

UNIT 2. Instruction Format:

The 8086 instruction sizes vary from one to six bytes. Depending on the type of coding, an instruction may have more than one Hexcode, (not unique as in 8085)

The OP code field occupies 6-bits. It defines the operation to be carried out by the instruction.

Register Direct bit (D) occupies one bit. It defines whether the register operand in byte 2 is the source or destination operand.

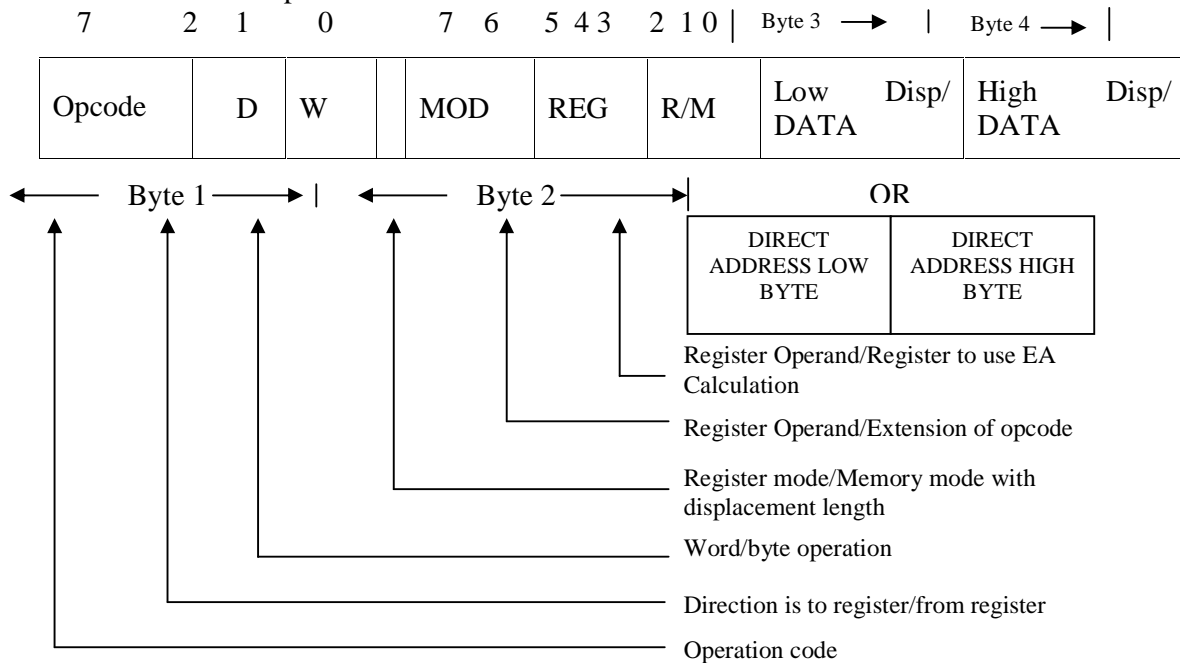
D=1 Specifies that the register operand is the destination operand.

D=0 indicates that the register is a source operand.

Data size bit (W) defines whether the operation to be performed is an 8 bit or 16 bit data

W=0 indicates 8 bit operation

W=1 indicates 16 bit operation



The second byte of the instruction usually identifies whether one of the operands is in memory or whether both are registers.

This byte contains 3 fields. These are the mode (MOD) field, the register (REG) field and the Register/Memory (R/M) field.

MOD (2 bits)	Interpretation
00	Memory mode with no displacement follows except for 16 bit displacement when R/M=110
01	Memory mode with 8 bit displacement
10	Memory mode with 16 bit displacement
11	Register mode (no displacement)

Register field occupies 3 bits. It defines the register for the first operand which is specified as source or destination by the D bit.

Register Codes:

REG	W=0	W=1
000	AL	AX
001	CL	CX
010	DL	DX
011	BL	BX
100	AH	SP
101	CH	BP
110	DH	SI
111	BH	DI

The R/M field occupies 3 bits. The R/M field along with the MOD field defines the second operand as shown below.

MOD 11

R/M	W=0	W=1
000	AL	AX
001	CL	CX
010	DL	DX
011	BL	BX
100	AH	SP
101	CH	BP
110	DH	SI
111	BH	DI

Effective Address Calculation

R/M	MOD=00	MOD 01	MOD 10
000	(BX) + (SI)	(BX)+(SI)+D8	(BX)+(SI)+D16
001	(BX)+(DI)	(BX)+(DI)+D8	(BX)+(DI)+D16
010	(BP)+(SI)	(BP)+(SI)+D8	(BP)+(SI)+D16
011	(BP)+(DI)	(BP)+(DI)+D8	(BP)+(DI)+D10
100	(SI)	(SI) + D8	(SI) + D16
101	(DI)	(DI) + D8	(DI) + D16
110	Direct address	(BP) + D8	(BP) + D16
111	(BX)	(BX) + D8	(BX) + D16

In the above, encoding of the R/M field depends on how the mode field is set. If MOD=11 (register to register mode), this R/M identifies the second register operand.

MOD / R/M	Memory Mode (EA Calculation)			Register Mode	
	00	01	10	W=0	W=1
000	(BX)+(SI)	(BX)+(SI)+d8	(BX)+(SI)+d16	AL	AX
001	(BX) + (DI)	(BX)+(DI)+d8	(BX)+(DI)+d16	CL	CX
010	(BP)+(SI)	(BP)+(SI)+d8	(BP)+(SI)+d16	DL	DX
011	(BP)+(DI)	(BP)+(DI)+d8	(BP)+(DI)+d16	BL	BX
100	(SI)	(SI) + d8	(SI) + d16	AH	SP
101	(DI)	(DI) + d8	(DI) + d16	CH	BP
110	d16	(BP) + d8	(BP) + d16	DH	SI
111	(BX)	(BX) + d8	(BX) + d16	BH	DI

MOD selects memory mode, then R/M indicates how the effective address of the memory operand is to be calculated. Bytes 3 through 6 of an instruction are optional fields that

normally contain the displacement value of a memory operand and / or the actual value of an immediate constant operand.

Obtain the opcodes for the following instructions.

Example 1 : Code for MOV CH, BL

This instruction transfers 8 bit content of BL into CH

The 6 bit Opcode for this instruction is 100010₂ D bit indicates whether the register specified by the REG field of byte 2 is a source or destination operand.

D=0 indicates BL is a source operand.

W=0 byte operation

In byte 2, since the second operand is a register MOD field is 11₂.

The R/M field = 101 (CH)

Register (REG) field = 011 (BL)

Hence the machine code for MOV CH, BL is

10001000 11 011 101

Byte 1 Byte2

= 88DDH

Example 2: Code for SUB BX, (DI)

This instruction subtracts the 16 bit content of memory location addressed by DI and DS from Bx.

The 6 bit Opcode for SUB is 001010₂.

D=1 so that REG field of byte 2 is the destination operand. W=1 indicates 16 bit operation.

MOD = 00

REG = 011

R/M = 101

The machine code is $\frac{0010}{2}$ $\frac{1011}{B}$ $\frac{0001}{1}$ $\frac{1101}{D}$

Example 3 : Code for MOV 1234 (BP), DX

Here we have specify DX using REG field, the D bit must be 0, indicating the DX is the source register. The REG field must be 010 to indicate DX register. The W bit must be 1 to indicate it is a word operation. 1234 [BP] is specified using MOD value of 10 and R/M value of 110 and a displacement of 1234H. The 4 byte code for this instruction would be 89 96 34 12H.

Opcode	D	W	MOD	REG	R/M	LB displacement	HB displacement
100010	0	1	10	010	110	34H	12H

Example 4 : Code for MOV DS : 2345 [BP], DX

Here we have to specify DX using REG field. The D bit must be 0, indicating that Dx is the source register. The REG field must be 010 to indicate DX register. The w bit must be 1 to indicate it is a word operation. 2345 [BP] is specified with MOD=10 and R/M = 110 and displacement = 2345 H.

Whenever BP is used to generate the Effective Address (EA), the default segment would be SS. In this example, we want the segment register to be DS, we have to provide the

segment override prefix byte (SOP byte) to start with. The SOP byte is **001 xx 110**, where SR value is provided as per table shown below.

xx	Segment register
00	ES
01	CS
10	SS
11	DS

To specify DS register, the SOP byte would be 001 11 110 = 3E H. Thus the 5 byte code for this instruction would be 3E 89 96 45 23 H.

SOP	Opcode	D	W	MOD	REG	R/M	LB disp.	HD disp.
3EH	1000 10	0	1	10	010	110	45	23

Suppose we want to code MOV SS : 2345 (BP), DX. This generates only a 4 byte code, without SOP byte, as SS is already the default segment register in this case.

Example 5:

Give the instruction template and generate code for the instruction ADD 0FABE [BX], [DI], DX (code for ADD instruction is 000000)

ADD 0FABE [BX] [DI], DX

Here we have to specify DX using REG field. The bit D is 0, indicating that DX is the source register. The REG field must be 010 to indicate DX register. The w must be 1 to indicate it is a word operation. FABE (BX + DI) is specified using MOD value of 10 and R/M value of 001 (from the summary table). The 4 byte code for this instruction would be

Opcode	D	W	MOD	REG	R/M	16 bit disp.	
000000	0	1	10	010	001	BEH FAH	=01 91 BE FAH

Example 6 :

Give the instruction template and generate the code for the instruction MOV AX, [BX] (Code for MOV instruction is 100010)

AX destination register with D=1 and code for AX is 000 [BX] is specified using 00 Mode and R/M value 111. It is a word operation

Opcode	D	W	Mod	REG	R/M	
100010	1	1	00	000	111	=8B 07H

INPUT/OUTPUT INSTRUCTIONS:

IN acc, port : In transfers a byte or a word from input port to the AL register or the AX register respectively. The port number may be specified either with an immediate byte constant, allowing access to ports numbered 0 through 255 or with a number previously placed in the DX register allowing variable access (by changing the value in DX) to ports numbered from 0 through 65,535.

In Operands	Example
acc, immB	IN AL, 0E2H (OR) IN AX, PORT
acc, DX	IN AX, DX (OR) IN AL, DX

OUT port, acc : Out transfers a byte or a word from the AL register or the AX register respectively to an output port. The port numbers may be specified either with an immediate byte or with a number previously placed in the register DX allowing variable access.

No flags are affected.

In Operands	Example
Imm 8, acc	OUT 32, AX (OR) OUT PORT, AL
DX, acc	OUT DX, AL (OR) OUT DX, AX

I/O mode (direct) :

Port number is an 8 bit immediate operand.

Example : OUT 05 H, AL
 Outputs [AL] to 8 bit port 05 H

I/O mode (indirect):

The port number is taken from DX.

Example 1 : IN AL, DX
 If [DX] = 5040

8 bit content by port 5040 is moved into AL.

Example 2 : IN AX, DX
Inputs 8 bit content of ports 5040 and 5041 into AL and AH respectively.