

# COE 205

## Computer Organization and Assembly Language

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Weekly Lecture and Lab Breakdown  
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Week	Lecture	Lab
1	<p><b>Introduction to IA-32 architecture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic computer system organization</li> <li>• CPU, memory, and I/O devices</li> <li>• Address bus, data bus, and control bus</li> <li>• Instruction execution cycle</li> <li>• Reading and writing memory</li> <li>• IA-32 general-purpose registers and flags</li> <li>• Instruction pointer and segment registers</li> <li>• Intel processors (from 8086 to Pentium 4)</li> <li>• Modes of operation</li> </ul> <p><b>Introduction to Assembly Language</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High-level languages</li> <li>• Assembly language</li> <li>• Machine language</li> <li>• Why learn assembly language</li> <li>• Program translation</li> <li>• Tools: editor, assembler, linker, debugger</li> </ul>	<p><b>Assembly language tools</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installing MASM 6.15</li> <li>• Installing 32-bit windows debugger</li> <li>• Installing and customizing the ConTEXT editor</li> <li>• Introductory example: displaying a welcome statement</li> <li>• Using the ConTEXT editor</li> <li>• Assembling, linking, and running a program from the console</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>Syntax of Assembly Language Programs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program template</li> <li>• Directives</li> <li>• Data segment, code segment, and stack</li> <li>• FLAT memory model</li> <li>• Instructions, mnemonics, and operands</li> <li>• Comments</li> <li>• Introductory example</li> <li>• Assembling, linking, and running programs</li> </ul> <p><b>Data Representation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Binary, octal, decimal, and hex numbers</li> <li>• Conversion between bases</li> <li>• Signed integers and 2's complement</li> <li>• Converting signed decimal to/from binary</li> <li>• Storage sizes and ranges</li> <li>• Characters and ASCII table</li> </ul>	<p><b>Introduction to Assembly Language Programming</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FLAT memory model (32-bit) program template</li> <li>• Writing a 32-bit program that does addition and subtraction using the FLAT memory model</li> <li>• Using the ConTEXT editor to assemble and link the 32-bit program</li> <li>• Using ML and LINK32 commands</li> <li>• Using the MAKE32 batch file to assemble and link 32-bit programs</li> <li>• Using the Windows debugger to view the content of registers</li> </ul>

3	<p><b>Defining Data and Symbolic Constants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MASM data types</li> <li>• Data definition statement and initializers</li> <li>• Defining integer data of various sizes</li> <li>• Defining real data of various sizes</li> <li>• Little Endian byte ordering</li> <li>• DUP operator</li> <li>• Defining arrays</li> <li>• Defining strings, null-terminated strings</li> <li>• Visualizing memory allocation</li> <li>• EQU and = directives</li> <li>• Associating symbolic constants with integer expressions and with arbitrary text</li> <li>• Data related operators and directives</li> </ul> <p><b>Console Input/Output</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using a simple link library for I/O</li> <li>• Reading a character from standard input</li> <li>• Writing a character to standard output</li> <li>• Reading a string from standard input</li> <li>• Writing a string to standard output</li> <li>• Reading an integer from standard input</li> <li>• Writing an integer to standard output</li> <li>• Other miscellaneous procedures</li> </ul>	<p><b>Defining Data, Symbolic Constants, and Data Related Operators</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defining integer data</li> <li>• Watching variables using the Windows debugger</li> <li>• Multiple initializers and the DUP operator</li> <li>• Watching memory using the Windows debugger</li> <li>• Data-related operators and directives: OFFSET, TYPE, LENGTHOF, SIZEOF, PTR, ALIGN, and LABEL</li> <li>• Symbolic constants and the EQU and = directives</li> <li>• Viewing symbolic constants in the listing (.lst) file</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Basic Instructions and Flags</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data transfer: MOV, XCHG, and LEA</li> <li>• Zero/Sign extension: MOVZX and MOVSX</li> <li>• Register, immediate, and memory operands</li> <li>• Binary addition and subtraction</li> <li>• Carry and overflow</li> <li>• INC, DEC, ADD, SUB, and NEG</li> <li>• Flags: ZF, SF, CF, OF, AF, and PF</li> <li>• LOOP instruction</li> <li>• Writing a loop</li> <li>• Application: generating Fibonacci sequence</li> <li>• Unconditional JMP instruction</li> <li>• IP-Relative displacement</li> <li>• CMP instruction</li> <li>• Selected conditional jump instructions</li> </ul>	<p><b>Console Input/Output</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using an external library of procedures for input and output</li> <li>• Writing characters, strings, and integers to standard output</li> <li>• Reading characters, strings, and integers from standard input</li> <li>• Writing a block of memory and registers to standard output</li> <li>• Setting foreground and background colors of text and locating the cursor</li> <li>• Other miscellaneous procedures</li> </ul>

5	<p><b>Addressing Modes and Arrays</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressing modes</li> <li>• Register and immediate operands</li> <li>• 32-bit memory addressing modes</li> <li>• Direct, register indirect, based, indexed</li> <li>• Based-indexed with scale factor</li> <li>• Array indexing and traversal</li> <li>• Using pointers to traverse arrays</li> <li>• Application: copying a string</li> <li>• Application: Summing an array of integers</li> <li>• Two-dimensional arrays</li> <li>• Address computation</li> <li>• Application: sum of a column in a 2D array</li> </ul>	<p><b>Basic Instructions and Flags</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data transfer examples using MOV, MOVZX, MOVSX, and XGHC instructions</li> <li>• Addition and subtraction examples using INC, DEC, ADD, SUB, and NEG examples</li> <li>• Using the Windows debugger to view the CF, OF, SF, ZF, AF, and PF flags</li> <li>• LOOP example: generating the Fibonacci sequence</li> <li>• Using the Windows debugger to trace the execution of the LOOP instruction</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>Conditional Processing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMP instruction and flags</li> <li>• Jumps based on specific flag values</li> <li>• Setting and clearing specific CPU flags</li> <li>• Unsigned versus signed comparisons</li> <li>• Jumps based on unsigned comparisons</li> <li>• Jumps based on signed comparisons</li> <li>• JCXZ and JECXZ instructions</li> <li>• LOOPE and LOOPNE instructions</li> <li>• Application: smallest value in an array</li> <li>• Application: searching an array</li> <li>• Application: validating an input string</li> <li>• Application: validating a signed integer</li> <li>• Translating an <b>IF</b> statement</li> <li>• Translating a <b>WHILE</b> loop</li> <li>• Indirect jump and jump table</li> </ul>	<p><b>Addressing Modes and Arrays</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Example on addressing modes</li> <li>• Using the Windows debugger to trace memory addressing</li> <li>• Copying a string and tracing its execution</li> <li>• Summing an array of integers and tracing its execution</li> <li>• Using pointers rather than a scaled index to sum an array of integers</li> <li>• Summing a column in a 2D array and tracing its execution</li> </ul>

7	<p><b>Procedures and the Runtime Stack</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Runtime stack and its applications</li> <li>• PUSH and POP instructions</li> <li>• PUSHFD, POPFD, PUSHF, and POPF</li> <li>• PUSHAD, POPAD, PUSHA, and POPA</li> <li>• Application: reversing a string on the stack</li> <li>• Defining a procedure: PROC and ENDP</li> <li>• Procedure call and return, return address</li> <li>• CALL and RET instructions</li> <li>• Nested procedure calls</li> <li>• Local labels and global labels</li> <li>• Passing arguments in registers</li> <li>• Saving and restoring registers</li> <li>• USES operator</li> <li>• Application: sorting an integer array</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conditional Processing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrating and tracing the execution of the CMP instruction and affected flags</li> <li>• Using conditional jump instructions to find the maximum of three integers</li> <li>• Translating IF statements, WHILE loops, and nested control structures</li> <li>• Demonstrating linear search of an integer array</li> <li>• Demonstrating indirect jump, the jump table, and the translation of a switch statement</li> </ul>
8	<p><b>Logical and Bitwise Operations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logical instructions</li> <li>• AND, OR, XOR, NOT, and TEST</li> <li>• Testing bits in a register</li> <li>• Translating Boolean expressions</li> <li>• Shift instructions: SHL, SHR, SAL, SAR</li> <li>• Rotate instructions: ROL, ROR, RCL, RCR</li> <li>• SHLD and SHRD instructions</li> <li>• Application: binary multiplication</li> <li>• Application: displaying binary bits</li> <li>• Application: isolating a bit string</li> <li>• Application: string encryption</li> </ul>	<p><b>Procedures and Runtime Stack</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrating and tracing the PUSH, POP, PUSHFD, POPFD, PUSHAD, POPAD instructions</li> <li>• Demonstrating procedure CALL and RET instructions</li> <li>• Using the Windows debugger to trace the return address on the stack</li> <li>• Demonstrating the saving and restoring of registers</li> <li>• Writing a procedure to sort an array of integers and tracing its execution using the Windows debugger</li> </ul>
9	<p><b>Advanced Arithmetic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integer multiplication: MUL and IMUL</li> <li>• Integer division: DIV and IDIV instructions</li> <li>• CBW, CWD, and CDQ instructions</li> <li>• Divide overflow</li> <li>• Application: string to integer conversion</li> <li>• Application: integer to string conversion</li> <li>• ADC, SBB, STC, and CLC instructions</li> <li>• Extended addition and subtraction</li> </ul>	<p><b>Logical and Bitwise Operations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrating and tracing AND, OR, XOR, NOT, and TEST instructions</li> <li>• Demonstrating and tracing SHL, SHR, SAL, SAR, ROL, ROR, RCL, RCR, SHLD, and SHRD instructions</li> <li>• Writing and tracing a procedure to do string encryption</li> <li>• Writing and tracing a procedure to display a 32-bit register in hexadecimal</li> </ul>

10	<p><b>Advanced procedures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stack parameters</li> <li>• ESP and EBP registers</li> <li>• Accessing parameters on the stack</li> <li>• Allocating local variables on the stack</li> <li>• Accessing local variables on the stack</li> <li>• Stack frames</li> <li>• LOCAL directive</li> <li>• PROTO directive</li> <li>• INVOKE directive</li> <li>• Passing parameters by value</li> <li>• Passing parameters by reference</li> <li>• Memory models and language specifiers</li> <li>• Creating multi-module programs</li> </ul>	<p><b>Advanced Arithmetic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrating and tracing the MUL, IMUL, DIV, IDIV, and CDQ instructions</li> <li>• Demonstrating and tracing the ADC, SBB, STC, and CLC instructions</li> <li>• Writing and tracing a procedure to convert and display a 32-bit signed integer as a string of ASCII characters</li> <li>• Writing and tracing a procedure to do extended addition on two arrays of double word integers</li> </ul>
11	<p><b>Interrupts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Software interrupts</li> <li>• INT instruction</li> <li>• Interrupt vector table</li> <li>• Interrupt processing</li> <li>• Interrupt service routing or handler</li> <li>• Hardware interrupts</li> <li>• Exceptions</li> </ul> <p><b>16-bit MS-DOS Programming</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16-bit real-address mode programming</li> <li>• MS-DOS memory map</li> <li>• MS-DOS function calls with INT 21h</li> </ul> <p><b>BIOS-Level Programming</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keyboard input with INT 16h</li> <li>• Video programming with INT 10h</li> <li>• Mouse programming with INT 33h</li> </ul> <p><b>Interrupt Handling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing a custom interrupt handler</li> </ul>	<p><b>Advanced Procedures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrating the LOCAL, PROTO, and INVOKE directives</li> <li>• Tracing parameters and local variables on the stack</li> <li>• Demonstrating passing parameters by value and by reference</li> <li>• Writing a multi-module program</li> </ul>

12	<p><b>String Processing (optional)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• String Instructions</li> <li>• MOVSB, MOVSW, and MOVSD</li> <li>• CMPSB, CMPSW, and CMPSD</li> <li>• SCASB, SCASW, and SCASD</li> <li>• STOSB, STOSW, and STOSD</li> <li>• LODSB, LODSW, and LODSD</li> <li>• REP, REPZ, and REPNZ prefixes</li> <li>• Direction flag</li> <li>• CLD and STD instructions</li> <li>• Application: copying a string</li> <li>• Application: comparing two strings</li> <li>• Application: scanning for a matching char</li> <li>• Application: trimming a string</li> </ul> <p><b>IA-32 Memory Management (optional)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Segmentation and segment registers</li> <li>• Real mode memory architecture</li> <li>• Protected mode memory architecture</li> <li>• Logical addresses and linear addresses</li> <li>• Global Descriptor Table (GDT)</li> <li>• Local Descriptor Table (LDT)</li> <li>• Segment descriptor</li> <li>• Paging, page directory, and page table</li> <li>• Linear to physical address translation</li> <li>• Virtual 8086 Mode</li> </ul>	•
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