

Machine-Level Programming I: Basics

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Assignment Announcements

Written Assignment 1 available on <u>Canvas</u>

- Due Wed, Sept. 16, 11:59pm ET
- Peer grading due Wed, Sept. 23, 11:59pm ET
- You will grade 3 submissions using the rubric posted on Canvas

■ Lab 1 available via Autolab

- Due Thurs, Sept. 17, 11:59pm ET
- Read instructions carefully: writeup, bits.c, tests.c
 - Quirky software infrastructure
- Based on lectures 2, 3, and 4 (CS:APP Chapter 2)

Recitations

- In person: you have been contacted with your recitation info
- Online: use the zoom links provided on the Canvas homepage

Today: Machine Programming I: Basics

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

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 low-power

Intel x86 Evolution: Milestones

Name Date Transistors MHz

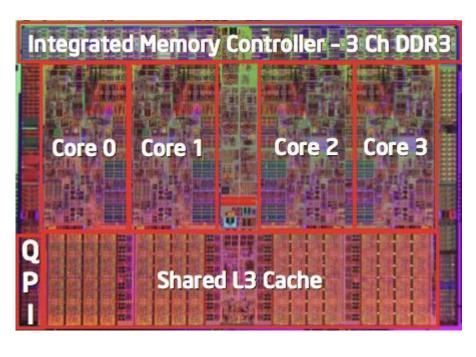
■ 8086 1978 29K 5-10

- 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 1060-3333
 - First multi-core Intel processor
- Core i7 2008 731M 1600-4400
 - Four cores (our shark machines)

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	2000	42M
Core 2 Duo	2006	291M
Core i7	2008	731M



Added Features

Core i7 Skylake

Instructions to support multimedia operations

2015

Instructions to enable more efficient conditional operations

1.9B

- Transition from 32 bits to 64 bits
- More cores

Intel x86 Processors, cont.

■ Past Generations Process technology

1 st Pentium Pro	1995	600 nm
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■ 1st Pentium III 1999 250 nm

■ 1st Pentium 4 2000 180 nm

■ 1st Core 2 Duo 2006 65 nm

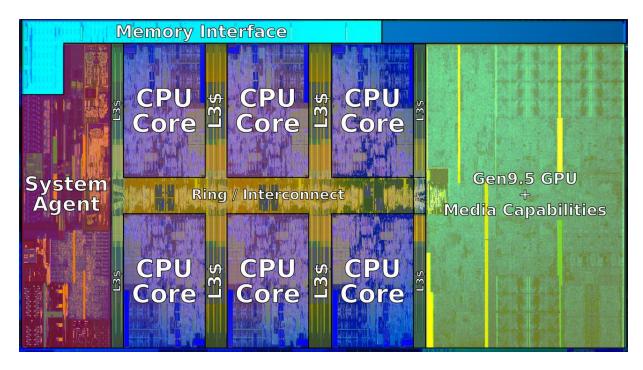
■ Recent & Upcoming Generations

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)

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
 - 2018: #2 largest by \$\$ (#1 is Samsung)
 - 2019: reclaimed #1
- 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, 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

Our Coverage

■ IA32

- The traditional x86
- For 15/18-213: RIP, Summer 2015

■ 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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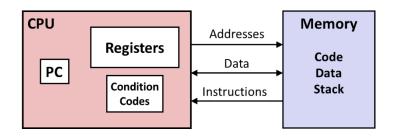
Levels of Abstraction

C programmer

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
  int i, n = 10, t1 = 0, t2 = 1, nxt;
  for (i = 1; i <= n; ++i) {
    printf("%d, ", t1);
    nxt = t1 + t2;
    t1 = t2;
    t2 = nxt; }
  return 0; }</pre>
```

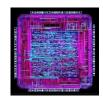
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Assembly programmer

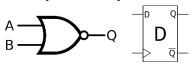




Computer Designer



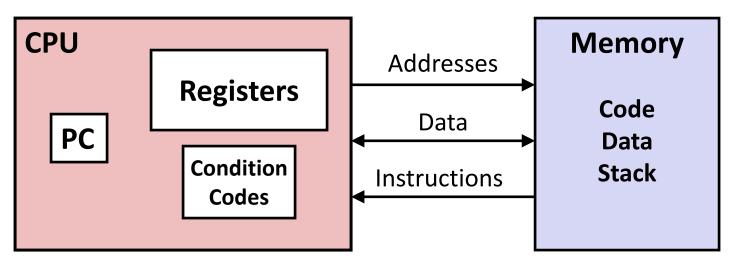
Gates, clocks, circuit layout, ...



Definitions

- Architecture: (also ISA: instruction set architecture) The parts of a processor design that one needs to understand for writing correct 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
 - RISC V: New open-source ISA

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
 - Used for conditional branching

Memory

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

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Assembly Characteristics: Data Types

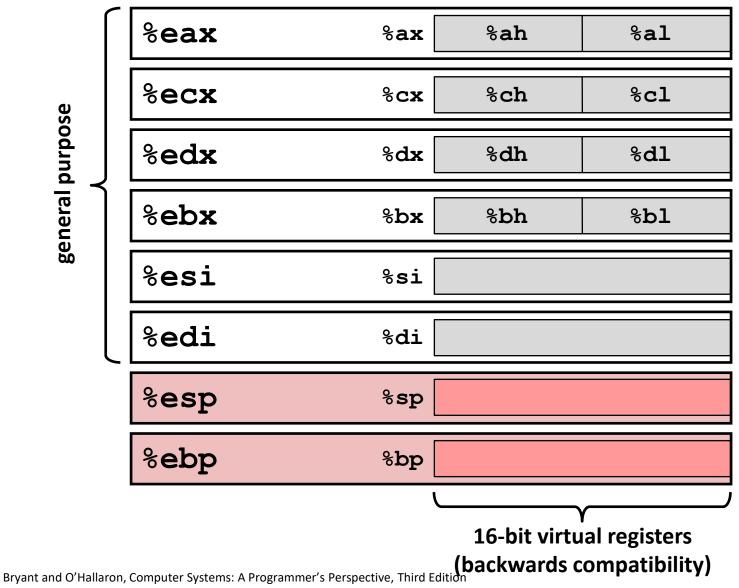
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- Floating point data of 4, 8, or 10 bytes
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x86-64 Integer Registers

%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)

Some History: IA32 Registers



Origin (mostly obsolete)

accumulate

counter

data

base

source index

destination index

stack pointer base pointer

Assembly Characteristics: Operations

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

Moving Data

- Moving Data
 movq Jource, 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"

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

%rbp

%rN

Warning: Intel docs use mov *Dest, Source*

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
```

(%rdi), %rax

%rdx, (%rdi)

%rax, (%rsi)

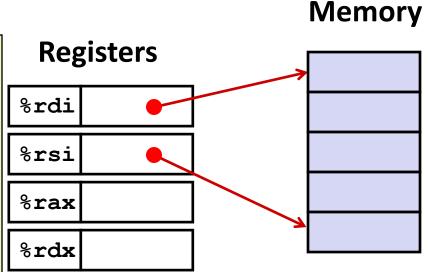
Example of Simple Addressing Modes

```
void
whatAmI (<type> a, <type> b)
{
    3333
                              whatAmI:
                                 movq
                                 movq (%rsi), %rdx
                                 movq
                                 movq
                                 ret
                  %rsi
        %rdi
```

Example of Simple Addressing Modes

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

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

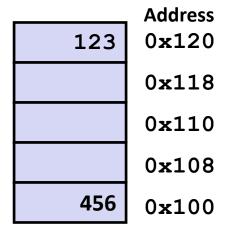


Register	Value
%rdi	хр
%rsi	ур
%rax	t0
%rdx	t1

Registers

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

Memory



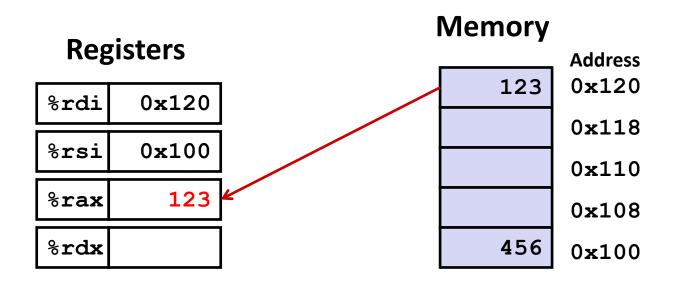
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movq (%rsi), %rdx # t1 = *yp

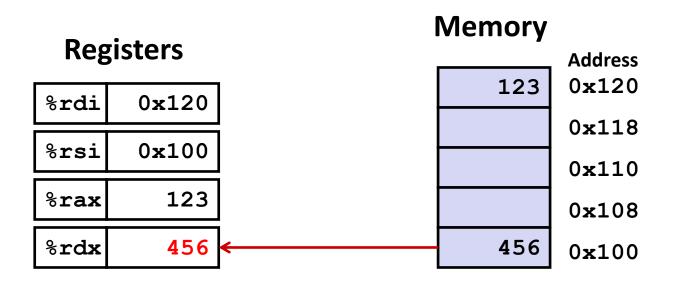
movq %rdx, (%rdi) # *xp = t1

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

ret
```



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ret
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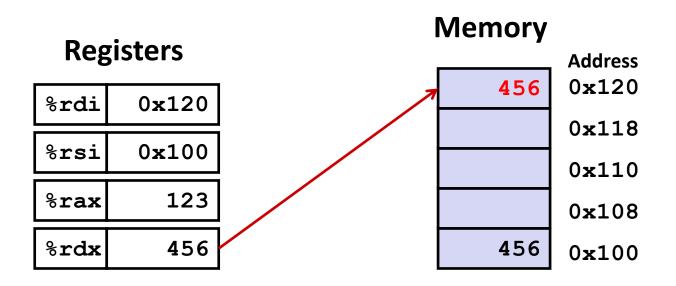


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movq (%rsi), %rdx # t1 = *yp

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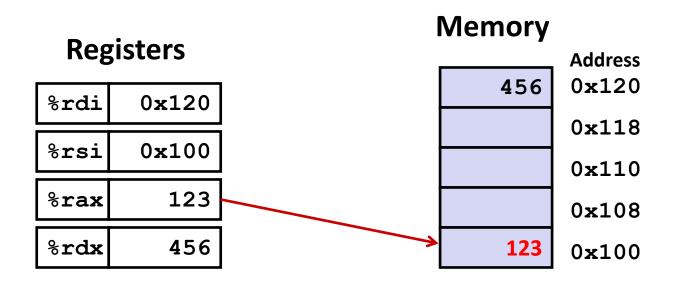
movq %rax, (%rsi) # *yp = t0
ret



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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)		
(%rdx,%rcx)		
(%rdx,%rcx,4)		
0x80(,%rdx,2)		

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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

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

Some Arithmetic Operations

Two Operand Instructions:

Format	Computation		
addq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest + Src	
subq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest — Src	
imulq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest * Src	
shlq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest << Src	Synonym: salq
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! Src,Dest
 (Warning: Intel docs use "op Dest,Src")
- No distinction between signed and unsigned int (why?)

Quiz Time!

Check out:

https://canvas.cmu.edu/courses/17808

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
 - Curious: only used once...

Understanding Arithmetic Expression Example

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  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
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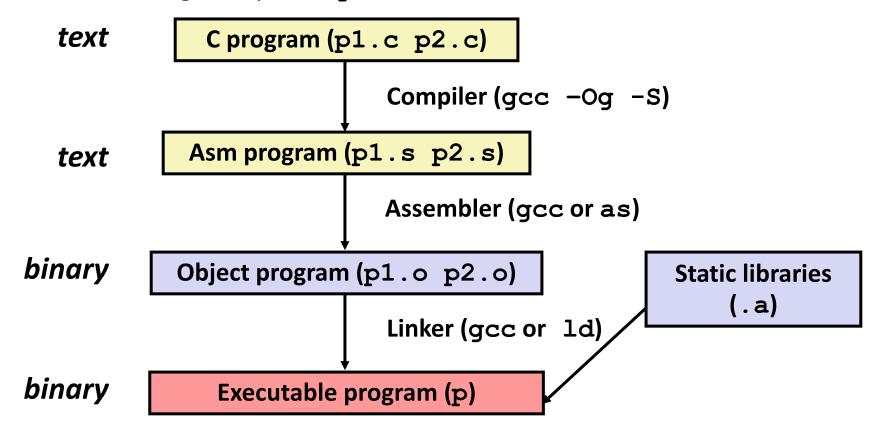
Register	Use(s)	
%rdi	Argument x	
%rsi	Argument y	
%rdx	Argument z , t4	
%rax	t1, t2, rval	
%rcx	t5	

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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



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 shark machine) with command

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.

What it really looks like

```
.globl 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)
       popq %rbx
       .cfi def cfa offset 8
       ret
       .cfi endproc
.LFE35:
       .size sumstore, .-sumstore
```

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```
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    call plus
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```

.cfi def cfa offset 8

.size sumstore, .-sumstore

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

```
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  ret
```

.cfi endproc

ret

.LFE35:

Assembly Characteristics: Data Types

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Object Code

Code for sumstore

0x0400595:

0x53

0x48

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>:
          53
 400595:
                           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

Disassembled

Within gdb Debugger

Disassemble procedure

```
gdb sum
disassemble sumstore
```

Alternate Disassembly

Object Code

0x0400595: 0x53 0x48 0x89 0xd3 0xe8 0xf2

0xff 0x48

0xff

0xff

0x89

0x03

0x5b

0xc3

Disassembled

```
Dump of assembler code for function sumstore:
    0x0000000000400595 <+0>: push %rbx
    0x000000000400596 <+1>: mov %rdx,%rbx
    0x0000000000400599 <+4>: callq 0x400590 <plus>
    0x000000000040059e <+9>: mov %rax,(%rbx)
    0x00000000004005a1 <+12>:pop %rbx
    0x000000000004005a2 <+13>:retq
```

Within gdb Debugger

Disassemble procedure

gdb sum

disassemble sumstore

Examine the 14 bytes starting at sumstore

x/14xb 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

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