Lecture Topics

- x86 instructions
- Operate instructions
- Data movement instructions
- Conditional codes
- Control flow instructions
- Assembler conventions
- Code example

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- MP0
  - **In TAs office hours by 2/2**
  - you can hand in anytime during office hours

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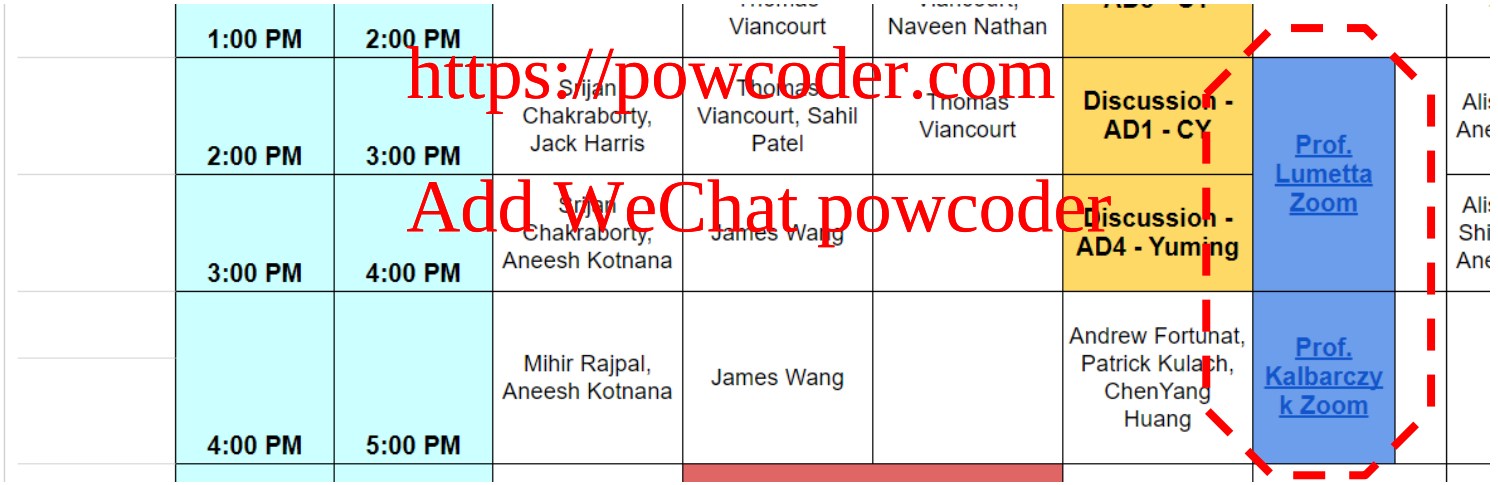

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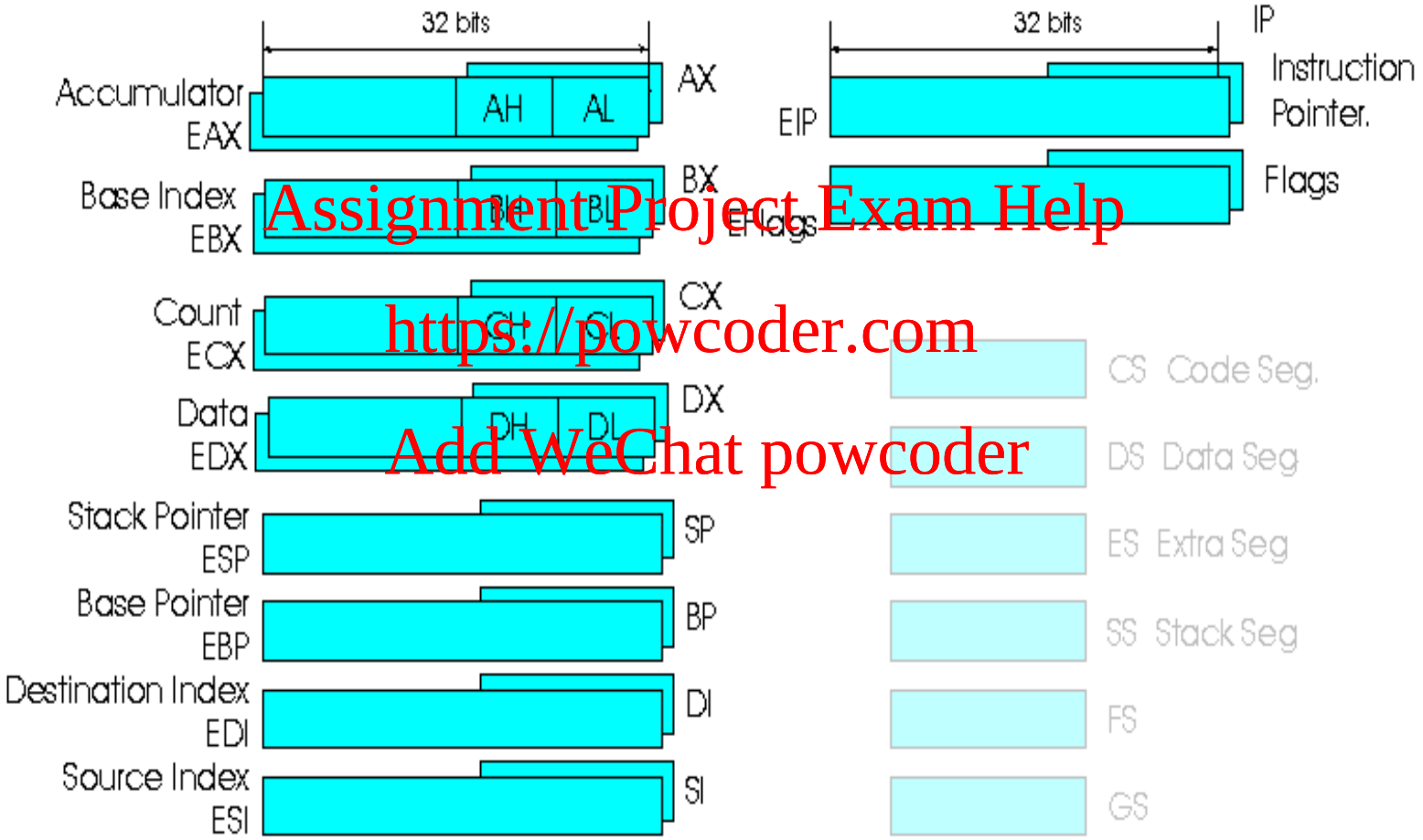
Introduction and Basics

- What is x86? (Intel-32-bit architecture)
  - variable-length instruction encoding (1-16 bytes)
  - small register set: 8 mostly general purpose
  - 32-bit, byte-addressable address space
  - complex addressing modes
  - many data types supported by hardware

Registers

General purpose registers



Registers

extended, i.e., 32-bit

EAX accumulator

EBX base (of array)

ECX count (for loops)

EDX data (2nd operand)

ESI source index (string copy)

EDI destination index

EBP base pointer (base of stack frame)

ESP stack pointer

EIP instruction pointer

EFLAGS flags/condition codes

- Use % as a prefix for registers in assembly
- Other registers: floating-point, MMX, etc. (not discussed in this class)

Data Types

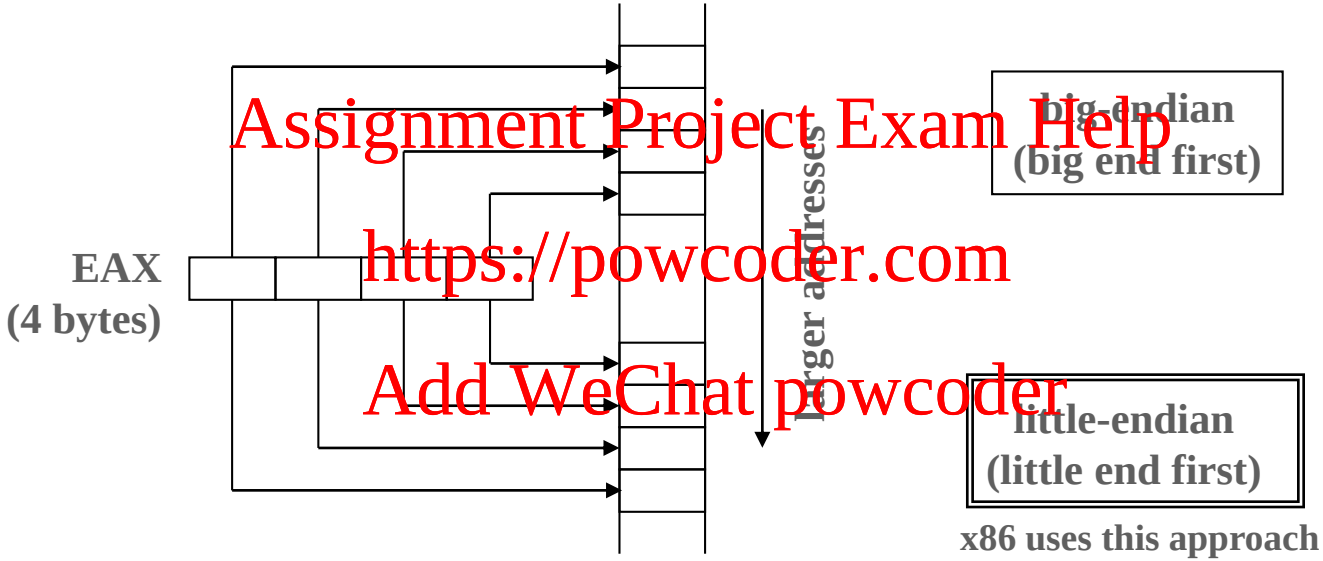
- 8-, 16-, 32-bit unsigned and 2's complement
- IEEE single- and double-precision floating point
- Intel "extended" f.p. (80-bit)
- ASCII strings
- Binary-coded decimal

Memory

- Microprocessor addresses a maximum of 2^n different memory locations, where n is a number of bits on the address bus.

- Memory
  - x86 supports byte addressable memory
  - byte (8 bits) is a basic memory unit
  - e.g., when you specify address 24 in memory, you get the entire eight bits
  - when the microprocessors address a 16-bit word of memory, two consecutive bytes are accessed

How are bytes stored to memory?



0x12345678 ➡ **0x78, 0x56, 0x34, 0x12**

in consecutive memory locations

x86 Instructions – Basics

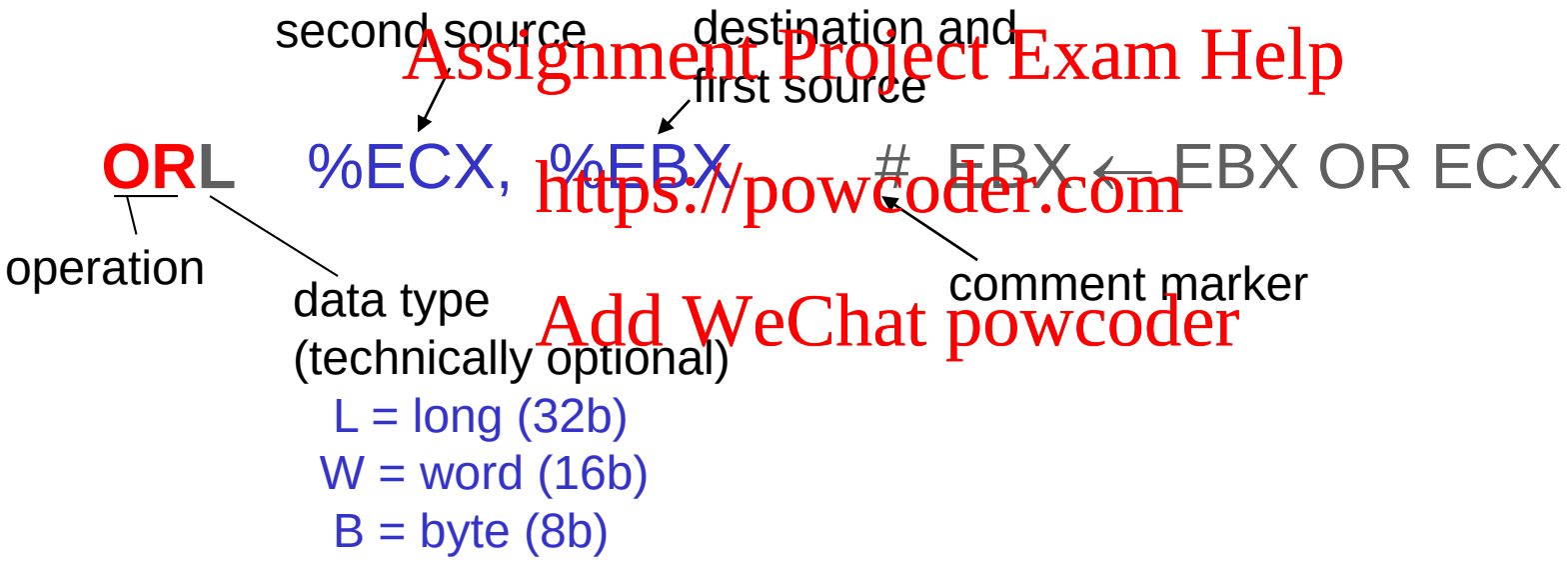
- Operations, data movement, condition codes, control flow, stack ops, data size conversion

Operations

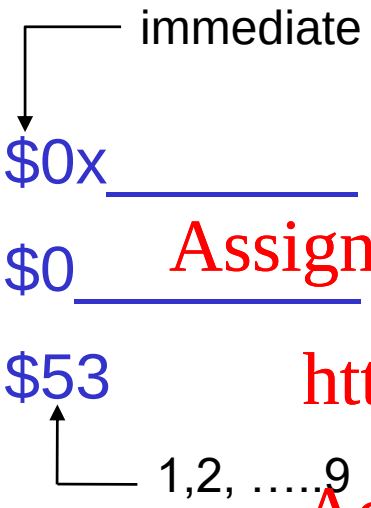
arithmetic	logical	shift
ADD	AND	SHL
SUB	OR	SAR
NEG	NOT	SHR
INC	XOR	ROL
DEC		ROR

- typically 2-operand instructions (destination and one source are the same)

Operations – Example



Immediate Values



what does the following instruction do?

ANDL 0, %EAX

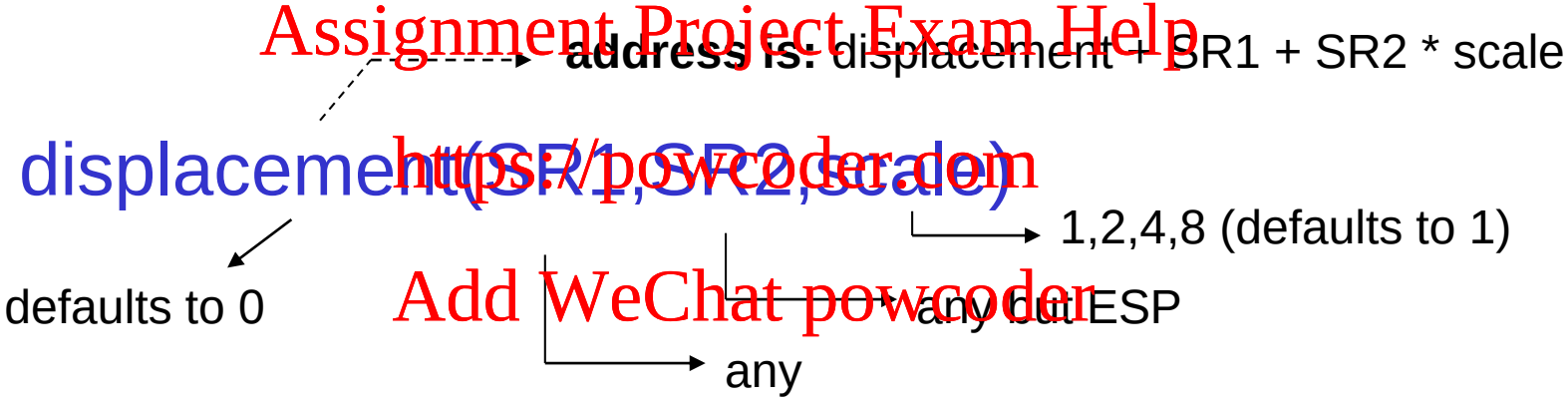
answer is NOT
EAX ← 0

instead:
EAX ← EAX AND M[0]
(usually crashes)

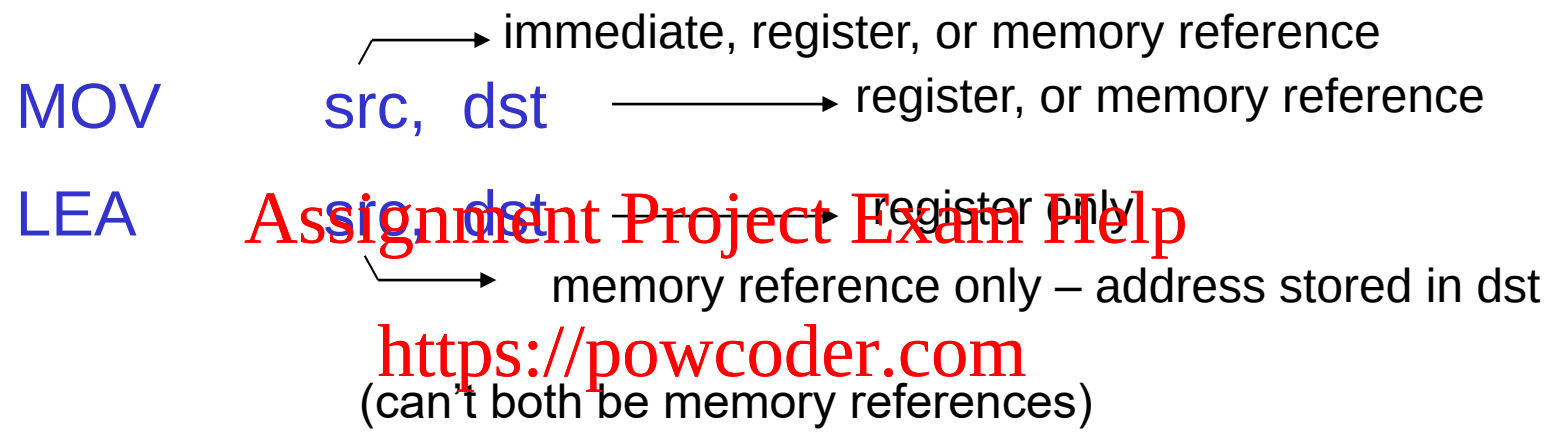
- how big can they get?
  - usually up to 32 bits
  - larger constants → longer instructions
  - length of operand must be encoded, too

Data Movement: Memory Addressing

Memory operand has this general form



Instructions



- Examples:

MOVW %DX, 0x10(%EBP) # M[EBP + 0x10] ← DX

MOVB (%EBX,%ESI,4), %CL # CL ← M[EBX + ESI * 4]

Instructions: Examples to Solve

EAX ← M[0x10000 + ECX]

[answer] **MOVL** 0x10000(%ECX), %EAX

M[LABEL] ← DI

[answer] **MOVW** %DI, LABEL

ESI ← LABEL + 4 (two ways!)

[answer] **MOVL** $LABEL + 4, %ESI

LEAL LABEL + 4, %ESI

ESI ← LABEL + EAX + 4

[answer] **LEAL** LABEL + 4(%EAX), %ESI

expression calculated by assembler;
instruction holds one displacement value

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Condition Codes (in EFLAGS)

- Among others (not mentioned in this class)…

  SF: sign flag: result is negative when viewed as 2's complement data type

  ZF: zero flag: result is exactly zero

  CF: carry flag: unsigned carry or borrow occurred (or other instruction-dependent meaning, e.g., on shifts)

  OF: overflow flag: 2's complement overflow (and other instruction-dependent meanings)

  PF: parity flag: even parity in result (even # of 1 bits)

What Instructions Set Flags (condition codes)?

- Not all instructions set flags
- Some instructions set some flags!
- Use **CMP** or **TEST** to set flags:

CMPL %EAX, %EBX # flags ← (EBX – EAX)

TESTL %EAX, %EBX # flags ← (EBX *AND* EAX)

- Note that EBX does not change in either case

- What combinations of flags are needed for unsigned/signed relationships comparator?

Control Flow Instructions (1)

- Consider two three-bit values A and B; How to decide if A<B?

	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
A	010	010	010	110	110	110
B	-000	+110	-111	-000	-011	-111
C	010	100	011	110	011	111
CF	0	1	1	0	0	1
OF	0	1	0	0	1	0
SF	0	1	0	1	0	1
unsigned <	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
signed <	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Control Flow Instructions (2)

- Note that CF suffices for unsigned <
- What about signed < ?

SF \ CF/OF	00	01	11	10
0	0	1	x	0
1	1	x	0	1

- Answer: OF *XOR* SF

Branch Mnemonics

- Unsigned comparisons: “above” and “below”
- Signed comparisons: “less” and “greater”
- Both: equal/zero

unsigned	**`jne`**	**`jb`**	**`jbe`**	**`je`**	**`jae`**	**`ja`**
relationship	≠	<	≤	=	≥	>
signed	**`jne`**	**`jl`**	**`jle`**	**`je`**	**`jge`**	**`jg`**

- in general, can add “n” after “j” to negate sense
- forms shown are those used when disassembling
  - do not expect binary to retain your version
  - e.g., “**`jnae`**” becomes “**`jb`**”