Machine-Level Programming IV: Data

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Today

- **Arrays**
  - One-dimensional
  - Multi-dimensional (nested)
  - Multi-level

- **Structures**
  - Allocation
  - Access
  - Alignment

- **Floating Point**
Array Allocation

- Basic Principle

\[
T \ A[L];
\]
- Array of data type \( T \) and length \( L \)
- Contiguously allocated region of \( L \times \text{sizeof}(T) \) bytes in memory

```
char string[12];
```

```
int val[5];
```

```
double a[3];
```

```
char *p[3];
```

Array Access

**Basic Principle**

```c
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```

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\( \text{val} + i \)
#define ZLEN 5
typedef int zip_dig[ZLEN];

zip_dig cmu = { 1, 5, 2, 1, 3 };
z...
Array Accessing Example

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

**x86-64**

```assembly
# %rdi = z
# %rsi = 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`
- Use memory reference (%rdi,%rsi,4)
Array Loop Example

void zincr(zip_dig z) {
    size_t i;
    for (i = 0; i < ZLEN; i++)
        z[i]++;
}

# %rdi = z
movl $0, %eax
jmp .L3
.L4:
    addl $1, (%rdi,%rax,4)
    addq $1, %rax
.L3:
    cmpq $4, %rax
    jbe .L4
    rep; ret
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- Allocated int
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## Understanding Pointers & Arrays #2

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**Diagram: A1, A2, A3**

- **A1**:
  - Allocated int
  - Unallocated pointer

- **A2**:
  - Allocated int
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- **A3**:
  - Allocated pointer
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**Diagram:**

- **A1**
  - Allocated int
  - Unallocated pointer

- **A2**
  - Allocated int
  - Allocated int
  - Unallocated pointer

- **A3**
  - Allocated pointer
  - Unallocated int
Multidimensional (Nested) Arrays

- **Declaration**
  \[ T \ A[R][C] ; \]
  - 2D array of data type \( T \)
  - \( R \) rows, \( C \) columns

- **Array Size**
  - \( R \times C \times \text{sizeof}(T) \) bytes

- **Arrangement**
  - Row-Major Ordering

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
A[0][0] & \cdots & A[0][C-1] \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
A[R-1][0] & \cdots & A[R-1][C-1]
\end{bmatrix}
\]

```c
int A[R][C];
```
Nested Array Example

```c
#define PCOUNT 4
typedef int zip_dig[5];

zip_dig pgh[PCOUNT] = {
    {1, 5, 2, 0, 6},
    {1, 5, 2, 1, 3 },
    {1, 5, 2, 1, 7 },
    {1, 5, 2, 2, 1 }
};
```

- **“zip_dig pgh[4]” equivalent to “int pgh[4][5]”**
  - Variable `pgh`: array of 4 elements, allocated contiguously
  - Each element is an array of 5 `int`’s, allocated contiguously

- **“Row-Major” ordering of all elements in memory**
Nested Array Row Access

- **Row Vectors**
  - \( A[i] \) is array of \( C \) elements of type \( T \)
  - Starting address \( A + i \times (C \times \text{sizeof}(T)) \)

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

![Diagram showing nested array access](image)
Nested Array Row Access Code

- **Row Vector**
  - `pgh[index]` is array of 5 int’s
  - Starting address `pgh + 20*index`

- **Machine Code**
  - Computes and returns address
  - Compute as `pgh + 4*(index + 4*index)`

```c
int *get_pgh_zip(int index) {
    return pgh[index];
}
```

```assembly
# %rdi = index
    leaq (%rdi,%rdi,4),%rax # 5 * index
    leaq pgh(,%rax,4),%rax # pgh + (20 * index)
```
Nested Array Element Access

- **Array Elements**
  - $A[i][j]$ is element of type $T$, which requires $K$ bytes
  - Address $A + i \times (C \times K) + j \times K = A + (i \times C + j) \times K$

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

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A+(i*C*4) A+((R-1)*C*4)

A+(i*C*4)+(j*4)
Nested Array Element Access Code

```
int get_pgh_digit(int index, int dig)
{
    return pgh[index][dig];
}
```

- **Array Elements**
  - `pgh[index][dig]` is `int`
  - Address: `pgh + 20*index + 4*dig`  
    = `pgh + 4*(5*index + dig)`
Multi-Level Array Example

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

```c
zip_dig cmu = { 1, 5, 2, 1, 3 };  
zip_dig mit = { 0, 2, 1, 3, 9 };  
zip_dig ucb = { 9, 4, 7, 2, 0 };  

#define UCOUNT 3  
int *univ[UCOUNT] = {mit, cmu, ucb};
```
Element Access in Multi-Level Array

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

- **Computation**
  - Element access \( \text{Mem}[\text{Mem}[\text{univ} + 8 \times \text{index}] + 4 \times \text{digit}] \)
  - Must do two memory reads
    - First get pointer to row array
    - Then access element within array
Array Element Accesses

**Nested array**

```c
int get_pgh_digit (size_t index, size_t digit) {
    return pgh[index][digit];
}
```

**Multi-level array**

```c
def get_univ_digit (size_t index, size_t digit) {
    return univ[index][digit];
}
```

Accesses looks similar in C, but address computations very different:

```
Mem[pgh+20*index+4*digit]  Mem[Mem[univ+8*index]+4*digit]
```
### N X N Matrix

#### Code

- **Fixed dimensions**
  - Know value of $N$ at compile time

- **Variable dimensions, explicit indexing**
  - Traditional way to implement dynamic arrays

- **Variable dimensions, implicit indexing**
  - Now supported by gcc

```c
#define N 16
typedef int fix_matrix[N][N];
/* Get element $A[i][j]$ */
int fix_ele(fix_matrix A,
            size_t i, size_t j)
{
    return A[i][j];
}

#define IDX(n, i, j) ((i)*(n)+(j))
/* Get element $A[i][j]$ */
int vec_ele(size_t n, int *A,
            size_t i, size_t j)
{
    return A[IDX(n,i,j)];
}

/* Get element $a[i][j]$ */
int var_ele(size_t n, int A[n][n],
            size_t i, size_t j)
{
    return A[i][j];
}
```
16 X 16 Matrix Access

Array Elements

- int A[16][16];
- Address A + i * (C * K) + j * K
- C = 16, K = 4

```c
/* Get element A[i][j] */
int fix_ele(fix_matrix A, size_t i, size_t j) {
    return A[i][j];
}
```

```assembly
# A in %rdi, i in %rsi, j in %rdx
salq $6, %rsi             # 64*i
addq %rsi, %rdi           # A + 64*i
movl (%rdi,%rdx,4), %eax # M[A + 64*i + 4*j]
ret
```
n X n Matrix Access

- Array Elements
  - `size_t n;`
  - `int A[n][n];`
  - Address `A + i * (C * K) + j * K`
  - `C = n, K = 4`
  - Must perform integer multiplication

```c
/* Get element A[i][j] */
int var_ele(size_t n, int A[n][n], size_t i, size_t j)
{
    return A[i][j];
}
```

```assembly
# n in %rdi, A in %rsi, i in %rdx, j in %rcx
imulq %rdx, %rdi           # n*i
leaq (%rsi,%rdi,4), %rax  # A + 4*n*i
movl (%rax,%rcx,4), %eax  # A + 4*n*i + 4*j
ret
```
Example: Array Access

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define ZLEN 5
#define PCOUNT 4
typedef int zip_dig[ZLEN];

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    zip_dig pgh[PCOUNT] =
        {{1, 5, 2, 0, 6},
         {1, 5, 2, 1, 3 },
         {1, 5, 2, 1, 7 },
         {1, 5, 2, 2, 1 }};
    int *linear_zip = (int *) pgh;
    int *zip2 = (int *) pgh[2];
    int result =
        pgh[0][0] +
        linear_zip[7] +
        *(linear_zip + 8) +
        zip2[1];
    printf("result: %d\n", result);
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Carnegie Mellon

Bryant and O'Hallaron, Computer Systems: A Programmer's Perspective, Third Edition

Allocated pointer

Allocated pointer to unallocated int

Unallocated pointer

Allocated int

Unallocated int

**Declaration**

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- `int *A2[3][5]`
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Break Time!

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Check out:

Quiz: day 8: Machine Data

https://canvas.cmu.edu/courses/3822
Today

- **Arrays**
  - One-dimensional
  - Multi-dimensional (nested)
  - Multi-level

- **Structures**
  - Allocation
  - Access
  - Alignment

- **Floating Point**
Structure Representation

- **Structure represented as block of memory**
  - Big enough to hold all of the fields

- **Fields ordered according to declaration**
  - Even if another ordering could yield a more compact representation

- **Compiler determines overall size + positions of fields**
  - Machine-level program has no understanding of the structures in the source code

```c
struct rec {
    int a[4];
    size_t i;
    struct rec *next;
};
```
Generating Pointer to Structure Member

```c
struct rec {
    int a[4];
    size_t i;
    struct rec *next;
};
```

**Generating Pointer to Array Element**
- Offset of each structure member determined at compile time
- Compute as \( r + 4 \times \text{idx} \)

```c
int *get_ap
(struct rec *r, size_t idx)
{
    return &r->a[idx];
}
```

```assembly
# r in %rdi, idx in %rsi
leaq (%rdi,%rsi,4), %rax
ret
```
Following Linked List

- C Code

```c
void set_val
  (struct rec *r, int val)
{
    while (r) {
      int i = r->i;
      r->a[i] = val;
      r = r->next;
    }
}
```

```c
struct rec {
  int a[4];
  int i;
  struct rec *next;
};
```

Element `i`

```
.L11: # loop:
  movslq 16(%rdi), %rax # i = M[r+16]
  movl %esi, (%rdi,%rax,4) # M[r+4*i] = val
  movq 24(%rdi), %rdi # r = M[r+24]
  testq %rdi, %rdi # Test r
  jne .L11 # if !=0 goto loop
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Alignment Principles

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  - Required on some machines; advised on x86-64

- **Motivation for Aligning Data**
  - Memory accessed by (aligned) chunks of 4 or 8 bytes (system dependent)
    - Inefficient to load or store datum that spans cache lines (64 bytes). Intel states should avoid crossing 16 byte boundaries.
    - Virtual memory trickier when datum spans 2 pages (4 KB pages)

- **Compiler**
  - Inserts gaps in structure to ensure correct alignment of fields
Specific Cases of Alignment (x86-64)

- **1 byte: char, ...**
  - no restrictions on address

- **2 bytes: short, ...**
  - lowest 1 bit of address must be 0₂

- **4 bytes: int, float, ...**
  - lowest 2 bits of address must be 00₂

- **8 bytes: double, long, char *, ...**
  - lowest 3 bits of address must be 000₂
Satisfying Alignment with Structures

- **Within structure:**
  - Must satisfy each element’s alignment requirement

- **Overall structure placement**
  - Each structure has alignment requirement $K$
    - $K$ = Largest alignment of any element
  - Initial address & structure length must be multiples of $K$

- **Example:**
  - $K = 8$, due to `double` element

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Meeting Overall Alignment Requirement

- For largest alignment requirement $K$
- Overall structure must be multiple of $K$

```c
struct S2 {
    double v;
    int i[2];
    char c;
} *p;
```

![Diagram showing memory layout and alignment](image-url)
Arrays of Structures

- Overall structure length multiple of K
- Satisfy alignment requirement for every element

```c
struct S2 {
    double v;
    int i[2];
    char c;
} a[10];
```
Accessing Array Elements

- Compute array offset 12*idx
  - `sizeof(S3)`, including alignment spacers
- Element `j` is at offset 8 within structure
- Assembler gives offset `a+8`
  - Resolved during linking

```c
struct S3 {
    short i;
    float v;
    short j;
} a[10];

short get_j(int idx) {
    return a[idx].j;
}
```

```assembly
# %rdi = idx
leaq (%rdi,%rdi,2),%rax # 3*idx
movzwl a+8(,%rax,4),%eax
```
Saving Space

- Put large data types first

```c
struct S4 {  
    char c;
    int i;
    char d;
} *p;
```

```c
struct S5 {  
    int i;
    char c;
    char d;
} *p;
```

- Effect (largest alignment requirement K=4)
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  - One-dimensional
  - Multi-dimensional (nested)
  - Multi-level

- **Structures**
  - Allocation
  - Access
  - Alignment

- **Floating Point**
Background

History

- x87 FP
  - Legacy, very ugly
- SSE FP
  - Supported by Shark machines
  - Special case use of vector instructions
- AVX FP
  - Newest version
  - Similar to SSE (but registers are 32 bytes instead of 16)
  - Documented in book
Programming with SSE3

XMM Registers

- 16 total, each 16 bytes
- 16 single-byte integers
- 8 16-bit integers
- 4 32-bit integers
- 4 single-precision floats
- 2 double-precision floats
- 1 single-precision float
- 1 double-precision float
Scalar & SIMD Operations

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- **Scalar Operations: Double Precision**
  - \( \text{addsd} \) %xmm0, %xmm1
  - %xmm0
  - %xmm1
FP Basics

- Arguments passed in %xmm0, %xmm1, ...
- Result returned in %xmm0
- All XMM registers caller-saved

```c
float fadd(float x, float y) {
    return x + y;
}

double dadd(double x, double y) {
    return x + y;
}
```

```assembly
# x in %xmm0, y in %xmm1
addss   %xmm1, %xmm0
ret

# x in %xmm0, y in %xmm1
addsd   %xmm1, %xmm0
ret
```
FP Memory Referencing

- Integer (and pointer) arguments passed in regular registers
- FP values passed in XMM registers
- Different mov instructions to move between XMM registers, and between memory and XMM registers

```c
double dincr(double *p, double v)
{
    double x = *p;
    *p = x + v;
    return x;
}
```

```
# p in %rdi, v in %xmm0
movapd  %xmm0, %xmm1  # Copy v
movsd   (%rdi), %xmm0  # x = *p
addsd   %xmm0, %xmm1  # t = x + v
movsd   %xmm1, (%rdi)  # *p = t
ret
```
Other Aspects of FP Code

- **Lots of instructions**
  - Different operations, different formats, ...

- **Floating-point comparisons**
  - Instructions `ucomiss` and `ucomisd`
  - Set condition codes CF, ZF, and PF

- **Using constant values**
  - Set XMM0 register to 0 with instruction `xorpd %xmm0, %xmm0`
  - Others loaded from memory
Summary

■ Arrays
  - Elements packed into contiguous region of memory
  - Use index arithmetic to locate individual elements

■ Structures
  - Elements packed into single region of memory
  - Access using offsets determined by compiler
  - Possible require internal and external padding to ensure alignment

■ Combinations
  - Can nest structure and array code arbitrarily

■ Floating Point
  - Data held and operated on in XMM registers