

Machine-Level Programming IV: x86-64 Procedures, Data

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Today

- **Procedures (x86-64)**
- **Arrays**
 - One-dimensional
 - Multi-dimensional (nested)
 - Multi-level
- **Structures**
 - Allocation
 - Access
 - Alignment

x86-64 Integer Registers

%rax	%eax
%rbx	%ebx
%rcx	%ecx
%rdx	%edx
%rsi	%esi
%rdi	%edi
%rsp	%esp
%rbp	%ebp

%r8	%r8d
%r9	%r9d
%r10	%r10d
%r11	%r11d
%r12	%r12d
%r13	%r13d
%r14	%r14d
%r15	%r15d

- Twice the number of registers
- Accessible as 8, 16, 32, 64 bits

x86-64 Integer Registers:

Usage Conventions

%rax	Return value
%rbx	Callee saved
%rcx	Argument #4
%rdx	Argument #3
%rsi	Argument #2
%rdi	Argument #1
%rsp	Stack pointer
%rbp	Callee saved

%r8	Argument #5
%r9	Argument #6
%r10	Caller saved
%r11	Caller Saved
%r12	Callee saved
%r13	Callee saved
%r14	Callee saved
%r15	Callee saved

x86-64 Registers

- **Arguments passed to functions via registers**
 - If more than 6 integral parameters, then pass rest on stack
 - These registers can be used as caller-saved as well
- **All references to stack frame via stack pointer**
 - Eliminates need to update `%ebp/%rbp`
- **Other Registers**
 - 6 callee saved
 - 2 caller saved
 - 1 return value (also usable as caller saved)
 - 1 special (stack pointer)

x86-64 Long Swap()

```
void swap_l(long *xp, long *yp)
{
    long t0 = *xp;
    long t1 = *yp;
    *xp = t1;
    *yp = t0;
}
```

```
swap:
    movq    (%rdi), %rdx
    movq    (%rsi), %rax
    movq    %rax, (%rdi)
    movq    %rdx, (%rsi)
    ret
```

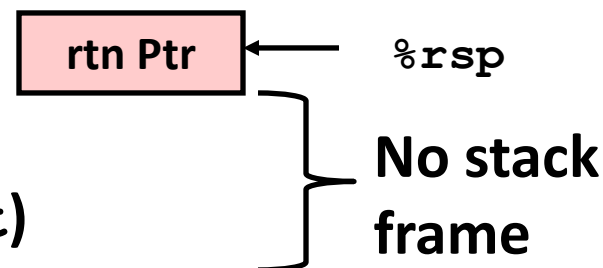
■ Operands passed in registers

- First (**x**p) in %rdi, second (**y**p) in %rsi
- 64-bit pointers

■ No stack operations required (except ret)

■ Avoiding stack

- Swap_l() can hold all local information in caller-saved registers



More on x86-64 vs. IA32 stack use

■ Same

- Push/Pop to save/restore register values (e.g., callee saved)
- Sub/Add to create/delete space for local variables of function
 - when not all fit in registers
- May allocate extra/unused space to ensure 16-byte alignment of every stack frame

■ Different

- x86-64 does all stack references relative to `%rsp`
 - eliminates need to use `%ebp/%rbp` as base pointer
- x86-64 allocates entire stack frame (if any) at once, not little-by-little
- x86-64 has concept of usable “red zone” beyond `%rsp`

x86-64 Stack Frame Example #1

```

/* Swap a[i] and a[j]
   Compute difference */
void swap_ele_diff(long a[],
                   long i, long j) {
    long diff = a[j] - a[i];
    swap(&a[i], &a[j]);
    return diff;
}

```

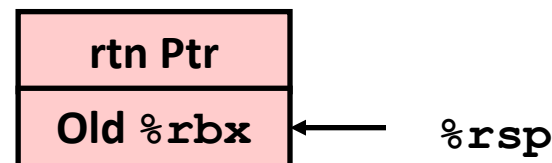
- Keeps diff in callee saved register
- Uses push & pop to save/restore

swap_ele_diff:

```

pushq    %rbx
leaq     (%rdi,%rdx,8), %rdx
leaq     (%rdi,%rsi,8), %rdi
movq     (%rdx), %rbx
subq     (%rdi), %rbx
movq     %rdx, %rsi
call     swap
movq     %rbx, %rax
popq     %rbx
ret

```



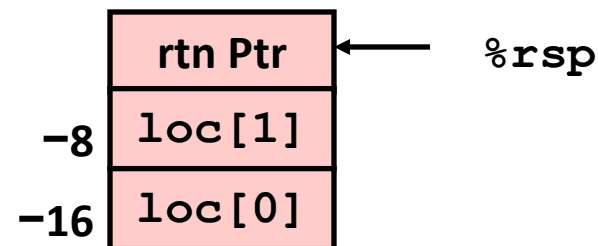
x86-64 Locals in the Red Zone

```
/* Swap, using local array */
void swap_a(long *xp, long *yp)
{
    volatile long loc[2];
    loc[0] = *xp;
    loc[1] = *yp;
    *xp = loc[1];
    *yp = loc[0];
}
```

```
swap_a:
    movq    (%rdi), %rax
    movq    %rax, -16(%rsp)
    movq    (%rsi), %rax
    movq    %rax, -8(%rsp)
    movq    -8(%rsp), %rax
    movq    %rax, (%rdi)
    movq    -16(%rsp), %rax
    movq    %rax, (%rsi)
    ret
```

■ Avoiding Stack Pointer Change

- Can hold all information within small window beyond stack pointer



x86-64 Procedure Summary

■ Heavy use of registers

- Parameter passing
- More temporaries since more registers

■ Minimal use of stack

- Sometimes none
- Allocate/deallocate entire block

■ Many tricky optimizations

- What kind of stack frame to use
- Various allocation techniques

Today

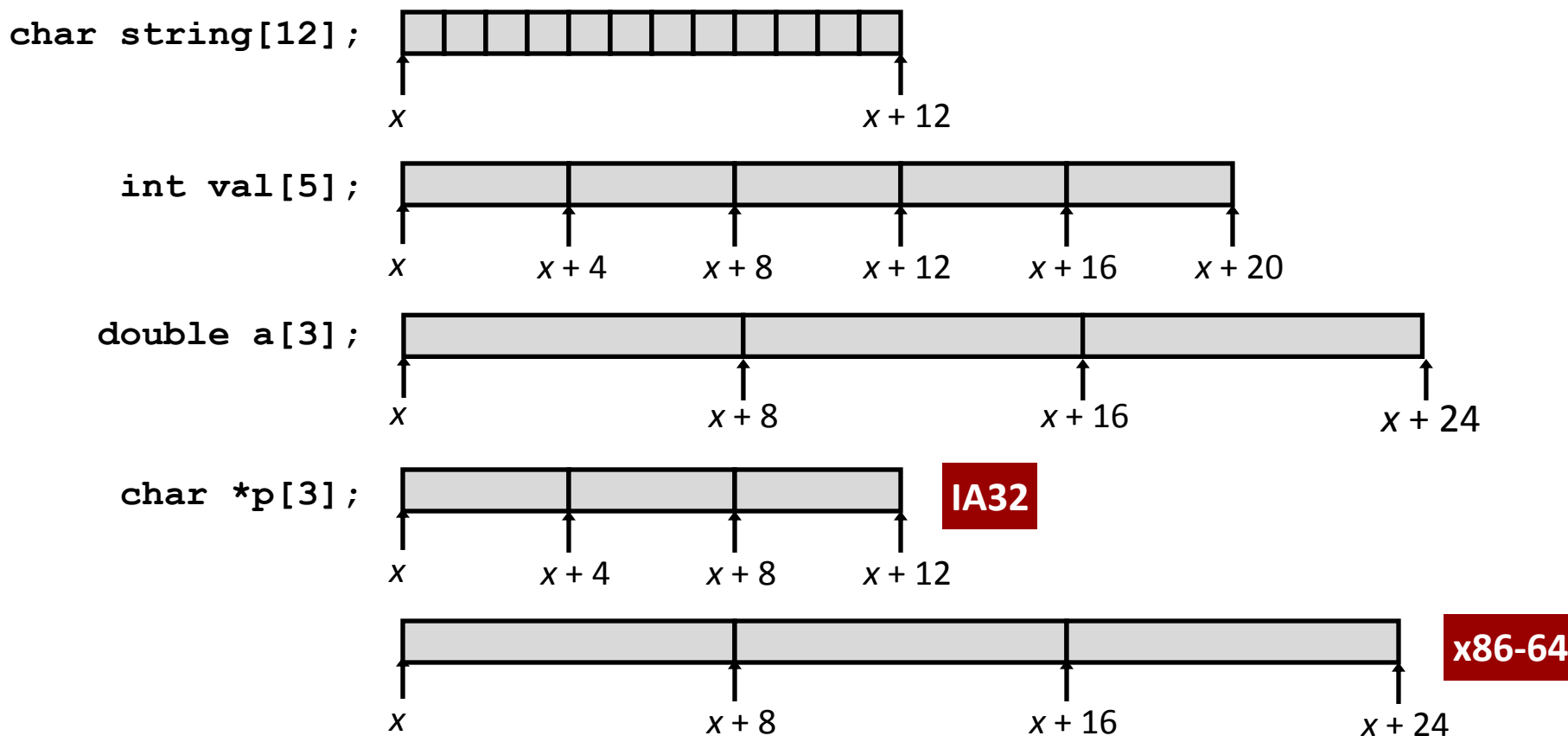
- Procedures (x86-64)
- **Arrays**
 - One-dimensional
 - Multi-dimensional (nested)
 - Multi-level
- Structures

Array Allocation

■ Basic Principle

$T \ A[L];$

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

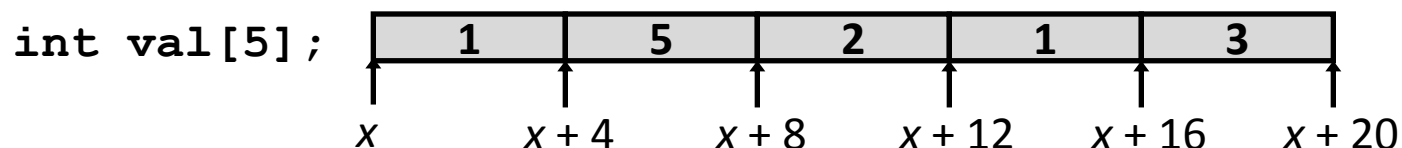


Array Access

■ 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^*



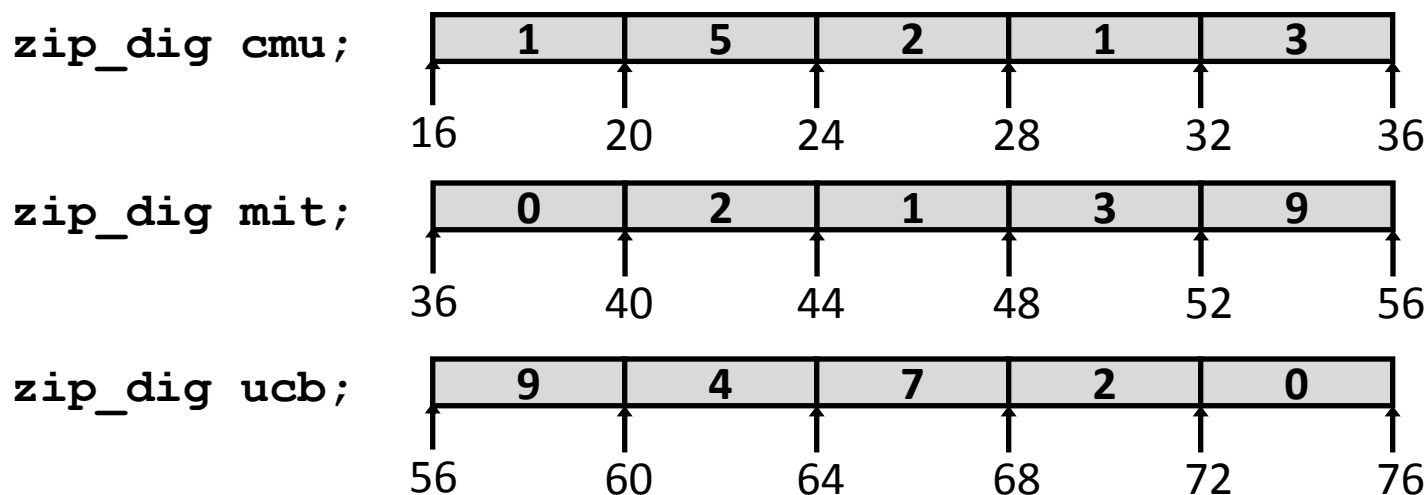
■ Reference Type Value

<code>val[4]</code>	<code>int</code>	3
<code>val</code>	<code>int *</code>	x
<code>val+1</code>	<code>int *</code>	$x + 4$
<code>&val[2]</code>	<code>int *</code>	$x + 8$
<code>val[5]</code>	<code>int</code>	??
<code>*(val+1)</code>	<code>int</code>	5
<code>val + i</code>	<code>int *</code>	$x + 4 i$

Array Example

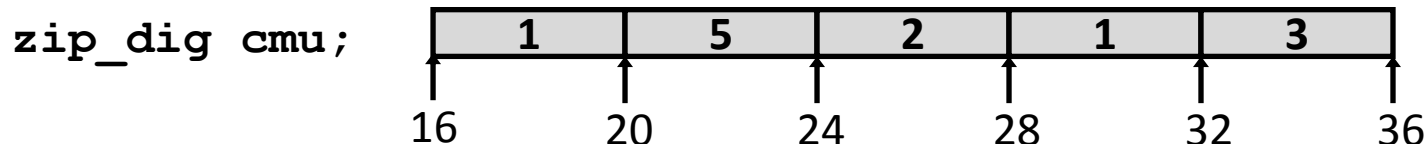
```
#define ZLEN 5
typedef int zip_dig[ZLEN];

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



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

Array Accessing Example



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

IA32

```
# %edx = z
# %eax = digit
movl (%edx,%eax,4),%eax # z[digit]
```

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

Array Loop Example (IA32)

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

```
# edx = z  
movl    $0, %eax                # %eax = i  
.L4:                                # loop:  
    addl    $1, (%edx,%eax,4)    # z[i]++  
    addl    $1, %eax            # i++  
    cmpl    $5, %eax            # i:5  
    jne     .L4                 # if !=, goto loop
```


Multidimensional (Nested) Arrays

■ Declaration

$T \ A[R][C];$

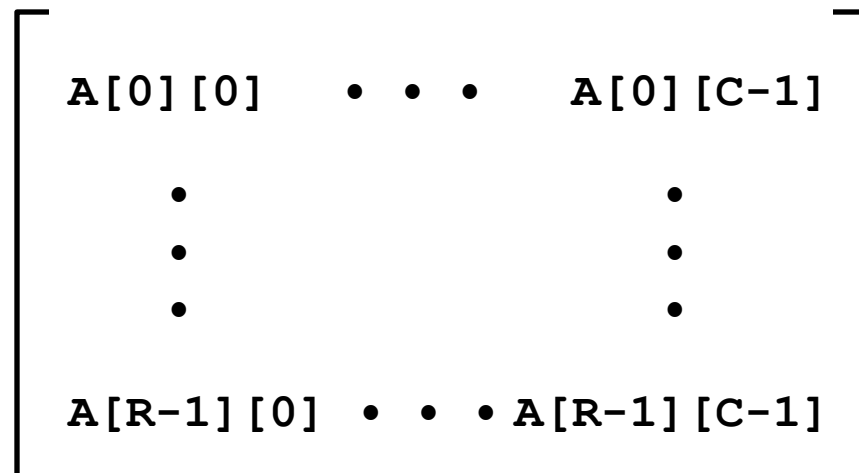
- 2D array of data type T
- R rows, C columns
- Type T element requires K bytes

■ Array Size

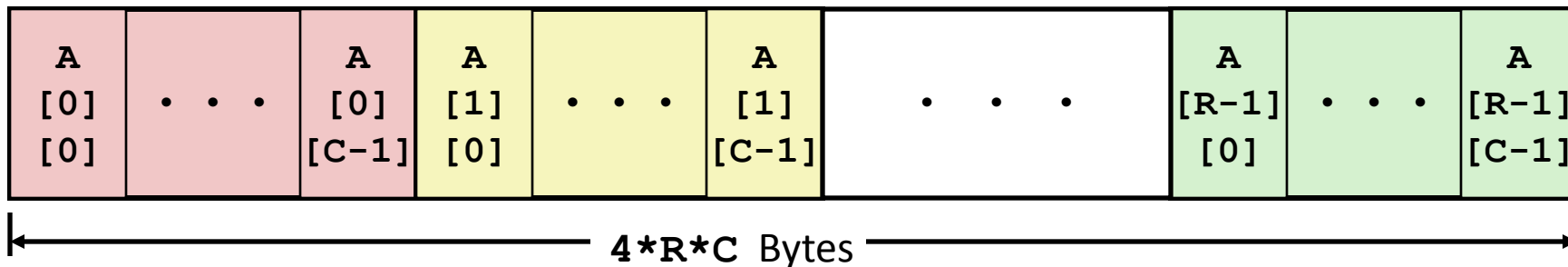
- $R * C * K$ bytes

■ Arrangement

- Row-Major Ordering

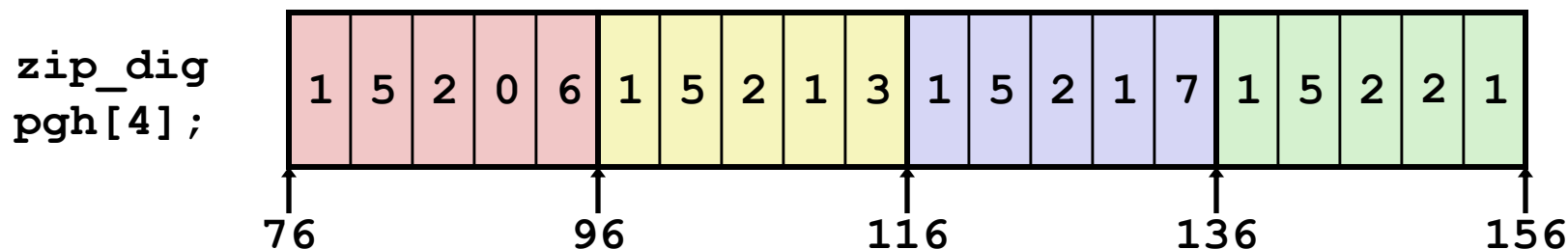


`int A[R][C];`



Nested Array Example

```
#define PCOUNT 4
zip_dig pgh[PCOUNT] =
    {{1, 5, 2, 0, 6},
     {1, 5, 2, 1, 3 },
     {1, 5, 2, 1, 7 },
     {1, 5, 2, 2, 1 }};
```



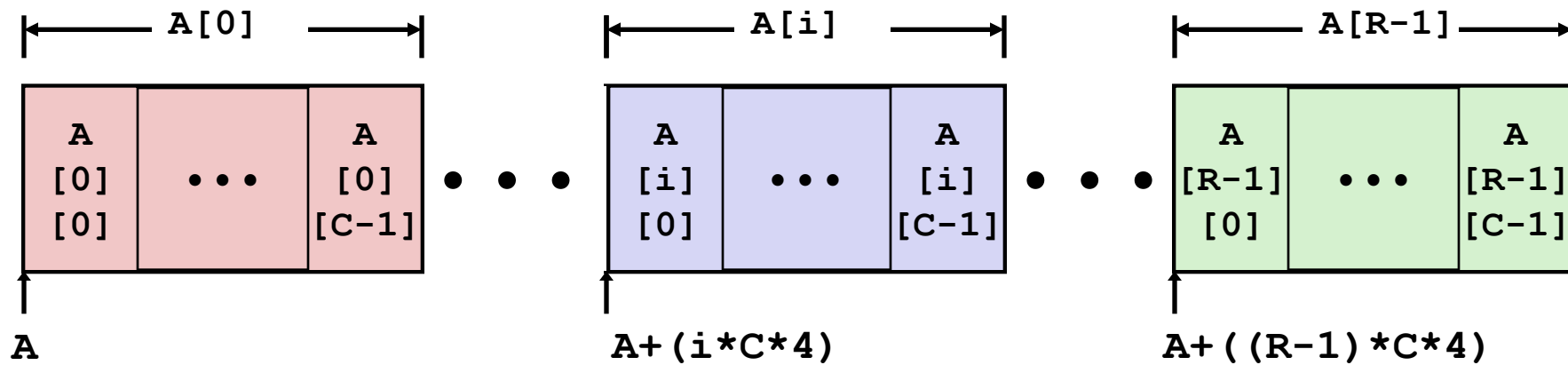
- “zip_dig pgh[4]” equivalent to “int pgh[4][5]”
 - Variable **pgh**: array of 4 elements, allocated contiguously
 - Each element is an array of 5 **int**’s, allocated contiguously
- “Row-Major” ordering of all elements in memory

Nested Array Row Access

■ Row Vectors

- $A[i]$ is array of C elements
- Each element of type T requires K bytes
- Starting address $A + i * (C * K)$

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

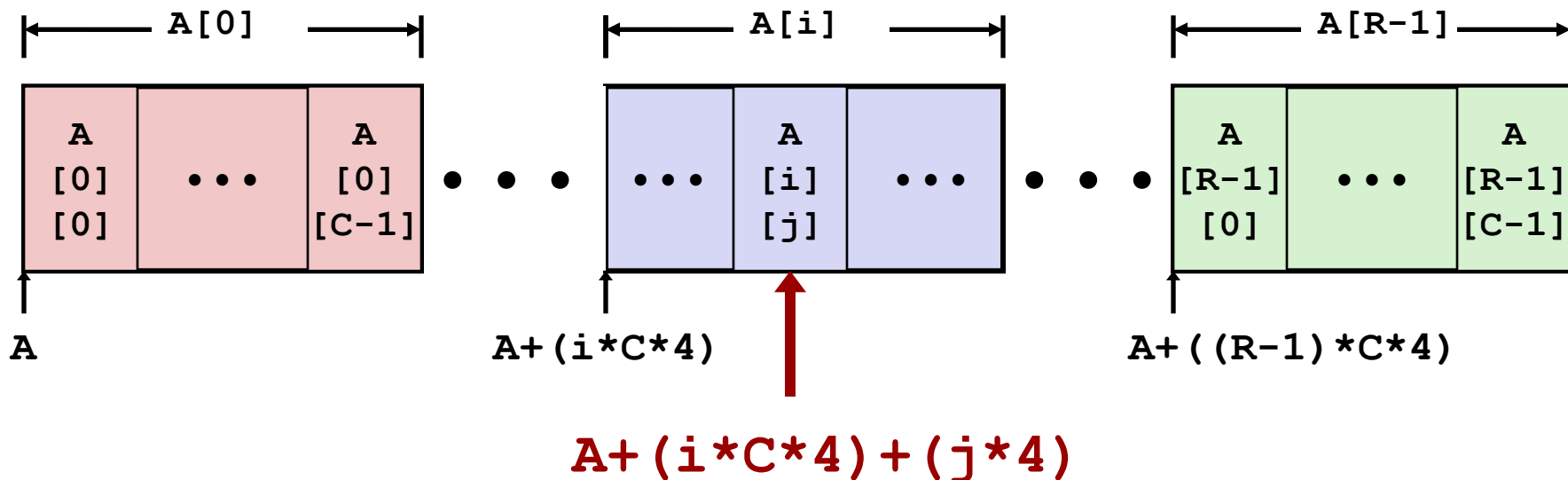


Nested Array Element Access

■ Array Elements

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

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

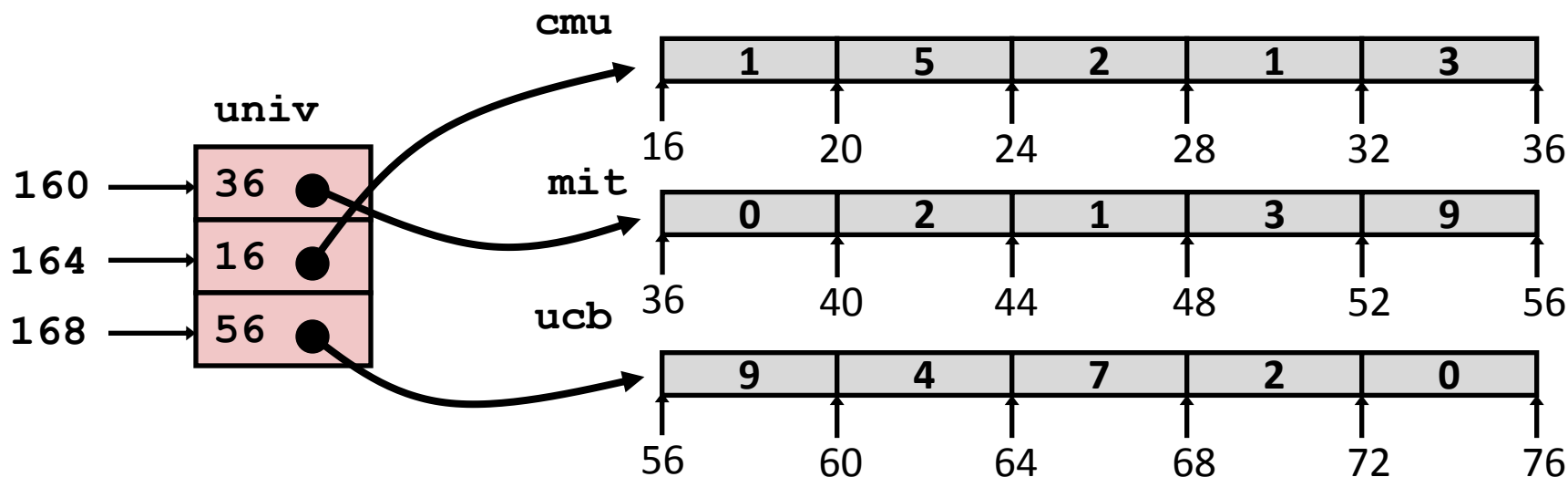


Multi-Level Array Example

```
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};
```

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



Element Access in Multi-Level Array

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

```
movl    8(%ebp), %eax          # index
movl    univ(,%eax,4), %edx     # p = univ[index]
movl    12(%ebp), %eax         # digit
movl    (%edx,%eax,4), %eax     # p[digit]
```

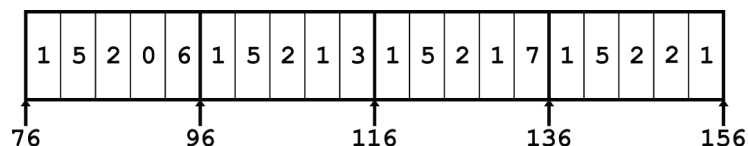
■ Computation (IA32)

- Element access **Mem[Mem[univ+4*index]+4*digit]**
- Must do two memory reads
 - First get pointer to row array
 - Then access element within array

Array Element Accesses

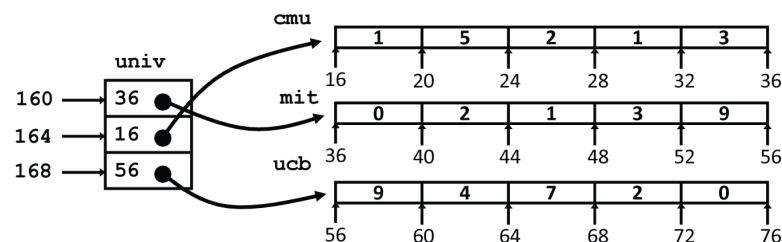
Nested array

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



Multi-level array

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



Accesses looks similar in C, but addresses very different:

$\text{Mem}[\text{pgh} + 20 * \text{index} + 4 * \text{digit}]$ $\text{Mem}[\text{Mem}[\text{univ} + 4 * \text{index}] + 4 * \text{digit}]$

N X N Matrix Code

■ Fixed dimensions

- Know value of N at compile time

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

■ Variable dimensions, explicit indexing

- Traditional way to implement dynamic arrays

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

■ Variable dimensions, implicit indexing

- Now supported by gcc

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


16 X 16 Matrix Access

■ Array Elements

- Address $\mathbf{A} + i * (\mathbf{C} * \mathbf{K}) + j * \mathbf{K}$
- $\mathbf{C} = 16, \mathbf{K} = 4$

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

```
movl    12(%ebp), %edx    # i  
sall    $6, %edx         # i*64  
movl    16(%ebp), %eax    # j  
sall    $2, %eax         # j*4  
addl    8(%ebp), %eax     # a + j*4  
movl    (%eax,%edx), %eax # *(a + j*4 + i*64)
```

n X n Matrix Access

■ Array Elements

- Address $A + i * (C * K) + j * K$
- $C = n, K = 4$
- Must perform integer multiplication

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

```
movl    8(%ebp), %eax    # n
sall    $2, %eax        # n*4
movl    %eax, %edx      # n*4
imull   16(%ebp), %edx   # i*n*4
movl    20(%ebp), %eax   # j
sall    $2, %eax        # j*4
addl    12(%ebp), %eax   # a + j*4
movl    (%eax,%edx), %eax # *(a + j*4 + i*n*4)
```

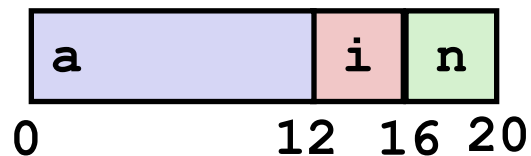
Today

- Procedures (x86-64)
- Arrays
 - One-dimensional
 - Multi-dimensional (nested)
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- **Structures**
 - Allocation
 - Access
 - Alignment

Structure Allocation

```
struct rec {  
    int a[3];  
    int i;  
    struct rec *n;  
};
```

Memory Layout

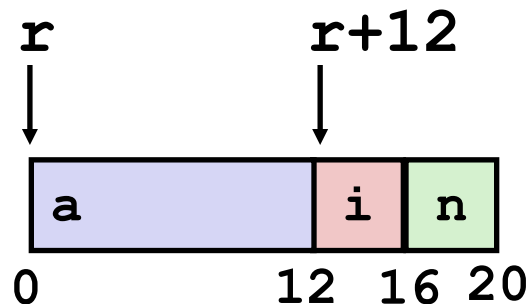


■ Concept of structures in C

- Contiguously-allocated region of memory
- Refer to members within structure by names
- Members may be of different types

Structure Access

```
struct rec {  
    int a[3];  
    int i;  
    struct rec *n;  
};
```



■ Accessing Structure Member

- Pointer to structure is memory address of first byte of structure
- Access elements with offsets

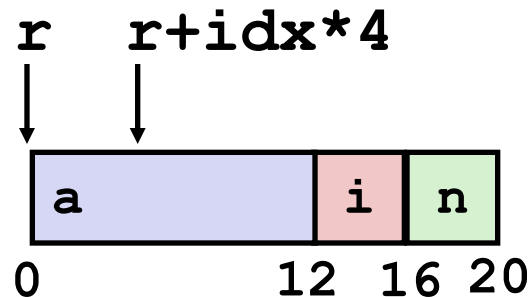
```
void  
set_i(struct rec *r,  
      int val)  
{  
    r->i = val;  
}
```

IA32 Assembly

```
# %edx = val  
# %eax = r  
movl %edx, 12(%eax) # Mem[r+12] = val
```

Generating Pointer to Structure Member

```
struct rec {
    int a[3];
    int i;
    struct rec *n;
};
```



■ Generating Pointer to Array Element

- Offset of each structure member determined at compile time
- Arguments
 - `Mem[%ebp+8]: r`
 - `Mem[%ebp+12]: idx`

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

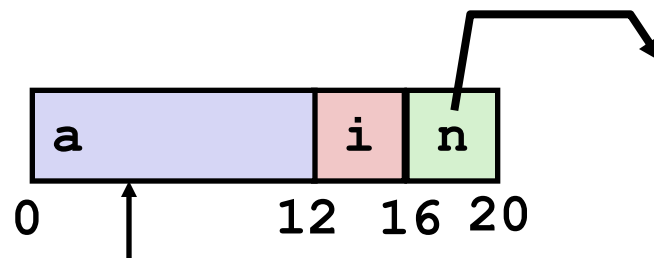
```
movl    12(%ebp), %eax    # Get idx
sall    $2, %eax          # idx*4
addl    8(%ebp), %eax     # r+idx*4
```

Following Linked List

■ C Code

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

```
struct rec {
    int a[3];
    int i;
    struct rec *n;
};
```



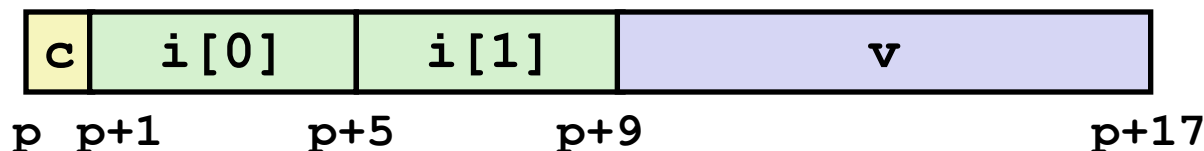
Element i

Register	Value
%edx	r
%ecx	val

```
.L17:                                # loop:
    movl    12(%edx), %eax            # r->i
    movl    %ecx, (%edx,%eax,4)      # r->a[i] = val
    movl    16(%edx), %edx           # r = r->n
    testl   %edx, %edx               # Test r
    jne     .L17                     # If != 0 goto loop
```

Structures & Alignment

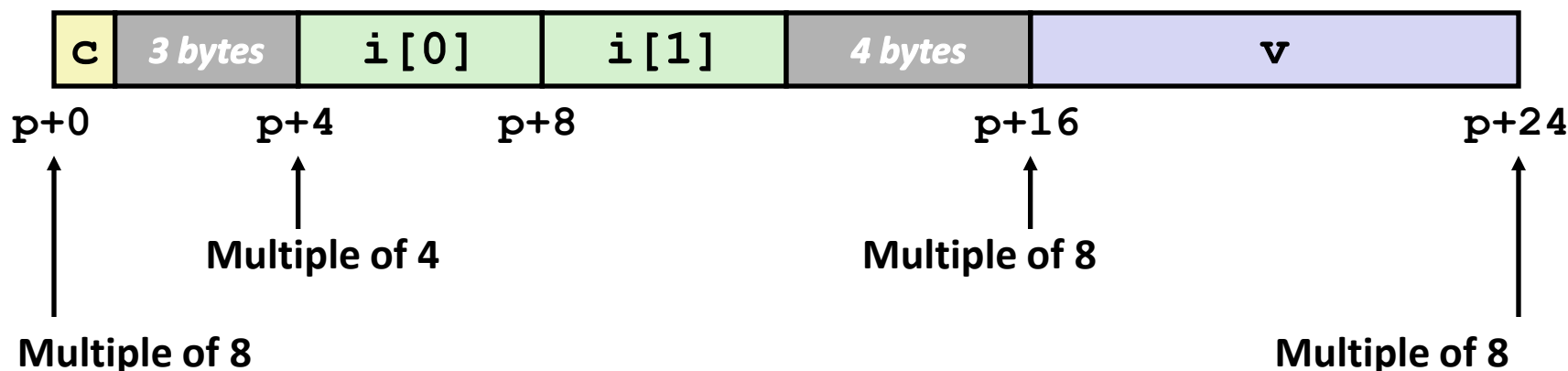
■ Unaligned Data



```
struct S1 {
    char c;
    int i[2];
    double v;
} *p;
```

■ Aligned Data

- Primitive data type requires K bytes
- Address must be multiple of K



Alignment Principles

■ Aligned Data

- Primitive data type requires K bytes
- Address must be multiple of K
- Required on some machines; advised on IA32
 - treated differently by IA32 Linux, x86-64 Linux, and Windows!

■ Motivation for Aligning Data

- Memory accessed by (aligned) chunks of 4 or 8 bytes (system dependent)
 - Inefficient to load or store datum that spans quad word boundaries
 - Virtual memory trickier when datum spans 2 pages

■ Compiler

- Inserts gaps in structure to ensure correct alignment of fields

Specific Cases of Alignment (IA32)

- **1 byte: `char`, ...**
 - no restrictions on address
- **2 bytes: `short`, ...**
 - lowest 1 bit of address must be 0₂
- **4 bytes: `int`, `float`, `char *`, ...**
 - lowest 2 bits of address must be 00₂
- **8 bytes: `double`, ...**
 - Windows (and most other OS's & instruction sets):
 - lowest 3 bits of address must be 000₂
 - Linux:
 - lowest 2 bits of address must be 00₂
 - i.e., treated the same as a 4-byte primitive data type
- **12 bytes: `long double`**
 - Windows (GCC), Linux:
 - lowest 2 bits of address must be 00₂
 - i.e., treated the same as a 4-byte primitive data type

Specific Cases of Alignment (x86-64)

- **1 byte: `char`, ...**
 - no restrictions on address
- **2 bytes: `short`, ...**
 - lowest 1 bit of address must be 0_2
- **4 bytes: `int`, `float`, ...**
 - lowest 2 bits of address must be 00_2
- **8 bytes: `double`, `long`, `char *`, ...**
 - lowest 3 bits of address must be 000_2
- **16 bytes: `long double` (GCC on Linux or Windows)**
 - lowest 4 bits of address must be 0000_2

Satisfying Alignment with Structures

■ Within structure:

- Must satisfy each element's alignment requirement

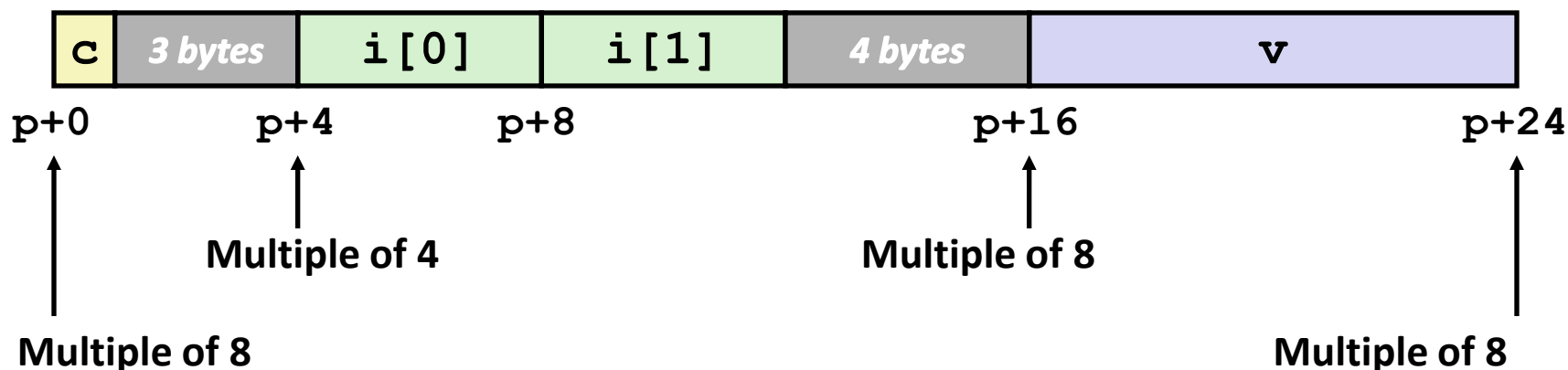
■ Overall structure placement

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

```
struct S1 {  
    char c;  
    int i[2];  
    double v;  
} *p;
```

■ Example (under Windows or x86-64):

- $K = 8$, due to `double` element

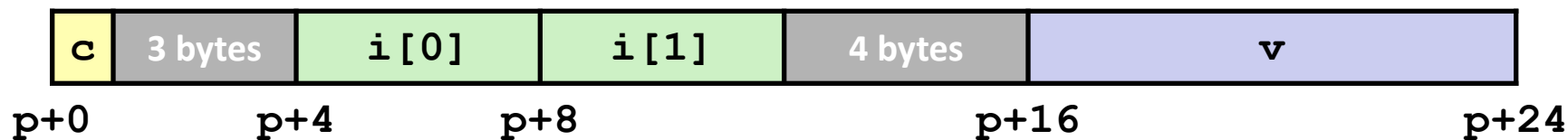


Different Alignment Conventions

■ Windows, x86-64

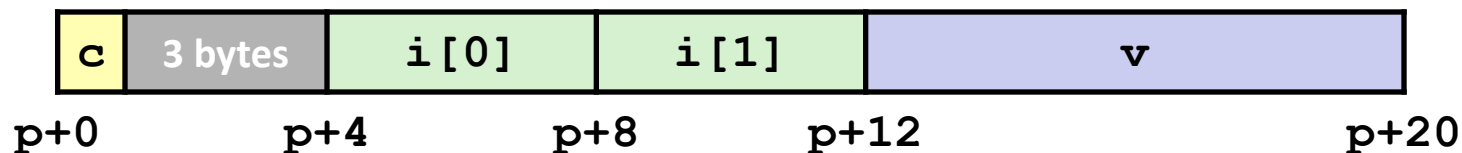
- $K = 8$, due to **double** element

```
struct S1 {
    char c;
    int i[2];
    double v;
} *p;
```



■ IA32 Linux

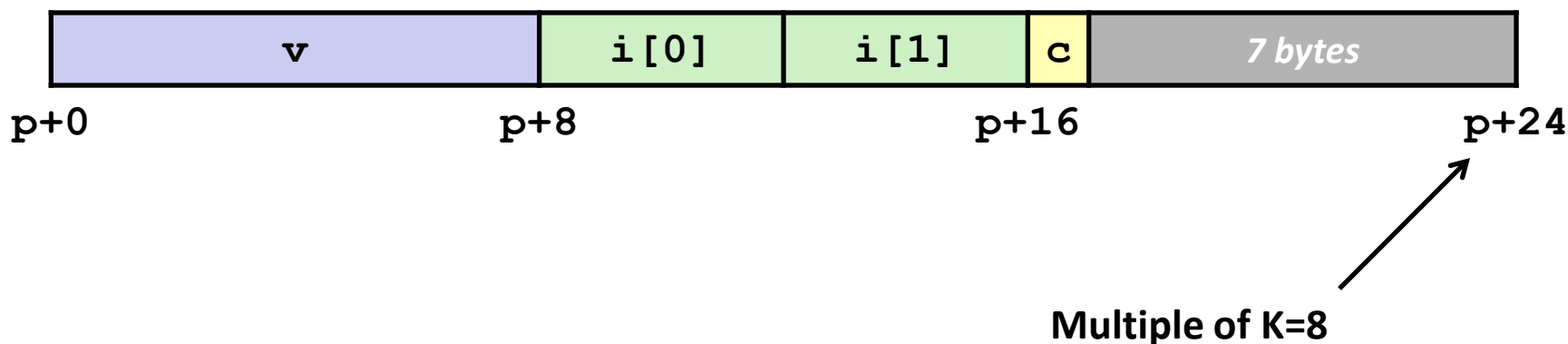
- $K = 4$; **double** treated like a 4-byte data type



Meeting Overall Alignment Requirement (Windows, x86-64)

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

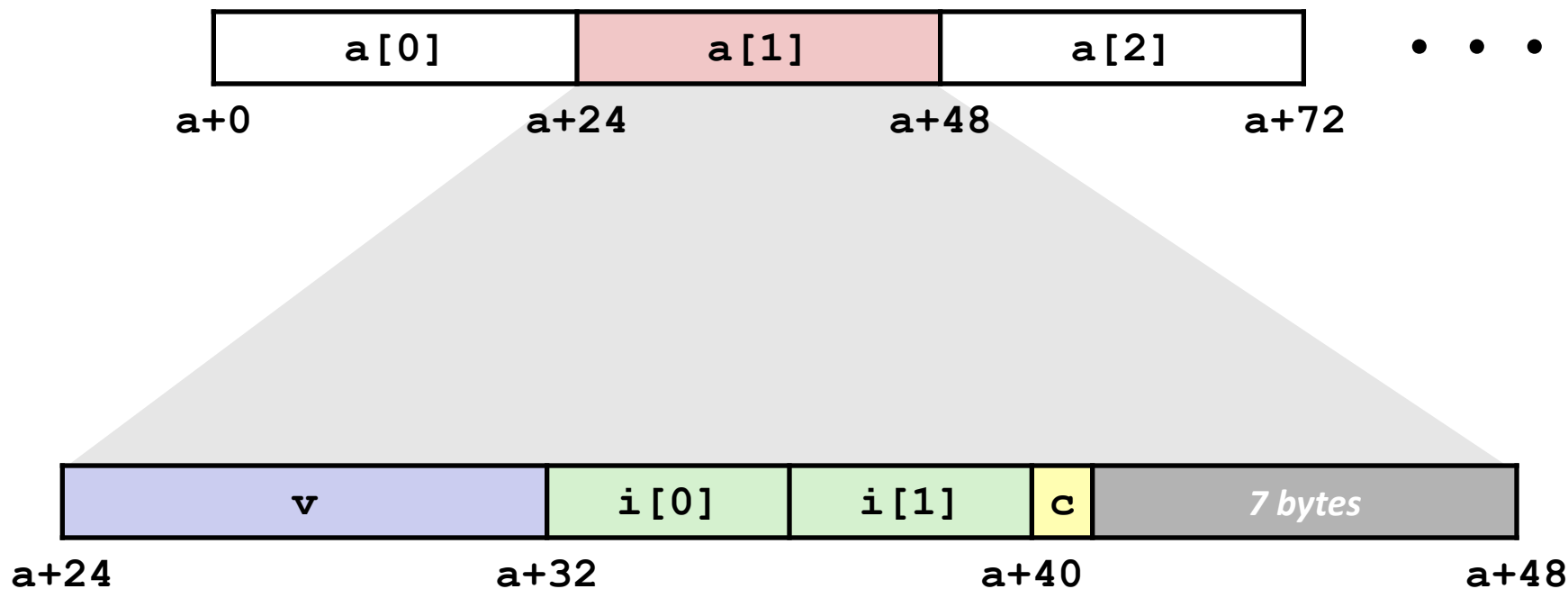
```
struct S2 {  
    double v;  
    int i[2];  
    char c;  
} *p;
```



Arrays of Structures (Windows, x86-64)

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

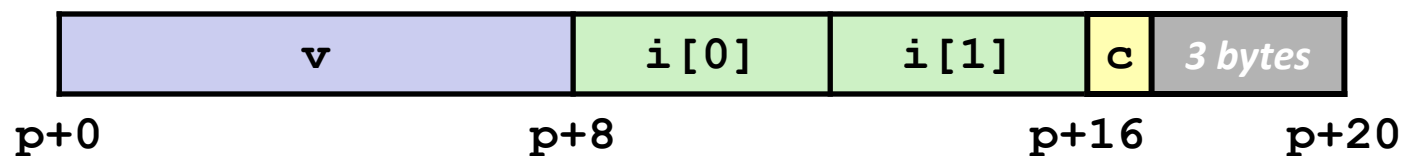
```
struct S2 {  
    double v;  
    int i[2];  
    char c;  
} a[10];
```



Meeting Overall Alignment Requirement (IA32 Linux)

- For largest alignment requirement K
- Overall structure must be multiple of K
 - Up to maximum of K=4

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



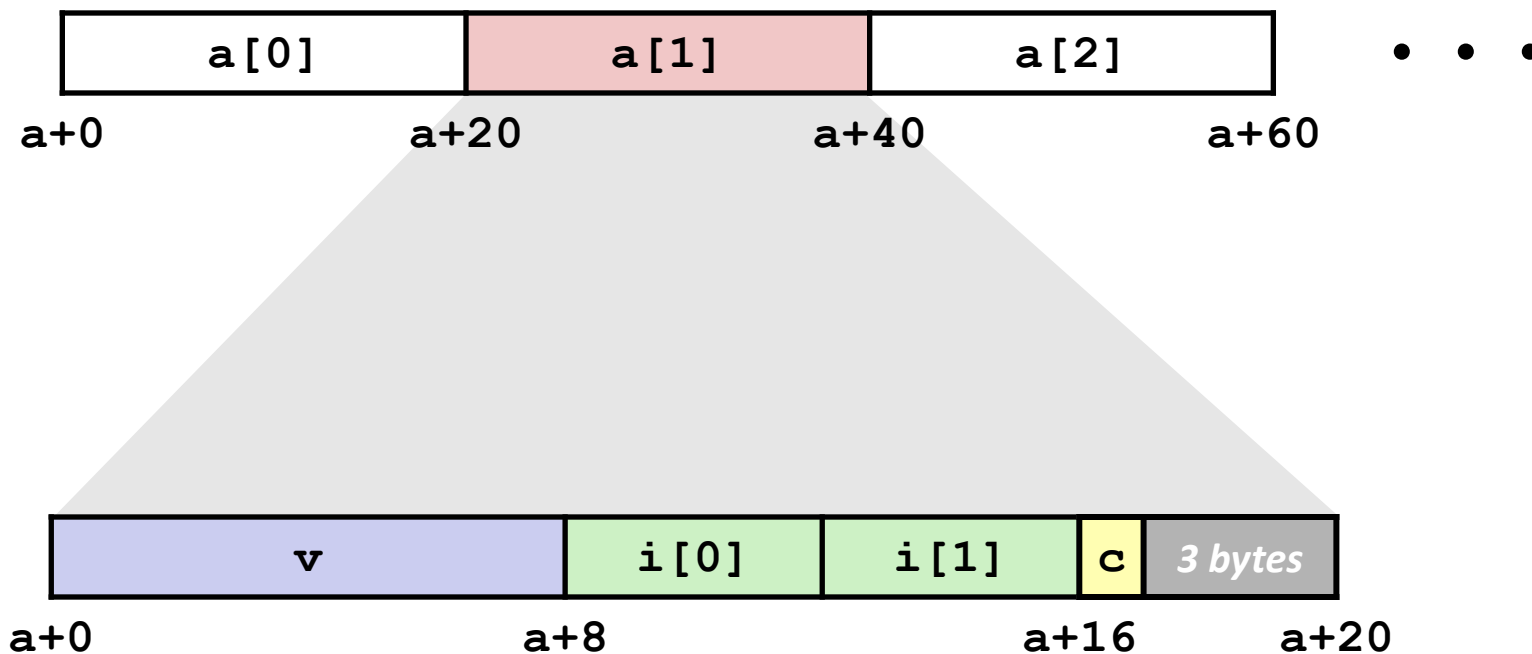
Multiple of K=4

An arrow points from the text 'Multiple of K=4' to the end of the memory layout bar at address p+20, indicating that the total size of the structure is a multiple of the alignment requirement K=4.

Arrays of Structures (IA32 Linux)

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

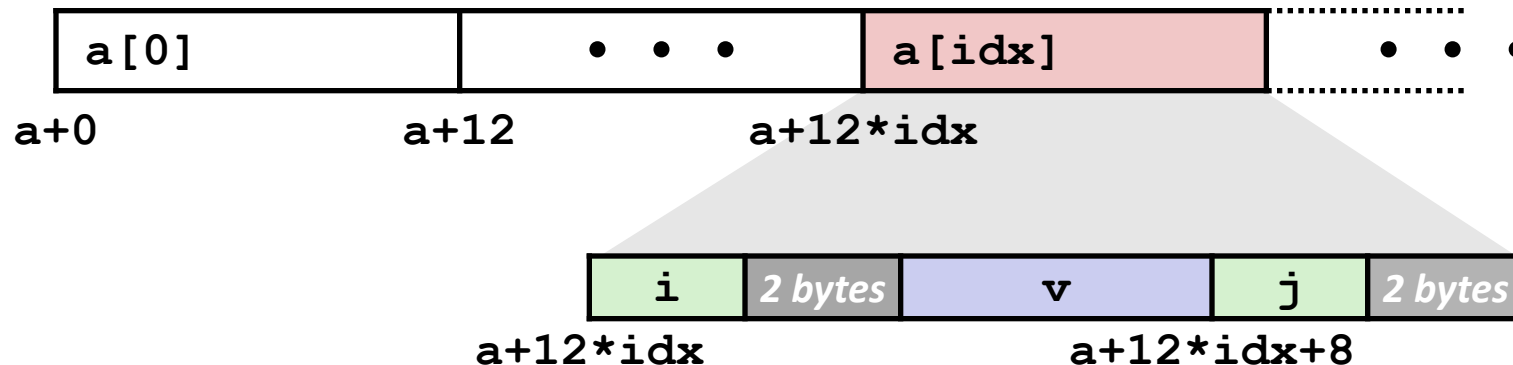
```
struct S2 {  
    double v;  
    int i[2];  
    char c;  
} a[10];
```



Accessing Array Elements

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

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



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

```
# %eax = idx
leal (%eax,%eax,2),%eax # 3*idx
movswl a+8(,%eax,4),%eax
```

Saving Space

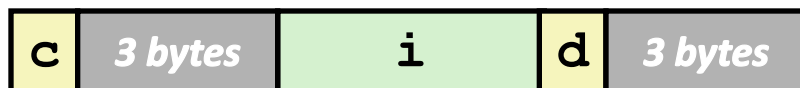
- Put large data types first

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



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

- Effect (K=4)



Summary

■ Procedures in x86-64

- Stack frame is relative to stack pointer
- Parameters passed in registers

■ Arrays

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

■ Structures

- Allocation
- Access
- Alignment

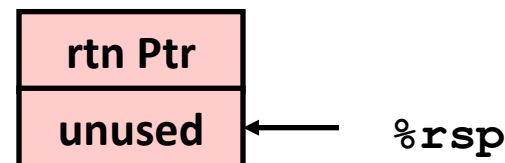
x86-64 NonLeaf with Unused Stack Frame

```
/* Swap a[i] and a[j] */
void swap_ele(long a[],
              long i, long j) {
    swap(&a[i], &a[j]);
}
```

- No values held while swap being invoked
- No callee saved registers needed
- 8 bytes allocated, but not used

swap_ele:

```
subq    $8, %rsp           # Allocate 8 bytes
movq    %rsi, %rax         # Copy i
leaq    (%rdi,%rdx,8), %rsi # &a[i]
leaq    (%rdi,%rax,8), %rdi # &a[j]
call    swap
addq    $8, %rsp           # Deallocate
ret
```



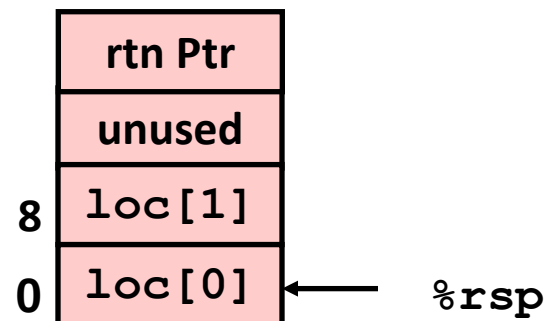
x86-64 Stack Frame Example #2

```
/* Swap a[i] and a[j] */
void swap_ele_1(long a[],
                long i, long j) {
    long *loc[2];
    long b = i & 0x1;
    loc[b] = &a[i];
    loc[1-b] = &a[j];
    swap(loc[0], loc[1]);
}
```

- Must allocate space on stack for array `loc`
- Uses `subq` to allocate, `addq` to deallocate

`swap_ele_1:`

```
subq    $24, %rsp
movq    %rsi, %rax
andl    $1, %eax
leaq    (%rdi,%rsi,8), %rcx
movq    %rcx, (%rsp,%rax,8)
movl    $1, %ecx
subq    %rax, %rcx
leaq    (%rdi,%rdx,8), %rdx
movq    %rdx, (%rsp,%rcx,8)
movq    8(%rsp), %rsi
movq    (%rsp), %rdi
call    swap
addq    $24, %rsp
ret
```



x86-64 Stack Frame Example #3

```

/* Swap a[i] and a[j] */
long swap_ele_1_diff(long a[],
                    long i, long j) {
    long *loc[2];
    long b = i & 0x1;
    long diff = a[j] - a[i];
    loc[b] = &a[i];
    loc[1-b] = &a[j];
    swap(loc[0], loc[1]);
    return diff
}

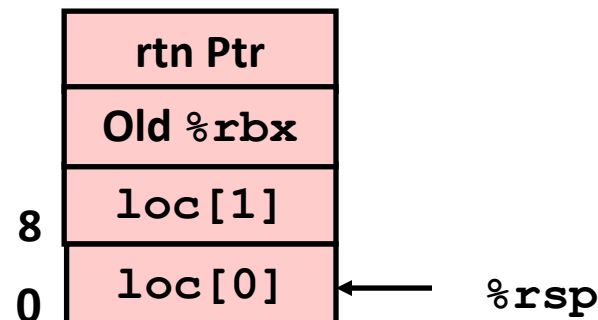
```

```

swap_ele_1_diff:
    pushq    %rbx
    subq     $16, %rsp
    . . .
    call     swap
    . . .
    addq     $16, %rsp
    popq     %rbx
    ret

```

- Have both callee saved register & local variable allocation
- Use both push/pop and sub/add



Interesting Features of Stack Frame

■ Allocate entire frame at once

- All stack accesses can be relative to `%rsp`
- Do by:
 - pushing callee saved registers (if needed)
 - decrementing stack pointer (if needed)

■ Simple deallocation

- Do by:
 - Incrementing stack pointer (possibly)
 - Popping callee saved registers (possibly)
- No base/frame pointer needed

Basic Data Types

■ Integral

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

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

■ Floating Point

- Stored & operated on in floating point registers

Intel	ASM	Bytes	C
Single	s	4	float
Double	l	8	double
Extended	t	10/12/16	long double

- Note: Windows Visual C/C++ compiler treats **long double** as regular, 8-byte **double**. GCC on Windows uses extended precision

Pointer Loop Example (IA32)

```
void zincr_p(zip_dig z) {  
    int *zend = z+ZLEN;  
    do {  
        (*z)++;  
        z++;  
    } while (z != zend);  
}
```

```
    movl    8(%ebp), %eax    # z  
    leal    20(%eax), %edx   # zend  
.L9:                               # loop:  
    addl    $1, (%eax)       # *z += 1  
    addl    $4, %eax         # z++  
    cmpl    %eax, %edx       # zend:z  
    jne     .L9              # if !=, goto loop
```

Nested Array Row Access Code

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

```
#define PCOUNT 4
zip_dig pgh[PCOUNT] =
    {{1, 5, 2, 0, 6},
     {1, 5, 2, 1, 3 },
     {1, 5, 2, 1, 7 },
     {1, 5, 2, 2, 1 }};
```

```
# %eax = index
leal (%eax,%eax,4),%eax # 5 * index
leal pgh(,%eax,4),%eax  # pgh + (20 * index)
```

■ Row Vector

- `pgh[index]` is array of 5 `int`'s
- Starting address `pgh + (20*index)`

■ IA32 Code

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

Nested Array Element Access Code

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

```
movl    8(%ebp), %eax          # index
leal    (%eax,%eax,4), %eax     # 5*index
addl    12(%ebp), %eax         # 5*index+dig
movl    pgh(,%eax,4), %eax     # offset 4*(5*index+dig)
```

■ Array Elements

- `pgh[index][dig]` is `int`
- Address: `pgh + 20*index + 4*dig`
 - $= \text{pgh} + 4 * (5 * \text{index} + \text{dig})$

■ IA32 Code

- Computes address `pgh + 4 * ((index+4*index)+dig)`