Machine-Level Programming I: Basics

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Today: Machine Programming I: Basics

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

Intel x86 Processors

- Dominate laptop/desktop/server market
- Evolutionary design
 - Backwards compatible up until 8086, introduced in 1978
 - Added more features as time goes on
- x86 is a Complex Instruction Set Computer (CISC)
 - Many different instructions with many different formats
 - But, only small subset encountered with Linux programs
- Compare: Reduced Instruction Set Computer (RISC)
 - RISC: *very few* instructions, with *very few* modes for each
 - RISC can be quite fast (but Intel still wins on speed!)
 - Current RISC renaissance (e.g., ARM, RISCV), especially for lowpower

Intel x86 Evolution: Milestones

Name Date Transistors MHz

■ 8086 1978 29K 5-10

First 16-bit Intel processor. Basis for IBM PC & DOS

1MB address space

■ 386 1985 275K 16-33

First 32 bit Intel processor, referred to as IA32

Added "flat addressing", capable of running Unix

■ Pentium 4E 2004 125M 2800-3800

First 64-bit Intel x86 processor, referred to as x86-64

■ Core 2 2006 291M 1060-3500

First multi-core Intel processor

■ Core i7 2008 781M 1700-3900

Four cores

Intel x86 Processors, cont.

■ Machine Evolution

386	1985	0.3M
Pentium	1993	3.1M
Pentium/MMX	1997	4.5M
PentiumPro	1995	6.5M
Pentium III	1999	8.2M
Pentium 4	2001	42M
Core 2 Duo	2006	291M

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Added Features

Core i7 Skylake

Core i7

Instructions to support multimedia operations

2008

2015

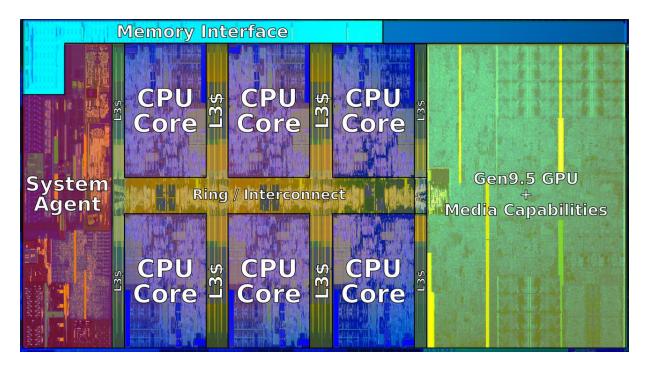
Instructions to enable more efficient conditional operations

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- Transition from 32 bits to 64 bits
- More cores

2018 State of the Art: Coffee Lake



■ Mobile Model: Core i7

- 2.2-3.2 GHz
- **45 W**

Desktop Model: Core i7

- Integrated graphics
- 2.4-4.0 GHz
- **35-95 W**

■ Server Model: Xeon E

- Integrated graphics
- Multi-socket enabled
- 3.3-3.8 GHz
- **80-95 W**

x86 Clones: Advanced Micro Devices (AMD)

Historically

- AMD has followed just behind Intel
- A little bit slower, a lot cheaper

Then

- Recruited top circuit designers from Digital Equipment Corp. and other downward trending companies
- Built Opteron: tough competitor to Pentium 4
- Developed x86-64, their own extension to 64 bits

Recent Years

- Intel got its act together
 - 1995-2011: Lead semiconductor "fab" in world
 - 2019: #2 largest by \$\$ (#1 is Samsung)
- AMD fell behind
 - Relies on external semiconductor manufacturer GlobalFoundaries
 - Ca. 2019 CPUs (e.g., Ryzen) are competitive again

Intel's 64-Bit History

- 2001: Intel Attempts Radical Shift from IA32 to IA64
 - Totally different architecture (Itanium)
 - Executes IA32 code only as legacy
 - Performance disappointing
- 2003: AMD Steps in with Evolutionary Solution
 - x86-64 (now called "AMD64")
- Intel Felt Obligated to Focus on IA64
 - Hard to admit mistake or that AMD is better
- 2004: Intel Announces EM64T extension to IA32
 - Extended Memory 64-bit Technology
 - Almost identical to x86-64!
- All but low-end x86 processors support x86-64
 - But, lots of code still runs in 32-bit mode

Our Coverage

■ x86-64

- The standard
- \$> gcc hello.c
- \$> gcc -m64 hello.c

Presentation

- Book covers x86-64
- We will only cover x86-64

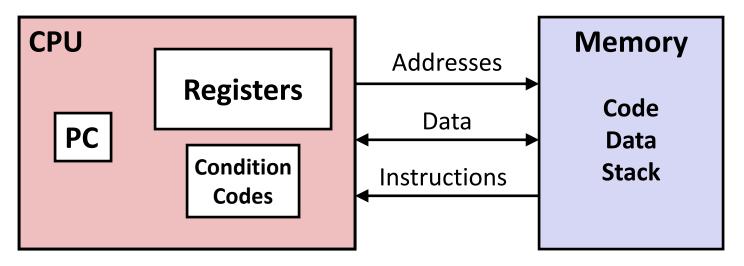
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Definitions

- Architecture: (also ISA: instruction set architecture) The parts of a processor design that one needs to understand for writing machine/assembly code.
 - Examples: instruction set specification, registers.
 - Machine Code: The byte-level programs that a processor executes
 - Assembly Code: A text representation of machine code
- Microarchitecture: Implementation of the architecture.
 - Examples: cache sizes and core frequency.
- Example ISAs:
 - Intel: x86, IA32, Itanium, x86-64
 - ARM: Used in almost all mobile phones

Assembly/Machine Code View



Programmer-Visible State

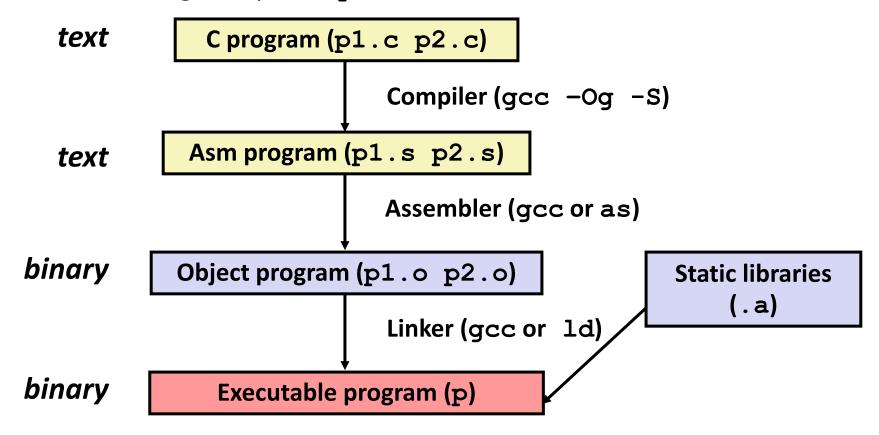
- PC: Program counter
 - Address of next instruction
 - Called "RIP" (x86-64)
- Register file
 - Heavily used program data
- Condition codes
 - Store status information about most recent arithmetic or logical operation

Memory

- Byte addressable array
- Code and user data
- Stack to support procedures

Turning C into Object Code

- Code in files p1.c p2.c
- Compile with command: gcc -Og p1.c p2.c -o p
 - Use basic optimizations (-Og) [New to recent versions of GCC]
 - Put resulting binary in file p



Compiling Into Assembly

C Code (sum.c)

Generated x86-64 Assembly

```
sumstore:
   pushq %rbx
   movq %rdx, %rbx
   call plus
   movq %rax, (%rbx)
   popq %rbx
   ret
```

Obtain (on Ubuntu 16.04.3 64bit) with command

Produces file sum.s

Warning: Will get very different results on other machines (Andrew Linux, Mac OS-X, ...) due to different versions of gcc and different compiler settings.

sum.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
long plus(long x, long y) {
        return x + y;
}
void sumstore(long x, long y, long *dest)
{
    long t = plus(x, y);
    *dest = t;
}
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
        long x = atoi(argv[1]);
        long y = atoi(argv[2]);
        long z;
        sumstore(x, y, &z);
        printf("%ld + %ld --> %ld\n", x, y, z);
        return 0;
}
```

What it really looks like

```
sumstore:
             "sum.c"
                                                      %rbx
                                           pushq
      .text
      .globl sumstore
                                                      %rdx, %rbx
                                           movq
      .type sumstore, @function
                                            call plus
sumstore:
.LFB0:
                                                      %rax, (%rbx)
                                           movq
      .cfi startproc
      pushq %rbx
                                                    %rbx
                                           popq
      .cfi def cfa offset 16
                                            ret
      .cfi offset 3, -16
      movq %rdx, %rbx
      call
            plus
            %rax, (%rbx)
      movq
             %rbx
      popq
      .cfi def cfa offset 8
      ret
      .cfi endproc
LFE0:
      .size sumstore, .-sumstore
      .ident "GCC: (Ubuntu 5.4.0-6ubuntul~16.04.4) 5.4.0 20160609"
                    .note.GNU-stack, "", @progbits
      .section
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```

What it really looks like

-fno-asynchronous-unwind-tables

```
🚜 user@ubuntu: ~
                                        sumstore:
      file
             "sum.c"
                                                      %rbx
                                           pushq
      .text
      .globl sumstore
                                           movq %rdx, %rbx
      .type
             sumstore, @function
                                            call plus
sumstore:
      pushq %rbx
                                                      %rax, (%rbx)
                                           movq
            %rdx, %rbx
      movq
                                                    %rbx
                                           popq
      call plus
      movq %rax, (%rbx)
                                            ret
            %rbx
      popq
      ret
      .size sumstore, .-sumstore
      .ident "GCC: (Ubuntu 5.4.0-6ubuntul~16.04.4) 5.4.0 20160609"
                    .note.GNU-stack, "", @progbits
      .section
"sum.s" 14L, 280C
                                                   1.2 - 9
```

Assembly Characteristics: Data Types

- "Integer" data of 1, 2, 4, or 8 bytes
 - Data values
 - Addresses (untyped pointers)
- **■** Floating point data of 4, 8, or 10 bytes
- Code: Byte sequences encoding series of instructions
- No aggregate types such as arrays or structures
 - Just contiguously allocated bytes in memory

Assembly Characteristics: Operations

- Perform arithmetic function on register or memory data
- Transfer data between memory and register
 - Load data from memory into register
 - Store register data into memory
- Transfer control
 - Unconditional jumps to/from procedures
 - Conditional branches

Object Code

Code for sumstore

0×0400595 : 0×53

 0×48

0x89

0xd3

0xe8

0xf2

0xff

0xff

0xff

0x48

0x89

0x03

0x5b

0xc3

Assembler

- Translates .s into .o
- Binary encoding of each instruction
- Nearly-complete image of executable code
- Missing linkages between code in different files

Linker

- Resolves references between files
- Combines with static run-time libraries
 - E.g., code for malloc, printf
- Some libraries are dynamically linked
 - Linking occurs when program begins execution

Total of 14 bytes

Each instruction

1, 3, or 5 bytes

Starts at address

 0×0400595

Machine Instruction Example

0x40059e: 48 89 03

C Code

Store value t where designated by dest

Assembly

- Move 8-byte value to memory
 - Quad words in x86-64 parlance
- Operands:

t: Register %rax

dest: Register %rbx

*dest: Memory M[%rbx]

Object Code

- 3-byte instruction
- Stored at address 0x40059e

Disassembling Object Code

Disassembled

```
0000000000400595 <sumstore>:
 400595:
          53
                           push
                                   %rbx
 400596: 48 89 d3
                                   %rdx,%rbx
                           mov
 400599: e8 f2 ff ff ff
                           callq 400590 <plus>
 40059e: 48 89 03
                                   %rax, (%rbx)
                           mov
 4005a1:
          5b
                                   %rbx
                           pop
 4005a2: c3
                            reta
```

Disassembler

```
objdump -d sum
```

- Useful tool for examining object code
- Analyzes bit pattern of series of instructions
- Produces approximate rendition of assembly code
- Can be run on either a . out (complete executable) or . o file

Alternate Disassembly

Object

Disassembled

```
0 \times 0400595:
    0x53
    0x48
    0x89
    0xd3
    0xe8
    0xf2
    0xff
    Oxff
    0xff
    0x48
    0x89
    0 \times 03
    0x5b
    0xc3
```

Within gdb Debugger

gdb sum disassemble sumstore

Disassemble procedure

x/14xb sumstore

Examine the 14 bytes starting at sumstore

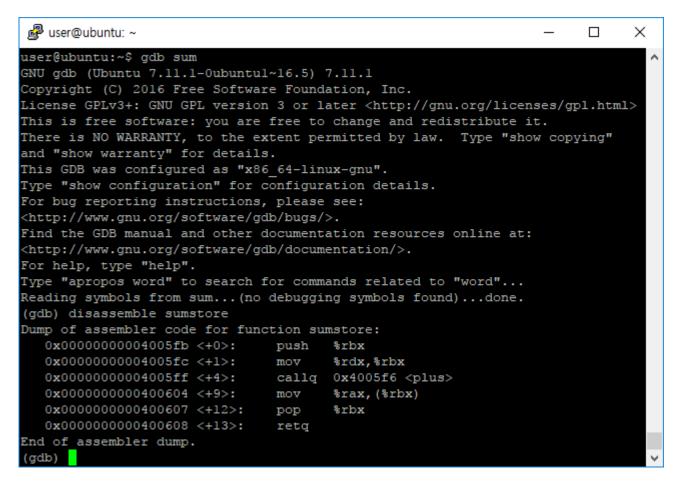
Disassembling Object Code

- objdump -d sum > sum.d
- Vi dum.d

```
💤 user@ubuntu: ~
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  4005f0:
                5d
                                         gog
                                                 %rbp
  4005fl:
                e9 7a ff ff ff
                                                400570 <register tm clones>
                                         jmpq
00000000004005f6 <plus>:
 4005f6: 48 8d 04 37
                                                (%rdi, %rsi, 1), %rax
                                         lea
  4005fa:
                с3
                                         retq
00000000004005fb <sumstore>:
  4005fb:
                                         push
                                                 %rbx
               48 89 d3
  4005fc:
                                                 %rdx, %rbx
                                         mov
                e8 f2 ff ff ff
                                         callq 4005f6 <plus>
  4005ff:
                                         mov
                                                 %rax, (%rbx)
                                         gog
                                                 %rbx
                c3
                                         retq
0000000000400609 <main>:
                                         push
                                                 %rbp
  40060a:
                                         push
                                                 %rbx
  40060b:
                                                $0x18, %rsp
                      ec 18
                                         sub
                      f5
                                                %rsi,%rbp
                                         mov
                                                %fs:0x28,%rax
                                         mov
  40061b:
                                                %rax, 0x8 (%rsp)
                                         mov
                                                 %eax, %eax
                                         xor
                   8b 7e 08
                                                0x8(%rsi),%rdi
                                         mov
                                                              156,3
                                                                             61%
```

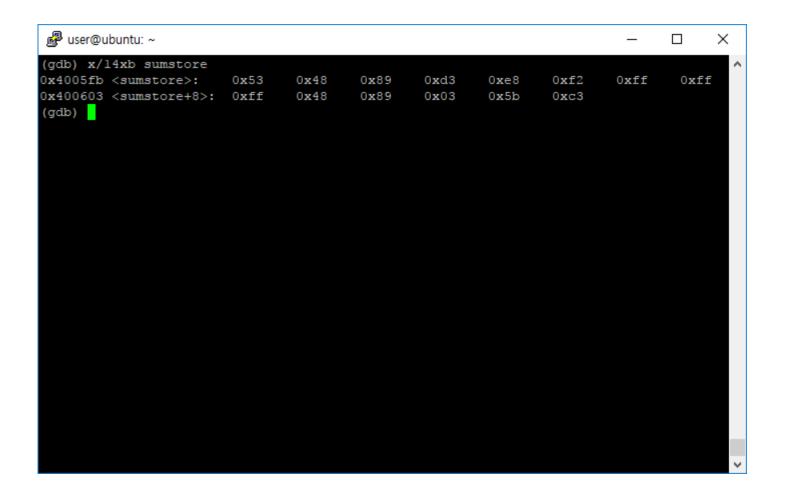
Disassembling within gdb

- gdb sum
- gdb) disassemble sumstore



Disassembling within gdb

■ (gdb) x/14b sumstore



What Can be Disassembled?

```
% objdump -d WINWORD.EXE
WINWORD.EXE: file format pei-i386
No symbols in "WINWORD.EXE".
Disassembly of section .text:
30001000 < text>:
30001000:
30001001:
               Reverse engineering forbidden by
30001003:
             Microsoft End User License Agreement
30001005:
3000100a:
```

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

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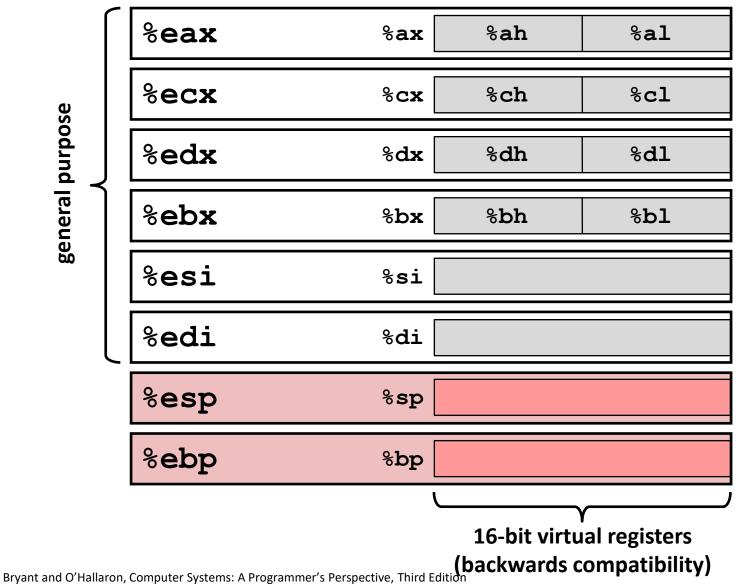
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x86-64 Integer Registers

%rax	%eax	% r8	%r8d
%rbx	%ebx	%r9	%r9d
%rcx	%ecx	%r10	%r10d
%rdx	%edx	%r11	%r11d
%rsi	%esi	%r12	%r12d
%rdi	%edi	%r13	%r13d
%rsp	%esp	%r14	%r14d
%rbp	%ebp	%r15	%r15d

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

Some History: IA32 Registers



Origin (mostly obsolete)

accumulate

counter

data

base

source index

destination index

stack pointer base pointer

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"

%rax	
%rcx	
%rdx	
%rbx	
%rsi	
%rdi	
%rsp	
%rbp	

%rN

movq Operand Combinations

Cannot do memory-memory transfer with a single instruction

Simple Memory Addressing Modes

- Normal (R) Mem[Reg[R]]
 - Register R specifies memory address
 - Aha! Pointer dereferencing in C

```
movq (%rcx),%rax
```

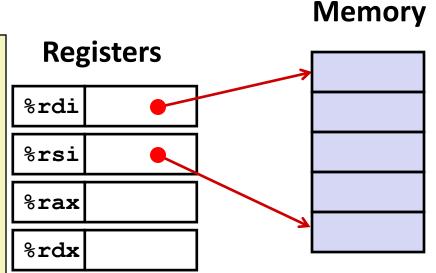
- Displacement D(R) Mem[Reg[R]+D]
 - Register R specifies start of memory region
 - Constant displacement D specifies offset

```
movq 8(%rbp),%rdx
```

Example of Simple Addressing Modes

Understanding Swap()

void swap (long *xp, long *yp) { long t0 = *xp; long t1 = *yp; *xp = t1; *yp = t0; }



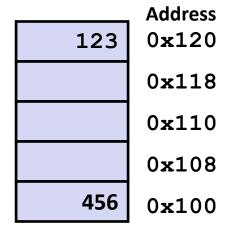
Register	Value
%rdi	хр
%rsi	ур
%rax	t0
%rdx	t1

Understanding Swap()

Registers

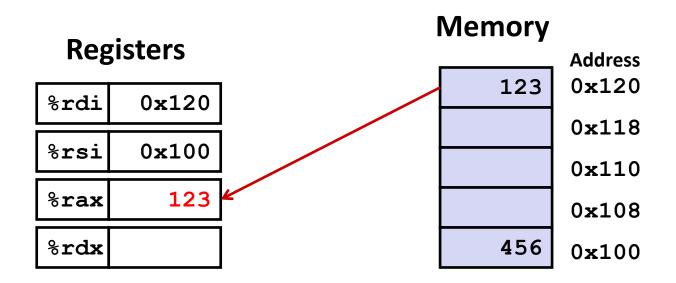
%rdi	0x120
%rsi	0x100
%rax	
%rdx	

Memory

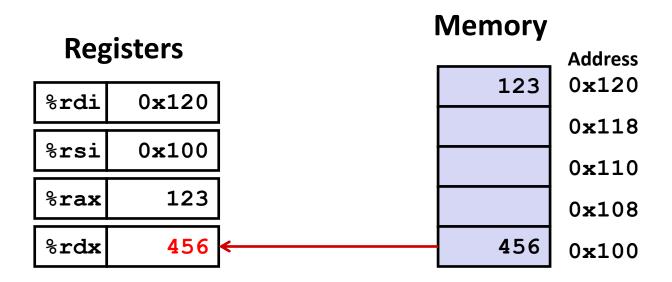


swap:

```
movq (%rdi), %rax # t0 = *xp
movq (%rsi), %rdx # t1 = *yp
movq %rdx, (%rdi) # *xp = t1
movq %rax, (%rsi) # *yp = t0
ret
```



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```



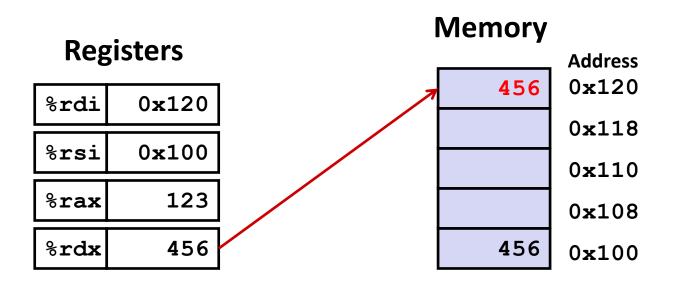
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movq (%rdi), %rax # t0 = *xp

movq (%rsi), %rdx # t1 = *yp

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```

movq %rax, (%rsi) # *yp = t0

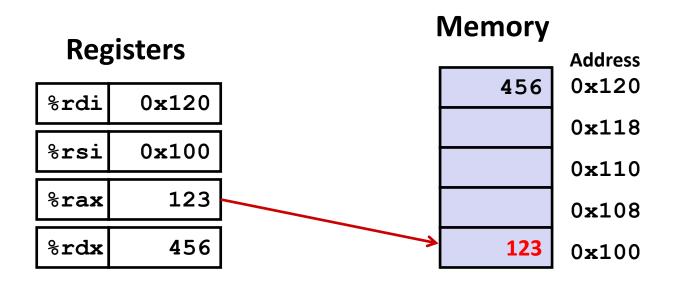
ret



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movq (%rsi), %rdx # t1 = *yp
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```

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ret



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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

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Expression	Address Computation	Address
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 Load Effective Address
 - 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</pre>
```

addb

Some Arithmetic Operations

Two Operand Instructions:

Format	Computation		addl
addq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest + Src	addq
subq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest — Src	
imulq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest * Src	
salq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest << Src	Also called shiq
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?)

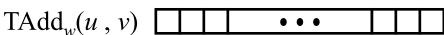
Two's Complement Addition

Operands: w bits

True Sum: w+1 bits

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Discard Carry: w bits



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TAdd and UAdd have Identical Bit-Level Behavior

Signed vs. unsigned addition in C:

$$t = u + v$$

-66 -66

-23

Some Arithmetic Operations

One Operand Instructions

```
incq Dest Dest = Dest + 1

decq Dest Dest = Dest - 1

negq Dest Dest = -Dest

notq Dest Dest = \sim Dest
```

See book for more instructions

- Depending how you count, there are 2,034 total x86 instructions
- (If you count all addr modes, op widths, flags, it's actually 3,683)

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

Understanding Arithmetic Expression Example

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  long t3 = x+4;
  long t4 = y * 48;
  long t5 = t3 + t4;
  long rval = t2 * t5;
  return rval;
```

```
arith:
  leaq (%rdi,%rsi), %rax # t1
  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