

COE 306 {Assembly Language}

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or it isn't good to use numeric addresses when writing instructions because numeric addresses ties/restricts you to a particular location in memory which can cause errors when addresses are updated

b) The assembler produces two files

i) ~~Linker files~~ Listing Files

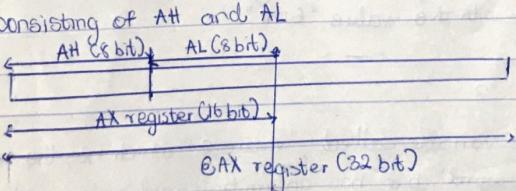
ii) Object file {file containing machine language but non-executable}

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or Portability in programming languages involves how wide or the range of computer systems which can access the programming language

b) The assembly language for x86 processors is different from AMD or Motorola 68x00 because assembly language is specific to devices of a particular computer architecture, which means they cannot be accessible on a different processor.

c) The EAX register is used for arithmetic and logical operations. It is a 32-bit register which can be subdivided into 4 16-bit registers called AX which can also be sub-divided into an 8-bit register consisting of AH and AL



3. a) Segmentation is achieved by using directives which are embedded commands in the source code. They are

- code { used to describe the area with executable instructions }
- data { used to describe the area with variables declaration }
- stack { used to describe the area with stack pointers }

b) * Main Proc

This shows that the ~~main~~ procedure has been initialized, the variable "main" is used to name the procedure being executed.

* MOV AX, A7104

This moves 47104 {source code} into the AX register & destination

* ADD BX, 127

This performs an arithmetic operation on the BX register by adding 127 to the BX register

* Mov DS, AX

This moves the value of the AX register into the DS register

* main ENDP

This ends the procedure run time

c) i) value 1 BYTE 6Dh

This declares a ~~variable~~ variable called "value 1" which has the equivalent size of a ^{unsigned} byte and assigns the value or initializes the ~~value~~ variable with the value "6Dh"

ii) value 2 DWORD ?

This declares a variable called "value 2" which has the equivalent size of a "double word" but has an uninitialized value which would be initialized at run-time

iii) value 3 SBYTE

declares a variable called "value 3" which has the equivalent of a signed byte

~~call~~
and a series of values assigned to it

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TITLE "A program that subtracts two integers" (Sub.asm)

INCLUDE Irvine32.inc

code

MAIN PROC

MOV AX, 2000h ; AX = 2000h

~~sub~~ AX, 1000h ; AX = 1000h

call DumpRegs;

exit

main ENDP