COMP201

Computer Systems & Programming

Lecture #21 – Assembly Execution and %rip

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Good news, everyone!

- Mid-semester course evaluations are due 23:59, November 23.
- We will finish early today so that you can use the last 10 mins to complete the evaluation form.

Recap

- The `lea` Instruction
- Logical and Arithmetic Operations
- Practice: Reverse Engineering

Recap: Unary Instructions

The following instructions operate on a single operand (register or memory):

Instruction	Effect	Description
`inc D`	`D ← D + 1`	Increment
`dec D`	`D ← D - 1`	Decrement
`neg D`	`D ← -D`	Negate
`not D`	`D ← ~D`	Complement

Examples:

```
incq 16(%rax)
dec %rdx
not %rcx
```

Recap: Binary Instructions

The following instructions operate on two operands (both can be register or memory, source can also be immediate). Both cannot be memory locations. Read it as, e.g. "Subtract S from D":

Instruction	Effect	Description
`add S, D`	D ← D + S	Add
`sub S, D`	D ← D - S	Subtract
`imul S, D`	D ← D * S	Multiply
`xor S, D`	D ← D ^ S	Exclusive-or
`or S, D`	D ← D | S	Or
`and S, D`	D ← D & S	And

Examples:

```
addq %rcx,(%rax)
xorq $16,(%rax, %rdx, 8)
subq %rdx,8(%rax)
```

Recap: Large Multiplication

- Multiplying 64-bit numbers can produce a 128-bit result. How does x86-64 support this with only 64-bit registers?
- If you specify two operands to **`imul`**, it multiplies them together and truncates until it fits in a 64-bit register.

```
imul S, D      D ← D * S
```

- If you specify one operand, it multiplies that by **`%rax`**, and splits the product across **`2`** registers. It puts the high-order 64 bits in **`%rdx`** and the low-order 64 bits in **`%rax`**.

Instruction	Effect	Description
`imulq S`	`R[%rdx]:R[%rax] ← S x R[%rax]`	Signed full multiply
`mulq S`	`R[%rdx]:R[%rax] ← S x R[%rax]`	Unsigned full multiply

Recap: Division and Remainder

Instruction	Effect	Description
`idivq S`	`R[%rdx] ← R[%rdx]:R[%rax] mod S;` `R[%rax] ← R[%rdx]:R[%rax] ÷ S`	Signed divide
`divq S`	`R[%rdx] ← R[%rdx]:R[%rax] mod S;` `R[%rax] ← R[%rdx]:R[%rax] ÷ S`	Unsigned divide
`cqto`	`R[%rdx]:R[%rax] ← SignExtend(R[%rax])`	Convert to oct word

- Terminology: **dividend / divisor = quotient + remainder**
- The high-order 64 bits of the dividend are in **`%rdx`**, and the low-order 64 bits are in **`%rax`**. The divisor is the operand to the instruction.
- Most division uses only 64-bit dividends. The **`cqto`** instruction sign-extends the 64-bit value in **`%rax`** into **`%rdx`** to fill both registers with the dividend, as the division instruction expects.

Recap: Shift Instructions

The following instructions have two operands: the shift amount **k** and the destination to shift, **D**. **k** can be either an immediate value, or the byte register **`%cl`** (and only that register!)

Instruction	Effect	Description
`sal k, D`	D ← D << k	Left shift
`shl k, D`	D ← D << k	Left shift (same as `sal`)
`sar k, D`	D ← D $>>_A$ k	Arithmetic right shift
`shr k, D`	D ← D $>>_L$ k	Logical right shift

Examples:

```
shll $3,(%rax)
shrl %cl,(%rax,%rdx,8)
sarl $4,8(%rax)
```

Lecture Plan

- Practice: Reverse Engineering
- Assembly Execution and `%rip`

Disclaimer: Slides for this lecture were borrowed from

—Nick Troccoli's Stanford CS107 class

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Recap: Assembly Exercise 1

```
00000000004005ac <sum_example1>:
    4005bd:   8b 45 e8        mov  %esi,%eax
    4005c3:   01 d0           add  %edi,%eax
    4005cc:   c3              retq
```

Which of the following is most likely to have generated the above assembly?

```
// A)
void sum_example1() {
    int x;
    int y;
    int sum = x + y;
}
```

```
// B)
int sum_example1(int x, int y) {
    return x + y;
}
```

```
// C)
void sum_example1(int x, int y) {
    int sum = x + y;
}
```

Assembly Exercise 2

slido Event code: 73165

```
0000000000400578 <sum_example2>:
    400578:   8b 47 0c        mov  0xc(%rdi),%eax
    40057b:   03 07           add  (%rdi),%eax
    40057d:   2b 47 18        sub  0x18(%rdi),%eax
    400580:   c3              retq
```

```
int sum_example2(int arr[]) {
    int sum = 0;
    sum += arr[0];
    sum += arr[3];
    sum -= arr[6];
    return sum;
}
```

What location or value in the assembly above represents the C code's **sum** variable?

%eax

Assembly Exercise 3

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    sum -= arr[6];
    return sum;
}
```

What location or value in the assembly code above represents the C code's **6** (as in **`arr[6]`**)?

0x18

Our First Assembly

```
int sum_array(int arr[], int nelems) {
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < nelems; i++) {
        sum += arr[i];
    }
    return sum;
}
```

We're 1/2 of the way to understanding assembly!
What looks understandable right now?

```
00000000004005b6 <sum_array>:
  4005b6:    ba 00 00 00 00        mov    $0x0,%edx
  4005bb:    b8 00 00 00 00        mov    $0x0,%eax
  4005c0:    eb 09                 jmp    4005cb <sum_array+0x15>
  4005c2:    48 63 ca              movslq %edx,%rcx
  4005c5:    03 04 8f              add    (%rdi,%rcx,4),%eax
  4005c8:    83 c2 01              add    $0x1,%edx
  4005cb:    39 f2                 cmp    %esi,%edx
  4005cd:    7c f3                 jl     4005c2 <sum_array+0xc>
  4005cf:    f3 c3                 repz retq
```

A Note About Operand Forms

- Many instructions share the same address operand forms that **`mov`** uses.
  - Eg. `7(%rax, %rcx, 2)`.
- These forms work the same way for other instructions, e.g. **`sub`**:
  - `sub 8(%rax,%rdx),%rcx` -> Go to 8 + `%rax` + `%rdx`, subtract what's there from `%rcx`
- The exception is **`lea`**:
  - It interprets this form as just the calculation, *not the dereferencing*
  - `lea 8(%rax,%rdx),%rcx` -> Calculate 8 + `%rax` + `%rdx`, put it in `%rcx`

Extra Practice

https://godbolt.org/z/QQj77g

Reverse Engineering 1

```
int add_to(int x, int arr[], int i) {
    int sum = ___?___;
    sum += arr[___?___];
    return ___?___;
}

----------

add_to:
  movslq %edx, %rdx
  movl %edi, %eax
  addl (%rsi,%rdx,4), %eax
  ret
```

Reverse Engineering 1

```
int add_to(int x, int arr[], int i) {
    int sum = ___?___;
    sum += arr[___?___];
    return ___?___;
}

----------
// x in %edi, arr in %rsi, i in %edx
add_to:
  movslq %edx, %rdx              // sign-extend i into full register
  movl %edi, %eax                // copy x into %eax
  addl (%rsi,%rdx,4), %eax       // add arr[i] to %eax
  ret
```

Reverse Engineering 1

```
int add_to(int x, int arr[], int i) {
    int sum = x;
    sum += arr[i];
    return sum;
}

----------
// x in %edi, arr in %rsi, i in %edx
add_to_ith:
  movslq %edx, %rdx             // sign-extend i into full register
  movl %edi, %eax               // copy x into %eax
  addl (%rsi,%rdx,4), %eax      // add arr[i] to %eax
  ret
```

Reverse Engineering 2

```
int elem_arithmetic(int nums[], int y) {
    int z = nums[___?___] * ___?___;
    z -= ___?___;
    z >>= ___?___;
    return ___?___;
}
----------

elem_arithmetic:
  movl %esi, %eax
  imull (%rdi), %eax
  subl 4(%rdi), %eax
  sarl $2, %eax
  addl $2, %eax
  ret
```

Reverse Engineering 2

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    int z = nums[___?___] * ___?___;
    z -= ___?___;
    z >>= ___?___;
    return ___?___;
}
----------
// nums in %rdi, y in %esi
elem_arithmetic:
  movl %esi, %eax          // copy y into %eax
  imull (%rdi), %eax       // multiply %eax by nums[0]
  subl 4(%rdi), %eax       // subtract nums[1] from %eax
  sarl $2, %eax            // shift %eax right by 2
  addl $2, %eax            // add 2 to %eax
  ret
```

Reverse Engineering 2

```
int elem_arithmetic(int nums[], int y) {
    int z = nums[0] * y;
    z -= nums[1];
    z >>= 2;
    return z + 2;
}
----------
// nums in %rdi, y in %esi
elem_arithmetic:
  movl %esi, %eax           // copy y into %eax
  imull (%rdi), %eax        // multiply %eax by nums[0]
  subl 4(%rdi), %eax        // subtract nums[1] from %eax
  sarl $2, %eax             // shift %eax right by 2
  addl $2, %eax             // add 2 to %eax
  ret
```

Reverse Engineering 3

```
long func(long x, long *ptr) {
    *ptr = ___?___ + 1;
    long result = x % ___?___;
    return ___?___;
}
----------

func:
  leaq 1(%rdi), %rcx
  movq %rcx, (%rsi)
  movq %rdi, %rax
  cqto
  idivq %rcx
  movq %rdx, %rax
  ret
```

Reverse Engineering 3

```
long func(long x, long *ptr) {
    *ptr = ___?___ + 1;
    long result = x % ___?___;
    return ___?___;
}
----------
// x in %rdi, ptr in %rsi
func:
  leaq 1(%rdi), %rcx        // put x + 1 into %rcx
  movq %rcx, (%rsi)         // copy %rcx into *ptr
  movq %rdi, %rax           // copy x into %rax
  cqto                      // sign-extend x into %rdx
  idivq %rcx                // calculate x / (x + 1)
  movq %rdx, %rax           // copy the remainder into %rax
  ret
```

Reverse Engineering 3

```
long func(long x, long *ptr) {
    *ptr = x + 1;
    long result = x % *ptr; // or x + 1
    return result;
}
----------
// x in %rdi, ptr in %rsi
func:
  leaq 1(%rdi), %rcx        // put x + 1 into %rcx
  movq %rcx, (%rsi)         // copy %rcx into *ptr
  movq %rdi, %rax           // copy x into %rax
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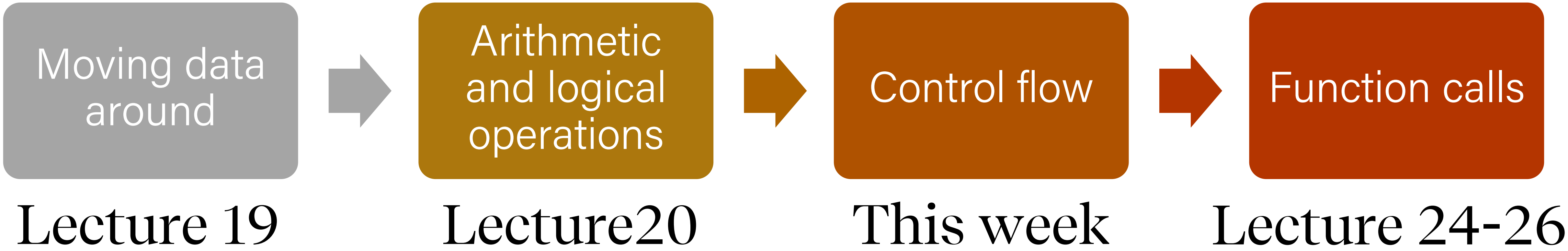
  idivq %rcx                // calculate x / (x + 1)
  movq %rdx, %rax           // copy the remainder into %rax
  ret
```

Lecture Plan

- More practice: Reverse Engineering
- Assembly Execution and `%rip`

Learning Assembly



Learning Goals

- Learn about how assembly stores comparison and operation results in condition codes
- Understand how assembly implements loops and control flow

Executing Instructions

What does it mean for a program to execute?

Executing Instructions

So far:

- Program values can be stored in memory or registers.
- Assembly instructions read/write values back and forth between registers (on the CPU) and memory.
- Assembly instructions are also stored in memory.

Today:

- **Who controls the instructions?** How do we know what to do now or next?

Answer:

- The **program counter** (PC), `%rip`.

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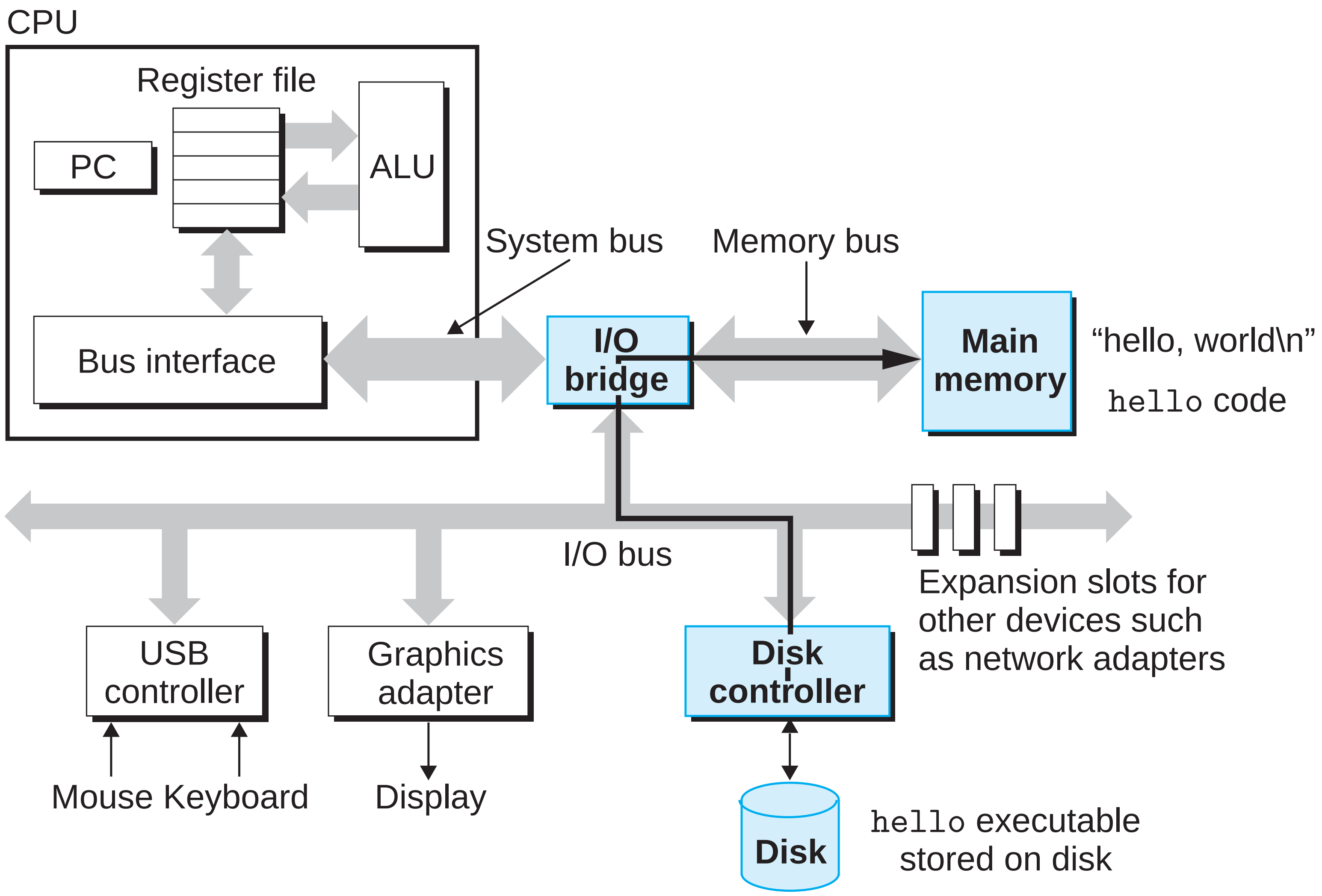
Register Responsibilities

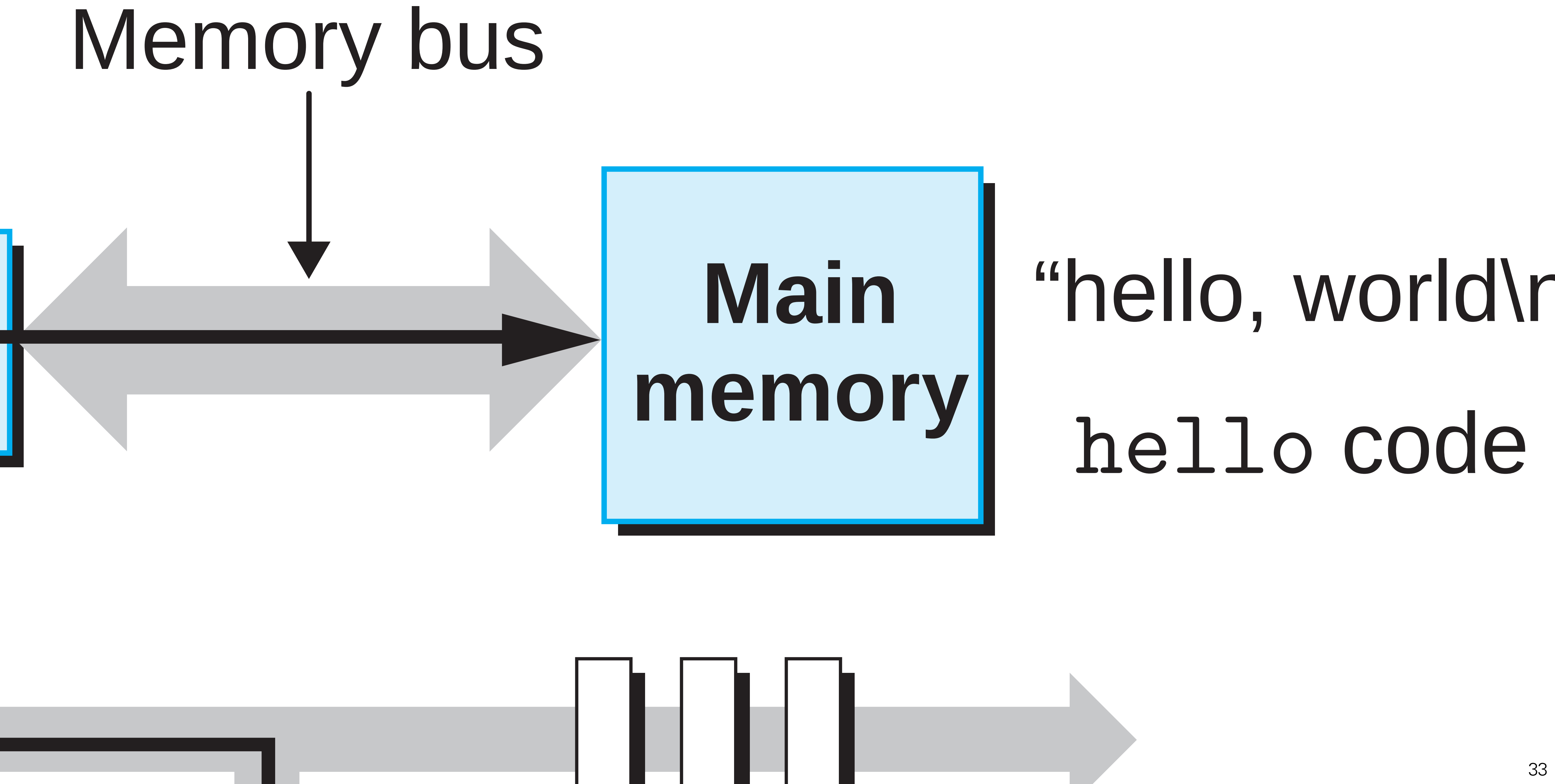
Some registers take on special responsibilities during program execution.

- **`%rax`** stores the return value
- **`%rdi`** stores the first parameter to a function
- **`%rsi`** stores the second parameter to a function
- **`%rdx`** stores the third parameter to a function
- **`%rip`** stores the address of the next instruction to execute
- **`%rsp`** stores the address of the current top of the stack

See the x86-64 Guide and Reference Sheet on the Resources webpage for more!

Instructions Are Just Bytes!




Memory bus
Main memory
“hello, world\
hello code

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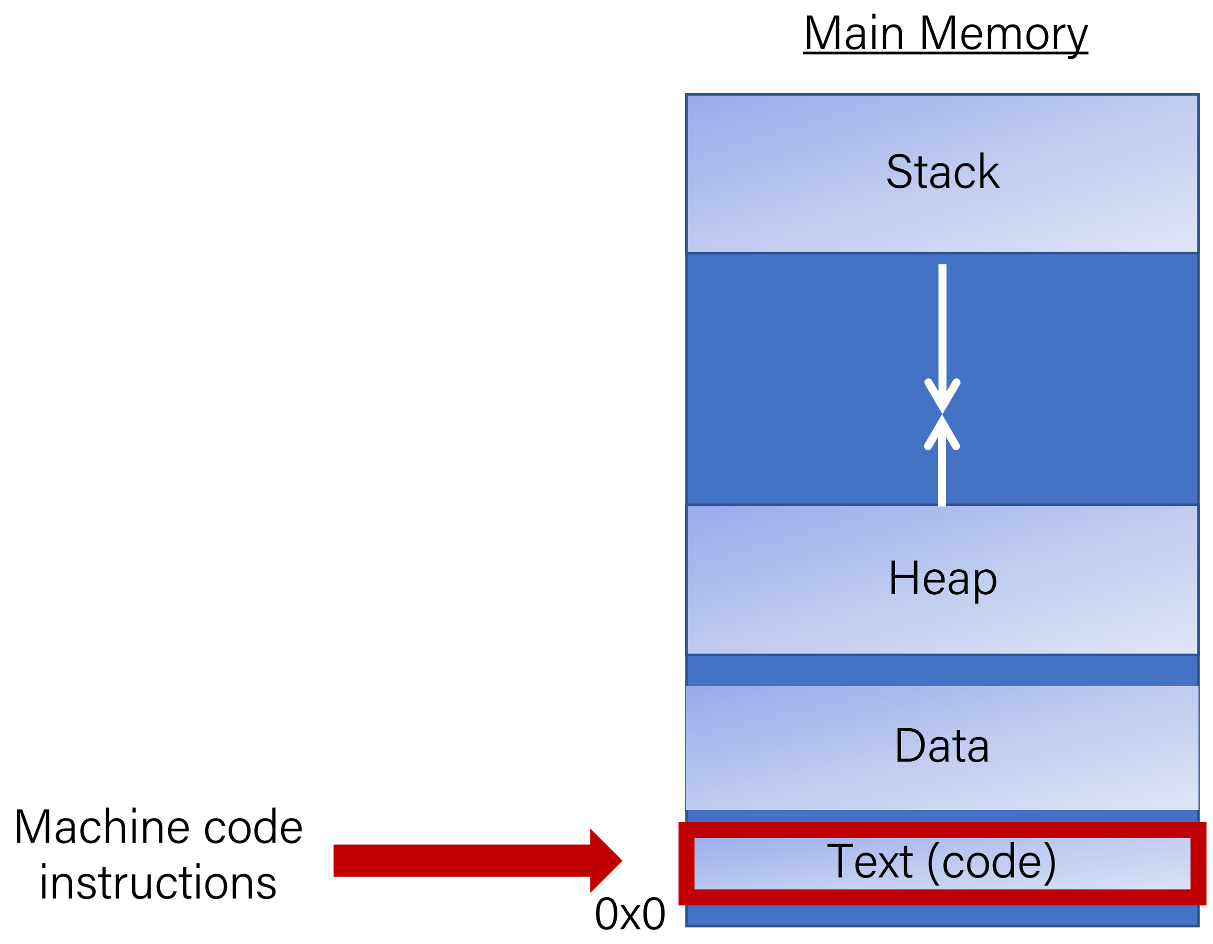

%rip

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`0x4004ed`

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`0x4004ee`

`%rip`

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`0x4004f1`

%rip

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4004fc	eb
4004fb	01
4004fa	fc
4004f9	45
4004f8	83
4004f7	00
4004f6	00
4004f5	00
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`0x4004f8`

%rip

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`0x4004fc`

%rip

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```

Special hardware sets the program counter to the next instruction:

%rip += size of bytes of current instruction

0x4004fc

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Going In Circles

- How can we use this representation of execution to represent e.g. a **loop**?
- **Key Idea:** we can "interfere" with **`%rip`** and set it back to an earlier instruction!

Jump!

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4004f7	00
4004f6	00
4004f5	00
4004f4	00
4004f3	fc
4004f2	45
4004f1	c7
4004f0	e5
4004ef	89
4004ee	48
4004ed	55

0x4004fc

%rip

Jump!

```
00000000004004ed <loop>:
4004ed: 55                      push   %rbp
4004ee: 48 89 e5                mov    %rsp,%rbp
4004f1: c7 45 fc 00 00 00 00    movl   $0x0,-0x4(%rbp)
4004f8: 83 45 fc 01             addl   $0x1,-0x4(%rbp)
4004fc: eb fa                   jmp    4004f8 <loop+0xb>
```

This assembly represents an infinite loop in C!

```
while (true) {…}
```

`0x4004fc`

%rip

4004fd	fa
4004fc	eb
4004fb	01
4004fa	fc
4004f9	45
4004f8	83
4004f7	00
4004f6	00
4004f5	00
4004f4	00
4004f3	fc
4004f2	45
4004f1	c7
4004f0	e5
4004ef	89
4004ee	48
4004ed	55

jmp

The **`jmp`** instruction jumps to another instruction in the assembly code ("Unconditional Jump").

```
jmp Label        (Direct Jump)
jmp *Operand     (Indirect Jump)
```

The destination can be hardcoded into the instruction (direct jump):

```
jmp 404f8 <loop+0xb>  # jump to instruction at 0x404f8
```

The destination can also be one of the usual operand forms (indirect jump):

```
jmp *%rax     # jump to instruction at address in %rax
```

“Interfering” with `%rip`

1. How do we repeat instructions in a loop?

`jmp [target]`

- A 1-step unconditional jump (always jump when we execute this instruction)

What if we want a **conditional jump**?

Recap:

- More practice: Reverse Engineering
- Assembly Execution and `%rip`

Next time: Condition codes, conditional branches

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