



# layers of abstraction

`x += y`

“Higher-level” language: C

`add %rbx, %rax`

Assembly: X86-64

`60 03SIXTEEN`

Machine code: Y86

Hardware Design Language: HCLRS

Gates / Transistors / Wires / Registers

# last time

model: processor  $\leftrightarrow$  memory via bus

- processor can compute + has 'registers'

- processor sends messages to read/write from memory

- both machine code and data

- I/O also connected ("bridge" determines whether I/O or memory)

- (model is simplified; example: caches mean not all reads/writes go to memory)

little endianness: least significant part has lowest address

AT&T syntax:

- destination last

- \$ before constants, % before registers

- displacement(base, index, scale) =

- memory at displacement + base + index  $\times$  scale

# quiz demo

# AT&T versus Intel syntax by example

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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]`

`100:  
memory[100]`

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



## AT&T versus Intel syntax (3)

$r8 \leftarrow r8 - rax$

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

Intel syntax: **sub** r8, rax

same for **cmp**

after **cmpq** %rax, %r8,  
jg jumps if %r8 is greater

# 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**

## extra detail: computed jumps

```
jmpq *%rax
```

```
// Intel syntax: jmp RAX
```

```
// goto RAX
```

```
jmpq *1000(%rax,%rbx,8)
```

```
// Intel syntax: jmp QWORD PTR[RAX+RBX*8+1000]
```

```
// read address from memory at RAX + RBX * 8 + 1000
```

```
// go to that address
```

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swap (AT&T syntax)

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//      long *rsi)  
swap:  
    movq (%rdi), %rax  
    movq (%rsi), %rdx  
    movq %rdx, (%rdi)  
    movq %rax, (%rsi)  
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swap (Intel syntax)

```
swap:  
    mov RAX, QWORD PTR [RDI]  
    mov RDX, QWORD PTR [RSI]  
    mov QWORD PTR [RDI], RDX  
    mov QWORD PTR [RSI], RAX  
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as pseudocode

```
swap:  
    RAX ← memory[RDI (arg 1)]  
    RDX ← memory[RSI (arg 2)]  
    memory[RDI (arg 1)] ← RDX  
    memory[RSI (arg 2)] ← RAX  
    return
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```

registers

%rax	???
%rdx	???
%rdi	0x04000
%rsi	0x04030
%rsp	0xEFF8
...	...

memory

address	value
0x00000	0xFFFF3
0x00008	0x32123
...	...
0x04000	0x99999
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...	...
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swap (AT&T syntax)

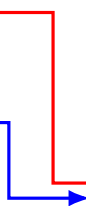
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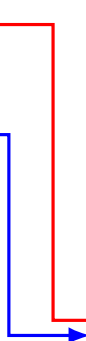
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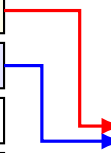
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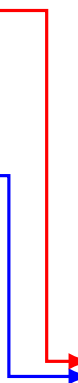
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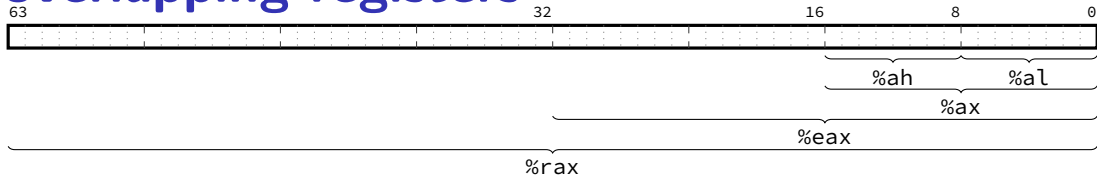
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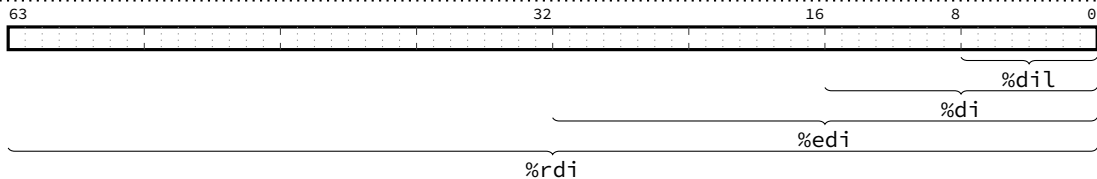
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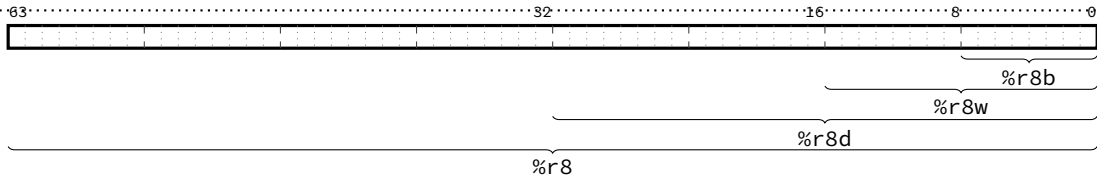
# overlapping registers



+ similar for `%rcx`, `%rbx`, `%rdx`



+ similar for `%rbp`, `%rsi`, `%rsp`



+ similar for `%r9` through `%r15`

# 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 %rip

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

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

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

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very special case: `label(%rip)`  $\approx$  `label`

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

# exercice

hello:

`.string "Hello, World!" ; nul-terminated string`

example:

```
movb hello+1, %bl
subb $1, %bl
movb %bl, hello
movq $hello, %rdi
; int puts(const char *s [%rdi])
callq puts
ret
```

What is the the argument to puts, %rdi?

- A. a pointer to 'Hello, World!'    B. a pointer to 'dello, World!'
- C. a pointer to 'Hdllo, World!'    D. a pointer to 'fello, World!'
- E. a pointer to 'Jello, World!'    F. a pointer to a different string
- G. an integer constructed from the ASCII for 'Hello, W' (puts probably crashes)
- H. an integer constructed from the ASCII for 'Jello, W' (puts probably crashes)
- I. an integer constructed from the ASCII for a different string (puts probably crashes)

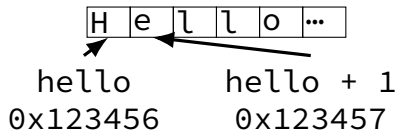
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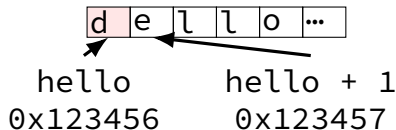
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“address of memory[`rax + 4`]” = `rax + 4`

## LEA tricks

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

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

```
rax ← address-of(memory[rax + rax * 4])
```

---

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

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

```
rdx ← address-of(memory[rbx + rcx])
```

## exercise: what is this function?

mystery:

```
    leal 0(,%rdi,8), %eax
    subl %edi, %eax
    ret
```

```
int mystery(int arg) { return ...; }
```

- A.  $\text{arg} * 9$
- B.  $-\text{arg} * 9$
- C.  $\text{arg} * 8$
- D.  $-\text{arg} * 7$
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# backup slides

# authoritative source (1)



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authoritative source (2)

# System V Application Binary Interface

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Draft Version 0.99.7

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# question

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

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

- a. %rax = 0x2, %rbx = 0x4
- b. %rax = 0x5, %rbx = 0x1
- c. %rax = 0x2, %rbx = 0x1
- d. the snippet has invalid syntax or will crash
- e. more information is needed
- f. something else?