

# Assembly: Data movement and arithmetic operations.

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# Looking ahead

## Class plan

1. Quiz 6 is now an ungraded anonymous survey about PA2 and code review.
2. Today, Tuesday, 3/2: Data movement and arithmetic.
3. Thursday, 3/4: Assembly control flow.
4. Code review session for PA2 is the week of 3/8 - 3/12. TAs will take attendance to assign participation points.
5. Reading assignment for next three weeks: CS:APP Chapter 3.
6. Programming Assignment 3 on bits, bytes, integers, floats out. Due Monday March 22.

# Programming Assignment 3: Quickstart

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# Data movement instructions

## Does unsigned / signed matter?

1. `void swap_uc ( unsigned char*a, unsigned char*b );`
2. `void swap_sc ( signed char*a, signed char*b );`

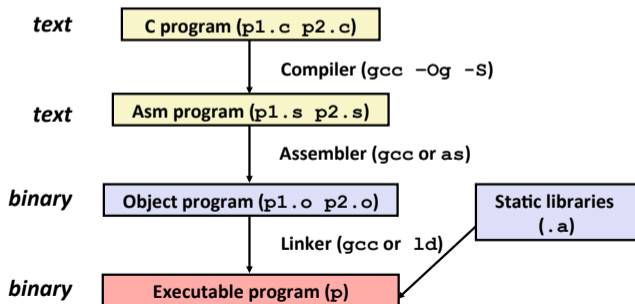
## Swapping different data sizes

1. `void swap_c ( char*a, char*b );`
2. `void swap_s ( short*a, short*b );`
3. `void swap_i ( int*a, int*b );`
4. `void swap_l ( long*a, long*b );`

# Unraveling the compilation chain

## 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`



▶ `gcc -Og -S swap.c`

▶ `objdump -d swap`

Let's go to CS:APP textbook lecture slides (05-machine-basics.pdf) slide 28

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# Data size and x86 / x86-64 registers

## Assembly syntax

Instruction Source, Dest

```
swap_l:  
  movq (%rsi), %rax  
  movq (%rdi), %rdx  
  movq %rdx, (%rsi)  
  movq %rax, (%rdi)  
  ret
```

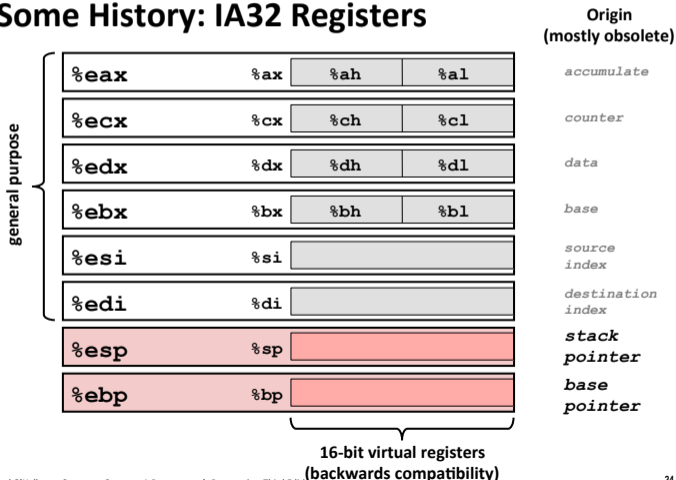
swap	data type	mov operation	registers
swap_uc	unsigned char	movb (move byte)	%al, %dl
swap_sc	signed char	movb (move byte)	%al, %dl
swap_c	char	movb (move byte)	%al, %dl
swap_s	short	movw (move word)	%ax, %dx
swap_i	int	movl	%eax, %edx
swap_l	long	movq	%rax, %rdx

# Data size and IA32, x86, and x86-64 registers

## Some History: IA32 Registers

data type	registers
char	%al, %dl
short	%ax, %dx
int	%eax, %edx
long	%rax, %rdx

Note the backward compatibility.



# Data size and IA32, x86, and x86-64 registers

## x86-64 Integer Registers

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

- Can reference low-order 4 bytes (also low-order 1 & 2 bytes)

data type	registers
char	<code>%al</code> , <code>%dl</code>
short	<code>%ax</code> , <code>%dx</code>
int	<code>%eax</code> , <code>%edx</code>
long	<code>%rax</code> , <code>%rdx</code>

Note the backward compatibility.

# Data size and IA32, x86, and x86-64 registers

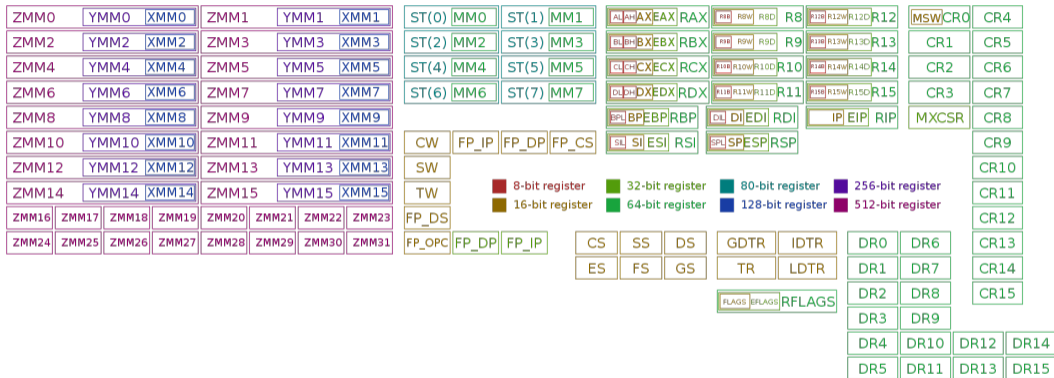


Figure: x86-64 with SIMD extensions registers. Image credit: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Table\\_of\\_x86\\_Registers\\_svg.svg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Table_of_x86_Registers_svg.svg)

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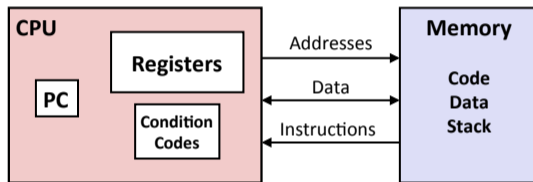
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# Moving data between memory and the CPU registers

## 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

Assembly language and machine code is about:

- ▶ Moving data between memory and registers
- ▶ Processing data in the CPU

## 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;
		Mem	movq %rax, (%rdx)	*p = temp;
	Mem	Reg	movq (%rax), %rdx	temp = *p;

***Cannot do memory-memory transfer with a single instruction***

- ▶ Already seen reg→mem and mem→reg in swap.c
- ▶ Cannot have immediate as destination.
- ▶ Cannot have mem→mem.
- ▶ See addressing\_modes.c to see example of immediate.

# addressing\_modes.c: Imm→Mem

## C code

```
void immediate ( long * ptr ) {  
    *ptr = 0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF;  
}
```

## Assembly code

```
immediate:  
    movq $-1, (%rdi)  
    ret
```

- ▶ \$ indicates the immediate value; corresponds to literals in C
- ▶ (%rdi) indicates memory location at address stored in %rdi register



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## addressing\_modes.c: Imm→Mem (with displacement)

### C code

```
void displacement_l ( long * ptr ) {  
    ptr[1] = 0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF;  
}
```

### Assembly code

```
displacement_l:  
    movq $-1, 8(%rdi)  
    ret
```

- ▶ `8(%rdi)` indicates memory location at address stored in `%rdi` register + 8

## addressing\_modes.c: Imm→Mem (with displacement)

function signature	assembly code
<code>void displacement_c ( char * ptr );</code>	<code>movb \$-1, 1(%rdi)</code>
<code>void displacement_s ( short * ptr );</code>	<code>movw \$-1, 2(%rdi)</code>
<code>void displacement_i ( int * ptr );</code>	<code>movl \$-1, 4(%rdi)</code>
<code>void displacement_l ( long * ptr );</code>	<code>movq \$-1, 8(%rdi)</code>

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## addressing\_modes.c: Imm→Mem (with index)

### C code

```
void index_l ( long * ptr, long index ) {  
    ptr[index] = 0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF;  
}
```

- ▶ `(%rdi,%rsi,8)` indicates memory location at address stored in `%rdi` register +  $8 \times$  value stored in `%rsi` register

### Assembly code

```
index_l:  
    movq $-1, (%rdi,%rsi,8)  
    ret
```

## addressing\_modes.c: Imm→Mem (with index)

function signature	assembly code
<code>void index_c ( char * ptr, long index );</code>	<code>movb \$-1, (%rdi,%rsi)</code>
<code>void index_s ( short * ptr, long index );</code>	<code>movw \$-1, (%rdi,%rsi,2)</code>
<code>void index_i ( int * ptr, long index );</code>	<code>movl \$-1, (%rdi,%rsi,4)</code>
<code>void index_l ( long * ptr, long index );</code>	<code>movq \$-1, (%rdi,%rsi,8)</code>

# addressing\_modes.c: Imm→Mem (with displacement and index)

## C code

```
void displacement_and_index ( long * ptr, long index ) {  
    ptr[index+1] = 0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF;  
}
```

- ▶ `8(%rdi,%rsi,8)` indicates memory location at address stored in `%rdi` register +  $8 \times$  value stored in `%rsi` register + 8

## Assembly code

```
displacement_and_index:  
    movq $-1, 8(%rdi,%rsi,8)  
    ret
```

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# Sign extension due to unsigned and signed data types

Converting to a data type with more bits:

```
unsigned short uc_to_us ( unsigned char input ) {  
    return input;  
}
```

function signature	assembly code
unsigned short uc_to_us ( unsigned char input );	movzbl %dil, %eax
signed short uc_to_ss ( unsigned char input );	movzbl %dil, %eax
unsigned short sc_to_us ( signed char input );	movsbw %dil, %eax
signed short sc_to_ss ( signed char input );	movsbw %dil, %eax

- ▶ movz: zero extension in the MSBs
- ▶ movs: signed extension in the MSBs