Assembly: instruction formats; load/store

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Announcements

• Exam1 Q5

Outline

- Assembly
- Operands
- Load/store

Assembly

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int deref(int *p) {
3    int v = *p;
4    return v;
5 }
6 int main() {
7    int x = 2;
8    int *y = &x;
9    int z = deref(y);
10    printf("deref(y) = %d\n", z);
11    return 0;
12 }
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0000000000400584 <deref>:
   400584: d10043ff sub sp, sp, #0x10
   400588: f90007e0
                     str x0, [sp, #8]
                      ldr x8, [sp, #8]
   40058c: f94007e8
   400590: b9400109
                      ldr w9, [x8]
   400594: b90007e9
                       str w9, [sp, #4]
                       ldr w0, [sp, #4]
   400598: b94007e0
   40059c: 910043ff
                       add sp, sp, \#0x10
   4005a0: d65f03c0
                       ret
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- Q1: What do each of the columns contain?
- Mapping between assembly and C code

Load/store

• Q2: What is the C code equivalent for str x0, [x1], treating registers as if they were variable names?

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• Q3: What is the C code equivalent for ldr \times 2, [x3], treating registers as if they were variable names?
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• Q4: Write the C code equivalent for each line of assembly, treating registers as if they were variable names. For example, the C code equivalent for sub sp, sp, #0x20 is sp = sp - 0x20

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400584: d10043ff sub sp, sp, #0x10

400588: f90007e0 str x0, [sp, #8]

40058c: f94007e8 ldr x8, [sp, #8]

400590: b9400109 ldr w9, [x8]

400594: b90007e9 str w9, [sp, #4]

400598: b94007e0 ldr w0, [sp, #4]

40059c: 910043ff add sp, sp, #0x10

4005a0: d65f03c0 ret
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value at [address] found in Rb
is loaded into register Ra

LDR Ra, [Rb]

STR Ra, [Rb]

value found in register Ra
is stored to [address] found in Rb
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