Lab: 07



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### 3.7 Lab Work: Symbolic Constants and the EQU and = Directives

# **Symbolic Constants Defined in the Program:**

```
TITLE Symbolic Constants (File: Constants.asm)
; Demonstration of EQU and = directives
.686
.MODEL flat, stdcall
.STACK
INCLUDE Irvine32.inc
.data
Rows
          EQU
                 3
Cols
         EQU
                3
Elements
          EQU
               Rows * Cols
CR
          EQU
                10
LF
          EQU
                 13
PromptText EQU
                 <"Press any key to continue ...", CR, LF, 0>
          WORD Elements DUP(0)
matrix
prompt
          BYTE PromptText
COUNT = 10h
COUNT = 100h
COUNT = 1000h
COUNT = SIZEOF matrix
.code
main PROC
    exit
main ENDP
END main
```

## **Symbolic Constants and Their Values:**

Symbolic Constant	Value (hexadecimal)
Rows	3
Cols	3
Elements	9
CR	0A
LF	0D

Symbolic Constant	Value (hexadecimal)
PromptText	<"Press any key to continue", CR, LF, 0>
COUNT	10h
COUNT	100h
COUNT	1000h
COUNT	12 (Size of matrix, which is 9 elements * 2 bytes each)

# **Total Number of Bytes Allocated for Data:**

- matrix: 9 WORDs \* 2 bytes/WORD = 18 bytes
- prompt: "Press any key to continue ..." + CR (1 byte) + LF (1 byte) + null terminator (1 byte) = 30 bytes

Total = 18 bytes (matrix) + 30 bytes (prompt) = 48 bytes

3.8 Lab Work: Viewing Symbolic Constants in the Listing (.lst) File

#### **Command to Generate .lst File:**

```
sh ml -c -Zi -Fl -coff Constants.asm
```

Open Constants.1st to verify the values of the symbolic constants.

### **Review Questions**

- 1. Data Declaration for an 8-bit Unsigned Integer Variable:
- BYTE myByte
- Data Declaration for a 32-bit Signed Integer Variable:
- SDWORD mySignedDword
- Declare a 16-bit Signed Integer and Initialize It with the Smallest Negative 16-bit Number:
- SWORD mySignedWord = -32768

- Declare an Unsigned 16-bit Integer Variable warray That Uses Three Initializers:
- WORD wArray[3] =  $\{1, 2, 3\}$
- Declare an Uninitialized Array of 50 Unsigned 32-bit Integers Named darray:
- DWORD dArray[50]
- Declare a String Variable Containing the Word "TEST" Repeated 100 Times:
- BYTE myString[401] =

- Order of Individual Bytes in Memory for dvar DWORD 5012AB6Fh:
  - dvar DWORD 5012AB6Fh in little-endian format: 6F AB 12 50
- Array Declaration and Symbolic Constants:

```
assembly
myArray DWORD 30 DUP(5 DUP(0))
```

• Define a Symbolic Constant Elements That Calculates the Number of Elements in myArray:

```
assembly
• Elements EOU 30 * 5
```

- Define a Symbolic Constant size That Calculates the Number of Bytes in myarray:
  - 8. Size EQU Elements \* 4