Machine-Level Programming IV: Data

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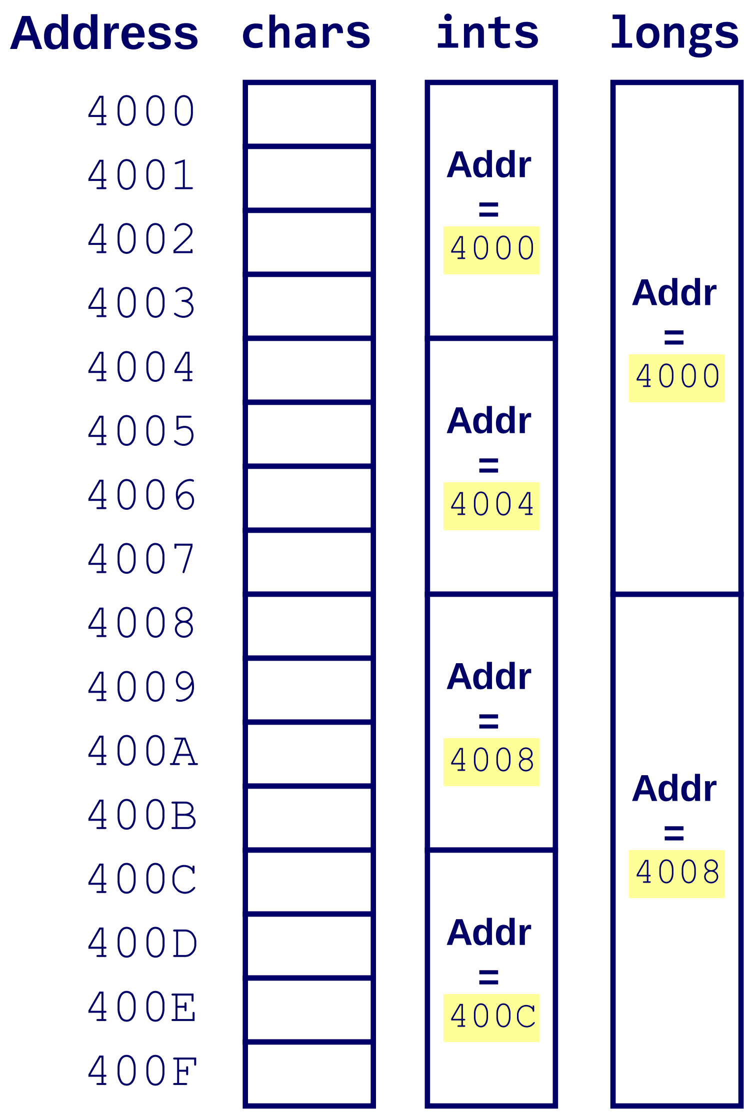
Today

- **Arrays**
  - One-dimensional
  - Multi-dimensional (nested)
  - Multi-level
- **Structures**
  - Allocation
  - Access
  - Alignment

Reminder: Memory Organization

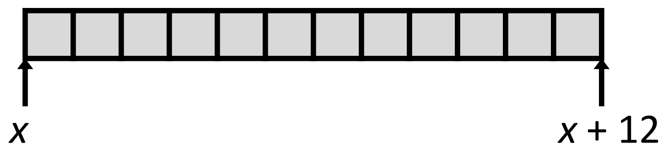
- **Memory locations do not have data types**
  - Types are implicit in how machine instructions *use* memory
- **Addresses specify byte locations**
  - Address of a larger datum is the address of its first byte
  - Addresses of successive items differ by the item's size



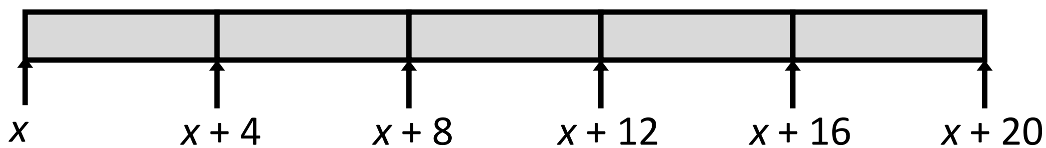
Array Allocation

- C declaration `Type name[Length];`
  - Array of data type *Type* and length *Length*
  - Contiguously allocated region of *Length* * `sizeof(`*Type*`)` bytes in memory

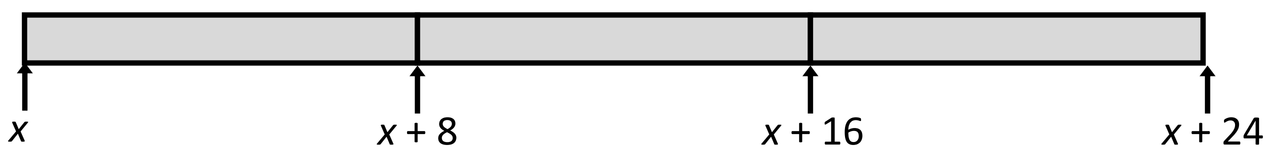
`char string[12];`



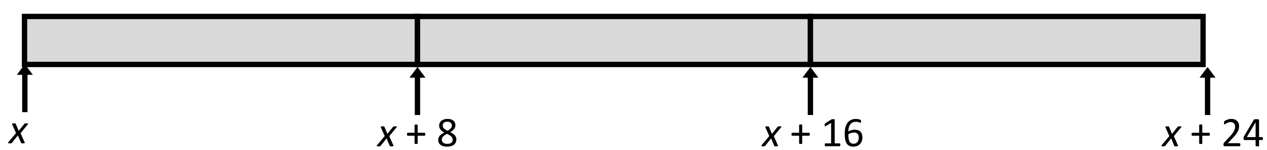
`int val[5];`



`double a[3];`



`char *p[3];`



Array Access

- **C declaration `Type name[Length];`**
  - Array of data type *Type* and length *Length*
  - Identifier **`name`** acts like[1] a pointer to array element 0

```
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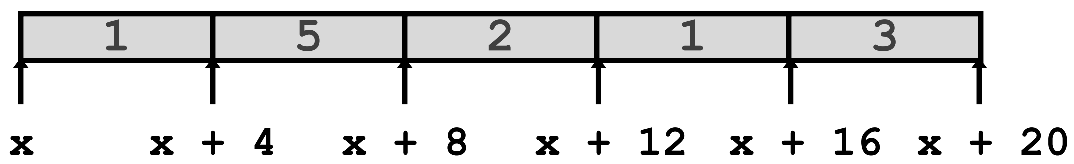
```



- **Expression / Type / Value**

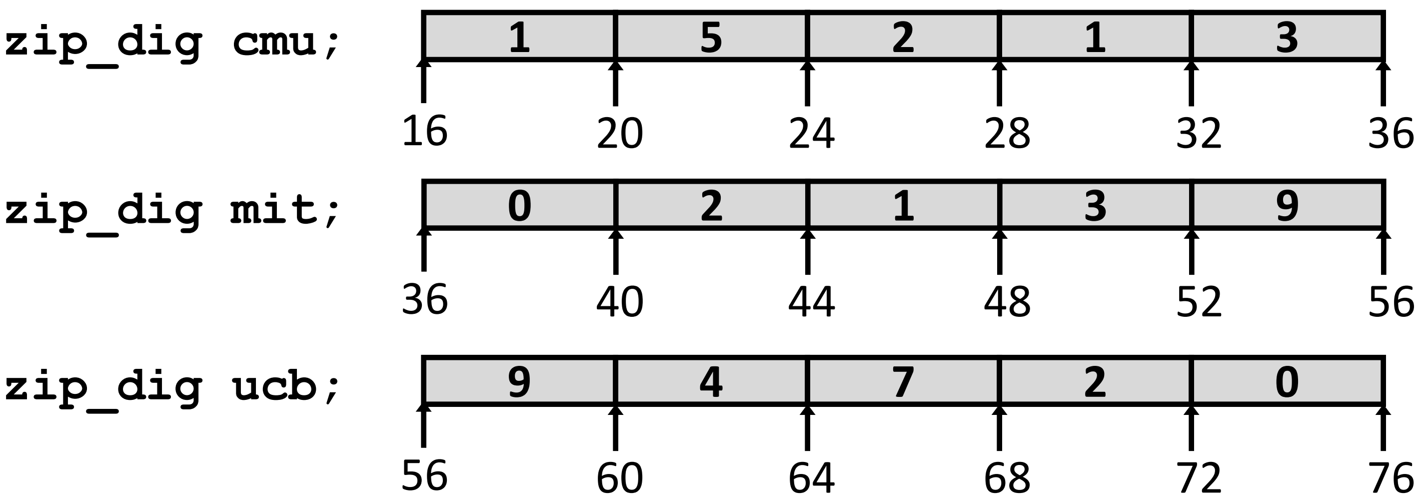
Expression	Type	Value	
`val[4]`	`int`	`3`	
`val[5]`	`int`	`??`	`// access past end`
`*(val+3)`	`int`	`1`	`// same as val[3]`
`val`	`int *`	`x`	
`val+1`	`int *`	`x + 4`	
`&val[2]`	`int *`	`x + 8`	`// same as val+2`
`val + i`	`int *`	`x + 4*i`	`// same as &val[i]`

[1] in most contexts (but not all)

Array Example

```
#define ZLEN 5
typedef int zip_dig[ZLEN];

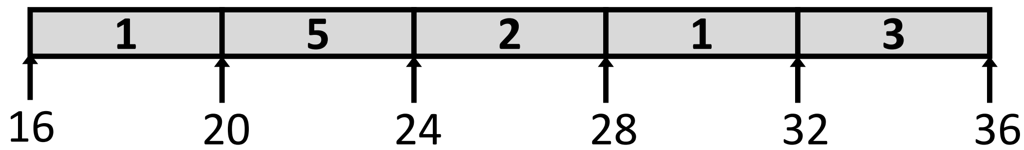
zip_dig cmu = { 1, 5, 2, 1, 3 };
zip_dig mit = { 0, 2, 1, 3, 9 };
zip_dig ucb = { 9, 4, 7, 2, 0 };
```



- **Declaration "`zip_dig cmu`" equivalent to "`int cmu[5]`"**
- **Example arrays were allocated in successive 20 byte blocks**
  - Not guaranteed to happen in general

Array Accessing Example

```
zip_dig cmu;
```




```
int get_digit
  (zip_dig z, int digit)
{
  return z[digit];
}
```

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```
  # %rdi = z
  # %rsi = digit
movl (%rdi,%rsi,4), %eax  # z[digit]
```

- Register `%rdi` contains starting address of array
- Register `%rsi` contains array index
- Desired digit at `%rdi + 4*%rsi`
- Use memory reference `(%rdi,%rsi,4)`

Array Loop Example

```
void zincr(zip_dig z) {
  size_t i;
  for (i = 0; i < ZLEN; i++)
    z[i]++;
}
```

```
  # %rdi = z
  movl    $0, %eax
  jmp     .L3
.L4:
  addl    $1, (%rdi,%rax,4)
  addq    $1, %rax
.L3:
  cmpq    $4, %rax
  jbe     .L4
  rep; ret
```

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}
```

```
  # %rdi = z
  movl    $0, %eax            #   i = 0
  jmp     .L3                 #   goto middle
.L4:                          # loop:
  addl    $1, (%rdi,%rax,4)   #   z[i]++
  addq    $1, %rax            #   i++
.L3:                          # middle
  cmpq    $4, %rax            #   i:4
  jbe     .L4                 #   if <=, goto loop
  rep; ret
```

Activity

- **Part 2**

Understanding Pointers & Arrays #1

Decl	A1 , A2			*A1 , *A2		
	Comp	Bad	Size	Comp	Bad	Size
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`int *A2`	Y	N	8	Y	Y	4

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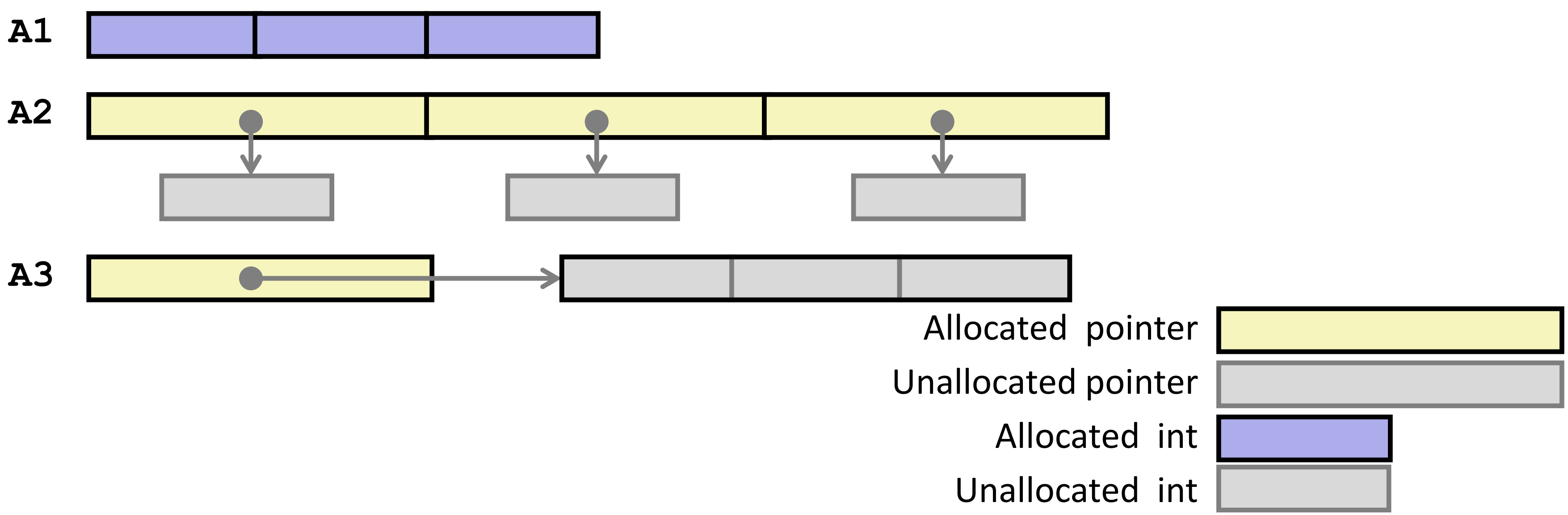
Understanding Pointers & Arrays #2

Decl	An			*An			**An		
	Cmp	Bad	Size	Cmp	Bad	Size	Cmp	Bad	Size
`int A1[3]`									
`int *A2[3]`									
`int (*A3)[3]`									



Understanding Pointers & Arrays #2

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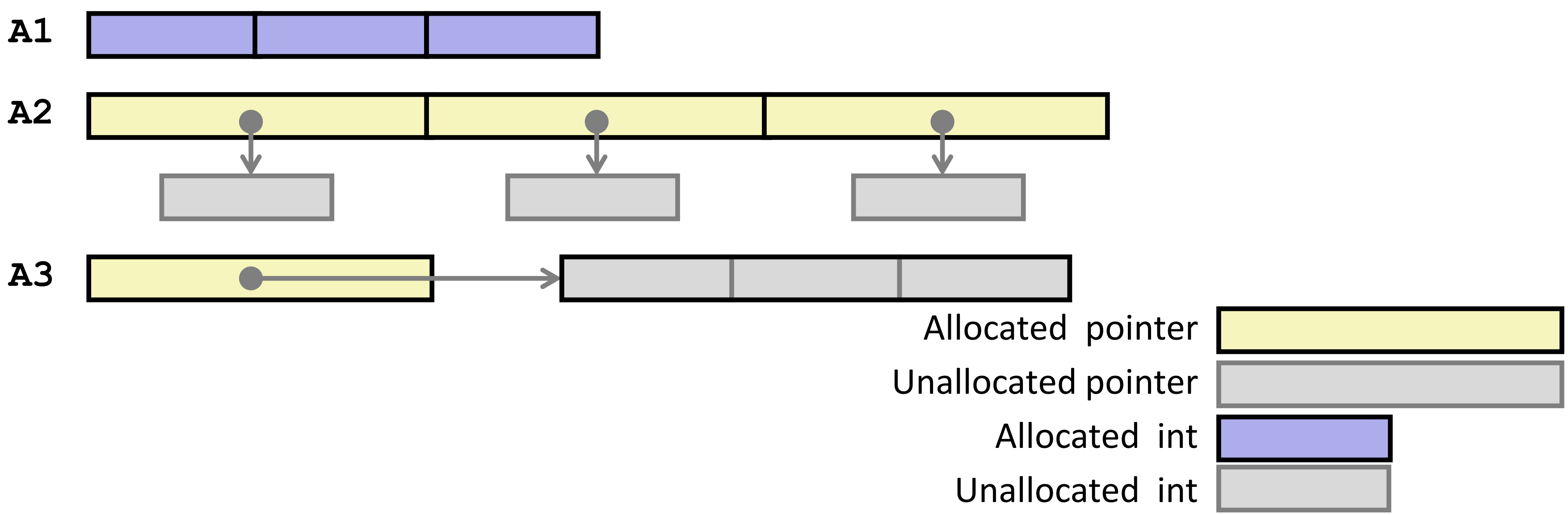
	Cmp	Bad	Size	Cmp	Bad	Size	Cmp	Bad	Size
`int A1[3]`	Y	N	12	Y	N	4	N	-	-
`int *A2[3]`	Y	N	24	Y	N	8	Y	Y	4
`int (*A3)[3]`	Y	N	8	Y	Y	12	Y	Y	4

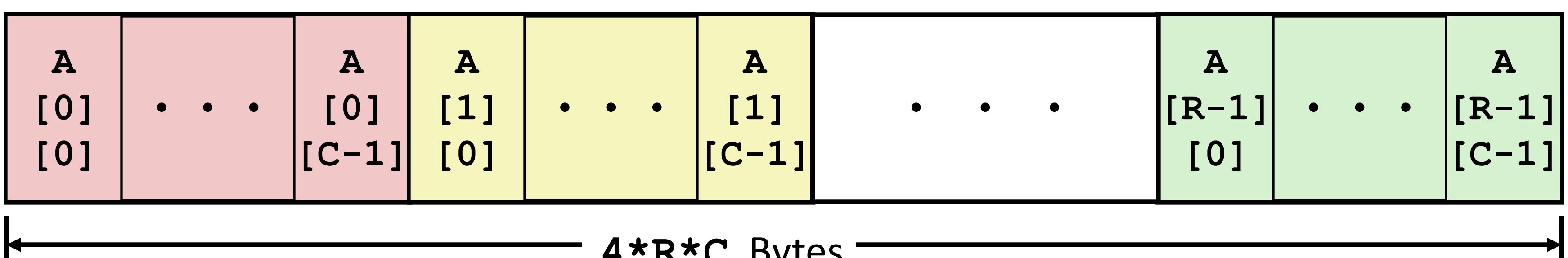


Multidimensional (Nested) Arrays

- **Declaration**
  - *T* **A**[*R*][*C*];
  - 2D array of data type *T*
  - *R* rows, *C* columns
- **Array Size**
  - *R* * *C* * **sizeof**(*T*) bytes
- **Arrangement**
  - Row-Major Ordering

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathtt{A[0][0]} & \cdots & \mathtt{A[0][C-1]} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \mathtt{A[R-1][0]} & \cdots & \mathtt{A[R-1][C-1]} \end{bmatrix}$$

```
int A[R][C];
```

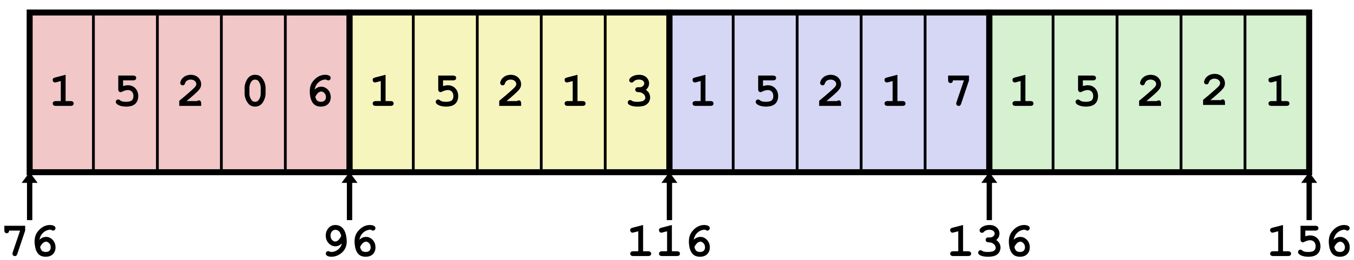


Nested Array Example

```
#define PCOUNT 4
typedef int zip_dig[5];

zip_dig pgh[PCOUNT] =
  {{1, 5, 2, 0, 6 },
   {1, 5, 2, 1, 3 },
   {1, 5, 2, 1, 7 },
   {1, 5, 2, 2, 1 }};
```

`zip_dig pgh[4];`

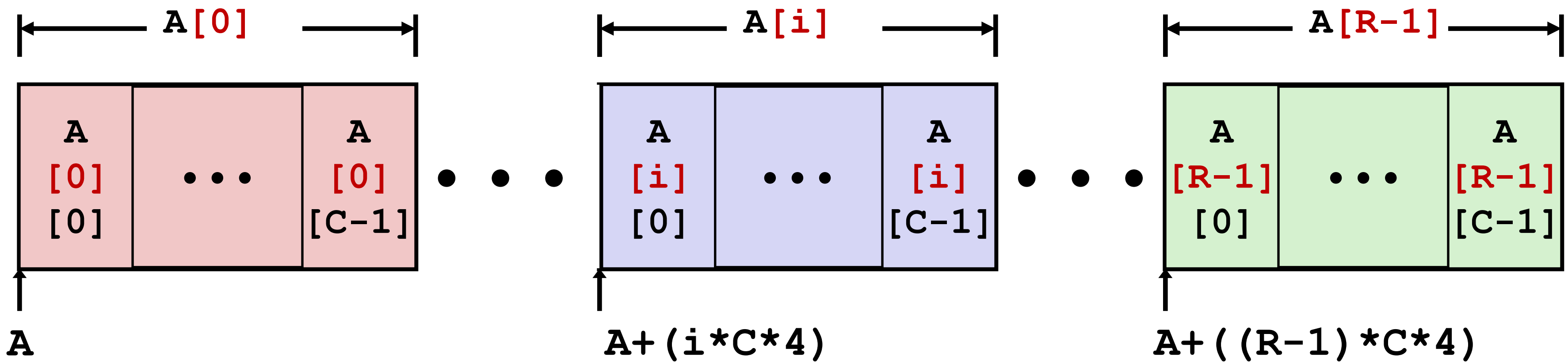


- "`zip_dig pgh[4]`" equivalent to "`int pgh[4][5]`"
  - Variable **`pgh`**: array of 4 elements, allocated contiguously
  - Each element is an array of 5 **`int`**'s, allocated contiguously
- "Row-Major" ordering of all elements in memory

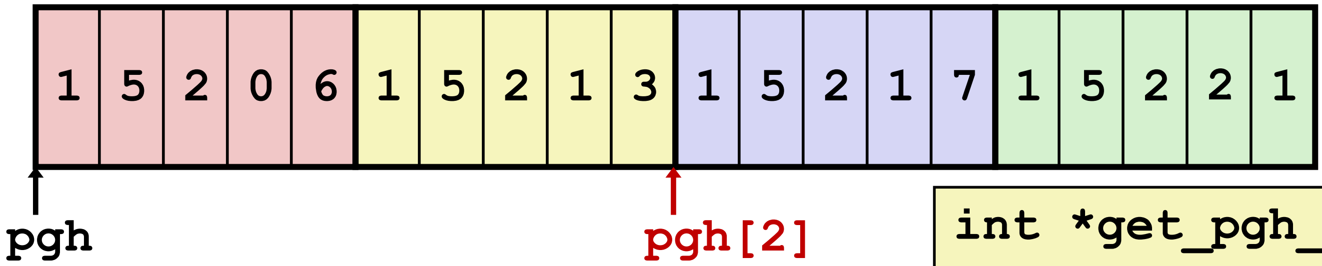
Nested Array Row Access

- **Row Vectors**
  - `A[i]` is array of *C* elements of type *T*
  - Starting address `A + i * (C * sizeof(`*T*`))`

```
int A[R][C];
```



Nested Array Row Access Code




```
int *get_pgh_zip(int index)
{
  return pgh[index];
}
```

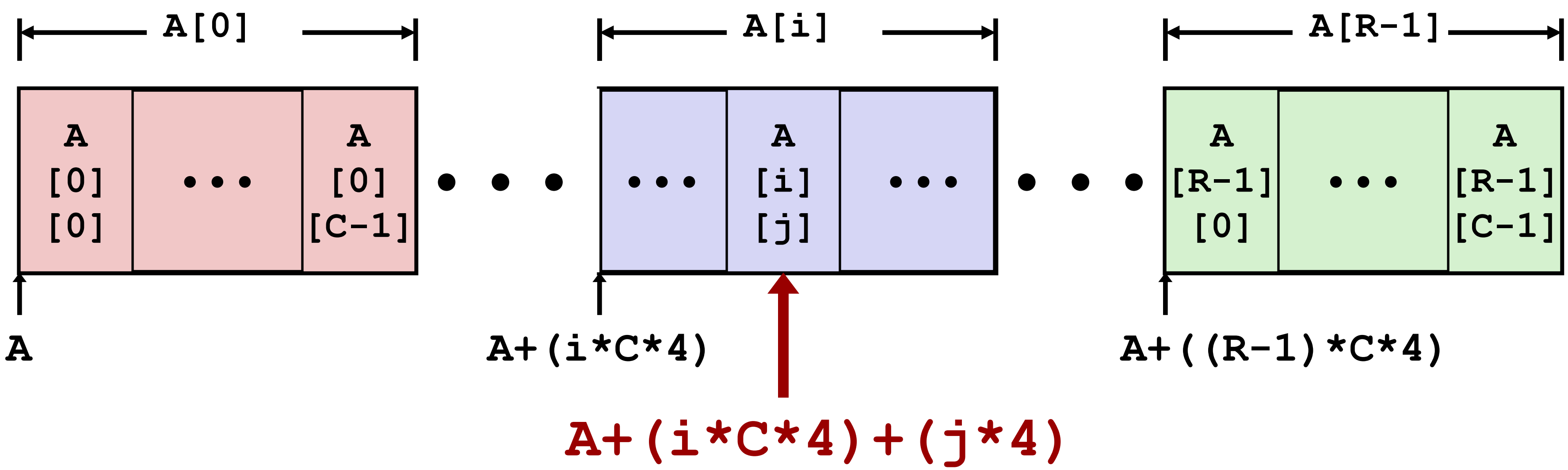
```
  # %rdi = index
  leaq (%rdi,%rdi,4),%rax # 5 * index
  leaq pgh(,%rax,4),%rax  # pgh + (20 * index)
```

- **Row Vector**
  - `pgh[index]` is array of 5 `int`'s
  - Starting address `pgh+20*index`
- **Machine Code**
  - Computes and returns address
  - Compute as `pgh + 4*(index+4*index)`

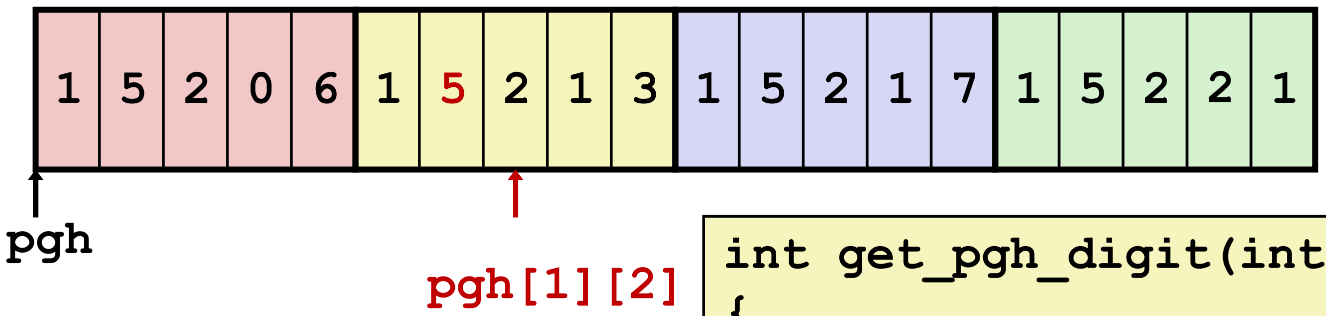
Nested Array Element Access

- **Array Elements**
  - `A[i][j]` is element of type *T*, which requires *K* bytes
  - Address `A + i * (C * K) + j * K`
    `= A + (i * C + j) * K`

```
int A[R][C];
```



Nested Array Element Access Code




```
int get_pgh_digit(int index, int dig)
{
  return pgh[index][dig];
}
```

```
leaq   (%rdi,%rdi,4), %rax    # 5*index
addl   %rax, %rsi             # 5*index+dig
movl   pgh(,%rsi,4), %eax     # M[pgh + 4*(5*index+dig)]
```

- **Array Elements**
  - `pgh[index][dig]` is `int`
  - Address: `pgh + 20*index + 4*dig`

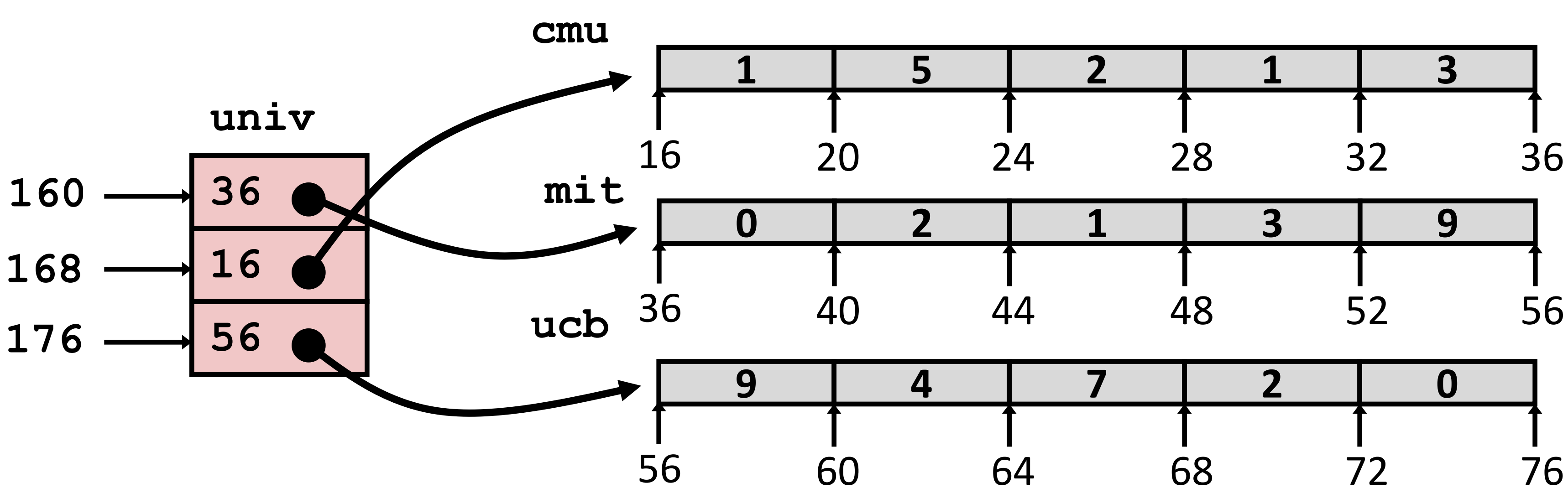
    = `pgh + 4*(5*index + dig)`

Multi-Level Array Example

```
zip_dig cmu = { 1, 5, 2, 1, 3 };
zip_dig mit = { 0, 2, 1, 3, 9 };
zip_dig ucb = { 9, 4, 7, 2, 0 };
```

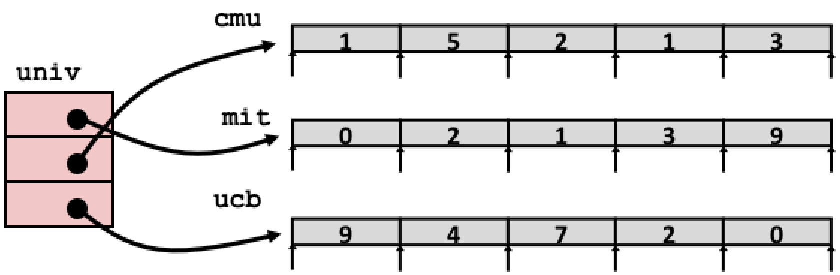
```
#define UCOUNT 3
int *univ[UCOUNT] = {mit, cmu, ucb};
```

- **Variable `univ` denotes array of 3 elements**
- **Each element is a pointer**
  - 8 bytes
- **Each pointer points to array of `int`'s**



Element Access in Multi-Level Array

```
int get_univ_digit
  (size_t index, size_t digit)
{
  return univ[index][digit];
}
```




```
  salq    $2, %rsi              # 4*digit
  addq    univ(,%rdi,8), %rsi   # p = univ[index] + 4*digit
  movl    (%rsi), %eax          # return *p
  ret
```

- **Computation**
  - Element access `Mem[Mem[univ+8*index]+4*digit]`
  - Must do two memory reads
    - First get pointer to row array
    - Then access element within array

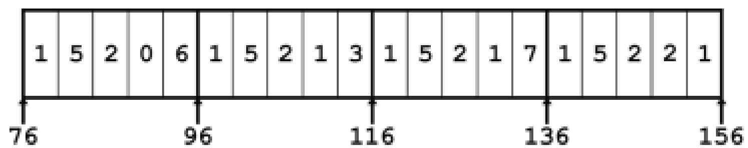
Array Element Accesses

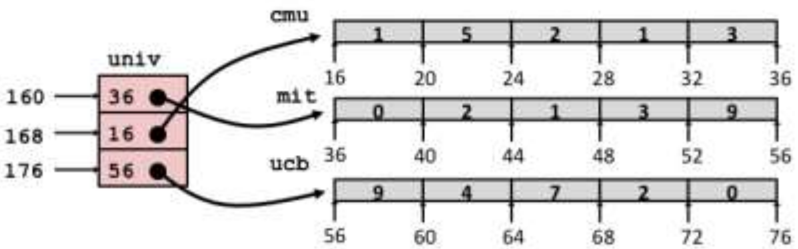
Nested array

```
int get_pgh_digit
  (size_t index, size_t digit)
{
  return pgh[index][digit];
}
```

Multi-level array

```
int get_univ_digit
  (size_t index, size_t digit)
{
  return univ[index][digit];
}
```





Accesses looks similar in C, but address computations very different:

`Mem[pgh+20*index+4*digit]`   **`Mem[Mem[univ+8*index]+4*digit]`**

N X *N* Matrix Code

- **Fixed dimensions**
  - Know value of *N* at compile time
- **Variable dimensions, explicit indexing**
  - Traditional way to implement dynamic arrays
- **Variable dimensions, implicit indexing**
  - Not in K&R; added to language in 1999

```
#define N 16
typedef int fix_matrix[N][N];
/* Get element A[i][j] */
int fix_ele(fix_matrix A,
            size_t i, size_t j)
{
  return A[i][j];
}
```

```
#define IDX(n, i, j) ((i)*(n)+(j))
/* Get element A[i][j] */
int vec_ele(size_t n, int *A,
            size_t i, size_t j)
{
  return A[IDX(n,i,j)];
}
```

```
/* Get element A[i][j] */
int var_ele(size_t n, int A[n][n],
            size_t i, size_t j) {
  return A[i][j];
}
```

16 X 16 Matrix Access

- Array Elements
  - `int A[16][16];`
  - Address `A + i * (C * K) + j * K`
  - C = 16, K = 4

```
/* Get element A[i][j] */
int fix_ele(fix_matrix A, size_t i, size_t j) {
  return A[i][j];
}
```

```
  # A in %rdi, i in %rsi, j in %rdx
  salq    $6, %rsi                # 64*i
  addq    %rsi, %rdi              # A + 64*i
  movl    (%rdi,%rdx,4), %eax     # Mem[A + 64*i + 4*j]
  ret
```

n X *n* Matrix Access

- **Array Elements**
  - `size_t n;`
  - `int A[n][n];`
  - Address `A + i * (C * K) + j * K`
  - C = n, K = 4
  - Must perform integer multiplication

```
/* Get element A[i][j] */
int var_ele(size_t n, int A[n][n], size_t i, size_t j)
{
  return A[i][j];
}
```

```
  # n in %rdi, A in %rsi, i in %rdx, j in %rcx
  imulq   %rdx, %rdi               # n*i
  leaq    (%rsi,%rdi,4), %rax      # A + 4*n*i
  movl    (%rax,%rcx,4), %eax      # Mem[A + 4*n*i + 4*j]
  ret
```

Example: Array Access

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define ZLEN 5
#define PCOUNT 4
typedef int zip_dig[ZLEN];

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
zip_dig pgh[PCOUNT] =
    {{1, 5, 2, 0, 6},
     {1, 5, 2, 1, 3 },
     {1, 5, 2, 1, 7 },
     {1, 5, 2, 2, 1 }};
    int *linear_zip = (int *) pgh;
    int *zip2 = (int *) pgh[2];
    int result =
        pgh[0][0] +
        linear_zip[7] +
        *(linear_zip + 8) +
        zip2[1];
    printf("result: %d\n", result);
    return 0;
}
```

```
linux> ./array
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        linear_zip[7] +
        *(linear_zip + 8) +
        zip2[1];
    printf("result: %d\n", result);
    return 0;
}
```

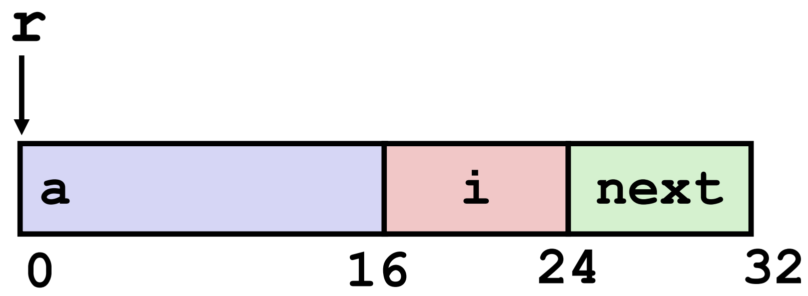
```
linux> ./array
result: 9
```

Today

- **Arrays**
  - One-dimensional
  - Multi-dimensional (nested)
  - Multi-level
- **Structures**
  - Allocation
  - Access
  - Alignment

Structure Representation

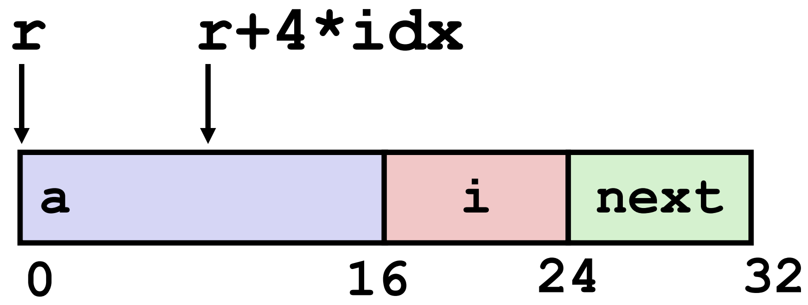
```
struct rec {
    int a[4];
    size_t i;
    struct rec *next;
};
```



- **Structure represented as block of memory**
  - Big enough to hold all the fields
- **Fields ordered according to declaration**
  - Even if another ordering could be more compact
- **Compiler determines overall size + positions of fields**
  - In assembly, we see only offsets, not field names

Generating Pointer to Structure Member

```
struct rec {
    int a[4];
    size_t i;
    struct rec *next;
};
```



- **Generating Pointer to Array Element**
  - Offset of each structure member determined at compile time
  - Compute as `r + 4*idx`

```
int *get_ap
 (struct rec *r, size_t idx)
{
  return &r->a[idx];
}
```

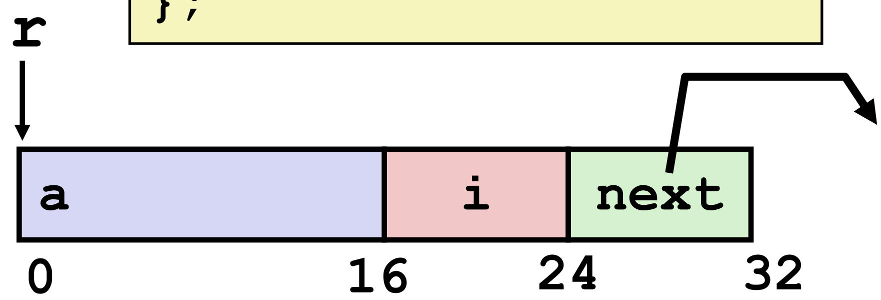
```
  # r in %rdi, idx in %rsi
  leaq  (%rdi,%rsi,4), %rax
  ret
```

Following Linked List #1

```
struct rec {
    int a[4];
    size_t i;
    struct rec *next;
};
```

- C Code

```
long length(struct rec*r) {
    long len = 0L;
    while (r) {
        len ++;
        r = r->next;
    }
    return len;
}
```



Register	Value
%rdi	r
%rax	len

- Loop assembly code

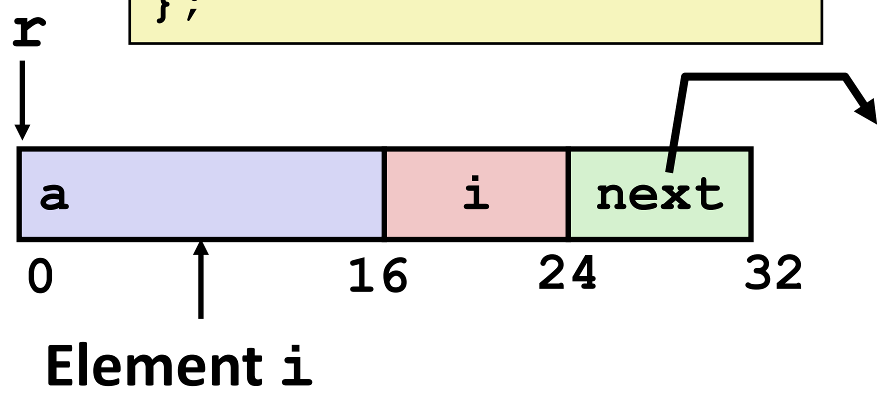
```
.L11:                          # loop:
  addq    $1, %rax             #   len ++
  movq    24(%rdi), %rdi       #   r = Mem[r+24]
  testq   %rdi, %rdi           #   Test r
  jne     .L11                 #   If != 0, goto loop
```

Following Linked List #2

```
struct rec {
    int a[4];
    size_t i;
    struct rec *next;
};
```

- C Code

```
void set_val
  (struct rec *r, int val)
{
  while (r) {
    size_t i = r->i;
    // No bounds check
    r->a[r->i] = val;
    r = r->next;
  }
}
```

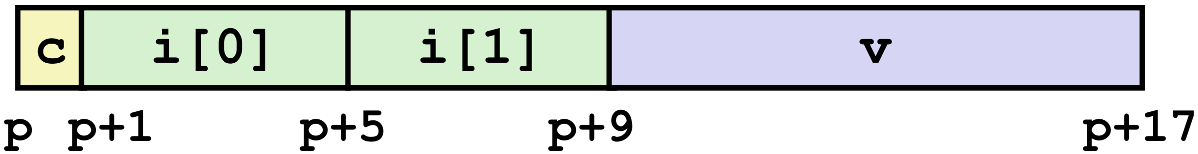


Register	Value
%rdi	r
%rsi	val

```
.L11:                          # loop:
  movq   16(%rdi), %rax        #   i = Mem[r+16]
  movl   %esi, (%rdi,%rax,4)   #   Mem[r+4*i] = val
  movq   24(%rdi), %rdi        #   r = Mem[r+24]
  testq  %rdi, %rdi            #   Test r
  jne    .L11                  #   if !=0 goto loop
```

Structures & Alignment

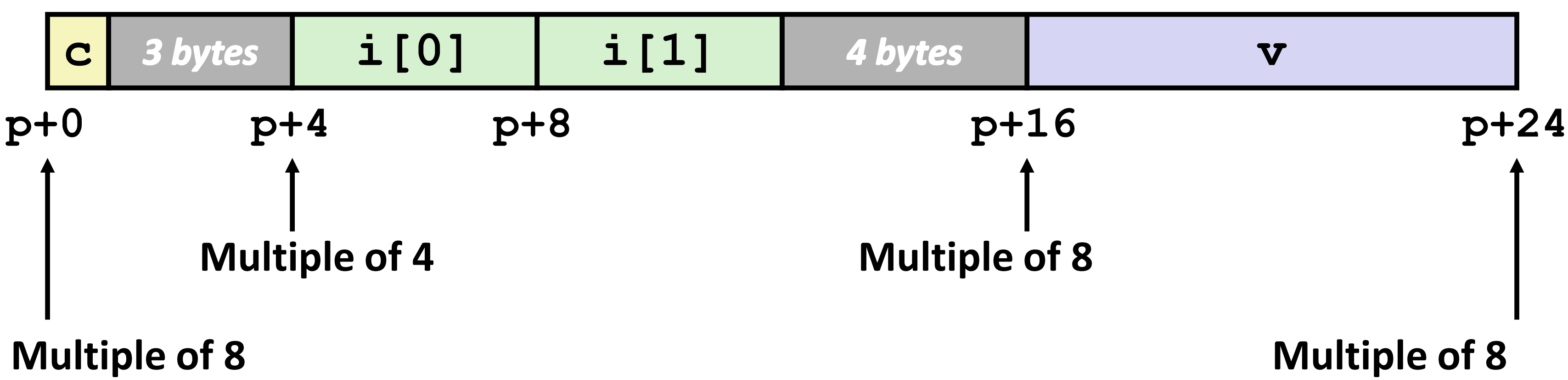
- **Unaligned Data**




```
struct S1 {
  char c;
  int i[2];
  double v;
} *p;
```

- **Aligned Data**
  - Primitive data type requires ***B*** bytes implies

    Address must be multiple of ***B***



Alignment Principles

- **Aligned Data**
  - Primitive data type requires ***B*** bytes
  - Address must be multiple of ***B***
  - Required on some machines; advised on x86-64
- **Motivation for Aligning Data**
  - Memory accessed by (aligned) chunks of 4 or 8 bytes (system dependent)
    - Inefficient to load or store datum that spans cache lines (64 bytes). Intel states should avoid crossing 16 byte boundaries.

      [Cache lines will be discussed in Lecture 10.]
    - Virtual memory trickier when datum spans 2 pages (4 KB pages)

      [Virtual memory pages will be discussed in Lecture 17.]
- **Compiler**
  - Inserts gaps in structure to ensure correct alignment of fields

Specific Cases of Alignment (x86-64)

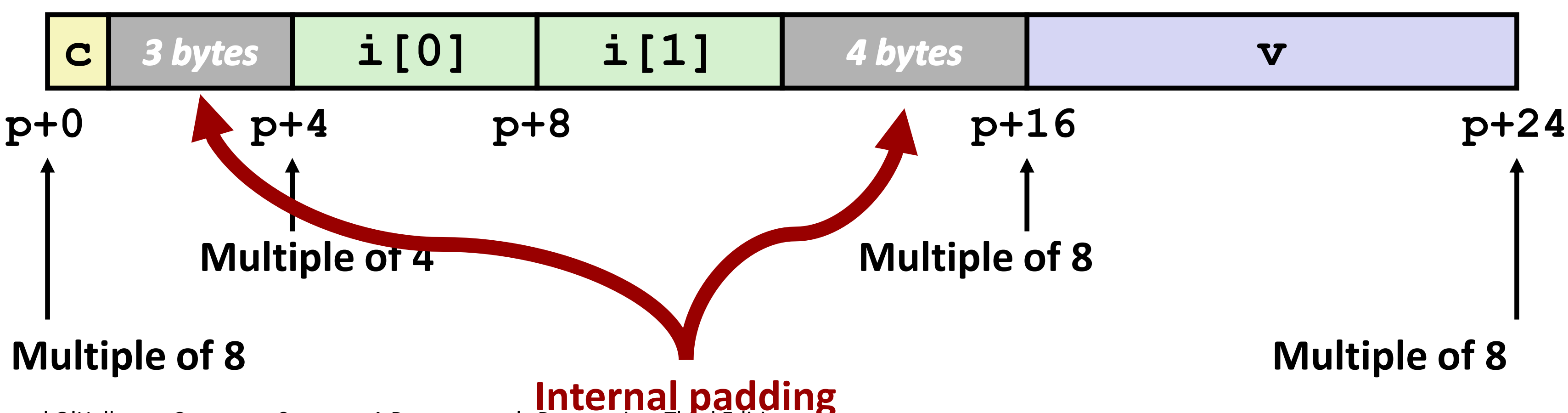
- **1 byte: `char`, …**
  - no restrictions on address
- **2 bytes: `short`, …**
  - lowest 1 bit of address must be 0_2
- **4 bytes: `int`, `float`, …**
  - lowest 2 bits of address must be 00_2
- **8 bytes: `double`, `long`, `char *`, …**
  - lowest 3 bits of address must be 000_2

Satisfying Alignment with Structures

- **Within structure:**
  - Must satisfy each element's alignment requirement
- **Overall structure placement**
  - Each structure has alignment requirement **K**
    - **K** = Largest alignment of any element
  - Initial address & structure length must be multiples of **K**
- **Example:**
  - **K** = 8, due to **`double`** element

    NOTE: K < sizeof(struct S1)

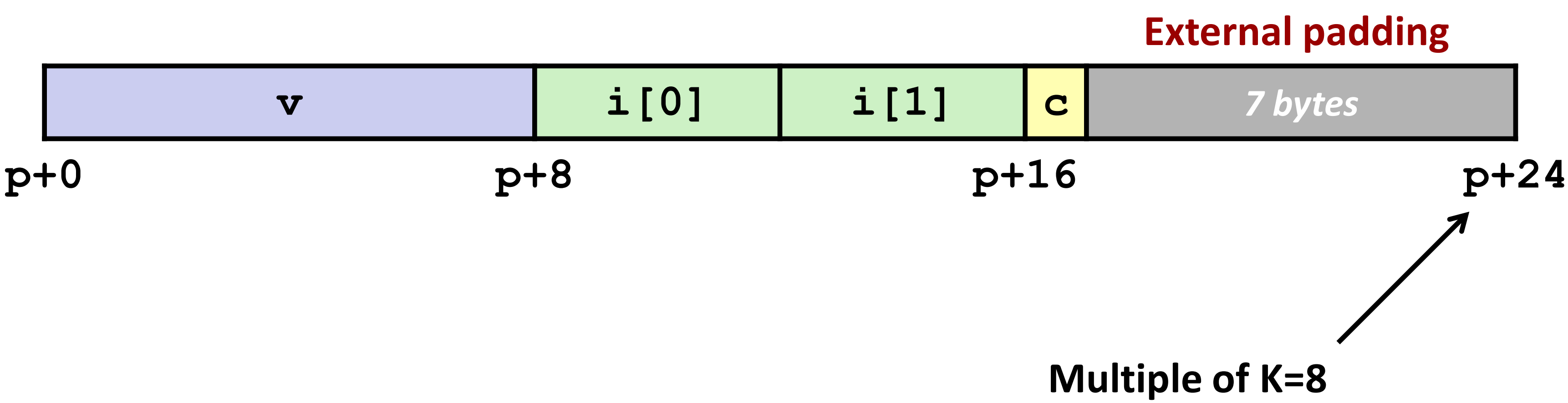
```
struct S1 {
  char c;
  int i[2];
  double v;
} *p;
```



Meeting Overall Alignment Requirement

- For largest alignment requirement K
- Overall structure must be multiple of K

```
struct S2 {
  double v;
  int i[2];
  char c;
} *p;
```



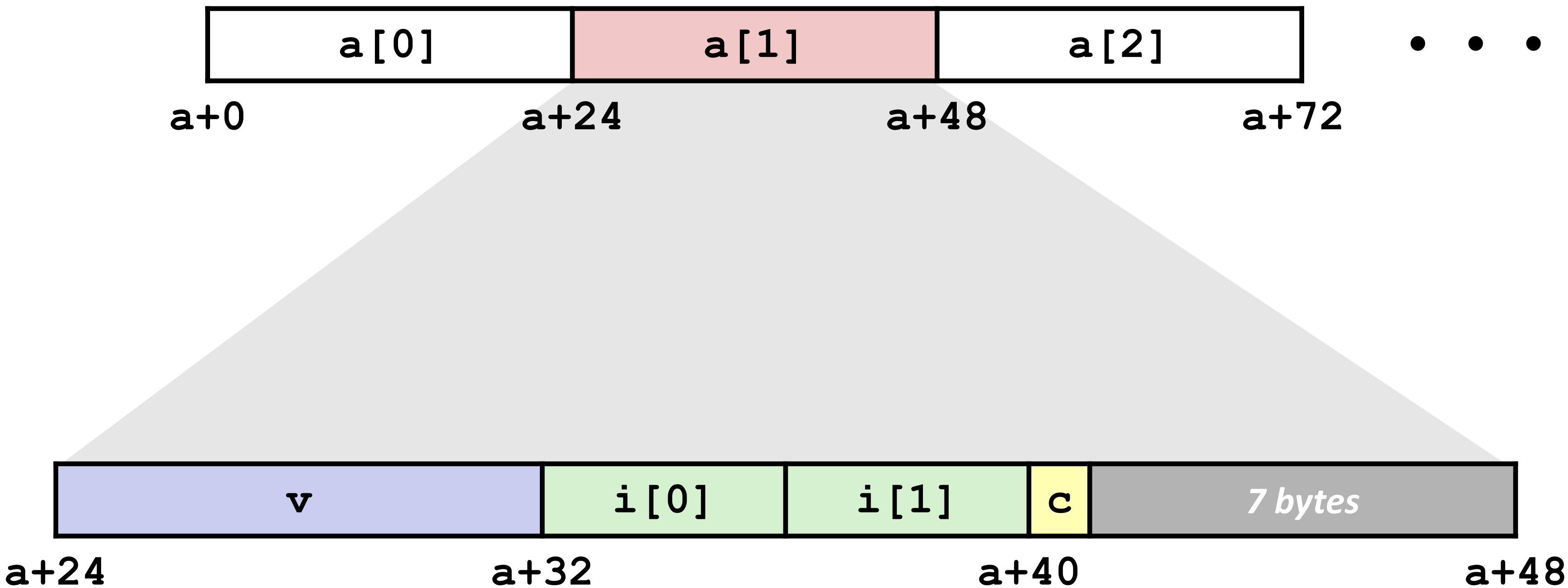
Activity

- **Part 3**

Arrays of Structures

```
struct S2 {
  double v;
  int i[2];
  char c;
} a[10];
```

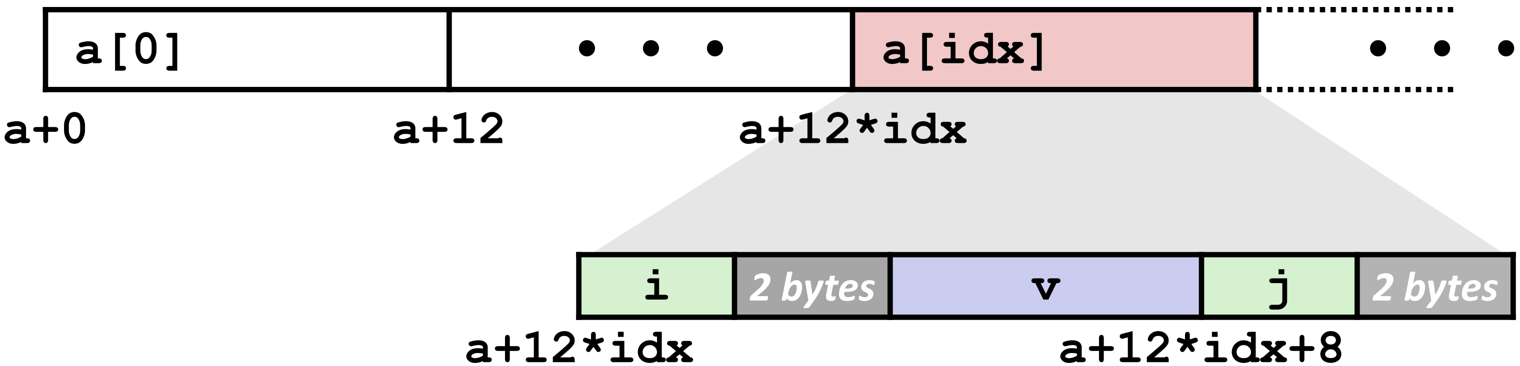
- No padding in between array elements
- Overall structure length multiple of K
- Satisfy alignment requirement for every element



Accessing Array Elements

```
struct S3 {
  short i;
  float v;
  short j;
} a[10];
```

- Compute array offset 12*idx
  - `sizeof(S3)`, including alignment spacers
- Element `j` is at offset 8 within structure
- Assembler gives offset `a+8`
  - Resolved during linking




```
short get_j(int idx)
{
  return a[idx].j;
}
```

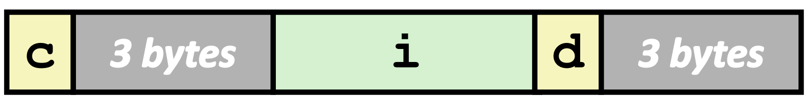
```
# %rdi = idx
leaq (%rdi,%rdi,2),%rax # 3*idx
movzwl a+8(,%rax,4),%eax
```

Saving Space

- Put large data types first

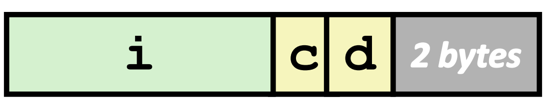
```
struct S4 {
  char c;
  int i;
  char d;
} *p;
```

```
struct S5 {
  int i;
  char c;
  char d;
} *p;
```



12 bytes

- Effect (largest alignment requirement K=4)



8 bytes

Quiz

https://canvas.cmu.edu/courses/34989/quizzes/103071

Today

- **Arrays**
  - One-dimensional
  - Multi-dimensional (nested)
  - Multi-level
- **Structures**
  - Allocation
  - Access
  - Alignment

Summary

- **Arrays**
  - Elements packed into contiguous region of memory
  - Use index arithmetic to locate individual elements
- **Structures**
  - Elements packed into single region of memory
  - Access using offsets determined by compiler
  - Possible require internal and external padding to ensure alignment
- **Combinations**
  - Can nest structure and array code arbitrarily