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Most instructions come in three (on IA32) or four (on x86-64) forms, one for each possible operand size.

Note the confusion: long on x86 is 32 bits, but long in C is 64 bits.

Note that some assemblers (in particular, those of Microsoft and Intel) use a different syntax. Rather than tag the mnemonic for the instruction with the operand size, they tag the operands.



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Note that %ebp/%rbp may be used as a base register as on IA32, but they don't have to be used that way. This will become clearer when we explore how the runtime stack is accessed. The convention on Linux is for the first 6 arguments of a function to be in registers %rdi, %rsi, %rdx, %rcx, %r8, and %r9. The return value of a function is put in %rax.

Note also that each register, in addition to having a 32-bit version, also has an 8-bit (one-byte) version. For the numbered registers, it's, for example, %r10b. For the other registers it's the same as for IA32.



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Some assemblers (in particular, those of Intel and Microsoft) place the operands in the opposite order. Thus, the example of the slide would be "addl %rax,8(%rbp)". The order we use is that used by gcc, known as the "AT&T syntax" because it was used in the original Unix assemblers, written at Bell Labs, then part of AT&T.



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If one thinks of there being an array of registers, then " $\operatorname{Reg}[R]$ " selects register "R" from this array.



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.)



In addition to using %rdi to contain the argument (the address of the structure), we use %rax to contain the value of **temp** and %rdx to effectively be another temporary that holds the value of p->y.



When we enter **swapxy**, %rdi contains the address of the structure.



We copy the first component of p into **temp**, which is held in %rax.



We then copy the second component into %rdx.



The second component, which we'd copied into %rdx, is now copied into the first component of the structure itself.



Finally, we update the second component, copying into it what had been the first component.





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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	-	
	<u>.</u>	-	
F	lan	Address Computation	Addross
Express	sion	Address Computation	Audress
Ox8(%r	dx)	Oxf000 + 0x8	0xf008
Express 0x8(%r (%rdx,	dx) %rcx)	0xf000 + 0x8 0xf000 + 0x100	0xf008 0xf100
0x8(%rd (%rdx, (%rdx,	dx) %rcx) %rcx, 4)	Address Computation 0xf000 + 0x8 0xf000 + 0x100 0xf000 + 4*0x0100	0xf008 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: 1007:	0x09 0x08 0x07
movq \$1000,%rax movq \$1,%rbx movl 2(%rax,%rbx,2),%ecx	1006: 1005: 1004: 1003:	0x06 0x05 0x04 0x03
 a) 0x04050607 b) 0x07060504 c) 0x06070809 d) 0x09080706 	1002: 1001: %rax → 1000:	0x02 0x01 0x00
	Hint:	
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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.



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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;
}</pre>
```

Assembler Code		
ASum:		
testq	%rsi, %rsi	
je	.L4	
movq	%rdi, %rdx	
leaq	(%rdi,%rsi,8), %rcx	
movl	\$0, %edx	
.L3:		
addq	(%rax), %rdx	
addq	\$8, %rax	
cmpq	%rcx, %rdx	
jne	.L3	
.L1:		
movq	%rdx, %rax	
ret		
.L4:		
movl	\$0, %eax	
jmp	.L1	

Here is the assembler code produced by gcc from the C code of the previous slide.

Code for ASum		
	Assembler	
Ux112b <asum>:</asum>	– translates .s into .o	
0x48 0x85	 binary encoding of each instruction 	
0xf6 0x74	 nearly complete image of executable code 	
0x19 0x48 0x80	 missing linkages between code in different files 	
0x89 0xfa 0x48 0x8d • Total of 35 bytes	• Linker	
	es – resolves references between files	
0x0c • Each instruction	on: – combines with static run-time libraries	
Starts at addre	» e.g., code for printf	
• 0x112b	 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.

0000000000	000112b <asum>:</asum>		
112b:	48 85 f6	test	%rsi,%rsi
112e:	74 19	je	1149 <asum+0x1e></asum+0x1e>
1130:	48 89 fa	mov	%rdi,%rdx
1133:	48 8d 0c 17	lea	(%rd1,%rs1,8),%rcx
1137:	68 00 00 00 00	mov	\$0x0, *eax
1130:	48 03 02	add	(%rdx),%rax
1131:	48 83 C2 U8	add	\$0x8, %rdx
1143:	48 39 ca	cmp	%rcx,%rdx
1146:	75 ±4	Jne	113c $\langle ASum + 0x11 \rangle$
1148:	C3	retq	*• • •
1149:	00 00 00 00 88	mov	\$0x0,*eax
114e:	C3	retq	
Disassemb	oler		
chidum -			
oplamip -			
 – useful too 	ol for examining obje	ct code	
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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
0x112b:	Dump of assembler code for function ASum:
0x48	0x112b <+0>: test %rsi,%rsi
0x85	0x112e <+3>: je 0x1149 <asum+30></asum+30>
0x16	0x1130 <+5>: mov %rdi,%rdx
0x19	0x1133 <+8>: lea (%rdi,%rsi,8),%rcx
0x48	0x1137 <+12>: mov \$0x0,%eax
0x89	
0xfa	
0x48	
0x8d	 Within gdb debugger
0x0c	gdb <file></file>
0xf7	disassemble ASum
	discontration the ACum shipst and
•	– disassemble the ASum object code
•	x/35xb 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 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!



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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").



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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**.





Note, again, that the value that a function returns is put into %rax (or its 32-bit version, %eax).

Quiz 3	
 What is the final 	value in %ecx?
xorl %ecx, %ecx	
incl %ecx	
shll %cl, %ecx	# %cl is the low byte of %ecx
addl %ecx, %ecx	
a) 0	
b) 2	
c) 4	
d) 8	
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Note that xor'ing anything with itself results in 0.