Machine-Level Programming I: Basics

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Office Hours

- Not too well attended (yet?)
- Ask your TAs about how it was last year...
- You can choose from coffee, tea, and hot chocolate
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- The time: Tues. 4pm-5pm









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Today: Machine Programming I: Basics

- History of Intel processors and architectures
- Assembly Basics: Registers, operands, move
- Arithmetic & logical operations
- C, assembly, machine code

Intel x86 Processors

Dominate laptop/desktop/server market

Evolutionary design

- Backwards compatible up until 8086, introduced in 1978
- Added more features as time goes on
 - Now 3 volumes, about 5,000 pages of documentation

Complex instruction set computer (CISC)

- Many different instructions with many different formats
 - But, only small subset encountered with Linux programs
- Hard to match performance of Reduced Instruction Set Computers (RISC)
- But, Intel has done just that!
 - In terms of speed. Less so for low power.

Intel x86 Evolution: Milestones

Name Date TransistorsMHz

- 8086 1978 29K 5-10
 - First 16-bit Intel processor. Basis for IBM PC & DOS
 - 1MB address space
- 386 1985 275K 16-33
 - First 32 bit Intel processor, referred to as IA32
 - Added "flat addressing", capable of running Unix
- Pentium 4E 2004 125M 2800-3800
 - First 64-bit Intel x86 processor, referred to as x86-64
- Core 2 2006 291M 1060-3333
 - First multi-core Intel processor
- Core i7 2008 731M 1600-4400
 - Four cores (our shark machines)

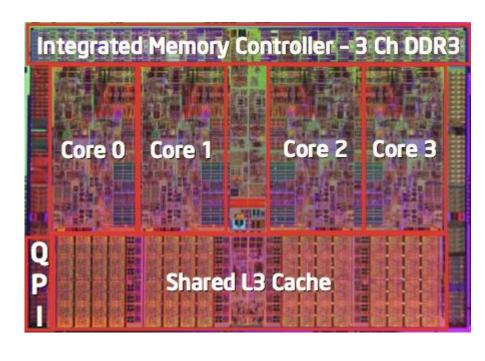
Intel x86 Processors, cont.

Machine Evolution

- **386** 1985 0.3M
- Pentium 1993 3.1M
- Pentium/MMX 1997
- PentiumPro 1995 6.5M
- Pentium III 1999 8.2M
- Pentium 4 2000 42M
- Core 2 Duo 2006 291M
- Core i7 2008 731M
- Core i7 Skylake 2015 1.9B

Added Features

- Instructions to support multimedia operations
- Instructions to enable more efficient conditional operations
- Transition from 32 bits to 64 bits



Intel x86 Processors, cont.

- Past Generations Process technology
 - 1st Pentium Pro 1995 600 nm
 - 1st Pentium III 1999 250 nm
 - 1st Pentium 4 2000 180 nm
 - 1st Core 2 Duo 2006 65 nm

Recent Generations

- 1. Nehalem 2008 45 nm
- 2. Sandy Bridge 2011 32 nm
- 3. Ivy Bridge 2012 22 nm
- 4. Haswell 2013 22 nm
- 5. Broadwell 2014 14 nm
- 6. Skylake 2015 14 nm
- 7. Kaby Lake 2016 14 nm
 - Coffee Lake 2017? 14 nm
 - Cannonlake 2018? 10 nm

Process technology dimension = width of narrowest wires (10 nm ≈ 100 atoms wide)

2018 State of the Art: Skylake (Core i7 v6)

Mobile Model: Core i7

- 2.6-2.9 GHz
- 45 W

Desktop Model: Core i7

- Integrated graphics
- 2.8-4.0 GHz
- **35-91 W**

Server Model: Xeon

- Integrated graphics
- Multi-socket enabled
- 2-3.7 GHz
- **25-80 W**

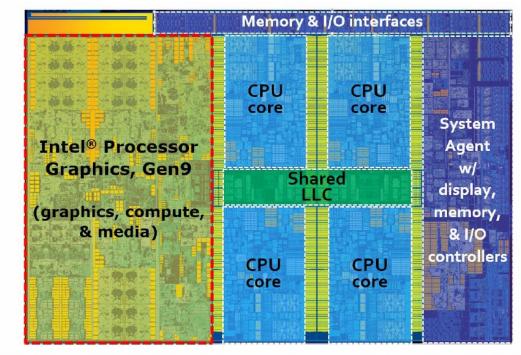


Figure 1: Architecture components layout for an Intel® Core™ i7 processor 6700K for desktop systems. This SoC contains 4 CPU cores, outlined in blue dashed boxes. Outlined in the red dashed box, is an Intel® HD Graphics 530. It is a one-slice instantiation of Intel processor graphics gen9 architecture.

x86 Clones: Advanced Micro Devices (AMD)

Historically

- AMD has followed just behind Intel
- A little bit slower, a lot cheaper

Then

- Recruited top circuit designers from Digital Equipment Corp. and other downward trending companies
- Built Opteron: tough competitor to Pentium 4
- Developed x86-64, their own extension to 64 bits

Recent Years

- Intel got its act together
 - Leads the world in semiconductor technology
- AMD has fallen behind
 - Relies on external semiconductor manufacturer

Intel's 64-Bit History

- 2001: Intel Attempts Radical Shift from IA32 to IA64
 - Totally different architecture (Itanium)
 - Executes IA32 code only as legacy
 - Performance disappointing
- 2003: AMD Steps in with Evolutionary Solution
 - x86-64 (now called "AMD64")
- Intel Felt Obligated to Focus on IA64
 - Hard to admit mistake or that AMD is better
- 2004: Intel Announces EM64T extension to IA32
 - Extended Memory 64-bit Technology
 - Almost identical to x86-64!
- All but low-end x86 processors support x86-64
 - But, lots of code still runs in 32-bit mode

Our Coverage

IA32

- The traditional x86
- For 15/18-213: RIP, Summer 2015

x86-64

- The standard
- shark> gcc hello.c
- shark> gcc -m64 hello.c

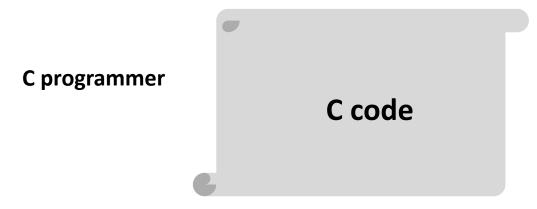
Presentation

- Book covers x86-64
- Web aside on IA32
- We will only cover x86-64

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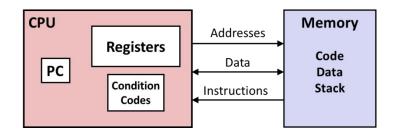
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Levels of Abstraction



Nice clean layers, but beware...

Assembly programmer





Computer Designer

Caches, clock freq, layout,

Of course, you know that: It's why you are taking this course.

Definitions

- Architecture: (also ISA: instruction set architecture) The parts of a processor design that one needs to understand for writing assembly/machine code.
 - Examples: instruction set specification, registers
- Microarchitecture: Implementation of the architecture
 - Examples: cache sizes and core frequency

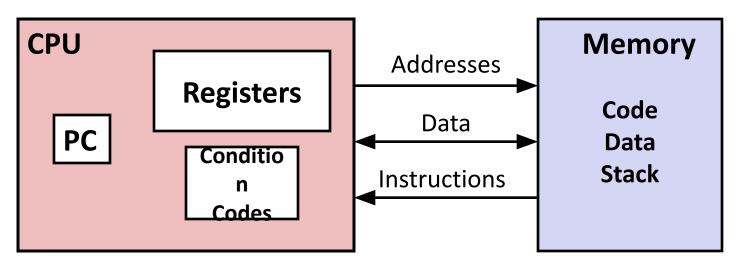
Code Forms:

- Machine Code: The byte-level programs that a processor executes
- Assembly Code: A text representation of machine code

Example ISAs:

- Intel: x86, IA32, Itanium, x86-64
- ARM: Used in almost all mobile phones
- RISC V: New open-source ISA

Assembly/Machine Code View



Programmer-Visible State

- PC: Program counter
 - Address of next instruction
 - Called "RIP" (x86-64)
- Register file
 - Heavily used program data
- Condition codes
 - Store status information about most recent arithmetic or logical operation
 - Used for conditional branching

Memory

- Byte addressable array
- Code and user data
- Stack to support procedures

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Assembly Characteristics: Data Types

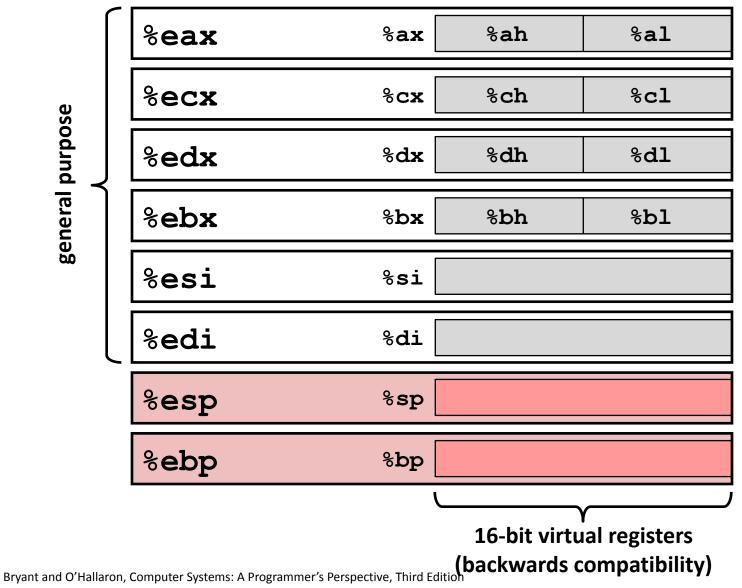
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x86-64 Integer Registers

%rax	%eax	9	%r8	%r8d
%rbx	%ebx	9	%r9	%r9d
%rcx	%ecx	9	%r10	%r10d
%rdx	%edx	9	%r11	%r11d
%rsi	%esi	9	%r12	%r12d
%rdi	%edi	9	%r13	%r13d
%rsp	%esp	9	%r14	%r14d
%rbp	%ebp	[%r15	%r15d

- Can reference low-order 4 bytes (also low-order 1 & 2 bytes)
- Not part of memory (or cache)

Some History: IA32 Registers



Origin (mostly obsolete)

accumulate

counter

data

base

source index

destination index

stack pointer base pointer

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Moving Data

- Moving Data
 movq Jource, Dest
- Operand Types
 - Immediate: Constant integer data
 - Example: \$0x400, \$-533
 - Like C constant, but prefixed with `\$'
 - Encoded with 1, 2, or 4 bytes
 - Register: One of 16 integer registers
 - Example: %rax, %r13
 - But %rsp reserved for special use
 - Qthers have special uses for particular instructions
 - Memory 8 consecutive bytes of memory at address given by register
 - Simplest example: (%rax)
 - Various other "addressing modes"

%rax %rcx %rdx %rbx %rsi %rdi %rsp %rbp

%rN	
-----	--

Warning: Intel docs use mov *Dest, Source*

movq Operand Combinations

```
Source Dest Src, Dest
              C Analog
```

Cannot do memory-memory transfer with a single instruction

Simple Memory Addressing Modes

- Normal (R) Mem[Reg[R]]
 - Register R specifies memory address
 - Aha! Pointer dereferencing in C

- Displacement D(R) Mem[Reg[R]+D]
 - Register R specifies start of memory region
 - Constant displacement D specifies offset

(%rdi), %rax

(%rsi), %rdx

%rdx, (%rdi)

%rax, (%rsi)

Example of Simple Addressing Modes

```
void
whatAmI(<type> a, <type> b)
{
    ????
}
    whatAmI:
    movq
    movq
    movq
    movq
    ret

%rdi
```

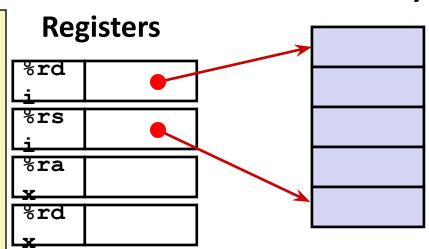
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```
void swap
   (long *xp, long *yp)
{
   long t0 = *xp;
   long t1 = *yp;
   *xp = t1;
   *yp = t0;
}
```

Memory

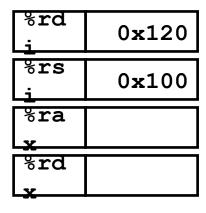
Understanding Swap()

void swap (long *xp, long *yp) { long t0 = *xp; long t1 = *yp; *xp = t1; *yp = t0; }

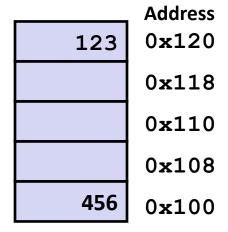


```
Register Value
%rdi xp
%rsi yp
%rax t0
%rdx t1
```

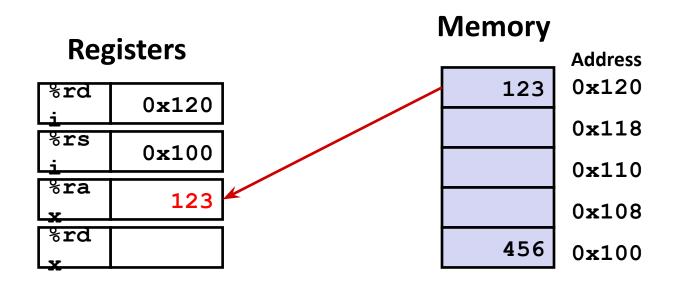
Registers



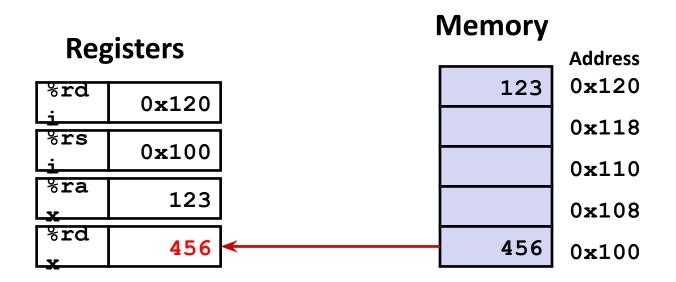
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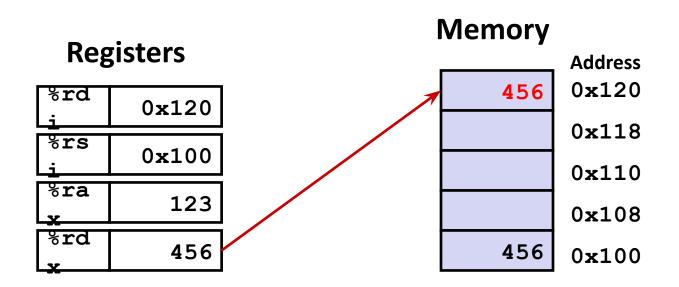
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movq (%rdi), %rax # t0 = *xp
movq (%rsi), %rdx # t1 = *yp
movq %rdx, (%rdi) # *xp = t1
movq %rax, (%rsi) # *yp = t0
ret
```



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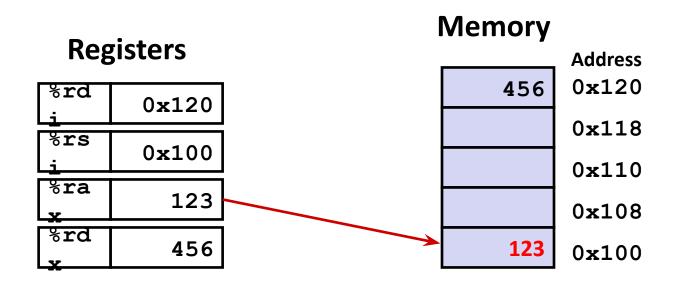
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```
movq 8(%rbp),%rdx
```

Complete Memory Addressing Modes

Most General Form

```
D(Rb,Ri,S) Mem[Reg[Rb]+S*Reg[Ri]+D]
```

- D: Constant "displacement" 1, 2, or 4 bytes
- Rb: Base register: Any of 16 integer registers
- Ri: Index register: Any, except for %rsp
- S: Scale: 1, 2, 4, or 8 (why these numbers?)

Special Cases

```
(Rb,Ri) Mem[Reg[Rb]+Reg[Ri]]
```

D(Rb,Ri) Mem[Reg[Rb]+Reg[Ri]+D]

(Rb,Ri,S) Mem[Reg[Rb]+S*Reg[Ri]]

Address Computation Examples

%rdx	0xf000	
%rcx	0x0100	

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0x8(%rdx)		
(%rdx,%rcx)		
(%rdx,%rcx,4)		
0x80(,%rdx,2)		

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0x8(%rdx)	0xf000 + 0x8	0xf008
(%rdx,%rcx)	0xf000 + 0x100	0xf100
(%rdx,%rcx,4)	0xf000 + 4*0x100	0xf400
0x80(,%rdx,2)	2*0xf000 + 0x80	0x1e080

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Address Computation Instruction

leaq Src, Dst

- Src is address mode expression
- Set Dst to address denoted by expression

Uses

- Computing addresses without a memory reference
 - E.g., translation of p = &x[i];
- Computing arithmetic expressions of the form x + k*y
 - k = 1, 2, 4, or 8

Example

```
long m12(long x)
{
   return x*12;
}
```

Converted to ASM by compiler:

```
leaq (%rdi,%rdi,2), %rax # t = x+2*x
salq $2, %rax # return t<<2</pre>
```

Some Arithmetic Operations

Two Operand Instructions:

Format Computation

- Watch out for argument order! Src,Dest (Warning: Intel docs use "op Dest,Src")
- No distinction between signed and unsigned int (why?)

Quiz Time!

halblustig: German, literal translation: "semi-funny" but often means "not funny at all" in Austrian German

Check out: quiz: day 5: Machine Basics

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Some Arithmetic Operations

One Operand Instructions

```
incqDest Dest = Dest + 1
decqDest Dest = Dest - 1
negqDest Dest = - Dest
notqDest Dest = ~Dest
```

See book for more instructions

Arithmetic Expression Example

```
long arith
(long x, long y, long z)
  long t1 = x+y;
  long t2 = z+t1;
  long t3 = x+4;
  long t4 = y * 48;
  long t5 = t3 + t4;
  long rval = t2 * t5;
  return rval;
```

```
arith:
  leaq (%rdi,%rsi), %rax
  addq %rdx, %rax
  leaq (%rsi,%rsi,2), %rdx
  salq $4, %rdx
  leaq 4(%rdi,%rdx), %rcx
  imulq %rcx, %rax
  ret
```

Interesting Instructions

- leaq: address computation
- salq: shift
- imulq: multiplication
 - But, only used once

Understanding Arithmetic Expression Example

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Compiler optimization:

- Reuse of registers
- Substitution (copy propagation)
- Strength reduction

```
arith:
  leaq (%rdi,%rsi), %rax # t1
  addq %rdx, %rax # t2
  leaq (%rsi,%rsi,2), %rdx
  salq $4, %rdx # t4
  leaq 4(%rdi,%rdx), %rcx # t5
  imulq %rcx, %rax # rval
  ret
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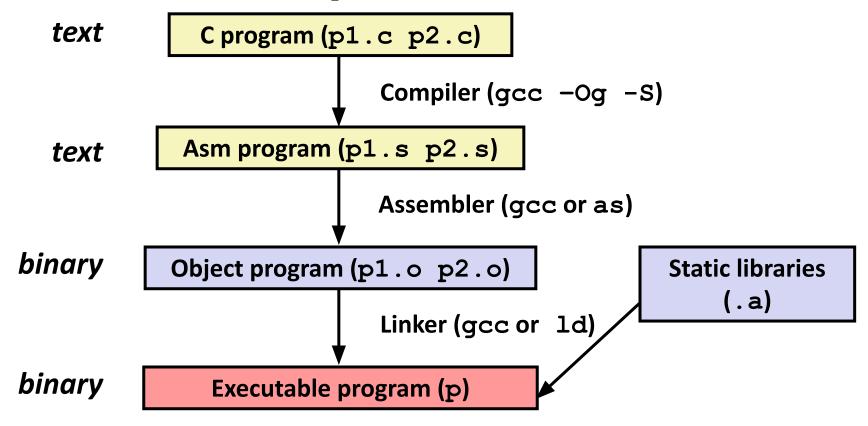
Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument x
%rsi	Argument y
%rdx	Argument z , t4
%rax	t1, t2, rval
%rcx	t5

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Turning C into Object Code

- Code in files p1.c p2.c
- Compile with command: gcc -Og p1.c p2.c -o p
 - Use basic optimizations (-Og) [New to recent versions of GCC]
 - Put resulting binary in file p



Compiling Into Assembly

C Code (sum.c)

Generated x86-64 Assembly

```
sumstore:
   pushq %rbx
   movq %rdx, %rbx
   call plus
   movq %rax, (%rbx)
   popq %rbx
   ret
```

Obtain (on shark machine) with command

```
gcc -Og -S sum.c
```

Produces file sum.s

Warning: Will get very different results on non-Shark machines (Andrew Linux, Mac OS-X, ...) due to different versions of gcc and different compiler settings.

What it really looks like

```
.globl sumstore
   .type sumstore, @function
sumstore:
.LFB35:
   .cfi startproc
   pushq %rbx
   .cfi def cfa offset 16
   .cfi offset 3, -16
   movq %rdx, %rbx
   call plus
   movq %rax, (%rbx)
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   .cfi def cfa offset 8
   ret
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Things that look weird and are preceded by a "are generally directives.

CFI = call frame information

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Object Code

Code for sumstore

0x0400595:

0x53

0x48

0x89

0xd3

0xe8

0xf2

0xff

0xff

0xff

0x48

0x89

0x03

0x5b

0xc3

Assembler

- Translates .s into .o
- Binary encoding of each instruction
- Nearly-complete image of executable code
- Missing linkages between code in different files

Linker

- Resolves references between files
- Combines with static run-time libraries
 - E.g., code for malloc, printf
- Some libraries are dynamically linked
 - Linking occurs when program begins execution

Total of 14 bytes

Each instruction

1, 3, or 5 bytes

Starts at address

 0×0400595

Machine Instruction Example

0x40059e: 48 89 03

C Code

Store value t where designated by dest

Assembly

- Move 8-byte value to memory
 - Quad words in x86-64 parlance
- Operands:

t:Register %rax

dest:Register %rbx

*dest: Memory M[%rbx]

Object Code

- 3-byte instruction
- Stored at address 0x40059e

Disassembling Object Code

Disassembled

```
0000000000400595 <sumstore>:
 400595:
          53
                                  %rbx
                           push
 400596: 48 89 d3
                                  %rdx,%rbx
                           mov
 400599: e8 f2 ff ff ff
                           callq 400590 <plus>
 40059e: 48 89 03
                                  %rax, (%rbx)
                           mov
 4005a1: 5b
                                  %rbx
                           pop
 4005a2: c3
                           reta
```

Disassembler

```
objdump -d sum
```

- Useful tool for examining object code
- Analyzes bit pattern of series of instructions
- Produces approximate rendition of assembly code
- Can be run on either a .out (complete executable) or .o file

Alternate Disassembly

Disassembled

Within gdb Debugger

Disassemble procedure

```
gdb sum
disassemble sumstore
```

Alternate Disassembly

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0xc3

Disassembled

```
Dump of assembler code for function sumstore:
    0x0000000000400595 <+0>: push %rbx
    0x000000000400596 <+1>: mov %rdx,%rbx
    0x0000000000400599 <+4>: callq 0x400590 <plus>
    0x000000000040059e <+9>: mov %rax,(%rbx)
    0x00000000004005a1 <+12>:pop %rbx
    0x000000000004005a2 <+13>:retq
```

Within gdb Debugger

Disassemble procedure

gdb sum

disassemble sumstore

Examine the 14 bytes starting at sumstore

x/14xb sumstore

What Can be Disassembled?

```
% objdump -d WINWORD.EXE
WINWORD.EXE: file format pei-i386
No symbols in "WINWORD.EXE".
Disassembly of section .text:
30001000 < text>:
30001000:
30001001:
                Reverse engineering forbidden by
30001003:
             Microsoft End User License Agreement
30001005:
3000100a:
```

- Anything that can be interpreted as executable code
- Disassembler examines bytes and reconstructs assembly source

Machine Programming I: Summary

History of Intel processors and architectures

Evolutionary design leads to many quirks and artifacts

C, assembly, machine code

- New forms of visible state: program counter, registers, ...
- Compiler must transform statements, expressions, procedures into low-level instruction sequences

Assembly Basics: Registers, operands, move

 The x86-64 move instructions cover wide range of data movement forms

Arithmetic

 C compiler will figure out different instruction combinations to carry out computation