

Lecture 5: Introduction to Assembly

CS 105

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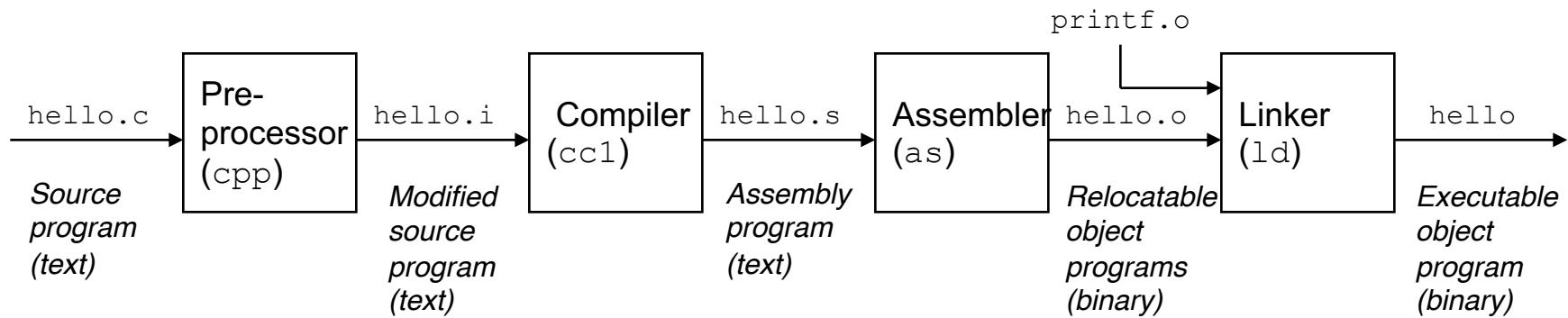
Programs



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```

photo: Dorothy Vaughan, computer at Nasa

Compilation



```
#include<stdio.h>
int main(int argc,
         char ** argv){
    printf("Hello
           world!\n");
    return 0;
}
```

```
...
int printf(const char *
           restrict,
           ...)
attribute__((format_
(_printf_, 1, 2)));
...
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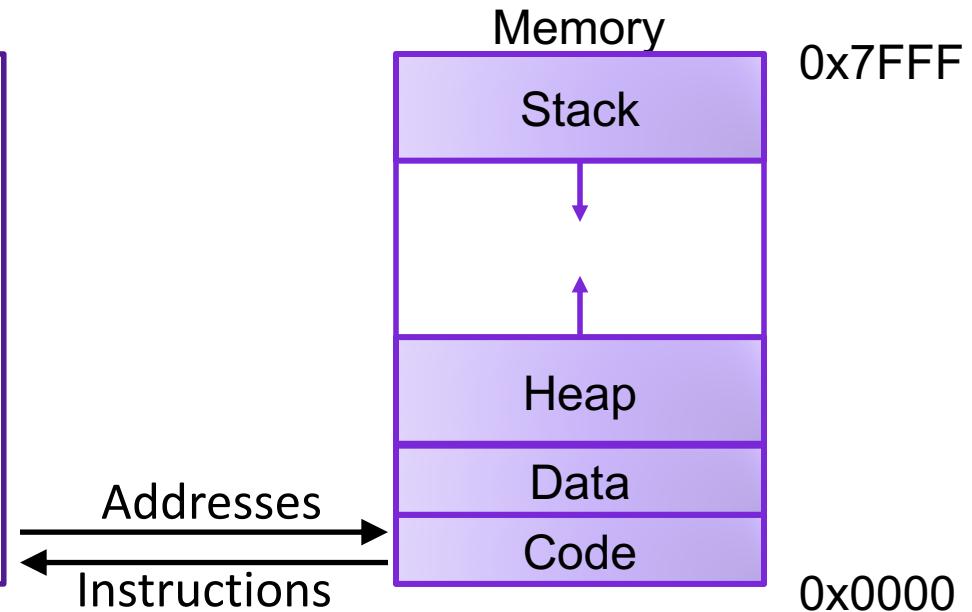
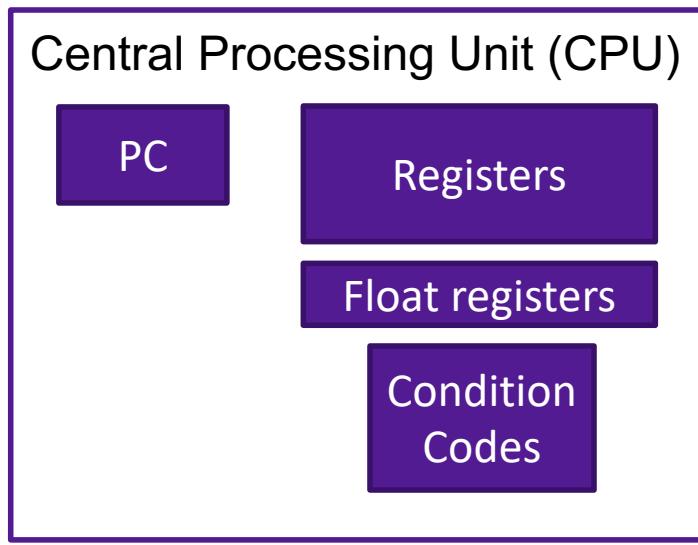
```
pushq %rbp
movq %rsp, %rbp
subq $32, %rsp
leaq L_.str(%rip), %rax
movl $0, -4(%rbp)
movl %edi, -8(%rbp)
movq %rsi, -16(%rbp)
movq %rax, %rdi
movb $0, %al
callq _printf
xorl %ecx, %ecx
movl %eax, -20(%rbp)
movl %ecx, %eax
addq $32, %rsp
popq %rbp
retq
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x86-64 Assembly Language

- Evolutionary design, going back to 8086 in 1978
- Basis for original IBM Personal Computer, 16-bits
- Intel Pentium 4E (2004): 64 bit instruction set
- High-level languages are translated into x86 instructions and then executed on the CPU
 - Actual instructions are sequences of bytes
 - We give them mnemonic names

Assembly/Machine Code View



Programmer-Visible State

- ▶ PC: Program counter (%rip)
- ▶ Register file: 16 Registers
- ▶ Float registers
- ▶ Condition codes

Memory

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

Assembly Characteristics: Instructions

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

DATA TRANSFER IN ASSEMBLY

X86-64 Integer Registers

%rax (function result)

%rbx

%rcx (fourth argument)

%rdx (third argument)

%rsi (second argument)

%rdi (first argument)

%rsp (stack pointer)

%rbp

%r8 (fifth argument)

%r9 (sixth argument)

%r10

%r11

%r12

%r13

%r14

%r15

Data Movement Instructions

- MOV source, dest Moves data from source to dest
`dest = source`

Operand Forms

- Immediate:
 - Syntax: \$Imm Value: Imm Example: \$47
- Register:
 - Syntax: r Value: R[r] Example: %rbp
- Memory (Absolute):
 - Syntax: Imm Value: M[Imm] Example: 0x4050
- Memory (Indirect):
 - Syntax: (r) Value: M[R[r]] Example: (%rbp)
- Memory (Base+displacement):
 - Syntax: Imm(r) Value: M[Imm+R[r]] Example: -12(%rbp)
- Memory (Scaled indexed):
 - Syntax: Imm(r1, r2, s) Value: M[Imm+R[r1]+R[r2]*s] Example: 7(%rdx, %rdx, 4)

Exercise 1: Operands

Register	Value
%rax	0x100
%rcx	0x01
%rdx	0x03

Memory Address	Value
0x100	0xFF
0x104	0xAB
0x108	0x13

- What are the values of the following operands (assuming register and memory state shown above)?
 1. %rax
 2. 0x104
 3. \$0x108
 4. (%rax)
 5. 4(%rax)

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3. \$0x108 **0x108**
4. (%rax) **0xFF**
5. 4(%rax) **0xAB**

mov Operand Combinations

	Source	Dest	Src,Dest	C Analog
mov	<i>Imm</i>	<i>Reg</i>	mov \$0x4, %rax	temp = 4;
		<i>Mem</i>	mov \$-147, (%rax)	*p = -147;
	<i>Reg</i>	<i>Reg</i>	mov %rax, %rdx	temp2 = temp1;
	<i>Mem</i>	mov %rax, (%rdx)	*p = temp;	
	<i>Mem</i>	<i>Reg</i>	mov (%rax), %rdx	temp = *p;

Cannot do memory-memory transfer with a single instruction

Exercise 2: Moving Data

- For each of the following move instructions, write an equivalent C assignment
 1. `mov $0x40604a, %rbx`
 2. `mov %rbx, %rax`
 3. `mov $47, (%rax)`

Exercise 2: Moving Data

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1. mov \$0x40604a, %rbx **x = 0x40604a**
2. mov %rbx, %rax **y = x**
3. mov \$47, (%rax) ***y = 47**

Sizes of C Data Types in x86-64

C declaration	Size (bytes)	Intel data type	Assembly suffix
char	1	Byte	b
short	2	Word	w
int	4	Double word	l
long	8	Quad word	q
char *	8	Quad word	q
float	4	Single precision	s
double	8	Double precision	l

Data Movement Instructions

- MOV source, dest
 - movb Move 1 byte
 - movw Move 2 bytes
 - movl Move 4 bytes
 - movq Move 8 bytes

X86-64 Integer Registers

%rax	%eax	%ax	%al
%rbx	%ebx	%bx	%bl
%rcx	%ecx	%cx	%cl
%rdx	%edx	%dx	%dl
%rsi	%esi	%si	%sil
%rdi	%edi	%di	%dil
%rsp	%esp	%sp	%bsl
%rbp	%ebp	%bp	%bp1

%r8	%r8d		
%r9	%r9d		
%r10	%r10d		
%r11	%r11d		
%r12	%r12d		
%r13	%r13d		
%r14	%r14d		
%r15	%r15d		

Exercise 3: Translating Assembly

- Write a C function `void decode1(long *xp, long *yp)` that will do the same thing as the following assembly code:

decode:

```
    movq (%rdi), %rax
    movq (%rsi), %rcx
    movq %rax, (%rsi)
    movq %rcx, (%rdi)
    ret
```

```
void decode(long *xp, long *yp){
```

```
}
```

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument <code>xp</code>
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```
void decode(long *xp, long *yp){  
    long temp1 = *xp;  
    long temp2 = *yp;  
    *yp = temp1;  
    *xp = temp2;  
}
```

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument xp
%rsi	Argument yp

C is close to Machine Language

```
*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
 - at address **0x40059e**

ARITHMETIC IN ASSEMBLY

Some Arithmetic Operations

- Two Operand Instructions:

Format		Computation	
andq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest & Src	
orq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest Src	
xorq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest ^ Src	
shlq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest << Src	Also called salq
shrq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest >> Src	Logical
sarq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest >> Src	Arithmetic
addq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest + Src	
subq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest – Src	
imulq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest * Src	

Also called **salq**

Logical

Arithmetic

Suffixes

char	b	1
short	w	2
int	l	4
long	q	8
pointer	q	8

Some Arithmetic Operations

- One Operand Instructions

notq Dest Dest = \sim Dest

incq Dest Dest = Dest + 1

decq Dest Dest = Dest – 1

negq Dest Dest = – Dest

Suffixes

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long	q	8
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Exercise 4: Assembly Operations

Register	Value
%rax	0x100
%rbx	0x108
%rdi	0x01

Address	Value
0x100	0x012
0x108	0x89a
0x110	0x909

1. addq \$0x47, %rax
2. addq %rbx, %rax
3. addq (%rbx), %rax
4. addq %rbx, (%rax)
5. addq 8(%rax,%rdi,8), %rax

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Sum	Location
0x147	%rax
0x208	%rax
0x99a	%rax
0x11a	0x100
0xa09	%rax

Example: Translating Assembly

```
arith:
    orq    %rsi, %rdi
    sarq    $3, %rdi
    notq    %rdi
    movq    %rdx, %rax
    subq    %rdi, %rax
    ret
```

```
long arith(long x, long y, long z) {
    x = x | y;
    x = x >> 3;
    x = ~x;

    long ret = z - x;
    return ret
}
```

Interesting Instructions

- **sarq**: arithmetic right shift

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument x
%rsi	Argument y
%rdx	Argument z
%rax	return value

Address Computation Instruction

- **leaq** Source, Dest
 - Source is address mode expression
 - Set Dest to address denoted by expression
- Example: **leaq (%rdi,%rdi,2), %rax**
- Uses
 - Computing pointer arithmetic without a memory reference
 - E.g., translation of `p = &(x[i]);` `p = x+i;`
 - Computing arithmetic expressions of the form $x + k^*y$
 - $k = 1, 2, 4, \text{ or } 8$

```
long m12(long x)
{
    return x*12;
}
```

Converted to ASM by compiler:

```
leaq (%rdi,%rdi,2), %rax # t <- x+x*2
salq $2, %rax           # return t<<2
```

Exercise 5: Translating Assembly

```
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
```

```
long arith(long x, long y,
           long z) {
```

```
}
```

Interesting Instructions

- **leaq**: address computation
- **salq**: shift
- **imulq**: multiplication
 - But, only used once

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument x
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Arithmetic Exercise

arith:

```

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addq      %rdx, %rax
leaq      (%rsi,%rsi,2), %rdx
salq      $4, %rdx
leaq      4(%rdi,%rdx), %rcx
imulq    %rcx, %rax
ret

```

```

long arith(long x, long y,
           long z) {
    long ret = x+y;
    ret = ret+z;

    z = y * 48;
    long temp = x + z + 4;
    ret = ret * temp;
    return ret;
}

```

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%rdx	Argument z
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Exercise 6: Feedback

1. Rate how well you think this recorded lecture worked
 1. Better than an in-person class
 2. About as well as an in-person class
 3. Less well than an in-person class, but you still learned something
 4. Total waste of time, you didn't learn anything
2. How much time did you spend on this video lecture (including time spent on exercises)?
3. Do you have any comments or feedback?