Unit I Part II Applications Instruction Set

Few Instruction Types

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Data Movement Instructions

- provide convenient methods for moving bytes, words, or doubleword of data between memory and the registers of the base architecture
- Types:
- 1. General-purpose data movement instructions.
- 2. Stack manipulation instructions.
- 3. Type-conversion instructions.

MOV

- Transfers a byte, word, or doubleword from the source operand to the destination operand
- 1. To a register from memory
- 2. To memory from a register
- 3. Between general registers
- 4. Immediate data to a register
- 5. Immediate data to a memory
- cannot move from memory to memory or from segment register to segment register
- Exception: string move instruction MOVS

XCHG

- Swaps the contents of two operands.
- Takes the place of three MOV instructions
- Does not require a temporary location to save the contents of one operand while load the other is being loaded
- Useful for implementing semaphores or similar data structures for process synchronization
- Can swap two byte /word / doubleword operands
- The operands for the XCHG instruction may be two register operands, or a register operand with a memory operand.
- When used with a memory operand, XCHG automatically activates the LOCK signal

Stack Manipulation Instructions



Push

Function:

- 1. To decrement the stack pointer (ESP)
- 2. then to transfer the source operand to the top of stack indicated by ESP
- Use
- 1. to place parameters on the stack before calling a procedure
- 2. To store temporary variables on the stack

Operands

 memory operands, immediate operands, and register operands (including segment registers)



PUSHA

Push all registers
 Function

To save the contents of 8 general registers on the stack

Use

- To simplify procedure calls by reducing the number of instructions required to retain the contents of the general registers for use in a procedure
 Order
- general registers : EAX, ECX,EDX, EBX, the initial value of ESP before EAX was pushed, EBP, ESI, and EDI
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PUSHA

POP

Function

- To transfer the word or doubleword at the current top of stack (indicated by ESP) to the destination operand,
- 2. then to increment ESP to point to the new top of stack
- To move information from the stack to a general register, or to memory



POPA

Pop All Registers

• to restore the registers saved on the stack by PUSHA

Exception: it ignores the saved value of ESP



POPA

Type Conversion Instructions

- To convert bytes into words, words into doublewords, and doublewords into 64-bit items (quad-words)
- useful for converting signed integers
 automatically fill the extra bits of the larger item with the value of the sign bit of the smaller item
- This kind of conversion, is called sign extension.



Classes of type conversion instructions

- 1. The forms CWD, CDQ, CBW, and CWDE which operate only on data in the EAX register
- 2. The forms MOVSX and MOVZX, which permit one operand to be in any general register while permitting the other operand to be in memory or in a register.

CWD and CDQ

- CWD (Convert Word to Doubleword) and CDQ (Convert Doubleword to Quad-Word) double the size of the source operand.
- CWD extends the sign of the word in register AX throughout register DX.
- CDQ extends the sign of the doubleword in EAX throughout EDX.
- CWD can be used to produce a doubleword dividend from a word before a word division, and CDQ can be used to produce a quad-word dividend from a doubleword before doubleword division.

Binary Arithmetic Instructions

- The arithmetic instructions of the 80386 processor simplify the manipulation of numeric data that is encoded in binary.
- Standard add, subtract, multiply, and divide as well as increment, decrement, compare, and change sign
- Both signed and unsigned binary integers are supported.
- The binary arithmetic instructions may also be used as one step in the process of performing arithmetic on decimal integers.

- Many of the arithmetic instructions operate on both signed and unsigned integers.
- Effect: processor update the flags ZF, CF, SF, and OF in such a manner that subsequent instructions can interpret the results of the arithmetic as either signed or unsigned.
- CF contains information relevant to unsigned integers
- SF and OF contain information relevant to signed integers
- ZF is relevant to both signed and unsigned integers
 ZF is set when all bits of the result are zero.

- If the integer is unsigned, CF may be tested after one of these arithmetic operations to determine whether the operation required a carry or borrow of a one-bit in the high-order position of the destination operand.
- CF is set if a one-bit was carried out of the high-order position (addition instructions ADD, ADC, AAA, and DAA) or if a one-bit was carried (i.e. borrowed) into the high-order bit (subtraction instructions SUB, SBB, AAS,DAS, CMP, and NEG).

- If the integer is signed, both SF and OF should be tested.
- SF always has the same value as the sign bit of the result.
- The most significant bit of a signed integer is the bit next to the sign—bit 6 of a byte, bit 14 of a word, or bit 30 of a doubleword.
- OF is set in either of these cases:
- 1. A one-bit was carried out of the MSB into the sign bit but no one bit was carried out of the sign bit (addition instructions ADD, ADC, INC, AAA, and DAA), i.e. the result was greater than the greatest positive number that could be contained in the destination operand.
- 2. A one-bit was carried from the sign bit into the MSB but no one bit was carried into the sign bit (subtraction instructions SUB SBB DEC AAS DAS

Note

- These status flags are tested by executing one of the two families of conditional instructions:
- 1. Jcc (jump on condition cc)
- 2. SETcc (byte set on condition).

Addition and Subtraction Instructions

ADD
 ADC
 INC
 SUB
 SBB
 DEC

1.ADD

Add Integers

- to replace the destination operand with the sum of the source and destination operands.
- Sets CF if overflow.

2.ADC

Add Integers with Carry

- To sum the operands, adds one if CF is set, and replaces the destination operand with the result.
- If CF is cleared, ADC performs the same operation as the ADD instruction.
- An ADD followed by multiple ADC instructions can be used to add numbers longer than 32 bits.

3.INC

Increment

- To add one to the destination operand
- INC does not affect CF.
- Use ADD with an immediate value of 1 if an increment that updates carry (CF) is needed.



4.SUB

- Subtract Integers
- To subtract the source operand from the destination operand and replaces the destination operand with the result.
- If a borrow is required, the CF is set.
- The operands may be signed or unsigned bytes, words, or doublewords.

5.SBB

- Subtract Integers with Borrow
- To subtract the source operand from the destination operand, subtracts 1 if CF is set, and returns the result to the destination operand.
- If CF is cleared, SBB performs the same operation as SUB.
- SUB followed by multiple SBB instructions may be used to subtract numbers longer than 32 bits.
- If CF is cleared, SBB performs the same operation as SUB.

6.DEC

Decrement

- to subtract 1 from the destination operand
- DEC does not update CF.
- Use SUB with an immediate value of 1 to perform a decrement that affects carry.

Comparison and Sign Change Instruction

- CMP (Compare) subtracts the source operand from the destination operand.
- It updates OF, SF, ZF, AF, PF, and CF but does not alter the source and destination operands.
- A subsequent Jcc or SETcc instruction can test the appropriate flags.
- NEG (Negate) subtracts a signed integer operand from zero.
- The effect of NEG is to reverse the sign of the operand from positive to negative or from negative to positive.

Multiplication Instructions

- The 80386 has separate multiply instructions for unsigned and signed operands.
- MUL operates on unsigned numbers, while IMUL operates on signed integers as well as unsigned.

MUL

- Unsigned Integer Multiply
- performs an unsigned multiplication of the source operand and the accumulator.
- If the source is a byte, the processor multiplies it by the contents of AL and returns the double-length result to AH and AL.
- If the source operand is a word, the processor multiplies it by the contents of AX and returns the double-length result to DX and AX.
- If the source operand is a doubleword, the processor multiplies it by the contents of EAX and returns the 64-bit result in EDX and EAX.
- MUL sets CF and OF when the upper half of the result

IMUL (Signed Integer Multiply)

- performs a signed multiplication operation.
- IMUL has three variations:

1. A one-operand form: The operand may be a byte, word, or doubleword located in memory or in a general register. This instruction uses EAX and EDX as implicit operands in the same way as the MUL instruction.

2. A two-operand form. One of the source operands may be in any general register while the other may be either in memory or in a general register. The product replaces the general-register operand.

3. A three-operand form; two are source and one is the destination operand. One of the source operands is an immediate value stored in the instruction; the second may be in memory or in any general register. The product

The MUL/IMUL Instruction

- 2 instructions for multiplying binary data.
- MUL (Multiply) instruction handles unsigned data
- IMUL (Integer Multiply) handles signed data
- Both instructions affect the Carry and Overflow flag.
- SYNTAX:

MUL multiplier IMUL multiplier

Multiplicand in both cases will be in an accumulator, depending upon the size of the multiplicand and the multiplier and the generated product is also stored in two registers depending upon the size of the operands.
 3 cases:



When two bytes are multiplied

The multiplicand is in the AL register, and the multiplier is a byte in the memory or in another register. The product is in AX. High order 8 bits of the product is stored in AH and the low order 8 bits are stored in AL


When two one-word values are multiplied

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The multiplicand should be in the AX register, and the multiplier is a word in memory or another register. For example, for an instruction like MUL DX, you must store the multiplier in DX and the multiplicand in AX.

The resultant product is a double word, which will need two registers. The High order (leftmost) portion gets stored in DX and the lower-order (rightmost) portion gets stored in AX.



When two doubleword values are multiplied

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When two doubleword values are multiplied, the multiplicand should be in EAX and the multiplier is a doubleword value stored in memory or in another register. The product generated is stored in the EDX:EAX registers, i.e., the high order 32 bits gets stored in the EDX register and the low order 32-bits are stored in the EAX register.



Summary

SN	Scenarios				
1	When two bytes are multiplied The multiplicand is in the AL register, and the multiplier is a byte in the memory or in another register. The product is in AX. High order 8 bits of the product is stored in AH and the low order 8 bits are stored in AL AL χ 8 Bit Source = AH AL				
2	When two one-word values are multiplied The multiplicand should be in the AX register, and the multiplier is a word in memory or another register. For example, for an instruction like MUL DX, you must store the multiplier in DX and the multiplicand in AX. The resultant product is a double word, which will need two registers. The High order (leftmost) portion gets stored in DX and the lower-order (rightmost) portion gets stored in AX. AX X 16 Bit Source = DX AX				
3	When two doubleword values are multiplied When two doubleword values are multiplied, the multiplicand should be in EAX and the multiplier is a doubleword value stored in memory or in another register. The product generated is stored in the EDX:EAX registers, i.e., the high order 32 bits gets stored in the EDX register and the low order 32-bits are stored in the EAX register. EAX X 32 Bit Source = EDX EAX				

Division Instructions

- The 80386 has separate division instructions for unsigned and signed operands.
- DIV operates on unsigned numbers, while IDIV operates on signed integers as well as unsigned.
- In either case, an exception (interrupt zero) occurs if the divisor is zero or if the quotient is too large for AL, AX, or EAX.

DIV (Unsigned Integer Divide)

- performs an unsigned division of the accumulator by the source operand.
- The dividend (the accumulator) is twice the size of the divisor (the source operand); the quotient and remainder have the same size as the divisor.
- Non-integral quotients are truncated to integers toward
 0.
- The remainder is always less than the divisor.

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Doubleword	EDX:EAX	EAX	EDX

The DIV/IDIV Instructions

- The division operation generates two elements a quotient and a remainder.
- In case of multiplication, overflow does not occur because double-length registers are used to keep the product.
- However, in case of division, overflow may occur.
- The processor generates an interrupt if overflow occurs.
- DIV (Divide) instruction for unsigned data
- IDIV (Integer Divide) for signed data.

• SYNTAX:

- DIV/IDIV divisor
- The dividend is in an accumulator.
- Both the instructions can work with 8-bit, 16-bit or 32-bit operands.
- The operation affects all six status flags.
- 3 cases



When the divisor is 1 word

The dividend is assumed to be 32 bits long and in the DX:AX registers. The high order 16 bits are in DX and the low order 16 bits are in AX. After division, the 16 bit quotient goes to the AX register and the 16 bit remainder goes to the DX register.



When the divisor is doubleword

The dividend is assumed to be 64 bits long and in the EDX:EAX registers. The high order 32 bits are in EDX and the low order 32 bits are in EAX. After division, the 32 bit quotient goes to the EAX register and the 32 bit remainder goes to the EDX register.



Decimal Arithmetic

Instructions

- Packed BCD Adjustment Instructions
- 1. DAA
- 2. DAS
- Unpacked BCD Adjustment Instructions
- **1. AAA**
- **2.** AAS
- **3.** AAM
- 4. AAD

Logical Instructions

The group of logical instructions includes:

- The Boolean operation instructions
- Bit test and modify instructions
- Bit scan instructions
- Rotate and shift instructions
- Byte set on condition

Bit Test and Modify Instructions

- This group of instructions operates on a single bit which can be in memory or in a general register.
- The location of the bit is specified as an offset from the low-order end of the operand.
- The value of the offset either may be given by an immediate byte in the instruction or may be contained in a general register.



 Then a new value is assigned to the selected bit, as determined by the operation.

• OF, SF, ZF, AF, PF are left in an undefined state.

Bit Test and Modify Instruction

BT (Bit Test) – reports the status of a bit in the operand by setting or clearing CF to match it. The operand under test may be either a register or a memory location. The second operand specifies which bit in the first operand to test.

Example

BTEAX, 5; test bit 5 of EAXJCfoo: jump if bit 5 was set

Bit Test and Modify Instruction

BTC (Bit Test & Complement) – It operates exactly like the BT, except that the bit being tested is inverted after the test is performed, and its condition is saved in CF.

Example

BTC EAX, 9; test & invert bit 9JCfoo: jump if bit used to be 1

Bit Test and Modify Instruction

BTR (Bit Test & Reset) – the BTR instruction operates exactly like the BTC instruction, except that it always clears the bit being tested.

Example

BTREAX , 0; test & clear bit 0JC foo: jump if it was set

BTS (Bit Test & Set) – The BTS instruction operates exactly like the BTC instruction, except that it always sets the bit being tested.

Example

BTRDWORDPTR DS:[840621], 3; test & set bit 3JCfoo: jump if it was set



Bit Test & Modify Instructions

Bit Scan Instructions

- scan a word/doubleword for a one-bit and store the index of the first set bit into a register.
- The bit string being scanned may be either in a register or in memory.
- The ZF flag is set if the entire word is zero (no set bits are found)
- ZF is cleared if a one-bit is found.
- If no set bit is found, the value of the destination register is undefined.

1. BSF (Bit Scan Forward) scans from low-order to high-order (starting from bit index zero).

 BSR (Bit Scan Reverse) scans from high-order to low-order (starting from bit index 15 of a word or index 31 of a doubleword).

Logical Instructions

- The processor instruction set provides the instructions AND, OR, XOR, TEST and NOT Boolean logic, which tests, sets and clears the bits according to the need of the program.
- The format for these instructions:
 - AND : AND operand1, operand2
 - OR: OR operand1, operand2
 - XOR: XOR operand1, operand2
 - TEST: TEST operand1, operand2
 - NOT: NOT operand1

The AND Instruction

- The AND instruction is used for supporting logical expressions by performing bitwise AND operation.
- The bitwise AND operation returns 1, if the matching bits from both the operands are 1, otherwise it returns 0. For example:
 Operand1: 0101
 Operand2: 0011

After AND -> Operand1: 0001



- For example the BL register contains 0011 1010.
- If we need to clear the high order bits to zero, we AND it with 0FH.

AND BL, OFH ; This sets BL to 0000 1010

The OR Instruction

- The OR instruction is used for supporting logical expression by performing bitwise OR operation.
- The bitwise OR operator returns 1, if the matching bits from either or both operands are one.
- It returns 0, if both the bits are zero.
- For example,

Operand1: 0101 Operand2: 0011

After OR -> Operand1: 0111

- The OR operation can be used for setting one or more bits.
- For example, let us assume the AL register contains 0011 1010, we need to set the four low order bits, we can OR it with a value 0000 1111, i.e., FH.
 OR BL, 0FH ; This sets BL to 0011 1111

The XOR Instruction

- The XOR instruction implements the bitwise XOR operation.
- The XOR operation sets the resultant bit to 1, if and only if the bits from the operands are different.
- If the bits from the operands are same (both 0 or both 1), the resultant bit is cleared to 0.

For example, Operand1: 0101 Operand2: 0011

After XOR -> Operand1: 0110

XORing an operand with itself changes the operand to 0.
 This is used to clear a register.
 XOR EAX, EAX

The TEST Instruction

- The TEST instruction works same as the AND operation, but unlike AND instruction, it does not change the first operand.
- So, if we need to check whether a number in a register is even or odd, we can also do this using the TEST instruction without changing the original number.

TEST AL, 01H JZ EVEN_NUMBER

The NOT Instruction

- The NOT instruction implements the bitwise NOT operation.
- NOT operation reverses the bits in an operand.
- The operand could be either in a register or in the memory.
- For example,

Operand1: 0101 0011 After NOT -> Operand1: 1010 1100

The CMP Instruction

- This instruction basically subtracts one operand from the other for comparing whether the operands are equal or not.
- It does not disturb the destination or source operands.
- Non destructive subtraction
- It is used along with the conditional jump instruction for decision making.

Assembly Conditions

- Conditional execution in assembly language is accomplished by several looping and branching instructions.
- These instructions can change the flow of control in a program.
- Conditional execution is observed in two scenarios:



Unconditional jump

This is performed by the JMP instruction. Conditional execution often involves a transfer of control to the address of an instruction that does not follow the currently executing instruction. Transfer of control may be forward to execute a new set of instructions, or backward to re-execute the same steps.

Conditional jump

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This is performed by a set of jump instructions j<condition> depending upon the condition. The conditional instructions transfer the control by breaking the sequential flow and they do it by changing the offset value in IP.

SYNTAX CMP destination, source The CMP instruction compares two operands. It is generally used in conditional execution. CMP compares two numeric data fields.

CMP...

- The destination operand could be either in register or in memory.
- The source operand could be a constant (immediate) data, register or memory.
- EXAMPLE: cmp dx, 00 ; Compare the DX value zero

;with

je L7 ; If yes, then jump to label L7

CMP is often used for comparing whether a counter value has reached the number of time a loop needs to be run.
 Consider the following typical condition:


Unconditional Jump

- This is performed by the JMP instruction.
- Conditional execution often involves a transfer of control to the address of an instruction that does not follow the currently executing instruction.
- Transfer of control may be forward to execute a new set of instructions, or backward to re-execute the same steps.

SYNTAX: jmp label The jmp instruction provides a label name where the flow of control is transferred immediately.

EXAMPLE The following code snippet illustrates the JMP instruction:

407	AX,	00	;	Initializing AX to 0
407	BX,	00	;	Initializing BX to 0
40V	CX,	01	;	Initializing CX to 1
120:				
ADD	AX,	01	;	Increment AX
ADD	BX,	AX	;	Add AX to BX
SHL	CX,	1	;	shift left CX, this in turn doubles the CX value
JMP	L20		;	repeats the statements
	AOV AOV AOV AOV ADD ADD SHL JMP	AOV AX, AOV BX, AOV CX, ADD AX, ADD AX, ADD BX, SHL CX, MP L20	AOV AX, 00 AOV BX, 00 AOV CX, 01 ADD AX, 01 ADD BX, AX SHL CX, 1 MP L20	AOV AX, 00 ; AOV BX, 00 ; AOV CX, 01 ; ADD AX, 01 ; ADD BX, AX ; SHL CX, 1 ; MP L20 ;

Conditional Jump

- If some specified condition is satisfied in conditional jump, the control flow is transferred to a target instruction.
- There are numerous conditional jump instructions, depending upon the condition and data.

Conditional Jump

Following are the conditional jump instructions used on signed data used for arithmetic operations:

Instruction	Description	Flags tested
JE/JZ	Jump Equal or Jump Zero	ZF
JNE/JNZ	Jump not Equal or Jump Not Zero	ZF
JG/JNLE	Jump Greater or Jump Not Less/Equal	OF, SF, ZF
JGE/JNL	Jump Greater or Jump Not Less	OF, SF
JL/JNGE	Jump Less or Jump Not Greater/Equal	OF, SF
JLE/JNG	Jump Less/Equal or Jump Not Greater	OF, SF, ZF

Following are the conditional jump instructions used on unsigned data used for logical operations:

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JE/JZ	Jump Equal or Jump Zero	ZF
JNE/JNZ	Jump not Equal or Jump Not Zero	ZF
JA/JNBE	Jump Above or Jump Not Below/Equal	CF, ZF
JAE/JNB	Jump Above/Equal or Jump Not Below	CF
JB/JNAE	Jump Below or Jump Not Above/Equal	CF
JBE/JNA	Jump Below/Equal or Jump Not Above	AF, CF

The following conditional jump instructions have special uses and check the value of flags:

Instruction	Description	Flags tested
JXCZ	Jump if CX is Zero	none
JC	Jump If Carry	CF
JNC	Jump If No Carry	CF
JO	Jump If Overflow	OF
JNO	Jump If No Overflow	OF
JP/JPE	Jump Parity or Jump Parity Even	PF
JNP/JPO	Jump No Parity or Jump Parity Odd	PF
JS	Jump Sign (negative value)	SF
JNS	Jump No Sign (positive value)	SF

The syntax for the J<condition> set of instructions:
Example,

CMP AL, BL JE EQUAL CMP AL, BH JE EQUAL CMP AL, CL JE EQUAL NON EQUAL: ... EQUAL: ...

Example

 Write a program to display the largest of three variables. [The variables need to be double-digit variables. The three variables num1, num2 and num3 have values 47, 22 and 31 respectively]

Assembly Loops

The JMP instruction can be used for implementing loops.
Example, the following code snippet can be used for executing the loop-body 10 times.

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Assembly Loops

- The processor instruction set includes a group of loop instructions for implementing iteration.
- The basic LOOP instruction has the following syntax: loop label

Where, *label* is the target label that identifies the target instruction as in the jump instructions.



 When the loop instruction is executed, the ECX register is decremented and the control jumps to the target label, until the ECX register value, i.e., the counter reaches the value zero.



Assembly Loops

The above code snippet could be written as:



Example

Write a program to print the number 1 to 9 on the screen.



Assembly Numbers

- Numerical data is generally represented in binary system.
- Arithmetic instructions operate on binary data.
- When numbers are displayed on screen or entered from keyboard, they are in ASCII form.
- Common Practice: Converting input data in ASCII form to binary for arithmetic calculations and converting the result back to binary.

Decimal Number Representation

- Decimal numbers can be represented in two forms:
- 1. ASCII form
- 2. BCD or Binary Coded Decimal form



ASCII Representation

- In ASCII representation, decimal numbers are stored as string of ASCII characters.
- For example, the decimal value 1234 is stored as:



Where, 31H is ASCII value for 1, 32H is ASCII value for 2, and so on.

There are the following four instructions for processing numbers in ASCII representation:

- 1. AAA ASCII Adjust After Addition
- 2. AAS ASCII Adjust After Subtraction
- 3. AAM ASCII Adjust After Multiplication
- 4. AAD ASCII Adjust Before Division

These instructions do not take any operands and assumes the required operand to be in the AL register.

- Use AAA only after executing the form of an add instruction that stores a two-BCD-digit byte result in the AL register.
- AAA then adjusts AL to contain the correct decimal result.
- The top nibble of AL is set to 0.
- To convert AL to an ASCII result, follow the AAA instruction with:

or %AL, 0x30

How AAA handles a carry

Carry Action

Decimal Carry

AH + 1; CF and AF set to 1

No Decimal Carry

AH unchanged; CF and AF cleared to 0

BCD Representation

- There are two types of BCD representation:
- 1. Unpacked BCD representation
- 2. Packed BCD representation
- In unpacked BCD representation, each byte stores the binary equivalent of a decimal digit.
- For example, the number 1234 is stored as:



Unpacked BCD

- There are two instructions for processing these numbers:
- 1. AAM ASCII Adjust After Multiplication
- 2. AAD ASCII Adjust Before Division
- The four ASCII adjust instructions, AAA, AAS, AAM and AAD can also be used with unpacked BCD representation.

Packed BCD

- In packed BCD representation, each digit is stored using four bits.
- Two decimal digits are packed into a byte.
- For example, the number 1234 is stored as:



- There are two instructions for processing these numbers:
- 1. DAA Decimal Adjust After Addition
- 2. DAS decimal Adjust After Subtraction
 - There is no support for multiplication and division in packed BCD representation.

Assembly Strings

- We specify the length of the string by either of the two ways:
- 1. Explicitly storing string length
- 2. Using a sentinel character
- We can store the string length explicitly by using the \$ location counter symbol, that represents the current value of the location counter.

Example

msg db 'Hello, world!', 0xa ; string len equ \$ - msg ;length of string

- \$ points to the byte after the last character of the string variable msg.
- Therefore, \$-msg gives the length of the string.
- We can also write msg db 'Hello world!', 0xa ; string len equ 13 ;length of string



 The sentinel character should be a special character that does not appear within a string.

For example:

message DB 'HELLO WORLD!', 0

String Instructions

- Each string instruction may require a source operand, a destination operand, or both.
- For 32-bit segments, string instructions use ESI and EDI registers to point to the source and destination operands, respectively.
- For 16-bit segments, however, the SI and the DI registers are used to point to the source and destination respectively.

String Instructions

- There are five basic instructions for processing strings. They are:
- MOVS This instruction moves 1 Byte, Word or Doubleword of data from memory location to another.
- 2. LODS This instruction loads from memory. If the operand is of one byte, it is loaded into the AL register, if the operand is one word, it is loaded into the AX register and a doubleword is loaded into the EAX register.
- 3. STOS This instruction stores data from register (AL, AX, or EAX) to memory.
- 4. **CMPS** This instruction compares two data items in memory. Data could be of a byte size, word or doubleword.
- 5. SCAS This instruction compares the contents of a register (AL, AX or EAX) with the contents of an item in memory.

Each of the above instruction has a byte, word and doubleword version and string instructions can be repeated by using a repetition prefix.

String Instructions

- These instructions use the ES:DI and DS:SI pair of registers, where DI and SI registers contain valid offset addresses that refers to bytes stored in memory.
- SI is normally associated with DS (data segment) and DI is always associated with ES (extra segment).
- The DS:SI (or ESI) and ES:DI (or EDI) registers point to the source and destination operands respectively.
- The source operand is assumed to be at DS:SI (or ESI) and the destination operand at ES:DI (or EDI) in memory.
- For 16-bit addresses the SI and DI registers are used and for 32-bit addresses the ESI and EDI registers are used.

The following table provides various versions of string instructions and the assumed space of the operands.

Basic Instruction	Operands at	Byte Operation	Word Operation	Double word Operation
MOVS	ES:DI, DS: SI	MOVSB	MOVSW	MOVSD
LODS	AX, DS:SI	LODSB	LODSW	LODSD
STOS	ES:DI, AX	STOSB	STOSW	STOSD
CMPS	DS:SI, ES: DI	CMPSB	CMPSW	CMPSD
SCAS	ES:DI, AX	SCASB	SCASW	SCASD

MOVS

- The MOVS instruction is used to copy a data item (byte, word or doubleword) from the source string to the destination string.
- The source string is pointed by DS:SI and the destination string is pointed by ES:DI.

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STOS

 The STOS instruction copies the data item from AL (for bytes - STOSB), AX (for words - STOSW) or EAX (for doublewords - STOSD) to the destination string, pointed to by ES:DI in memory.

CMPS

- The CMPS instruction compares two strings.
- This instruction compares two data items of one byte, word or doubleword, pointed to by the DS:SI and ES:DI registers and sets the flags accordingly.
- Use of the conditional jump instructions along with this instruction also possible.

SCAS

- The SCAS instruction is used for searching a particular character or set of characters in a string.
- The data item to be searched should be in AL (for SCASB), AX (for SCASW) or EAX (for SCASD) registers. The string to be searched should be in memory and pointed by the ES:DI (or EDI) register.
Repetition Prefixes

- The REP prefix, when set before a string instruction, for example - REP MOVSB, causes repetition of the instruction based on a counter placed at the CX register.
- REP executes the instruction, decreases CX by 1, and checks whether CX is zero. It repeats the instruction processing until CX is zero.
- The Direction Flag (DF) determines the direction of the operation.
- Use CLD (Clear Direction Flag, DF = 0) to make the operation left to right.
- Use STD (Set Direction Flag, DF = 1) to make the operation right to left.

REP Variants

- The REP prefix also has the following variations:
- 1. REP: it is the unconditional repeat. It repeats the operation until CX is zero.
- 2. REPE or REPZ: It is conditional repeat. It repeats the operation while the zero flag indicate equal/zero. It stops when the ZF indicates not equal/zero or when CX is zero.
- 3. REPNE or REPNZ: It is also conditional repeat. It repeats the operation while the zero flag indicate not equal/not zero. It stops when the ZF indicates equal/zero or when CX is decremented to zero.

Assembly Arrays

- To define a one dimensional array
- Use of the data definition directives
- To define a one dimensional array of numbers: NUMBERS DW 34, 45, 56, 67, 75, 89
- This allocates 2x6 = 12 bytes of consecutive memory space.
- The symbolic address of the first number will be NUMBERS and that of the second number will be NUMBERS + 2 and so on.

Define An Array

We can define an array named ARR of size 8, and initialize all the values with zero, as:

ARR DW 0 **DW 0 DW 0 DW 0 DW 0 DW 0 DW 0 DW 0**

Which, can be abbreviated as: ARR DW 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0

Any Shortcut?????

ARR TIMES 8 DW 0

Restriction: The TIMES directive can also be used for multiple initializations to the same value



Assembly Procedures

- Procedures are identified by a name.
- Following this name, the body of the procedure is described, which perform a well-defined job.
- End of the procedure is indicated by a return statement.
- Syntax to define a procedure:





The CALL instruction should have the name of the called procedure as argument :

CALL proc_name

 The called procedure returns the control to the calling procedure by using the RET instruction.

Stacks Data Structure

- An array-like data structure in the memory
- Data can be stored and removed
- 'top' of the stack
- PUSH and POP operations
- LIFO data structure, i.e., the data stored first is retrieved last.
- Assembly language provides two instructions for stack operations: PUSH and POP.

Syntax:
 PUSH operand
 POP address/register

Shift and Rotate Instructions

- The shift and rotate instructions reposition the bits within the specified operand.
- These instructions fall into the following classes:
- Shift instructions
- Double shift instructions
- Rotate instructions

Shift Instructions

- The bits in bytes, words, and doublewords may be shifted arithmetically or logically.
- Depending on the value of a specified count, bits can be shifted up to 31 places.
- To specify the count in one of three ways:
- 1. To specify the count implicitly as a single shift
- 2. To specify the count as an immediate value
- 3. To specify the count as the value contained in CL. This form allows the shift count to be a variable that the program supplies during execution. Only the low order 5 bits of CL are used.

 CF always contains the value of the last bit shifted out of the destination operand.

- In a single-bit shift, OF is set if the value of the high-order (sign) bit was changed by the operation.
 Otherwise, OF is cleared.
- Following a multibit shift the content of OF is always undefined.
- The shift instructions provide a convenient way to accomplish division or multiplication by binary power.

Note : division of signed numbers by shifting right is not the same of division performed by the IDIV instruction.

SAL & SHL

Shift Arithmetic Left

- shifts the destination byte, word, or doubleword operand left by one or by the number of bits specified in the count operand (an immediate value or the value contained in CL)
- The processor shifts zeros in from the right (low-order) side of the operand as bits exit from the left (high-order) side.
- SHL (Shift Logical Left) is a synonym for SAL

SHL

Synonym SAL

- shifts the bits in the register or memory operand to the left by the specified number of bit positions
- CF receives the last bit shifted out of the left of the operand.
- SHL shifts in zeros to fill the vacated bit locations.
- These instructions operate on byte, word, and doubleword operands.



OF CF OPERAND

BEFORE SHL X X 1000100010001000100010001111 OR SAL

AFTER SHL 1 1 - 0001000100010001000100011110 - 0 OR SAL BY 1

AFTER SHL X 0 - 0010001000100011110000000000 - 0 OR SAL BY 10

SHR

Shift Logical Right

- Shifts the destination byte, word, or doubleword operand right by one or by the number of bits specified in the count operand
- Count: an immediate value or the value contained in CL.
- The processor shifts zeros in from the left side of the operand as bits exit from the right side.
- SHR shifts the bits of the register or memory operand to the right by the specified number of bit positions.
- CF receives the last bit shifted out of the right of the operand.
- SHR shifts in zeros to fill the vacated bit locations.



SAR

- Shift Arithmetic Right
- Shifts the destination byte, word, or doubleword operand to the right by one or by the number of bits specified in the count operand
- Count :an immediate value or the value contained in CL
- The processor preserves the sign of the operand by shifting in zeros on the left (high-order) side if the value is positive or by shifting by ones if the value is negative.
- SAR preserves the sign of the register or memory operand as it shifts the operand to the right by the specified number of bit positions.
- CF receives the last bit shifted out of the right of the operand.

	POSITIVE OPERAND	CF
BEFORE SAR	01000100010001000100010001000111	X
AFTER SAR BY 1	0	▶1
	NEGATIVE OPERAND	CF
BEFORE SAR	11000100010001000100010001000111	X
AFTER SAR BY 1	0	→1



- logical shifts move 0 in the rightmost bit for a logical left shift;
- 0 to the leftmost bit position for a logical right shift
- arithmetic right shift
 copies the sign-bit
 through the number
- logical right shift copies a 0 through the number.



Double-Shift Instructions

- These instructions provide the basic operations needed to implement operations on long unaligned bit strings.
- The double shifts operate either on word or doubleword operands, as follows:
- 1. Taking two word operands as input and producing a one-word output.
- 2. Taking two doubleword operands as input and producing a doubleword output.

- Of the two input operands, one may either be in a general register or in memory
- the other may only be in a general register.
- The results replace the memory or register operand.
- The number of bits to be shifted is specified either in the CL register or in an immediate byte of the instruction.

- Bits are shifted from the register operand into the memory or register operand.
- CF is set to the value of the last bit shifted out of the destination operand.
- SF, ZF, and PF are set according to the value of the result.
- OF and AF are left undefined.

SHLD

Shift Left Double

- shifts bits of the R/M field to the left, while shifting high-order bits from the Reg field into the R/M field on the right
- The result is stored back into the R/M operand.
- The Reg field is not modified.



SHRD

Shift Right Double

- shifts bits of the R/M field to the right, while shifting low-order bits from the Reg field into the R/M field on the left
- The result is stored back into the R/M operand.
- The Reg field is not modified.



Rotate Instructions

- Allow bits in bytes, words, and doublewords to be rotated
- Bits rotated out of an operand are not lost as in a shift, but are "circled" back into the other "end" of the operand.
- Rotates affect only the carry and overflow flags.
- CF may act as an extension of the operand in two of the rotate instructions, allowing a bit to be isolated and then tested by a conditional jump instruction (JC / JNC).
- CF always contains the value of the last bit rotated out, even if the instruction does not use this bit as an extension of the rotated operand.

In single-bit rotates, OF is set if the operation changes the high-order (sign) bit of the destination operand.
If the sign bit retains its original value, OF is cleared.
On multibit rotates, the value of OF is always undefined.

ROL

Rotate Left

- rotates the byte, word, or doubleword destination operand left by one or by the number of bits specified in the count operand
- Count : immediate value / value contained in CL
- For each rotation specified, the high-order bit that exits from the left of the operand returns at the right to become the new low-order bit of the operand.



ROR

Rotate Right

- rotates the byte, word, or doubleword destination operand right by one or by the number of bits specified in the count operand
- Count : immediate value / value contained in CL
- For each rotation specified, the low-order bit that exits from the right of the operand returns at the left to become the new high-order bit of the operand.



RCL (Rotate Through Carry Left)

 rotates bits in the byte, word, or doubleword destination operand left by one or by the number of bits specified in the count operand (an immediate value or the value contained in CL)

differs from ROL

- treats CF as a high-order one-bit extension of the destination operand
- Each high-order bit that exits from the left side of the operand moves to CF before it returns to the
- operand as the low-order bit on the next rotation cycle.


AAA ----- ASCII Adjust after Addition. DAA ----- Decimal Adjust AL after Addition

Corrects result in AH and AL after addition when working with BCD values. Mov AX,0009h Mov BX ,0006h ; result AX =0fH (Ah =00 ,AI =0f) Add AX, BX AAA (DAA) ; now Ax =0105 h (Ah =01 ,Al =05) AAD- ASCII Adjust before Division. Prepares two BCD values for division. Mov BX,0003h Mov AX, 0105h ; now Ax =0105 h (Ah =01 ,Al =05) ; result AX =0fH (Ah =00 ,AI =0f) AAD Div BX ; AX/BX

AAM -----ASCII Adjust after Multiplication.

Corrects the result of multiplication of two BCD values.

Mov AX,0003h Mov BX ,0005h MUL AX, BX AAM

; result AX =0fH (Ah =00 ,Al =0f) ; now Ax =0105 h (Ah =01 ,Al =05)

AAS -----ASCII Adjust after Subtraction. DAS ---- Decimal Adjust AL after Subtraction Corrects result in AH and AL after subtraction when working with BCD values.

MOV AX, 02FFh AAS

; AH = 02, AL = 0FFh ; AH = 01, AL = 09 ARPL -- Adjust RPL Field of Selector ARPL DEST, SRC

IF RPL bits(0,1) of DEST < RPL bits(0,1) of SRC
THEN ZF := 1;
RPL bits(0,1) of DEST := RPL bits(0,1) of SRC;
ELSE ZF := 0;
ENF IF;</pre>

The ARPL instruction has two operands. The first operand is a 16-bit memory variable or word register that contains the value of a selector. The second operand is a word register. If the RPL field ("requested privilege level"--bottom two bits) of the first operand is less than the RPL field of the second operand, the zero flag is set to 1 and the RPL field of the first operand is increased to match the second operand. Otherwise, the zero flag is set to 0 and no change is made to the first operand.ARPL appears in operating system software, not in application programs. It is used to guarantee that a selector parameter to a subroutine does not request more privilege than the caller is allowed. The second operand of ARPL is normally a register that contains the CS selector value of the caller.

VERR, VERW --- Verify a Segment for Reading or Writing

VERR eax

; Set ZF=1 if segment can be read, selector in eax ;Set ZF=1 if segment can be written, selector in eax

BOUND -- Check Array Index Against Bounds

Bound eax,fffffff1h

If eax > fffffff1h then it call interrupt 5

BOUND ensures that a signed array index is within the limits specified by a block of memory consisting of an upper and a lower bound. Each bound uses one word for an operand-size attribute of 16 bits and a doubleword for an operand-size attribute of 32 bits. The first operand (a register) must be greater than or equal to the first bound in memory (lower bound), and less than or equal to the second bound in memory (upper bound). If the register is not within bounds, an Interrupt 5 occurs; the return EIP points to the BOUND instruction. The bounds limit data structure is usually placed just before the array itself, making the limits addressable via a constant offset from the beginning of the array.

I/O Port data transferIN Input from PortOUT Output to Port

IN al, DX
Input from port DX into AL
Out al, DX
output from AL to port DX

INS/INSB/INSW/INSD -- Input from Port to String

INS al, DX into AL

 INS ax, DX into AX

INS eax, DX

Input byte from port DX

Input word from port DX

Input dword from port DX

Flag manipulation instruction

STC -- Set Carry Flag STD -- Set Direction Flag STI -- Set Interrupt Flag CLC -- Clear Carry Flag CLD -- Clear Direction Flag CLI -- Clear Interrupt Flag CMC -- Complement Carry Flag

SAHF -- Store AH into Flags LAHF --- Load Flags into AH Register