Computer Organization and Assembly Language

Lecture 5 – Procedures

Procedures

- As programs get larger and larger, it becomes necessary to divide them into a series of *procedures*.
- A procedure is a block of logically-related instruction that can be called by the main program or another procedure.
- Each procedure should have a single purpose and be able to do its job independent of the rest of the program.

Why Are Procedures Important?

- You need them to do input-output in assembly language.
- Procedures help you gain major insight into how the runtime stack is used.
- Your programs will grow to the point where you either divide them into procedures or you never understand the whole program.



Linking and Link Libraries

- A link library is a file containing procedures that have already been assembled in machine language code. These procedures can be linked to a procedure that is written separately.
- In order to use the procedure WriteString, your program must contain
 WriteString PROTO
- This informs the assembler that there is a separate procedure that will be linked to the program, which is called by writing call WriteString

































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The Irvine32.inc Include File
; Include file for Irvine32.1ib
  (Irvine32.inc)
INCLUDE SmallWin.inc
; MS-Windows prototypes, structures, and constants
.NOLIST
; Last update: 1/27/02
;-----
; Procedure Prototypes
;-----
ClrScr PROTO
               ; clear the screen
Crlf PROTO
                ; output carriage-return / linefeed
Delay PROTO
               ; delay for n milliseconds
DumpMem PROTO
               ; display memory dump
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DumpRegs PROTO
                    ; display register dump
GetCommandTail PROTO
                          ; get command-line string
GetDateTime PROTO,
                          ; get system date and time
  startTime:PTR QWORD
GetMseconds PROTO
                    ; get milliseconds past midnight
Gotoxy PROTO
IsDigit PROTO; return ZF=1 if AL is a decimal digit
Randomize PROTO
                    ; reseed random number generator
RandomRange PROTO
                    ; generate random integer in
  specified range
Random32 PROTO
                    ; generate 32-bit random integer
ReadInt PROTO
                    ; read signed integer from console
ReadChar PROTO; reach single character from console
ReadHex PROTO; read hexadecimal integer from console
ReadString PROTO
                          ; read string from console
SetTextColor PROTO
                         ; set console text color
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WaitMsg PROTO; display wait message, wait for Enter key
WriteBin PROTO ; write integer to output in binary
                    ; format
WriteChar PROTO
                    ; write single character to output
WriteDec PROTO
                    ; write unsigned decimal integer to
                    ;output
WriteHex PROTO
                    ; write hexadecimal integer to
                    ; output
WriteInt PROTO
                    ; write signed integer to output
WriteString PROTO
                    ; write null-terminated string to
                    ; output
; Copy a source string to a target string.
Str_copy PROTO,
  source:PTR BYTE,
  target:PTR BYTE
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; Return the length of a null-terminated string..
Str_length PROTO,
   pString:PTR BYTE
; Compare string1 to string2. Set the Zero and
; Carry flags in the same way as the CMP instruction.
Str_compare PROTO,
   string1:PTR BYTE,
   string2:PTR BYTE
; Trim a given trailing character from a string.
; The second argument is the character to trim.
Str_trim PROTO,
   pString:PTR BYTE,
   char:BYTE
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; Convert a null-terminated string to upper case.
Str_ucase PROTO,
  pString:PTR BYTE
;-----
; Standard 4-bit color definitions
;-----
black
          = 0000b
blue
          = 0001b
         = 0010b
green
          = 0011b
cyan
red
          = 0100b
          = 0101b
magenta
brown
          = 0110b
lightGray
         = 0111b
          = 1000b
gray
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lightBlue = 1001b
lightGreen = 1010b
lightCyan = 1011b
lightRed = 1100b
lightMagenta = 1101b
yellow = 1110b
white = 1111b
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Library Test Program
TITLE Testing the Link Library
                                 (TestLib.asm)
; Testing the Irvine32 Library
INCLUDE
          Irvine32.inc
CR = 0Dh
          ; Carriage Return
LF = 0Ah
          ; Line Feed
.data
str1 BYTE "Generating 20 random integers "
     BYTE "between 0 and 990:", CR, LF, 0
str2 BYTE "Enter a 32-bit signed integer: ", 0
str3 BYTE "Enter your name: ", 0
str4 BYTE "The following key was pressed: ", 0
str5 BYTE "Displaying the registers:",
     BYTE CR, LF, 0
str6 BYTE "Hello, ", 0
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buffer
          BYTE 50 dup(?)
dwordVal
          DWORD ?
.code
main PROC
; Set text color to black text on white
  background:
  mov eax, black + (16*white)
  call
           SetTextColor
  call
           ClrScr
                              ; clear the screen
  call
           Randomize ; reset Random Number
                        ; Generator
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; Generate 20 random integers between 0 and 990
; Include a 500 millisecond delay
     mov edx, OFFSet str1 ; display message
     call WriteString
          ecx, 20
                    ; loop counter
     mov
     mov dh, 2
                      ; screen row 2
           dl, 0
                      ; screen column 0
     mov
L1:
     call GoToXY
     mov
          eax, 991
                      ; indicate range+1
     call RandomRange ; EAX = random integer
     call WriteDec
           eax, 500
     mov
     call Delay
                      ; pause for 500 msec
     inc
                      ; next screen row
           dh
     add
           dl, 2
                      ; move 2 col.to the right
     loop L1
```

```
call CrLf
                     ; new line
     call WaitMsg ; "Press [Enter] ..."
     call ClrScr
                           ; clear screen
; Input a signed decimal integer and redisplay it
; in various formats:
     mov
         edx, OFFSET str2 ; "Enter a 32-..."
     call WriteString
     call ReadInt
                           ; input the integer
     mov dwordVal, eax ; save in memory
     call CrLf
                     ; new line
     call WriteInt ; display as signed int.
     call CrLf
     call WriteHex
                     ; display in hexadecimal
     call CrLf
     call WriteBin ; display in binary
     call CrLf
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```
; Display the CPU registers
     call CrLf
     mov edx, OFFSET str5 ; "Displaying ... "
     call WriteString
     call DumpRegs ; display the registers
     call CrLf
; Display a memory dump
     mov esi, OFFSET dwordVal ; Start OFF.
     mov ecx, LENGTHOF dwordVal ; # of dwords
     mov ebx, TYPE dwordVal ; size of dword
     call DumpMem
                           ; display memory
     call CrLf
                           ; new line
     call WaitMsg
                           ; "Press [Enter].."
```

```
; Ask the user to input their name:
  call
           ClrScr
                      ; clear screen
  mov edx, OFFSET str3 ; "Enter your name": "
  call
          WriteString
  mov edx, OFFSET buffer ; the buffer pointer
  mov ecx, SIZEOF buffer-1 ; max. # of chars.
          ReadString
  call
                            ; input your name
                           ; "Hello, "
  mov edx, OFFSET str6
          WriteString
  call
  mov edx, OFFSET buffer
                          ; Display your name
  call
          WriteString
  call
          CrLf
  exit
main ENDP
  END main
```



Runtime Stack

- The runtime stack is a memory array that is managed directly by the CPU using the SS and ESP registers.
- In Protected mode, the SS register holds a segment descriptor and is not modified byu user programs; the ESP register holds a 32-bit offset into some memory location on the stack.



















Example: Reversing A String

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TITLE Reversing a String
                         (RevStr.asm)
INCLUDE Irvine32.inc
.data
aNAme BYTE "Abraham Lincoln", 0
nameSize = ($-aName) - 1
.code
main PROC
; Push the name on the stack
          ecx, nameSize
     mov
          esi, O
     mov
L1:
     movzx eax, aName[esi] ; get character
     push eax
      inc
           esi
      loop L1
```

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; Pop the name from the stack, in reverse
; and store in the aName array
     mov
          ecx, nameSize
     mov esi, 0
L2:
          eax
   pop
     mov
           aName[esi], al
           esi
      inc
      loop L2
; Display the name
     mov edx, OFFSET aName
      call WriteString
     call CrLf
      exit
main ENDP
      END
           main
```

Procedures

- In general, there are two types of subprograms: functions and procedures (or subroutines).
 - *Functions* return a value (or *result*).
 - <u>Procedures</u> (or <u>subroutines</u>) do not.
 - The terms procedures and subroutines are used interchangeably although some languages use one term and others use the other.
 - Calling a procedure implies that there is a return. Also implies is that the state of the program, (register values, etc.) are left unaffected when the program returns to the calling procedure or program.



Nested procedure calls

- A procedure may call other procedures.
- The list of return addresses (as well as other data) is saved on the stack, with the most recently called procedure's return address and data on top.

• main	proc call subl	sub2 	proc
	mov eax, … … main endp …	call	sub3 ret sub2 endp
subl	proc call sub2 ret subl endp	sub3	proc … ret sub3 endp





I	Passing Pa	rameters	
Passing argument	nts in registers		
- The most cor between the o procedures th	nmon method calling progra at it calls is th	for passing parameter m (or procedure) and the prough the registers	
 It is efficient immediate ar registers are 	because the c ad direct use o faster than me	alled procedure has f the parameters and mory.	
– Example: Wr	riteInt		
.data aNumber .code	DWORD	234	
	mov call	eax, aNumber WriteInt	





Procedure ArraySum

ArraySum PROC

;-----; Calculates the sum of an array of 32-bit integers. ; Receives: ESI - the array offset ECX = # of elements in array ; EAX - the sum of the array ; Returns ;----pushesi ; save ESI, ECX pushecx mov eax, 0 ; Sum = 0 L1: add eax, [esi] ; Sum = Sum + x[i] add esi, 4 ; Point to next integer loopL1 ; Repeat for array size pop ecx pop esi ret ArraySum ENDP

```
Calling ArraySum
TITLE Driver for Array Sum
                             (ArrayDr.asm)
INCLUDE
           Irvine32.inc
.data
           DWORD 10000h, 20000h, 30000h, 40000h
array
theSum
           DWORD ?
.code
main PROC
 mov
           esi, OFFSET array ; ESI points to array
  mov
           ecx, LENGTHOF array
                                  ; ECX = array
  count
  call
           ArraySum
                            ; calculate the sum
  mov
           theSum, eax
                            ; returned in EAX
  call
           WriteHex
                             ; Is it correct?
  exit
ArraySum PROC... ... Procedure goes here
  END main
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;	
ArraySum	PROC
;	
; Calculate	es the sum of an array of 32-bit integers
; Receives	: ESI points to the array, ECX = array size
; Returns:	EAX = sum of the array elements
;	
ret	; Sum is in EAX

	Sum2 Program
TITLE Inte	eger Summation Program (Sum2.asm)
; This pro user,	ogram inputs multiple integers from the
; stores t	them in an array, calculates the sum of th
; array an	nd displays the sum
INCLUDE	Irvine32.inc
IntegerCou	unt = 3 ; array size
.data	
prompt1	BYTE "Enter a signed integer: ", 0
prompt2	BYTE "The sum of the integers is : ",
	DWODD Integendeunt DUD(2)

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.code
main PROC
call ClrScr
mov esi, OFFSET array
mov ecx, IntegerCount
call PromptForIntegers
call ArraySum
call DisplaySum
exit
main ENDP
```

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;-----
PromptForIntegers PROC
;
; Prompts the user for an array of integers and fills
; the array wioth the user's input.
; Receives: ESI points to the array, ECX = array size
; Returns: nothing
;-----
  pushad
                            ; save all registers
           edx, OFFSET prompt1 ; prompt address
     mov
     call WriteString
                           ; display prompt
L1:
     call ReadInt
                           ; Read next integer
     call CrLf
                           ; go to next line
     mov
          [esi], eax
                           ; store in array
     add
           esi, 4
                           ; point to next int.
     loop
           г1
                            ; repeat
     popad
                            ; restore registers
     ret
PromptForIntegers ENDP
```

```
;-----
ArraySum
         PROC
;
; Calculates the sum of an array of 32-bit integers
; Receives: ESI points to the array, ECX = array size
; Returns: EAX = sum of the array elements
;-----
     push esi
                    ; save ESI, ECX
     push ecx
     mov
          eax, 0
                   ; set the sum to zero
L1:
     add
        eax, [esi] ; add each integer to sum
     add
          esi, 4
                    ; point to next integer
     loop L1
                    ; repeat for array size
                    ; Restore ECX, ESI
          ecx
     pop
     pop
          esi
                     ; Sum is in EAX
     ret
ArraySum
          ENDP
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;-----
DisplaySum PROC
; Displays the sum on the screen
; Receives: EAX = the sum
; Returns: Nothing
;------
    push edx
                        ; Save EDX
    mov edx, OFFSET Prompt2 ; Display message
    call WriteString
    call WriteInt
                       ; Display EAX
    call CrLf
    pop
         edx
                       ; Restore EDX
    ret
DisplaySum
        ENDP
 END main
```