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Computer Systems Organization

Machine Level – Assembly (x86-64) basics

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Moving Data

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movq Source, Dest

- Operand Types

- **Immediate:** Constant integer data

- Example: \$0x400, \$-533
 - Like C constant, but prefixed with '\$'

- **Register:** One of 16 integer registers

- Example: %rax, %r13
 - But %rsp reserved for special use
 - Others have special uses for particular instructions (later on that)

- **Memory:** 8 consecutive bytes of memory at address given by register

- Simplest example: (%rax)
 - We will see various other "address modes" later.

%rax

%rcx

%rdx

%rbx

%rsi

%rdi

%rsp

%rbp

%rN

movq Operand Combinations

	Source	Dest	Src,Dest	C Analog
movq	Imm	Reg	movq \$0x4,%rax	temp = 0x4;
		Mem	movq \$-147,(%rax)	*p = -147;
	Reg	Reg	movq %rax,%rdx	temp2 = temp1;
	Reg	Mem	movq %rax,(%rdx)	*p = temp;
	Mem	Reg	movq (%rax),%rdx	temp = *p;

No memory-to-memory instruction

movq

C Declaration	Intel Data Type	Assembly code suffix	Size (bytes)
Char	Byte	b	1
Short	Word	w	2
Int	Double Word	l	4
Long	Quad Word	q	8
Pointer	Quad Word	q	8

Simple Memory Addressing Modes

- Normal: $(R) \rightarrow \text{Mem}[\text{Reg}[R]]$
 - Register R specifies memory address to read from/write to

`movq (%rcx),%rax`

- Displacement : $D(R) \rightarrow \text{Mem}[\text{Reg}[R]+D]$
 - Register R specifies start of memory region
 - Constant displacement D specifies offset in bytes

`movq 8(%rbp),%rdx`

Example of Simple Addressing Modes

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

swap:

... some setup code

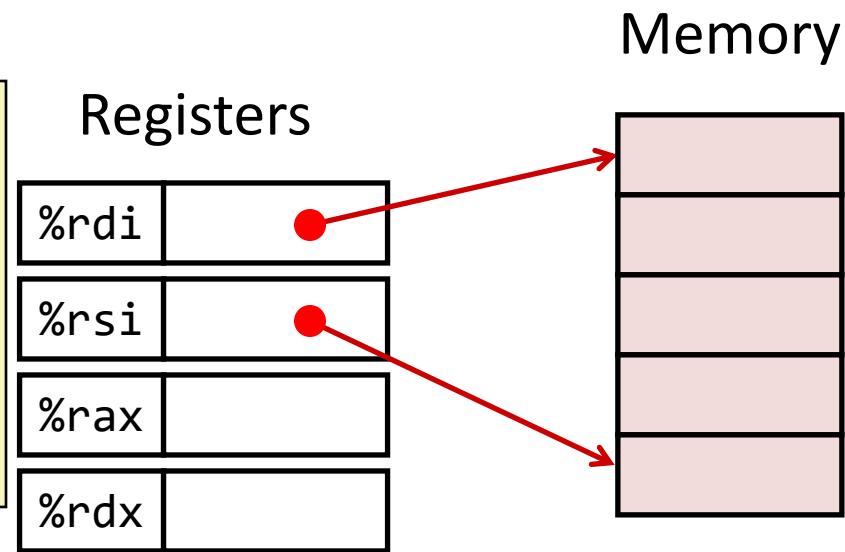
movq (%rdi), %rax
movq (%rsi), %rdx
movq %rdx, (%rdi)
movq %rax, (%rsi)

... wrap-up code

ret

Understanding swap()

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

swap:

```
    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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Registers

%rdi	0x120
%rsi	0x100
%rax	
%rdx	

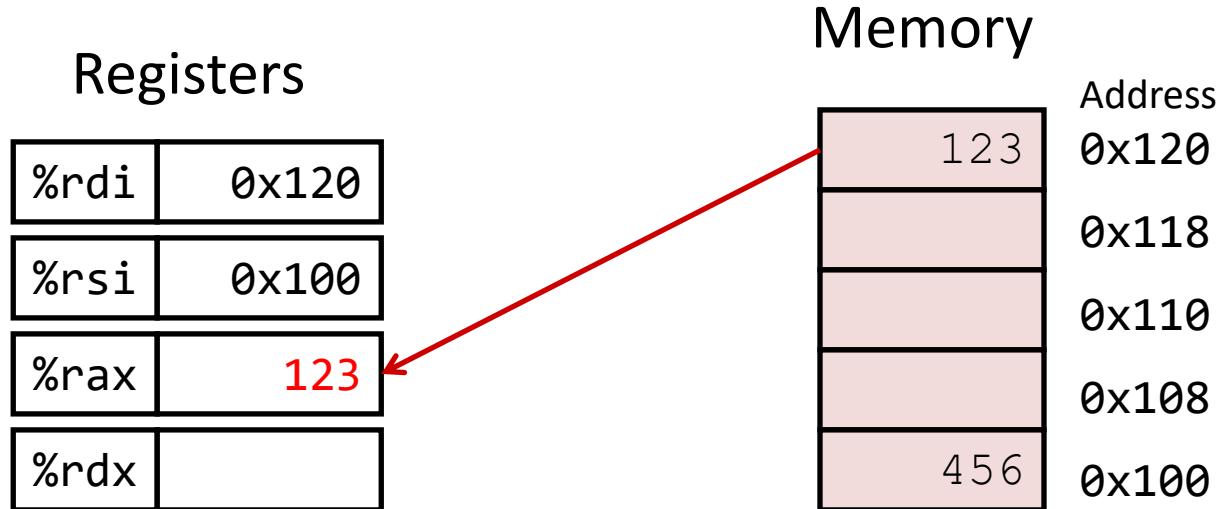
Memory

123	Address 0x120
	0x118
	0x110
	0x108
456	0x100

swap:

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    movq    (%rsi), %rdx    # t1 = *yp
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    ret
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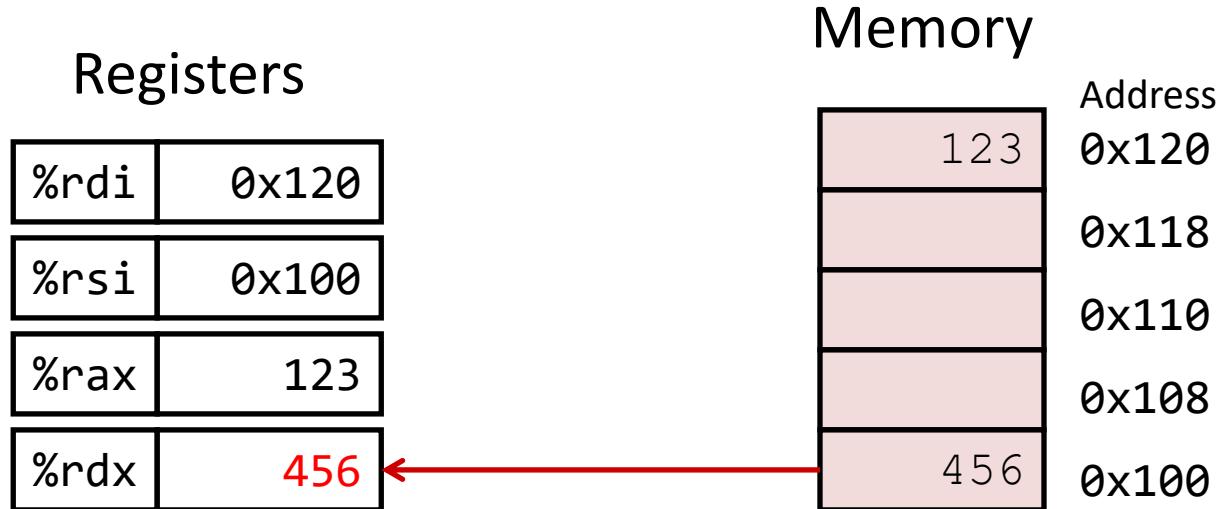
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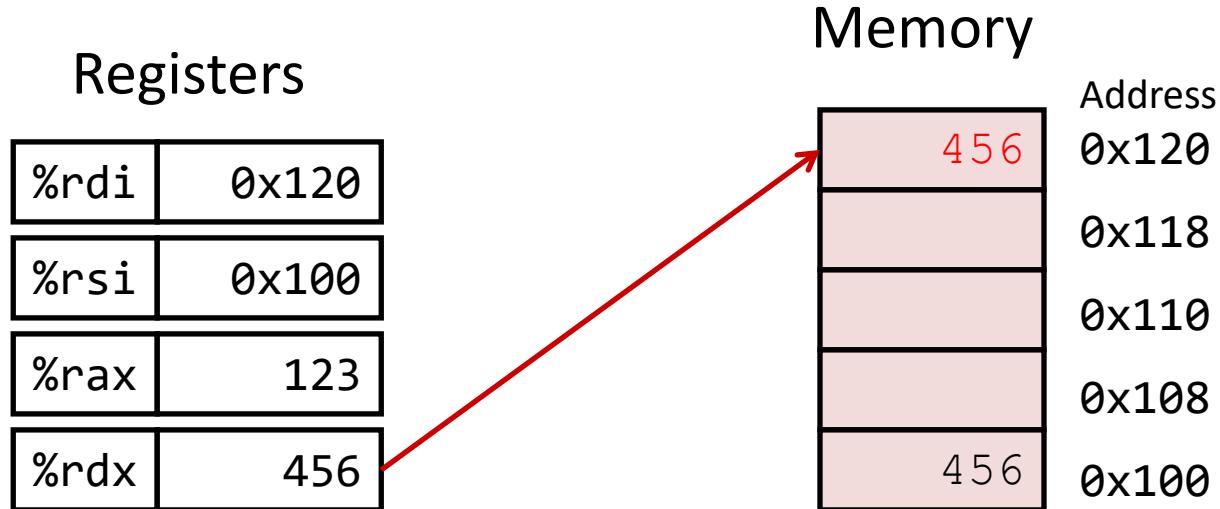
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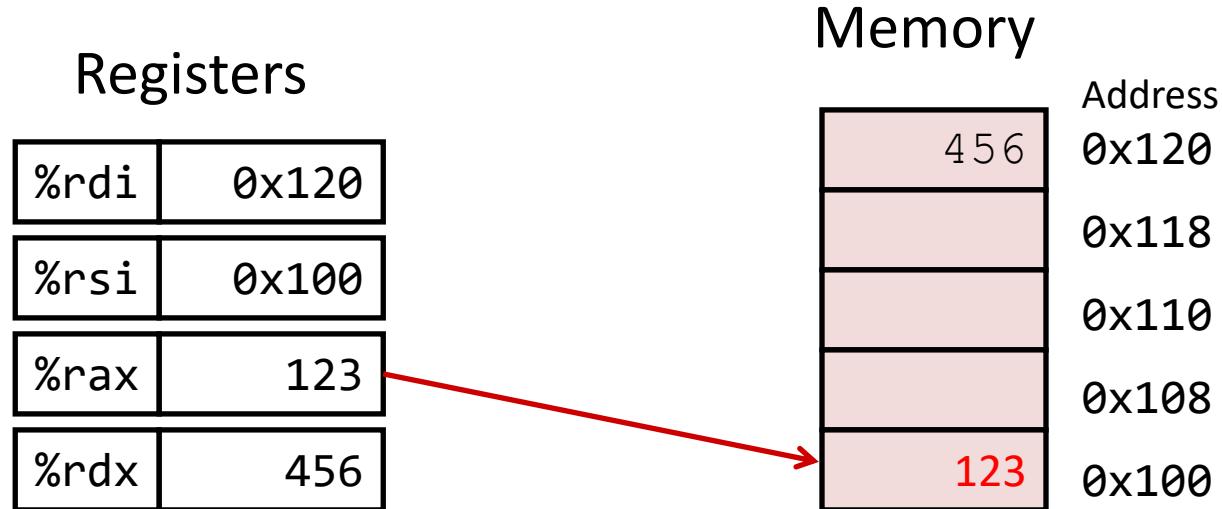
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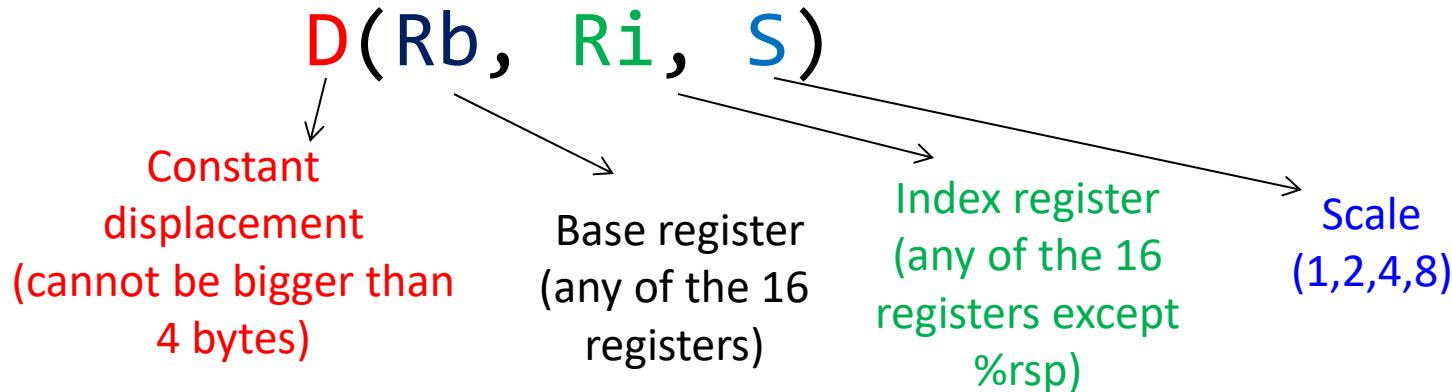


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General Memory Addressing Modes

- Most General Form



$$\text{Mem}[\text{Reg}[Rb] + S * \text{Reg}[Ri] + D]$$

- Special Cases

(Rb,Ri)

$\text{Mem}[\text{Reg}[Rb]] + \text{Reg}[Ri]$

D(Rb,Ri)

$\text{Mem}[\text{Reg}[Rb]] + \text{Reg}[Ri] + D$

(Rb,Ri,S)

$\text{Mem}[\text{Reg}[Rb]] + S * \text{Reg}[Ri]$

Address Computation Examples

%rdx	0xf000
%rcx	0x0100

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

Address Computation Instruction

- **leaq *Src, Dst***
 - *Src* is address mode expression
 - Set *Dst* to address calculated for *src*
- Uses
 - Computing addresses without a memory access
 - E.g., translation of `p = &x[i];`
 - Computing arithmetic expressions of the form $x + k*y$
 - $k = 1, 2, 4, \text{ or } 8$
- Example

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

Converted to ASM by compiler:

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

Summary

- History of Intel processors and architectures
 - Evolutionary design leads to many quirks and artifacts
- C, assembly, machine code
 - Compiler must transform statements, expressions, procedures into low-level instruction sequences
- Assembly Basics: Registers, operands, move
 - The x86 move instructions cover wide range of data movement forms

Arithmetic & Logic Operations

Some Arithmetic Operations

- Two Operand Instructions, examples:

<i>Format</i>	<i>Computation</i>		
addq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Dest + Src	
subq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Dest – Src	
imulq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Dest * Src	
salq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Dest << Src	← <i>Also called shlq</i>
sarq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Dest >> Src	← <i>Arithmetic</i>
shrq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Dest >> Src	← <i>Logical</i>
xorq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Dest ^ Src	
andq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Dest & Src	
orq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Dest Src	

- Watch out for argument order!
- No distinction between signed and unsigned int (why?)

Some Arithmetic Operations

- One Operand Instructions

incq *Dest* $Dest = Dest + 1$

decq *Dest* $Dest = Dest - 1$

negq *Dest* $Dest = -Dest$

notq *Dest* $Dest = \sim Dest$

- See book and other references 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:

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leaq	4(%rdi,%rdx), %rcx
imulq	%rcx, %rax
ret	

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imulq   %rcx, %rax  
ret
```

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument x
%rsi	Argument y
%rdx	Argument z
%rax	t1, t2, rval
%rdx	t4
%rcx	t5

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imulq   %rcx, %rax  
ret
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- Instructions in different order from C code
- Some expressions require multiple instructions
- Some instructions cover multiple expressions