

Lecture 8: Data Structures in Assembly

CS 105

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From Last Time...

```
int proc(int *p);  
  
int example1(int x) {  
    int a[4];  
    a[3] = 10;  
    return proc(a);  
}
```

```
example1:  
    subq    $16, %rsp  
    movl    $10, 12(%rsp)  
    movq    %rsp, %rdi  
    call    0x400546 <proc>  
    addq    $16, %rsp  
    ret
```

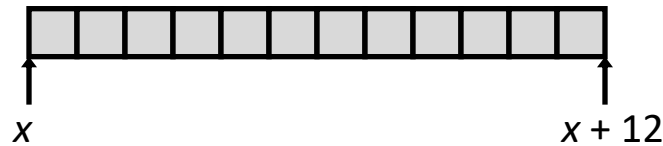
Array Allocation

- Basic Principle

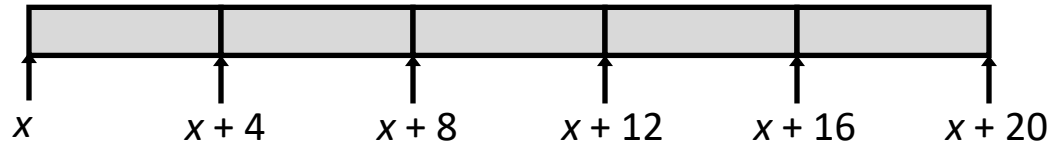
T **A**[L];

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

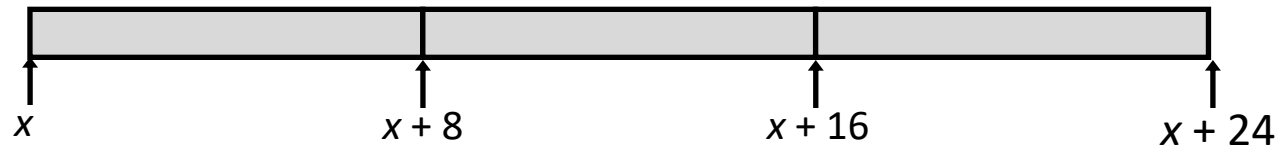
`char string[12];`



`int val[5];`



`double a[3];`



`char *p[3];`

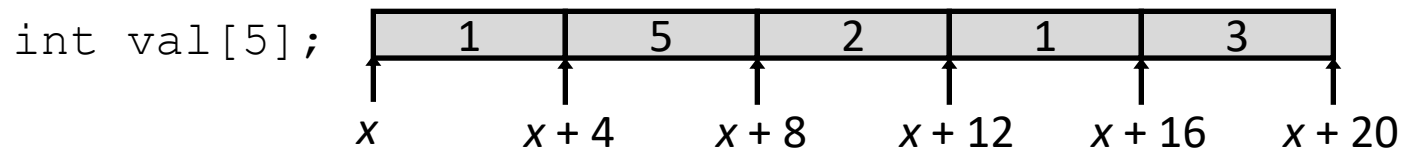


Array Access

- 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

`val[4]`

`val`

`val+1`

`&val[2]`

`val[5]`

`*(val+1)`

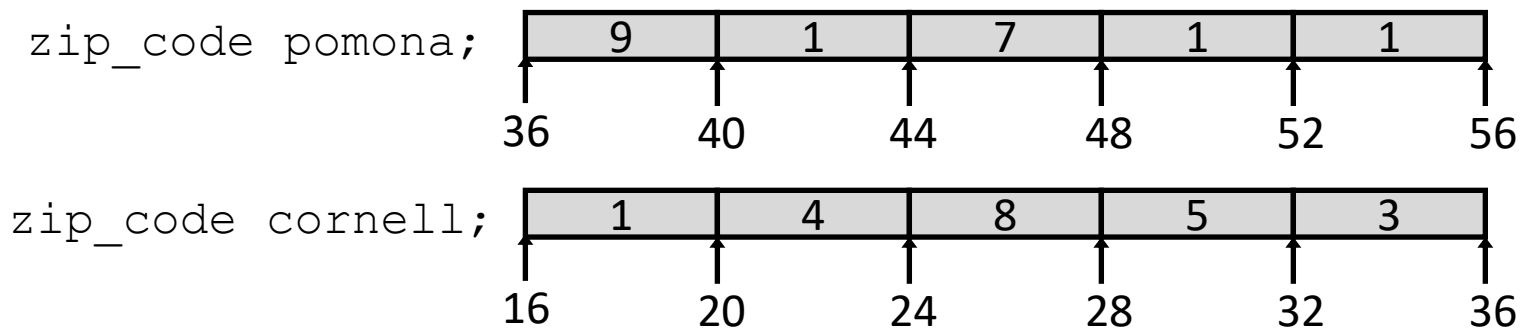
`val + i`

Array Example

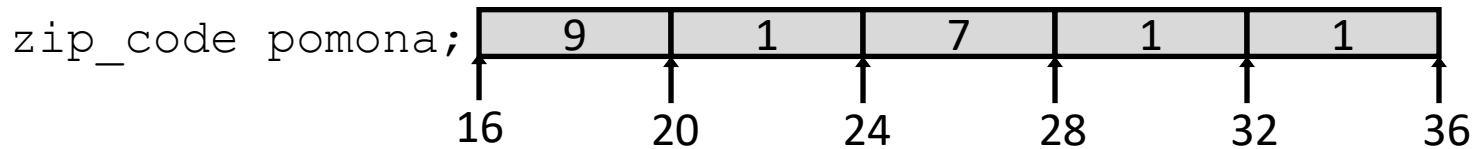
```
#define ZLEN 5
typedef int zip_code[ZLEN];

zip_code pomona = { 9, 1, 7, 1, 1 };
zip_code cornell = { 1, 4, 8, 5, 3 };
```

- Declaration “zip_code pomona” equivalent to “int pomona[5]”



Array Accessing Example



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

```
# %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 Exercise

```
array_loop:
    xorl    %esi, %esi
    xorl    %eax, %eax
L1:
    addl    (%rdi,%rsi,4), %eax
    incq   %rsi
    cmpq   $5, %rsi
    jne    L1
    retq
```

```
int array_loop(zip_code z) {
    int sum = _____;
    int i;
    for(i = ____; i < ____; ____ )
        sum = _____;
    }

    return _____;
}
```

```
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    int *p;
    for(p = ____; p < ____; ____ )
        sum = _____;
    }

    return _____;
}
```

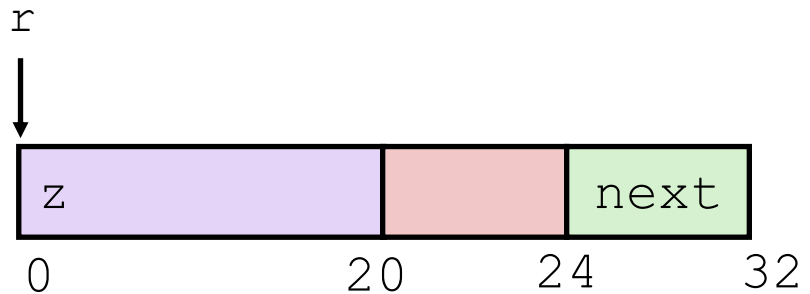
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    jne    L1
    retq
```

```
array_r:
    xorl    %eax, %eax
    cmpl   $5, %esi
    je     L2
    pushq  %rbx
    movl   (%rdi,%rsi,4), %ebx
    incq   %rsi
    callq  array_r
    addl   %ebx, %eax
    popq   %rbx
L2:
    retq
```


Structure Representation

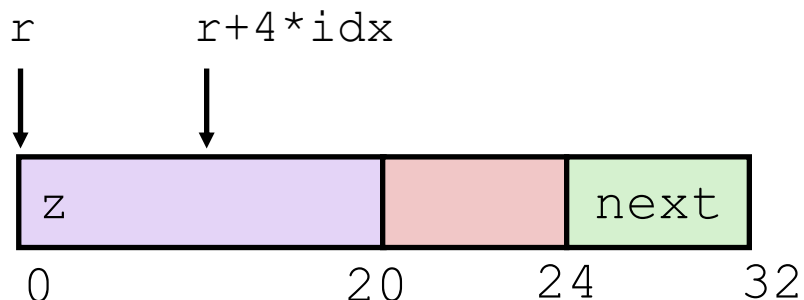
```
struct rec {  
    zip_code z;  
    struct rec *next;  
};
```



- 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**

Generating Pointer to Structure Member

```
struct rec {  
    zip_code z;  
    struct rec *next;  
};
```



- **Generating Pointer to Array Element**

- Offset of each structure member determined at compile time
- Compute as **$r + 4 * idx$**

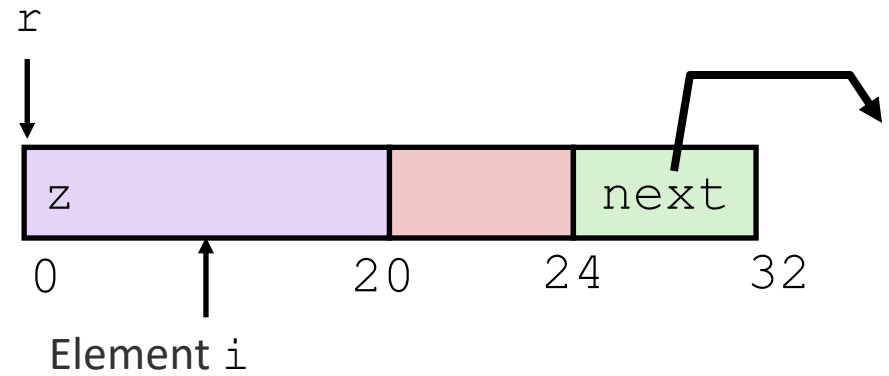
```
int *get_digit_ptr(struct rec *r, int idx){  
    return &(r->z[idx]);  
}
```

```
# r in %rdi, idx in %rsi  
leaq  (%rdi,%rsi,4), %rax  
ret
```

Register	Value
%rdi	p

Following Linked List

```
typedef struct rec {
    zip_code z;
    struct rec *next;
} zip_node;
```



```
zip_node*get_tail_ptr(zip_node *p) {
    if(p == NULL) {
        return NULL;
    }

    while(p->next != NULL) {
        p = p->next;
    }

    return p;
}
```

```
get_tail_ptr:
    testq    %rdi, %rdi
    jne     L1
    xorl    %eax, %eax
    retq

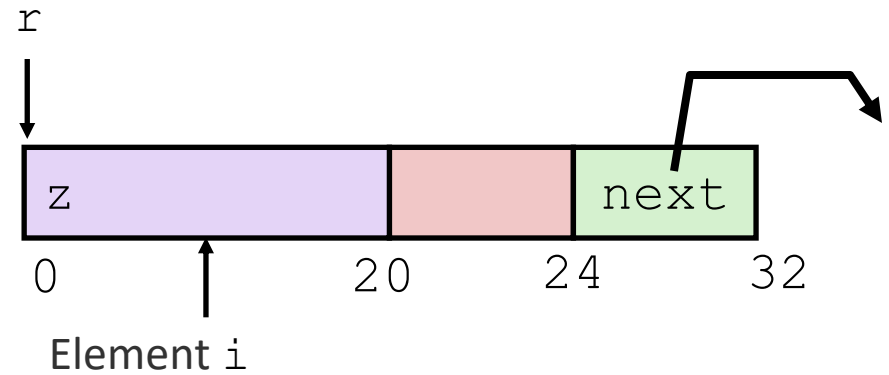
L1:
    movq    %rdi, %rax
    movq    24(%rax), %rdi
    testq   %rdi, %rdi
    jne     L1
    retq
```

Register	Value
%rdi	p

Linked List Exercise

```
typedef struct rec {
    zip_code z;
    struct rec *next;
} zip_node;
```

```
ll_exercise:
    movq    %rdi, %rax
    testq   %rax, %rax
    je     L1
    movq   24(%rax), %rdi
    testq  %rdi, %rdi
    je     L2
    pushq  %rax
    callq  ll_exercise
    addq   $8, %rsp
L2:
    retq
L1:
    xorl   %eax, %eax
    retq
```



```
zip_node *exercise(zip_node *p) {
    ...
}
```