

# Systems Programming

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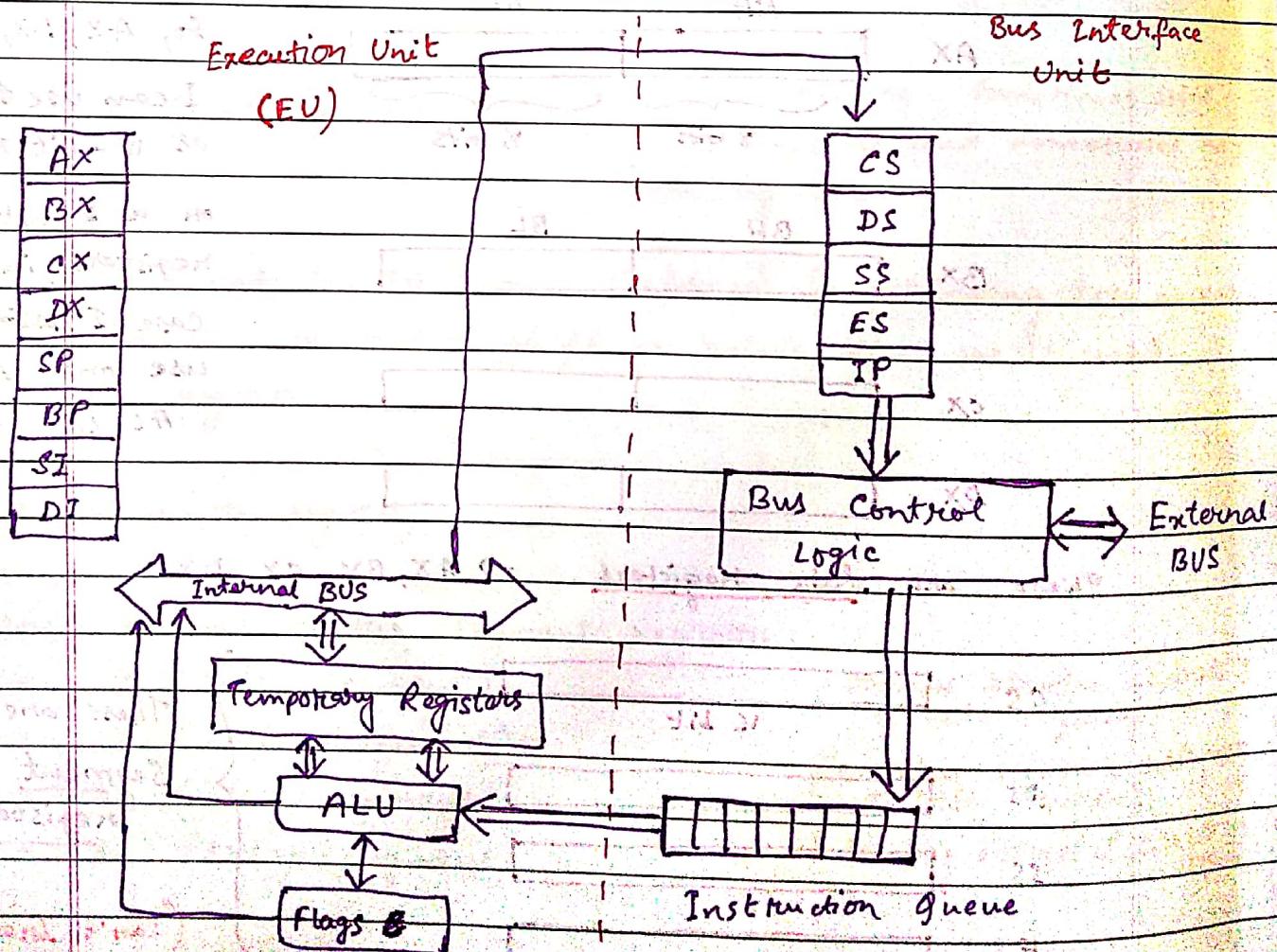
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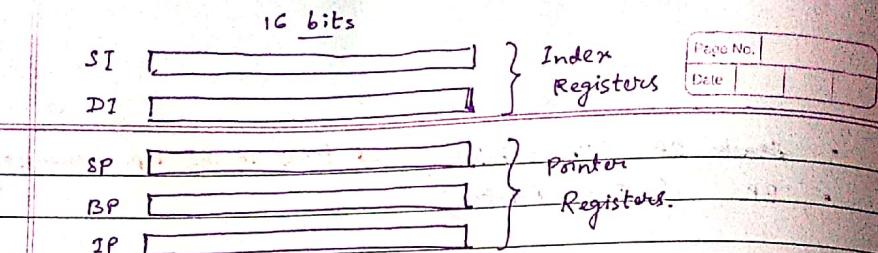
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Assembly language programs depend on the processor.

In this course, we'll cover 8086 and 8088 microprocessor.

Organization of an 8086 microprocessor:





One more register :

16 bits

(Flag register) → No specific

name now,  
however its  
bits have some  
name.  
[We'll see later]

- AX (Accumulator Register) → Preferred register for performing arithmetic, logical operations and data transfer.

If I use AX, it will generate the shortest machine code.

- BX (Base Register) → This is multipurpose. Sometimes used as Data registers and sometimes as Address registers.
- CX (Count Register) → Preferred for performing loop operations.
- \* Whenever we want to shift or rotate bits, we'll use CL register.

- DX (Data Register)

Now, we come to the Segment registers :

- CS (Code Segment) [Contains starting address of Code segment]
- DS (Data Segment) [Contains starting address of Data segment]
- SS (Stack Segment) [Starting address of Stack seg.]
- ES (Extra Segment)

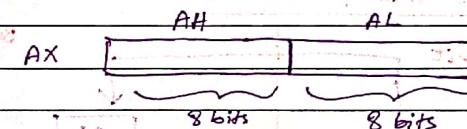
+ Registers are just like memory locations, except that we usually refer to them by name, rather than address.

\* There are mainly two phases while performing any instruction:

- 1) Fetch (Fetch instruction from memory + Decode it to determine operation)
- 2) Execute ( + fetch the data from memory if necessary.)

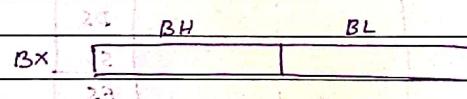
\* We can classify the registers as three types :

- 1) Data Register
  - 2) Address Register → Segment Register  
Pointer Register  
Index Register
  - 3) Status Register / Flag Register
- All these are 16 bit registers.

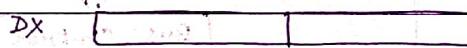


So, AX, BX, CX, DX

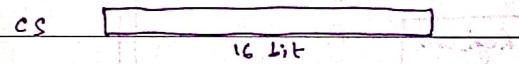
I can use them as 16-bit registers.



or as 8-bit registers, in which case I need may use only AH, BH, AL, CL, etc.

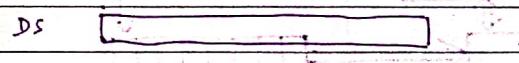


These are data registers. → AX, BX, CX, DX.



16 bit

These are called Segment registers.



(Can't break it like those AX, BX etc.)

The syntax of any statement is like this:

Syntax: name operation operand(s) comment

e.g. S1: MOV CX, 5 ; initialize counter (Anything after semicolon is a comment)

MAIN PROC ; Directive

Variables:

Types: DB → define byte (8 bits)

DW → define word (2 bytes → 16 bits)

DD → define double word (32 bits)

DQ → define quad word (64 bits)

DT → define Ten bytes (80 bits)

e.g. ALP DB 4 ; ALP=4 ALP → variable name

data type = DB value = 4

ALP DB ? ; Uninitialized ALP variable. Use ? for this.

B-ARR DB 10H, 20H, 30H  
B-ARR ↓  
B-ARR+1 → B-ARR+2

LETTER DB 'ABC' ; LETTER DB 41H, 42H, 43H ;

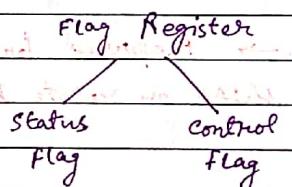
→ These both are same / equivalent

41H = 65D → ASCII code of 'A'.

MSG DB 'HELLO', 0AH, 0DH, '\$'

N1 DW 1234D

- Stack SP (Stack Pointer) → Points to the top element of a stack.
- BP (Base Pointer)
- SI (Source Index) → Used to point to memory location in the Data segment.  
Format = DS : SI  
Segment add. Offset add.
- DI (Destination Index) → Performs same operation as SI.
- IP (Instruction Pointer) → Instructions are stored in Code segment  
Format = CS : IP  
So IP contains the offset address of the instruction to be executed.
- IP contains the address of the next instruction to be executed.



### Assembly language Programming (ALP)

MASM is an assembler → Microsoft Macro Assembler  
(TASM is also similar. It can also be used).

A statement in an Assembly language program can be:

- i) Instruction, or
- ii) Assembler Directive → To perform some specific task which has been defined beforehand.

### NEG :

NEG destination

$$W1 = -10 \\ \text{NEG } W1 // W1 = 10.$$

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→ How to write certain expressions : ?? (i)  $B = A \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{MOV BX, A} \\ \text{MOV B, BX} \end{array}$

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(ii)  $A = 5 - A \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{MOV AX, 5} \\ \text{SUB AX, A} \\ \text{MOV A, AX} \end{array}$

(iii)  $A = B - 2A \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{MOV AX, B} \\ \text{SUB AX, A} \\ \text{SUB AX, A} \\ \text{MOV A, AX} \end{array}$

$\checkmark \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{MOV AX, B} \\ \text{MOV BX, A} \\ \text{ADD BX, A} \\ \text{SUB AX, BX} \\ \text{MOV A, AX} \end{array}$

\* Memory Model → Effectively, what is the size of the code segment.

the size of the data segment, that is determined by the specific model

(i) Small → code is in 1 segment and data is also in 1 segment

(ii) Medium → code is in more than 1 segment but data is in 1 segment

(iii) compact → code is in 1 segment and data is in more than 1 segment.

(iv) Large → code and data both are in more than 1 segment and array size < 64k bytes

(v) Huge → code and data both are in more than 1 segment and array size > 64k bytes.

### Program Structure

#### Memory Model

.MODEL m-model  $\Rightarrow$  SMALL  
MEDIUM

COMPACT

LARGE

HUGE

We'll generally use .MODEL SMALL

### Named Constant

v-name EQU constant-value

LF EQU 0AF ; LF = 0AF

// EQU = Equals

// If we assign using EQU,  
that variable's value can't  
be changed during the  
program. It remains constant.

### MOV

MOV destination, source

(\*First  
low byte  
comes, then  
high byte)

MOV AX, W1 // only lower byte of W1 is  
copied to AX in this case.

MOV AX, BX // Error → both can't be  
memory variables

destination, source can be both registers or one register and one memory  
variable  
→ both can't be memory variables.

### XCHG

XCHG destination, source

// XCHG = Exchange.  
// Here also, both can't be  
memory variables.

e.g. XCHG AX, W1

### ADD / SUB

ADD W1, AX ; // W1 = W1 + AX

SUB AX, DX ; // AX = AX - DX

ADD B1, B2 // Error! Both can't  
be memory variables

MOV AL, B2 //  
ADD B1, AL // ✓

### INC (Increment)

INC destination

INC AX // content of destination  
will be incremented by  
1.

### DEC (Decrement)

DEC destination DEC W1

② AH=2:

Input: AH=2

DL = ASCII code of character  
to be displayed.

Output: AL=DL  
and display.

### ASCII codes

- 7 → beep sound
- 8 → back space
- 9 → tab
- 10 → linefeed // Go to end of line
- 13 → carriage return // New line begins

e.g. Program

TITLE PG1 : Echo ASM // Non-executable line

.MODEL SMALL

.STACK 100H

.CODE

MAIN PROC

MOV AH, 2

MOV DL, '?'

INT 21H

MOV AH, 1

INT 21H

MOV BL, AL

MOV AH, 2

MOV DL, ODH

INT 21H

MOV DL, OAH

INT 21H

MOV DL, BL

INT 21H

MOV AH, 4CH

INT 21H

MAIN ENDP

END MAIN

⇒ Moves cursor to the beginning of the next line.

⇒ To return to the DOS.

③ AH=9: string output

(String should end with a \$ sign)

Input: AH=9

DX = offset address of the string  
i.e. beginning address of the string.

Output: Display

\* Instruction for storing offset address:

LEA (Load Effective Address)

LEA destination, source

e.g. LEA DX, MSG

// Here, destination should be a general register.

// Source should be a memory location

### DATA Segment

.DATA

W1 DW 2

W2 DW 10

MSG DB 'HELLO!'

MASK EQU 10011111B

### STACK Segment

.STACK size

e.g. .STACK 100H

### CODE Segment

### Overall Structure

.CODE c-name

p-name PROC

; body

p-name ENDP

.CODE

MAIN PROC

; body

MAIN ENDP

.MODEL -SMALL

.STACK 100H

.DATA

; body

.CODE

MAIN PROC

; body

MAIN ENDP

; other procedures

END MAIN

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### Input and Output instructions

~~INT 21H~~ → Its behaviour depends on what value is there inside AH.

AH

1 → Single key input

2 → Single character output

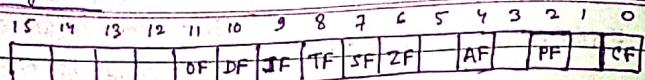
9 → String output

① AH=1 :

Input: AH=1

Output: AL = ASCII of the input character

## Flag Register :



The flags can be mainly characterised into two types:

### Status Flags

- 1) CF (Carry Flag)  $\rightarrow$  CF=1  $\Rightarrow$  There is a carry out of MSB on addition or there is a borrow on MSB for subtraction
- 2) PF (Parity Flag)  $\rightarrow$  PF=1 if low byte of a result has even number of 1s  
else PF=0 if odd no. of 1s  
  
e.g. Result after some addition  
i.e. FFFFH  $\rightarrow$  Then PF=0  
as it has 7 1s in low byte
- 3) AF (Auxiliary Flag)  $\rightarrow$  AF=1 if there is a carry out of/borrow at bit 3 upon addition/subtraction
- 4) ZF (zero Flag)  $\rightarrow$  ZF=1 for zero result, and ZF=0 for non-zero result
- 5) SF (Sign Flag)  $\rightarrow$  SF=0 if MSB of a result is +ve  
else SF=1 if result is -ve,  
i.e. SF=1 if MSB = 1

- 6) OF (Overflow Flag)  $\rightarrow$  OF=1 if signed overflow occurred.

## Flow Control Instructions :- (3 types)

- ① Signed Conditional Jump  
Both are similar  $\rightarrow$  JG = Jump if greater than  
 $\rightarrow$  JNLE = Jump if Not less than or equal to  
(when: ZF=0 and SF=OF)

### Control Flags

- 1) TF (Trap Flag)
- 2) IF (Interrupt Flag)
- 3) DF (Direction Flag)

## Program Segment Prefix (PSP) :

At the beginning of the program, DS and ES both also point to the CS, i.e. beginning of the code segment.

In this case, if we access some data variable, it will point somewhere else, and give garbage value. To solve this problem, after

Main procedure, we should write these two lines:

```
MOV AX, @DATA // AX is needed. MOV, DS, @DATA
MOV DS, AX // can't be done directly.
```

E.g.: In one variable, we'll store "HELLO!" and display it -

```
MODEL SMALL
STACK 100H
DATA
MSG DB 'HELLO!$'
```

```
CODE
MAIN PROC
    MOV AX, @DATA
    MOV DS, AX
    LEA DX, MSG
    MOV AH, 9
    INT 21H
    MOV AH, 4CH
    INT 21H
```

```
MAIN ENDP
END MAIN
```

```
MODEL SMALL
STACK 100H
DATA
CR EQU 0DH
LF EQU 0AH
MSG1 DB 'Enter lowercase letter :$'
MSG2 DB 'ODH,0AH,'In upper
case it is :'
```

```
CHAR DB ?, '$'
```

```
CODE
```

```
MAIN PROC
    MOV AX, @DATA
    MOV DS, AX
    LEA DX, MSG1
    MOV AH, 9
    INT 21H
    MOV AH, 1
    INT 21H
```

```
SUB AL, 20H
MOV CHAR, AL
LEA DX, MSG2
MOV AH, 9
INT 21H
```

```
If MSG2 ----
    VI DB 5 was written,
    CHAR .... $ output would've been:
    MOV AH, 4CH
    INT 21H // Didn't explicitly print CHAR
MAIN ENDP
END MAIN
```

In upper case, ... it is : 5A

\* Program to print all 256 characters.

```
MODEL SMALL  
STACK 100H  
CODE  
MAIN PROC  
MOV AH,2  
MOV CX, 256  
MOV DL,0  
P_LOOP:  
INT 21H  
INC DL  
DEC CX  
JNZ P_LOOP
```

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NOTE: JMP is an unconditional jump statement

CMP (Compare) -

CMP destination, source

Both can't be memory variables

// destination - source is compared.  
The result is not stored anywhere  
but the flags are affected.

CMP AX, BX // Suppose AX = 7FFFH, BX = 0001H  
JG BELOW

// Then it will jump to "Below".

// Suppose AX = 7FFFH, BX = 8000H  
Then it will again jump to "Below"  
since BX = 0

∴ JG, JL etc. perform signed addition, subtraction.

However, CMP AX, BX // AX = 7FFFH, BX = 8000H  
JA BELOW // Then it won't jump to "Below"

\* if AX < 0

then AX = -AX ⇒

endif

CMP AX, 0

JNL L1

NEG AX

L1: ---

\* if AL ≤ BL

display AL ⇒

else

display BL

endif

MOV AH, 2

CMP AL, BL

JG L1

MOV DL, AL

JMP D1

L1: MOV DL, BL

D1: INT 21H

→ JGE / JNL (SF = OF) [JGE = Jump if Greater than or Equal to]  
[JNL = Jump if NOT less than]

→ JL / JNGE (SF < OF) [JL = Jump if less than]  
[JNGE = Jump if NOT greater than or equal to]

→ JLE / JNG (ZF = 1 or SF < OF) [JLE = Jump if less than or equal to]  
[JNG = Jump if Not greater than]

### (2) Unsigned Conditional Jump :

→ JA / JNBE (CF = 0 and ZF = 0) [JA = Jump if above]  
[JNBE = Jump if Not Below or equal]

→ JAE / JNB (CF = 0) [JAE = Jump if above or equal]  
[JNB = Jump if Not below]

→ JB / JNAE (CF = 1)

→ JBE / JNA (CF = 1 or ZF = 1)

### (3) Single Flag Jump :

→ JE / JZ (ZF = 1) [JE = Jump if equal]  
[JZ = Jump if zero]

→ JNE / JNZ (ZF = 0) [JNE = Jump if not equal]  
[JNZ = Jump if not zero]

→ JC (CF = 1) [JC = Jump if carry]

→ JNC (CF = 0) [JNC = Jump if not carry]

→ JO (OF = 1) [JO = Jump if overflow]

→ JNO (OF = 0)

→ JS (SF = 1) [JS = Jump if signed (-ve sign)]

→ JNS (SF = 0)

→ JP (PF = 1) [JP = Jump if parity even]

→ JNP (PF = 0)

\* if  $AL = 1 \text{ or } 3 \rightarrow \text{display "O"}$

if  $AL = 2 \text{ or } 4 \rightarrow \text{display "E"}$

$\text{CMP AL, 1}$

L1:  $\text{MOV DL, 'O'}$

$\text{JE L1}$

$\text{JMP D1}$

$\text{CMP AL, 3}$

L2:  $\text{MOV DL, 'E'}$

$\text{JE L1}$

D1:  $\text{MOV AH, 2}$

$\text{JE E1}$

$\text{INT 21H}$

$\text{CMP AL, 4}$

$\text{JE E1}$

### \* FOR Loop :

loop destination\_label

// In this line, cx is automatically decremented and if  $CX \neq 0$ , control goes to next line of loop instruction

Note that cx must store the no. of times loop shall run.

### \* Program to print: \* \* \* ... \*

$\text{MOV CX, 10}$

$\text{MOV AH, 2}$

$\text{MOV DL, '*'}$

→ One problem occurs if initially

L1:  $\text{INT 21H}$

$CX = 0$

$\text{LOOP L1}$

$\text{MOV CX, 0}$

This will scan

L1:  $\text{INT 21H}$

$\text{LOOP L1} = \infty$

$2^{16}$  times until

$CX$  again becomes 0.

To solve this, we do:

$\text{MOV CX, 0}$

$\text{MOV AH, 2}$

$\text{MOV DL, '*'}$

$\text{JNZ S1}$  // Jump if cx is 0, to S1

L1:  $\text{INT 21H}$

$\text{LOOP L1}$

S1: .....

HIS THE END

- WHILE Loop :

Structure:

```

    count = 0
    read a char
    while char <> CR           // CR = Carriage Return
                                  i.e. Enter key
    DO
        count = count + 1
        read a char
    end while
  
```

↙

MOV CX, 0

MOV AH, 1

INT 21H

L1: CMP AL, 0DH  
JE E1  
INC CX  
INT 21H  
JMP L1

- DO ... WHILE Loop

: DO  
read a char  
until - char is blank

↓  
MOV AH, 1

E1:

R1: INT 21H  
CMP AL, 0 // OR, CMP AL, 0  
JNE R1

- Logical Instructions → AND, OR, XOR, NOT

AND, destination, source  
OR/  
XOR

// Flags are also affected.

// destination must be a  
register or memory variable.

XOR AX, AX ≡ MOV AX, 0

OR CX, CX ≡ CMP CX, 0

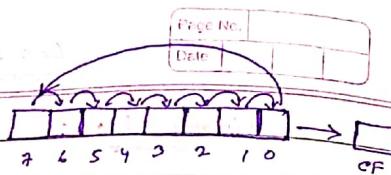
[: Flags are affected by ]  
OR operation also (ZF flag)

SUB AL, 30H

AND AL, 0FH } converts digit characters '0'... '9' to  
the corresponding digit value, e.g. '8' → 8

NOT AX → Invert all the bits of AX

② ROR : ROR destination, 1/CL



# counting no. of set bits in BX and storing the result in AX.

XOR AX, AX // AX=0

MOV CX, 16

L1: ROL BX, 1

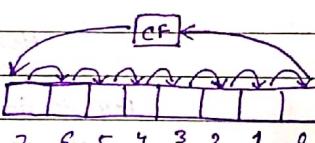
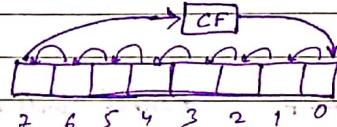
JNC N1

INC AX

N1: LOOP L1

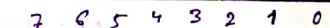
③ RCL : RCL destination, 1/CL

→ this also shifts the bits to left. Shifts MSB to CF and the previous value of CF is shifted to LSB.



④ RCR :

RCR destination, 1/CL



# Program to reverse the bits of AL : 13 BT  
e.g. AL = 10010110

→ becomes :

AL = 01101001

MOV CX, 8

R1: SHL AL, 1

RCR BL, 1

LOOP R1

MOV AL, BL

• TEST instruction : (Flags are affected)

TEST destination, source // Performing AND operation between destination and source

but does not store it in destination.

TEST AL, 1

JZ B2

→ Checks if no. in AL is even or odd. If even, then label goes to B2.

• Shift Instructions:

① SAL :

SHL destination, 1 → LSB becomes 0, left shift occurs and MSB is shifted to CF.  
i.e. Carry Flag is affected.

② SAL : (Shift Arithmetic Left)

SAL AX, 3 = SHL AX, 8 // i.e.  $2^3 = 8$

③ SHR :

SHR destination, no. → MSB becomes 0, right shift occurs and LSB is shifted to CF

e.g. DH = 8AH, CL = 2

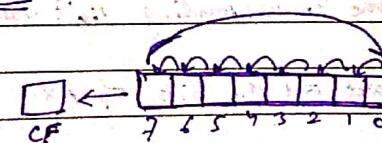
SHR DH, CL ; → Then DH = 22H

④ SAR :

SAR destination, CL

• Rotate Instructions :

⑤ ROL : ROL destination, 1/CL



MSB value goes to LSB and is also stored in CF.

- Stack: (SP contains the offset address of the top of the stack)

① PUSH: `PUSH source` // source = 16-bit register or, memory word variable

`PUSH AX`. This does two things:

1)  $SP \rightarrow SP - 2$

2) A copy of value at AX will go to the address SS:SP

② PUSHF: `PUSHF` // no arguments required.

→ It just pushes the content of the flag register into the stack.

③ POP: `POP destination`

~~POP BX~~. This does two things:

1) Content of SP will be moved to destination (here BX)

2)  $SP \rightarrow SP + 2$

④ POPF: `POPF`; → moves the top of the stack to the flag register.  
and increments SP by 2.

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### Binary I/O:

#### Input

`XOR BX, BX`

`MOV AH, 1`

`INT 21H`

W1: `CMP AL, 0DH`

`JE E1`

`AND AL, 0FH` // same as `SUB AL, 48` for digit inputs

`SHL BX, 1`

`OR BL, AL` // NOTE: OR BX, AL X as AL is 8-bit.

`INT 21H`

`JMP W1`

E1:

#### Hex Input

0 to 9 and A-F + Input will be 4 times [ $\because 4 \times 4 = 16$  bits]

`XOR BX, BX`

`MOV CL, 4`

`MOV AH, 1`

`INT 21H`

#### Hex Output

For 4 times do :

`Mov BH to DL`

Shift DL 4 times to the right

If  $DL < 10$

convert to '0' ... to .. '9'

else

convert to 'A'..to.. 'F'

endif

Display character

Rotate BX 4 times to the left.

end for.

(Write Code)  
HW

W1: `CMP AL, 0DH`

`JE E1`

`CMP AL, 39H`

`JG L1`

`AND AL, 0FH`

`JMP S1`

L1: `SUB AL, 37H`

S1: `SHL BX, CL`

`OR BL, AL`

`INT 21H`

`JMP W1`

E1:

### Applications of Stack:

Q: Program that reads characters until CR is pressed and prints the characters in reverse order.

\* RET : RET pop-value (pop-value is optional)  
 If we write only RET, then the top of the stack will be popped off and stored in IP. → That's what is desired as stack top contained the address of where we should the next line after call statement.

RET N // N is an integer

→ Pops the top of the stack and stores it in IP. Then also pops additional N bytes from the stack. (i.e. SP = SP + N)

\* Multiplication of two numbers using addition and bit shifting:

e.g. A = 0111 = 7, B = 1101 = 13

Prod = 0

if LSB of B is 1  
 Prod = Prod + A

endif

Shift left A

Shift right B

Repeat this. → Write a code using Procedure

```
.MODEL SMALL
.STACK 100H
.CODE
MAIN PROC
    MOV AX, 7
    MOV BX, 13
    CALL MULTIPLY
    MOV AH, 4CH
    INT 21H
MAIN ENDP

MULTIPLY PROC
    ; Input → AX and BX   Output → DX = product
    PUSH AX
    PUSH BX
    XOR DX, DX
    POP BX
    POP AX
    RET
MULTIPLY ENDP
END MAIN
```

• MODEL SMALL

• STACK 100H

• CODE

MAIN PROC

MOV AH, 0

MOV AL, '?'

INT 21H

XOR CX, CX

MOV AH, 1

INT 21H

W1: CMP AL, 0DH

JE E1

PUSH AX

INC CX

INT 21H

JMP W1

E1: MOV AH, 2

MOV DL, 0DH

INT 21H

MOV DL, 0AH

INT 21H

JCXZ E2

T1: POP DX

INT 21H

LOOP T1

E2: MOV AH, 76

INT 21H

MAIN ENDP

END MAIN

• Procedure Declaration :

p-name PROC type

; body

RET

p-name ENDP

A type → is optional. Give it or don't give it

type → NEAR.  
 type → FAR

// We wanted to push AL, but we have to push 16-bit register

NEAR : the procedure and from where we are calling the procedure, both are in the same segment

FAR : both are in different segments.

[Default value of type is NEAR]

Q. How to call a procedure?

→ CALL p-name This does two things:

1. Returns address of the next executable line after CALL statement is pushed on top of the stack
2. CS:IP stores the first executable line of the procedure being called.

\* Byte form: Dividend has to be 16-bit and must be stored in AX. After division:  
 Quotient  $\rightarrow$  AL  
 Remainder  $\rightarrow$  AH

\* Word form: Dividend has to be 32-bit and must be stored in DX:AX. After division:  
 Quotient  $\rightarrow$  AX  
 Remainder  $\rightarrow$  DX.

If dividend is 8-bit in Byte form, then:

DIV  $\rightarrow$  AH should be cleared i.e. MOV AH, 0  
 IDIV  $\rightarrow$  CBW; // Convert Byte to Word e.g. 10000111  
 ↳ Signed extension. becomes  
 1000000000000111

Similarly, if dividend is 16-bit in word form, then:  
 DIV  $\rightarrow$  DX should be cleared

IDIV  $\rightarrow$  CWD; Convert word to double word.

e.g. XBY  $\div$  (-7) where XBY is a byte type variable  
 MOV AL, XBY  
 CBW // Signed extension of AL into AX  
 MOV BL, -7  
 IDIV BL

Q. Write a program procedure to print the number in AX in signed decimal format.

if AX < 0  
 print '-' and AX = -AX  
 endif

Get the digits in AX in decimal representation. // Use stack

Convert these digits into characters and print.

### \* Multiplication :

MUL source  $\rightarrow$  unsigned multiplication  
 IMUL source  $\rightarrow$  signed multiplication

If we multiply two bytes, the result will be of word type.

If we multiply two words, the result will be of double word type.

For Byte multiplication  $\rightarrow$  one no. is source, other must be in AL.

i.e. And after product, the 16-bit result will be stored in AX.

For Word multiplication  $\rightarrow$  One no. is in source, other must be in AX.

The 32-bit product will be stored in DX:AX.

The most significant 16 bits in DX and rest in AX.

Q. Suppose A and B are two word variables. Write instructions to perform  $A = 5A - 12B$  (Assume that all multiplication results would fit in 16 bits)

```
MOV AX, 5
IMUL A
MOV A, AX
MOV AX, 12
IMUL B
SUB A, AX
```

Q. Write a procedure to compute N! (factorial).

FACT PROC  
 ; INPUT : CX=N , output : AX=N!

PUSH CX  
 MOV AX, 1 // we know N>0,  
 T1: MUL CX // so we shall use  
 LOOP T1  
 MUL // i.e. unsigned.

### \* Division :

DIV divisor  $\rightarrow$  unsigned division  
 IDIV divisor  $\rightarrow$  signed division

### • One Dimensional Array :

GAMMA DW 100 DUP (0) // GAMMA is an array of 100 byte type variables, all initialized with 0.

DELTA DW 24 DUP (?)

Suppose W1 is a word array. How to exchange the 10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> element of W1 ?

[Note: For XCHG, both can't be memory variables]

Mov AX, W1+18  
XCHG W1+48, AX  
Mov W1+18, AX

// 1st ele = W1  
2nd ele = W1 + 1 × 2 (each no.  
= 2 bytes)  
10<sup>th</sup> ele = W1 + 9 × 2

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Different ways of accessing elements of an array :

#### ① Register Indirect Mode :

We use : [Register]

where Register stores the offset address of the element

Allowed registers are: BX, SI, DI, BP

Segment address : DS ← Segment address for BP  
For these

e.g. Mov AX, [SI]

Suppose W is a word array : Find the sum of 9<sup>th</sup> elements.

W DW 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60

Mov CX, 6  
XOR AX, AX  
LEA SI, W

L1: ADD AX, [SI]

ADD SI, 2 // Adding 2 because each element of W is of 2 bytes size.

Q. Write a procedure to reverse the elements of an array.

e.g. 1, 2, 3, ..., N becomes N, N-1, ..., 2, 1

e.g. AX = 24168

AX ÷ 10 ⇒ Q = 2416 R = 8

AX ÷ 10 ⇒ Q = 241 R = 5

AX ÷ 10 ⇒ Q = 24 R = 1

AX ÷ 10 ⇒ Q = 2 R = 4

AX ÷ 10 ⇒ Q = 0 R = 2

} Push these in stack

Name this as OUTDEC PROC and file name as OUTDEC.ASM.

Then, in another file, write this ! (Run and submit on Monday)

### TITLE PG1 : Decimal Output

.MODEL SMALL

~~CODE~~ .STACK 100H

.CODE

MAIN PROC

Mov AX, 1234

CALL OUTDEC

Mov AH, 4CH

Int 21H

MAIN ENDP

INCLUDE C:\OUTDEC.ASM

END MAIN

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#### • Decimal Input :

INDEC PROC

; output: AX = No.

PUSH BX

PUSH CX

PUSH DX

M1: Mov CX, 1

P1: Int 21H

R1: CMP AL, '0'

JL B1

CMP AL, '9'

JG B1

XOR CX, CX

Mov AX, 0

INT 21H

CMP AL, '-'

POP BX

ADD BX, AX

Mov AH, 1

Int 21H

Cmp AL, 0DH

JNE R1

Mov AX, BX

Or CX, CX

JZ E1

Neg AX

And AX, 000FH

Push AX

Mov AX, 10

Mul BX

Ret

```

MOV CX, 5
XOR BX, BX
XOR AX, AX
L1: ADD AX, W[BX]
ADD BX, 2
LOOP L1

```

- Q. Suppose I have a msg with lowercase letters. convert them into uppercase letters.

```

MSG DB 'this is a message'
MOV CX, 17
XOR SI, SI
L1: CMP MSG[SI], ' '
JE NI
AND MSG[SI], 0DFH
NI: INC SI
LOOP L1

```

- PTR operator: type PTR address-expression

(used to override the declared type of an address expression)  
e.g.

DOLLAR DB, 1AH  
CENT DB 52H

MOV AX, DOLLAR (Wrong)

MOV AX, WORD PTR DOLLAR // Then, AL = 1AH  
AH = 52H

- LABEL:
    - MONEY LABEL (WORD)
    - DOLLAR DB 1AH
    - CENT DB 52H
- These two do the same thing.  
depending on this type, those many bytes will be moved to AX during MOV AX, MONEY.  
MONEY points to DOLLAR.

- Segment override:
  - We know by default, BX, SI, DI have their segment address coming from DS during array indexing.
  - We can explicitly override the <sup>default</sup> segment address.

Syntax is → Segment\_Reg : [Pointer\_Reg]

e.g. MOV AX, [SI] ; → moves DS:SI

MOV AX, ES:[SI] ; → moves ES:SI

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### REVERSE PROC

; input : SI = offset address of array  
; BX = no. of elements  
; Output : Reversed array

```

PUSH AX
PUSH BX
PUSH CX
PUSH SI
PUSH DI
MOV DI, SI
MOV CX, BX
SHR CX, 1 ; CX =  $\frac{n}{2}$ 
DEC BX ; BX = (n-1)
SHL BX, 1 ; BX = 2(n-1)
ADD DI, BX ; [DI] = last element

```

```

L1: MOV AX, [SI]
    XCHG AX, [DI]
    MOV [SI], AX
    ADD SI, 2
    SUB DI, 2
    LOOP L1
    POP DI
    POP SI
    :
    ADD DI, BX ; [DI] = last element
    RET

```

### ② Based and Indexed Addressing mode:

Register or Memory location (in all three cases)  
we can use: [Reg. + displacement] or [displacement + Reg.]

or [Reg.] + displacement

// displacement may be positive, or may be negative.

Again, allowed registers are:

BX, BP, SI, DI

// These segment addresses come from DS as specified for previous case.

If we use BX or BP,  
we call it Indexed Addressing Mode

// Let BX=4

MOV AX, [W+BX]

MOV AX, [BX+W]

MOV AX, W+[BX]

MOV AX, W[BX]

$$W + 2 \times (3-1) = W + 4$$

all these are valid. Using any of these, 3rd element of W is moved to AX.

- Q. Given a word array, find the sum of all its elements and store the result in AX.

variable [base-reg.][index-reg] → for accessing array elements.

e.g. MOV AX, [BX][SI]

Mov AX, [BX + SI]

Mov AX, [BX + SS]

} All these are equivalent.

[BX][SI] → accesses

NOTE: element at address  
=  $16 + BX + SI$

Q. Suppose A is a  $5 \times 7$  word array. Write code to clear all the row 3 elements of A.

Mov BX, 28 ;  $A[3][1] \rightarrow A + 2 \times \{2 \times 7 + 0\}$   
Xor SI, SI =  $A + 28$   
Mov CX, 7

L1: Mov A[BX][SI], 0

Add SI, 2

Loop L1

Q. Code to clear all the column 4 elements of A.

Xor BX, BX  
Mov SI, 6 ;  $A[1][4] = A + 2 \times \{0 \times 7 + 3\} = A + 6$   
Mov CX, 5

L1: Mov A[BX][SI], 0

Add BX, 14

Loop L1

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• XLAT : Before XLAT instruction, BX contains some address and AL contains some value.

XLAT ; → goes to the address BX+AL and stores the content of that address in AL.  
(No operand instruction)  
(BX remains unchanged)  
→ so only AL is changed.

Q. I want to push the top 3 words of the stack in AX, BX and CX. The stack should remain as it is, so don't use pop.

Method 1:

Mov SI, SP

Mov AX, SS:[SI]

Mov BX, SS:[SI+2]

Mov CX, SS:[SI+4]

Method 2: (Wrong! Can't use SP)

Mov AX, [SP]

Mov BX, [SP+2]

Mov CX, [SP+4]

// Here, as we are using [SP], so no need to write SS: because default segment for SP is SS.

[We can only use BX, BP, SI, DI for addressing.]

# Here, in Method 2 we are not changing SP's value. However, it's a good practice that we operate the addresses in stack using BP (so as to ensure that SP doesn't change and always point to the top of the stack).

Method 3:

Mov BP, SP ; Now BP points to the top of the stack  
Mov AX, [BP] ; Again no need to write SS:  
Mov BX, [BP+2]  
Mov CX, [BP+4]

Q. Write an Assembly code to sort an array and display in main.

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• Two Dimensional Array : e.g. B DW 10, 20, 30, 40  
DW 50, 60, 70, 80

Let  $[A]_{M \times N}$  matrix.

→ Can be stored in Row major form OR column major form.

$A[i][j] = \begin{cases} A + \{(i-1) \times N + (j-1)\} \times S & \text{(for Row Major)} \\ A + \{(i-1) + (j-1) \times M\} \times S & \text{(for Column Major)} \end{cases}$

where  $S = \text{bytes size}$ . For DW,  $S = 2$   
For DB,  $S = 1$

Suppose I have :

```
DATA  
STR1 DB 'HELLO'  
STR2 DB 5 DUP(?)
```

Q. How to copy the contents of STR1 into STR2 ?

MOV AX, @DATA

MOV DS, AX

MOV ES, AX ; So that ES also points to the Data segment  
and ES: DI works correctly

LEA SI, STR1

LEA DI, STR2

CLD ; DF = 0 → for moving left to right

MOV CX, 5

REP MOVSB ; REP MOVSB is similar to L: MOVSB

LOOP L

Q. How to copy the contents of STR1 into STR2 in reverse  
order ? (i.e. we want STR2 = 'OLLEH')

LEA SI, STR1+4 ; DB type → so STR1+4 for last

LEA DI, STR2

STD

MOV CX, 5

L1: MOVSB  
ADD DI, 2 ; So that DI = DI + 1 effectively and SI = SI - 1  
LOOP L1

Note for word type :

Suppose we have : ARR DW 10, 20, 40, 50, 60, ??

Q. How to insert 30 in between 20 and 40 ?

→ Shift 40, 50, 60 to right by 1 place and make space for 30.

LEA SI, ARR + 0AH ; SI = second last } initialize

LEA DI, ARR + OAH ; DI = last

STD

MOV CX, 3

REP MOVSW

MOV WORD PTR [DI], 30

e.g. T1 DB 30H, 31H, ..., 46H

MOV AL, 0CH ; 0CH = 12

LEA BX, T1

XLAT

; goes to T2 + 12 address

→ value there = 42H  
= 66 = 'B'

(BX is unchanged).

; so sets AL = 'B'.

### String Instructions :

DF (Direction Flag) is used to determine in which  
direction to move while processing strings.

If DF = 0 → SI and DI move in increasing memory  
address (i.e. left to right)

If DF = 1 → SI and DI move in decreasing memory  
address (i.e. right to left)

Command for doing DF = 0 → CLD } Both are no  
Command for doing DF = 1 → STD } operand  
commands.

\* MOVSB command → 'SB' → is for byte type string.  
MOVSB is also a no operand command.

It copies the data from address DS:SI to  
ES: DI and then does (SI = SI + 1, DI = DI + 1)  
or (SI = SI - 1, DI = DI - 1) according to  
whether DF = 0 or DF = 1.

Note: SI = SI ± 1, because byte type string.

\* MOVSW command → Copies the data from address DS:SI  
to ES: DI and then does SI = SI ± 2, DI = DI ± 2

according as DF = 0 or DF = 1. [update by  
2 because it is for word type string]

- LODSB → Moves the content of at address DS:SI into AL and SI is incremented / decremented depending on DF=0 or 1.

[Note: LODSB : DS:SI  $\xrightarrow{\text{to}}$  AL]  
(source, so SI)

- LODSW → DS:SI  $\xrightarrow{\text{to}}$  AX and ~~SI ± 2~~  
depending on DF=0 or 1.

- Q. Write a program / procedure to display the contents of a string, given that BX contains the no. of characters in the string and SI contains starting address of string.

```

.MODEL SMALL
.DATA
    STR1 DB "HELLO"
    STACK 100H
.CODE
    MAIN PROC
        MOV AX, @DATA
        MOV DS, AX
        Mov BX, 5           ; LEA SI, STR1
        *CALL DISP-STR
        MOV AH, 76
        INT 33
    MAIN ENDP

```

```

DISP-STR PROC
    PUSH AX
    PUSH CX
    *PUSH SI
    MOV AH, 2
    MOV CX, BX
    CLD
    L1: LODSB
    RET
DISP-STR ENDP

```

```

    MOV DL, AL
    INT 33
    LOOP L1
    POP SI
    POP CX
    POP AX

```

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- STOSB → STOSB ; No operand instruction.  
It moves the content of AL at address ES:DI and after that DI will be incremented / decremented by 1, depending on whether DF=0 or 1.

[Note: STOSB : AL  $\xrightarrow{\text{to}}$  ES:DI  
(destination, so DI)]

- STOSW → Moves the content of AX into ES:DI and then DI is incremented / decremented by 2 depending on DF=0 or 1.

[STOSW : AX  $\xrightarrow{\text{to}}$  ES:DI ]

- Q. Write a procedure to read a string until carriage return is entered and store in STR1. It can also read backspace, in which case it goes back and removes the last character.

```

READ-STR PROC
    ; input : DI = offset address of string STR1
    ; output : DI = offset address of string STR1
    ; BX = # characters in the string.

```

```

    PUSH AX
    PUSH DI
    CLD
    XOR BX, BX
    MOV AH, 1
    INT 21H

```

```

W1: CMP AL, 0DH
    JE E1
    CMP AL, 08H ; 08H = ascii of backspace
    JNE E2

```

```

    DEC DI
    DEC BX
    JMP R1

```

```

E2: STOSB
    INC BX
    R1: INT 21H
    JMP W1

```

```

E1: POP DI
    POP AX
    RET
READ-STR ENDP

```

We can make val. at last DI after loop ends, as '\$' so that backspaced characters are not printed

- CMPSB → subtracts the content at address DS:SI from the content at address ES:DI and sets the flag register according to the operation. The result of the operation is not stored anywhere.

And, after the operation, both SI and DI are incremented/decremented by 1, depending on DF=0 or 1.

[SCESB calculates  $[ES:DI] - [DS:SI]$  and sets flag register]

- \* Similarly we also have CMPSW for word size operations.

```

    .DATA
    STR1 DB 'ACD'
    STR2 DB 'ABC'

    .CODE
    MOV AX, @DATA
    MOV DS, AX
    MOV ES, AX
    CLD
    LEA SI, STR1
    LEA DI, STR2
    CMPSB ; ZF = 1 and SI += 1, DI += 1
    CMPSB ; ZF = 0 and SI += 1, DI += 1
  
```

- \* We can also do:

REPE CMPSB ;

→ loops and performs CMPSB until ZF=0 (i.e. there is a mismatch) OR CX=0 (loop ends).

- \* MACROS: declared as:

```

macro_name MACRO d1,d2,...,dn // where d1,d2,...,dn
; body
ENDM
  
```

are parameters that are passed while calling macro and are used inside macro.

- SCASB → subtracts the content of AL from the content at address ES:DI at address
- SCASB → subtracts the content of AL from the content at address ES:DI, does not store the result of subtraction anywhere, but set the flag register depending upon the value of the subtraction.

[SCASB does  $[ES:DI] = [ES:DI] - AL$  ]

And then DI = DI ± 1 depending on DF=0 or 1.

e.g. STR1 DB 'ABC'

```

    MOV AX, @DATA
    MOV DS, AX
    MOV ES, AX
  
```

```

    CLD
    LEA DI, STR1
    MOV AL, 'B'
    SCASB ; ZF=0 and DI += 1
    SCASB ; ZF=1 as STR1[1] = 'B' same as AL.
  
```

• REPNE SCASB ;

↳ Loops and repeatedly performs SCASB until ZF=1 (i.e. character matched) OR CX becomes 0.

Note: First CX is decremented, then the SCASB operation is done.

e.g. for the previous example, if we do:

MOV CX, 3

REPNE SCASB ; // then CX = 1 after this loop ends.

\* Similar to SCASB, we also have SCASW for word size operations.

is transferred, and also procedures are stored at different memory location.]

So here, there multiple instances of the label E1 will be created if we call the macro multiple times, which results in error.

To solve this issue, we use the keyword LOCAL in the macro.

GET-BIG MACRO W1,W2

LOCAL E1

MOV AX,W1

E1: ENDM

Using the LOCAL keyword, if each time the macro is called, it assigns a unique ZD to the label E1.

[Note: If there are multiple labels inside a macro, we can write LOCAL E1, E2, ...]

\* We can also call a macro from inside another macro.

e.g. SAVE-REGS MACRO R1,R2,R3

PUSH R1

PUSH R2

POFH R3

ENDM

RESTORE-REGS MACRO SI,SI,SI

POP SI

POP SI

POP SI

ENDM

COPY MACRO SOU, DES, LEN

SAVE-REGS CX, BX, BX

LEA SI, SOU

LEA DI, DES

CLD

MOV CX, LEN

REP MOVS B

RESTORE-REGS DI, SI, CX

ENDM

COPY A, B, 10

; will copy first 10 bytes of A into B.

\* How to call a macro?

macro-name A1,A2,...,An // actual parameters  
// d1,d2,...,dn are formal parameters.

\* Note that, we can pass parameters to macros but not to procedures.

\* Also, macros are much faster than procedures.

e.g. MOVW MACRO W1,W2  
PUSH W2  
PUSH W1  
ENDM

:  
MOVW A,B ; The macro replaces this part of the program.

e.g. We can't write XCHG A,B for two memory variables A and B. But, we can do this by writing a macro:

TITLE PG1: Macro Demo  
.MODEL SMALL  
EXCH MACRO W1,W2  
PUSH AX  
MOV AX,W1  
XCHG AX,W2  
MOV W1,AX  
POP AX  
ENDM

.STACK 100H  
.DATA  
A DW 10  
B DW 5  
.CODE  
MAIN PROC  
MOV AX,@DATA  
MOV DS, AX  
EXCH A,B ; swaps the contents of A and B.  
?

e.g. GET-BIG MACRO W1,W2  
MOV AX,W1  
CMP AX,W2  
JG E1  
MOV AX,W2  
E1: ENDM

.CODE  
;  
GET-BIG A,B  
;  
GET-BIG C,D

The above code will give error if the macro GET-BIG is called multiple times, because in calling macros, the body of the macro replaces the portion where the macro is called. [Note that, in procedures, the control of the program

e.g. SAVE\_REGS MACRO REGS  
 IRP D, <REGS>  
 PUSH D  
 ENDM

Then, it is called using:  
 SAVE\_REG <AX, BX, CX, DX>

We can use macros for writing the lines of code which can be used repetitively.

e.g. DOS-RTN MACRO

MOV AH, 4CH

INT 21H

ENDM

(DOS return)

NEWLINE MACRO

MOV AH, 2

MOV DL, 0DH

INT 21H

MOV DL, 0AH

INT 21H

ENDM

\* The basic difference in IRP is that here, in IRP, the no. of parameters is not fixed.

Example: Hex output using macros, (using REPT and IRP)

[See the algorithm for Hex output earlier]

TITLE PG1 : HEX OUTPUT

.MODEL SMALL

SAVE\_REGS MACRO REGS

IRP D, <REGS>

PUSH D

ENDM

RESTORE\_REGS MACRO REGS

IRP D, <REGS>

POP D

ENDM

CONVERT\_TO\_CHAR MACRO BYT

LOCAL E1, E2

CMP BYT, 3

JNE E1

OR BYT, 30H

JMP E2

E1: ADD BYT, 37H

E2: ENDM

DISP\_CHAR MACRO BYT

PUSH AX

Mov AH, 2

MOV DL, BYT

INT 21H

POP AX

ENDM

HEX\_OUT MACRO WORD

SAVE\_REGS <BX, CX, DX>

MOV BX, WORD

MOV CL, 4

REPT 4

MOV DL, BH

SHR DL, CL

CONVERT\_TO\_CHAR DL

DISP\_CHAR DL

ROL BX, CL

ENDM

RESTORE\_REGS <DX, CX, BX>

ENDM

STACK 10H

CODE

MAIN PROC

HEX\_OUT AX

MAIN ENDP

END MAIN

• REPT → The REPT macro is used to repeat a block of statements.

REPT expression

; statements

ENDM

e.g. FACT MACRO N

M = 1

FACTO = 1

// we can use '=' symbol etc.

REPT N

DW FACTO

M = M + 1

FAO = M \* FACTO

ENDM

ENDM

[REPT and IRP can only be used inside a macro.]

• IRP → Syntax: IRP d, <a<sub>1</sub>, a<sub>2</sub>, ..., a<sub>n</sub>>  
 ; statements

ENDM

\* The IRP instruction expands the statements n times and in the expansion, it replaces d by a<sub>i</sub>.

```

e.g. TITLE PG1 : ERR DEMO
      .MODEL SMALL
      .STACK 100H
      .DISP-CH MACRO CH
      IFNB <CH>
      MOV AH,2
      Mov DL,CH
      INT 21H
      ELSE
      .ERR
      ENDIF
      ENDM
  
```

CODE

```

MAIN PROC
    DISP-CH 'A'
    DISP-CH // stops the
            execution
            and gives
            forced error.
  
```

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procedure-name PROC type // How to declare a procedure

where, type = NEAR OR FAR

NEAR, if the procedure and from where it is called are in the same segment.

FAR, if the procedure and from where it is called are in different segment.

- EXTRN → EXTRN external-name-list

name : type → NEAR / FAR / BYTE / WORD  
for procedure      for global variables

- PUBLIC → PUBLIC name-list

e.g. we can write the following code : creating two different files PG1.asm and PG1A.asm

(Using EXTRN and PUBLIC is just another way, if we don't use INCLUDE )

### Conditional Pseudo-operations :

Forum

IF exp

IFE exp

IFB <arg>

IFNB <arg>

IFDEF sym

IFNDEF sym.

True if

exp value is non zero

exp value is zero

arguments is missing / blank

arguments is not missing / not blank.

sym is defined in the program, or declared as some <sup>external</sup> variable.

sym is not defined in the program, or not declared as external variable.

IFIDN <str1>, <str2>

strings str1 and str2 are identical

IFDIF <str1>, <str2>

strings str1 and str2 are different / not identical.

e.g. BLOCK MACRO N,K

I = 1

REPT N

IF K+1-I

DW I

I = I + 1

ELSE

DW 0

ENDIF

ENDM

ENDM

// Result of the program will be:

A1 DW 1,2,3,4,5,0,0,0,0

A1 LABEL WORD ; means A1 is a word type variable  
 BLOCK 10,5 ; getting values from this line.

- ERR directive → If a macro is not called with proper no. of arguments then it stops the execution and gives a forced error.

### PQ1.asm

```

TITLE PQ1 : CASE
EXTRN CONVERT
.MODEL SMALL
.STACK 100H
.DATA
MSG DB 'Enter a lower case
letter : $'
.CODE
MAIN PROC
MOV AX, @data
MOV DS, AX
MOV AH, 9
LEA DX, MSG
INT 21H
MOV AH, 1
INT 21H
CALL CONVERT
MOV AH, 4CH
INT 21H
MAIN ENDP
END MAIN

```

### PQ1A.asm

```

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Date: _____
TITLE PQ1A : CONVERT
PUBLIC CONVERT
.MODEL SMALL
.DATA
MSG DB 0DH, 0AH, 'In upper case
it is : '
CHAR DB -20H, '$'
.CODE
CONVERT PROC
PUSH BX
PUSH DX
ADD CHAR CHAR, AL
MOV AH, 9
LEA DX, MSG
INT 21H
POP DX
POP BX
RET
CONVERT ENDP
END

```

Q. How to execute PQ1 in such a case?

```

MASM PQ1 ;
MASM PQ1A ;
LINK PQ1 + PQ1A ;
PG1

```