Integers

• Example of storing 0x1234567 at 0x100

	0x100	0x101	0x102	0x103
Big endian	01	23	45	67
Little endian	67	45	23	01

- $\lceil x/2^k \rceil$ is given by $(x + (1 \ll k) 1) >> k$
- $x/2^k$ is given by (x<0 ? x+(1<<k)-1 : x) >> k

Bitwise Operations

- Logical shift Fills left end with zeros (unsigned)
- Arithmetic shift Sign-extends left end (signed)

Floating Point

- Contains 3 parts sign, exp, frac
- 3 parts of float: 1+8+23=32; double: 1+11+52=64
- Lacks common +*rules a*b*c != a*(b*c), a+b+c != a+(b+c), a*(b+c) != a*b + a*c
- $V = (-1)^s \times M \times 2^E$
- Sign bit s 1-bit, 0 for V >= 0, 1 for V <= 0
- Exponent E, k-bit exp field
- Significand (mantissa) $M-0 \le M < 1$ or $1 \le M < 2$, represented by n-bit frac field $(f_{n-1} \cdots f_1 f_0)$
- Normalized values
 - exp is neither all zeros nor all ones
 - -E = e-Bias where e is the unsigned number in exp and Bias $= 2^{k-1} - 1$
 - frac represents $0 \le f < 1$ with $0.f_{n-1} \cdots f_1 f_0$ and M = 1 + f

1	10000000	10101010101010101010101
($-1) \times 2^{1} \times 1$.10101010101010101010101

- Denormalized values
 - exp all zeros
 - Exponent value is E = 1 Bias, M = f (no leading 1)

-	00000000	
1 >	$< 2^{1-011111111}$	$\times 0.1010101010101010101010101$

- Special values
 - Exponent field is all ones
 - Fraction field all zeros can represent $\pm \infty$, depending on sign bit
 - Nonzero fraction field is NaN

 - every conditional expression with NaN is 0
 - NaN == NaN is 0
 - every arithmetic expression with NaN is NaN
 - NaN * 0 is NaN
 - forcibly trans inf or NaN to int gets int_{min}
- Rounding
 - Rounds to the nearest even
 - BBGRXXXX can round to BBG or BBG+1
 - G Guard bit; least significant bit of result
 - R Round bit; first bit removed
 - XXXX Sticky bit; OR of remaining bits
 - Round up conditions:
 - * Round = $0 \rightarrow BBG$
 - * Round = 1, Sticky = 1 \rightarrow BBG+1
 - * Round = 1, Sticky = 0, Guard = 0 \rightarrow BBG
 - * Round = 1, Sticky = 0, Guard = $1 \rightarrow BBG+1$
 - * $1.010\underline{0}11 \rightarrow 1.010$, $1.010\underline{1}01 \rightarrow 1.011$
 - * $1.010\underline{1}00 \rightarrow 1.010, 1.011\underline{1}00 \rightarrow 1.011$
- Multiplication
 - $(-1)^{s_1} M_1 2^{E_1} \times (-1)^{s_2} M_2 2^{E_2}$
 - $=(-1)^{s_1 \hat{s}_2}(M_1 \times M_2)2^{E_1+E_2}$
 - If $M_1 \times M_2 \ge 2$, $M = M_1 \times M_2/2$, $E = E_1 + E_2 + 1$
 - If E out of range, overflow to inf
 - Round M to fit frac precision

Assembly Basics

- "word" refers to 16-bit data type, "double word" refers to 32-bit (int) and 'quad words" refers to 64-bit
- On 64-bit machines pointers are 8-byte quad words
- In operands, scaling factor s must be either 1, 2, 4, or 8
- ullet mov S, D has the effect of $S \to D$

movq Src, Dest	C Analog
movq \$0x4, %rax	tmp = 0x4
movq \$-147, (%rax)	*p = -147
movq %rax, %rdx	tmp2 = tmp1
movq %rax, (%rdx)	*p = tmp
movq (%rax), %rdx	tmp = *p

- movzbq moves from byte to quad with zero-extended whereas movsbq does the same but sign-extended
- lead S, D has the effect of $\&S \to D$
- ullet subq S, D has the effect of D-S o D
- salq S, D has the effect of $D \cdot 2^S \to D$

Opcodes of arithmetic operations

addq	+	xorq	\oplus	salq	also shlq <<		
subq	-	andq	&	sarq	Ari	thmetic	: >>
imulq	×	orq		shrq	L	ogical >	·>
incq	++	decq		negq	_	notq	~

Operands (3 types)

Type	Form	Operand value
Immediate	\$Imm	Imm
Register	r_a	$R[r_a]$
Memory	$Imm(r_b, r_i, s)$	$M[Imm + R[r_b] + R[r_i] \cdot s]$

16 general purpose registers storing 64-bit values

Type	64-bits	32-bits	16-bits	8-bits	
Registers below are caller saved					
Return val	%rax	%eax	%ax	%al	
1st arg	%rdi	%edi	%di	%dil	
2nd arg	%rsi	%esi	%si	%sil	
3rd arg	%rdx	%edx	%dx	%dl	
4th arg	%rcx	%ecx	%cx	%cl	
5th arg	%r8	%r8d	%r8w	%r8b	
6th arg	%r9	%r9d	%r9w	%r9b	
Caller	%r10	%r10d	%r10w	%r10b	
Caller	%r11	%r11d	%r11w	%r11b	
Registers below are callee saved					
Callee	%rbx	%ebx	%bx	%bl	
Callee	%r12	%r12d	%r12w	%r12b	
Callee	%r13	%r13d	%r13w	%r13b	
Callee	%r14	%r14d	%r14w	%r14b	
Callee	%r15	%r15d	%r15w	%r15b	
Callee	%rbp	%ebp	%bp	%bpl	
Stack ptr	%rsp	%esp	%sp	%spl	

%rsp is the top of the stack and %rbp is the bottom

Conditional Control

- Carry flag (CF) most recent op generated carry of most significant bit, detects overflow for unsigned
- Zero flag (ZF) most recent op yielded zero
- Sign flag (SF) most recent op yielded negative value
- Overflow flag (OF) most recent op caused two's complement overflow
- test instruction behaves like and instructions but sets condition codes without altering source or destination often see testq %rax, %rax to check if return val is neg, zero, or pos
- cmp instruction behaves like sub but sets condition codes without altering source or destination.
- Switch statement: jump table stores the address of the target label in an array. jtab[i] → codeblock (x==i)

set D and jmp suffixes

Instruction	Alias.	Cond.	Desc.
-е	-z	ZF	= /0
-ne	-nz	~ZF	! =/not zero
-s		SF	Neg
-ns		~SF	Nonneg
-g	-nle	~(SF^OF)&~ZF	signed >
-ge	-nl	~(SF^OF)	signed =>
-1	-nge	SF^OF	signed <
-le	-ng	(SF^OF) ZF	signed <=
-a	-nbe	~CF&~ZF unsigne	
-ae	-nb	~CF unsigned	
-b	-nae	CF	unsigned <
-be	-na	CF ZF	unsigned <=

cmpq B, A, jg L1 equals to if (A > B) goto L1; setne %al sets %al to 1 if not equal, 0 otherwise

	Arguments 7+	Return Addr	Saved	Registers	+ Local	Variables	Argument Build
Caller		rhn *	(Optional)				%rsb

Machine Data

Data Alignment: K-byte object at addr multiple of K

Size (bytes)	Types
1	char
2	short
4	int, float
8	long, double, char *

Arrays: Element i at address &A[0] + i * sizeof(type)

- 1D array access: movl (%rdx,%rcx,4),%eax gets A[%rcx] for int A[]
- 2D row-major: A[i][j] at &A + i*C*s + j*s for A[R][C] with size s
- Multi-level arrays: Array of pointers e.g., int *A[R] for jagged arrays

Structs: Fields stored with alignment padding

- K-byte field must be at addr multiple of K
- Field alignment may require padding between fields
- Struct alignment = max alignment of any field
- Struct size = multiple of largest alignment requirement
- Nested structs: inner struct follows its own alignment rules
- Access field at offset d: movq d(%rdi), %rax

Unions: All fields share same memory location

- Size = largest member size
- \bullet All fields have offset 0 from base address
- Example: union {int i; float f; char c[4];}

- Access any member using base address: movl (%rdi), %eax
- Used for type punning (e.g., u.f = 1.0f; bits = u.i) or memory optimization

GNU Debugger

Running

- run: Run the program
- kill: Kill the program
- step: Go to next line (Source C code)
- next: Go to next line (Source C code) but step over function calls
- stepi: Go to next instruction (Assembly code)
- continue: Continue running
- finish: Continue until current function returns

Breakpoints

- break <where>:
 - break <function name>
 - break <file>:<line number>
 - break *<address>
- delete <num>: eg: delete 2 to delete breakpoint 2
- clear: Delete all breakpoints
- enable / disable <num>: Enable or disable
- info breakpoints / registers / functions / locals / args / displays

Variables and memory

- print/format <what>:
 - print \$register print register
 - print \$variable print variable
 - print *(0x<address>) print memory
- x/nfu <address>:
 - n: Number of items to print (default 1)
 - f: Format (see below)
 - u: Size of each item:
 - * b: Byte
 - * h: Halfword (2 bytes)
 - * w: Word (4 bytes)
 - * g: Giant (8 bytes)

Format for printing

- a: Pointer
- c: Read as integer, print as character
- d: Integer, signed decimal (10)
- f: Floating point number
- o: Integer, Octal (8)
- s: Try to treat as C string
- t: Integer, binary (2)
- u: Integer, unsigned decimal (10)
- x: Integer, hexadecimal (16)

Initialize for Bomb Lab

- # Compiling into asm (sum.s)
 gcc -Og -S sum.c
- # Disassembling Object Code
 objdump -d sum > sum.asm

.gdbinit

break phase_1

break initialize_bomb (send_msg / explode_bomb)
command

jump *(0x4014b9)

end

run ans.txt

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