

x86 general-purpose registers

(most significant)	(least)		
[.....]		eax	32 bits
	[.....]	ax	16 bits
	[.....]	ah	8 bits
	[.....]	al	8 bits
[.....]		ebx	
	[.....]	bx	
	[.....]	bh	
	[.....]	bl	
[.....]		ecx	
	[.....]	cx	
	[.....]	ch	
	[.....]	cl	
[.....]		edx	
	[.....]	dx	
	[.....]	dh	
	[.....]	dl	
[.....]		esi	
[.....]		edi	

Referred to as %eax, %ebx, %ecx, %edx, %esi, %edi, etc.

INSTRUCTION: **mov** **SOURCE, DESTINATION**

definition: moves "SOURCE" into "DESTINATION"

commonly has trailing character that indicates size of move, e.g.,

movb - move a byte

movl - move "long" or 4 bytes (that's an L after mov, not a one)

movq - quad or 8 bytes

our focus: movl (mostly)

Initial (limited) usage

- source=number ("immediate") destination=register

e.g., mov \$10, %eax

- source=register

destination=register

e.g., mov %eax, %ebx

Later, we will add different types of operands for mov

INSTRUCTION: **addl SOURCE, DESTINATION**

definition: adds SOURCE and DESTINATION, puts result into DESTINATION
i.e., $DESTINATION = DESTINATION + SOURCE$

limited usage (for now):

- source=number ("immediate") destination=register
- source=register destination=register

INSTRUCTION: **subl SOURCE, DESTINATION**

definition: $DESTINATION = DESTINATION - SOURCE$

limited usage (for now):

- source=number ("immediate") destination=register
- source=register destination=register

INSTRUCTION: **imull SOURCE, DESTINATION**

definition: $DESTINATION = DESTINATION * SOURCE$

alternate:

imull AUX, SOURCE, DESTINATION

definition: $DESTINATION = AUX * SOURCE$

limited usage (for now):

- source=number ("immediate") destination=register
- source=register destination=register
- (aux=immediate)

INSTRUCTION: **idivl DIVISOR**

definition: contents of %edx:%eax (64 bit number) divided by DIVISOR
quotient -> %eax
remainder -> %edx

limited usage (for now):

- divisor=register

Notes: A bit weird in its usage of VERY SPECIFIC registers!

Problem #1

Write assembly to:

- move value 1 into %eax
- add 10 to it and put result into %eax

Problem #2

Expression: $3 + 6 * 2$

Use one register (%eax), and 3 instructions to compute this piece-by-piece

Problem #3

```
movl $0, %edx
movl $7, %eax
movl $3, %ebx
idivl %ebx
movl %eax, %ecx
movl $0, %edx
movl $9, %eax
movl $2, %ebx
idivl %ebx
movl %edx, %eax
addl %ecx, %eax
```

Write simple C expression that is equivalent to these instructions

Many x86 instructions can refer to **memory addresses**; these addresses take on many different forms.

ABSOLUTE/DIRECT addressing

definition: just use a number as an address

```
movl 1000, %eax
```

gets contents (4 bytes) of memory at address 1000, puts into %eax

NOTE: DIFFERENT than `movl $1000, %eax`

(which just moves the VALUE 1000 into %eax)

INDIRECT addressing

definition: address is in register

```
movl (%eax), %ebx
```

treat contents of %eax as address, get contents from that address, put into %ebx

BASE + DISPLACEMENT addressing

definition: address in register PLUS displacement value (an offset)

```
movl 8(%eax), %ebx
```

address = 8 + contents of eax

get contents from that address, put into %ebx

INDEXED addressing

definition: use one register as base, other as index

```
movl 4(%eax, %ecx), %ebx
```

address = 4 + contents[eax] + contents[ecx]

get contents from that address, put into %ebx

SCALED INDEXED addressing (most general form)

definition: use one register as base, other as index, scale index by constant (e.g., 1, 2, 4, 8)

```
movl 4(%eax, %ecx, 8), %ebx
```

address = 4 + contents[eax] + 8*contents[ecx]

get contents from that address, put into %ebx

Problem #4 (from CSAPP 3.1)

Memory

Address	Value
0x100	0xFF
0x104	0xAB
0x108	0x13
0x10C	0x11

Registers

%eax	0x100
%ecx	0x1
%edx	0x3

Value of:

%eax _____

0x104 _____

\$0x108 _____

(%eax) _____

4(%eax) _____

9(%eax, %edx) _____

260(%ecx, %edx) _____

0xFC(,%ecx, 4) _____

(%eax, %edx, 4) _____

New register to help with stack: esp (extended stack pointer)

Referred to as %esp

[.....]	eax	32 bits
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[.....]	ah	8 bits
[.....]	al	8 bits
[.....]	ebx	
[.....]	bx	
[.....]	bh	
[.....]	bl	
[.....]	ecx	
[.....]	cx	
[.....]	ch	
[.....]	cl	
[.....]	edx	
[.....]	dx	
[.....]	dh	
[.....]	dl	
[.....]	esi	
[.....]	edi	
[.....]	esp	32 bits
[.....]	eip	32 bits

Points to "top of stack" when program is running

Changes often (room for local variables, function call/return, etc.)

Can use normal instructions to interact with it, e.g., addl, subl

Can also use special instructions (we'll see this later)

Problem #5

Use instructions to:

- Increase size of stack by 4 bytes
- Store an integer value 10 into the top of the stack
- Retrieve that value and put it into %ecx
- Add 5 to it
- Put final value into %eax

Condition codes: new bits in hidden %eflags register.

Some instructions set those bits based on comparisons:

cmp, test

Other instructions change control flow (%eip) based on results:

jmp family

INSTRUCTION: **cmpl B, A**

computes A-B (but doesn't put result anywhere)

condition codes (incomplete):

zero flag : ZF=1 if (A-B) == 0 otherwise ZF=0

signed flag : SF=1 if (A-B) < 0 otherwise SF=0

INSTRUCTION: **jmp** TARGET always changes %eip to TARGET

INSTRUCTION: **je** TARGET %eip=TARGET if ZF==1

INSTRUCTION: **jne** TARGET %eip=TARGET if ZF== _____

INSTRUCTION: **jg** TARGET %eip=TARGET if _____

INSTRUCTION: **jge** TARGET %eip=TARGET if _____

INSTRUCTION: **jl** TARGET %eip=TARGET if _____

INSTRUCTION: **jle** TARGET %eip=TARGET if _____

Problem #6

Assume value of a is in %eax, and value of b is in %ebx

Write x86 assembly code for:

```
if (a > b) {  
    a++;  
}
```

Problem #7

Assume value of a is in %eax, and value of b is in %ebx

Write x86 assembly code for:

```
if (a > b) {  
    a++;  
} else {  
    b = a;  
}
```

Problem #8

Assume value of a is in %eax, and value of b is in %ebx

Write x86 assembly code for:

```
while (b > 0) {  
    a++;  
    b--;  
}
```