
ECE 424 Design of Microprocessor-Based Systems

80x86 Instructions

Part 1

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Instruction Types

- Data transfer instructions
- String instructions
- Arithmetic instructions
- Bit manipulation instructions
- Loop and jump instructions
- Subroutine and interrupt instructions
- Processor control instructions

An excellent website about 80x86 instruction set: <http://www.penguin.cz/~literakl/intel/intel.html>
Another good reference is in the tutorial of 8086 emulator

Addressing Modes

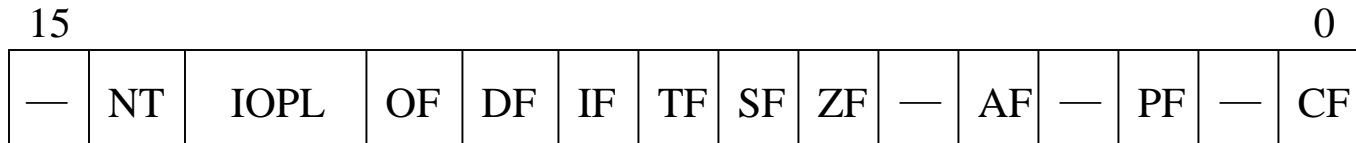
<i>Addressing Modes</i>	<i>Examples</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Immediate addressing	MOV AL, 12H
<input type="checkbox"/> Register addressing	MOV AL, BL
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct addressing	MOV [500H], AL
<input type="checkbox"/> Register Indirect addressing	MOV DL, [SI]
<input type="checkbox"/> Based addressing	MOV AX, [BX+4]
<input type="checkbox"/> Indexed addressing	MOV [DI-8], BL
<input type="checkbox"/> Based indexed addressing	MOV [BP+SI], AH
<input type="checkbox"/> Based indexed with displacement addressing	MOV CL, [BX+DI+2]

Exceptions

- String addressing
- Port addressing (e.g. IN AL, 79H)

Flag Register

- ❑ Flag register contains information reflecting the current status of a microprocessor. It also contains information which controls the operation of the microprocessor.



➤ Control Flags

IF: Interrupt enable flag
DF: Direction flag
TF: Trap flag

➤ Status Flags

CF: Carry flag
PF: Parity flag
AF: Auxiliary carry flag
ZF: Zero flag
SF: Sign flag
OF: Overflow flag
NT: Nested task flag
IOPL: Input/output privilege level

Flags Commonly Tested During the Execution of Instructions

- There are five flag bits that are commonly tested during the execution of instructions
 - Sign Flag (Bit 7), SF: 0 for positive number and 1 for negative number
 - Zero Flag (Bit 6), ZF: If the ALU output is 0, this bit is set (1); otherwise, it is 0
 - Carry Flag (Bit 0), CF: It contains the carry generated during the execution
 - Auxiliary Carry, AF: Depending on the width of ALU inputs, this flag (Bit 4) bit contains the carry generated at bit 3 (or, 7, 15) of the 8088 ALU
 - Parity Flag (bit2), PF: It is set (1) if the output of the ALU has even number of ones; otherwise it is zero

Data Transfer Instructions

❑ *MOV Destination, Source*

- Move data from source to destination; e.g. *MOV [DI+100H], AH*
- It does not modify flags

- For 80x86 family, directly moving data from one memory location to another memory location is not allowed

MOV [SI], [5000H]



- When the size of data is not clear, assembler directives are used

MOV [SI], 0



- *BYTE PTR*

MOV BYTE PTR [SI], 12H

- *WORD PTR*

MOV WORD PTR [SI], 12H

- *DWORD PTR*

MOV DWORD PTR [SI], 12H

- You can not move an immediate data to segment register by MOV

MOV DS, 1234H



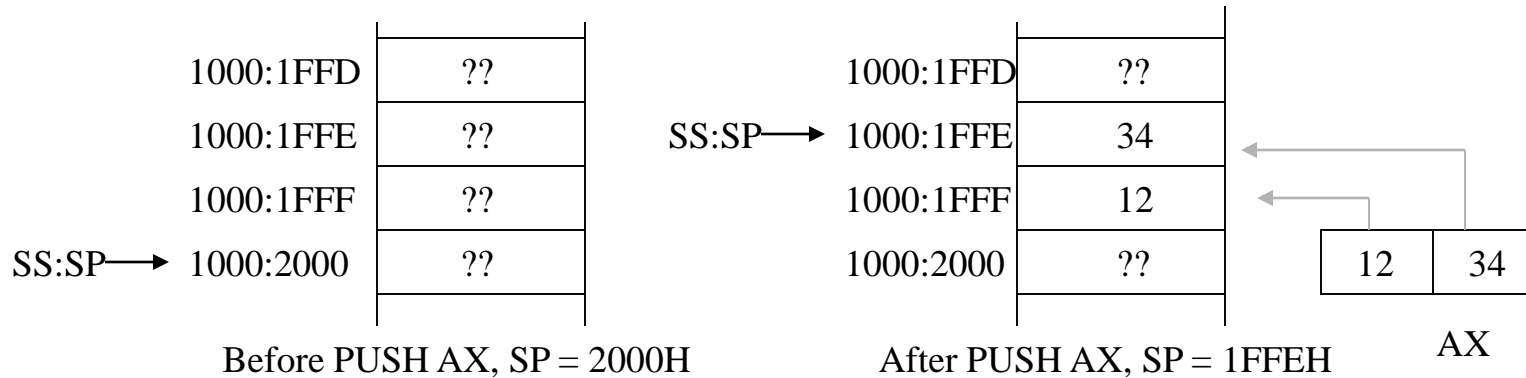
Instructions for Stack Operations

❑ What is a Stack ?

- A stack is a collection of memory locations. It always follows the rule of last-in-first-out
- Generally, SS and SP are used to trace where is the latest data written into stack

❑ PUSH *Source*

- Push data (*word*) onto stack
- It does not modify flags
- For Example: PUSH AX (assume ax=1234H, SS=1000H, SP=2000H before PUSH AX)



- Decrementing the stack pointer during a push is a standard way of implementing stacks in hardware

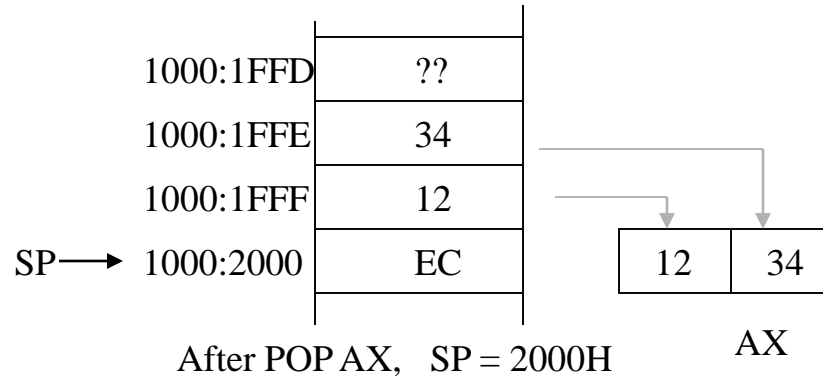
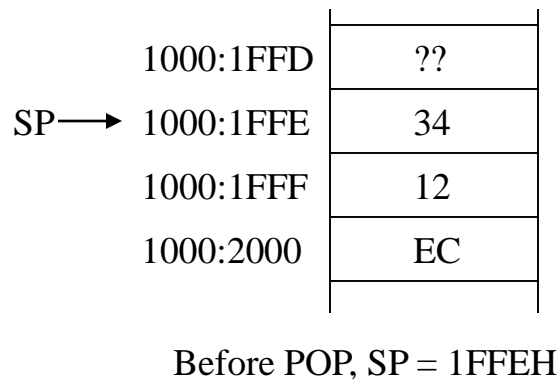
Instructions for Stack Operations

❑ PUSHF

- Push the values of the flag register onto stack
- It does not modify flags

❑ POP *Destination*

- Pop word off stack
- It does not modify flags
- For example: **POP AX**



❑ POPF

- Pop word from the stack to the flag register
- It modifies all flags

Data Transfer Instructions

❑ SAHF

- Store data in AH to the low 8 bits of the flag register
- It modifies flags: AF, CF, PF, SF, ZF

❑ LAHF

- Copies bits 0-7 of the flags register into AH
- It does not modify flags

❑ LDS *Destination Source*

- Load 4-byte data (pointer) in memory to two 16-bit registers
- Source operand gives the memory location
- The first two bytes are copied to the register specified in the destination operand; the second two bytes are copied to register DS
- It does not modify flags

❑ LES *Destination Source*

- It is identical to LDS except that the second two bytes are copied to ES
- It does not modify flags

Data Transfer Instructions

❑ *LEA Destination Source*

- Transfers the offset address of source (must be a memory location) to the destination register
- It does not modify flags

❑ *XCHG Destination Source*

- It exchanges the content of destination and source
- One operand must be a microprocessor register, the other one can be a register or a memory location
- It does not modify flags

❑ *XLAT*

- Replace the data in AL with a data in a user defined look-up table
- BX stores the beginning address of the table
- At the beginning of the execution, the number in AL is used as the index of the look-up table
- It does not modify flags

String Instructions

- ❑ String is a collection of bytes, words, or long-words that can be up to 64KB in length
- ❑ String instructions can have at most two operands. One is referred to as source string and the other one is called destination string
 - Source string must locate in Data Segment and SI register points to the current element of the source string
 - Destination string must locate in Extra Segment and DI register points to the current element of the destination string

DS : SI		
0510:0000	53	S
0510:0001	48	H
0510:0002	4F	O
0510:0003	50	P
0510:0004	50	P
0510:0005	45	E
0510:0006	52	R

Source String

ES : DI		
02A8:2000	53	S
02A8:2001	48	H
02A8:2002	4F	O
02A8:2003	50	P
02A8:2004	50	P
02A8:2005	49	I
02A8:2006	4E	N

Destination String

Repeat Prefix Instructions

❑ REP *String Instruction*

— The prefix instruction makes the microprocessor repeatedly execute the string instruction until CX decrements to 0 (During the execution, CX is decreased by one when the string instruction is executed one time).

— For Example:

MOV CX, 5
REP MOVSB

By the above two instructions, the microprocessor will execute MOVSB 5 times.

— Execution flow of REP MOVSB::

<i>While (CX!=0)</i>		<i>Check_CX: If CX!=0 Then</i>
{		<i>CX = CX - 1;</i>
<i>CX = CX - 1;</i>	<i>OR</i>	<i>MOVSB;</i>
<i>MOVSB;</i>		<i>goto Check_CX;</i>
}		<i>end if</i>

Repeat Prefix Instructions

❑ REPZ *String Instruction*

— Repeat the execution of the string instruction until CX=0 or zero flag is clear

❑ REPNZ *String Instruction*

— Repeat the execution of the string instruction until CX=0 or zero flag is set

❑ REPE *String Instruction*

— Repeat the execution of the string instruction until CX=0 or zero flag is clear

❑ REPNE *String Instruction*

— Repeat the execution of the string instruction until CX=0 or zero flag is set

Direction Flag

❑ Direction Flag (DF) is used to control the way SI and DI are adjusted during the execution of a string instruction

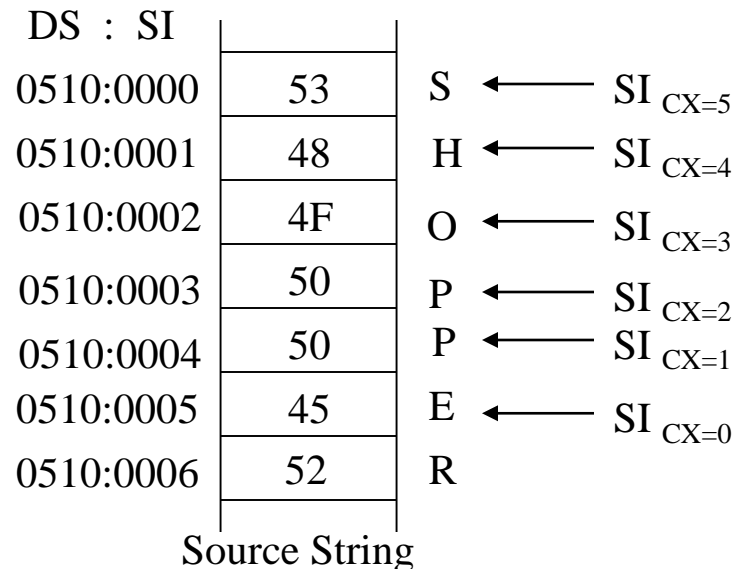
— DF=0, SI and DI will auto-increment during the execution; otherwise, SI and DI auto-decrement

— Instruction to set DF: *STD*; Instruction to clear DF: *CLD*

— Example:

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CLD
MOV CX, 5
REP MOVSB
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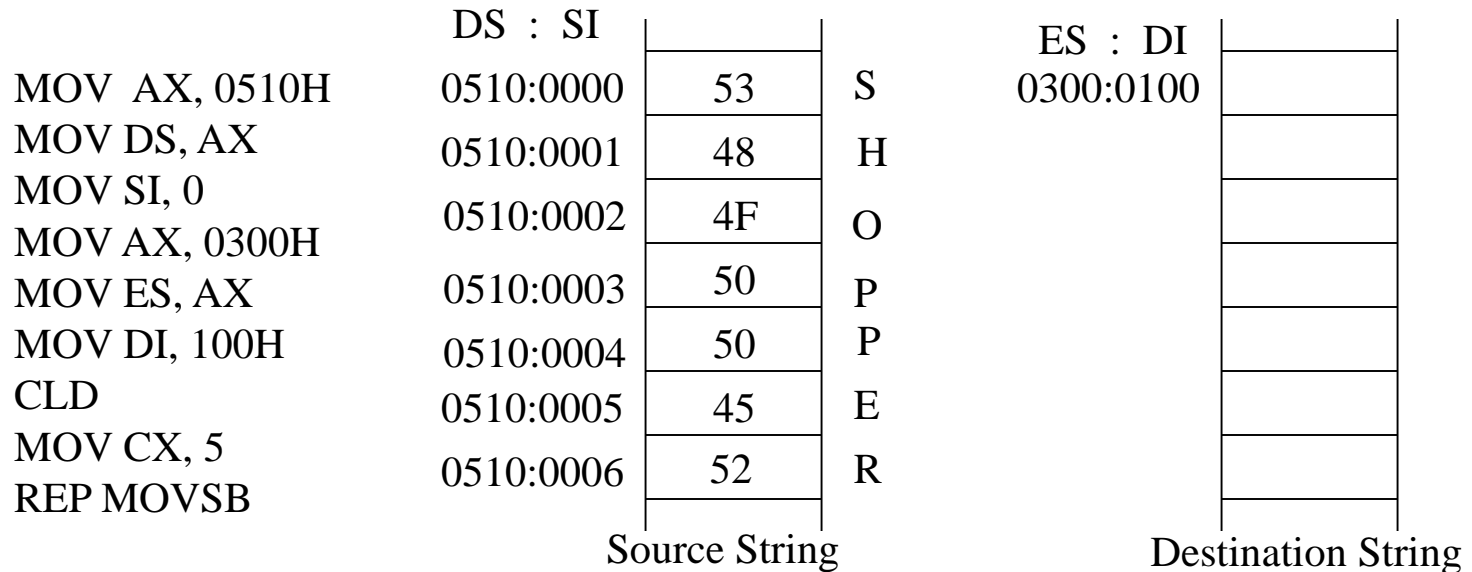
At the beginning of execution,
DS=0510H and SI=0000H



String Instructions

❑ MOVSB (MOVSW)

- Move byte (word) at memory location DS:SI to memory location ES:DI and update SI and DI according to DF and the width of the data being transferred
- It does not modify flags
- Example:



String Instructions

❑ CMPSB (CMPSW)

- Compare bytes (words) at memory locations DS:SI and ES:DI;
update SI and DI according to DF and the width of the data being compared
- It modifies flags
- Example:

Assume: ES = 02A8H
DI = 2000H
DS = 0510H
SI = 0000H

CLD
MOV CX, 9
REPZ CMPSB

What's the values of CX after
The execution?

DS : SI		
0510:0000	53	S
0510:0001	48	H
0510:0002	4F	O
0510:0003	50	P
0510:0004	50	P
0510:0005	45	E
0510:0006	52	R

Source String

ES : DI		
02A8:2000	53	S
02A8:2001	48	H
02A8:2002	4F	O
02A8:2003	50	P
02A8:2004	50	P
02A8:2005	49	I
02A8:2006	4E	N

Destination String

String Instructions

❑ SCASB (SCASW)

- Move byte (word) in AL (AX) and at memory location ES:DI;
update DI according to DF and the width of the data being compared
- It modifies flags

❑ LODSB (LODSW)

- Load byte (word) at memory location DS:SI to AL (AX);
update SI according to DF and the width of the data being transferred
- It does not modify flags

❑ STOSB (STOSW)

- Store byte (word) at in AL (AX) to memory location ES:DI;
update DI according to DF and the width of the data being transferred
- It does not modify flags