



Assembly Language: Part 2



Goals of this Lecture

Help you learn:

- Intermediate aspects of IA-32 assembly language...
- Control flow with signed integers
- Control flow with unsigned integers
- Arrays
- Structures



Agenda

Flattened C code

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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



Flattened C Code

C

```
if (expr)
{   statement1;
...
statementN;
}
```

Flattened C

```
if (! expr) goto endif1;
statement1;
...
statementN;
endif1:
```

```
if (expr)
{   statement1;
...
statementN;
}
else
{   statementF1;
...
statementFN;
}
```

```
if (! expr) goto else1;
statement1;
...
statementN;
goto endif1;
else1:
statementF1;
...
statementFN;
endif1:
```



Flattened C Code

C

```
while (expr)
{   statement1;
...
statementN;
}
```

Flattened C

```
loop1:
    if (! expr) goto endloop1;
    statement1;
...
statementN;
goto loop1;
endloop1:
```

```
for (expr1; expr2; expr3)
{   statement1;
...
statementN;
}
```

```
expr1;
loop1:
    if (! expr2) goto endloop1;
    statement1;
...
statementN;
expr3;
goto loop1;
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:
```



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:
```

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:
```



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:
```

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:
```



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:
```

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:
```



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
.section ".bss"
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
    jmp loop1
endloop1:
```



Control Flow with Signed Integers

Comparing signed integers

```
cmp{l,w,b} srcIRM, destRM      Compare dest with src
```

- Sets CC bits in the EFLAGS register
- Beware: operands are in counterintuitive order
- Beware: many other instructions set CC bits
 - Conditional jump should **immediately** follow **cmp**



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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Signed vs. Unsigned Integers

In C

- Integers are signed or unsigned
- Compiler generates assembly language 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



Handling Unsigned Integers

Multiplication and division

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

Control flow

- Signed integers: `cmp` + {`je`, `jne`, `j1`, `jle`, `jg`, `jge`}
- ~~Unsigned integers: “unsigned cmp” + {`je`, `jne`, `j1`, `jle`, `jg`, `jge`}~~
- Unsigned integers: `cmp` + {`je`, `jne`, `jb`, `jbe`, `ja`, `jae`}



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:
```



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)
mul1 instruction (instead of imull)



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:
```



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:
```

Note:

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

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:
```



Control Flow with Unsigned Integers

Comparing unsigned integers

- Same as comparing signed integers

Conditional jumps after comparing unsigned integers

```
je  label  Jump to label if equal
jne label  Jump to label if not equal
jb  label  Jump to label if below
jbe label  Jump to label if below or equal
ja  label  Jump to label if above
jae label  Jump to label if above or equal
```

- Examine CC bits in EFLAGS register



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Arrays: Indirect 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
sal $2, %eax
addl $a, %eax
movl (%eax), %ecx
movl %ecx, n
...
```

One step at a time...

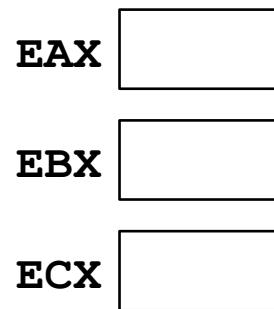


Arrays: Indirect Addressing

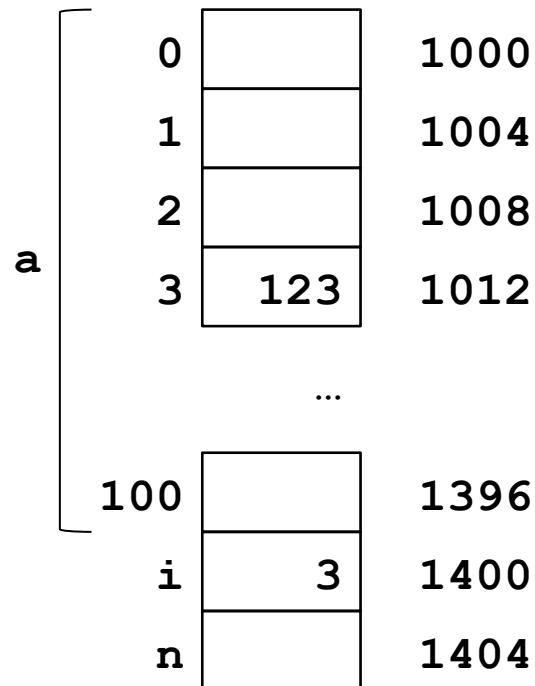
Assem Lang

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

Registers



Memory





Arrays: Indirect Addressing

Assem Lang

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

Registers

EAX	3
EBX	
ECX	

Memory

a	0	1000
	1	1004
	2	1008
	3	1012
	...	
100		1396
i	3	1400
n		1404



Arrays: Indirect Addressing

Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
a: .skip 400
i: .skip 4
n: .skip 4
...
.section ".text"
...
movl $3, i
...
movl i, %eax
sal1 $2, %eax
addl $a, %eax
movl (%eax), %ecx
movl %ecx, n
...
```

Registers

EAX	12
EBX	
ECX	

Memory

a	0	1000
	1	1004
	2	1008
	3	1012
	...	
100		1396
i	3	1400
n		1404



Arrays: Indirect Addressing

Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
a: .skip 400
i: .skip 4
n: .skip 4
...
.section ".text"
...
movl $3, i
...
movl i, %eax
sal1 $2, %eax
addl $a, %eax
movl (%eax), %ecx
movl %ecx, n
...
```

Registers

EAX	1012
EBX	
ECX	

Memory

a	0	1000
	1	1004
	2	1008
	3	1012
	...	
100		1396
i	3	1400
n		1404



Arrays: Indirect Addressing

Assem Lang

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

Registers

EAX	1012
EBX	
ECX	123

Memory

a	0	1000
	1	1004
	2	1008
	3	1012
	...	
100		1396
i	3	1400
n		1404

Note:

Indirect addressing



Arrays: Indirect Addressing

Assem Lang

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

Registers

EAX	1012
EBX	
ECX	123

Memory

a	0	1000
	1	1004
	2	1008
	3	1012
	...	
100		1396
i	3	1400
n	123	1404



Arrays: Base+Disp 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
sal l $2, %eax
movl a(%eax), %ecx
movl %ecx, n
...
```

One step at a time...

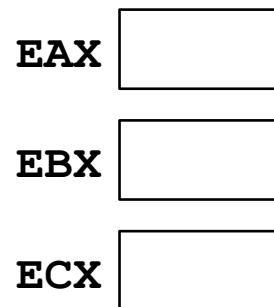


Arrays: Base+Disp Addressing

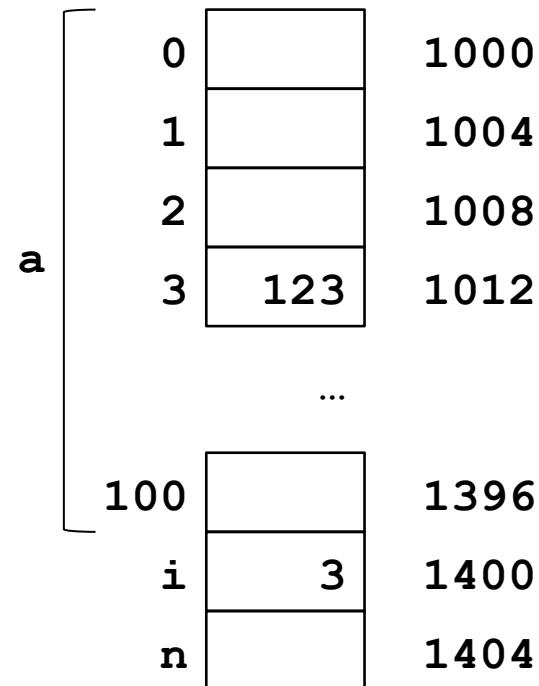
Assem Lang

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

Registers



Memory





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
sal1 $2, %eax
movl a(%eax), %ecx
movl %ecx, n
...
```

Registers

EAX	3
EBX	
ECX	

Memory

a	0	1000
	1	1004
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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
sal1 $2, %eax
movl a(%eax), %ecx
movl %ecx, n
...
```

Registers

EAX	12
EBX	
ECX	

Memory

a	0	1000
	1	1004
	2	1008
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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
sall $2, %eax
movl a(%eax), %ecx
movl %ecx, n
...
```

Registers

EAX	12
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Memory

a	0	1000
	1	1004
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n		1404

Note:

Base+displacement addressing



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
sall $2, %eax
movl a(%eax), %ecx
movl %ecx, n
...
```

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EAX	12
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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), %ecx
movl %ecx, n
...
```

One step at a time...

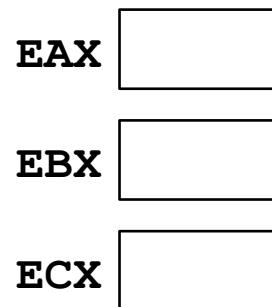


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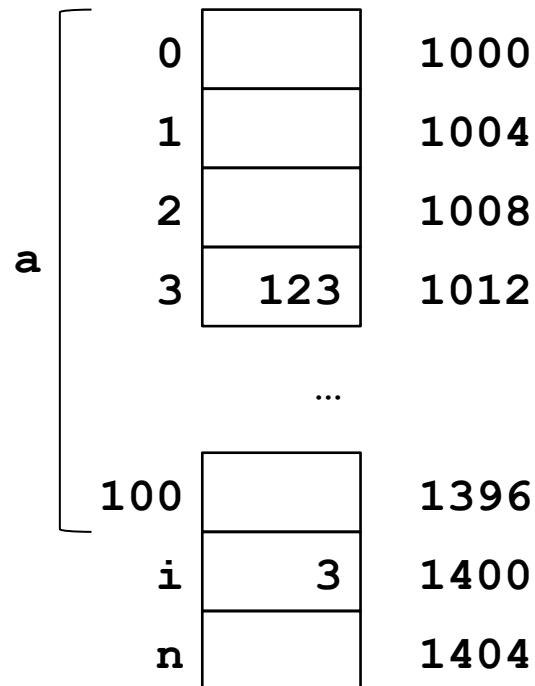
Assem Lang

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

Registers



Memory





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), %ecx
movl %ecx, n
...
```

Registers

EAX	3
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Memory

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Arrays: Scaled Indexed Addressing

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

Registers

EAX	3
EBX	
ECX	123

Memory

a	0	1000
	1	1004
	2	1008
	3	1012
	...	
	100	1396
i	3	1400
n		1404

Note:

Scaled indexed addressing



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), %ecx
movl %ecx, n
...
```

Registers

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Generalization: Memory Operands

Full form of memory operands:

displacement (base , index , scale)

- **displacement** is an integer or a label (default = 0)
- **base** is a register
- **index** is a register
- **scale** is 1, 2, 4, or 8 (default = 1)

Meaning

- Compute the sum
 $(\text{displacement}) + (\text{contents of base}) + ((\text{contents of index}) * (\text{scale}))$
- Consider the sum to be an address
- Load from (or store to) that address

Note:

- All other forms are subsets of the full form...



Generalization: Memory Operands

Valid subsets:

- **Direct addressing**
 - displacement
- **Indirect addressing**
 - (base)
- **Base+displacement addressing**
 - displacement (base)
- **Indexed addressing**
 - (base, index)
 - displacement (base, index)
- **Scaled indexed addressing**
 - (,index, scale)
 - displacement (,index, scale)
 - (base,index,scale)
 - displacement (base,index,scale)



Operand Examples

Immediate operands

- `$5` => use the number 5 (i.e. the number that is available immediately within the instruction)
- `$i` => use the address denoted by i (i.e. the address that is available immediately within the instruction)

Register operands

- `%eax` => read from (or write to) register EAX

Memory operands: **direct addressing**

- `5` => load from (or store to) memory at address 5 (silly; seg fault)
- `i` => load from (or store to) memory at the address denoted by i

Memory operands: **indirect addressing**

- `(%eax)` => consider the contents of EAX to be an address; load from (or store to) that address



Operand Examples

Memory operands: **base+displacement addressing**

- **5 (%eax)** => compute the sum (5) + (contents of EAX); consider the sum to be an address; load from (or store to) that address
- **i (%eax)** => compute the sum (address denoted by i) + (contents of EAX); consider the sum to be an address; load from (or store to) that address

Memory operands: **indexed addressing**

- **5 (%eax, %ecx)** => compute the sum (5) + (contents of EAX) + (contents of ECX); consider the sum to be an address; load from (or store to) that address
- **i (%eax, %ecx)** => compute the sum (address denoted by i) + (contents of EAX) + (contents of ECX); consider the sum to be an address; load from (or store to) that address



Operand Examples

Memory operands: **scaled indexed addressing**

- $5(\%eax, \%ecx, 4)$ => compute the sum (5) + (contents of EAX) + ((contents of ECX) * 4); consider the sum to be an address; load from (or store to) that address
- $i(\%eax, \%ecx, 4)$ => compute the sum (address denoted by i) + (contents of EAX) + ((contents of ECX) * 4); consider the sum to be an address; load from (or store to) that address



Aside: The `lea` Instruction

`lea`: load effective address

- Unique instruction: suppresses memory load/store

Example

- `movl 5(%eax), %ecx`
 - Compute the sum (5) + (contents of EAX); consider the sum to be an address; load 4 bytes from that address into ECX
- `leal 5(%eax), %ecx`
 - Compute the sum (5) + (contents of EAX); move that sum to ECX

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?

`leal (%eax,%eax,4),%eax`



Agenda

Flattened C

Control flow with signed integers

Control flow with unsigned integers

Arrays

Structures



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
...
.section ".text"
...
movl $myStruct, %eax
movl $18, (%eax)
...
movl $myStruct, %eax
addl $4, %eax
movl $19, (%eax)
```

Note:

Indirect addressing



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
...
.section ".text"
...
movl $0, %eax
movl $18, myStruct(%eax)
...
movl $4, %eax
movl $19, myStruct(%eax)
```

Note:

Base+displacement addressing



Structures: Padding

C

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

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

Three-byte
pad here

Assem Lang

```
.section ".bss"
myStruct: .skip 8
...
.section ".text"
...
movl $0, %eax
movb $'A', myStruct(%eax)
...
movl $4, %eax
movl $18, myStruct(%eax)
```

Beware:

Compiler sometimes inserts padding after fields



Structures: Padding

IA-32/Linux/gcc217 rules

Data type	Must begin at address that is evenly divisible by:
(unsigned) char	1
(unsigned) short	2
(unsigned) int	4
(unsigned) long	4
float	4
double	4
long double	4
any structure	4
any pointer	4

- Can override using compiler options (e.g. -malign-double)



Summary

Intermediate aspects of IA-32 assembly language...

Flattened C code

Control transfer with signed integers

Control transfer with unsigned integers

Arrays

- Full form of instruction operands

Structures

- Padding



Appendix

Setting and using CC bits in EFLAGS register



Setting Condition Code Bits

Question

- How does `cmpl` set condition code bits in EFLAGS register?

Answer

- (See following slides)



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



Condition Code Bits

Example: **addl 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
$$(\text{src} > 0 \&\& \text{dest} > 0 \&\& \text{sum} < 0) \parallel (\text{src} < 0 \&\& \text{dest} < 0 \&\& \text{sum} \geq 0)$$



Condition Code Bits

Example: **subl 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
$$(\text{dest}>0 \&\& \text{src}<0 \&\& \text{sum}<0) \parallel (\text{dest}<0 \&\& \text{src}>0 \&\& \text{sum}>=0)$$

Example: **cmpl src, dest**

- Same as **subl**
- But does not affect **dest**



Using Condition Code Bits

Question

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

Answer

- (See following slides)



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 ZF
ja label	$\sim(CF \mid ZF)$

Note:

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



Conditional Jumps: Unsigned

Why does jb jump iff CF? Informal explanation:

(1) largenum – smallnum (not below)

- Correct result
- => CF=0 => don't jump

(2) smallnum – largenum (below)

- Incorrect result
- => CF=1 => jump



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 $OF \wedge SF$
- ... then the others follow



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



Conditional Jumps: Signed

(5) posnum – negnum (not less than)

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

(6) posnum – negnum (not less than)

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

(7) negnum – posnum (less than)

- Suppose correct result
- => OF=0, SF=1 => $(OF \wedge SF) == 1$ => jump

(8) negnum – posnum (less than)

- Suppose incorrect result
- => OF=1, SF=0 => $(OF \wedge SF) == 1$ => jump