

common feeling  
after (my) exams:



1. more people handed in  
before end of class than last year
2. things will turn out OK;  
you can still get the grade you want

# uC Programming w/C I

ECE 3710

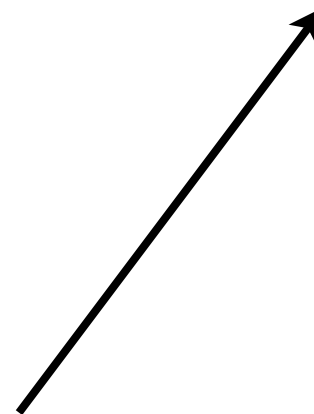
I'm addicted to  
placebos... I'd quit but it  
wouldn't matter.

- Steven Wright

why C?

YOU:ASM is lame

ME: please elaborate



why C?

1. it's natural: we think in it already
2. maintenance
3. portability
4. functions (please, be lazy)

C doesn't lead to understanding...



...it is not your saviour, you do not  
rule over uC

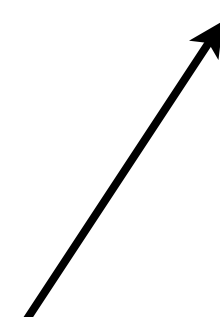
why not C?

1. debugging hardware
2. software/hardware interface
3. speed
4. you get lazy

`/etc/master.passwd:`

`rgerdes:8ef121cb8b1beeaf88801b210367b8ee:1001:1001:Ryan  
Gerdes:/home/rgerdes:/bin/tcsh`

md5 of my password  
(fuzzybunny)



hacker:

1. get dictionary
2. create md5 of entries
3. compare
4. profit



75% faster than C

Implementation	Throughput (MB/s)
md5-amd64 64-bit (AMD64 asm language)	356
OpenSSL MD5 32-bit (i386 asm language)	312
OpenSSL MD5 64-bit (C language)	204

MD5 throughput on an Opteron 244 (1.8 GHz) processor

14% faster than C

**note:**

**expect you to be familiar with basic syntax,  
arrays, pointers, etc.**

**you need to have your own C resources**

# basic data types

Type	Size in bits	Natural alignment in bytes
char	8	1 (byte-aligned)
short	16	2 (halfword-aligned)
int	32	4 (word-aligned)
long	32	4 (word-aligned)
long long	64	8 (doubleword-aligned)
float	32	4 (word-aligned)
double	64	8 (doubleword-aligned)
long double	64	8 (doubleword-aligned)
All pointers	32	4 (word-aligned)
bool (C++ only)	8	1 (byte-aligned)
_Bool (C only <sup>[a]</sup> )	8	1 (byte-aligned)
wchar_t (C++ only)	16	2 (halfword-aligned)

support via  
libraries

(if no FPU onboard or compiler  
doesn't use FPU)

don't forget: uC has limited memory for code/data  
(choose smallest data type that gets the job done...)

does not refer to type but size



```
unsigned char z;
```



use all bits for numbers  
(don't reserve for sign)

# your first C program

```
int main(void)
{
    unsigned char z;
    for ( z=0 ; z<=255 ; z++ ) ;
}
```

i want me a number

note: no native printf  
( need to use a debugger )

can set one up to  
output on UART

# your ASM vs. the compiler's

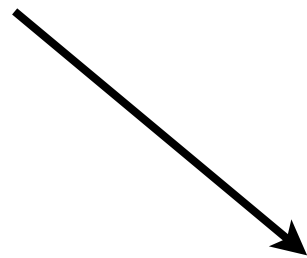
```
int main(void)
```

```
{
```

```
    unsigned char z;
```

```
    for (z=0; z<=255; z++);
```

```
}
```



```
mov R0, #0
```

```
loop
```

```
    add R0, #1
```

```
    cmp R0, #255
```

```
    bls loop
```

this is actually sloppy code, on our part (why?)

# compiler ASM

25:

for ( z=0 ; z<=255 ; z++ ) ;

26:

0x000001C8	2100	MOVS	r1,#0x00
0x000001CA	E001	B	0x000001D0
0x000001CC	1C48	ADDS	r0,r1,#1
0x000001CE	B2C1	UXTB	r1,r0
0x000001D0	29FF	CMP	r1,#0xFF
0x000001D2	DDFB	BLE	0x000001CC

UXTB:

$R1[31:0] = [0...0 \ R0[7:0]]$

  
force number to be 8-bits...  
this is not good

25:

```
for ( z=0 ; z<=255 ; z++ ) ;
```

26:

0x0000001C8 2100

MOVS

r1, #0x00

0x0000001CA E001

B

0x0000001D0

0x0000001CC 1C48

ADDS

r0, r1, #1

0x0000001CE B2C1

UXTB

r1, r0

0x0000001D0 29FF

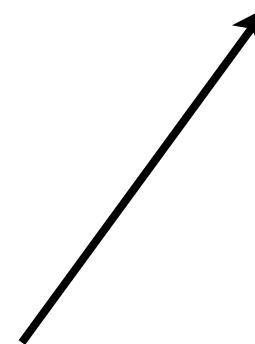
CMP

r1, #0xFF

0x0000001D2 DDFB

BLE

0x0000001CC



can never be > 255

because max(8-bit number) = 255

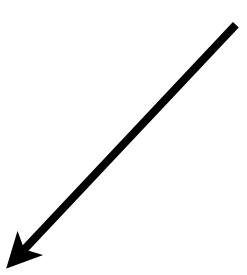


# your second C program

```
int main(void)
{
    unsigned short z;


    for ( z=0 ; z<=255 ; z++ ) ;
}
```

16-bits

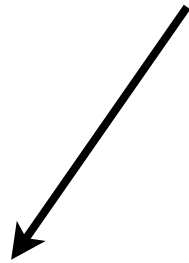


Q: when does it make sense to  
tailor type to data?

e.g. know data will only need byte;  
use `int` or `char`?



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1. registers 32-bits

(we operate on 32-bit data natively; no  
truncating of data)

2. more space in memory



1. compiler will enforce  
(extra instruction)

2. less space used in memory

A: a tradeoff

Isn't it a bit unnerving  
that doctors call what  
they do “practice”?

- George Carlin

# what do we need vars for?

1. computation
2. configuration

writing to the var sets/clears  
bits at a certain place in memory

## Run-Mode Clock Configuration (RCC)

Base 0x400F.E000

Offset 0x060

Type R/W, reset 0x078E.3AD1

	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
	reserved				ACG	SYSDIV				USESYSDIV	reserved	USEPWMDIV	PWMDIV			reserved
Type	RO	RO	RO	RO	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	RO	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	RO
Reset	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	reserved		PWRDN	reserved	BYPASS	reserved	XTAL				OSCSRC		reserved		IOSCDIS	MOSCDIS
Type	RO	RO	R/W	RO	R/W	RO	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	RO	RO	R/W	R/W
Reset	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1

e.g.

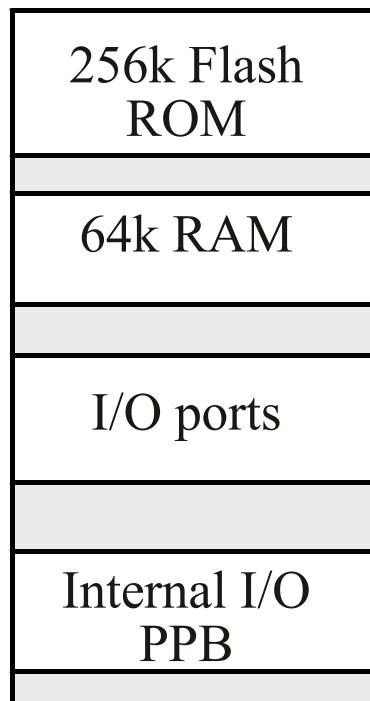
1. registers
2. stack

3. non-specific RO/RW addr.  
(i.e. code or data memory)

where are vars located?

1. computation
2. configuration

specific addr in  
RW memory



0x0000.0000  
↓  
0x0003.FFFF  
  
0x2000.0000  
↓  
0x2000.FFFF  
  
0x4000.0000  
↓  
0x41FF.FFFF  
  
0xE000.0000  
↓  
0xE004.0FFF

goes here  
(0x400FE060)

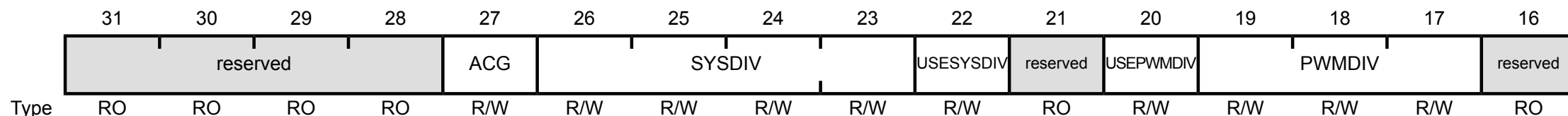
var for this

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# local vars

'c' will be allocated to a register  
(maybe stack later)

`unsigned char c;`  
`unsigned char *d = (unsigned char *) 0x20000043;`

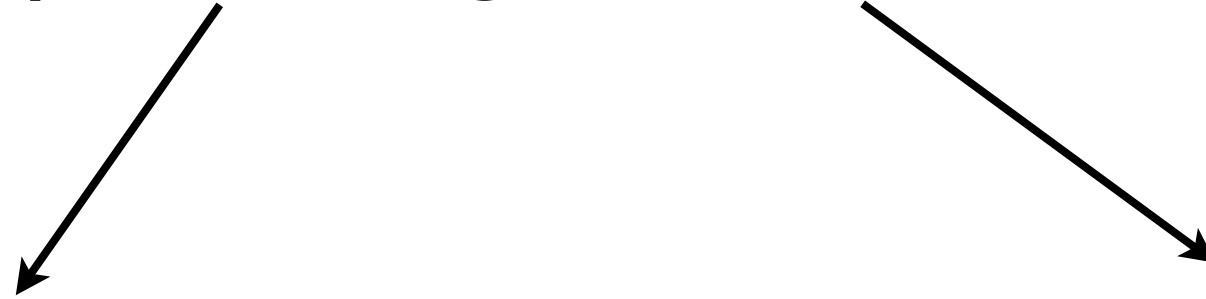
how to set initial  
addr of what ptr  
points to:

create byte ptr that points to addr given by num\*,  
d is then assigned addr of what ptr points to  
(\*d = 0x123 writes 0x123 to 0x20000043)

\*or: cast num as a byte ptr that points to addr given by num,

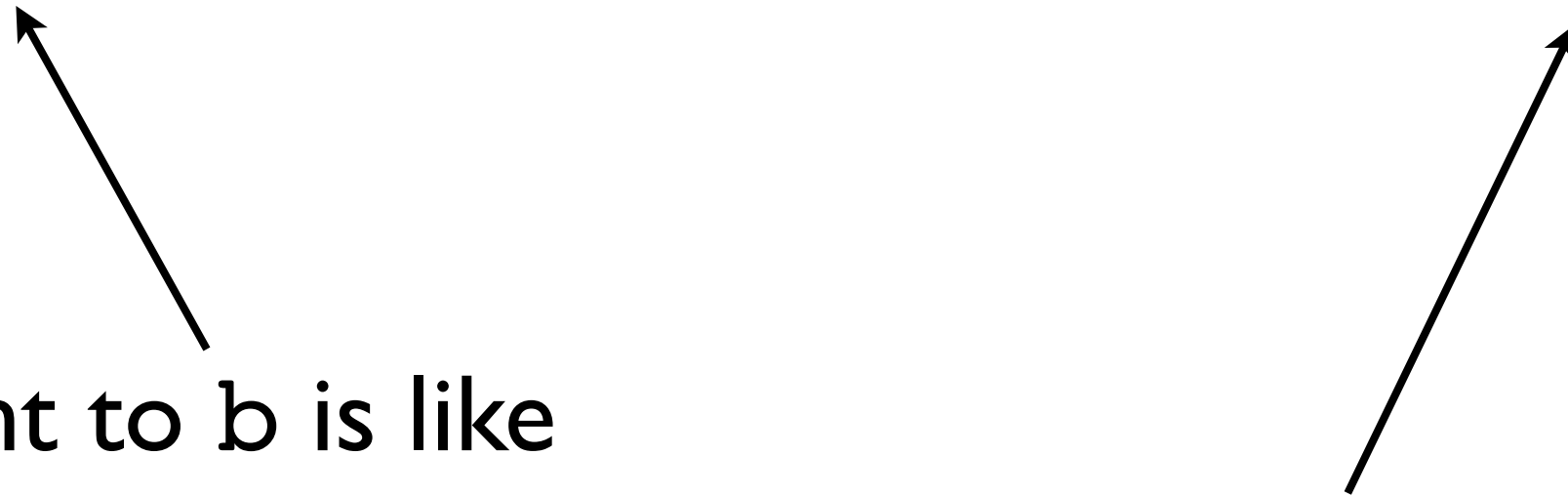
# global vars/compiler definitions

put 'a' at given addr



```
unsigned char a __attribute__((at(0x20000040)));  
#define b (*(unsigned char *) 0x20000041)
```

assignment to b is like  
dereferncing a pointer that points to addr





# configuring the uC in C

create global vars situated at  
registers for GPIO Port D:

```
volatile int PD_DATA_R __attribute__((at(0x400073FC)));  
volatile int PD_DIR_R __attribute__((at(0x40007400)));  
volatile int PD_AF_R __attribute__((at(0x40007420)));  
volatile int PD_DEN_R __attribute__((at(0x4000751C)));  
volatile int RCGC2_R __attribute__((at(0x400FE108)));  
//value for RCGC2 to enable clock for port D  
#define RCGC2_PD 0x00000008
```

**volatile:** use when uC might change contents of  
addr on you; e.g. when doing memory mapped I/O  
(otherwise compiler might 'optimise' away functionality [like polling])

ex: write 0--15 continuously on PD

```
int main(void)
{
    unsigned char z;

    // initialise port: RMW-cycle so much better in C...
    //activate port D: RCGC2 = RCGC2 | RCGC2_PD
    RCGC2_R |= RCGC2_PD;
    //make PD3-0 output
    PD_DIR_R |= 0x0F;
    //disable alt. func.
    PD_AF_R &= 0x00;
    //enable digital I/O on PD3-0
    PD_DEN_R |= 0x0F;

    ←———— while(1)
return 1;      {
                for(z=0; z<16; z++)
                    PD_DATA_R = z;
                }
}
```

**Q: C program to copy input port data  
to output port**  
(read from one port and write to another)

# configuration using offsets

how to set initial addr of  
what ptr points to:

```
unsigned char *d = (unsigned char *) 0x20000000;
```



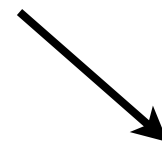
use like C-array:

```
d[0x12]=0xAB;
```



points to

$0x20000000 + 0x12$   
 $= 0x20000012$



$\text{memory}(0x20000012)$   
 $= 0xAB$

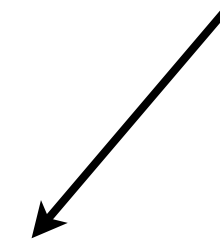
# configuration using offsets

tedious to  
write word

slight downside:

1. byte addressable (char for ptr)
2. addressing words (int for ptr)

indexing is off



# example: configuration using offsets

final value of word at byte offset  
0x60 should be 0x078E3B82:

```
//1. unsigned char *SYSCTL = (unsigned char *) 0x400FE000;  
SYSCTL[0x60] = 0x82;  
SYSCTL[0x61] = 0x3B;  
SYSCTL[0x62] = 0x8E;  
SYSCTL[0x63] = 0x07;  
//2. unsigned int *SYSCTL = (unsigned int *) 0x400FE000;  
SYSCTL[0x60/4] = 0x078E3B82;
```