CSC 6580 Spring 2020

Instructor: Stacy Prowell

gdb

You can use gdb to debug your assembly programs. To debug the **binary** program you could use:

\$ gdb binary

Or you can load **binary** after starting gdb with **file binary**.

Run with run.

```
sprowell@sanders: ~/CSC6580-2020-Spring/02-06
                              sprowell@sanders: ~/CSC6580-2020-Spring/02-06 84x31
sprowell@sanders:~/CSC6580-2020-Spring/02-06$ qdb
GNU gdb (Ubuntu 8.2.91.20190405-Oubuntu3) 8.2.91.20190405-git
Copyright (C) 2019 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <a href="http://qnu.org/licenses/gpl.html">http://qnu.org/licenses/gpl.html</a>
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law.
Type "show copying" and "show warranty" for details.
This GDB was configured as "x86_64-linux-gnu".
Type "show configuration" for configuration details.
For bug reporting instructions, please see:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/bugs/>.
Find the GDB manual and other documentation resources online at:
    <a href="http://www.anu.org/software/adb/documentation/">http://www.anu.org/software/adb/documentation/>.</a>
For help, type "help".
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word".
(gdb) file binary
Reading symbols from binary...
(No debugging symbols found in binary)
(gdb) disass main
Dump of assembler code for function main:
   0x00000000000401b80 <+0>:
                                    movabs rdi,0xff00f043210099aa
   0x00000000000401b8a <+10>:
                                           0x401b9a <write binary gword>
   0x00000000000401b8f <+15>:
                                           0x401c1d <write endl>
   0x00000000000401b94 <+20>:
                                   MOV
                                           eax,0x0
   0x00000000000401b99 <+25>:
                                    ret
End of assembler dump.
(gdb)
```

Instead of referring to line numbers you use addresses or labels. For instance, to see the code starting at the label main, use:

disassemble main

You can abbreviate disassemble as disass.

The disassembly will be "around" the address you give (or if none, around RIP), or you can give a range, or an address. Include /r to see the bytes.

```
sprowell@sanders: ~/CSC6580-2020-Spring/02-06
                              sprowell@sanders: ~/CSC6580-2020-Spring/02-06 84x31
sprowell@sanders:~/CSC6580-2020-Spring/02-06$ qdb
GNU gdb (Ubuntu 8.2.91.20190405-0ubuntu3) 8.2.91.20190405-git
Copyright (C) 2019 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <a href="http://qnu.org/licenses/gpl.html">http://qnu.org/licenses/gpl.html</a>
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law.
Type "show copying" and "show warranty" for details.
This GDB was configured as "x86_64-linux-gnu".
Type "show configuration" for configuration details.
For bug reporting instructions, please see:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/bugs/>.
Find the GDB manual and other documentation resources online at:
    <a href="http://www.anu.org/software/adb/documentation/">http://www.anu.org/software/adb/documentation/>.</a>
For help, type "help".
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word".
(gdb) file binary
Reading symbols from binary...
(No debugging symbols found in binary)
(gdb) disass main
Dump of assembler code for function main:
   0x00000000000401b80 <+0>:
                                    movabs rdi,0xff00f043210099aa
   0x00000000000401b8a <+10>:
                                           0x401b9a <write binary gword>
   0x00000000000401b8f <+15>:
                                           0x401c1d <write endl>
   0x00000000000401b94 <+20>:
                                    MOV
                                           eax,0x0
   0x00000000000401b99 <+25>:
                                    ret
End of assembler dump.
(gdb)
```

Set breakpoints with **break** (or just **b**) followed by a location. Use an asterisk (*) for a memory expression.

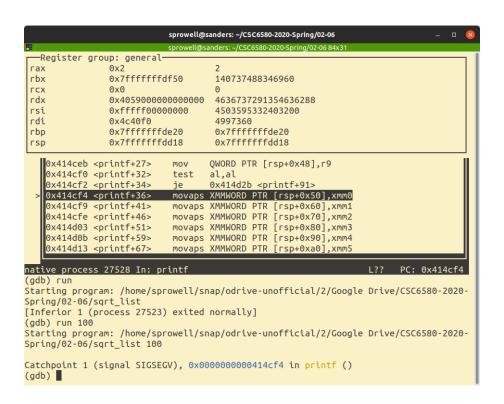
b main
b *main+20

List breakpoints with **info b**, and delete them with **d** and their number.

```
sprowell@sanders: ~/CSC6580-2020-Spring/02-06
Find the GDB manual and other documentation resources online at:
        <a href="http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/</a>
For help, type "help".
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word"...
Reading symbols from binary...
(No debugging symbols found in binary)
(gdb) b main
Breakpoint 1 at 0x401b80
(adb) b *main+20
Breakpoint 2 at 0x401b94
(gdb) info b
                Type
                                              Disp Enb Address
                                                                                                       What
Num
                breakpoint
                                              keep y 0x0000000000401b80 <main>
                breakpoint
                                              keep v 0x00000000000401b94 <main+20>
(qdb) run
Starting program: /home/sprowell/snap/odrive-unofficial/2/Google Drive/CSC6580-2020-
Spring/02-06/binary
Breakpoint 1, 0x0000000000401b80 in main ()
(gdb) cont
Continuing.
1111 1111 0000 0000 1111 0000 0100 0011 0010 0001 0000 0000 1001 1001 1010 1010
Breakpoint 2, 0x0000000000401b94 in main ()
(qdb) d 1
(gdb) info b
                                              Disp Enb Address
                Type
                                                                                                       What
                                              keep y 0x0000000000401b94 <main+20>
                breakpoint
                breakpoint already hit 1 time
(gdb)
```

Catch signals with **catch**. You can catch all the usual signal, or you can catch specific signals by name or number. Of particular interest:

catch signal SIGSEGV



Find out what's on the stack with where.

Look at that! The stack is not aligned. Use **up** to move up a stack frame (assuming that what's on the stack is a correct stack frame).

There's the problem! The push rax mis-aligns the stack.

```
sprowell@sanders: ~/CSC6580-2020-Spring/02-06
  —Register group: general
                0x2
                0x7fffffffff50
                                     140737488346960
 гЬх
 гсх
                0 \times 0
 гdх
                0x40590000000000000
                                     4636737291354636288
 rsi
                0xfffff00000000
                                     4503595332403200
 rdi
                0x4c40f0
                                     4997360
 гЬр
                0x7fffffffde20
                                     0x7fffffffde20
                0x7fffffffddf8
                                     0x7fffffffddf8
 ΓSD
   0x401c26 <loop+47>
                                    eax,0x2
    0x401c2b <loop+52>
                                    0x414cd0 <printf>
   0x401c2c <loop+53>
                             call
   0x401c31 <loop+58>
                                    rbx,0x8
   0x401c35 <loop+62>
                                    0x401bf7 <loop>
   0x401c37 <qood>
                             MOV
                                    eax.0x0
    0x401c3c <done>
                             leave
    0x401c3d <done+1>
                             ret
    0x401c3e <done+2>
                             xchq
                                   ax,ax
                                                                   L?? PC: 0x401c31
native process 27528 In: loop
   0x00000000000000000000000 in ?? ()
   0x0000000000402b80 in
   0x0000000000402c10 in
   0xffffdf5040590000 in ?? ()
#6 0x0000000200007fff in ?? ()
   0x00000000000402b80 in ?? ()
#8 0x0000000000402440 in __libc_start_main ()
-- Type <RET> for more, q to quit, c to continue without paging--
#9 0x00000000000401aea in _start ()
(gdb)
```

Use the Text User Interface (TUI) mode.

- gdbtui
- gdb -tui
- gdb and then ctrl+x ctrl+a (toggle)

Also:

- tui enable/tui disable
- tui reg



The interface can get messed up when it scrolls. You can refresh it with ctrl+l or with refresh.

A trick some folks use is to create a *user hook* for commands that will automatically call refresh.

define hook-nexti
 refresh
end

```
sprowell@sanders: ~/CSC6580-2020-Spring/02-06
   0x401b80 <main>
                                            movabs rdi,0xff00f043210099aa
   0x401b8a <main+10>
                                                   0x401b9a <write binary gword>
                                            call 0x401c1d <write_endl>
   0x401b8f <main+15>
                                                   0x401c1d <write endl>
    0x401b8f <main+15>
                                            call
   0x401b94 <main+20>
                                                   eax.0x0
   0x401b9a <write binary gword>
                                            push
                                                   гЬр
   0x401b9b <write binary gword+1>
                                                   rbp,rsp
                                            mov
   0x401b9e <write_binary_qword+4>
                                            push
                                                   rdi
   0x401b9f <write binary gword+5>
                                            MOV
                                                   ecx,0x8
   0x401ba4 <write binary gword.top>
                                                   eax.0x0
   0x401ba9 <write binary gword.top+5>
                                                   al, BYTE PTR [rbp+rcx*1-0x9]
                                            MOV
   0x401bad <write binary gword.top+9>
                                            push
   0x401bae <write binary gword.top+10>
                                            push
                                                   гах
   0x401baf <write binary gword.top+11>
                                                   rax,0xf0
                                            and
   0x401bb5 <write binary gword.top+17>
                                            shr
                                                   rax.0x2
   0x401bb9 <write binary gword.top+21>
                                                   edi.0x1
   0x401bbe <write binary gword.top+26>
                                                   rsi,[rax+0x4b80f0]
                                            lea
   0x401bc5 <write_binary_qword.top+33>
                                                   edx.0x4
native process 23233 In: main
                                                                 L?? PC: 0x401b8f
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word".
Command name abbreviations are allowed if unambiguous.
(qdb) ni
0x0000000000401b8a in main ()
(adb) ni
0x000000000401b8f in main () 0100 0011 0010 0001 0000 0000 1001 1001 1010 1010
(gdb) ni
0x00000000000401b94 in main ()
(dbb)
```

Switch to the assembly layout or to register layout.

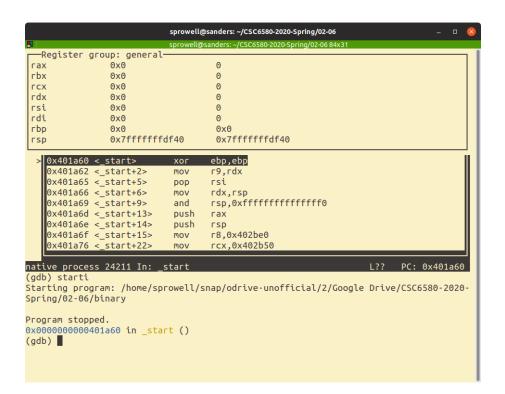
layout asm
layout regs

The display follows RIP... but you can scroll around, too, with the arrow keys. You can change the focused window with focus.

```
sprowell@sanders: ~/CSC6580-2020-Spring/02-06
 —Register group: general
 г13
                0x0
 г14
                0x4c4018
                                     4997144
 г15
                0 \times 0
 гiр
                0x401c31
                                     0x401c31 <loop+58>
 eflags
                0x10202
                                     [ IF RF ]
                0x33
                                     51
 CS
 SS
                0x2b
                0 \times 0
   0x401c1c <loop+37>
                            movabs rdi,0x4c40f0
   0x401c26 <loop+47>
                                    eax,0x2
   0x401c2b <loop+52>
                                    гах
   0x401c2c <loop+53>
                                   0x414cd0 <printf>
                                    rbx,0x8
    0x401c31 <loop+58>
   0x401c35 <loop+62>
                                    0x401bf7 <loop>
                             jmp
   0x401c37 <good>
                             MOV
                                    eax,0x0
   0x401c3c <done>
                             leave
   0x401c3d <done+1>
                             гet
                                                                   L?? PC: 0x401c31
native process 27528 In: loop
#6 0x0000000200007fff in ?? ()
#7 0x00000000000402b80 in ?? ()
#8 0x00000000000402440 in libc start main ()
-- Type <RET> for more, q to quit, c to continue without paging--
#9 0x00000000000401aea in start ()
(gdb) focus regs
Focus set to regs window.
(adb) focus asm
Focus set to asm window.
(gdb)
```

Use Intel syntax with set disassembly-flavor intel.

Put this (and other commands) in your .gdbinit.



See what's in a register with **print** (or **p**). There are many optional modifiers you can add after **print**; for instance, /x prints hexadecimal.

```
print $rsp
print /x $rsp
```

Use * to try to dereference pointers. Use parens to cast.

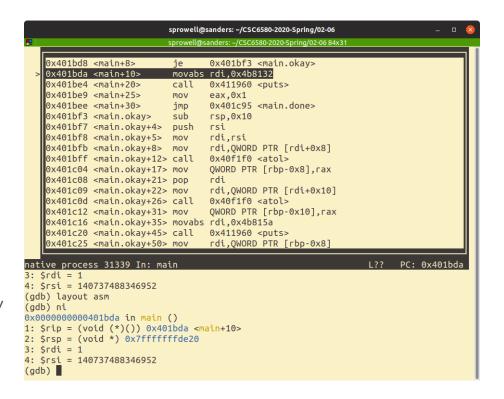
```
print *(int)$rip
```

```
sprowell@sanders: ~/CSC6580-2020-Spring/02-06
                             sprowell@sanders: ~/CSC6580-2020-Spring/02-06 84x31
  —Register group: general-
                 0x0
 гЬх
                 0×0
 гсх
                 0 \times 0
 гdх
                 0 \times 0
 rsi
                 0x0
 rdi
                 0x0
 гЬр
                 0×0
                                       0x0
 ΓSD
                 0x7ffffffffdf40
                                       0x7ffffffffdf40
                                     ebp,ebp
  > 0x401a60 <_start>
    0x401a62 <_start+2>
                                     r9,rdx
                              mov
    0x401a65 < start+5>
                                     rsi
   0x401a66 < start+6>
                                     rdx,rsp
                              MOV
    0x401a69 < start+9>
                                     rsp,0xfffffffffffff0
                              and
    0x401a6d < start+13>
                              push
                                     гах
   0x401a6e < start+14>
                              push
                                     ГSР
   0x401a6f <_start+15>
                                     r8.0x402be0
   0x401a76 < start+22>
                                     rcx,0x402b50
                                                                     L?? PC: 0x401a60
native process 24211 In: _start
(gdb) starti
Starting program: /home/sprowell/snap/odrive-unofficial/2/Google Drive/CSC6580-2020-
Spring/02-06/binary
Program stopped.
0x00000000000401a60 in start ()
(gdb)
```

Watch a value with display.

display \$rsp
display /s \$rdi
display \$rsp

Remove a display with **undisplay** and the display number (or remove them all).



Similarly, see what's in memory with x. Expect strings with /s.

```
x $rip
x /s $rdi
```

Several other options. See help x and help print for more.

```
sprowell@sanders: ~/CSC6580-2020-Spring/02-06
                            sprowell@sanders: ~/CSC6580-2020-Spring/02-06 84x31
 —Register group: general
 г13
                 0x0
 г14
                0x4c4018
                                      4997144
 г15
                0 \times 0
 гір
                0x401c31
                                     0x401c31 <loop+58>
 eflags
                0x10202
                                     [ IF RF ]
                0x33
                                      51
 CS
                                      43
 SS
                 0x2b
 ds
                0x0
   0x401c0e <loop+23>
                                    0x401c40 <sgrtf64>
   0x401c13 <loop+28>
                                    xmm1,xmm0
                                    xmm0,QWORD PTR [rbp-0x14]
   0x401c17 <loop+32>
   0x401c1c <loop+37>
                             movabs rdi,0x4c40f0
                                    eax,0x2
   0x401c26 <loop+47>
                             mov
   0x401c2b <loop+52>
                             push
                                    гах
   0x401c2c <loop+53>
                                    0x414cd0 <printf>
                             call
   0x401c31 <loop+58>
                                    rbx.0x8
   0x401c35 <loop+62>
                                    0x401bf7 <loop>
                                                                    L?? PC: 0x401c31
native process 27528 In: loop
(gdb) refresh
(adb) print $rip
$11 = (void (*)()) 0x401c31 < loop+58>
(gdb) x $rip
0x401c31 <loop+58>:
                         "H\203\303\b\353\300\270"
(qdb) x /x $rip
0x401c31 <loop+58>:
                         0x48
(qdb) x /s $rdi
                 "sqrt(%f) = %f\n"
0x4c40f0:
(gdb)
```

Modify the content of registers with set.

```
set $edi = 0x21aae436
set $rsi = $rdi + 100
```

Yes, this includes RIP and RSP.

```
sprowell@sanders: ~/CSC6580-2020-Spring/02-06
                              sprowell@sanders: ~/CSC6580-2020-Spring/02-06 84x31
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law.
Type "show copying" and "show warranty" for details.
This GDB was configured as "x86 64-linux-gnu".
Type "show configuration" for configuration details.
For bug reporting instructions, please see:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/bugs/>.
Find the GDB manual and other documentation resources online at:
    <a href="http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/</a>.
For help, type "help".
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word"...
Reading symbols from ./sgrt list...
(No debugging symbols found in ./sqrt list)
(adb) catch signal SIGSEGV
Catchpoint 1 (signal SIGSEGV)
(gdb) layout regs
(adb) disass
Dump of assembler code for function main:
   0x00000000000401be0 <+0>:
   0x00000000000401be1 <+1>:
                                            rbp,rsp
   0x00000000000401be4 <+4>:
                                           rsp,0x20
=> 0x00000000000401be8 <+8>:
                                            DWORD PTR [rbp-0x4].edi
   0x00000000000401beb <+11>:
                                            rsi,0x8
   0x00000000000401bef <+15>:
                                            QWORD PTR [rbp-0xc],rsi
   0x00000000000401bf3 <+19>:
                                           rbx, OWORD PTR [rbp-0xc]
End of assembler dump.
(gdb) set \$edi = 10
(qdb) print $edi
$1 = 10
(gdb)
```

Running the program:

- starti
- stepi
- nexti (ni)
- down / up
- b / info b / delete

Use a leading asterisk with an address.

Getting information:

- info registers / info files
- print \$rip
- print/d \$rip
- print/x \$rip
- x/16xg \$rip

o(octal), x(hex), d(decimal), u(unsigned decimal), t(binary), f(float), a(address), i(instruction), c(char), s(string) and z(hex, zero padded on the left)

b(byte), h(halfword), w(word), g(giant, 8 bytes)

You can script gdb in several ways. One of the easiest is to use the **-ex** switch to run a command.

```
gdb -batch -ex "file addsub" -ex "disass main"
gdb -batch -ex "disass/r main" addsub

(The -batch causes gdb to exit after it runs the commands.)

function main() { gdb -batch -ex "file $1" -ex "disass main" ; }
```

Anti-Disassembly

Basic Blocks

A **basic block** is a sequence of code that has a single entry, single exit, and exactly one path from beginning to end.

Basic Blocks

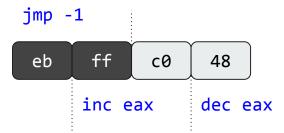
```
msg db "Hello, world!", 0x0a
    len equ $ - msg
    stdout equ 1
    sys_exit equ 60
    sys_write equ 1
section .text
global _start
start:
    mov rbp, rsp ; Helps the debugger.
    ; Print the string.
    mov rdi, stdout
    mov rsi, msg
    mov rdx, len
    mov rax, sys_write
    syscall
    ; Exit with the length as the exit value.
    mov rdi, len
    mov rax, sys_exit
    syscall
    ret
```

section .data

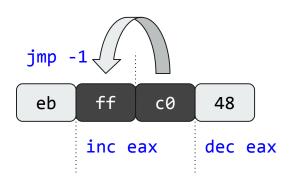
Confuse

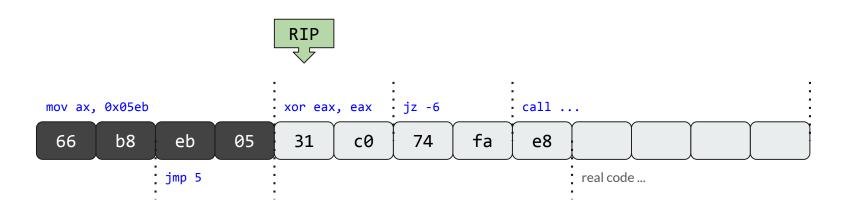
- The machine state is the truth. Everything else is (potentially) a lie. Or at least, misleading.
- Assembly (and disassembly) is treated as if it were execution... but it is more akin to compilation (or decompilation).
- Almost all disassemblers **assume** that an address should appear only once in a listing. This is not true. It isn't even true that an address always corresponds to a single instruction!

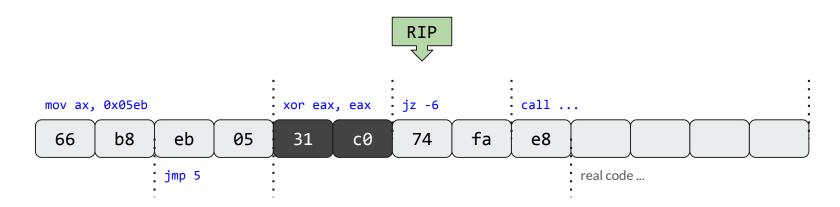
Linear disassembly

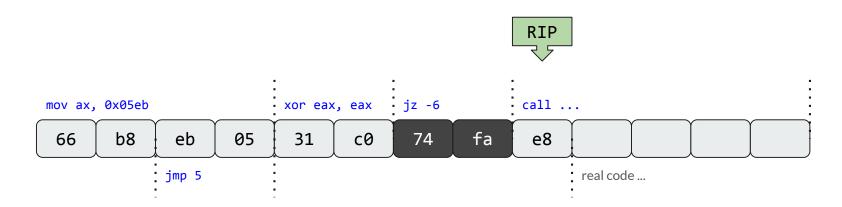


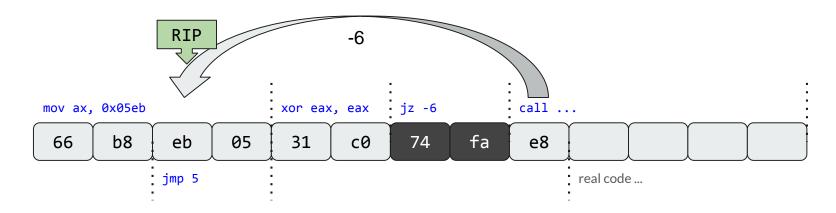
Linear disassembly

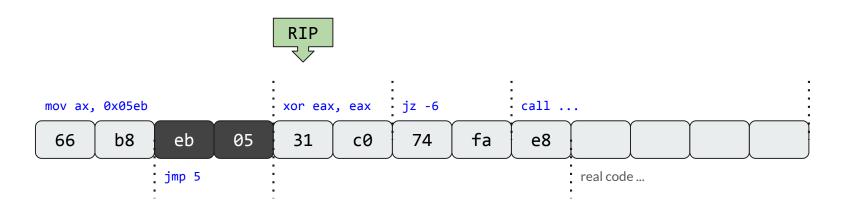


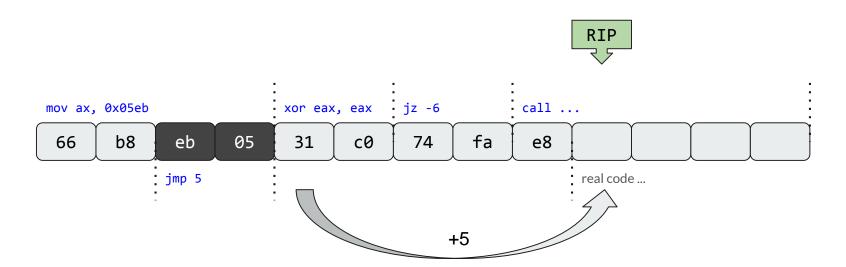


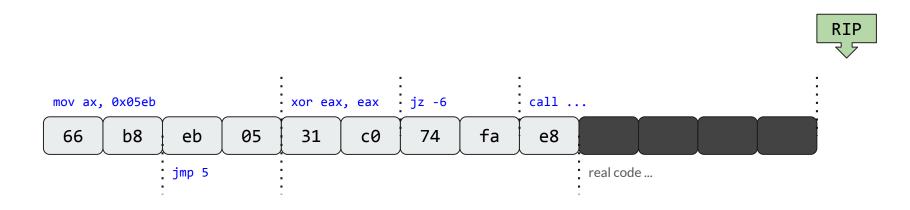


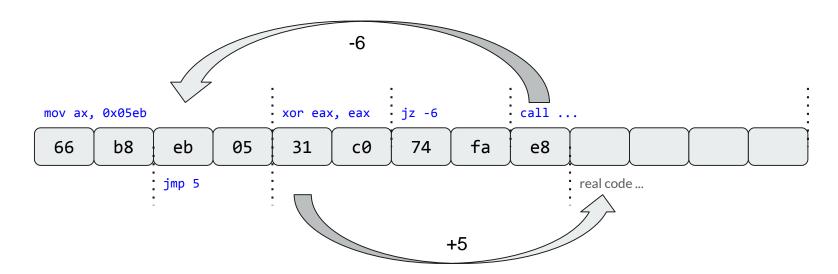












```
It's pretty easy to code
                                                           start:
                                                           _start:
                                                                     mov ax, 0x05eb
                                                                     xor eax, eax
                                                                     db 0x74, 0xfa, 0xe8
                                                                     ; hidden code begins
                                                           here
                                                                     mov rdi, 22
                                                                     mov rax, 60
                                                                     syscall
                                                                     hlt
                                               call ...
                       xor eax, eax jz -6
mov ax, 0x05eb
                   05
 66
       b8
             eb
                         31
                               c0
                                     74
                                            fa
                                                  e8
            jmp 5
                                                       real code ...
```

global _start, start

Things can get pretty nasty

- You don't actually *have* to honor the calling conventions. You can just pretend to.
- The stack is just unprotected memory. You can write to it.
- The instruction pointer is just another register. You can modify it directly.
- Push and jump! Push and return!
- ... and lots of other stuff.

Next time: Threaded disassembly