Memory, Data, & Addressing I

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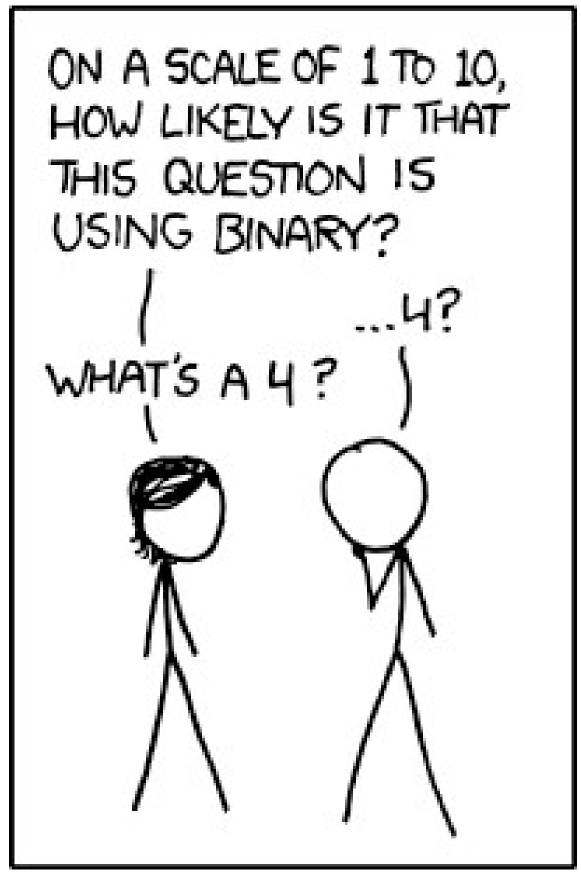

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Administrivia

- Pre-Course Survey and hw0 due tonight @ 11:59 pm
  - All other hw due at 11:00 am
- hw1 due Friday (1/10) at 11:00 am
- Lab 0 due Friday (1/10) at 11:59 pm
  - This lab is *exploratory* and looks like a hw; the other labs will look a lot different
- hw2 (on this lecture) due Monday (1/13) at 11:00 am

- Can also enroll in CSE391 – Unix Tools
  - *Anyone* taking this course, including non-CSE majors

Roadmap

C:

```
car *c = malloc(sizeof(car));
c->miles = 100;
c->gals = 17;
float mpg = get_mpg(c);
free(c);
```

Java:

```
Car c = new Car();
c.setMiles(100);
c.setGals(17);
float mpg =
    c.getMPG();
```

Assembly language:

```
get_mpg:
    pushq   %rbp
    movq    %rsp, %rbp
    ...
    popq    %rbp
    ret
```

Machine code:

```
0111010000011000
100011010000010000000010
1000100111000010
110000011111101000011111
```

OS:

Windows 10

OS X Yosemite

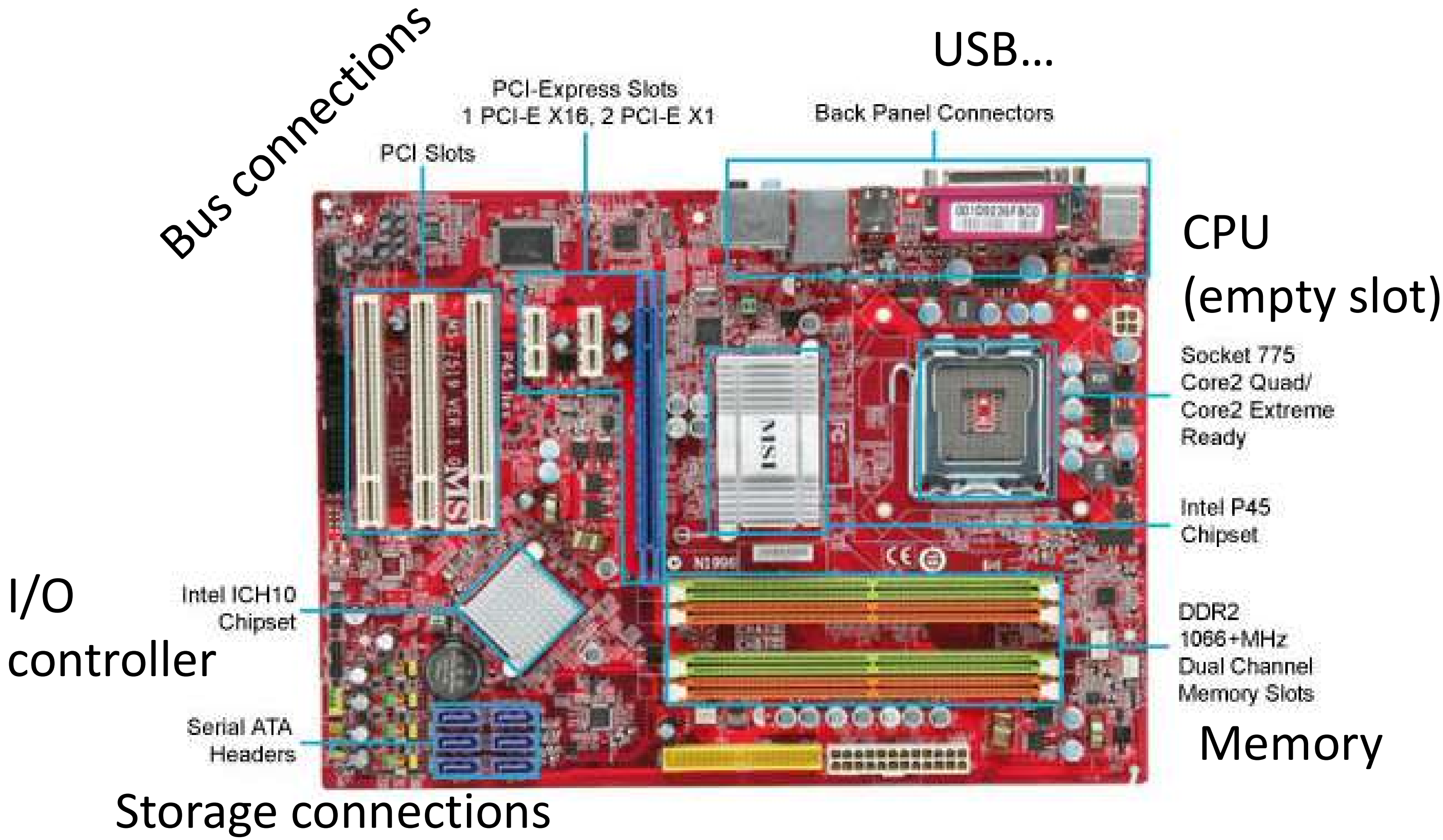
Computer system:

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

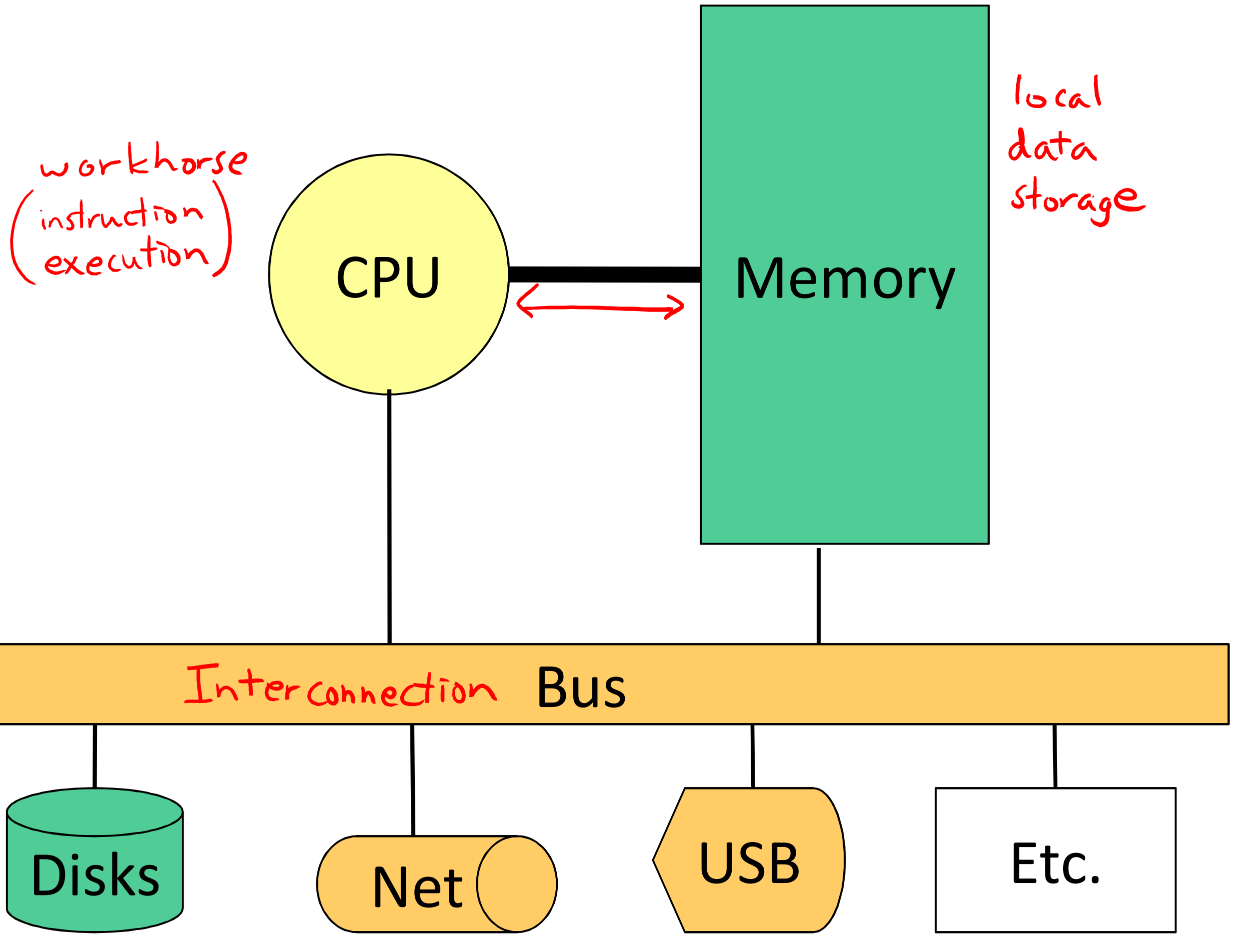
Memory, Data, and Addressing

- Hardware - High Level Overview
- Representing information as bits and bytes
  - Memory is a byte-addressable array
  - Machine “word” size = address size = register size
- Organizing and addressing data in memory
  - Endianness – ordering bytes in memory
- Manipulating data in memory using C
- Boolean algebra and bit-level manipulations

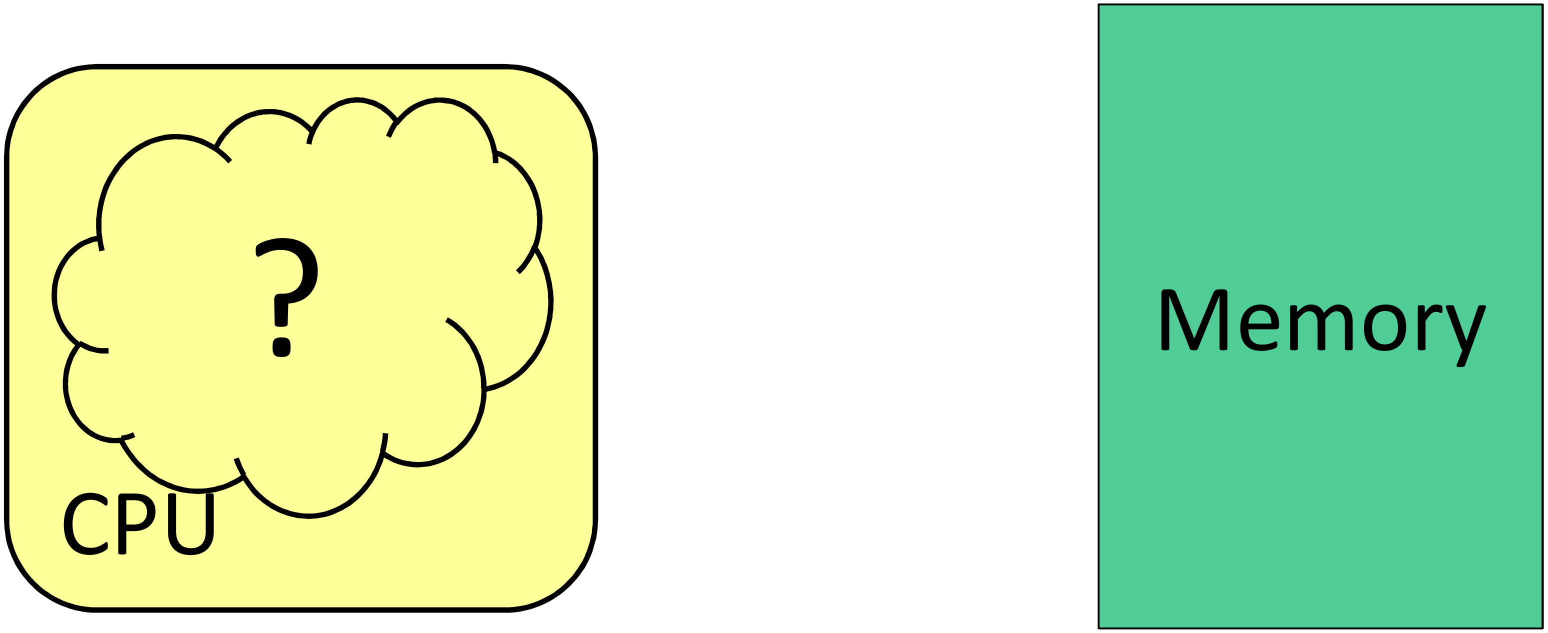
Hardware: Physical View



Hardware: Logical View



Hardware: 351 View (version 0)

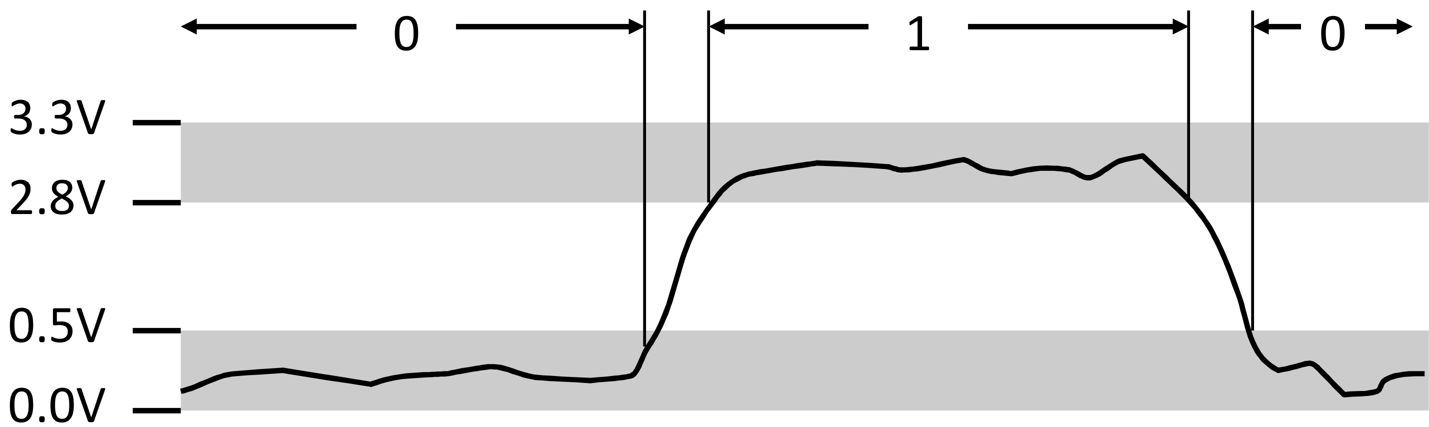


- The CPU executes instructions
- Memory stores data
- Binary encoding!
  - Instructions *are* just data (and stored in Memory)

How are data and instructions represented?

Aside: Why Base 2?

- Electronic implementation
  - Easy to store with bi-stable elements
  - Reliably transmitted on noisy and inaccurate wires



- Other bases possible, but not yet viable:
  - DNA data storage (base 4: A, C, G, T) is a hot topic
  - Quantum computing

Binary Encoding Additional Details

- Because storage is finite in reality, everything is stored as "fixed" length
  - Data is moved and manipulated in fixed-length chunks
  - Multiple fixed lengths (*e.g.* 1 byte, 4 bytes, 8 bytes)
  - Leading zeros now *must* be included up to "fill out" the fixed length

4 2 1

- Example: the "eight-bit" representation of the number 4 is 0b00000100

Most Significant Bit (MSB)

Least Significant Bit (LSB)

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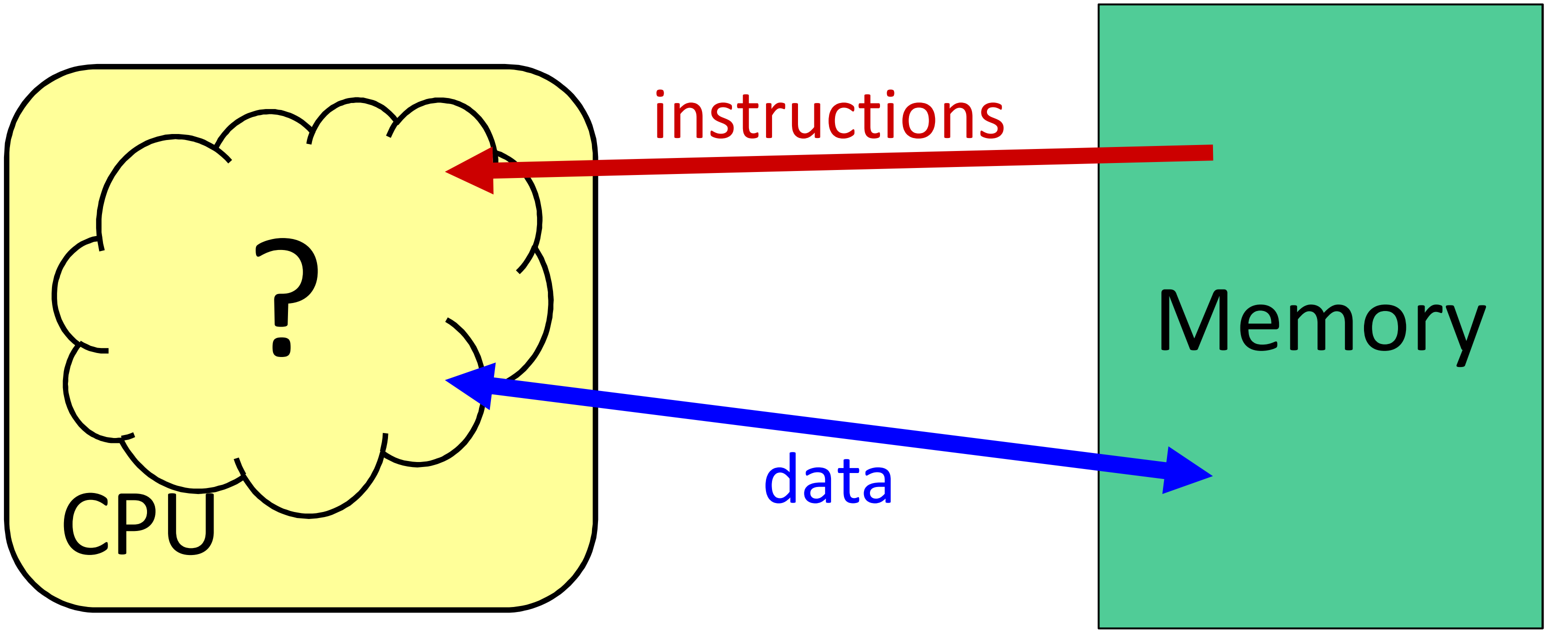
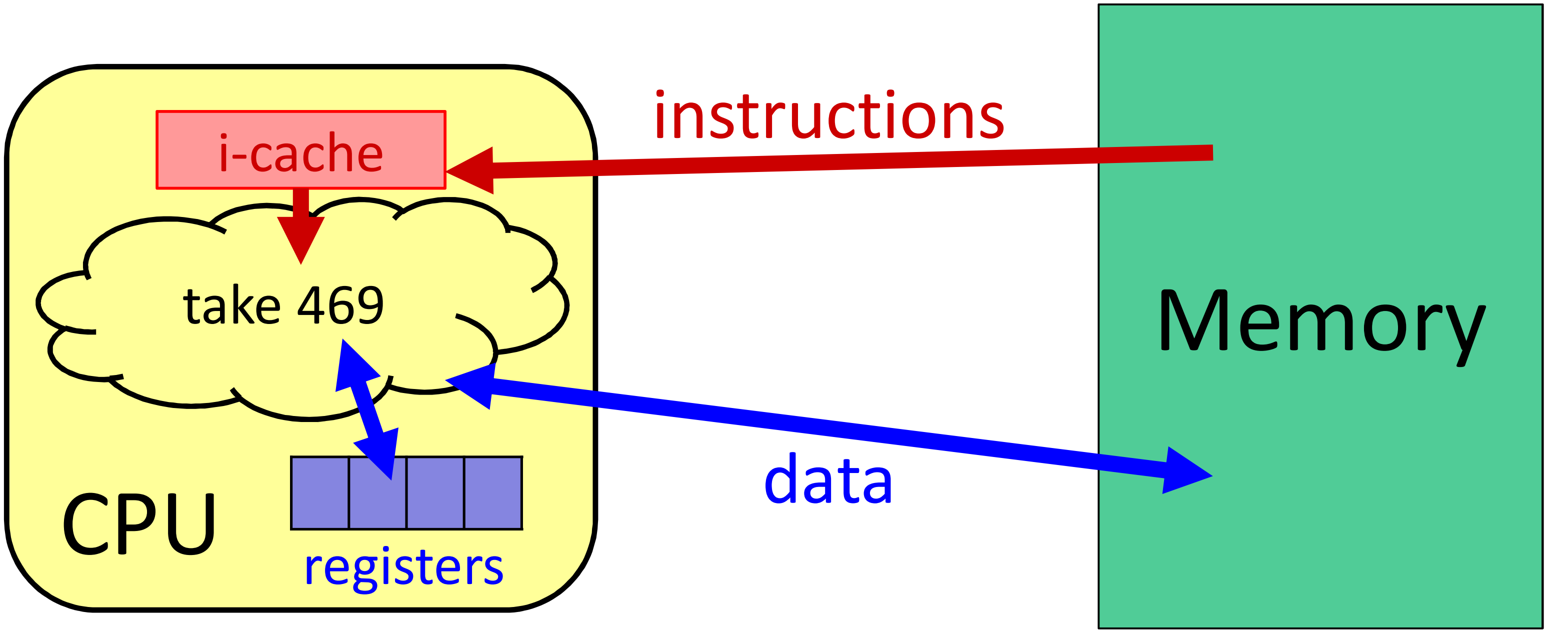


- To execute an instruction, the CPU must:
  1) Fetch the instruction
  2) (if applicable) Fetch data needed by the instruction
  3) Perform the specified computation
  4) (if applicable) Write the result back to memory

Hardware: 351 View (version 1)



- More CPU details:
  - Instructions are held temporarily in the instruction cache
  - Other data are held temporarily in registers
- Instruction fetching is hardware-controlled
- Data movement is programmer-controlled (assembly)

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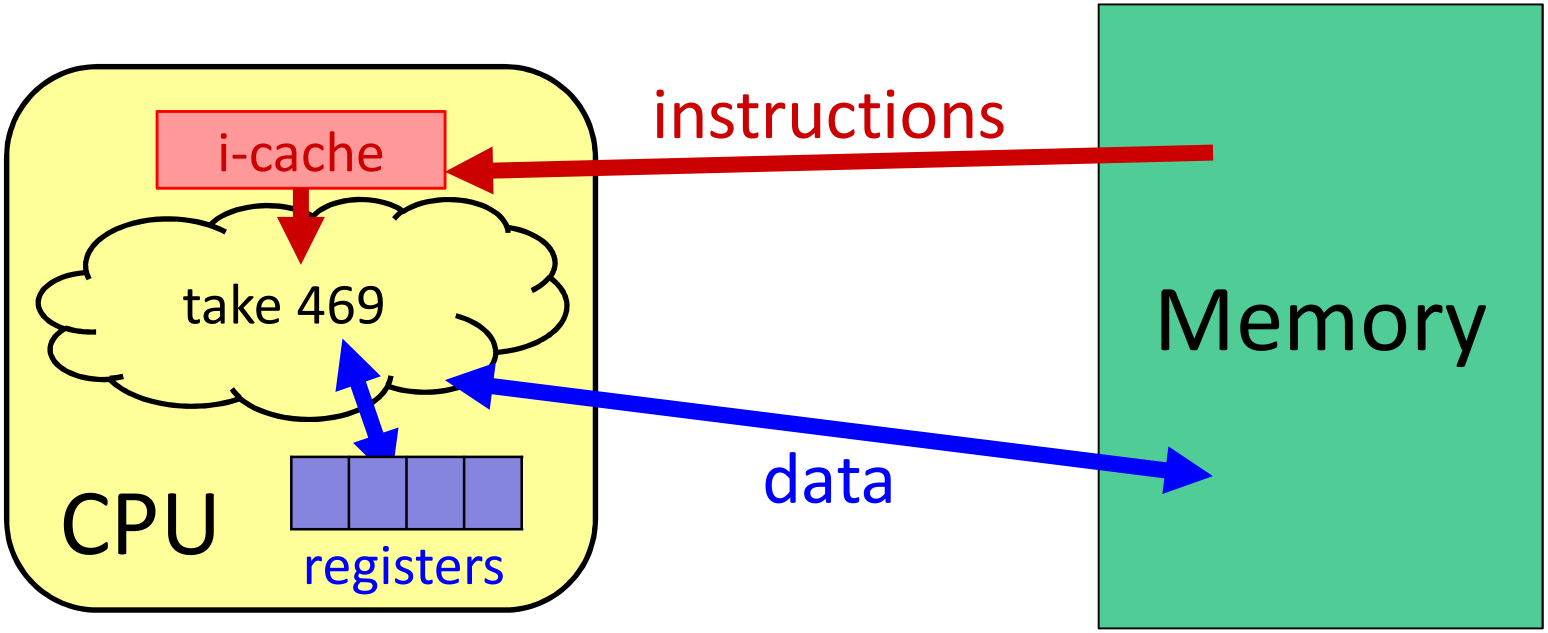
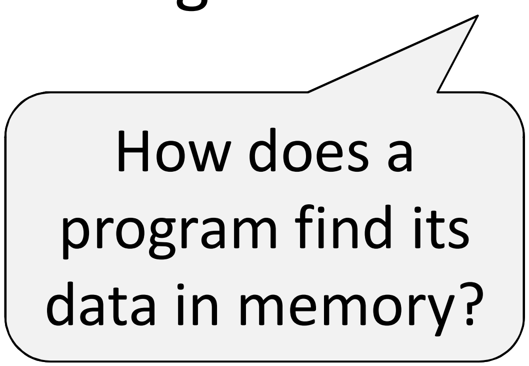
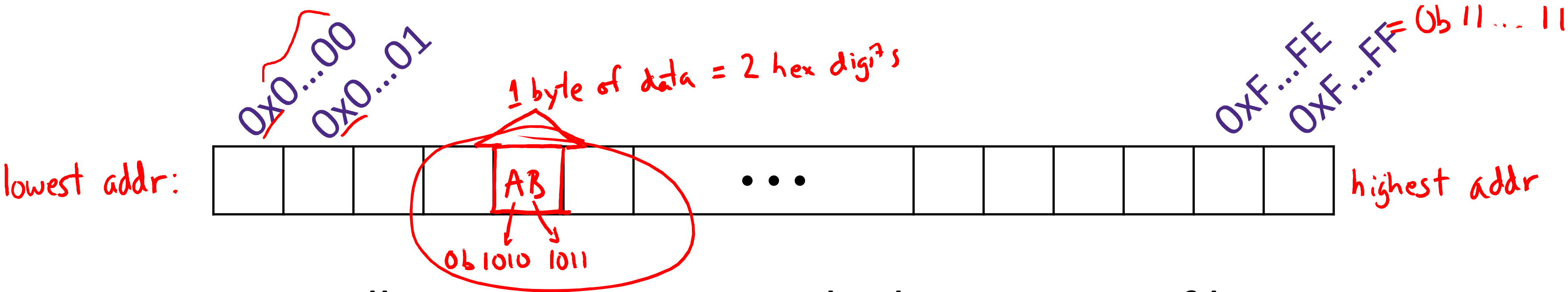


- We will start by learning about Memory



An Address Refers to a Byte of Memory



- Conceptually, memory is a single, large array of bytes, each with a unique *address* (index)
  - Each address is just a number represented in *fixed-length* binary
    e.g. a 6-bit address must be specified as 0b------, even if its value is, say, 0b0
- Programs refer to bytes in memory by their *addresses*
  - Domain of possible addresses = *address space*
  - We can store addresses as data to "remember" where other data is in memory (pointers)
- But not all values fit in a single byte… (*e.g.* 351) > 255
  - 1 byte = 8 bits ⟷ $2^8 = 256$ things → 0-255 (integers)
  - Many operations actually use multi-byte values

Polling Question

- If we choose to use 4-bit addresses, how big is our address space?
  - *i.e.* How much space can we "refer to" using our addresses?
  - Vote at http://PollEv.com/rea

A. 16 bits

B. 16 bytes

C. 4 bits

D. 4 bytes

E. We're lost…

an address: 0b _ _ _ _

lowest: 0 0 0 0

highest: 1 1 1 1

4 bits ⟺ represent 2^4 things

Here, each address refers to 1 byte of data, so our addr space is 16 bytes

Machine "Words"

- Instructions encoded into machine code (0's and 1's)
  - Historically (still true in some assembly languages), all instructions were exactly the size of a word
- We have *chosen* to tie word size to address size/width
  - word size = address size = register size
  - word size = w bits → 2^w addresses → 2^w-byte address space
- Current x86 systems use **64-bit (8-byte) words**
  - Potential address space: **2^{64}** addresses
    2^{64} bytes ≈ **1.8 x 10^{19} bytes**
    = 18 billion billion bytes = 18 EB (exabytes)
  - Actual physical address space: **48 bits**

Word-Oriented View of Memory

- Addresses still specify locations of bytes in memory, but we can choose to *view* memory as a series of word-sized chunks of data instead
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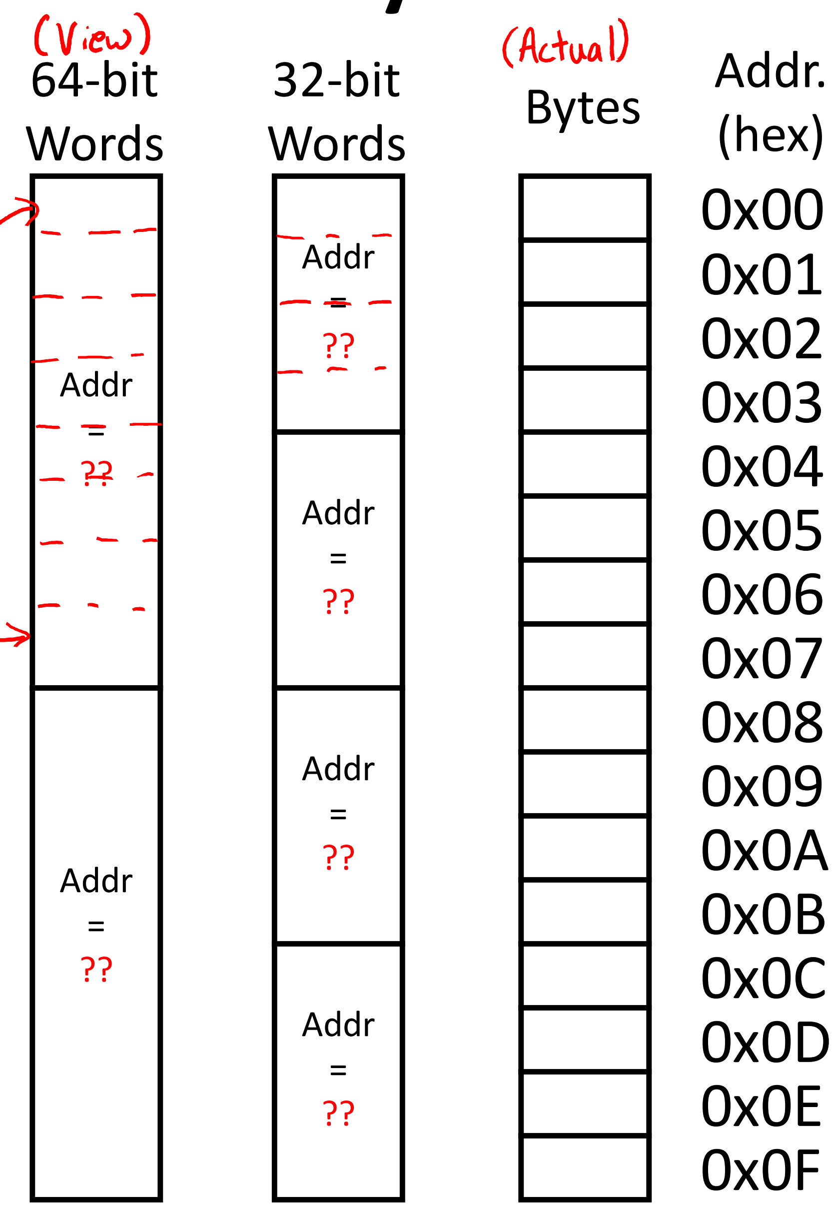

Address of a Word = Address of First Byte in the Word

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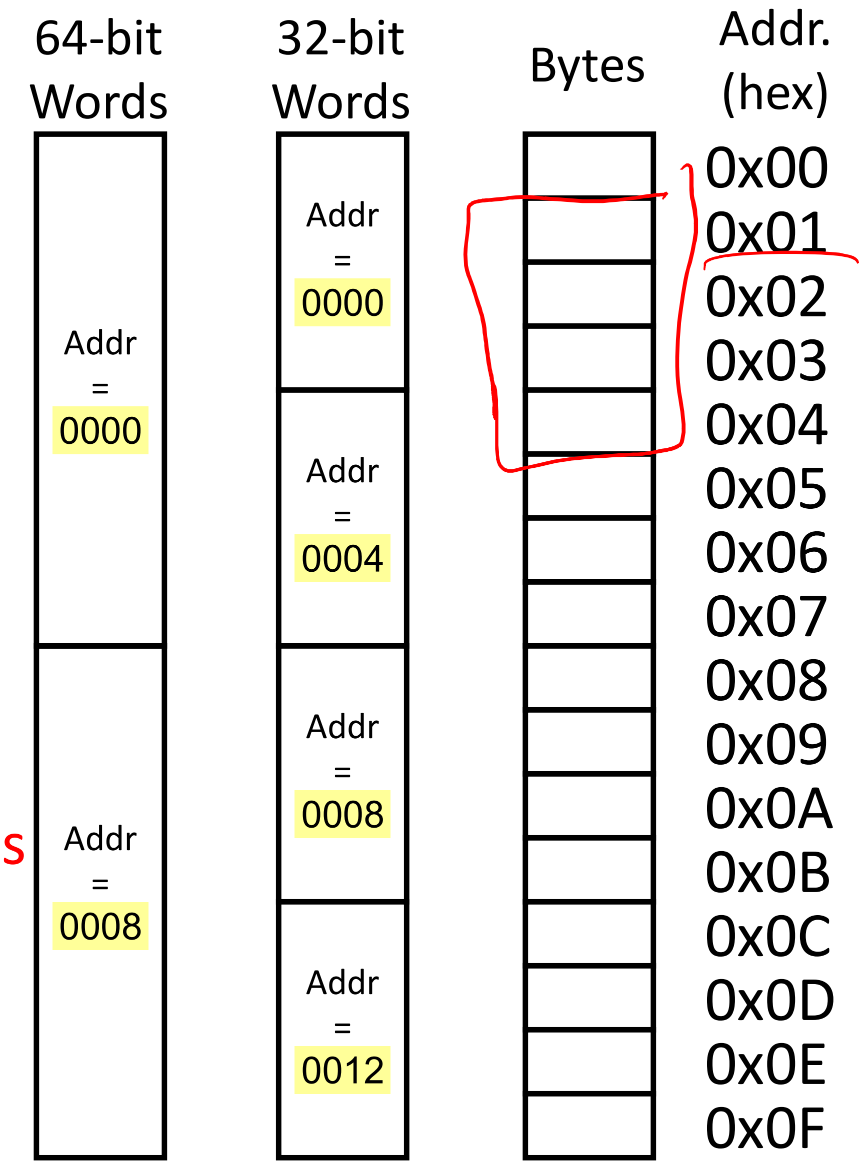
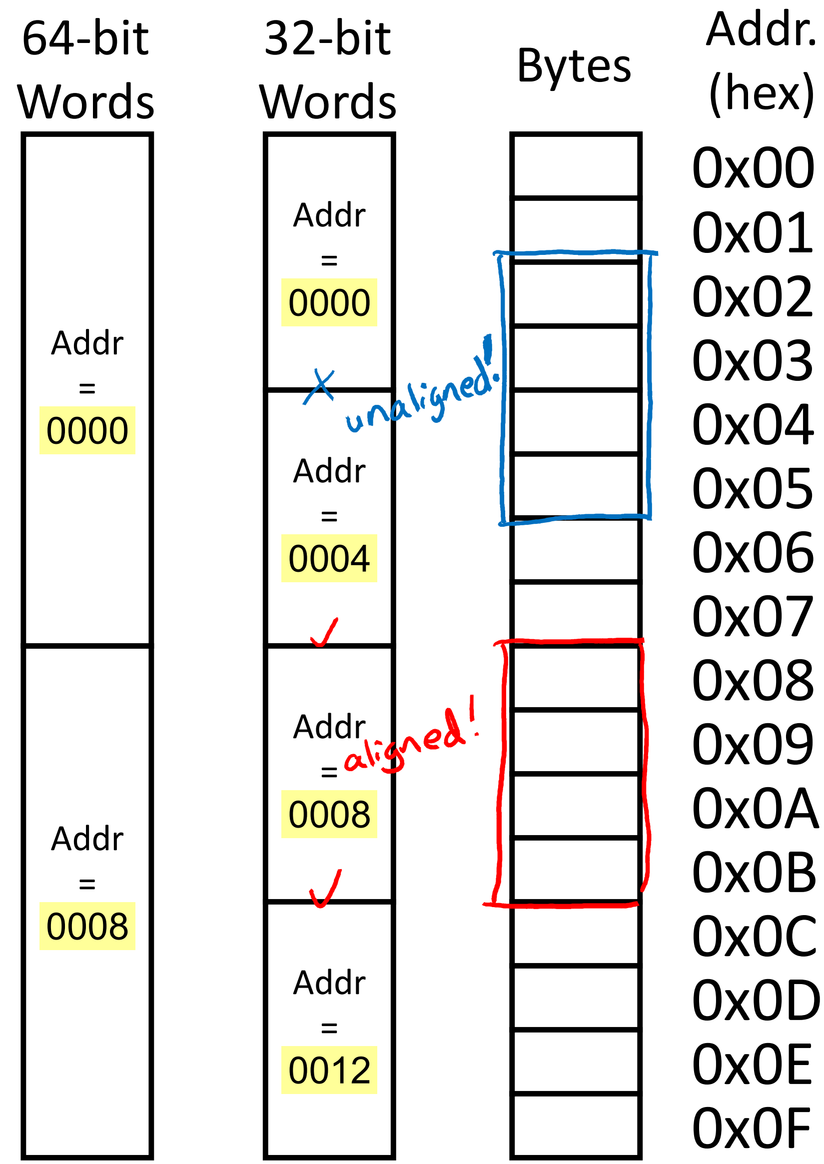
- The address of *any* chunk of memory is given by the address of the first byte
  - To specify a chunk of memory, need *both* its **address** and its **size**



Alignment

- The address of a chunk of memory is considered aligned if its address is a multiple of its size
  - View memory as a series of consecutive chunks of this particular size and see if your chunk doesn't cross a boundary



A Picture of Memory (64-bit view)

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  - Each cell is a byte
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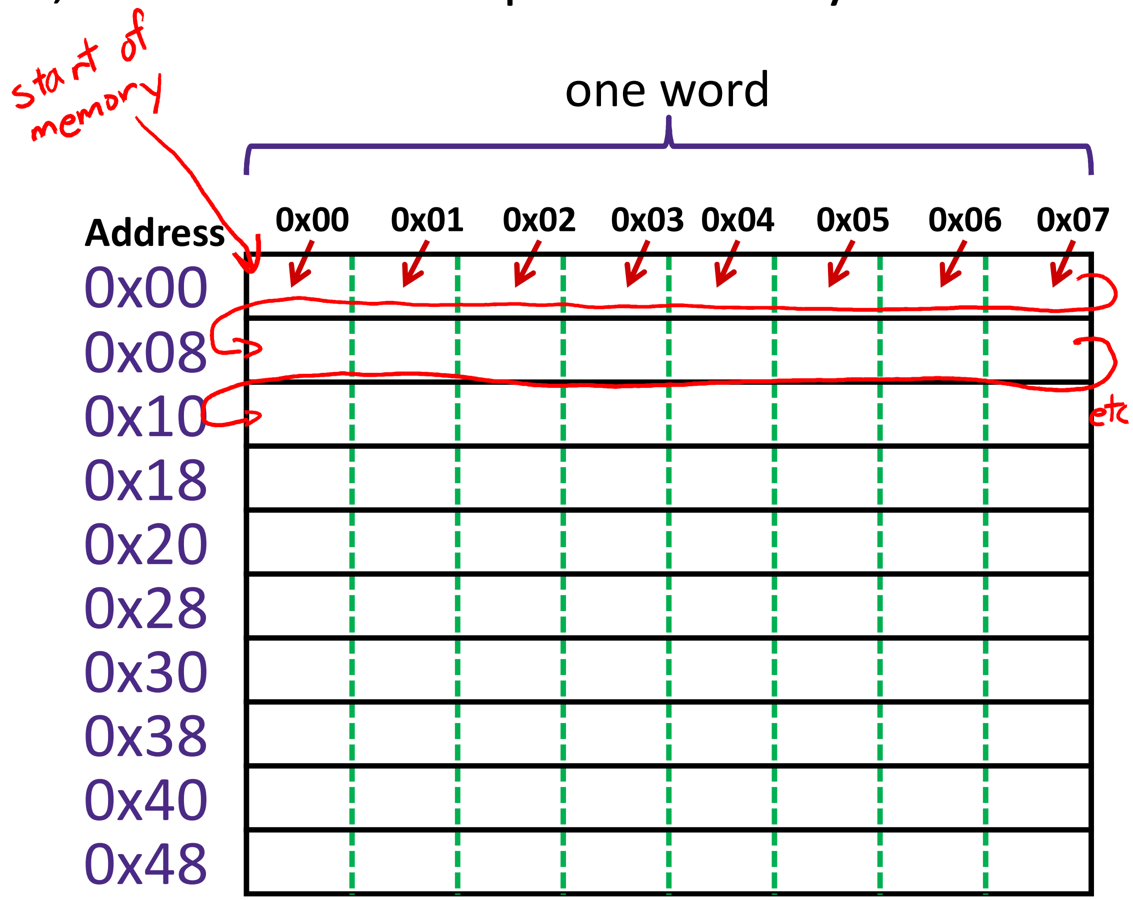

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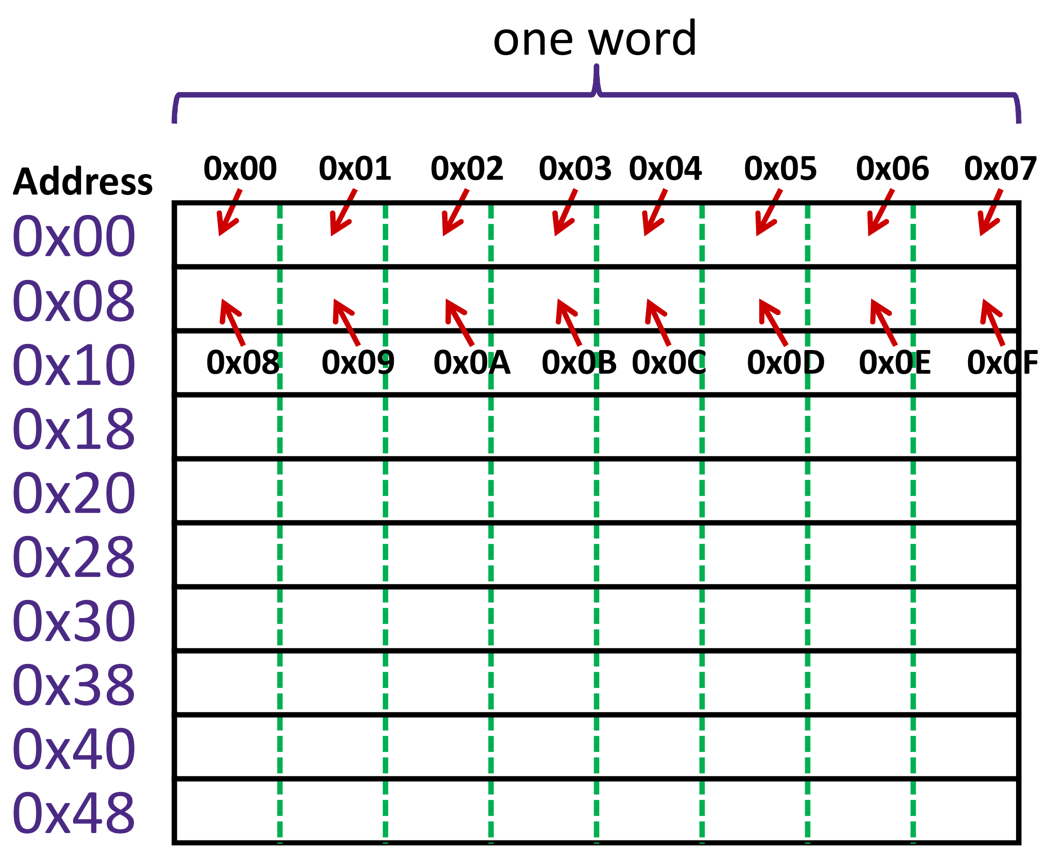

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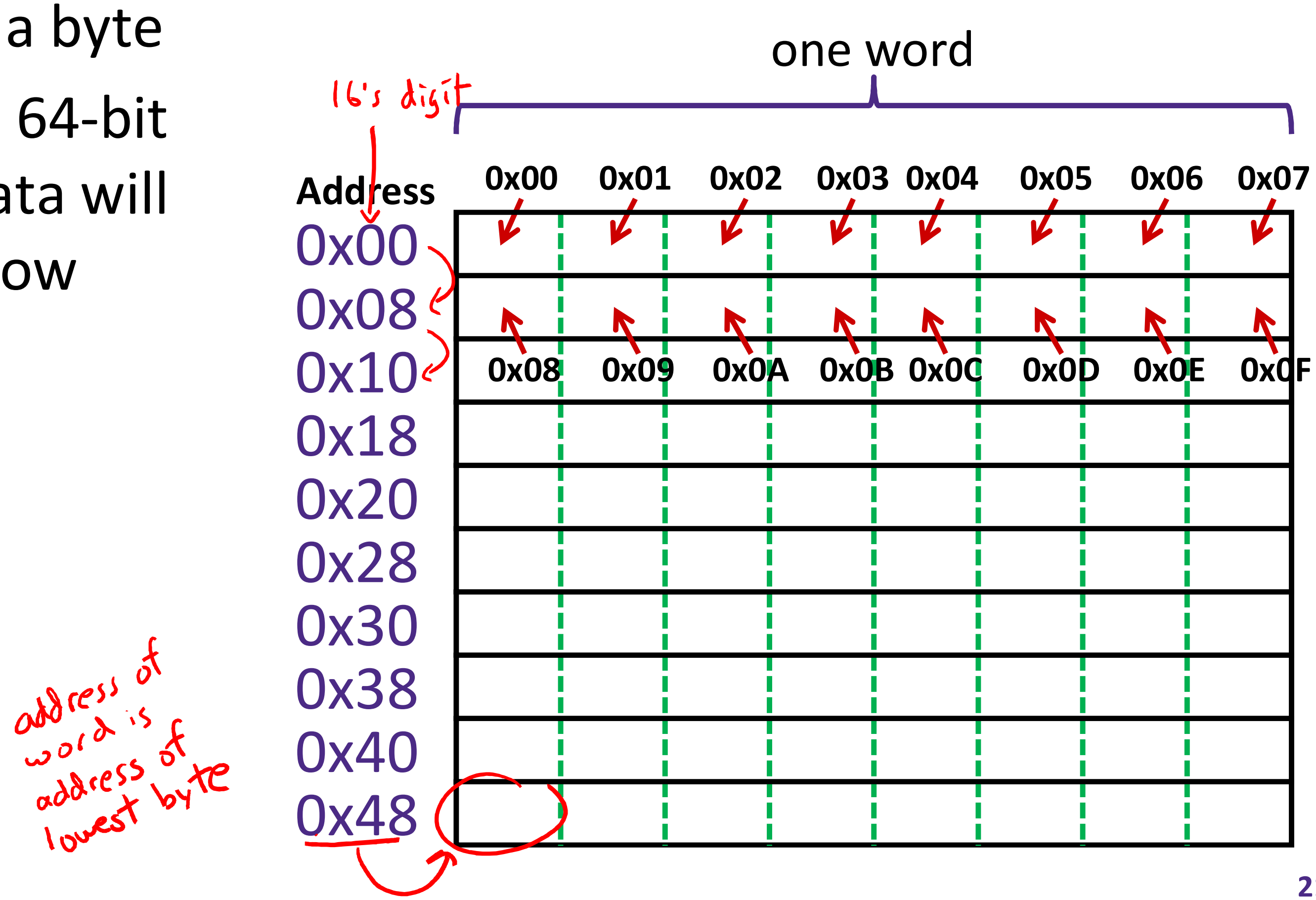
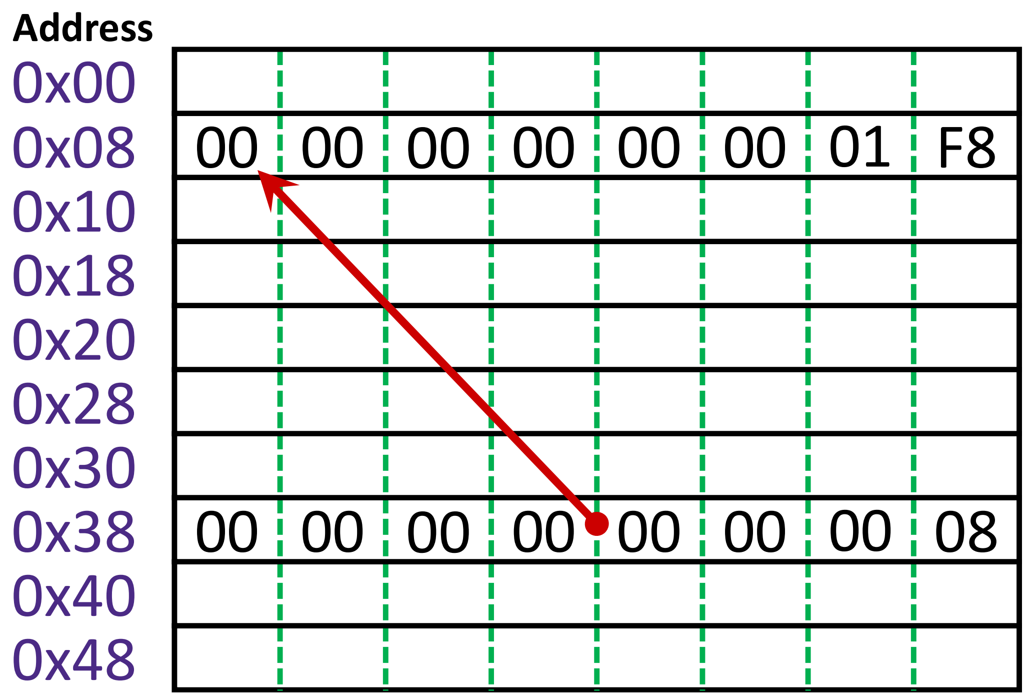


Addresses and Pointers

64-bit example
(pointers are 64-bits wide)
big-endian

- An *address* refers to a location in memory
- A *pointer* is a data object that holds an address
  - Address can point to *any* data
- Value 504 stored at address 0x08
  - $504_{10} = 1F8_{16}$
    = 0x 00 ... 00 01 F8
- Pointer stored at 0x38 points to address 0x08



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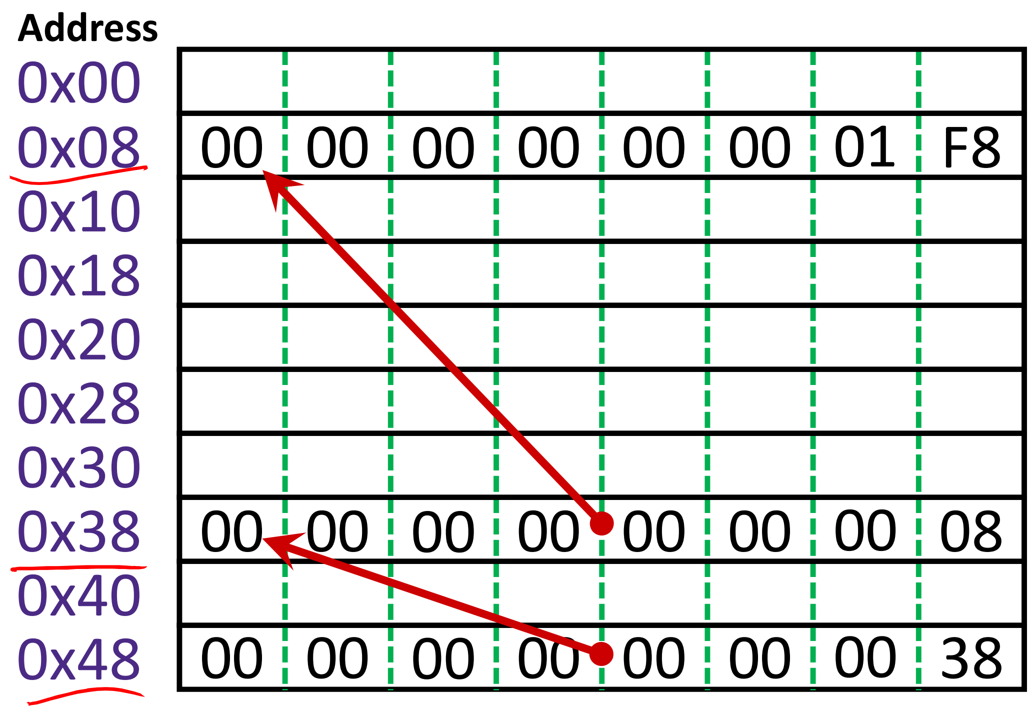
  - Address can point to *any* data
- Pointer stored at 0x48 points to address 0x38
  - Pointer to a pointer!
- Is the data stored at 0x08 a pointer?
  - Could be, depending on how you use it

the hardware doesn't know!



Data Representations

- Sizes of data types (in bytes)

64-bit

Java Data Type	C Data Type	32-bit (old)	x86-64
boolean	bool	1	1
byte	char	1	1
char		2	2
short	short int	2	2
int	int	4	4
float	float	4	4
	long int	4	8
double	double	8	8
long	long long	8	8
	long double	8	16
(reference)	**pointer** *	**4**	**8**

address size = word size

To use "bool" in C, you must #include <stdbool.h>

Memory Alignment Revisited

- A primitive object of K bytes must have an address that is a multiple of K to be considered *aligned*

K	Type
1	`char`
2	`short`
4	`int, float`
8	`long, double,` pointers

- For good memory system performance, Intel (x86) recommends data be aligned
  - However the x86-64 hardware will work correctly otherwise
    - Design choice: x86-64 instructions are *variable* bytes long

Byte Ordering

- How should bytes within a word be ordered *in memory?*
  - Want to keep consecutive bytes in consecutive addresses
  - **Example:** store the 4-byte (32-bit) `int`:
    `0x a1 b2 c3 d4`

Most sig Byte ↑ ↑ Least Sig Byte

- By convention, ordering of bytes called *endianness*
  - The two options are big-endian and little-endian
    - In which address does the least significant *byte* go?
    - Based on *Gulliver's Travels*: tribes cut eggs on different sides (big, little)

Byte Ordering

- Big-endian (SPARC, z/Architecture)
  - Least significant byte has highest address
- Little-endian (x86, x86-64)
  - Least significant byte has lowest address
- Bi-endian (ARM, PowerPC)
  - Endianness can be specified as big or little

- **Example:** 4-byte data 0xa1b2c3d4 at address 0x100

			0x100	0x101	0x102	0x103		
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			0x100	0x101	0x102	0x103		
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Big-Endian

		0x100	0x101	0x102	0x103		
		a1	b2	c3	d4		

Little-Endian

		0x100	0x101	0x102	0x103		
		d4	c3	b2	a1		

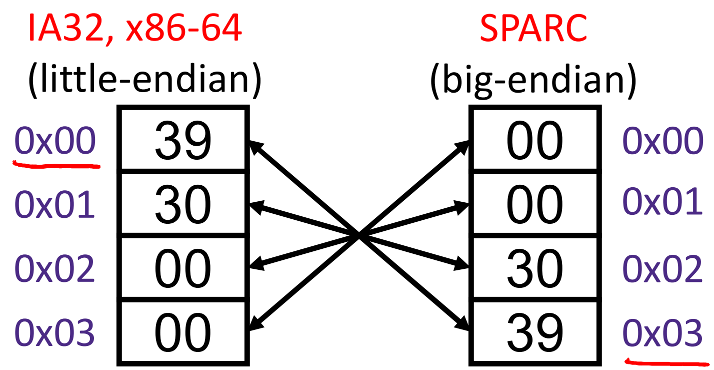
don't reverse the hex digits!

Byte Ordering Examples

Decimal:	12345
Binary:	0011 0000 0011 1001
Hex:	3 0 3 9

4 bytes

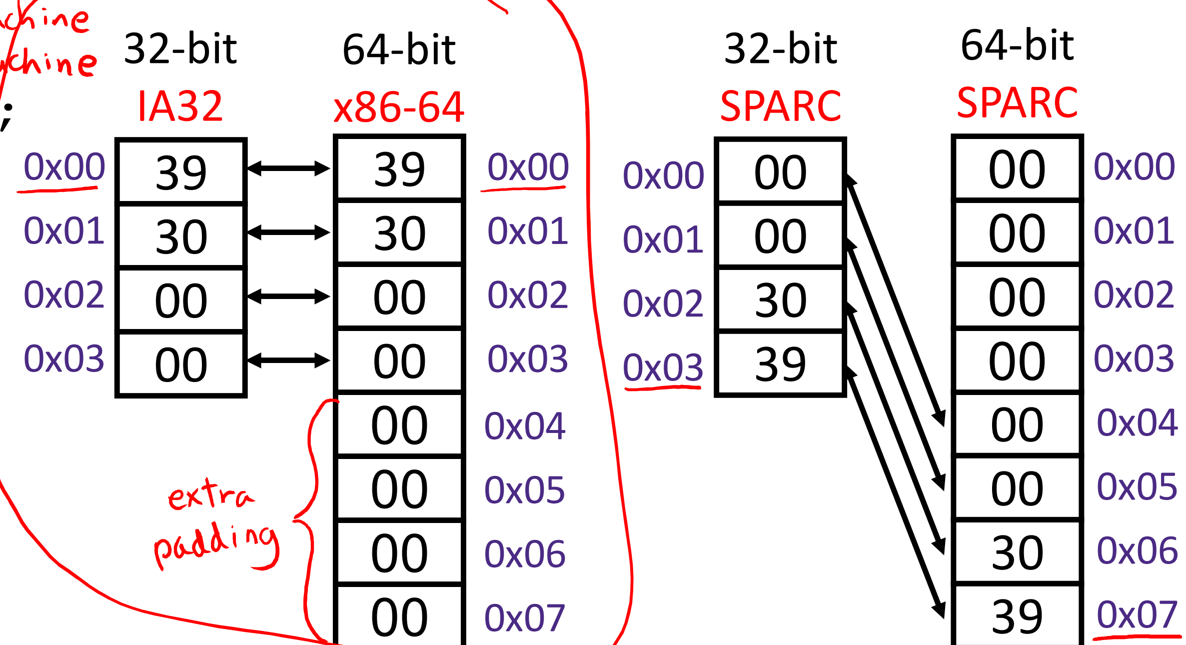
```
int x = 12345;
// or x = 0x3039;
```



4 bytes on 32-bit machine
8 bytes on 64-bit machine

```
long int y = 12345;
// or y = 0x3039;
```

(A `long int` is the size of a word)



Polling Question

- We store the value `0x 01 02 03 04` as a ***word*** at address 0x100 in a big-endian, 64-bit machine
- What is the ***byte of data*** stored at address 0x104?
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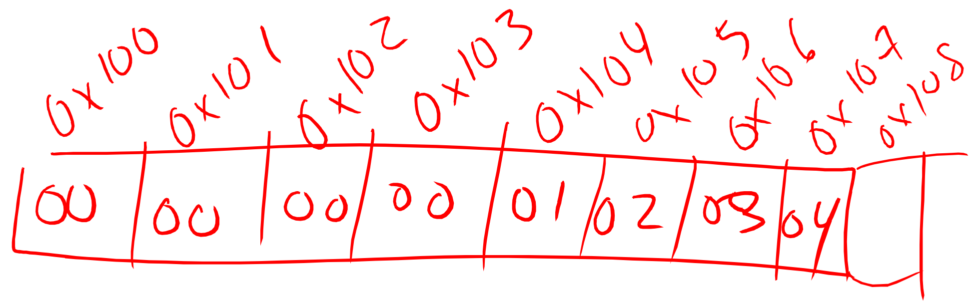

A. 0x04

B. 0x40

C. 0x01

D. 0x10

E. We're lost…

Endianness

- *Endianness only applies to memory storage*
- Often programmer can ignore endianness because it is handled for you
  - Bytes wired into correct place when reading or storing from memory (hardware)
  - Compiler and assembler generate correct behavior (software)
- Endianness still shows up:
  - Logical issues: accessing different amount of data than how you stored it (*e.g.* store `int`, access byte as a `char`)
  - Need to know exact values to debug memory errors
  - Manual translation to and from machine code (in 351)

Summary

- Memory is a long, *byte-addressed* array
  - Word size bounds the size of the *address space* and memory
  - Different data types use different number of bytes
  - Address of chunk of memory given by address of lowest byte in chunk
  - Object of K bytes is *aligned* if it has an address that is a multiple of K
- Pointers are data objects that hold addresses
- Endianness determines memory storage order for multi-byte data