

# CS 3330 introduction

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But “clever” (optimizing) compiler  
might be confusingly indirect instead

# homework: C environment

get Unix environment with a C compiler

will have department accounts, hopefully by end of week

[portal.cs.virginia.edu](http://portal.cs.virginia.edu) or NX

instructions off course website (Collab)

some other options:

Linux (native or VM)

2150 VM image should work

some assignments can use OS X natively

some assignments can Windows Subsystem for Linux natively

# assignment compatibility

supported platform: department machines

many use laptops

trouble? we'll say to use department machines

most assignments: C and Unix-like environment

also: tool written in Rust — but we'll provide binaries  
previously written in D + needed D compiler



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# X86-64 assembly

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in reality, ...

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# Y86-64??

Y86: our textbook's X86-64 subset

much simpler than real X86-64 encoding  
(which we will not cover)

not as simple as 2150's IBCM

- variable-length encoding

- more than one register

- full conditional jumps

- stack-manipulation instructions

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# program performance

naive model:

one instruction = one time unit

number of instructions matters, but ...



# program performance: issues

## parallelism

fast hardware is parallel  
needs multiple things to do

## caching

accessing things recently accessed is faster  
need reuse of data/code

(more in other classes: **algorithmic** efficiency)

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understanding weird compiler/linker errors

if you want to make compilers

debugging applications

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# weird program behaviors

what is a segmentation fault really?

how does the operating system interact with programs?

if you want to handle them — writing OSs

# interlude: powers of two

	...
$2^0$	1
$2^1$	2
$2^2$	4
$2^3$	8
$2^4$	16
$2^5$	32
$2^6$	64
$2^7$	128
$2^8$	256
$2^9$	512
$2^{10}$	1 024

**K** (or Ki)

	...
$2^{11}$	2 048
$2^{12}$	4 096
$2^{13}$	8 192
$2^{14}$	16 384
$2^{15}$	32 768
$2^{16}$	65 536

$2^{20}$  1 048 576 **M** (or Mi)

$2^{30}$  1 073 741 824 **G** (or Gi)

$2^{31}$	2 147 483 648
$2^{32}$	4 294 967 296

...

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$$256\text{T} = 256 \cdot 2^{40} = 2^{40+8} = 2^{48}$$



# lecturers

Venkat and I will be splitting the course

most lectures in first half of semester: me

most lectures in second half of semester: Venkat

same(ish) lecture in each section

# coursework (1)

labs — grading: did you make reasonable progress?

collaboration permitted

homework assignments — introduced by lab (mostly)

due at noon on the next lab day (mostly)

complete individually

exams

# coursework (2)

quizzes

early (my) part of course

- weekly pre/post-quizzes, starting around add deadline

- pre-quizzes based on *readings*

- post-quizzes based on lectures

later part of course

- Venkat plans problem sets to replace quizzes

- sometimes (mostly?) tied with homework, sometimes separate

# on lecture/lab/HW synchronization

labs/HWs not quite synchronized with lectures

main problem: want to cover material **before you need it** in lab/HW

# quizzes?

linked off course website (demo)

pre-quiz, on reading – released by Saturday evening, due Tuesdays before lecture

post-quiz, on lecture topics — released Thursday evening, due following Monday afternoon

each quiz 90 minute time limit (+ adjustments if SDAC says)

lowest 10% (approx. 2 quizzes) will be dropped

first quiz — next week's post-quiz

# attendance?

lecture: strongly recommended.

I will record my lectures to help you review

lab: often electronic, remote-possible submission

# late policy

exceptional circumstance? contact us.

otherwise, for **homeworks only**:

- 10% 0 to 48 hours late
- 15% 48 to 72 hours late
- 100% otherwise

late quizzes, labs: no

we release answers

talk to us if illness, etc.

# TAs/Office Hours

office hours will be posted on calendar on the website

should be plenty

use them



## your **TODO** list

department account and/or C environment working

department accounts should happen by this weekend

before lab next week

# grading

Quizzes: 5% [tentative] (10% dropped)

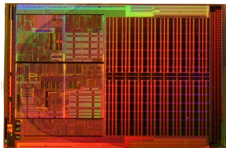
Midterms (2): 30%

Final Exam (cumulative): 20%

Homework + Labs + Problem Sets: 45%



# processors and memory



processor

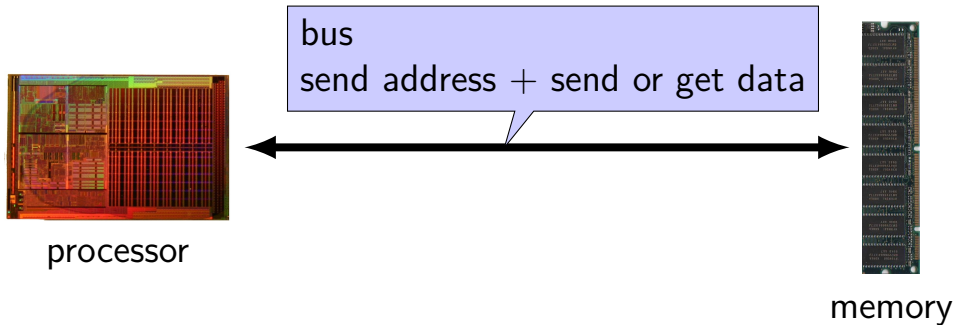


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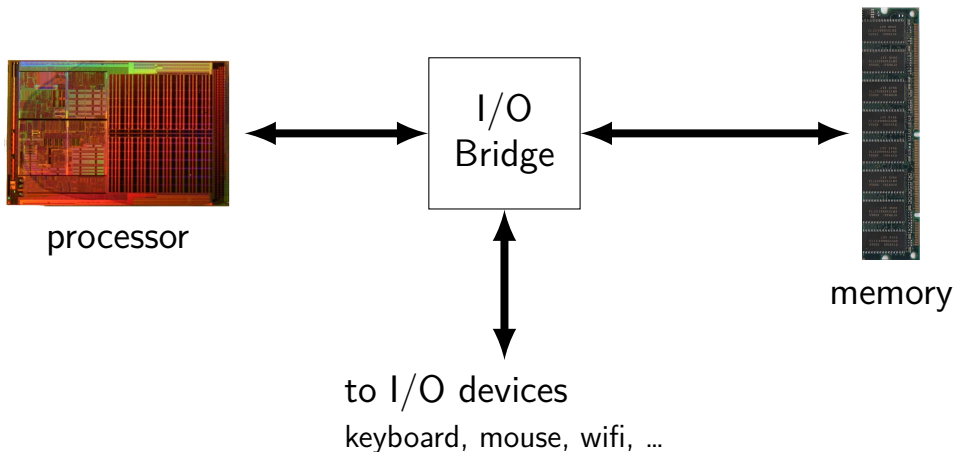
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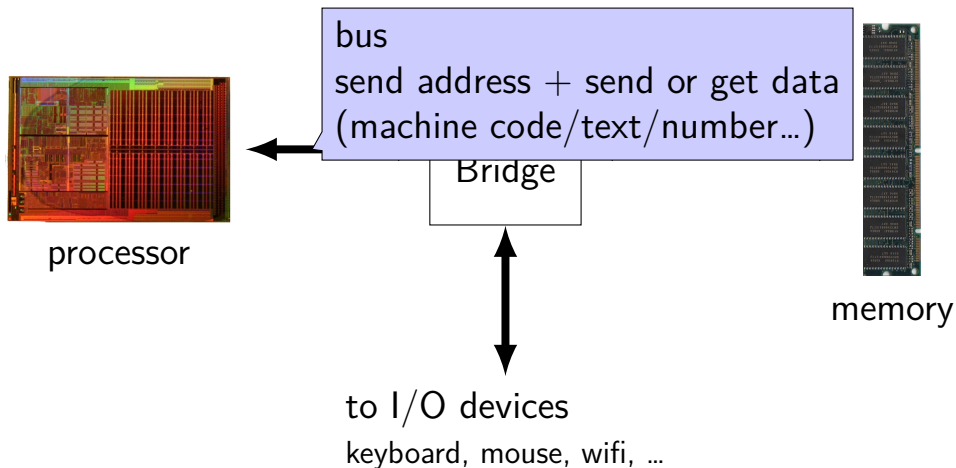
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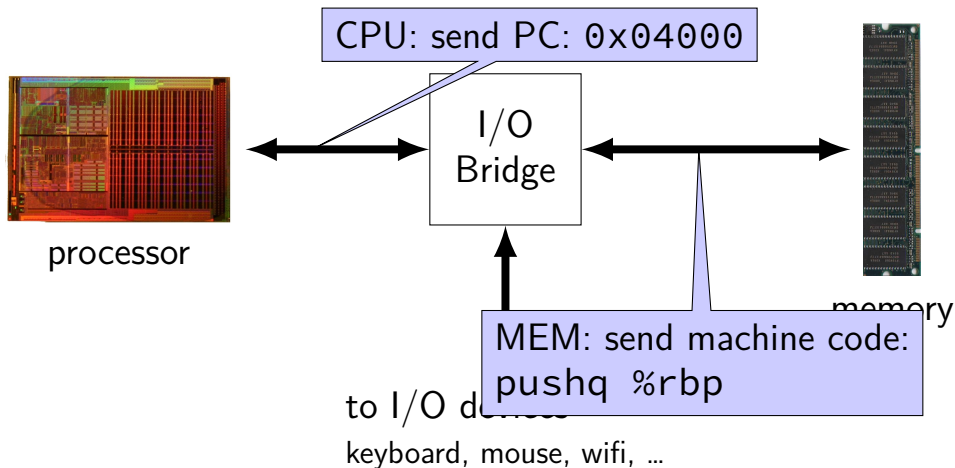
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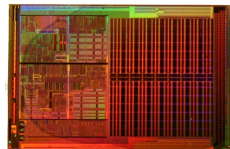


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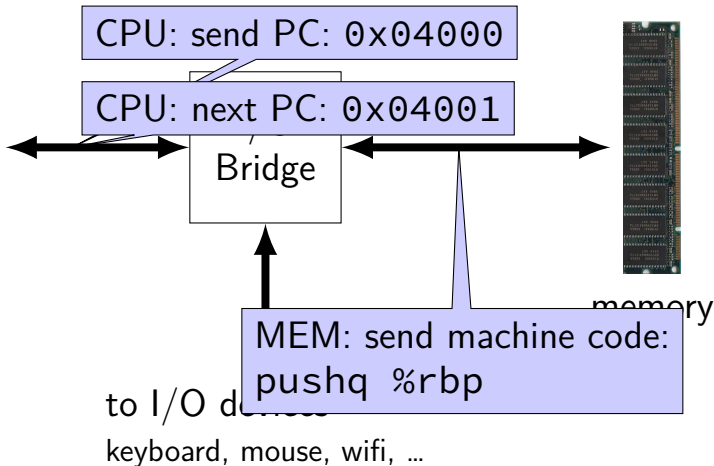
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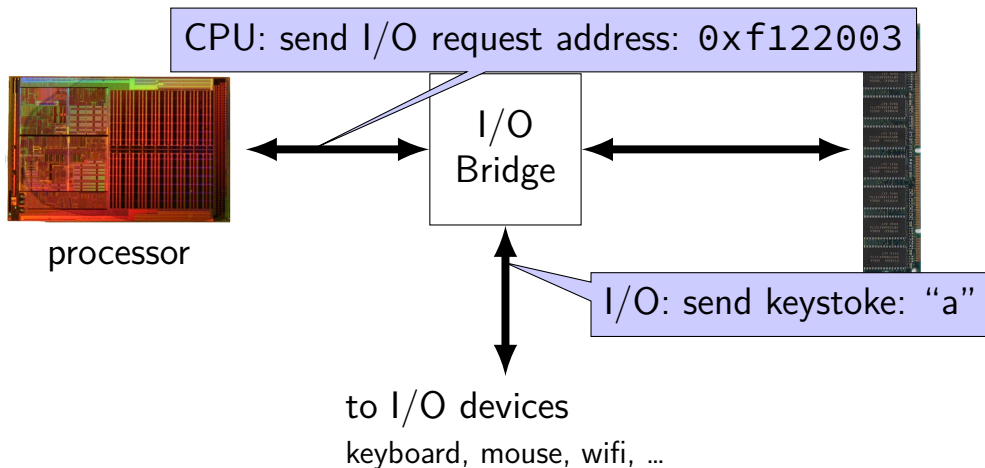
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array of bytes (byte = 8 bits)

CPU interprets based on how accessed

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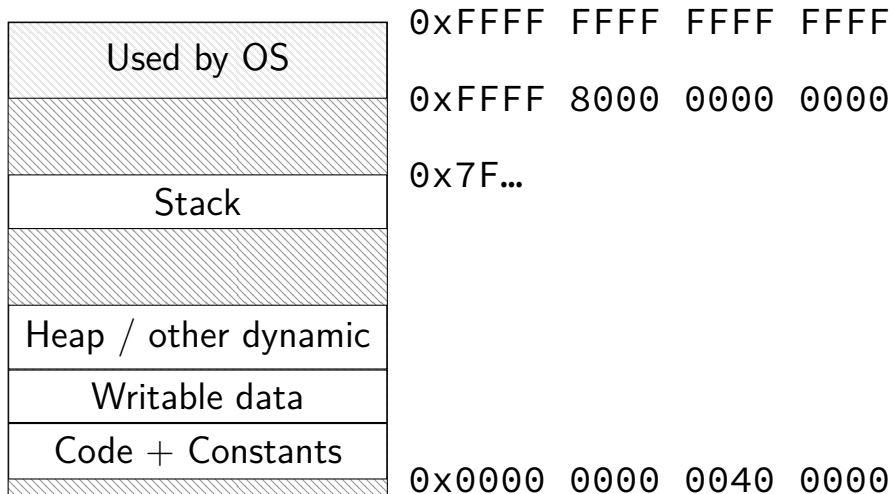
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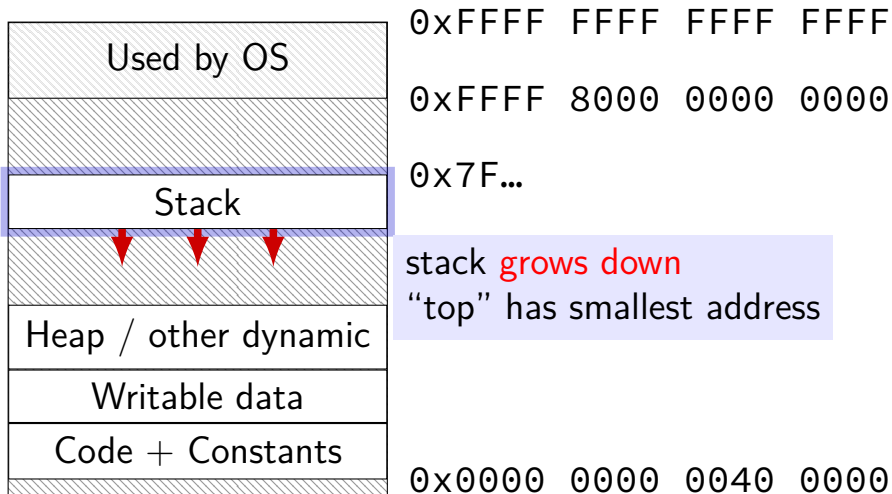
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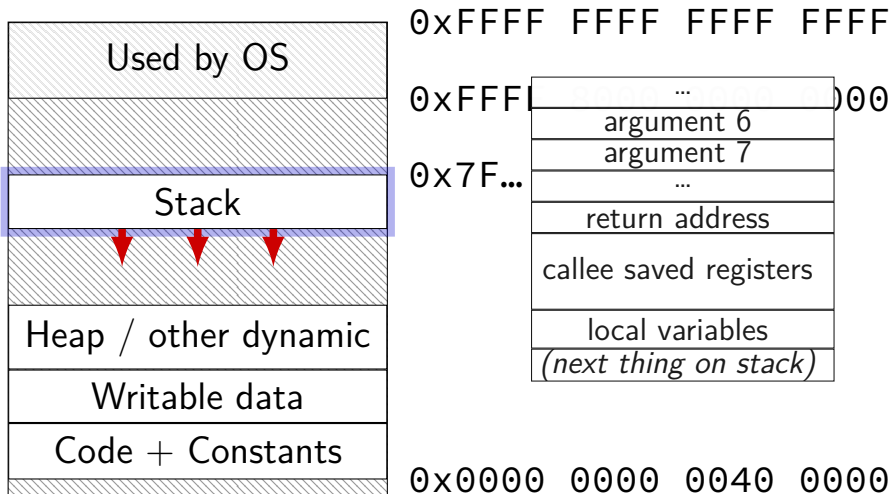
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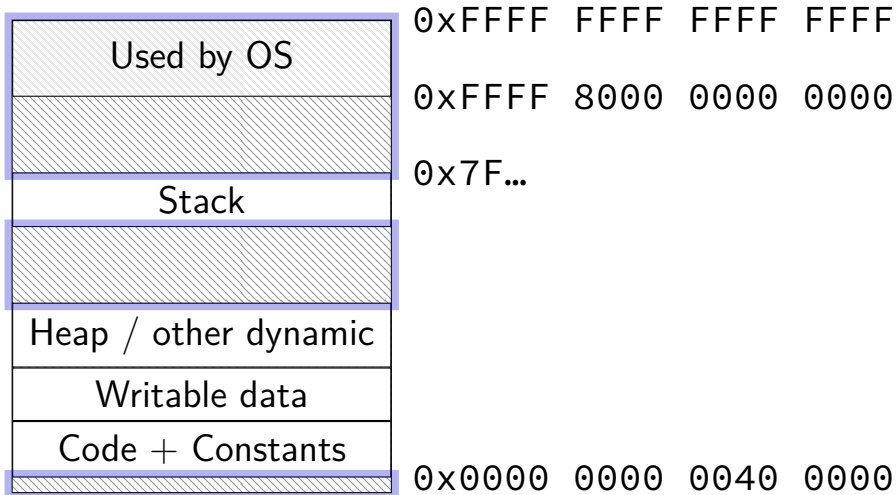
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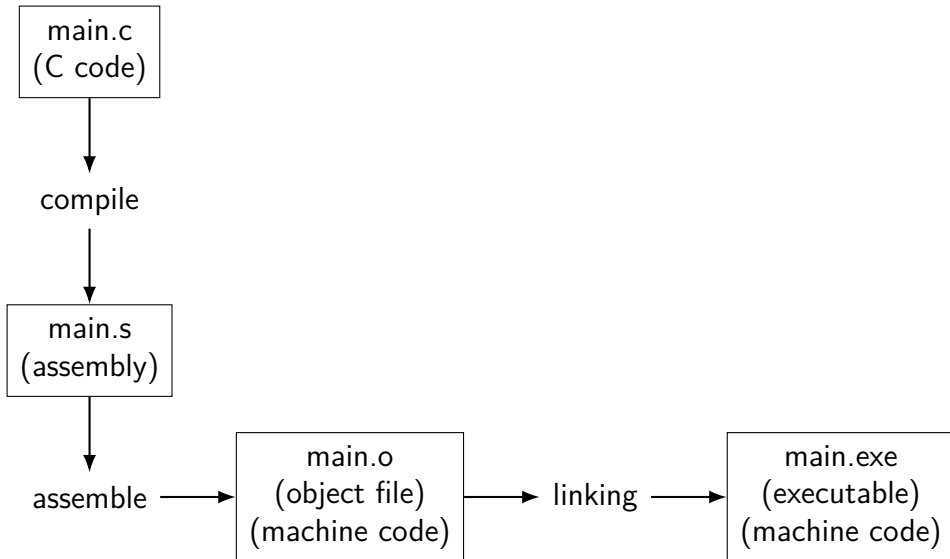
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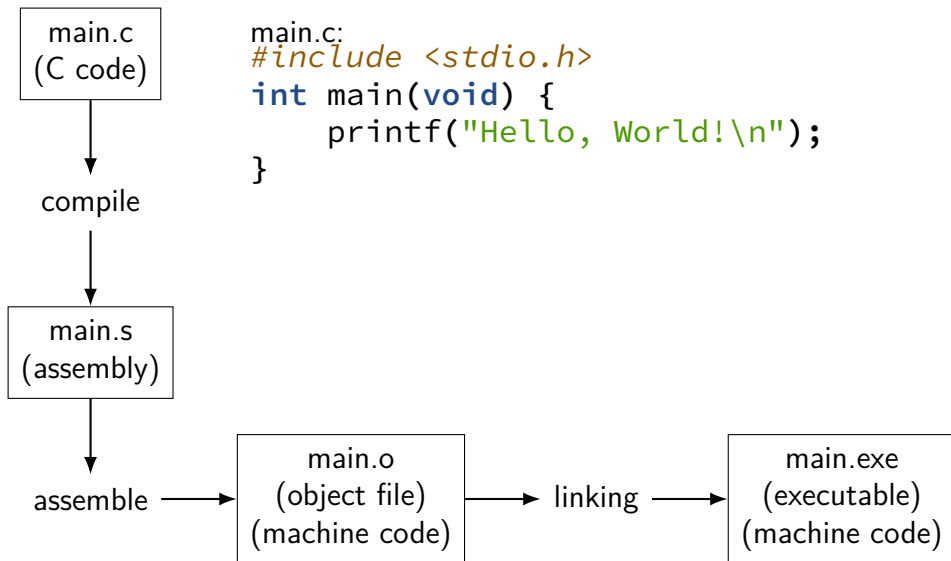
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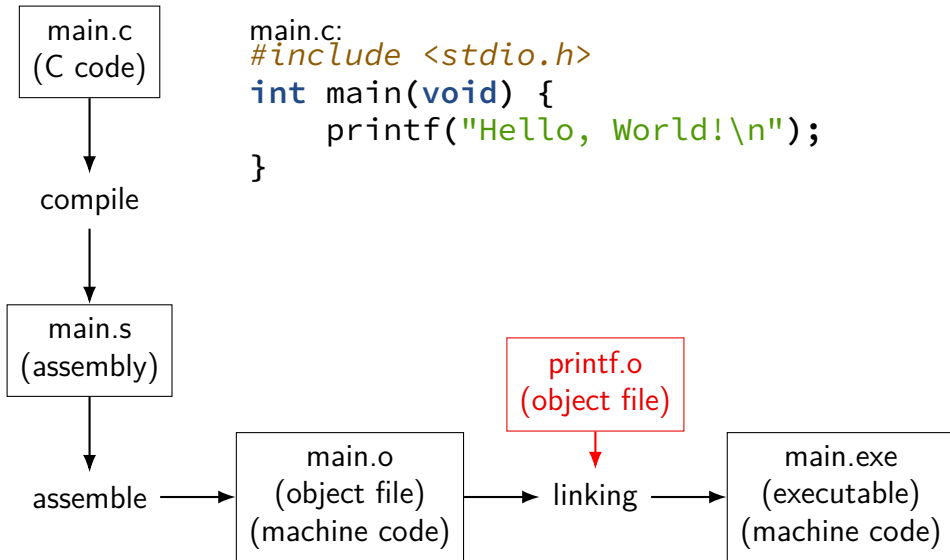


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# compilation commands

**compile:** `gcc -S file.c`  $\Rightarrow$  `file.s` (assembly)  
**assemble:** `gcc -c file.s`  $\Rightarrow$  `file.o` (object file)  
**link:** `gcc -o file file.o`  $\Rightarrow$  `file` (executable)

`c+a:` `gcc -c file.c`  $\Rightarrow$  `file.o`  
`c+a+l:` `gcc -o file file.c`  $\Rightarrow$  `file`  
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Linux x86-64  
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relocations:

take 0s at                      and replace with  
text, byte 6 ( )                data segment, byte 0  
text, byte 10 ( )                address of puts

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```

data segment:

```
48 65 6C 6C 6F 2C 20 57 6F 72 6C 00
```

relocations:

take 0s at            and replace with  
text, byte 6 ( )     data segment, byte 0  
text, byte 10 ( )    address of puts

symbol table:

```
main    text byte 0
```

# what's in those files?

hello.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void) {
    puts("Hello, World!");
    return 0;
}
```

hello.s

```
.text
main:
    sub $8, %rsp
    mov $.Lstr, %rdi
    call puts
    xor %eax, %eax
    add $8, %rsp
    ret

.data
.Lstr: .string "Hello,_World!"
```

hello.o

text (code) segment:

```
48 83 EC 08 BF 00 00 00 00 E8 00 00
00 00 31 C0 48 83 C4 08 C3
```

data segment:

```
48 65 6C 6C 6F 2C 20 57 6F 72 6C 00
```

relocations:

take 0s at	and replace with
text, byte 6 ( )	data segment, byte 0
text, byte 10 ( )	address of puts

symbol table:

```
main text byte 0
```

+ stdio.o

hello.exe

(actually binary, but shown as hexadecimal) ...

```
48 83 EC 08 BF A7 02 04 00
E8 08 4A 04 00 31 C0 48
83 C4 08 C3 ...
...(code from stdio.o) ...
48 65 6C 6C 6F 2C 20 57 6F
72 6C 00 ...
...(data from stdio.o) ...
```

# 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
```

# exercise (1)

main.c:

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  void sayHello(void) {
3      puts("Hello, World!");
4  }
5  int main(void) {
6      sayHello();
7  }
```

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

- A. main.s (assembly)
- B. main.o (object)
- C. main.exe (executable)
- D. B and C
- E. A, B and C
- F. something else

## exercise (2)

main.c:

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  void sayHello(void) {
3      puts("Hello, World!");
4  }
5  int main(void) {
6      sayHello();
7  }
```

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

- A. main.s (assembly)
- B. main.o (object)
- C. main.exe (executable)
- D. B and C
- E. A, B and C
- F. something else



# 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

# dynamic linking (very briefly)

*dynamic linking* — done **when application is loaded**

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

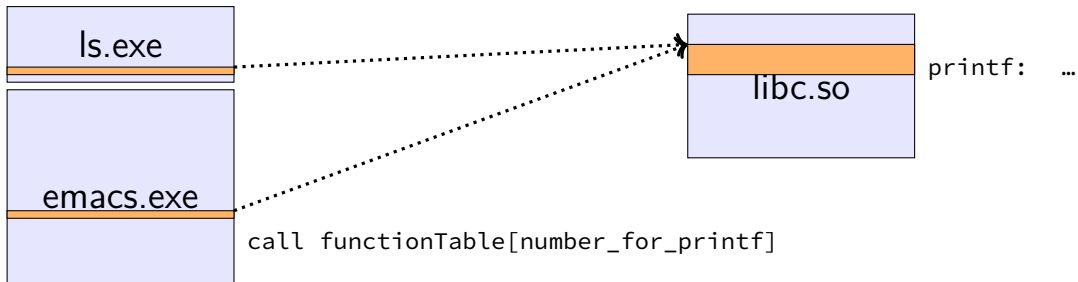
other type of linking: *static* (`gcc -static`)

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)
```

**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	
		CONTENTS,	ALLOC,	LOAD,	RELOC,	READONLY,	DATA

# 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...