

Computer Organization & Assembly Language Programming



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IN a, b;	
OUT out;	
PARTS:	
Not(in=a, out=nota);	
Not(in=b, out=notb);	
And(a=nota, b=b, out=w1);	
And(a=a, b=notb, out=w2);	
Or(a=w1, b=w2, out=out);	
}	



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Lecture # 33

Data Transfer Instructions & Process Stack





Today's Agenda

- Move instruction (mov, movzx, movsx, cmovcc)
- Load Effective Address (lea, lds, lss, les, lfs, lgs)
- Exchange Instruction (xchg)
- Process Stack
- Stack Operations (push, pop)





mov Instruction

- The MOV instruction is used for moving data from one storage space to another
- It takes two operands and its general syntax is:

MOV destination, source

- Both the operands of MOV instruction should be of same size and the value of source operand remains unchanged
- MOV instruction does not change the flags register
- If both operands are same registers, it acts a a NOP instruction
- The MOV instruction may have one of the following five forms –

MOV register, immediate
MOV register, register
MOV memory, register
MOV register, memory
MOV memory, immediate

Note: Transfer of data from one memory location to another is not allowed



MOV register, immediate

• Examples:

- mov rax, 0xaaaaaaabbbbbbbb
- mov eax, 0xaaaaaaaa
- mov ax, 0xdddd
- mov al, 0x11
- mov ah, 0xcc



MOV register, register

- Examples:
 - mov rbp, rax
 - mov r10, rbp
 - mov r11d, r10d
 - mov r12w, r11w
 - mov r13b, r12b



MOV memory, register

• Examples:

mov byte [var], al

mov word [var], ax

mov dword [var], eax

mov qword [var], rax



MOV register, memory

• Examples:

mov rsi, qword [var]

mov r14d, dword [var]

mov r15w, word [var]

mov dil, byte [var]



lea Instruction

- The address of a variable can be obtained with the load effective address, or lea, instruction. So lea instruction is used to load address of a variable into a register and later manipulate the data indirectly with the register as a pointer
- The lea instruction has no effect on the rflags register
- The format of load effective address instruction is as follows:

lea register, memory

• Examples:

lea rax, var
mov byte ptr [rax], 54

Note: MOV instruction moves the contents of the source into the destination, while the LEA instruction moves the address of the source into the destination



xchg Instruction

• The xchg instruction is used to exchange or swap the contents of two registers or the contents of a a register and a memory location:

xchg register, register
xchg register, memory

• Example:

mov rax, 0x1234567890abcdef

mov rbx, 0x9999999999999999

xchg rax, rbx



Example Code: movingdata.nasm





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Logical Process Address Space

- The diagram shows the logical process address space
- At the lowest address, we have the code section that contains machine code instructions of our executable program
- Above the code section we have initialized and uninitialized data sections for global variables
- Heap is used for dynamic memory allocation and it grows towards higher addresses
- Finally, the process stack is at the top of the memory and grows from higher memory addresses towards lower memory addresses in architectures like Intel, MIPS, Motorola, SPARC
- High level languages like C/C++ make extensive use of the stack like temporary storing the arguments passed to a function, local variables and so on. (we will discuss this in detail in later part of the course)





Process Stack

- From Assembly programmer perspective, the use of process stack is quite simple and consist of either of the following two operations
 - A PUSH operation that stores data on the stack (push reg/immediate)
 - A POP operation that removes data from the stack (pop reg)

Hi address
Stack grow towards smaller
addresses
← rsp
← rsp
Low address







Things To Do



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