

Addressing modes

There are three general types of addressing modes:

- Immediate addressing modes.
- Register addressing modes.
- Memory addressing modes.

Immediate addressing modes.

Suppose that in a program we need to put the number 526AH in the CX register. The `MOV CX, 526AH` instruction can be used to do this. This instruction will put the *immediate* hexadecimal number 526AH in the 16-bit CX register. This is referred to as immediate addressing mode because the number to be loaded into the CX register will be put in two memory locations immediately following the code for the MOV instruction.

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MOV CL, 48H
```

```
MOV CX, 526AH
```

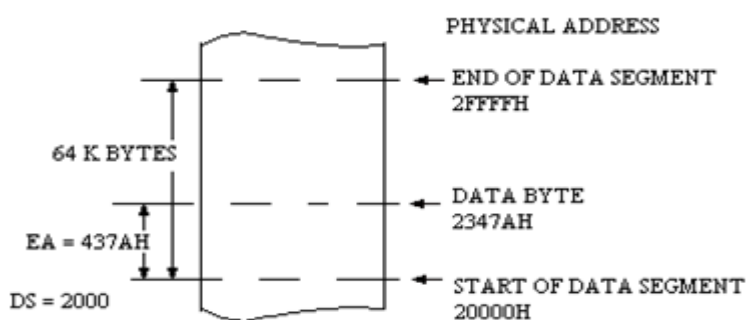
- Register Addressing mode

```
MOV CX, AX
```

```
MOV CH, AL
```

Memory Addressing Modes

To access data in memory the 8086 must produce a 20-bit physical address. It is done by adding a 16-bit value called the *effective address* to one of the four segment bases. This effective address (EA) represents the *displacement* or *offset* of the desired operand from the segment base. Any of the segment bases can be specified, but the data segment is the one most often used



(a)

DS	2	0	0	0	0
EA		4	3	7	A
PHYSICAL ADDRESS	2	4	3	7	A

(b)

Direct Addressing Mode

For the simplest memory addressing mode the effective address is just an 8-bit or 16-bit number written directly in the instruction. The instruction `MOV CL, [437AH]` is an example. The brackets around the 437AH are shorthand for "the contents of the memory location at a displacement from the segment base of". When executed, this instruction will copy the contents of the memory location, at a displacement of 437AH from the data segment base into the CL register. This addressing mode is called *direct* because the displacement of the operand from the segment base is specified directly in the instruction.

Another example of this addressing mode is the instruction `MOV BX, [437AH]`. When executed, this instruction copies a word from memory into BX register. Since each memory address of the 8086 represents a byte of storage, the word must come from two memory locations. The byte at a displacement of 437AH from the data segment base will be copied into BL. The contents of the next higher address, displacement 437BH will be copied into BH register. The 8086 will automatically access the required number of bytes in memory for a given instruction.

`MOV CL, [437AH]`

`MOV BX, [437AH].`

The instruction `MOV [437AH], BX` for example will copy the contents of the BX register to two memory locations in the data segment. . The contents of BL will be copied to the memory location as a displacement of 437AH and the contents of BH will be copied to the memory location at a displacement of 437BH.

Indirect Addressing mode

In the indirect addressing mode, the memory address is not directly given. A register is used to indicate the address where the data can be found. Therefore, the register acts as an indirect address to locate the data. For example, in the instruction `MOV (BX), CX` the source of data is the CX register. The destination where the data are to be placed or copied to, is the address pointed to by the BX register. The brackets () around BX indicate that the BX register contains an address and not a numeric value.

MOV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - REG, memory - memory, REG -REG, REG - memory, immediate - REG, immediate - SREG, memory - memory, SREG - REG, SREG - SREG, REG 	<p>· Copy operand2 to operand1 .</p> <p>The MOV instruction cannot :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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). <p>Algorithm : operand1 = operand2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">C</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">Z</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">S</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">O</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">P</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">A</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="6" style="text-align: center; padding: 2px 5px;">unchanged</td> </tr> </table> </div>	C	Z	S	O	P	A	unchanged					
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Examples

The image displays two screenshots of an x86 emulator and its associated windows, illustrating memory and source code.

Top Screenshot:

- emulator: noname.com_**: Shows registers and memory. The memory window at F400:0154 displays:

F4150:	FF	255	RES
F4151:	FF	255	RES
F4152:	CD	205	=
F4153:	20	032	SPA
F4154:	CF	207	±
F4155:	00	000	NULL
F4156:	00	000	NULL
F4157:	00	000	NULL
F4158:	00	000	NULL
F4159:	00	000	NULL
F415A:	00	000	NULL
F415B:	00	000	NULL
F415C:	00	000	NULL
F415D:	00	000	NULL
F415E:	00	000	NULL
F415F:	00	000	NULL
F4160:	FF	255	RES
F4161:	FF	255	RES
F4162:	CD	205	=
F4163:	1A	026	→
F4164:	CF	207	±
F4165:	00	000	NULL
- original source code**: Shows assembly instructions:


```

02  ORG 100h
03  MOV AX, 0B800h
04  MOV DS, AX
05  MOV CL, 34
06  MOV CH, 56h
07  MOV BX, 140h
08  MOV [10], 100
09  MOV DH, [10]
10  MOV [11], DH
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14  RET
15
      
```
- Random Access Memory**: Shows memory at B800:0000:

B800:0004:	00	000	NULL
B800:0005:	07	007	BEEP
B800:0006:	00	000	NULL
B800:0007:	07	007	BEEP
B800:0008:	00	000	NULL
B800:0009:	07	007	BEEP
B800:000A:	64	100	d
B800:000B:	64	100	d
B800:000C:	00	000	NULL

Bottom Screenshot:

- emulator: noname.com_**: Shows registers and memory. The memory window at 0710:000A displays:

07100:	B8	184	↑	POP SI
07101:	00	000	NULL	ADD [BX + DI] + 0C30Fh, (
07102:	B8	184	↑	NOP
07103:	8E	142	â	NOP
07104:	D8	216	±	NOP
07105:	B1	177	±	NOP
07106:	41	065	A	NOP
07107:	B5	181	↓	NOP
07108:	5F	095	-	NOP
07109:	BB	187	±	NOP
0710A:	5E	094	±	NOP
0710B:	01	001	0	NOP
0710C:	89	137	è	NOP
0710D:	0F	015	*	NOP
0710E:	C3	195	†	NOP
0710F:	90	144	é	NOP
07110:	90	144	é	NOP
07111:	90	144	é	NOP
07112:	90	144	é	NOP
07113:	90	144	é	NOP
07114:	90	144	é	NOP
07115:	90	144	é	...
- original source code**: Shows assembly instructions with comments:


```

01  ORG 100h
02  MOV AX, 0B800h ; set AX = B800h (VGA memory)
03  MOV DS, AX ; copy value of AX to DS.
04  MOV CL, 'A' ; CL = 41h (ASCII code).
05  MOV CH, 01011111b ; CL = color attribute.
06  MOV BX, 15Eh ; BX = position on screen.
07  MOV [BX], CX ; w.[0B800h:015Eh] = CX.
08  RET ; returns to operating system
09
10
      
```
- Random Access Memory**: Shows memory at b800:015e:

B800:015E:	41	065	A
B800:015F:	5F	095	-
B800:0160:	00	000	NULL
B800:0161:	07	007	BEEP
B800:0162:	00	000	NULL
B800:0163:	07	007	BEEP
B800:0164:	00	000	NULL
B800:0165:	07	007	BEEP
B800:0166:	00	000	NULL