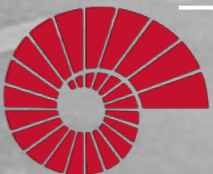


COMP201

Computer Systems & Programming

Lecture #21 – Assembly Execution and %rip



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Good news, everyone!

- Mid-semester course evaluations are due 23:59, November 23.
- We will finish early today so that you can use the last 10 mins to complete the evaluation form.



Recap

- The `leaq` Instruction
- Logical and Arithmetic Operations
- Practice: Reverse Engineering

Recap: Unary Instructions

The following instructions operate on a single operand (register or memory):

Instruction	Effect	Description
<code>inc D</code>	$D \leftarrow D + 1$	Increment
<code>dec D</code>	$D \leftarrow D - 1$	Decrement
<code>neg D</code>	$D \leftarrow -D$	Negate
<code>not D</code>	$D \leftarrow \sim D$	Complement

Examples: `incq 16(%rax)`

`dec %rdx`

`not %rcx`

Recap: Binary Instructions

The following instructions operate on two operands (both can be register or memory, source can also be immediate). Both cannot be memory locations. Read it as, e.g. "Subtract S from D":

Instruction	Effect	Description
add S, D	$D \leftarrow D + S$	Add
sub S, D	$D \leftarrow D - S$	Subtract
imul S, D	$D \leftarrow D * S$	Multiply
xor S, D	$D \leftarrow D \wedge S$	Exclusive-or
or S, D	$D \leftarrow D \mid S$	Or
and S, D	$D \leftarrow D \& S$	And

Examples:

```
addq %rcx, (%rax)
xorq $16, (%rax, %rdx, 8)
subq %rdx, 8(%rax)
```

Recap: Large Multiplication

- Multiplying 64-bit numbers can produce a 128-bit result. How does x86-64 support this with only 64-bit registers?
- If you specify two operands to **imul**, it multiplies them together and truncates until it fits in a 64-bit register.

imul S, D $D \leftarrow D * S$

- If you specify one operand, it multiplies that by **%rax**, and splits the product across **2** registers. It puts the high-order 64 bits in **%rdx** and the low-order 64 bits in **%rax**.

Instruction	Effect	Description
imulq S	$R[\%rdx]:R[\%rax] \leftarrow S \times R[\%rax]$	Signed full multiply
mulq S	$R[\%rdx]:R[\%rax] \leftarrow S \times R[\%rax]$	Unsigned full multiply

Recap: Division and Remainder

Instruction	Effect	Description
<code>idivq S</code>	$R[\%rdx] \leftarrow R[\%rdx]:R[\%rax] \bmod S;$ $R[\%rax] \leftarrow R[\%rdx]:R[\%rax] \div S$	Signed divide
<code>divq S</code>	$R[\%rdx] \leftarrow R[\%rdx]:R[\%rax] \bmod S;$ $R[\%rax] \leftarrow R[\%rdx]:R[\%rax] \div S$	Unsigned divide
<code>cqto</code>	$R[\%rdx]:R[\%rax] \leftarrow \text{SignExtend}(R[\%rax])$	Convert to oct word

- Terminology: **dividend / divisor = quotient + remainder**
- The high-order 64 bits of the dividend are in **%rdx**, and the low-order 64 bits are in **%rax**. The divisor is the operand to the instruction.
- Most division uses only 64-bit dividends. The **cqto** instruction sign-extends the 64-bit value in **%rax** into **%rdx** to fill both registers with the dividend, as the division instruction expects.

Recap: Shift Instructions

The following instructions have two operands: the shift amount **k** and the destination to shift, **D**. **k** can be either an immediate value, or the byte register **%c1** (and only that register!)

Instruction	Effect	Description
sal k, D	$D \leftarrow D \ll k$	Left shift
shl k, D	$D \leftarrow D \ll k$	Left shift (same as sal)
sar k, D	$D \leftarrow D \gg_A k$	Arithmetic right shift
shr k, D	$D \leftarrow D \gg_L k$	Logical right shift

Examples: `shll $3, (%rax)`
`shr1 %c1, (%rax, %rdx, 8)`
`sar1 $4, 8(%rax)`

Lecture Plan

- Practice: Reverse Engineering
- Assembly Execution and `%rip`

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Recap: Assembly Exercise 1

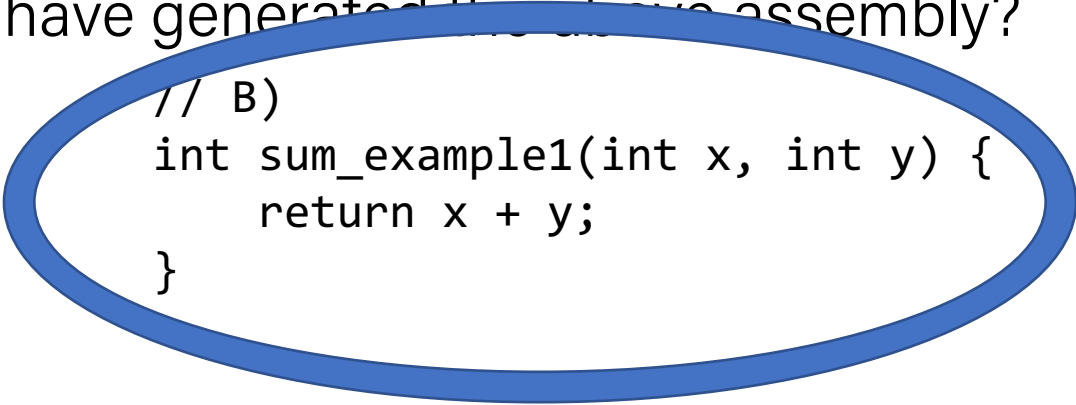
00000000004005ac <sum_example1>:

4005bd:	8b 45 e8	mov %esi,%eax
4005c3:	01 d0	add %edi,%eax
4005cc:	c3	retq

Which of the following is most likely to have generated the above assembly?

```
// A)
void sum_example1() {
    int x;
    int y;
    int sum = x + y;
}
```

```
// C)
void sum_example1(int x, int y) {
    int sum = x + y;
}
```



```
// B)
int sum_example1(int x, int y) {
    return x + y;
}
```

Assembly Exercise 2



Event code:
73165

0000000000400578 <sum_example2>:

400578:	8b 47 0c	mov 0xc(%rdi),%eax
40057b:	03 07	add (%rdi),%eax
40057d:	2b 47 18	sub 0x18(%rdi),%eax
400580:	c3	retq

```
int sum_example2(int arr[]) {  
    int sum = 0;  
    sum += arr[0];  
    sum += arr[3];  
    sum -= arr[6];  
    return sum;  
}
```

What location or value in the assembly above represents the C code's **sum** variable?

%eax

Assembly Exercise 3



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    return sum;  
}
```

What location or value in the assembly code above represents the C code's **6** (as in **arr[6]**)?

0x18

Our First Assembly

```
int sum_array(int arr[], int nelems) {  
    int sum = 0;  
    for (int i = 0; i < nelems; i++) {  
        sum += arr[i];  
    }  
    return sum;  
}
```

We're 1/2 of the way to understanding assembly!
What looks understandable right now?

00000000004005b6 <sum_array>:

```
4005b6:  ba 00 00 00 00  
4005bb:  b8 00 00 00 00  
4005c0:  eb 09  
4005c2:  48 63 ca  
4005c5:  03 04 8f  
4005c8:  83 c2 01  
4005cb:  39 f2  
4005cd:  7c f3  
4005cf:  f3 c3
```

```
mov    $0x0,%edx  
mov    $0x0,%eax  
jmp     4005cb <sum_array+0x15>  
movslq %edx,%rcx  
add     (%rdi,%rcx,4),%eax  
add     $0x1,%edx  
cmp     %esi,%edx  
jl      4005c2 <sum_array+0xc>  
repz   retq
```



A Note About Operand Forms

- Many instructions share the same address operand forms that **mov** uses.
 - Eg. `7(%rax, %rcx, 2)`.
- These forms work the same way for other instructions, e.g. **sub**:
 - `sub 8(%rax,%rdx),%rcx` -> Go to $8 + \%rax + \%rdx$, subtract what's there from `%rcx`
- The exception is **lea**:
 - It interprets this form as just the calculation, *not the dereferencing*
 - `lea 8(%rax,%rdx),%rcx` -> Calculate $8 + \%rax + \%rdx$, put it in `%rcx`

Extra Practice

<https://godbolt.org/z/QQj77g>

Reverse Engineering 1

```
int add_to(int x, int arr[], int i) {  
    int sum = ____?____;  
    sum += arr[____?____];  
    return ____?____;  
}
```

```
add_to:  
    movslq %edx, %rdx  
    movl %edi, %eax  
    addl (%rsi,%rdx,4), %eax  
    ret
```

Reverse Engineering 1

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    return ____?____;  
}
```

```
// x in %edi, arr in %rsi, i in %edx
```

```
add_to:
```

```
    movslq %edx, %rdx
```

```
// sign-extend i into full register
```

```
    movl %edi, %eax
```

```
// copy x into %eax
```

```
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```

```
// add arr[i] to %eax
```

```
    ret
```

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```

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    addl (%rsi,%rdx,4), %eax
```

```
// add arr[i] to %eax
```

```
    ret
```

Reverse Engineering 2

```
int elem_arithmetic(int nums[], int y) {  
    int z = nums[___?___] * ___?___;  
    z -= ___?___;  
    z >>= ___?___;  
    return ___?___;  
}
```

```
elem_arithmetic:  
    movl %esi, %eax  
    imull (%rdi), %eax  
    subl 4(%rdi), %eax  
    sarl $2, %eax  
    addl $2, %eax  
    ret
```

Reverse Engineering 2

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    z >>= ___?___;  
    return ___?___;  
}
```

```
// nums in %rdi, y in %esi
```

```
elem_arithmetic:
```

```
    movl %esi, %eax
```

```
    imull (%rdi), %eax
```

```
    subl 4(%rdi), %eax
```

```
    sarl $2, %eax
```

```
    addl $2, %eax
```

```
    ret
```

```
// copy y into %eax
```

```
// multiply %eax by nums[0]
```

```
// subtract nums[1] from %eax
```

```
// shift %eax right by 2
```

```
// add 2 to %eax
```

Reverse Engineering 2

```
int elem_arithmetic(int nums[], int y) {  
    int z = nums[0] * y;  
    z -= nums[1];  
    z >>= 2;  
    return z + 2;  
}
```

```
// nums in %rdi, y in %esi
```

```
elem_arithmetic:
```

```
    movl %esi, %eax
```

```
    imull (%rdi), %eax
```

```
    subl 4(%rdi), %eax
```

```
    sarl $2, %eax
```

```
    addl $2, %eax
```

```
    ret
```

```
// copy y into %eax
```

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// multiply %eax by nums[0]
```

```
// subtract nums[1] from %eax
```

```
// shift %eax right by 2
```

```
// add 2 to %eax
```


Reverse Engineering 3

```
long func(long x, long *ptr) {  
    *ptr = ____?____ + 1;  
    long result = x % ____?____;  
    return ____?____;  
}
```

```
func:  
    leaq 1(%rdi), %rcx  
    movq %rcx, (%rsi)  
    movq %rdi, %rax  
    cqto  
    idivq %rcx  
    movq %rdx, %rax  
    ret
```

Reverse Engineering 3

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long func(long x, long *ptr) {  
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}
```

```
// x in %rdi, ptr in %rsi
```

```
func:
```

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    leaq 1(%rdi), %rcx
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```
    movq %rcx, (%rsi)
```

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    movq %rdi, %rax
```

```
    cqto
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    idivq %rcx
```

```
    movq %rdx, %rax
```

```
    ret
```

```
// put x + 1 into %rcx
```

```
// copy %rcx into *ptr
```

```
// copy x into %rax
```

```
// sign-extend x into %rdx
```

```
// calculate x / (x + 1)
```

```
// copy the remainder into %rax
```

Reverse Engineering 3

```
long func(long x, long *ptr) {  
    *ptr = x + 1;  
    long result = x % *ptr; // or x + 1  
    return result;  
}
```

```
// x in %rdi, ptr in %rsi
```

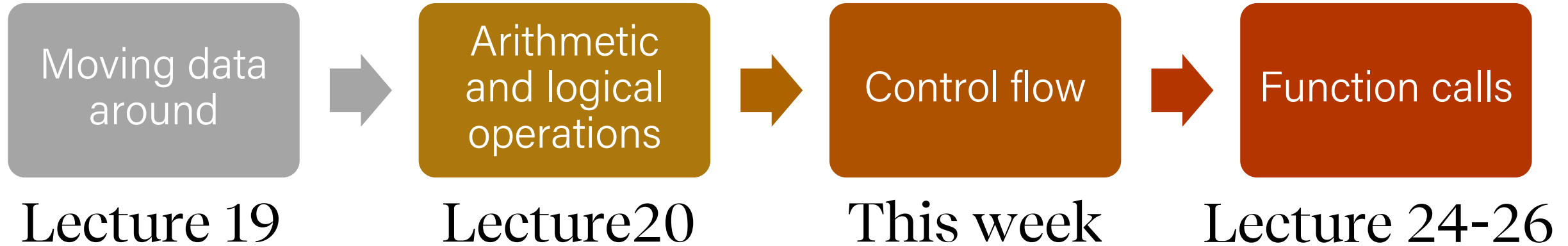
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movq %rcx, (%rsi)	// copy %rcx into *ptr
movq %rdi, %rax	// copy x into %rax
cqto	// sign-extend x into %rdx
idivq %rcx	// calculate x / (x + 1)
movq %rdx, %rax	// copy the remainder into %rax
ret	

Lecture Plan

- More practice: Reverse Engineering
- Assembly Execution and `%rip`

Learning Assembly



Learning Goals

- Learn about how assembly stores comparison and operation results in condition codes
- Understand how assembly implements loops and control flow

Executing Instructions

What does it mean for a program
to execute?

Executing Instructions

So far:

- Program values can be stored in memory or registers.
- Assembly instructions read/write values back and forth between registers (on the CPU) and memory.
- Assembly instructions are also stored in memory.

Today:

- **Who controls the instructions?**
How do we know what to do now or next?

Answer:

- The **program counter** (PC), %rip.

4004fd	fa
4004fc	eb
4004fb	01
4004fa	fc
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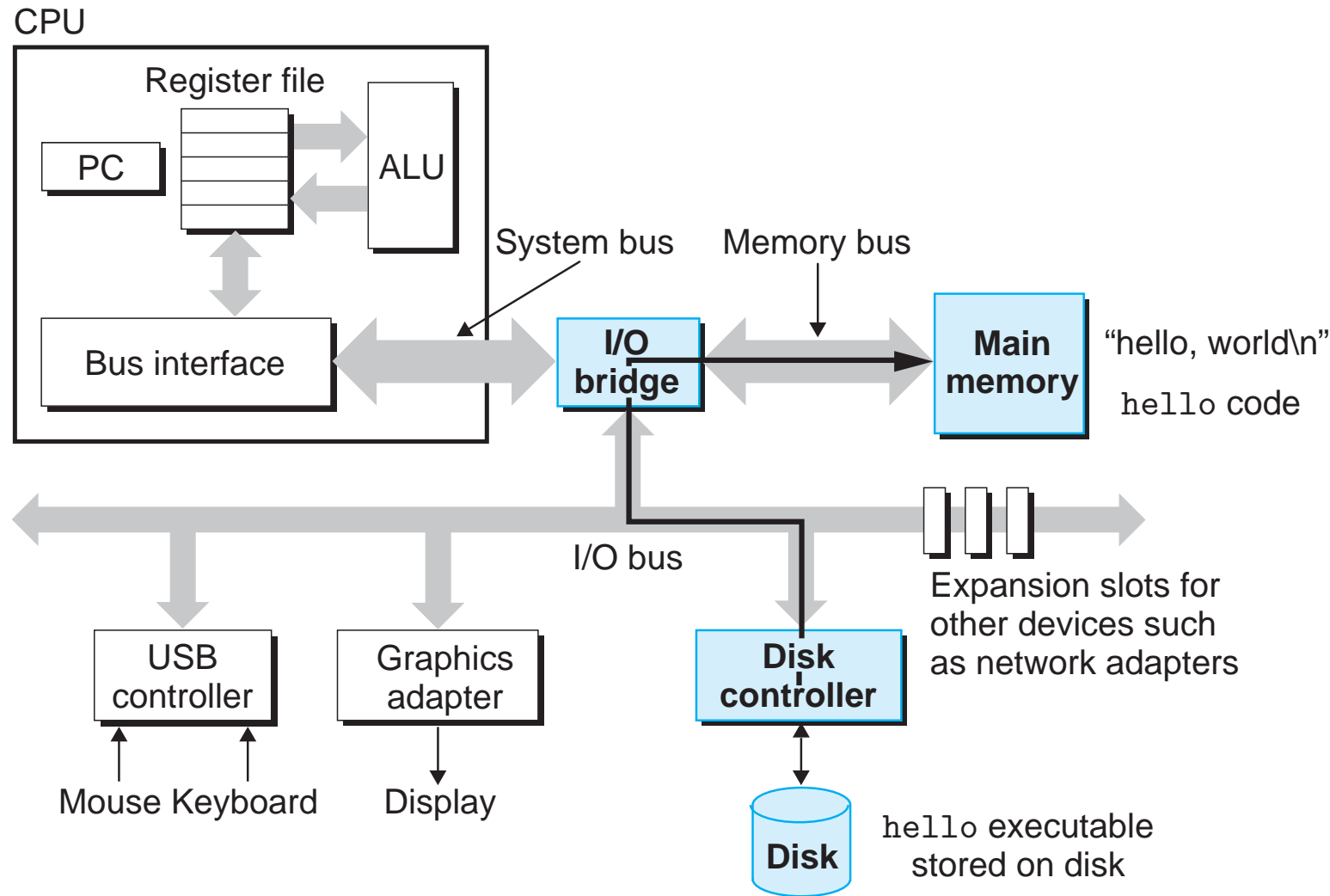
Register Responsibilities

Some registers take on special responsibilities during program execution.

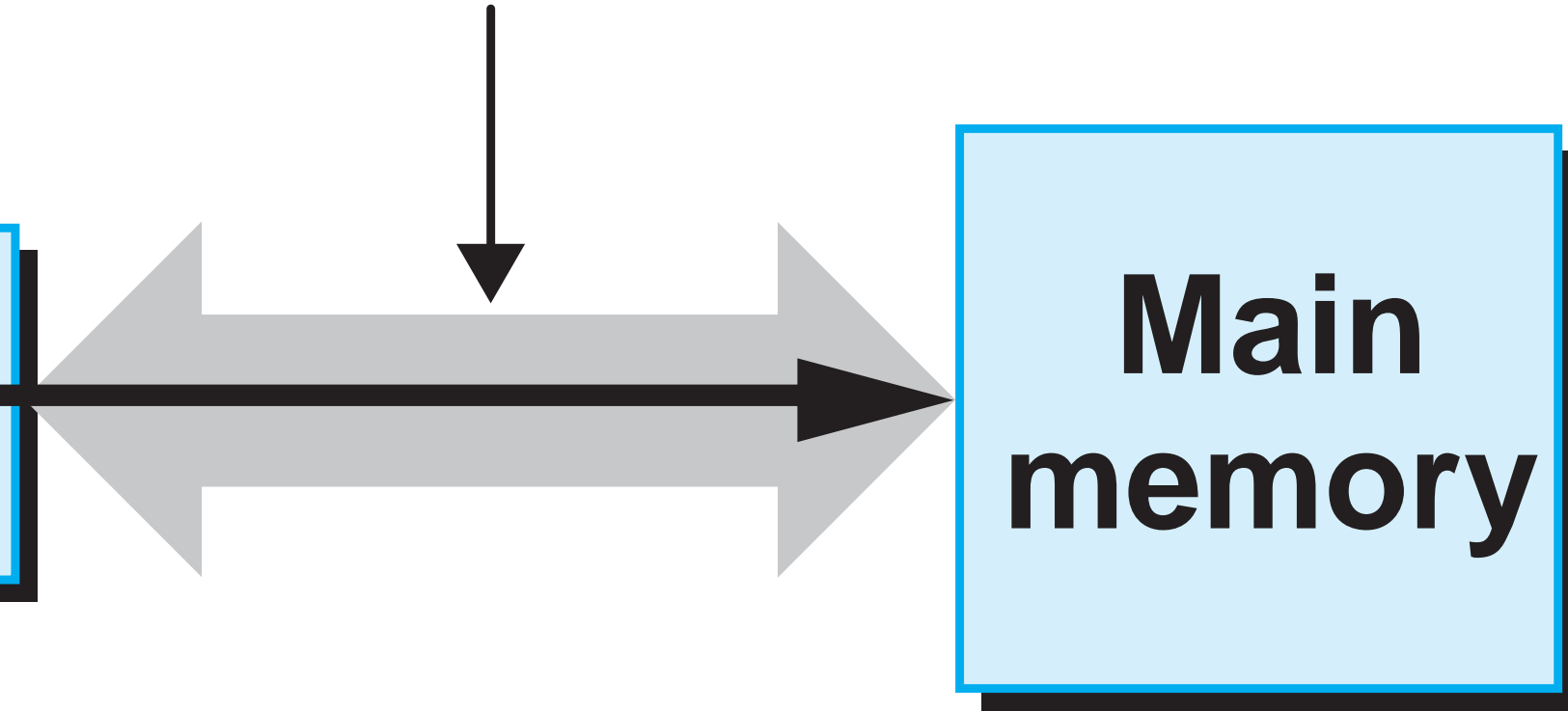
- `%rax` stores the return value
- `%rdi` stores the first parameter to a function
- `%rsi` stores the second parameter to a function
- `%rdx` stores the third parameter to a function
- **`%rip`** stores the address of the next instruction to execute
- `%rsp` stores the address of the current top of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

See the x86-64 Guide and Reference Sheet on the Resources webpage for more!

Instructions Are Just Bytes!



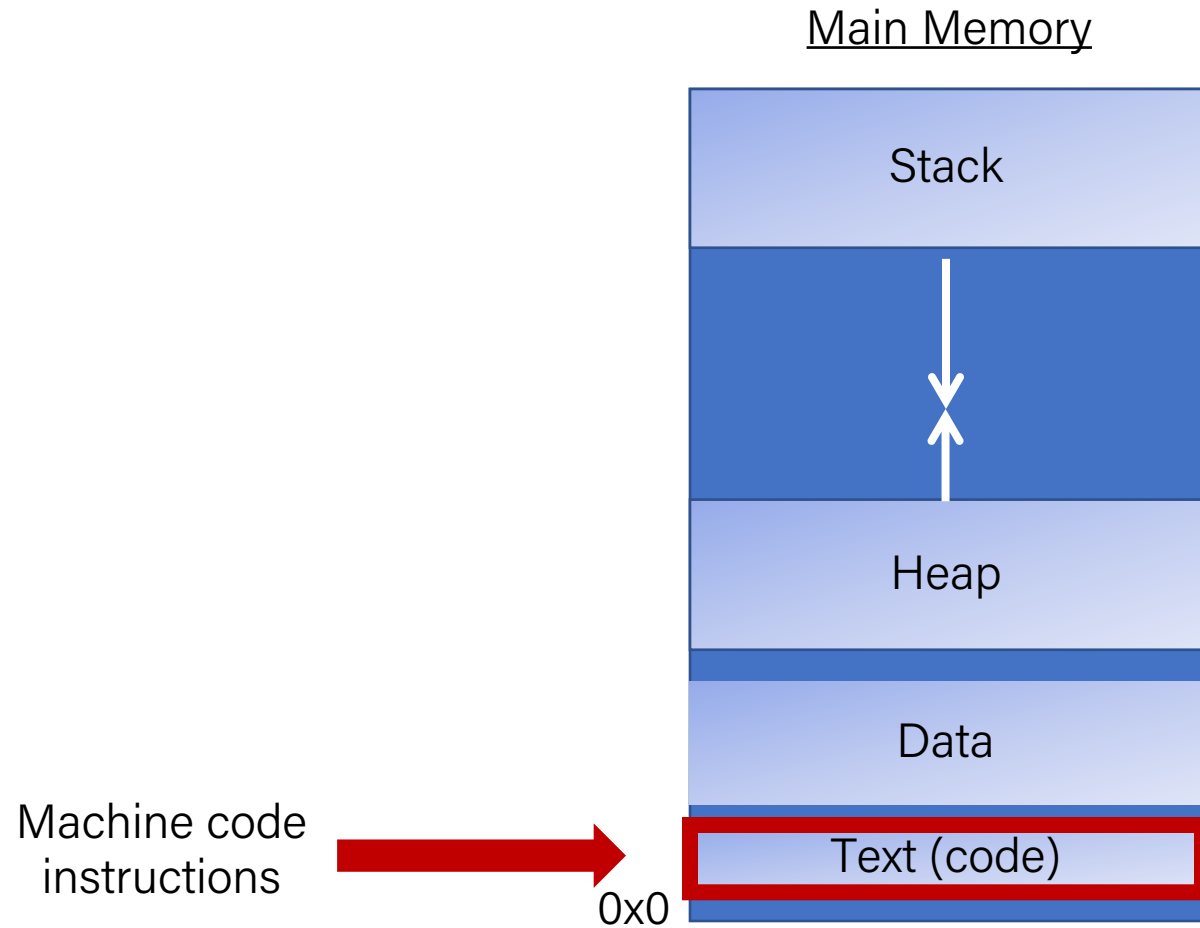
Memory bus



“hello, world\r
hello code



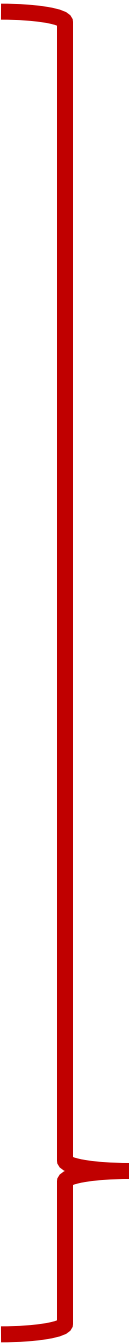
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%rip

```
00000000004004ed <loop>:
4004ed: 55                                push    %rbp
4004ee: 48 89 e5                        mov     %rsp,%rbp
4004f1: c7 45 fc 00 00 00 00          movl    $0x0,-0x4(%rbp)
4004f8: 83 45 fc 01                    addl    $0x1,-0x4(%rbp)
4004fc: eb fa                          jmp     4004f8 <loop+0xb>
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0x4004ed

%rip



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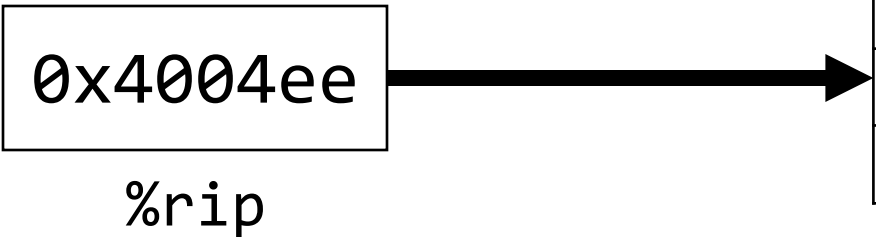
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4004ed	55

%rip

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movl \$0x0,-0x4(%rbp)

addl \$0x1,-0x4(%rbp)

jmp 4004f8 <loop+0xb>

Special hardware sets the program counter to the next instruction:
 $\%rip += \text{size of bytes of current instruction}$

0x4004fc

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Going In Circles

- How can we use this representation of execution to represent e.g. a **loop**?
- **Key Idea:** we can "interfere" with **%rip** and set it back to an earlier instruction!

Jump!

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The **jmp** instruction is an **unconditional jump** that sets the program counter to the **jump target** (the operand).

0x4004fc

%rip

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This assembly represents an infinite loop in C!

while (true) {...}

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%rip

jmp

The **jmp** instruction jumps to another instruction in the assembly code ("Unconditional Jump").

jmp Label (Direct Jump)

jmp *Operand (Indirect Jump)

The destination can be hardcoded into the instruction (direct jump):

```
jmp 404f8 <loop+0xb> # jump to instruction at 0x404f8
```

The destination can also be one of the usual operand forms (indirect jump):

```
jmp *%rax           # jump to instruction at address in %rax
```

“Interfering” with %rip

1. How do we repeat instructions in a loop?

`jmp [target]`

- A 1-step unconditional jump (always jump when we execute this instruction)

What if we want a **conditional jump**?

Recap:

- More practice: Reverse Engineering
- Assembly Execution and `%rip`

Next time: Condition codes, conditional branches