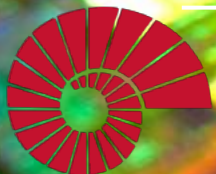


# COMP201

## Computer Systems & Programming

Lecture #19 – Data Movement

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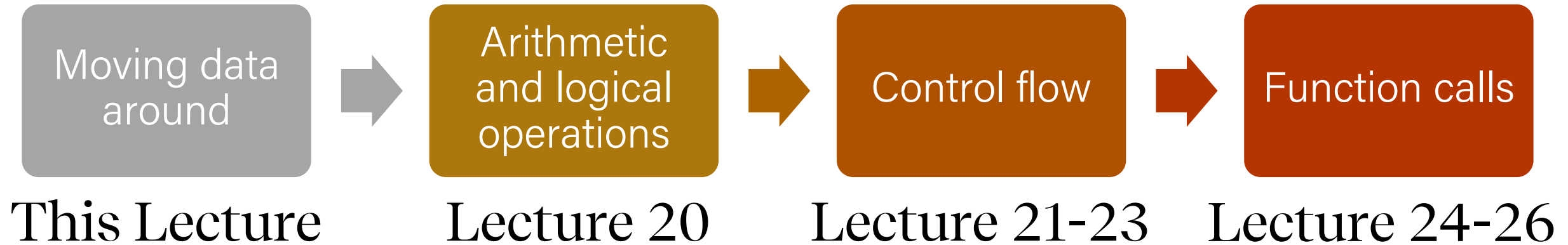
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# COMP201 Topic 6: How does a computer interpret and execute C programs?

# Learning Assembly



# Lecture Plan

- **Recap:** mov so far
- Data and Register Sizes
- The lea Instruction

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—Nick Troccoli's Stanford CS107 class

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- **Recap:** mov so far
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# mov

The **mov** instruction copies bytes from one place to another; it is similar to the assignment operator (=) in C.

**mov**                      **src, dst**

The **src** and **dst** can each be one of:

- Immediate (constant value, like a number) (*only src*)
- Register
- Memory Location  
(*at most one of **src**, **dst***)

**\$0x104**

**%rbx**

Direct address    **0x6005c0**

# Operand Forms: Immediate

**mov**      **\$0x104, \_\_\_\_\_**




*Copy the value 0x104  
into some  
destination.*

# Operand Forms: Registers

**mov**

**%rbx, \_\_\_\_\_**


*Copy the value in  
register %rbx into  
some destination.*



**mov**

**\_\_\_\_\_, %rbx**

*Copy the value from  
some source into  
register %rbx.*






# Operand Forms: Absolute Addresses


**mov**      **0x104, \_\_\_\_\_**

*Copy the value at address 0x104 into some destination.*



**mov**      **\_\_\_\_\_, 0x104**


*Copy the value from some source into the memory at address 0x104.*



# Operand Forms: Indirect

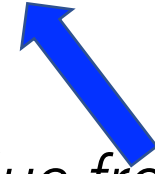
**mov**      **(%rbx), \_\_\_\_\_**

*Copy the value at the address stored in register %rbx into some destination.*



**mov**      **\_\_\_\_\_, (%rbx)**


*Copy the value from some source into the memory at the address stored in register %rbx.*



# Operand Forms: Base + Displacement

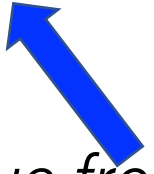
**mov**      **0x10(%rax),** \_\_\_\_\_

*Copy the value at the address (0x10 plus what is stored in register %rax) into some destination.*



**mov**      \_\_\_\_\_, **0x10(%rax)**

*Copy the value from some source into the memory at the address (0x10 plus what is stored in register %rax).*



# Operand Forms: Indexed

*Copy the value at the address which is (the sum of the values in registers %rax and %rdx) into some destination.*

**mov**

**(%rax,%rdx), \_\_\_\_\_**

**mov**

**\_\_\_\_\_, (%rax,%rdx)**


*Copy the value from some source into the memory at the address which is (the sum of the values in registers %rax and %rdx).*

# Operand Forms: Indexed

*Copy the value at the address which is (the sum of **0x10 plus** the values in registers %rax and %rdx) into some destination.*


**mov**

**0x10(%rax,%rdx), \_\_\_\_\_**



**mov**

**\_\_\_\_\_, 0x10(%rax,%rdx)**



*Copy the value from some source into the memory at the address which is (the sum of **0x10 plus** the values in registers %rax and %rdx).*

# Practice #2: Operand Forms

What are the results of the following move instructions (executed separately)? For this problem, assume

the value *0x11* is stored at address *0x10C*,  
the value *0xAB* is stored at address *0x104*,  
*0x100* is stored in register *%rax* and *0x3* is stored in *%rdx*.

- |               |                            |                                   |
|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. <b>mov</b> | <b>\$0x42, (%rax)</b>      | Move 0x42 to memory address 0x100 |
| 2. <b>mov</b> | <b>4(%rax), %rcx</b>       | Move 0xAB into %rcx               |
| 3. <b>mov</b> | <b>9(%rax, %rdx), %rcx</b> | Move 0x11 into %rcx               |

$\text{Imm}(r_b, r_i)$  is equivalent to address  $\text{Imm} + R[r_b] + R[r_i]$

**Displacement:** positive or negative constant (if missing, = 0)

**Base:** register (if missing, = 0)

**Index:** register (if missing, = 0)



# Operand Forms: Scaled Indexed

*Copy the value at the address which is (4 times the value in register %rdx) into some destination.*

**mov**

**(, %rdx, 4), \_\_\_\_\_**

The scaling factor (e.g. 4 here) must be hardcoded to be either 1, 2, 4 or 8.

**mov**

**\_\_\_\_\_, (, %rdx, 4)**


*Copy the value from some source into the memory at the address which is (4 times the value in register %rdx).*

# Operand Forms: Scaled Indexed

*Copy the value at the address which is (4 times the value in register %rdx, **plus 0x4**), into some destination.*

**mov**

**0x4(, %rdx, 4), \_\_\_\_\_**



**mov**

**\_\_\_\_\_, 0x4(, %rdx, 4)**



*Copy the value from some source into the memory at the address which is (4 times the value in register %rdx, **plus 0x4**).*

# Operand Forms: Scaled Indexed

*Copy the value at the address which is (**the value in register %rax** plus 2 times the value in register %rdx) into some destination.*

**mov**

**(%rax,%rdx,2), \_\_\_\_\_**

**mov**

**\_\_\_\_\_, (%rax,%rdx,2)**

*Copy the value from some source into the memory at the address which is (**the value in register %rax** plus 2 times the value in register %rdx).*

# Operand Forms: Scaled Indexed

*Copy the value at the address which is (**0x4 plus** the value in register %rax plus 2 times the value in register %rdx) into some destination.*

**mov**

**0x4(%rax,%rdx,2), \_\_\_\_\_**

**mov**

**\_\_\_\_\_, 0x4(%rax,%rdx,2)**

*Copy the value from some source into the memory at the address which is (**0x4 plus** the value in register %rax plus 2 times the value in register %rdx).*

# Most General Operand Form

**$\text{Imm}(r_b, r_i, s)$**

*is equivalent to...*

**$\text{Imm} + R[r_b] + R[r_i] * s$**

# Most General Operand Form

**Imm**( $r_b$ ,  $r_i$ ,  $s$ ) is equivalent to  
address **Imm** +  $R[r_b]$  +  $R[r_i]*s$

**Displacement:**  
pos/neg constant  
(if missing, = 0)

**Base:** register (if  
missing, = 0)

**Index:** register  
(if missing, = 0)

**Scale** must be  
1,2,4, or 8  
(if missing, = 1)



# Operand Forms

Type	Form	Operand Value	Name
Immediate	\$Imm	Imm	Immediate
Register	$r_a$	$R[r_a]$	Register
Memory	Imm	$M[Imm]$	Absolute
Memory	$(r_a)$	$M[R[r_a]]$	Indirect
Memory	$Imm(r_b)$	$M[Imm + R[r_b]]$	Base + displacement
Memory	$(r_b, r_i)$	$M[R[r_b] + R[r_i]]$	Indexed
Memory	$Imm(r_b, r_i)$	$M[Imm + R[r_b] + R[r_i]]$	Indexed
Memory	$(, r_i, s)$	$M[R[r_i] \cdot s]$	Scaled indexed
Memory	$Imm(, r_i, s)$	$M[Imm + R[r_i] \cdot s]$	Scaled indexed
Memory	$(r_b, r_i, s)$	$M[R[r_b] + R[r_i] \cdot s]$	Scaled indexed
Memory	$Imm(r_b, r_i, s)$	$M[Imm + R[r_b] + R[r_i] \cdot s]$	Scaled indexed

**Figure 3.3 from the book: “Operand forms.** Operands can denote immediate (constant) values, register values, or values from memory. The scaling factor  $s$  must be either 1, 2, 4, or 8.”

# Practice #3: Operand Forms

What are the results of the following move instructions (executed separately)? For this problem, assume

the value `0x1` is stored in register `%rcx`,  
the value `0x100` is stored in register `%rax`,  
the value `0x3` is stored in register `%rdx`, and  
the value `0x11` is stored at address `0x10C`.

1. `mov $0x42,0xfc(,%rcx,4)`

Move 0x42 to memory address 0x100

2. `mov (%rax,%rdx,4),%rbx`

Move 0x11 into `%rbx`

$\text{Imm}(r_b, r_i, s)$  is equivalent to  
address  $\text{Imm} + R[r_b] + R[r_i] * s$   
Displacement Base Index Scale  
(1,2,4,8)

# Goals of indirect addressing: C

Why are there so many forms of indirect addressing?

We see these indirect addressing paradigms in C as well!

# Extra Practice

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Event code:  
73165

Fill in the blank to complete the code that generated the assembly below.

```
long arr[5];
```

```
...
```

```
long num = ____? ?? ____;
```

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```
// %rdi stores arr, %rcx stores 3, and %rax stores num
```

```
mov (%rdi, %rcx, 8), %rax
```

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# Extra Practice



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Fill in the blank to complete the code that generated the assembly below.

```
int x = ...  
int *ptr = malloc(...);  
____? ?? ____ = x;
```

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```
// %ecx stores x, %rax stores ptr  
mov %ecx, (%rax)
```

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Event code:  
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Fill in the blank to complete the code that generated the assembly below.

```
char str[5];
```

```
...
```

```
____? ?? ____ = 'c';
```

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```
// %rcx stores str, %rdx stores 2
```

```
mov $0x63, (%rcx, %rdx, 1)
```

# Extra Practice



Event code:  
73165

Fill in the blank to complete the code that generated the assembly below.

```
char str[5];  
...  
str[2] = 'c';
```

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```
// %rcx stores str, %rdx stores 2  
mov $0x63, (%rcx,%rdx,1)
```

# Memory Location Syntax

Syntax	Meaning
<code>0x104</code>	Address <code>0x104</code> (no <code>\$</code> )
<code>(%rax)</code>	What's in <code>%rax</code>
<code>4(%rax)</code>	What's in <code>%rax</code> , plus 4
<code>(%rax, %rdx)</code>	Sum of what's in <code>%rax</code> and <code>%rdx</code>
<code>4(%rax, %rdx)</code>	Sum of values in <code>%rax</code> and <code>%rdx</code> , plus 4
<code>(, %rcx, 4)</code>	What's in <code>%rcx</code> , times 4 (multiplier can be 1, 2, 4, 8)
<code>(%rax, %rcx, 2)</code>	What's in <code>%rax</code> , plus 2 times what's in <code>%rcx</code>
<code>8(%rax, %rcx, 2)</code>	What's in <code>%rax</code> , plus 2 times what's in <code>%rcx</code> , plus 8

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- Practice: Reverse Engineering

# Data Sizes

Data sizes in assembly have slightly different terminology to get used to:

- A **byte** is 1 byte.
- A **word** is 2 bytes.
- A **double word** is 4 bytes.
- A **quad word** is 8 bytes.

Assembly instructions can have suffixes to refer to these sizes:

- b means **byte**
- w means **word**
- l means **double word**
- q means **quad word**

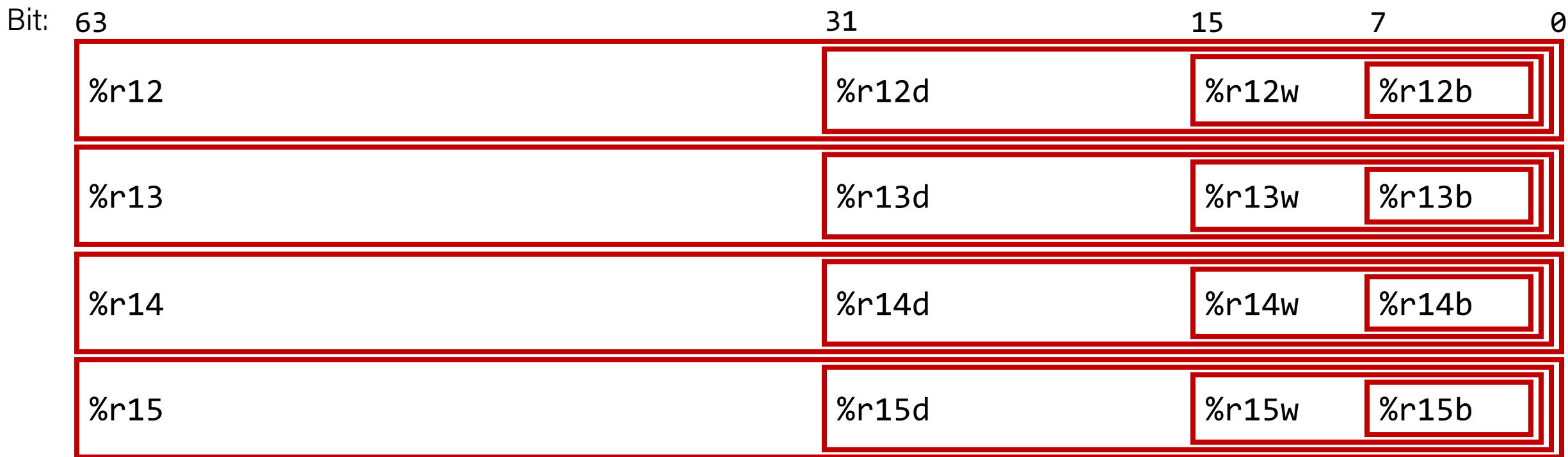
# Register Sizes

Bit:	63	31	15	7	0
%rax					
%rbx					
%rcx					
%rdx					
%rsi					
%rdi					

# Register Sizes

Bit:	63	31	15	7	0
%rbp					
%rsp					
%r8					
%r9					
%r10					
%r11					

# Register Sizes



# Register Responsibilities

Some registers take on special responsibilities during program execution.

- **%rax** stores the return value
- **%rdi** stores the first parameter to a function
- **%rsi** stores the second parameter to a function
- **%rdx** stores the third parameter to a function
- **%rip** stores the address of the next instruction to execute
- **%rsp** stores the address of the current top of the stack

**Reference Sheet:** [cs107.stanford.edu/resources/x86-64-reference.pdf](https://cs107.stanford.edu/resources/x86-64-reference.pdf)  
See more guides on Resources page of course website!

# mov Variants

- **mov** can take an optional suffix (b,w,l,q) that specifies the size of data to move: `movb`, `movw`, `movl`, `movq`
- **mov** only updates the specific register bytes or memory locations indicated.
  - **Exception: movl** writing to a register will also set high order 4 bytes to 0.

# Practice: mov And Data Sizes

For each of the following mov instructions, determine the appropriate suffix based on the operands (e.g. movb, movw, movl or movq).

1. mov\_\_ %eax, (%rsp)
2. mov\_\_ (%rax), %dx
3. mov\_\_ \$0xff, %bl
4. mov\_\_ (%rsp,%rdx,4),%dl
5. mov\_\_ (%rdx), %rax
6. mov\_\_ %dx, (%rax)



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1. `movl %eax, (%rsp)`
2. `movw (%rax), %dx`
3. `movb $0xff, %bl`
4. `movb (%rsp,%rdx,4),%dl`
5. `movq (%rdx), %rax`
6. `movw %dx, (%rax)`

# mov

- The **movabsq** instruction is used to write a 64-bit Immediate (constant) value.
- The regular **movq** instruction can only take 32-bit immediates.
- 64-bit immediate as source, only register as destination.

```
movabsq $0x0011223344556677, %rax
```

# movz and movs

- There are two `mov` instructions that can be used to copy a smaller source to a larger destination: **`movz`** and **`movs`**.
- **`movz`** fills the remaining bytes with zeros
- **`movs`** fills the remaining bytes by sign-extending the most significant bit in the source.
- The source must be from memory or a register, and the destination is a register.

# movz and movs

MOVZ S, R

$R \leftarrow \text{ZeroExtend}(S)$

Instruction	Description
movzbw	Move zero-extended byte to word
movzbl	Move zero-extended byte to double word
movzwl	Move zero-extended word to double word
movzbq	Move zero-extended byte to quad word
movzwq	Move zero-extended word to quad word

# movz and movs

MOVS S, R

$R \leftarrow \text{SignExtend}(S)$

Instruction	Description
movsbw	Move sign-extended byte to word
movsbl	Move sign-extended byte to double word
movswl	Move sign-extended word to double word
movsbq	Move sign-extended byte to quad word
movswq	Move sign-extended word to quad word
movslq	Move sign-extended double word to quad word
cltq	Sign-extend %eax to %rax $\%rax \leftarrow \text{SignExtend}(\%eax)$

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# lea

The `lea` instruction copies an “effective address” from one place to another.

**lea**                      **src, dst**

Unlike **mov**, which copies data at the address `src` to the destination, **lea** copies the value of `src` *itself* to the destination.

The syntax for the destinations is the same as **mov**. The difference is how it handles the `src`.

# lea vs. mov

Operands	mov Interpretation	lea Interpretation
<b>6(%rax), %rdx</b>	Go to the address (6 + what's in %rax), and copy data there into %rdx	Copy 6 + what's in %rax into %rdx.



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<b>(%rax, %rcx), %rdx</b>	Go to the address (what's in %rax + what's in %rcx) and copy data there into %rdx	Copy (what's in %rax + what's in %rcx) into %rdx.
<b>(%rax, %rcx, 4), %rdx</b>	Go to the address (%rax + 4 * %rcx) and copy data there into %rdx.	Copy (%rax + 4 * %rcx) into %rdx.

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<b>(%rax, %rcx), %rdx</b>	Go to the address (what's in %rax + what's in %rcx) and copy data there into %rdx	Copy (what's in %rax + what's in %rcx) into %rdx.
<b>(%rax, %rcx, 4), %rdx</b>	Go to the address (%rax + 4 * %rcx) and copy data there into %rdx.	Copy (%rax + 4 * %rcx) into %rdx.
<b>7(%rax, %rax, 8), %rdx</b>	Go to the address (7 + %rax + 8 * %rax) and copy data there into %rdx.	Copy (7 + %rax + 8 * %rax) into %rdx.

Unlike **mov**, which copies data at the address src to the destination, **lea** copies the value of src itself to the destination.

# Recap

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**Next Time:** Logical and Arithmetic Operations