

X86 INSTRUCTION SET



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- CISC
- ☐ MIPS-32 bits operations

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PREREQUITES

- Take a view on tutorial video
- ☐ Install NASM already



What will you learn?

- Inside a CPU Intel 8080/8086
- Memory organization
- Registers
- Instruction Format
- Data addressing modes

- Operations
- Procedure
- ☐ Input / Output
- ☐ X86 & MIPS comparison



X86 Architecture

Complexity

- instructions from 1 to 15 bytes long
- one operand must act as both a source and destination
- one operand may come from memory
- several complex addressing modes

Saving grace:

- the most frequently used instructions are not too difficult to build
- compilers avoid the portions of the architecture that are slow

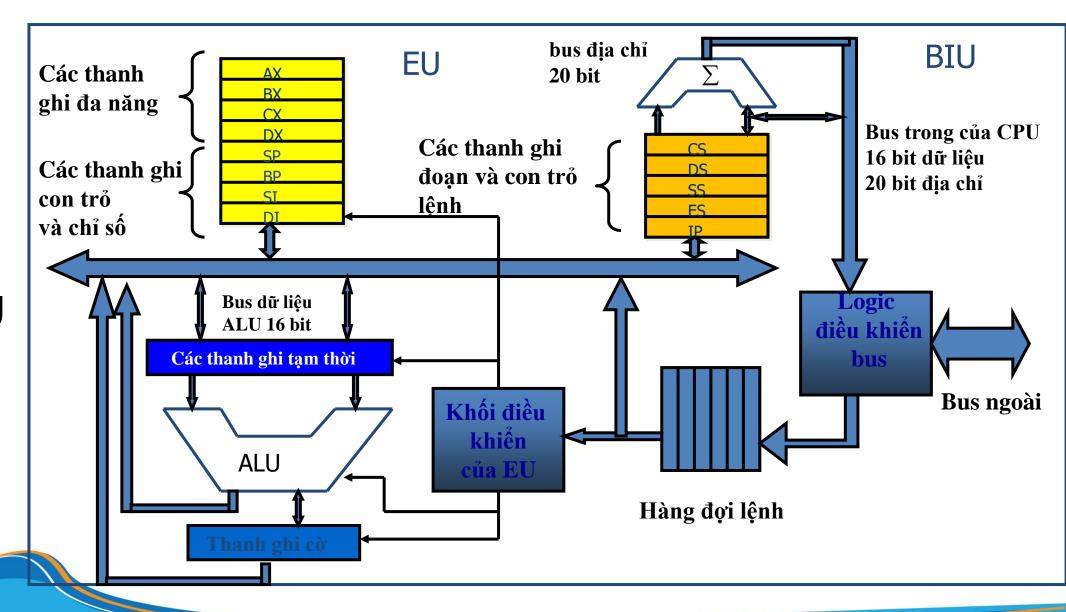
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The Intel x86 ISA

- 1971: Intel 4004 (4-bit)
- 1972: Intel 8080 (8-bit)
- 1978: The Intel 8086 is announced (16-bit architecture)
- 1980: The 8087 floating point coprocessor is added
- 1982: The 80286 increases address space to 24 bits, +instructions
- 1985: The 80386 extends to 32 bits, new addressing modes
- 1989-1995: The 80486 (pipelined, on chip cache), Pentium, Pentium Pro add a few instructions (mostly designed for higher performance)
- 1997: MMX is added
- 2006-2008: Core 2 (64-bit), Core i3, i5, i7, Atom
- 2017: Core i9, instruction set extensions SSE4.1, SSE4.2, AVX2

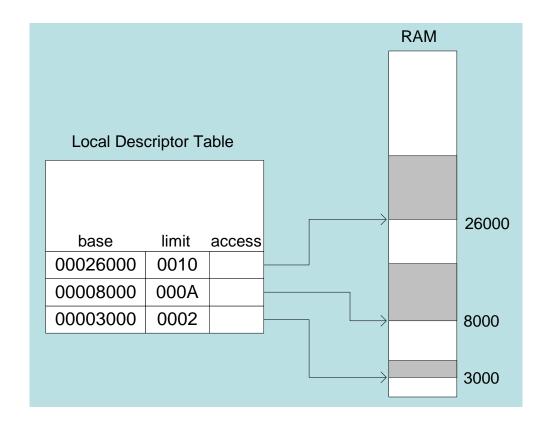


Inside an 8086-CPU

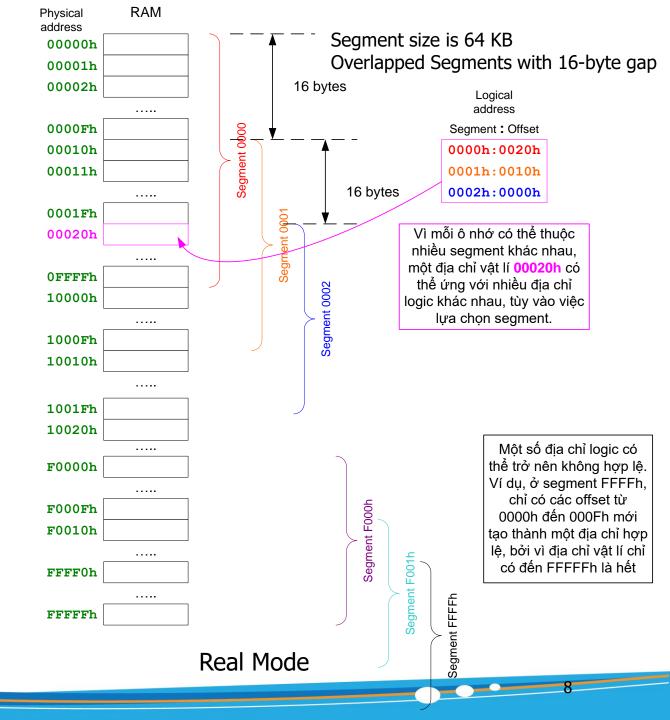




Memory Access

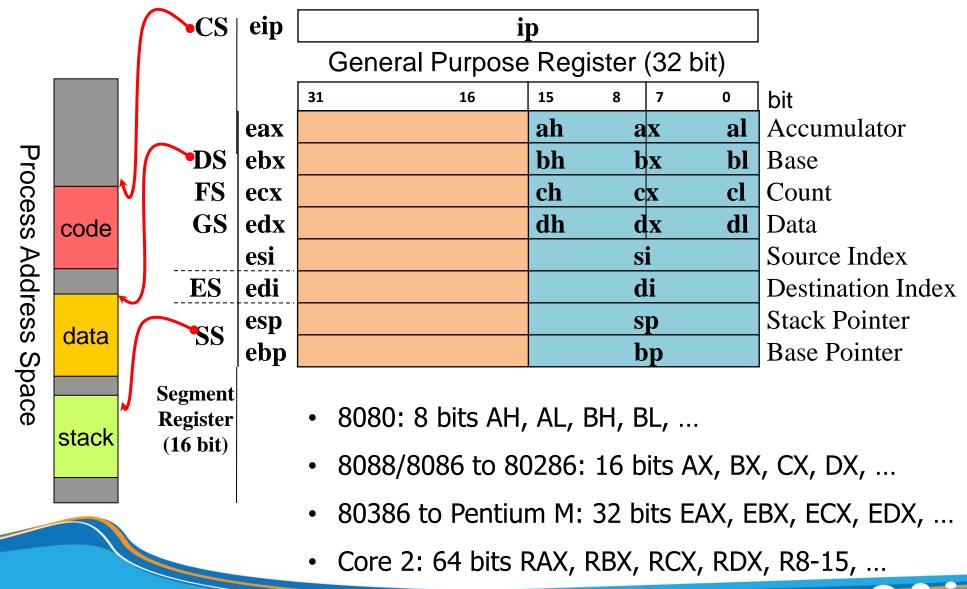


Protected Mode





Register File





Other Registers

☐ Flag Register (EFLAGS – 32 bit)

32	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	VM	RF		NT	10	10	OF	DF	IF	TF	SF	ZF		AF		PF		CF
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					ML	ML												

- 6 bits are used to be status flags:
 - C/CF (carry flag)): CF=1
 - P/PF (parity flag): PF=1 (0) when the number of 1's bit in the result is even (odd)
 - A/AF (auxiliary carry flag): extended carry flag
 - Z/ZF (zero flag): ZF=1 when the result is 0
 - S/SF (Sign flag): SF=1 when the result is less than 0
 - O/OF (Overflow flag): overflow detected in signed number computation
- 3 bits are used to be control flags:
 - T/TF (trap flag)):): used for on chip debugging, TF=1 CPU will work in a single step mode. Generate an interrupt after each instruction
 - I/IF (Interrupt enable flag): I = 1, CPU will recognize the interrupts from peripherals. For I = 0, the interrupts will be ignored
 - D/DF (direction flag: D=1 the string will be accessed from higher memory address to lower memory address, and if D = 0, it will do the reverse
- Some others: IDTR (16bit), GDTR (48bit), LDTR (48bit), TR (16bit), ...



Instruction Format

a. JE EIP + displacement Condi-Displacement tion

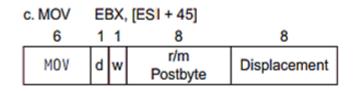
Although the instruction structure has a total of 16 bytes, only instructions are allowed up to 15 bytes in length.

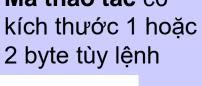


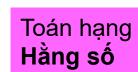




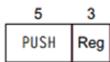
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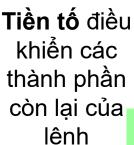


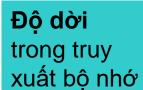






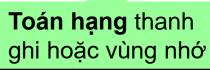






e. ADD EAX, #6765

4	3	1	32
ADD	Reg	w	Immediate



f. TEST	EDX,	#42
-		4

7	1	8	32
TEST	w	Postbyte	Immediate

Kiểu REG R/M (2bit) (3bit) (3bit)

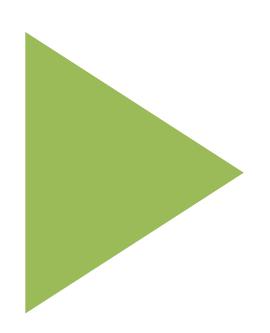


x86 Assembly Language

- x86 assembly has two alternative syntaxes available for it
 - Intel
 - □ AT&T

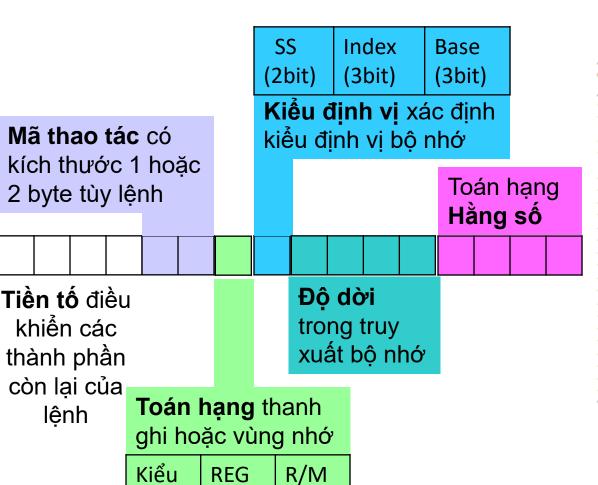
	Intel	AT&T
Comments	· ,	//
Instructions	Untagged add	Tagged with operand sizes: addq
Registers	eax, ebx,	%eax,%ebx,
Immediate	0x100	\$0x100
Operand Order	mnemonic destination, source	mnemonic source, destination
Indirect	[eax]	(%eax)
General indirect	[base + reg * scale + displacement]	displacement(reg, reg, scale)





- Immediate
- Direct
- Indirect
- Register Direct
- Register Indirect
- Relative
- Indexed





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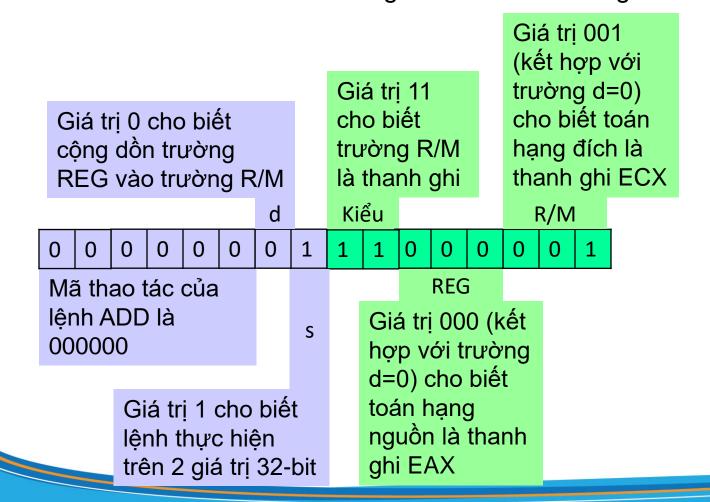
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Type	Form	Operand value	Name
Immediate	\$Imm	Imm	Immediate
Register	\mathbf{r}_a	$R[\mathtt{r}_a]$	Register
Memory	Imm	M[Imm]	Absolute
Memory	(r _a)	$M[R[r_a]]$	Indirect
Memory	$Imm(r_b)$	$M[Imm + R[r_b]]$	Base + displacement
Memory	$(\mathbf{r}_b,\mathbf{r}_i)$	$M[R[r_b] + R[r_i]]$	Indexed
Memory	$Imm(r_b, r_i)$	$M[Imm + R[r_b] + R[r_i]]$	Indexed
Memory	$(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{s})$	$M[R[r_i] \cdot s]$	Scaled indexed
Memory	$Imm(,r_i,s)$	$M[Imm + R[r_i] \cdot s]$	Scaled indexed
Memory	$(\mathbf{r}_b,\mathbf{r}_i,s)$	$M[R[r_b] + R[r_i] \cdot s]$	Scaled indexed
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Example of Register Addressing

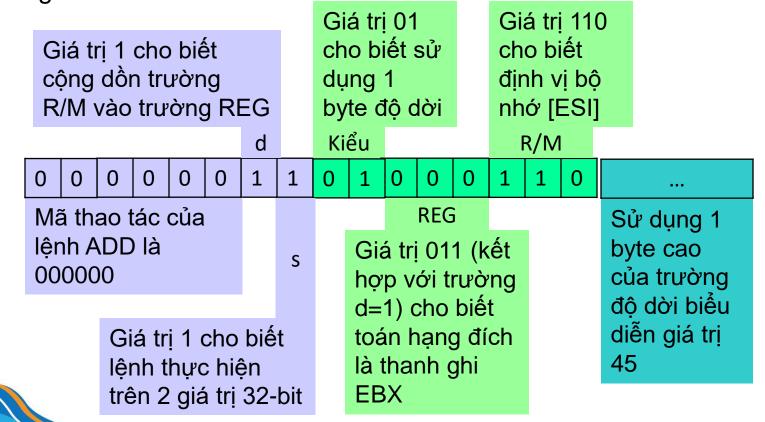
- ☐ ADD ECX, EAX
 - ☐ This instruction adds the value in the EAX register to the ECX register





Example of Base + Displacement Addressing

- ☐ ADD EBX, [ESI + 45]
 - ☐ This instruction adds the value of a 4-byte memory word starting with DS:(ESI+45) into the EBX register.



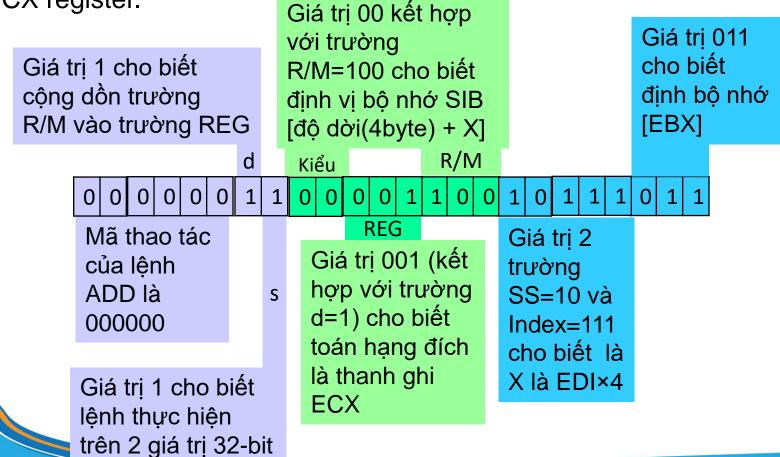


Example of Scaled Indexed Addressing

 \square ADD ECX, [EBX + EDI × 4]

☐ This instruction adds the value of a 4-byte memory word starting with DS:(EDI × 4 + EBX)

into the ECX register.





 Assume the following are stored as an indicated memory address and register

Address	Value	Register	Value
0x100	0xFF	%rax	0x100
0x104	OxAB	%rcx	0x1
0x108	0x13	%rdx	0x3
0x10C	0x11		

Fill in the following table showing the value for indicated operands:

Operand	Value
%rax	
0x104	
\$0x108	
(%rax)	
4(%rax)	
9(%rax,%rdx)	
260(%rcx,%rdx)	
0xFC(,%rcx,4)	
(%rax,%rdx,4)	



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\$0x108	0x108	Immediate
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4(%rax)	OxAB	Address 0x104
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260(%rcx,%rdx)	0x13	Address 0x108
0xFC(,%rcx,4)	0xFF	Address 0x100
(%rax,%rdx,4)	0x11	Address 0x10C



Mode	Description	Register restrictions	MIPS equivalent
Register indirect	Address is in a register.	Not ESP or EBP	lw \$s0,0(\$s1)
Based mode with 8- or 32-bit displacement	Address is contents of base register plus displacement.	Not ESP	lw \$s0,100(\$s1)# <= 16-bit # displacement
Base plus scaled index	The address is Base + (2 ^{Scale} x Index) where Scale has the value 0, 1, 2, or 3.	Base: any GPR Index: not ESP	mul \$t0,\$s2,4 add \$t0,\$t0,\$s1 lw \$s0,0(\$t0)
Base plus scaled index with 8- or 32-bit displacement	The address is Base + (2 ^{Scale} x Index) + displacement where Scale has the value 0, 1, 2, or 3.	Base: any GPR Index: not ESP	mul \$t0,\$s2,4 add \$t0,\$t0,\$s1 lw \$s0,100(\$t0)#<=16-bit # displacement



OPERATIONS

- Data movement instructions
- String instructions
- Arithmetic and Logic instructions
- Control flow



Data movement instructions

MOV: The mov instruction copies the data item referred to by its second operand into the location referred to by its first operand

```
Syntax:
mov <reg>, <reg>
mov <reg>, <mem>
mov <mem>, <reg>
mov <reg>, <const>
mov <mem>, <const>
```

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Example:
;copy the value in bx into ax
mov AX, BX
;store the value 5 into the byte
at location var
mov byte ptr[var], 5
```



Data movement instructions

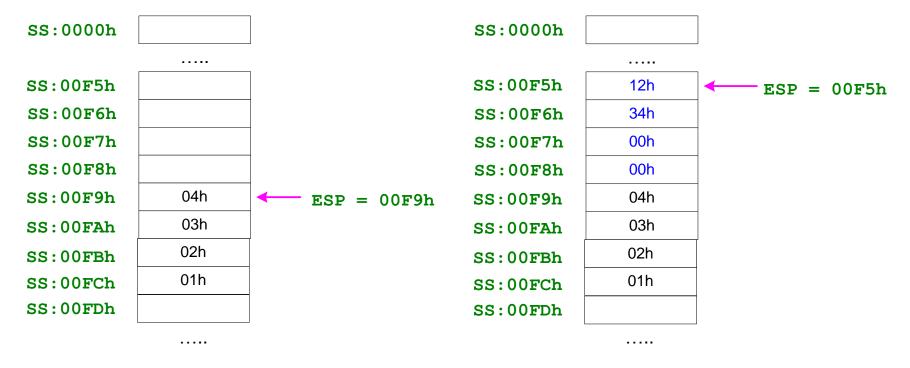
- ☐ The stack memory
 - Works according to LIFO (Last In First Out) mechanism
 - □ Used in the decreasing direction of the address (different from the usual memory areas used in the increasing direction of the address)
 - The SS:ESP register pair contains the segment:offset address of the top of the stack
- PUSH: places its operand onto the top of the hardware supported stack in memory.
 Example:

```
Syntax ; Pus
push <reg32> push
push <mem> ; push
push <con32> addr
```

```
; Push eax on the stack
push EAX
; push the 4 bytes at
address var onto the stack
push [var]
```



PUSH Example



EAX = 3412h Before PUSH EAX

After PUSH EAX



Data movement instructions

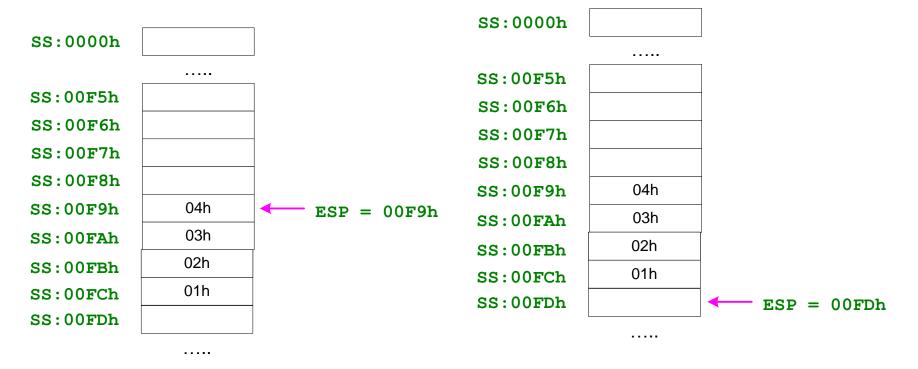
POP: removes the 4-byte data element from the top of the hardware-supported stack into the specified operand.

```
Syntax
pop <reg32>
pop <mem>
```

```
Example:
;pop the top element of the stack into EDI
pop EDI
;pop the top element of the stack into
memory at the four bytes starting at
location EBX
pop [EBX]
```



POP Example



Before POP EBX

After POP EBX EBX = 01020304h



Data movement instructions

LEA: Load effective address.

```
Syntax
                     Example:
lea <reg32> <mem>
                    ;the quantity EBX+4*ESI is placed in EDI
                     lea edi, [ebx+4*esi]
                     ;the value in var is placed in EAX
                     lea eax, [var]
                     ;the value val is placed in EAX
                     lea eax, [val]
                     ; the address of variable x is placed in
                     EAX
                     lea eax, x
```



String instructions

MOVS, MOVSB, MOVSW: copy from the string source (located in data segment) to destination (located in extra segment) by increment ESI and EDI; may be repeated

```
Example:
;move a string of length 4 bytes from source to destination
MOV SI, SRC
MOV DI, DST
MOV CX, 04H
CLD; Clear the direction flag
REP MOVSB
```



☐ ADD: adds together its two operands, storing the result in its first operand.

```
Syntax
add <reg>, <reg>
add <reg>, <mem>
add <mem>, <reg>
add <reg>, <con>
add <mem>, <con>
```

```
Example:
;EAX ← EAX + 5
add eax, 5
;add 5 to the single byte stored at
memory address var
add BYTE PTR[var], 5
```



□ SUB: adds together its two operands, storing the result in its first operand.

```
Syntax Example:
sub <reg>,<reg> ;AL ← AL - AH
sub <reg>,<mem> sub AL, AH
sub <mem>,<reg> ;subtract 5 from the value stored at EAX
sub <reg>,<con> sub EAX, 5
sub <mem>,<con>
```



☐ INC/DEC: increments/ decrements the contents of its operand by one.

```
Syntax Example:
inc <reg> ;add one to the 32-bit integer stored at
inc <mem> location var
dec <reg> inc DWORD PTR [var]
dec <mem> ;subtract 1 from the contents of EAX
dec EAX
```



☐ iMUL: three basic formats: one-operand, two-operand and three-operand

```
Syntax
imul <reg32>
imul <mem>
imul <reg32>,<reg32>
imul <reg32>,<mem>
imul <reg32>,<reg32>,<con>
imul <reg32>,<mem>,<con>
```

```
Example:
; multiply the contents of ECX by
EAX. Result stored in EDX:EAX
imul ECX
; multiply the contents of EAX by
the 32-bit contents of the
memory location var. Store the
result in EAX
imul EAX, [var]
;EDI ← ESI * 25
imul EDI, ESI, 25
```



□ iDIV: divides the contents of the 64 bit integer EDX:EAX by the specified operand value. The quotient result of the division is stored into EAX, while the remainder is placed in EDX

```
Syntax
idiv <reg32>
idiv <mem>
```

```
;divide the contents of EDX:EAX by the
contents of EBX
idiv EBX
;divide the contents of EDX:EAX by the
32-bit value stored at memory
location var
idiv DWORD PTR [var]
```



☐ CMP: Compare the values of the two specified operands, setting the condition codes in the machine status word appropriately (based on flag register)

jeq loop

```
    Đích = nguồn : CF=0 ZF=1
    Đích> nguồn : CF=0 ZF=0
    Đích < nguồn : CF=1 ZF=0</li>
```

```
Syntax
cmp <reg>,<reg>
cmp <reg>,<mem>
cmp <mem>,<reg>
cmp <reg>,<con>
```

```
if the 4 bytes stored at location var are
equal to the 4-byte integer constant 3,
jump to the location labeled loop
cmp DWORD PTR [var], 3
```



☐ AND, OR, XOR: Bitwise logical and, or and exclusive or. Placing the result in the first operand location

```
Syntax
opcode <reg>, <reg>
opcode <reg>, <mem>
opcode <mem>, <reg>
opcode <reg>, <con>
opcode <mem>, <con>
```

```
Example:
;clear all but the last 4 bits of EAX
and EAX, OfH
;set the contents of EDX to zero
xor EDX, EDX
```



☐ SHL, SHR: shift the bits in their first operand's contents left and right, padding the resulting empty bit positions with zeros

```
Syntax
opcode <reg>, <con8>
opcode <mem>, <con8>
opcode <reg>, <cl>
opcode <mem>, <cl>
```

```
Example:
;Multiply the value of EAX by 2 (if
the most significant bit is 0)
shl EAX, 1
;Store in EBX the floor of result of
dividing the value of EBX by 2<sup>n</sup> where
n is the value in CL
shr EBX, CL
```



```
.data
section
        DW 4321h
    а
        DW 8765h
        DW 0FFFFh
        DW 0
        .code
section
   ; perform b = b + a
   MOV AX, a
   MOV BX, a+2
   ADD b, AX ; 4320h with CF=1
   ADC b+2,BX : 8766h
   ; why not?
   MOV EAX, DWORD PTR a
   ADD DWORD PTR b, EAX
```

```
MOV
       CX, 128
; perform DX:AX = AX * CX
MOV AX, 0F000h ; 61440 dec
MUL CX ; DX:AX = 0078:0000
               : (7864320=61440*128)
MOV AX, 0F000h ; -4096 dec
IMUL \mathbf{CX} ; \mathbf{DX}:\mathbf{AX} = \mathsf{FFF8}:0000
               ; (-524288=-4096*128)
; perform AX = DX:AX / CX
MOV AX, 0F000h ; 61440 dec
DIV \mathbf{CX} ; \mathbf{AX} = 01\mathbf{E0h}
MOV AX, 0F000h ; -4096 dec ???
IDIV \mathbf{CX} ; AX = ?
MOV AX, 0F000h ; -4096 dec
CWD
IDIV CX ; AX = FFE0h = -32
NEG
    AX ; 0020h = 32
```

```
AL, 36h
MOV
AND AL, 0Fh; AL = 06h
            ; AL = 00000110b
AND AL, 00000010b ; AL = 02h
OR
      AL, 30h ; AL = 32h
     AL, AL 			 ; AL = 0
XOR
NOT
      AL
                  ; AL = FFh
MOV
     AX, 1234h
MOV CL, 4
SHR AX, CL ; 0123h
SHL AX, CL ; 1230h
MOV AL, -4 ; -4 = FCh = 111111100
SAR AL, 1 ; -2 = FEh = 111111110
MOV AL, -4 ; -4 = FCh = 111111100
SHR AL, 1 ; 126 = 7Eh = 011111110
MOV AL, 10101010b ; AAh
ROL
     AL, 1 ; 01010101 = 55h
MOV
     AL, 10101010b
STC
    ; CF = 1
RCR AL, 1; 11010101 = D5h CF = 0
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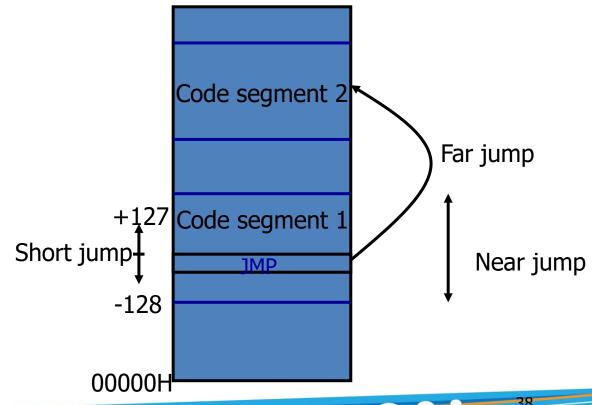


Control flow instructions

JMP: transfers program control flow to the instruction at the memory location indicated by the operand

```
Syntax
jmp <Label>
Example:
;Jump to the label named "BEGIN"
Jmp BEGIN
```

- 3 types of JMP instruction:
 - JMP SHORT(short jump)
 - ☐ JMP NEAR (near jump)
 - ☐ JMP FAR (far jump)





Control flow instructions

- Conditional jump
 - Jump with flags for unsigned results:
 - JA(JNBE), JB(JNAE), JE(JZ), JNA(JBE), JNB(JAE), JNE(JNZ)
 - ☐ Jump with flags for signed results:
 - JG(JNLE), JL(JNGE), JE(JZ), JNG(JLE), JNL(JGE), JNE(JNZ)
 - ☐ Jump with the value of a flag
 - JC, JZ(JE), JS, JO, JNC, JNZ(JNE), JNS, JNO
- Based on the status of a set of condition codes that are stored in a special register called the machine status word

```
Syntax Example:
opcode <Label> ;Jump to the instruction named "DONE"
if the condition satisfies
cmp EAX, 0
jq done
```



Control flow instructions

LOOP, LOOPE/LOOPZ, LOOPNE/LOOPNZ: is a combination instruction of DEC CX and JNZ



<u>C Language</u>	ASM (2)	ASM (1)
If $(AX==0)$	CMP AX, 0	CMP AX, 0
	JNE TIEP	JE CONG
AX = AX + 1;	INC AX	JMP TIEP
	TIEP:	CONG:
BX = AX;	MOV BX, AX	INC AX
		TIEP:
		MOV BX, AX
If (AX<0)	CMP AX, 0	CMP AX, 0
	JNL LONHON	JL NHOHON
AX = AX + 1;	INC AX	DEC AX
	JMP TIEP	JMP TIEP
Else	LONHON:	NHOHON:
AX = AX - 1;	DEC AX	INC AX
	TIEP:	TIEP:
BX = AX;	MOV BX, AX	MOV BX, AX



```
C Language
                                        ASM (2)
                                                                      ASM (1)
If (AL=='S')
                                       CMP AL, 'S'
                                                                 CMP AL, 'S'
                                       JNE KP_SANG
                                                                 JE CHAO BUOI SANG
                                       ; xuất thông báo
                                                                 CMP AL, 'T'
     printf ("Chao buoi sang");
                                       ; "Chao buoi sang"
                                                                 JE CHAO_BUOI_TRUA
                                                                 CMP AL, 'C'
                                       JMP THOAT
                                                                 JE CHAO BUOI CHIEU
else if (AL=='T')
                                   KP SANG:
                                                                 JMP THOAT
                                                             CHAO_BUOI_SANG:
                                      CMP AL, 'T'
                                                                 ; xuất thông báo
                                       JNE KP_TRUA
                                       ; xuất thông báo
                                                                 ; "Chao buoi sang"
     printf ("Chao buoi trua");
                                       : "Chao buoi trua"
                                                                 JMP THOAT
                                       JMP THOAT
                                                             CHAO BUOI TRUA:
else if (AL=='C')
                                                                 ; xuất thông báo
                                   KP_TRUA:
                                      CMP AL, 'C'
                                                                 ; "Chao buoi trua"
                                       JNE THOAT
     printf ("Chao buoi chiều");
                                       ; xuất thông báo
                                                                 JMP THOAT
                                       : "Chao buoi chieu"
                                                             CHAO_BUOI_CHIEU:
                                                                 ; xuất thông báo
                                   THOAT:
                                                                 ; "Chao buoi chieu"
```



<u>C Language</u>	ASM (2)	<u>ASM (1)</u>	ASM (3)
If (AL>='a' and AL<='z')	CMP AL, 'a'	CMP AL, 'a'	CMP AL, 'a'
	JB KPTHUONG	JAE CTTHUON	G JB KPTHUONG
	CMP AL, 'z'	DEC AX	CMP AL, 'z'
	JA KPTHUONG	JMP TIEP	JBE THUONG
AX = AX + 1;	INC AX	CTTHUONG:	KPTHUONG:
	JMP TIEP	CMP AL, 'z'	DEC AX
else	KPTHUONG:	JBE THUONG	JMP TIEP
AX = AX - 1;	DEC AX	DEC AX	THUONG:
	TIEP:	JMP TIEP	INC AX
BX = AX;	MOV BX, AX	THUONG:	TIEP:
		INC AX	MOV BX, AX
		TIEP:	
		MOV BX, AX	



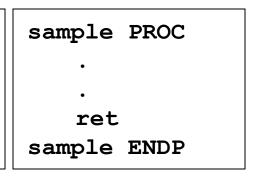
C Language	<u>ASM (2)</u>	ASM (1)	<u>ASM (3)</u>
If (AL>='A' and AL<='Z')	CMP AL, 'A'	CMP AL, '0'	CMP AL, '0'
,	JB XETSO	JAE CTLASO	JB KHAC
	CMP AL, 'Z'	JMP KHAC	CMP AL, '9'
printf ("La ky tu hoa");	JA KHAC	CTLASO:	JBE LASO
	; xuất thông báo	CMP AL, '9' JBE LASO	CMP AL, 'A'
	; "La ky tu hoa"	CMP AL, 'A'	JB KHAC
	;	JAE CTLAHOA	CMP AL, 'Z'
	JMP THOAT	JMP KHAC	JBE LAHOA
	XETSO:	CTLAHOA:	KHAC:
else if (AL>='0' and AL<='9')	CMP AL, '0'	CMP AL, 'Z'	; xuất thông báo
	JB KHAC	JBE LAHOA	; "La ky tu khac"
	CMP AL, '9'	JMP KHAC	, La Ny tu Nilac
printf ("La ky tu so");	JA KHAC	LASO: ; xuất thông báo	, JMP THOAT
	; xuất thông báo	; "La ky tu so"	LASO:
	; "La ky tu so"	;	; xuất thông báo
	, La ky ta 30	JMP THOAT	; "La ky tu so"
	, JMP THOAT	LAHOA:	, La Ny tu so
	KHAC:	; xuất thông báo ; "La ky tu hoa"	, IMD THOAT
else		, La ky ta noa	JMP THOAT
printf ("La ky tu khac");	; xuất thông báo ; "La ky tu khac"	JMP THOAT	LAHOA:
		KHAC:	; xuất thông báo
	/ THOAT:	; xuất thông báo	; "La ky tu hoa"
	THOAT:	; "La ky tu khac"	; THOAT:
		, JMP THOAT	THOAT:



Procedure

- □ CALL <Procedure Name>
 - ☐ Use stack to store (PUSH) the address of the next instruction right after the CALL instruction (where to return)
 - Write to the EIP instruction pointer register the address of the first instruction of the procedure.
- Procedure declaration

```
<Procedure Name> PROC
    .
    ret
<Procedure Name> ENDP
```



- \square RET
 - Gets (POP) the value from the top of the stack and writes it to EIP register, so the next instruction to be executed as the instruction right after the CALL instruction.

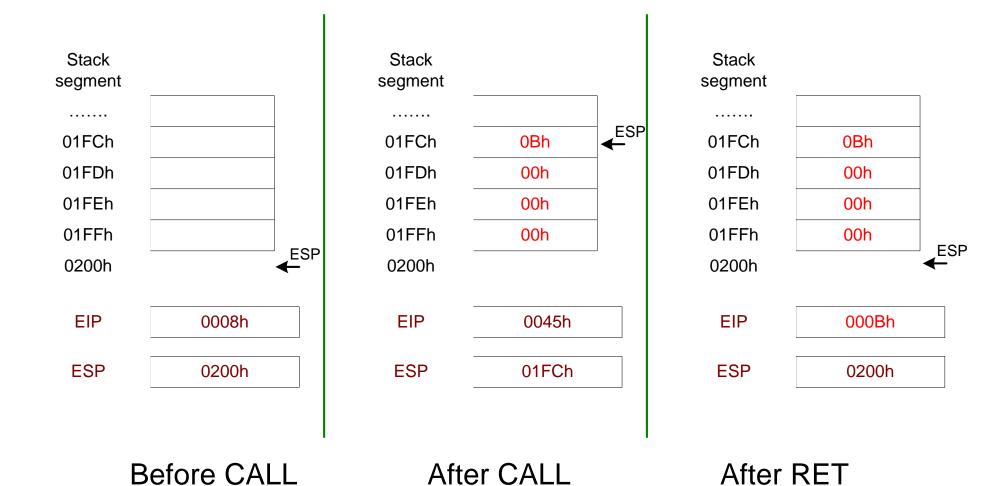


Procedure Example

```
section .code
0005h
              MOV AX, 'a'
0008h
              CALL ToUpper
000Bh
              MOV BX, AX
000Dh
              MOV AX, 'z'
0010h
              CALL ToUpper
0013h
              MOV CX, AX
               . . .
            ToUpper PROC
0045h
              SUB AX, 20h
              RET
0048h
            ToUpper ENDP
```

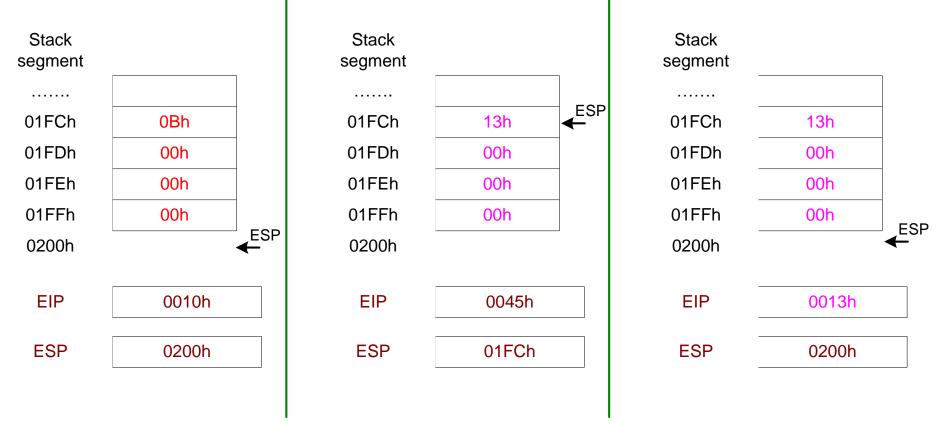


Explanation of the first call to *ToUpper* procedure





Explanation of the second call to *ToUpper* procedure



Before CALL

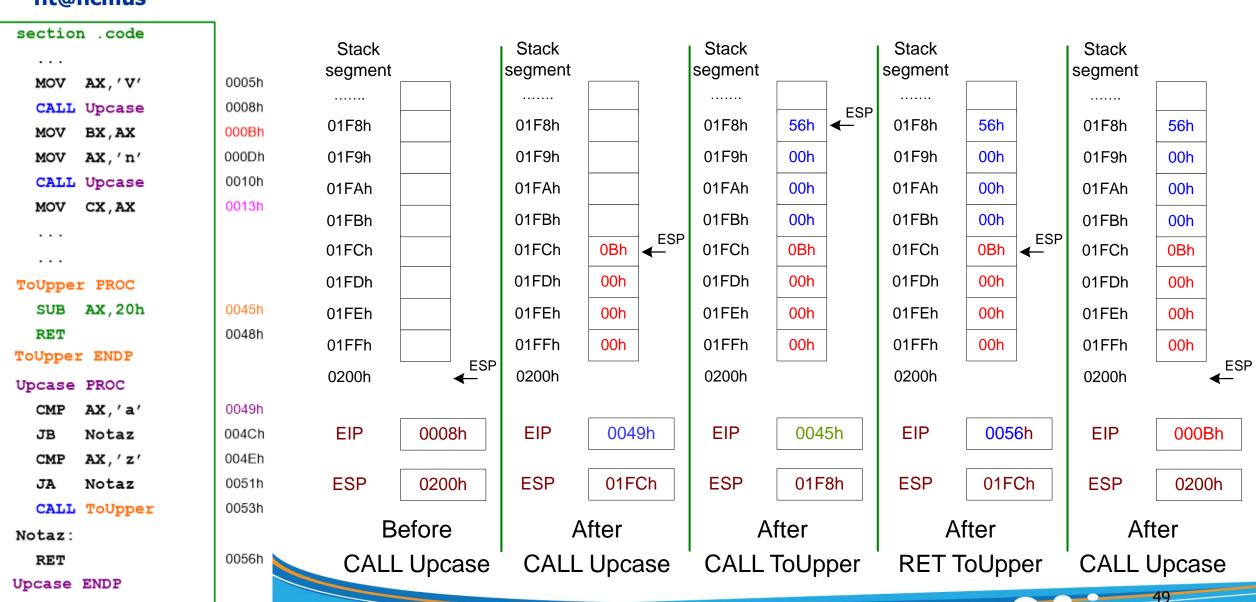
After CALL

Before RET



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Nested procedure call





Input / Output

- Independent on system
 - Interrupt generated by the software
 - Commands to swap with out of external devices: IN, OUT, ...
 - DOS and BIOS interrupt server subroutines: INT 21h, ...
- Dependent on system
 - Linux
 - syscall
 - C Library: puts, ...
 - Windows
 - API: call __WriteConsoleA@20, ...
 - C Library: call _printf, ...



x86-32bit Assembly Program "Hello World!"

```
global WinMain@16
extern MessageBoxA@16
[section .data]
   title db "Message", 0
   message db "Hello World!", 0
[section .code]
WinMain@16:
    push 0
    push title
    push message
    push 0
    call MessageBoxA@16
    ret 16
```

Compare 32-bit MIPS and x86 instructions

- MIPS: "Three-Operand Architecture"
 - 2 source operands and 1 destination operand add \$s0,\$s1,\$s2 # s0=s1+s2
 - Advantages: Fewer instructions ⇒ Faster processing
- x86: "Two-Operand Architecture"
 - 1 source operand and 1 operand play the role of destination operand and source operand

```
add EBX, EAX ; EBX=EBX+EAX
```

■ Advantages: Shorter commands ⇒ Smaller source code



Compare 32-bit MIPS and x86 instructions

- MIPS: "Load-Store Architecture"
 - Only the Load/Store instruction accesses memory; the rest of the instructions operate on registers and constants

```
lw $t0, 12($gp) add $s0, $s0,$t0 \# s0=s0+Mem[12+gp]
```

- Advantages: Simpler processing circuit ⇒ Easy to increase speed by using parallel techniques
- x86: "Register-memory architecture"
 - All instructions can access memory

```
ADD EAX, [ESI + 12] ; EAX=EAX+Mem[12+ESI]
```

□ Advantages: Fewer commands ⇒ Smaller source code



Compare 32-bit MIPS and x86 instructions

- ☐ MIPS: "Fixed Length Instructions"
 - ☐ All instructions are 4 bytes in size
 - □ Simpler processing circuit ⇒ Faster processing
 - ☐ Jump instructions: multiple of 4 bytes
- x86: "Variable length instructions"
 - Instruction size varies from 1 byte to 16 bytes
 - ⇒ Source code can be smaller (30%?)
 - Use cache more efficiently
 - Instructions can have 8-bit or 32-bit constant/immediate