## Computer Organization \& Assembly Language Programming



## Mixing C with x86-64 Assembly

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
int main() {
    printf("Learning is fun with Arif\n");
    exit(0);
```

```
global main
    CTION .data
    msg: db "Learning is fun with Arif", OAh, Oh
    len msg: equ $ - msg
SECTION}.t\mathrm{ text
    main:
        mov rax,1
        mov rdi,1
        mov rsi,msg
        mov rdx,len_msg
    syscall
    mov rax,60
    mov rdi,0
    syscall
```

| $0:$ | $b 8$ | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $5:$ | bf | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 |  |  |
| $a:$ | 48 | be | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| $11:$ | 00 | 00 | 00 |  |  |  |  |
| $14:$ | ba | $1 b$ | 00 | 00 | 00 |  |  |
| $19:$ | $0 f$ | 05 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1 b:$ | b8 | $3 c$ | 00 | 00 | 00 |  |  |
| $20:$ | $b f$ | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |  |  |
| $25:$ | $0 f$ | 05 |  |  |  |  |  |

## Today's Agenda

- Recap: Points to Ponder
- Calling C-Library Functions from Assembly Program
- Demo (callputs.nasm)
- Demo (callprintf.nasm)
- Demo (callgetputchar.nasm)
- Calling Assembly Functions from C Program
- Demo (ex1.c and getval.nasm)
- Demo (ex2.c and maxofthree.nasm)


## Points to Ponder

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- Every microprocessor x86, MIPS, ARM, Sun SPARC, Motorola Power PC, and so on, has its own assembly language, and organizational structure. In this part of the course we are studying the assembly language of x86-64 microprocessor, which can be written in two formats Intel and AT\&T
- NASM, YASM, GAS, FASM, MASM are different assemblers that can assemble the assembly language programs written for x86 microprocessors. Each assembler has its own way of writing the assembly program and has its own assembler directives. In this part of the course we are using the Netwide Assembler
- Different assemblers generate different object file format (as per the processor and OS) from the assembly source files like ELF32, ELF64, COFF, win32 and so on
- There can be different operating systems (Linux, Windows, OS/X), and the differences may come into play when we use operating system services using their respective system call interface. We are using System-V AMD64 ABI
- Finally using library functions from your assembly programs also make the difference since all linkers do not work the same way. We are using Linux linker (ld) in this part of the course and may use gcc as well


## Calling C-Library Functions from Assembly Program

## Calling C-Functions from Assembly Program

- Reasons to do so are:
- There are tens of standard C library functions that can be used for I/O, specially while working with floating point numbers
- There are extensive set of functions available in the math library, thus making our life easy

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; callputs.nasm
; callputs.nasm
SECTION .data
SECTION .data
msg: $d b$ "Learning is fun with Arif Butt..."
msg: $d b$ "Learning is fun with Arif Butt..."
SECTION .text
SECTION .text
global main
global main
extern puts
extern exit int puts (const char *s)
extern puts
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extern exit ${ }^{\text {i }}$ i void exit (int status)
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main:

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lea rdi, msg
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lea rdi, msg
call puts
call puts
call puts
call puts
mov rdi, rax
mov rdi, rax
mov rdi, rax
mov rdi, rax
call exit

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\$ nasm -felf64 callputs.nasm
\$ gcc --static callputs.o
\$ ./a.out
Learning is fun with Arif Butt..
\$ echo \$?
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## Examples: Calling C-Functions from Assembly Program

## Demo

## 45/callputs.nasm

 45/callprintf.nasm 45/getputchar.nasm
## Calling Assembly Functions from C-Program

## Calling Assembly Functions from C Program

Reasons to do so are:

- You have assembly code already written that you wish to use
- You need to improve the speed of a particular function
- You want to manipulate SFRs or memory-mapped I/O devices
// COAL Video Lecture: 45
// ex2.c
\#include <stdio.h>
\#include <stdlib.h>
extern long maxofthree (long, long, long);
int main() \{
int rv $=$ maxofthree $(15,-23,7)$;
printf("max $=\% l d \backslash n ", r v) ;$
return 0;
\}
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; maxofthree.nasm
SECTION .text

```
global maxofthree
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maxofthree:

| mov | rax, rdi |
| :--- | :--- |
| cmp | rax, rsi |
| cmovl | rax, rsi |
| cmp | rax, rdx |
| cmovl | rax, rdx |
| ret |  |

It is also possible to include a bit of assembly code right inside your C file, called "inline assembly". Syntax is of course compiler dependent. In gcc: (_asm_"assembly code") ;

## Examples: Calling Assembly Procedures from C-Program



## Things To Do



Coming to office hours does NOT mean you are academically week!

