

# Assembly for Reverse Engineering

## Workspace

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```
0006  053817  call  2084
0007  00701F  jmp   15CA
0008  C98014  call  17B4
0009  00A216  mov   si,7160
000A  006071  xor   di,di
000B  317F    mov   es,[7600]
000C  0060676  mov   bx,800F
000D  000FB0  xor   cx,cx
000E  31C9    mov   bp,0001
000F  000100  mov   dx,ds
```

# Objectives

- ▶ Use the install guide to set workspace
- ▶ Be familiar with basic assembly file

# Tools

- ▶ Editor: write assembly files  
Notepad++
- ▶ Assembler : convert assembly files to machine language  
FASM
- ▶ Debugger: examine a program  
OllyDbg
- ▶ <https://data.cyber.org.il/assembly/32bit/guide.pdf>



# Install Guide

- ▶ Use the Install Guide to convert example.asm to example.exe and disassemble it.

```
1 include 'win32a.inc'
2
3 format PE console
4 entry start
5
6 section '.data' data readable writeable
7     msg1 db 'Welcome to',13,10,0
8     msg2 db 'Cyber Elite assembly class',13,10,0
9
10 section '.text' code readable executable
11 ; =====
12
13 start:
14     mov     eax, 0
15     xor     ebx, ebx
16     and     edx, 0
17     mov     ecx, 0x1000
18 again:
19     loop    again
20     ; Show a message to the user:
21     mov     esi, msg1
22     call    print_str
23     ; Show a message to the user:
24     mov     esi, msg2
25     call    print_str
26
27 ; =====
28
29     push    0
30     call    [ExitProcess]
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CPU - main thread, module example			
00402000	B8 00000000	MOV EAX,0	
00402005	31DB	XOR EBX,EBX	
00402007	83E2 00	AND EDX,00000000	
0040200A	B9 00100000	MOV ECX,1000	
0040200F	E2	DB E2	
00402010	FE	DB FE	
00402011	BE 00104000	MOV ESI,OFFSET 00401000	ASCII "Welcome to/ם"
00402016	E8 B9000000	CALL 004020D4	example.004020D4
0040201B	BE 00104000	MOV ESI,OFFSET 00401000	ASCII "Cyber Elite assembly c
00402020	E8 AF000000	CALL 004020D4	example.004020D4
00402025	6A 00	PUSH 0	[ExitCode = 0
00402027	FF15 68304000	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&kernel32.ExitProce	KERNEL32.ExitProcess
0040202D	55	PUSH EBP	
0040202F	894F	MOV FBP FBP	

# Basic assembly file

- ▶ While executing, the Operating System reserves memory for the program
- ▶ Which parts of a program require memory?
  - Code – the machine language instructions
  - Data – variables (Heap is allocated here)
  - Stack – functions arguments and local variables

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3 format PE console
4 stack 1000h
5 heap 10000h
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7
8 section '.data' data readable writeable
9     hi      db  'hi',13,10,0
10
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- ▶ The assembly file **MUST** define text section (code)
- ▶ data section – only if there are global variables
- ▶ Stack & Heap – OK if not defined, FASM will set defaults

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- ▶ A variable is defined
- ▶ Variable name – “hi”

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- ▶ Two assembly instructions



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- ▶ OS should be told how to let the program access memory sections
- ▶ What if data memory wouldn't be writable? Will be executable?

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- ▶ PE – Portable Executable. Microsoft format.
- ▶ Console – use console (not GUI)

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- ▶ Entry – where is the 1<sup>st</sup> instruction?
- ▶ Example: You may open a book on page 20
- ▶ We can move “start” from line 12 to another line, program execution will start there

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- ▶ Include win32a.inc, training.inc– helpful definitions and functions

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