



# **Assembly Programming**

## **8086 instructions**

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# **Instruction – Functional groups**

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Following are the conventions used in describing the instructions.

Convention	Meaning
<i>src</i>	source
<i>dest</i>	destination
<i>reg</i>	register
<i>r/m</i>	register or a memory location
<i>r/m16</i>	16 bit register or a word memory location
<i>immed16</i>	immediate 16 bit number
<i>addr</i>	address of a memory location
<i>reg8</i>	8-bit register
<i>reg16</i>	16-bit register
<i>src8</i>	source of type 8-bit
<i>src16</i>	source of type 16-bit
<i>mem16</i>	16-bit memory location
<i>MOD</i>	modulus or a remainder
~	logical NOT operation
&	logical AND operation
	logical OR operation
^	logical EX-OR (exclusive OR) operation
←	assignment operation
≠	not equal



# Data transfer instructions

- **MOV** dest, src
- Copy operand2 to operand1.

*The MOV instruction cannot:*

- set the value of the CS and IP registers.
- copy value of one segment register to another segment register (should copy to general register first).
- copy immediate value to segment register (should copy to general register first).
- Algorithm:  
operand1 = operand2





# Data transfer instructions

XCHG dest,src

- Exchange values of two operands.
- Both cant be memory.
- Immediate data not allowed
- Algorithm:

operand1 < - > operand2



# Data transfer instructions

- IN accumulator , port
- Reads data from port
  
- Direct or indirect
- Indirect use DX for port number



# Data transfer instructions

- **OUT** port, accumulator
- Outs accumulator data to a port
  
- Direct or indirect
- Indirect use DX for port number



## Data transfer instructions

- **XLAT/XLATB** – translate a byte
- Translate byte from table.  
Copy value of memory byte at DS:[BX + unsigned AL] to AL register.

Algorithm:

$AL = DS:[BX + \text{unsigned } AL]$





# Data transfer instructions

- LEA – Load Effective Address
- Load Effective Address.

Algorithm:

REG = address of memory (offset)

- LEA BX, ADR = MOV BX, OFFSET ADR



# Data transfer instructions

- LDS – Load register and DS register
- LES – Load register and ES register
- Load memory double word into word register and DS.

Algorithm: REG = first word DS = second word

- Example:
- LDS BX,5000H



# Data transfer instructions

- LAHF – Load AH with Flags
- Load AH from 8 low bits of Flags register.

Algorithm:

AH = flags register

AH bit: 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 [SF] [ZF] [0] [AF] [0] [PF]  
[1] [CF]

- SAHF – Store AH in to lower byte of Flag register



# Data transfer instructions

- PUSH src
- PUSH immed
- PUSHA
- PUSHF
- POP dest
- POPA
- POPF



# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- ADD – Addition

- ADD dest, src
- Memory memory addition not possible
- Segment registers cant be added
- Flags are affected

- Algorithm:

operand1 = operand1 + operand2





# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **ADC – Add with carry**

- ADC dest, src
- Flags affected

- Algorithm:

$\text{operand1} = \text{operand1} + \text{operand2} + \text{CF}$



# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **INC – increment**
- INC dest
- Immediate data is not an operand
- Algorithm:  
$$\text{operand} = \text{operand} + 1$$
- *Carry flag will not be affected*



# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **DEC – Decrement**
- DEC dest
- Algorithm:  
$$\text{operand} = \text{operand} - 1$$
- *Carry flag will not be affected*
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# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **SUB – Subtraction**

- SUB dest, src

- Algorithm:

operand1 = operand1 - operand2

- Both operands cant be memory

- Destination cant be immediate



# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **SBB – Subtract with borrow**

- SBB dest, src

- Algorithm:

$\text{operand1} = \text{operand1} - \text{operand2} - \text{CF}$





# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **CMP – Compare**

- CMP dest, src

- Algorithm:

operand1 - operand2  
( dest – src)

- Dest cant be immediate

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result is not stored anywhere, flags are set (OF, SF, ZF, AF, PF, CF) according to result.



## **CMP function**

- **1. if( dest > src )  
subtraction requires no borrow  
CF = 0, ZF= 0, SF= 0.**
- **2. if( dest < src )  
subtraction requires borrow  
CF= 1, ZF= 0, SF= 1.**
- **3. if( dest= arc )  
result of subtraction is zero hence ZP flag is set  
CF= 0, ZF = 1, SF= 0.**



# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **NEG** –Makes operand negative (two's complement).
- NEG dest
- Algorithm: Invert all bits of the operand
- Add 1 to inverted operand
- EG:- MOV AL, 5 ; AL = 05h
- NEG AL ; AL = 0FBh (-5)
- NEG AL ; AL = 05h (5)



# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **MUL – Multiplication**
- **MUL src**
- Unsigned multiply.
- Operand cant be immediate
- Algorithm:
  - when operand is a **byte**:  $AX = AL * \text{operand}$ .
  - when operand is a **word**:
$$(DX AX) = AX * \text{operand}.$$



# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **IMUL – Multiplication**
- **IMUL SRC**

Signed multiply.

Algorithm:

when operand is a **byte**:

$$AX = AL * \text{operand.}$$

when operand is a **word**:

$$(DX AX) = AX * \text{operand.}$$





# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **DIV – Division**
- **DIV src**

Unsigned divide.

Algorithm:

When operand is a **byte**:

$AL = AX / \text{operand}$

$AH = \text{remainder (modulus)}$

when operand is a **word**:

$AX = (DX AX) / \text{operand}$

$DX = \text{remainder (modulus)}$



# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **IDIV – Integer Division**
- **IDIV src**

Signed divide.

Algorithm:

when operand is a **byte**:

$AL = AX / \text{operand}$

$AH = \text{remainder (modulus)}$

when operand is a **word**:

$AX = (DX AX) / \text{operand}$

$DX = \text{remainder (modulus)}$



# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **CBW – Convert signed Byte to Word**
- **Sign extended number**
- Convert byte into word.

Algorithm:

if high bit of AL = 1 then: AH = FFh

- else AH = 0



# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **CWD – Convert Word to double word**
- **Sign extended number**
- Algorithm:
  - if high bit of AX = 1 then: DX =FFFFh
  - else DX = 0



## Arithmetic and logical instructions

- DAA - Decimal adjust After Addition.  
Decimal adjust Accumulator.
- Corrects the result of addition of two **packed BCD values**.

Algorithm:

if low nibble of AL > 9 or AF = 1 then:  
AL = AL + 6

- After this if upper nibble of AL is greater than 9 or if carry flag is set add 60h to AL.



## EXAMPLE

- **ADD AL,CL**      AL=53 , CL =29  
**DAA**              AL=73, CL = 29





# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **DAS - Decimal adjust After Subtraction.**  
Corrects the result of subtraction of two packed BCD values.

Algorithm:

if low nibble of AL > 9 or AF = 1 then:

AL = AL - 6

- After this if upper nibble of AL is greater than 9 or if carry flag is set subtract 60h from AL.



## EXAMPLE

- **SUB AL,CL**      AL=75 , CL =46  
**DAA**



# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **AAA - ASCII Adjust after Addition.**  
*Corrects result in AH and AL after addition when working with un packed BCD values.*

Algorithm:

1. clear the higher order nibble of AL
  - $(AL = AL \& 0FH)$
2. if low nibble of AL  $> 9$  or AF = 1 then:
  - a.  $AL = AL + 6$
  - b.  $AH = AH + 1$
  - c.  $AF = 1, CF = 1$
3. *Clear high order nibble of AL (  $AL = AL \& 0FH$  )*



# Arithmetic and logical instructions

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

Algorithm:

1. clear the higher order nibble of AL

➤  $(AL = AL \& 0FH)$

2. if low nibble of AL  $> 9$  or  $AF = 1$  then:

a.  $AL = AL - 6$                       b.  $AH = AH - 1$

c.  $AF = 1, CF = 1$

3. Clear high order nibble of AL ( $AL = AL \& 0FH$ )





# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **AAM** - ASCII Adjust after Multiplication.  
Corrects the result of multiplication of two BCD values.

Algorithm:

$AH = AL / 10$

- $AL = \text{remainder}$
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# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **AAD** - ASCII Adjust before Division.  
Prepares two BCD values for division.

- BCD to binary conversion

- Algorithm:

$$AL = (AH * 10) + AL$$

- $AH = 0$

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# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **AND – Logical AND**
- AND dest , src
- Dest = dest & src
- Mask
- Reset dest bits which are zeros in src



# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **TEST – test and set flags**
- TEST dest , src
- Non destructive AND



# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **OR – Logical OR**
- OR dest , src
- Set dest bits which are in src





# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **XOR – Logical Exclusive OR**
- XOR dest , src
- Toggle dest bits which are in src



# Arithmetic and logical instructions

- **NOT – Logical NOT**
- NOT dest
- Toggle dest bits ( converts dest to its 1's complement)



# Shift and rotate instructions

- **SHL: Shift Logical Left**
- **SHR: Shift Logical Right**
- **SAL: Shift Arithmetic Left**
- **SAR: Shift Arithmetic Right**
- **ROL: Rotate Left**
- **ROR: Rotate right**
- **RCL: Rotate through carry left**
- **RCR: Rotate through carry right**



# Shift and rotate instructions

- **SHL: Shift Logical Left**

SHL dest, count

Dest = reg / mem

Count = reg / immed (if one)

Count range from 0 – 15

1 shift equivalent to multiply by two.



# Shift and rotate instructions

- **SHR: Shift Logical Right**

SHR dest, count

Dest = reg / mem

Count = reg / immed (if one)

Count range from 0 – 15

1 shift equivalent to divide by two. ( faster than DIV instruction)





# Shift and rotate instructions

- **SAL: Shift Arithmetic Left**
- SAL dest, count
- Same as SHL



# Shift and rotate instructions

- **SAR: Shift Arithmetic Right**
- SAR dest, count

Dest should be signed

Dest = reg / mem

Count = reg / immed (if one)

Count range from 0 – 15

1 shift equivalent to divide by two. ( faster than IDIV instruction)



# Shift and rotate instructions

- **ROL: Rotate Left**
- ROL dest, count

Dest = reg / mem

Count = reg / immed (if one)

Count range from 0 – 15



# Shift and rotate instructions

- **ROR: Rotate right**
- ROR dest, count

Dest = reg / mem

Count = reg / immed (if one)

Count range from 0 – 15



# Shift and rotate instructions

- **RCL: Rotate through carry left**
- RCL dest, count

Dest = reg / mem

Count = reg / immed (if one)

Count range from 0 – 15



# Shift and rotate instructions

## RCR: Rotate through carry right

- RCR dest, count

Dest = reg / mem

Count = reg / immed (if one)

Count range from 0 – 15





## Branch instructions - Unconditional

- **CALL : Unconditional Call**

- *Direct near*

*OPCODE    DISP\_LB    DISP\_HB*

- *Indirect near*

*OPCODE    OPCODE    indirect R/M*

- *Direct far*

*OPCODE    OFFSET(LB,HB)    SEGMENT(LB,HB)*

- *Indirect far*

*OPCODE    OPCODE    indirect R/M*



## Branch instructions - Unconditional

- **RET**: return from the procedure
  - *Pop operation from stack*
- **INT N** : Interrupt type N
  - *N\*4 is the offset*
  - *0000h the segment address*
- **INTO**: interrupt on overflow ( type 4)
- **IRET** (Return from Interrupt Service Routine)



# Branch instructions - Unconditional

- JMP : jump
- JMP target
  
- JUMP 8-bit displacement
  - *Intrasegment,relative,near jump*
- JUMP 16-bit displacement
  - *Intrasegment,relative,Far jump*
- JUMP IP,CS
  - *Intersegment,directjump*



# Branch instructions - Unconditional

- LOOP : Decrease CX, jump to label if CX not zero.
- LOOP short\_label

Algorithm:

$CX = CX - 1$

- if  $CX \neq 0$  then
  - *jump*
- else
  - *no jump, continue*

# Branch instructions - conditional

- Only short jumps can be implemented (-128 to 127)

Table 2.3 Conditional Branch Instructions

Mnemonic	Displacement	Operation
1. JZ/JE	Label	Transfer execution control to address 'Label', if ZF=1.
2. JNZ/JNE	Label	Transfer execution control to address 'Label', if ZF=0.
3. JS	Label	Transfer execution control to address 'Label', if SF=1.
4. JNS	Label	Transfer execution control to address 'Label', if SF=0.
5. JO	Label	Transfer execution control to address 'Label', if OF=1.
6. JNO	Label	Transfer execution control to address 'Label', if OF=0.
7. JP/JPE	Label	Transfer execution control to address 'Label', if PF=1.
8. JNP	Label	Transfer execution control to address 'Label', if PF=0.
9. JB/JNAE/JC	Label	Transfer execution control to address 'Label', if CF=1.
10. JNB/JAE/JNC	Label	Transfer execution control to address 'Label', if CF=0.
11. JBE/JNA	Label	Transfer execution control to address 'Label', if CF=1 or ZF=1.
12. JNBE/JA	Label	Transfer execution control to address 'Label', if CF=0 or ZF=0.
13. JL/JNGE	Label	Transfer execution control to address 'Label', if neither SF=1 nor OF=1.
14. JNL/JGE	Label	Transfer execution control to address 'Label', if neither SF=0 nor OF=0.
15. JLE/JNC	Label	Transfer execution control to address 'Label', if ZF=1 or neither SF nor OF is 1.
16. JNLE/JE	Label	Transfer execution control to address 'Label', if ZF=0 or at least any one of SF and OF is 1 (Both SF and OF are not 0).





# Branch instructions - conditional

- JCXZ: Jump if CX register is ZERO
- JCXZ short\_label
- Algorithm:  
if  $CX = 0$  then jump



**Table 2.4** Conditional Loop Instructions

<i>Mnemonic</i>	<i>Displacement</i>	<i>Operation</i>
LOOPZ/LOOPE (Loop while ZF = 1; equal)	Label	Loop through a sequence of instructions from 'Label' while ZF=1 and CX $\neq$ 0.
LOOPNZ/LOOPNE (Loop while ZF = 0; not equal)	Label	Loop through a sequence of instructions from 'Label' while ZF=0 and CX $\neq$ 0.



**Table 2.5** *Flag Manipulation Instructions*

CLC	-	Clear carry flag
CMC	-	Complement carry flag
STC	-	Set carry flag
CLD	-	Clear direction flag
STD	-	Set direction flag
CLI	-	Clear interrupt flag
STI	-	Set interrupt flag



**Table 2.6** *Machine Control Instructions*

WAIT	-	Wait for Test input pin to go low
HLT	-	Halt the processor
NOP	-	No operation
ESC	-	Escape to external device like NDP (numeric co-processor)
LOCK	-	Bus lock instruction prefix.



## String operation instructions

- Series of data bytes → byte strings or word strings
- For referring a string 2 parameters are needed → starting or end address and length of a string.
- Length of the string stored in CX register.
- Increment or decrement depends on Direction flag.



# String operation instructions

- **CLD – Clear direction flag**
- SI and DI will be incremented by chain instructions
- **STD – Set direction flag**
- SI and DI will be decremented by chain instructions:



# String operation instructions

- **REP – Repeat**
- Repeat following MOVSB, MOVSW, LODSB, LODSW, STOSB, STOSW instructions CX times.

Algorithm:

while ( CX<>0)

- Execute the string instruction
- $CX = CX - 1$





# String operation instructions

- **REPE : Repeat while equal**
- **REPZ: Repeat while zero**
- Repeat following CMPSB, CMPSW, SCASB, SCASW instructions while ZF = 1 (result is Equal), maximum CX times.
- While ( CX<>0 and ZF=1)
  - *Execute the string instruction*
  - *CX=CX-1*



# String operation instructions

- **REPNE : Repeat while not equal**
- **REPNZ : Repeat while not zero**
- Repeat following CMPSB, CMPSW, SCASB, SCASW instructions while ZF = 0 (result is Not Equal), maximum CX times.
- While (  $CX \neq 0$  and  $ZF=0$ )
  - *Execute the string instruction*
  - $CX=CX-1$



# String operation instructions

- **MOVS / MOVSB / MOVSW – Move string / Move string byte / Move string word**
- Copy byte at DS:[SI] to ES:[DI]. Update SI and DI.

Algorithm:           ES:[DI] = DS:[SI]

if DF = 0 then

➤  $SI = SI + 1 / 2$

➤  $DI = DI + 1 / 2$

- else

➤  $SI = SI - 1 / 2$

➤  $DI = DI - 1 / 2$



## Example

```
Mov AX,5000h
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```
Mov DS,AX
```

```
Mov AX,6000h
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Mov ES,AX
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```
Mov CX,0FFh
```

```
Mov SI,1000h
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```
Mov DI,2000h
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```
CLD
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```
REP MOVSB
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# String operation instructions

- **LODS / LODSB / LODSW** - Load string / Load string byte / Load string word
- (LODSB) Load byte at DS:[SI] into AL. Update SI.

Algorithm:

$AL/AX = DS:[SI]$

- if DF = 0 then
  - $SI = SI + 1$
- else
  - $SI = SI - 1$



# String operation instructions

- **STOS / STOSB / STOSW – Store string**
- (STOSB) Store byte in AL into ES:[DI]. Update DI.

Algorithm:

ES:[DI] = AL/AX

- if DF = 0 then
  - $DI = DI + 1$
- else
  - $DI = DI - 1$





# String operation instructions

- **CMPS / CMPSB / CMPSW – Compare string**
- Compare bytes: ES:[DI] from DS:[SI].

Algorithm:

DS:[SI] - ES:[DI]

- set flags according to result:  
OF, SF, ZF, AF, PF, CF
- SI , DI changes



## Example

```
Mov AX,5000h
```

```
Mov DS,AX
```

```
Mov AX,6000h
```

```
Mov ES,AX
```

```
Mov CX,0FFh
```

```
Mov SI,1000h
```

```
Mov DI,2000h
```

```
CLD
```

```
REPE CMPSW
```



# String operation instructions

- **SCAS / SCASB / SCASW** - Scan string
- Compare bytes: AL from ES:[DI].

Algorithm:

ES:[DI] - AL

- set flags according to result:  
OF, SF, ZF, AF, PF, CF
- DI changes