Executables & Arrays

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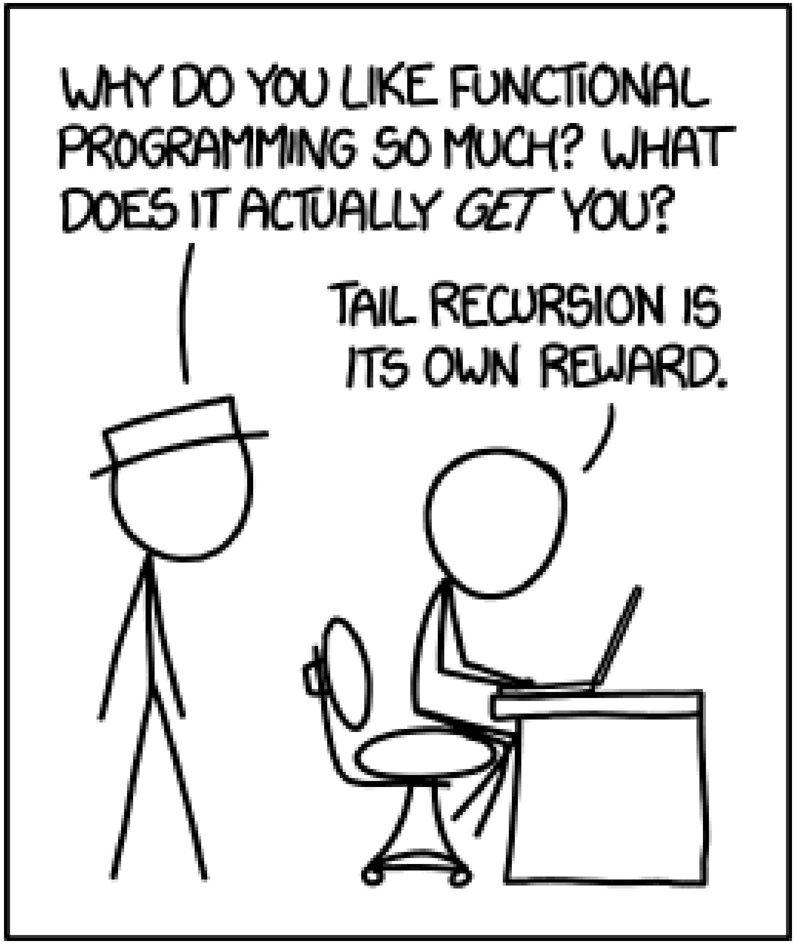

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Administrivia

- Questions doc: https://tinyurl.com/CSE351-7-20

- hw12 due Wednesday (7/22) – 10:30am
- No hw due Friday!
- Lab 2 due Wednesday (7/22)
  - GDB Tutorial on Gradescope walks through first phase
  - Extra Credit portion – make sure you also submit to the Lab 2 Extra Credit assignment on Gradescope
- Thank you for the mid-quarter feedback!
  - Still sifting through it, will email with a summary soon
  - Can always provide anonymous feedback at https://feedback.cs.washington.edu

Roadmap

C:

```
car *c = malloc(sizeof(car));
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```

Java:

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Processes
Virtual memory
Memory allocation
Java vs. C

Assembly language:

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    ...
    popq    %rbp
    ret
```

Machine code:

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```

OS:

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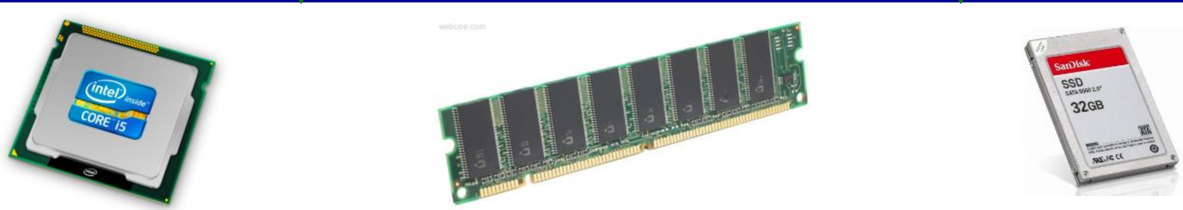
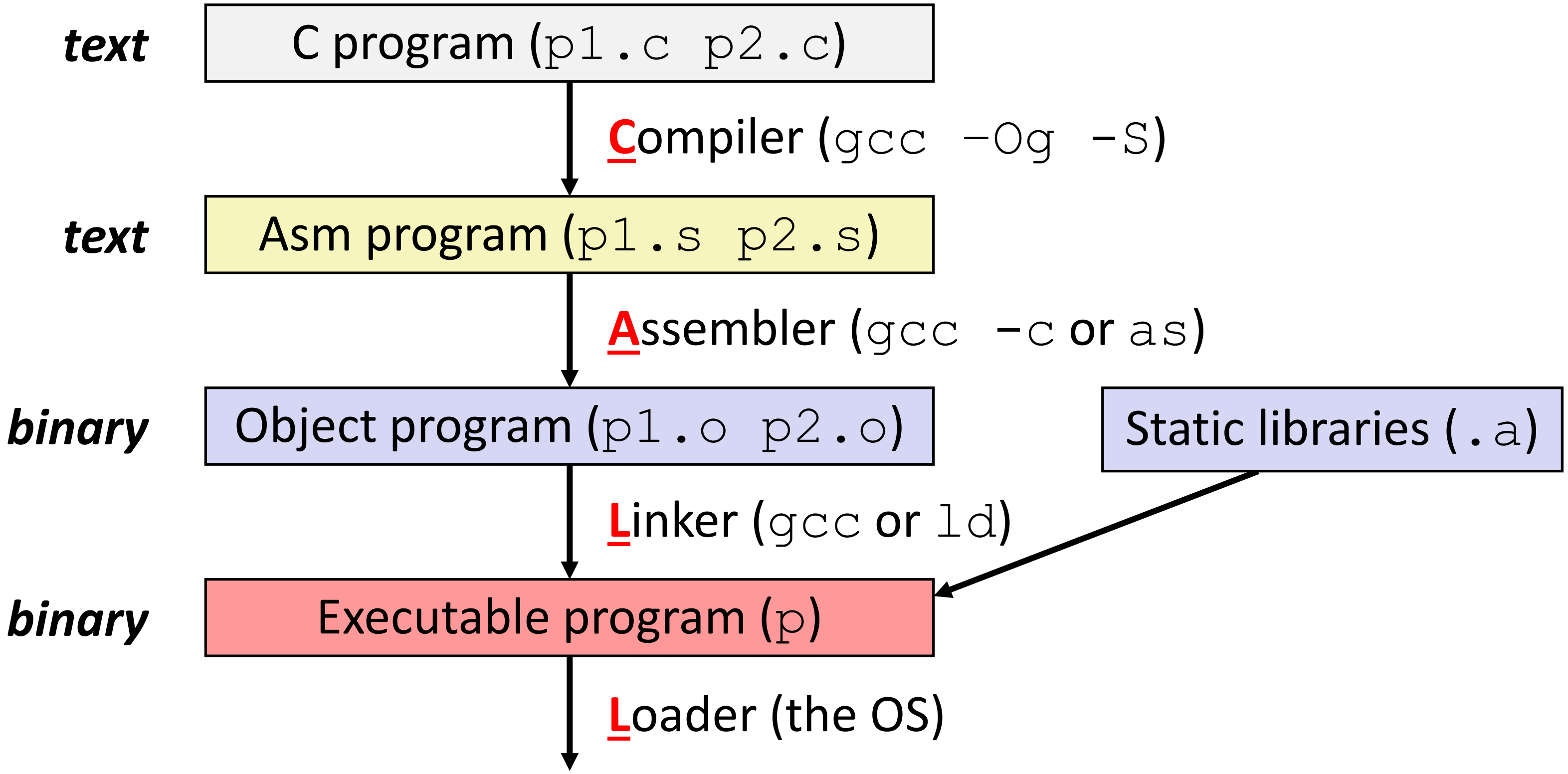
Computer system:



Building an Executable from a C File

- Code in files `p1.c p2.c`
- Compile with command: `gcc -Og p1.c p2.c -o p`
  - Put resulting machine code in file `p`
- Run with command: `./p`



Compiler

- **Input:** Higher-level language code (*e.g.* C, Java)
  - `foo.c`
- **Output:** Assembly language code (*e.g.* x86, ARM, MIPS)
  - `foo.s`

- First there's a preprocessor step to handle #directives
  - Macro substitution, plus other specialty directives
  - If curious/interested: http://tigcc.ticalc.org/doc/cpp.html
- Super complex, whole courses devoted to these!
- Compiler optimizations
  - "Level" of optimization specified by capital '`O`' flag (*e.g.* `-Og`, `-O3`)
  - Options: https://gcc.gnu.org/onlinedocs/gcc/Optimize-Options.html

Compiling Into Assembly

- C Code (`sum.c`)

```
void sumstore(long x, long y, long *dest) {
    long t = x + y;
    *dest = t;
}
```

- x86-64 assembly (`gcc –Og –S sum.c`)

```
sumstore(long, long, long*):
  addq    %rdi, %rsi
  movq    %rsi, (%rdx)
  ret
```

Warning: You may get different results with other versions of `gcc` and different compiler settings

Assembler

- **Input:** Assembly language code (*e.g.* x86, ARM, MIPS)
  - `foo.s`
- **Output:** Object files (*e.g.* ELF, COFF)
  - `foo.o`
  - Contains *object code* and *information tables*
- Reads and uses *assembly directives*
  - *e.g.* `.text`, `.data`, `.quad`
  - x86: https://docs.oracle.com/cd/E26502_01/html/E28388/eoiyg.html
- Produces "machine language"
  - Does its best, but object file is *not* a completed binary
- Example: `gcc -c foo.s`

Producing Machine Language

- **Simple cases:** arithmetic and logical operations, shifts, etc.
  - All necessary information is contained in the instruction itself

- What about the following?
  - Conditional jump
  - Accessing static data (*e.g.* global var or jump table)
  - `call`

- Addresses and labels are problematic because the final executable hasn't been constructed yet!
  - So how do we deal with these in the meantime?

Object File Information Tables

- **Symbol Table** holds list of "items" that may be used by other files
  - *Non-local labels* – function names for `call`
  - *Static Data* – variables & literals that might be accessed across files

- **Relocation Table** holds list of "items" that this file needs the address of later (currently undetermined)
  - Any *label* or piece of *static data* referenced in an instruction in this file
    - Both internal and external

- Each file has its own symbol and relocation tables

Object File Format

1) object file header: size and position of the other pieces of the object file
2) text segment: the machine code
3) data segment: data in the source file (binary)
4) relocation table: identifies lines of code that need to be "handled"
5) symbol table: list of this file's labels and data that can be referenced
6) debugging information

- More info: ELF format
  - http://www.skyfree.org/linux/references/ELF_Format.pdf

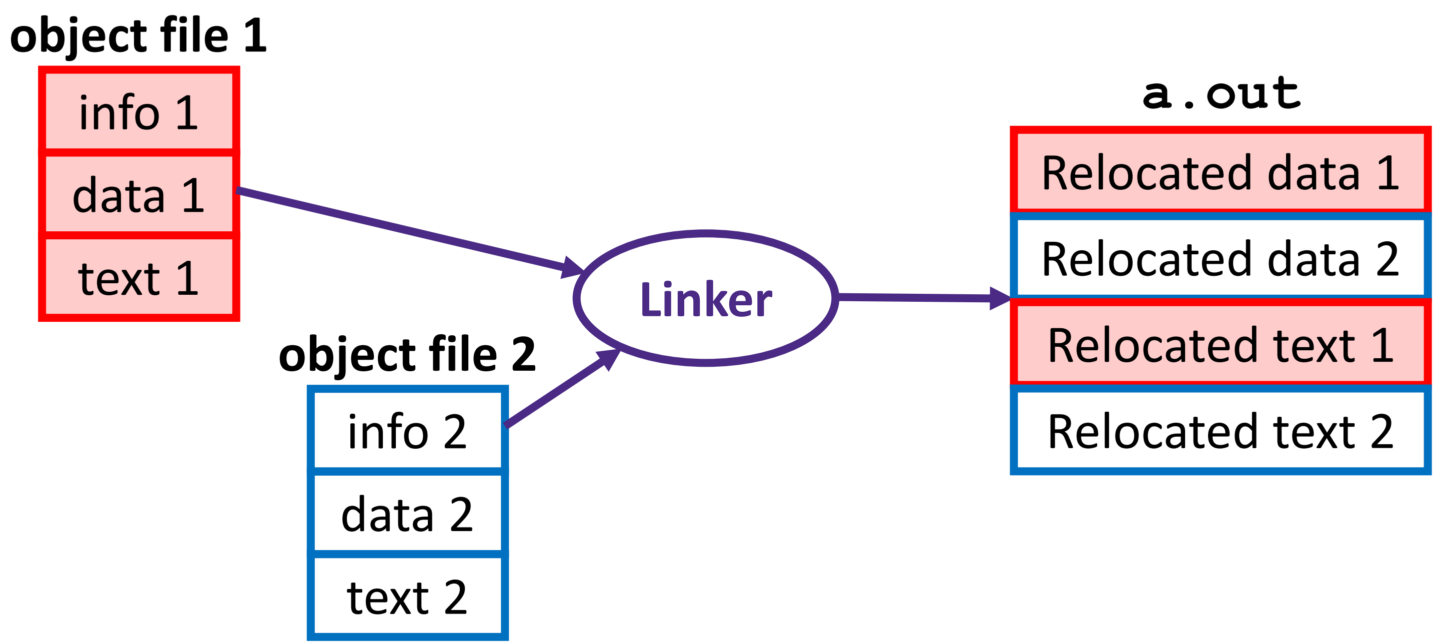
Linker

- **Input:** Object files (e.g. ELF, COFF)
  - `foo.o`
- **Output:** executable binary program
  - `a.out`

- Combines several object files into a single executable (*linking*)
- Enables separate compilation/assembling of files
  - Changes to one file do not require recompiling of whole program

Linking

1) Take text segment from each `.o` file and put them together
2) Take data segment from each `.o` file, put them together, and concatenate this onto end of text segments
3) Resolve References
   - Go through Relocation Table; handle each entry



Disassembling Object Code

- Disassembled:

```
0000000000400536 <sumstore>:
  400536:   48 01 fe          add    %rdi,%rsi
  400539:   48 89 32          mov    %rsi,(%rdx)
  40053c:   c3                retq
```

- **Disassembler** (`objdump -d sum`)
  - Useful tool for examining object code (`man 1 objdump`)
  - Analyzes bit pattern of series of instructions
  - Produces approximate rendition of assembly code
  - Can run on either `a.out` (complete executable) or `.o` file

What Can be Disassembled?

```
% objdump -d WINWORD.EXE

WINWORD.EXE:    file format pei-i386

No symbols in "WINWORD.EXE".
Disassembly of section .text:

30001000 <.text>:
30001000:
30001001:
30001003:
30001005:
3000100a:
```

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- Anything that can be interpreted as executable code
- Disassembler examines bytes and attempts to reconstruct assembly source

Loader

- **Input:** executable binary program, command-line arguments
  - `./a.out arg1 arg2`
- **Output:** <program is run>

- Loader duties primarily handled by OS/kernel
  - More about this when we learn about processes
- Memory sections (Instructions, Static Data, Stack) are set up
- Registers are initialized

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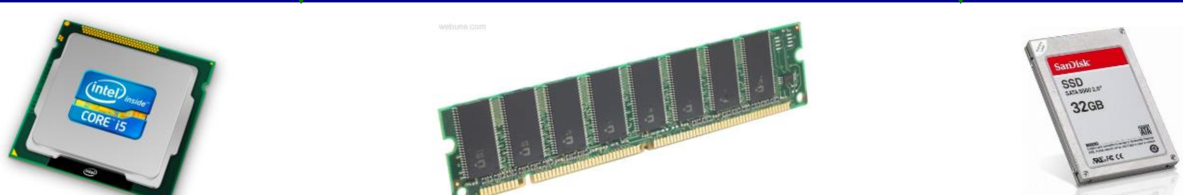

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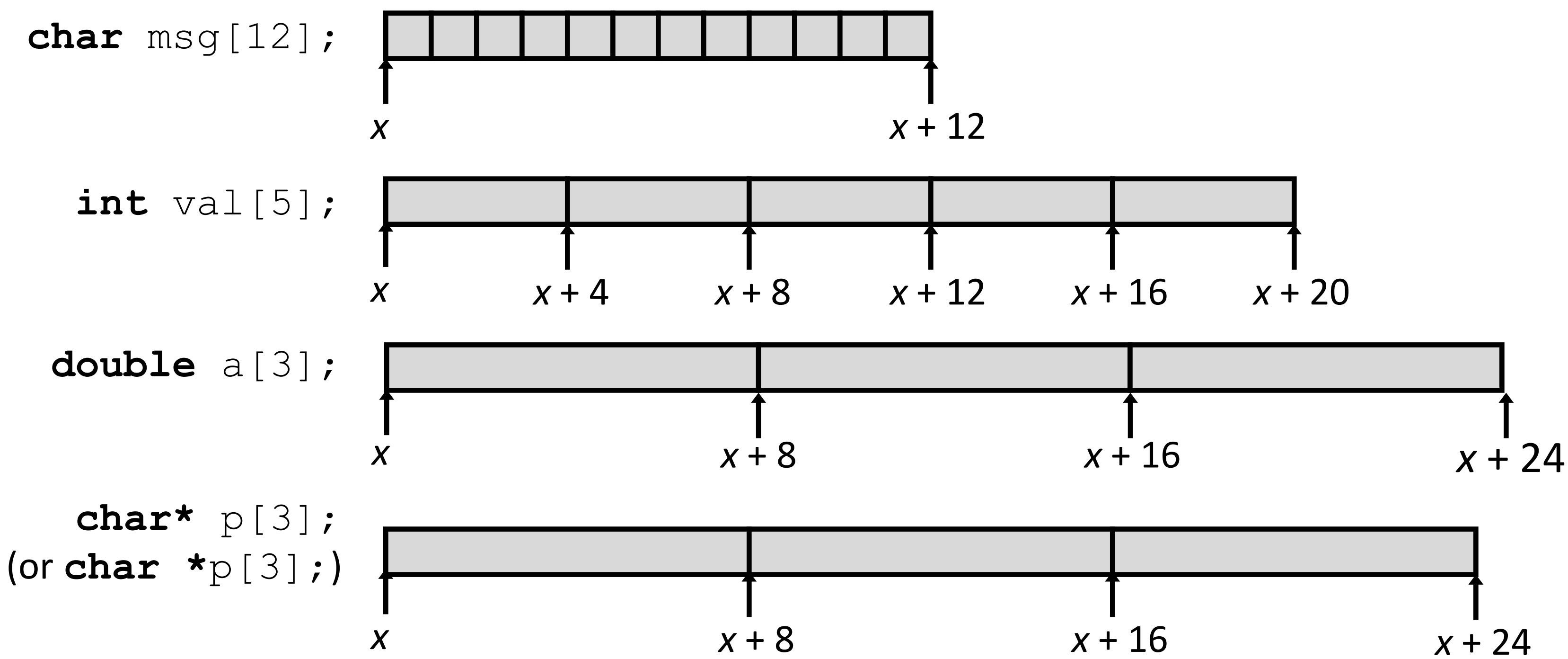
- x86 assembly
- Procedures & stacks
- Executables
- **Arrays & structs**
- Memory & caches
- Processes
- Virtual memory
- Memory allocation
- Java vs. C

Data Structures in Assembly

- **Arrays**
  - **One-dimensional**
  - Multidimensional (nested)
  - Multilevel
- Structs
  - Alignment
- ~~Unions~~

Review: Array Allocation

- Basic Principle
  - **`T`** `A[N];` → array of data type **`T`** and length `N`
  - *Contiguously* allocated region of `N*sizeof(`**`T`**`)` bytes
  - Identifier `A` returns address of array (type **`T*`**)



Review: Array Access

- Basic Principle
  - `T A[N];` → array of data type `T` and length `N`
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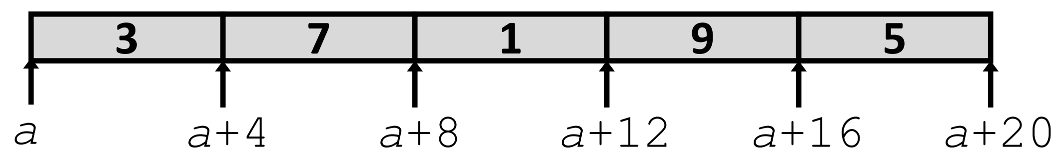
`int x[5];`



Reference	Type	Value
`x[4]`	`int`	`5`
`x`	`int*`	`a`
`x+1`	`int*`	`a + 4`
`&x[2]`	`int*`	`a + 8`
`x[5]`	`int`	`??` (whatever's in memory at addr `x+20`)
`*(x+1)`	`int`	`7`
`x+i`	`int*`	`a + 4*i`

Array Example

```
// arrays of ZIP code digits
int cmu[5] = { 1, 5, 2, 1, 3 };
int  uw[5] = { 9, 8, 1, 9, 5 };
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brace-enclosed list initialization

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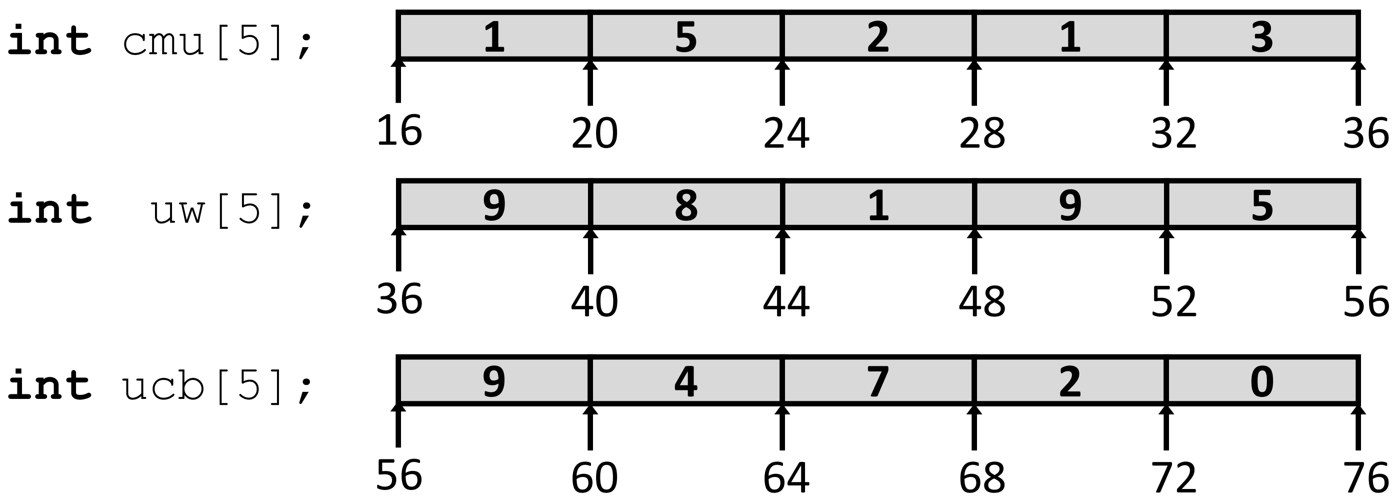

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Array Accessing Example

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int   uw[5];
```
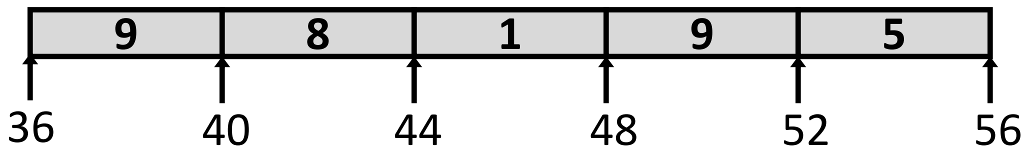
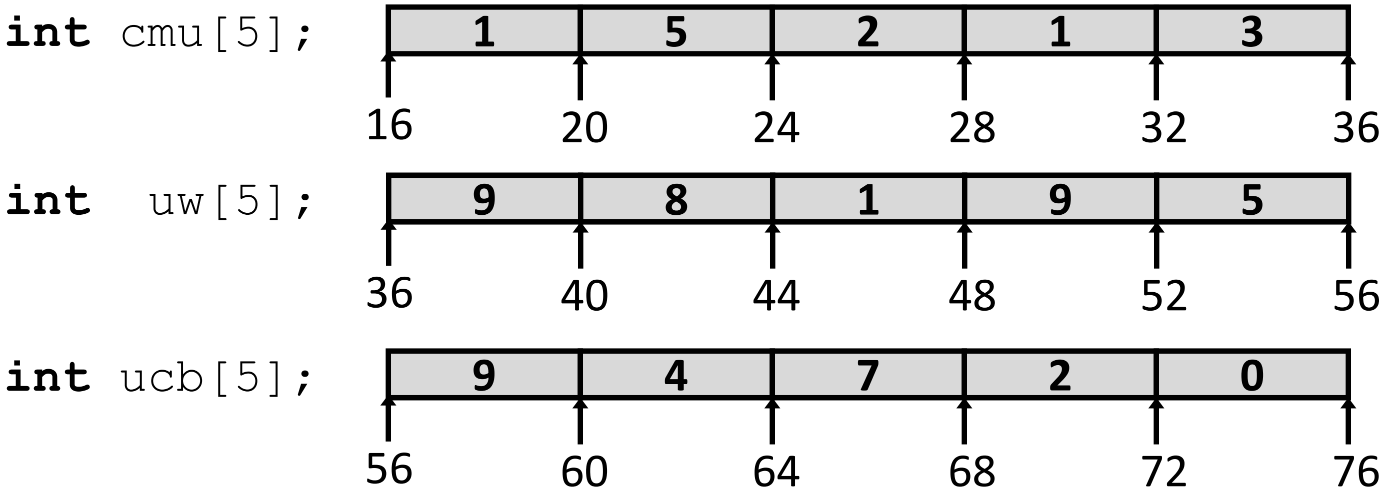




```
// return specified digit of ZIP code
int get_digit(int z[5], int digit) {
  return z[digit];
}
```

```
get_digit:
  movl  (%rdi,%rsi,4), %eax   # z[digit]
```

- Register `%rdi` contains starting address of array
- Register `%rsi` contains array index
- Desired digit at `%rdi+4*%rsi`, so use memory reference `(%rdi,%rsi,4)`

Referencing Examples



Reference	Address	Value	Guaranteed?
`uw[3]`			
`uw[6]`			
`uw[-1]`			
`cmu[15]`			

- No bounds checking
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C Details: Arrays and Pointers

- Arrays are (almost) identical to pointers
  - `char *string` and `char string[]` are nearly identical declarations
  - Differ in subtle ways: initialization, `sizeof()`, etc.
- An array name is an expression (not a variable) that returns the address of the array
  - It *looks* like a pointer to the first (0^{th}) element
    - `*ar` same as `ar[0]`, `*(ar+2)` same as `ar[2]`
  - An array name is read-only (no assignment) because it is a *label*
    - Cannot use "`ar = <anything>`"

C Details: Arrays and Functions

- Declared arrays only allocated while the scope is valid:

```
char* foo() {
    char string[32]; ...;
    return string;
}
```

BAD!

- An array is passed to a function as a pointer:
  - Array size gets lost!

Really `int *ar`

```
int foo(int ar[], unsigned int size) {
    ... ar[size-1] ...
}
```

Must explicitly pass the size!

Data Structures in Assembly

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Nested Array Example

```
int sea[4][5] =
  {{ 9, 8, 1, 9, 5 },
   { 9, 8, 1, 0, 5 },
   { 9, 8, 1, 0, 3 },
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- What is the layout in memory?

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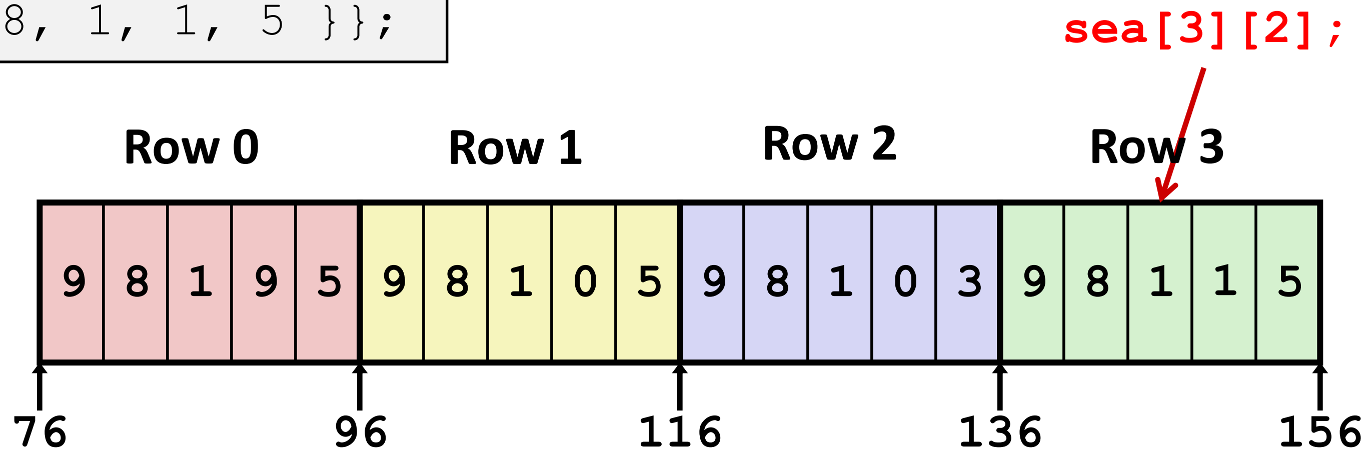

- "Row-major" ordering of all elements
- Elements in the same row are contiguous
- Guaranteed (in C)

Two-Dimensional (Nested) Arrays

- Declaration: **`T`** `A[R][C];`
  - 2D array of data type `T`
  - `R` rows, `C` columns
  - Each element requires **`sizeof`**`(`**`T`**`)` bytes
- Array size?

`A[0][0]`	• • •	`A[0][C-1]`
⋮		⋮
`A[R-1][0]`	• • •	`A[R-1][C-1]`

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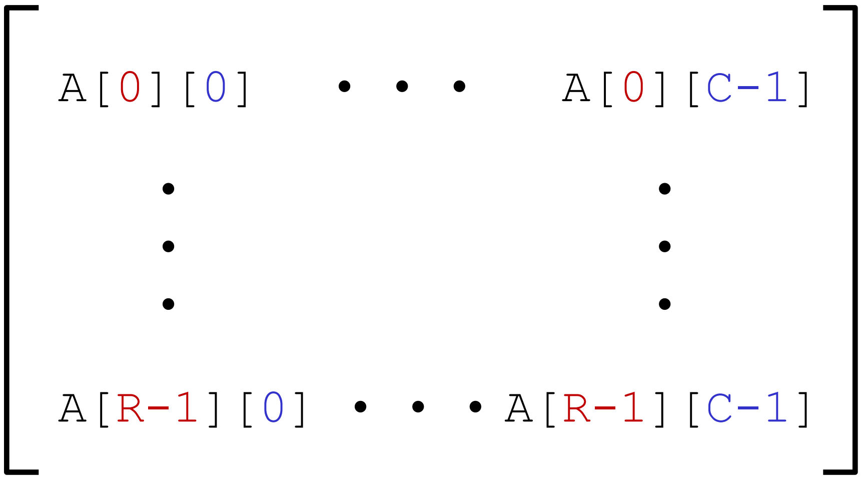

- Array size:
  - `R*C*`**`sizeof`**`(`**`T`**`)` bytes
- Arrangement: **row-major** ordering

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```
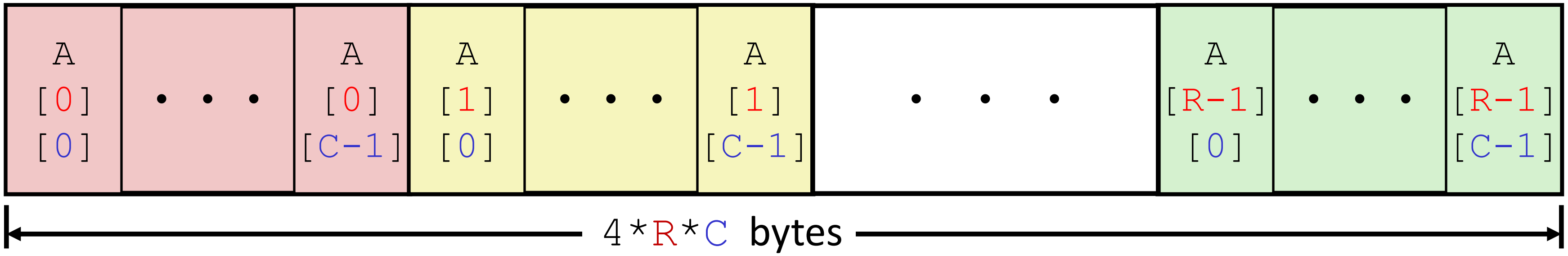
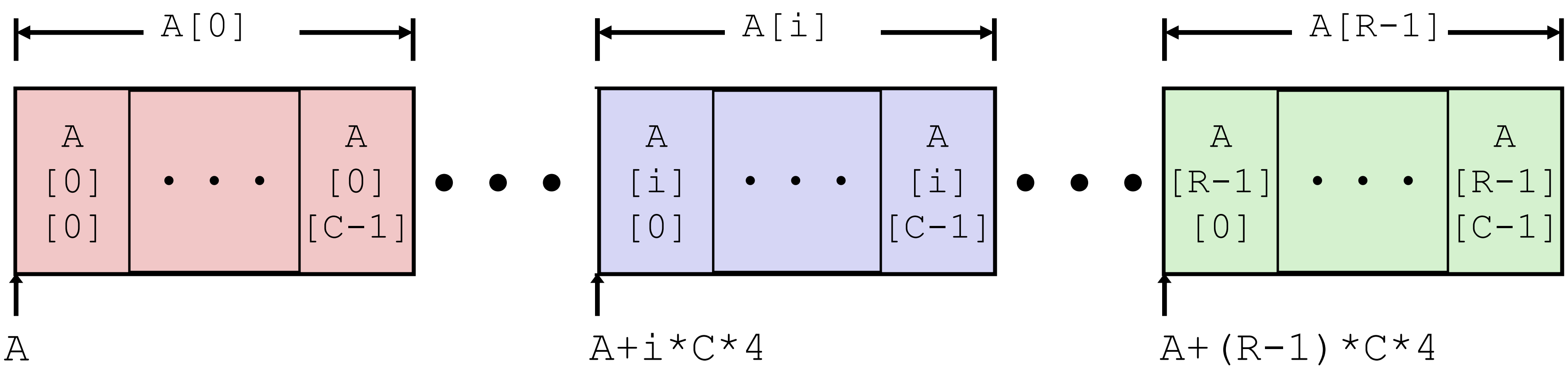



Nested Array Row Access

- Row vectors
  - Given **T** A[R][C],
    - A[i] is an array of C elements ("row i")
    - A is address of array
    - Starting address of row i = A + i*(C * sizeof(**T**))

int A[R][C];



Nested Array Row Access Code

```
int* get_sea_zip(int index)
{
  return sea[index];
}
```

```
int sea[4][5] =
  {{ 9, 8, 1, 9, 5 },
   { 9, 8, 1, 0, 5 },
   { 9, 8, 1, 0, 3 },
   { 9, 8, 1, 1, 5 }};
```

```
get_sea_zip(int):
    movslq  %edi, %rdi
    leaq    (%rdi,%rdi,4), %rax
    leaq    sea(,%rax,4), %rax
    ret

sea:
    .long   9
    .long   8
    .long   1
    .long   9
    .long   5
    .long   9
    .long   8
...
```

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```

- What data type is `sea[index]`?
- What is its value?

```
  # %rdi = index
  leaq (%rdi,%rdi,4),%rax
  leaq sea(,%rax,4),%rax
```

Translation?

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```

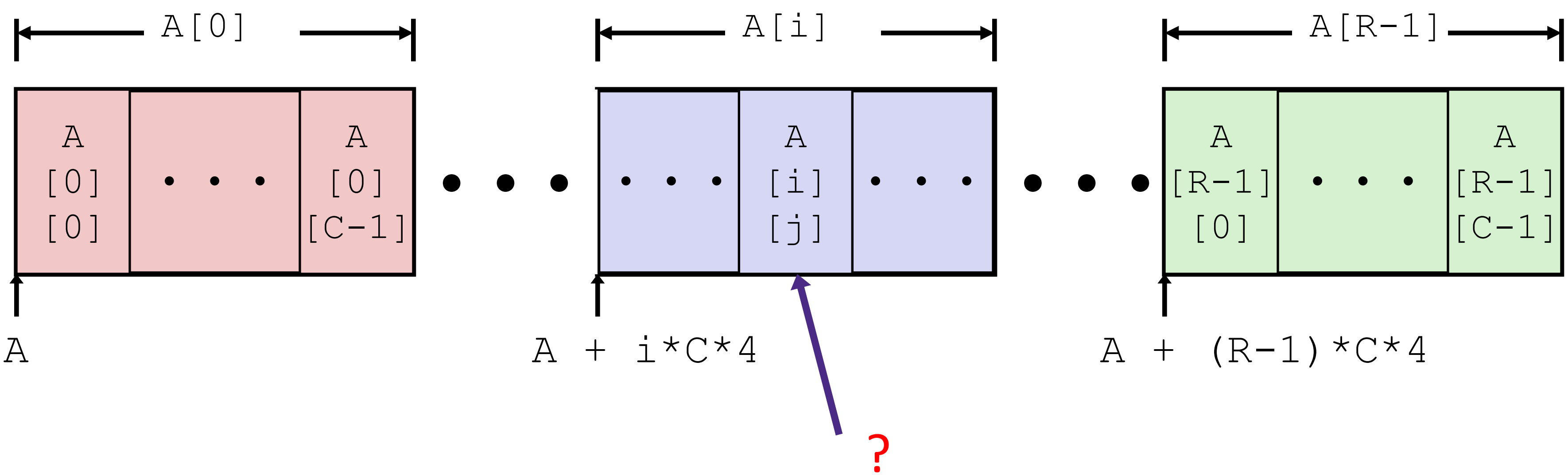
```
  # %rdi = index
  leaq (%rdi,%rdi,4),%rax  # 5 * index
  leaq sea(,%rax,4),%rax   # sea + (20 * index)
```

- Row Vector
  - `sea[index]` is array of 5 `int`s
  - Starting address = `sea+20*index`
- Assembly Code
  - Computes and returns address
  - Compute as: `sea+4*(index+4*index)= sea+20*index`

Nested Array Element Access

- Array Elements
  - `A[i][j]` is element of type **`T`**, which requires *K* bytes
  - Address of `A[i][j]` is

```
int A[R][C];
```



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    `A + i*(C*K) + j*K == A + (i*C + j)*K`

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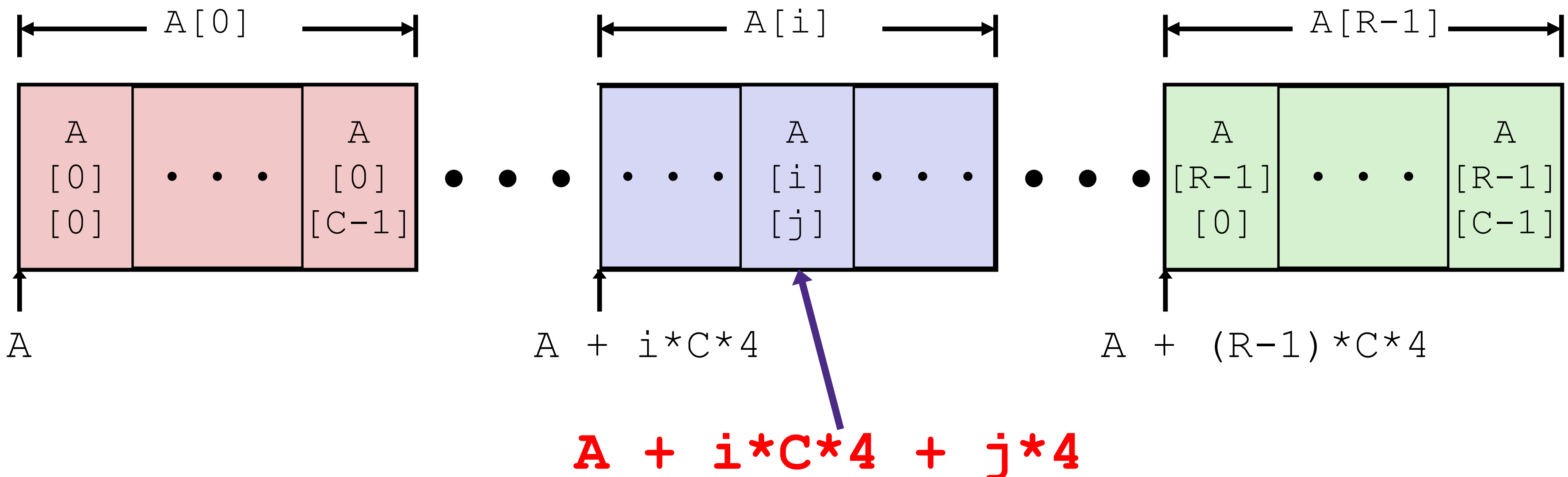

Nested Array Element Access Code

```
int get_sea_digit
  (int index, int digit)
{
  return sea[index][digit];
}
```

```
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   { 9, 8, 1, 0, 5 },
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```
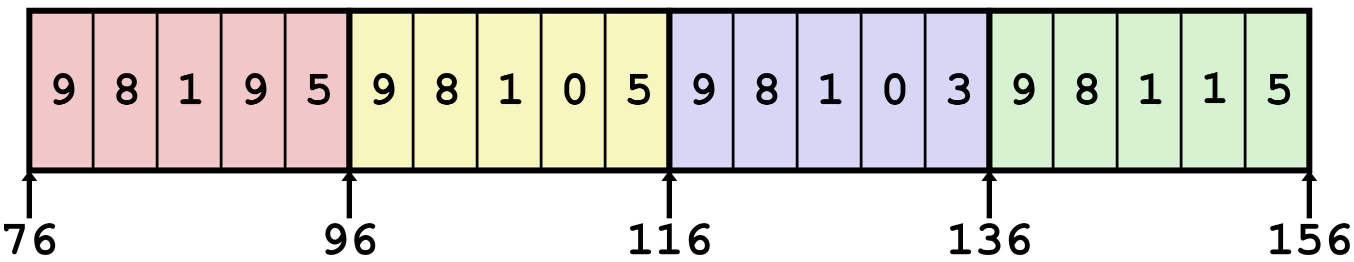

```
leaq   (%rdi,%rdi,4), %rax   # 5*index
addl   %rax, %rsi            # 5*index+digit
movl   sea(,%rsi,4),  %eax   # *(sea + 4*(5*index+digit))
```

- Array Elements
  - `sea[index][digit]` is an **`int`** (**`sizeof`**`(`**`int`**`)=4`)
  - Address = `sea + 5*4*index + 4*digit`
- Assembly Code
  - Computes address as: `sea + ((index+4*index) + digit)*4`
  - `movl` performs memory reference

Multidimensional Referencing Examples

```
int sea[4][5];
```



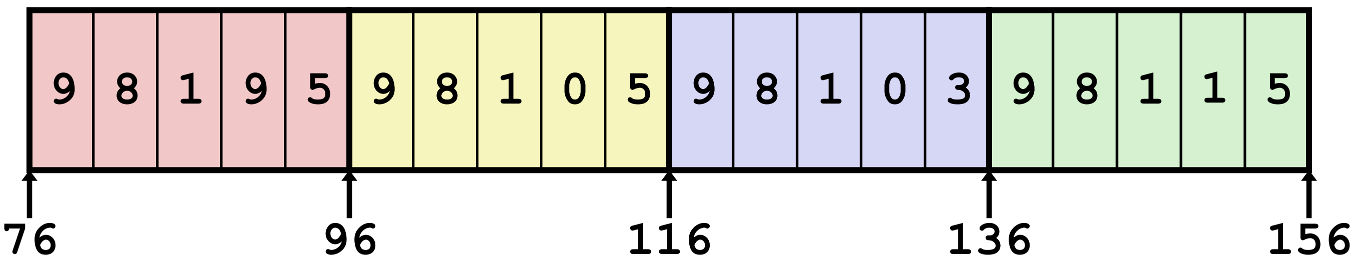
Reference	Address	Value	Guaranteed?
`sea[3][3]`			
`sea[2][5]`			
`sea[2][-1]`			
`sea[4][-1]`			
`sea[0][19]`			
`sea[0][-1]`			

- Code does not do any bounds checking
- Ordering of elements within array guaranteed

Polling Question [Arrays - a]

- Which of the following statements is FALSE?
  - Vote at http://pollev.com/pbjones

`int sea[4][5];`



A. `sea[4][-2]` is a *valid* array reference

B. `sea[1][1]` makes *two* memory accesses

C. `sea[2][1]` will *always* be a higher address than `sea[1][2]`

D. `sea[2]` is calculated using *only* `lea`

E. We're lost…

Data Structures in Assembly

- **Arrays**
  - One-dimensional
  - Multidimensional (nested)
  - **Multilevel**
- Structs
  - Alignment
- ~~Unions~~

Multilevel Array Example

Multilevel Array Declaration(s):

```
int cmu[5] = { 1, 5, 2, 1, 3 };
int  uw[5] = { 9, 8, 1, 9, 5 };
int ucb[5] = { 9, 4, 7, 2, 0 };
```

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

Is a multilevel array the same thing as a 2D array?

NO

2D Array Declaration:

```
int univ2D[3][5] = {
  { 9, 8, 1, 9, 5 },
  { 1, 5, 2, 1, 3 },
  { 9, 4, 7, 2, 0 }
};
```

One array declaration = one contiguous block of memory

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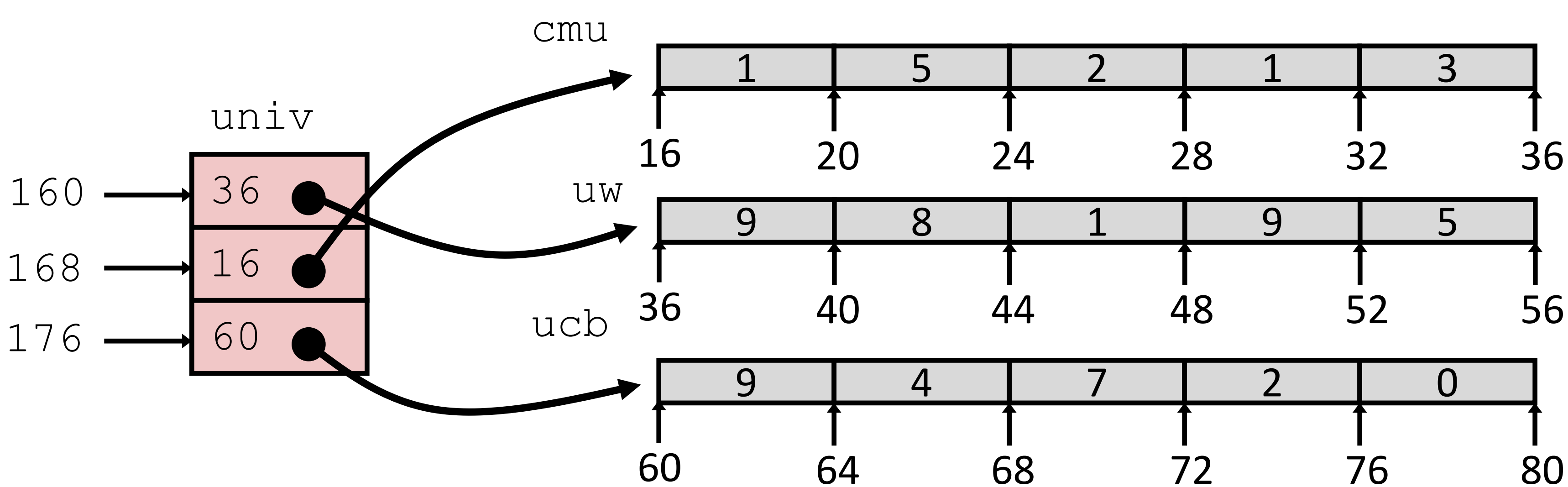
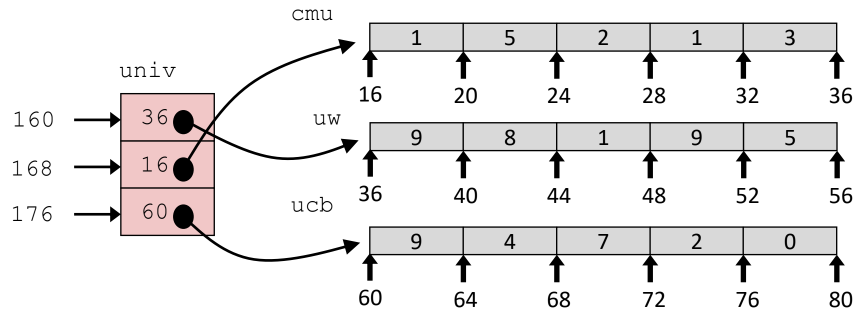
- Variable `univ` denotes array of 3 elements
- Each element is a pointer
  - 8 bytes each
- Each pointer points to array of `int`s



Note: this is how Java represents multidimensional arrays

Element Access in Multilevel Array

```
int get_univ_digit
   (int index, int digit)
{
  return univ[index][digit];
}
```



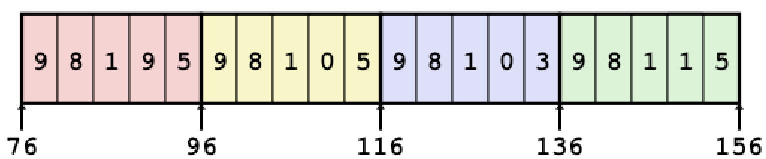

```
salq    $2, %rsi              # rsi = 4*digit
addq    univ(,%rdi,8), %rsi   # p = univ[index] + 4*digit
movl    (%rsi), %eax          # return *p
ret
```

- Computation
  - Element access Mem[Mem[univ+8*index]+4*digit]
  - Must do **two memory reads**
    - First get pointer to row array
    - Then access element within array
  - But allows inner arrays to be different lengths (not in this example)

Array Element Accesses

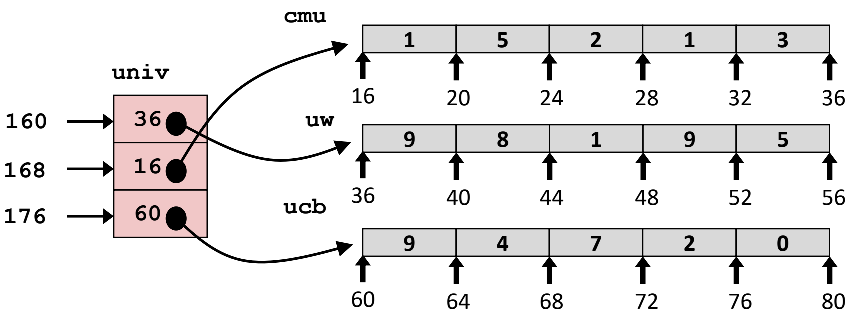
Multidimensional array

```
int get_sea_digit
   (int index, int digit)
{
   return sea[index][digit];
}
```



Multilevel array

```
int get_univ_digit
   (int index, int digit)
{
   return univ[index][digit];
}
```

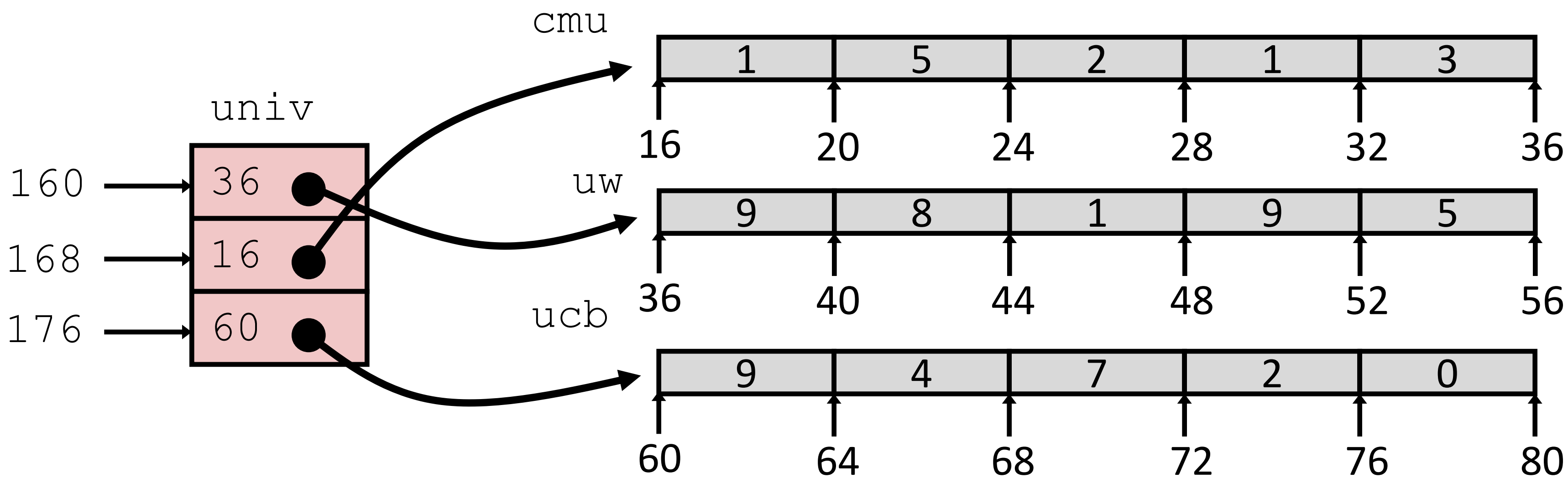


Access *looks* the same, but it isn't:

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

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

Multilevel Referencing Examples



Reference	Address	Value	Guaranteed?
`univ[2][3]`			
`univ[1][5]`			
`univ[2][-2]`			
`univ[3][-1]`			
`univ[1][12]`			

- C code does not do any bounds checking
- Location of each lower-level array in memory is *not* guaranteed

Summary

- Contiguous allocations of memory
- No bounds checking (and no default initialization)
- Can usually be treated like a pointer to first element
- `int a[4][5];` → array of arrays
  - all levels in one contiguous block of memory
- `int* b[4];` → array of pointers to arrays
  - First level in one contiguous block of memory
  - Each element in the first level points to another "sub" array
  - Parts anywhere in memory