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A simple computing machine

• Memory

- bits ← data
- Program Instruction & state

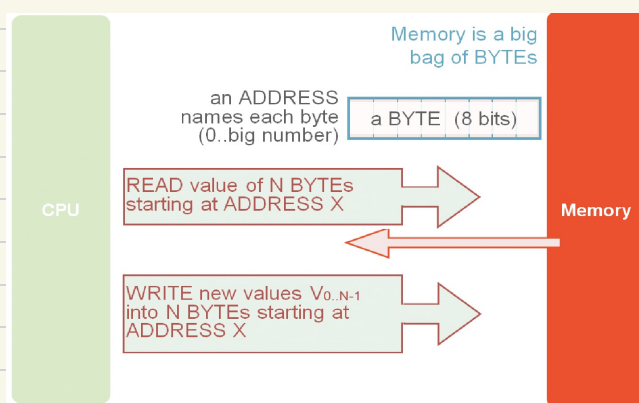
• CPU

- read instruction/data from memory
- Compute and write back to memory

If 32-bit computer:
need 4 bytes for one byte.
Not efficient !!

- We don't have to store addresses.
- Pointers are: variable = an address.

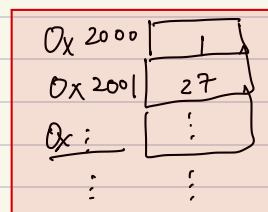
Address → data is taken for granted.



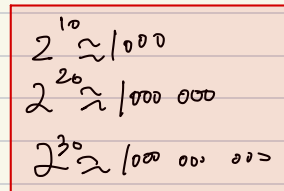
Memory

• Naming

- address in 1 byte = 8 bits, e.g.,
- * Every byte in memory ↔ unique address
- * Some machines 32-bit address
- { 64-bit ... etc "64-bit"

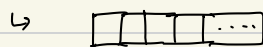


4 GB address? 2^{32} possible for 32-bit address
"11"
↑ 4GB



• Access

- There can be overflow: things too big.
- ↳ Hence, chunks: contiguous, power-of-two size



usually no need for "termination" character
because: int, LongInt, Long, Double, Float
all prescribed:
↳ But strings: (NOT)

# bytes	# bits	C	Java	Assembly
1	8	char	byte	b byte
2	16	short	short	w word
4	32	int	int	l long
8	64	long	long	q quad

We will use only 32-bit integers