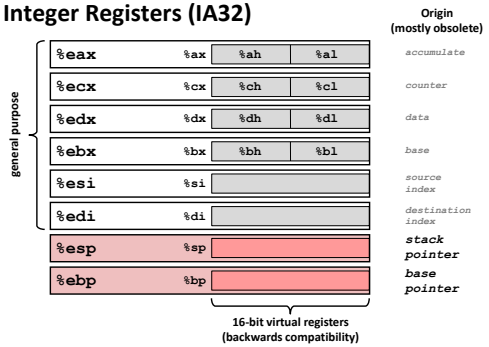
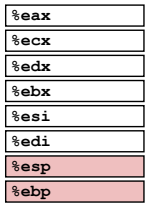
ASSEMBLY BASICS
REGISTERS, OPERANDS, MOVE

Integer Registers (IA32)



Moving Data: IA32

- **Moving Data**
  - `movx` ***Source, Dest***
  - `x` in {`b, w, l`}
  - `movl` ***Source, Dest***:
    Move 4-byte "long word"
  - `movw` ***Source, Dest***:
    Move 2-byte "word"
  - `movb` ***Source, Dest***:
    Move 1-byte "byte"
- **Lots of these in typical code**



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- **Moving Data**
  `movl` ***Source, Dest***:
- **Operand Types**
  - ***Immediate:*** Constant integer data
    - Example: `$0x400, $-533`
    - Like C constant, but prefixed with `'$'`
    - Encoded with 1, 2, or 4 bytes
  - ***Register:*** One of 8 integer registers
    - Example: `%eax, %edx`
    - But `%esp` and `%ebp` reserved for special use
    - Others have special uses for particular instructions
  - ***Memory:*** 4 consecutive bytes of memory at address given by register
    - Simplest example: `(%eax)`
    - Various other "address modes"

%eax
%ecx
%edx
%ebx
%esi
%edi
%esp
%ebp

`movl` Operand Combinations

	Source	Dest	Src,Dest	C Analog
movl	*Imm*	*Reg*	`movl $0x4,%eax`	`temp = 0x4;`
		Mem	`movl $-147,(%eax)`	`*p = -147;`
	Reg	*Reg*	`movl %eax,%edx`	`temp2 = temp1;`
		Mem	`movl %eax,(%edx)`	`*p = temp;`
	Mem	*Reg*	`movl (%eax),%edx`	`temp = *p;`

Cannot do memory-memory transfer with a single instruction

Simple Memory Addressing Modes

- **Normal (R) Mem[Reg[R]]**
  - Register R specifies memory address

```
movl (%ecx),%eax
```

- **Displacement D(R) Mem[Reg[R]+D]**
  - Register R specifies start of memory region
  - Constant displacement D specifies offset

```
movl 8(%ebp),%edx
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Using Simple Addressing Modes

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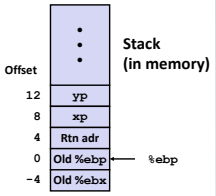

Stack (in memory)

Register	Value
%ecx	yp
%edx	xp
%eax	t1
%ebx	t0

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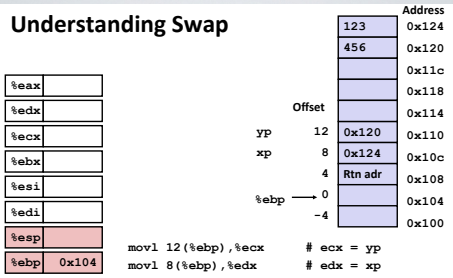


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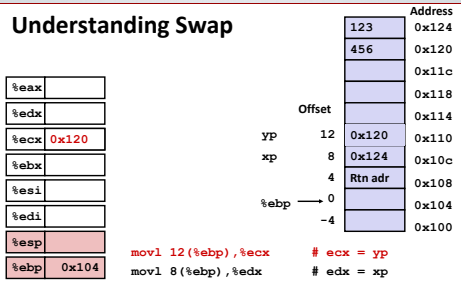


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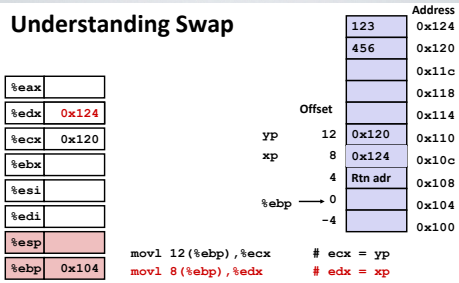


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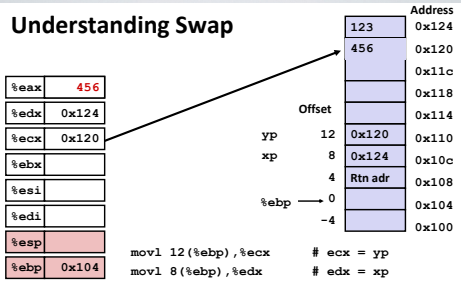


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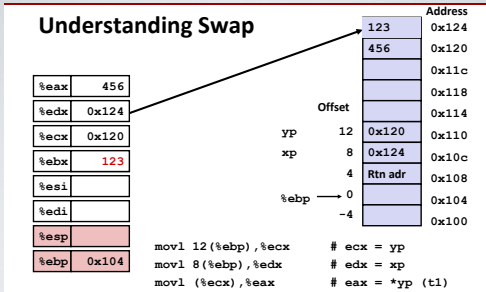


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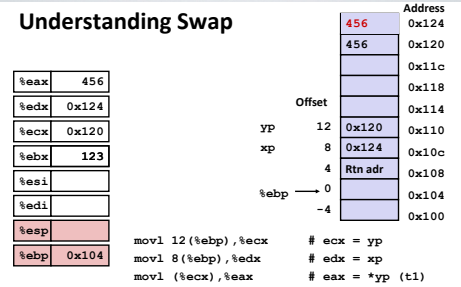


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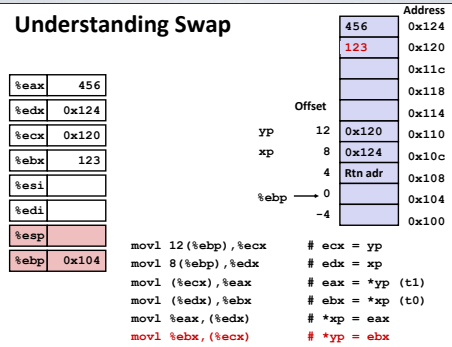


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Complete Memory Addressing Modes

- **Most General Form**

  D(Rb,Ri,S) **Mem[Reg[Rb]+S*Reg[Ri]+ D]**

  - D: Constant "displacement" 1, 2, or 4 bytes
  - Rb: Base register: Any of 8 integer registers
  - Ri: Index register: Any, except for **%esp**
    - Unlikely you'd use **%ebp**, either
  - S: Scale: 1, 2, 4, or 8 (*why these numbers?*)

- **Special Cases**

  (Rb,Ri) **Mem[Reg[Rb]+Reg[Ri]]**

  D(Rb,Ri) **Mem[Reg[Rb]+Reg[Ri]+D]**

  (Rb,Ri,S) **Mem[Reg[Rb]+S*Reg[Ri]]**

ADDITIONAL INFO

Intel x86 Processors

- **Totally dominate computer market** Well the desktop
- **Evolutionary design**
  - Backwards compatible up until 8086, introduced in 1978
  - Added more features as time goes on
- **Complex instruction set computer (CISC)**
  - Many different instructions with many different formats
    - But, only small subset encountered with Linux programs
  - Hard to match performance of Reduced Instruction Set Computers (RISC)
  - But, Intel has done just that!

Intel x86 Evolution: Milestones

Name	*Date*	*Transistors*	*MHz*
8086	**1978**	**29K**	**5-10**

- First 16-bit processor. Basis for IBM PC & DOS
- 1MB address space

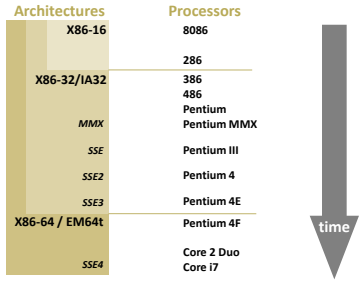
386	**1985**	**275K**	**16-33**

- First 32 bit processor , referred to as IA32
- Added "flat addressing"
- Capable of running Unix
- 32-bit Linux/gcc uses no instructions introduced in later models

Pentium 4F	**2005**	**230M**	**2800-3800**

- First 64-bit processor
- Meanwhile, Pentium 4s (Netburst arch.) phased out in favor of "Core" line

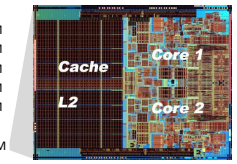
Intel x86 Processors: Overview



IA: often redefined as latest Intel architecture

Intel x86 Processors, contd.

- **Machine Evolution**
  - 486 1989 1.9M
  - Pentium 1993 3.1M
  - Pentium/MMX 1997 4.5M
  - PentiumPro 1995 6.5M
  - Pentium III 1999 8.2M
  - Pentium 4 2001 42M
  - Core 2 Duo 2006 291M



- **Added Features**
  - Instructions to support multimedia operations
    - Parallel operations on 1, 2, and 4-byte data, both integer & FP
  - Instructions to enable more efficient conditional operations
- **Linux/GCC Evolution**
  - Very limited

More Information

- **Intel processors (Wikipedia)**
- **Intel microarchitectures**

New Species: ia64, then IPF, then Itanium,…

Name	*Date*	*Transistors*
Itanium	**2001**	**10M**

- First shot at 64-bit architecture: first called IA64
- Radically new instruction set designed for high performance
- Can run existing IA32 programs
  - On-board "x86 engine"
- Joint project with Hewlett-Packard

Itanium 2	**2002**	**221M**

- Big performance boost

Itanium 2 Dual-Core	**2006**	**1.7B**

- **Itanium has not taken off in marketplace**
  - Lack of backward compatibility, no good compiler support, Pentium 4 got too good

Definitions

- **Architecture: (also instruction set architecture: ISA) The parts of a processor design that one needs to understand to write assembly code.**
- **Microarchitecture: Implementation of the architecture.**
- **Architecture examples: instruction set specification, registers.**
- **Microarchitecture examples: cache sizes and core frequency.**
- **Example ISAs (Intel): x86, IA, IPF**

x86 Clones: Advanced Micro Devices (AMD)

- **Historically**
  - AMD has followed just behind Intel
  - A little bit slower, a lot cheaper
- **Then**
  - Recruited top circuit designers from Digital Equipment Corp. and other downward trending companies
  - Built Opteron: tough competitor to Pentium 4
  - Developed x86-64, their own extension to 64 bits
- **Recently**
  - Intel much quicker with dual core design
  - Intel currently far ahead in performance
  - em64t backwards compatible to x86-64

Intel's 64-Bit

- **Intel Attempted Radical Shift from IA32 to IA64**
  - Totally different architecture (Itanium)
  - Executes IA32 code only as legacy
  - Performance disappointing
- **AMD Stepped in with Evolutionary Solution**
  - x86-64 (now called "AMD64")
- **Intel Felt Obligated to Focus on IA64**
  - Hard to admit mistake or that AMD is better
- **2004: Intel Announces EM64T extension to IA32**
  - Extended Memory 64-bit Technology
  - Almost identical to x86-64!
- **Meanwhile: EM64t well introduced, however, still often not used by OS, programs**