Introduction to 8086 Assembly

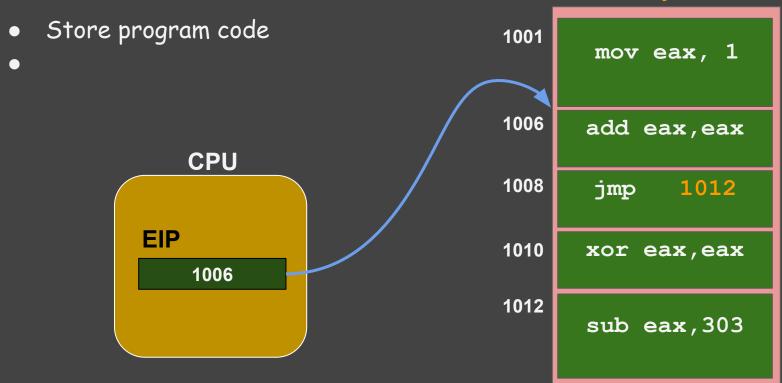
Lecture 6

Working with memory





memory



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The data segment (section)



segment .data

dd 1234

dw 13

db -123



segment .data

dd 1234

dw 13

db -123

But how to access data?

How to access data? Labels!



segment .data

l1: dd 1234 dw 13 db -123



```
memory1.asm
segment .data
11
    dd 1234
segment .text
    global asm_main
asm_main:
    enter 0,0
    pusha
    mov eax, I1
    call print_int
    call print_nl
    mov eax, [11]
    call print_int
    call print_nl
```

call print nl



```
memory1.asm
segment .data
11:
   dd 1234
segment .text
    global asm_main
asm main:
    enter 0.0
    pusha
                     CS@kntu:lecture6$ nasm -f elf -d ELF TYPE asm io.asm
                     CS@kntu:lecture6$ gcc -m32 -c driver.c
    mov eax, I1
                     CS@kntu:lecture6$ nasm -f elf memory1.asm
    call print_int
                     CS@kntu:lecture6$ gcc -m32 -o memory1 driver.c memory1.o asm io.o
    call print nl
                     CS@kntu:lecture6$ ./memory1
                     1449279496
    mov eax, [I1]
                     1234
    call print_int
```



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run.sh

```
segment .data

I1: dd 1234

segment .text
    global asm_main

asm_main:
    enter 0,0

pusha

CS@kntu:lecture6$
```

mov eax, I1

call print_int

call print nl

mov eax, [I1]

call print_int call print nl

```
nasm -f elf -d ELF_TYPE asm_io.asm &&
gcc -m32 -c driver.c &&
nasm -f elf $1.asm &&
gcc -m32 -o $1 driver.c $1.o asm_io.o &&
./$1
```

```
CS@kntu:lecture6$ nasm -f elf -d ELF_TYPE asm_io.asm
CS@kntu:lecture6$ gcc -m32 -c driver.c
CS@kntu:lecture6$ nasm -f elf memory1.asm
CS@kntu:lecture6$ gcc -m32 -o memory1 driver.c memory1.o asm_io.o
CS@kntu:lecture6$ ./memory1
1449279496
1234
```



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run.sh

```
segment .data
11:
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asm main:
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     call print_int
     call print_nl
     mov eax, [11]
     call print_int
     call print nl
```

memory1.asm

```
nasm -f elf -d ELF_TYPE asm_io.asm &&
gcc -m32 -c driver.c &&
nasm -f elf $1.asm &&
gcc -m32 -o $1 driver.c $1.o asm_io.o &&
./$1
```

b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture6\$./run.sh memory1
134520872
1234



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run.sh

```
segment .data
I1: dd 1234
segment .text
    global asm_main
asm main:
    enter 0.0
     pusha
    mov eax, I1
     call print_int
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memory1.asm

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nasm -f elf -d ELF_TYPE asm_io.asm &&
gcc -m32 -c driver.c &&
nasm -f elf $1.asm &&
gcc -m32 -o $1 driver.c $1.o asm_io.o &&
./$1
```

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134520872
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Reading data from memory



```
memory1.asm
segment .data
11:
     dd 1234
segment .text
    global asm_main
asm_main:
    enter 0.0
    pusha
    mov eax, I1
    call print_int
    call print_nl
    mov eax, [11]
    call print_int
    call print_nl
```

Data labels vs. Code labels



```
segment .data
                         memory2.asm
    dd 1234
11
segment .text
    global asm_main
asm_main:
    enter 0.0
    pusha
    mov eax, asm_main
    call print_int
    call print_nl
    mov eax, [asm_main]
    call print_int
    call print_nl
```

Data labels vs. Code labels



```
segment .data
                         memory2.asm
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    dd 1234
segment .text
    global asm_main
asm_main:
    enter 0.0
    pusha
    mov eax, asm_main
    call print_int
    call print_nl
    mov eax, [asm_main]
    call print_int
    call print_nl
```

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134513872
200

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```
11:
         db
              123
12:
         dw
              1000
13:
         db
              11010b
14:
         db
              120
16:
         dd
              1A92h
17:
         dd
              0x1A92
18:
         db
              'A'
19:
         db
              "B"
```

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```

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11:
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         data size (not data type!)
```

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         db
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         dw
              1000
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         db
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               IAI
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         data size (not data type!)
```

1 byte db 2 bytes dw 4 bytes dd 8 bytes dq 10 bytes dt

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         db
             123
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         dw
             1000
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             120
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         db
              IAI
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         db
              "B"
        data size
```

```
eax, 11
mov
call print int
call print nl
     eax, 12
mov
call print int
call print nl
     eax, 13
call print int
call print nl
     al, [18]
call print char
call print nl
```

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11:
         db
              123
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              "B"
         data size
```

```
eax, 11
call print int
call print nl
    eax, 12
call print int
call print nl
                     b.nasihatkon@kntu
    eax, 13
                     134520872
call print int
                      134520873
call print nl
                      134520875
    al, [18]
call print char
```

call print nl

Definitions in the book



```
L1
      db
             0
                       ; byte labeled L1 with initial value 0
L2
      dw
             1000
                       ; word labeled L2 with initial value 1000
L3
             110101b
      db
                       ; byte initialized to binary 110101 (53 in decimal)
L4
                       ; byte initialized to hex 12 (18 in decimal)
      db
             12h
L5
      db
             17o
                       ; byte initialized to octal 17 (15 in decimal)
L6
      dd
             1A92h
                       : double word initialized to hex 1A92
L7
      resb
                       ; 1 uninitialized byte
L8
             " A "
                       ; byte initialized to ASCII code for A (65)
      db
```

Carter, PC Assembly Language, 2007.



```
11:
         db
              123
12:
         dw
              1000
13:
         db
              11010b
14:
         db
              120
16:
         dd
              1A92h
17:
         dd
              0x1A92
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         db
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         db
              "B"
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         db
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         dd
              1A92h
17:
         dd
              0x1A92
18:
         db
              'A'
19:
         db
              "B"
         data size
```



```
segment .data
     dd 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
11:
```

```
mov eax, [I1]
call print_int
call print_nl
mov eax, [I1+1]
call print_int
call print nl
mov eax, [I1+2]
call print_int
call print_nl
mov eax, [I1+3]
call print_int
call print_nl
mov eax, [I1+4]
call print_int
call print_nl
```



```
segment .data
       dd 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
 11:
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture6$ ./run.sh memory4
11
201326592
786432
3072
12
```

```
mov eax, [I1]
call print_int
call print nl
mov eax, [I1+1]
call print_int
call print nl
mov eax, [11+2]
call print_int
call print nl
mov eax, [I1+3]
call print_int
call print nl
mov eax, [I1+4]
call print_int
call print_nl
```



```
segment .data
11:
      dd 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
12:
      dd 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8
      times 9 dd 8
13:
14:
      resd 9
15:
      resw 18
16:
      resb 36
```

Argument types



```
segment .data
   dd 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
11:
segment .text
mov eax, [I1]
                        memory
mov [I1+4], ebx
                         register
mov eax, ebx
mov eax, I1
                    immediate (constant)
mov eax, 123
```

Invalid mem, mem assembly commands



```
segment .data
   dd 11, 12, 13, 14
11:
12:
   dd 100
segment .text
mov [11], [12]
add [11], [12]
sub [11], [12]
adc [11], [12]
   [11], [12]
    [11], [12]
and [11], [12]
    [11], [12]
    [11], [12]
```

Invalid mem, mem assembly commands



```
segment .data
    dd 11, 12, 13, 14
11:
12:
        dd 100
segment .text
mov [11], [12]
add [11], [12]
sub [11], [12]
adc [11], [12]
sbb [11], [12]
cmp [11], [12]
and [11], [12]
   <del>[11], [12]</del>
xor [11], [12]
```

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```

```
segment .data
11: dd 11, 13, 14
12: dd 100
segment .text
mov [11], eax
add eax, [12]
sub eax, 44
mov [11], 44
```

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```
segment .data
11: dd 11, 13, 14
12: dd 100
segment .text
mov [11], eax
add eax, [12]
sub eax, 44
mov [11], 44
mov dword [11], 44
mov word [11], 44
mov byte [11], 44
```



```
segment .data
   dd 11, 13, 14
11:
12: dd 100
segment .text
mov [11], eax
add eax, [12]
   eax, 44
sub
mov [11], 44
mov dword [11], 44
mov word [11], 44
mov byte [11], 44
```

What happens when we write dword?

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```

```
segment .data
11: dd 11, 13, 14
12: dd 100
segment .text
mov [11], eax
add eax, [12]
sub eax, 44
mov [11], 44
mov dword [11], 44
mov word [11], 44
mov byte [11], 44
```

What is the difference?



```
segment .data
11: dd 1324
segment .text
```

```
segment .data
11: resd 1
segment .text
mov dword [11], 1324
```

Assembly command formats



- List of x86 instructions
 - o http://www.felixcloutier.com/x86/
 - o https://c9x.me/x86/
 - o https://zsmith.co/intel.html



```
segment .data
  dd 16753508
a:
segment .text
       mov eax, 0
       mov al, [a]
       call print int
       call print nl
```



```
segment .data
      dd 16753508
a:
segment .text
        mov eax, 0
             al, [a]
        call print int
        call print nl
```

```
16753508 00 FF A3 64
```



```
segment .data
      dd 16753508
a:
segment .text
        mov eax, 0
             al, [a]
        call print int
        call print nl
```

```
16753508 00 FF A3 64
MSB LSB
```



```
segment .data
      dd 16753508
a:
segment .text
        mov eax, 0
             al, [a]
        call print int
        call print nl
```

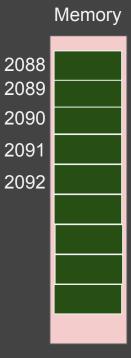
```
    MSB
    LSB

    decimal
    0
    255
    163
    100
```



```
segment .data
      dd
           16753508
a:
segment .text
        mov eax, 0
             al, [a]
        call print int
        call print nl
```

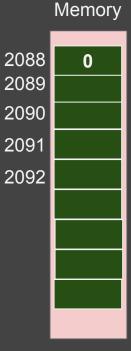






```
segment .data
  dd 16753508
a:
segment .text
       mov eax, 0
            al, [a]
        call print int
        call print nl
```

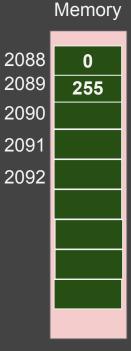
| 16753508 | 00 | FF | А3 | 64 |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | MSB | | | LSB |
| decimal | 0 | 255 | 163 | 100 |





```
segment .data
  dd 16753508
a:
segment .text
       mov eax, 0
            al, [a]
        call print int
        call print nl
```

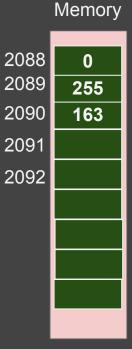
| 16753508 | 00 | FF | А3 | 64 |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | MSB | | | LSB |
| decimal | 0 | 255 | 163 | 100 |





```
segment .data
     dd 16753508
a:
segment .text
        mov eax, 0
             al, [a]
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```

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|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
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| decimal | 0 | 255 | 163 | 100 |





```
segment .data
      dd
           16753508
a:
segment .text
        mov eax, 0
             al, [a]
        call print int
        call print nl
```





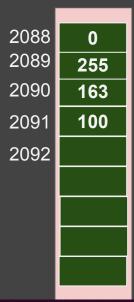


```
segment .data
           16753508
      dd
a:
segment .text
        mov eax, 0
             al, [a]
        call print int
        call print nl
```

```
    16753508
    00
    FF
    A3
    64

    MSB
    LSB

    decimal
    0
    255
    163
    100
```



Memory

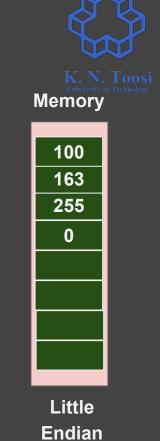
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100

Endianness

```
segment .data
         16753508
segment .text
  mov eax, 0
      al, [a]
  call print int
  call print nl
      al, [a+1]
  call print int
  call print nl
      al, [a+2]
  call print int
  call print nl
       al, [a+3]
  call print in
 call print nl
                   endianness2.asm
```

```
    MSB
    LSB

    decimal
    0
    255
    163
    100
```



Memory

0

255

163

100

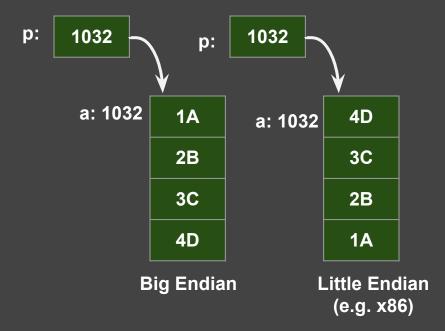
Endianness

```
Memory
                                                                                        Memory
                                 16753508
                                              00
                                                   FF
                                                         A3
                                                               64
segment .data
         16753508
                                            MSB
                                                               LSB
                                                                                          100
segment .text
                                                                             0
                                                                           255
                                                                                          163
                                              0
                                                   255
                                                         163
                                                               100
                                 decimal
  mov eax, 0
                                                                            163
                                                                                          255
      al, [a]
                                                                            100
                                                                                           0
  call print int
  call print nl
  mov al, [a+1]
  call print int
  call print nl
                                       b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture6$ ./run.sh endianness2
      a1, [a+2]
  call print int
                                       100
                                       163
  call print nl
                                                                                          Little
                                       255
                                                                                         Endian
                                       0
      al, [a+3]
  call print in
                                                                                        (e.g. x86)
 call print nl
                   endianness2.asm
```

Checking endianness in C



```
unsigned int a = 0x1A2B3C4D;
printf("%X\n", a);
unsigned char *p = (unsigned char *)(&a);
printf("%X\n", *p);
printf("%X\n", *(p+1));
printf("%X\n", *(p+2));
printf("%X\n", *(p+3));
                             test_endianness.c
```



Checking endianness in C



```
unsigned int a = 0x1A2B3C4D;
                                                   p:
                                                        1032
                                                                            1032
  printf("%X\n", a);
  unsigned char *p = (unsigned char *)(&a);
  printf("%X\n", *p);
                                                         a: 1032
                                                                    1A
                                                                                       4D
                                                                            a: 1032
  printf("%X\n", *(p+1));
  printf("%X\n", *(p+2));
                                                                    2B
                                                                                       3C
  printf("%X\n", *(p+3));
                                                                    3C
                                                                                       2B
                                                                    4D
                                                                                       1A
b.nasihatkon@kntu:lecture6$ gcc test endianness.c && ./a.out
1A2B3C4D
                                                                Big Endian
                                                                                   Little Endian
4D
3C
                                                                                     (e.g. x86)
2B
```







```
AX:
      ah, al ; 16 bit
xchq
                                                           1A
                                                                           4D
                                                          2B
                                                                           3C
                                                          3C
                                                                           2B
                                                                           1A
                                                          4D
                                                       Big Endian
                                                                        Little Endian
                                                                          (e.g. x86)
```



```
AX:
      ah, al ; 16 bit
xchq
                                                          1A
                                                                           4D
EAX:
                                                          2B
                                                                           3C
                                                          3C
                                                                           2B
                                                                           1A
                                                          4D
                                                       Big Endian
                                                                        Little Endian
                                                                         (e.g. x86)
```



```
AX:
xchg ah, al; 16 bit
                                                     1A
                                                                   4D
EAX:
                                                    2B
                                                                   3C
bswap eax ; 32 bit
                                                    3C
                                                                   2B
                                                                   1A
                                                    4D
                                                  Big Endian
                                                                 Little Endian
                                                                  (e.g. x86)
```



```
AX:
xchq ah, al; 16 bit
                                                 1A
                                                               4D
EAX:
                                                 2B
                                                               3C
bswap eax ; 32 bit
                                                 3C
                                                               2B
bswap rax ; 64 bit (x64 only)
                                                 4D
                                                               1A
                                              Big Endian
                                                             Little Endian
                                                              (e.g. x86)
```



```
memory2.asm
segment .data
11:
     dd 1234
segment .text
    global asm_main
asm main:
    enter 0.0
    pusha
    mov eax, asm_main
    call print_int
    call print_nl
    mov eax, [asm_main]
    call print_int
    call print nl
```

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134513872
200



```
CS@kntu:lecture6$ objdump -d memory2
                        memory2.asm
segment .data
                                                  file format elf32-i386
                                      memorv2:
11
     dd 1234
segment .text
                                      Disassembly of section .init:
    global asm_main
                                      08048310 < init>:
asm main:
                                       8048310:
                                                                                    %ebx
                                                     53
                                                                             push
    enter 0,0
                                       8048311:
                                                     83 ec 08
                                                                             sub
                                                                                    $0x8,%esp
                                                     e8 c7 00 00 00
                                                                             call
                                                                                    80483e0 < x80
                                      8048314:
    pusha
    mov eax, asm_main
    call print_int
    call print nl
    mov eax, [asm_main]
    call print_int
    call print nl
```



```
CS@kntu:lecture6$ objdump -d memory2
                          memory2.asm
segment .data
                                                      file format elf32-i386
                                         memorv2:
11
     dd 1234
segment .text
                                         Disassembly of section .init:
    global asm main
                                         08048310 < init>:
asm main:
                                          8048310:
                                                                                          %ebx
                                                          53
                                                                                   push
                                          8048311:
                                                         83 ec 08
                                                                                   sub
                                                                                          $0x8,%esp
     enter 0.0
                                                                                   call
                                         8048314:
                                                         e8 c7 00 00 00
                                                                                           80483e0 < x86
     pusha
                                         080484d0 <asm main>:
                                         80484d0:
                                                        c8 00 00 00
                                                                               enter
                                                                                      $0x0,$0x0
     mov eax, asm_main
                                         80484d4:
                                                                               pusha
     call print int
                                         80484d5:
                                                        b8 d0 84 04 08
                                                                                      $0x80484d0, %eax
                                                                               mov
                                         80484da:
                                                                               call
                                                                                      804851d <print int>
                                                        e8 3e 00 00 00
     call print nl
                                         80484df:
                                                                               call
                                                                                      8048588 <print nl>
                                                        e8 a4 00 00 00
                                                                                      0x80484d0, %eax
                                         80484e4:
                                                        a1 d0 84 04 08
                                                                               MOV
     mov eax, [asm_main]
                                         80484e9:
                                                        e8 2f 00 00 00
                                                                               call
                                                                                      804851d <print int>
                                                                               call
                                                                                      8048588 <print nl>
                                         80484ee:
                                                        e8 95 00 00 00
     call print int
                                         80484f3:
                                                        61
                                                                               popa
                                         80484f4:
                                                        c9
                                                                               leave
     call print nl
                                         80484f5:
                                                        c3
                                                                               ret
```

80484f5:

c3



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                         memory2.asm
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     dd 1234
segment .text
    global asm main
asm main:
    enter 0,0
    pusha
    mov eax, asm_main
    call print int
    call print nl
    mov eax, [asm_main]
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    call print nl
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134513872
200
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080484d0 <asm main>:
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                c8 00 00 00
                                        enter
                                               $0x0.$0x0
                                        pusha
80484d4:
                b8 d0 84 04 08
80484d5:
                                        mov
                                               $0x80484d0,9
80484da:
                                        call
                                               804851d <pri
                e8 3e 00 00 00
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                                               8048588 <pri
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