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## The Hardware/Software Interface

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AN x64 PROCESSOR IS SCREAMING ALONG AT BILLIONS OF CYCLES PER SECOND TO RUN THE XNU KERNEL, WHICH IS FRANTICALLY WORKING THROUGH ALL THE POSIX-SPECIFIED ABSTRACTION TO CREATE THE DARWIN SYSTEM UNDERLYING OS X, WHICH IN TURN IS STRAINING ITSELF TO RUN FIREFOX AND ITS GECKO RENDERER, WHICH CREATES A PLASH OBJECT WHICH RENDERS DOZENS OF VIDEO FRAMES EVERY SECOND

BECAUSE I WANTED TO SEE A CAT JUMP INTO A BOX AND FALL OVER.



I AM A GOD.



#### **Introductions: Course Staff**



- Instructors: just call us Max and Luis (2 of us! ©)
  - PhD Student and Professor at UW
  - N<sup>th</sup> time teaching 351, Luis helped design it
  - Learn more about us and the staff on the course website!
- Super TeAm:







Britt Henderson







Daniel Snitkovskiy

- Available in section, office hours, and on Piazza
- An invaluable source of information and help
- Get to know us
  - We are here to help you succeed!

#### Introductions: You!

- ~160 students registered, split across two lectures
- CSE majors, EE majors, and more
  - Most of you will find almost everything in the course new
- Get to know each other and help each other out!
  - Learning is much more fun with friends
  - Working well with others is a valuable life skill
  - Diversity of perspectives expands your horizons





- Our goal is to teach you the key abstractions "under the hood"
  - How does your source code become something that your computer understands?
  - What happens as your computer is executing one or more processes?

#### Welcome to CSE351!



- This is an introduction that will:
  - Profoundly change/augment your view of computers and programs
  - Leave you impressed that computers ever work

#### **Code in Many Forms**

```
if (x != 0) y = (y+z)/x;
               Compiler
          $0, -4(%ebp)
    cmpl
          .L2
    jе
    movl -12 (%ebp), %eax
          -8(%ebp), %edx
   movl
         (%edx, %eax), %eax
    leal
   movl %eax, %edx
    sarl $31, %edx
    idivl -4 (%ebp)
          %eax, -8(%ebp)
   movl
.L2:
```

High Level Language (e.g. C, Java)

**Assembly Language** 

Assembler

Machine Code

## Roadmap

```
Memory & data
                                     Java:
                                                               Integers & floats
car *c = malloc(sizeof(car));
                                     Car c = new Car();
                                                               x86 assembly
c->miles
          = 100;
                                     c.setMiles(100);
                                                               Procedures & stacks
c->gals = 17;
                                     c.setGals(17);
                                                               Executables
                                     float mpg =
float mpg = get mpg(c);
free(c);
                                          c.getMPG();
                                                               Arrays & structs
                                                               Memory & caches
Assembly
              get mpg:
                                                               Processes
                  pushq_
                          %rbp
language:
                                                               Virtual memory
                          %rsp, %rbp
                  movq
                                                               Memory allocation
                                                               Java vs. C
                          %rbp
                  popq ,
                  ret
                                                 OS:
              0111010000011000
Machine
              100011010000010000000010
code:
              1000100111000010
              110000011111101000011111
                                                 Windows 10
                                                            _ OS X Yosemite
Computer
system:
```

#### **Course Perspective**

- CSE351 will make you a better programmer
  - Purpose is to show how software really works
    - Understanding of some of the abstractions that exist between programs and the hardware they run on, why they exist, and how they build upon each other
  - 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)
  - "Stuff everybody learns and uses and forgets not knowing"
- CSE351 presents a world-view that will empower you
  - The intellectual and software tools to understand the trillions+ of 1s and Os that are "flying around" when your program runs

#### **Lecture Outline**

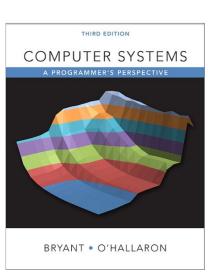
- Course Introduction
- Course Policies
  - https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse351/19wi/syllabus/
- Binary

#### **Bookmarks**

- Course Website: <a href="http://cs.uw.edu/351">http://cs.uw.edu/351</a>
  - Schedule, policies, materials, videos, assignments, etc.
- Discussion in Piazza (link in course Website):
  - Announcements made here
  - Ask and answer questions staff will monitor and contribute
- Canvas (link in course Website):
  - Assignment submissions and gradebook

#### **Textbooks**

- Computer Systems: A Programmer's Perspective
  - Randal E. Bryant and David R. O'Hallaron
  - Website: <a href="http://csapp.cs.cmu.edu">http://csapp.cs.cmu.edu</a>
  - Must be (North American) 3rd edition
    - http://csapp.cs.cmu.edu/3e/changes3e.html
    - <a href="http://csapp.cs.cmu.edu/3e/errata.html">http://csapp.cs.cmu.edu/3e/errata.html</a>
  - This book really matters for the course!
    - Lecture readings
    - Practice problems and homework
- A good C book any will do
  - The C Programming Language (Kernighan and Ritchie)
  - C: A Reference Manual (Harbison and Steele)



## **Grading**

- Homework: 20% total
  - Autograded; 20 submission attempts
  - Group work okay
- Labs: 35% total
  - Graded by TAs; last submission graded
  - Individual work only
- Exams: Midterm (15%) and Final (25%)
  - Many old exams on course website
- **EPA:** Effort, Participation, and Altruism (5%)

## **Collaboration and Academic Integrity**

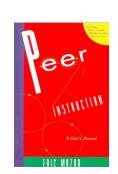
- All submissions are expected to be yours and yours alone
- You are encouraged to discuss your assignments with other students (ideas), but we expect that what you turn in is yours
- It is NOT acceptable to copy solutions from other students or to copy (or start your) solutions from the Web (including Github)
- Our goal is that \*YOU\* learn the material so you will be prepared for exams, interviews, and the future

#### **EPA**

- Encourage class-wide learning!
- Effort
  - Attending office hours, completing all assignments
  - Keeping up with Piazza activity
- Participation
  - Making the class more interactive by asking questions in lecture, section, office hours, and on Piazza
  - Peer instruction
- Altruism
  - Helping others in section, office hours, and on Piazza

#### **Peer Instruction**

 Increase real-time learning in lecture, test your understanding, increase student interactions



- Lots of research supports its effectiveness
- Multiple choice question at end of lecture "segment"
  - 1 minute to decide on your own
  - 2-4 minutes in pairs to reach consensus
  - Learn through discussion



# Some fun topics that we will touch on

- Which of the following seems the most interesting to you?
- a) What is a GFLOP and why is it used in computer benchmarks?
- b) How and why does running many programs for a long time eat into your memory (RAM)?
- c) What is stack overflow and how does it happen?
- d) Why does your computer slow down when you run out of disk space?
- e) What was the flaw behind the original Internet worm, the Heartbleed bug, and the Cloudbleed bug?
- f) What is the meaning behind the different CPU specifications?(e.g. # of cores, # and size of cache, supported memory types)

## **Tips for Success in 351**

- Attend all lectures and sections
  - Avoid devices during lecture please
- Do the textbook readings ahead of time
- Learn by doing
  - Can answer many questions by writing small programs
- Visit Piazza often
  - Ask questions and try to answer fellow students' questions
- Go to office hours
  - Even if you don't have specific questions in mind
- Find a study and homework group
- Start assignments early
- Don't be afraid to ask questions

#### **To-Do List**

#### Admin

- Explore/read website thoroughly: <a href="http://cs.uw.edu/351">http://cs.uw.edu/351</a>
- Check that you are enrolled in Piazza; read posts
- Get your machine set up for this class (VM or attu) as soon as possible

#### Assignments

- Pre-Course Survey due Friday (1/11)
- Lab 0 due Monday (1/14)
- HW 1 due next Wednesday (1/16)

#### **Lecture Outline**

- Course Introduction
- Course Policies
- \* Binary
  - Decimal, Binary, and Hexadecimal
  - Base Conversion
  - Binary Encoding

## **Decimal Numbering System**

- \* Ten symbols: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
- Represent larger numbers as a sequence of digits
  - Each digit is one of the available symbols
- \* Example: 7061 in decimal (base 10)

$$7061_{10} = (7 \times 10^{3}) + (0 \times 10^{2}) + (6 \times 10^{1}) + (1 \times 10^{0})$$

## **Octal Numbering System**



- Eight symbols: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
  - Notice that we no longer use 8 or 9
- Base comparison:
  - Base 10: <u>0</u>, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, (8) 9, <u>10</u>, 11, 12...
  - Base 8: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14...  $\frac{32}{11}$
- Example: What is 70618 in base 10?

## **Warmup Question**

What is 34<sub>8</sub> in base 10?

A. 
$$32_{10}$$
B.  $34_{10}$ 
C.  $7_{10}$ 
D.  $28_{10}$ 
E.  $35_{10}$ 

 Think on your own for a minute, then discuss with your neighbor(s) 11 Zero Dee 4

## **Binary and Hexadecimal**

- Binary is base 2
  - Symbols: 0, 1
  - Convention:  $2_{10} = 10_2 = 0b10$
- Example: What is 0b110 in base 10?
  - $0b110 = 110_2 = (1 \times 2^2) + (1 \times 2^1) + (0 \times 2^0) = 6_{10}$

$$1 \times 4 + 1 \times 2 + 0 \times 1 = 4 + 2 = 6$$

- \* Hexadecimal (hex, for short) is base 16
  - Symbols? 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F
  - Convention:  $16_{10} = 10_{16} = 0 \times 10$
- Example: What is 0xA5 in base 10?
  - $0xA5 = A5_{16} = (10 \times 16^{1}) + (5 \times 16^{0}) = 165_{10}$  $10 + 16 + 5 \times 1 = 160 + 5 = 165$

#### **Peer Instruction Question**

Which of the following orderings is correct?

A. 
$$0xC < 0b1010 < 11$$

B. 
$$0xC < 11 < 0b1010$$

C. 
$$11 < 0b1010 < 0xC$$

D. 
$$0b1010 < 11 < 0xC$$

E. 
$$0b1010 < 0xC < 11$$

 Think on your own for a minute, then discuss with your neighbor(s)

#### **Converting to Base 10**

- Can convert from any base to base 10
  - $0b110 = 110_2 = (1 \times 2^2) + (1 \times 2^1) + (0 \times 2^0) = 6_{10}$
  - $0xA5 = A5_{16} = (10 \times 16^{1}) + (5 \times 16^{0}) = 165_{10}$
- We learned to think in base 10, so this is fairly natural for us

Challenge: Convert into other bases (e.g. 2, 16)

## **Challenge Question**

Convert 13<sub>10</sub> into binary

Hints:

- $2^3 = 8$
- $2^2 = 4$
- $2^1 = 2$
- $2^0 = 1$

Discuss with your neighbor(s)

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## **Converting from Decimal to Binary**

- Given a decimal number N:
  - List increasing powers of 2 from right to left until ≥ N
  - Then from *left to right*, ask is that (power of 2)  $\leq$  N?
    - If YES, put a 1 below and subtract that power from N
    - If **NO**, put a 0 below and keep going

Example: 13 to binary

2 <sup>4</sup> =1 <u>6</u>	23=8	2 <sup>2</sup> =4	21=2	20=1
0			0	1

## **Converting from Decimal to Base B**

- Given a decimal number N:
  - List increasing powers of B from right to left until ≥ N
  - Then from *left to right*, ask is that (power of B)  $\leq N$ ?
    - If YES, put how many of that power go into N and subtract from N
    - If **NO**, put a 0 below and keep going

\* Example: 165 to hex

16 <sup>2</sup> =256	16 <sup>1</sup> =16	160=1
Ø	A	5

## **Converting Binary** ↔ **Hexadecimal**

- ♦ Hex → Binary
  - Substitute hex digits, then drop any leading zeros
  - Example: 0x2D to binary
    - 0x2 is 0b0010, 0xD is 0b1101
    - Drop two leading zeros, answer is 0b101101
- ♦ Binary → Hex
  - Pad with leading zeros until multiple of
     4, then substitute each group of 4
  - Example: 0b101101
    - Pad to 0b 0010 1101
    - Substitute to get 0x2D

Base 10	Base 2	Base 16
0	0000	0 -
1	0001	1
2	0010	2
3	0011	3
4	0100	4
5	0101	5
6	0110	6
7	0111	7
8	1000	8
9	1001	9
10	1010	А
11	1011	В
12	1100	С
13	1101	D
14	1110	Е
15	1111	F

# Binary → Hex Practice Ox DE ADBEFF Ox CORRE

Convert 0b100110110101101

■ How many digits? Y hex 15 big

■ Pad: 0100 1101 1010 1101

Substitute: Q Y D A D

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#### **Base Comparison**

- Why does all of this matter?
  - Humans think about numbers in base
     10, but computers "think" about numbers in base 2
  - Binary encoding is what allows computers to do all of the amazing things that they do!
- You should have this table memorized by the end of the class
  - Might as well start now!

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11	1011	В
12	1100	С
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## **Numerical Encoding**

- AMAZING FACT: You can represent anything countable using numbers!
  - Need to agree on an encoding
  - Kind of like learning a new language
- Examples:
  - Decimal Integers:  $0\rightarrow0b0$ ,  $1\rightarrow0b1$ ,  $2\rightarrow0b10$ , etc.
  - English Letters: CSE $\rightarrow$ 0x435345, yay $\rightarrow$ 0x796179
  - Emoticons:  $\bigcirc$  0x0,  $\bigcirc$  0x1,  $\bigcirc$  0x2,  $\bigcirc$  0x3,  $\bigcirc$  0x4,  $\bigcirc$  0x5

## **Binary Encoding**

- With N binary digits, how many "things" can you represent?
  - Need N binary digits to represent n things, where  $2^{N} \ge n$
  - **Example:** 5 binary digits for alphabet because  $2^5 = 32 > 26$

- A binary digit is known as a bit
- A group of 4 bits (1 hex digit) is called a nibble
- A group of 8 bits (2 hex digits) is called a byte
  - 1 bit  $\rightarrow$  2 things, 1 nibble  $\rightarrow$  16 things, 1 byte  $\rightarrow$  256 things

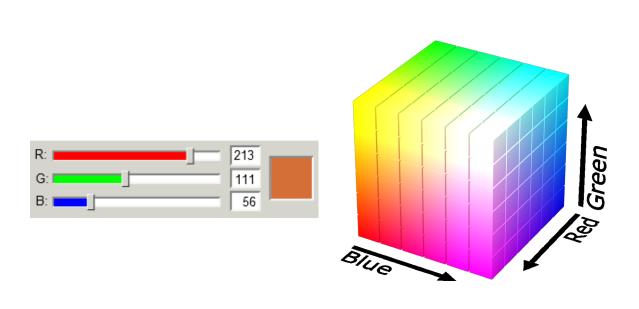
#### So What's It Mean?

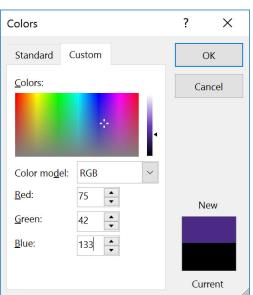
- \* A sequence of bits can have many meanings!
- Consider the hex sequence 0x4E6F21
  - Common interpretations include:
    - The decimal number 5140257
    - The characters "No!"
    - The background color of this slide
    - The real number  $7.203034 \times 10^{-39}$
- It is up to the program/programmer to decide how to interpret the sequence of bits

## Binary Encoding – Colors

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- RGB Red, Green, Blue
  - Additive color model (light): byte (8 bits) for each color
  - Commonly seen in hex (in HTML, photo editing, etc.)
  - Examples: Blue→0x0000FF, Gold→0xFFD700, White→0xFFFFFF, Deep Pink→0xFF1493





# **Binary Encoding – Characters/Text**

QYE 6F ZY

- ASCII Encoding (<u>www.asciitable.com</u>)
  - American Standard Code for Information Interchange

```
Dec Hx Oct Html Chr
                                                         Dec Hx Oct Html Chrl Dec Hx Oct Html Chr
Dec Hx Oct Char
   0 000 NUL (null)
                                     32 20 040   Space
                                                           64 40 100 @ 0
                                                                             96 60 140 @#96;
                                     33 21 041 @#33; !
    1 001 SOH (start of heading)
                                                           65 41 101 A A
                                                                             97 61 141 @#97;
                                     34 22 042 4#34; "
                                                           66 42 102 B B
                                                                             98 62 142 4#98;
    2 002 STX (start of text)
                                     35 23 043 4#35; #
                                                          67 43 103 C C
                                                                             99 63 143 4#99; 0
    3 003 ETX (end of text)
    4 004 EOT (end of transmission)
                                     36 24 044 $ 🗧
                                                           68 44 104 D D
                                                                            100 64 144 @#100; d
    5 005 ENQ (enquiry)
                                     37 25 045 % 🕏
                                                          69 45 105 E E
                                                                            101 65 145 e e
                                                                            102 66 146 @#102; f
                                      38 26 046 & &
                                                          70 46 106 @#70; F
    6 006 ACK (acknowledge)
    7 007 BEL (bell)
                                     39 27 047 4#39; '
                                                           71 47 107 G G
                                                                            |103 67 147 @#103; g
                                                                            104 68 150 h h
    8 010 BS
              (backspace)
                                      40 28 050 ( (
                                                           72 48 110 @#72; H
    9 011 TAB (horizontal tab)
                                      41 29 051 4#41; )
                                                           73 49 111 I I
                                                                            |105 69 151 i <u>i</u>
                                                          74 4A 112 @#74; J
                                                                            106 6A 152 @#106; j
                                      42 2A 052 * *
   A 012 LF
              (NL line feed, new line)
                                                          75 4B 113 4#75; K
                                                                            107 6B 153 k k
              (vertical tab)
                                      43 2B 053 + +
   B 013 VT
12 C 014 FF
             (NP form feed, new page)
                                     44 2C 054 ,
                                                           76 4C 114 L L
                                                                            108 6C 154 l l
   D 015 CR
             (carriage return)
                                      45 2D 055 -
                                                          77 4D 115 @#77; M
                                                                            109 6D 155 m m
             (shift out)
                                     46 2E 056 .
                                                           78 4E 116 N N
                                                                            110 6E 156 n n
14 E 016 SO
                                                                            111 6<u>F</u> 157 @#111; º
             (shift in)
15 F 017 SI
                                     47 2F 057 / /
                                                           79 4F 117 @#79; 0
                                                                            |112 70 160 p p
16 10 020 DLE (data link escape)
                                      48 30 060 4#48; 0
                                                          80 50 120 P P
17 11 021 DC1 (device control 1)
                                      49 31 061 4#49; 1
                                                           81 51 121 @#81; 0
                                                                            113 71 161 q q
                                      50 32 062 2 2
                                                           82 52 122 R R
                                                                            114 72 162 @#114; r
18 12 022 DC2 (device control 2)
19 13 023 DC3 (device control 3)
                                      51 33 063 3 3
                                                           83 53 123 S 💲
                                                                            |115 73 163 s 3
20 14 024 DC4 (device control 4)
                                      52 34 064 4 4
                                                           84 54 124 T T
                                                                            116 74 164 &#ll6; t
21 15 025 NAK (negative acknowledge)
                                      53 35 065 5 <mark>5</mark>
                                                           85 55 125 U U
                                                                            117 75 165 u u
                                      54 36 066 6 6
                                                           86 56 126 V V
                                                                            118 76 166 v V
22 16 026 SYN (synchronous idle)
                                      55 37 067 4#55; 7
                                                           87 57 127 6#87; ₩
                                                                            119 77 167 w ₩
23 17 027 ETB (end of trans. block)
24 18 030 CAN (cancel)
                                      56 38 070 &#56; 8
                                                           88 58 130 X X
                                                                            120 78 170 x X
25 19 031 EM
              (end of medium)
                                      57 39 071 &#57; 9
                                                           89 59 131 Y Y
                                                                            121 79 171 y Y
26 1A 032 SUB (substitute)
                                     58 3A 072 4#58; :
                                                           90 5A 132 Z Z
                                                                            122 7A 172 @#122; Z
                                     59 3B 073 &#59; ;
                                                           91 5B 133 [ [
                                                                            |123 7B 173 { {
27 1B 033 ESC (escape)
28 1C 034 FS
              (file separator)
                                     60 3C 074 < <
                                                          92 5C 134 @#92; \
                                                                            124 7C 174 @#124;
29 1D 035 GS
             (group separator)
                                     61 3D 075 = =
                                                          93 5D 135 ] ]
                                                                            125 7D 175 @#125; )
                                                          94 5E 136 @#94; ^
                                                                            126 7E 176 ~ ~
30 1E 036 RS
              (record separator)
                                     62 3E 076 > >
                                                          95 5F 137 6#95; | 127 7F 177 6#127; DEL
              (unit separator)
                                      63 3F 077 ? ?
31 1F 037 US
```

Source: www.LookupTables.com

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## Binary Encoding – Files and Programs

At the lowest level, all digital data is stored as bits!

- Layers of abstraction keep everything comprehensible
  - Data/files are groups of bits interpreted by program
  - Program is actually groups of bits being interpreted by your
     CPU

## **Summary**

- Humans think about numbers in decimal; computers think about numbers in binary
  - Base conversion to go between them
  - Hexadecimal is more human-readable than binary
- All information on a computer is binary
- Binary encoding can represent anything!
  - Computer/program needs to know how to interpret the bits