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Machine-Level Programming IV: Data Sept. 20, 2006

Structured Data

- Arrays
- Structs
- Unions

Data/Control

- Buffer overflow

Basic Data Types

Integral

- Stored & operated on in general registers
- Signed vs. unsigned depends on instructions used

Intel	GA8	Bytes	C
byte	b	1	[unsigned] char
word	w	2	[unsigned] short
double word	d	4	[unsigned] int
quad word	q	8	[unsigned] long int (x86-64)

Floating Point

- Stored & operated on in floating point registers

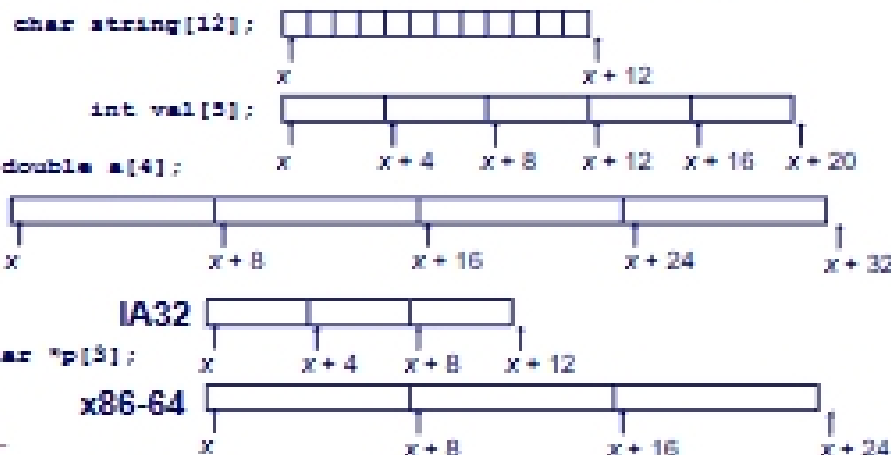
Intel	GA8	Bytes	C
Single	s	4	float
Double	d	8	double
Extended	e	10/12/18	long double

Array Allocation

Basic Principle

`T A[L];`

- Array of data type *T* and length *L*
- Contiguously allocated region of $L * \text{sizeof}(T)$ bytes



Array Access

Basic Principle

`T A[L];`

- Array of data type *T* and length *L*
- Identifier *A* can be used as a pointer to array element 0
 - Type *T**



Reference Type Value

Reference	Type	Value
<code>val[4]</code>	int	3
<code>val</code>	int *	<i>x</i>
<code>val+1</code>	int *	<i>x+4</i>
<code>sval[2]</code>	int *	<i>x+8</i>
<code>val[5]</code>	int	??
<code>*(val+1)</code>	int	5
<code>val + 1</code>	int *	<i>x+4</i>

Array Example

```
typedef int zip_dig[5];
zip_dig cmu = { 1, 5, 2, 1, 3 };
zip_dig mit = { 0, 2, 1, 3, 9 };
zip_dig ucb = { 9, 4, 7, 2, 0 };
```



Notes

- Declaration "zip_dig cmu" equivalent to "int cmu[5]"
- Example arrays were allocated in successive 20 byte blocks
 - Not guaranteed to happen in general

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Array Accessing Example

Computation

- Register %edx contains starting address of array
- Register %eax contains array Index
- Desired digit at $4 * \text{eax} + \text{edx}$
- Use memory reference (`%edx, %eax, 4`)

```
int get_digit
(zip_dig z, int dig)
{
    return z[dig];
}
```

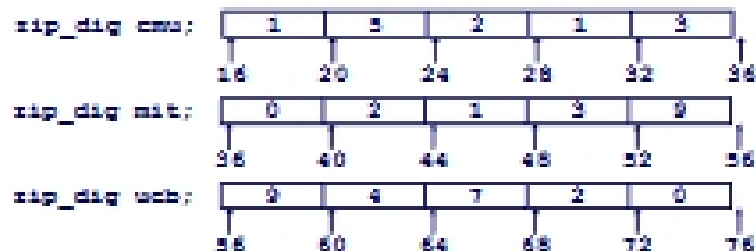
IA32 Memory Reference Code

```
⌘ %edx = z
⌘ %eax = dig
movl (%edx,%eax,4),%eax ⌘ z[dig]
```

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Referencing Examples



Code Does Not Do Any Bounds Checking!

Reference	Address	Value	Guaranteed?
mit[3]	$36 + 4 * 3 = 48$	3	Yes
mit[5]	$36 + 4 * 5 = 56$	9	No
mit[-1]	$36 + 4 * -1 = 32$	3	No
cmu[15]	$16 + 4 * 15 = 76$??	No

- Out of range behavior implementation-dependent
 - No guaranteed relative allocation of different arrays

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Array Loop Example

Original Source

```
int sd2int(zip_dig z)
{
    int i;
    int xi = 0;
    for (i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        xi = 10 * xi + z[i];
    }
    return xi;
}
```

Transformed Version

- As generated by GCC
- Eliminate loop variable `i`
- Convert array code to pointer code
- Express in do-while form
 - No need to test at entrance

```
int sd2int(zip_dig z)
{
    int xi = 0;
    int *zend = z + 4;
    do {
        xi = 10 * xi + *z;
        z++;
    } while (z <= zend);
    return xi;
}
```

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