

Writing a Binary File in Assembly

ARRAY OF DOUBLE WORDS
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Problem

In our problem we are going to write an array of double words into a binary file. An array of double words contains elements where each element takes 32 bit of memory. An Example declaration of array of double words in assembly is like as:

Array dd 1234h, 5454h, 2324h

Here we must use the word dd. This dd means define double word.

In our program we have to write an array of double words into a text file as binary. To do so we must convert each element of the array in binary. This binary conversion can be done very easily. Using test instruction. The test instruction test a register to be equal to something.

Our Program Flow:

Our program flow is very simple. We have the following steps:

- 1. At the very first the program we open the file where the data should be written
- 2. The handle of the file is written in the variable "handle"
- We call a function called "writeArray"
- 4. In the write array function:
 - a. We take the register si as the index of the array
 - b. Each element of the array is traversed one by one
 - c. For each element we convert its integer value into binary string and write to the file at same time
 - d. After completing write the function returns.
- 5. Finally file is closed
- 6. Program also closed.

Code Blocks with Description

Our system works as described in the rules below:

- the emulator emulates all drive paths in c:\emu8086\vdrive\
 for example: the real path for "c:\test1" is
 "c:\emu8086\vdrive\c\test1"
- paths without drive letter are emulated to c:\emu8086\MyBuild\
 for example: the real path for "myfile.txt" is
 "c:\emu8086\MyBuild\myfile.txt"
- 3. 3. if compiled file is running outside of the emulator rules 1 and 2 do not apply.

```
org 100h

jmp start

nl db 0AH,0DH

nl_size = $ - offset nl

file1 db "c:\test1\file1.txt", 0

handle dw ?

zero db "0"

one db "1"

array dd 1234h, 5454h,2324h

array_size = $ - offset array

start:

mov ax, cs

mov dx, ax

mov es, ax
```

In this section we write where to save our file1.txt file, then we save 1 and 0 to our database and finally define our array. The hexadecimal numbers defined in the array will be converted to decimals.

```
mov ah, 3ch
mov cx, 0
mov dx, offset file1
int 21h
mov handle, ax
```

We create and open file: c:\emu8086\vdrive\C\test1\file1.txt and handle contains the file handler or descriptor

```
mov ah, 3eh handle int 21h err2:
```

In the first line, we write our array to our file and in the rest of the code we close our file.

```
push cx
push dx
                                                    ah,
bx,
                                                           40h
                                                          handle
offset one
1
                                                     21h
writeArray:
    push
               s i
                                                    dx
                                              POP
                                              POP
                                                    bx
bx
               si, offset Array
cx, Array_Size - 1
     mov
                                              POP
     mov
                                              POP
                                                     ax
                                               jmp write_end
                                              szero:
                                              push ax
ShowIt:
               bl, [si]
     mov
                                              push cx
                                               push dx
                                              mov ah,
mov bx,
mov dx,
                                                           40h
     push cx
                                                          handle
offset zero
1
                                                    21h
                                               mov
    mov cx,8
write:
                                               POP
                                                    dx
                                              POP CX
     test bl,
                100000000Ь
     jz szero
                                              POP
```

Brings byte to be used from memory. It checks whether the brought byte is 0 or 1.

In the first part of the code, it writes Os in our array. In the rest of the code, it writes the 1s in our array.

```
write_end:
shT bl, 1
cmp cx,5
jne loop_end

push ax
push bx
push cx
push dx
mov ah, 40h
mov bx, handle
mov dx, offset nl
mov cx, int 21h
pop dx
pop cx
pop bx
pop ax

loop_end:
loop write
```

Here we can see the output of the code, so after writing 4 bytes it goes to the bottom line. 4 bytes, correspond to a digit in our hexadecimal number. So if the number in our hexadecimal number is 1 (4 bytes), our binary number will be 0001 consisting of four digits.

Output

```
0011 // 3
0100 // 4
0001 // 1
0010 // 2
0000
0000
```

Endian style coding is used in our system. Endian style; Set up the numbers in the array as 4 bytes and write the last 2 numbers first, then the first two numbers, and the rest is filled with 0s. For example; If our number is 1234, our output will be 3412.

You can see this in our output.

Conclusion:

Finally the program is a very important program in the sense that it can write an array of double words into a file as binary string.