

# Introduction to 8086 Assembly

## Lecture 16

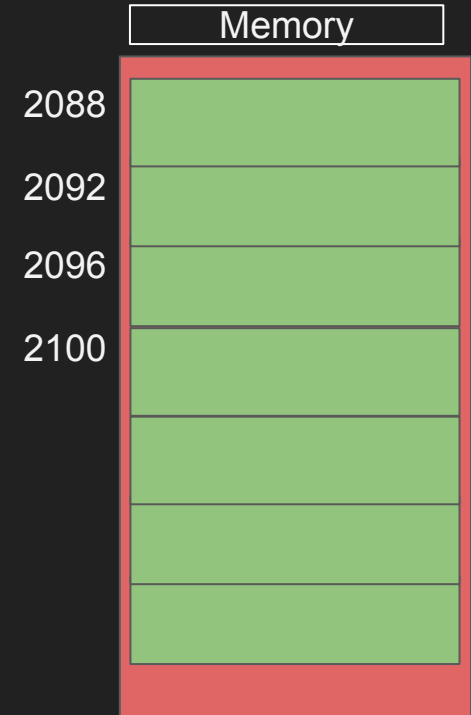
Implementing Arrays

# Arrays



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- A list of elements all of same size (and type)
- Accessing array element `a[i]`

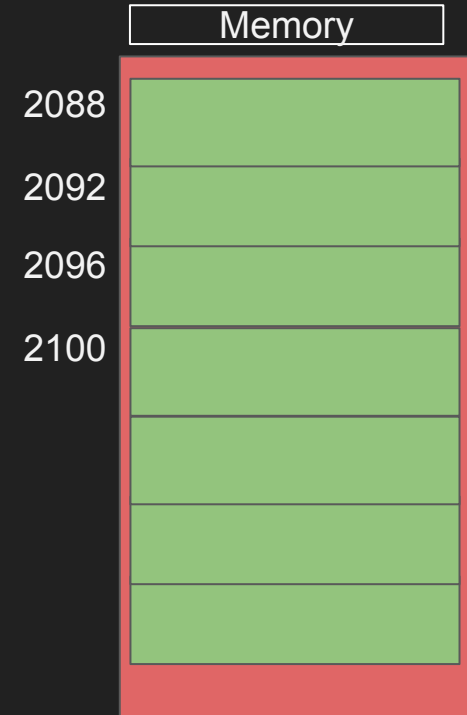


# Arrays



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- A list of elements all of same size (and type)
- Accessing array element `a[i]`
  - starting address in memory
  - element size
  - index
  - index of first element (0 or 1?)
  - no. of elements (array size)?

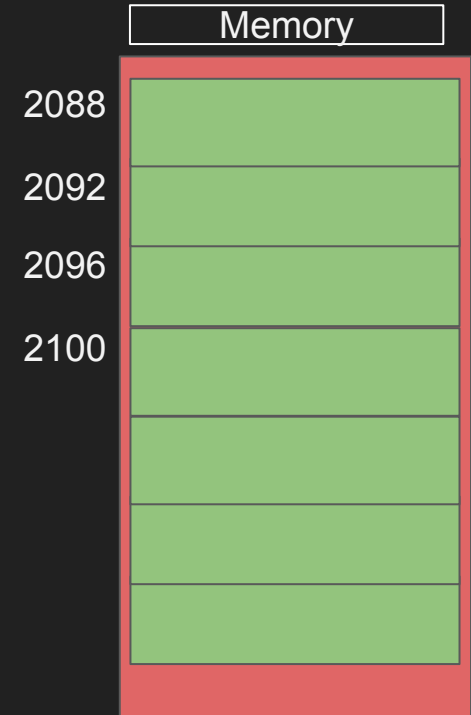


# Defining arrays



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- Define arrays
  - In data segment (e.g. global arrays)
    - absolute address (global label)
  - In stack (e.g. local arrays)
    - relative address (relative to esp or ebp)



# Global labels

```
segment .data
```

```
arr1:  db  1,3,6,10, 15, 21, 28
arr2:  dw  0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
arr3:  dd  10, 100, 1000, 10000, 100000
arr4:  times 64 dd 20
```

```
segment .bss
```

```
arr5:  resb 100
arr6:  resw 200
arr7:  resd 50
arr8:  resq 400
```

**start address:** arr1  
**element size:** 1 byte  
**array size:** 7 elements (7 bytes)

**start address:** arr2  
**element size:** 2 bytes  
**array size:** 6 elements (12 bytes)

**start address:** arr3  
**element size:** 4 bytes  
**array size:** 5 elements (20 bytes)

**start address:** arr4  
**element size:** 4 bytes  
**array size:** 64 elements (256 bytes)

**start address:** arr8  
**element size:** 8 bytes  
**array size:** 400 elements (3200 bytes)



# Arrays on stack (as local variable)



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```
func:
    push ebp
    mov  ebp, esp

    ;; just a single
    ;; local variable (array)
    sub  esp, 400
```

**start address:**  $\text{ebp}-400$   
**element size:** 1 byte  
**array size:** 400 elements

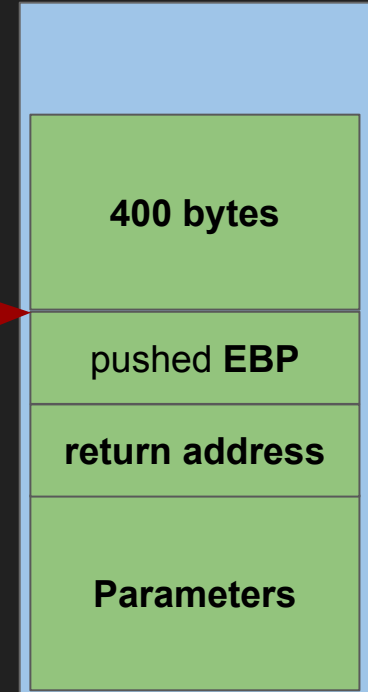
OR

**start address:**  $\text{ebp}-400$   
**element size:** 2 bytes  
**array size:** 200 elements

OR

**start address:**  $\text{ebp}-400$   
**element size:** 4 bytes  
**array size:** 100 elements

EBP →



# Access array elements



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- Use indirect addressing

```
segment .data

arr1:  db  1,3,6,10, 15, 21, 28
arr2:  dw  0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
arr3:  dd  10, 100, 1000, 10000, 100000
arr4:  times 64 dd 20

segment .bss

arr5:  resb 100
arr6:  resw 200
arr7:  resd 50
arr8:  resq 400
```

```
mov al, [arr1+3]
```

```
mov ax, [arr2+2]
```

```
mov eax, [arr3+8]
```

```
mov eax, [arr3+3]
```

```
mov ecx, 12
```

```
mov dword [arr7+ecx], -200
```

# Access array elements



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```
segment .data
array1: dd 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32

segment .text
global asm_main
extern print_int, print_nl

asm_main:
    pusha

    mov ecx, 6 ; array size
    mov ebx, 0

loop1:
    mov eax, [array1+ebx]
    call print_int
    call print_nl

    add ebx, 4
    loop loop1

    popa
    ret
```

array2.asm



# Access array elements



```
segment .data
array1: dd 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32

segment .text
global asm_main
extern print_int, print_nl

asm_main:
    pusha

    mov ecx, 6 ; array size
    mov ebx, 0

loop1:
    mov eax, [array1+ebx]
    call print_int
    call print_nl

    add ebx, 4
    loop loop1

    popa
    ret
```

array2.asm

```
segment .data
array1: dd 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32

segment .text
global asm_main
extern print_int, print_nl

asm_main:
    pusha

    mov ecx, 6 ; array size
    mov ebx, array1

loop1:
    mov eax, [ebx]
    call print_int
    call print_nl

    add ebx, 4
    loop loop1

    popa
    ret
```

array3.asm

# Exercise



- Write a function to print an array of double word integers.

```
void printArray(const int a[], int n) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)  
        printf("%d, ", a[i]);  
    putchar('\n');  
}
```

```
%include "asm_io.inc" array4.asm  
  
segment .data  
array1: dd 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32  
  
segment .text  
global asm_main  
  
asm_main:  
    pusha  
  
    push 6  
    push array1  
    call printArray  
  
    popa  
    ret
```

# Exercise



```
void printArray(const int a[], int n) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)  
        printf("%d, ", a[i]);  
    putchar('\n');  
}
```

ESP



return address

a=array1

n=6

```
%include "asm_io.inc"
```

array4.asm

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```
segment .data
```

```
array1: dd 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32
```

```
segment .text
```

```
global asm_main
```

```
asm_main:
```

```
pusha
```

```
push 6
```

```
push array1
```

```
call printArray
```

```
popa
```

```
ret
```

# Exercise

```
; printArray(int ARRAY[], int SIZE)
#define ARRAY [ebp+8]
#define SIZE [ebp+12]

printArray:
    push ebp
    mov ebp, esp

    mov ebx, ARRAY
    mov ecx, SIZE

loop1:
    mov eax, [ebx]
    call print_int
    mov al, ','
    call print_char
    mov al, ' '
    call print_char

    add ebx, 4
    loop loop1

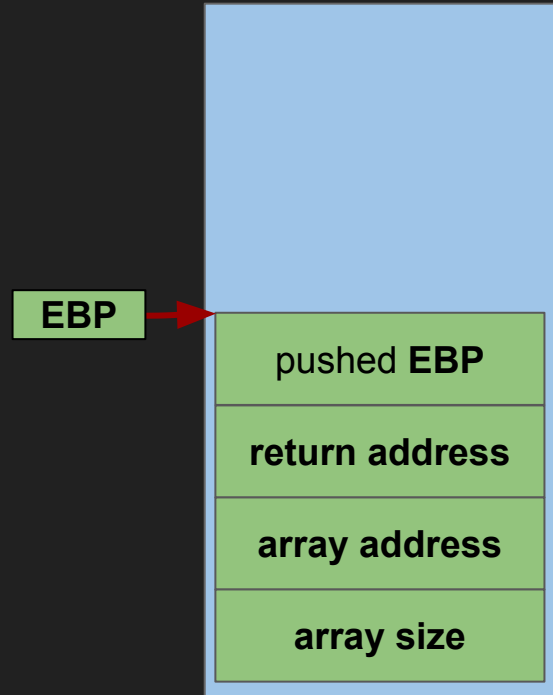
    mov al, 10
    call print_char

    mov esp, ebp
    pop ebp
    ret 8
```

array4.asm



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# Advanced indirect addressing



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`mov eax, [ecx]`

`mov eax, [ecx + constant]`

`mov eax, [4 * ecx + constant]`

`mov eax, [ ebx + 4 * ecx + constant]`

# Advanced indirect addressing



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## Intel Syntax

`mov eax, [ecx]`

`mov eax, [ecx + const]`

`mov eax, [4 * ecx + const]`

`mov eax, [ebx + 4 * ecx + const]`

## AT&T Syntax

`mov (%ecx), %eax`

`mov const(%ecx), %eax`

`mov const(%ecx,4), %eax`

`mov const(%ebx,%ecx,4), %eax`



# Advanced indirect addressing

## Intel Syntax

mov eax, [ecx]

mov eax, [ecx + const]

mov eax, [4 \* ecx + const]

mov eax, [ebx + 4 \* ecx + const]

## AT&T Syntax

mov (%ecx), %eax

mov const(%ecx), %eax

mov const(%ecx,4), %eax

mov const(%ebx,%ecx,4), %eax

MYMOV eax, ebx, ecx, 4, const

# Advanced indirect addressing



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[ **base-reg** + **scale** \* **index-reg** + **constant** ]

scale: **1,2,4,8**

base-reg: **EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX, EBP, ESP, ESI, EDI**

index-reg: **EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX, EBP, ESI, EDI (not ESP)**

constant: **label or integer (positive/negative)**



# Advanced indirect addressing



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$$[ \text{base-reg} + \text{scale} * \text{index-reg} + \text{constant} ]$$

effective address

scale: 1, 2, 4, 8

base-reg: EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX, EBP, ESP, ESI, EDI

index-reg: EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX, EBP, ESI, EDI (not ESP)

constant: label or integer (positive/negative)



# Advanced indirect addressing

Intel Syntax: `[base-reg + scale*index-reg + constant]`

AT&T Syntax: `constant(base-reg, index-reg, scale)`

scale: `1,2,4,8`

base-reg: `EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX, EBP, ESP, ESI, EDI`

index-reg: `EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX, EBP, ESI, EDI (not ESP)`

constant: `label or integer (positive/negative)`

# Advanced indirect addressing



```
segment .data                                     array3.asm
array1: dd 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32

segment .text
global asm_main
extern print_int, print_nl

asm_main:
    pusha

    mov ecx, 6 ; array size
    mov ebx, 0

loop1:
    mov eax, [ebx+array1]
    call print_int
    call print_nl

    add ebx, 4
    loop loop1

    popa
    ret
```

```
segment .data                                     array5.asm
array1: dd 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32

segment .text
global asm_main
extern print_int, print_nl

asm_main:
    pusha

    mov ecx, 6 ; array size
    mov ebx, 0

loop1:
    mov eax, [4*ebx+array1]
    call print_int
    call print_nl

    inc ebx
    loop loop1

    popa
    ret
```

# local variables/arrays



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```
void myfunc() {  
    int k;  
    int j;  
    int a[100];  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {  
        a[i] = i*i;  
    }  
  
    printArray(a,100);  
}
```

# local variables/arrays



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void myfunc() {  
    int k;  
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    int a[100];  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {  
        a[i] = i*i;  
    }  
  
    printArray(a,100);  
}
```

myfunc:

```
push ebp  
mov  ebp, esp  
sub  esp, 4+4+100*4
```

```
mov  esp, ebp  
pop  ebp  
ret
```

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```
void myfunc() {  
    int k;  
    int j;  
    int a[100];  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {  
        a[i] = i*i;  
    }  
  
    printArray(a,100);  
}
```

myfunc:

```
push ebp  
mov  ebp, esp  
sub  esp, 4+4+100*4  
             immediate  
  
mov  esp, ebp  
pop  ebp  
ret
```

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```
void myfunc() {  
    int k;  
    int j;  
    int a[100];  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {  
        a[i] = i*i;  
    }  
  
    printArray(a,100);  
}
```

myfunc:

```
push ebp  
mov  ebp, esp  
sub  esp, 4+4+100*4  
      immediate  
      (evaluated at  
      assemble time)  
  
mov  esp, ebp  
pop  ebp  
ret
```

# local variables/arrays



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```
void myfunc() {  
    int k;  
    int j;  
    int a[100];  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {  
        a[i] = i*i;  
    }  
  
    printArray(a,100);  
}
```

```
myfunc:                                     array6.asm  
    push ebp  
    mov  ebp, esp  
    sub  esp, 4+4+100*4  
  
    mov  ecx, 0  
beginloop:  
    cmp  ecx, 100  
    jge  endloop  
  
    mov  eax, ecx  
    mul  ecx  
    mov  [ebp+4*ecx-408], eax  
  
    inc  ecx  
    jmp  beginloop  
endloop:
```

EBP



a (400 bytes)

j (4 bytes)

k (4 bytes)

pushed EBP

return address



# local variables/arrays



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```
void myfunc() {  
    int k;  
    int j;  
    int a[100];  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {  
        a[i] = i*i;  
    }  
  
    printArray(a,100);  
}
```

```
myfunc:                                     array6.asm  
    push ebp  
    mov  ebp, esp  
    sub  esp, 4+4+100*4  
  
    mov  ecx, 0  
beginloop:  
    cmp  ecx, 100  
    jge  endloop  
  
    mov  eax, ecx  
    mul  ecx  
  
    mov  [ebp+4*ecx-408], eax  
  
    inc  ecx  
    jmp  beginloop  
endloop:
```

**EBP-408**

**EBP**

**a (400 bytes)**

**j (4 bytes)**

**k (4 bytes)**

**pushed EBP**

**return address**

# local variables/arrays

```
void myfunc() {  
    int k;  
    int j;  
    int a[100];  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {  
        a[i] = i*i;  
    }  
  
    printArray(a,100);  
}
```

myfunc:

```
push ebp  
mov  ebp, esp  
sub  esp, 4+4+100*4
```

```
mov  ecx, 0
```

beginloop:

```
cmp  ecx, 100  
jge  endloop
```

```
mov  eax, ecx  
mul  ecx
```

```
mov  [ebp+4*ecx-408], eax
```

```
inc  ecx  
jmp  beginloop
```

endloop:

```
mov  eax, ebp  
sub  eax, 408  
push 100  
push eax  
call printArray
```

```
mov  esp, ebp  
pop  ebp  
ret
```

array6.asm



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# local variables/arrays



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    int j;  
    int a[100];  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {  
        a[i] = i*i;  
    }  
  
    printArray(a,100);  
}
```

endloop:

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```
mov    eax, ebp  
sub    eax, 408  
push   100  
push   eax  
call   printArray  
  
mov    esp, ebp  
pop    ebp  
ret
```

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endloop:

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```
mov  eax, ebp
sub  eax, 408
push 100
push eax
call printArray
```

```
mov  esp, ebp
pop  ebp
ret
```

EBP-408

EBP

a (400 bytes)

j (4 bytes)

k (4 bytes)

pushed EBP

return address

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endloop:

array6.asm

```
mov  eax, ebp  
sub  eax, 408  
push 100  
push eax  
call printArray  
  
mov  esp, ebp  
pop  ebp  
ret
```

$EAX = EBP - 408$

EBP-408

EBP

a (400 bytes)

j (4 bytes)

k (4 bytes)

pushed EBP

return address

# local variables/arrays



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endloop:

array6.asm

```
mov  eax, ebp } EAX = EBP - 408
sub  eax, 408
push 100
push eax
call printArray

mov  esp, ebp
pop  ebp
ret
```

EBP-408

EBP

mov eax, [ ebp-408 ]

a (400 bytes)

j (4 bytes)

k (4 bytes)

pushed EBP

return  
address

# local variables/arrays



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endloop:

array6.asm

```
mov  eax, ebp } EAX = EBP - 408
sub  eax, 408
push 100
push eax
call printArray

mov  esp, ebp
pop  ebp
ret
```

`mov eax, [ ebp-408 ]`  
effective  
address

EBP-408

EBP

a (400 bytes)

j (4 bytes)

k (4 bytes)

pushed EBP

return  
address

# local variables/arrays



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endloop:

array6.asm

```
mov  eax, ebp } EAX = EBP - 408
sub  eax, 408
push 100
push eax
call printArray

mov  esp, ebp
pop  ebp
ret
```

`mov eax, [ ebp-408 ]`  
How to move the  
effective address  
instead of the content?

EBP-408

EBP

a (400 bytes)

j (4 bytes)

k (4 bytes)

pushed EBP

return  
address



# local variables/arrays



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endloop:

array6.asm

```
mov  eax, ebp } EAX = EBP - 408
sub  eax, 408
push 100
push eax
call printArray

mov  esp, ebp
pop  ebp
ret
```

EBP-408

EBP

```
mov eax, [ ebp-408 ]
lea  eax, [ ebp-408 ]
```

Load Effective Address

a (400 bytes)

j (4 bytes)

k (4 bytes)

pushed EBP

return  
address

# load effective address



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endloop:

array6.asm

```
mov  eax, ebp } EAX = EBP - 408
sub  eax, 408 }
push 100
push eax
call printArray

mov  esp, ebp
pop  ebp
ret
```

endloop:

array7.asm

```
lea  eax, [ebp-408]
push 100
push eax
call printArray

mov  esp, ebp
pop  ebp
ret
```

# load effective address



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endloop:

array6.asm

```
mov  eax, ebp } EAX = EBP - 408
sub  eax, 408
push 100
push eax
call printArray

mov  esp, ebp
pop  ebp
ret
```

endloop:

array7.asm

```
lea  eax, [ebp-408]
push 100
push eax
call printArray

mov  esp, ebp
pop  ebp
ret
```

address generation unit (AGU)

# final program

```
void myfunc() {  
    int k;  
    int j;  
    int a[100];  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {  
        a[i] = i*i;  
    }  
  
    printArray(a,100);  
}
```

myfunc:

```
push ebp  
mov ebp, esp  
sub esp, 4+4+100*4
```

```
mov ecx, 0
```

beginloop:

```
cmp ecx, 100  
jge endloop
```

```
mov eax, ecx  
mul ecx
```

```
mov [ebp+4*ecx-408], eax
```

```
inc ecx  
jmp beginloop
```

endloop:

```
lea eax, [ebp-408]  
push 100  
push eax  
call printArray
```

```
mov esp, ebp  
pop ebp  
ret
```

array7.asm



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# load effective address



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effective address

**MOV** reg, [ base-reg + scale \* index-reg + constant ]

reg = \*(base-reg + scale \* index-reg + constant)

**LEA** reg, [ base-reg + scale \* index-reg + constant ]

reg = base-reg + scale \* index-reg + constant

# get address of local variables / arrays



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- storing a pointer to a local variable
- pushing on stack for function call

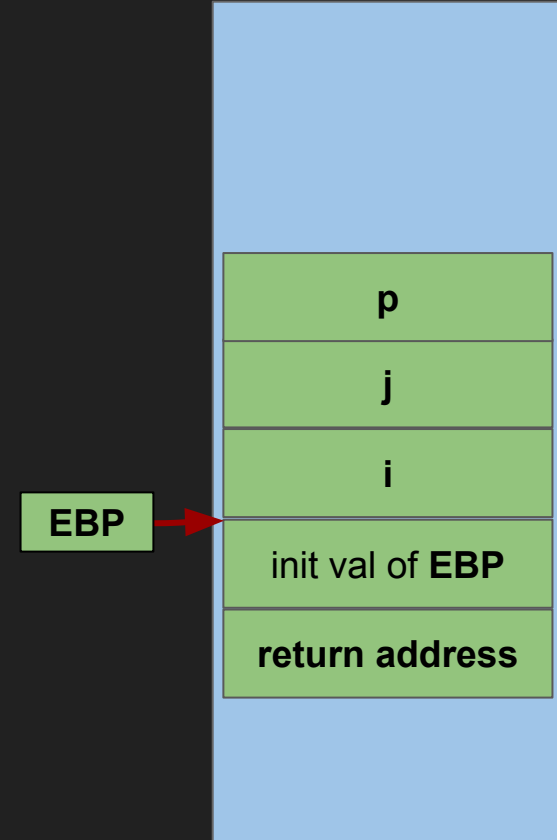
```
endloop:  
  
    lea eax, [ebp-408]  
    push 100  
    push eax  
    call printArray  
  
    mov esp, ebp  
    pop ebp  
    ret
```

# get address of local variables / arrays



- storing a pointer to a local variable
- pushing on stack for function call

```
void myfunc() {  
    int i;  
    int j;  
    int *p;  
  
    p = &j;  
  
}
```



# get address of local variables / arrays



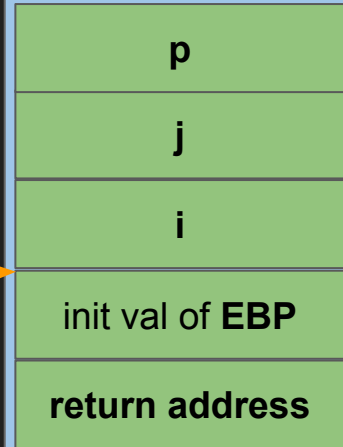
- storing a pointer to a local variable
- pushing on stack for function call

```
void myfunc() {  
    int i;  
    int j;  
    int *p;  
  
    p = &j;  
  
}
```

```
myfunc:  
    push ebp  
    mov  ebp, esp  
    sub  esp, 4+4+4  
  
    lea  eax, [ebp-8]  
    mov  [ebp-12], eax
```

assuming 32-bit addressing  
(pointers are 32 bits long)

EBP →





# fast computations



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```
lea EAX, [ EAX + 4 * EAX ]
```

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```
lea EAX, [ EAX + 4 * EAX ]
```

```
EAX *= 5
```

# fast computations



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```
lea EAX, [ EAX + 4 * EAX ]
```

```
EAX *= 5
```

```
????
```

```
EAX *= 6
```

# fast computations



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```
lea EAX, [ EAX + 4 * EAX ]
```

EAX \*= 5

```
lea EAX, [ EAX + 5 * EAX ]
```

EAX \*= 6

# fast computations



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```
lea EAX, [ EAX + 4 * EAX ]      EAX *= 5
```

```
lea EAX, [ EAX + 5 * EAX ]      EAX *= 6
```

```
nasihatkon@kntu:code$ nasm -f elf lea.asm  
lea.asm:21: error: invalid effective address
```

# fast computations



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`lea EAX, [ EAX + 4 * EAX ]`      `EAX *= 5`

~~`lea EAX, [ EAX + 5 * EAX ]`~~      ~~`EAX *= 6`~~

```
nasihatkon@kntu:code$ nasm -f elf lea.asm
lea.asm:21: error: invalid effective address
```

`[ base-reg + scale * index-reg + constant ]`

`scale: 1,2,4,8`

# fast computations



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```
lea EAX, [ EAX + 4 * EAX ]      EAX *= 5
```

```
lea EAX, [ EAX + 5 * EAX ]      EAX *= 6
```

```
nasihatkon@kntu:code$ nasm -f elf lea.asm  
lea.asm:21: error: invalid effective address
```

```
lea EAX, [ EAX + 2 * EAX ]  
sal EAX
```

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# Arrays in inline assembly



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array9.c

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b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture16$ gcc -m32 -masm=intel array9.c && ./a.out
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9, 18, 27, 36, 45, 54, 63, 72, 81, 90,
```