

1. Setting up a bootstrap

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section .text

; BEGIN - Multiboot Signature

MultibootSignature dd 464367618

MultibootFlags dd 3

MultibootChecksum dd -464367621

MultibootGraphicsRuntime_VbeModeInfoAddr dd 2147483647

MultibootGraphicsRuntime_VbeControlInfoAddr dd 2147483647

MultibootGraphicsRuntime_VbeMode dd 2147483647

MultiBootInfo_Memory_High dd 0

MultiBootInfo_Memory_Low dd 0

MultiBootInfo_Structure dd 0

; END - Multiboot Signature

; BEGIN - Stack Memory Allocation

global Before_Kernel_Stack

Before_Kernel_Stack: TIMES 65535 db 0

Kernel_Stack:

; END - Stack Memory Allocation

; BEGIN - Kernel Start

global Kernel_Start

Kernel_Start:

xchg bx, bx

cli

; MultiBoot compliant loader provides info in registers:

; EBX=multiboot_info

; EAX=0x2BADB002 - check if it's really Multiboot loader

; - if true, continue and copy mb info

; BEGIN - Multiboot Info

mov dword ecx, 0x2BADB002

cmp ecx, eax

jne Kernel_Start_HandleNoMultiboot

mov dword [MultiBootInfo_Structure], EBX

add dword EBX, 0x4

mov dword EAX, [EBX]

mov dword [MultiBootInfo_Memory_Low], EAX

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    add dword EBX, 0x4
    mov dword EAX, [EBX]
    mov dword [MultiBootInfo_Memory_High], EAX
; END - Multiboot Info
; Enable Protected Mode
    mov eax, cr0
    or eax, 0x1
    mov cr0, eax

; END - Kernel Start
; BEGIN - Init stack
    mov dword ESP, Kernel_Stack ; Set the stack pointer to point at our
pre-allocated block of memory
; END - Init stack
; BEGIN - Handle No Multiboot
    jmp Kernel_Start_HandleNoMultiboot_End ; Skip over this code - we
don't want to run it by accident!
Kernel_Start_HandleNoMultiboot:
; Not entirely sure if we'd ever actually get as far as due to code
structure but anyway...
; Displays a warning message to the user saying "No multiboot"
indicating the multiboot signature
; (which should have been in eax) was not detected so we don't think
we have a valid boot setup
; so we are aborting the boot to avoid damage

; Output following text to first bit of vid mem
; N o M u l t i b o o t
; 78 111 32 109 117 108 116 105 98 111 111 116
    mov byte [0xB8000], 78
    mov byte [0xB8002], 111
    mov byte [0xB8004], 32
    mov byte [0xB8006], 109
    mov byte [0xB8008], 117
    mov byte [0xB800A], 108
    mov byte [0xB800C], 116
    mov byte [0xB800E], 105
    mov byte [0xB8010], 98
    mov byte [0xB8012], 111

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    mov byte [0xB8014], 111
    mov byte [0xB8016], 116
; Set the colour of the outputted text to:
; Red background (0x4-),
; White foreground (0x-F)
    mov dword eax, 0x4F
    mov byte [0xB8001], al
    mov byte [0xB8003], al
    mov byte [0xB8005], al
    mov byte [0xB8007], al
    mov byte [0xB8009], al
    mov byte [0xB800B], al
    mov byte [0xB800D], al
    mov byte [0xB800F], al
    mov byte [0xB8011], al
    mov byte [0xB8013], al
    mov byte [0xB8015], al
    mov byte [0xB8017], al
cli ; Prevent any more interrupt requests re-awakening us
    hlt ; Halt the OS / execution / etc.
    jmp Kernel_Start_HandleNoMultiboot ; Just in case...
Kernel_Start_HandleNoMultiboot_End:
; END - Handle No Multiboot
; BEGIN - Main Entrypoint
call __MAIN_ENTRYPOINT__ ; Call our main entry point
; - not strictly necessary but good for setting up
esp etc.

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__MAIN_ENTRYPOINT__:
push dword ebp
    mov dword ebp, esp
; This bit of video output is optional / for testing purposes.
; Output following text to first bit of vid mem
; M u l t i b o o t
; 109 117 108 116 105 98 111 111 116
    mov byte [0xB8000], 109
    mov byte [0xB8002], 117
    mov byte [0xB8004], 108
    mov byte [0xB8006], 116

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mov byte [0xB8008], 105
mov byte [0xB800A], 98
mov byte [0xB800C], 111
mov byte [0xB800E], 111
mov byte [0xB8010], 116
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; Set the colour of the outputted text to:

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; Green background (0x2-),
; White foreground (0x-F)
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mov dword eax, 0x2F
mov byte [0xB8001], al
mov byte [0xB8003], al
mov byte [0xB8005], al
mov byte [0xB8007], al
mov byte [0xB8009], al
mov byte [0xB800B], al
mov byte [0xB800D], al
mov byte [0xB800F], al
mov byte [0xB8011], al
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; Call your main method here.

; In a proper OS, you shouldn't ever get to this point. But just in case you do...

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jmp Reset ; Stop / reset the CPU forever
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; END - Main Entrypoint

; BEGIN - Reset

Reset:

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cli ; Clear all interrupts so we aren't re-awoken
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hlt ; Halt the OS / CPU / etc.
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jmp Reset ; Just in case...
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; END - Reset