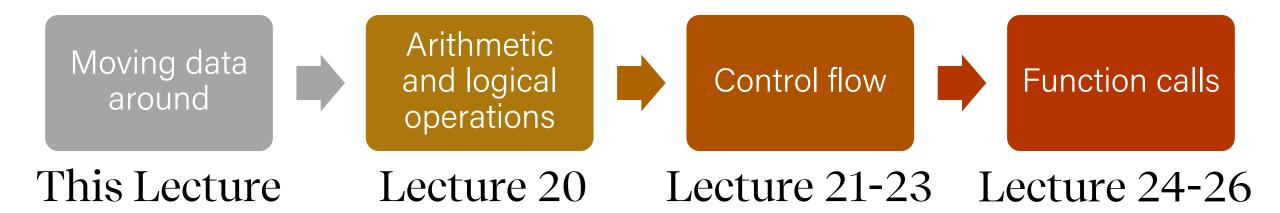


COMP201 Topic 6: How does a computer interpret and execute C programs?

Learning Assembly



Lecture Plan

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

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MOV

The **mov** instruction <u>copies</u> 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)

\$0x104

Register

%rbx

 Memory Location (at most one of **src, dst**)

Direct address 0x6005c0

Operand Forms: Immediate

mov

\$0x104,____

Copy the value 0x104 into some destination.

Operand Forms: Registers

Copy the value in register %rbx into some destination.

Toy

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mov ____,%rbx

Copy the value from some source into register %rbx.

Operand Forms: Absolute Addresses

Copy the value at address 0x104 into some destination.

MOV

0x104

MOV

,0x104

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

Operand Forms: Indirect

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

MOV

(%rbx),____

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 (<u>0x10 plus</u> what is stored in register %rax) into some destination.

MOV

,0x10(%rax)

Copy the value from some source into the memory at the address (<u>0x10 plus</u> 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 <u>**0x10 plus</u>** the values in registers %rax and %rdx) into some destination.</u>

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 **Ox10 plus** the values in registers %rax and %rdx).

Practice #1: 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. mov $0x42,(%rax)
```

Move 0x42 to memory address 0x100

```
2. mov 4(%rax),%rcx
```

Move 0xAB into %rcx

```
3. mov 9(%rax, %rdx), %rcx
```

Move 0x11 into %rcx

```
Imm(r_b, r_i) is equivalent to address 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)

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

MOV

(, %rdx, 4),

MOV



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

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

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

mov

mov

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

Copy the value at the address which is (<u>the value</u> <u>in register %rax</u> 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).

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

mov

mov

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

Most General Operand Form

$$Imm(r_b, r_i, s)$$

is equivalent to...

$$Imm + R[r_b] + R[r_i]*s$$

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

Base: register (if missing, = 0)

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

Memory Location Syntax

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

Operand Forms

Туре	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 #2: 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

Imm(r_b, r_i, s) is equivalent to
address Imm + R[r_b] + R[r_i]*s
Displacement Base Index Scale
(1.2.4.8)

Move 0x11 into %rbx

Goals of indirect addressing: C

Why are there so many forms of indirect addressing?

We see these indirect addressing paradigms in C as well!



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

```
long arr[5];
...
long num = _____;
```

// %rdi stores arr, %rcx stores 3, and %rax stores num
mov (%rdi, %rcx, 8),%rax



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

```
long arr[5];
...
long num = arr[3];
```

// %rdi stores arr, %rcx stores 3, and %rax stores num
mov (%rdi, %rcx, 8),%rax



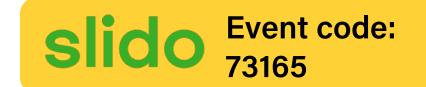
```
int x = ...
int *ptr = malloc(...);
____???__ = x;
```

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



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

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



```
char str[5];
...
___???__= 'c';
```

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



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

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

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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
- 1 means double word
- q means quad word

Register Sizes

Bit:	63	31	15	7 0
	%rax	%eax	%ax	%al
	%rbx	%ebx	%bx	%b1
	%rcx	%ecx	%сх	%c1
	%rdx	%edx	%dx	%d1
	%rsi	%esi	%si	%sil
	%rdi	%edi	%di	%dil

Register Sizes

Bit:	63	31	15	7 0
	%rbp	%ebp	%bp	%bpl
	%rsp	%esp	%sp	%spl
	%r8	%r8d	%r8w	%r8b
	%r9	%r9d	%r9w	%r9b
	%r10	%r10d	%r10w	%r10b
	%r11	%r11d	%r11w	%r11b

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

See **Stanford CS107 x86-64 Reference Sheet** on Resources page of the course website! https://aykuterdem.github.io/classes/comp201/index.html#div_resources

mov Variants

- mov can take an optional suffix (b,w,1,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: mov1 writing to a register will also set high order 4 bytes to 0.

Practice #3: 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) movl %eax, (%rsp)

2. mov__ (%rax), %dx movw (%rax), %dx

3. mov__ $0xff, %bl movb $0xff, %bl

4. mov__ (%rsp,%rdx,4),%dl movb (%rsp,%rdx,4),%dl

5. mov__ (%rdx), %rax movq (%rdx), %rax

6. mov__ %dx, (%rax) 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 ← 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

 $R \leftarrow SignExtend(S)$

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 <- SignExtend(%eax)

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lea

The **lea** instruction <u>copies</u> an "effective address" from one place to another.

lea src,dst

Unlike **mov**, which copies data <u>at</u> 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.

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

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

Operands	mov Interpretation	lea Interpretation
6(%rax), %rdx	Go to the address (6 + what's in %rax), and copy data there into %rdx	Copy 6 + what's in %rax into %rdx.
(%rax, %rcx), %rdx	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.
(%rax, %rcx, 4), %rdx	Go to the address (%rax + 4 * %rcx) and copy data there into %rdx.	Copy (%rax + 4 * %rcx) into %rdx.

Operands	mov Interpretation	lea Interpretation
6(%rax), %rdx	Go to the address (6 + what's in %rax), and copy data there into %rdx	Copy 6 + what's in %rax into %rdx.
(%rax, %rcx), %rdx	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.
(%rax, %rcx, 4), %rdx	Go to the address (%rax + 4 * %rcx) and copy data there into %rdx.	Copy (%rax + 4 * %rcx) into %rdx.
7(%rax, %rax, 8), %rdx	Go to the address (7 + %rax + 8 * %rax) and copy data there into %rdx.	Copy (7 + %rax + 8 * %rax) into %rdx.

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Recap

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Next Time: Logical and Arithmetic Operations