

# Introduction to 8086 Assembly

## Lecture 13

Inline Assembly



# Inline Assembly

- Compiler-dependent
- *GCC* -> *GAS* (the *GNU assembler*)



# Intel Syntax => AT&T Syntax

- Registers: `eax` => `%eax`
- Immediates: `123` => `$123`
- Memory:
  - `lbl1` => `$lbl1` (address of `lbl1`)
  - `[lbl1]` => `lbl1` (content of `lbl1`)



# Intel Syntax => AT&T Syntax

- Operand order reversed:
  - `mov dest, src => mov src, dest`
- Operand size in command (`movb`, `movw`, `movl`, `addb`, `addw`, `addl`, etc):
  - `mov eax, ebx => movl %ebx, %eax`
  - `add dl, ch => addb %ch, %dl`
- Indirect addressing
  - `mov eax, [ebx] => movl (%ebx), %eax`
  - `add ax, [ebx+4] => addw 4(%ebx), %ax`
  - `mov dword [ebx], 1 => movl $1, (%ebx)`



# Compile C to AT&T Assembly

- `gcc -S myprogram.c`
- `gcc -S -masm=att myprogram.c`



# More on Intel vs. AT&T Syntax

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/X86\\_assembly\\_language#Syntax](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/X86_assembly_language#Syntax)
- [https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/X86\\_Assembly/GAS\\_Syntax](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/X86_Assembly/GAS_Syntax)
- <https://imada.sdu.dk/Courses/DM18/Litteratur/IntelnATT.htm>



# Basic inline assembly

inline1.c

```
int main() {  
  
    asm ("movl $1, %eax");  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

inline2.c

```
int main() {  
  
    __asm__("movl %eax, %ebx");  
  
    return 0;  
}
```



# Basic inline assembly

```
int main() {  
    int a;  
  
    asm("movl $10, %eax; xchg %al, %ah");  
  
    asm("movl $10, %eax;"  
        "xchg %al, %ah");  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

inline3.c

# Global symbols (functions, global variables)



```
#include <stdio.h>
int g = 0;

void print_sum(int a, int b) {
    printf("sum=%d\n", a+b);
}

int main() {
    asm ("movl $110, g"); // NASM: mov dword [g], 110
    printf("g=%d\n", g);

    asm ("pushl $10;"           // NASM: push 10
         "pushl $13;"           // NASM: push 13
         "call print_sum;"      // NASM: call print_sum
         "addl $8, %esp;"); // NASM: add esp, 8

    return 0;
}
```

inline4.c

# Global symbols (functions, global variables)



```
#include <stdio.h>
```

inline4.c

```
int g = 0;
```

```
void print_sum(int a, int b) {
    printf("sum=%d\n", a+b);
}
```

```
int main() {
```

```
    asm ("movl $110, g"); // NASM: mov dword [g], 110
```

```
    printf("g=%d\n", g);
```

```
    asm ("pushl $10;"           // NASM: push 10
         "pushl $13;"           // NASM: push 13
         "call print_sum;"      // NASM: call print_sum
         "addl $8, %esp;"); // NASM: add esp, 8
```

```
    return 0;
}
```

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 inline4.c && ./a.out
g=110
sum=23
```

# Global symbols (functions, global variables)



```
#include <stdio.h>

int g = 0;

void print_sum(int a, int b) {
    printf("sum=%d\n", a+b);
}
```

inline4.c

Do not use this technique!  
It might not always work!

```
printf("g=%d\n", g);

asm ("pushl $10;"           // NASM: push 10
     "pushl $13;"           // NASM: push 13
     "call print_sum;"      // NASM: call print_sum
     "addl $8, %esp;");    // NASM: add esp, 8
```

```
return 0;
}

b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 inline4.c && ./a.out
g=110
sum=23
```

# Global symbols (functions, global variables)



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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

inline4.c

```
int g = 0;

void print_sum(int a, int b) {
    printf("sum=%d\n", a+b);
}
```

```
int main()
```

what about local variables?

```
asm (
    "pushl $10;"           // NASM: push 10
    "pushl $13;"           // NASM: push 13
    "call print_sum;"     // NASM: call print_sum
    "addl $8, %esp;");   // NASM: add esp, 8
```

```
return 0;
}
```

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 inline4.c && ./a.out
g=110
sum=23
```



# How GCC handles inline assembly?

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

inline5.c

```
int main() {
    int a,b,c,d;

    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);

    c = a+b;

    asm ("charand_command %ebx, %eax");

    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);

    return 0;
}
```



# How GCC handles inline assembly?

```
#include <stdio.h>           inline5.c

int main() {
    int a,b,c,d;

    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);

    c = a+b;

    asm ("charand_command %ebx, %eax");

    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);

    return 0;
}
```

No Error Compiling to Assembly!

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -S inline5.c -o inline5.asm
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$
```



# How GCC handles inline assembly?

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main() {
    int a,b,c,d;

    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);

    c = a+b;

    asm ("charand_command %ebx, %eax");

    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);

    return 0;
}
```

inline5.c

```
:  
movl -16(%rbp), %eax  
addl %edx, %eax  
movl %eax, -12(%rbp)
```

```
charand_command %ebx, %eax
```

```
movl -16(%rbp), %edx  
movl -20(%rbp), %eax  
movl -12(%rbp), %ecx  
movl %eax, %esi  
movl $.LC1, %edi  
movl $0, %eax
```

```
:
```

inline5.asm

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -S inline5.c -o inline5.asm
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$
```



# How GCC handles inline assembly?

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int a,b,c,d;

    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);

    c = a+b;

    asm ("charand_command %ebx, %eax");

    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);

    return 0;
}
```

inline5.c

```
:  
movl -16(%rbp), %eax  
addl %edx, %eax  
movl %eax, -12(%rbp)
```

inline5.asm

```
charand_command %ebx, %eax
```

```
movl -16(%rbp), %edx  
movl -20(%rbp), %eax  
movl -12(%rbp), %ecx  
movl %eax, %esi  
movl $.LC1, %edi  
movl $0, %eax
```

just inserting  
inline assembly

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -S inline5.c -o inline5.asm
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$
```



# How GCC handles inline assembly?

```
#include <stdio.h>  
  
int main() {  
    int a,b,c,d;  
  
    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);  
  
    c = a+b;  
  
    asm ("charand_command %ebx, %eax");  
  
    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

inline5.c

**GCC just inserts inline assembly!**

Assembler Error!

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc inline5.c  
inline5.c: Assembler messages:  
inline5.c:10: Error: no such instruction: `charand_command %ebx,%eax'
```



# How GCC handles inline assembly?

```
#include <stdio.h>  
  
int main() {  
    int a,b,c,d;  
  
    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);  
  
    c = a+b;  
  
    asm ("charand_command %ebx, %eax");  
  
    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

inline5.c

GCC just inserts inline assembly!  
It has no idea what inline assembly is doing!

Assembler Error!

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc inline5.c  
inline5.c: Assembler messages:  
inline5.c:10: Error: no such instruction: `charand_command %ebx,%eax'
```



# How GCC handles inline assembly?

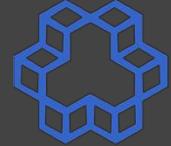
```
#include <stdio.h>  
  
int main() {  
    int a,b,c,d;  
  
    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);  
  
    c = a+b;  
  
    asm ("charand_command %ebx, %eax");  
  
    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

inline5.c

GCC just inserts inline assembly!  
It has no idea what inline assembly is doing!  
=> side effects!

Assembler Error!

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc inline5.c  
inline5.c: Assembler messages:  
inline5.c:10: Error: no such instruction: `charand_command %ebx,%eax'
```



# What can go wrong?

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

inline6.c

```
int main() {
    int a,b,c;

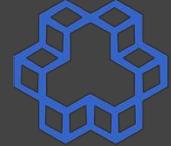
    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);

    c = a+b;

    asm ("movl $1, %eax;"           "movl $1, %ebx;"           "movl $1, %ecx;"           "movl $1, %edx");
         "addl %eax, %ebx;"          "addl %ebx, %ecx;"          "addl %ecx, %edx;"          "movl %edx, %eax");

    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);

    return 0;
}
```



# What can go wrong?

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int a,b,c;

    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);

    c = a+b;

    asm ("movl $1, %eax;"           // Line 1
         "movl $1, %ebx;"           // Line 2
         "movl $1, %ecx;"           // Line 3
         "movl $1, %edx");          // Line 4

    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);

    return 0;
}
```

inline6.c

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 inline6.c && ./a.out
2 3
a=2 b=3, a+b=5
```



# What can go wrong? Case 1:

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

inline7.c

```
int main() {
    int a,b;
    register int c;
    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);
    c = a+b;
    asm ("movl $1, %eax;"           "movl $1, %ebx;"           "movl $1, %ecx;"           "movl $1, %edx");
    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);
    return 0;
}
```



# What can go wrong? Case 1:

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main() {
    int a,b;
    register int c;
```

gcc tries to use  
a register to  
store c

```
scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);
```

```
c = a+b;
```

```
asm ("movl $1, %eax;"  
     "movl $1, %ebx;"  
     "movl $1, %ecx;"  
     "movl $1, %edx");
```

```
printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

inline7.c



# What can go wrong? Case 1:

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

inline7.c

```
int main() {
    int a,b;
    register int c;
    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);
    c = a+b;
    asm ("movl $1, %eax;"           ; Commented out
          "movl $1, %ebx;"           ; Commented out
          "movl $1, %ecx;"           ; Commented out
          "movl $1, %edx");
    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);
    return 0;
}
```

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 inline7.c && ./a.out
2 3
a=2 b=3, a+b=1
```



# What can go wrong? Case 1:

```
#include <stdio.h>           inline7.c

int main() {
    int a,b;

    register int c;

    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);

    c = a+b;

    asm ("movl $1, %eax;"      might or might not work as registers
         "movl $1, %ebx;"      unexpectedly change. (worked in this
         "movl $1, %ecx;"      case).
         "movl $1, %edx");

    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);

    return 0;
}
```

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 inline7.c && ./a.out
2 3
a=2 b=3, a+b=1
```



# What can go wrong? Case 2:

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

inline6.c

```
int main() {
    int a,b,c;

    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);
```

```
c = a+b;
```

```
asm ("movl $1, %eax;"  
     "movl $1, %ebx;"  
     "movl $1, %ecx;"  
     "movl $1, %edx");
```

```
printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 inline6.c && ./a.out
2 3
a=2 b=3, a+b=5
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 -O1 inline6.c && ./a.out
2 3
a=1 b=1, a+b=2
```



turn on optimization



# Solution 1: use volatile keyword

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

inline8.c

```
int main() {
    volatile int a,b,c;

    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);

    c = a+b;

    asm ("movl $1, %eax;"           // Commented out by volatile
         "movl $1, %ebx;"           // Commented out by volatile
         "movl $1, %ecx;"           // Commented out by volatile
         "movl $1, %edx");          // Commented out by volatile

    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);

    return 0;
}
```

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 inline8.c && ./a.out
2 3
a=2 b=3, a+b=5
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 -O1 inline8.c && ./a.out
2 3
a=2 b=3, a+b=5
```



turn on optimization



# Solution 1: use volatile keyword

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

inline8.c

```
int main() {
    volatile int a,b,c;

    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);

    c = a+b;

    asm ("movl $1, %eax;"      // Commented out by volatile
         "movl $1, %ebx;"      // Commented out by volatile
         "movl $1, %ecx;"      // Commented out by volatile
         "movl $1, %edx");      // Commented out by volatile

    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);

    return 0;
}
```

renders optimization useless!

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 inline8.c && ./a.out
2 3
a=2 b=3, a+b=5
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 -O1 inline8.c && ./a.out
2 3
a=2 b=3, a+b=5
```



turn on optimization



# Learn more about volatile keyword

- <https://barrgroup.com/Embedded-Systems/How-To/C-Volatile-Keyword>
- <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/understanding-volatile-qualifier-in-c/>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volatile\\_\(computer\\_programming\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volatile_(computer_programming))
-



# Solution 2: tell compiler what registers are affected

```
#include <stdio.h>           inline8.c

int main() {
    volatile int a,b,c;

    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);

    c = a+b;

    asm ("movl $1, %eax;"      "movl $1, %ebx;"      "movl $1, %ecx;"      "movl $1, %edx");
        "movl %eax, %ebx;"     "movl %ebx, %ecx;"     "movl %ecx, %edx;"     "movl %edx, %eax");

    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);

    return 0;
}
```



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# Extended Inline Assembly

```
asm ( “assembly code” : output registers : input registers : clobbered registers);
```



# Solution 2: tell compiler what registers are affected

```
#include <stdio.h>
inline9.c

int main() {
    int a,b,c;

    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);

    c = a+b;

    asm ("movl $1, %%eax;"           ; Register list
         "movl $1, %%ebx;"           ; Register list
         "movl $1, %%ecx;"           ; Register list
         "movl $1, %%edx;"           ; Register list
         : : : "eax", "ebx", "ecx", "edx");

    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);

    return 0;
}
```



# Solution 2: tell compiler what registers are affected

```
#include <stdio.h>
inline9.c

int main() {
    int a,b,c;

    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);

    c = a+b;
    use double %
    for registers
    asm ("movl $1, %%eax;"           ←
        "movl $1, %%ebx;"           ←
        "movl $1, %%ecx;"           ←
        "movl $1, %%edx;"           ←
        : : : : "eax", "ebx", "ecx", "edx");
    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);

    return 0;
}
```



# Solution 2: tell compiler what registers are affected

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

inline9.c

```
int main() {  
    int a,b,c;
```

```
    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);
```

```
    c = a+b;
```

```
    asm ("movl $1, %%eax;"  
         "movl $1, %%ebx;"  
         "movl $1, %%ecx;"  
         "movl $1, %%edx;" : : : "eax", "ebx", "ecx", "edx");
```

clobbered registers

```
    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```



# Solution 2: tell compiler what registers are affected

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main() {
    int a,b,c;

    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);

    c = a+b;
```

```
asm ("movl $1, %%eax;"           ; Register list
     "movl $1, %%ebx;"           ; for the
     "movl $1, %%ecx;"           ; compiler
     "movl $1, %%edx;"           ; to know
     : : : "eax", "ebx", "ecx", "edx");

    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);
```

inline9.c

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 inline9.c && ./a.out
2 3
a=2 b=3, a+b=5
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 -O1 inline9.c && ./a.out
2 3
a=2 b=3, a+b=5
```



turn on optimization



# Solution 2: tell compiler what registers are affected

```
#include <stdio.h>
inline10.c

int main() {
    int a,b;
    register int c;

    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);

    c = a+b;

    asm ("movl $1, %%eax;"           ; Output operand
         "movl $1, %%ebx;"           ; Output operand
         "movl $1, %%ecx;"           ; Output operand
         "movl $1, %%edx;"           ; Output operand
         : : : "eax", "ebx", "ecx", "edx");

    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);

    return 0;
}
```



# Solution 2: tell compiler what registers are affected

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

inline10.c

```
int main() {
    int a,b;
    register int c;

    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);

    c = a+b;

    asm ("movl $1, %%eax;"           . . .
         "movl $1, %%ebx;"           : : : "eax", "ebx", "ecx", "edx");
         "movl $1, %%ecx;"           :
         "movl $1, %%edx;"           :
         "": "eax", "ebx", "ecx", "edx");

    printf("a=%d b=%d, a+b=%d\n", a, b, c);

    return 0;
}
```

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 inline10.c && ./a.out
2 3
a=2 b=3, a+b=5
```



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# Give input to inline assembly

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main() {
    char msg[] = "Salaaaam Kako!\n";
    int length = strlen(msg);

    asm ("movl    $4, %%eax;    // system call 4: sys_write
          "movl    $1, %%ebx;    // file handle 1: stdout
          "int     $0x80;"      // syscall
          : : "c" (msg), "d" (length) : "eax", "ebx");
    }

    return 0;
}
```

inline11.c

```
# sys_write
movl $4, %eax # syscall no.
movl $1, %ebx # file handle
movl $msg, %ecx # message
movl $13, %edx # length
int $0x80
```



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# Give input to inline assembly

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main() {
    char msg[] = "Salaaaam Kako!\n";
    int length = strlen(msg);

    asm ("movl    $4, %%eax;    // system call 4: sys_write
          "movl    $1, %%ebx;    // file handle 1: stdout
          "int     $0x80;"      // syscall
          : : "c" (msg), "d" (length) : "eax", "ebx");
        ^           ^
        ecx         edx

    return 0;
}
```

inline11.c

```
# sys_write
movl    $4, %eax # syscall no.
movl    $1, %ebx # file handle
movl    $msg, %ecx # message
movl    $13, %edx # length
int    $0x80
```



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# Give input to inline assembly

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    int length = strlen(msg);

    asm ("movl    $4, %%eax;"    // system call 4: sys_write
         "movl    $1, %%ebx;"    // file handle 1: stdout
         "int    $0x80;"        // syscall
         :      : "c" (msg), "d" (length) : "eax", "ebx");

    return 0;
}
```

inline11.c

```
# sys_write
movl    $4, %eax # syscall no.
movl    $1, %ebx # file handle
movl    $msg, %ecx # message
movl    $13, %edx # length
int    $0x80
```

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 inline11.c && ./a.out
Salaaaam Kako!
```



# Registers

a	eax, ax, al
b	ebx, bx, bl
c	ecx, cx, cl
d	edx, dx, dl
s	esi, si
D	edi, di
r	register
f	a floating point register



# Get output

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int x = 12, y=13;

    printf("x=%d, y=%d\n", x,y);

    asm ("xchgl %%eax, %%ebx"
        : "=a" (x) , "=b" (y)
        : "a" (x) , "b" (y)
        : );

    printf("x=%d, y=%d\n", x,y);

    return 0;
}
```

inline12.c



# Get output

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

inline12.c

```
int main() {
    int x = 12, y=13;

    printf("x=%d, y=%d\n", x,y);

    asm ("xchgl %%eax, %%ebx"
        : "=a" (x), "=b" (y) → outputs
        : "a" (x), "b" (y) → inputs
        : );

    printf("x=%d, y=%d\n", x,y);

    return 0;
}
```



# Get output

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

inline12.c

```
int main() {
    int x = 12, y=13;

    printf("x=%d, y=%d\n", x,y);

    asm ("xchgl %%eax, %%ebx"
        : "=a" (x), "=b" (y) → outputs
        : "a" (x), "b" (y) → inputs
        : );

    printf("x=%d, y=%d\n", x,y);
}
```

```
return 0;
```

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 inline12.c && ./a.out
x=12, y=13
x=13, y=12
```



# Get output

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

inline13.c

```
int main() {
    int x = 12, y=13;

    printf("x=%d, y=%d\n", x,y);

    asm ("xchgl %0, %1"
        : "=r" (x), "=r" (y) → outputs
        : "0" (x), "1" (y) → inputs
        : );

    printf("x=%d, y=%d\n", x,y);

    return 0;
}
```



# Get output

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

inline13.c

```
int main() {
    int x = 12, y=13;

    printf("x=%d, y=%d\n", x,y);

    asm ("xchgl %0, %1"
        : "=r" (x), "=r" (y) → outputs
        : "0" (x), "1" (y) → inputs
        : );

    printf("x=%d, y=%d\n", x,y);
}
```

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 inline13.c && ./a.out
x=12, y=13
x=13, y=12
```



# Use Intel Syntax with *GCC*

- Modern versions of *GAS* support Intel Syntax
- The *GAS GNU Syntax* is a bit different from *NASM Syntax*
  - the `.intel_syntax` and `.att_syntax` directives



# Use Intel Syntax with *GCC*

- Put your code between the `.intel_syntax` (or `.intel_syntax noprefix`) and `.att_syntax` directives
- Better solution: Compile with `-masm=intel` *gcc* option.



# Use Intel Syntax with *GCC*

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main() {
    char msg[] = "Salaaaam Kako!\n";
    int length = strlen(msg);

    asm ("mov    eax, 4;"    // system call 4: sys_write
         "mov    ebx, 1;"    // file handle 1: stdout
         "int    0x80;"      // syscall
         :      : "c"  (msg), "d"  (length) : "eax", "ebx");

    return 0;
}
```

inline14.c



# Use Intel Syntax with *GCC*

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
```

inline14.c

```
int main() {
    char msg[] = "Salaaaam Kako!\n";
    int length = strlen(msg);

    asm ("mov    eax, 4;"    // system call 4: sys_write
         "mov    ebx, 1;"    // file handle 1: stdout
         "int    0x80;"      // syscall
         :      : "c"  (msg), "d"  (length) : "eax", "ebx");

    return 0;
}
```

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 -masm=intel inline14.c && ./a.out
Salaaaam Kako!
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$
```



# Be careful with compiler optimization!

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int count = 0;

    asm ("mov eax, 0" : : : "eax");

    for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
        asm ("inc eax;" : "=a" (count) : : );
    }

    printf("count=%d\n", count);

    return 0;
}
```

inline15.c



# Be careful with compiler optimization!

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main() {  
  
    int count = 0;  
  
    asm ("mov eax, 0" : : : "eax");  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {  
        asm ("inc eax;" : "=a" (count) : : );  
    }  
  
    printf("count=%d\n", count);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

inline15.c

```
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 -masm=intel inline15.c && ./a.out  
count=10  
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13$ gcc -m32 -masm=intel -O1 inline15.c && ./a.out  
count=1
```



# volatile keyword for inline assembly

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int count = 0;

    asm volatile ("mov eax, 0" : : : "eax");

    for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
        asm volatile ("inc eax;" : "=a" (count) : : );
    }

    printf("count=%d\n", count);

    return 0;
}
```

inline16.c



# volatile keyword for inline assembly

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

inline16.c

```
int main() {  
  
    int count = 0;  
  
    asm volatile ("mov eax, 0" : : : "eax");  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {  
        asm volatile ("inc eax;" : "=a" (count) : : );  
    }  
  
    printf("count=%d\n", count);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13\$ gcc -m32 -masm=intel inline16.c && ./a.out  
count=10  
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture13\$ gcc -m32 -masm=intel -O1 inline16.c && ./a.out  
count=10



# Inline assembly is compiler-dependent

```
_asm {  
    mov al, 2  
    mov dx, 0xD007  
    out dx, al  
}
```

```
_asm mov al, 2  
_asm mov dx, 0xD007  
_asm out dx, al
```



Microsoft Visual C

<https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/45yd4tzz.aspx>



# References & further reading

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