LAB 10

Advanced Procedures



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Learning Objectives

- Implementing procedures using stack frame
- Using stack parameters in procedures
- Passing value type and reference type parameters

Stack Applications

There are several important uses of runtime stacks in programs:

- 1. A stack makes a convenient temporary save area for registers when they are used for more than one purpose. After they are modified, they *can* be restored to their original values.
- 2. When the CALL instruction executes, the CPU saves the current subroutine's return address on the stack.
- 3. When calling a subroutine, you pass input values called arguments by pushing them on the stack.
- 4. The stack provides temporary storage for local variables inside subroutines.

Stack Parameters

Passing by value

When an argument is passed by value, a copy of the value is pushed on the stack.

EXAMPLE # 01:

```
.data
var1
     DWORD
                   5
var2
     DWORD
.code
push var2
push var1
call AddTwo
exit
AddTwo PROC
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
mov eax, [ebp + 12]
     eax, [ebp + 8]
add
      ebp
pop
ret
AddTwo ENDP
```

• Explicit stack parameters

When stack parameters are referenced with expressions such as [ebp+8], we call themexplicit stack parameters.

Example 2:

```
.data
var1
     DWORD
                  5
var2 DWORD
                  6
y param
            EQU [ebp + 12]
           EQU [ebp+8]
x_param
.code
push var2
push var1
call AddTwo
exit
AddTwo PROC
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
mov eax, y_param
add eax, x_param
pop ebp
ret
AddTwo ENDP
```

Passing by reference

An argument passed by reference consists of the offset of an object to be passed.

EXAMPLE # 03:

```
.data
count = 10
arr WORD count DUP (?)
.code
push OFFSET arr
push count
call ArrayFill
exit
ArrayFill PROC
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
pushad
```

```
mov esi, [ebp + 12]
mov ecx, [ebp + 8]
cmp ecx, 0
je L2
L1:
mov eax, 100h
call RandomRange
mov [esi], ax
add esi, TYPE WORD
loop L1
L2:
popad
pop ebp
ret 8
ArrayFill ENDP
```

LEA Instruction

LEA instruction returns the effective address of an indirect operand. Offsets of indirectoperands are calculated at runtime.

EXAMPLE # 04:

```
.code
call
      makeArray
exit
makeArray PROC
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
      esp, 32
sub
lea
      esi, [ebp - 30]
mov ecx,30
L1:
mov BYTE PTR [esi], '*'
inc
     esi
loop L1
      esp, 32
add
pop
      ebp ret
makeArray ENDP
```

ENTER & LEAVE Instructions

Enter instruction automatically creates stack frame for a called Procedure. Leave instructionreverses the effect of enter instruction.

EXAMPLE # 05:

```
.data
var1
      DWORD
                    5
var2
      DWORD
                    6
.code
push var2
push var1
call AddTwo
exit
AddTwo PROC
enter 0, 0
mov eax, [ebp + 12]
      eax, [ebp + 8]
add
leave
ret
AddTwo ENDP
```

Local Variables

In MASM Assembly Language, local variables are created at runtime stack, below the basepointer (EBP).

EXAMPLE # 06:

```
.code
call
      MySub
exit
MySub PROC
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
sub
     esp, 8
                  PTR [ebp - 4], 10 ; first parameter
mov DWORD
                                     ; second parameter
                  PTR [ebp - 8], 20
mov DWORD
mov
     esp, ebp
      ebp
pop
ret
MySub ENDP
```

LOCAL Directive

LOCAL directive declares one or more local variables by name, assigning them sizeattributes.

EXAMPLE # 07:

```
.code
call LocalProc
```

```
exit
LocalProc PROC
LOCAL temp: DWORD
mov temp, 5
mov eax, temp
ret
LocalProc ENDP
```

Recursive Procedures

Recursive procedures are those that call themselves to perform some task.

EXAMPLE # 08:

```
.code
L1:
mov
      ecx, 5
mov
      eax, 0
      CalcSum
call
call
      WriteDec
call
      crlf
exit
CalcSum
             PROC
cmp
      ecx, 0
      L2
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add
      eax, ecx
dec
      ecx
      CalcSum
call
L2:
ret
CalcSum
             ENDP
```

INVOKE Directive

The INVOKE directive pushes arguments on the stack and calls a procedure. INVOKE is a convenient replacement for the CALL instruction because it lets you pass multiple argumentsusing a single line of code.

Here is the general syntax:

INVOKE procedureName [, argumentList]

For example:

```
push TYPE array
push LENGTHOF array
```

```
push OFFSET array
call DumpArray
is equal to
```

INVOKE DumpArray, OFFSET array, LENGTHOF array, TYPE array

ADDR Operator

The ADDR operator can be used to pass a pointer argument when calling a procedure using INVOKE. The following INVOKE statement, for example, passes the address of myArrayto the FillArrayprocedure:

INVOKE FillArray, ADDR myArray

PROC Directive

Syntax of the PROC Directive

The PROC directive has the following basic syntax:

Label PROC [attributes] [USES reglist], parameter_list

The PROC directive permits you to declare a procedure with a comma-separated list of namedparameters.

Example: The FillArray procedure receives a pointer to an array of bytes:

FillArray PROC, pArray:PTR BYTE FillArray ENDP

PROTO Directive

The PROTO directive creates a prototype for an existing procedure. A prototype declares a procedure's name and parameter list. It allows you to call a procedure before defining it and toverify that the number and types of arguments match the procedure definition.

```
MySub PROTO; procedure prototype

.
INVOKE MySub; procedure call
.
MySub PROC; procedure implementation
.
MySub ENDP
```

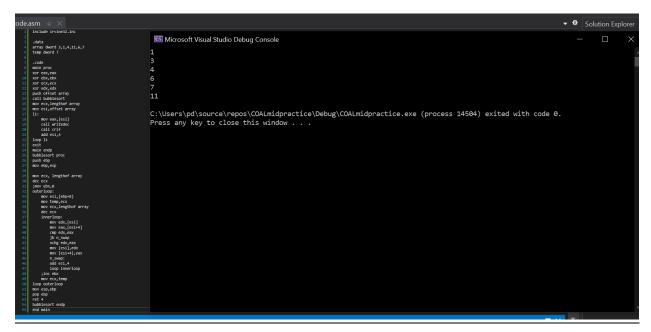
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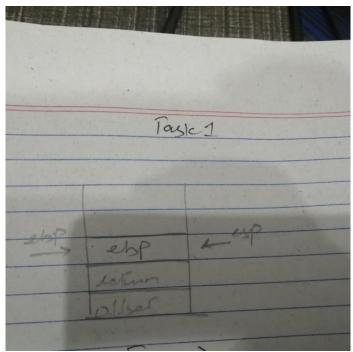
- 1. Write a program which contains a procedure named **BubbleSort** that sorts an array which is passed through a stack using indirect addressing.
- 2. Write a program which contains a procedure named **TakeInput** which takes input numbers from user and call a procedure named **Armstrong** which checks either a number is an Armstrong number or not and display the answer on console by calling another function **Display**. (Also show ESP values during nested function calls)
- 3. Write a program which contains a procedure named **Reverse** that reverse the string using recursion.
- 4. Write a program which contains a procedure named **LocalSquare**. The procedure must declare a local variable. Initialize this variable by taking an input value from the user and then display its square. Use **ENTER & LEAVE** instructions to allocate and de-allocate the local variable.
- 5. Write a program that calculates factorial of a given number n. Make a recursive procedure named **Fact** that takes n as an input parameter.
- 6. Write a program to take 4 input numbers from the users. Then make two procedures **CheckPrime** and **LargestPrime**. The program should first check if a given number is a prime number or not. If all of the input numbers are prime numbers then the program should call the procedure LargestPrime.

CheckPrime: This procedure tests if a number is prime or not

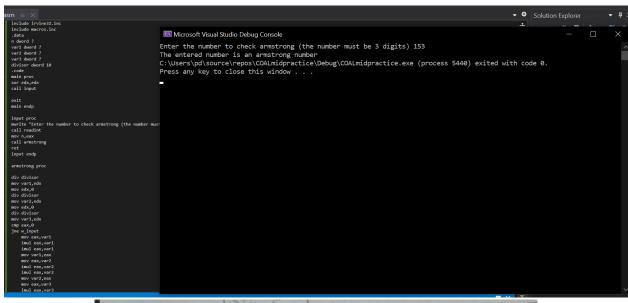
LargestPrime: This procedure finds and displays the largest of the four prime numbers.

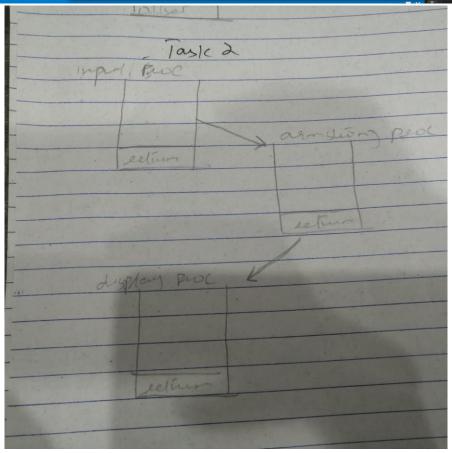
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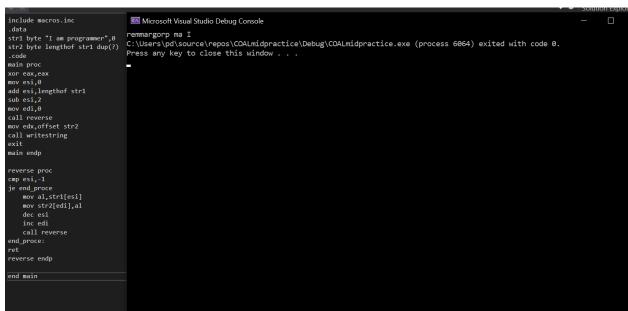


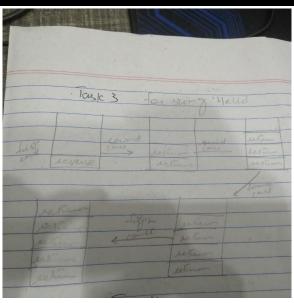
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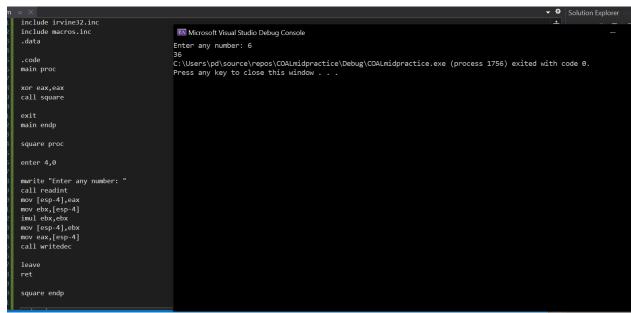


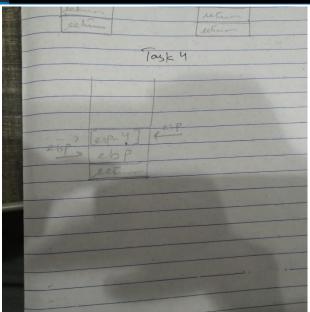
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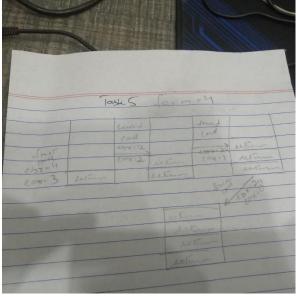


TASK 4:





TASK 5:



TASK 6:

