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Tutorial 03: MASM Addressing Modes

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Program Structure Review



.386

```
.model flat, stdcall  
option casemap:none  
include windows.inc  
include kernel32.inc  
include user32.inc
```

Assembler Directives

.data

```
MsgCaption db "CSCI2510 Tutorial", 0  
MsgBoxText db "Hello, World!", 0
```

Data Segment

.code

start:

```
    invoke MessageBox, NULL,addr MsgBoxText, addr MsgCaption, MB_OK  
    invoke ExitProcess,NULL
```

end start

Code Segement

Program Structure Review



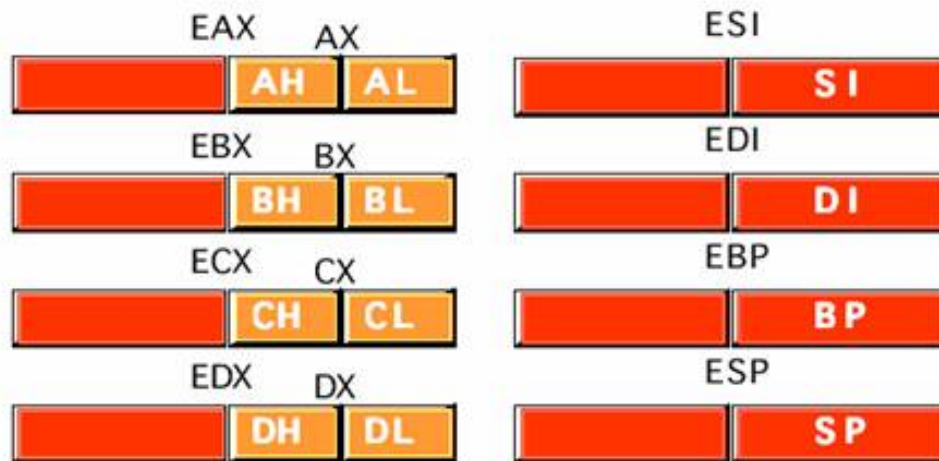
- **Assembler Directives**
 - Telling the assembler what to do:
 - Option, configuration, syntax etc...
- **Data Segment**
 - Declare and apply some memory space in primary memory (e.g. RAM)
 - Assign value to corresponding data object
- **Code Segment**
 - State the following segment is the program assembly code
 - Call function with arguments in data segment

- Registers and Memory Declaration in MASM
- `mov`: Data Movement Instruction
- Addressing Modes in MASM
- Basic Debugging Operations in MASM
 - Print
 - IDE built in

Registers in MASM (1/2)



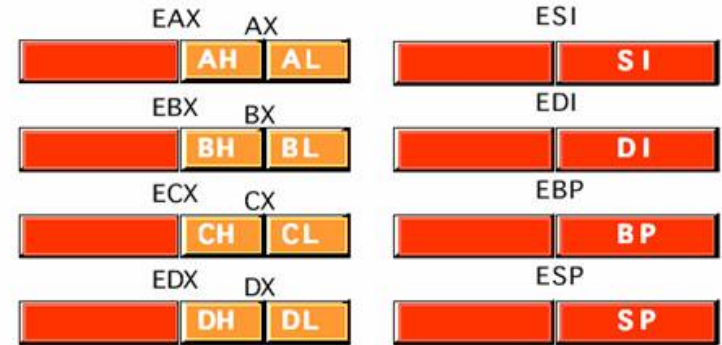
- General Purpose 32-bit Registers
 - EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX, ESI, EDI, EBP, ESP
- Subsections may be used.
 - The least significant 16-bit of EAX can be treated as a 16-bit register called AX.
 - The least significant byte of AX can be used as a single 8-bit register called AL, while the most significant byte of AX can be used as a single 8-bit register called AH.



Registers in MASM (2/2)



- These registers can be used by most of instructions:
 - `mov EAX, 100`: EAX stores 100
 - `add EAX, 1`: $EAX = EAX + 1$
 - ...



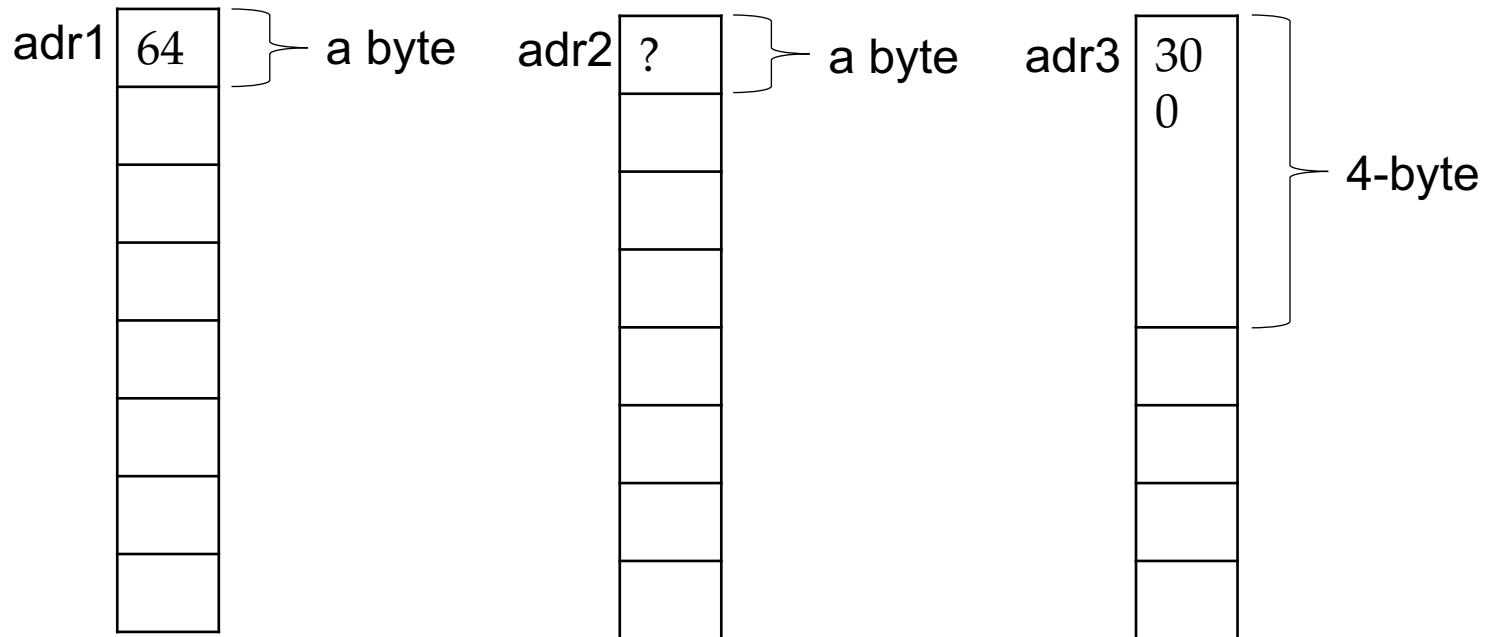
- Some special and advanced usages of these registers will be introduced later:
 - EAX, EDX: `div` instructions ...
 - EBP, ESP: `push`, `pop` ...
 - <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/12503850/why-esp-register-is-discouraged-to-use-while-using-push-or-pop-instructions>
 - ESI, EDI: string instructions ...
 - https://www.tutorialspoint.com/assembly_programming/assembly_movs_instruction.htm

Memory Allocation in MASM (1/3)



.data segment

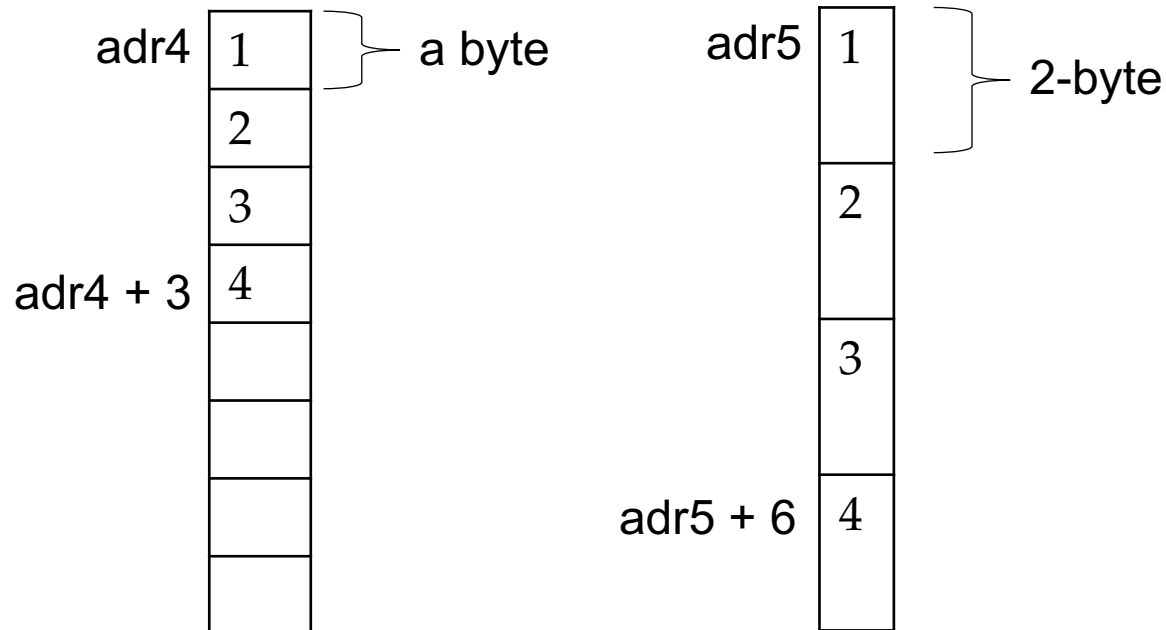
- `adr1 DB 64`
 - Declare a byte, referred to as location `adr1`, containing the value 64.
- `adr2 DB ?`
 - Declare an uninitialized byte, referred to as location `adr2`.
- `adr3 DD 300`
 - Declare a 4-byte value, referred to as location `adr3`, initialized to 300.



Memory Allocation in MASM (2/3)



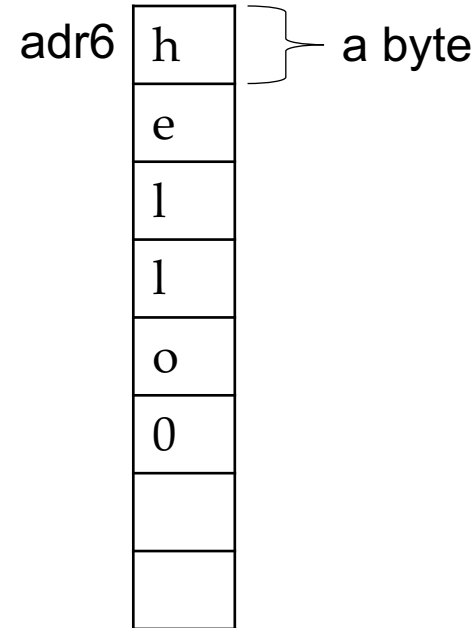
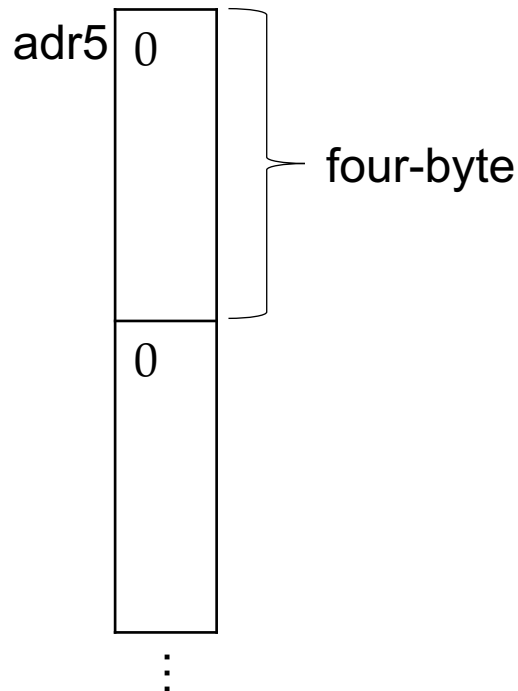
- `adr4 DB 1, 2, 3, 4`
 - Declare four one-byte values, initialized to 1, 2, 3 and 4. The value of location `adr4 + 3` will be 4.
- `adr5 DW 1, 2, 3, 4`
 - Declare four 2-byte values, initialized to 1, 2, 3 and 4. The value of location `adr4 + 6` will be 4.



Memory Allocation in MASM (3/3)



- `adr6 DD 100 DUP(0)` = `adr6 DD 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 ...`
 - Declare 100 4-byte value starting at location `adr6`, all initialized to 0
- `adr7 DB 'hello',0`
 - Declare 6 bytes starting at the address `adr7`, initialized to the ASCII character values for `hello` and the null (0) byte.





mov: Data Movement Instruction

mov

- Syntax:

mov <reg>,<con>

mov <reg>,<reg>

mov <mem>,<con>

mov <reg>,<mem>

mov <mem>,<reg>

- Semantics:

The mov instruction moves the data represented by second label (i.e. register contents, memory contents, or a constant value) into the location represented by first label (i.e. a register or memory).

- <reg> : usually EAX,EBX,ECX,EDX...
- <con>: -1,0,1,2,3,4...
- <mem>: LOC, number[register], [combination of number and register]...

mov destination source

More instruction:

<https://software.intel.com/content/www/us/en/develop/download/intel-64-and-ia-32-architectures-sdm-combined-volumes-1-2a-2b-2c-2d-3a-3b-3c-3d-and-4.html>

Addressing Modes in MASM (1/8)



- Addressing Modes: the ways for specifying the contents or locations of instruction operands.

Address Mode	Assembler Syntax	MASM Syntax	Addressing Function
1) Immediate	$\#Value$	$Value$	$Operand = Value$
2) Register	Ri	Ri	$EA = Ri$
3) Absolute	LOC	LOC	$EA = LOC$
4) Register indirect	(Ri)	$[Ri]$	$EA = [Ri]$
5) Index	$X(Ri)$	$X[Ri]$	$EA = [Ri] + X$
6) Base with index	(Ri, Rj)	$[Ri][Rj]$ or $[Ri + Rj]$	$EA = [Ri] + [Rj]$

Value: a signed number

EA: the effective address of a register or a memory location

X: an index value

Addressing Modes in MASM (2/8)



- Immediate addressing
 - `MOV EAX, 25`
- Absolute addressing (Direct addressing)
 - `MOV EAX, adr1;`
- Register addressing
 - `MOV EAX, EDX`
- Register indirect addressing
 - `MOV EAX, [EDX]`
- Index addressing
 - `MOV EAX, 4[EDX]`
- Based with index
 - `MOV EAX, [EBX + ECX]`

Addressing Modes in MASM (3/8)



- Immediate addressing

- MOV EAX, 25

- Absolute addressing

- MOV EAX, LO

- Register addressing

- MOV EAX, ED

- Register indirect addressing

- MOV EAX, [ED

- Index addressing

- MOV EAX, 32

- Based with index addressing

- MOV EAX, [E

```
9      .data
10     adr1 dd 26, 27, 28, 29
11     adr2 dd 30, 31, 32, 33
12     adr3 dd 34, 35, 36, 37
13
14     .code
15     start:
16
17     mov EAX, 25 ; direct addressing (second operand)
18
19     mov EAX, adr1; absolute (direct) addressing    ≤ 1ms elapsed
20
21     mov EDX, 1
22     mov EAX, EDX; Register addressing
23
24     mov EDX, offset adr1 ; move the memory address pointed by adr1 to EDX
25     mov EAX, [EDX] ; Register indirect addressing
26
27     mov EDX, offset adr2 ; move the memory address pointed by adr2 to EDX
28     mov EAX, 4[EDX] ; index addressing
29
30     mov EDX, offset adr3 ; move the memory address pointed by adr3 to EDX
31     mov EBX, 8
32     mov EAX, [EDX + EBX] ; based with index addressing
33
```

Destination Source

Watch 1

Name	Value
eax	25

Addressing Modes in MASM (4/8)



- Immediate addressing

- MOV EAX, 25

- Absolute addressing (Direct addressing)

- MOV EAX, adr1;

- Register addressing

- MOV EAX, EDX

- Register indirect addressing

- MOV EAX, [EDX]

- Index addressing

- MOV EAX, 4[EDX]

- Based with index

- MOV EAX, [EBX +

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13
14     .code
15     start:
16
17     mov EAX, 25 ; direct addressing (second operand)
18
19     mov EAX, adr1; absolute (direct) addressing
20
21     mov EDX, 1
22     mov EAX, EDX; Register addressing ≤ 2ms elapsed
23
24     mov EDX, offset adr1 ; move the memory address pointed by adr1 to EDX
25     mov EAX, [EDX] ; Register indirect addressing
26
27     mov EDX, offset adr2 ; move the memory address pointed by adr2 to EDX
28     mov EAX, 4[EDX] ; index addressing
29
30     mov EDX, offset adr3 ; move the memory address pointed by adr3 to EDX
31     mov EBX, 8
32     mov EAX, [EDX + EBX] ; based with index addressing
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Watch 1

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Name	Value
eax	26

Addressing Modes in MASM (5/8)



- Immediate addressing
 - MOV EAX, 25
- Absolute addressing
 - MOV EAX, adr1;
- Register addressing
 - MOV EAX, EDX
- Register indirect addressing
 - MOV EAX, [EDX]
- Index addressing
 - MOV EAX, 4[EDX]
- Based with index
 - MOV EAX, [EBX + E

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18
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20
21  mov EDX, 1
22  mov EAX, EDX; Register addressing
23
24  mov EDX, offset adr1 ; move the memory address pointed by adr1 to EDX
25  mov EAX, [EDX] ; Register indirect addressing ≤ 1ms elapsed
26
27  mov EDX, offset adr2 ; move the memory address pointed by adr2 to EDX
28  mov EAX, 4[EDX] ; index addressing
29
30  mov EDX, offset adr3 ; move the memory address pointed by adr3 to EDX
31  mov EBX, 8
32  mov EAX, [EDX + EBX] ; based with index addressing
33
```

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Watch 1

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Name	Value
eax	1

Addressing Modes in MASM (6/8)



- Immediate addressing
 - MOV EAX, 25
- Absolute addressing
 - MOV EAX, adr1;
- Register addressing
 - MOV EAX, EDX
- Register indirect addressing
 - MOV EAX, [EDX]
- Index addressing
 - MOV EAX, 4[EDX]
- Based with index
 - MOV EAX, [EBX]

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20
21 mov EDX, 1
22 mov EAX, EDX; Register addressing
23
24 mov EDX, offset adr1 ; move the memory address pointed by adr1 to
25 mov EAX, [EDX] ; Register indirect addressing
26
27 mov EDX, offset adr2 ; move the memory address pointed by adr2 to
28 mov EAX, 4[EDX] ; index addressing ≤ 1ms elapsed
29
30 mov EDX, offset adr3 ; move the memory address pointed by adr3 to
31 mov EBX, 8
32 mov EAX, [EDX + EBX] ; based with index addressing
33
```

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Name	Value
eax	26

offset:

“memory address” not “content” in the memory

Addressing Modes in MASM (7/8)



- Immediate addressing
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- Register addressing
 - MOV EAX, EDX
- Register indirect addressing
 - MOV EAX, [EDX]
- Index addressing
 - MOV EAX, 4[EDX]
- Based with index
 - MOV EAX, [EBX +

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28 mov EAX, 4[EDX] ; index addressing
29
30 mov EDX, offset adr3 ; move the memory address pointed by adr3 to EDX
31 mov EBX, 8
32 mov EAX, [EDX + EBX] ; based with index addressing ≤ 1ms elapsed
33
```

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Name	Value
eax	31

Addressing Modes in MASM (8/8)



- Immediate addressing
 - MOV EAX, 25
- Absolute addressing
 - MOV EAX, adr1;
- Register addressing
 - MOV EAX, EDX
- Register indirect addressing
 - MOV EAX, [EDX]
- Index addressing
 - MOV EAX, 4[EDX]
- Based with index
 - MOV EAX, [EBX + ECX]

```
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31     mov EBX, 8
32     mov EAX, [EDX + EBX] ; based with index addressing
33
```

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Name	Value
eax	36

Basic Debugging Operations



- **Method 1: Print the log**
 - Function in MASM
 - Three Print Functions
 - crt_printf
 - StdOut
 - MessageBox
- **Method 2: Built-in debugging** (local windows debugger)

Built-in Debugging: Monitor Registers

- Steps:
 - Add breakpoint(s) at some instruction(s)
 - Start Debugging (F5)
 - Menu Debug --> Window --> Registers to watch the value of each register
 - Put the name of the register into the watch table

Built-in Debugging: Monitor Registers



22 .code
23 start:
24 mov eax, 1
25 mov ebx, 123456
26 add eax, ebx
27 mov ebx, 0
28
29 end start

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Watch 1

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Name	Value	Type
eax	1	unsigned int

Add item to watch

22 .code
23 start:
24 mov eax, 1
25 mov ebx, 123456
26 add eax, ebx ≤ 2ms elapsed
27 mov ebx, 0
28
29 end start

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Watch 1

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Name	Value
eax	1

Add item to watch

22 .code
23 start:
24 mov eax, 1
25 mov ebx, 123456
26 add eax, ebx
27 mov ebx, 0 ≤ 1ms elapsed
28
29 end start

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Watch 1

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Name	Value
eax	123457

Add item to watch

Diagram illustrating the state of the debugger during the execution of the MASM code. The code defines a procedure `start` that initializes `eax` to 1, moves 123456 into `ebx`, adds `ebx` to `eax`, and then moves 0 into `ebx`. The debugger shows the execution progress across three snapshots:

- Snapshot 1:** The code is at line 24 (`mov eax, 1`). The Watch window shows `eax` with a value of 1.
- Snapshot 2:** The code is at line 26 (`add eax, ebx`). The Watch window shows `eax` with a value of 1. A red arrow points from the Watch window to the code line.
- Snapshot 3:** The code is at line 27 (`mov ebx, 0`). The Watch window shows `eax` with a value of 123457. A red arrow points from the Watch window to the code line.



- Registers and Memory Declaration in MASM
- `mov`: Data Movement Instruction
- Addressing Modes in MASM
- Basic Debugging Operations in MASM
 - Print
 - IDE built in