Memory & data

Integers & floats

## We made it! 🕲



## Today

- Imploring you to do your course evaluations, please!
- I'm Just a Program
  - End-to-end review

### Victory lap and high-level concepts (major *points*)

- More useful for "5 years from now" than "next week's final"
- Question time

### **Final Exam**

- Wednesday, June 8, 2:30pm-4:20pm
  - Right here in Miller 301.

### We've covered a lot this quarter!

- I know it's a lot to review
- But probably less time pressure than midterm

### Will cover material from the entire course

- Focuses primarily on the material from the second half
- But we've been building on the earlier stuff, so expect to still see concepts and material from the first half
- Best way to get a feel for it is to look at past exams (that's what I'm doing!)

## **Course Evaluations**

- Really matters, and 90-100% response rate makes them much more useful than 60%
  - Have to guess what sampling bias is for "missing 40%"
- We really do take them seriously and use them to improve!
  - This is my first time teaching, so I especially need your feedback!
  - I've been sticking to mostly what has been done before, but we need you all to help us figure out how to make it better and more useful!
- Evaluations close this Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm
  - I don't know why it's so early, but please please please do it!
  - I still can't see them until after I submit grades. ☺
    - But you can't see the final until after...;)

Course Wrap-up

## I'm Just a Bill (I mean, Program)

#### How Code Becomes A Program.



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## How Code Becomes A Program.

Source code in high-level language



## **Instruction Set Architecture**



Course Wrap-up

## **Assembly Programmer's View**



- Address of next instruction
- Also called "PC" ("program counter")
- Named registers
  - Heavily used program data
  - Together, called "register file"
- Condition codes
  - Used for conditional branching

- Memory
  - Byte addressable array
  - 2<sup>64</sup> virtual addresses (18 exabytes)
  - Private, all to you yourself...

Course Wrap-up

### **Program's View** CPU Memory 2<sup>N</sup>-1 Registers %rip High addresses Stack Condition Codes **Dynamic Data** (Heap) **Static Data** Literals





variables allocated with *new* or *malloc* 

*static* variables (global variables in C)

Large constants (e.g., "example")

## **Program's View**

### Instructions

- Data movement
  - mov, movz, movz
  - push, pop
- Arithmetic
  - add, sub, imul
- Control flow
  - cmp, test
  - \_ jmp, je, jgt, ...
    - call, ret

### **Operand types**

- Literal: \$8
  - Register: %rdi, %al
  - Memory: D(Rb,Ri,S) = D+Rb+Ri\*S

lea;not a memory access!

Low addresses  $\mathbf{0}$ 



## **Program's View**

### Procedures

- Essential abstraction
- Recursion...

### Stack discipline

- Stack frame per call
- Local variables

### Calling convention

- How to pass arguments
  - Diane's Silk Dress Costs \$89
- How to return data
- Return address
- <u>Calle</u>r-saved / <u>callee</u>-saved registers





local variables; procedure context

variables allocated with *new* or *malloc* 

static variables (global variables in C)

Large constants (e.g., "example")

Low addresses **C** 

## **Program's View**



- Variable size
- Variable lifetime

### Allocator

- Balance throughput and memory utilization
- Data structures to keep track of free blocks.

### Garbage collection

- Must always free memory
- Garbage collectors help by finding anything reachable
- Failing to free results in memory leaks.







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#### But remember... it's all an illusion! CPU Memory 2N\_1 Registers %rip High addresses local variables; Stack procedure context Condition Codes **Context switches Dynamic Data** variables allocated with new or malloc (Heap) Don't really have <u>CPU</u> to yourself static variables (global variables in C) Static Data Virtual Memory Don't really have 2<sup>64</sup> bytes of Large constants Literals (e.g., "example") memory all to yourself. Allows for *indirection* (remap Instructions physical pages, sharing...) Low addresses

#### But remember... it's all an illusion! Process 3 **Process 2** CPU Memory Registers %ri Stack Condition Codes Dynamic Data (Heap) Static Data Literals Instructions Low Fork addrace **Process 1** Creates copy of the process CPU Memory Exec Registers High addresse Stack Condition Replace with new program Codes Dynamic Dat (Heap) Wait Static Data Wait for child to die (to *reap* it, Literals and prevent zombies) Instructions Hardware

Course Wrap-up

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## **Virtual Memory**



### Address Translation

- Every memory access must first be converted from virtual to physical!!
- Indirection: just change the address mapping when switching processes!
- Luckily, TLB (and page size) makes it pretty fast.

### But memory is also a lie!



### Illusion of one flat array of bytes

- But caches invisibly make accesses (to physical addresses) faster!
- Locality: temporal vs spatial

### Caches

- Need to be fast, so direct-mapped/indexed (sets)
- Need to be flexible, so associative (ways)



# C: The Low Level-High Level Language

- Along the way, we learned about C data types...
- Primitive types: fixed sizes & alignments
  - Endianness: only applies to memory; is the first byte the least significant (little endian) or most (big)?
- Pointers: addresses with a type
  - Always point at the beginning of the

### Arrays

- Contiguous chunks of memory
- 2D arrays = still one continuous chunk
- Nested arrays: array of pointers to other arrays
- Buffer Overflow: No array bounds checks in C!!!
  - How do we protect against them?
- Structs





### Nested Array Example

typedef int zip\_dig[5];

sea[3][2];



Remember, **T A**[**N**] is an array with elements of type **T**, with length **N** 



- "Row-major" ordering of all elements
- Elements in the same row are contiguous
- Guaranteed (in C)

## Multi-Level Array Example

**int**\* univ[3] = {uw, cmu, ucb};

- Variable univ denotes array of 3 elements
- Each element is a pointer

8 bytes each

 Each pointer points to array of ints



Note: this is how Java represents multi-dimensional arrays.

## **Array Element Accesses**

### **Nested array**



#### Multi-level array

int get\_univ\_digit
(int index, int digit)

return univ[index][digit];



Access *looks* the same, but it isn't:

Mem[sea+20\*index+4\*digit]

Mem[Mem[univ+8\*index]+4\*digit]

# C: The Low Level-High Level Language

### Structs

- Each primitive element must be aligned
- Overall struct must be aligned to alignment of largest primitive member, size must be multiple of that as well.
- Fragmentation
  - Internal fragmentation: space between members
  - External fragmentation: space after last member, inside the struct



## Java: A High Level Language

### Java Virtual Machine is an interpreter

- Just need to port the JVM to your machine, then it can run your program
- It has its own "Assembly Program's View"



### Victory Lap

### A victory lap is an extra trip around the track

 By the exhausted victors (that's us) <sup>(C)</sup>

#### **Review course goals**

- Slides from Lecture 1
- What makes CSE351 special



#### Next 7 slides copied without change from Lecture 1

### They should make much more sense now!

## Welcome!

### 10 weeks to see the key abstractions "under the hood" to describe "what really happens" when a program runs

- How is it that "everything is 1s and 0s"?
- Where does all the data get stored and how do you find it?
- How can more than one program run at once?
- What happens to a Java or C program before the hardware can execute it?
- What is The Stack and The Heap?
- And much, much, much more...

### An *introduction* that will:

- Profoundly change/augment your view of computers and programs
- Connect your source code down to the hardware
- Leave you impressed that computers ever work.

## C/Java, assembly, and machine code



- The three program fragments are equivalent
- You'd rather write C! (more human-friendly)
- <u>Hardware</u> likes bit strings!
  - Everything is voltages
  - The machine instructions are actually much shorter than the number of bits we would need to represent the characters in the assembly language

## The Big Theme: Abstractions and Interfaces

- Computing is about abstractions
  - (but we can't forget reality)
- What are the abstractions that we use?
- What do you need to know about them?
  - When do they break down and you have to peek under the hood?
  - What bugs can they cause and how do you find them?
- How does the hardware (Os and 1s, processor executing instructions) relate to the software (C/Java programs)?
  - Become a better programmer and begin to understand the important concepts that have evolved in building ever more complex computer systems

## Little Theme 1: Representation

- All digital systems represent everything as 0s and 1s
  - The 0 and 1 are really two different voltage ranges in the wires
  - Or magnetic positions on a disc, or hole depths on a DVD, or even DNA...

### • "Everything" includes:

- Numbers integers and floating point
- Characters the building blocks of strings
- Instructions the directives to the CPU that make up a program
- Pointers addresses of data objects stored away in memory

### These encodings are stored throughout a computer system

In registers, caches, memories, disks, etc.

### They all need addresses

- A way to find them
- Find a new place to put a new item
- Reclaim the place in memory when data no longer needed

## **Little Theme 2: Translation**

- There is a big gap between how we think about programs and data and the 0s and 1s of computers
- Need languages to describe what we mean
- These languages need to be translated one level at a time
- We know Java as a programming language
  - Have to work our way down to the 0s and 1s of computers
  - Try not to lose anything in translation!
  - We'll encounter Java byte-codes, C language, assembly language, and machine code (for the X86 family of CPU architectures)
    - Not in that order, but will all connect by the last lecture!!!

## **Little Theme 3: Control Flow**

How do computers orchestrate everything they are doing?

### Within one program:

- How do we implement if/else, loops, switches?
- What do we have to keep track of when we call a procedure, and then another, and then another, and so on?
- How do we know what to do upon "return"?

### Across programs and operating systems:

- Multiple user programs
- Operating system has to orchestrate them all
  - Each gets a share of computing cycles
  - They may need to share system resources (memory, I/O, disks)
- Yielding and taking control of the processor
  - Voluntary or "by force"?

## **Course Perspective**

### CSE351 will make you a better programmer

- Purpose is to show how software really works
- Understanding the underlying system makes you more effective
  - Better debugging
  - Better basis for evaluating performance
  - How multiple activities work in concert (e.g., OS and user programs)
- Not just a course for hardware enthusiasts!
  - What every CSE major needs to know (plus many more details)
  - See many **patterns** that come up over and over in computing (like caching)
- Like other 300-level courses,
   "stuff everybody learns and uses and forgets not knowing"

### CSE351 presents a world-view that will empower you

 The intellectual tools and software tools to understand the trillions+ of 1s and 0s that are "flying around" when your program runs

### HTTP://XKCD.COM/676/



### And of course don't forget...

## **Memory Hierarchy**



## Thanks for a great quarter!

### Thanks to your awesome TAs!

- Everything that went smoothly was probably because of them!
- Anything that didn't was because I didn't ask them how to do it. ;)
- Thanks for laughing occasionally at stupid jokes!

### Don't be a stranger!

 (although fingers crossed, I'll graduate one of these days and you'll have to find me somewhere else)