

ISAs being manufactured today

x86 — dominant in desktops, servers

ARM — dominant in mobile devices

POWER — Wii U, IBM supercomputers and some servers

MIPS — common in consumer wifi access points

SPARC — some Oracle servers, Fujitsu supercomputers

z/Architecture — IBM mainframes

Z80 — TI calculators

SHARC — some digital signal processors

RISC V — some embedded

...

microarchitecture v. instruction set

microarchitecture — **design of the hardware**

- “generations” of Intel’s x86 chips

- different microarchitectures for very low-power versus laptop/desktop
- changes in performance/efficiency

instruction set — **interface visible by software**

- what matters for **software compatibility**

- many ways to implement (but some might be easier)

ISA variation

instruction set	instr. length	# normal registers	approx. # instrs.
x86-64	1–15 byte	16	1500
Y86-64	1–10 byte	15	18
ARMv7	4 byte*	16	400
POWER8	4 byte	32	1400
MIPS32	4 byte	31	200
Itanium	41 bits*	128	300
Z80	1–4 byte	7	40
VAX	1–14 byte	8	150
z/Architecture	2–6 byte	16	1000
RISC V	4 byte*	31	500*

other choices: condition codes?

instead of:

```
cmpq %r11, %r12  
je somewhere
```

could do:

```
/* _B_ranch if _EQ_ual */  
beq %r11, %r12, somewhere
```

other choices: addressing modes

ways of specifying **operands**. examples:

x86-64: 10(%r11,%r12,4)

ARM: %r11 << 3 (shift register value by constant)

VAX: ((%r11)) (register value is pointer to pointer)

other choices: number of operands

add src1, src2, dest
ARM, POWER, MIPS, SPARC, ...

add src2, src1=dest
x86, AVR, Z80, ...

VAX: both

other choices: instruction complexity

instructions that write multiple values?

x86-64: push, pop, movsb, ...

more?

CISC and RISC

RISC — Reduced Instruction Set Computer

reduced from what?

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CISC — Complex Instruction Set Computer

some VAX instructions

MATCHC *haystackPtr, haystackLen, needlePtr, needleLen*
Find the position of the string in needle within haystack.

POLY *x, coefficientsLen, coefficientsPtr*
Evaluate the polynomial whose coefficients are pointed to by *coefficientPtr* at the value *x*.

EDITPC *sourceLen, sourcePtr, patternLen, patternPtr*
Edit the string pointed to by *sourcePtr* using the pattern string specified by *patternPtr*.

microcode

MATCHC *haystackPtr*, *haystackLen*, *needlePtr*, *needleLen*

Find the position of the string in needle within haystack.

loop in hardware???

typically: lookup sequence of **microinstructions** (“microcode”)

secret simpler instruction set

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assumption: okay to require compiler modifications

typical RISC ISA properties

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separate instructions to access memory

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ISAs: who does the work?

CISC-like (harder to implement, easier to use assembly)

- choose instructions with particular assembly language in mind?

- more options for hardware to optimize?

- ...but more resources spent on making hardware correct?

- easier to specialize for particular applications

- less work for compilers

RISC-like (easier to implement, harder to use assembly)

- choose instructions with particular HW implementation in mind?

- less options for hardware to optimize?

- simpler to build/test hardware

- ...so more resources spent on making hardware fast?

- more work for compilers

Is CISC the winner?

well, can't get rid of x86 features

backwards compatibility matters

more application-specific instructions

but... compilers tend to use more RISC-like subset of instructions

common x86 implementations convert to RISC-like
“microinstructions”

relatively cheap because lots of instruction preprocessing needed in ‘fast’
CPU designs (even for RISC ISAs)

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based on x86

omits most of the 1000+ instructions

leaves

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subq	j CC	popq
andq	cmov CC	movq (renamed)
xorq	call	hlt (renamed)
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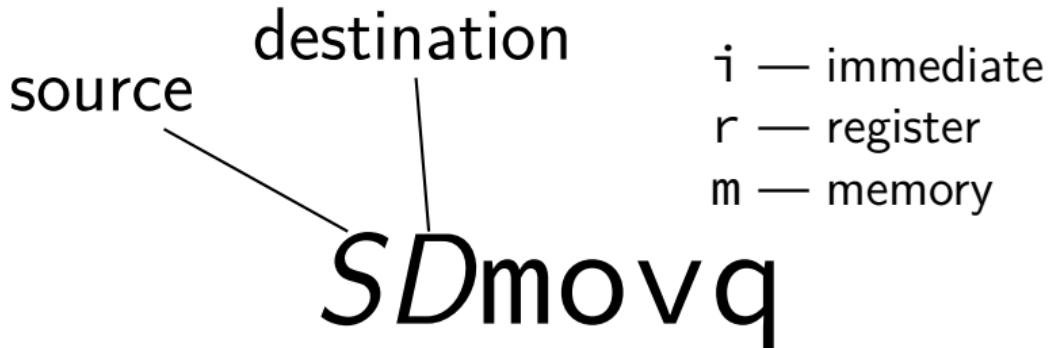
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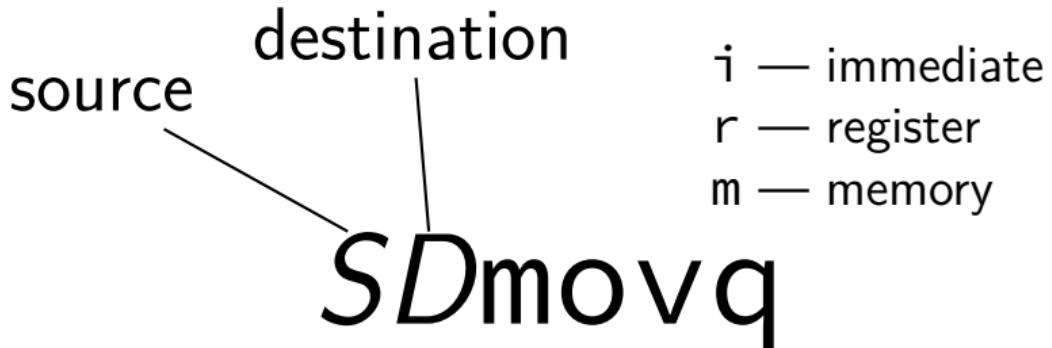
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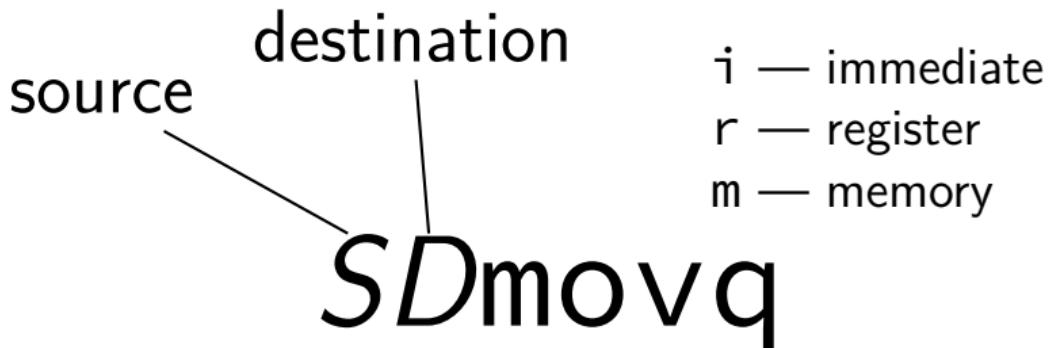


Y86-64: movq



irmovq	imovq	imovq
rrmovq	rmmovq	rimovq
mrmovq	mmmovq	rimovq

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irmovq ~~immovq~~

rrmovq rmmovq

mrmovq ~~mmmovq~~

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cmoveCC

conditional move

exist on x86-64 (but you probably didn't see them)

X86-64: register-to-register only

instead of:

```
jle skip_move  
rrmovq %rax, %rbx
```

skip_move:

```
// ...
```

can do:

```
cmoveg %rax, %rbx
```

halt

(x86-64 instruction called hlt)

Y86-64 instruction halt

stops the processor

otherwise — something's in memory “after” program!

real processors: reserved for OS

Y86-64: specifying addresses

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Invalid: ~~`rmmovq %r11, 10(%r12,%r13)`~~

Invalid: ~~`rmmovq %r11, 10(,%r12,4)`~~

Invalid: ~~`rmmovq %r11, 10(%r12,%r13,4)`~~

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Instead:

```
mrmovq 10(%r11), %r11  
/* overwrites %r11 */
```

```
addq %r11, %r12
```

Y86-64: accessing memory (2)

$r12 \leftarrow \text{memory}[10 + 8 * r11] + r12$

~~Invalid: addq 10(%r11,8), %r12~~

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$r12 \leftarrow \text{memory}[10 + 8 * r11] + r12$

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Instead:

/ replace %r11 with 8*%r11 */*

```
addq %r11, %r11  
addq %r11, %r11  
addq %r11, %r11
```

```
mrmovq 10(%r11), %r11  
addq %r11, %r12
```

Y86-64 constants (1)

```
irmovq $100, %r11
```

only instruction with non-address constant operand

Y86-64 constants (2)

$r12 \leftarrow r12 + 1$

Invalid: ~~addq \$1, %r12~~

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Instead, need an extra register:

```
irmovq $1, %r11  
addq %r11, %r12
```

Y86-64: operand uniqueness

only one kind of value for each operand

instruction **name** tells you the kind

(why **movq** was ‘split’ into four names)

Y86-64: condition codes

ZF — value was zero?

SF — sign bit was set? i.e. value was negative?

this course: no OF, CF (to simplify assignments)

set by **addq**, **subq**, **andq**, **xorq**

not set by anything else

Y86-64: using condition codes

subq SECOND, FIRST (value = FIRST - SECOND)

j__ or cmov__	condition code bit test	value test
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le	SF = 1 or ZF = 1	value ≤ 0
l	SF = 1	value < 0
e	ZF = 1	value = 0
ne	ZF = 0	value $\neq 0$
ge	SF = 0	value ≥ 0
g	SF = 0 and ZF = 0	value > 0

missing OF (overflow flag); CF (carry flag)

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```
cmpq %r11, %r12  
jle somewhere
```

maybe:

```
subq %r11, %r12  
jle
```

(but changes %r12)

push/pop

pushq %rbx

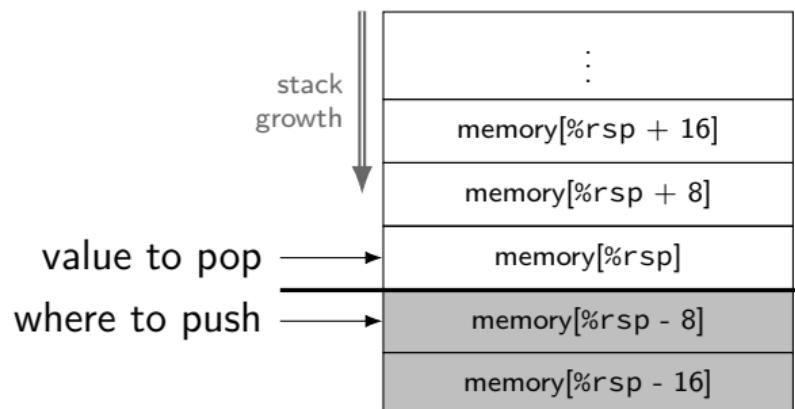
$$\%rsp \leftarrow \%rsp - 8$$

$$\text{memory}[\%rsp] \leftarrow \%rbx$$

popq %rbx

$$\%rbx \leftarrow \text{memory}[\%rsp]$$

$$\%rsp \leftarrow \%rsp + 8$$



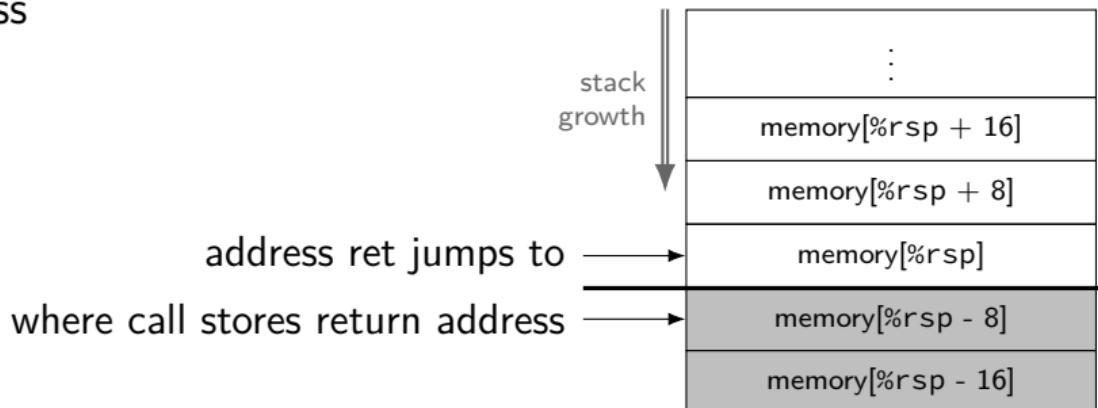
call/ret

call LABEL

push PC (next instruction address) on stack
jmp to LABEL address

ret

pop address from stack
jmp to that address



Y86-64 state

%rXX — 15 registers

~~%r15~~ missing

smaller parts of registers missing

ZF (zero), SF (sign), OF (overflow)

book has OF, we'll not use it

CF (carry) missing

Stat — processor status — halted?

PC — program counter (AKA instruction pointer)

main memory

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OPq rA, rB	6	fn	rA	rB						
j CC Dest	7	cc			Dest					
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Secondary opcodes: cmovecc/jcc

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0 always (jmp/rrmovq)

1 le

2 l

3 e

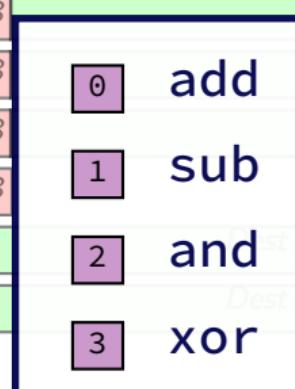
4 ne Dest

5 ge Dest

6 g

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Registers: *rA*, *rB*

byte:

halt

nop

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irmovq *V*, *rB*

rmmovq *rA*, *D(rB)*

mrmovq *D(rB)*, *rA*

OPq *rA*, *rB*

jCC *Dest*

call *Dest*

ret

pushq *rA*

popq *rA*

0 1 2

0 0

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2 cc rA rB

3 0 F rB

4 0 rA rB

5 0 rA rB

6 ff rA rB

7 cc Dest

8 0 Dest

9 0

A 0 rA F

B 0 rA F

0 %rax 8 %r8

1 %rcx 9 %r9

2 %rdx A %r10

3 %rbx B %r11

4 %rsp C %r12

5 %rbp D %r13

6 %rsi E %r14

7 %rdi F none

Immediates: *V*, *D*, *Dest*

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Y86-64 encoding (1)

```
long addOne(long x) {  
    return x + 1;  
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```

x86-64:

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movq %rdi, %rax  
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Y86-64 encoding (2)

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```

* 3 0 F *%rax* 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

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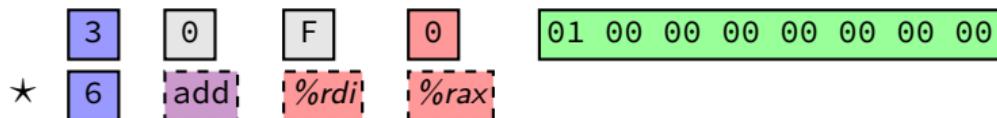
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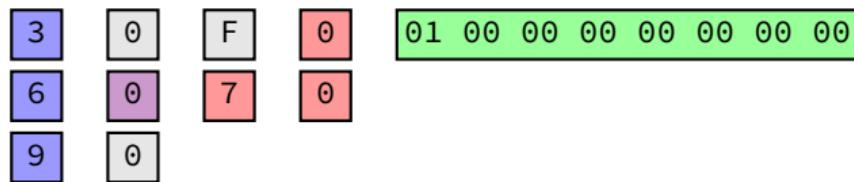
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ret
```



30 F0 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 60 70 90

Y86-64 encoding (3)

```
doubleTillNegative:
```

```
/* suppose at address 0x123 */
```

```
addq    %rax, %rax  
jge doubleTillNegative
```

```
6    add    %rax    %rax
```

Y86-64 encoding (3)

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jge doubleTillNegative

* 6 add %rax %rax

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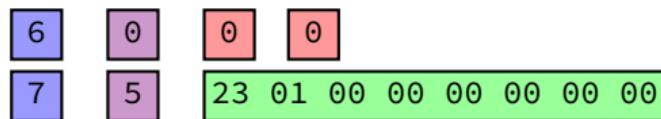
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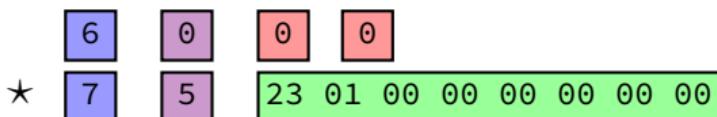
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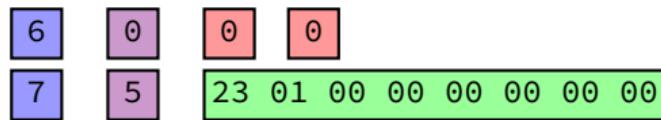
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rrmovq %rcx, %rax

- 0 as cc: always
- 1 as reg: %rcx
- 0 as reg: %rax

byte:

halt

nop

rrmovq/cmovCC rA, rB

irmovq V, rB

rmmovq rA, D(rB)

mrmovq D(rB), rA

OPq rA, rB

jCC Dest

call Dest

ret

pushq rA

popq rA

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0	0								
1	0								
2	cc	rA	rB						
3	0	F	rB	V					
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rrmovq %rcx, %rax
addq %rdx, %rax
subq %rbx, %rdi
► 0 as fn: add
► 1 as fn: sub

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jl 0x84
► 2 as cc: l (less than)
► hex 84 00... as little endian Dest:
0x84

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ret	9	0								
pushq rA	A	0	rA	F						
popq rA	B	0	rA	F						

Y86-64 decoding

20 10 60 20 61 37 72 84 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
20 12 20 01 70 68 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

rrmovq %rcx, %rax
addq %rdx, %rax
subq %rbx, %rdi
jl 0x84
rrmovq %rax, %rcx
jmp 0x68

byte:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
halt	0	0								
nop	1	0								
rrmovq/cmovCC rA, rB	2	cc	rA	rB						
irmovq V, rB	3	0	F	rB	V					
rmmovq rA, D(rB)	4	0	rA	rB	D					
mrmovq D(rB), rA	5	0	rA	rB	D					
OPq rA, rB	6	fn	rA	rB						
jCC Dest	7	cc			Dest					
call Dest	8	0			Dest					
ret	9	0								
pushq rA	A	0	rA	F						
popq rA	B	0	rA	F						

Y86-64: convenience for hardware

4 bits to decode instruction size/layout

(mostly) uniform placement of operands

jumping to zeroes (uninitialized?) by accident halts

no attempt to fit (parts of) multiple instructions in a byte

byte:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
halt	0	0								
nop	1	0								
rmmovq/cmovCC rA, rB	2	cc	rA	rB						
irmovq V, rB	3	0	F	rB	V					
rmmovq rA, D(rB)	4	0	rA	rB	D					
mrmovq D(rB), rA	5	0	rA	rB	D					
OPq rA, rB	6	fn	rA	rB						
jCC Dest	7	cc			Dest					
call Dest	8	0			Dest					
ret	9	0								
pushq rA	A	0	rA	F						
popq rA	B	0	rA	F						

Y86-64

Y86-64: simplified, more RISC-y version of X86-64

minimal set of arithmetic

only **movs** touch memory

only **jumps**, **calls**, and **movs** take immediates

simple variable-length encoding

next time: implementing with circuits