

Machine Programming 1: Introduction

CS61, Lecture 3
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Announcements (1/2)

- Assignment 1 due Tuesday
 - Please fill in survey by 5pm today!
- Assignment 2 will be released tonight
 - More information on website this evening
- Office hours will start next week
 - See course website for office hours
 - Both Announcements, and Course Staff pages.
 - More course staff coming on board soon, more office hours
- Name tags
 - At back of room
 - Fill in, put in front of you, leave at end of class in appropriate box

Announcements (2/2)

- Sections will start next week
 - Times:
 - Mondays 10:00-11:30am
 - Mondays 2:30-4:00pm
 - Mondays 4:00-5:30pm
 - Tuesdays 10:00-11:30am
 - Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm (Quad)
 - College students: please complete sectioning tool by Friday 5pm
 - Go to https://www.section.fas.harvard.edu/
 - (Extension School students: Rob will be in touch to schedule your section.)
 - More info about sections on course website.

Topics for today

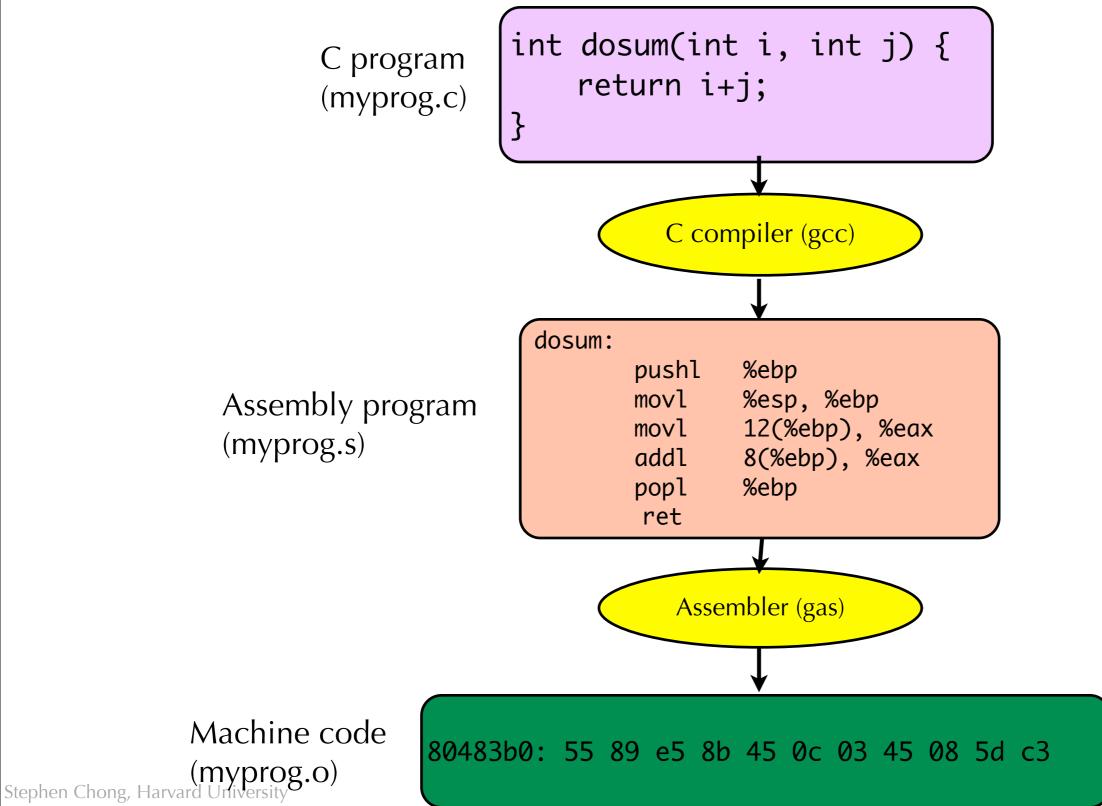
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 - Disassembly
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 - Moving data
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 - LEAL: Load Effective Address
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 - Data types
 - x86-64

Highscore

```
-bash-3.2$ ~stephenchong/highscore
Usage: /home/s/t/stephenchong/highscore i j k l
   where i,j,k,l are integers.
   Try to get as high a score as you can.
   Note: any positive score will send an email to Prof. Chong.
```

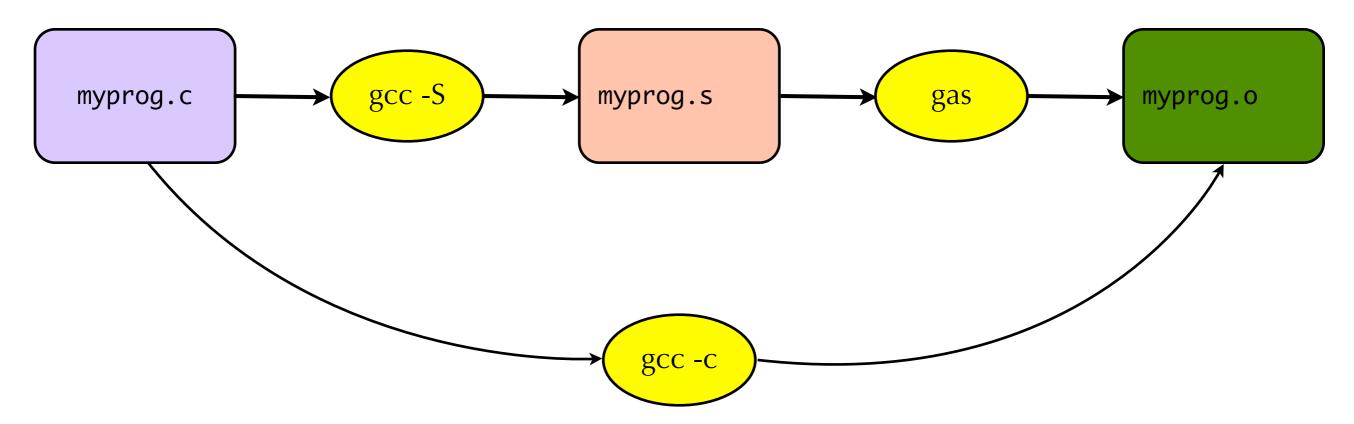
- 35 people tried it out
- 5 people hacked the score without supplying right inputs
 - Including one score of "Infinity"
- 9 got a score of 61!
 - Requires disassembly of four functions
- 9 got more (waaaaaay more) than 61...
 - Requires understanding integer overflow!

Turning C into machine code



Skipping assembly language

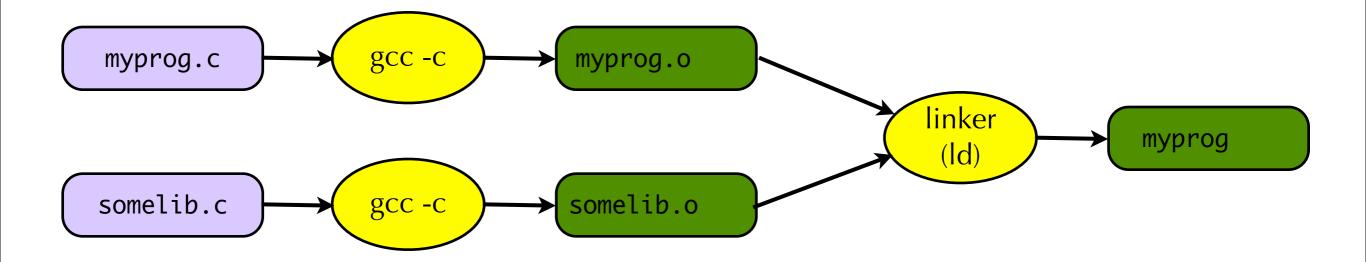
- Most C compilers generate machine code (object files) directly.
 - That is, without actually generating the human-readable assembly file.
 - Assembly language is mostly useful to people, not machines.



- Can generate assembly from C using "gcc -S"
 - And then compile to an object file by hand using "gas"

Object files and executables

- C source file (myprog.c) is compiled into an **object file** (myprog.o)
 - Object file contains the machine code for that C file.
 - It may contain references to external variables and routines
 - E.g., if myprog.c calls printf(), then myprog.o will contain a reference to printf().
- Multiple object files are **linked** to produce an executable file.
 - Typically, standard libraries (e.g., "libc") are included in the linking process.
 - Libraries are just collections of pre-compiled object files, nothing more!



Characteristics of assembly language

- Assembly language is very, very simple.
- Simple, minimal data types
 - Integer data of 1, 2, 4, or 8 bytes
 - Floating point data of 4, 8, or 10 bytes
 - No aggregate types such as arrays or structures!
- Primitive operations
 - Perform arithmetic operation on registers or memory (add, subtract, etc.)
 - Read data from memory into a register
 - Store data from register into memory
 - Transfer control of program (jump to new address)
 - Test a control flag, conditional jump (e.g., jump only if zero flag set)
- More complex operations must be built up as (possibly long) sequences of instructions.

Why you need to understand assembly language

- These days, very few people write assembly code
 - Very *very* few people write significant amounts of assembly code!
 - You won't need to write assembly in this course, and probably won't in future
- But, you will need to be able to read it to understand what a program
 is really doing, and how the processor works.
- Examples:
 - Understanding strange memory bugs (stack smashing, core dumps, etc.)
 - Understanding what affects the performance of a given piece of code
 - Understanding what the heck the compiler is doing to your precious C program
- Other uses...
 - Writing device drivers: Sometimes need to drop down to assembler
 - Writing an OS or embedded system
 - Writing a compiler

Disassembling

- Assembly is a human readable form of machine code
 - **Assemblers** (e.g., **gas**) compile assembly to machine code
- Disassemblers convert machine code to assembly
 - Interprets bits as instructions
 - Useful tools for examining machine code

Disassemblers

objdump

- objdump -d myprog.o
- Can be used on object files (.o) or complete executables

gdb

- GNU debugger
- Can disassemble, run, set breakpoints, examine memory and registers
- Course website contains links to some resources for learning gdb
- Play around with both! gdb will be especially helpful in assignments

What can be disassembled?

- Anything that can be interpreted as executable code
- Disassembler simply examines bits, interprets them as machine code, and reconstructs assembly

```
% objdump -d WINWORD.EXE
WINWORD.EXE: file format pei-i386
No symbols in "WINWORD.EXE".
Disassembly of section .text:
30001000 <.text>:
30001000:
                                     %ebp
             55
                              push
                                     %esp,%ebp
30001001:
             8b ec
                              mov
                                     $0xfffffff
30001003:
             6a ff
                              push
30001005:
          68 90 10 00 30
                              push
                                     $0x30001090
3000100a:
             68 91 dc 4c 30
                              push
                                     $0x304cdc91
```

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Addressing modes

- Most instructions have one or more operands
 - Specify input and output for operations
 - Inputs can be registers, memory locations, or immediate (constant) values
 - Outputs can be saved to registers or memory locations
- Collectively, these ways of accessing operands are called addressing modes
- Different instructions support different addressing modes
 - Need to check the manual to find out which modes are allowed
 - Example: "movl" instruction (copy 32-bit value) supports...

```
    Immediate to register
```

movl \$0x1000, %eax

Register to register

movl %eax, %ebx

• Memory to register (a.k.a. "load")

movl (%eax), %ebx

• Register to memory (a.k.a. "store")

movl %eax, (%ebx)

Cannot move from memory to memory!

Immediate and register operands

- Immediate operands are for constant values
 - Written with a \$ followed by integer in standard C notation
 - E.g., \$-577, \$0x1F
 - Operand value is simply the immediate value
- Register operands denote content of register
 - Written as the name of the register, which starts with a % sign
 - E.g., %eax, %ebx
 - Operand value is $R[E_a]$ where E_a denotes a register, $R[E_a]$ denotes value stored in register

Memory operands

- Most general form is $Imm(E_b, E_i, s)$
 - *Imm* is immediate offset, E_b is base register, E_i is index register, s is scale (must be 1, 2, 4 or 8)
 - Effective address is $Imm + R[E_b] + R[E_i] \times s$
 - Operand value is $M[Imm + R[E_b] + R[E_i] \times s]$
- Other forms special cases of this general form
 - Imm is an immediate, or absolute, address
 - e.g., **0**x1a38
 - (*E*_b) is an indirect address
 - e.g., (%eax) is contents of register %eax
 - *Imm*(*E*_b) is a base address plus a displacement
 - e.g., 0x8(%ebp) is contents of register %ebp plus 8
 - (E_b, E_i) and $Imm(E_b, E_i)$ are indexed addresses

%edx	0xf000
%ecx	0×100

Expression	Computation	Address
0x8(%edx)		
(%edx, %ecx)		
(%edx, %ecx, 4)		
0x80(, %edx, 2)		

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0x80(, %edx, 2)	2*0xf000 + 0x80	0x1e080

Moving data

- Copy data from one location to another
 - Heavily used!
- movx source, dest
 - *x* is one of **b**, **w**, **1**
 - movb source, dest
 - Move 1-byte "byte"
 - movw source, dest
 - Move 2-byte "word" (for historical reasons)
 - •movl source, dest
 - Move 4-byte "long word" (for historical reasons)

AT&T vs Intel syntax

- Two common ways of formatting IA32 assembly
 - AT&T
 - We use this in class, used by gcc, gdb, objdump
 - Intel
 - Used by Intel documentation, Microsoft tools
- Differences:
 - Intel omits size designation: mov instead of movl
 - Intel omits % from register names: ebp instead of %ebp
 - Intel describes memory locations differently: [ebp+8] instead of 8(%ebp)
 - Intel lists operands in reverse order: mov dest, src instead of movl src, dest

Instruction	Src	Dest	C analog
movl \$0x4,%eax			
movl \$-147,(%eax)			
movl %eax,%edx			
movl %eax,(%edx)			
movl (%eax),%edx			

Instruction	Src	Dest	C analog
movl \$0x4,%eax	lmm	Reg	temp = 0x4;
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Note: Cannot move directly from memory to memory with single instruction!

Note: C pointers are just memory addresses

Example: swap

```
void swap(int *xp, int *yp) {
  int t0 = *xp;
  int t1 = *yp;
  *xp = t0;
  *yp = t1;
```

```
swap:
 pushl %ebp
 pushl %ebx
 movl %esp,%ebp
 movl 12(%ebp),%ecx
 movl 8(%ebp),%edx
 movl (%ecx),%eax
 movl (%edx),%ebx
 movl %eax, (%edx)
 movl %ebx,(%ecx)
 movl -4(%ebp),%ebx
 movl %ebp,%esp
 popl %ebp
  ret
```

Set up

Body

Finish

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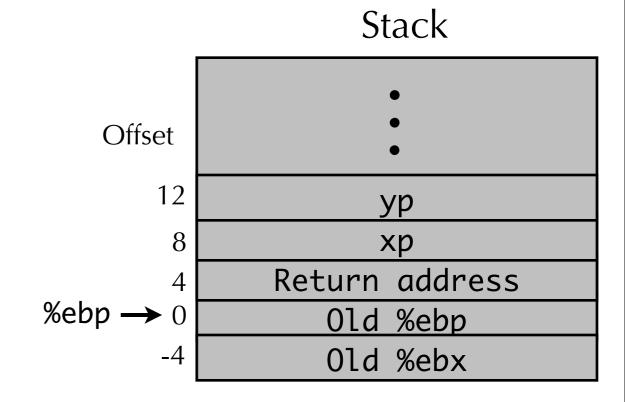
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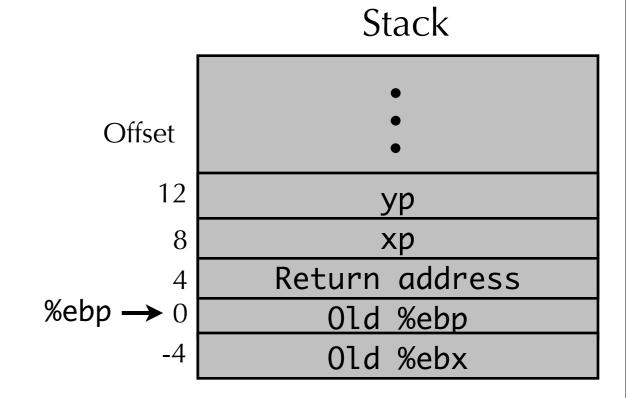
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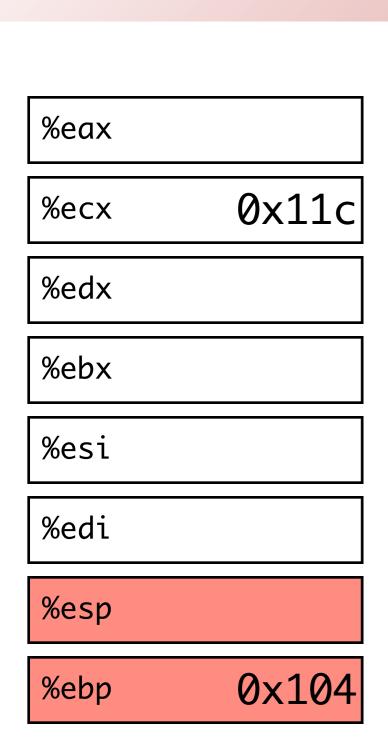
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%ecx	ур
%edx	хр
%eax	t1
%ebx	t0

```
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movl 8(%ebp),%edx # %edx = xp
movl (%ecx),%eax # %eax = *yp
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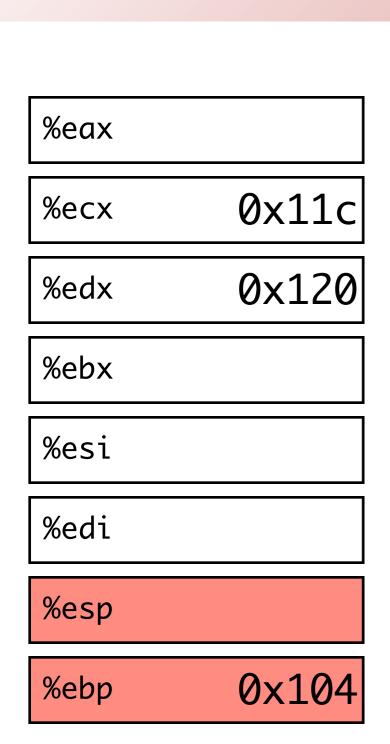
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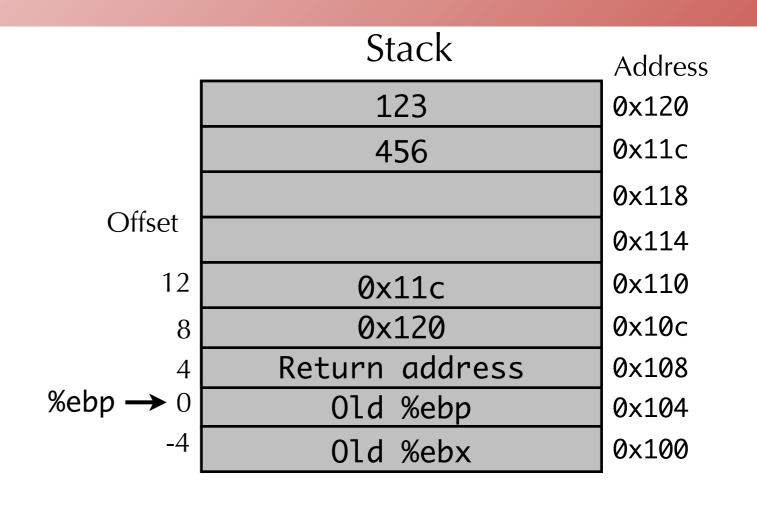




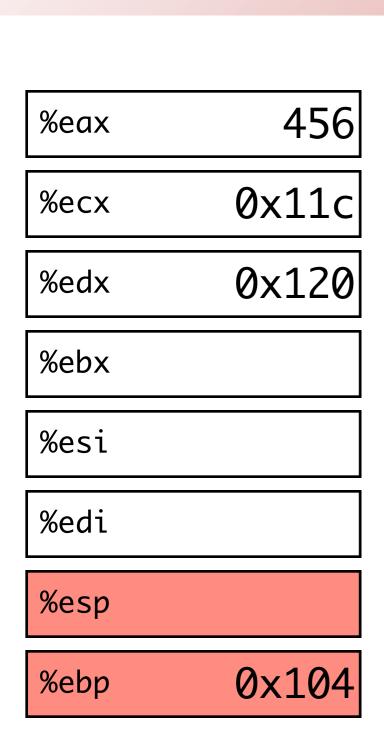
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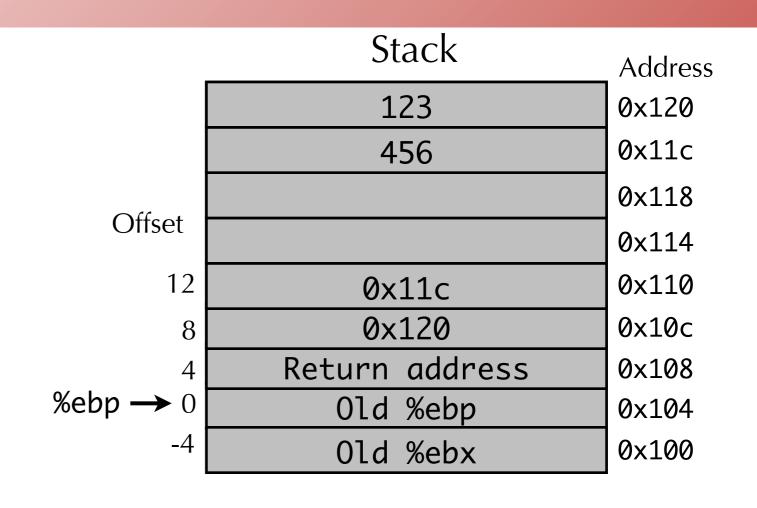
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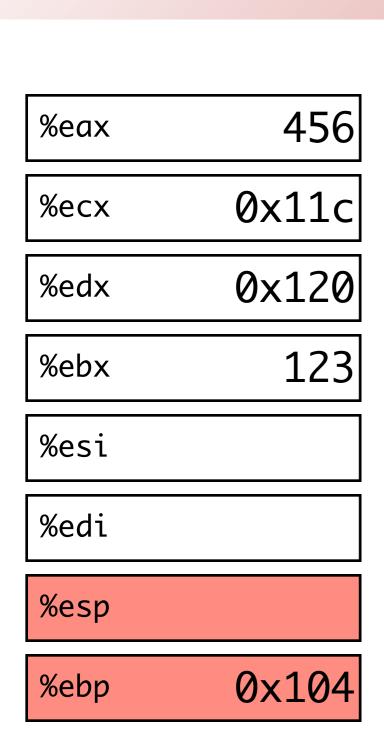


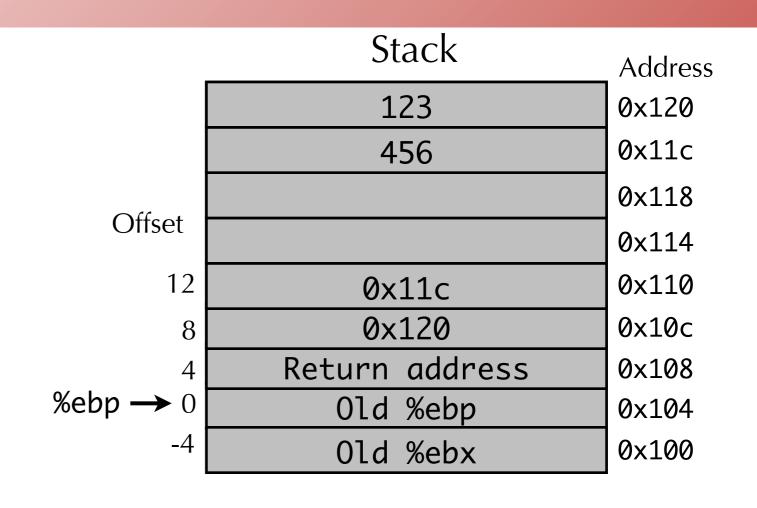
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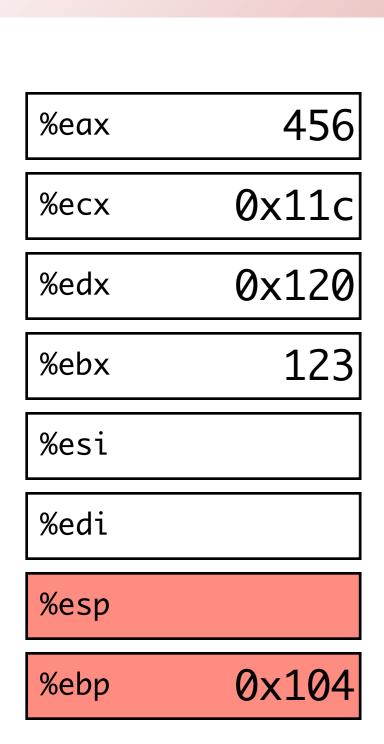


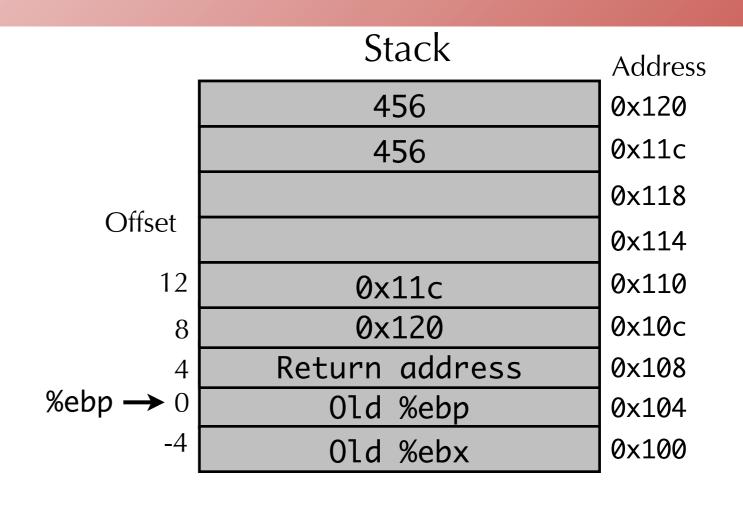
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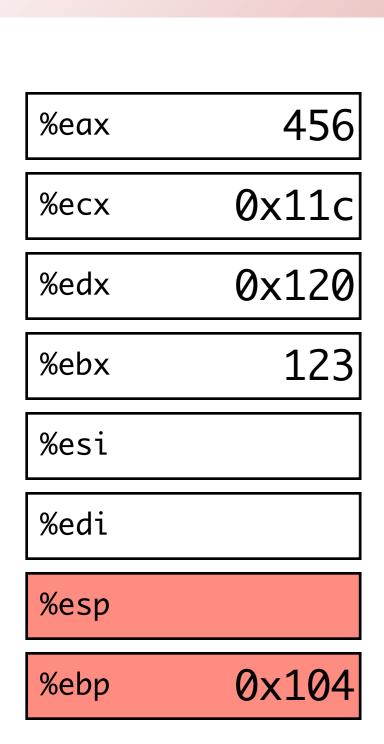


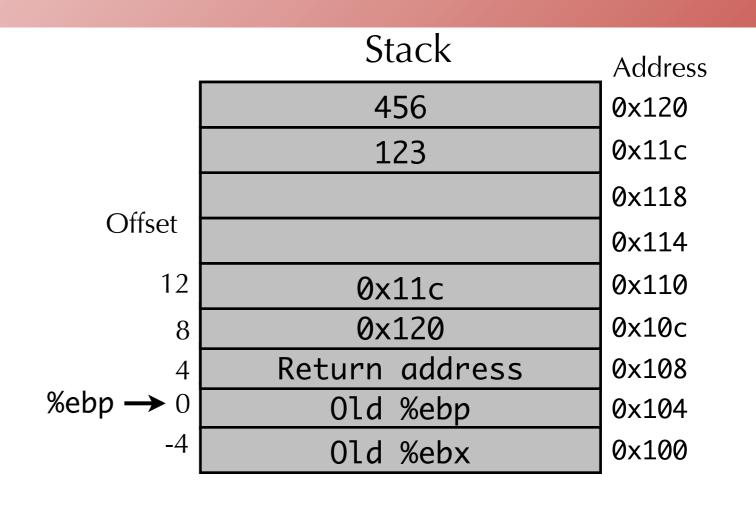
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Arrays

- int a[10] declares an array of 10 integers in C
 - a[0] is the first element of the array, a[9] is the 10th.
- But can use other indices than 0..9!

```
• E.g., void foo(int a[10]) {
    a[-1] = a[20] = 0x42; // Not good!!
    }
```

- Also, arrays and pointers are very closely related
 - E.g.,

• What's going on?

```
void bar(int a[10]) {
   int *p = a;
   int i;
   for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
     *(p++) = 0;
}</pre>
```

Arrays

An array is a contiguous region of memory

```
int a[4];
a[0] = 0x11;
a[1] = 0x22;
a[2] = 0x33;
```

```
      0x4690
      0x4694
      0x4698
      0x469c

      ...
      0x11
      0x22
      0x33
      ...

      a[0]
      a[1]
      a[2]
      a[3]
```

Can be thought of as a pointer to the first element of the array

```
movl $0x4690, %eax ; Set %eax to address of 'a' movl $0x11, (%eax) ; a[0] = 0x11 movl $0x22, 4(%eax) ; a[1] = 0x22 movl $0x33, 8(%eax) ; a[2] = 0x33
```

- Why do we add 4 to %eax each time?
 - Each integer is represented with 4 bytes, so the address of a[1] and a[2] differ by 4

Arrays

; a[20]

0xbeef,(%eax); a[20] = 0xbeef

```
void bar(int a[10]) {
   int *p = a;
   *(p+3) = 0xcafe;
}
```

addl

movl

\$0x50,%eax

void foo(int a[10]) {

```
movl 0x8(\%ebp),%eax ; 0x8(\%ebp) contains the pointer to array 'a' addl $0xc,\%eax ; p+3 movl $0xcafe,(\%eax) ; *(p+3) = 0xcafe. Same as a[3] = 0xcafe
```

Address computation instruction

- leal src, dest
 - src is address mode expression
 - e.g., (%eax) or 0x8(%ebp)
 - Most generally, Imm(base, index, scale)
 - Set dest to the address denoted by expression src
 - "Load effective address"
- Can compute an address without a memory reference
 - E.g., compilation of C code p = &x[i] leal (%eax, %ebx, 4), %edx
- Can also be used to compute arithmetic expressions!
 - Anything of the form $x + y^*k$, where k = 1, 2, 4, or 8

Some arithmetic operations

Two operand instructions

Format		Equivalent C computati	ion
addl	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest + Src	
subl	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest - Src	
imull	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest * Src	
sall	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest << Src	Also called shll
sarl	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest >> Src	Arithmetic
shrl	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest >> Src	Logical
xorl	Src,Dest	$Dest = Dest \land Src$	
andl	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest & Src	
orl	Src,Dest	$Dest = Dest \mid Src$	

• No distinction between signed and unsigned int. Why?

Shifting

- There is only one left-shift operator
 - •sal and shl are synonyms
 - Shift bits left, filling from the right with zeros
 - E.g., $0x1 << 3 = 1 \times 2^3 = 0x8$
- Two different right-shift operators: sar and shr
 - Both correspond to C operator >>
 - What's the difference?

Shifting

- shr (logical right-shift) fills from left with zeros
- sar (arithmetic right-shift) files from left with sign bit of operand
 - A form of sign extension
- C compiler figures out which to use based on type of operand
 - Unsigned int uses logical right shift; signed int uses arithmetic right shift

```
#define print_unsigned(i) printf("%u (%x)\n",(i),(i))
#define print_signed(i) printf("%d (%x)\n",(i),(i))
int main() {
    int s = 0x80000000;
    unsigned int u = 0x80000000;
    print_unsigned(u);
    print_unsigned(u);
    print_unsigned(u >> 1); // Uses shrl
    print_signed(s);
    print_signed(s);
    print_signed(s >> 1); // Uses sarl
    return 1;

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```

Some more arithmetic operations

One operand instructions

Format	Equivalent C computation
incl Dest	Dest = Dest + 1
decl Dest	Dest = Dest - 1
negl Dest	Dest = -Dest
notl Dest	$Dest = \sim Dest$

See textbook for more instructions

Example: logical

```
int logical(int x, int y)
{
  int t1 = x^y;
  int t2 = t1 >> 17;
  int mask = (1<<13) - 7;
  int rval = t2 & mask;
  return rval;
}</pre>
```

```
logical:
   pushl %ebp
                            Set up
   movl %esp,%ebp
   movl 8(%ebp),%eax
   xorl 12(%ebp), %eax
                            Body
   sarl $17,%eax
   andl $8185, %eax
   movl %ebp,%esp
   popl %ebp
                            Finish
   ret
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```
# %eax = x
# %eax = x^y (t1)
# %eax = t1>>17 (t2)
# %eax = t2 & 8185
```

 $1 << 13 = 2^{13} = 8192$ 8192 - 7 = 8185