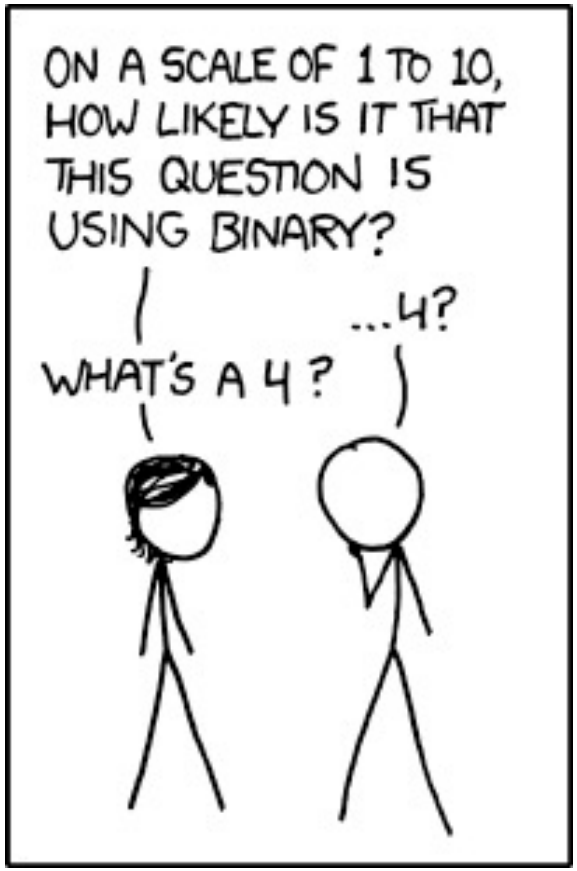
Memory, Data, & Addressing I



http://xkcd.com/953/

Roadmap

C:

```
car *c = malloc(sizeof(car));
c->miles = 100;
c->gals = 17;
float mpg = get_mpg(c);
free(c);
```

Java:

```
Car c = new Car();
c.setMiles(100);
c.setGals(17);
float mpg =
    c.getMPG();
```

Memory & data
Arrays & structs
Integers & floats
RISC V assembly
Procedures & stacks
Executables
Memory & caches
Processor Pipeline
Performance
Parallelism

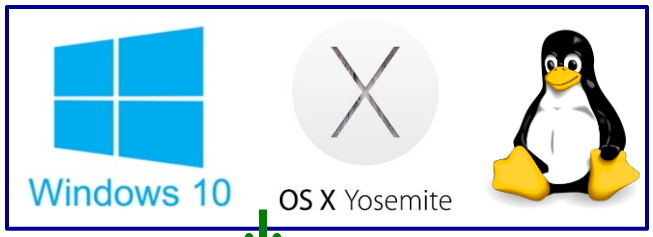
Assembly language:

```
get_mpg(car*):
        lw      a5,0(a0)
        lw      a4,4(a0)
        divw    a5,a5,a4
        fcvt.s.w        fa0,a5
        ret
```

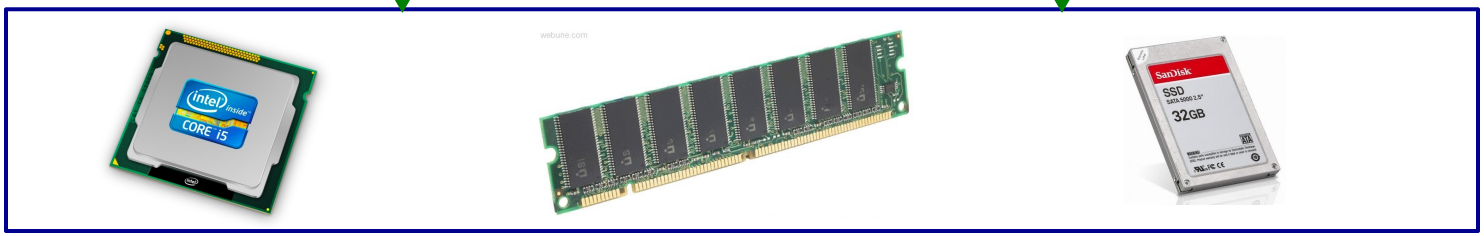
Machine code:

```
01110100000110000
10001101000001000000010
1000100111000010
11000001111110100011111
```

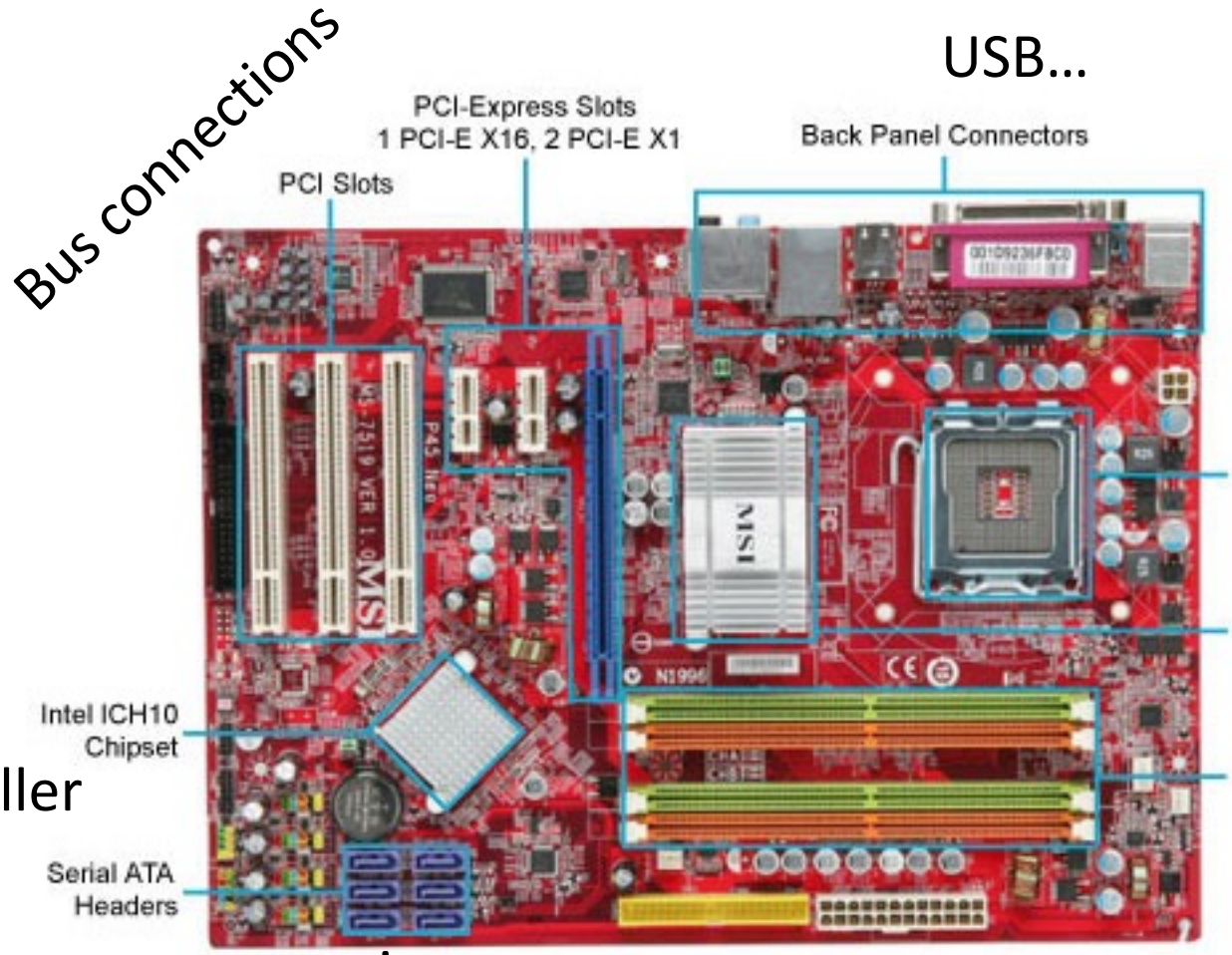
OS:



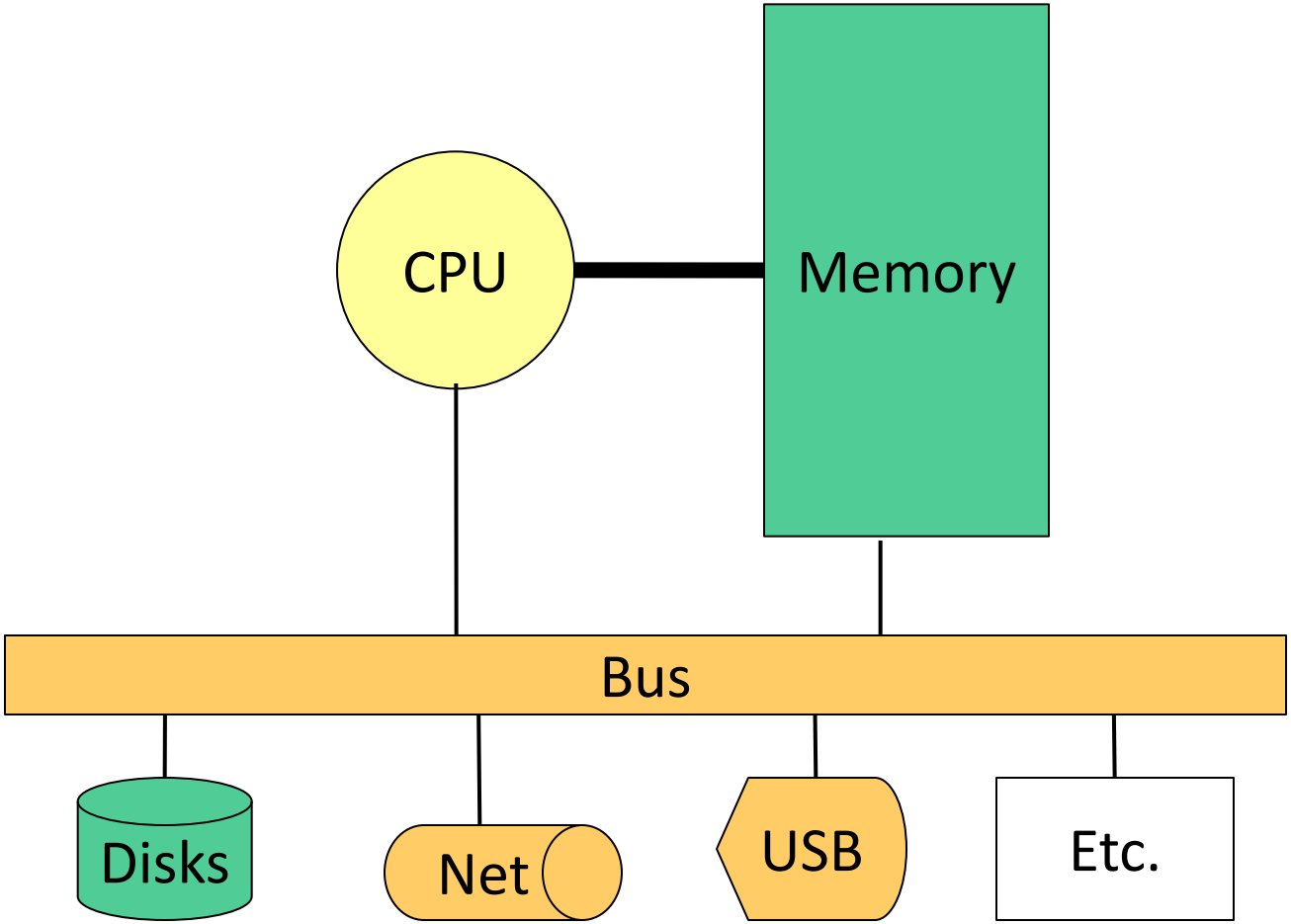
Computer system:



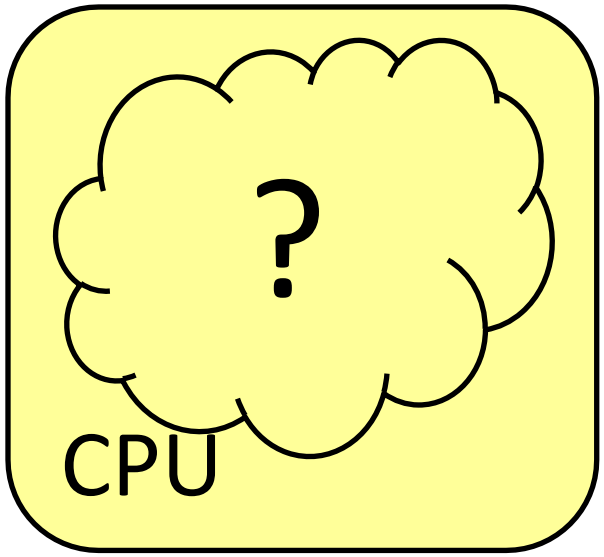
Hardware: Physical View

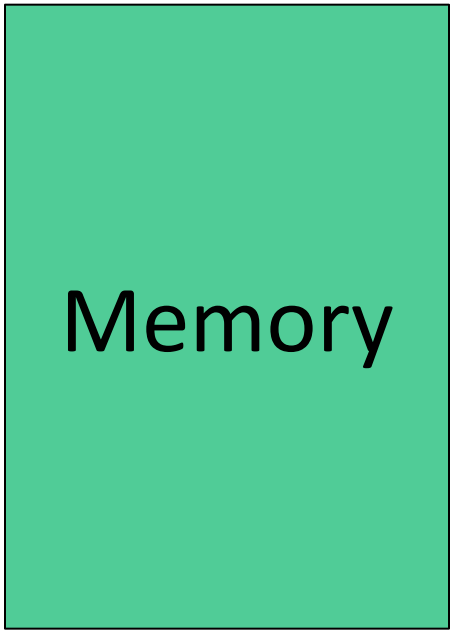


Hardware: Logical View



Hardware: 295 View (version 0)





- The CPU executes instructions
- Memory stores data
- Binary encoding!
  - Instructions *are* just data

How are data and instructions represented?

Binary Encoding Additional Details

- Because storage is finite in reality, everything is stored as "fixed" length
  - Data is moved and manipulated in fixed-length chunks
  - Multiple fixed lengths (*e.g.* 1 byte, 4 bytes, 8 bytes)
  - Leading zeros now *must* be included up to "fill out" the fixed length

- Example: the "eight-bit" representation of the number 4 is 0b00000100

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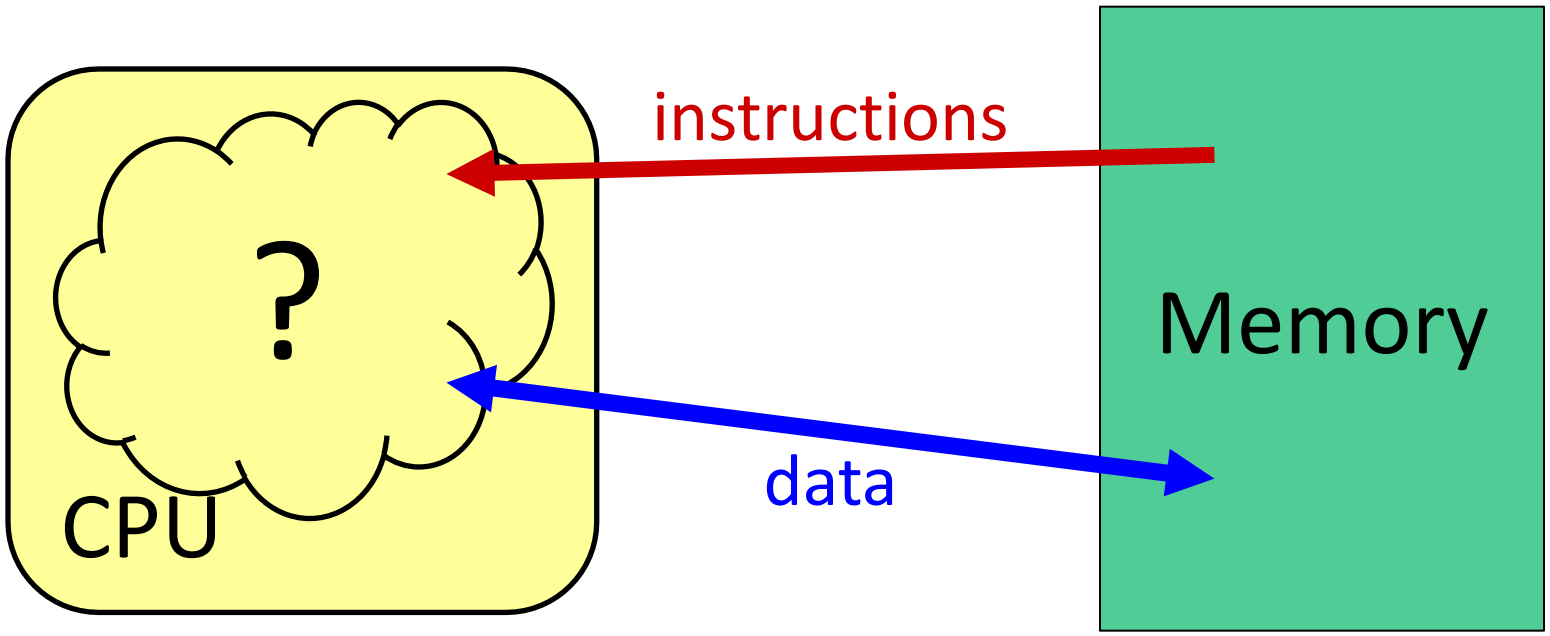
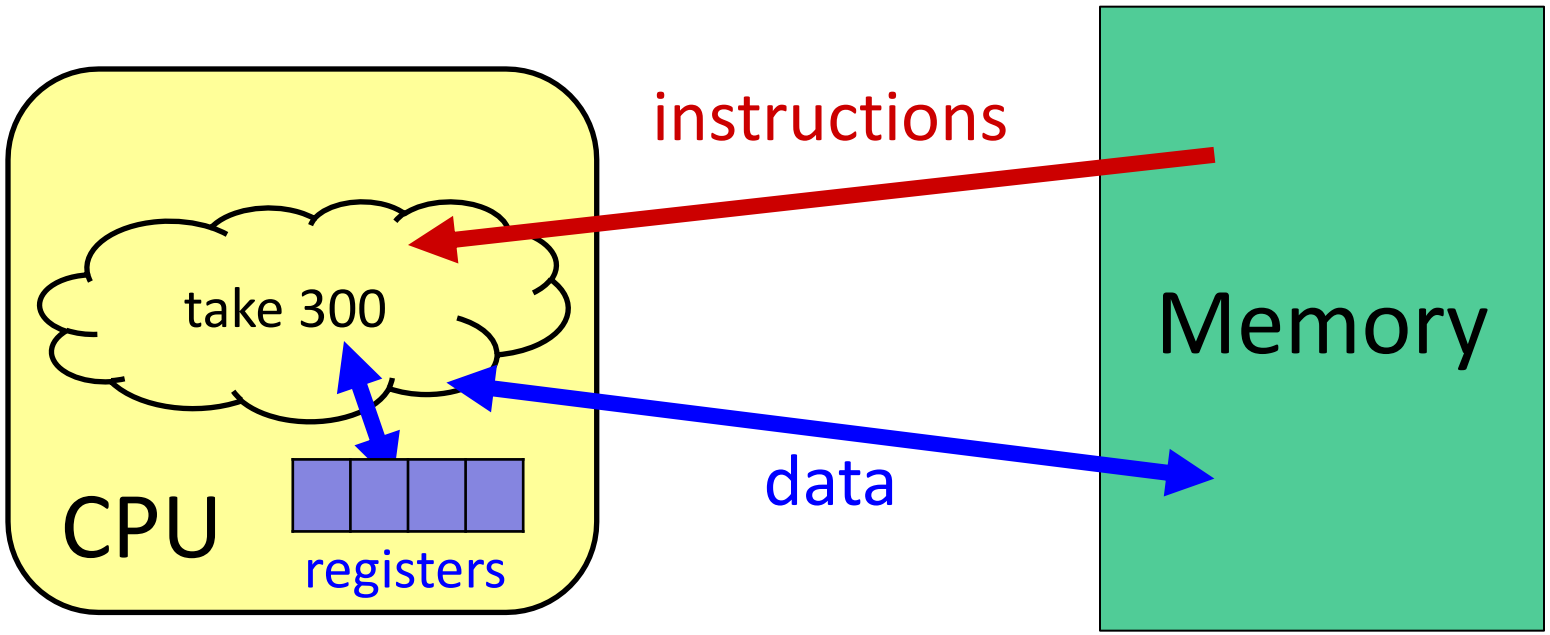


- To execute an instruction, the CPU must:
  1) Fetch the instruction
  2) (if applicable) Fetch data needed by the instruction
  3) Perform the specified computation
  4) (if applicable) Write the result back to memory

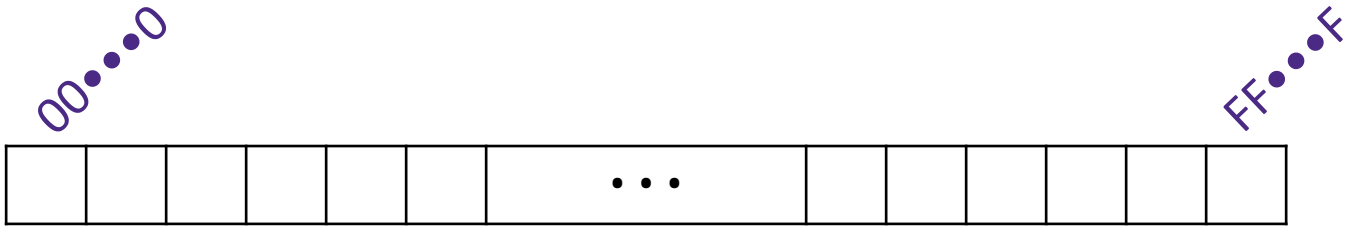
Hardware: 295 View (version 1)



- We will start by learning about Memory

How does a program find its data in memory?

Byte-Oriented Memory Organization



- Conceptually, memory is a single, large array of bytes, each with a unique *address* (index)
  - **Each address is just a number represented in *fixed-length* binary**
- Programs refer to bytes in memory by their *addresses*
  - Domain of possible addresses = *address space*
  - **We can store addresses as data to "remember" where other data is in memory**

- But not all values fit in a single byte… (*e.g.* 295)
  - Many operations actually use multi-byte values

Peer Instruction Question

- If we choose to use 4-bit addresses, how big is our address space?
  - *i.e.* How much space can we "refer to" using our addresses?

A. 16 bits
B. 16 bytes
C. 4 bits
D. 4 bytes
E. We're lost…

Machine "Words"

- We have *chosen* to tie word size to address size/width
  - word size = address size = register size
  - word size = w bits $\rightarrow 2^w$ addresses
- Current x86 systems use **64-bit (8-byte) words**
  - Potential address space: $\mathbf{2^{64}}$ addresses
    2^{64} bytes $\approx$ **1.8 x 10^{19} bytes**
    = 18 billion billion bytes = 18 EB (exabytes)
  - Actual physical address space: **48 bits**

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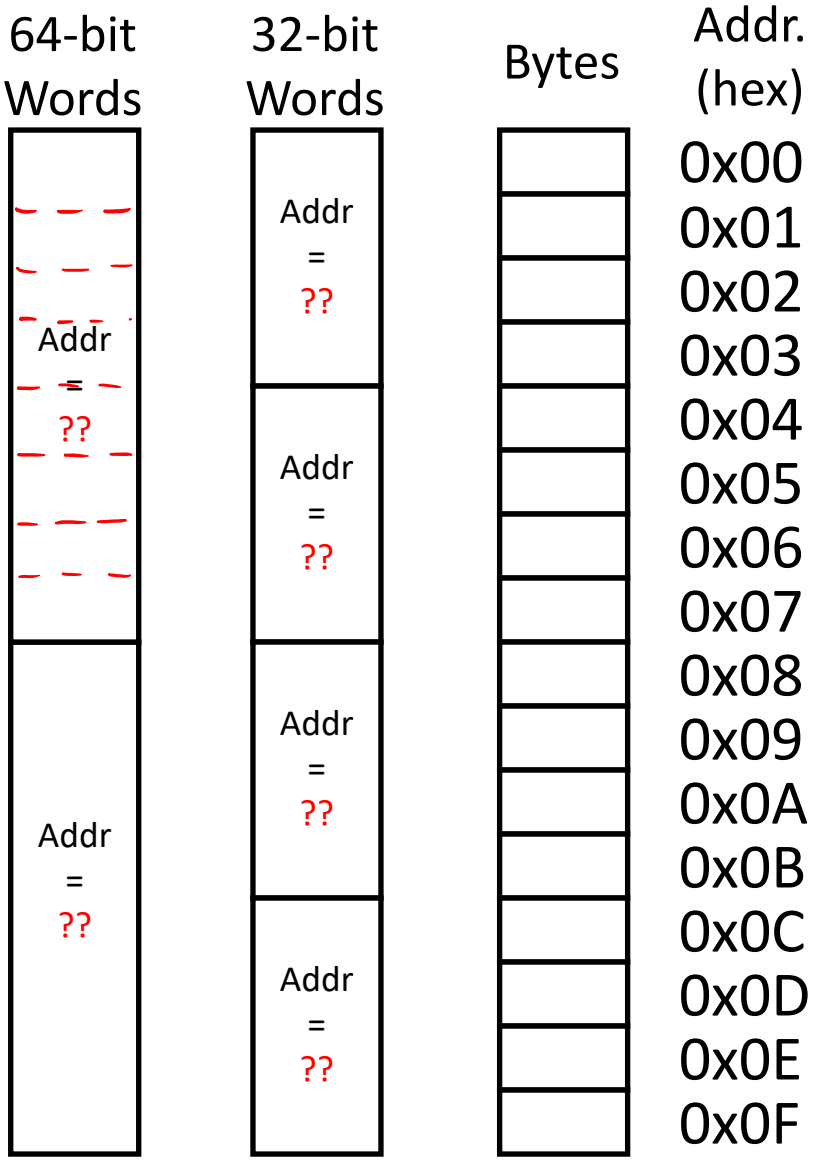

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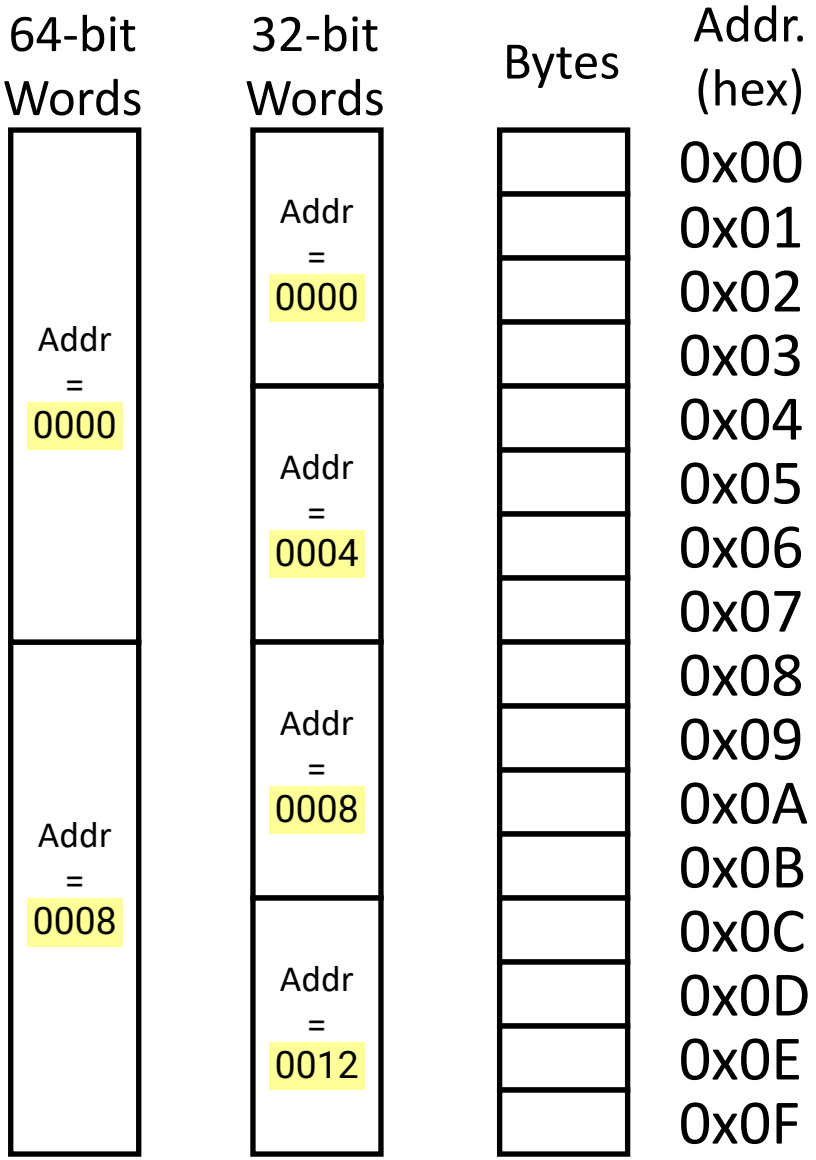
- Address of word
  = address of *first* byte in word
  - The address of *any* chunk of memory is given by the address of the first byte
  - ***Alignment***



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  - Each cell is a byte
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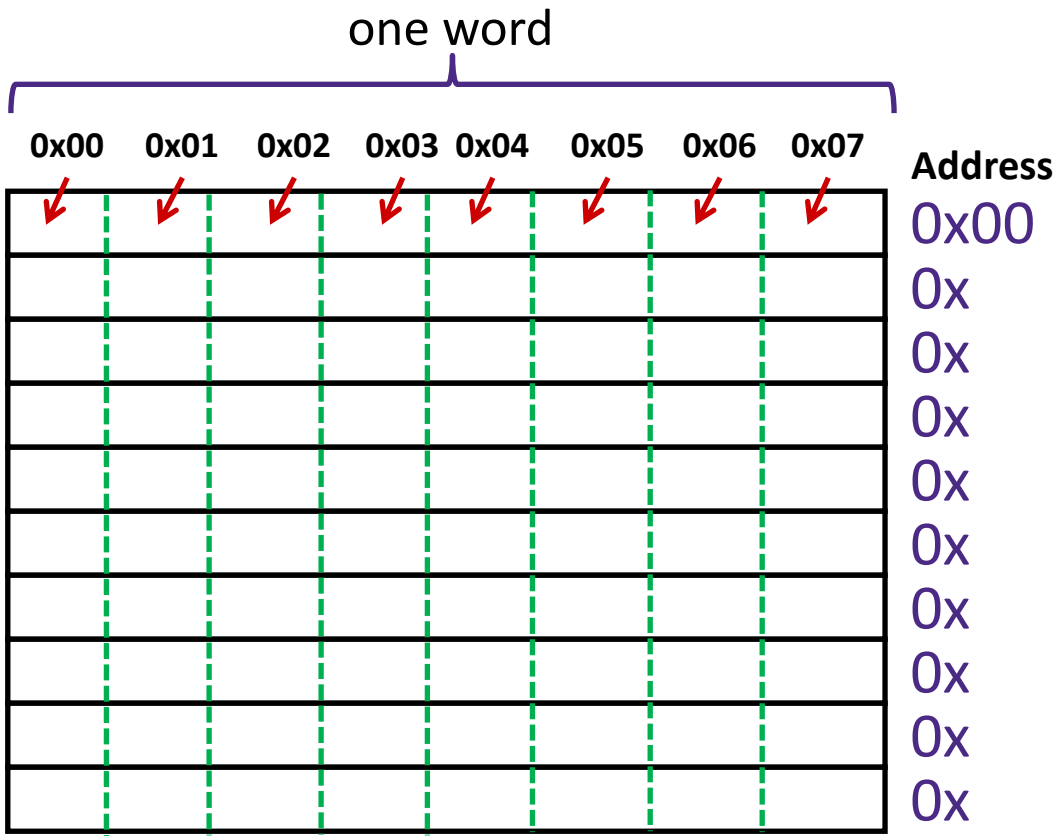

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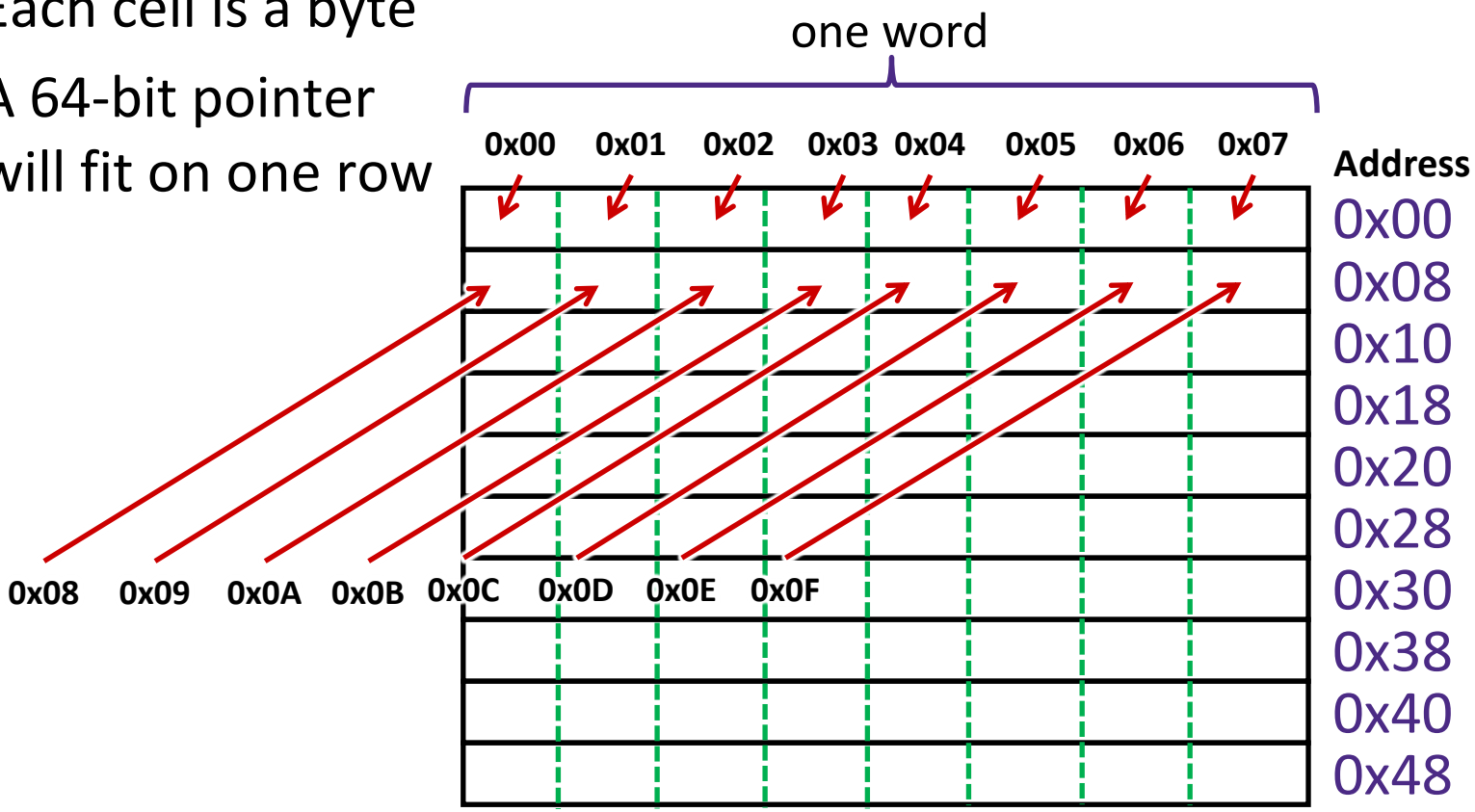
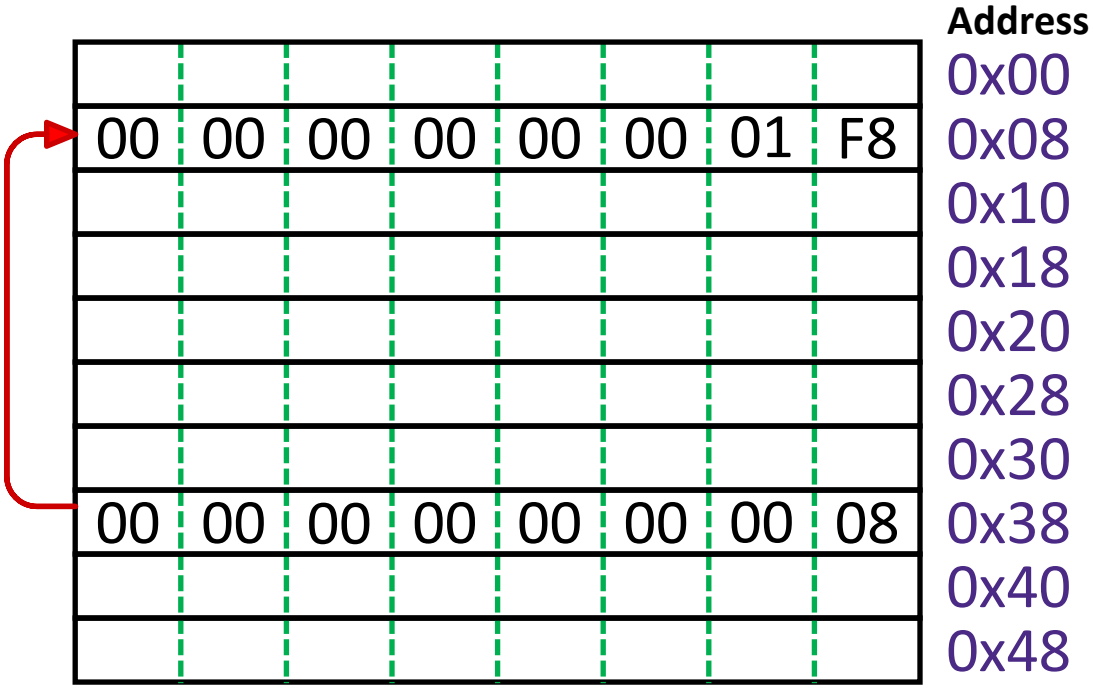


Addresses and Pointers

64-bit example
(pointers are 64-bits wide)
big-endian

- An *address* is a location in memory
- A *pointer* is a data object that holds an address
  - Address can point to *any* data
- Value 504 stored at address 0x08
  - $504_{10} = 1F8_{16}$
    = 0x 00 … 00 01 F8
- Pointer stored at 0x38 points to address 0x08



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- An *address* is a location in memory
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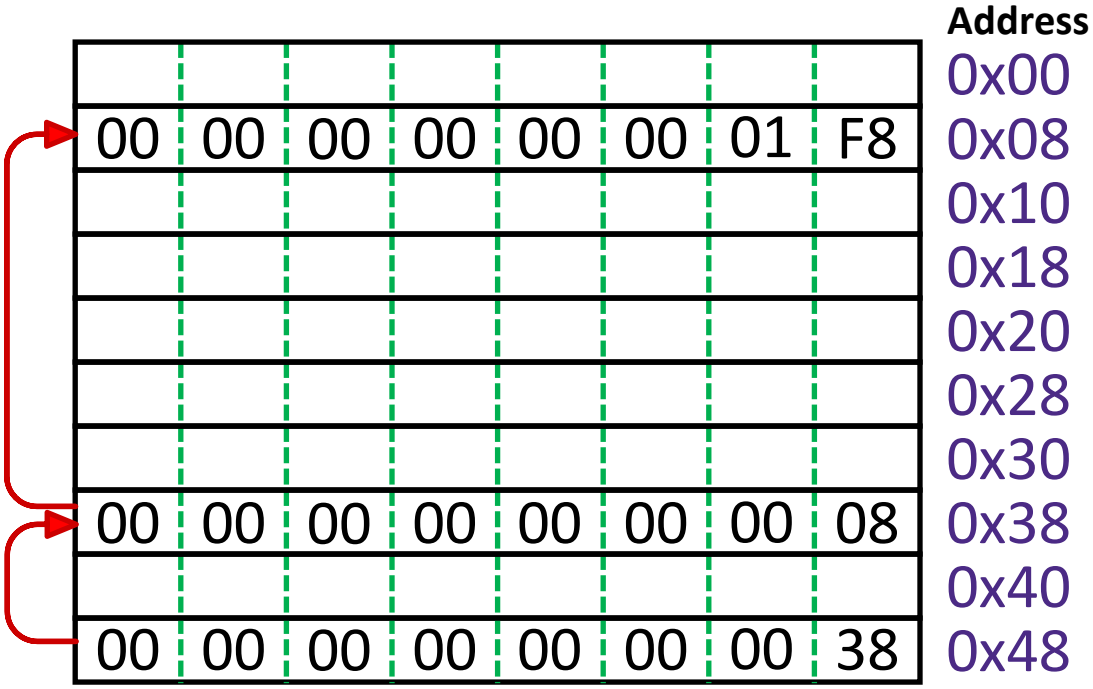
- Pointer stored at 0x48 points to address 0x38
  - Pointer to a pointer!
- Is the data stored at 0x08 a pointer?
  - Could be, depending on how you use it



Data Representations

- Sizes of data types (in bytes)

Java Data Type	C Data Type	32-bit	x86-64
boolean	bool	1	1
byte	char	1	1
char		2	2
short	short int	2	2
int	int	4	4
float	float	4	4
	long int	4	8
double	double	8	8
long	long	8	8
	long double	8	16
(reference)	**pointer ***	**4**	**8**

address size = word size

To use "`bool`" in C, you must `#include <stdbool.h>`

Memory Alignment

- **Aligned**: Primitive object of K bytes must have an address that is a multiple of K
  - More about alignment later in the course

K	Type
1	`char`
2	`short`
4	`int, float`
8	`long, double,` pointers

- For good memory system performance, data has to be aligned.

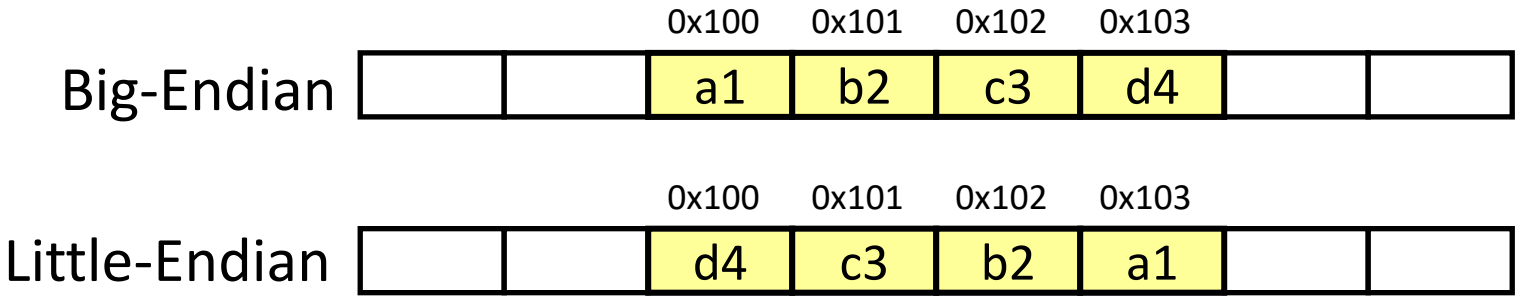
Byte Ordering

- How should bytes within a word be ordered *in memory?*
  - **Example:** store the 4-byte (32-bit) `int`:
    `0x a1 b2 c3 d4`

- By convention, ordering of bytes called *endianness*
  - The two options are big-endian and little-endian
    - In which address does the least significant *byte* go?
    - Based on *Gulliver's Travels*: tribes cut eggs on different sides (big, little)

Byte Ordering

- Big-endian (SPARC, z/Architecture)
  - Least significant byte has highest address
- Little-endian (x86, x86-64, **RISC-V**)
  - Least significant byte has lowest address
- Bi-endian (ARM, PowerPC)
  - Endianness can be specified as big or little
- **Example:** 4-byte data 0xa1b2c3d4 at address 0x100



Peer Instruction Question:

- We store the value `0x 01 02 03 04` as a ***word*** at address 0x100 in a big-endian, 64-bit machine
- What is the ***byte of data*** stored at address 0x104?

A. 0x04

B. 0x40

C. 0x01

D. 0x10

E. We're lost…

Endianness

- *Endianness only applies to memory storage*
- Often programmer can ignore endianness because it is handled for you
  - Bytes wired into correct place when reading or storing from memory (hardware)
  - Compiler and assembler generate correct behavior (software)
- Endianness still shows up:
  - Logical issues: accessing different amount of data than how you stored it (*e.g.* store `int`, access byte as a `char`)
  - Need to know exact values to debug memory errors
  - **Software emulation machine code (assignment 2)**

Summary

- Memory is a long, *byte-addressed* array
  - Word size bounds the size of the *address space* and memory
  - Different data types use different number of bytes
  - Address of chunk of memory given by address of lowest byte in chunk
  - Object of K bytes is *aligned* if it has an address that is a multiple of K
- Pointers are data objects that hold addresses
- Endianness determines memory storage order for multi-byte data