Lecture 2

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Introduction to Computing Systems

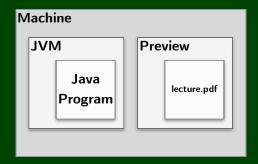
CS 24: Introduction to Computing Systems

Memory and Fixed-Width Integers









Overview

In this project, you will implement all the integer JVM instructions. Your JVM will be able to run **real** compiled class files.

Learning Outcomes

- I can distinguish between how Java and C execute on a computer.
- I can identify the different levels of expressiveness between assembly/bytecode and statements in a high-level programming language.
- I can describe how code can be viewed as a type of data.
- I can write a virtual machine.

Outline



2 Memory



Adding and Removing Bits

Bit Operations

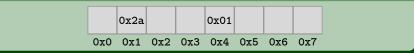
Memory Abstraction

Memory, Addresses, and Pointers

- Memory is (essentially) a large array of bytes.
- An address is an index into that array.
- A **pointer** is a variable that stores an address.

```
1 char *p = malloc(sizeof(char));
2 *p = 42;
3 printf("p = %p\n", p);
4 printf("*p = %p\n", *p);
5 printf("&p = %p\n", &p);
>> p = 0x01
>> *p = 0x02
>> &p = 0x04
```

A Picture of Memory

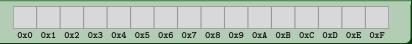


Memory Abstraction

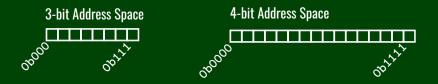
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7 printf("&p = %p\n", &p);
8 printf("&p = %p\n", &*p);
9 printf("*&p = %p\n", *&p);
```

	OUTPUT	
>> p = 0x0a		
>> $*p = 0x04$		
>> **p = 0x2a		
>> &p = 0x09		
>> &*p = 0x0a		
>> *&p = 0x0a		

A Picture of Memory



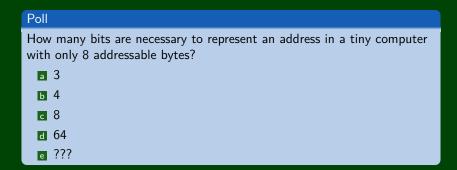
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3-bit Address Space

- 4-bit Address Space
- 5-bit Address Space
- 6-bit Address Space
- 7-bit Address Space
- 8-bit Address Space

Address Spaces



The word size of a machine is the size of its registers and addresses.

compute-cpu2 (and most other machines) have a 64-bit word size. This gives us 18 EB (exabytes) of addressable memory.



To reference a word, we use the address of the first byte. Thus, to move to the next word, we add eight (64-bit register = 8 bytes).

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OUTPUT

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Big Endian (Internet, JVM)								
	Most Significant Byte First							
			0xa1	0xb2	0xc3	0xd4		
			0x100	0x101	0x102	0x103		

Little Endian (x86, ARM $^{(most OSes)}$)								
Least Significant Byte First								
		0	0xd4	0xc3	0xb2	0xa1		
		(0x100	0x101	0x102	0x103		

Memory and Endianness

- 1 **uint8_t** *p1 = 16;
- 2 uint32_t *p2 = 0x1C;



What are the values of *p1 and *p2 (in decimal) on a little endian machine?

Putting It All Together

Suppose we declare uint32_t *p; on a 64-bit little endian machine. Also, suppose the following:

___ OUTPUT _

>> p = 0x01 >> *p = 0x2a >> &p = 0x2a

Which memory locations do we know the values of and what are they?