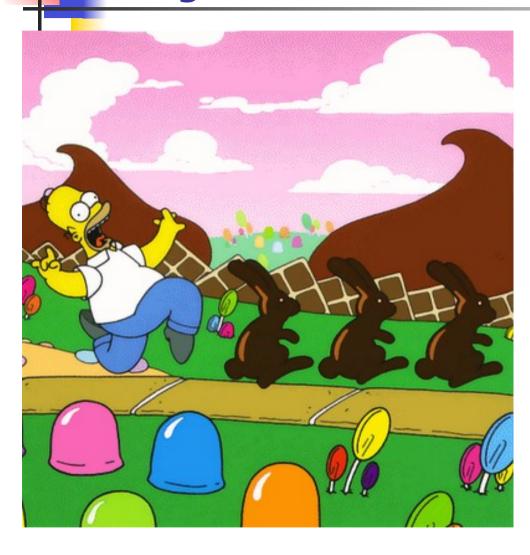
# Microprocessor Systems

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- We program in C for convenience
- There are no processor that execute C, only machine code
- So we compile the C into assembly code, a humanreadable representation of machine code
- We need to know what the assembly code implementing the C looks like
  - To use the processor efficiently
  - To analyze the code with precision
  - To find performance and other problems
- An overview of what C gets compiled into
  - C start-up module, subroutines calls, stacks, data classes and layout, pointers, control flow, etc.

#### **Programmer's World: The Land of Chocolate!**



- As many functions and variables as you want!
- All the memory you could ask for!
- So many data types!
   Integers, floating point, char, ...
- So many data structures!
   Arrays, lists, trees, sets, dictionaries
- So many control structures! Subroutines, if/then/else, loops, etc.
- Iterators! Polymorphism!

#### **Processor's World**

- Data types
  - Integers
  - More if you're lucky!
- Instructions
  - Math: +, -, \*
  - Logic: and, or
  - Shift, rotate
  - Move, swap
  - Compare
  - Jump, branch

| 23  | 251 | 151 | 11 | 3  | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|-----|-----|-----|----|----|---|---|---|
| 213 | 6   | 234 | 2  | u  | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2   | 33  | 72  | 1  | a  | 1 | 1 | a |
| a   | 4   | h   | е  | 1  | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 67  | 96  | a   | 0  | 9  | 9 | 9 | 1 |
| 6   | 11  | d   | 72 | 7  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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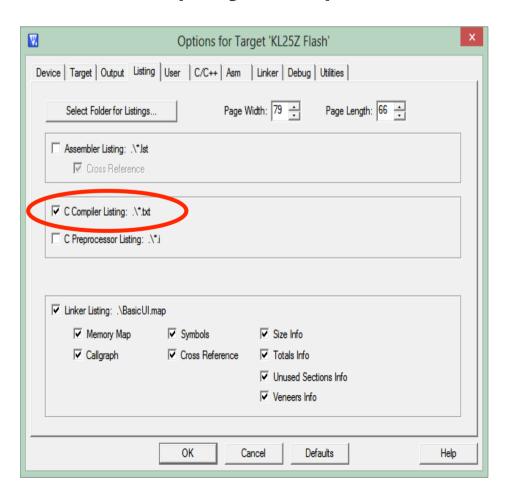


## **Program Translation Stages**

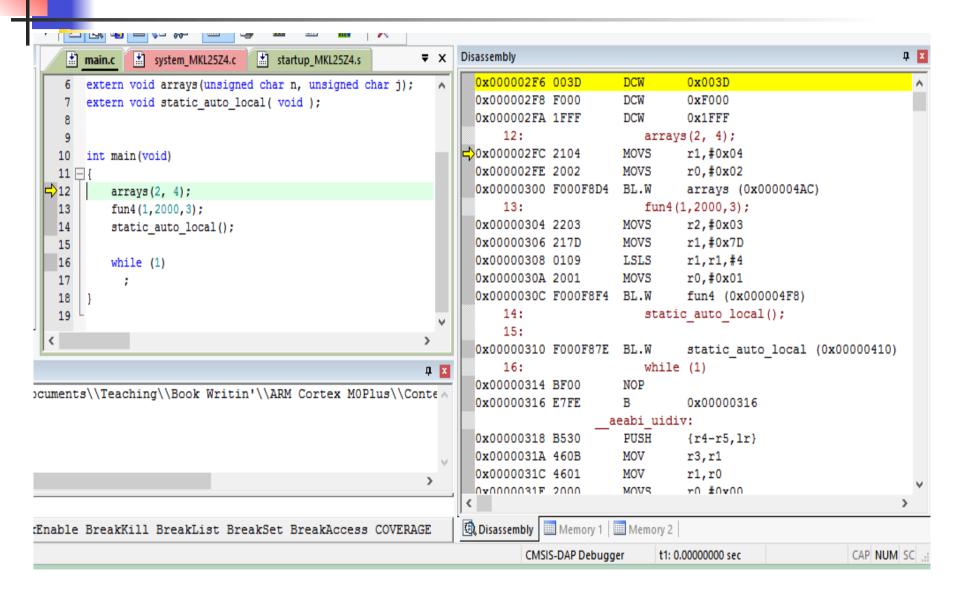
| Compiler          | <ul> <li>Parser</li> <li>reads in C code,</li> <li>checks for syntax errors,</li> <li>forms intermediate code (tree representation)</li> <li>High-Level Optimizer</li> <li>Modifies intermediate code (processor-independent)</li> <li>Code Generator</li> <li>Creates assembly code from of the intermediate code</li> <li>Allocates variable uses to registers</li> <li>Low-Level Optimizer</li> <li>Modifies assembly code (parts are processor-specific)</li> </ul> |
|-------------------|---|
| Assembler         | <ul><li>Assembler</li><li>Creates object code (machine code)</li></ul>  |
| Linker/<br>Loader | <ul> <li>Linker/Loader</li> <li>Creates executable image from one or more object file</li> </ul>  |

#### **Examining Assembly Code before Debugger**

- Compiler can generate assembly code listing for reference
- Select in project options



#### **Examining Disassembled Program in Debugger**



View->Disassembly Window

#### **A Warning About Code Optimizations**

- Compiler and rest of tool-chain try to optimize code:
  - Simplifying operations
  - Removing "dead" code
  - Using registers
  - These optimizations often get in way of understanding what the code does
    - Fundamental trade-off: Fast or comprehensible code?
    - Compilers typically offer a range of optimization levels (e.g. Level 0 to Level 3)
  - Code examples here may use "volatile" data type modifier to reduce compiler optimizations and improve readability

### **Application Binary Interface (ABI)**

## Defines rules which allow separately developed functions to work together

- ARM Architecture Procedure Call Standard (AAPCS)
  - Which registers must be saved and restored
  - How to call procedures
  - How to return from procedures
- C Library ABI (CLIBABI)
  - C Library functions
- Run-Time ABI (RTABI)
  - Run-time helper functions: 32/32 integer division, memory copying, floating-point operations, data type conversions, etc.



## **USING REGISTERS**

### **AAPCS Register Use Conventions**

- Make it easier to create modular, isolated and integrated code
- Scratch registers are not expected to be preserved upon returning from a called subroutine
  - r0-r3
- Preserved ("variable") registers are expected to have their original values upon returning from a called subroutine
  - r4-r8, r10-r11

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## **AAPCS Core Register Use**

| Register | Synonym    | Special        | Role in the procedure call standard            |                |   |                       |
|----------|------------|----------------|--|----------------|---|-----------------------|
| r15      |            | PC             | The Program Counter.                           |                |   |                       |
| r14      |            | LR             | The Link Register.                             |                |   |                       |
| r13      |            | SP             | The Stack Pointer.                             |                |   |                       |
| r12      |            | IP             | The Intra-Procedure-call                       | scratch regis  | ter.  |                       |
| r11      | v8         |                | Variable-register 8.                           |                | •   | by callee-procedure   |
| r10      | v7         |                | Variable-register 7.                           |                | ll modify them. C<br><del>s these to retain</del> | alling subroutine     |
| r9       |            | v6<br>SB<br>TR | Platform register.<br>The meaning of this regi | •              | d by the platform standard.                       | their value.          |
| r8       | <b>v</b> 5 |                | Variable-register 5.                           |                |   |                       |
| r7       | v4         |                | Variable register 4.                           |                | e saved, restored<br>Il modify them.              | by callee-procedure   |
| r6       | v3         |                | Variable register 3.                           |                |   | cts these to retain   |
| r5       | v2         |                | Variable register 2.                           | their v        |   |                       |
| r4       | v1         |                | Variable register 1.                           |                |   |                       |
| r3       | a4         |                | Argument / scratch regis                       | ster 4.        |   |                       |
| r2       | a3         |                | r i gament regioner e.                         |                | e saved. May be used                              |                       |
| r1       | a2         |                | Argument / result / scrate                     | ch register 2. | •   | results, or temporary |
| r0       | a1         |                | Argument / result / scrate                     | ch register 1. | values.   |                       |



## **MEMORY REQUIREMENTS**



#### **What Memory Does a Program Need?**

```
int a, b;
const char c=123;
int d=31;
void main(void) {
   int e;
   char f[32];
   e = d + 7;
   a = e + 29999;
   strcpy(f, "Hello!");
}
```

- Five possible types
  - Code
  - Read-only static data
  - Writable static data
    - Initialized
    - Zero-initialized
    - Uninitialized
  - Heap
  - Stack
- What goes where?
  - Code is obvious
  - And the others?



#### **What Memory Does a Program Need?**

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   strcpy(f, "Hello!");
}
```

- Can the information change?
  - If No → Put it in read-only, nonvolatile memory
    - Instructions
    - Constant strings
    - Constant operands
    - Initialization values
  - If Yes → Put it in read/write memory
    - Variables
    - Intermediate computations
    - Return address
    - Other housekeeping data



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How long does the data need to exist? Reuse memory if possible.

#### Statically allocated

- Exists from program start to end
- Each variable has its own fixed location
- Space is not reused

#### Automatically allocated

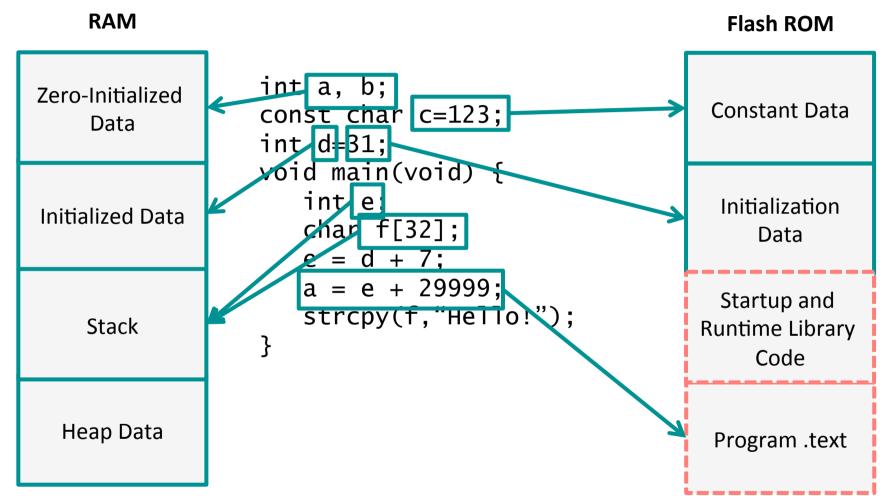
- Exists from function start to end
- Space can be reused

#### Dynamically allocated

- Exists from explicit allocation to explicit deallocation
- Space can be reused



#### **Program Memory Use**





#### **Activation Record**

Activation records are located on the **stack** 

- Calling a function creates an activation record
- Returning from a function deletes the activation record
- Automatic variables and housekeeping information are stored in a function's activation record

Higher address

Lower

address

space) Local storage <- Stack ptr Activation record for Return address current function **Arguments** Local storage Activation record for Return address caller function **Arguments** Activation record for Local storage caller's caller Return address function **Arguments** Activation record for Local storage caller's caller's Return address caller function **Arguments** 

(Free stack

 Not all fields (Local storage, Return Address, Arguments) may be present for each activation record

#### **Type and Class Qualifiers**

 Used to modify a variable's declaration so compiler treats it slightly differently

#### Const

 Never written by program, can be put in ROM to save RAM

#### Volatile

- Can be changed outside of normal program flow:
   Interrupt Service Routine (ISR), hardware register
- Compiler must be careful with optimizations

#### Static

- Declared within function, retains value between function invocations
- Scope is limited to function

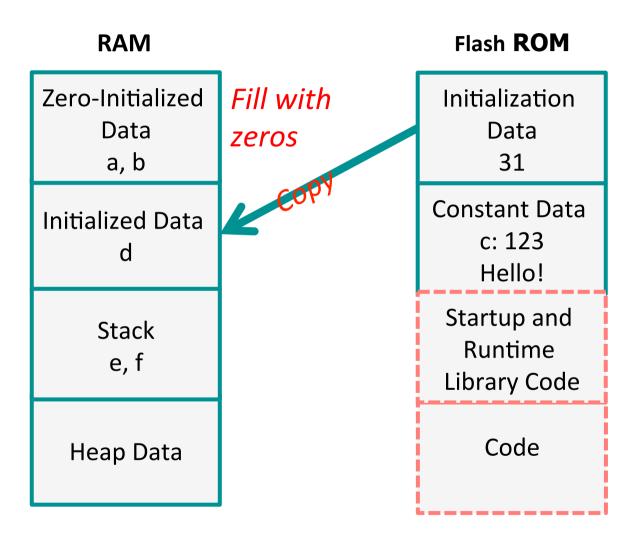
## Linker Map File

- Contains extensive information on functions and variables
  - Value, type, size, object
- Cross references between sections
- Memory map of image
- Sizes of image components
- Summary of memory requirements



#### **C Run-Time Start-Up Module**

- After reset, processor must...
- Initialize hardware
  - Peripherals, etc.
  - Set up stack pointer
- Initialize C or C++ run-time environment
  - Set up heap memory
  - Initialize variables





### **ACCESSING DATA IN MEMORY**

#### **Accessing Data**

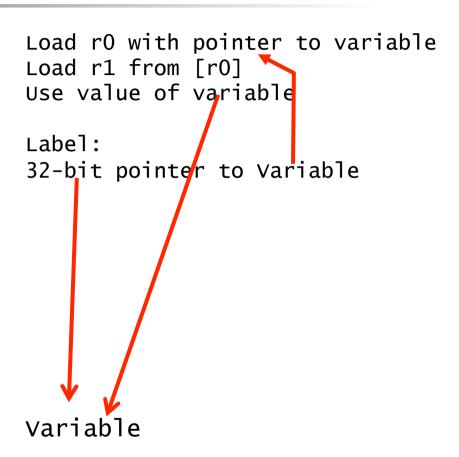
- What does it take to get at a variable in memory?
  - Depends on location, which depends on storage type (static, automatic, dynamic)

```
int siA:
void static_auto_local() {
       int aiB;
       static int siC=3:
       int * apD;
       int aiE=4, aiF=5, aiG=6;
       siA = 2:
       aiB = siC + siA;
       apD = \& aiB;
       (*apD)++;
       apD = \&siC;
       (*apD) += 9;
       apD = \&siA:
       apD = &aiE;
       apD = &aiF;
       apD = &aiG;
       (*apD)++;
       aiE+=7;
       *apD = aiE + aiF;
}
```



#### **Static Variables**

- Static var can be located anywhere in 32-bit memory space, so to access it, you need a 32-bit pointer
- Can't fit a 32-bit pointer into a 16-bit instruction (or a 32-bit instruction), so save the pointer separate from instruction, but nearby so we can access it with a short PC-relative offset
- Load the pointer into a register (r0)
- Can now load variable's value into a register (r1) from memory using that pointer in r0
- Similarly can store a new value to the variable in memory





### **Static Variables**

| • | <ul> <li>variable's value</li> <li>variable's address</li> <li>address of copy of variable's address</li> <li>Code</li> <li>Loads r2 with address of siA (from  L1.240 )</li> <li>Loads r1 with contents of siA (via pointer r2, with offset 0)</li> <li>Same for siC, with address at  L1.244 </li> </ul> | AREA    ;;;20 00000e 000010 000012 ;;;21 000014 000016 000018 00001a | 2102<br>4a37<br>6011 | siA =<br>MOVS           | r1,#2<br>r2, L1.240 <br>r1,[r2,#0]     | ; siA<br>; siC |
|---|--|--|----------------------|-------------------------|--|----------------|
| • | Addresses of siA and siC are stored as literals to be loaded into pointers   | L1.240<br> L1.244  |                      | DCD<br>DCD              | siA  <br> lsiC                         |                |
| • | Variables siC and siA are located in .data section with initial values   | siC  <br>  siA   | ARE                  | A   .data<br>DCD<br>DCD | 0x000000000000000000000000000000000000 | }              |

## Automatic Variables Stored on Stack

- Automatic variables are stored in a function's activation record (unless optimized and promoted to register)
- Activation records are located on the stack
- Calling a function creates an activation record, allocating space on stack
- Returning from a function deletes the activation record, freeing up space on stack

```
int main(void) {
   auto vars
   a();
void a(void) {
   auto vars
   b();
void b(void) {
   auto vars
   c();
void c(void) {
   auto vars
```



| int main(void)            | Lower   |                     | (Free stack   |                         |
|---------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| {                         | address |                     | space)        | l<br>  <- Stack pointer |
| auto vars                 |         | Activation record   | Local storage | while executing C       |
| a();<br>}                 |         | for current         | Saved regs    |                         |
| ,                         |         | function C          | Arguments     |                         |
| <pre>void a(void) {</pre> |         |                     | (optional)    |                         |
| auto vars                 |         | Activation record   | Local storage | <- Stack pointer        |
| b();                      |         |                     | Saved regs    | while executing B       |
| } \(\)                    |         | for caller          | Arguments     |                         |
|                           |         | function B          | (optional)    |                         |
| <pre>void b(void) {</pre> |         | Activation record   | Local storage | <- Stack pointer        |
| auto vars                 |         | for caller's caller | Saved regs    | while executing A       |
| c();                      |         | function A          | Arguments     |                         |
| }                         |         | TUTIONION A         | (optional)    |                         |
|                           |         | Activation record   | Local storage | <- Stack pointer        |
| <pre>void c(void) {</pre> |         | for caller's        | Saved regs    | while executing main    |
| auto vars                 | Higher  | caller's caller     | Arguments     |                         |
|                           | address | function main       | (optional)    |                         |
| ì                         |         |                     |               |                         |

## **Addressing Automatic Variables**

Program must allocate space on stack for variables

- Stack addressing uses an offset from the stack pointer: [sp, #offset]
  - One byte used for offset, is multiplied by four
  - Possible offsets: 0, 4, 8, ..., 1020
  - Maximum range addressable this way is 1024 bytes

| Address | Contents |
|---------|----------|
| SP      |          |
| SP+4    |          |
| SP+8    |          |
| SP+0xC  |          |
| SP+0x10 |          |
| SP+0x14 |          |
| SP+0x18 |          |
| SP+0x1C |          |
| SP+0x20 |          |
|         |          |



#### **Example Code**

```
int siA;
void static_auto_local() {
       int aiB;
       static int siC=3;
       int * apD;
       int aiE=4, aiF=5, aiG=6;
       siA = 2;
       aiB = siC + siA;
       apD = \& aiB;
       (*apD)++;
       apD = \&siC;
       (*apD) += 9;
       apD = \&siA;
       apD = &aiE;
       apD = &aiF;
       apD = &aiG;
       (*apD)++;
       aiE+=7;
       *apD = aiE + aiF;
}
```

#### **Automatic Variables**

;;;14

;;;15

00000c

| Address | Contents |
|---------|----------|
| SP      | aiG      |
| SP+4    | aiF      |
| SP+8    | aiE      |
| SP+0xC  | aiB      |
| SP+0x10 | r0       |
| SP+0x14 | r1       |
| SP+0x18 | r2       |
| SP+0x1C | r3       |
| SP+0x20 | Ir       |

```
000002 2104 MOVS r1,#4
000004 9102 STR r1,[sp,#8]
000006 2105 MOVS r1,#5
000008 9101 STR r1,[sp,#4]
```

void

;;;16 static int siC=3;

int aiB;

;;;17 int \* apD;

static\_auto\_local( void ) {

000000 b50f PUSH  $\{r0-r3, lr\}$ 

int aiE=4, aiF=5, aiG=6;

r1,[sp,#0]

Initialize aiE

Initialize aiF

Initialize aiG

;;;21 aiB = siC + siA;

00000a 2106 MOVS r1,#6

9100

Store value for aiB ———

00001c 9103 STR r1,[sp,#0xc]

STR



## **USING POINTERS**



#### **Example Code**

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       apD = &aiF;
       apD = &aiG;
       (*apD)++;
       aiE+=7;
       *apD = aiE + aiF;
}
```

# •

#### **Using Pointers to Automatics**

- C Pointer: a variable which holds the data's address
- aiB is on stack at SP+0xc
- Compute r0 with variable's address from stack pointer and offset (0xc)
- Load r1 with variable's value from memory
- Operate on r1, save back to variable's address



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       apD = &aiG;
       (*apD)++;
       aiE+=7;
       *apD = aiE + aiF;
}
```

#### **Using Pointers to Static Variables**

- Load r0 with variable's address from address of copy of variable's address
- Load r1 with variable's value from memory
- Operate on r1, save back to variable's address

```
apD = \&siC:
;;;24
000026
        4833 LDR r0, |L1.244|
                  (*apD) += 9;
;;;25
        6801
000028
                 LDR
                        r1,[r0,#0]
00002a
        3109
                 ADDS r1, r1, #9
00002c 6001
                 STR r1, \lceil r0, \#0 \rceil
|L1.244|
                  DCD
                              ||siC||
           AREA ||.data||, DATA, ALIGN=2
||siC||
                  DCD
                            0x0000003
```



## **ARRAY ACCESS**



#### **Array Access**

- What does it take to get at an array element in memory?
  - Depends on how many dimensions
  - Depends on element size and row width
  - Depends on location,
     which depends on storage
     type (static, automatic,
     dynamic)

```
unsigned char buff2[3];
unsigned short int buff3[5][7];
unsigned int arrays(unsigned char n,
unsigned char j) {
  volatile unsigned int i;

  i = buff2[0] + buff2[n];
  i += buff3[n][j];

  return i;
}
```



#### **Accessing 1-D Array Elements**

- Need to calculate element address, that is sum of:
  - array start address
  - offset: index \* element size
- buff2 is array of unsigned characters
- Move n (argument) from r0 into r2
- Load r3 with pointer to buff2
- Load (byte) r3 with first element of buff2

| Address   | Contents |
|-----------|----------|
| buff2     | buff2[0] |
| buff2 + 1 | buff2[1] |
| buff2 + 2 | buff2[2] |

```
    Load r4 with pointer to buff2
    Load (byte) r4 with element
    at address buff2+r2
    r2 holds argument n
```

```
Add r3 and r4 to form sum
```

```
00009e
      4602
                   r2.r0
             MOV
4b1b
             LDR r3.|L1.272|
0000a0
     781b
             LDRB r3,[r3,#0];buff2
0000a2
0000a4
     4c1a
                   r4. L1.272
             LDR
0000a6
     5ca4
             LDRB
                   r4,[r4,r2]
0000a8
     1918
                   r0.r3.r4
             ADDS
|L1.272|
                   buff2
             DCD
```



#### **Accessing 2-D Array Elements**

#### short int buff3[5][7]

| 21.0. 6 11.6 24.1.2[2][7] |             |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Address                   | Contents    |  |  |  |  |
| buff3                     | buff3[0][0] |  |  |  |  |
| buff3+1                   |             |  |  |  |  |
| buff3+2                   | buff3[0][1] |  |  |  |  |
| buff3+3                   |             |  |  |  |  |
| (etc.)                    |             |  |  |  |  |
| buff3+10                  | buff3[0][5] |  |  |  |  |
| buff3+11                  |             |  |  |  |  |
| buff3+12                  | buff3[0][6] |  |  |  |  |
| buff3+13                  |             |  |  |  |  |
| buff3+14                  | buff3[1][0] |  |  |  |  |
| buff3+15                  |             |  |  |  |  |
| buff3+16                  | buff3[1][1] |  |  |  |  |
| buff3+17                  |             |  |  |  |  |
| buff3+18                  | buff3[1][2] |  |  |  |  |
| buff3+19                  |             |  |  |  |  |
| (etc.)                    |             |  |  |  |  |
| buff3+68                  | buff3[4][6] |  |  |  |  |
| buff3+69                  |             |  |  |  |  |

- var[rows][columns]
- Sizes
  - Element: 2 bytes
  - Row: 7\*2 bytes = 14 bytes (0xe)
- Offset based on row index and column index
  - column offset = column index \* element size
  - row offset = row index \* row size

### **Code to Access 2-D Array**

- Load r3 with row size
- Multiply by row number (n, r2) to put row offset in r3
- Load r4 with address of buff3
- Add buff 3 address to row offset in r3
- Shift column number (j is mapped to r1) left by one
  - Which is multiplying by 2 (bytes/element)
- Load (halfword) r3 with element at address r3+r4 (buff3 + row offset + col. offset)
- Add r3 into variable i (variable i is mapped to r0)

```
i += buff3[n][j];
;;;77
0000aa
        230e
               MOVS
                      r3.#0xe
0000ac
        4353
               MULS
                      r3, r2, r3
0000ae
        4c19
                      r4, L1.276
               LDR
0000b0
        191b
               ADDS
                      r3, r3, r4
0000b2
        004c
               LSLS
                      r4, r1, #1
0000b4
        5b1b
               LDRH
                      r3.[r3.r4]
0000b6
        1818
               ADDS
                      r0, r3, r0
|L1.276|
```

**DCD** 

buff3



# FUNCTION PROLOG AND EPILOG

#### **Prolog and Epilog**

- A function's Prolog & Epilog are responsible for creating and destroying its activation record
- Remember AAPCS
  - Scratch registers r0-r3 are not expected to be preserved upon returning from a called subroutine, can be overwritten
  - Preserved ("variable") registers r4-r8, r10-r11 must have their original values upon returning from a called subroutine
  - Prolog must save preserved registers on stack
  - Epilog must **restore** preserved registers from stack
- Prolog also may
  - Handle function arguments
  - Allocate temporary storage space on stack (subtract from SP)
- Epilog
  - May deallocate stack space (add to SP)
  - Returns control to calling function

#### **Return Address**

- Return address stored in LR by bl, blx instructions
- Consider case where a() calls b() which calls c()
  - On entry to b(), LR holds return address in a()
  - When b() calls c(), LR will be overwritten with return address in b()
  - After c() returns, b() will have lost its return address
- If a function call a subroutine:
  - Yes: must save and restore LR on stack just like other preserved registers, but LR value is popped into PC rather than LR
  - No: don't need to save or restore LR, as it will not be modified



### **Function Prolog and Epilog**

| _ |  | tun4 Pi          | ROC  |              |                                |
|---|--|------------------|--|--------------|--------------------------------|
|   |  | ;;;102<br>;;;103 | <pre>int fun4(char a, int b, char volatile int x[8];</pre> |              |                                |
|   |  | 00010a           | b510   | PUSH         | {r4,1r}                        |
| • | Save r4 (preserved register) and link register (return address)      | 00010c           | b088   | SUB          | sp,sp,#0x20                    |
| • | Allocate 32 (0x20) bytes on stack for array x by subtracting from SP | ;;;107           | 1858<br>1880<br>}  | ADDS<br>ADDS | a+b+c;<br>r0,r3,r1<br>r0,r0,r2 |
|   | Compute return value, placing  | 000120           | b008   | ADD          | sp,sp,#0x20                    |
|   | in return register r0  | 000122           | bd10   | POP<br>ENDP  | {r4,pc}                        |

- Deallocate 32 bytes from stack
- Pop r4 (preserved register) and PC (return address)



#### **Activation Record Creation by Prolog**

Smaller address

| space for x[0] |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| space for x[1] |                      |
| space for x[2] |                      |
| space for x[3] | Array x              |
| space for x[4] |                      |
| space for x[5] |                      |
| space for x[6] |                      |
| space for x[7] |                      |
| Ir             | Return address       |
| r4             | Preserved register   |
|                | Caller's stack frame |

<- 3. SP after sub sp,sp,#0x20

<- 2. SP after push {r4,lr}

Larger address

<- 1. SP on entry to function, before push {r4,lr}



### **Activation Record Destruction by Epilog**

Smaller address

| Array x              |
|----------------------|
|                      |
|                      |
|                      |
|                      |
| Return address       |
| Preserved register   |
| Caller's stack frame |
|                      |

<- 1. SP before add sp,sp,#0x20

<- 2. SP after add sp,sp,#20

Larger address

<- 3. SP after pop {r4,pc}



## **CALLING FUNCTIONS**

#### **Function Arguments and Return Values**

- First, pass the arguments
  - How to pass them?
    - Much faster to use registers than stack
    - But quantity of registers is limited
  - Basic rules
    - Process arguments in order they appear in source code
    - Round size up to be a multiple of 4 bytes
    - Copy arguments into core registers (r0-r3), aligning doubles to even registers
    - Copy remaining arguments onto stack, aligning doubles to even addresses
    - Specific rules in AAPCS, Section 5.5
- Second, call the function
  - Usually as subroutine with branch link (bl) or branch link and exchange instruction (blx)
  - Exceptions in AAPCS



## **AAPCS Core Register Use**

| Register | Synonym    | Special        | Role in the procedure call standard  |  |  |
|----------|------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| r15      |            | PC             | The Program Counter.   |  |  |
| г14      |            | LR             | The Link Register.   |  |  |
| r13      |            | SP             | The Stack Pointer.   |  |  |
| r12      |            | IP             | The Intra-Procedure-call scratch register.   |  |  |
| r11      | <b>v</b> 8 |                | Variable-register 8.   |  |  |
| r10      | v7         |                | Variable-register 7.   |  |  |
| r9       |            | v6<br>SB<br>TR | Platform register. The meaning of this register is defined by the platform standard. |  |  |
| r8       | <b>v</b> 5 |                | Variable-register 5.   |  |  |
| r7       | v4         |                | Variable register 4.   |  |  |
| r6       | v3         |                | Variable register 3.   |  |  |
| r5       | <b>v</b> 2 |                | Variable register 2.   |  |  |
| r4       | v1         |                | Variable register 1.   |  |  |
| r3       | a4         |                | Argument scratch register 4.   |  |  |
| r2       | a3         |                | Argument scratch register 3.   |  |  |
| r1       | a2         |                | Argument result / scratch register 2.  |  |  |
| r0       | a1         |                | Argument result / scratch register 1.  |  |  |



#### **Return Values**

- Callee passes Return Value in register(s) or stack
- Registers

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|              |   |     |

- Caller function allocates space for return value, then passes pointer to space as an argument to callee
- Callee stores result at location indicated by pointer

| Return value  | Registers used for passing |                |  |
|---------------|----------------------------|----------------|--|
| size          | Fundamental                | Composite Data |  |
|               | Data Type                  | Туре           |  |
| 1-4 bytes     | r0                         | r0             |  |
| 8 bytes       | r0-r1                      | stack          |  |
| 16 bytes      | r0-r3                      | stack          |  |
| Indeterminate | n/a                        | stack          |  |
| size          |                            |                |  |

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#### **Call Example: Calling Function**

```
int fun2(int arg2_1, int arg2_2) {
  int i;
  arg2_2 += fun3(arg2_1, 4, 5, 6);
  ...
}
```

- Argument 4 into r3
- Argument 3 into r2
- Argument 2 into r1
- Argument 1 into r0
- Call fun3 with BL instruction
- Result was returned in r0, so add to r4 (arg2\_2 += result)

```
fun2 PROC
;;;85
          int fun2(int arg2_1, int
arg2_2) {
0000e0
        2306
                 MOVS
                        r3,#6
                        r2,#5
0000e2
        2205
                 MOVS
                        r1,#4
0000e4
        2104
                 MOVS
                        r0.r6
0000e6
        4630
                 MOV
        f7fffffe BL
                        fun3
0000e8
0000ec
        1904
                 ADDS
                        r4.r0.r4
```

#### **Call and Return Example**

```
int fun3(int arg3_1, int arg3_2,
   int arg3_3, int arg3_4) {
   return arg3_1*arg3_2*
        arg3_3*arg3_4;
}
```

- Save r4 and Link Register on stack
- $r0 = arg3_1*arg3_2$
- r0 \*= arg3\_3
- r0 \*= arg3\_4
- Restore r4 and return from subroutine
- Return value is in r0

```
fun3 PROC
;;;81
          int fun3(int arg3_1, int
arg3_2, int arg3_3, int arg3_4) {
0000ba
       b510
                 PUSH
                        {r4,1r}
0000c0
                        r0,r1,r0
        4348
                 MULS
0000c2
                        r0, r2, r0
        4350
                 MULS
0000c4
        4358
                        r0, r3, r0
                 MULS
0000c6
        bd10
                        {r4,pc}
                 POP
```



## **CONTROL FLOW**



#### **Control Flow: Conditionals and Loops**

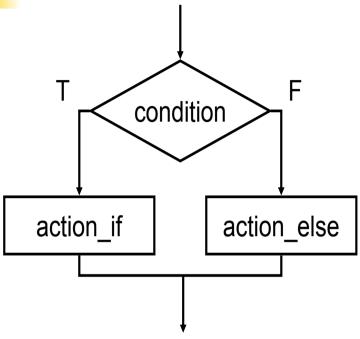
How does the compiler implement conditionals and loops?

```
if (x){
    y++;
} else {
    y--;
switch (x) {
  case 1:
    y += 3;
    break;
  case 31:
    y -= 5;
    break;
  default:
    y--;
    break;
  }
```

```
while (x<10) {
    x = x + 1;
}
for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
{
    x += i;
}
do {
    x += 2;
} while (x < 20);
```



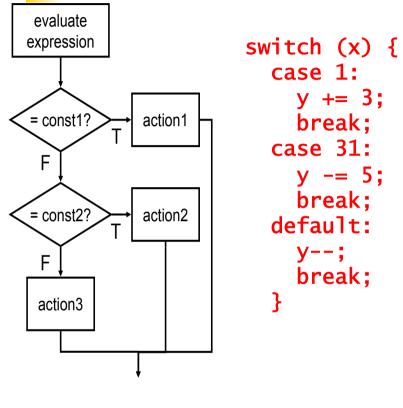
#### **Control Flow: If/Else**



```
if (x){
    y++;
} else {
    y--;
}
```

```
if (x){
;;;39
              CMP
                    r1,#0
000056
       2900
000058
       d001 BEQ
                    |L1.94|
;;;40
              y++;
00005a
              ADDS
                    r2, r2, #1
       1c52
00005c
                    |L1.96|
       e000
              В
   |L1.94|
           } else {
;;;41
;;;42
             y--;
00005e 1e52 SUBS
                    r2, r2, #1
   |L1.96|
;;;43
```

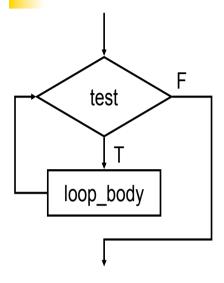
# Control Flow: Switch



```
;;;45
            switch (x) {
000060
                         r1,#1
        2901
                  CMP
                         |L1.106|
000062
        d002
                  BEQ
000064
        291f
                         r1,#0x1f
                  CMP
000066
        d104
                  BNE
                         |L1.114|
000068
                          |L1.110|
        e001
```

```
|L1.106|
;;;46
            case 1:
;;;47
              y += 3;
00006a 1cd2
                  ADDS
                           r2, r2, #3
;;;48
               break;
                           |L1.118|
00006c e003
                  В
|L1.110|
;;;49
            case 31:
;;;50
               v -= 5:
00006e 1f52
                  SUBS
                           r2, r2, #5
;;;51
               break;
000070 e001
                           |L1.118|
                  В
|L1.114|
            default:
;;;52
;;;53
               y--;
000072
       1e52
                           r2, r2, #1
                  SUBS
;;;54
               break:
000074
        bf00
                  NOP
|L1.118|
        bf00
000076
                  NOP
;;;55
```

#### **Iteration: While**

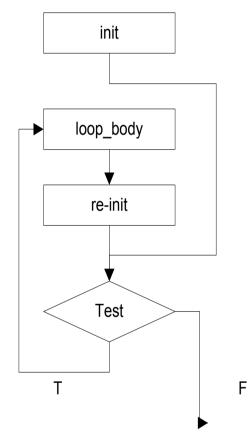


```
;;;57
          while (x<10) {
              B |L1.124|
000078
       e000
              |L1.122|
;;;58
            x = x + 1;
              ADDS r1,r1,#1
00007a
       1c49
              |L1.124|
                    r1,#0xa
00007c 290a
              CMP
                              ;57
00007e d3fc
              BCC |L1.122|
;;;59
```

```
while (x<10) {
     x = x + 1;
}</pre>
```

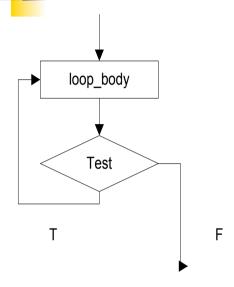


#### **Iteration: For**



```
for (i = 0; i < 10; i++){
     x += i;
 }
;;;61
        for (i = 0; i < 10; i++){
       2300
               MOVS r3,#0
080000
000082
       e001
                     |L1.136|
                |L1.132|
;;;62
             x += i;
000084
       18c9
               ADDS r1, r1, r3
               ADDS r3,r3,#1
000086
       1c5b
                                 ;61
                |L1.136|
000088
                                 ;61
       2b0a
               CMP
                      r3,#0xa
00008a
       d3fb
               BCC
                      |L1.132|
;;;63
```

#### **Iteration: Do/While**



```
do {
    x += 2;
} while (x < 20);</pre>
```



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