CSED211 : Microprocessor & Assembly Programming

Lecture 4: Machine-Level Basic

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Today: Machine Programming I: Basics

- History of Intel processors and architectures
- C, assembly, machine code
- Assembly Basics: Registers, operands, move
- Arithmetic & Logical operations

Intel x86 Processors

- Dominate laptop/desktop/server market

- Evolutionary design
  - Backwards compatible up until 8086, introduced in 1978
  - Added more features as time goes on

- Complex instruction set computer (CISC)
  - Many different instructions with many different formats
    - But, only small subset encountered with Linux programs
  - Hard to match performance of Reduced Instruction Set Computers (RISC)
  - But, Intel has done just that!
    - In terms of speed. Less so for low power.

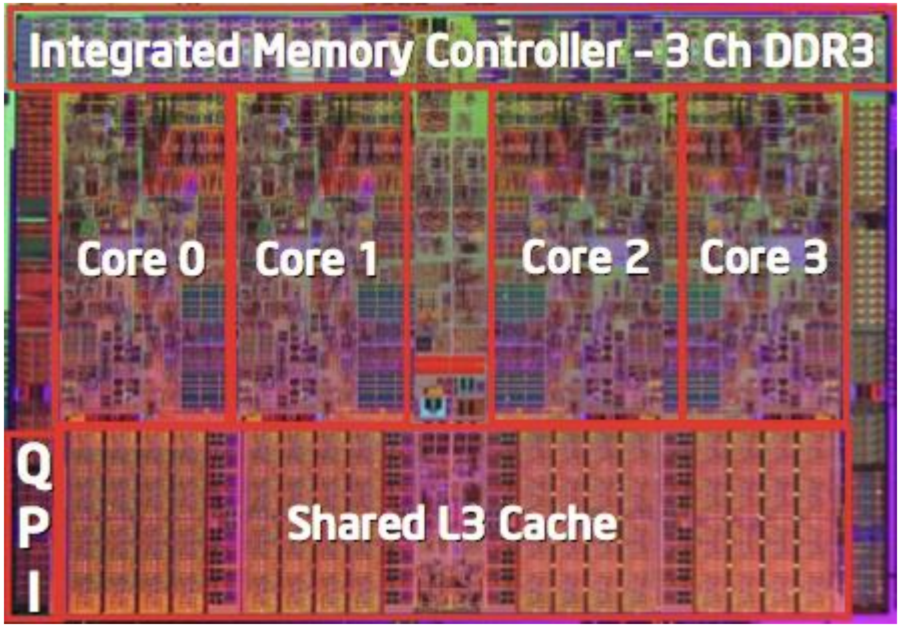
Intel x86 Evolution: Milestones

Name	*Date*	*Transistors*	*MHz*
• 8086	1978	29K	5-10
– First 16-bit Intel processor. Basis for IBM PC & DOS			
– 1MB address space			
• 386	1985	275K	16-33
– First 32 bit Intel processor , referred to as IA32			
– Added “flat addressing”, capable of running Unix			
• Pentium 4E	2004	125M	2800-3800
– First 64-bit Intel x86 processor, referred to as x86-64			
• Core 2	2006	291M	1060-3500
– First multi-core Intel processor			
• Core i7	2008	731M	1700-3900
– Four cores (our shark machines)			

Intel x86 Processors, cont.

- Machine Evolution

– 386	1985	0.3M
– Pentium	1993	3.1M
– Pentium/MMX	1997	4.5M
– PentiumPro	1995	6.5M
– Pentium III	1999	8.2M
– Pentium 4	2001	42M
– Core 2 Duo	2006	291M
– Core i7	2008	731M
– Core i7 Skylake	2015	1.9B



- Added Features
  - Instructions to support multimedia operations
  - Instructions to enable more efficient conditional operations
  - Transition from 32 bits to 64 bits
  - More cores

Intel x86 Processors, cont.

- Past Generations

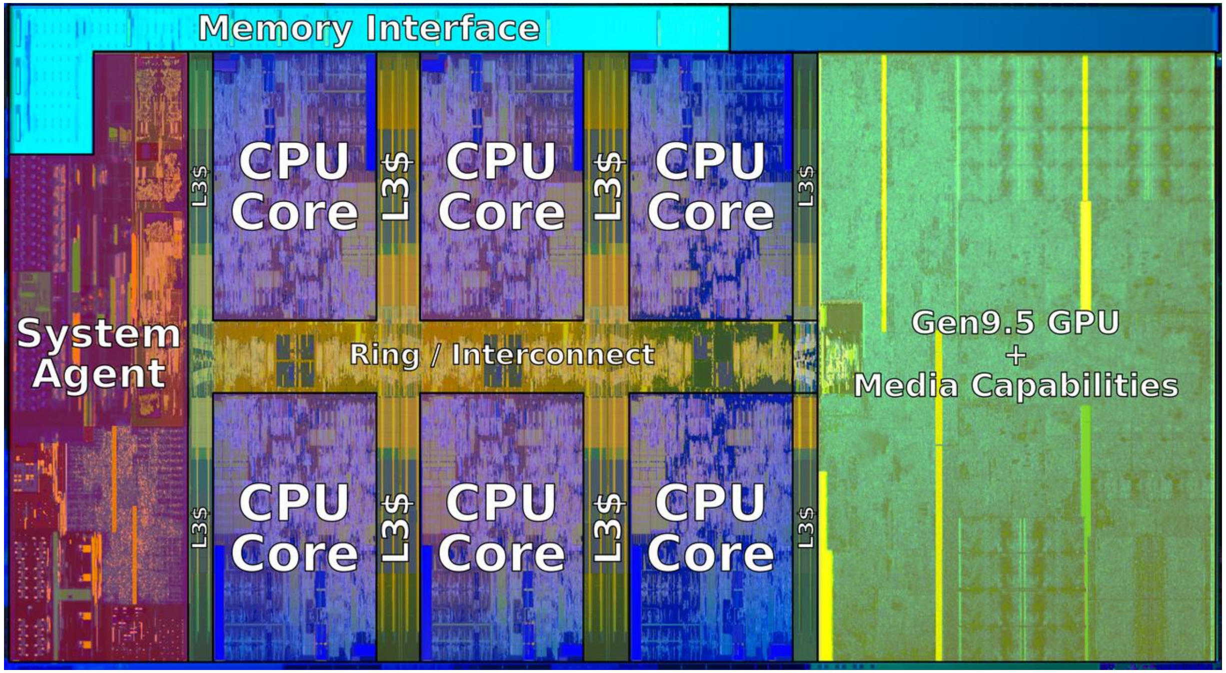
		Process technology
– 1st Pentium Pro	1995	600 nm
– 1st Pentium III	1999	250 nm
– 1st Pentium 4	2000	180 nm
– 1st Core 2 Duo	2006	65 nm

- Recent & Upcoming Generations

1.	Nehalem	2008	45 nm
2.	Sandy Bridge	2011	32 nm
3.	Ivy Bridge	2012	22 nm
4.	Haswell	2013	22 nm
5.	Broadwell	2014	14 nm
6.	Skylake	2015	14 nm
7.	Kaby Lake	2016	14 nm
8.	Coffee Lake	2017	14 nm
–	Cannon Lake	2019?	10 nm

Process technology dimension
= width of narrowest wires
(10 nm ≈ 100 atoms wide)

2018 State of the Art: Coffee Lake



- **Mobile Model: Core i7**
  - 2.2-3.2 GHz
  - 45 W

- **Desktop Model: Core i7**
  - Integrated graphics
  - 2.4-4.0 GHz
  - 35-95 W

- **Server Model: Xeon E**
  - Integrated graphics
  - Multi-socket enabled
  - 3.3-3.8 GHz
  - 80-95 W

x86 Clones: Advanced Micro Devices (AMD)

- Historically
  - AMD has followed just behind Intel
  - A little bit slower, a lot cheaper
- Then
  - Recruited top circuit designers from Digital Equipment Corp. and other downward trending companies
  - Built Opteron: tough competitor to Pentium 4
  - Developed x86-64, their own extension to 64 bits
- Recent Years
  - Intel got its act together
    - Leads the world in semiconductor technology
  - AMD has fallen behind
    - Relies on external semiconductor manufacturer

Intel's 64-Bit History

- 2001: Intel Attempts Radical Shift from IA32 to IA64
  - Totally different architecture (Itanium)
  - Executes IA32 code only as legacy
  - Performance disappointing
- 2003: AMD Steps in with Evolutionary Solution
  - x86-64 (now called "AMD64")
- Intel Felt Obligated to Focus on IA64
  - Hard to admit mistake or that AMD is better
- 2004: Intel Announces EM64T extension to IA32
  - Extended Memory 64-bit Technology
  - Almost identical to x86-64!
- All but low-end x86 processors support x86-64
  - But, lots of code still runs in 32-bit mode

Our Coverage

- IA32
  - The traditional x86

- x86-64
  - The standard
  - `shark> gcc hello.c`
  - `shark> gcc -m64 hello.c`

- Presentation
  - Book covers x86-64
  - Web aside on IA32
  - We will only cover x86-64

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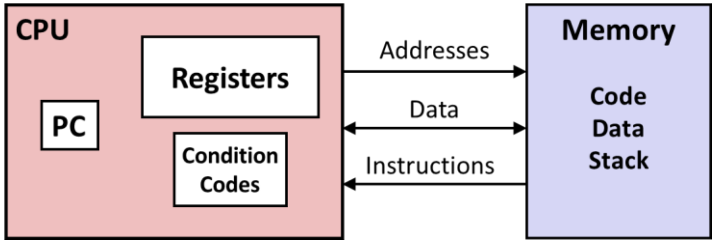
Levels of Abstraction

C programmer

C code

Nice clean layers,
but beware…

Assembly programmer



Computer Designer

Caches, clock freq, layout, …

Of course, you know that: It’s why you are taking this course.

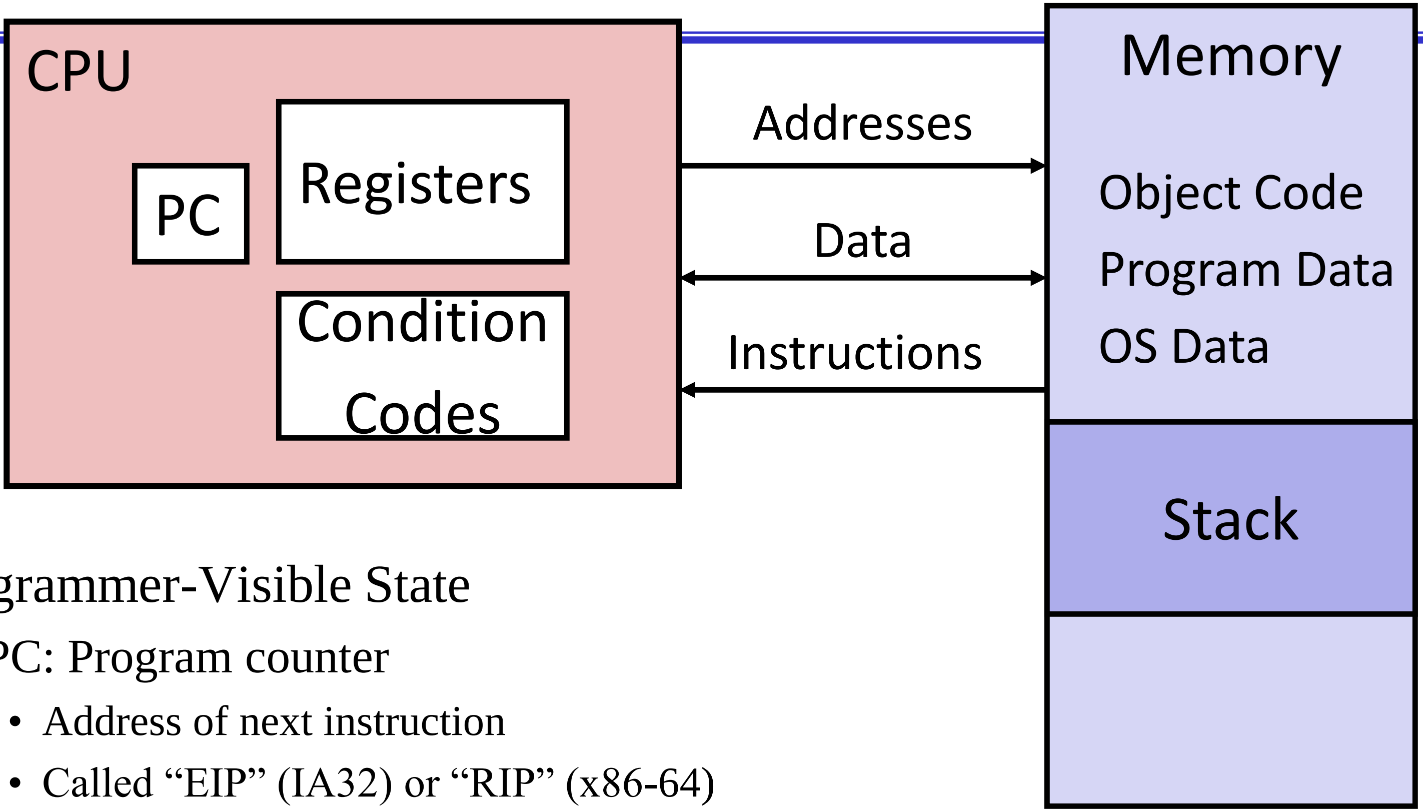
Definitions

- Architecture: (also ISA: instruction set architecture) The parts of a processor design that one needs to understand for writing correct assembly/machine code.
  - Examples: instruction set specification, registers.
  - Machine Code: The byte-level programs that a processor executes
  - Assembly Code: A text representation of machine code

- Microarchitecture: Implementation of the architecture.
  - Examples: cache sizes and core frequency.

- Example ISAs:
  - Intel: x86, IA32, Itanium, x86-64
  - ARM: Used in almost all mobile phones
  - RISC V: New open-source ISA

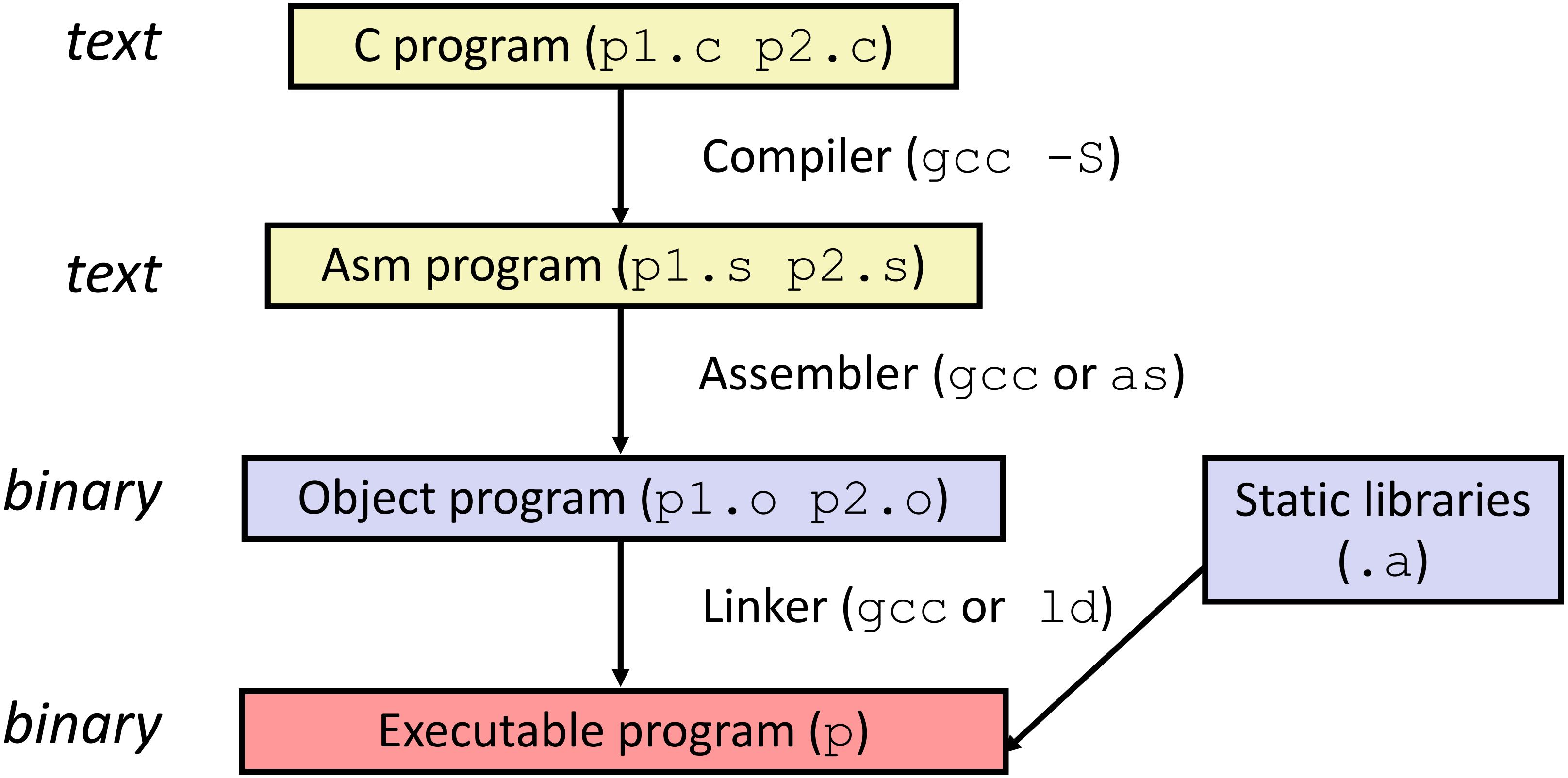
Assembly Programmer's View



- Programmer-Visible State
  - PC: Program counter
    - Address of next instruction
    - Called "EIP" (IA32) or "RIP" (x86-64)
  - Register file
    - Heavily used program data
  - Condition codes
    - Store status information about most recent arithmetic operation
    - Used for conditional branching
  - Memory
    - Byte addressable array
    - Code, user data, (some) OS data
    - Includes stack used to support procedures

Turning C into Object Code

- Code in files **`p1.c p2.c`**
- Compile with command: **`gcc –O1 p1.c p2.c -o p`**
  - Use basic optimizations (**`-O1`**)
  - Put resulting binary in file **`p`**



Compiling Into Assembly

C Code (sum.c)

```
long plus(long x, long y);

void sumstore(long x, long y,
              long *dest)
{
    long t = plus(x, y);
    *dest = t;
}
```

Generated x86-64 Assembly

```
sumstore:
   pushq   %rbx
   movq    %rdx, %rbx
   call    plus
   movq    %rax, (%rbx)
   popq    %rbx
   ret
```

Obtain (on Lab. machine) with command

```
gcc -Og -S sum.c
```

Produces file `sum.s`

Warning: Will get very different results on different machines (Andrew Linux, Mac OS-X, …) due to different versions of gcc and different compiler settings.

Assembly Characteristics: Data Types

- “Integer” data of 1, 2, 4, or 8 bytes
  - Data values
  - Addresses (untyped pointers)

- Floating point data of 4, 8, or 10 bytes

- Code: Byte sequences encoding series of instructions

- No aggregate types such as arrays or structures
  - Just contiguously allocated bytes in memory

Assembly Characteristics: Operations

- Perform arithmetic function on register or memory data

- Transfer data between memory and register
  - Load data from memory into register
  - Store register data into memory

- Transfer control
  - Unconditional jumps to/from procedures
  - Conditional branches

Object Code

Code for `sumstore`

```
0x0400595:
    0x53
    0x48
    0x89
    0xd3
    0xe8
    0xf2
    0xff
    0xff
    0xff
    0x48
    0x89
    0x03
    0x5b
    0xc3
```

- Total of 14 bytes
- Each instruction 1, 3, or 5 bytes
- Starts at address `0x0400595`

- Assembler
  - Translates `.s` into `.o`
  - Binary encoding of each instruction
  - Nearly-complete image of executable code
  - Missing linkages between code in different files
- Linker
  - Resolves references between files
  - Combines with static run-time libraries
    - E.g., code for **`malloc`**, **`printf`**
  - Some libraries are *dynamically linked*
    - Linking occurs when program begins execution

Machine Instruction Example

```
*dest = t;
```

- C Code
  - Store value **`t`** where designated by **`dest`**

```
movq %rax, (%rbx)
```

- Assembly
  - Move 8-byte value to memory
    - Quad words in x86-64 parlance
  - Operands:

`t:`	Register	**`%rax`**
`dest:`	Register	**`%rbx`**
`*dest:`	Memory	**`M[%rbx]`**

```
0x40059e:  48 89 03
```

- Object Code
  - 3-byte instruction
  - Stored at address **`0x40059e`**

Disassembling Object Code

- Disassembled

```
0000000000400595 <sumstore>:
  400595:  53                 push   %rbx
  400596:  48 89 d3           mov    %rdx,%rbx
  400599:  e8 f2 ff ff ff     callq  400590 <plus>
  40059e:  48 89 03           mov    %rax,(%rbx)
  4005a1:  5b                 pop    %rbx
  4005a2:  c3                 retq
```

- Disassembler

  `objdump -d sum`

  – Useful tool for examining object code

  – Analyzes bit pattern of series of instructions

  – Produces approximate rendition of assembly code

  – Can be run on either `a.out` (complete executable) or `.o` file

Alternate Disassembly

Object

```
0x0400595:
   0x53
   0x48
   0x89
   0xd3
   0xe8
   0xf2
   0xff
   0xff
   0xff
   0x48
   0x89
   0x03
   0x5b
   0xc3
```

Disassembled

```
Dump of assembler code for function sumstore:
 0x0000000000400595 <+0>: push   %rbx
 0x0000000000400596 <+1>: mov    %rdx,%rbx
 0x0000000000400599 <+4>: callq  0x400590 <plus>
 0x000000000040059e <+9>: mov    %rax,(%rbx)
 0x00000000004005a1 <+12>:pop    %rbx
 0x00000000004005a2 <+13>:retq
```

- Within gdb Debugger

  `gdb sum`

  `disassemble sumstore`

  – Disassemble procedure

  `x/14xb sumstore`

  – Examine the 14 bytes starting at `sumstore`

What Can be Disassembled?

```
% objdump -d WINWORD.EXE

WINWORD.EXE:   file format pei-i386

No symbols in "WINWORD.EXE".
Disassembly of section .text:

30001000 <.text>:
30001000:
30001001:
30001003:
30001005:
3000100a:
```

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- Anything that can be interpreted as executable code
- Disassembler examines bytes and reconstructs assembly source

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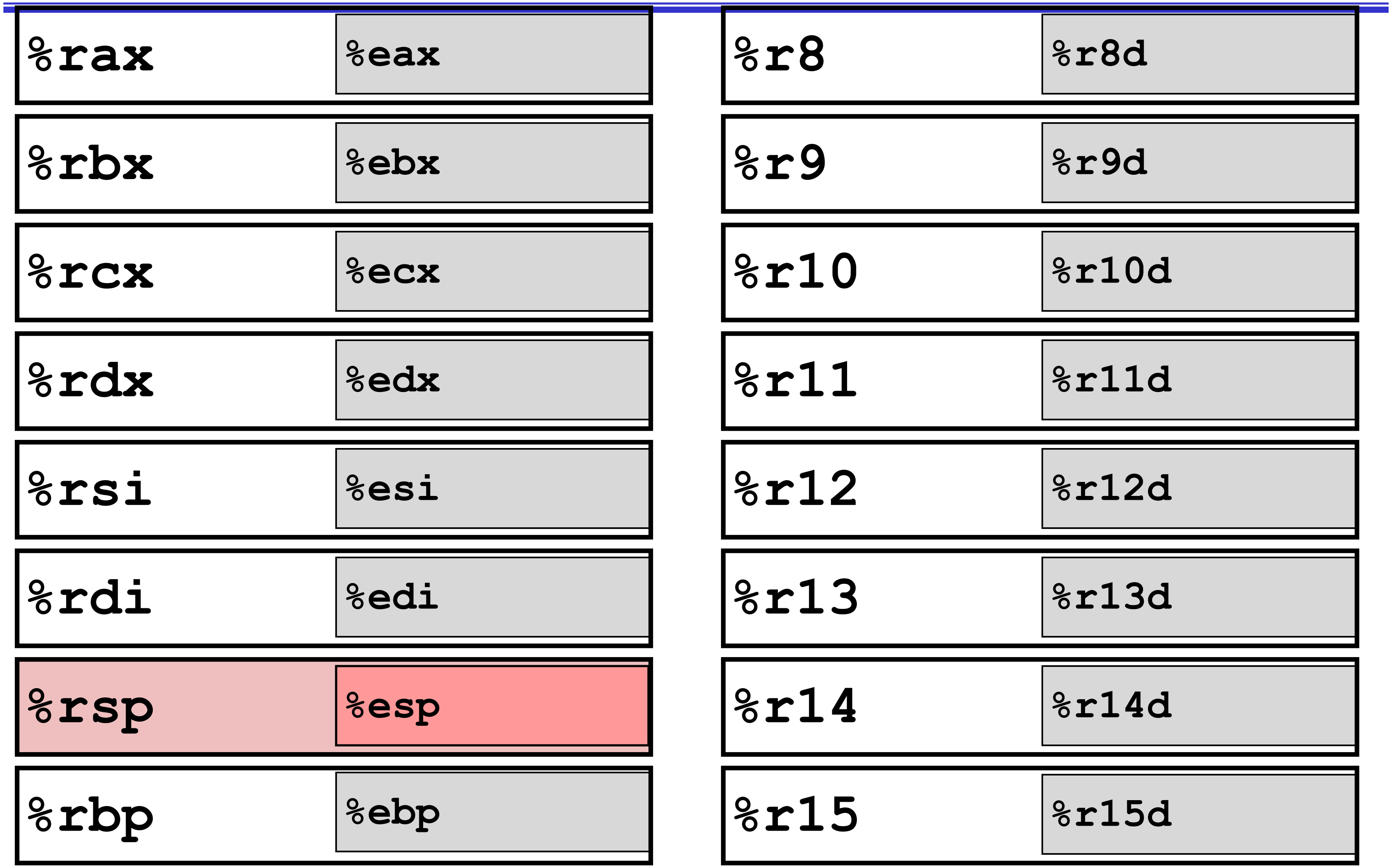
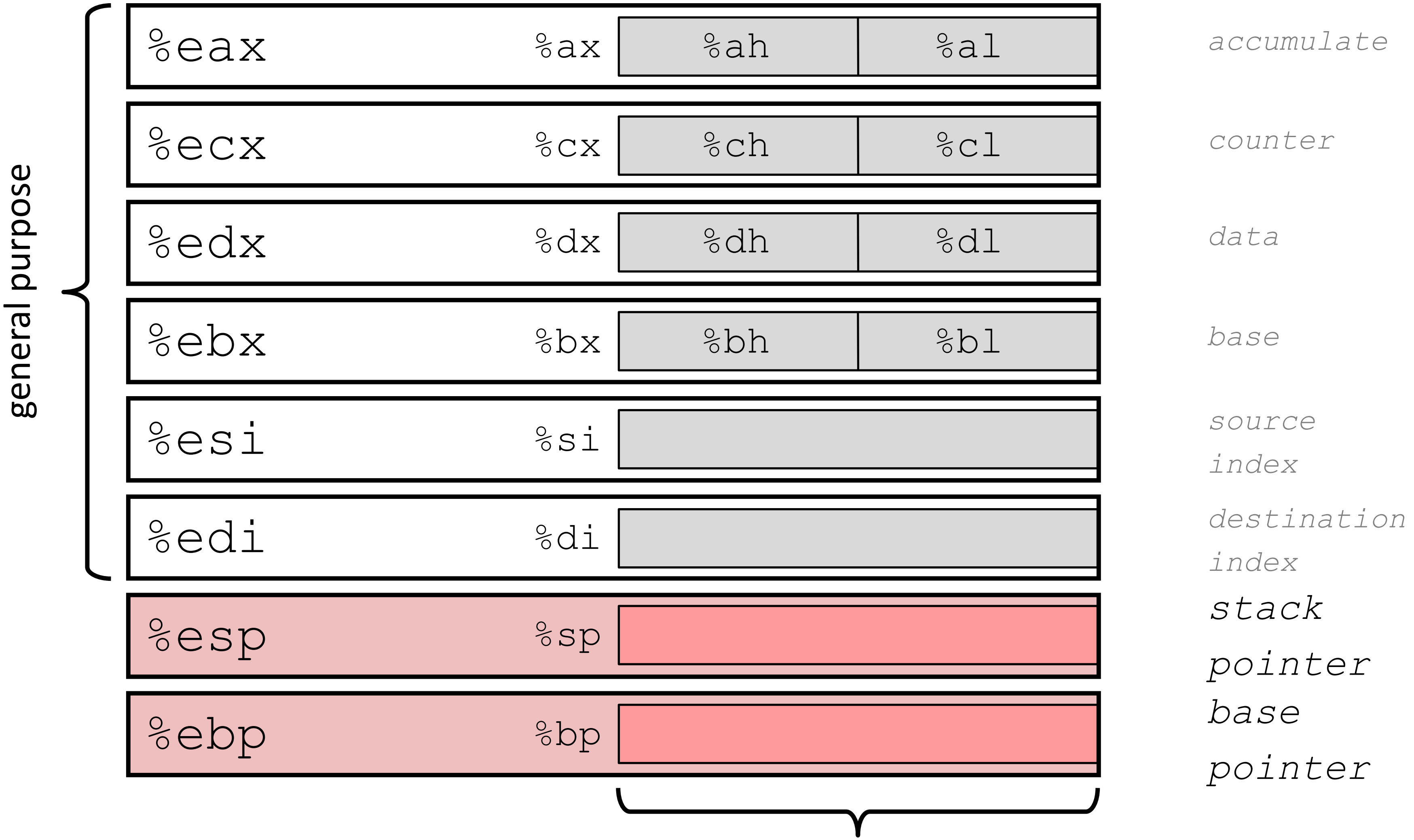
x86-64 Integer Registers



%rax	%eax	%r8	%r8d
%rbx	%ebx	%r9	%r9d
%rcx	%ecx	%r10	%r10d
%rdx	%edx	%r11	%r11d
%rsi	%esi	%r12	%r12d
%rdi	%edi	%r13	%r13d
%rsp	%esp	%r14	%r14d
%rbp	%ebp	%r15	%r15d

- Can reference low-order 4 bytes (also low-order 1 & 2 bytes)

Integer Registers (IA32)



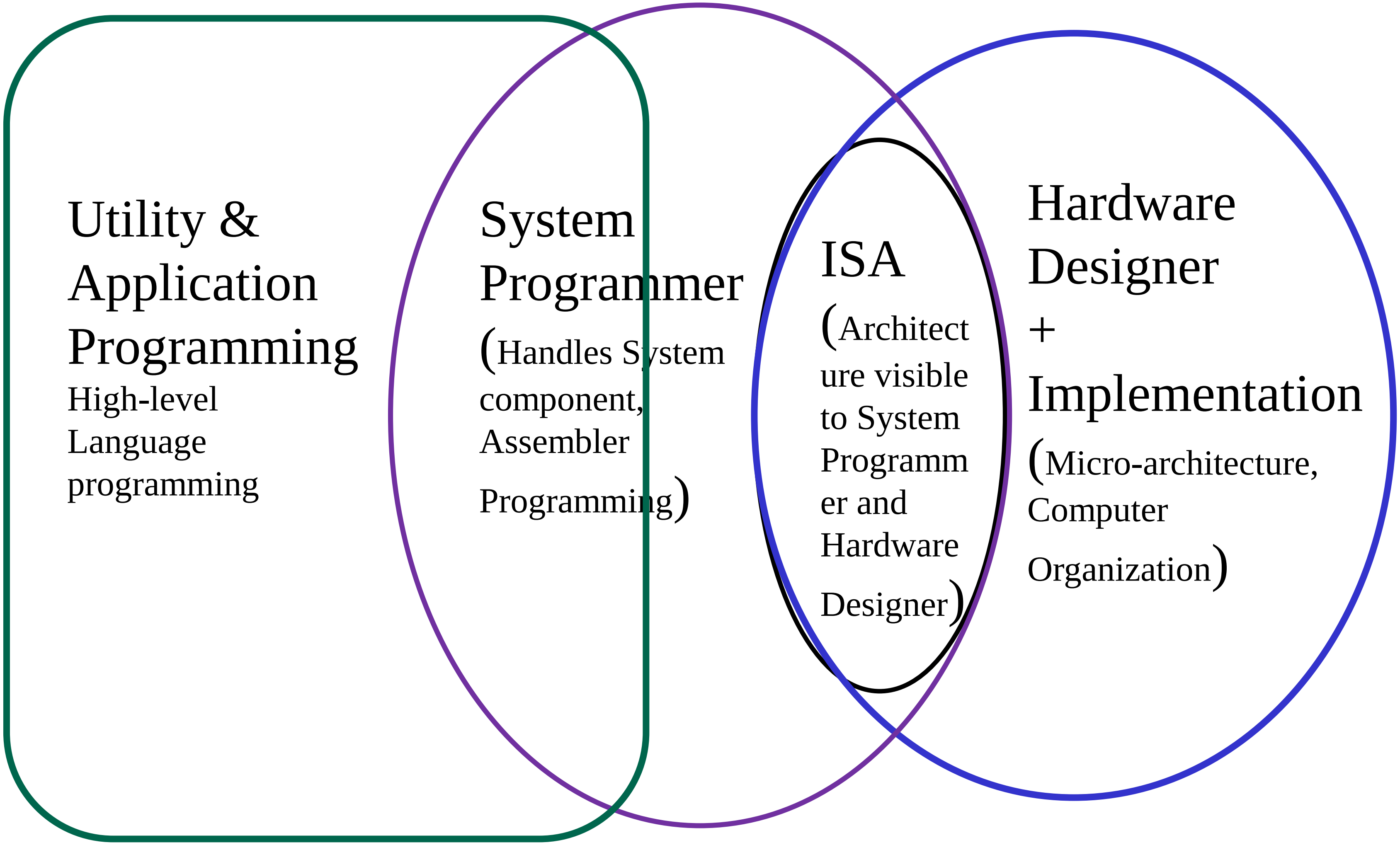
general purpose

				Origin (mostly obsolete)
%eax	%ax	%ah	%al	accumulate
%ecx	%cx	%ch	%cl	counter
%edx	%dx	%dh	%dl	data
%ebx	%bx	%bh	%bl	base
%esi	%si			source index
%edi	%di			destination index
%esp	%sp			stack pointer
%ebp	%bp			base pointer

16-bit virtual registers

(backwards compatibility)

High-level language, Assembler, ISA



Utility & Application Programming
High-level Language programming

System Programmer
(Handles System component, Assembler Programming)

ISA
(Architecture visible to System Programmer and Hardware Designer)

Hardware Designer
+
Implementation
(Micro-architecture, Computer Organization)

High-level & Assembly Comparison

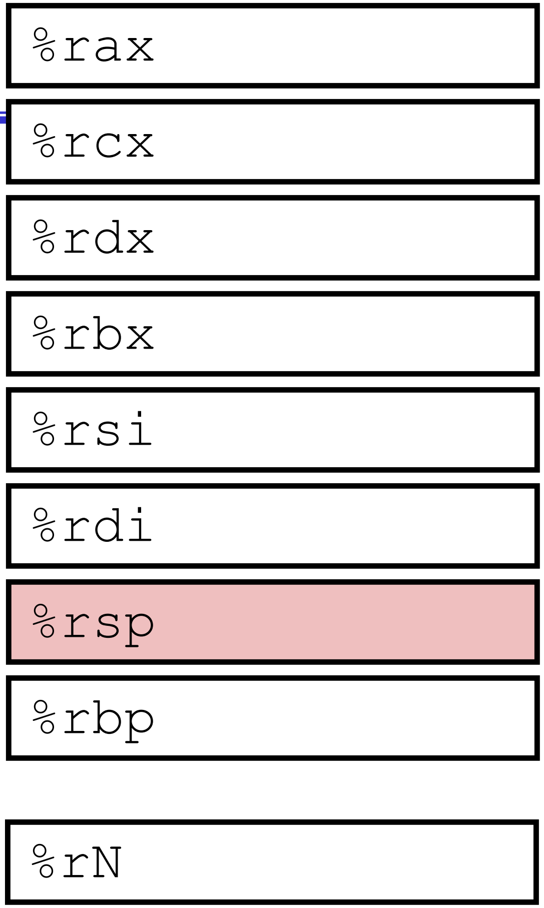
High-level language (C, C++, Java…)	Assembly language
Assignment constructs arithmetic, logical operations, data movement, data conversion	Data handling constructs arithmetic, logical operations data movements data comparison
Control flow constructs if-then-else switch call, return exception handling	Control flow constructs branch (conditional & unconditional) call, return tabled jump (indirect branch) int
Repetition for, while, do-while	None have to implement using data and conditional branch

Moving Data

- Moving Data

  `movq` ***Source, Dest*:**

- Operand Types
  - ***Immediate:*** Constant integer data
    - Example: **`$0x400, $-533`**
    - Like C constant, but prefixed with **`‘$’`**
    - Encoded with 1, 2, or 4 bytes
  - ***Register:*** One of 16 integer registers
    - Example: **`%rax, %r13`**
    - But **`%rsp`** reserved for special use
    - Others have special uses for particular instructions
  - ***Memory:*** 8 consecutive bytes of memory at address given by register
    - Simplest example: **`(%rax)`**
    - Various other “address modes”



%rax

%rcx

%rdx

%rbx

%rsi

%rdi

%rsp

%rbp

%rN

`movq` Operand Combinations

	Source	Dest	Src,Dest	C Analog
`movq`	*Imm*	*Reg*	`movq $0x4,%rax`	`temp = 0x4;`
		Mem	`movq $-147,(%rax)`	`*p = -147;`
	Reg	*Reg*	`movq %rax,%rdx`	`temp2 = temp1;`
		Mem	`movq %rax,(%rdx)`	`*p = temp;`
	Mem	*Reg*	`movq (%rax),%rdx`	`temp = *p;`

Cannot do memory-memory transfer with a single instruction

Simple Memory Addressing Modes

- Normal (R) Mem[Reg[R]]
  - Register R specifies memory address
  - Aha! Pointer dereferencing in C

```
movq (%rcx),%rax
```

- Displacement D(R) Mem[Reg[R]+D]
  - Register R specifies start of memory region
  - Constant displacement D specifies offset

```
movq 8(%rbp),%rdx
```

Example of Simple Addressing Modes

```
void swap
   (long *xp, long *yp)
{
  long t0 = *xp;
  long t1 = *yp;
  *xp = t1;
  *yp = t0;
}
```

```
swap:
   movq    (%rdi), %rax
   movq    (%rsi), %rdx
   movq    %rdx, (%rdi)
   movq    %rax, (%rsi)
   ret
```

Understanding Swap()

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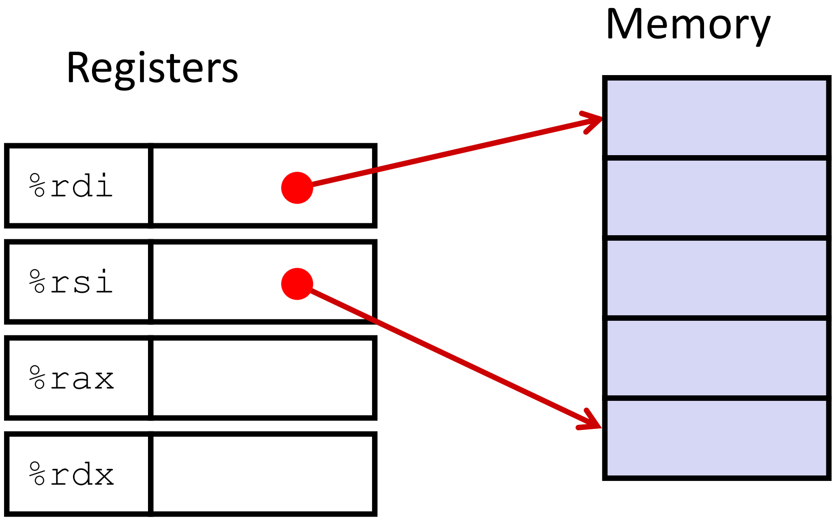

Register	Value
%rdi	xp
%rsi	yp
%rax	t0
%rdx	t1

```
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   movq    (%rdi), %rax  # t0 = *xp
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   ret
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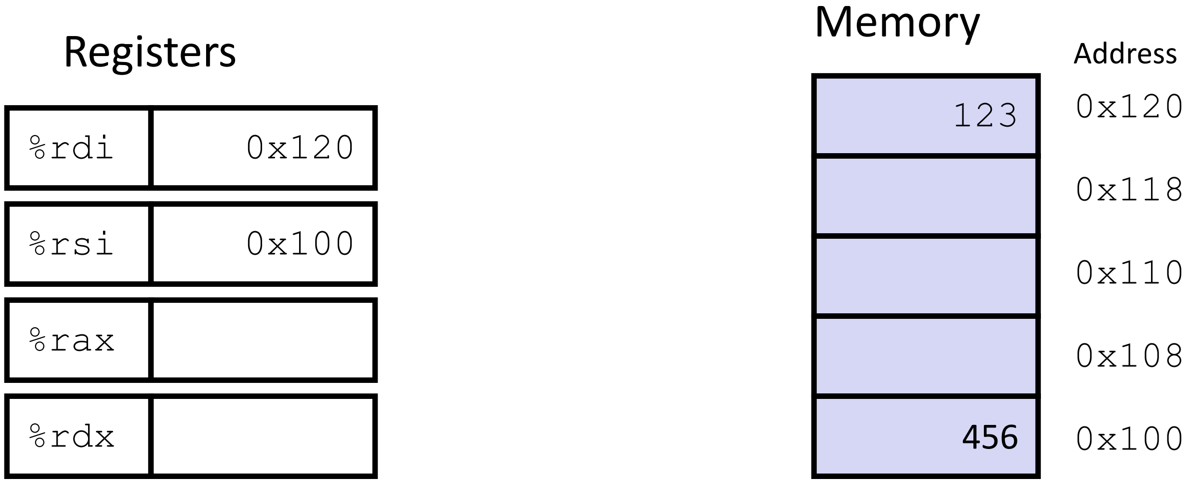

Registers

%rdi	0x120
%rsi	0x100
%rax	
%rdx	

Memory

	Address
123	0x120
	0x118
	0x110
	0x108
456	0x100

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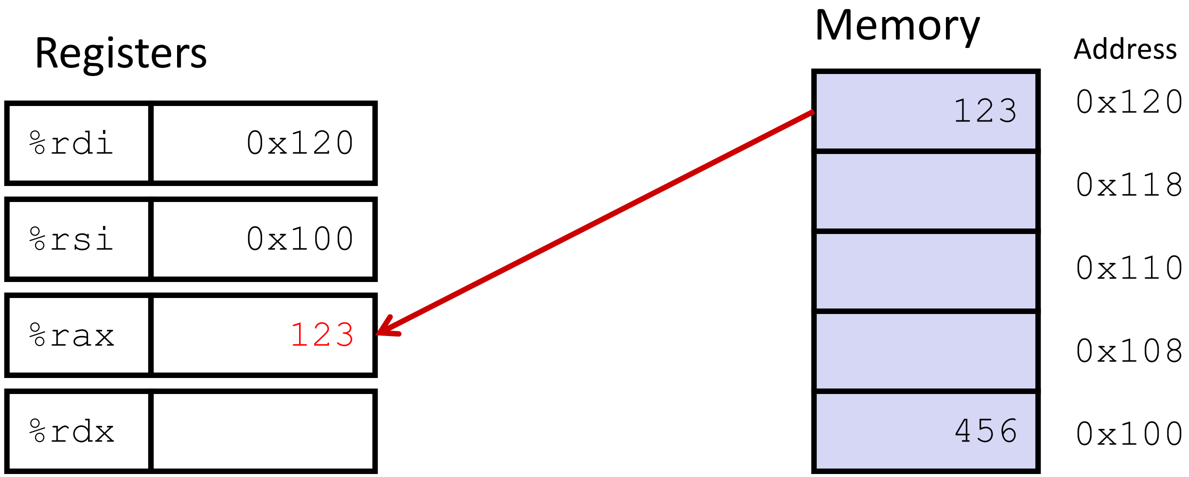

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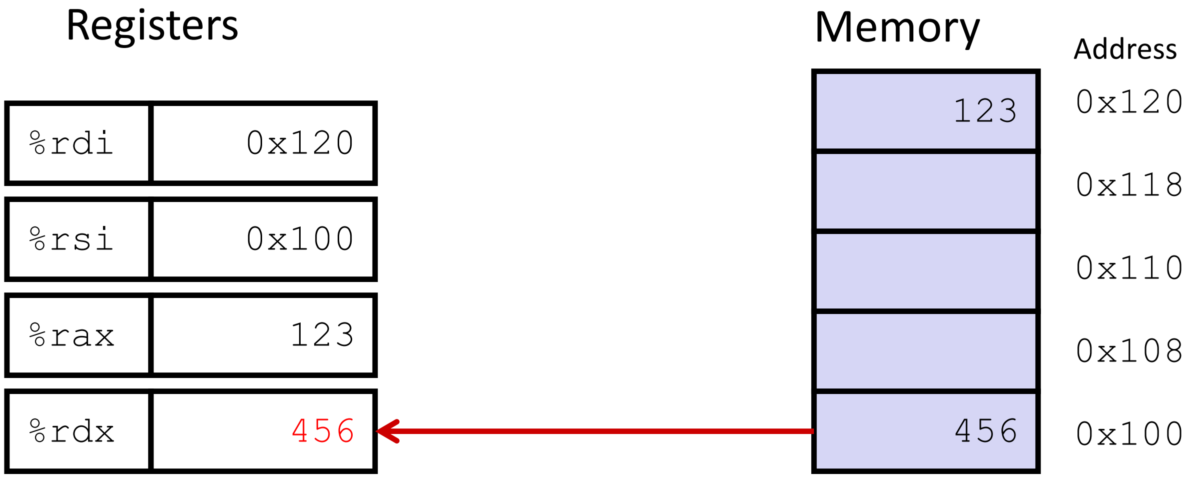

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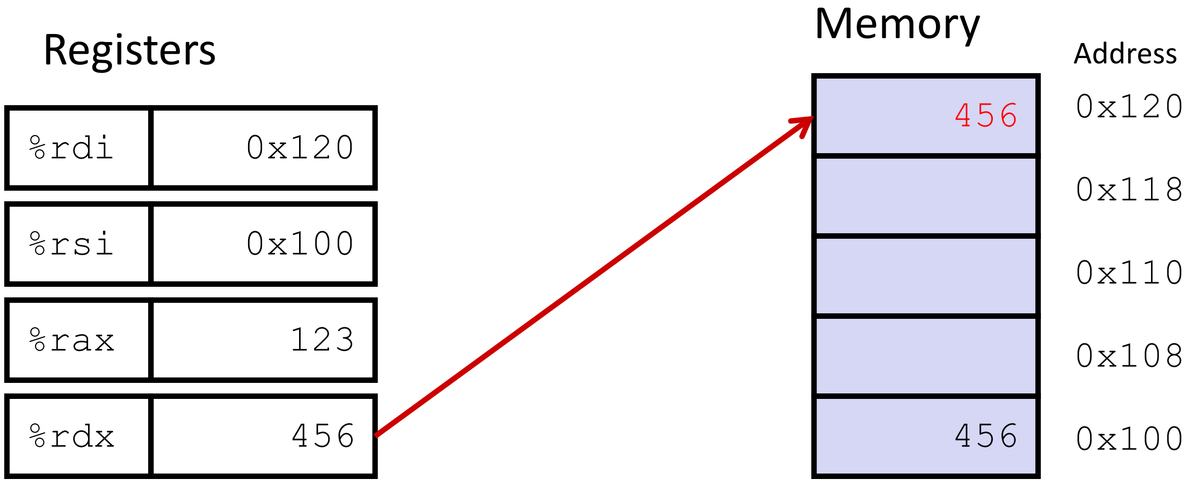

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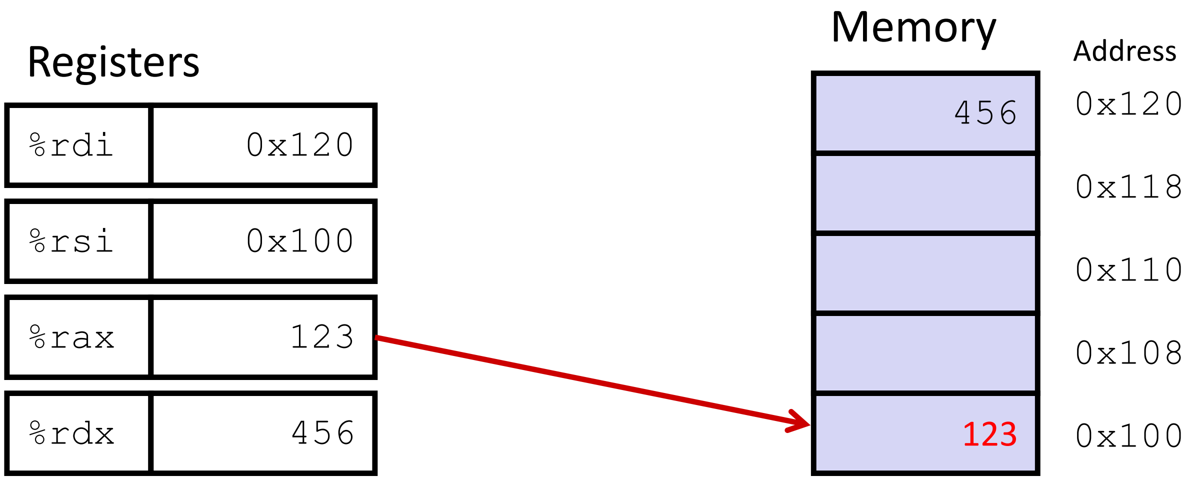

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   ret
```

Complete Memory Addressing Modes

- Most General Form

D(Rb,Ri,S)	Mem[Reg[Rb]+S*Reg[Ri]+ D]

  - D: Constant “displacement” 1, 2, or 4 bytes
  - Rb: Base register: Any of 8 integer registers
  - Ri: Index register: Any, except for **`%esp`**
    - Unlikely you’d use **`%ebp`**, either
  - S: Scale: 1, 2, 4, or 8 (*why these numbers?*)

- Special Cases

(Rb,Ri)	Mem[Reg[Rb]+Reg[Ri]]
D(Rb,Ri)	Mem[Reg[Rb]+Reg[Ri]+D]
(Rb,Ri,S)	Mem[Reg[Rb]+S*Reg[Ri]]

Address Computation Examples

`%rdx`	`0xf000`
`%rcx`	`0x0100`

Expression	Address Computation	Address
`0x8(%rdx)`	`0xf000 + 0x8`	`0xf008`
`(%rdx,%rcx)`	`0xf000 + 0x100`	`0xf100`
`(%rdx,%rcx,4)`	`0xf000 + 4*0x100`	`0xf400`
`0x80(,%rdx,2)`	`2*0xf000 + 0x80`	`0x1e080`

Convert from Assembly to Machine lang.

- One assembly code to one machine code
- Consists of
  - Operation code
  - Source operand,
  - destination operand

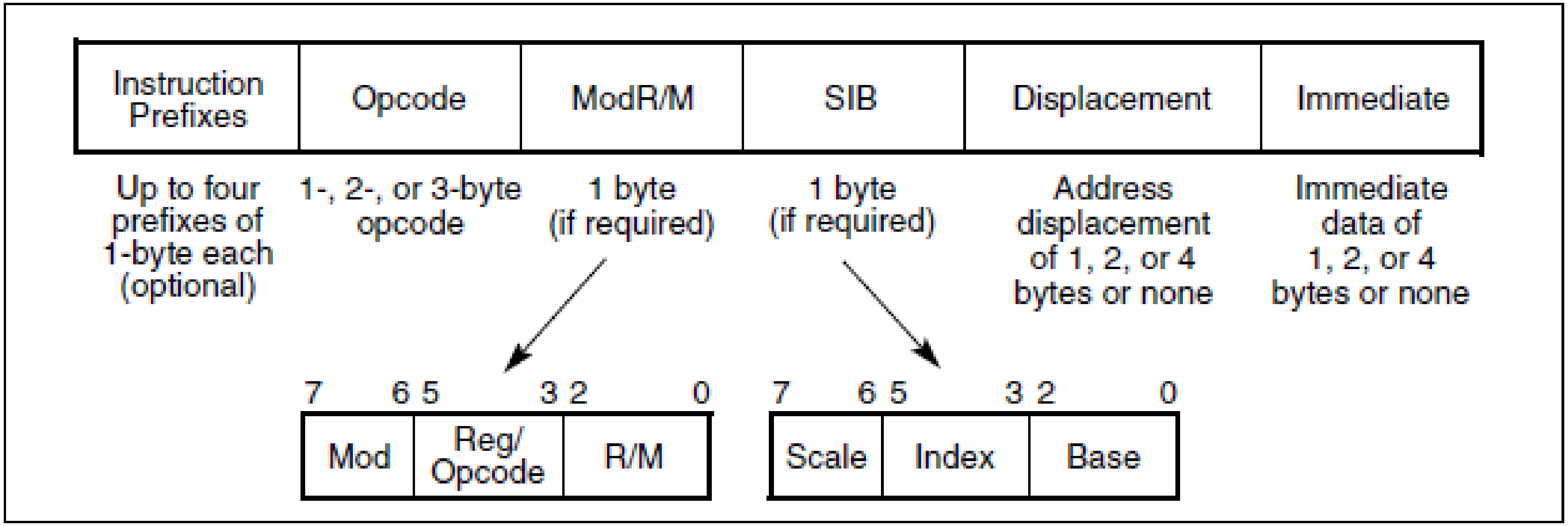

Figure 2-1. IA-32 Instruction Format

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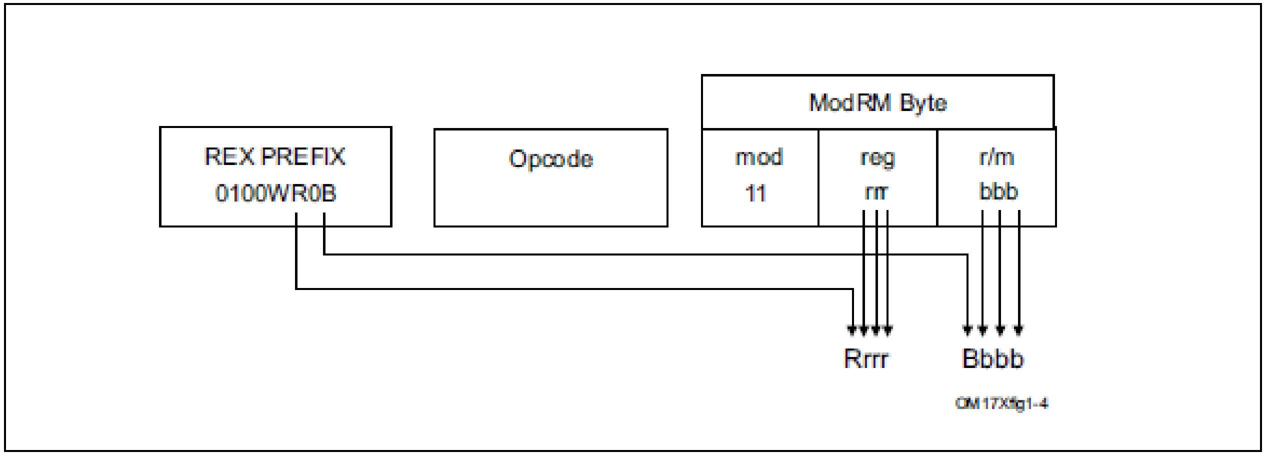

Figure 2-5. Register-Register Addressing (No Memory Operand); REX.X Not Used

```
movq %rdx, %rbx
```

```
0x40059e:  48 89 d3
```

EAX	ECX	EDX	EBX	ESP	[*]	ESI	EDI
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111

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Address Computation Instruction

- **`leaq`** ***Src*, *Dst***
  - *Src* is address mode expression
  - Set *Dst* to address denoted by expression

- Uses
  - Computing addresses without a memory reference
    - E.g., translation of **`p = &x[i];`**
  - Computing arithmetic expressions of the form x + k*y
    - k = 1, 2, 4, or 8

- Example

```
long m12(long x)
{
  return x*12;
}
```

Converted to ASM by compiler:

```
leaq (%rdi,%rdi,2), %rax # t <- x+x*2
salq $2, %rax            # return t<<2
```

Some Arithmetic Operations

- Two Operand Instructions:

Format	***Computation***		
`addq`	*Src,Dest*	Dest = Dest + Src	
`subq`	*Src,Dest*	Dest = Dest – Src	
`imulq`	*Src,Dest*	Dest = Dest * Src	
`salq`	*Src,Dest*	Dest = Dest << Src	***Also called shlq***
`sarq`	*Src,Dest*	Dest = Dest >> Src	***Arithmetic***
`shrq`	*Src,Dest*	Dest = Dest >> Src	***Logical***
`xorq`	*Src,Dest*	Dest = Dest ^ Src	
`andq`	*Src,Dest*	Dest = Dest & Src	
`orq`	*Src,Dest*	Dest = Dest | Src	

- Watch out for argument order!
- No distinction between signed and unsigned int (why?)

Some Arithmetic Operations

- One Operand Instructions

`incq`	*Dest*	*Dest = Dest + 1*
`decq`	*Dest*	*Dest = Dest – 1*
`negq`	*Dest*	*Dest = – Dest*
`notq`	*Dest*	*Dest = ~Dest*

- See book for more instructions

Arithmetic Expression Example

```
long arith
(long x, long y, long z)
{
  long t1 = x+y;
  long t2 = z+t1;
  long t3 = x+4;
  long t4 = y * 48;
  long t5 = t3 + t4;
  long rval = t2 * t5;
  return rval;
}
```

```
arith:
  leaq    (%rdi,%rsi), %rax
  addq    %rdx, %rax
  leaq    (%rsi,%rsi,2), %rdx
  salq    $4, %rdx
  leaq    4(%rdi,%rdx), %rcx
  imulq   %rcx, %rax
  ret
```

Interesting Instructions

- **`leaq`**: address computation
- **`salq`**: shift
- **`imulq`**: multiplication
  - But, only used once

Understanding Arithmetic Expression Example

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```
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  addq    %rdx, %rax           # t2
  leaq    (%rsi,%rsi,2), %rdx
  salq    $4, %rdx             # t4
  leaq    4(%rdi,%rdx), %rcx   # t5
  imulq   %rcx, %rax           # rval
  ret
```

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument **x**
%rsi	Argument **y**
%rdx	Argument **z**
%rax	**t1**, **t2**, **rval**
%rdx	**t4**
%rcx	**t5**

Machine Programming I: Summary

- History of Intel processors and architectures
  - Evolutionary design leads to many quirks and artifacts
- C, assembly, machine code
  - New forms of visible state: program counter, registers, ...
  - Compiler must transform statements, expressions, procedures into low-level instruction sequences
- Assembly Basics: Registers, operands, move
  - The x86-64 move instructions cover wide range of data movement forms
- Arithmetic
  - C compiler will figure out different instruction combinations to carry out computation

More Information

- Intel processors (Wikipedia)
- Intel microarchitectures