MACHINE-LEVEL PROGRAMMING I: BASICS

COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE AND ORGANIZATION

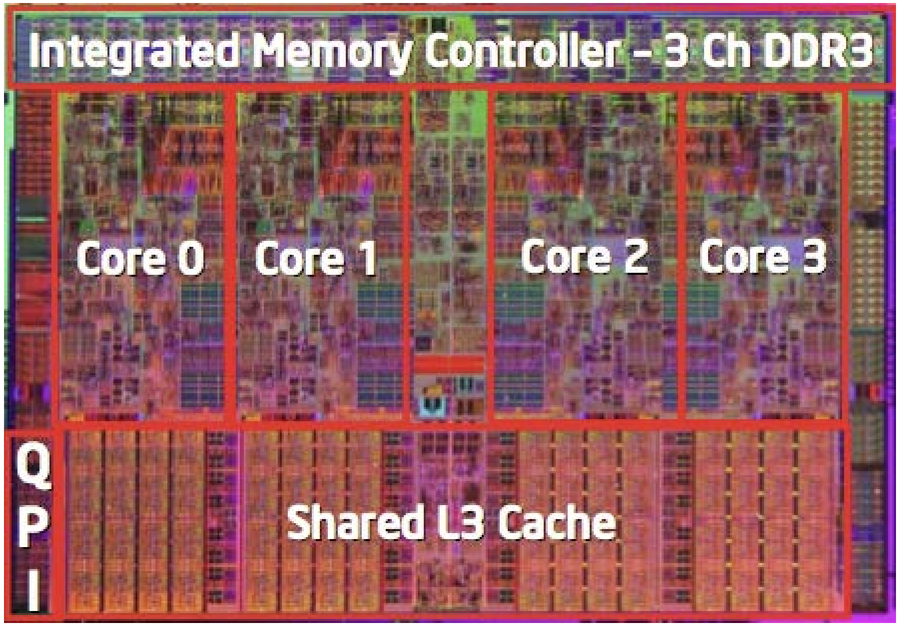
Today: Machine Programming I: Basics

- History of Intel processors and architectures
- C, assembly, machine code
- Assembly Basics: Registers, operands, move

Intel x86 Processors, contd.

- Machine Evolution

386	1985	0.3M
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
Core i7	2008	731M



- 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
  - Two major steps: 1) support 32-bit 386. 2) support 64-bit 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!
- All but low-end x86 processors support x86-64
  - But, lots of code still runs in 32-bit mode

Our Coverage

- IA32
  - The traditional x86
- x86-64/EM64T
  - The emerging standard
- Presentation
  - Book presents IA32 in Sections 3.1—3.12
  - Covers x86-64 in 3.13

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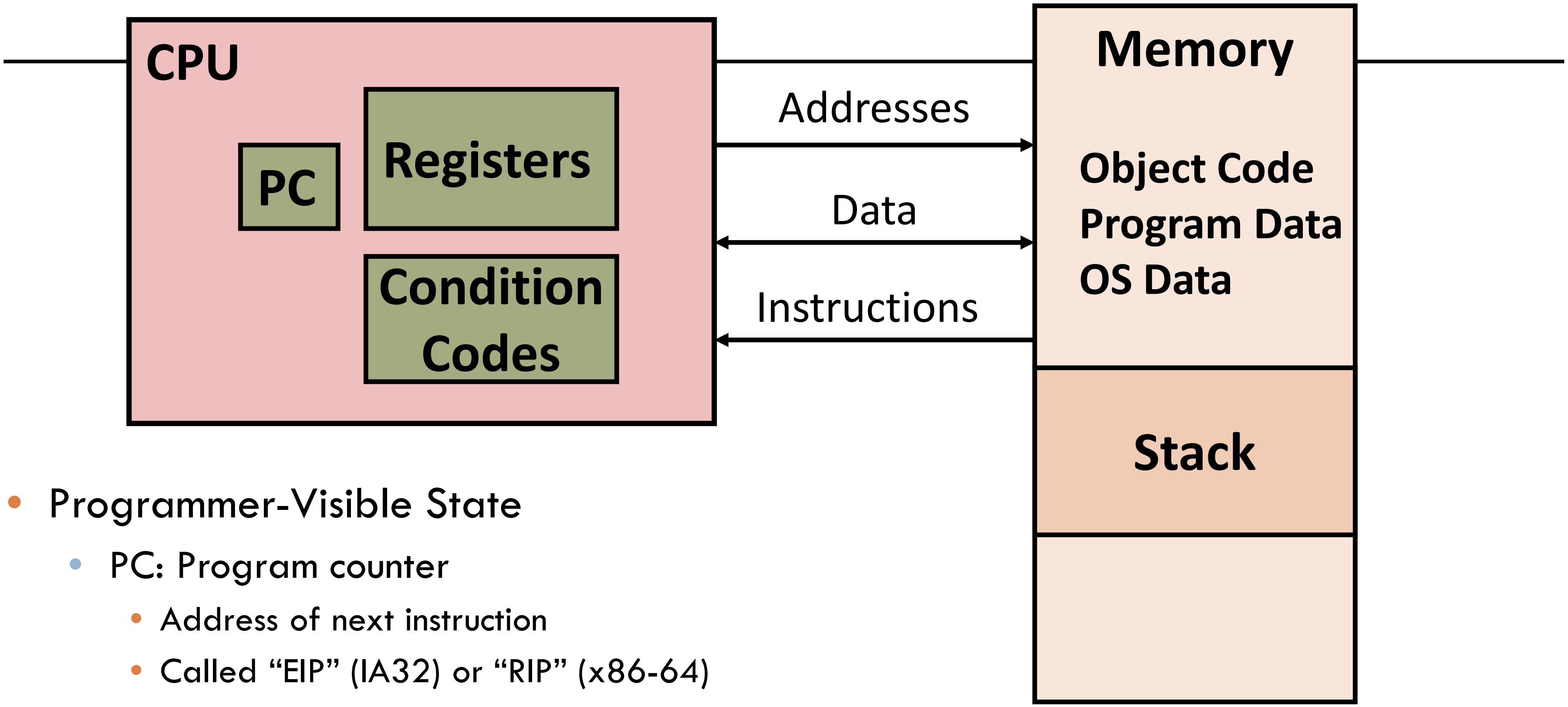
Definitions

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

- Example ISAs (Intel): x86, IA, IPF

Assembly Programmer's View



- Programmer-Visible State
  - PC: Program counter
    - Address of next instruction
    - Called "EIP" (IA32) or "RIP" (x86-64)
  - Register file
    - Heavily used program data
  - Condition codes
    - Store status information about most recent arithmetic operation
    - Used for conditional branching

- **Memory**
  - Byte addressable array
  - Code, user data, (some) OS data
  - Includes stack used to support procedures

Program to Process

- We write a program in e.g., C.
- A compiler turns that program into an instruction list.
- The CPU interprets the instruction list (which is more a graph of basic blocks).

```
void X (int b) {
    if(b == 1) {
…
int main() {
    int a = 2;
    X(a);
}
```

Process in Memory

- What is in memory.

- Program to process.
  - What you wrote

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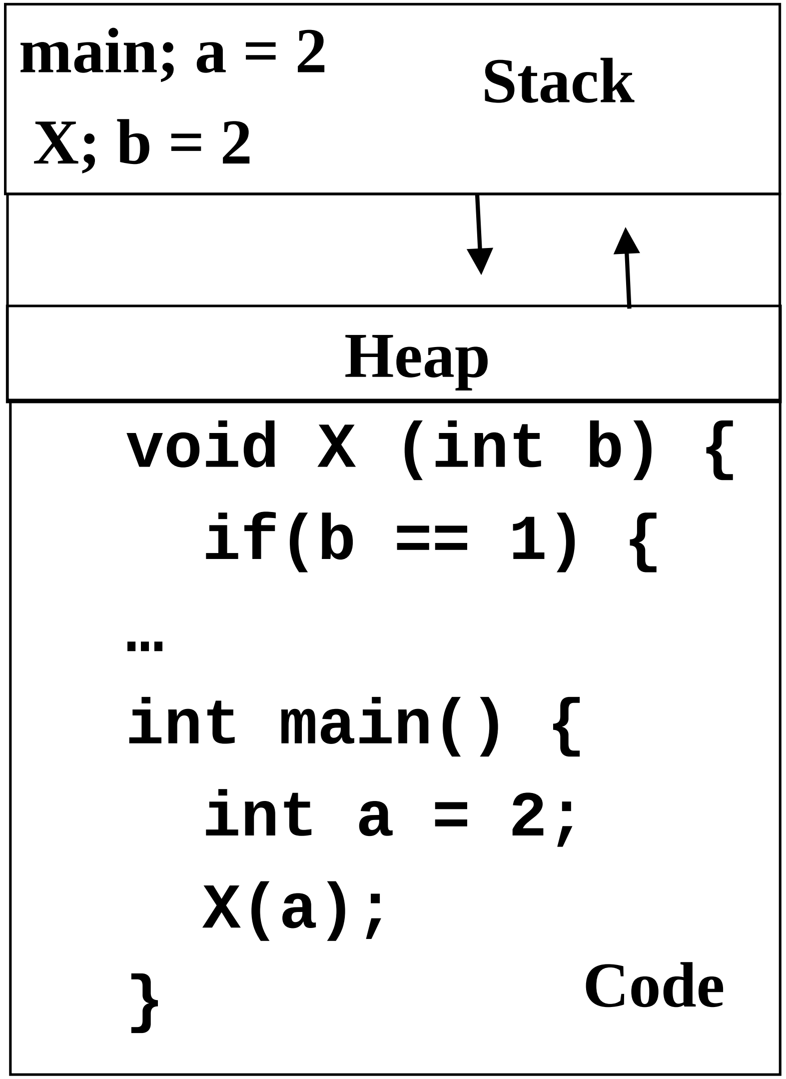

- What must the OS track for a process?

A shell forks and execs a calculator

```
int pid = fork();
if(pid == 0) {
 close(".history");
 exec("/bin/calc");
} else {
 wait(pid);
```

```
int calc_main(){
 int q = 7;
 do_init();
 ln = get_input();
 exec_in(ln);
```


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USER

OS

pid = 127
open files = ".history"
last_cpu = 0

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Process Control Blocks (PCBs)

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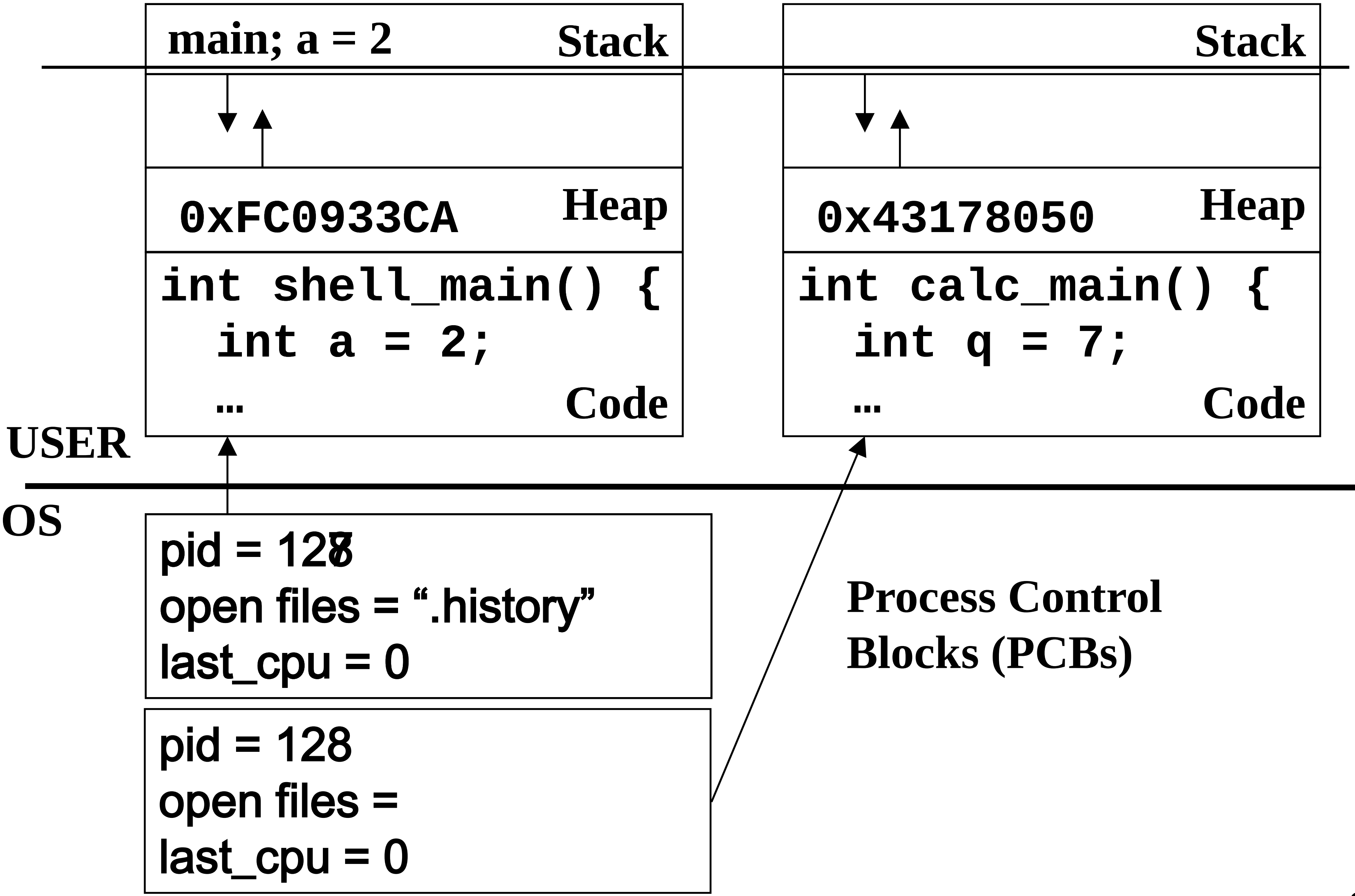
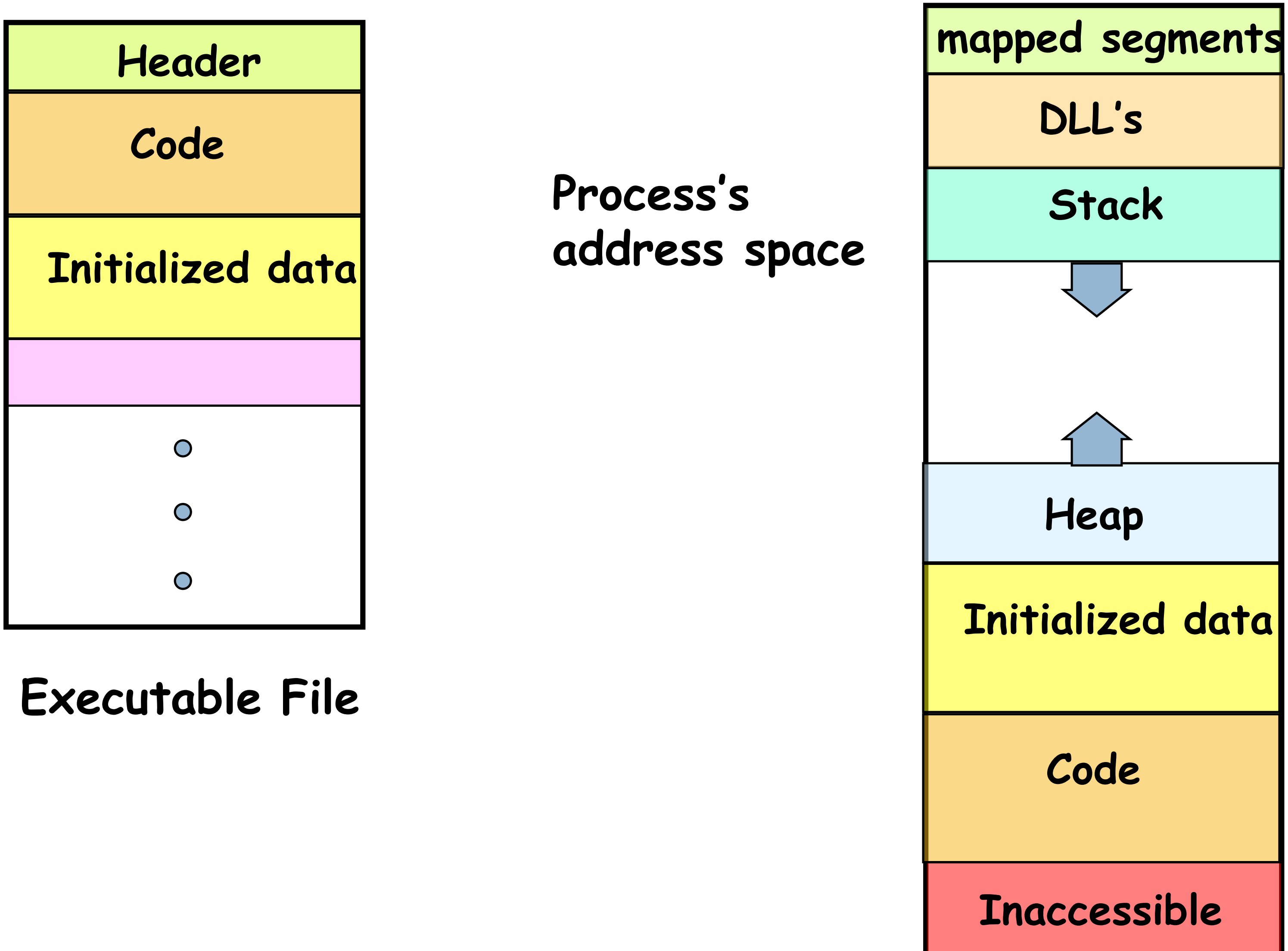
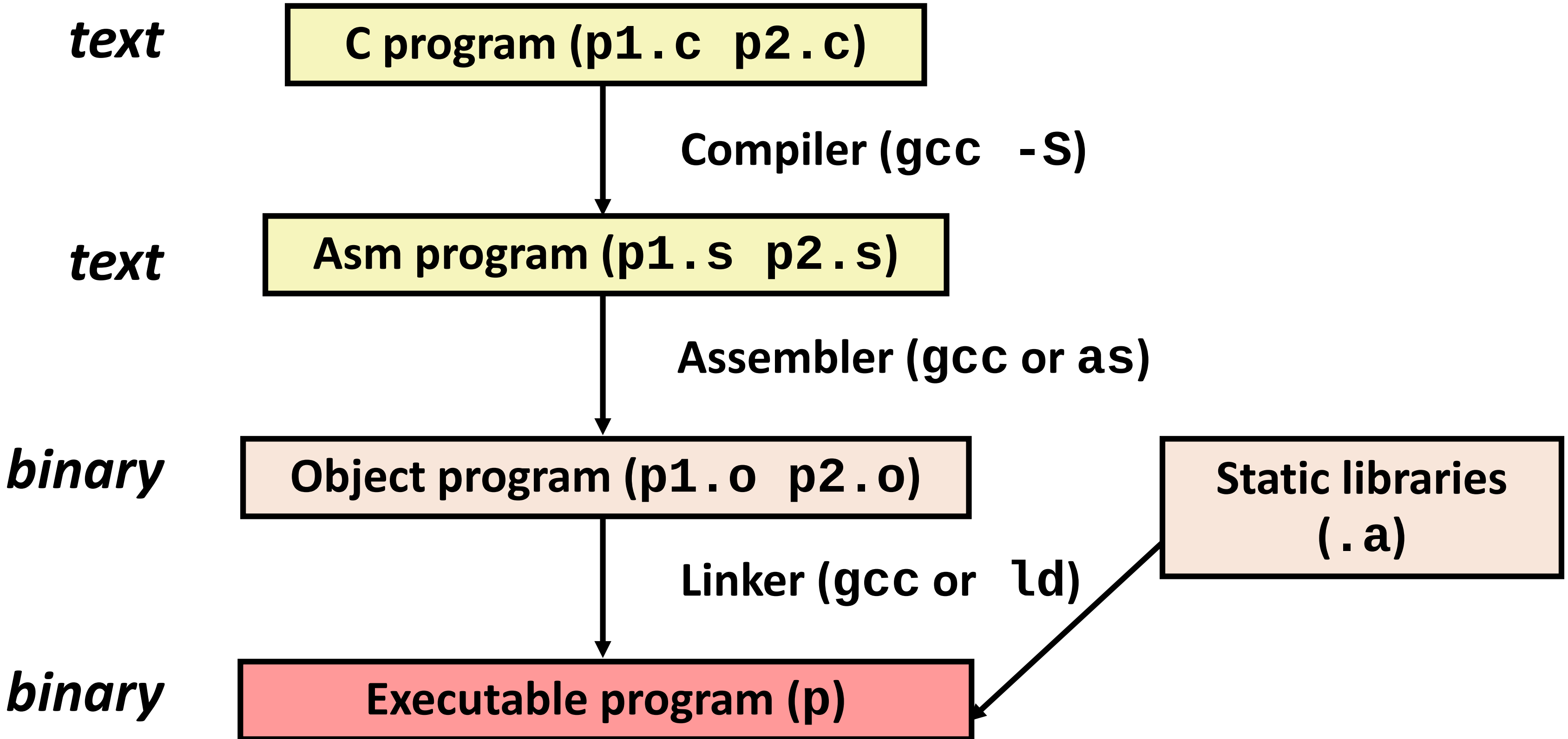


Anatomy of an address space



Turning C into Object Code

- Code in files **`p1.c p2.c`**
- Compile with command: **`gcc –O1 p1.c p2.c -o p`**
  - Use basic optimizations (**`-O1`**)
  - Put resulting binary in file **`p`**



Compiling Into Assembly

C Code

```
int sum(int x, int y)
{
  int t = x+y;
  return t;
}
```

Generated IA32 Assembly

```
sum:
   pushl %ebp
   movl %esp,%ebp
   movl 12(%ebp),%eax
   addl 8(%ebp),%eax
   popl %ebp
   ret
```

Some compilers use instruction "`leave`"

Obtain with command

```
/usr/local/bin/gcc –O1 -S code.c
```

Produces file `code.s`

Assembly Characteristics: Data Types

- "Integer" data of 1, 2, or 4 bytes
  - Data values
  - Addresses (untyped pointers)
- Floating point data of 4, 8, or 10 bytes
- No aggregate types such as arrays or structures
  - Just contiguously allocated bytes in memory

Assembly Characteristics: Operations

- Perform arithmetic function on register or memory data

- Transfer data between memory and register
  - Load data from memory into register
  - Store register data into memory

- Transfer control
  - Unconditional jumps to/from procedures
  - Conditional branches

Object Code

Code for `sum`

```
0x401040 <sum>:
    0x55
    0x89
    0xe5
    0x8b
    0x45
    0x0c
    0x03
    0x45
    0x08
    0x5d
    0xc3
```

- Total of 11 bytes
- Each instruction 1, 2, or 3 bytes
- Starts at address `0x401040`

- Assembler
  - Translates `.s` into `.o`
  - Binary encoding of each instruction
  - Nearly-complete image of executable code
  - Missing linkages between code in different files
- Linker
  - Resolves references between files
  - Combines with static run-time libraries
    - E.g., code for `malloc`, `printf`
  - Some libraries are *dynamically linked*
    - Linking occurs when program begins execution

Disassembling Object Code

Disassembled

```
080483c4 <sum>:
 80483c4:   55          push   %ebp
 80483c5:   89 e5       mov    %esp,%ebp
 80483c7:   8b 45 0c    mov    0xc(%ebp),%eax
 80483ca:   03 45 08    add    0x8(%ebp),%eax
 80483cd:   5d          pop    %ebp
 80483ce:   c3          ret
```

- Disassembler
  `objdump -d p`
  - Useful tool for examining object code
  - Analyzes bit pattern of series of instructions
  - Produces approximate rendition of assembly code
  - Can be run on either `a.out` (complete executable) or `.o` file

Alternate Disassembly

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Disassembled

```
Dump of assembler code for function sum:
0x080483c4 <sum+0>:     push   %ebp
0x080483c5 <sum+1>:     mov    %esp,%ebp
0x080483c7 <sum+3>:     mov    0xc(%ebp),%eax
0x080483ca <sum+6>:     add    0x8(%ebp),%eax
0x080483cd <sum+9>:     pop    %ebp
0x080483ce <sum+10>:    ret
```

- Within gdb Debugger

  `gdb p`

  `disassemble sum`

  - Disassemble procedure

  `x/11xb sum`

  - Examine the 11 bytes starting at `sum`

What Can be Disassembled?

```
% objdump -d WINWORD.EXE

WINWORD.EXE:   file format pei-i386

No symbols in "WINWORD.EXE".
Disassembly of section .text:

30001000 <.text>:
30001000:  55             push   %ebp
30001001:  8b ec          mov    %esp,%ebp
30001003:  6a ff          push   $0xffffffff
30001005:  68 90 10 00 30 push   $0x30001090
3000100a:  68 91 dc 4c 30 push   $0x304cdc91
```

- Anything that can be interpreted as executable code
- Disassembler examines bytes and reconstructs assembly source

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Integer Registers (IA32)

general purpose

				Origin (mostly obsolete)
%eax	%ax	%ah	%al	*accumulate*
%ecx	%cx	%ch	%cl	*counter*
%edx	%dx	%dh	%dl	*data*
%ebx	%bx	%bh	%bl	*base*
%esi	%si			*source index*
%edi	%di			*destination index*
%esp	%sp			***stack pointer***
%ebp	%bp			***base pointer***

16-bit virtual registers (backwards compatibility)

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
```

Using Simple Addressing Modes

```
void swap(int *xp, int *yp)
{
  int t0 = *xp;
  int t1 = *yp;
  *xp = t1;
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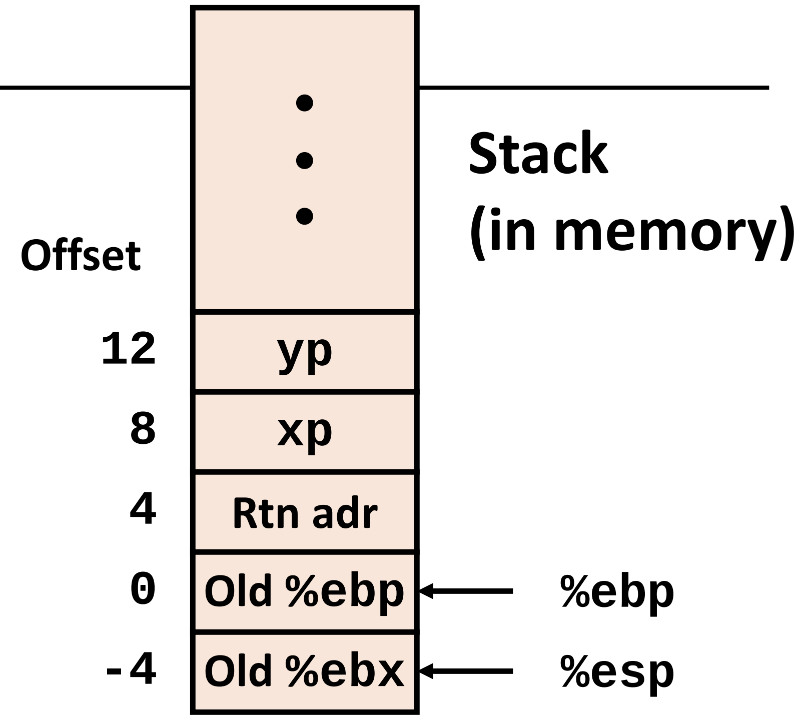

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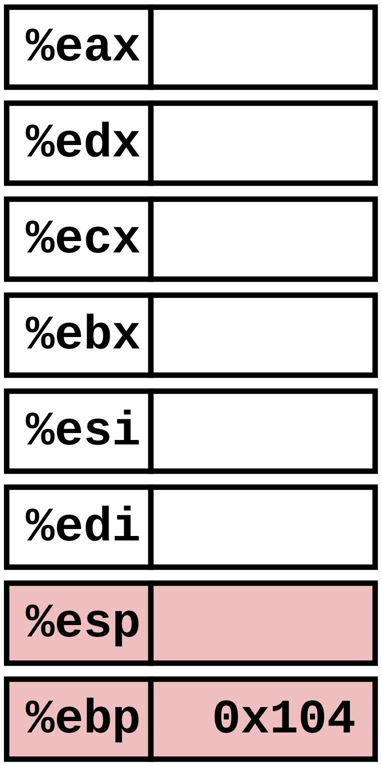

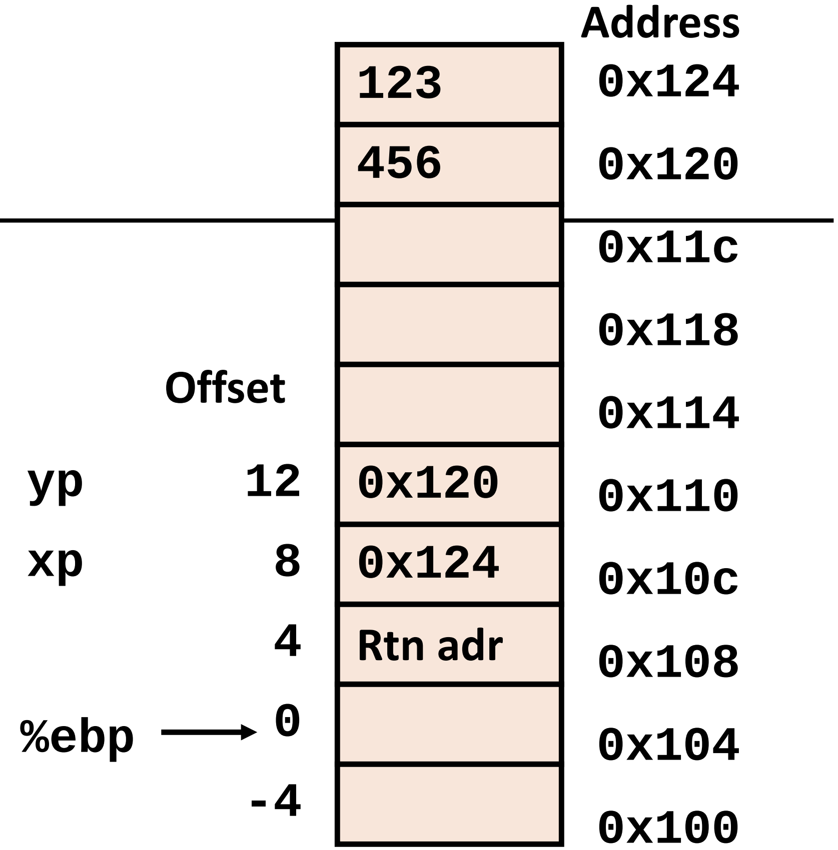


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Complete Memory Addressing Modes

- 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]]

x86-64 Integer Registers

%rax	%eax	%r8	%r8d
%rbx	%ebx	%r9	%r9d
%rcx	%ecx	%r10	%r10d
%rdx	%edx	%r11	%r11d
%rsi	%esi	%r12	%r12d
%rdi	%edi	%r13	%r13d
%rsp	%esp	%r14	%r14d
%rbp	%ebp	%r15	%r15d

- Extend existing registers. Add 8 new ones.
- Make **%ebp/%rbp** general purpose