

MOV—Move

Opcode	Instruction	Op/ En	64-Bit Mode	Compat/ Leg Mode	Description
88 /r	MOV r/m8,r8	MR	Valid	Valid	Move r8 to r/m8.
REX + 88 /r	MOV r/m8 ^{***} ,r8 ^{***}	MR	Valid	N.E.	Move r8 to r/m8.
89 /r	MOV r/m16,r16	MR	Valid	Valid	Move r16 to r/m16.
89 /r	MOV r/m32,r32	MR	Valid	Valid	Move r32 to r/m32.
REX.W + 89 /r	MOV r/m64,r64	MR	Valid	N.E.	Move r64 to r/m64.
8A /r	MOV r8,r/m8	RM	Valid	Valid	Move r/m8 to r8.
REX + 8A /r	MOV r8 ^{***} ,r/m8 ^{***}	RM	Valid	N.E.	Move r/m8 to r8.
8B /r	MOV r16,r/m16	RM	Valid	Valid	Move r/m16 to r16.
8B /r	MOV r32,r/m32	RM	Valid	Valid	Move r/m32 to r32.
REX.W + 8B /r	MOV r64,r/m64	RM	Valid	N.E.	Move r/m64 to r64.
8C /r	MOV r/m16,Sreg ^{**}	MR	Valid	Valid	Move segment register to r/m16.
REX.W + 8C /r	MOV r/m64,Sreg ^{**}	MR	Valid	Valid	Move zero extended 16-bit segment register to r/m64.
8E /r	MOV Sreg,r/m16 ^{**}	RM	Valid	Valid	Move r/m16 to segment register.
REX.W + 8E /r	MOV Sreg,r/m64 ^{**}	RM	Valid	Valid	Move lower 16 bits of r/m64 to segment register.
A0	MOV AL,moffs8*	FD	Valid	Valid	Move byte at (seg:offset) to AL.
REX.W + A0	MOV AL,moffs8*	FD	Valid	N.E.	Move byte at (offset) to AL.
A1	MOV AX,moffs16*	FD	Valid	Valid	Move word at (seg:offset) to AX.
A1	MOV EAX,moffs32*	FD	Valid	Valid	Move doubleword at (seg:offset) to EAX.
REX.W + A1	MOV RAX,moffs64*	FD	Valid	N.E.	Move quadword at (offset) to RAX.
A2	MOV moffs8,AL	TD	Valid	Valid	Move AL to (seg:offset).
REX.W + A2	MOV moffs8 ^{***} ,AL	TD	Valid	N.E.	Move AL to (offset).
A3	MOV moffs16*,AX	TD	Valid	Valid	Move AX to (seg:offset).
A3	MOV moffs32*,EAX	TD	Valid	Valid	Move EAX to (seg:offset).
REX.W + A3	MOV moffs64*,RAX	TD	Valid	N.E.	Move RAX to (offset).
B0+ rb ib	MOV r8, imm8	OI	Valid	Valid	Move imm8 to r8.
REX + B0+ rb ib	MOV r8 ^{***} , imm8	OI	Valid	N.E.	Move imm8 to r8.
B8+ rw iw	MOV r16, imm16	OI	Valid	Valid	Move imm16 to r16.
B8+ rd id	MOV r32, imm32	OI	Valid	Valid	Move imm32 to r32.
REX.W + B8+ rd io	MOV r64, imm64	OI	Valid	N.E.	Move imm64 to r64.
C6 /O ib	MOV r/m8, imm8	MI	Valid	Valid	Move imm8 to r/m8.
REX + C6 /O ib	MOV r/m8 ^{***} , imm8	MI	Valid	N.E.	Move imm8 to r/m8.
C7 /O iw	MOV r/m16, imm16	MI	Valid	Valid	Move imm16 to r/m16.
C7 /O id	MOV r/m32, imm32	MI	Valid	Valid	Move imm32 to r/m32.
REX.W + C7 /O io	MOV r/m64, imm32	MI	Valid	N.E.	Move imm32 sign extended to 64-bits to r/m64.

NOTES:

- * The *mooffs8*, *mooffs16*, *mooffs32* and *mooffs64* operands specify a simple offset relative to the segment base, where 8, 16, 32 and 64 refer to the size of the data. The address-size attribute of the instruction determines the size of the offset, either 16, 32 or 64 bits.
- ** In 32-bit mode, the assembler may insert the 16-bit operand-size prefix with this instruction (see the following “Description” section for further information).
- ***In 64-bit mode, *r/m8* can not be encoded to access the following byte registers if a REX prefix is used: AH, BH, CH, DH.

Instruction Operand Encoding

Op/En	Operand 1	Operand 2	Operand 3	Operand 4
MR	ModRM:r/m (w)	ModRM:reg (r)	NA	NA
RM	ModRM:reg (w)	ModRM:r/m (r)	NA	NA
FD	AL/AX/EAX/RAX	Moffs	NA	NA
TD	Moffs (w)	AL/AX/EAX/RAX	NA	NA
OI	opcode + rd (w)	imm8/16/32/64	NA	NA
MI	ModRM:r/m (w)	imm8/16/32/64	NA	NA

Description

Copies the second operand (source operand) to the first operand (destination operand). The source operand can be an immediate value, general-purpose register, segment register, or memory location; the destination register can be a general-purpose register, segment register, or memory location. Both operands must be the same size, which can be a byte, a word, a doubleword, or a quadword.

The MOV instruction cannot be used to load the CS register. Attempting to do so results in an invalid opcode exception (#UD). To load the CS register, use the far JMP, CALL, or RET instruction.

If the destination operand is a segment register (DS, ES, FS, GS, or SS), the source operand must be a valid segment selector. In protected mode, moving a segment selector into a segment register automatically causes the segment descriptor information associated with that segment selector to be loaded into the hidden (shadow) part of the segment register. While loading this information, the segment selector and segment descriptor information is validated (see the “Operation” algorithm below). The segment descriptor data is obtained from the GDT or LDT entry for the specified segment selector.

A NULL segment selector (values 0000-0003) can be loaded into the DS, ES, FS, and GS registers without causing a protection exception. However, any subsequent attempt to reference a segment whose corresponding segment register is loaded with a NULL value causes a general protection exception (#GP) and no memory reference occurs.

Loading the SS register with a MOV instruction inhibits all interrupts until after the execution of the next instruction. This operation allows a stack pointer to be loaded into the ESP register with the next instruction (MOV ESP, **stack-pointer value**) before an interrupt occurs¹. Be aware that the LSS instruction offers a more efficient method of loading the SS and ESP registers.

When operating in 32-bit mode and moving data between a segment register and a general-purpose register, the 32-bit IA-32 processors do not require the use of the 16-bit operand-size prefix (a byte with the value 66H) with

1. If a code instruction breakpoint (for debug) is placed on an instruction located immediately after a MOV SS instruction, the breakpoint may not be triggered. However, in a sequence of instructions that load the SS register, only the first instruction in the sequence is guaranteed to delay an interrupt.

In the following sequence, interrupts may be recognized before MOV ESP, EBP executes:

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MOV SS, EDX
MOV SS, EAX
MOV ESP, EBP
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this instruction, but most assemblers will insert it if the standard form of the instruction is used (for example, MOV DS, AX). The processor will execute this instruction correctly, but it will usually require an extra clock. With most assemblers, using the instruction form MOV DS, EAX will avoid this unneeded 66H prefix. When the processor executes the instruction with a 32-bit general-purpose register, it assumes that the 16 least-significant bits of the general-purpose register are the destination or source operand. If the register is a destination operand, the resulting value in the two high-order bytes of the register is implementation dependent. For the Pentium 4, Intel Xeon, and P6 family processors, the two high-order bytes are filled with zeros; for earlier 32-bit IA-32 processors, the two high order bytes are undefined.

In 64-bit mode, the instruction's default operation size is 32 bits. Use of the REX.R prefix permits access to additional registers (R8-R15). Use of the REX.W prefix promotes operation to 64 bits. See the summary chart at the beginning of this section for encoding data and limits.

Operation

DEST \leftarrow SRC;

Loading a segment register while in protected mode results in special checks and actions, as described in the following listing. These checks are performed on the segment selector and the segment descriptor to which it points.

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IF SS is loaded
    THEN
        IF segment selector is NULL
            THEN #GP(0); FI;
        IF segment selector index is outside descriptor table limits
            or segment selector's RPL  $\neq$  CPL
            or segment is not a writable data segment
            or DPL  $\neq$  CPL
            THEN #GP(selector); FI;
        IF segment not marked present
            THEN #SS(selector);
        ELSE
            SS  $\leftarrow$  segment selector;
            SS  $\leftarrow$  segment descriptor; FI;
    FI;

IF DS, ES, FS, or GS is loaded with non-NULL selector
    THEN
        IF segment selector index is outside descriptor table limits
            or segment is not a data or readable code segment
            or ((segment is a data or nonconforming code segment)
            or ((RPL > DPL) and (CPL > DPL)))
            THEN #GP(selector); FI;
        IF segment not marked present
            THEN #NP(selector);
        ELSE
            SegmentRegister  $\leftarrow$  segment selector;
            SegmentRegister  $\leftarrow$  segment descriptor; FI;
    FI;

IF DS, ES, FS, or GS is loaded with NULL selector
    THEN
        SegmentRegister  $\leftarrow$  segment selector;
        SegmentRegister  $\leftarrow$  segment descriptor;
    FI;
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Flags Affected

None.

Protected Mode Exceptions

#GP(0)	<p>If attempt is made to load SS register with NULL segment selector.</p> <p>If the destination operand is in a non-writable segment.</p> <p>If a memory operand effective address is outside the CS, DS, ES, FS, or GS segment limit.</p> <p>If the DS, ES, FS, or GS register contains a NULL segment selector.</p>
#GP(selector)	<p>If segment selector index is outside descriptor table limits.</p> <p>If the SS register is being loaded and the segment selector's RPL and the segment descriptor's DPL are not equal to the CPL.</p> <p>If the SS register is being loaded and the segment pointed to is a non-writable data segment.</p> <p>If the DS, ES, FS, or GS register is being loaded and the segment pointed to is not a data or readable code segment.</p> <p>If the DS, ES, FS, or GS register is being loaded and the segment pointed to is a data or nonconforming code segment, but both the RPL and the CPL are greater than the DPL.</p>
#SS(0)	If a memory operand effective address is outside the SS segment limit.
#SS(selector)	If the SS register is being loaded and the segment pointed to is marked not present.
#NP	If the DS, ES, FS, or GS register is being loaded and the segment pointed to is marked not present.
#PF(fault-code)	If a page fault occurs.
#AC(0)	If alignment checking is enabled and an unaligned memory reference is made while the current privilege level is 3.
#UD	<p>If attempt is made to load the CS register.</p> <p>If the LOCK prefix is used.</p>

Real-Address Mode Exceptions

#GP	If a memory operand effective address is outside the CS, DS, ES, FS, or GS segment limit.
#SS	If a memory operand effective address is outside the SS segment limit.
#UD	<p>If attempt is made to load the CS register.</p> <p>If the LOCK prefix is used.</p>

Virtual-8086 Mode Exceptions

#GP(0)	If a memory operand effective address is outside the CS, DS, ES, FS, or GS segment limit.
#SS(0)	If a memory operand effective address is outside the SS segment limit.
#PF(fault-code)	If a page fault occurs.
#AC(0)	If alignment checking is enabled and an unaligned memory reference is made.
#UD	<p>If attempt is made to load the CS register.</p> <p>If the LOCK prefix is used.</p>

Compatibility Mode Exceptions

Same exceptions as in protected mode.

64-Bit Mode Exceptions

#GP(0)	<p>If the memory address is in a non-canonical form.</p> <p>If an attempt is made to load SS register with NULL segment selector when CPL = 3.</p> <p>If an attempt is made to load SS register with NULL segment selector when CPL < 3 and CPL ≠ RPL.</p>
#GP(selector)	<p>If segment selector index is outside descriptor table limits.</p> <p>If the memory access to the descriptor table is non-canonical.</p> <p>If the SS register is being loaded and the segment selector's RPL and the segment descriptor's DPL are not equal to the CPL.</p> <p>If the SS register is being loaded and the segment pointed to is a nonwritable data segment.</p> <p>If the DS, ES, FS, or GS register is being loaded and the segment pointed to is not a data or readable code segment.</p> <p>If the DS, ES, FS, or GS register is being loaded and the segment pointed to is a data or nonconforming code segment, but both the RPL and the CPL are greater than the DPL.</p>
#SS(0)	If the stack address is in a non-canonical form.
#SS(selector)	If the SS register is being loaded and the segment pointed to is marked not present.
#PF(fault-code)	If a page fault occurs.
#AC(0)	If alignment checking is enabled and an unaligned memory reference is made while the current privilege level is 3.
#UD	<p>If attempt is made to load the CS register.</p> <p>If the LOCK prefix is used.</p>