Programming 4: Interactive Usage of Link Libraries

Part A – Programming review

Link Library Overview

- A file containing procedures that have been compiled into machine code
- These procedures are ready to be used (via the CALL instruction) within your program. They have their own unique name.
- Most, if not all, of these procedures run on pre-selected registers which you MUST use.

Calling a Library Procedure

- Call a library procedure using the CALL instruction. Some procedures require input arguments.
- The INCLUDE directive copies in the procedure prototypes (declarations).
- The following example displays "1234" on the console (as shown in output):

```
INCLUDE Irvine32.inc
.code
    mov eax,1234h ; input argument call
WriteHex ; show hex number
    call Crlf ; end of line
```



• In the example above, register EAX must be used for it to work correctly. Try the command below and see what happens.

```
INCLUDE Irvine32.inc
.code
mov ax,1234h ; input argument
call WriteHex ; show hex number
call Crlf ; end of line
```

```
76821234
Press any key to continue . .
```

Library Procedures – Overview

Here are some of the procedures available to you. You can find more from the Internet and reference books (Kip Irvine, Assembly Language programming books are a good place to start).

- Clrscr Clears the console and locates the cursor at the upper left corner.
- Crlf Writes an end of line sequence to standard output.
- Delay Pauses the program execution for a specified *n* millisecond interval.
- DumpMem Writes a block of memory to standard output in hexadecimal.
- DumpRegs Displays the EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX, ESI, EDI, EBP, ESP, EFLAGS, and EIP registers in hexadecimal. Also displays the Carry, Sign, Zero, and Overflow flags.
- GetCommandtail Copies the program's command-line arguments (called the *command tail*) into an array of bytes.
- GetMseconds Returns the number of milliseconds that have elapsed since midnight.
- Gotoxy Locates cursor at row and column on the console.
- Random32 Generates a 32-bit pseudorandom integer in the range 0 to FFFFFFFh.
- Randomize Seeds the random number generator.
- RandomRange Generates a pseudorandom integer within a specified range.
- ReadChar Reads a single character from standard input.
- ReadHex Reads a 32-bit hexadecimal integer from standard input, terminated by the Enter key.
- ReadInt Reads a 32-bit signed decimal integer from standard input, terminated by the Enter key.
- ReadString Reads a string from standard input, terminated by the Enter key.
- SetTextColor Sets the foreground and background colors of all subsequent text output to the console.
- WaitMsg Displays message, waits for Enter key to be pressed.
- WriteBin Writes an unsigned 32-bit integer to standard output in ASCII binary format.
- WriteChar Writes a single character to standard output.
- WriteDec Writes an unsigned 32-bit integer to standard output in decimal format.
- WriteHex Writes an unsigned 32-bit integer to standard output in hexadecimal format.
- WriteInt Writes a signed 32-bit integer to standard output in decimal format.
- WriteString Writes a null-terminated string to standard output.

<u>Part B – Let's do a little programming by example</u>

You are given a few examples here. Try them out.

Example 1

Clear the screen, delay the program for **500 milliseconds**, and dump the registers and flags.

```
.code
call Clrscr mov eax,500 call
Delay
call DumpRegs
```

Example 2

Display a null-terminated **string** and move the cursor to the beginning of the next screen line. Attach the output screen capture for this example.

```
.data
str1 BYTE "Assembly language is easy!",0
.code
mov edx,OFFSET str1 call WriteString
call Crlf
```

Example 3

Display an unsigned integer in binary, decimal, and hexadecimal, each on a separate line. Attach the output screen capture for this example.

```
.data
IntVal = 35
.code
mov eax,IntVal call WriteBin; display binary
call Crlf
call WriteDec; display decimal
call Crlf
call WriteHex; display hexadecimal
call Crlf
```

Example 4

Input a string from the user (*ReadString*). EDX points to the string. Attach the output screen capture for this example. (**Tips: It is always a good practice to have a string to ask for input)

```
.data
str2 BYTE "Give me your name: ",0
buffer2 BYTE 21 DUP(0); input buffer
```

Example 5

Input a decimal number from the user (*ReadDec*).. The procedure reads a 32bit unsigned decimal integer from the keyboard and returns the value in EAX. **Output a number** to screen (*WriteDec*). The procedure writes a 32-bit unsigned integer to the console window in decimal format with no leading zeros. Pass the integer in EAX. Attach the output screen capture for this example. (**Tips: It is always a good practice to have a string to ask for input)

```
.data
str1 BYTE "Enter a decimal: ",0 val1 dword?

.code
    mov edx, offset str1
    call writestring

call ReadDec mov
val1,eax

mov eax,val1
    call WriteDec
```

Example 6

Generate and display ten pseudorandom signed integers in the range 0-99. Pass each integer to WriteInt in EAX and display it on a separate line. Attach the output screen capture for this example.

```
.code
    mov ecx,10 ; loop counter

L1: mov eax,100 ; ceiling value call RandomRange ;
generate random int call WriteInt ; display signed int
    call Crlf ; goto next display line
    loop L1 ; repeat loop
```

Part C – Let's do a little programming on your own

Program 1

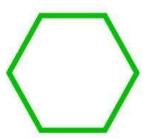


Figure 1: A hexagon

Figure 1 is illustrates a hexagon figure with same length of side. To calculate the perimeter of the hexagon, the following formula is given.

```
Perimeter_hexagon1 = side1 + side2 + side3 + side4 + side5 + side6
Perimeter_hexagon2 = side1 + side2 + side3 + side4 + side5 + side6
TotalPerimeter = Perimeter_hexagon1 + Perimeter_hexagon2
```

Write a complete program using assembly language to calculate the perimeter of TWO different hexagons with different sizes.

In the program, you should do these steps:

- i. Get two values from keyboard (32-bit unsigned integer) and save into the variable name *sideHex1* for the first hexagon and *sideHex2* for the second hexagon.
- ii. Calculate both of the perimeters (Example: Perimeter_hexagon1=18 \rightarrow 3+3+3+3+3+3) by using LOOP instruction. Save the first result in *Perimeter_hexagon1* and the second result in *Perimeter_hexagon2* (as 32-bit unsigned integer).
- iii. Then, add the two perimeters and save in *TotalPerimeter* variable.
- iv. Display the output as shown in Figure 2.

```
enter a side value for hexagon1:5
enter a side value for hexagon2:4
Perimeter for hexagon1 with side = +5 is : +30
Perimeter for hexagon2 with side = +4 is : +24
The total perimeter = +54
Press any key to continue . . .
```

Figure 2: The Output

Extra Challenge: Rewrite your program and add 3 more library procedures based on your creativity.

Program 2

- Write a program in assembly language to multiply two unsigned numbers.
- Your program should ask the user to input the multiplicand (n) and the multiplier (m).
- The program will do multiplication of (n x m) using MUL.
- Your program should store the multiplicand, multiplier and the result in these variables **multiplicand**, **multiplier** and **product** respectively.

Sample output



Extra Challenge: Rewrite your program and ask either user want to continue the calculation (Yes/No). If Yes, user can have a selection either perform MUL or DIV. If No, print "Thank you" and exit the program.

Program 3

Write a program that will **interactively** ask the **user to input the values of 6 integers** in DWORD and you have to put the values into an array name HELLO.

• Example of HELLO array after the user input the values:

1 st Value	2 nd Value	3 rd Value	4 th Value	5 th Value	6 th Value
HELLO[0]	HELLO[4]	HELLO[8]	HELLO[12]	HELLO[16]	HELLO[20]
32	65	77	89	14	54

- Your CountEVEN will count the value of HELLO[0], HELLO[8] and HELLO[16] and store it in variable name TotalEVEN
- Your CountODD will count the value of HELLO[4], HELLO[12] and HELLO[20] store it in variable name TotalODD
- Lastly, display the value of TotalEVEN and TotalODD
- You must use LOOP instruction to do the addition process.

Sample output

```
Enter Integer: 32
Enter Integer: 65
Enter Integer: 77
Enter Integer: 89
Enter Integer: 14
Enter Integer: 54
TotalODD is: 123
TotalEVEN is: 208
Press any key to continue...
```

Extra Challenge: Rewrite your program and calculate the TotalALL by adding TotalODD and TotalEVEN. Finally, display the value of TotalALL at the centre of the screen.