can NOT run this program

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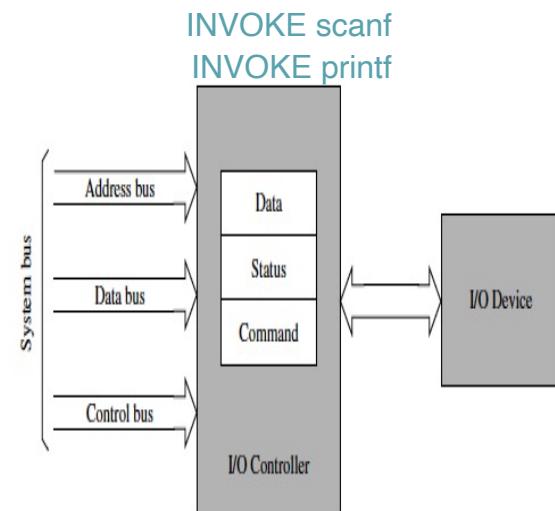
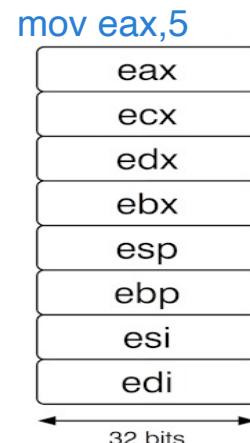
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```

- Instructions **operand** can be
- **register**,
- **memory location** or
- **immediate**

▪ Immediate operand:

- Even though the data are in memory,
it is **located in the code segment, not**
in the data segment
- **Signed** integer
- Has a limited **range**



Basic Language Elements: Adding a Variable

- **Declarations**
 - Identify Code and Data areas ([directives](#))
`.data`
`.code`
 - Segments (how about [.stack](#))
- Variable declaration (sum)
 - **DWORD (keyword)**: size of **32 bits**
 - No checking in what gets into inside the variable (not like C/Java)
 - Must defined and initialized to **zero**
- Syntax rules imposed by MS-**MASM**

```
1: .data ; this is the data area
2: sum DWORD 0 ; create a variable named sum
3:
4: .code ; this is the code area
5: main PROC
6:     mov eax,5 ; move 5 to the eax register
7:     add eax,6 ; add 6 to the eax register
8:     mov sum,eax
9:
10:    INVOKE ExitProcess,0 ; end the program
11: main
```

Byte	8
Word	16
Doubleword	32
Quadword	64
Double quadword	128

Basic Elements of Assembly Language

- **Integer constants**
- Integer expressions
- Character and string constants
- Reserved words and identifiers
- Directives
- instructions
 - Labels
 - Mnemonics
 - Operands
- Comments
- Examples

Basic Elements of Assembly Language: Integer Constants

- Optional **leading + or - sign**
- binary, decimal, hexadecimal, or octal digits
- Common radix characters:
 - h – hexadecimal
 - d – decimal
 - b – binary
 - o/q – octal
 - r – encoded real

➤ Examples:

26	; decimal
26d	; decimal
11010011b	; binary
42q	; octal
42o	; octal
1Ah	; hexadecimal
0A3h	; hexadecimal

Basic Elements of Assembly Language: Integer Expressions

- Operators and **precedence** levels:

Operator	Name	Precedence Level
()	parentheses	1
+ , -	unary plus, minus	2
* , /	multiply, divide	3
MOD	modulus	3
+ , -	add, subtract	4

4 + 5 * 2

Multiply, add

12 -1 MOD 5

Modulus, subtract

-5 + 2

Unary minus, add

(4 + 2) * 6

Add, multiply

Basic Elements of Assembly Language: Integer Expressions

- Examples:



Expression	Value
16 / 5 Integer division?	3
- (3 + 4) * (6 - 1)	-35
-3 + 4 * 6 - 1	20
25 mod 3	1

Suggestion: Use parentheses in expressions to clarify the order of operations so you don't have to remember precedence rules.

Basic Elements of Assembly Language: **Character and String Constants**

- Enclose character in **single** or **double** quotes
 - 'A', "x"
 - ASCII character = 1 byte
- Enclose strings in **single** or **double** quotes
 - "ABC"
 - 'xyz'
 - Each character occupies **a single byte**
- Embedded quotes:
 - 'Say "Goodnight," Gracie'

Basic Elements of Assembly Language: Real Numbers

How about REAL numbers?

Following are examples of valid decimal reals:

2.
+3.0
-44.2E+05
26.E5
2r

Basic Elements of Assembly Language: Reserved Words

- Reserved words **cannot be used as identifiers**
 - Instruction **mnemonics**, **directives**, **type** attributes, **operators**, **predefined symbols**
 - See MASM reference in Appendix A
- **Instruction mnemonics**, such as MOV, ADD, and MUL
- Register names
- Directives, which tell the assembler how to assemble programs
- Attributes, which provide size and usage information for variables and operands. Examples are **BYTE** and **WORD**
- Operators, used in constant expressions
- Predefined symbols, such as **@data**, which return constant integer values at assembly time

Basic Elements of Assembly Language: Identifiers

- They may contain between 1 and 247 characters.
- They are not case sensitive.
- The first character must be a letter (A..Z, a..z), underscore (_), @ , ?, or \$. Subsequent characters may also be digits.
- An identifier cannot be the same as an assembler reserved word.

■ The following names **are legal**, but **not as desirable**

□ _ @ ? \$

_lineCount

\$first

@myFile

Basic Elements of Assembly Language: Directives

- **Commands** that are recognized and acted upon by the assembler
 - Not part of the Intel instruction set
 - Used to declare code, data areas, select memory model, declare procedures, etc.
 - **not case sensitive**, Ex:

.data,
.DATA,
.Data
are equivalent.

Basic Elements of Assembly Language: Directives

- Directive .vs Instruction:

myVar **DWORD** 26

mov eax,myVar

- Directive:

DWORD directive tells the assembler to reserve space in the program for a doubleword variable.

- Instruction:

MOV instruction, executes at runtime, copying myVar to the EAX register

- Different assemblers have different directives
 - NASM not the same as MASM, for example

All assemblers for Intel processors share the **same instruction set**, BUT they usually **have different sets of directives**.

Ex: Microsoft assembler's **REPT** directive **is not recognized** by some other assemblers.

Basic Elements of Assembly Language: Directives

See Appendix A (p-591, section A5) for more directives types

- label PROC

Marks start of a procedure block called label.

- name ENDP

Marks the end of procedure name previously begun with PROC.

- INVOKE expression [[, arguments]]

Calls the procedure at the address given by expression, passing the arguments on the stack or in registers according to the standard calling conventions of the language type.

- .DATA

indicates the start of initialized data

- .CODE

indicates the start of a code segment

- .STACK indicates the start of a stack segment

```
1: .data ; this is the data area
2: sum DWORD 0 ; create a variable named sum
3:
4: .code ; this is the code area
5: main PROC
6:     mov eax,5 ; move 5 to the eax register
7:     add eax,6 ; add 6 to the eax register
8:     mov sum,eax
9:
10:    INVOKE ExitProcess,0 ; end the program
11: main ENDP
```

Basic Elements of Assembly Language: Directives

Appendix A contains a useful reference for directives and operators.

Basic Elements of Assembly Language: Instructions

- **Assembled** into machine code by assembler
- **Executed** at runtime by the CPU
- We use the Intel IA-32 instruction set
- An instruction contains:
 - Label (optional)
 - Mnemonic (required)
 - Operand (depends on the instruction)
 - Comment (optional)

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

repeat: inc result ;increment result by 1

The **label** repeat can be used to refer to this particular statement.

Instructions: Labels

- Act as place markers
 - Marks the address (offset) of **code** and **data**
- Follow identifier rules

1. Code label

- target of **jump** and **loop** instructions
- ex1: L1: (followed by **colon**)

- Ex2:

target:

```
    mov ax,bx
```

```
    ...
```

```
    jmp target
```

A **code label** can share the same line with an instruction, or it can be on a line by itself:

```
L1: mov ax,bx
```

Instructions: Labels

2. Data label

- must be unique

- Ex: one data →

count DWORD 100

(not followed by colon)

- Ex: multiple data →

**array DWORD 1024, 2048
DWORD 4096, 8192**

or

array DWORD 1024, 2048, 4096, 8192

Instructions: Mnemonics

- Instruction Mnemonics
 - examples: [MOV](#), [ADD](#), [SUB](#), [MUL](#), [JMP](#), [CALL](#)

Mnemonic	Description
MOV	Move (assign) one value to another
ADD	Add two values
SUB	Subtract one value from another
MUL	Multiply two values
JMP	Jump to a new location
CALL	Call a procedure

Instructions: Operands

- Operands
 - constant
 - constant **expression**
 - register
 - memory (data label)
- Constants and constant expressions are often called **immediate values**

Example	Operand Type
96	<i>Integer literal</i>
$2 + 4$	Integer expression
eax	Register
count	Memory

Instructions: Operands

- Ordering of operands:

When instructions have multiple operands,

- **The first operand** is called the **destination** operand.
- **The second operand** is called the **source** operand.
- The **contents of the destination** operand are modified by the instruction

```
mov      destination, source
```

Operands: Instruction Format

- **No operands**
 - `stc` ; set Carry flag
- **One operand**
 - `inc eax` ; register
 - `inc myByte` ; memory
- **Two operands**
 - `add ebx,ecx` ; register, register
 - `sub myByte,25` ; memory, constant
 - `add eax,36 * 25` ; register, constant-expression
- **Three operands**
 - `imul eax,ebx,5` ; register, register, constant (`imul`: signed multiply, preserves the sign of the product)

Comments

- **Comments are good!**
 - explain the program's purpose
 - when it was written, and by whom
 - revision information
 - tricky coding techniques
 - application-specific explanations
- **Single-line comments**
- **Multi-line comment**

---→ see next for Ex

Comments: Examples

- Single-line comments

```
mov eax, 5
```

; move 5 to the eax register

- Multi-line comments

- begin with **COMMENT** directive and a **programmer-chosen character**
- end with the same **programmer-chosen character**

COMMENT !

This line is a comment.

This line is also a comment.

!

COMMENT &

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&

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Example: Running the AddTwo Program

```
; AddTwo.asm - adds two 32-bit integers.  
; Chapter 3 example  
  
.386  
.model flat,stdcall  
.stack 4096  
ExitProcess proto,dwExitCode:dword  
  
.code  
main proc  
    mov     eax,5  
    add     eax,6  
  
    invoke ExitProcess,0  
main endp  
end main
```

Program Template

```
; Program template (Template.asm)
```

```
.386
.model flat,stdcall
.stack 4096
ExitProcess PROTO, dwExitCode:DWORD
```

```
.data
    ; declare variables here
```

```
.code
main PROC
    ; write your code here
```

```
    INVOKE ExitProcess,0
main ENDP
END main
```

Example: Adding and Subtracting Integers

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; AddTwo.asm - adds two 32-bit integers
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```
.stack 4096
```

```
ExitProcess PROTO, dwExitCode:DWORD
```

```
.code
```

```
main PROC
```

```
    mov eax,5      ; move 5 to the EAX register
```

```
    add eax,6      ; add 6 to the EAX register
```

```
    INVOKE ExitProcess,0
```

```
main ENDP
```

```
END main
```

.386 directive, identifies this as a 32-bit program that can access 32-bit registers and addresses.

.model selects the program's memory **model (flat)**, and identifies the **calling convention (named stdcall)** for procedures. Ex. Windows API

.stack aside **4096** bytes of storage for the **runtime stack**, which every program must have. Size of a memory page.

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main ENDP
END main
```

ExitProcess, declares a **prototype** for the ExitProcess function.

- A **prototype** consists of **the function name**, the **PROTO keyword**, a **comma**, and a **list of input parameters**.
- **The input parameter** for ExitProcess is named **dwExitCode**.

.**CODE** directive marks the beginning of the code area of a program, the area that contains executable instructions

The label main identifies the **program entry point** (main) and **marks the address** at which the **program will begin to execute**.

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```
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```

```
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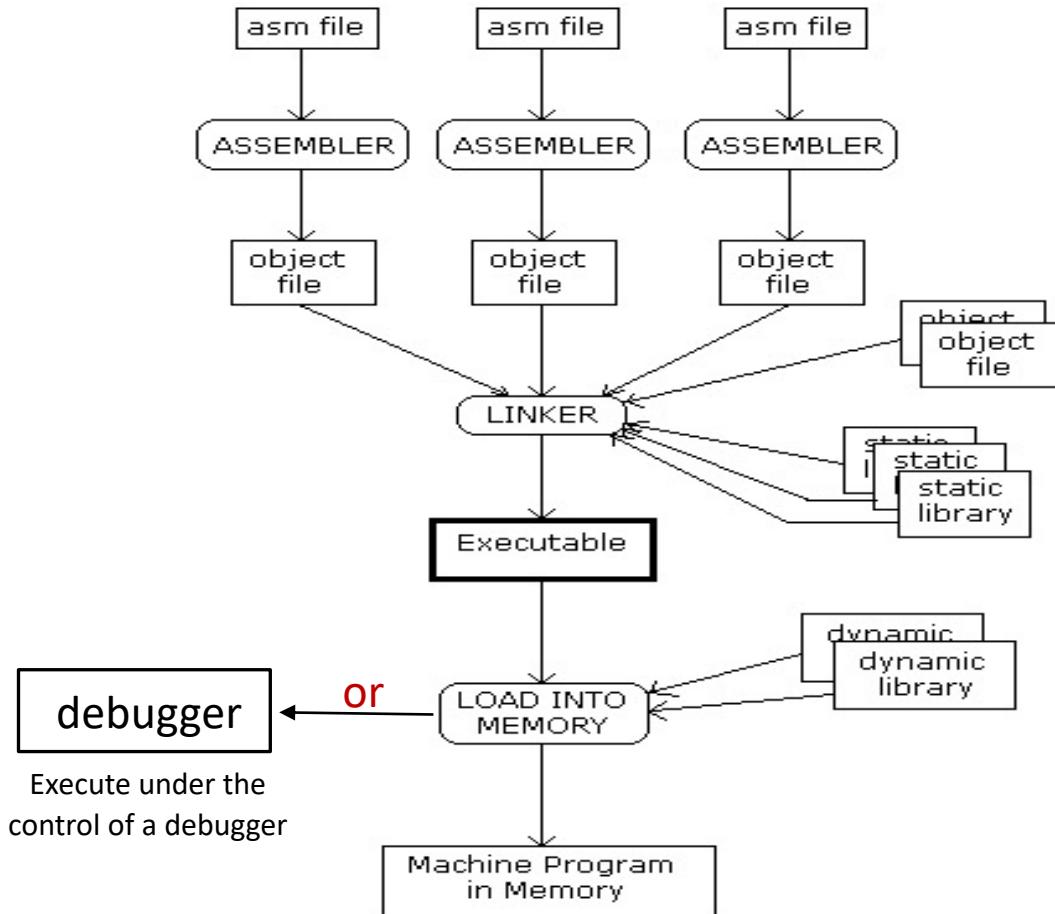
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main ENDP  
END main
```

INVOKE Calls on, the procedure ExitProcess, passing the arguments on the stack or in registers.

ENDP directive marks the end of a procedure. Our program had a procedure named main,

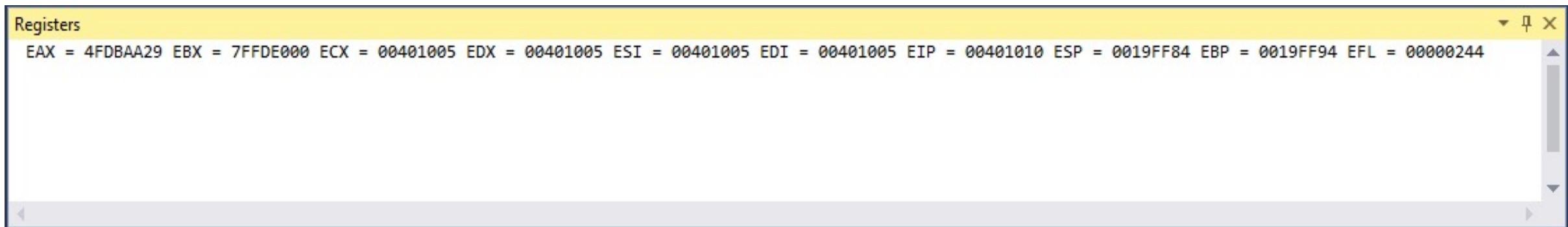
end directive marks the last line to be assembled, and it identifies the program entry point (main).

Example: Debugging the AddTwo Program



Example: Running and Debugging the AddTwo Program

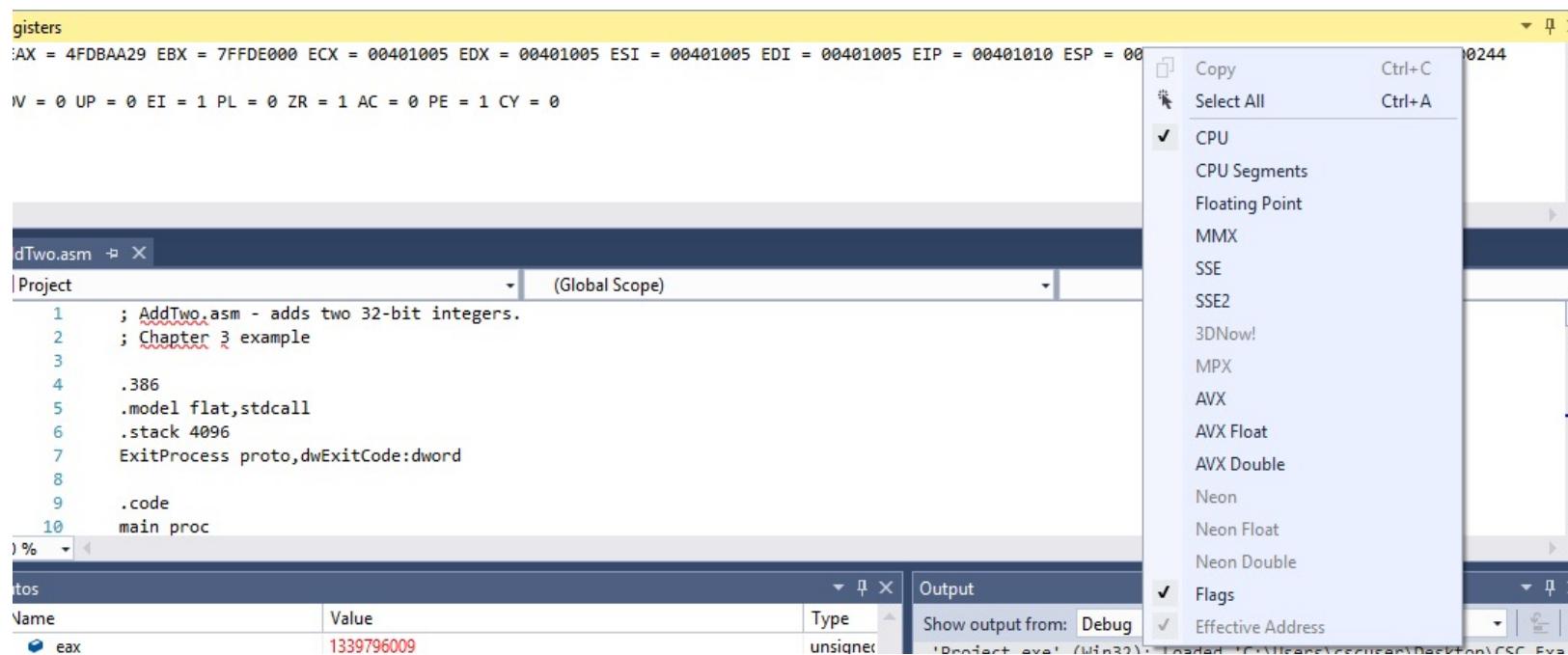
- Showing **registers** and **flags** in the debugger:
 - Go to the Debug Menu
 - Select Windows
 - Then select Registers



You Must be in the Debugging Mode to see the register window

Example: Running and Debugging the AddTwo Program

- Showing **registers** and **flags** in the debugger:
 - Right click on the Registers Window
 - Select Flags from the drop menu



- OV (overflow flag),
- UP (direction flag),
- EI (interrupt flag),
- PL (sign flag),
- ZR (zero flag),
- AC (auxiliary carry),
- PE (parity flag),
- and CY (carry flag).

Example: Running and Debugging the AddTwo Program

Use Visual Studio and run the program

Suggested Coding Standards

- Some approaches to capitalization
 - capitalize nothing
 - capitalize everything
 - capitalize all reserved words, including instruction mnemonics and register names
 - capitalize only directives and operators
- Other suggestions
 - descriptive identifier names
 - spaces surrounding arithmetic operators
 - blank lines between procedures

Suggested Coding Standards

- Indentation and spacing
 - code and data labels – no indentation
 - executable instructions – indent 4-5 spaces
 - comments: right side of page, aligned vertically
 - 1-3 spaces between instruction and its operands
 - ex: mov ax,bx
 - 1-2 blank lines between procedures

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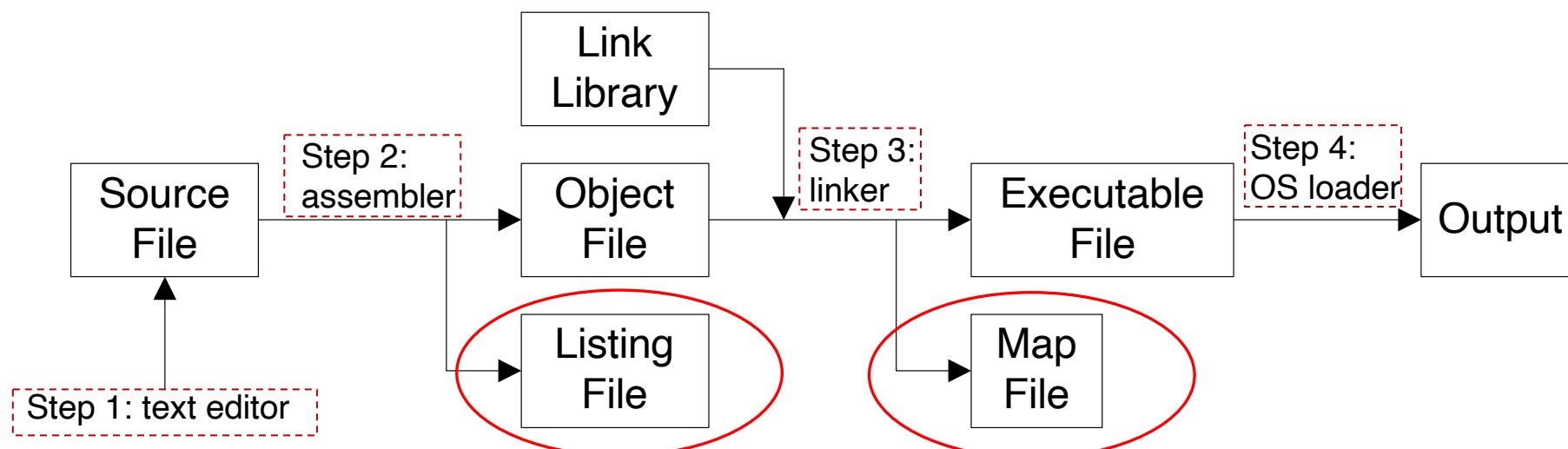
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Assembling, Linking, and Running Programs

- Assemble – Link - Execute Cycle
- Listing File
- Map File

Assemble - Link - Execute Cycle

- The following diagram describes the steps **from creating a source program through executing the compiled program.**
 - If the source code is **modified**, Steps 2 through 4 must be repeated.



- How to Configure Visual Studio to generate a listing file? 🤔

line#	offset	machine-code	nesting-level	source-line
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FIGURE 3–8 Excerpt from the AddTwo source listing file.

```
1:      ; AddTwo.asm - adds two 32-bit integers.  
2:      ; Chapter 3 example  
3:  
4:      .386  
5:      .model flat,stdcall  
6:      .stack 4096    segment  
7:      ExitProcess PROTO,dwExitCode:DWORD  
8:      addresses  
9:      00000000  
10:     00000000  
11:     00000000  
12:     00000005  
13:  
14:  
15:     00000008  
16:     0000000A  
17:     0000000F  
18:
```

object code

```
B8 00000005  
83 C0 06  
  
6A 00  
E8 00000000 E
```

source code

```
.code  
main PROC  
    mov eax, 5  
    add eax, 6  
  
    invoke ExitProcess, 0  
    push +00000000h  
    call ExitProcess  
main ENDP  
END main
```

Listing File

- Use it to see how your program is compiled
- Contains
 - source code
 - addresses
 - object code (machine language)
 - segment names
 - symbols (names of :variables, procedures, and constants)
- The **format** of the list file lines is

line#	offset	machine-code	nesting-level	source-line
11:	00000000	B8 00000005		mov eax, 5

Note: Source lines such as comments do not generate any offset (and **what else?**) .

Listing File

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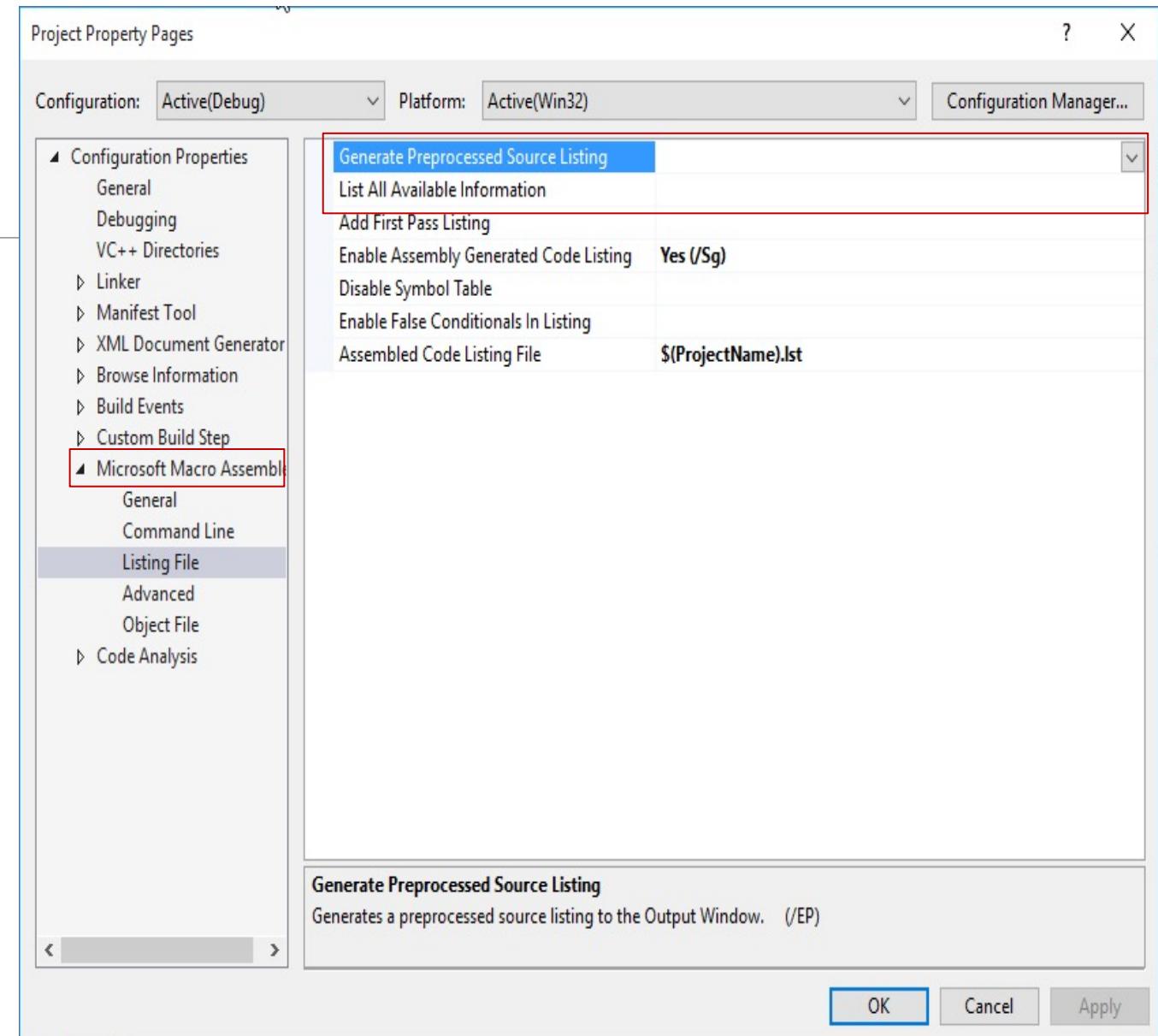
- Line 12 also contains an executable instruction, starting at **offset** 00000005.
- The offset is a distance of 5 bytes from the beginning of the program.
- Can you guess **how that offset was calculated**.

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2: ; Chapter 3 example
3:
4: .386
5: .model flat,stdcall
6: .stack 4096
7: ExitProcess PROTO,dwExitCode:DWORD
8:
9: 00000000          .code
10: 00000000         main PROC
11: 00000000  B8 00000005      mov  eax,5
12: 00000005  83 C0 06      add  eax,6
13:
14:                      invoke ExitProcess,0
15: 00000008  6A 00          push  +00000000h
16: 0000000A  E8 00000000  E   call  ExitProcess
17: 0000000F          main ENDP
18: END main
```

Listing File

- **Configuring Visual Studio to generate a listing file.**

- Select [Properties](#) from the [Project](#) menu.
- Under Configuration Properties, select [Microsoft Macro Assembler](#).
 - Then select [Listing File](#).
 - In the dialog window,
 - set [Generate Preprocessed Source Listing](#) to **Yes**,
 - set [List All Available Information](#) to **Yes**.



Map File

- **MAP File**: lists all segments in the program. The following
- **MAP File** shows code segment, data segment, and stack segment:

Start	Stop	Length	Name	Class
00000H	0001BH	0001CH	CSEG	CODE
0001CH	00035H	0001AH	DSEG	DATA
00040H	0013FH	00100H	SSEG	STACK

Program entry point at 0000:0000

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Defining Data: Outline

- **Intrinsic** Data Types
 - **Data Definition** Statement
 - Defining **BYTE** and **SBYTE** Data
 - Defining **WORD** and **SWORD** Data
 - Defining **DWORD** and **SDWORD** Data
 - Defining **QWORD** Data
-
- Defining **TBYTE** Data
 - Defining **Real Number** Data
 - **Little Endian** Order
 - Adding Variables to the AddSub Program
 - **Declaring Uninitialized** Data

Defining Data: Intrinsic Data Types

Table 3-2 Intrinsic Data Types.

Type	Usage
BYTE	8-bit unsigned integer. B stands for byte
SBYTE	8-bit signed integer. S stands for signed
WORD	16-bit unsigned integer
SWORD	16-bit signed integer
DWORD	32-bit unsigned integer. D stands for double
SDWORD	32-bit signed integer. SD stands for signed double
FWORD	48-bit integer (Far pointer in protected mode)
QWORD	64-bit integer. Q stands for quad
TBYTE	80-bit (10-byte) integer. T stands for Ten-byte
REAL4	32-bit (4-byte) IEEE short real
REAL8	64-bit (8-byte) IEEE long real
REAL10	80-bit (10-byte) IEEE extended real

Table 3-3 Legacy Data Directives.

Directive	Usage
DB	8-bit integer
DW	16-bit integer
DD	32-bit integer or real
DQ	64-bit integer or real
DT	define 80-bit (10-byte) integer

Defining Data: Data Definition Statement

- A data definition statement sets aside storage in memory for a variable.
- Assign a name (**label**) to the data

Syntax:

[name] directive initializer [,initializer] ...

↓ ↓ ↓
value1 **BYTE** **10**

Note:

- All initializers become **binary data** in memory
- At least **one initializer is required** in a data definition, even if it is zero.
- Additional initializers, if any, are separated by commas.
- If you prefer to leave the variable uninitialized (assigned a **random value**), the **?** symbol can be used as the initializer.

Defining Data: Adding a Variable to the AddTwo Program

```
1: ; AddTwoSum.asm - Chapter 3 example
2:
3: .386
4: .model flat,stdcall
5: .stack 4096
6: ExitProcess PROTO, dwExitCode:DWORD
7:
8: .data
9: sum DWORD 0
10:
11: .code
12: main PROC
13:     mov eax, 5
14:     add eax, 6
15:     mov sum, eax
16:
17:     INVOKE ExitProcess, 0
18: main ENDP
19: END main
```

Use Visual Studio
to run this program

Midterm: 2/24/21 (NO Lecture) ~~Tues~~ (Thursday)
9:00 AM to 11:59 PM

- 8 questions - parts (a), (b), (c)
- closed book.
- Notes ~~for~~ your own. ⇒
- calculator.
- Answer in a paper ⇒ (optional)
- Study Guide ⇒
- ⇒ Mock midterm → (Question) optional

Defining Data: Defining BYTE and SBYTE Data

- Each of the following defines a single byte of storage:

value1	BYTE	'A'	; character constant
value2	BYTE	0	; smallest unsigned byte
value3	BYTE	255	; largest unsigned byte
value4	SBYTE	-128	; smallest signed byte
value5	SBYTE	+127	; largest signed byte
value6	BYTE	?	; uninitialized byte

- MASM does not prevent you from initializing a BYTE with a negative value, but it's considered poor style.
 - If you declare a SBYTE variable, the Microsoft debugger will automatically display its value in decimal with a leading sign.

Defining Data: Defining Byte Arrays

- Examples that use multiple initializers:

list1 BYTE 10,20,30,40

list2 BYTE 10,20,30,40

 BYTE 50,60,70,80

 BYTE 81,82,83,84

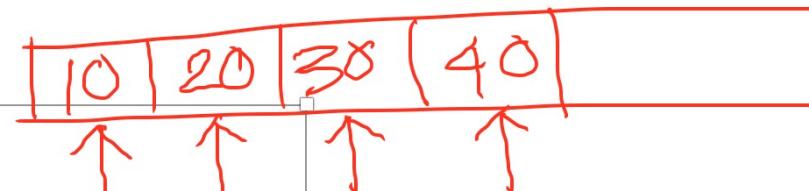
list3 BYTE ?,32,**41h**,00100010b

list4 BYTE 0Ah,20h,'A',22h

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list2 BYTE 10,20,30,40  
      BYTE 50,60,70,80  
      BYTE 81,82,83,84  
→   list3 BYTE ?,32,41h,00100010b  
list4 BYTE 0Ah,20h,'A',22h
```



Java float a[4] = { 1.2, 1.3, 1.9, 1.5 }

Defining Data: Defining Strings

- A **string** is implemented as an array of characters
 - For convenience, it is usually enclosed in quotation marks
 - It often will be **null-terminated**

Examples:

```
str1 BYTE "Enter your name"
```

```
str2 BYTE 'Error: halting program',0
```

```
str3 BYTE 'A','E','I','O','U'
```

Defining Data: Using the DUP Operator

- Use **DUP** to allocate (create space for) an array or string.
- Syntax: *counter DUP (argument)*
- *Counter* and *argument* must be constants or constant expressions

```
var1 BYTE 20 DUP(0)
```

```
var2 BYTE 20 DUP(?)
```

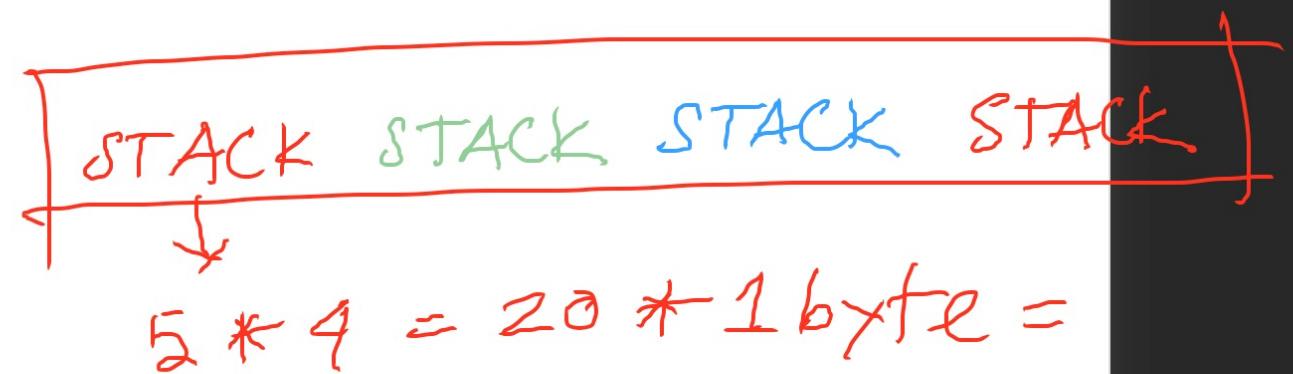
```
var3 BYTE 4 DUP("STACK")
```

```
var4 BYTE 10,3 DUP(0),20
```

Defining Data: Using the DUP Operator

- Use **DUP** to allocate (create space for) an array or string.
- Syntax: *counter DUP (argument)*
- *Counter* and *argument* must be constants or constant expressions

```
var1 BYTE 20 DUP(0)  
var2 BYTE 20 DUP(?)  
var3 BYTE 4 DUP("STACK")  
var4 BYTE 10,3 DUP(0),20
```



Defining Data: Defining WORD and SWORD Data

- Define storage for **16-bit integers**
 - or double characters
 - single value or multiple values

word1 WORD 65535	; largest unsigned value
word2 SWORD -32768	; smallest signed value
word3 WORD ?	; uninitialized, unsigned
word4 WORD "AB"	; double characters
myList WORD 1,2,3,4,5	; array of words
array WORD 5 DUP(?)	; uninitialized array

Defining Data: Defining DWORD and SDWORD Data

- Storage definitions for **signed** and **unsigned** 32-bit integers:

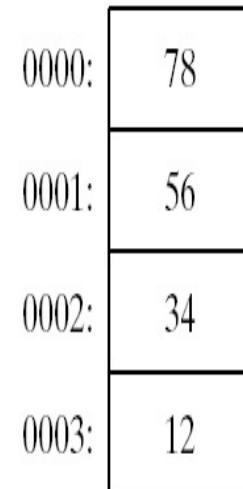
```
val1 DWORD 12345678h          ; unsigned  
val2 SDWORD -2147483648       ; signed  
val3 DWORD 20 DUP(?)          ; unsigned array  
val4 SDWORD -3,-2,-1,0,1      ; signed array
```

Defining Data: Little Endian Order (x86 uses it)

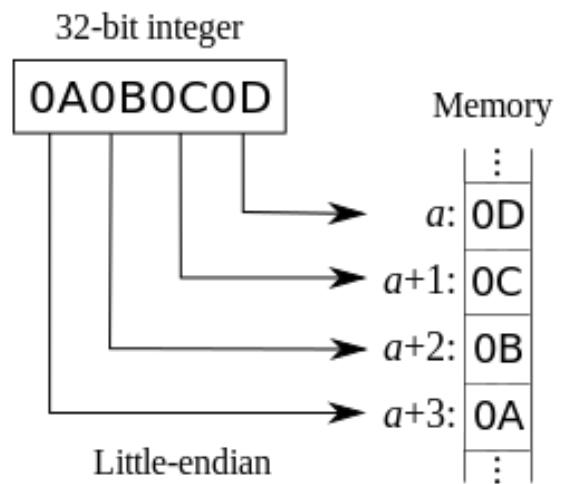
- All data types larger than a byte store their individual bytes in **reverse order**.
- The **least significant byte** occurs at **the first (lowest) memory address**.

Example1:

val1 DWORD 12345678h

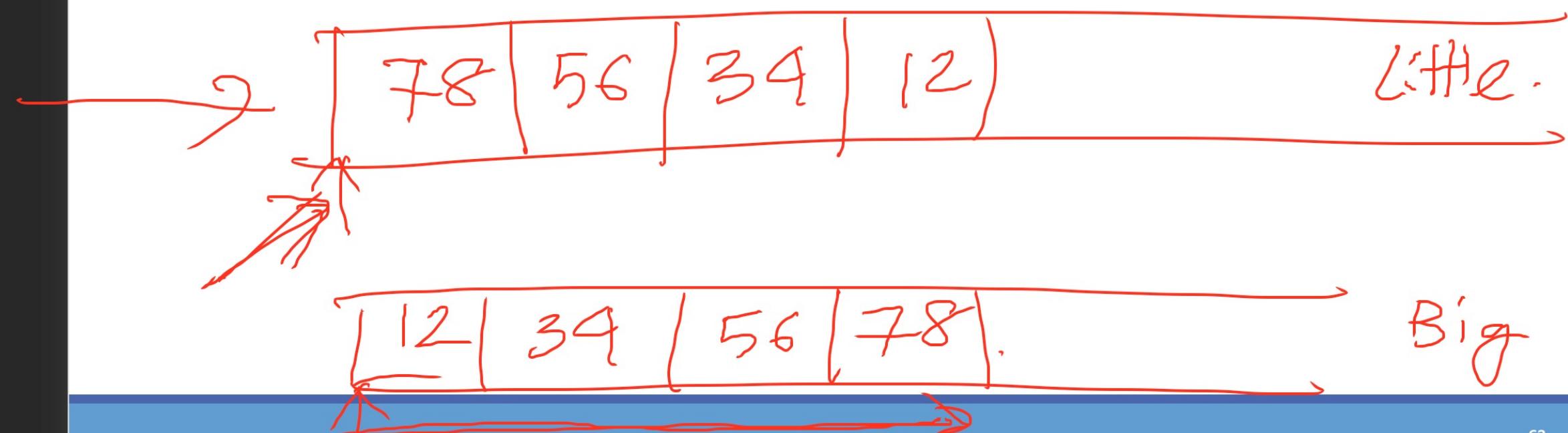
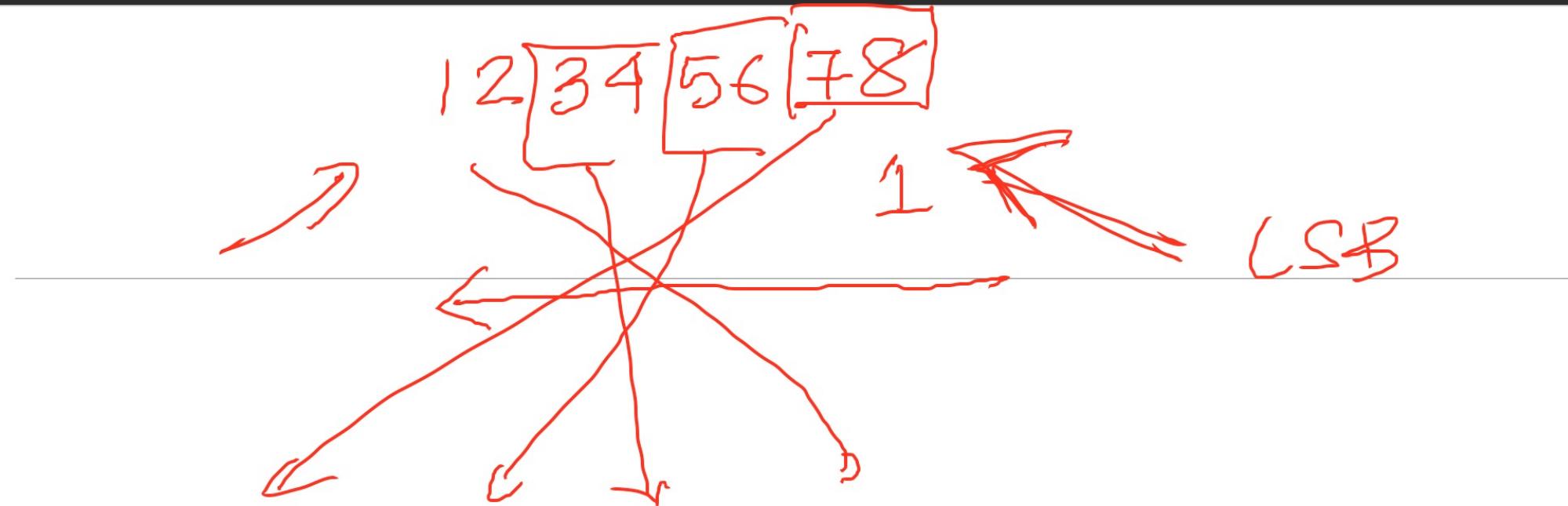


Example2:



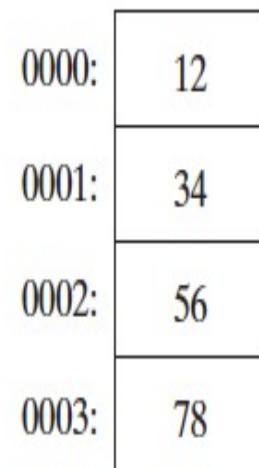
What is **a**?

Why plus **1**?



Defining Data: Big Endian Order

FIGURE 3-15 Big-endian representation of 12345678h.



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Defining Data: Adding Variables to AddSub

```
1: ; AddVariables.asm - Chapter 3 example
2:
3: .386
4: .model flat,stdcall
5: .stack 4096
6: ExitProcess PROTO, dwExitCode:DWORD
7:
8: .data
9: firstval DWORD 20002000h
10: secondval DWORD 11111111h
```

```
11: thirdval    DWORD 22222222h
12: sum         DWORD 0
13:
14: .code
15: main PROC
16:     mov eax,firstval
17:     add eax,secondval
18:     add eax,thirdval
19:     mov sum,eax
20:
21:     INVOKE ExitProcess,0
22: main ENDP
23: END main
```

Defining Data: Adding Variables to AddSub

Use Visual Studio and run the program

Defining Data: Declaring Uninitialized Data

- Use the `.data?` directive to declare an uninitialized data segment:

.data?

```
.data
smallArray DWORD 10 DUP(0)      ; 40 bytes
bigArray  DWORD 5000 DUP(?)    ; 20,000 bytes
```

.VS

```
.data
smallArray DWORD 10 DUP(0)      ; 40 bytes
.data?
bigArray  DWORD 5000 DUP(?)    ; 20,000 bytes, not initialized
```

Advantage: the program's EXE file size is reduced.

Outline

- Basic Elements of Assembly Language
- Example: Adding and Subtracting Integers
- Assembling, Linking, and Running Programs
- Defining Data
- **Symbolic Constants**
- 64-Bit Programming

Symbolic Constants (General)

- A symbolic constant is name that substitute for a sequence of character that **cannot be changed during run time**.
- The character may represent
 - a **numeric** constant
 - a **character** constant
 - or a **string**

Pi = 3.1415926535

```
final double Pi = 3.1415926535;  
final double E = 2.718281828;
```

Symbolic Constants (MSAM)

- ✓ Equal-Sign Directive (=)
 - Calculating the Sizes of Arrays and Strings
- EQU Directive
- TEXTEQU Directive

Good programming style to use **symbols**

Symbolic Constants

- A **symbolic constant** (or symbol definition) is created by associating an identifier (a symbol) with
 - an **integer** expression
 - or some **text**.

	Symbol	Variable
Uses storage?	No	Yes
Value changes at runtime?	No	Yes

Why a symbolic constant does not reserve a storage? 🤔

COUNT = 500

mov eax, COUNT

When the file is assembled, MASM will scan the source file and produce the corresponding code lines:

mov eax, 500

Symbolic Constants: Equal-Sign Directive

- *name = expression*
 - expression is a **32-bit integer** (expression or constant)
 - may be redefined
 - *name* is called a symbolic constant
- Good programming style to use symbols

Ex.

```
COUNT = 500
```

```
mov eax, COUNT
```

Symbolic Constants: Equal-Sign Directive

- name = expression
 - expression is a **32-bit integer** (expression or constant)
 - may be redefined
 - name is called a symbolic constant
- Good programming style to use symbols

Ex.

```
COUNT = 500
```

```
mov eax, COUNT
```

count = $(4 * 3 / 6)$

expression with all integers

or

Any number

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Process: [3600] Project4.exe Lifecycle Events Thread: [8340] Main Thread Stack Frame: main

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Project4.lst Source.asm

```

4 ExitProcess Proto, dwExitCode:DWORD
5
6 .DATA
7 list BYTE 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110
8 array_size = ($ - list)
9
10
11 .CODE
12 main PROC
13
14     mov eax, array_size
15
16     INVOKE ExitProcess, 0    ≤ 1ms elapsed
17 main ENDP
18 END main

```

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Registers

EAX = 0000000B EBX = 00FF9000 ECX = 00AA1005 EDX = 00AA1005 ESI = 00AA1005 EDI = 00AA1005 EIP = 00AA1015 ESP = 00DDF8E8 EBP = 00DDF8F4 EFL = 00000246

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$(\$) - \text{operator}$
↳ contain address.

length

6 bytes = 6 Hex

Hex 11

$(\$ - \text{initial address})$

$= (006 - 100) = 006$

Equal-Sign Directive: Calculating the Size of a Byte Array

- When using an array, we usually like to know its size.
- The following example uses a constant named ListSize to declare the size of list:

```
list BYTE 10,20,30,40
```

```
ListSize = 4
```

- An array's size can lead to a programming error,
 - ex., if you should later insert or remove array elements.

- A better way to declare an array size is to let the assembler calculate its value for you.
- **How?**
- The **\$ operator** (current location counter)

Equal-Sign Directive: Calculating the Size of a Byte Array

- \$ operator (**current location counter**) returns the **offset** associated with the current program statement.

Ex.

```
list BYTE 10,20,30,40
```

```
ListSize = ($ - list)
```

- Current location counter: \$
 - Subtract address of list
 - Difference is the number of bytes
- How about this (when \$ location changes)?

```
list BYTE 10,20,30,40
var2 BYTE 20 DUP(?)
ListSize = ($ - list)
```

- Produces too large value (24) for ListSize?
- Because the storage used by **var2** affects the **distance** between the **current location** counter and **the offset** of list

Equal-Sign Directive: Calculating the Size of a Byte Array

- How about **calculating the length of a string manually**

```
myString    BYTE "This is a long string, containing"  
                  BYTE "any number of characters"  
  
myString_len = ??????
```

- Let the assembler do it:

```
myString    BYTE "This is a long string, containing"  
                  BYTE "any number of characters"  
myString_len = ($ - myString)
```

Equal-Sign Directive: Calculating the Size of a Word Array

- Divide total number of bytes by 2 (the size of a word)

```
list WORD 1000h,2000h,3000h,4000h  
ListSize = ($ - list) / 2
```

- How about **DWORD**

```
list DWORD 1000000h,2000000h,3000000h,4000000h  
ListSize = ($ - list) / 4
```

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64-Bit Programming

- MASM supports 64-bit programming,
- The following directives are not permitted:
 - **.386, .model, .stack (what? No stack 😊), INVOKE**

```
1: ; AddTwoSum.asm - Chapter 3 example
2:
3:     .386
4:     .model flat,stdcall
5:     .stack 4096
6:     ExitProcess PROTO, dwExitCode:DWORD
7:
8:     .data
9:     sum DWORD 0
10:
11:    .code
12:    main PROC
13:        mov eax,5
14:        add eax,6
15:        mov sum,eax
16:
17:        INVOKE ExitProcess,0
18:    main ENDP
19: END main
```

64-Bit Version of AddTwoSum

```
1: ; AddTwoSum_64.asm - Chapter 3 example.
2: ??????
3: ExitProcess PROTO ??????
4:
5: .data
6: sum DWORD 0
7:
8: .code
9: main PROC
10:    mov eax,5
11:    add eax,6
12:    mov sum,eax
13:
14:    mov ecx,0
15:    call ExitProcess
16: main ENDP
17: END
```

64-Bit Programming

- Use 64-bit registers when possible:

```
6: sum QWORD 0
7:
8: .code
9: main PROC
10:    mov rax,5
11:    add rax,6
12:    mov sum,rax
```

```
1: ; AddTwoSum.asm - Chapter 3 example
2:
3: .386
4: .model flat,stdcall
5: .stack 4096
6: ExitProcess PROTO, dwExitCode:DWORD
7:
8: .data
9: sum DWORD 0
10:
11: .code
12: main PROC
13:    mov eax,5
14:    add eax,6
15:    mov sum,eax
16:
17:    INVOKE ExitProcess,0
18: main ENDP
19: END main
```

Summary

- Integer expression, character constant
- directive – interpreted by the assembler
- instruction – executes at runtime
- code, data, and stack segments
- source, listing, object, map, executable files
- Data definition directives:
 - BYTE, SBYTE, WORD, SWORD, DWORD, SDWORD, QWORD, TBYTE, REAL4, REAL8, and REAL10
 - DUP operator, location counter (\$)
- Symbolic constant
 - EQU and TEXTEQU