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# Module 1: 64-Bit ASM on Linux

## 8. Data Types

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# Fundamental Data Types

- Byte – 8 bits
- Word – 16 bits
- Double Word – 32 bits
- Quad Word – 64 bits
- Double Quad Word – 128 bits

Source: IA-32 Manual

# NASM ...

- Case Sensitive syntax
- Accessing memory reference with []
  - message db 0xAA, 0xBB, 0xCC, 0xDD, ...
  - mov rax, message ← moves address into rax
  - mov rax, [message] ← moves value into rax

<http://www.nasm.us/docs.php>

# Defining Initialized Data in NASM

```
db      0x55                ; just the byte 0x55
db      0x55,0x56,0x57      ; three bytes in succession
db      'a',0x55            ; character constants are OK
db      'hello',13,10,'$'   ; so are string constants
dw      0x1234              ; 0x34 0x12
dw      'a'                 ; 0x61 0x00 (it's just a number)
dw      'ab'                ; 0x61 0x62 (character constant)
dw      'abc'               ; 0x61 0x62 0x63 0x00 (string)
dd      0x12345678          ; 0x78 0x56 0x34 0x12
dd      1.234567e20         ; floating-point constant
dq      0x123456789abcdef0  ; eight byte constant
dq      1.234567e20         ; double-precision float
dt      1.234567e20         ; extended-precision float
```

Source: NASM Manual Pg. 30

# Declare Uninitialized Data

```
buffer:          resb    64          ; reserve 64 bytes
wordvar:        resw    1           ; reserve a word
```

Source: NASM Manual Pg. 30

# Special Tokens

- `$` - evaluates to the current line
- `$$` - evaluates to the beginning of current section

Source: NASM Manual Pg. 37

# EQU and TIMES

```
message          db      'hello, world'  
msglen          equ     $-message
```

```
Data:      zerobuf:          times 64 db 0
```

```
Instruction:  times 100 movsb
```



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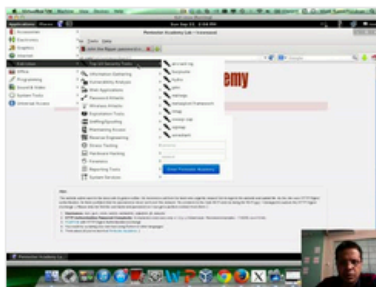
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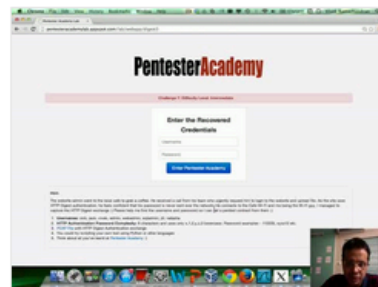
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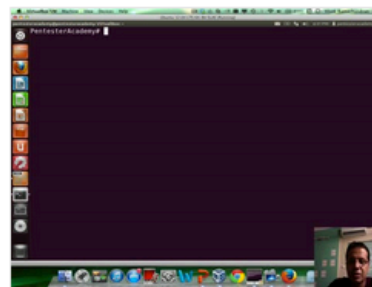
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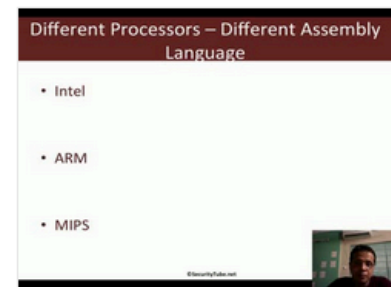
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