Lecture 01



Introduction to Computing Systems

CS 24: Introduction to Computing Systems

Memory and Fixed-Width Integers



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1 Compilation and JVM













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.

Compilation and JVM

2 Memory



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 = 0x2a
>> &p = 0x04
```

A Picture of Memory



Memory Abstraction

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

A Picture of Memory



Address Spaces

 \Box = 1 byte



- 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



64-bit Address Space

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

labradoodle (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).

Reading/Storing Multiple Bytes: Endianness



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So, how are the bytes within a multi-byte word ordered in memory?

OUTPUT

>> x = 0xa1b2c3d4 >> &x = 0x100



Memory and Endianness

