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The instruction pointer is referred to as %rip. We'll see its use (in addressing) a bit later in the course.

%rdx	0xf000		
%rcx	0x0100		
	1		
Express	sion	Address Computation	Address
		0.46000 1 0.48	0xf008
0x8(%r	dx)	0x1000 + 0x8	OXIOOO
0x8(%r (%rdx,	dx) %rcx)	0xf000 + 0x8	0xf100
0x8(%r (%rdx, (%rdx,	dx) %rcx) %rcx, 4)	0xf000 + 0x8 0xf000 + 0x100 0xf000 + 4*0x0100	0xf100 0xf400

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Note that a function returns a value by putting it in %rax.



On x86-64, for instructions with 32-bit (long) operands that produce 32-bit results going into a register, the register must be a 32-bit register; the higher-order 32 bits are filled with zeroes.

What value ends up in %ec	1009: 1008:	0x09 0x08
	1007:	0x07
mova \$1000 %rov	1006:	0x06
mova \$1 grby	1005:	0x05
moul 2(eray erby 2) eage	1004:	0x04
MOVI 2 (SLAX, SLDX, 2), SECX	1003:	0x03
a) 0x04050607	1002:	0x02
b) 0×07060504	1001:	0x01
c) 0x06070809	%rax \rightarrow 1000:	0x00
d) 0x09080706		
	Hint:	



Here we have a simple function that swaps the two components of a structure that's passed to it. (Assume that %rdi contains the argument.) Note that even though we use the "e" form of the registers to hold the (32-bit) data, we need the "r" form to hold the 64-bit addresses.



Note that using single-byte versions of registers has a different behavior from using 4byte versions of registers. Putting data into the latter using **mov** causes the upper bytes to be zeroed. But with the byte versions, putting data into them does not affect the upper bytes.



Note that normally one does not ask gcc to produce assembler code, but instead it compiles C code directly into machine code (producing an object file). Note also that the gcc command actually invokes a script; the compiler (also known as gcc) compiles code into either assembler code or machine code; if necessary, the assembler (as) assembles assembler code into object code. The linker (ld) links together multiple object files (containing object code) into an executable program.

Example

```
long ASum(long *a, unsigned long size) {
    long i, sum = 0;
    for (i=0; i<size; i++)
        sum += a[i];
    return sum;
}
int main() {
    long array[3] = {2,117,-6};
    long sum = ASum(array, 3);
    return sum;
}
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A	ssem	bler Code			
ASum:	testq je movq leag	%rsi, %rsi .L4 %rdi, %rax (%rdi %rsi 8) %rcy	main:	subq movq movq movq	\$32, %rsp \$2, (%rsp) \$117, 8(%rsp) \$-6, 16(%rsp)
.L3:	addq addq cmpq jne	(%rax), %rdx \$8, %rax %rcx, %rax .L3		movq movl call addq ret	%rsp, %rdi \$3, %esi ASum \$32, %rsp
.L1:	movq ret	%rdx, %rax			
	movl jmp ntro to Compu	\$0, %edx .L1 Iter Systems XI	–11 Cop	yright © 2023 Thom	as W. Doeppner. All rights reserved.

Here is the assembler code produced by gcc from the C code of the previous slide. Note that the two movl instructions are ostensibly just copying a zero into %edx (a 32-bit register). However, what it's really doing is copying a zero in the 64-bit register %rdx (the 64-bit extension of %edx). This happens because, as we discussed earlier, when one copies something into a 32-bit register, the high-order 32 bits of its extension is filled with 0s.

Code for A	Sum	
	•	Assembler
0x1125 <as< th=""><th>um>:</th><th>– translates .s into .o</th></as<>	um>:	– translates .s into .o
0x48 0x85		 binary encoding of each instruction
0x16 0x74		- nearly complete image of executable code
0x1c 0x48 0x89		 missing linkages between code in different files
0xf8	•	Linker
0x48 0x8d	Total of 39 bytes	 resolves references between files
0x0c 0xf7	Each instruction: 1, 2, or 3 bytes	 combines with static run-time libraries
	Starts at address	» e.g., code for printf
•	0x1125	 some libraries are dynamically linked
•		» linking occurs when program begins execution

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The lefthand column shows the object code produced by gcc. This was produced either by assembling the code of the previous slide, or by compiling the C code of the slide before that.

Suppose that all we have is the object code – we don't have the assembler code and the C code. Can we translate for object code to assembler code? (This is known as disassembling.)



This is taken from Intel 64 and IA-32 Architecture Software Developer's Manual, Volume 2: Instruction Set Reference; Order Number 325462-043US, Intel Corporation, May 2012 (<u>https://software.intel.com/en-us/download/intel-64-and-ia-32-architectures-sdm-combined-volumes-1-2a-2b-2c-2d-3a-3b-3c-3d-and-4</u>)

The point of the slide is that the instruction format is complicated, too much so for a human to deal with. Which is why we talk about **disassemblers** in the next slides.

test je mov lea mov add add cmp	<pre>%rsi,%rsi 1146 <asum+0x21 \$0x0,%edx="" %rdi,%rax="" (%rdi,%rsi,8),%="" (%rou),%rdu<="" pre=""></asum+0x21></pre>
test je mov lea mov add add cmp	<pre>%rsi,%rsi 1146 <asum+0x21 \$0x0,%edx="" %rdi,%rax="" (%rdi,%rsi,8),%="" (%rou),%rdu<="" pre=""></asum+0x21></pre>
je mov lea mov add add cmp	1146 <asum+0x21 %rdi,%rax (%rdi,%rsi,8),% \$0x0,%edx (%roy) %rdy</asum+0x21
mov lea mov add add cmp	<pre>%rdi,%rax (%rdi,%rsi,8),% \$0x0,%edx (%rou) %rdu</pre>
lea mov add add cmp	(%rdi,%rsi,8),% \$0x0,%edx (%row) %rdw
mov add add cmp	\$0x0,%edx
add add cmp	(enous) endu
add cmp	(orax), orax
cmp	\$0x8,%rax
	<pre>%rcx,%rax</pre>
jne	1136 <asum+0x11< td=""></asum+0x11<>
mov	<pre>%rdx,%rax</pre>
retq	
mov	\$0x0,%edx
jmp	1142 <asum+0x1d< td=""></asum+0x1d<>
j m r j	mp ov etq ov mp

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objdump's rendition is approximate because it assumes everything in the file is assembly code, and thus translates data into (often really weird) assembly code. Also, it leaves off the suffix at the end of each instruction, assuming it can be determined from context.

Object	Disassembled
0x1125:	Dump of assembler code for function ASum:
0x48	0x1125 <+0>: test %rsi,%rsi
0x85	0x1128 <+3>: je 0x1146 <asum+33></asum+33>
0x16	0x112a <+5>: mov %rdi,%rax
0x14	0x112d <+8>: lea (%rdi,%rsi,8),%rcx
0x10	0x1131 <+12>: mov \$0x0,%edx
0x89	
0xf8	
0x48	
0x8d	Within gdb debugger
0x0c	qdb <file></file>
0xf7	disassemble ASum
•	
•	– disassemple the ASum object code
	x/39xb ASum

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The x/35xb'' directive to gdb says to examine (first x, meaning print) 35 bytes (b) viewed as hexadecimal (second x) starting at ASum.

The format of the output has been modified a bit from what gdb actually produces, so that it will fit on the slide. In the dump of the assembler code, the addresses are actually 64-bit values (in hex) – we have removed the leading 0s. The output of the x command is actually displayed in multiple columns. We have reorganized it into one column.



The source for this is http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/X86_instruction_listings, viewed on 6/20/2017, which came with the caveat that it may be out of date. While it's likely that more instructions have been added since then, we won't be covering them in 33!



Note that for shift instructions, the Src operand (which is the size of the shift) must either be an immediate operand or be a designator for a one-byte register (e.g., %cl – see the slide on general-purpose registers for IA32).

Also note that what's given in the slide are the versions for 32-bit operands. There are also versions for 8-, 16-, and 64-bit operands, with the "l" replaced with the appropriate letter ("b", "s", or "q").

The imul instruction performs a signed multiply; the mul instruction performs an unsigned multiply. This is one of the few instances in which different instructions are required for signed and unsigned integers. The reason for this is to make certain, for the signed case, that the sign of the result is correct (see slides VIII-18 and VIII-19).



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By convention, the first three arguments to a function are placed in registers **rdi**, **rsi**, and **rdx**, respectively. Note that, also by convention, functions put their return values in register **eax/rax**.







%rip is the instruction-pointer register. It contains the address of the next instruction to be executed. CF, ZF, SF, and OF are the condition codes, referring to carry flag, zero flag, sign flag, and overflow flag.





Condition Codes (Explicit Setting: Test)
 Explicit setting by test instruction
test1/testq src2, src1 test1 b,a like computing a&b without setting destination
- sets condition codes based on value of Src1 & Src2
 useful to have one of the operands be a mask
ZF set when $a\&b == 0$
SF set when a &b < 0
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Note that if a&b<0, what is meant is that the most-significant bit is 1.

ading	Condition	Codes
tX inst	ructions	
set singl	e byte based on co	ombinations of condition c
SetX	Condition	Description
sete	ZF	Equal / Zero
setne	~ZF	Not Equal / Not Zero
sets	SF	Negative
setns	~SF	Nonnegative
setg	~ (SF^OF) &~ZF	Greater (Signed)
setge	~ (SF^OF)	Greater or Equal (Signed)
setl	(SF^OF)	Less (Signed)
setle	(SF^OF) ZF	Less or Equal (Signed)
seta	~CF&~ZF	Above (unsigned)
setb	CF	Below (unsigned)
		, ,

These operations allow one to set a byte depending on the values of the condition codes.

Some of these conditions aren't all that obvious. Suppose we are comparing A with B (cmpl B,A). Thus the condition codes would be set as if we computed A-B. For signed arithmetic, If A >= B, then the true result is non-negative. But some issues come up because of two's complement arithmetic with a finite word size. If overflow does not occur, then the sign flag should not be set. If overflow does occur (because A is positive, B is negative, and A-B is a large positive number that does not fit in an int), then even though the true result should have been positive, the actual result is negative. So, if both the sign flag and the overflow flag are not set, we know that A >= B. If both flags are set, we know the true result of the subtraction is positive and thus A>=B. But if one of the two flags is set and the other isn't, then A must be less than B. Thus if ~(SF^OF) is 1, we know that A>=B. If ZF (zero flag) is set, we know that A==B. Thus for A>B, ZF is not set.

For unsigned arithmetic, if A>B, then subtracting B from A doesn't require a borrow and thus CF is not set; and since A is not equal to B, ZF is not set. If A<B, then subtracting B from A requires a borrow and thus CF is set.

The other cases can be worked out similarly.



Recall that the first argument to a function is passed in %rdi (%edi) and the second in %rsi (%esi).

Jumping

• jX instructions

- Jump to different part of program depending on condition codes

jХ	Condition	Description
jmp	1	Unconditional
je	ZF	Equal / Zero
jne	~ZF	Not Equal / Not Zero
js	SF	Negative
jns	~SF	Nonnegative
ja	~ (SF^OF) &~ZF	Greater (Signed)
jge	~ (SF^OF)	Greater or Equal (Signed)
jl	(SF^OF)	Less (Signed)
jle	(SF^OF) ZF	Less or Equal (Signed)
ja	~CF&~ZF	Above (unsigned)
jb	CF	Below (unsigned)
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See the notes for slide 28.



The function computes the absolute value of the difference between its two arguments.





C's conditional expression, as shown in the slide, is sometimes useful, but often results in really difficult-to-read code.

(There's an "International Obfuscated C Code Contest" (IOCCC) that awards prizes to those who use valid syntax to write the most difficult-to-understand implementations of simple functions. The conditional expression features prominently in winners' code. See https://www.ioccc.org/.)



"Do-Whil	e" Loop	Compila	atic	711
<pre>int pcount_do(ur int result = (oop: result += x & x >>= 1; if (x)</pre>	nsigned x)); 0x1;	{		
goto loop; return result;				
egisters:	movl .L2: movl andl	\$0, %eax # loop: %edi, %ecx \$1, %ecx	#	result = 0 t = x & 1

Note that the condition codes are set as part of the execution of the **shrl** instruction.















