

Princeton University

Computer Science 217: Introduction to Programming Systems



Assembly Language: Part 2

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Agenda



Flattened C code

- Control flow with signed integers
- Control flow with unsigned integers
- Arrays
- Structures

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Flattened C Code



Problem

- Translating from C to assembly language is difficult when the C code contains **nested** statements

Solution

- Flatten** the C code to eliminate all nesting

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Flattened C Code



C Flattened C

```

C           Flattened C
if (expr)   if (!expr) goto endif1;
{           statement1;
...           ...
statementN;      statementN;
}           endif1:
                ...
if (expr)   if (!expr) goto else1;
{           statementT1;
...           ...
statementTN;  goto endif1;
}           else1:
else        {           statementF1;
...           ...
statementFN;  statementFN;
}           endif1:
                ...

```

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Flattened C Code



```

C           Flattened C
while (expr) if (!expr) goto endloop;
{           statement1;
...           ...
statementN;      statementN;
}           goto loop1;
endloop:
                ...
for (expr1; expr2; expr3) if (!expr2) goto endloop1;
{           statement1;
...           ...
statementN;      statementN;
}           expr3;
endloop1:
                ...

```

See Bryant & O' Hallaron
book for faster patterns

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if Example

C

```
int i;
...
if (i < 0)
    i = -i;
```

Flattened C

```
int i;
...
    if (i >= 0) goto endif1;
    i = -i;
endif1:
```



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if Example

Flattened C

```
int i;
...
    if (i >= 0) goto endif1;
    i = -i;
endif1:
```

Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
i: .skip 4
...
.section ".text"
...
    cmpl $0, i
    jge endif1
    negl i
endif1:
```



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Note:

cmp instruction (counterintuitive operand order)

Sets CC bits in EFLAGS register

jge instruction (conditional jump)

Examines CC bits in EFLAGS register

if...else Example

C

```
int i;
int j;
int smaller;
...
if (i < j)
    smaller = i;
else
    smaller = j;
```

Flattened C

```
int i;
int j;
int smaller;
...
    if (i >= j) goto else1;
    smaller = i;
    goto endif1;
else1:
    smaller = j;
endif1:
```



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if...else Example

Flattened C

```
int i;
int j;
int smaller;
...
    if (i >= j) goto else1;
    smaller = i;
    goto endif1;
else1:
    smaller = j;
endif1:
```

Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
i: .skip 4
j: .skip 4
smaller: .skip 4
...
.section ".text"
...
    movl i, %eax
    cmpl j, %eax
    jge else1
    movl i, %eax
    movl %eax, smaller
    jmp endif1
else1:
    movl j, %eax
    movl %eax, smaller
endif1:
```



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Note:
jmp instruction
(unconditional jump)

while Example

C

```
int fact;
int n;
...
fact = 1;
while (n > 1)
{ fact *= n;
  n--;
}
```

Flattened C

```
int fact;
int n;
...
    fact = 1;
loop1:
    if (n <= 1) goto endloop1;
    fact *= n;
    n--;
    goto loop1;
endloop1:
```



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while Example

Flattened C

```
int fact;
int n;
...
    fact = 1;
loop1:
    if (n <= 1) goto endloop1;
    fact *= n;
    n--;
    goto loop1;
endloop1:
```

Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
fact: .skip 4
n: .skip 4
...
.section ".text"
...
    movl $1, fact
loop1:
    cmpl $1, n
    jle endloop1
    movl fact, %eax
    imull n
    movl %eax, fact
    decl n
    jmp loop1
endloop1:
```



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Note:
jle instruction (conditional jump)
imul instruction

for Example

```
C
int power = 1;
int base;
int exp;
int i;
...
for (i = 0; i < exp; i++)
    power *= base;
```

```
Flattened C
int power = 1;
int base;
int exp;
int i;
...
i = 0;
loop1:
    if (i >= exp) goto endloop1;
    power *= base;
    i++;
    goto loop1;
endloop1:
```

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for Example

Flattened C

```
int power = 1;
int base;
int exp;
int i;
...
i = 0;
loop1:
    if (i >= exp) goto endloop1;
    power *= base;
    i++;
    goto loop1;
endloop1:
```

Assem Lang

```
.section ".data"
power: long 1
.base: .skip 4
exp: .skip 4
i: .skip 4
...
.section ".text"
        movl $0, i
loop1:
        movl i, %eax
        cmpl exp, %eax
        jge endloop1
        movl power, %eax
        imull base
        movl %eax, power
        incl i
        jge loop1
endloop1:
```

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Control Flow with Signed Integers

Comparing signed integers

```
cmp(q,l,w,b) srcIRM, destRM      Compare dest with src
• Sets condition-code bits in the EFLAGS register
• Beware: operands are in counterintuitive order
• Beware: many other instructions set condition-code bits
  • Conditional jump should immediately follow cmp
```

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Control Flow with Signed Integers

Unconditional jump

```
jmp label Jump to label
```

Conditional jumps after comparing signed integers

```
je label Jump to label if equal
jne label Jump to label if not equal
jl label Jump to label if less
jle label Jump to label if less or equal
jg label Jump to label if greater
jge label Jump to label if greater or equal
```

- Examine CC bits in EFLAGS register

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Flattened C

Control flow with signed integers

Control flow with unsigned integers

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Signed vs. Unsigned Integers

In C

- Integers are signed or unsigned
- Compiler generates assem lang instructions accordingly

In assembly language

- Integers are neither signed nor unsigned
- Distinction is in the instructions used to manipulate them

Distinction matters for

- Multiplication and division
- Control flow

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Handling Unsigned Integers



Multiplication and division

- Signed integers: `imul, idiv`
- Unsigned integers: `mul, div`

Control flow

- Signed integers: `cmp + {je, jne, jl, jle, jg, jge}`

Unsigned integers: "unsigned cmp" + `{je, jne, jl, jle, jg, jge}`? No!!!
 • Unsigned integers: `cmp + {je, jne, jb, jbe, ja, jae}`

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while Example



C

```
unsigned int fact;
unsigned int n;
...
fact = 1;
while (n > 1)
{ fact *= n;
  n--;
}
```

Flattened C

```
unsigned int fact;
unsigned int n;
...
fact = 1;
loop1:
  if (n <= 1) goto endloop1;
  fact *= n;
  n--;
  goto loop1;
endloop1:
```

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while Example



Flattened C

```
unsigned int fact;
unsigned int n;
...
fact = 1;
loop1:
  if (n <= 1) goto endloop1;
  fact *= n;
  n--;
  goto loop1;
endloop1:
```

Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
fact: .skip 4
n: .skip 4
...
.section ".text"
...
movl $1, fact
loop1:
  cmpl $1, n
  jbe endloop1
  movl fact, %eax
  mull n
  movl %eax, fact
  decl n
  jmp loop1
endloop1:
```

Note:

`jbe` instruction (instead of `jle`)
`mull` instruction (instead of `imull`)

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for Example



C

```
unsigned int power = 1;
unsigned int base;
unsigned int exp;
unsigned int i;
...
for (i = 0; i < exp; i++)
  power *= base;
```

Flattened C

```
unsigned int power = 1;
unsigned int base;
unsigned int exp;
unsigned int i;
...
i = 0;
loop1:
  if (i >= exp) goto endloop1;
  power *= base;
  i++;
  goto loop1;
endloop1:
```

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for Example



Flattened C

```
unsigned int power = 1;
unsigned int base;
unsigned int exp;
unsigned int i;
...
i = 0;
loop1:
  if (i >= exp) goto endloop1;
  power *= base;
  i++;
  goto loop1;
endloop1:
```

Assem Lang

```
.section ".data"
power: .long 1
.section ".bss"
base: .skip 4
exp: .skip 4
i: .skip 4
...
.section ".text"
...
movl $0, i
loop1:
  movl i, %eax
  cmpl exp, %eax
  jae endloop1
  movl power, %eax
  mull base
  movl %eax, power
  incl i
  jmp loop1
endloop1:
```

Note:

`jae` instruction (instead of `jge`)
`mull` instruction (instead of `imull`)

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Control Flow with Unsigned Integers



Comparing unsigned integers

<code>cmp(q,l,w,b) srcRM, destRM</code>	Compare dest with src
---	-----------------------

(Same as comparing signed integers)

Conditional jumps after comparing unsigned integers

<code>je label</code>	Jump to label if equal
<code>jne label</code>	Jump to label if not equal
<code>jb label</code>	Jump to label if below
<code>jbe label</code>	Jump to label if below or equal
<code>ja label</code>	Jump to label if above
<code>jae label</code>	Jump to label if above or equal

- Examine CC bits in EFLAGS register

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Arrays: Indirect Addressing

C	Assem Lang
<pre>int a[100]; int i; int n; ... i = 3; ... n = a[i];</pre>	<pre>.section ".bss" a: .skip 400 i: .skip 4 n: .skip 4section ".text" ... movl \$3, i ... movlq i, %rax salq \$2, %rax addq \$a, %rax movl (%rax), %r10d movl %r10d, n ...</pre>

One step at a time...

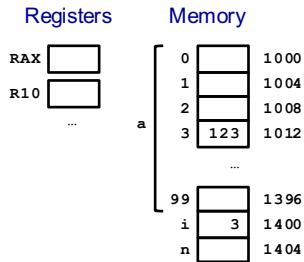
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Arrays: Indirect Addressing



Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
a: .skip 400
i: .skip 4
n: .skip 4
...
.section ".text"
...
movl $3, i
...
movlq i, %rax
salq $2, %rax
addq $a, %rax
movl (%rax), %r10d
movl %r10d, n
...
```



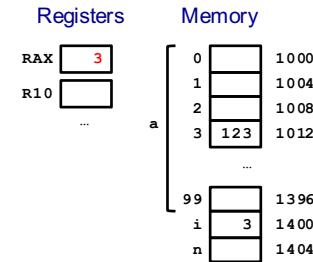
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Arrays: Indirect Addressing



Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
a: .skip 400
i: .skip 4
n: .skip 4
...
.section ".text"
...
movl $3, i
...
movlq i, %rax
salq $2, %rax
addq $a, %rax
movl (%rax), %r10d
movl %r10d, n
...
```



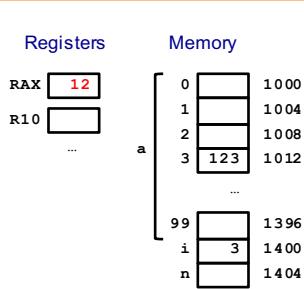
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Arrays: Indirect Addressing



Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
a: .skip 400
i: .skip 4
n: .skip 4
...
.section ".text"
...
movl $3, i
...
movlq i, %rax
salq $2, %rax
addq $a, %rax
movl (%rax), %r10d
movl %r10d, n
...
```



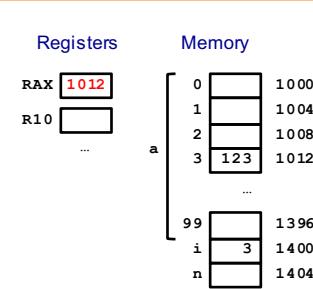
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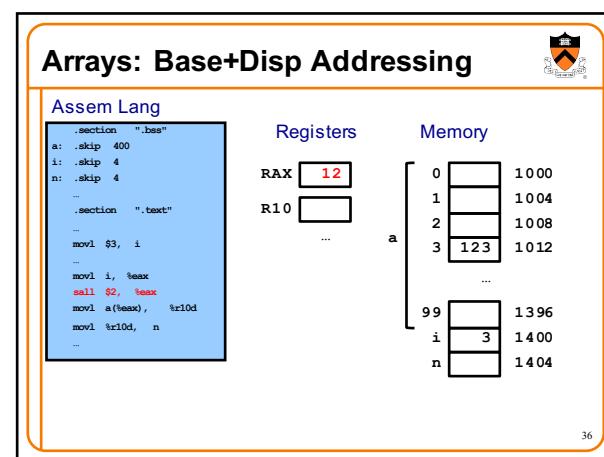
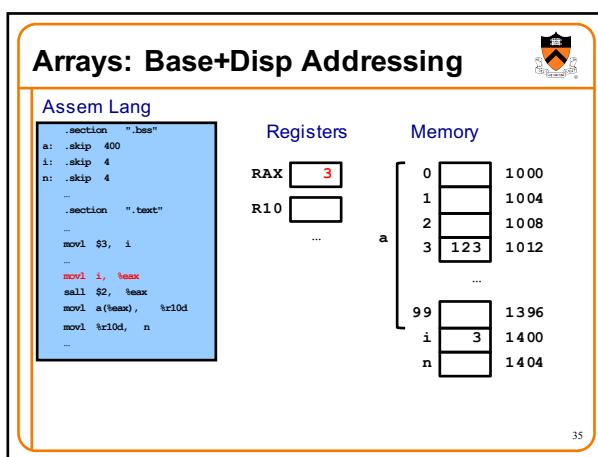
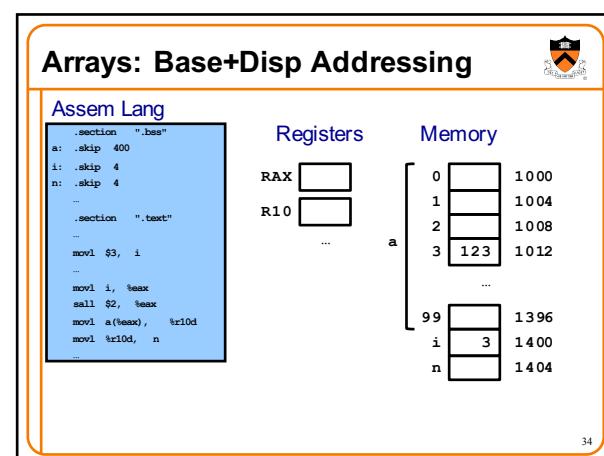
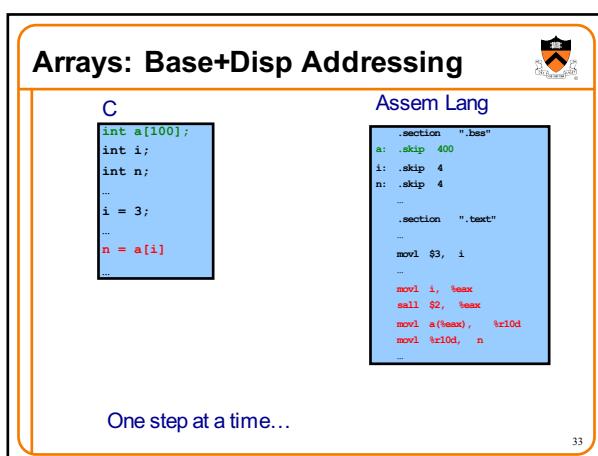
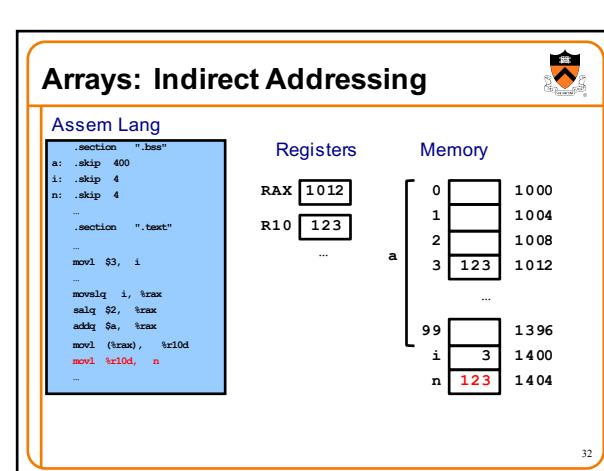
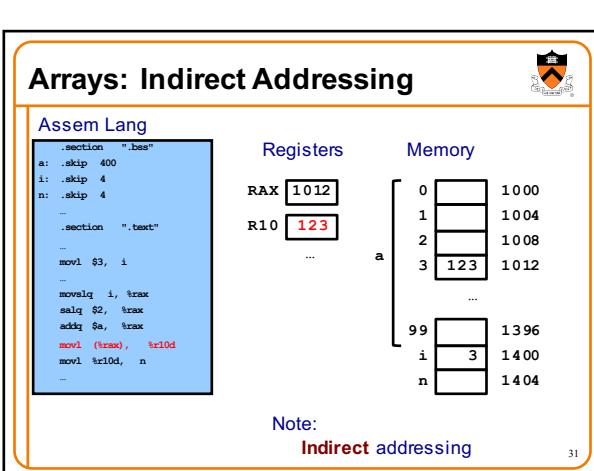


Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
a: .skip 400
i: .skip 4
n: .skip 4
...
.section ".text"
...
movl $3, i
...
movlq i, %rax
salq $2, %rax
addq $a, %rax
movl (%rax), %r10d
movl %r10d, n
...
```



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Arrays: Base+Disp Addressing

Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
a: .skip 400
i: .skip 4
n: .skip 4
...
.section ".text"
...
movl $3, i
...
movl i, %eax
movl $2, %eax
movl a(%eax), %r10d
movl %r10d, n
...
```

Registers

RAX	12
R10	123
...	

Memory

a	0	1000
	1	1004
	2	1008
a	3	123
	...	
99		1396
i	3	1400
n		1404

Note:
Base+displacement addressing

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Arrays: Base+Disp Addressing

Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
a: .skip 400
i: .skip 4
n: .skip 4
...
.section ".text"
...
movl $3, i
...
movl i, %eax
movl $2, %eax
movl a(%eax), %r10d
movl %r10d, n
...
```

Registers

RAX	12
R10	123
...	

Memory

a	0	1000
	1	1004
	2	1008
a	3	123
	...	
99		1396
i	3	1400
n	123	1404

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Arrays: Scaled Indexed Addressing

C

```
int a[100];
int i;
int n;
...
i = 3;
...
n = a[i]
```

Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
a: .skip 400
i: .skip 4
n: .skip 4
...
.section ".text"
...
movl $3, i
...
movl i, %eax
movl a(%eax, 4), %r10d
movl %r10d, n
...
```

Note:
One step at a time...

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Arrays: Scaled Indexed Addressing

Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
a: .skip 400
i: .skip 4
n: .skip 4
...
.section ".text"
...
movl $3, i
...
movl i, %eax
movl a(%eax, 4), %r10d
movl %r10d, n
...
```

Registers

RAX	
R10	
...	

Memory

a	0	1000
	1	1004
	2	1008
a	3	123
	...	
99		1396
i	3	1400
n		1404

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Arrays: Scaled Indexed Addressing

Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
a: .skip 400
i: .skip 4
n: .skip 4
...
.section ".text"
...
movl $3, i
...
movl i, %eax
movl a(%eax, 4), %r10d
movl %r10d, n
...
```

Registers

RAX	3
R10	
...	

Memory

a	0	1000
	1	1004
	2	1008
a	3	123
	...	
99		1396
i	3	1400
n		1404

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Arrays: Scaled Indexed Addressing

Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
a: .skip 400
i: .skip 4
n: .skip 4
...
.section ".text"
...
movl $3, i
...
movl i, %eax
movl a(%eax, 4), %r10d
movl %r10d, n
...
```

Registers

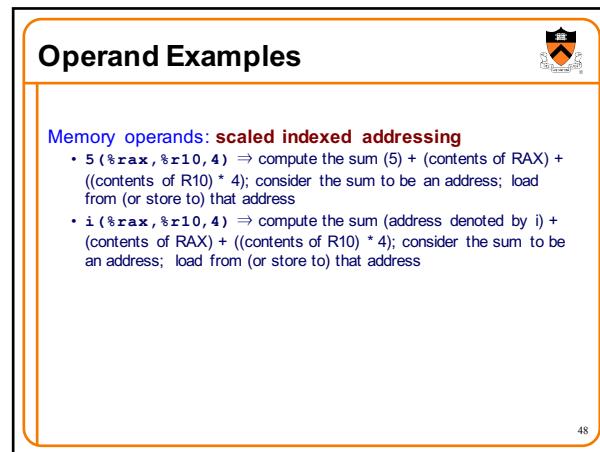
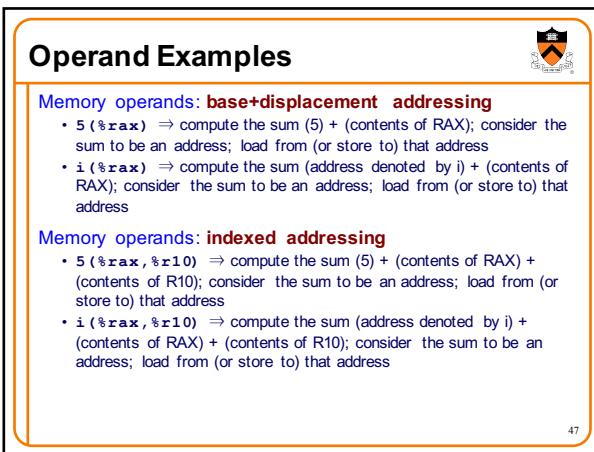
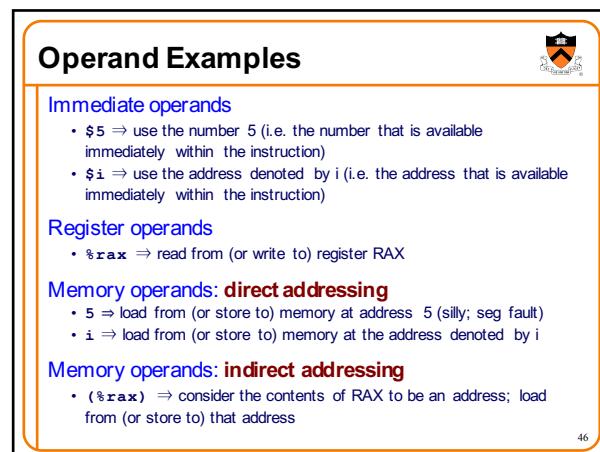
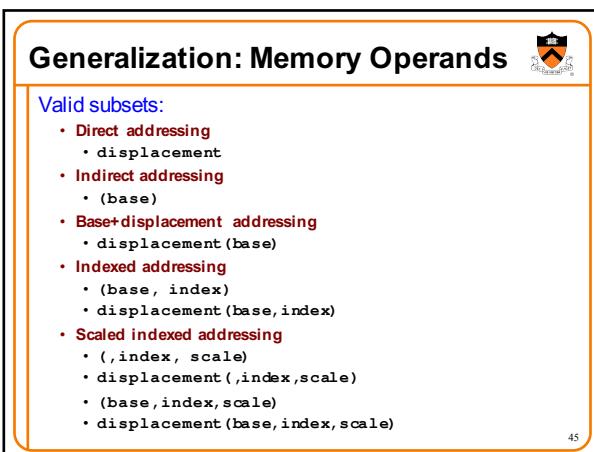
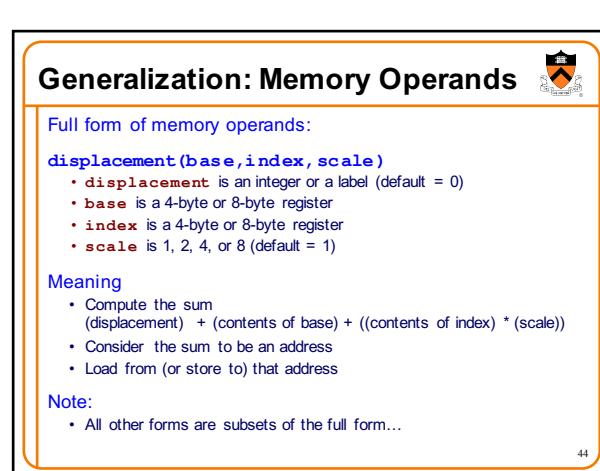
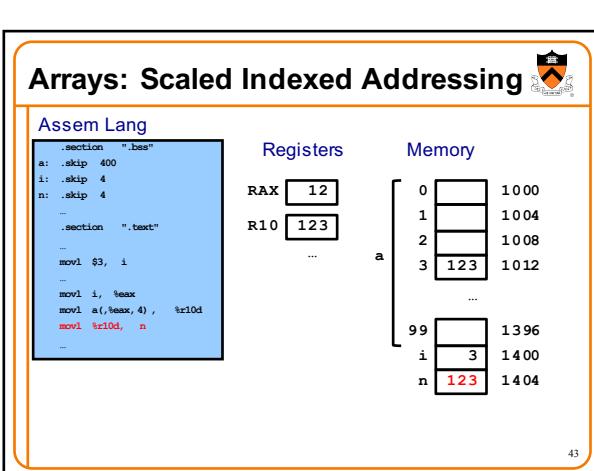
RAX	3
R10	123
...	

Memory

a	0	1000
	1	1004
	2	1008
a	3	123
	...	
99		1396
i	3	1400
n		1404

Note:
Scaled indexed addressing

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Aside: The lea Instruction

lea: load effective address

- Unique instruction: suppresses memory load/store

Example

```
    movq 5(%rax), %r10
    leaq 5(%rax), %r10
    leaq (%rax,%rax,4),%rax
```

Useful for

- Computing an address, e.g. as a function argument
- See precept code that calls `scanf()`
- Some quick-and-dirty arithmetic

What is the effect of this?

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Structures: Indirect Addressing

C

```
struct S
{ int i;
  int j;
};

struct S myStruct;
myStruct.i = 18;
myStruct.j = 19;
```

Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
myStruct: .skip 8
...
.myStruct: .skip 8
...
.section ".text"
...
movq $myStruct, %rax
movl $18, (%rax)
...
movq $myStruct, %rax
addq $4, %rax
movl $19, (%rax)
```

Note:
Indirect addressing

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Structures: Base+Disp Addressing

C

```
struct S
{ int i;
  int j;
};

struct S myStruct;
myStruct.i = 18;
myStruct.j = 19;
```

Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
myStruct: .skip 8
...
.myStruct: .skip 8
...
.section ".text"
...
movq $myStruct, %rax
movl $18, 0(%rax)
...
movl $19, 4(%rax)
```

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Structures: Padding

C

```
struct S
{ char c;
  int i;
};

struct S myStruct;
myStruct.c = 'A';
myStruct.i = 18;
```

Three-byte pad here

Beware:
Compiler sometimes inserts padding after fields

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Structures: Padding

x86-64/Linux rules

Data type	Within a struct, must begin at address that is evenly divisible by:
(unsigned) char	1
(unsigned) short	2
(unsigned) int	4
(unsigned) long	8
float	4
double	8
long double	16
any pointer	8

- Compiler may add padding after last field if struct is within an array

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Summary

Intermediate aspects of x86-64 assembly language...

Flattened C code

Control transfer with signed integers

Control transfer with unsigned integers

Arrays

- Full form of instruction operands

Structures

- Padding



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Appendix

Setting and using CC bits in EFLAGS register



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Setting Condition Code Bits



Question

- How does `cmp(q,1,w,b)` set condition code bits in EFLAGS register?

Answer

- (See following slides)

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Condition Code Bits



Condition code bits

- **ZF**: zero flag: set to 1 iff result is **zero**
- **SF**: sign flag: set to 1 iff result is **negative**
- **CF**: carry flag: set to 1 iff **unsigned overflow** occurred
- **OF**: overflow flag: set to 1 iff **signed overflow** occurred

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Condition Code Bits



Example: `addq src, dest`

- Compute sum (`dest+src`)
- Assign sum to `dest`
- ZF: set to 1 iff sum == 0
- SF: set to 1 iff sum < 0
- CF: set to 1 iff unsigned overflow
 - Set to 1 iff sum<`src`
- OF: set if signed overflow
 - Set to 1 iff
 $(src>0 \&\& dest>0 \&\& sum<0) \parallel (src<0 \&\& dest<0 \&\& sum>=0)$

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Condition Code Bits



Example: `subq src, dest`

- Compute sum (`dest+(-src)`)
- Assign sum to `dest`
- ZF: set to 1 iff sum == 0
- SF: set to 1 iff sum < 0
- CF: set to 1 iff unsigned overflow
 - Set to 1 iff `dest<src`
- OF: set to 1 iff signed overflow
 - Set to 1 iff
 $(dest>0 \&\& src<0 \&\& sum<0) \parallel (dest<0 \&\& src>0 \&\& sum>=0)$

Example: `cmpq src, dest`

- Same as `subq`
- But does not affect `dest`

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Using Condition Code Bits



Question

- How do conditional jump instructions use condition code bits in EFLAGS register?

Answer

- (See following slides)

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Conditional Jumps: Unsigned



After comparing **unsigned** data

Jump Instruction	Use of CC Bits
je label	ZF
jne label	$\sim ZF$
jb label	CF
jae label	$\sim CF$
jbe label	$CF \mid ZF$
ja label	$\sim(CF \mid ZF)$

Note:

- If you can understand why `jb` jumps iff CF
- ... then the others follow

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Conditional Jumps: Unsigned



Why does `jb` jump iff CF? Informal explanation:

(1) largenum – smallnum (not below)

- Correct result
- $\Rightarrow CF=0 \Rightarrow$ don't jump

(2) smallnum – largenum (below)

- Incorrect result
- $\Rightarrow CF=1 \Rightarrow$ jump

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Conditional Jumps: Signed



After comparing **signed** data

Jump Instruction	Use of CC Bits
je label	ZF
jne label	$\sim ZF$
jl label	$OF \wedge SF$
jge label	$\sim(OF \wedge SF)$
jle label	$(OF \wedge SF) \mid ZF$
jg label	$\sim((OF \wedge SF) \mid ZF)$

Note:

- If you can understand why `jl` jumps iff OF^SF
- ... then the others follow

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Conditional Jumps: Signed



Why does `jl` jump iff OF^SF? Informal explanation:

(1) largeposnum – smallposnum (not less than)

- Certainly correct result
- $\Rightarrow OF=0, SF=0, OF^SF==0 \Rightarrow$ don't jump

(2) smallposnum – largeposnum (less than)

- Certainly correct result
- $\Rightarrow OF=0, SF=1, OF^SF==1 \Rightarrow$ jump

(3) largenegnum – smallnegnum (less than)

- Certainly correct result
- $\Rightarrow OF=0, SF=1 \Rightarrow (OF^SF)==1 \Rightarrow$ jump

(4) smallnegnum – largenegnum (not less than)

- Certainly correct result
- $\Rightarrow OF=0, SF=0 \Rightarrow (OF^SF)==0 \Rightarrow$ don't jump

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Conditional Jumps: Signed



(5) posnum – negnum (not less than)

- Suppose correct result
- $\Rightarrow OF=0, SF=0 \Rightarrow (OF^SF)==0 \Rightarrow$ don't jump

(6) posnum – negnum (not less than)

- Suppose incorrect result
- $\Rightarrow OF=1, SF=1 \Rightarrow (OF^SF)==0 \Rightarrow$ don't jump

(7) negnum – posnum (less than)

- Suppose correct result
- $\Rightarrow OF=0, SF=1 \Rightarrow (OF^SF)==1 \Rightarrow$ jump

(8) negnum – posnum (less than)

- Suppose incorrect result
- $\Rightarrow OF=1, SF=0 \Rightarrow (OF^SF)==1 \Rightarrow$ jump

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