TOOLS - MASM VERSION

Important note before you start TOOLS.

You must have previously installed DOSBox and MASM to continue with TOOLS. Instructions for installing DOSBOx and MASM are the class WEB site.

The purpose of TOOLS is to assure that you can access the assembler, linker, and debugger.

- Part A gets the sample files and verifies you can access the development tools.
- Part B gets you close to the hardware by using the debugger at a very basic level.
- Part C introduces three programs that will be of value as you develop code in this class.

Part A – Get the needed files from the Moodle WEB site

Using a WEB browser, go the class Moodle WEB site.

Go to the Moodle block titled *Homework Specifications HW0-HW8 And TOOLS*.

Select the file hellom.asm and save it in your \P23X\HELLO directory.
Select the file samples.exe and save it in your \P23X\SAMPLES directory.

Warning ... be careful that your browser does not change the extension of the files

Start DOSBox

- Click on the DOSBox icon to open DOSBox
- Mount our subdirectories by typing: mount e c:\P23X
- Change to the p23x directory by typing: e:
- Set the path so DOSBox can find the assembler and linker by tying: **dbset**

Unpack the samples files

- Change to the samples directory by typing: cd \samples
- Type this command to unpack the samples: samples

In DOSBox you have two options for the window size: Standard small window Full screen You switch between those two by hitting the Alt + Enter keys

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: Nocd Namples
E:\SAMPLES>samples
PKSFX (R)
             FAST!
                      Self Extract Utility
                                                 Version 2.50
Copr. 1989-1999 PKWARE Inc. All Rights Reserved. Registered Version
PKSFX Reg. U.S. Pat. and Tm. Off.
Searching EXE: E:/SAMPLES/SAMPLES.EXE
  Inflating: ADDEOF.BAT
  Inflating: CLRFILE.CV4
  Inflating: COMPFILE.EXE
  Inflating: COPYFILE.ASM
Inflating: CURRENT.STS
  Inflating: CUSET.BAT
 Extracting: EOF
Inflating: FILERW.ASM
  Inflating: MCCABE.EXE
  Inflating: TESTFILE.EXE Inflating: TESTKEYS.ASM
  Inflating: TESTKEYS.EXE
E:\SAMPLES>
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Change to the hello directory with the hellom.asm source by typing: cd \hello

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E:\MASM611>cd \hello
E:\HELLO>
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Assemble the HELLOM program by typing: ml /c /Zi /Fl hellom.asm

(Function of the parameters: /c compiles the code, /Zi includes debugger information, /Fl creates a listing file)

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E:\HELLO>ml /c /Zi /Fl hellom.asm
Microsoft (R) Macro Assembler Version 6.11
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corp 1981-1993. All rights reserved.
Assembling: hellom.asm
E:\HELLO>_
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Link the HELLOM program by typing: link /CO hellom

(Function of the parameter: /CO includes debugger information)

You will be prompted for file names ... just press the enter key to take the default

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E:\HELLO>link /CO hellom
Microsoft (R) Segmented Executable Linker Version 5.31.009 Jul 13 1992
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corp 1984-1992. All rights reserved.
Run File [hellom.exe]:
List File [nul.mapl:
Libraries [.lib]:
Definitions File [nul.def]:
Microsoft Debugging Information Compactor Version 4.01.00
Copyright(c) 1987-1992 Microsoft Corporation
Line/Address size
                           96
Public symbol size =
                            Θ
Initial symbol size =
                          163
Final symbol size =
                          176
Global symbol size =
                            Θ
Initial type size =
                            6
Compacted type size =
E:\HELLO>
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Run the HELLOM program by typing: **hellom**

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E:\HELLO>hellom
Hello World
E:\HELLO>
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The tools are now be working and we can move to Part B to get a closer to the hardware.

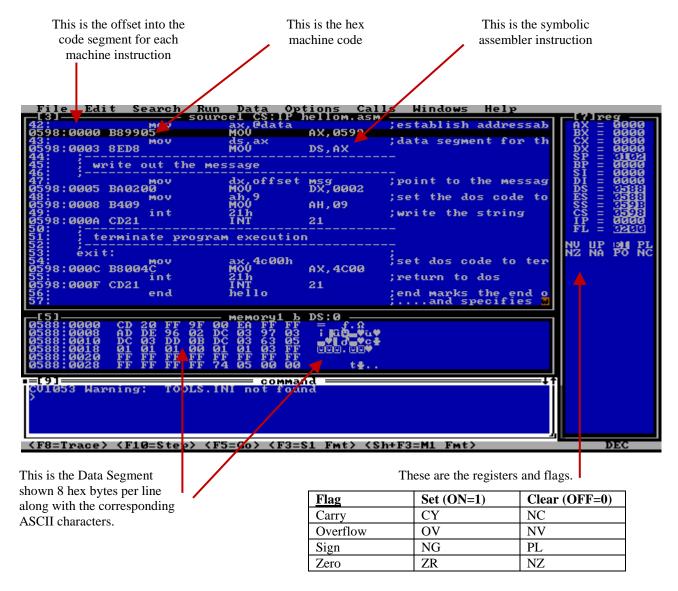
Part B - Getting close to the hardware using the debugger

- On page 10 of this handout is a *CodeView Command Summary Under DOSBox*. Print and save it for future use. Also there is a copy of the file TOOLSSUB.TXT with the questions to be answered for this assignment.
- Copy CodeView configuration files to your working directory (HELLO). These files are in the SAMPLES directory. You can get them by typing: cvset

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E:\HELLO>coset
E:\HELLO>copy E:\SAMPLES\CLRFILE.CU4
CLRFILE.CU4
1 File(s) copied.

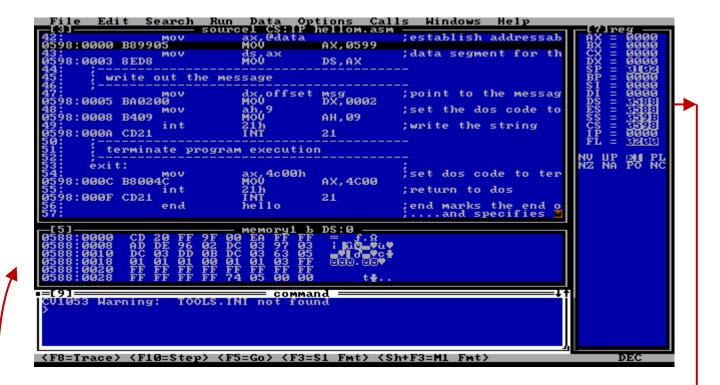
E:\HELLO>COPY E:\SAMPLES\CURRENT.STS
CURRENT.STS
1 File(s) copied.
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- Load the executable program into the debugger by typing: cv hellom
- Below is the display for the CodeView debugger that you should see if the configuration files were correctly copied.



Later in the term you will learn how to create hex machine instructions from symbolic assembler code.

We can now trace the execution of your program. Answers to these questions are on the WEB.

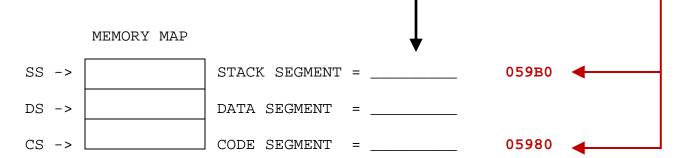


Remember that the values in the Segment Registers (DS, ES, SS, CS) may be different for you. The exact values are dependent on your environment when you run the program.

1. DOS has already setup the code segment (CS) and stack segment (SS) registers for you.

Fill in your system's absolute values of the code segment and the stack segment on the picture below.

The absolute value of the segment is the value in the segment register with a 0 added to the end.



The data segment register (DS) and extra segment (ES) register will be pointing to a DOS control block, not to your data.

We cannot yet fill in the absolute value for data segment since our program has not initialized DS register yet.

The function of the first two instructions is to initialize the data segment register.

PS ... this is why you do not see the "Hello World" message in the data segment (memory1 window).

2. The first instruction to be executed is: mov ax, @data. It is located as cs:0 which is zero bytes into the code segment. The machine code is: B8 _____ (fill in the blanks for your system). The B8 is the operation code which tells the hardware to load the ax register with the two hex bytes that follow (99 05). Press F8 to execute the instruction. After executing the instruction the value in the ax register is reversed from the machine code. This is due to byte swapping where words are stored backwards in memory . So for this system the machine code is B8 99 05 and the value loaded into the ax register is 05 99. tions Calls Windows hellom.asm Edit Search ãΧo 8:0000 B89905 AX,0599 ;data segment for MÕÚ 98:0003 8ED8 DS,AX to the messag MS9 DX,0002 98:0005 BA0200 ;set the dos code to 98:0008 B409 AH, 09 ;write the string 98:000A CD21 terminate program execution ax,4c00h set dos code to ter AX,4C00 98:000C B8004 return to dos 98:000F CD21 21 end marks the end;....and specifies command:

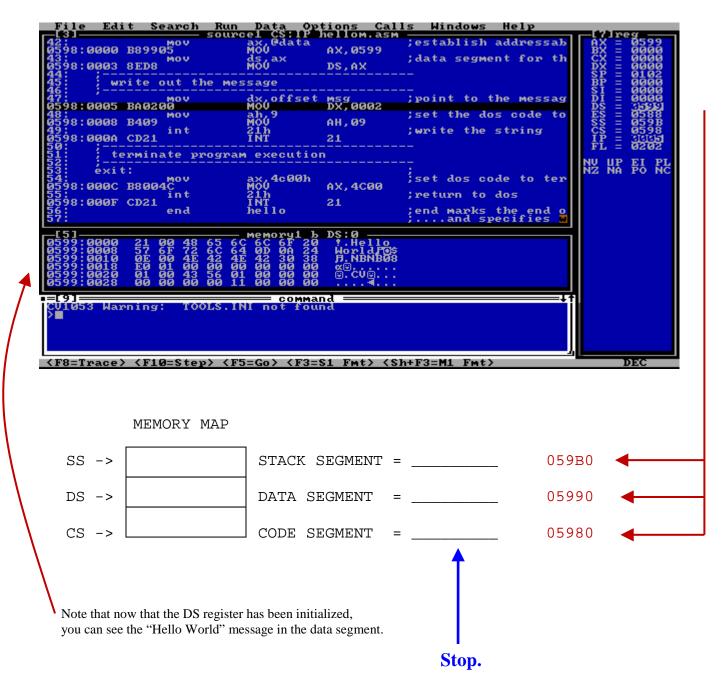
<F8=Trace> <F10=Step> <F5=Go> <F3=S1 Fmt> <Sh+F3=M1 Fmt>

DEC

3. The next instruction to be executed is: mov ds,ax. It loads the ds register with the correct value.

Press F8 to execute the instruction.

Now that we have initialized the ds register we can add the absolute value of data segment to the memory map below.

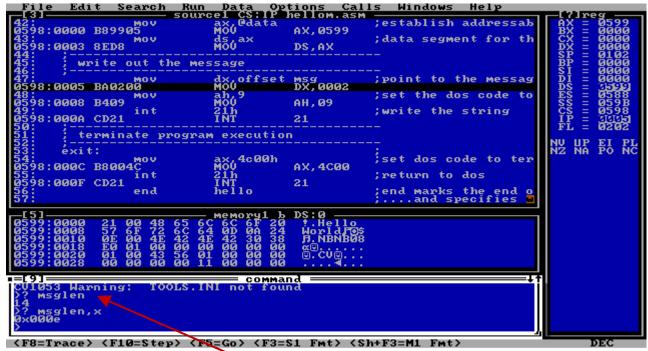


You will need these three values as answers to the questions in toolssub.txt

The bottom most window is the Command Window. Make the Command Window [9] the active window by clicking the mouse in the Command Window.

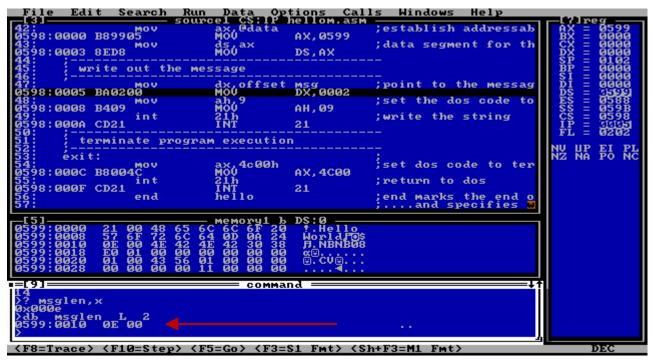
Let's display a variable. The word size variable *msglen* contains the number of characters in the "Hello World" message.

That count is 14 (Hello World = 11, Carriage Return and Line Feed = 2, DOS string terminator \$ = 1)



In the command window type: ? msglen It will display the 14.

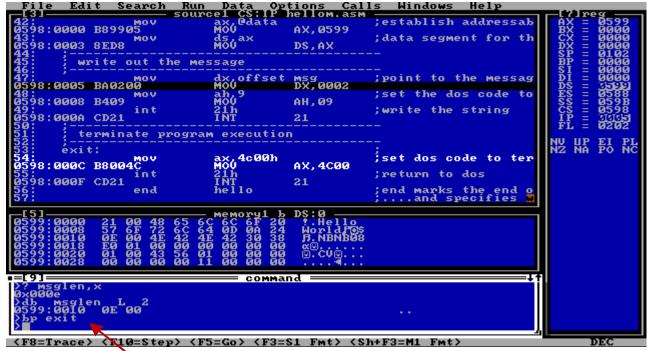
In the command window type: $\mathbf{?}$ msglen,x It will display the hex value of 14 = 000E



However, remember that msglen is really stored backwards in memory as 0E 00 in hex due to byte swapping.

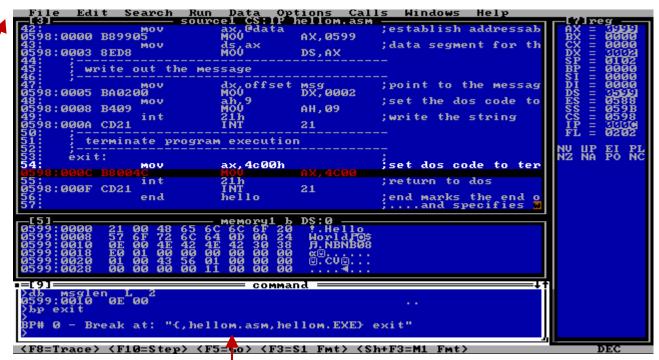
You can see that by typing: **db** msglen L 2 which displays the 2 bytes that make up msglen.

4. There will be times when you want to watch the execution of a specific part of your code. You want to skip over other code and get to this specific code. That is the function of the *breakpoint*. A breakpoint allows you to skip over code and stop at a specifically labeled instruction. To use a breakpoint you need to know the symbolic label name of the instruction that you want to go to. In the hellom program we have a label *exit*. Let's go to that label.



Type: **bp exit** to set a breakpoint at exit:

Now pres F5 to have the program run to that breakpoint.



The code now runs until it reaches exit.

Press F5 to execute the rest of the program. You should see a message that the program terminated.

Click the mouse on FILE at the top of the screen and then EXIT to take you back to the DOS window and prompt.

Part C - Utility programs (three tools of value when you start programming ... testfile compfile testkeys)

Your mouse is attached to the DOSBox window. To free the mouse press Ctrl-F10 or Alt-Tab

Using any text editor, create in the HELLO directory a file named test1.txt with these two lines.

ABC DEF

In DOSBox at the DOS prompt, type: dir

Did the file test1.txt appear? It may not. Files created outside of DOSBox are only discovered when you start DOSBox.

If the file does not appear, type rescan or press Ctrl-F4. Either should make the new file visible.

At the DOS prompt, type: **dir** Now the file *test1.txt* should now appear.

• Let us look at the hex contents of *test1.txt*.

Type **testfile test1.txt** which converts the contents to *test1.txt* to hex and writes it to the file *hex.txt*.

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E:\HELLO>testfile test1.txt
The output is in the file HEX.TXT
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Use your editor to look at hex.txt. I used Windows NOTEPAD to create test1.txt and this is what NOTEPAD created.

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For this ASCII text: A B C CR LF D E F Notepad created this hex data: 41 42 43 0D 0A 44 45 46
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NOTEPAD did not put a CR/LF pair at the end of the last line because I did not hit *Enter* at the end of the last line when creating the file. It also did not put a DOS end-of-file character (1Ah) as the last character of the file? Many editors do not.

You can use this same procedure to see what your editor does.

- The other utility program is *compfile* which will show the hex vales in two files and compare the two files. To use, type *compfile file1 file2* The hex values in bot files will be placed in the file hex.txt
- The *testkeys* program will read any key you press and output the hex value of that key.

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To run it, type: testkeys
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Press some upper and lower case letters and numbers to see the hex ASCII values for those keys. Compare the hex values generated to those in the ASCII table in section 26 of the Class Notes.

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Press the F1 function key. It generates 2 bytes.

Why? Read Extended ASCII characters in the File I/O section of the notes.
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You will need these 2 values as answers to the questions in toolssub.txt

The program will terminate when you enter a period.

Press the *Enter* key ... what hex value is generated?

Answer the questions in the file TOOLSSUB.TXT.
Submit that file to the TOOLS submit locker and you are done.

CodeView Command Summary Under DOSBox

• Assure you have assembled and linked with the CodeView options

ml /c /Zi /Fl program.asm link /CO program

Assure you copied the CodeView configuration files into your working directory cyset

Start CodeView by typing: cv program

• Click the mouse in a window to make it the active window. You can also switch to a window, to make a hidden widow visible using the Alt Key (Alt+2 shows Watch window, Alt+3 shows Source window, Alt+5 shows the Memory window, Alt+7 shows the Register window, Alt+9 shows the Command Window)

Common Function Keys

F5	Run the program at full speed until either:
	- the program ends
	- the program reaches a <i>breakpoint</i>
F8	Execute the next instruction. Also called <i>Single Step</i> .
F10	Execute the next instruction with a difference from F8.
	If it is a call to subroutine, execute the whole subroutine as if it were a single instruction.
	If the instruction is the loop instruction then repeatedly execute the loop until cx=0.

• Common Commands for the command window

? var	displays the variable as it was declared
? var,c	displays the variable as an ASCII character
? var,i	displays the variable as a signed integer
? var,u	displays the variable as an unsigned number
? var,x	displays the variable in hex
db start L #bytes	dumps hex bytes of memory starting at the start location
	(db var L 8 dumps 8 hex bytes starting at var)
dw start L #bytes	dumps hex words of memory starting at the start location
	(dw var L 8 dumps 8 hex words starting at var)
da start L #bytes	dumps ASCII characters of memory starting at the start location
	(da var L 8 dumps 8 ASCII characters starting at var)
bp label	Set a breakpoint at the specified instruction
w? var	Watch the variable var
w? by si	Watch the byte size location pointed to by si.
w? wo si+12	Watch the word size location pointed to by si+12.
w? by si+12,f	Watch the byte size location pointed to by si using the format defined by f.
	Replace f with c=character, i=signed, u=unsigned, x=hex

- If your mouse disappears when you exit DOSBox type CTRL-F10 or Alt-Tab and it should reappear.
- DOSBox has two window sizes: small and full screen Use Alt-Enter to switch between them.

Below are questions you need to answer and submit.

The questions are in a file, toolssub.txt, on the web. Copy the file .. update the file with the answers ... submit the updated file

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Submit answers to the questions below.
- toolssub.txt is the file name to submit
- tools
             is the submit locker
Instructions.
- Use your browser to save this file as: toolssub.txt
- Use an editor to fill in the answers
- Submit the updated file, toolssub.txt, to the tools submit locker
1. Which software are you using.
   Are you using DOSBox and MASM ..... Y/N
   If no, what runtime environment are you using .....?
   Which operating system are you using
   (XP, Vista-32, Vista-64, Windows 7,
    Windows 8, Linux, other) .....?
2. Approximately, how long did you spend on the TOOLS assignment.
   Answer = ?? minutes.
3. In TOOLS PART-B question 3 you are asked to fill in the absolute
   addresses of the Stack, Data and Code Segments. What were those values.
   --> Remember that segment addresses are always 5 hex digits <--
   Answer = Stack Segment = ?????
           Data Segment = ?????
Code Segment = ?????
4. Run the "TESTKEYS" program described in Part C of the assignment.
   What hex values are generated when you press these keys.
   One byte hex value generated when you press the Enter key
   Two byte hex value generated when you press the F1 Function key = ?? ??
5. Optional. Please provide any comments, suggestions,
   constructive criticisms relating to this TOOLS assignment.
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