

# Assembly (part 1)

# Changelog

Corrections made in this version not seen in first lecture:

31 August 2017: slide 34: split out from previous slide; clarify zero/positive/negative

31 August 2017: slide 26: put pushq for caller-saved right before call

31 August 2017: slide 39-40: use r12 instead of rbx

31 August 2017: slide 40: fix typo in start\_loop label

31 August 2017: slide 19: fix extra junk in assembly

4 September 2017: slide 25: %rbx is callee-saved, too

# last time: C hodgepodge

arrays are almost pointers

- arrays include elements — sizeof includes elements

- pointers are addresses — sizeof is size of address

misc. C features: goto, malloc/free, printf

structs in C

- like classes without methods

standards and undefined behavior

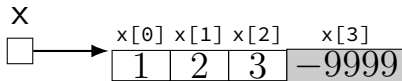
# logistics note: lab due times

lab generally due after 11PM on the lab day  
on future labs, please always submit what you have  
(partial credit on many labs is very generous)

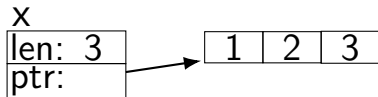
HW generally due next week at noon

# some lists

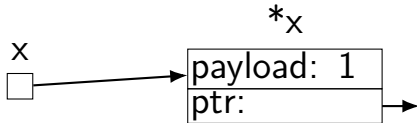
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short sentinel = -9999;
short *x;
x = malloc(sizeof(short)*4);
x[3] = sentinel;
...
```



```
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    unsigned int length;
    short *ptr;
} range;
range x;
x.length = 3;
x.ptr = malloc(sizeof(short)*3);
...
```



```
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    short payload;
    list *next;
} node;
node *x;
x = malloc(sizeof(node_t));
...
```



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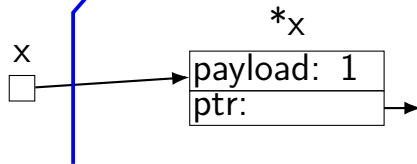
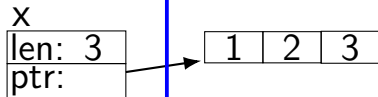
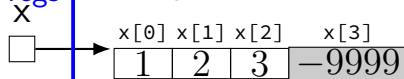
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← on stack

or regs

on heap →



# structs aren't references

```
typedef struct {  
    long a; long b; long c;  
} triple;  
...
```

```
triple foo;  
foo.a = foo.b = foo.c = 3;  
triple bar = foo;  
bar.a = 4;  
// foo is 3, 3, 3  
// bar is 4, 3, 3
```

...
return address
callee saved registers
foo.c
foo.b
foo.a
bar.c
bar.b
bar.a

# x86-64 refresher



# AT&T versus Intel syntax (1)

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```
movq $42, (%rbx)
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Intel syntax:

```
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effect (pseudo-C):

```
memory[rbx] <- 42
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## AT&T syntax: addressing

`100(%rbx): memory[rbx + 100]`

`100(%rbx,8): memory[rbx * 8 + 100]`

`100(,%rbx,8): memory[rbx * 8 + 100]`

`100(%rcx,%rbx,8):  
memory[rcx + rbx * 8 + 100]`

## AT&T versus Intel syntax (3)

$r8 \leftarrow r8 - rax$

Intel syntax: **sub** r8, rax

AT&T syntax: **subq** %rax, %r8

same for **cmpq**

# AT&T syntax: addresses

```
addq 0x1000, %rax
```

```
// Intel syntax: add rax, QWORD PTR [0x1000]
```

```
// rax ← rax + memory[0x1000]
```

```
addq $0x1000, %rax
```

```
// Intel syntax: add rax, 0x1000
```

```
// rax ← rax + 0x1000
```

no \$ — probably memory address

# AT&T syntax in one slide

destination **last**

( ) means value **in memory**

`disp(base, index, scale)` same as  
`memory[disp + base + index * scale]`

omit `disp` (defaults to 0)

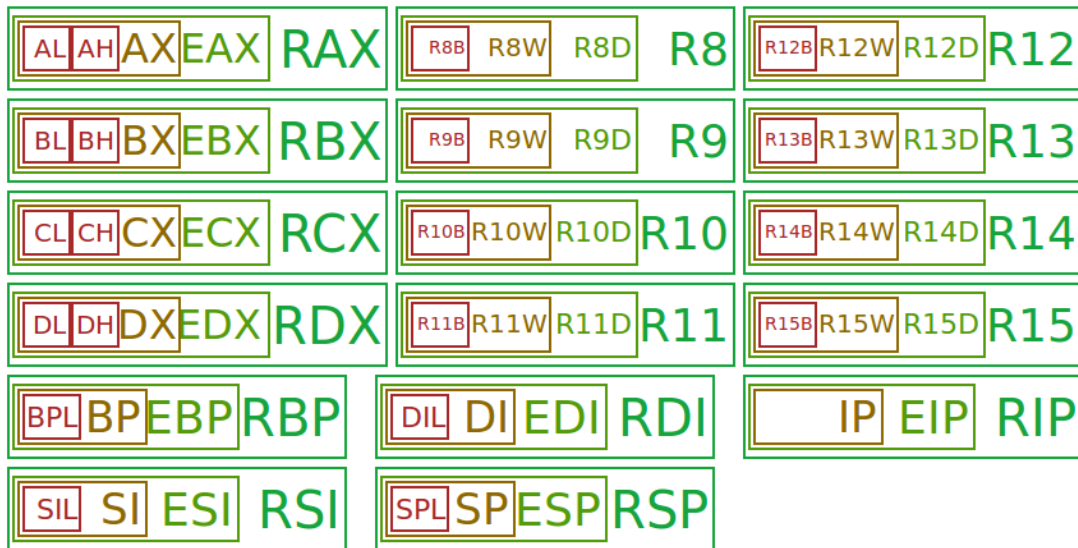
and/or omit `base` (defaults to 0)

and/or `scale` (defaults to 1)

\$ means constant

plain number/label means value in memory

# recall: x86-64 general purpose registers



# overlapping registers (1)

setting 32-bit registers — clears corresponding 64-bit register

```
movq $0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF, %rax  
movl $0x1, %eax
```

%rax is 0x1 (not 0xFFFFFFFF00000001)



## overlapping registers (2)

setting 8/16-bit registers: don't clear 64-bit register

```
movq $0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF, %rax  
movb $0x1, %al
```

%rax is 0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF01

# labels (1)

labels represent **addresses**

## labels (2)

```
addq string, %rax
// intel syntax: add rax, QWORD PTR [label]
// rax ← rax + memory[address of "a string"]
addq $string, %rax
// intel syntax: add rax, OFFSET label
// rax ← rax + address of "a string"
```

```
string: .ascii "a_string"
```

addq label: read value at the address

addq \$label: use address as an integer constant

# on LEA

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“address of memory[`rax + 4`]” = `rax + 4`

## LEA tricks

`leaq (%rax,%rax,4), %rax`

$\text{rax} \leftarrow \text{rax} \times 5$

$\text{rax} \leftarrow \text{address-of}(\text{memory}[\text{rax} + \text{rax} * 4])$

---

`leaq (%rbx,%rcx), %rdx`

$\text{rdx} \leftarrow \text{rbx} + \text{rcx}$

$\text{rdx} \leftarrow \text{address-of}(\text{memory}[\text{rbx} + \text{rcx}])$

# x86-64 calling convention

registers for first 6 arguments:

`%rdi` (or `%edi` or `%di`, etc.), then

`%rsi` (or `%esi` or `%si`, etc.), then

`%rdx` (or `%edx` or `%dx`, etc.), then

`%rcx` (or `%ecx` or `%cx`, etc.), then

`%r8` (or `%r8d` or `%r8w`, etc.), then

`%r9` (or `%r9d` or `%r9w`, etc.)

rest on stack

return value in `%rax`

don't memorize: Figure 3.28 in book

# x86-64 calling convention example

```
int foo(int x, int y, int z) { return 42; }
```

```
...
```

```
    foo(1, 2, 3);
```

```
...
```

```
...
```

```
    // foo(1, 2, 3)
```

```
    movl $1, %edi
```

```
    movl $2, %esi
```

```
    movl $3, %edx
```

```
    call foo // call pushes address of next instruction  
            // then jumps to foo
```

```
...
```

```
foo:
```

```
    movl $42, %eax
```



# call/ret

call:

push address of **next instruction** on the stack

ret:

pop address from stack; jump

# callee-saved registers

functions **must preserve** these

`%rsp` (stack pointer), `%rbx`, `%rbp` (frame pointer, maybe)

`%r12–%r15`

# caller/callee-saved

foo:

```
pushq %r12 // r12 is caller-saved
... use r12 ...
popq %r12
ret
```

...

other\_function:

```
...
pushq %r11 // r11 is caller-saved
callq foo
popq %r11
```

# question

```
pushq $0x1  
pushq $0x2  
addq $0x3, 8(%rsp)  
popq %rax  
popq %rbx
```

What is value of %rax and %rbx after this?

- %rax = 0x2, %rbx = 0x4
- %rax = 0x5, %rbx = 0x1
- %rax = 0x2, %rbx = 0x1
- the snippet has invalid syntax or will crash
- more information is needed
- something else?

## on %rip

%rip (**I**nstruction **P**ointer) = address of next instruction

```
movq 500(%rip), %rax
```

rax  $\leftarrow$  memory[next instruction address + 500]

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`rax`  $\leftarrow$  memory[next instruction address + 500]

```
label(%rip)  $\approx$  label
```

different ways of writing address of label in machine code  
(with `%rip` — relative to next instruction)

# things we won't cover (today)

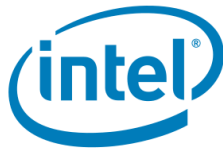
floating point; vector operations (multiple values at once)

special registers: %xmm0 through %xmm15

segmentation (special registers: %ds, %fs, %gs, ...)

lots and lots of instructions

**authoritative source**



## **Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual**

Combined Volumes:  
1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3A, 3B, 3C and 3D



# if-to-assembly (1)

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```
    if (b >= 42) goto after_then;  
    a += 10;  
    goto after_else;  
after_then: a *= b;  
after_else:
```

## if-to-assembly (2)

```
if (b >= 42) {  
    a += 10;  
} else {  
    a *= b;  
}
```

---

```
// a is in %rax, b is in %rbx  
    cmpq $42, %rbx    // computes rbx - 42 to 0  
    jl  after_then    // jump if rbx - 42 < 0  
                        // AKA rbx < 42  
    addq $10, %rax    // a += 1  
    jmp after_else  
after_then:  
    imulq %rbx, %rax // rax = rax * rbx  
after_else:
```

# condition codes

x86 has **condition codes**

set by (almost) all arithmetic instructions

addq, subq, imulq, etc.

store info about **last arithmetic result**

was it zero? was it negative? etc.

# condition codes and jumps

`jg`, `jle`, etc. read condition codes

named based on interpreting **result of subtraction**

0: equal; negative: less than; positive: greater than

## condition codes example (1)

```
movq $-10, %rax  
movq $20, %rbx  
subq %rax, %rbx // %rbx - %rax = 10  
    // result > 0: %rbx was > %rax  
jle foo // not taken; 30 > 0
```

# condition codes and `cmpq`

“last arithmetic result”???

then what is `cmp`, etc.?

`cmp` does **subtraction** (but doesn't store result)

similar `test` does bitwise-and

`testq %rax, %rax` — result is `%rax`

## condition codes example (2)

```
movq $-10, %rax  
movq $20, %rbx  
cmpq %rax, %rbx  
jle foo // not taken; %rbx - %rax > 0
```



# loop (1)

```
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    foo()  
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start_loop:
    foo()
    x--;
    if (x >= 0) goto start_loop;
```

## loop (2)

```
int x = 99;
do {
    foo()
    x--;
} while (x >= 0);
```

---

```
    movq $99, %r12 // register for x
start_loop:
    call foo
    subq $1, %r12
    cmpq $0, %r12
    // computes r12 - 0 = r12
    jge start_loop // jump if r12 - 0 >= 0
```

## omitting the cmp

```
    movq $99, %r12 // register for x
start_loop:
    call foo
    subq $1, %r12
    cmpq $0, %r12
    // compute r12 - 0 + sets cond. codes
    jge start_loop // r12 >= 0?
                    // or result >= 0?
```

---

```
    movq $99, %r12 // register for x
start_loop:
    call foo
    subq $1, %r12
    // new r12 = old r12 - 1 + sets cond. codes
    jge start_loop // old r12 >= 1?
                    // or result >= 0?
```

## condition codes example (3)

```
movq $-10, %rax
movq $20, %rbx
subq %rax, %rbx
jle  foo // not taken, %rbx - %rax > 0 -> %rbx
```

```
movq $20, %rbx
addq $-20, %rbx
je   foo // taken, result is 0
      // x - y = 0 -> x = y
```

## condition codes examples (4)

```
movq $20, %rbx  
addq $-20, %rbx // result is 0  
movq $1, %rax // irrelevant  
je   foo // taken, result is 0
```

# setting condition codes

most instructions that compute something **set condition codes**

some instructions **only** set condition codes:

`cmp` ~ `sub`

`test` ~ `and` (bitwise and — next week)

`testq %rax, %rax` — result is `%rax`

some instructions don't change condition codes:

`lea`, `mov`

control flow: `jmp`, `call`, `ret`, `jle`, etc.

## exercise

```
    movq $3, %rax
    movq $2, %rbx
start_loop:
    addq %rbx, %rbx
    cmpq $3, %rbx
    subq $1, %rax
    jg  start_loop
```

What is the value of %rbx after this runs?

- A. 2    D. 16
- B. 4    E. 32
- C. 8    F. something else



# logical operators

return 1 for true or 0 for false

( 1 && 1 ) == 1

( 2 && 4 ) == 1

( 1 && 0 ) == 0

( 0 && 0 ) == 0

( -1 && -2 ) == 1

( "" && "" ) == 1

! 1 == 0

! 4 == 0

! -1 == 0

! 0 == 1

( 1 || 1 ) == 1

( 2 || 4 ) == 1

( 1 || 0 ) == 1

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## recall: short-circuit (&&)

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int zero() { printf("zero()\n"); return 0; }
3 int one() { printf("one()\n"); return 1; }
4 int main() {
5     printf(">_%d\n", zero() && one());
6     printf(">_%d\n", one() && zero());
7     return 0;
8 }
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## && to assembly

```
return foo() && bar();
```

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```
return foo() && bar();  
    result = foo();  
    if (result == 0) goto skip_bar;  
    result = bar();  
skip_bar:  
    result = (result != 0);
```



# x86-64 manuals

## Intel manuals:

<https://software.intel.com/en-us/articles/intel-sdm>

24 MB, 4684 pages

Volume 2: instruction set reference (2190 pages)

## AMD manuals:

<https://support.amd.com/en-us/search/tech-docs>

“AMD64 Architecture Programmer’s Manual”

# example manual page

## INC—Increment by 1

Opcode	Instruction	Op/En	64-Bit Mode	Compat/Leg Mode	Description
FE /0	INC <i>r/m8</i>	M	Valid	Valid	Increment <i>r/m</i> byte by 1.
REX + FE /0	INC <i>r/m8</i> *	M	Valid	N.E.	Increment <i>r/m</i> byte by 1.
FF /0	INC <i>r/m16</i>	M	Valid	Valid	Increment <i>r/m</i> word by 1.
FF /0	INC <i>r/m32</i>	M	Valid	Valid	Increment <i>r/m</i> doubleword by 1.
REX.W + FF /0	INC <i>r/m64</i>	M	Valid	N.E.	Increment <i>r/m</i> quadword by 1.
40+ <i>rw</i> **	INC <i>r16</i>	O	N.E.	Valid	Increment word register by 1.
40+ <i>rd</i>	INC <i>r32</i>	O	N.E.	Valid	Increment doubleword register by 1.

### NOTES:

\* In 64-bit mode, *r/m8* can not be encoded to access the following byte registers if a REX prefix is used: AH, BH, CH, DH.

\*\* 40H through 47H are REX prefixes in 64-bit mode.

### Instruction Operand Encoding

Op/En	Operand 1	Operand 2	Operand 3	Operand 4
M	ModRM: <i>r/m</i> ( <i>r</i> , <i>w</i> )	NA	NA	NA
O	opcode + <i>rd</i> ( <i>r</i> , <i>w</i> )	NA	NA	NA

# Linux x86-64 calling convention

## System V Application Binary Interface AMD64 Architecture Processor Supplement Draft Version 0.99.7

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# hello.s

```
.LC0:      .section          .rodata.str1.1,"aMS",@progbt
           .string "Hello, World!"
           .text
           .globl  main

main:
           subq    $8, %rsp
           movl   $.LC0, %edi
           call   puts
           movl   $0, %eax
           addq   $8, %rsp
           ret
```

# hello.o

hello.o: file format elf64-x86-64

## SYMBOL TABLE:

```
00000000000000000000 g      F .text 000000000000000018 main
00000000000000000000      *UND* 000000000000000000 puts
```

## RELOCATION RECORDS FOR [.text]:

OFFSET	TYPE	VALUE
000000000000000005	R_X86_64_32	.rodata.str1.1
00000000000000000a	R_X86_64_PC32	puts-0x0000000000000004

## Contents of section .text:

```
0000 4883ec08 bf000000 00e80000 0000b800 H.....
0010 00000048 83c408c3          ...H....
```

## Contents of section .rodata.str1.1:

```
0000 48656c6c 6f2c2057 6f726c64 2100 Hello, World!.
```

# strings in C

hello (on stack/register)

0x4005C0

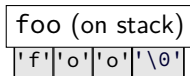
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int main() {  
    const char *hello = "Hello World!";  
    ...  
}
```

read-only data

... 'H' 'e' 'l' 'l' 'o' ' ' 'W' 'o' 'r' 'l' 'd' '!' '\0' ...

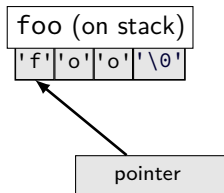
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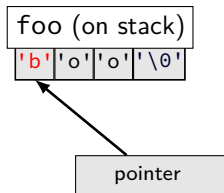
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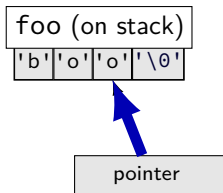
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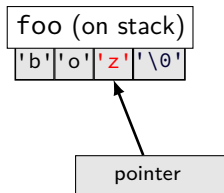
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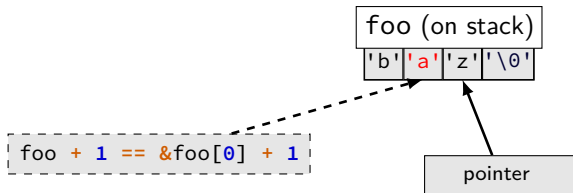
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# middle of blocks?

Examples of things not allowed in 1989 ANSI C:

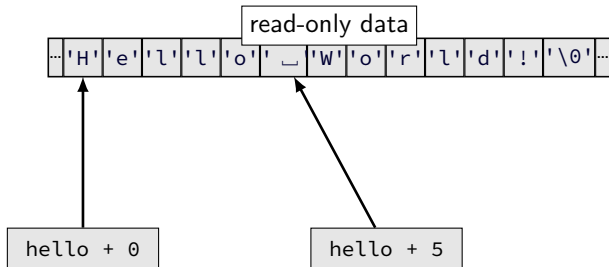
```
printf("Before calling malloc()\n");  
int *pointer = malloc(sizeof(int) * 100);
```

pointer must be declared earlier

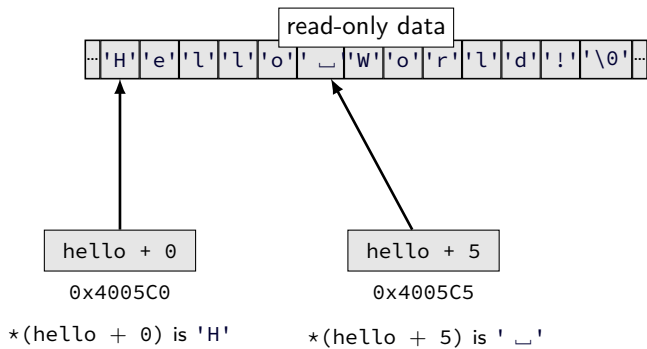
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for (int x = 0; x < 10; ++x)
```

x must be declared earlier

# pointer arithmetic



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