Addressing Modes

Addressing Mode. The way in which an operand is specified is called its *addressing mode*.

- Immediate The datum is either 8 bits or 16 bits long and is part of the instruction.
- **Direct** The 16-bit effective address of the datum is part of the instruction.
- **Register** The datum is in the register that is specified by the instruction. For a 16-bit operand, a register may be AX, BX, CX, DX, SI, DI, SP, or BP, and for an 8-bit operand a register may be AL, AH, BL, BH, CL, CH, DL, or DH.
- **Register Indirect** The effective address of the datum is in the base register BX or an index register that is specified by the instruction, i.e.,

$$\mathsf{EA} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} (\mathsf{BX}) \\ (\mathsf{DI}) \\ (\mathsf{SI}) \end{array} \right\}$$

• **Register Relative** – The effective address is the sum of an 8- or 16-bit displacement and the contents of a base register or and index register, i.e.,

$$\mathsf{EA} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} (\mathsf{BX}) \\ (\mathsf{BP}) \\ (\mathsf{SI}) \\ (\mathsf{DI}) \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 8\text{-bit displacement} \\ 16\text{-bit displacement} \end{array} \right\}$$

• **Based Indexed** – The effective address is the sum of a base register and an index register, both of which are specified by the instruction, i.e.,

$$\mathsf{EA} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} (\mathsf{BX}) \\ (\mathsf{BP}) \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{c} (\mathsf{SI}) \\ (\mathsf{DI}) \end{array} \right\}$$

• **Relative Based Indexed** – The effective address is the sum of an 8- or 16-bit displacement and a based indexed address, i.e.,

$$EA = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} (BX) \\ (BP) \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{c} (SI) \\ (DI) \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 8\text{-bit displacement} \\ 16\text{-bit displacement} \end{array} \right\}$$

Example. If (BX) = 0158, (DI) = 10A5, Displacement = 1B57, (DS) = 2100 and DS is used as the segment register, then what are the effective and physical addresses produced by these quantities?

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Quick Quiz

A portion of a memory map for a 80286 (16-bit word) machine (a little-endian machine which orders bytes in a word from *right to left*), and the contents of the registers are depicted as follow (addresses and contents are represented in hex):

E102	ABCD	(DS)	= 0E10
E104	9413	(BX)	= 000A
E106	5354	(DI)	= 0010
E108	9394		
E10A	000B		
E10C	8000		
E10E	0001		
E110	0007		
E112	0001		
E114	0204		
E116	3536		

1. What are the memory contents of E103 and E104?

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(E103) = (E104) =
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2. What is the content of AL after the instruction MOV AL, [BX]?

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(AL) =
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3. What is the content of AX after the instruction MOV AX, [BX+04H]?

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(AX) =
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(AX) =

4. What are the contents of SI and AX after the following sequence of instructions:

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(1) MOV SI, [DI]; (2) MOV AX, [BX+SI+01H]? (SI) =
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5. What are the contents of SI and AL after the following sequence of instructions:

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(1) MOV SI, [BX]; (2) MOV AL, [BX][SI]?
(SI) =
(AL) =
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