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1: /*****  
2: * A simple example to illustrate C and assembly language *  
3: * interface. The test function is written in assembly      *  
4: * language (in file testex_a.asm).                      *  
5: ****/  
6: #include <stdio.h>  
7: int main(void)  
8: {  
9:     int      x=25, y=70;  
10:    int      value;  
11:    extern  int test(int, int, int);  
12:  
13:    value = test (x, y, 5);  
14:    printf("result = %d\n", value);  
15:    return 0;  
16: }
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1: ;-----  
2: ; Assembly program for the test function - called from the  
3: ; C program in file testex_c.c  
4: ;-----  
5: .MODEL SMALL  
6: .CODE  
7: PUBLIC _test  
8: _test PROC  
9:     push  BP  
10:    mov   BP,SP  
11:    mov   AX,[BP+4] ; get argument1 x  
12:    add   AX,[BP+6] ; add argument2 y  
13:    sub   AX,[BP+8] ; subtract argument3 from sum  
14:    pop   BP  
15:    ret            ; stack cleared by C function  
16: _test ENDP  
17: END
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HLL Interface: 2

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1: /*****
2: * An example to illustrate call-by-value and          *
3: * call-by-reference parameter passing between C and      *
4: * assembly language modules. The min_max function is      *
5: * written in assembly language (in file minmax_a.asm).   *
6: *****/
7: #include <stdio.h>
8: int main(void)
9: {
10:     int      value1, value2, value3;
11:     int      minimum, maximum;
12:     extern  void min_max (int, int, int, int*, int*);
13:
14:     printf("Enter number 1 = ");
15:     scanf("%d", &value1);
16:     printf("Enter number 2 = ");
17:     scanf("%d", &value2);
18:     printf("Enter number 3 = ");
19:     scanf("%d", &value3);
20:
21:     min_max(value1, value2, value3, &minimum, &maximum);
22:     printf("Minimum = %d, Maximum = %d\n", minimum, maximum);
23:     return 0;
24: }

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HLL Interface: 3

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1: ;-----.
2: ; Assembly program for the min_max function - called from
3: ; the C program in file minmax_c.c. This function finds the
4: ; minimum and maximum of the three integers received by it.
5: ;-----.
6: .MODEL SMALL
7: .CODE
8: PUBLIC _min_max
9: _min_max PROC
10:    push   BP
11:    mov    BP,SP
12:    ; AX keeps minimum number and DX maximum
13:    mov    AX,[BP+4]    ; get value 1
14:    mov    DX,[BP+6]    ; get value 2
15:    cmp    AX,DX       ; value 1 < value 2?
16:    jl    skip1        ; if so, do nothing
17:    xchg   AX,DX       ; else, exchange
18: skip1:

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18: skip1:
19:         mov     CX,[BP+8]      ; get value 3
20:         cmp     CX,AX        ; value 3 < min in AX?
21:         jl      new_min
22:         cmp     CX,DX        ; value 3 < max in DX?
23:         jl      store_result
24:         mov     DX,CX
25:         jmp     store_result
26: new_min:
27:         mov     AX,CX
28: store_result:
29:         mov     BX,[BP+10]      ; BX := &minimum
30:         mov     [BX],AX
31:         mov     BX,[BP+12]      ; BX := &maximum
32:         mov     [BX],DX
33:         pop    BP
34:         ret
35: _min_max    ENDP
36: END

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1: ****
2: * A string processing example. Demonstrates processing      *
3: * global variables. Calls the string_length                *
4: * assembly language program in file string_a.asm file.   *
5: ****
6: #include <stdio.h>
7: #define LENGTH 256
8:
9: char string[LENGTH];
10: int main(void)
11: {
12:     extern int string_length (char a[]);
13:
14:     printf("Enter string: ");
15:     scanf("%s", string);
16:     printf("string length = %d\n", string_length());
17:     return 0;
18: }

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1:  ;-----
2:  ; String length function works on the global string
3:  ; (defined in the C function). It returns string length.
4:  ;-----
5:  .MODEL SMALL
6:  .DATA
7:      EXTRN _string:byte
8:  .CODE
9:  PUBLIC _string_length
10: _string_length PROC
11:     mov AX,0           ; AX keeps the character count
12:     mov BX,OFFSET _string ; load BX with string address
13: repeat:
14:     cmp BYTE PTR[BX],0   ; compare with NULL character
15:     jz done
16:     inc AX             ; increment string length
17:     inc BX             ; inc. BX to point to next char.
18:     jmp repeat
19: done:
20:     ret
21: _string_length ENDP
22: END

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HLL Interface: 7

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1: ****
2: * An example to illustrate C program calling assembly *
3: * procedure and assembly procedure calling a C function. *
4: * This program calls the assembly language procedure *
5: * in file MARKS_A.ASM. The program outputs minimum, *
6: * maximum, and rounded average of a set of marks. *
7: ****
8: #include <stdio.h>
9:
10: #define CLASS_SIZE 50
11:
12: int main(void)
13: {
14:     int marks[CLASS_SIZE];
15:     int minimum, maximum, average;
16:     int class_size, i;
17:     int find_avg(int, int);
18:     extern void stats(int*, int, int*, int*, int*);
19:
20:     printf("Please enter class size (<50): ");
21:     scanf("%d", &class_size);
22:     printf("Please enter marks:\n");
23:     for (i=0; i<class_size; i++)
24:         scanf("%d", &marks[i]);
25:

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25:         stats(marks, class_size, &minimum, &maximum, &average);
26:         printf("Minimum = %d, Maximum = %d, Average = %d\n",
27:                minimum, maximum, average);
28:         return 0;
29:     }
30: }
31: /***** Returns the rounded average required by the assembly
32: * procedure STATS in file MARKS_A.ASM.
33: *****/
34: int find_avg(int total, int number)
35: {
36:     return((int)((double)total/number + 0.5));
37: }
38: 
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1: ;-----
2: ; Assembly program example to show call to a C function.
3: ; This procedure receives a marks array and class size
4: ; and returns minimum, maximum, and rounded average marks.
5: ;-----
6: .MODEL SMALL
7: EXTRN _find_avg:PROC
8: .CODE
9: PUBLIC _stats
10: _stats PROC
11:     push    BP
12:     mov     BP,SP
13:     push    SI
14:     push    DI
15:     ; AX keeps minimum number and DX maximum
16:     ; Marks total is maintained in SI
17:     mov     BX,[BP+4]    ; BX := marks array address
18:     mov     AX,[BX]      ; min := first element
19:     mov     DX,AX        ; max := first element
20:     xor     SI,SI        ; total := 0
21:     mov     CX,[BP+6]    ; CX := class size

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22: repeat1:
23:     mov     DI,[BX]      ; DI := current mark
24:     ; compare and update minimum
25:     cmp     DI,AX
26:     ja      skip1
27:     mov     AX,DI
28: skip1:
29:     ; compare and update maximum
30:     cmp     DI,DX
31:     jb      skip2
32:     mov     DX,DI
33: skip2:
34:     add     SI,DI      ; update marks total
35:     add     BX,2
36:     loop   repeat1
37:     mov     BX,[BP+8]    ; return minimum
38:     mov     [BX],AX
39:     mov     BX,[BP+10]   ; return maximum
40:     mov     [BX],DX

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41:         ; now call find_avg C function to compute average
42:         push    WORD PTR[BP+6] ; push class size
43:         push    SI           ; push total marks
44:         call    _find_avg    ; returns average in AX
45:         add    SP,4          ; clear stack
46:         mov    BX,[BP+12]    ; return average
47:         mov    [BX],AX
48:         pop    DI
49:         pop    SI
50:         pop    BP
51:         ret
52: _stats ENDP
53: END

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1: ;-----
2: ; Assembly program for the min_max function -- called from
3: ; the C program in file minmax_c.c. This function finds the
4: ; minimum and maximum of the three integers received by it.
5: ; Uses ARG to simplify offset calculations of arguments.
6: ;-----
7: .MODEL SMALL
8: .CODE
9: PUBLIC _min_max
10: _min_max PROC
11:     ARG      v1:WORD, v2:WORD, v3:WORD, \
12:                  min_ptr:PTR WORD, max_ptr:PTR WORD
13:     push    BP
14:     mov     BP,SP
15:     ; AX keeps minimum number and DX maximum
16:     mov     AX,[v1]      ; get value 1
17:     mov     DX,[v2]      ; get value 2
18:     cmp     AX,DX       ; value 1 < value 2?
19:     jl      skip1        ; if so, do nothing
20:     xchg   AX,DX       ; else, exchange
21: skip1:

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21: skip1:
22:     mov     CX,[v3]      ; get value 3
23:     cmp     CX,AX       ; value 3 < min in AX?
24:     jl      new_min
25:     cmp     CX,DX       ; value 3 < max in DX?
26:     jl      store_result
27:     mov     DX,CX
28:     jmp     store_result
29: new_min:
30:     mov     AX,CX
31: store_result:
32:     mov     BX,[min_ptr] ; BX := &minimum
33:     mov     [BX],AX
34:     mov     BX,[max_ptr] ; BX := &maximum
35:     mov     [BX],DX
36:     pop    BP
37:     ret
38: _min_max ENDP
39: END

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1: ;-----
2: ; Assembly program example to show call to a C function.
3: ; This procedure receives a marks array and class size
4: ; and returns minimum, maximum, and rounded average marks.
5: ; Uses TASM's extended procedure call instruction.
6: ;-----
7: .MODEL SMALL
8: EXTRN C find_avg:PROC
9: .CODE
10: PUBLIC C stats
11: stats PROC
12:     ARG    marks:PTR WORD, class_size:WORD, min:PTR WORD, \
13:           max:PTR WORD, avg:PTR WORD
14:     push   BP
15:     mov    BP,SP
16:     push   SI
17:     push   DI

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18:             ; AX keeps minimum number and DX maximum
19:             ; Marks total is maintained in SI
20:             mov    BX,[marks]    ; BX := marks array address
21:             mov    AX,[BX]        ; min := first element
22:             mov    DX,AX        ; max := first element
23:             xor    SI,SI        ; total := 0
24:             mov    CX,[class_size]
25: repeat1:
26:             mov    DI,[BX]        ; DI := current mark
27:             ; compare and update minimum
28:             cmp    DI,AX
29:             ja    skip1
30:             mov    AX,DI
31: skip1:
32:             ; compare and update maximum
33:             cmp    DI,DX
34:             jb    skip2
35:             mov    DX,DI
36: skip2:

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36: skip2:
37:     add    SI,DI      ; update marks total
38:     add    BX,2
39:     loop   repeat1
40:     mov    BX,[min]    ; return minimum
41:     mov    [BX],AX
42:     mov    BX,[max]    ; return maximum
43:     mov    [BX],DX
44:     ; now call find_avg C function to compute average
45:     ; returns the rounded average value in AX
46:     call   find_avg C, SI, class_size
47:     mov    BX,[avg]     ; return average
48:     mov    [BX],AX
49:     pop    DI
50:     pop    SI
51:     pop    BP
52:     ret
53: stats  ENDP
54: END

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1: ****
2: * This program illustrates how inline assembly code can be      *
3: * written. It uses the interrupt service of DOS (int 21H)      *
4: * to get the current month information.                         *
5: ****
6: #include      <stdio.h>
7:
8: int current_month(void);
9:
10: int main(void)
11: {
12:     printf ("Current month is: %d\n", current_month());
13:     return 0;
14: }
15: int current_month(void)
16: {
17:     asm  mov    AH,2AH
18:     asm  int    21H
19:     asm  xor    AX,AX  /* we really want to clear AH */
20:     asm  mov    AL,DH
21: }

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