

# **Machine-Level Programming I: Basics**

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# **Today: Machine Programming I: Basics**

- **CSAPP 3.1** History of Intel processors and architectures
- Assembly Basics: Registers, operands, move
- **Arithmetic & logical operations**
- C, assembly, machine code

**CSAPP 3.3-3.4** 

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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
- 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

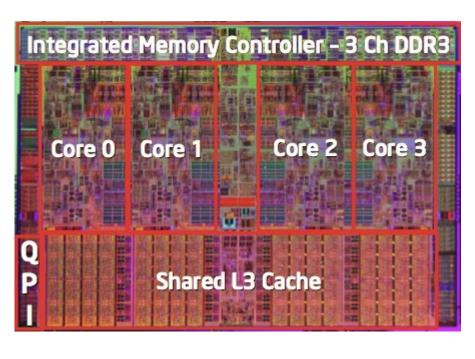
■ Core i7 2008 731M 1600-4400

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<sup>st</sup> Pentium Pro 1995 600 nm
- 1<sup>st</sup> Pentium III 1999 250 nm
- 1<sup>st</sup> Pentium 4 2000 180 nm
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- **12.** Alder Lake 2021 10 nm
- **13.** Raptor Lake 2022? 10 nm

Bryant and O'Hallaron, Computer Systems: A Programmer's Perspective, Third Edition

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

# Intel's Latest: Alder Lake (2021)



In recent years, increasing die space devoted to the graphics/AI engine

# 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)
  - 2019-2022: back-and-forth with Samsung for #1
- AMD fell behind
  - Relies on external semiconductor manufacturer GlobalFoundaries
  - ca. 2019 CPUs (e.g., Ryzen) are competitive again (with TSMC)

# 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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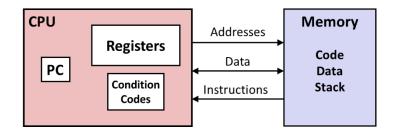
# **Levels of Abstraction**

### **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>
```

# Seems like nice clean layers...

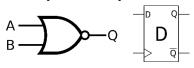
### **Assembly programmer**



### **Computer Designer**



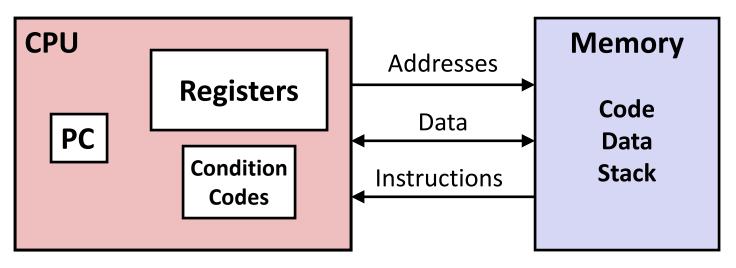
Gates, clocks, circuit layout, ...



# **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: Recent 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**

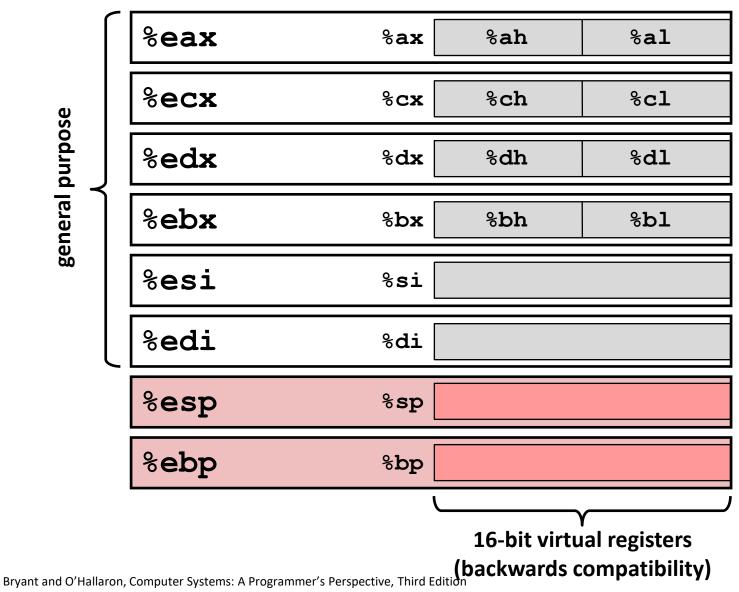
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- Floating point data of 4, 8, or 10 bytes
- (SIMD vector data types of 8, 16, 32 or 64 bytes)
- Code: Byte sequences encoding series of instructions
- No aggregate types such as arrays or structures
  - Just contiguously allocated bytes in memory

# 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
```

# **Example of Simple Addressing Modes**

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

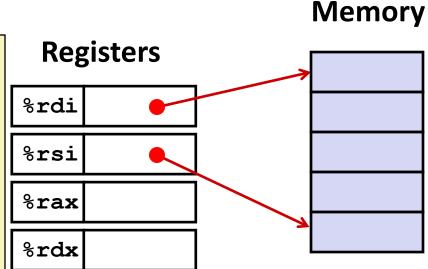
%rsi
%rdi
```

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

# **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; }

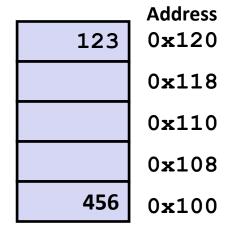


Register	Value
%rdi	хр
%rsi	ур
%rax	t0
%rdx	t1

### **Registers**

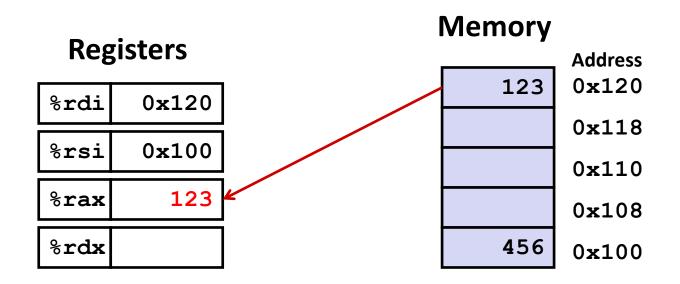
%rdi	0x120
%rsi	0x100
%rax	
%rdx	

### **Memory**



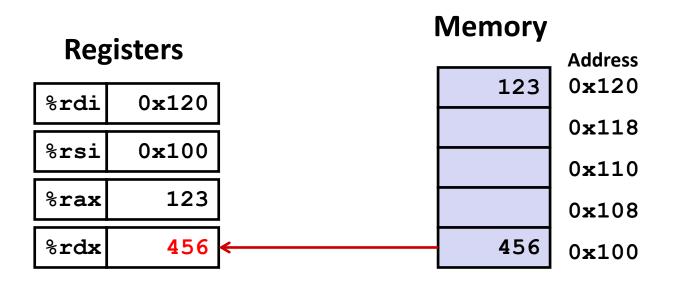
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movq (%rdi), %rax # t0 = *xp
movq (%rsi), %rdx # t1 = *yp
movq %rdx, (%rdi) # *xp = t1
movq %rax, (%rsi) # *yp = t0
ret
```



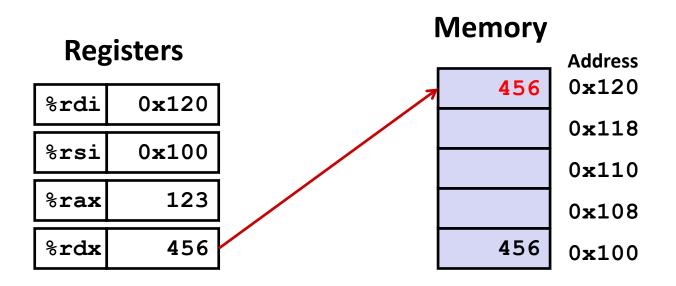
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swap:
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```

ret

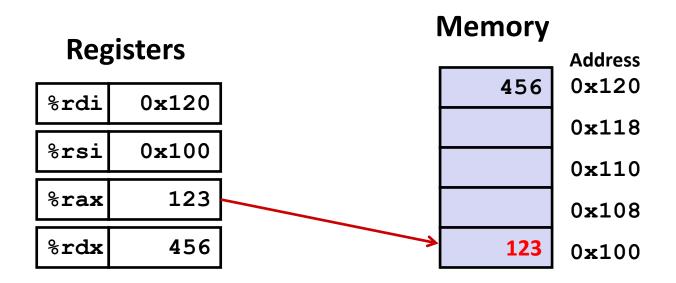


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```

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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)		

# **Address Computation Examples**

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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>
```

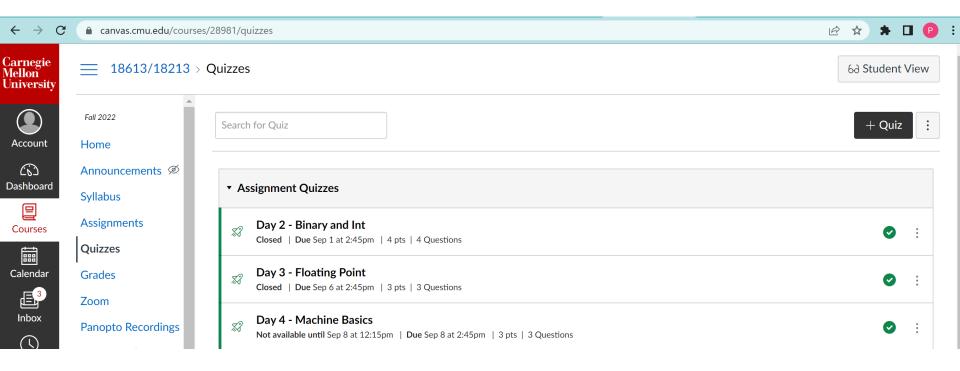
# **Some Arithmetic Operations**

### 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!**



# **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 x, long y, long z)
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  long t4 = y * 48;
  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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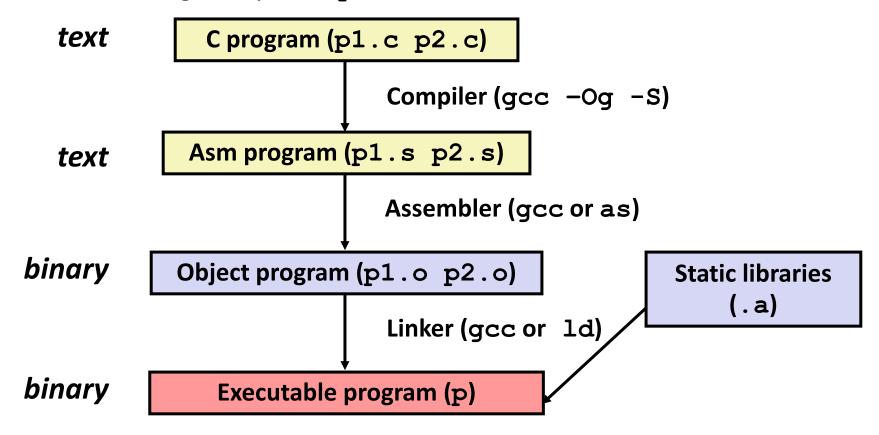
Register	Use(s)	
%rdi	Argument x	
%rsi	Argument <b>y</b>	
%rdx	Argument <b>z</b> , <b>t4</b>	
%rax	t1, t2, rval	
%rcx	t5	

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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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sumstore:
.LFB35:
    .cfi_startproc
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    .cfi_def_cfa_offset 16
    .cfi_offset 3, -16
    movq %rdx, %rbx
    call plus
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    popq %rbx
    .cfi_def_cfa_offset 8
```

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

```
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   ret
```

.cfi endproc

ret

.LFE35:

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# **Object Code**

### Code for sumstore

# $0 \times 0400595$ : $0 \times 53$

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

 $0 \times 0400595$ 

# **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>:
 400595:
          53
                           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
                            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

# **Alternate Disassembly**

### Disassembled

### Within gdb Debugger

Disassemble procedure

```
gdb sum
disassemble sumstore
```

# **Alternate Disassembly**

### Object Code

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

0x03

0x5b

0xc3

### **Disassembled**

```
Dump of assembler code for function sumstore:
    0x0000000000400595 <+0>: push %rbx
    0x000000000400596 <+1>: mov %rdx,%rbx
    0x000000000400599 <+4>: callq 0x400590 <plus>
    0x00000000040059e <+9>: mov %rax,(%rbx)
    0x00000000004005a1 <+12>:pop %rbx
    0x00000000004005a2 <+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