Machine-Level Representation of Programs II

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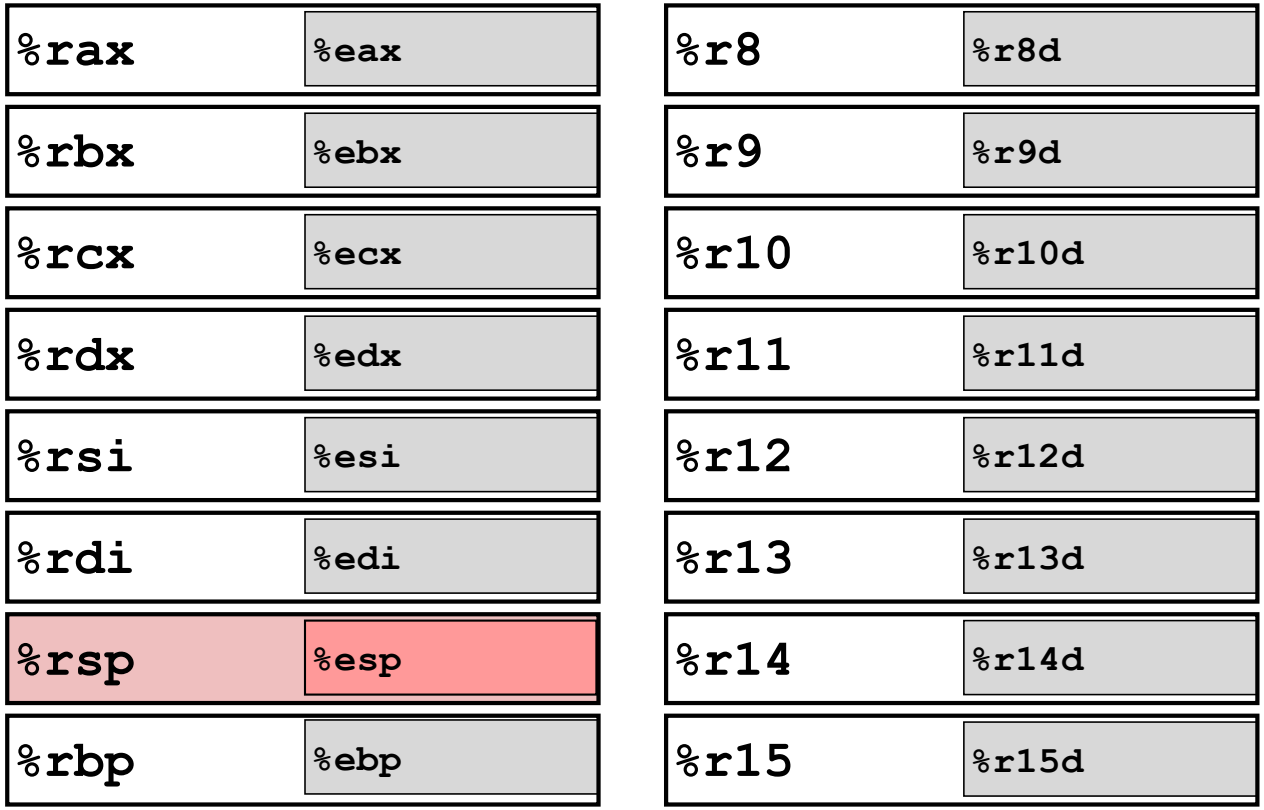
What Can be Disassembled?

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

Today: Machine Programming I: Basics

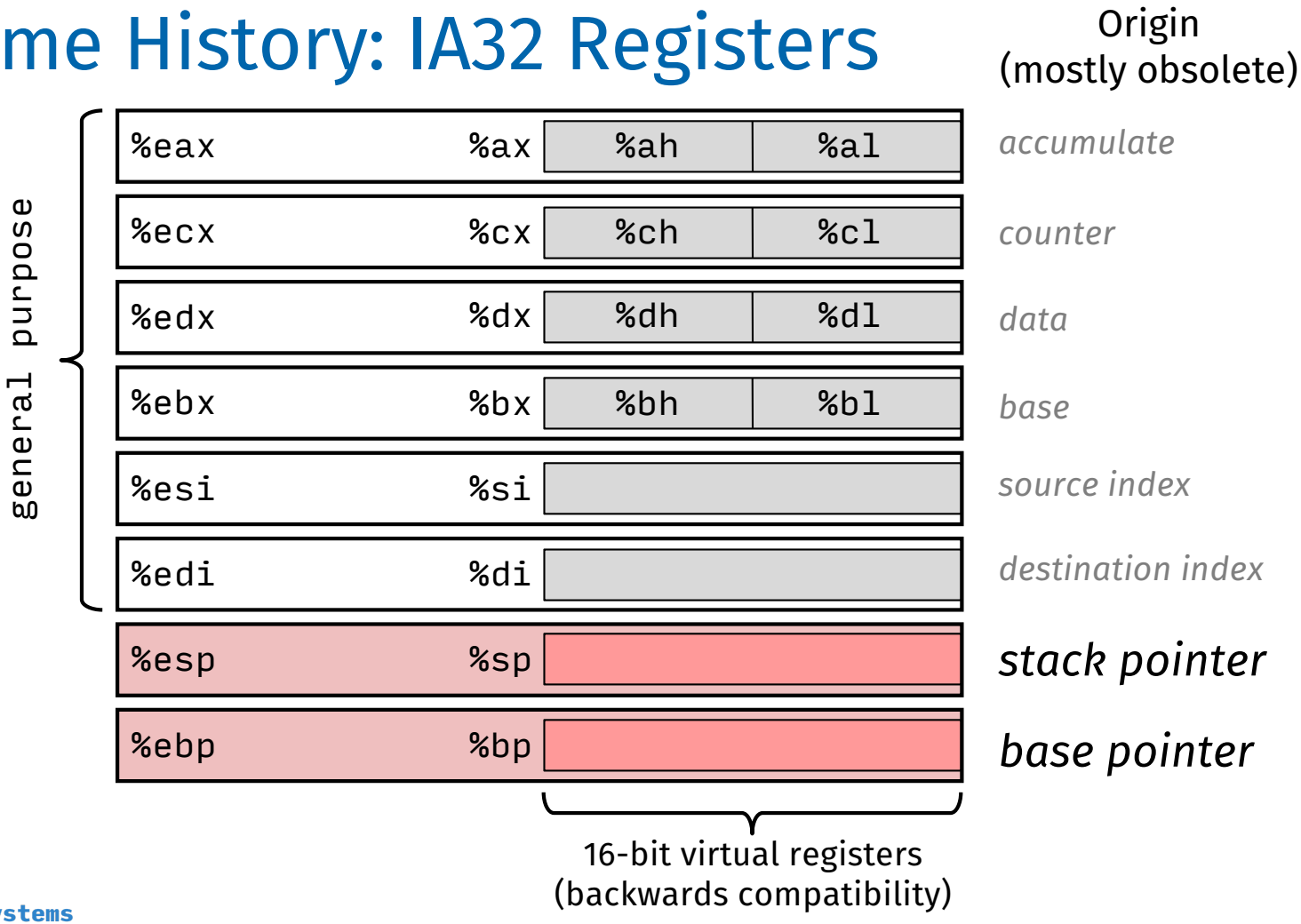
- History of Intel processors and architectures
- C, assembly, machine code
- Assembly Basics: Registers, operands, move
- Arithmetic & logical operations

x86-64 Integer Registers



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

Some History: IA32 Registers

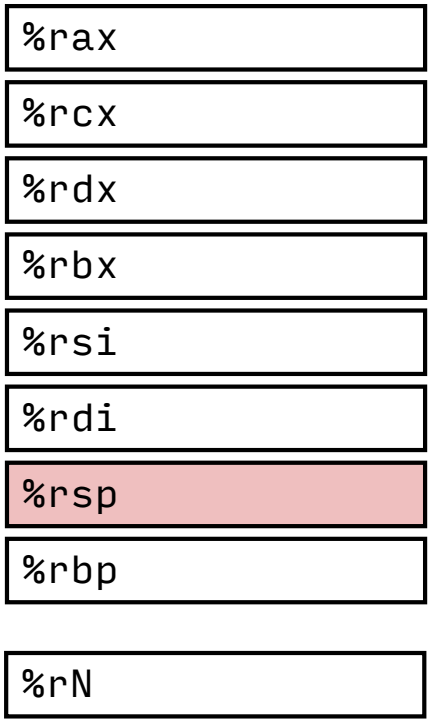


Moving Data

- 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”



`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

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Example of Simple Addressing Modes

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   (long *xp, long *yp)
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  long t0 = *xp;
  long t1 = *yp;
  *xp = t1;
  *yp = t0;
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   movq    (%rdi), %rax
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   movq    %rdx, (%rdi)
   movq    %rax, (%rsi)
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Understanding Swap()

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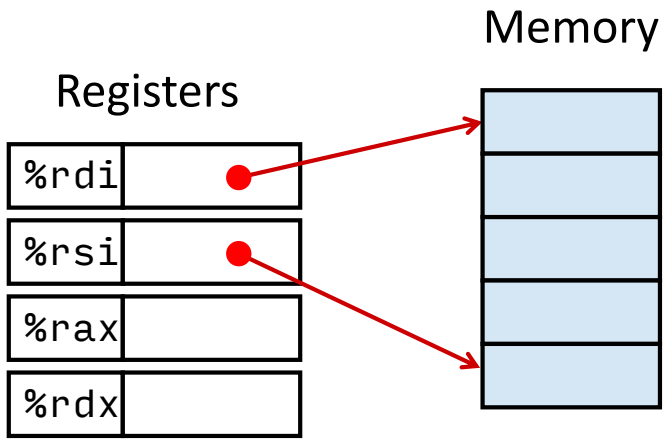

Register	Value
%rdi	xp
%rsi	yp
%rax	t0
%rdx	t1

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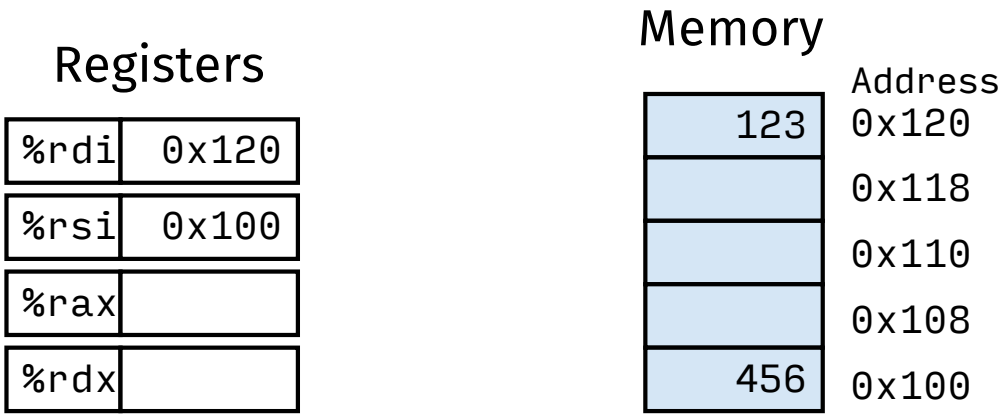


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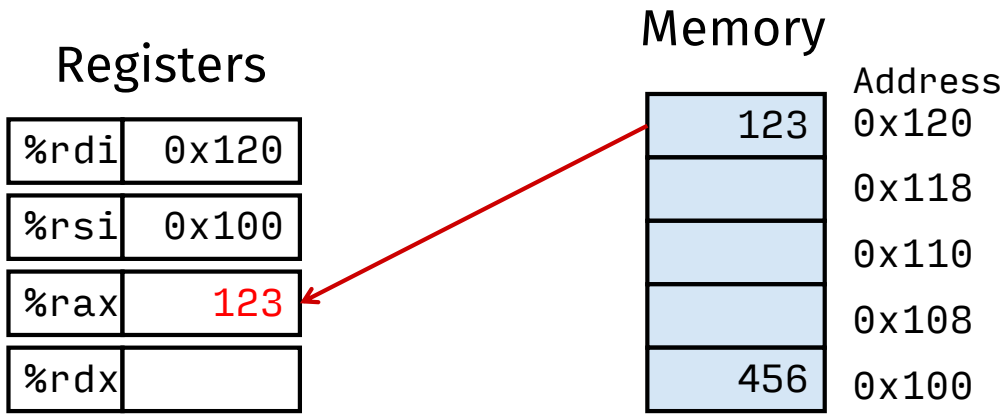


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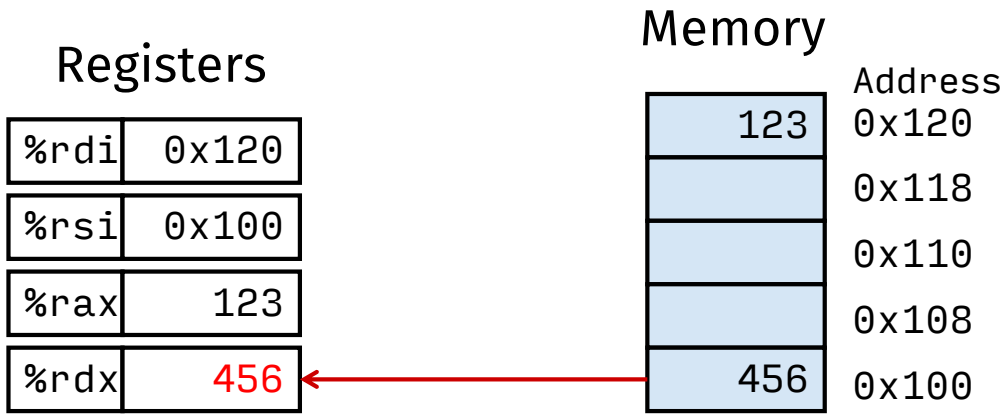


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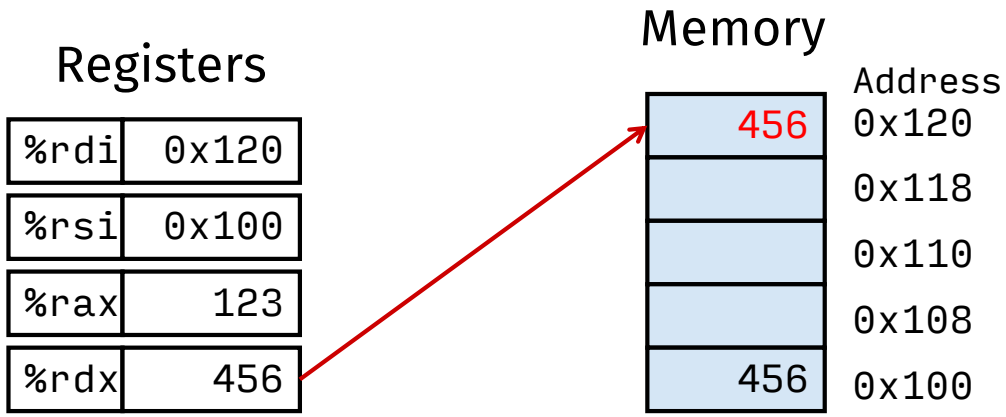


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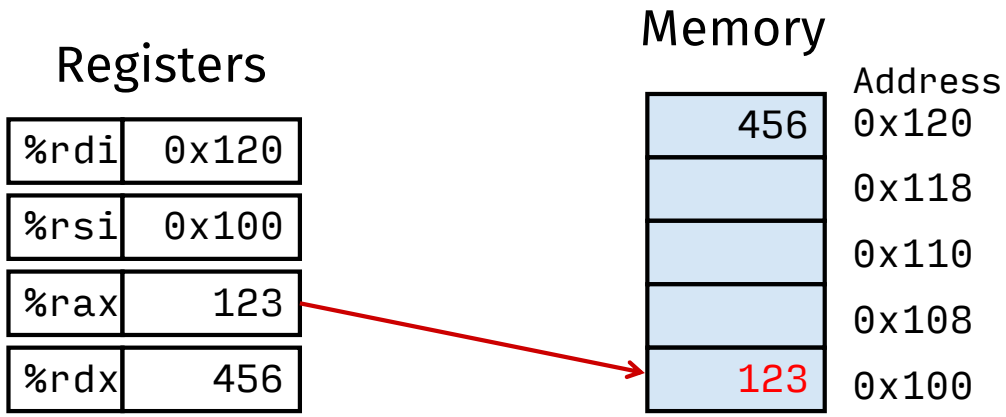


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Complete Memory Addressing Modes

- 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 16 integer registers
  - Ri: Index register: Any, except for **`%rsp`**
  - 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)		
(%rdx,%rcx)		
(%rdx,%rcx,4)		
0x80(,%rdx,2)		

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

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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

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arith:
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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