

16 bit offset specification formula :

$$[BX | BP] + [SI | DI] + [const]$$

offset specification

base pointer

based addressing

indexed addressing

direct addressing

! The address of a variable is constant

* variable is not a constant, but its offset is !

The second part of the address is determined at load time !

mov ax, [eax + ebp * 4 - 7]

mov eax, [bx + si + 6]

you CANNOT have a mixture of these

the destination decides the number of bytes taken from the next address

Machine Language is the set of machine instructions to which the processor reacts

Assembly language is a programming language in which the basic instructions correspond to the machine operations

* Every variable name is replaced with its offset and later with the whole add.

The basic elements with whom the assembler works:

- labels
- instructions
- directives (# in C for ex.)
define ...

Symbols = Mnemonics + labels

→ they are directed to the processor

→ indication given to the compiler of assembler

- location counter → int the number of bytes generated so far ⇒ the
↳ an R-value
it cannot be assigned offset RIGHT NOW

→ i.e. the cursor in a word doc. the address where we're right now

Every segment has its own location counter

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[0] dereferencing operator (specific to NASM)

$\$$ - start of current section

$\$ - \$$ = the distance between the beginning of the segment AS A SCALAR

ex) a db 14, -2, 0ffh, 'xyz'
db 'a', -101, 251, -3, 4ch
db _____

lga dw $\$ - a$

lga dw lga - a

b dw _____

⇒ mov ax, b - a (pointer arithmetic ⇒ eax - the length of the array)

or do like this:

what else can we write for the same result?

! The assembler/compiler has 2 main tasks:

1) Check the syntactic correctness and validity of your source code

! 2) Generating the corresponding bytes for the instructions and directives met in the source code

The assembler is a tool for generating BYTES

mov eax, $\$ - a$

NO! we are in the code segment ⇒ FALSE

mov eax, lga - a CORRECT, cause lga is a variable

EQU defines a constant \Rightarrow they don't have allocated memory location
 \Rightarrow is a syntactical error to dereference a constant

mov eax, [lga] \rightarrow **SYNTAX ERROR**

* You cannot sub. from an offset a for address

A code label you define with ":"

Source line format is:

[label [...]] [prefixes] [mnemonic] [operands] [; comment]

ex: here: jmp here ; label + mnemonic + operand + comment
repz cmpsd ; prefix + mnemonic + comment -
start: ; label + comm.

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Why are ":" optional when it comes to labels

data label \Rightarrow not needed
mnemonic
operands

the assembler is generating the corresponding bytes

Two categories of labels:

a) Code labels \rightarrow can also appear in the data segment

b) Data label \rightarrow can also appear in the code segment

C and assembly are value oriented languages

The value associated with the label in assembly language is an integer number representing the address of the instruction or directive following the label.

CALL is a jump that stores the value to the stack

expressions must be evaluable at assembly time except the offset specifications formula

mov eax, [ebx+2] - correct

mov eax, ebx+2 - syntax error because it is not evaluable at assembly time

mov eax, [v+2]

mov eax, [v]+2 NO cause at assembly time you don't know the contents of the variable

Operands types:

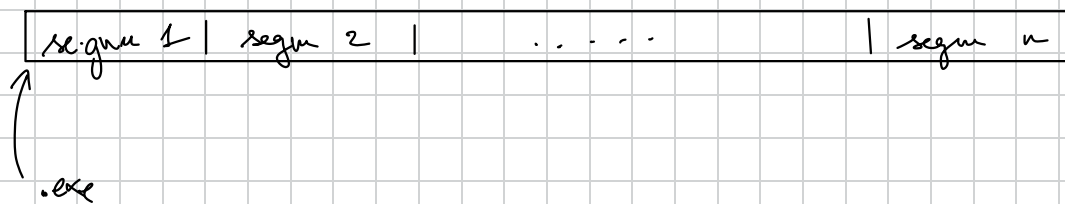
- immediate operands
- register operands
- memory operands

?? : offset 1
?? : offset 2

nobody knows the segment part until loading time

The linkers are responsible for the correctness / validity of the program

Direct addressing is when you don't have the destination register



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* what you did until now were NOT for addresses

* every offset is part of one of the 4 types of segments

CS DS ES SS

JMP FAR CS:

JMP FAR DS: ... or jump far [label2]

* ES can only be used in explicit specifications like ES: [ver]

MOV EAX, [v] ; MOV EAX, DWORD PTR DS:[405000]

MOV EAX, [EBX] ; MOV EAX, DWORD PTR DS:[EBX]

MOV EAX, [EBP] ; ———— || ———— SS:[EBX]

MOV EAX, [EBP*2] ; — || ———— DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+EBP]

MOV EAX, [EBP*3] ———— || ———— SS:[EBP+EBP*2]

[EBP*4] ———— || ———— DS:[EBP*4]

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MOV EAX, [EBX+ESP] ✓ ; MOV EAX, DWORD PTR [SS:ESP+EBX]

MOV EAX, [ESP+EBX] ✓

MOV EAX, [EBX+ESP*2] you cannot have ESP as an index

MOV EAX, [EBX+EBP*2] ✓

MOV EAX, [EBX+EBP]	} any of them can be the base / index ⇒ different:	DS: EBX+EBP
MOV EAX, [EBP+EBX]		SS: EBP+EBX

[EBX*2+EBP] → SS:

[EBX*1+EBP] → SS:

[EBP*1+EBX] → DS:

[EBX*1+EBP*1] → SS:
index base

[EBP*1+EBX*1] → DS:
index base

Rx with CS:

deduction

jmp et 1 ;

jmp short 00102h

→ if you stay into the $[-127, 127]$ range
it is considered SHORT and can be
done on a byte