

Machine-level Programming I: Basics

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

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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
- Complex instruction set computer (CISC)
 - Many different instructions with many different formats
 - But, only small subset encountered with Linux programs
 - Hard to match performance of Reduced Instruction Set Computers (RISC)
 - But, Intel has done just that!
 - In terms of speed. Less so for low power.

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Intel x86 Evolution: Milestones

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Transistors</i>	<i>MHz</i>
• 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	1060-3333
– First multi-core Intel processor			
• Core i7	2008	731M	1600-4400
– Four cores			

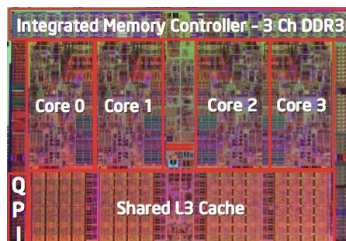
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Intel x86 Processors, cont.

- 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
– Core i7	2008	731M
- Added Features
 - Instructions to support multimedia operations
 - Instructions to enable more efficient conditional operations
 - Transition from 32 bits to 64 bits
 - More cores



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Intel x86 Processors, cont.

- Past Generations

– 1 st Pentium Pro	1995	600 nm
– 1 st Pentium III	1999	250 nm
– 1 st Pentium 4	2000	180 nm
– 1 st Core 2 Duo	2006	65 nm
- Recent & Upcoming Generations

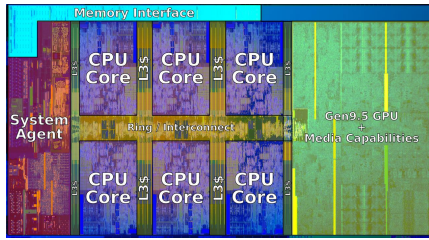
1. Nehalem	2008	45 nm
2. Sandy Bridge	2011	32 nm
3. Ivy Bridge	2012	22 nm
4. Haswell	2013	22 nm
5. Broadwell	2014	14 nm
6. Skylake	2015	14 nm
7. Kaby Lake	2016	14 nm
8. Coffee Lake	2017	14 nm
9. Cannon Lake	2018	10 nm
10. Ice Lake	2019	10 nm
11. Tiger Lake	2020?	10 nm

Process technology dimension
 = width of narrowest wires
 (10 nm ≈ 100 atoms wide)

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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

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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
 - 2018: #2 largest by \$\$ (#1 is Samsung)
 - 2019: reclaimed #1
 - AMD fell behind
 - Relies on external semiconductor manufacturer GlobalFoundries
 - ca. 2019 CPUs (e.g., Ryzen) are competitive again

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Intel's 64-Bit History

- 2001: Intel Attempts Radical Shift from IA32 to IA64
 - Totally different architecture (Itanium, AKA “Itanic”)
 - 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!
- Virtually all modern x86 processors support x86-64
 - But, lots of code still runs in 32-bit mode

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Our Coverage

- IA32
 - The traditional x86
- x86-64
 - The standard
 - `shark> gcc hello.c`
 - `shark> gcc -m64 hello.c`
- Presentation
 - Book covers x86-64
 - Web aside on IA32
 - We will only cover x86-64

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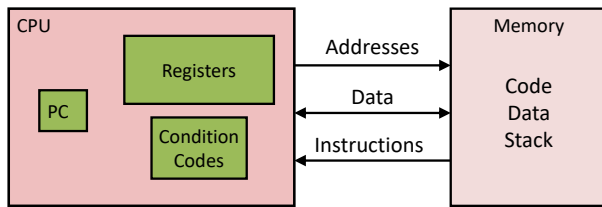
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 - ARM: Used in almost all mobile phones

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Assembly/Machine Code View



Programmer-Visible State

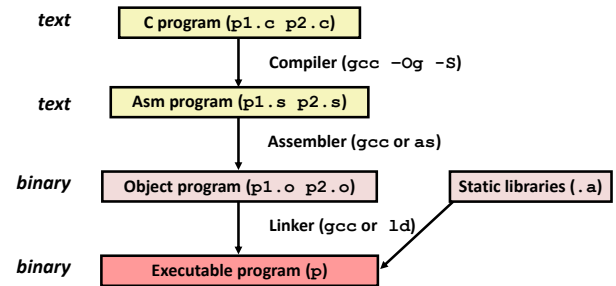
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Turning C into Object Code

- 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`



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Compiling Into Assembly

C Code (sum.c)

```

long plus(long x, long y);

void sumstore(long x, long y,
              long *dest)
{
    long t = plus(x, y);
    *dest = t;
}
    
```

Generated x86-64 Assembly

```

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

Obtain (on Shark machine) with command

```
gcc -Og -S sum.c
```

Produces file `sum.s`

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

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What it really looks like

```

.global    sumstore
.type      sumstore, @function

sumstore:
.LFB35:

    .cfi_startproc
    pushq   %rbx
    .cfi_def_cfa_offset 16
    .cfi_offset 3, -16
    movq    %rdx, %rbx
    call    plus
    movq    %rax, (%rbx)
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    .cfi_def_cfa_offset 8
    ret
    .cfi_endproc

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Things that look weird and are preceded by a `'` are generally directives.

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Object Code

Code for `sumstore`

```
0x0400595:
0x53
0x48
0x89
0xd3
0xe8
0xf2
0xff
0xff
0xff
0x48
0x89
0x03
0x5b
0xc3
```

- Total of 14 bytes
- Each instruction 1, 3, or 5 bytes
- Starts at address 0x0400595

- 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

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Machine Instruction Example

```
*dest = t;
```

```
movq %rax, (%rbx)
```

```
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`

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Disassembling Object Code

Disassembled

```
000000000400595 <sumstore>:
400595: 53          push    %rbx
400596: 48 89 d3    mov     %rdx,%rbx
400599: e8 f2 ff ff callq   400590 <plus>
40059e: 48 89 03    mov     %rax, (%rbx)
4005a1: 5b         pop     %rbx
4005a2: c3         retq
```

- 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

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Alternate Disassembly

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Disassembled

```
Dump of assembler code for function sumstore:
0x000000000400595 <+0>: push    %rbx
0x000000000400596 <+1>: mov     %rdx,%rbx
0x000000000400599 <+4>: callq   0x400590 <plus>
0x00000000040059e <+9>: mov     %rax, (%rbx)
0x0000000004005a1 <+12>: pop     %rbx
0x0000000004005a2 <+13>: retq
```

- Within gdb Debugger
 - Disassemble procedure
- ```
gdb sum
disassemble sumstore
x/14xb sumstore
```

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## 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:
30001003:
30001005:
3000100a:
```

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

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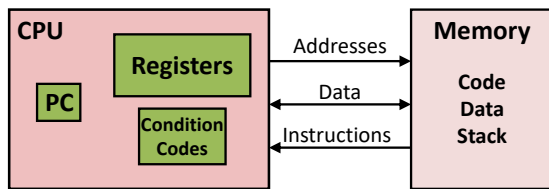
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## x86-64 Integer Registers

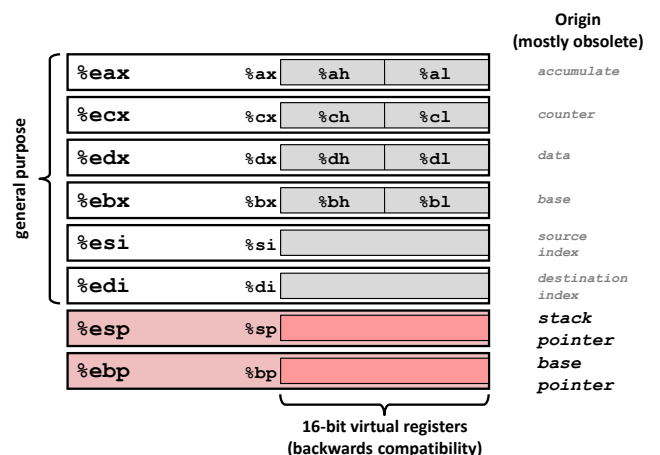
|      |      |      |       |
|------|------|------|-------|
| %rax | %eax | %r8  | %r8d  |
| %rbx | %ebx | %r9  | %r9d  |
| %rcx | %ecx | %r10 | %r10d |
| %rdx | %edx | %r11 | %r11d |
| %rsi | %esi | %r12 | %r12d |
| %rdi | %edi | %r13 | %r13d |
| %rsp | %esp | %r14 | %r14d |
| %rbp | %ebp | %r15 |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

- Can reference low-order 4 bytes (also low-order 1 & 2 bytes)
- Not part of memory (or cache)

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## Some History: IA32 Registers



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  - Unconditional jumps to/from procedures
  - Conditional branches
  - Indirect branches

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## 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 "addressing modes"

Warning: Intel docs use `mov Dest, Source`

|                   |
|-------------------|
| <code>%rax</code> |
| <code>%rcx</code> |
| <code>%rdx</code> |
| <code>%rbx</code> |
| <code>%rsi</code> |
| <code>%rdi</code> |
| <code>%rsp</code> |
| <code>%rbp</code> |
| <code>%rN</code>  |

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## `movq` Operand Combinations

|                   | Source | Dest | Src, Dest                        | C Analog                    |
|-------------------|--------|------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <code>movq</code> | Imm    | Reg  | <code>movq \$0x4, %rax</code>    | <code>temp = 0x4;</code>    |
|                   |        | Mem  | <code>movq \$-147, (%rax)</code> | <code>*p = -147;</code>     |
|                   | Reg    | Reg  | <code>movq %rax, %rdx</code>     | <code>temp2 = temp1;</code> |
|                   |        | Mem  | <code>movq %rax, (%rdx)</code>   | <code>*p = temp;</code>     |
|                   | Mem    | Reg  | <code>movq (%rax), %rdx</code>   | <code>temp = *p;</code>     |

Cannot do memory-memory transfer with a single instruction

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## 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
```

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## Example of Simple Addressing Modes

```
void
whatAmI(<type> a, <type> b)
{
 ???
}
```

`%rdi` `%rsi`

```
whatAmI:
 movq (%rdi), %rax
 movq (%rsi), %rdx
 movq %rdx, (%rdi)
 movq %rax, (%rsi)
 ret
```

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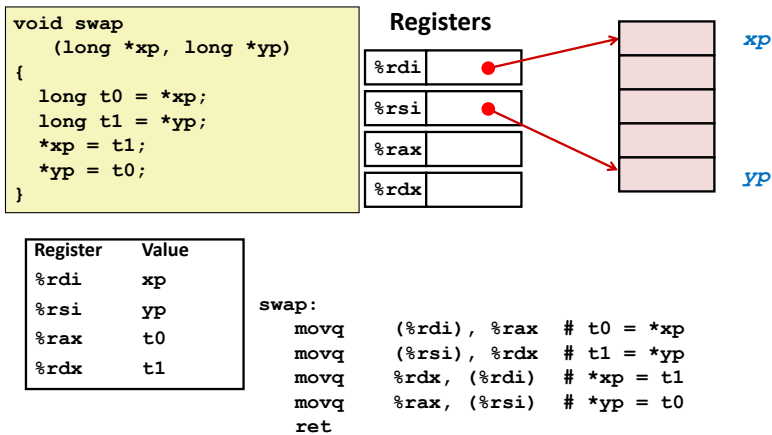
```
void swap
(long *xp, long *yp)
{
 long t0 = *xp;
 long t1 = *yp;
 *xp = t1;
 *yp = t0;
}
```

```
swap:
 movq (%rdi), %rax
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 ret
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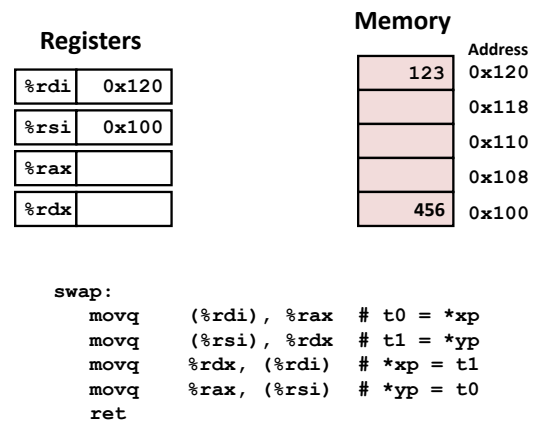
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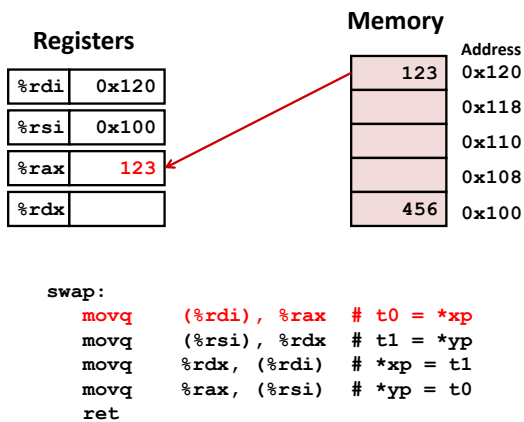
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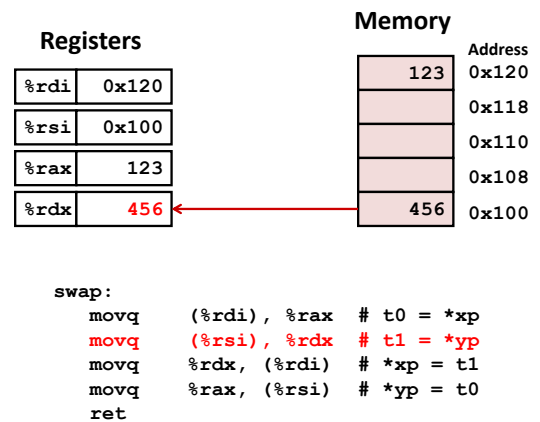
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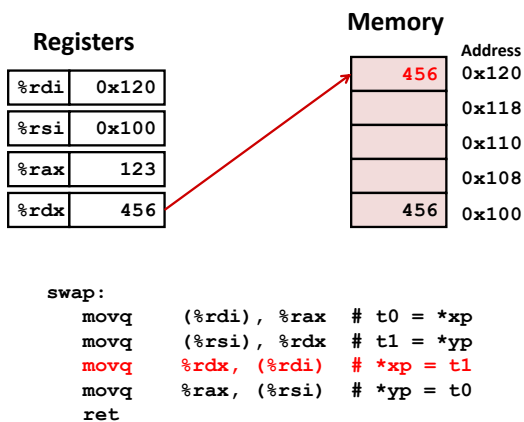
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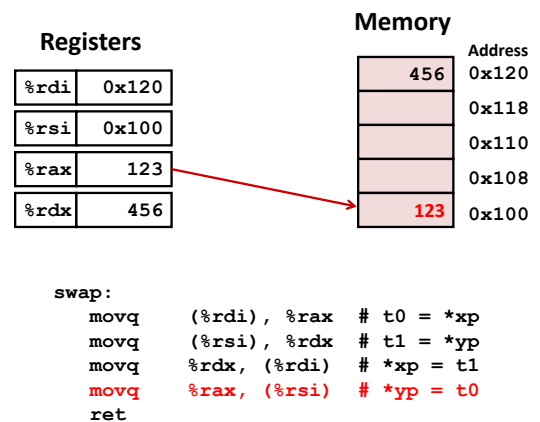
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## Complete Memory Addressing Modes

### • 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

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| <code>%rdx</code> | <code>0xf000</code> |
| <code>%rcx</code> | <code>0x0100</code> |

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| Expression                 | Address Computation | Address |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| <code>0x8(%rdx)</code>     |                     |         |
| <code>(%rdx,%rcx)</code>   |                     |         |
| <code>(%rdx,%rcx,4)</code> |                     |         |
| <code>0x80(,%rdx,2)</code> |                     |         |

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| <code>0x8(%rdx)</code>     | <code>0xf000 + 0x8</code>     | <code>0xf008</code>  |
| <code>(%rdx,%rcx)</code>   | <code>0xf000 + 0x100</code>   | <code>0xf100</code>  |
| <code>(%rdx,%rcx,4)</code> | <code>0xf000 + 4*0x100</code> | <code>0xf400</code>  |
| <code>0x80(,%rdx,2)</code> | <code>2*0xf000 + 0x80</code>  | <code>0x1e080</code> |

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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*x`
  - `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+2*x
salq $2, %rax # return t<<2
```

## Some Arithmetic Operations

### • Two Operand Instructions:

**Format**      **Computation**

|                    |                        |                                       |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <code>addq</code>  | <code>Src, Dest</code> | <code>Dest = Dest + Src</code>        |
| <code>subq</code>  | <code>Src, Dest</code> | <code>Dest = Dest - Src</code>        |
| <code>imulq</code> | <code>Src, Dest</code> | <code>Dest = Dest * Src</code>        |
| <code>shlq</code>  | <code>Src, Dest</code> | <code>Dest = Dest &lt;&lt; Src</code> |
| <code>sarq</code>  | <code>Src, Dest</code> | <code>Dest = Dest &gt;&gt; Src</code> |
| <code>shrq</code>  | <code>Src, Dest</code> | <code>Dest = Dest &gt;&gt; Src</code> |
| <code>xorq</code>  | <code>Src, Dest</code> | <code>Dest = Dest ^ Src</code>        |
| <code>andq</code>  | <code>Src, Dest</code> | <code>Dest = Dest &amp; Src</code>    |
| <code>orq</code>   | <code>Src, Dest</code> | <code>Dest = Dest   Src</code>        |

**Synonym: `salq`**  
**Arithmetic**  
**Logical**

- Watch out for argument order! `Src, Dest` (Warning: Intel docs use “op `Dest, Src`”)
- No distinction between signed and unsigned int (why?)



## Some Arithmetic Operations

- One Operand Instructions

```
incq DestDest = Dest + 1
decq DestDest = Dest - 1
negq DestDest = -Dest
notq DestDest = ~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
  - Curious: only used once...

## Understanding Arithmetic Expression Example

```
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, t4 |
| %rax     | t1, t2, rval   |
| %rcx     | t5             |

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## 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

## Questions?