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#4: ISAs and Instruction Sets, File Types, & Memory

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Instruction Set Architecture (ISA)

Every CPU has a set of commands it understands known as it's Instruction Set Architecture or ISA. Two ISAs are **very** common:

1.

2.

An ISA defines the function of the hardware in the CPU.

CPU Registers

Each CPU core has an extremely limited number of _____ that are used for general purpose CPU operations:

• x64: 16 registers of 64 bits

- ARMv8: 31 registers of 64 bits

With very few exceptions .

Instruction Sets

Every ISA defines a set of instructions that a CPU can execute:

Move:	MOV, XCHG, PUSH, POP,		
Arithmetic (int):	ADD, SUB, MUL, DIV, NEG, CMP,		
Logic:	AND, OR, XOR, SHR, SHL,		
Control Flow:	JMP, LOOP, CALL, RET,		
Synchronization:	LOCK,		
Floating Point:	FADD, FSUB, FMUL, FDIV, FABS,		

ARM processors have significantly fewer	instructions and are known
as	while x64 processors have a
greater set of instructions and known as	•

Q: Advantages of RISC / CISC?

CPU Instruction in a Real Program

	04.c	gcc 04.c objdump -d ./a.out	
3	int main() {	f3 0f 1e fa 55 48 89 e5 48 83 ec 10	endbr64 push %rbp mov %rsp,%rbp sub \$0x10,%rsp
4	int a = 0;	c7 45 fc 00 00 00 00	movl \$0x0,-0x4(%rbp)
5	a = a + 3;	83 45 fc 03	addl \$0x3,-0x4(%rbp)
6	a = a - 2;	83 6d fc 02	sub1 \$0x2,-0x4(%rbp)
7	a = a * 4;	c1 65 fc 02	shll \$0x2,-0x4(%rbp)
8	a = a / 2;	8b 45 fc 89 c2 c1 ea 1f 01 d0 d1 f8 89 45 fc	mov -0x4(%rbp),%eax mov %eax,%edx shr \$0x1f,%edx add %edx,%eax sar %eax mov %eax,-0x4(%rbp)
9	a = a * 5;	8b 55 fc 89 d0 c1 e0 02 01 d0 89 45 fc	mov -0x4(%rbp),%edx mov %edx,%eax shl \$0x2,%eax add %edx,%eax mov %eax,-0x4(%rbp)
10	printf("Hi");	48 8d 3d f0 0d 00 00 # 2 b8 00 00 00 00 e8 42 fe ff ff	lea 0xdf0(%rip),%rdi 004 <_IO_stdin_used+0x4> mov \$0x0,%eax callq 1060 <printf@plt></printf@plt>
11	a = a * 479;	8b 45 fc 69 c0 df 01 00 00 89 45 fc	mov -0x4(%rbp),%eax imul \$0x1df,%eax,%eax mov %eax,-0x4(%rbp)

Program Counter (PC):

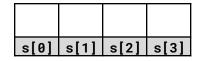
Operation Timings:

Endianness:

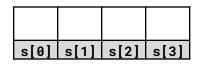
One major difference between ISAs is how multi-byte characters are stored. Knowing that **sizeof(int)** == **4**, what do we expect from the following program?

04b.c 4 int i = 3 + (2 << 8) + (1 << 16); // 66051 5 char *s = (char *)&i; 6 printf("%02x %02x %02x %02x\n", s[0], s[1], s[2], s[3]);

x86/x64 - Big Endian:



ARM/A64 - Little Endian:



What is "Host Byte Order"? What is "Network Byte Order"?

Beyond Characters: Files and File Types

Using binary digits, often represented as characters using an encoding like UTF-8, we can build more complex file types.

File Extensions: An Easy Identifier

The most common way to identify the contents of a file is by the **file extension**. The file extension is defined as:

Examples:

cs240.png mp1.c	mp1.h	taylor.swift.mp4
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Which files are "plain text files"?

Memory Hierarchy:

The third foundation of a computer system is the memory -- the storage of data to be processed by our CPU. There are many different types of common memory in a system:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Sample Programs:

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04cr.c

16    for (unsigned int c = 0; c < SIZE; c++) {
17       for (unsigned int r = 0; r < SIZE; r++) {
18         array[(r * SIZE) + c] = (r * SIZE) + c;
19       }
20    }
```

Sample Program #2:

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04rc.c

16    for (unsigned int r = 0; r < SIZE; r++) {
        for (unsigned int c = 0; c < SIZE; c++) {
            array[(r * SIZE) + c] = (r * SIZE) + c;
            }
            20     }</pre>
```

What is different about **04cr.c** and **04rc.c**?

Running Times: **04cr.c** (Program #1):

04rc.c (Program #2):