ISAs

last time

bitwise and/or/xor

divide-and-conquer and bit puzzles

post/pre quiz

miscellaneous bit manipulation

common bit manipulation instructions are not in C:

rotate (x86: `ror`, `rol`) — like shift, but wrap around

first/last bit set (x86: `bsf`, `bsr`)

population count (some x86: `popcnt`) — number of bits set

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

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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

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loop in hardware???

typically: lookup sequence of microinstructions (“microcode”)

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typical RISC ISA properties

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seperate instructions to access memory

fixed-length instructions

more registers

no “loops” within single instructions

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choose assembly, design instructions?
harder to build/test CPU
design new instrs for target apps?

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less work for hardware

design for particular kind of HW?
easier to build/test CPU
spend more time optimizing HW?

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

modern x86: often convert to RISC-like "microinstructions"

- sounds really expensive, but ...
- lots of instruction preprocessing used in 'fast' CPU designs (even for RISC ISAs)

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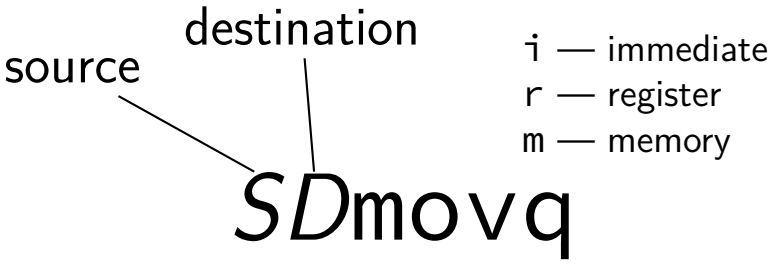

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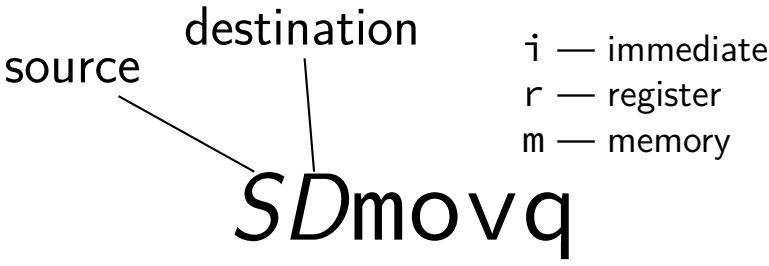

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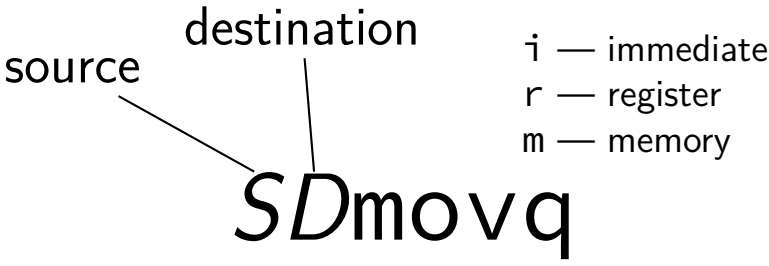

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cmovCC

conditional move

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

Y86-64: register-to-register only

instead of:

```
    jle skip_move
    rrmovq %rax, %rbx
skip_move:
    // ...
```

can do:

```
    cmovg %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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Instead:

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

addq %r11, %r12
```

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Instead:

```
/* replace %r11 with 8*%r11 */
addq %r11, %r11
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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
`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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instead of

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

maybe:

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

(but changes `%r12`)

push/pop

`pushq %rbx`

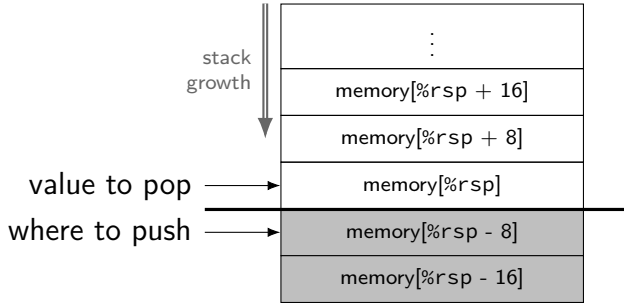
`%rsp` $\leftarrow$ `%rsp` $- 8$

memory[`%rsp`] $\leftarrow$ `%rbx`

`popq %rbx`

`%rbx` $\leftarrow$ memory[`%rsp`]

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



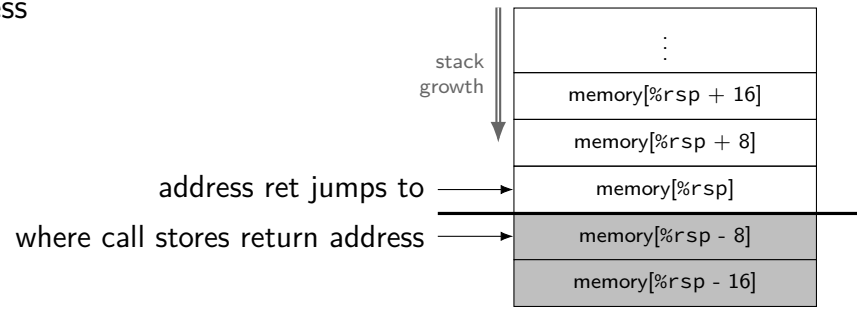
call/ret

`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

%r*XX* — 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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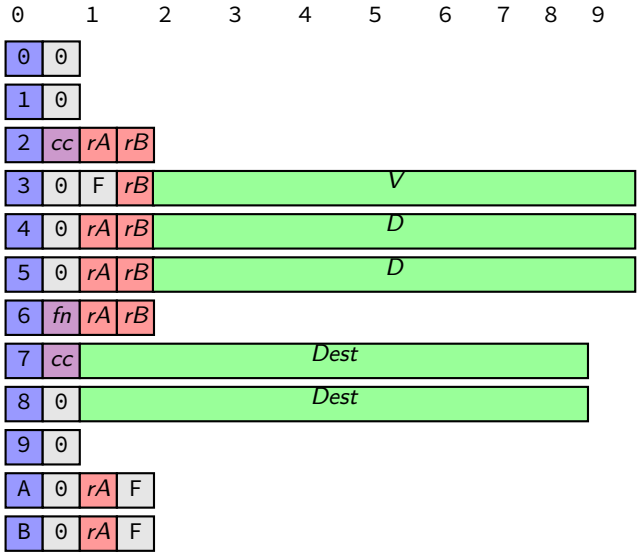

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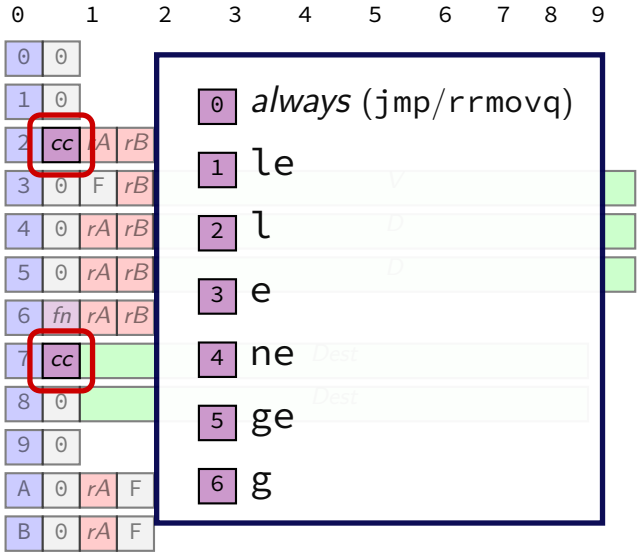

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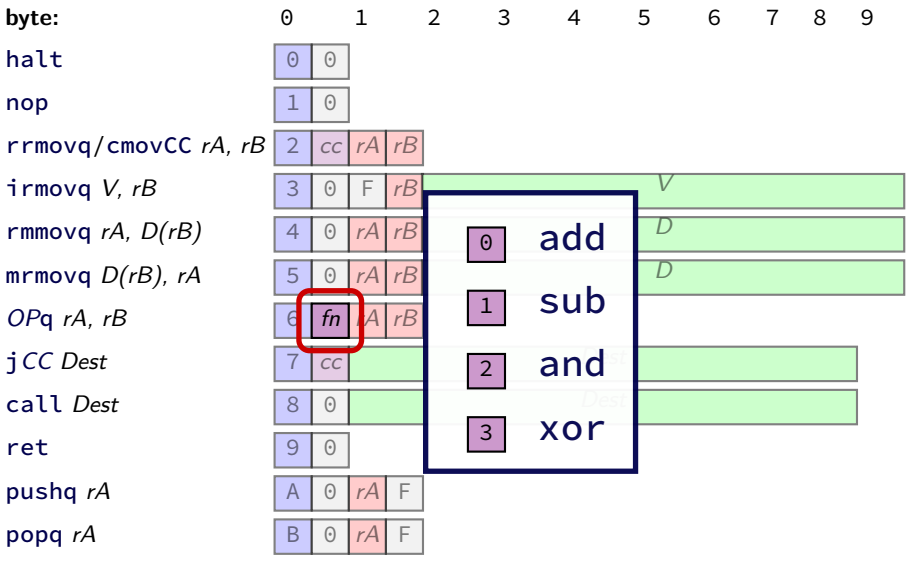
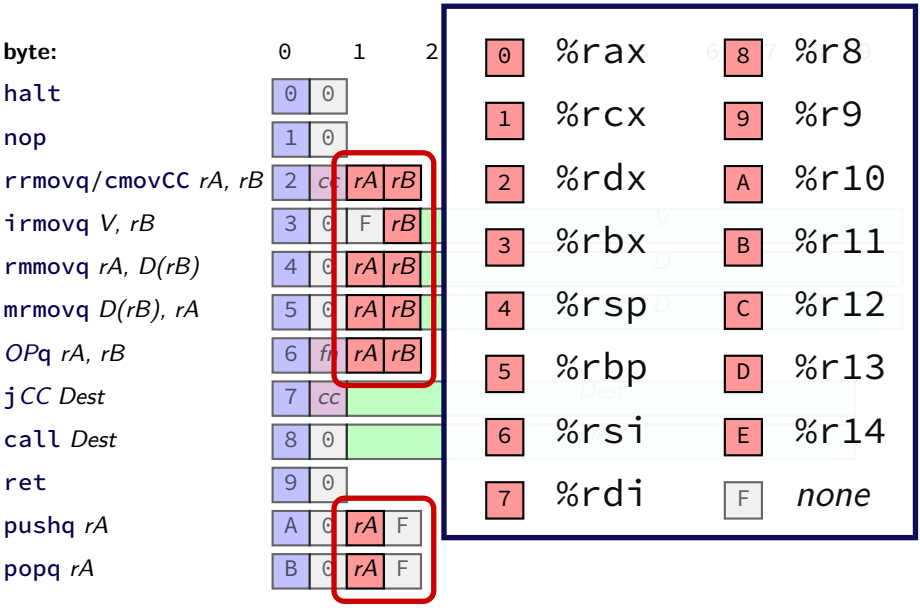


Registers: *rA, rB*



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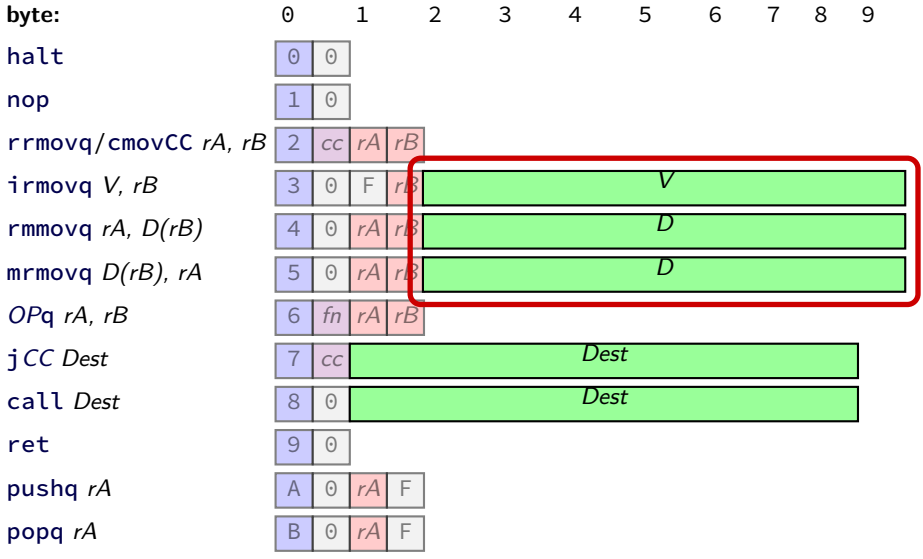

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