compilation pipeline / C

changelog

Changes since first lecture:

2 September 2021: what's in these files? make indexing consistently 0-based

6 September 2021: edit what's in the files slides to clarify why .Lstr isn't in symbol table; add explicit .global declaration to main

last time

Linux x86-64 calling convention

- agreement between function writers/users (not set by hardware)
- certain args for registers/return value; overflow on stack
- callee-saved = functions must restore orig value before returning
- caller-saved = must handle function call changing value

condition codes

- result of last arithmetic (ZF = was zero? SF = was negative?)
- cmp = sub without storing; test = and without storing
- jXX instructions named after compare result to 0

mapping C to assembly

- one strategy: convert to C with gotos, then to assembly

compiling switches

- series of if/then OR binary search OR jump table

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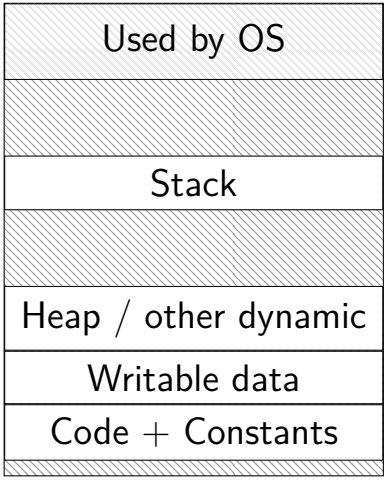

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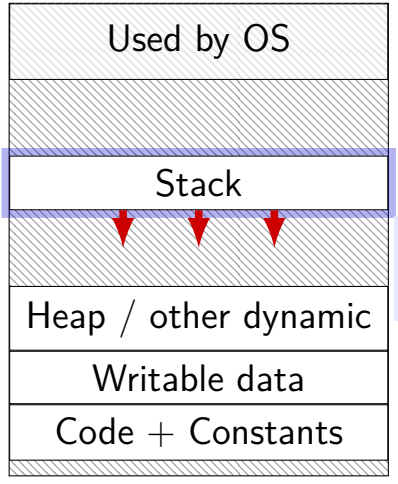

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stack grows down
"top" has smallest address

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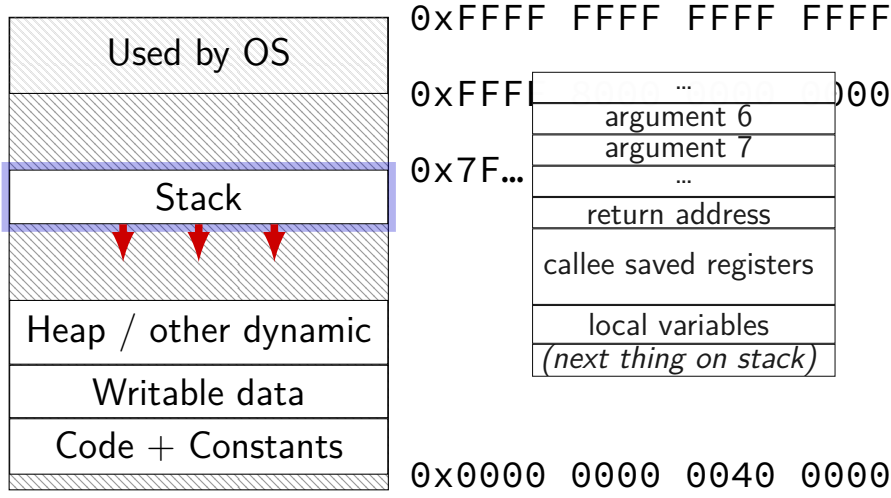

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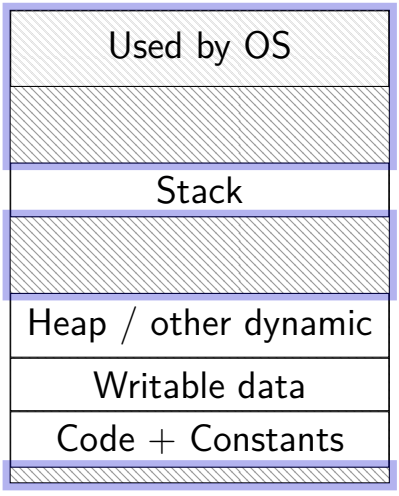

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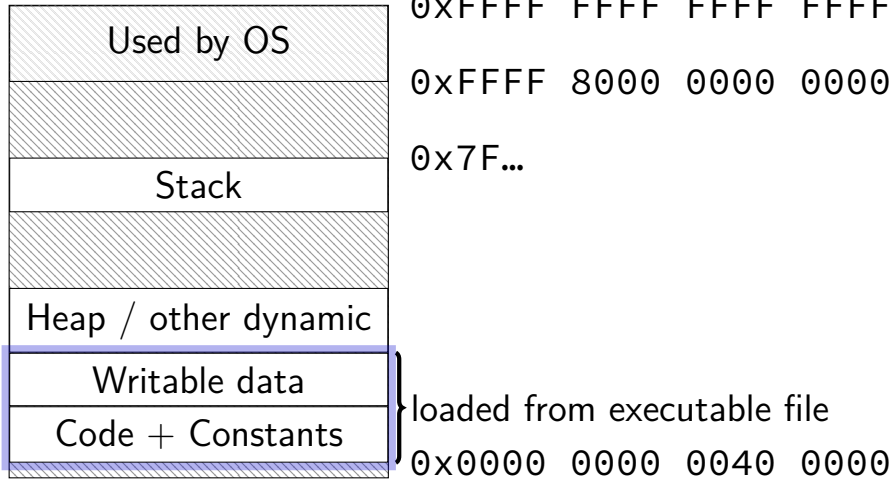

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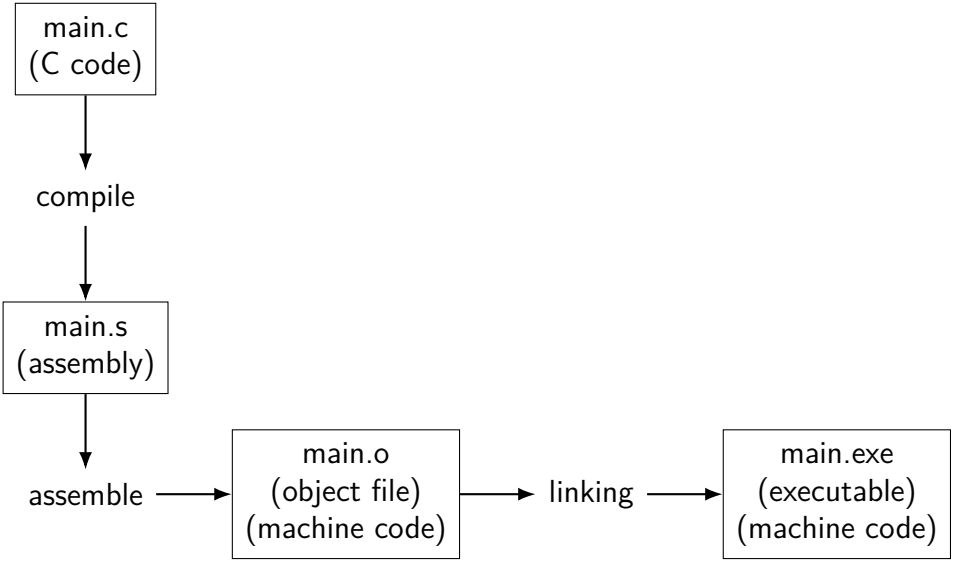

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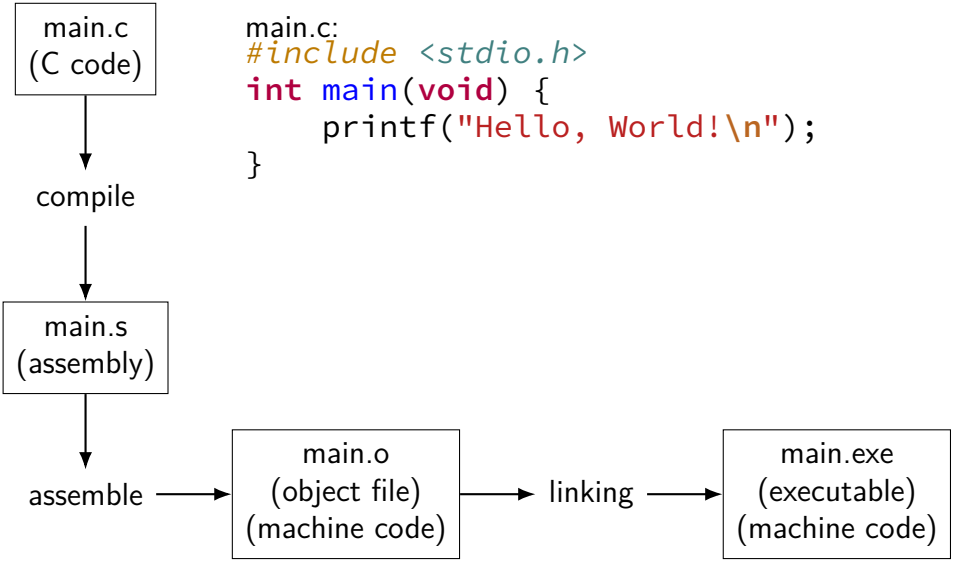

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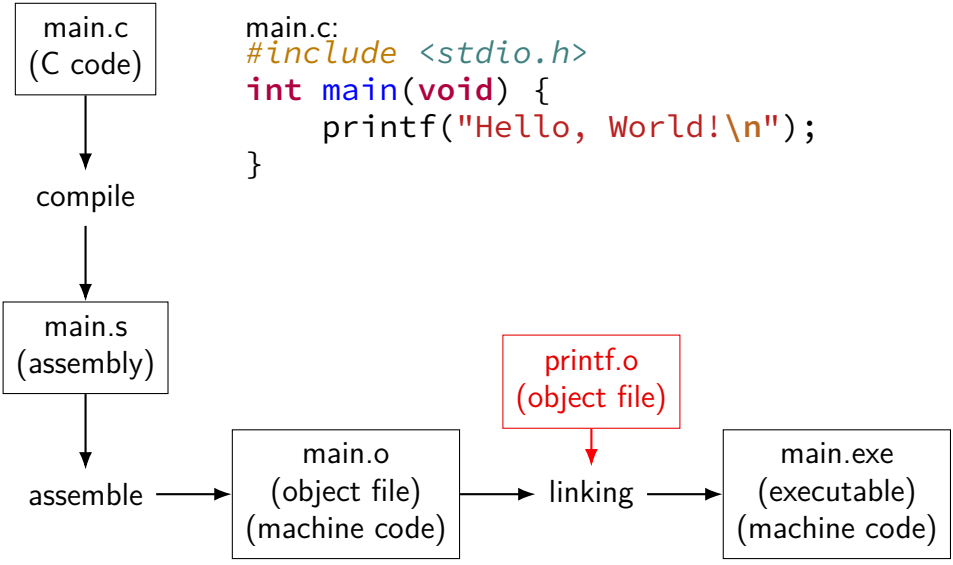

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compilation commands

compile:	`gcc -S file.c`	⇒	`file.s` (assembly)
assemble:	`gcc -c file.s`	⇒	`file.o` (object file)
link:	`gcc -o file file.o`	⇒	`file` (executable)
c+a:	`gcc -c file.c`	⇒	`file.o`
c+a+l:	`gcc -o file file.c`	⇒	`file`

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sets eax to 0 (shorter machine code than mov)

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symbol table:

`main` text byte 0

`.Lstr` location specified w/o name
and not usable by other files
so no symbol table entry needed

(convention: .L…labels always local)

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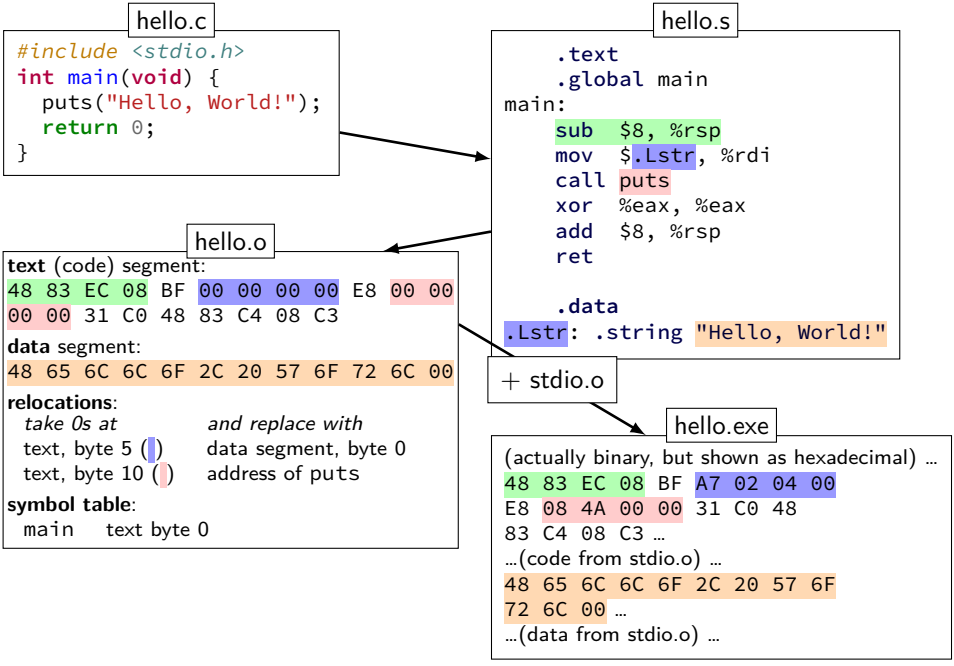

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```
        .section        .rodata.str1.1,"aMS",@progbi
.LC0:
        .string "Hello, World!"
        .text
        .globl  main
main:
        subq    $8, %rsp
        movl    $.LC0, %edi
        call    puts
        movl    $0, %eax
        addq    $8, %rsp
        ret
```

exercise (1)

main.c:

```c
#include <stdio.h>
void sayHello(void) {
    puts("Hello, World!");
}
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    sayHello();
}
```

Which files contain the **memory address** of `sayHello`?

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B. main.o (object)
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D. B and C
E. A, B and C
F. something else

exercise (2)

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Which files contain the **literal ASCII string** of `Hello, World!`?

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dynamic linking (very briefly)

dynamic linking — done when application is loaded

idea: don't have N copies of `printf` on disk

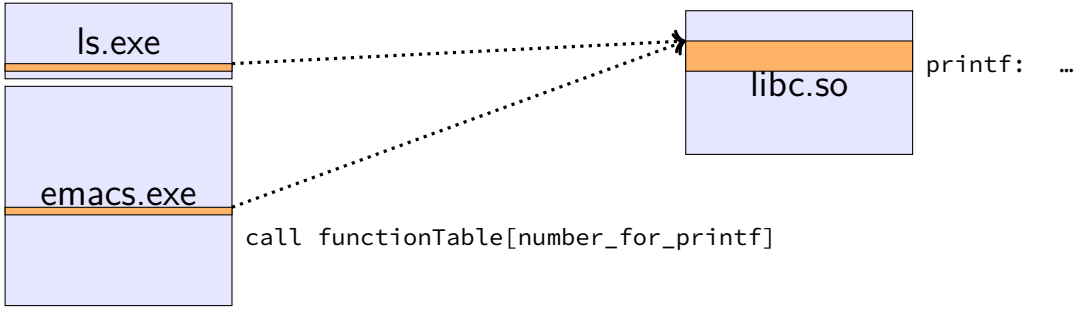
other type of linking: *static* (`gcc -static`)

load executable file + its libraries into memory when app starts

often extra indirection:

`call functionTable[number_for_printf]`

linker fills in `functionTable` instead of changing `calls`



ldd /bin/ls

```
$ ldd /bin/ls
    linux-vdso.so.1 =>  (0x00007ffcca9d8000)
    libselinux.so.1 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libselinux.so.1
            (0x00007f851756f000)
    libc.so.6 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6
            (0x00007f85171a5000)
    libpcre.so.3 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libpcre.so.3
            (0x00007f8516f35000)
    libdl.so.2 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libdl.so.2
            (0x00007f8516d31000)
    /lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2 (0x00007f8517791000)
    libpthread.so.0 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libpthread.so.0
            (0x00007f8516b14000)
```

relocation types

machine code doesn't always use addresses as is

"call function 4303 bytes later"

linker needs to compute "4303"

- extra field on relocation list

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Varies between machines(!). For this course:

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`anything` `*`	8

truth

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`x == 4` is an **`int`**

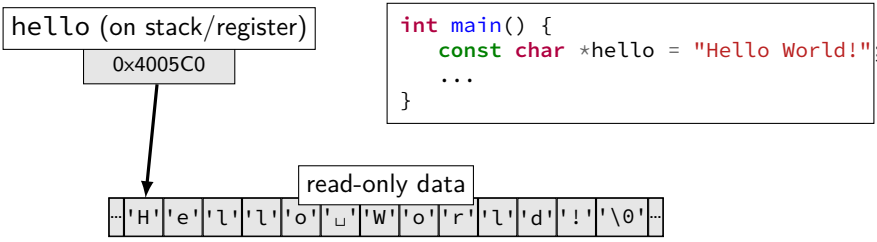
`1` if true; `0` if false

false values in C

`0`

including null pointers — `0` cast to a pointer

strings in C

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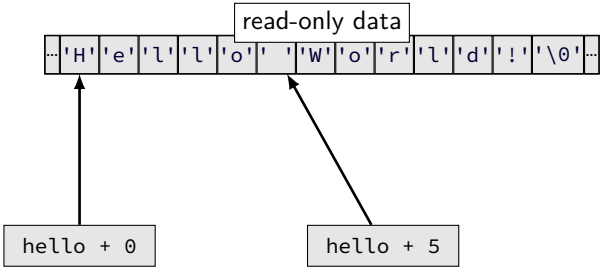
pointer arithmetic



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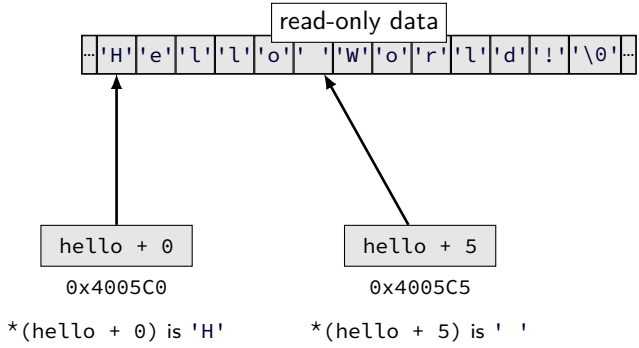

`*(hello + 0)` is `'H'`

`*(hello + 5)` is `' '`

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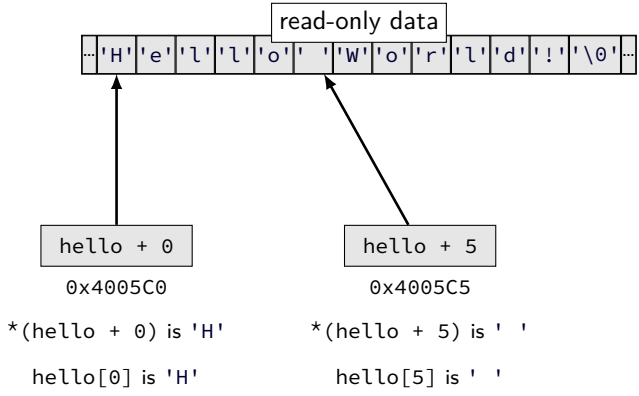

arrays and pointers

`*(foo + bar)` exactly the same as `foo[bar]`

arrays ‘decay’ into pointers

arrays of non-bytes

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3  pointer = numbers;
4  *pointer = 20;  // numbers[0] = 20;
5  pointer = pointer + 2;
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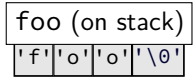

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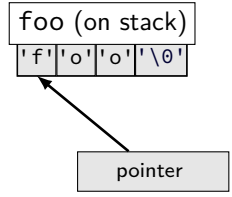

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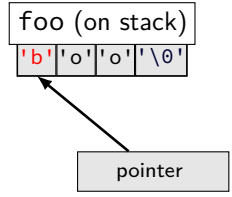

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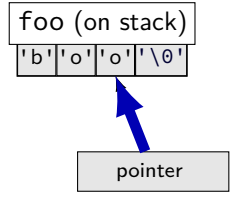

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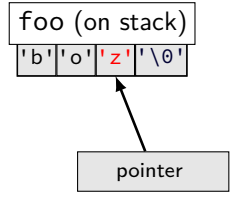

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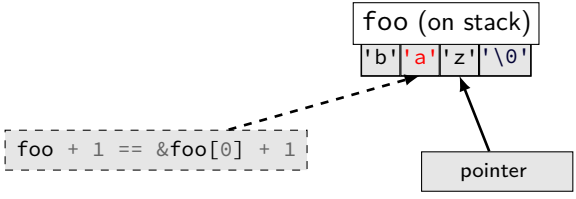

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```

Optimized:

```
test:
    movl    $1, %eax        # eax ← 1
    ret
```

Less optimized:

```
test:
    leal    1(%rdi), %eax # eax ← rdi + 1
    cmpl    %eax, %edi
    setl    %al           # al ← eax < edi
    movzbl  %al, %eax     # eax ← al (pad with zeros)
    ret
```

undefined behavior

compilers can do whatever they want

- what you expect
- crash your program
- ...

common types:

- *signed* integer overflow/underflow
- out-of-bounds pointers
- integer divide-by-zero
- writing read-only data
- out-of-bounds shift

undefined behavior

why undefined behavior?

different architectures work differently

- allow compilers to expose whatever processor does "naturally"
- don't encode any particular machine in the standard

flexibility for optimizations

backup slides

objdump -sx test.o (Linux) (1)

```
test.o:     file format elf64-x86-64
test.o
architecture: i386:x86-64, flags 0x00000011:
HAS_RELOC, HAS_SYMS
start address 0x0000000000000000

Sections:
Idx Name          Size      VMA               LMA               File off  Algn
  0 .text         00000000  0000000000000000  0000000000000000  00000040  2**0
                  CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
  1 .data         00000000  0000000000000000  0000000000000000  00000040  2**0
                  CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
  2 .bss          00000000  0000000000000000  0000000000000000  00000040  2**0
                  ALLOC
  3 .rodata.str1.1 0000000e  0000000000000000  0000000000000000  00000040  2**0
                  CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
  4 .text.startup 00000014  0000000000000000  0000000000000000  0000004e  2**0
                  CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, RELOC, READONLY, CODE
  5 .comment      0000002b  0000000000000000  0000000000000000  00000062  2**0
                  CONTENTS, READONLY
  6 .note.GNU-stack 00000000  0000000000000000  0000000000000000  0000008d  2**0
                  CONTENTS, READONLY
  7 .eh_frame     00000030  0000000000000000  0000000000000000  00000090  2**3
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```

objdump -sx test.o (Linux) (2)

```
SYMBOL TABLE:
0000000000000000 l    df *ABS*  0000000000000000 test.c
0000000000000000 l    d  .text  0000000000000000 .text
0000000000000000 l    d  .data  0000000000000000 .data
0000000000000000 l    d  .bss   0000000000000000 .bss
0000000000000000 l    d  .rodata.str1.1 0000000000000000 .rodata.str1.1
0000000000000000 l    d  .text.startup  0000000000000000 .text.startup
0000000000000000 l    d  .note.GNU-stack        0000000000000000 .note.GNU-stack
0000000000000000 l    d  .eh_frame      0000000000000000 .eh_frame
0000000000000000 l       .rodata.str1.1 0000000000000000 .LC0
0000000000000000 l    d  .comment       0000000000000000 .comment
0000000000000000 g     F .text.startup  0000000000000014 main
0000000000000000         *UND*  0000000000000000 _GLOBAL_OFFSET_TABLE_
0000000000000000         *UND*  0000000000000000 puts
```

columns:

- memory address (not yet assigned, so 0)
- flags: l=local, g=global, F=function, ...
- section (.text, .data, .bss, ...)
- offset in section
- name of symbol

objdump -sx test.o (Linux) (3)

```
RELOCATION RECORDS FOR [.text.startup]:
OFFSET           TYPE              VALUE
0000000000000003 R_X86_64_PC32     .LC0-0x0000000000000004
000000000000000c R_X86_64_PLT32    puts-0x0000000000000004


RELOCATION RECORDS FOR [.eh_frame]:
OFFSET           TYPE              VALUE
0000000000000020 R_X86_64_PC32     .text.startup

Contents of section .rodata.str1.1:
 0000 48656c6c 6f2c2057 6f726c64 2100      Hello, World!.
Contents of section .text.startup:
 0000 488d3d00 00000048 83ec08e8 00000000  H.=....H........
 0010 31c05ac3                             1.Z.
Contents of section .comment:
 0000 00474343 3a202855 62756e74 7520372e  .GCC: (Ubuntu 7.
 0010 332e302d 32377562 756e7475 317e3138  3.0-27ubuntu1~18
 0020 2e303429 20372e33 2e3000             .04) 7.3.0.
Contents of section .eh_frame:
 0000 14000000 00000000 017a5200 01781001  .........zR..x..
 0010 1b0c0708 90010000 14000000 1c000000  ................
 0020 00000000 14000000 004b0e10 480e0800  .........K..H...
```

compiling switches (1)

```
switch (a) {
    case 1: ...; break;
    case 2: ...; break;
    ...
    default: ...
}
```

```
    // same as if statement?
    cmpq $1, %rax
    je code_for_1
    cmpq $2, %rax
    je code_for_2
    cmpq $3, %rax
    je code_for_3
    ...
    jmp code_for_default
```

compiling switches (2)

```
switch (a) {
    case 1: ...; break;
    case 2: ...; break;
    ...
    case 100: ...; break;
    default: ...
}
```

```
    // binary search
    cmpq $50, %rax
    jl code_for_less_than_50
    cmpq $75, %rax
    jl code_for_50_to_75
    ...
code_for_less_than_50:
    cmpq $25, %rax
    jl less_than_25_cases
    ...
```

compiling switches (3a)

```
switch (a) {
    case 1: ...; break;
    case 2: ...; break;
    ...
    case 100: ...; break;
    default: ...
}
```

```
// jump table
cmpq $100, %rax
jg code_for_default
cmpq $1, %rax
jl code_for_default
jmp *table - 8(,%rax,8)
```

```
table:
  // not instructions
  // .quad = 64-bit (4 x 16) constant
  .quad code_for_1
  .quad code_for_2
  .quad code_for_3
  .quad code_for_4
    ...
```

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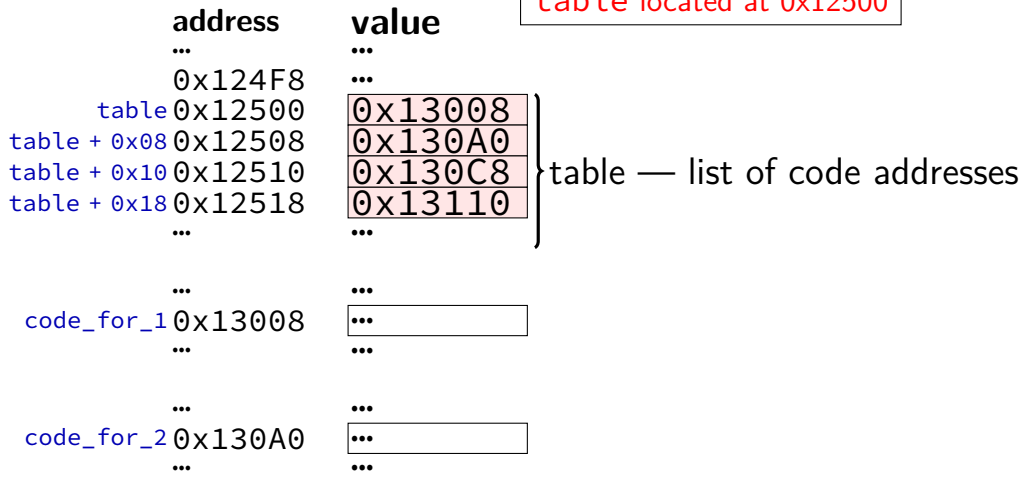

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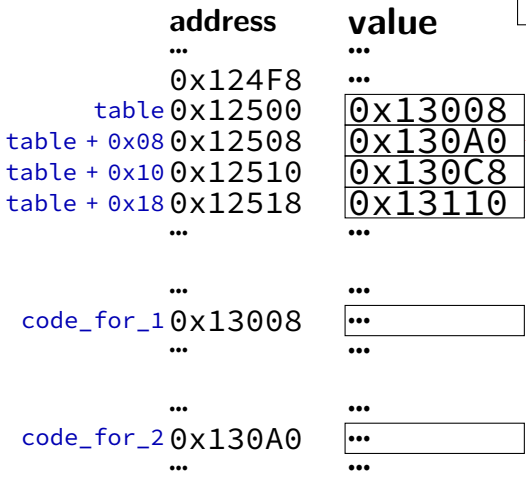

$(\text{table} - 8) + \text{rax} \times 8 =$
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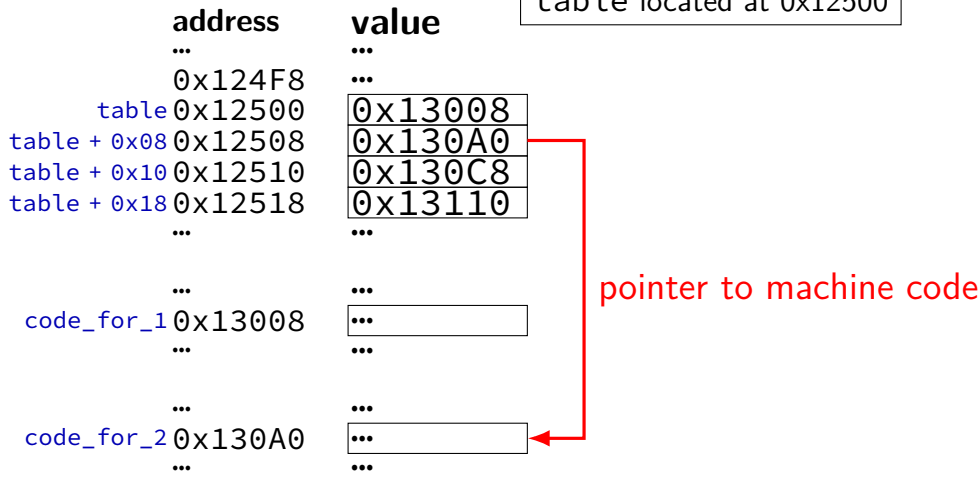

computed jumps

```
  cmpq $100, %rax
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  cmpq $1, %rax
  jl code_for_default
  // jump to memory[table + rax * 8]
    // table of pointers to instructions
  jmp *table(,%rax,8)
  // intel: jmp QWORD PTR[rax*8 + table]
  ...
table:
  .quad code_for_1
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  ...
```

struct

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struct rational {
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};
// ...
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instead of writing:

```
...
unsigned int a;
unsigned int b;
unsigned int c;
```

can write:

```
typedef unsigned int uint;
...
uint a;
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uint c;
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    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
```