## Assembly Language for x86 Processors 7th Edition

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Chapter 4: Data Transfers, Addressing, and Arithmetic

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## **Chapter Overview**

- Data Transfer Instructions
- Addition and Subtraction
- Data-Related Operators and Directives
- Indirect Addressing
- JMP and LOOP Instructions
- 64-Bit Programming

#### Data Transfer Instructions

- Operand Types
- Instruction Operand Notation
- Direct Memory Operands
- MOV Instruction
- Zero & Sign Extension
- XCHG Instruction
- Direct-Offset Instructions

## **Operand Types**

- Immediate a constant integer (8, 16, or 32 bits)
  - value is encoded within the instruction
- Register the name of a register
  - register name is converted to a number and encoded within the instruction
- Memory reference to a location in memory
  - memory address is encoded within the instruction, or a register holds the address of a memory location

## **Instruction Operand Notation**

Operand	Description
reg8	8-bit general-purpose register: AH, AL, BH, BL, CH, CL, DH, DL
reg16	16-bit general-purpose register: AX, BX, CX, DX, SI, DI, SP, BP
reg32	32-bit general-purpose register: EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX, ESI, EDI, ESP, EBP
reg	Any general-purpose register
sreg	16-bit segment register: CS, DS, SS, ES, FS, GS
imm	8-, 16-, or 32-bit immediate value
imm8	8-bit immediate byte value
imm16	16-bit immediate word value
imm32	32-bit immediate doubleword value
reg/mem8	8-bit operand, which can be an 8-bit general register or memory byte
reg/mem16	16-bit operand, which can be a 16-bit general register or memory word
reg/mem32	32-bit operand, which can be a 32-bit general register or memory doubleword
mem	An 8-, 16-, or 32-bit memory operand

## **Direct Memory Operands**

- A direct memory operand is a named reference to storage in memory
- The named reference (label) is automatically dereferenced by the assembler

#### MOV Instruction

- Move from source to destination. Syntax: MOV destination, source
- No more than one memory operand permitted
- CS, EIP, and IP cannot be the destination
- No immediate to segment moves

```
.data
count BYTE 100
wVal WORD 2
.code
   mov bl,count
   mov ax,wVal
   mov count,al

mov al,wVal ; error
mov ax,count ; error
```

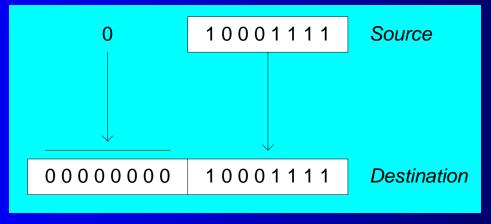
#### Your turn . . .

Explain why each of the following MOV statements are invalid:

```
.data
bVal
    BYTE
             100
bVal2 BYTE
wVal
    WORD
dVal DWORD 5
.code
                   immediate move to DS not permitted
   mov ds, 45
   mov esi, wVal
                   size mismatch
                   EIP cannot be the destination
   mov eip,dVal
                   immediate value cannot be destination
   mov 25,bVal
   mov bVal2,bVal
                   memory-to-memory move not permitted
```

#### Zero Extension

When you copy a smaller value into a larger destination, the MOVZX instruction fills (extends) the upper half of the destination with zeros.

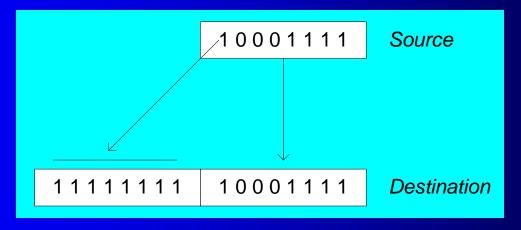


```
mov bl,10001111b
movzx ax,bl ; zero-extension
```

The destination must be a register.

## Sign Extension

The MOVSX instruction fills the upper half of the destination with a copy of the source operand's sign bit.



```
mov bl,10001111b
movsx ax,bl
```

; sign extension

The destination must be a register.

#### XCHG Instruction

XCHG exchanges the values of two operands. At least one operand must be a register. No immediate operands are permitted.

## **Direct-Offset Operands**

A constant offset is added to a data label to produce an effective address (EA). The address is dereferenced to get the value inside its memory location.

```
.data
arrayB BYTE 10h,20h,30h,40h
.code
mov al,arrayB+1 ; AL = 20h
mov al,[arrayB+1] ; alternative notation
```

Q: Why doesn't arrayB+1 produce 11h?

## Direct-Offset Operands (cont)

A constant offset is added to a data label to produce an effective address (EA). The address is dereferenced to get the value inside its memory location.

```
.data
arrayW WORD 1000h,2000h,3000h
arrayD DWORD 1,2,3,4
.code
mov ax,[arrayW+2] ; AX = 2000h
mov ax,[arrayW+4] ; AX = 3000h
mov eax,[arrayD+4] ; EAX = 00000002h
```

```
; Will the following statements assemble?
mov ax,[arrayW-2] ; ??
mov eax,[arrayD+16] ; ??
```

What will happen when they run?

#### Your turn. . .

Write a program that rearranges the values of three doubleword values in the following array as: 3, 1, 2.

```
.data
arrayD DWORD 1,2,3
```

 Step1: copy the first value into EAX and exchange it with the value in the second position.

```
mov eax,arrayD
xchg eax,[arrayD+4]
```

 Step 2: Exchange EAX with the third array value and copy the value in EAX to the first array position.

```
xchg eax,[arrayD+8]
mov arrayD,eax
```

#### Evaluate this . . .

We want to write a program that adds the following three bytes:

```
.data
myBytes BYTE 80h,66h,0A5h
```

What is your evaluation of the following code?

```
mov al,myBytes
add al,[myBytes+1]
add al,[myBytes+2]
```

What is your evaluation of the following code?

```
mov ax,myBytes
add ax,[myBytes+1]
add ax,[myBytes+2]
```

Any other possibilities?

### Evaluate this . . . (cont)

```
.data
myBytes BYTE 80h,66h,0A5h
```

How about the following code. Is anything missing?

```
movzx ax,myBytes
mov bl,[myBytes+1]
add ax,bx
mov bl,[myBytes+2]
add ax,bx ; AX = sum
```

Yes: Move zero to BX before the MOVZX instruction.

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#### Addition and Subtraction

- INC and DEC Instructions
- ADD and SUB Instructions
- NEG Instruction
- Implementing Arithmetic Expressions
- Flags Affected by Arithmetic
  - Zero
  - Sign
  - Carry
  - Overflow

#### **INC** and **DEC** Instructions

- Add 1, subtract 1 from destination operand
  - operand may be register or memory
- INC destination
  - Logic: destination ← destination + 1
- DEC destination
  - Logic: destination ← destination 1

## INC and DEC Examples

```
.data
myWord WORD 1000h
myDword DWORD 10000000h
.code
   inc myWord
                            ; 1001h
   dec myWord
                            ; 1000h
   inc myDword
                            ; 10000001h
   mov ax,00FFh
   inc ax
                            : AX = 0100h
   mov ax,00FFh
   inc al
                            ; AX = 0000h
```

#### Your turn...

Show the value of the destination operand after each of the following instructions executes:

#### ADD and SUB Instructions

- ADD destination, source
  - Logic: destination ← destination + source
- SUB destination, source
  - Logic: destination ← destination source
- Same operand rules as for the MOV instruction

## ADD and SUB Examples

## **NEG** (negate) Instruction

Reverses the sign of an operand. Operand can be a register or memory operand.

Suppose AX contains –32,768 and we apply NEG to it. Will the result be valid?

## **NEG Instruction and the Flags**

The processor implements NEG using the following internal operation:

```
SUB 0, operand
```

Any nonzero operand causes the Carry flag to be set.

## Implementing Arithmetic Expressions

HLL compilers translate mathematical expressions into assembly language. You can do it also. For example:

Rval = -Xval + (Yval - Zval)

```
Rval DWORD ?

Xval DWORD 26

Yval DWORD 30

Zval DWORD 40

.code

mov eax, Xval

neg eax ; EAX = -26

mov ebx, Yval

sub ebx, Zval ; EBX = -10

add eax, ebx

mov Rval, eax ; -36
```

#### Your turn...

Translate the following expression into assembly language. Do not permit Xval, Yval, or Zval to be modified:

```
Rval = Xval - (-Yval + Zval)
```

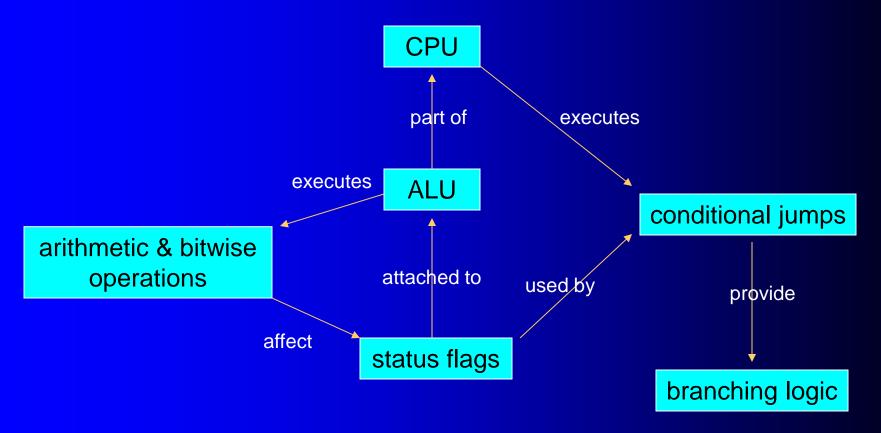
Assume that all values are signed doublewords.

```
mov ebx, Yval
neg ebx
add ebx, Zval
mov eax, Xval
sub eax, ebx
mov Rval, eax
```

## Flags Affected by Arithmetic

- The ALU has a number of status flags that reflect the outcome of arithmetic (and bitwise) operations
  - based on the contents of the destination operand
- Essential flags:
  - Zero flag set when destination equals zero
  - Sign flag set when destination is negative
  - Carry flag set when unsigned value is out of range
  - Overflow flag set when signed value is out of range
- The MOV instruction never affects the flags.

## Concept Map



You can use diagrams such as these to express the relationships between assembly language concepts.

## Zero Flag (ZF)

The Zero flag is set when the result of an operation produces zero in the destination operand.

#### Remember...

- A flag is set when it equals 1.
- A flag is clear when it equals 0.

## Sign Flag (SF)

The Sign flag is set when the destination operand is negative. The flag is clear when the destination is positive.

```
mov cx,0

sub cx,1

add cx,2

; CX = -1, SF = 1

; CX = 1, SF = 0
```

The sign flag is a copy of the destination's highest bit:

```
mov al,0

sub al,1 ; AL = 111111111b, SF = 1

add al,2 ; AL = 00000001b, SF = 0
```

# Signed and Unsigned Integers A Hardware Viewpoint

- All CPU instructions operate exactly the same on signed and unsigned integers
- The CPU cannot distinguish between signed and unsigned integers
- YOU, the programmer, are solely responsible for using the correct data type with each instruction

# Overflow and Carry Flags A Hardware Viewpoint

- How the ADD instruction affects OF and CF:
  - CF = (carry out of the MSB)
  - OF = CF XOR MSB
- How the SUB instruction affects OF and CF:
  - CF = INVERT (carry out of the MSB)
  - negate the source and add it to the destination
  - OF = CF XOR MSB

MSB = Most Significant Bit (high-order bit)

XOR = eXclusive-OR operation

NEG = Negate (same as SUB 0,operand )

## Carry Flag (CF)

The Carry flag is set when the result of an operation generates an unsigned value that is out of range (too big or too small for the destination operand).

#### Your turn . . .

For each of the following marked entries, show the values of the destination operand and the Sign, Zero, and Carry flags:

```
mov ax,00FFh
add ax,1
                       ; AX=0100h SF=0 ZF=0 CF=0
sub ax,1
                       ; AX= 00FFh SF= 0 ZF= 0 CF= 0
add al,1
                       ; AL= 00h
                                   SF= 0 ZF= 1 CF= 1
mov bh,6Ch
add bh,95h
                       ; BH= 01h
                                    SF = 0 ZF = 0 CF = 1
mov al,2
sub al,3
                       ; AL=FFh
                                    SF=1 ZF=0 CF=1
```

## Overflow Flag (OF)

The Overflow flag is set when the signed result of an operation is invalid or out of range.

The two examples are identical at the binary level because 7Fh equals +127. To determine the value of the destination operand, it is often easier to calculate in hexadecimal.

#### A Rule of Thumb

- When adding two integers, remember that the Overflow flag is only set when . . .
  - Two positive operands are added and their sum is negative
  - Two negative operands are added and their sum is positive

```
What will be the values of the Overflow flag?

mov al,80h
add al,92h

r OF = 1

mov al,-2
add al,+127

r OF = 0
```

### Your turn . . .

What will be the values of the given flags after each operation?

#### What's Next

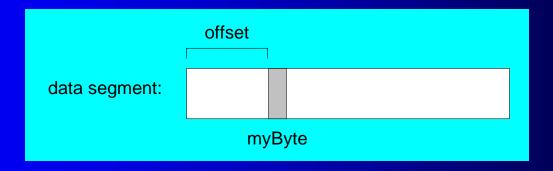
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### **Data-Related Operators and Directives**

- OFFSET Operator
- PTR Operator
- TYPE Operator
- LENGTHOF Operator
- SIZEOF Operator
- LABEL Directive

# **OFFSET Operator**

- OFFSET returns the distance in bytes, of a label from the beginning of its enclosing segment
  - Protected mode: 32 bits
  - Real mode: 16 bits



The Protected-mode programs we write use only a single segment (flat memory model).

# **OFFSET Examples**

Let's assume that the data segment begins at 00404000h:

```
.data
bVal BYTE ?
wVal WORD ?
dVal DWORD ?
dVal2 DWORD ?

.code
mov esi,OFFSET bVal ; ESI = 00404000
mov esi,OFFSET wVal ; ESI = 00404001
mov esi,OFFSET dVal ; ESI = 00404003
mov esi,OFFSET dVal ; ESI = 00404003
```

## Relating to C/C++

The value returned by OFFSET is a pointer. Compare the following code written for both C++ and assembly language:

```
// C++ version:
char array[1000];
char * p = array;
```

```
, Assembly language:
.data
array BYTE 1000 DUP(?)
.code
mov esi,OFFSET array
```

## **PTR** Operator

Overrides the default type of a label (variable). Provides the flexibility to access part of a variable.

```
.data
myDouble DWORD 12345678h
.code
mov ax,myDouble ; error - why?
mov ax,WORD PTR myDouble ; loads 5678h
mov WORD PTR myDouble,4321h ; saves 4321h
```

Little endian order is used when storing data in memory (see Section 3.4.9).

### Little Endian Order

- Little endian order refers to the way Intel stores integers in memory.
- Multi-byte integers are stored in reverse order, with the least significant byte stored at the lowest address
- For example, the doubleword 12345678h would be stored as:

offset
0000
0001
0002
0003

When integers are loaded from memory into registers, the bytes are automatically re-reversed into their correct positions.

## PTR Operator Examples

.data
myDouble DWORD 12345678h

doubleword	word	byte	offset	
12345678	5678	78	0000	myDouble
		56	0001	myDouble + 1
	1234	34	0002	myDouble + 2
		12	0003	myDouble + 3

```
mov al,BYTE PTR myDouble ; AL = 78h
mov al,BYTE PTR [myDouble+1] ; AL = 56h
mov al,BYTE PTR [myDouble+2] ; AL = 34h
mov ax,WORD PTR myDouble ; AX = 5678h
mov ax,WORD PTR [myDouble+2] ; AX = 1234h
```

## PTR Operator (cont)

PTR can also be used to combine elements of a smaller data type and move them into a larger operand. The CPU will automatically reverse the bytes.

```
.data
myBytes BYTE 12h,34h,56h,78h

.code
mov ax,WORD PTR [myBytes] ; AX = 3412h
mov ax,WORD PTR [myBytes+2] ; AX = 7856h
mov eax,DWORD PTR myBytes ; EAX = 78563412h
```

#### Your turn . . .

Write down the value of each destination operand:

```
.data
varB BYTE 65h,31h,02h,05h
varW WORD 6543h,1202h
varD DWORD 12345678h

.code
mov ax,WORD PTR [varB+2] ; a. 0502h
mov bl,BYTE PTR varD ; b. 78h
mov bl,BYTE PTR [varW+2] ; c. 02h
mov ax,WORD PTR [varD+2] ; d. 1234h
mov eax,DWORD PTR varW ; e. 12026543h
```

# TYPE Operator

The TYPE operator returns the size, in bytes, of a single element of a data declaration.

```
.data
var1 BYTE ?
var2 WORD ?
var3 DWORD ?
var4 QWORD ?

.code
mov eax, TYPE var1 ; 1
mov eax, TYPE var2 ; 2
mov eax, TYPE var3 ; 4
mov eax, TYPE var4 ; 8
```

## **LENGTHOF** Operator

The LENGTHOF operator counts the number of elements in a single data declaration.

## SIZEOF Operator

The SIZEOF operator returns a value that is equivalent to multiplying LENGTHOF by TYPE.

## Spanning Multiple Lines (1 of 2)

A data declaration spans multiple lines if each line (except the last) ends with a comma. The LENGTHOF and SIZEOF operators include all lines belonging to the declaration:

```
.data
array WORD 10,20,
    30,40,
    50,60

.code
mov eax,LENGTHOF array ; 6
mov ebx,SIZEOF array ; 12
```

# Spanning Multiple Lines (2 of 2)

In the following example, array identifies only the first WORD declaration. Compare the values returned by LENGTHOF and SIZEOF here to those in the previous slide:

```
.data
array WORD 10,20
WORD 30,40
WORD 50,60

.code
mov eax,LENGTHOF array ; 2
mov ebx,SIZEOF array ; 4
```

#### LABEL Directive

- Assigns an alternate label name and type to an existing storage location
- LABEL does not allocate any storage of its own
- Removes the need for the PTR operator

```
.data
dwList LABEL DWORD
wordList LABEL WORD
intList BYTE 00h,10h,00h,20h
.code
mov eax,dwList ; 20001000h
mov cx,wordList ; 1000h
mov dl,intList ; 00h
```

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# **Indirect Addressing**

- Indirect Operands
- Array Sum Example
- Indexed Operands
- Pointers

## Indirect Operands (1 of 2)

An indirect operand holds the address of a variable, usually an array or string. It can be dereferenced (just like a pointer).

```
.data
val1 BYTE 10h,20h,30h
.code
mov esi,OFFSET val1
mov al,[esi] ; dereference ESI (AL = 10h)

inc esi
mov al,[esi] ; AL = 20h

inc esi
mov al,[esi] ; AL = 30h
```

## Indirect Operands (2 of 2)

Use PTR to clarify the size attribute of a memory operand.

Should PTR be used here?

add [esi],20

yes, because [esi] could point to a byte, word, or doubleword

# Array Sum Example

Indirect operands are ideal for traversing an array. Note that the register in brackets must be incremented by a value that matches the array type.

ToDo: Modify this example for an array of doublewords.

## **Indexed Operands**

An indexed operand adds a constant to a register to generate an effective address. There are two notational forms:

```
[label + reg] label[reg]

.data
arrayW WORD 1000h,2000h,3000h
.code
   mov esi,0
   mov ax,[arrayW + esi] ; AX = 1000h
   mov ax,arrayW[esi] ; alternate format
   add esi,2
   add ax,[arrayW + esi]
   etc.
```

ToDo: Modify this example for an array of doublewords.

### **Index Scaling**

You can scale an indirect or indexed operand to the offset of an array element. This is done by multiplying the index by the array's TYPE:

```
.data
arrayB BYTE 0,1,2,3,4,5
arrayW WORD 0,1,2,3,4,5
arrayD DWORD 0,1,2,3,4,5

.code
mov esi,4
mov al,arrayB[esi*TYPE arrayB] ; 04
mov bx,arrayW[esi*TYPE arrayW] ; 0004
mov edx,arrayD[esi*TYPE arrayD] ; 00000004
```

#### **Pointers**

You can declare a pointer variable that contains the offset of another variable.

```
.data
arrayW WORD 1000h,2000h,3000h
ptrW DWORD arrayW
.code
   mov esi,ptrW
   mov ax,[esi] ; AX = 1000h
```

```
Alternate format:
```

ptrW DWORD OFFSET arrayW

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### JMP and LOOP Instructions

- JMP Instruction
- LOOP Instruction
- LOOP Example
- Summing an Integer Array
- Copying a String

### JMP Instruction

- JMP is an unconditional jump to a label that is usually within the same procedure.
- Syntax: JMP target
- Logic: EIP ← *target*
- Example:

A jump outside the current procedure must be to a special type of label called a global label (see Section 5.5.2.3 for details).

### LOOP Instruction

- The LOOP instruction creates a counting loop
- Syntax: LOOP target
- Logic:
  - ECX ← ECX 1
  - if ECX != 0, jump to target
- Implementation:
  - The assembler calculates the distance, in bytes, between the offset of the following instruction and the offset of the target label. It is called the relative offset.
  - The relative offset is added to EIP.

# LOOP Example

The following loop calculates the sum of the integers 5 + 4 + 3 +2 + 1:

offset	machine code	source code
00000000	66 B8 0000	mov ax,0
00000004	В9 00000005	mov ecx,5
00000009	66 03 C1	L1: add ax,cx
000000C	E2 FB	loop L1
000000E		

When LOOP is assembled, the current location = 0000000E (offset of the next instruction). -5 (FBh) is added to the the current location, causing a jump to location 00000009:

00000009 ← 0000000E + FB

#### Your turn . . .

If the relative offset is encoded in a single signed byte,

- (a) what is the largest possible backward jump?
- (b) what is the largest possible forward jump?

- (a) -128
- (b) +127

### Your turn . . .

What will be the final value of AX?

10

```
mov ax,6
mov ecx,4
L1:
inc ax
loop L1
```

How many times will the loop execute?
4,294,967,296

mov ecx,0
X2:
inc ax
loop X2

### **Nested Loop**

If you need to code a loop within a loop, you must save the outer loop counter's ECX value. In the following example, the outer loop executes 100 times, and the inner loop 20 times.

```
.data
count DWORD ?
.code
   mov ecx,100
                        ; set outer loop count
L1:
                 ; save outer loop count
   mov count, ecx
                        ; set inner loop count
   mov ecx, 20
L2: .
   loop L2
                        ; repeat the inner loop
   mov ecx, count
                        ; restore outer loop count
   loop L1
                        ; repeat the outer loop
```

## Summing an Integer Array

The following code calculates the sum of an array of 16-bit integers.

```
.data
intarray WORD 100h, 200h, 300h, 400h
.code
   mov edi,OFFSET intarray
                                  ; address of intarray
                                  ; loop counter
   mov ecx, LENGTHOF intarray
   mov ax,0
                                   ; zero the accumulator
L1:
   add ax,[edi]
                                   ; add an integer
   add edi, TYPE intarray
                                   ; point to next integer
                                   ; repeat until ECX = 0
   loop L1
```

### Your turn . . .

What changes would you make to the program on the previous slide if you were summing a doubleword array?

# Copying a String

The following code copies a string from source to target:

```
.data
        BYTE "This is the source string",0
source
                                                     good use of
        BYTE SIZEOF source DUP(0)
target
                                                     SIZEOF
.code
         esi,0
                                    ; index register
    mov
         ecx, SIZEOF source
                                    ; loop counter
    mov
L1:
         al, source[esi]
                                    ; get char from source
    mov
         target[esi],al
                                    ; store it in the target
    mov
    inc
         esi
                                    ; move to next character
    loop L1
                                    ; repeat for entire string
```

#### Your turn . . .

Rewrite the program shown in the previous slide, using indirect addressing rather than indexed addressing.

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# 64-Bit Programming

- MOV instruction in 64-bit mode accepts operands of 8, 16, 32, or 64 bits
- When you move a 8, 16, or 32-bit constant to a 64-bit register, the upper bits of the destination are cleared.
- When you move a memory operand into a 64-bit register, the results vary:
  - 32-bit move clears high bits in destination
  - 8-bit or 16-bit move does not affect high bits in destination

# More 64-Bit Programming

- MOVSXD sign extends a 32-bit value into a 64-bit destination register
- The OFFSET operator generates a 64-bit address
- LOOP uses the 64-bit RCX register as a counter
- RSI and RDI are the most common 64-bit index registers for accessing arrays.

#### Other 64-Bit Notes

- ADD and SUB affect the flags in the same way as in 32-bit mode
- You can use scale factors with indexed operands.

# Summary

- Data Transfer
  - MOV data transfer from source to destination
  - MOVSX, MOVZX, XCHG
- Operand types
  - direct, direct-offset, indirect, indexed
- Arithmetic
  - INC, DEC, ADD, SUB, NEG
  - Sign, Carry, Zero, Overflow flags
- Operators
  - OFFSET, PTR, TYPE, LENGTHOF, SIZEOF, TYPEDEF
- JMP and LOOP branching instructions

