Rotate Instruction in 8086 microprocessor

Rotate instruction means to Place bits right and left inside an operand positions.

The following are some of rotate instructions types to rotate register/memory location values:-

1. **ROL:-** Rotate Left

2. **ROR:-** Rotate Right

3. **RCL:-** Rotate Carry Left

4. **RCR:-** Rotate Carry Right

1. ROL(Rotate Left) Instruction

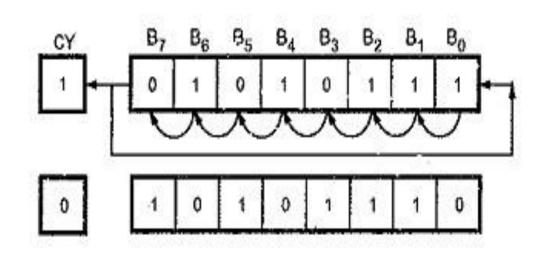
Syntax:

ROL destination, count

This Rotate Instruction in 8086 with example all bits in a specified byte or word to the left some number of bit positions.

✓ MSB is placed as a new LSB and a new CF.

Diagram shows ROL instruction for byte rotation.



- ✓ The destination can be a byte or a word. It can be in a register or in a memory location.
- ✓ The number of shifts are indicated by count.
- ✓ If number of shifts required is one you can place 1 in the count position.
- ✓ If number of shifts are greater than 1 then shift count must be loaded in CL register and CL must be placed in the count position of the instruction.

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ROL CX, 1 ; Word in CX one bit position left, MSB to ; LSB and CF

MOV CL, 03H ; Load desired number of bits to rotate in CL.

ROL BL, CL ; Rotate BL three positions.
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2. ROR(Rotate Right) Instruction

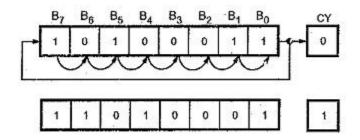
Syntax:

ROR destination, count

This Rotate Instruction in 8086 with example all bits in a specified byte or word to the left some number of bit positions.

- ✓ LSB is placed as a new MSB and a new CF.
- ✓ The destination can be a byte or a word.
- ✓ It can be in a register or in a memory location.
- ✓ The number of shifts are indicated by count.
- ✓ If number of shifts required is one, you can place 1 in the count position.
- ✓ If number of shifts are greater than 1 then shift count must be loaded in CL register and CL must be placed in the count position of the instruction.

Diagram shows ROR instruction for byte rotation.



```
ROR CX, 1 ; Rotated word in CX one bit position ; left, LSB to MSB and CF.

MOV CL, 03H ; Load number of bits to rotate in CL.

ROR BL, CL ; Rotate BL three positions.
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3. RCL(Rotate Carry Left) Instruction

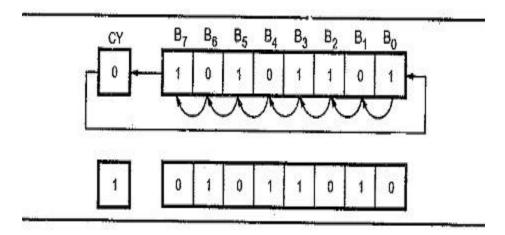
Syntax

RCL destination, count

This Rotate Instruction in 8086 with example all of the bits in a specified word or byte some number of bit positions to the left along with the carry flag.

- ✓ MSB is placed as a new carry and previous carry is placed as a new LSB.
- ✓ The destination can be a byte or a word.
- ✓ It can be in a register or in a memory location.
- ✓ The number of shifts are indicated by count.
- ✓ If number of shifts required is one, you can place 1 in the count position.
- ✓ If number of shifts are greater than 1 then shift count must be loaded in CL register and CL must be placed in the count position of the instruction.

Diagram shows RCL instruction for byte rotation.



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RCL CX, 1 ; Rotated word in CX 1 bit left, MSB to ; CF, CF to LSB.

MOV CL, 04H ; Load number of bit positions to rotate ; in CL.

RCL AL, CL ; Rotate AL 4 bits left.
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4. RCR(Rotate Carry Right) Instruction

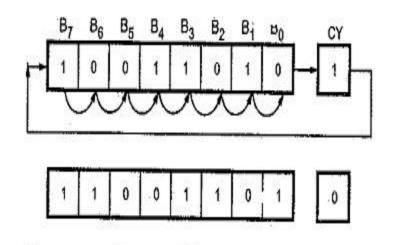
Syntax

RCR destination, count

This Rotate Instruction in 8086 with example all of the bits in a specified word or byte some number of bit positions to the left along with the carry flag.

- ✓ LSB is placed as a new carry and previous carry is placed as a new MSB.
- ✓ The destination can be a byte or a word.
- ✓ It can be in a register or in a memory location.
- ✓ The number of shifts are indicated by count.
- ✓ If number of shifts required is one you can place 1 in the count position.
- ✓ If number of shifts are greater than 1 then shift count must be loaded in CL register and CL must be placed in the count position in the instruction.

Diagram shows RCR instruction for byte rotation.



```
RCR CX, 1 ; Word in CX 1 bit right, LSB to CF, CF to MSB.
MOV CL, 04H ; Load number of bit positions to rotate in CL.
RCR AL, CL ; Rotate AL 4 bits right.
```

Shift Instructions in 8086:

Shifting means to move bits right and left inside an operand.

The Shift Instructions in 8086 are follows:-

- 1. SAL/SHL:- Shift Arithmetic Left/Shift Left
- 2. **SHR:- Sh**ift **R**ight
- 3. **SAR:-** Shift Arithmetic Right

1. SAL/SHL (Shift Arithmetic Left/Shift Left)Instruction:

Syntax:

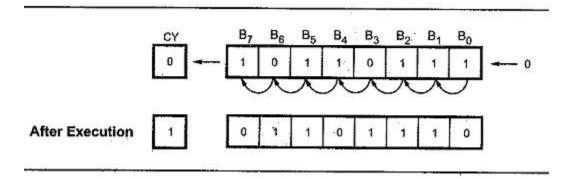
SAL/SHL destination, count

SAL and SHL are two mnemonics for the same instruction.

✓ This instruction shifts each bit in the specified destination to the left and 0 is stored at LSB position.

- ✓ The MSB is shifted into the carry flag.
- ✓ The destination can be a byte or a word.
- ✓ It can be in a register or in a memory location.
- ✓ The number of shifts are indicated by count.
- ✓ But if the number of shifts required is one, you can place 1 in the count position.
- ✓ If number of shifts are greater than 1 then shift count must be loaded in CL register and CL must be placed in the count position of the instruction.

Diagram shows SAL instruction for byte operation.



Flags: All flags are affected.

Examples:

```
SAL CX, 1 ; Shift word in CX 1 bit position ; left, 0 in LSB

MOV CL, 05H ; Load desired number of shifts in CL SAL AX, CL ; Shift word in AX left 5 times ; 0s in 5 least-significant bits.
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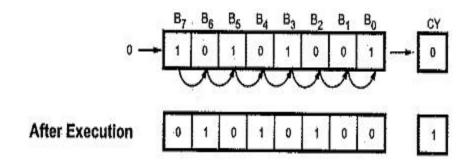
2. SHR (Shift Right)Instruction:

Syntax:

SHR destination, count

- ✓ This Shift Instructions in 8086 each bit in the specified destination to the right and 0 is stored at MSB position.
- ✓ The LSB is shifted into the carry flag.
- ✓ The destination can be a byte or a word.
- ✓ It can be in a register or in a memory location.
- ✓ The number of shifts are indicated by count.
- ✓ If number of shifts required is one, you can place 1 in the count position.
- ✓ But if the number of shifts are greater than 1 then shift count must be loaded in CL register and CL must be placed in the count position of the instruction.

Diagram shows SHR instruction for byte operation.



✓ Flags: All flags are affected.

```
SHR CX, 1 ; Shift word in CX 1 bit position ; right, 0 in MSB.

MOV CL, 05H ; Load desired number of shifts in CL.

SHR AX, CL ; Shift word in AX right 5 times ; 0's in 5 most significant bits.
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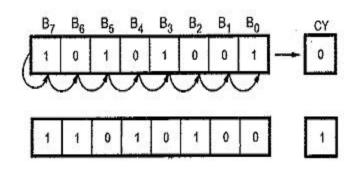
3. SAR(Shift Arithmetic Right) Instruction:

Syntax:

SAR destination, count

- ✓ This Shift Instructions in 8086 each bit in the specified destination some number of bit positions to the right.
- ✓ As a bit is shifted out of the MSB position, a copy of the old MSB is put in the MSB position.
- ✓ The LSB will be shifted into CF.
- ✓ In the case of multiple shifts, CF will contain the bit most recently shifted in from the LSB.
- ✓ Bits shifted into CF previously will be lost.
- ✓ The destination can be a byte or a word.
- ✓ It can be in a register or in a memory location.
- ✓ The number of shifts are, indicated by count.
- ✓ If number of shifts required is one, you can place 1 in the count position.
- ✓ If number of shifts are greater than 1 then shift count must be loaded in CL register and CL must be placed in the count position of the instruction.

Diagram shows SAR instruction for byte operation.



✓ Flags: All flags are affected.

Examples:

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SAR BL, 1 ; Shift byte in BL one bit position right.
MOV CL, 04H ; Load desired number of shifts in CL.
SAR DX, CL ; Shift word stored in DX 4 bit positions ; right.
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