

CPSC 213

Introduction to Computer Systems

Unit 3

Course Review

Learning Goals 1

- Memory
 - Endianness and memory-address alignment
- Globals
 - Machine model for access to global variables; static and dynamic arrays and structs
- Pointers
 - Pointers in C, & and * operators, and pointer arithmetic
- Instance Variables
 - Instance variables of objects and structs
- Dynamic Storage
 - Dynamic storage allocation and deallocation
- If and Loop
 - If statements and loops
- Procedures
 - Procedures, call, return, stacks, local variables and arguments
- Dynamic Flow Control
 - Dynamic flow control, polymorphism, and switch statements

Learning Goals 2

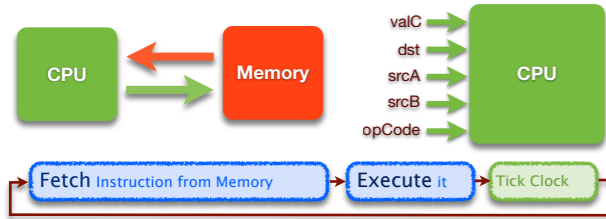
- Read Assembly
 - Read assembly code
- Write Assembly
 - Write assembly code
- ISA-PL Connection
 - Connection between ISA and high-level programming language
- Asynchrony
 - PIO, DMA, interrupts and asynchronous programming
- Threads
 - Using and implementing threads
- Synchronization
 - Using and implementing spinlocks, monitors, condition variables and semaphores
- Virtual Memory
 - Virtual memory translation and implementation tradeoffs

Not Covered on Final

- Details of memory management
 - Java weak references, reference objects, reference queues
 - slides 22-24 of module 1c, details of Lab 3 Java memory leak solution
 - C reference counting
 - slides 17-18 of module 1c
- Details of Hoare blocking signal for condition variables
 - slides 24-26 of module 2c
- OS/Encapsulation
 - module 2e
- Interprocess Communication, Networking, Protocols
 - module 2f

Big Ideas: First Half

- Static and dynamic
 - anything that can be determined **before execution** (by compiler) is called **static**
 - anything that can only be determined **during execution** (at runtime) is called **dynamic**
- SM-213 Instruction Set Architecture
 - hardware context is CPU and main memory with fetch/execute loop



Memory Access

- Memory is
 - an array of bytes, indexed by byte **address**
- Memory access is
 - restricted to a transfer between registers and memory
 - the ALU is thus unchanged, it still takes operands from registers
 - this is approach taken by *Reduced Instruction Set Computers (RISC)*
- Common mistakes
 - wrong: trying to have instruction read from memory and do computation all at once
 - must always load from memory into register as first step, then do ALU computations from registers only
 - wrong: trying to have instruction do computation and store into memory all at once
 - all ALU operations write to a register, then can store into memory on next step



Loading and Storing

- load into register
 - immediate value: 32-bit number directly inside instruction
 - from memory: base in register, direct offset as 4-bit number
 - offset/4 stored in machine language
 - common mistake: forget 0 offset when just want store value from register into memory
 - from memory: base in register, index in register
 - computed offset is 4*index
 - from register
- store into memory
 - base in register, direct offset as 4-bit number
 - base in register, index in register
 - common mistake: cannot directly store immediate value into memory

Name	Semantics	Assembly	Machine
load immediate	$r[d] \leftarrow v$	ld Sv, rd	0d--vvvvvvv
load base+offset	$r[d] \leftarrow m[r[s]+(o=p*4)]$	ld o(rs), rd	1psd
load indexed	$r[d] \leftarrow m[r[s]+4*r[i]]$	ld (rs,ri,4), rd	2sid
register move	$r[d] \leftarrow r[s]$	mov rs, rd	60sd
store base+offset	$m[r[d]+(o=p*4)] \leftarrow r[s]$	st rs, o(rd)	3spd
store indexed	$m[r[d]+4*r[i]] \leftarrow r[s]$	st rs, (rd,ri,4)	4sdi

Numbers

- Hex vs. decimal vs. binary
 - in SM-213 assembly
 - 0x in front of number means it's in hex
 - otherwise it's decimal
 - converting from hex to decimal
 - convert each hex digit separately to decimal
 - $0x2a3 = 2 \times 16^2 + 10 \times 16^1 + 3 \times 16^0$
 - converting from hex to binary
 - convert each hex digit separately to binary: 4 bits in one hex digit
 - converting from binary to hex
 - convert each 4-bit block to hex digit
- exam advice
 - reconstruct your own lookup table in the margin if you need to do this

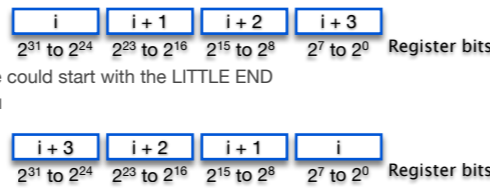
dec	hex	bin
0	0	0000
1	1	0001
2	2	0010
3	3	0011
4	4	0100
5	5	0101
6	6	0110
7	7	0111
8	8	1000
9	9	1001
10	A	1010
11	B	1011
12	C	1100
13	D	1101
14	E	1110
15	F	1111

Numbers

- Common mistakes
 - treating hex number as decimal: interpret 0x20 as 20, but it's actually decimal 32
 - using decimal number instead of hex: writing 0x20 when you meant decimal 20
 - wasting your time converting into format you don't particularly need
 - wasting your time trying to do computations in unhelpful format
 - think: what do you really need to answer the question?
 - adding small numbers easy in hex: B+2=D
 - for serious computations consider converting to decimal
 - unless multiply/divide by power of 2: then hex or binary is fast with bitshifting!

Endianness

- Consider 4-byte memory word and 32-bit register
 - it has memory addresses $i, i+1, i+2$, and $i+3$
 - we'll just say its "**at address i and is 4 bytes long**"
 - e.g., the word at address 4 is in bytes 4, 5, 6 and 7.
- Big or Little Endian
 - we could start with the **BIG END** of the number
 - most computer makers except for Intel, also network protocols
 - or we could start with the **LITTLE END**
 - Intel



Determining Endianness of a Computer

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main () {
  char a[4];

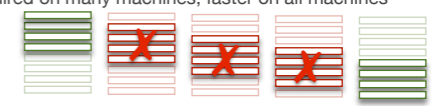
  *((int*)a) = 1;

  printf("a[0]=%d a[1]=%d a[2]=%d a[3]=%d\n",a[0],a[1],a[2],a[3]);
}
```

- how does this C code check for endianness?
 - create array of 4 bytes (char data type is 1 byte)
 - cast whole thing to an integer, set it to 1
 - check if the 1 appears in first byte or last byte
- things to understand:
 - concepts of endianness
 - casting between arrays of bytes and integers
 - masking bits, shifting bits

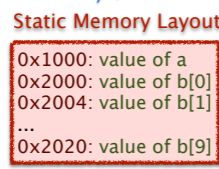
Alignment

- Power-of-two aligned addresses simplify hardware
 - required on many machines, faster on all machines
- computing alignment: for what size integers is address X aligned?
 - byte address to integer address is division by power to two, which is just shifting bits
 - $j / 2^k == j \gg k$ (j shifted k bits to right)
 - convert address to decimal; divide by 2, 4, 8, 16, ...; stop as soon as there's a remainder
 - convert address to binary; sweep from right to left, stop when find a 1



Static Variable Access (static arrays)

- Key observations
 - address of **b[a]** cannot be computed statically by compiler
 - address can be computed dynamically from base and index stored in registers
 - element size can known statically, from array type
- Array access: use load/store indexed instruction



Name	Semantics	Assembly	Machine
load indexed	$r[d] \leftarrow m[r[s]+4*r[i]]$	ld (rs,ri,4), rd	2sid
store indexed	$m[r[d]+4*r[i]] \leftarrow r[s]$	st rs, (rd,ri,4)	4sdi

Static vs Dynamic Arrays

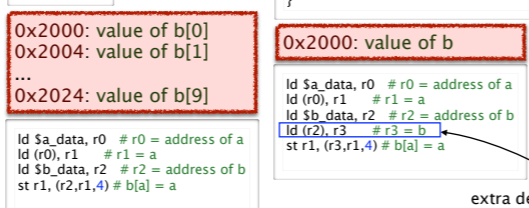
- Same access, different declaration and allocation
 - for static arrays, the compiler allocates the whole array
 - for dynamic arrays, the compiler allocates a pointer

```
int a;
int b[10];

void foo () {
  b[a] = a;
}

int a;
int* b;

void foo () {
  b = (int*) malloc (10*sizeof(int));
  b[a] = a;
}
```



Dereferencing Registers

- Common mistakes
 - no dereference when you need it
 - extra dereference when you don't need it
- example


```
ld $a_data, r0 # r0 = address of a
ld (r0), r1 # r1 = a
ld $b_data, r2 # r2 = address of b
ld (r2), r3 # r3 = b
st r1, (r3,r1,4) # b[a] = a
```

 - a dereferenced once
 - b dereferenced twice
 - once with offset load
 - once with indexed store
- no dereference: value in register
- one dereference: address in register
- two dereferences: address of pointer in register

Basic ALU Operations

- Arithmetic

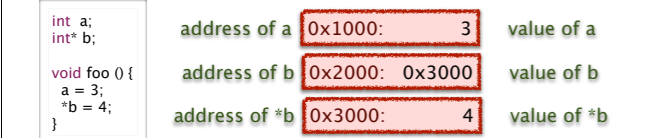
Name	Semantics	Assembly	Machine
register move	$r[d] \leftarrow r[s]$	mov rs, rd	60sd
add	$r[d] \leftarrow r[d] + r[s]$	add rs, rd	61sd
and	$r[d] \leftarrow r[d] \& r[s]$	and rs, rd	62sd
inc	$r[d] \leftarrow r[d] + 1$	inc rd	63-d
inc address	$r[d] \leftarrow r[d] + 4$	inca rd	64-d
dec	$r[d] \leftarrow r[d] - 1$	dec rd	65-d
dec address	$r[d] \leftarrow r[d] - 4$	deca rd	66-d
not	$r[d] \leftarrow \sim r[d]$	not rd	67-d
- Shifting, NOP and Halt

Name	Semantics	Assembly	Machine
shift left	$r[d] \leftarrow r[d] \ll S = s$	shl rd, s	7dss
shift right	$r[d] \leftarrow r[d] \ll S = -s$	shr rd, s	
halt	halt machine	halt	f0--
nop	do nothing	nop	ff--

Pointers

Notation

- &X the address of X
- *X the value X points to
- we also call this operation *dereferencing*



- &a = 0x1000, a = 3, *a = (whatever is at address 0x3...)
- &b = 0x2000, b = 0x3000, *b = 4

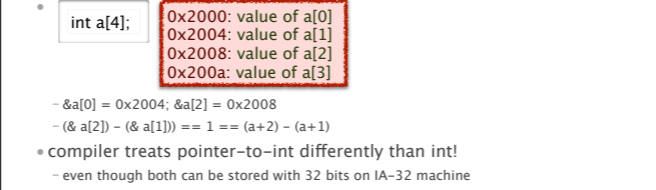
- **common mistakes**
- use address of pointer
- try to dereference integer storing value

Pointer Arithmetic in C

Alternative to a[i] notation for dynamic array access

- a[x] equivalent to *(a+x)
- &a[x] equivalent to (a+x)

Pointer arithmetic takes into account size of datatype



- **Common mistake**
- treat pointer arithmetic like direct calculations with addresses
- off by 4 when doing pointer arithmetic with integers

Pointer Arithmetic Example Program

Exam studying advice

```

try writing simple test programs, use gdb and print to explore

tmm% cat array2.c
#include <stdio.h>
int main (int argc, char** argv) {
    int a[4] = {100, 110, 120, 130};
    int k = &a[4];
    int m = &a[1];
    int n = k-m;
    int o = &a[4]-&a[1];
    printf ("k hex: %x, k dec: %d, m hex: %x, m dec %d, n: %d, o: %d\n", k, k, m, m, n, o);
}

tmm% gcc -g -o array2 array2.c
array2.c: In function 'main':
array2.c:6: warning: initialization makes integer from pointer without a cast
array2.c:7: warning: initialization makes integer from pointer without a cast

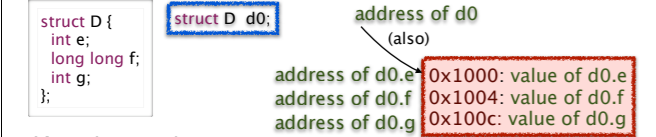
tmm% ./array2
k hex: bffff7d0, k dec: -1073743920, m hex: bffff7c4, m dec -1073743932, n: 12, o: 3

tmm% gdb array2
(gdb) p &a[4]
$1 = (int *) 0xbffff7d0
(gdb) p k
$2 = -1073744624
    
```

Summary: Static Scalar and Array Variables

- **Static variables**
- the compiler knows the address (memory location) of variable
- **Static scalars and arrays**
- the compiler knows the address of the scalar value or array
- **Dynamic arrays**
- the compiler does not know the address the array
- **What C does that Java doesn't**
- static arrays
- arrays can be accessed using pointer dereferencing operator
- arithmetic on pointers
- **What Java does that C doesn't**
- typesafe dynamic allocation
- automatic array-bounds checking

Structs

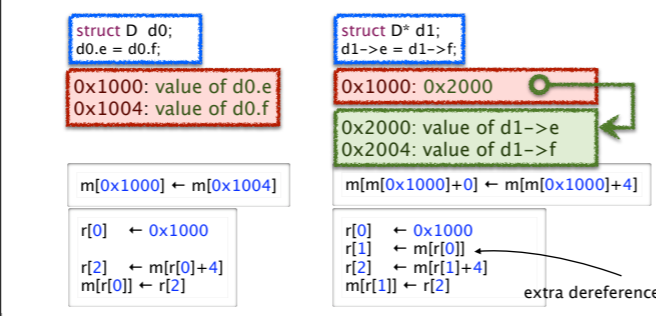
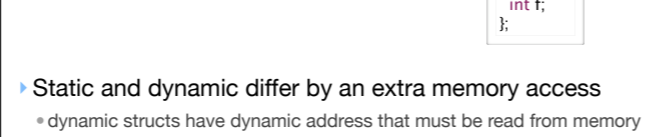


- **Key observation**
- offset from base of struct to a specific field is static
- can always be computed by compiler
- address can be computed dynamically from base stored in register and offset computed by compiler and encoded directly into instruction
- difference from arrays: fields do not all have to be same size, so cannot necessarily compute offset from index

Struct access: use load/store offset instruction

Name	Semantics	Assembly	Machine
load base+offset	r[d] ← m[r[s]+(o=p*4)]	ld o(rs), rd	1psd
store base+offset	m[r[d]+(o=p*4)] ← r[s]	st rs, o(rd)	3spd

Static vs. Dynamic Structs



Memory Management in C

- **Explicit allocation with malloc and deallocation with free**
- **Dangling pointer problem**
- pointer to object that has already been freed
- happens when allocate and free happen in different parts of code
- various strategies to avoid (reduce likelihood, but not a guaranteed cure)
- use local variables (allocated on the stack) and pass in address of the local from caller, instead of dynamic allocation in callee
- coding conventions
- explicit reference counting (heavyweight solution)
- **Memory leak problem**
- allocated memory is not deallocated when no longer needed, so memory usage steadily grows (problem especially for longer-running programs)
- **Common mistake**
- don't free any memory to avoid dangling pointer problem (in Lab 3)
- result is memory leak, leads to later problems even though no immediate crash

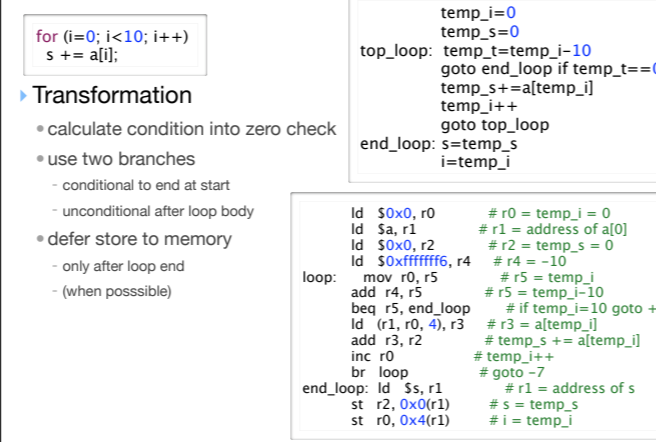
Memory Management in Java

- **Garbage collection model**
- allocation with new
- deallocation handled by Java system, not programmer
- thus some kinds of programmer errors are impossible, including dangling pointers
- **Advantages**
- much easier to program
- **Disadvantages**
- some performance penalties
- system knows less than programmer in best case
- GC pass could occur at bad time (realtime/interactive situation)
- programmers tempted to ignore memory management completely
- GC is not perfect, memory leaks can still occur!

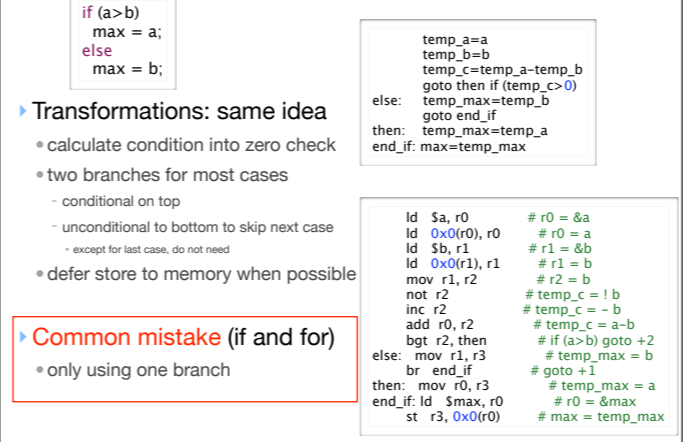
Static Control Flow for If/Loop

- **conditional branches: do if register is**
 - equal to zero
 - greater than zero
 - often requires ALU calculation to change condition into zero check
 - tradeoff is keep ISA compact, vs. require more instructions to execute desired behavior
 - continue with RISC approach: pick compact
 - **unconditional**
 - PC-relative (branch)
 - 8 bits to encode address with respect to current PC, fits into 2-byte instruction
 - in assembly, target is label specifying location
 - **absolute (jump)**
 - 32 bits to encode address, requires 6-byte instruction
- | Name | Semantics | Assembly | Machine |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| branch | pc ← (a==pc+oo*2) | br a | 8-oo |
| branch if equal | pc ← (a==pc+oo*2) if r[c]==0 | beq rc, a | 9coo |
| branch if greater | pc ← (a==pc+oo*2) if r[c]>0 | bgt rc, a | aco |
| jump | pc ← a | j a | b--- aaaaaaaa |

Implementing for Loops



Implementing if-then-else



Static Control Flow: Procedure Calls

- **Set up return value**
 - read the value of the program counter (PC): convention is to use r6
 - increment to skip next two instructions (incr itself, and jump)
 - **Do jump to callee**
 - jump to a dynamically determined target address stored in register
 - **Procedure call: use indirect jump (with zero offset)**
- | Name | Semantics | Assembly | Machine |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------|---------|
| get pc | r[d] ← pc | gpc rd | 6f-d |
| indirect jump | pc ← r[t] + (o==pp*2) | j o(rt) | ctpp |
- ```

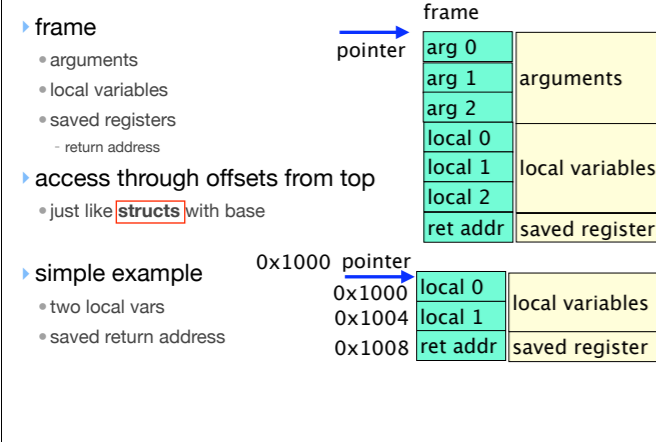
void foo () {
 ping ();
}

void ping () {
 ping: j 0(r6) # return
 }

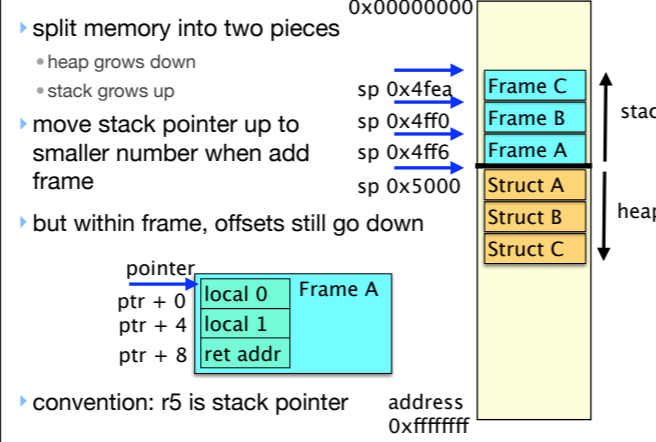
foo: ld $ping, r0 # r0 = address of ping ()
gpc r6 # r6 = pc of next instruction
inca r6 # r6 = pc + 4
j 0(r0) # goto ping ()

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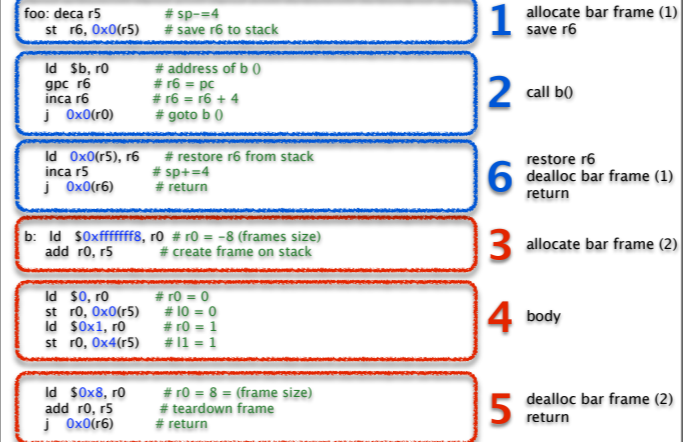
# Procedure Storage Needs



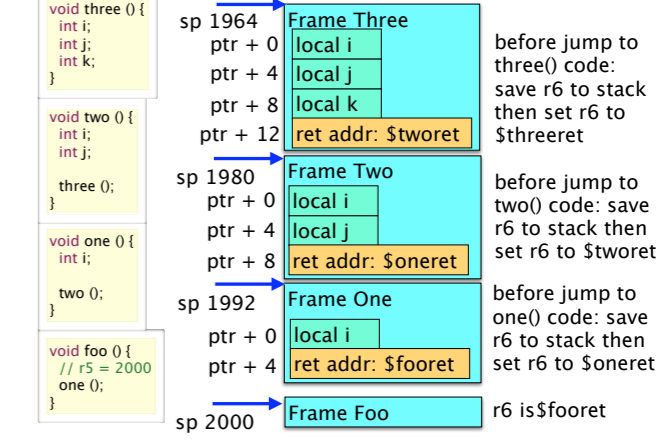
# Stack vs. Heap



# Snippet 8: Caller vs. Callee



# Stack Frame Setup: Caller/Callee Work



# Arguments and Return Value

## Return value

- convention: store in r0 register
- common mistake:**
  - push return value on stack instead of using r0

## Arguments

- in registers or on stack
- pushing on stack requires more work, but holds unlimited number
- work must be done by caller
- common mistake:**
  - allocate space and save off arguments to stack in callee

# Stack Summary

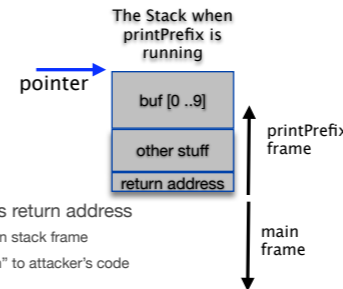
- stack is managed by code that the compiler generates
  - stack pointer (sp) is current top of stack (stored in r5)
    - grows from bottom up towards 0
    - push (allocate) by decreasing sp value, pop (deallocate) by increasing sp value
- accessing information from stack
  - callee accesses local variables, arguments as static offsets from base of stack pointer (r5)
- stack frame for procedure created by mix of caller and callee work
  - common mistake:** confusion about what caller vs callee should do
  - caller setup
    - allocates room for old value of r6 and saves it to stack
    - if arguments passed through stack: allocates room for them and save them to stack
    - sets up new value of r6 return address (to next instruction in this procedure, after the jump)
    - jumps to callee code
  - callee setup
    - allocates space on stack for local variables
  - callee teardown
    - ensure return value in r0
    - deallocates stack frame space for locals
    - jump back to return address (location stored in r6)
  - caller teardown
    - deallocates stack frame space for arguments
    - restores old r6 (and any other saved registers)
    - use return value (if any) in r0

# Security Vulnerability: Buffer Overflow

## The bug

- if position of the first '.' in str is more than 10 bytes from the beginning of str, this loop will write portions of str into memory beyond the end of buf

```
void printPrefix (char* str) {
 char buf[10];
 ...
 // copy str up to "." input buf
 while (*str!='.')
 *(bp++) = *(str++);
 *bp = 0;
}
```

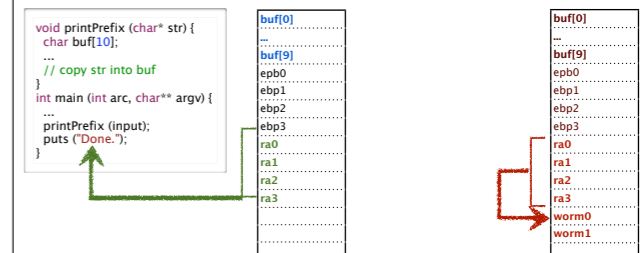


## The vulnerability

- attacker can change printPrefix's return address
  - buf[XX] can overwrite return address on stack frame
  - instead of return to caller code, "return" to attacker's code
    - execute arbitrary code

# Overflow Attack

- The attack input string has three parts
  - a portion that writes memory up to the return address
  - a new value of the return address
  - the worm code itself that is stored at this address
- Sequence
  - worm loaded on stack just below changed return address
  - return address changed so points to that location
  - when r6 called, control flow goes to worm code



# Variables Summary

## Global variables

- address known statically

## Reference variables

- variable stores address of value (usually allocated dynamically)

## Arrays

- elements, named by index (e.g. a[i])
- address of element is base + index \* size of element
  - base and index can be static or dynamic; size of element is static

## Instance variables

- offset to variable from start of object/struct known statically
- address usually dynamic

## Locals and arguments

- offset to variable from start of activation frame known statically
- address of stack frame is dynamic

# Polymorphic Dispatch

## Method address is determined dynamically

- compiler can not hardcode target address in procedure call
- instead, compiler generates code to lookup procedure address at runtime
- address is stored in memory in the object's class *jump table*

## Class Jump table

- every class is represented by class object
- the class object stores the class's jump table
- the jump table stores the address of every method implemented by the class
- objects store a pointer to their class object

## Static and dynamic of method invocation

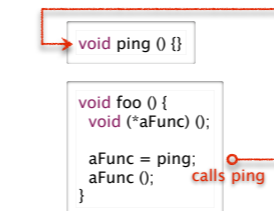
- address of jump table is determined dynamically
- method's offset into jump table is determined statically

# Dynamic Jumps in C

## Function pointer

- a variable that stores a pointer to a procedure
- declared
  - <return-type> (\*<variable-name>)(<formal-argument-list>);
- used to make dynamic call
  - <variable-name> (<actual-argument-list>);

## Example



# Double-Indirect Jump: Base/Offset

## Key observation

- base address stored in register (dynamic)
- for polymorphism jump table, offset can be computed statically by compiler
- Function pointers: use double-indirect base/offset jump instruction

| Name             | Semantics                | Assembly  | Machine |
|------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---------|
| dbl-ind jump b+o | pc ← m[r[t] + (o==pp*2)] | j *o(r,t) | dtp     |

# Switch Statement

```
int i;
int j;

void foo () {
 switch (i) {
 case 0: j=10; break;
 case 1: j=11; break;
 case 2: j=12; break;
 case 3: j=13; break;
 default: j=14; break;
 }
}
```

```
void bar () {
 if (i==0)
 j=10;
 else if (i==1)
 j=11;
 else if (i==2)
 j=12;
 else if (i==3)
 j=13;
 else
 j=14;
}
```

## Semantics the same as simplified nested if statements

- choosing one computation from a set
- restricted syntax: static, cardinal values
- Potential benefit: more efficient computation (usually)
  - jump table to select correct case with single operation
  - if statement may have to execute each check
    - number of operations is number of cases (if unlucky)

# Switch Statement Strategy

## Choose one of two strategies to implement

- use jump table unless case labels are sparse or there are very few of them
- use nested-if-statements otherwise

## Jump-table strategy

- statically
  - build jump table for all label values between lowest and highest
- generate code to
  - goto default if condition is less than minimum case label or greater than maximum
  - normalize condition to lowest case label
  - use jump table to go directly to code selected case arm

```
goto address of code_default if cond < min_label_value
goto address of code_default if cond > max_label_value
goto jumtable[cond-min_label_value]

statically: jumtable[i-min_label_value] = address of code_i
forall i: min_label_value <= i <= max_label_value
```

# Switch Snippet

```
switch (i) {
 case 20: j=10; break;
 case 21: j=11; break;
 case 22: j=12; break;
 case 23: j=13; break;
 default: j=14; break;
}
```

```
foo: ld $i, r0 # r0 = &i
 ld $0x0(r0), r0 # r0 = i
 ld $0xfffffed, r1 # r1 = -19
 add r0, r1 # r0 = i-19
 bgt r1, 10 # goto 10 if i>19
 br default # goto default if i<20
0: ld $0xfffffe9, r1 # r1 = -23
 add r0, r1 # r1 = i-23
 bgt r1, default # goto default if i>23
 ld $0xfffffec, r1 # r1 = -20
 add r1, r0 # r0 = i-20
 ld $jumtable, r1 # r1 = &jumtable
 j *(r1, r0, 4) # goto jumtable[i-20]
```

```
case20: ld $0xa, r1 # r1 = 10
 br done # goto done
...
default: ld $0xe, r1 # r1 = 14
 br done # goto done
done: ld $j, r0 # r0 = &j
 st r1, 0x0(r0) # j = r1
 br cont # goto cont
```

```
jumtable: .long 0x00000140 # &(case 20)
 .long 0x00000148 # &(case 21)
 .long 0x00000150 # &(case 22)
 .long 0x00000158 # &(case 23)
```

# Double-Indirect Jump: Indexed

## Key observation

- base address stored in register (dynamic)
- for switch jump table, have index stored in register
- Switch: use double-indirect jump indexed instruction

| Name                 | Semantics             | Assembly     | Machine |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------|
| dbl-ind jump indexed | pc ← m[r[t] + r[i]*4] | j *(rt,ri,4) | eti-    |

# Static and Dynamic Jumps

## Jump instructions

- specify a target address and a jump-taken condition
- target address can be static or dynamic
- jump-target condition can be static (unconditional) or dynamic (conditional)

## Static jumps

- jump target address is static
- compiler hard-codes this address into instruction

| Name              | Semantics                   | Assembly | Machine      |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------|--------------|
| branch            | pc ← (a==pc+oo*2)           | br a     | 8-oo         |
| branch if equal   | pc ← (a==pc+oo*2) if r[c]=0 | beg a    | 9coo         |
| branch if greater | pc ← (a==pc+oo*2) if r[c]>0 | bgt a    | acoo         |
| jump              | pc ← a                      | j a      | b--- aaaaaaa |

## Dynamic jumps

- jump target address is dynamic

# Dynamic Jumps

## Indirect jump

- Jump target address stored in a register
- We already introduced this instruction, but used it for *static* procedure calls

| Name          | Semantics             | Assembly | Machine |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------|---------|
| indirect jump | pc ← r[t] + (o==pp*2) | j o(rt)  | ctpp    |

## Double indirect jumps

- Jump target address stored in memory
- Base-plus-displacement (function pointers) and indexed (switch) modes for memory access

| Name                 | Semantics                | Assembly     | Machine |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------|
| dbl-ind jump b+o     | pc ← m[r[t] + (o==pp*2)] | j *o(rt)     | dtp     |
| dbl-ind jump indexed | pc ← m[r[t] + r[i]*4]    | j *(rt,ri,4) | eti-    |

# Dynamic Control Flow Summary

## Static vs dynamic flow control

- static if jump target is known by compiler
- dynamic for polymorphic dispatch, function pointers, and switch statements

## Polymorphic dispatch in Java

- invoking a method on an object in Java
- method address depends on object's type, which is not known statically
- object has pointer to class object; class object contains method jump table
- procedure call is a double-indirect jump – i.e., target address in memory

## Function pointers in C

- a variable that stores the address of a procedure
- used to implement dynamic procedure call, similar to polymorphic dispatch

## Switch statements

- syntax restricted so that they can be implemented with jump table
- jump-table implementation running time is independent of the number of case labels
- but, only works if case label values are reasonably dense

# Big Ideas: Second Half

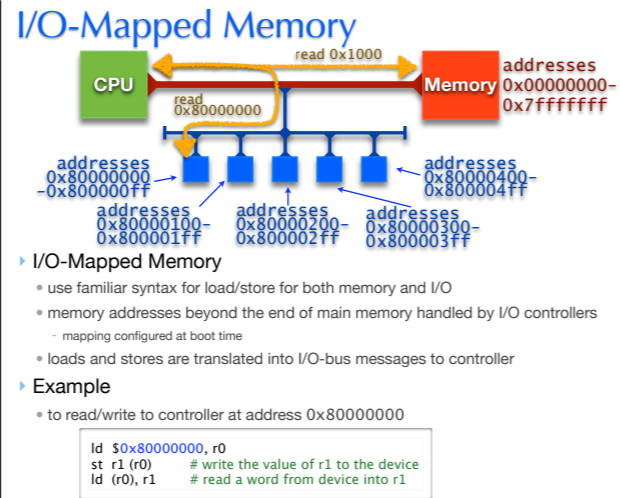
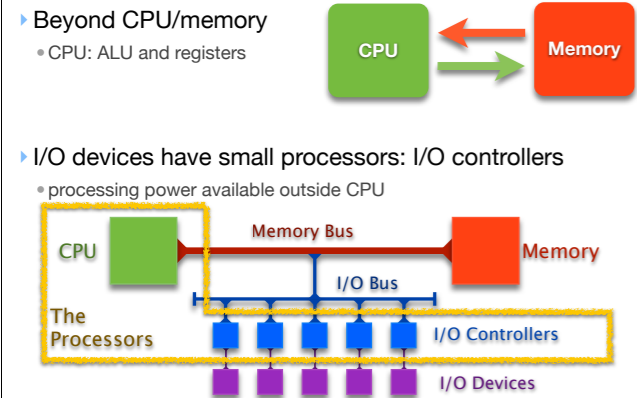
## Memory hierarchy

- progression from small/fast to large/slow
  - registers (same speed as ALU instruction execution, roughly: 1 ns clock tick)
  - memory (over 100x slower: 100ns)
  - disk (over 1,000,000x slower: 10 millisec)
  - network (even worse: 200+ millisec RT to other side of world just from speed of light in fiber)
- implications
  - don't make ALU wait for memory
    - ALLU input only from registers, not memory
  - don't make CPU wait for disk
    - interrupts, threads, asynchronous

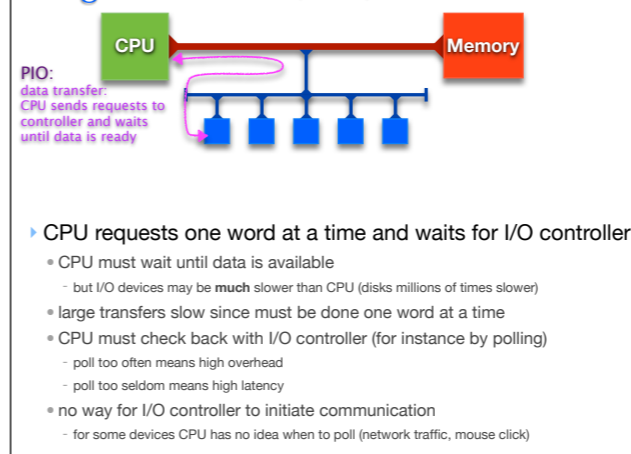
## Clean abstraction for programmer

- ignore asynchronous reality via threads and virtual memory (mostly)
- explicit synchronization as needed

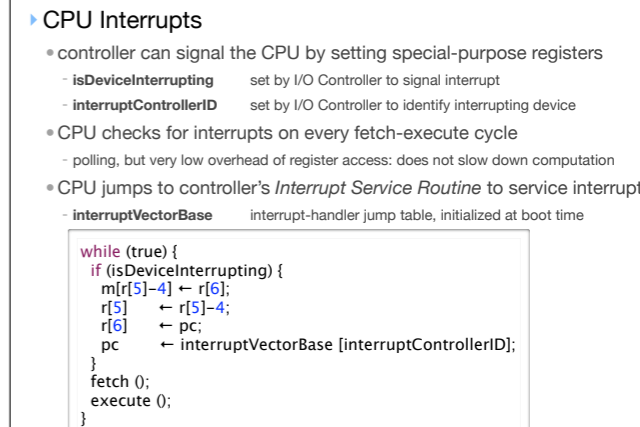
# Adding I/O to Simple Machine



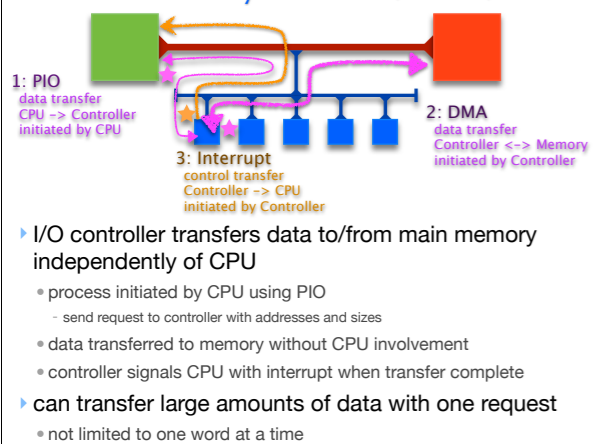
# Programmed I/O (PIO)



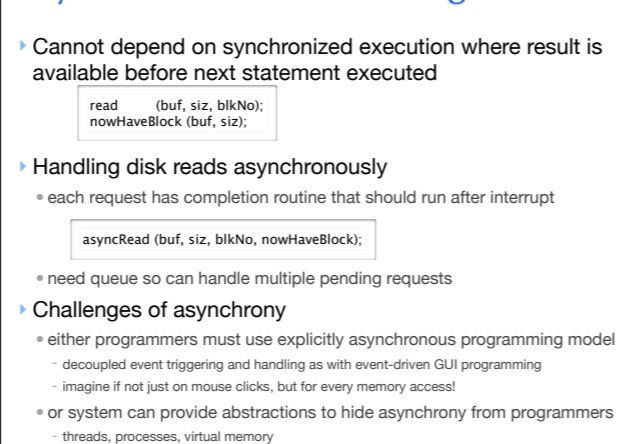
# Interrupts



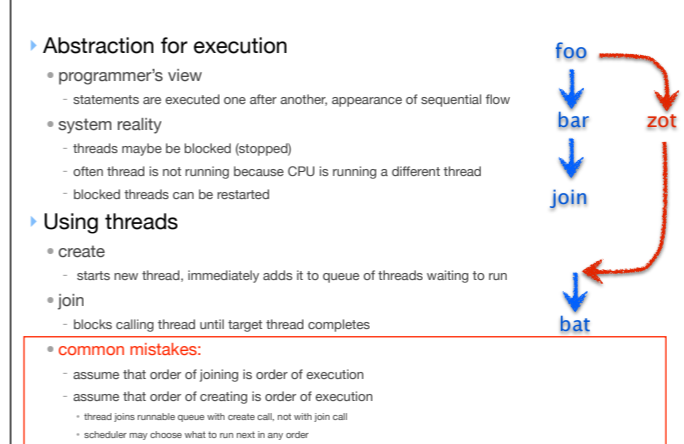
# Direct Memory Access (DMA)



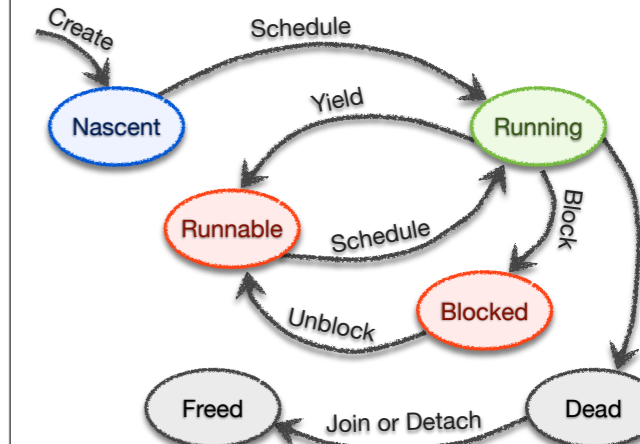
# Asynchronous Disk Reading



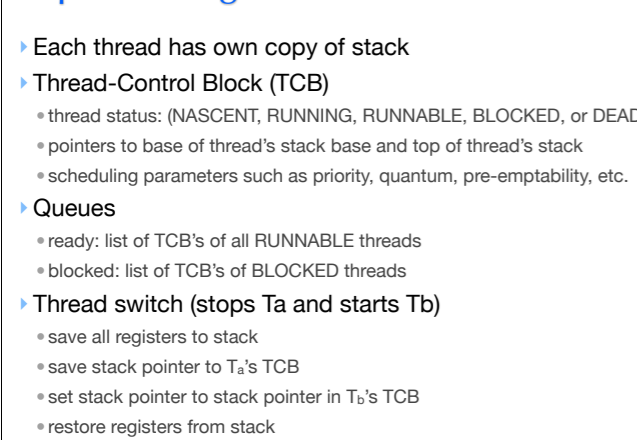
# Threads



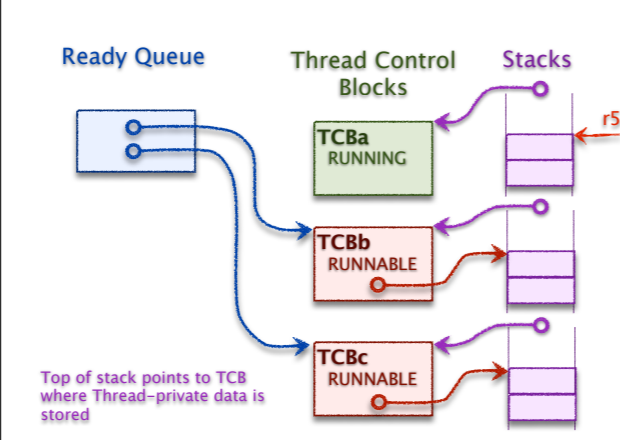
# Thread Status DFA



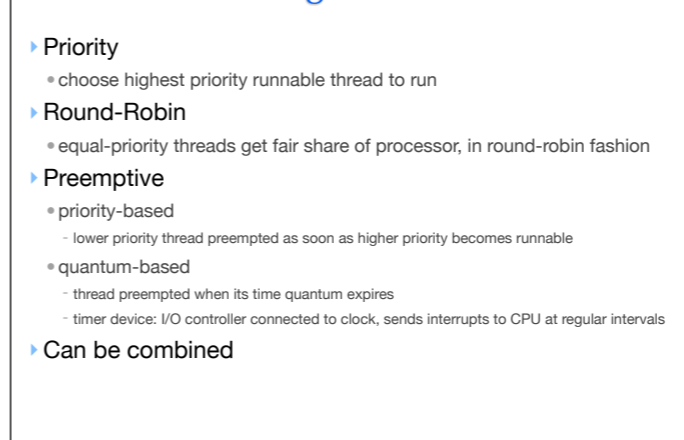
# Implementing Threads



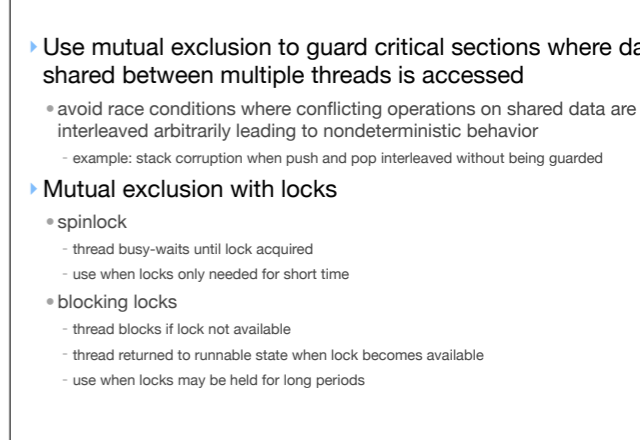
# Thread Private Data



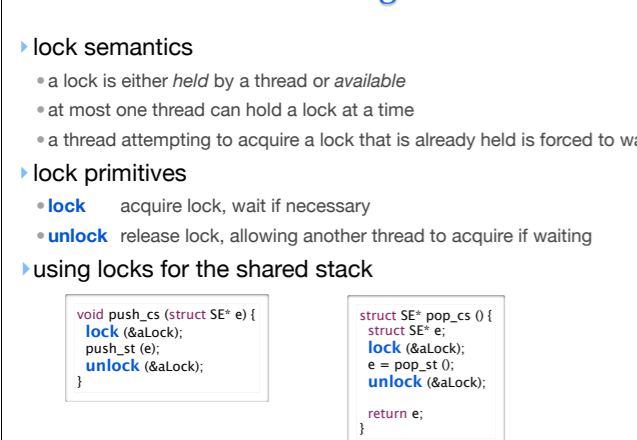
# Thread Scheduling Policies



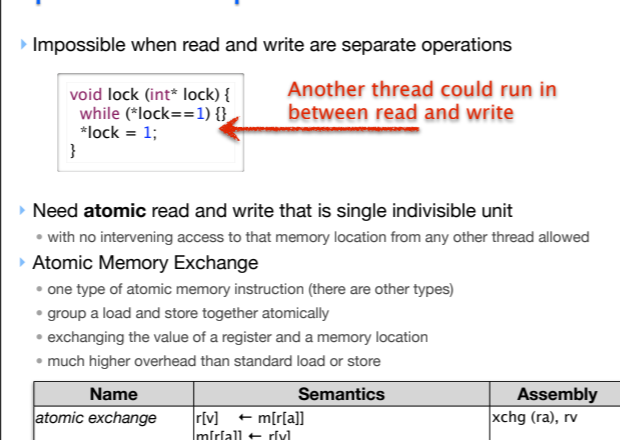
# Mutual Exclusion



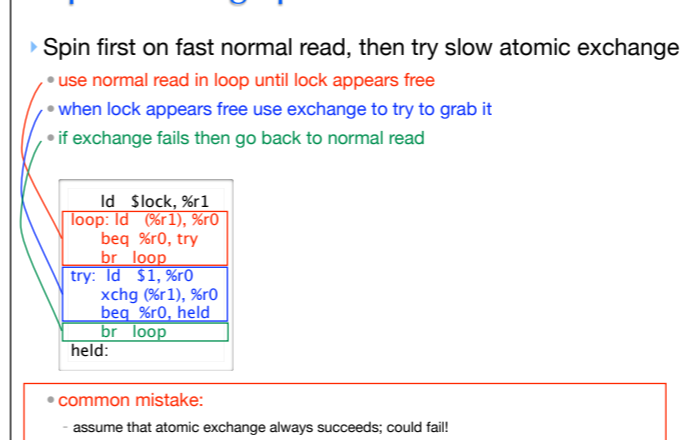
# Mutual Exclusion Using Locks



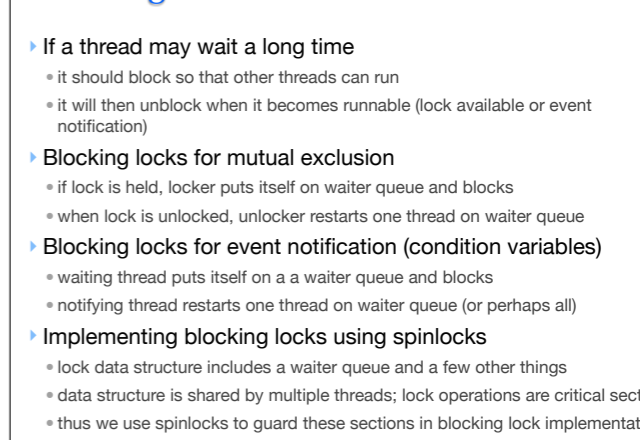
# Spinlocks Require Atomic Read/Write



# Implementing Spinlocks



# Blocking Locks



# Implementing a Blocking Lock

```
void lock (struct blocking_lock l) {
 spinlock_lock (&l->spinlock);
 while (!l->held) {
 enqueue (&l->waiter_queue, pthread_self ());
 spinlock_unlock (&l->spinlock);
 pthread_switch (ready_queue_dequeue (0), TS_BLOCKED);
 spinlock_lock (&l->spinlock);
 }
 l->held = 1;
 spinlock_unlock (&l->spinlock);
}
```

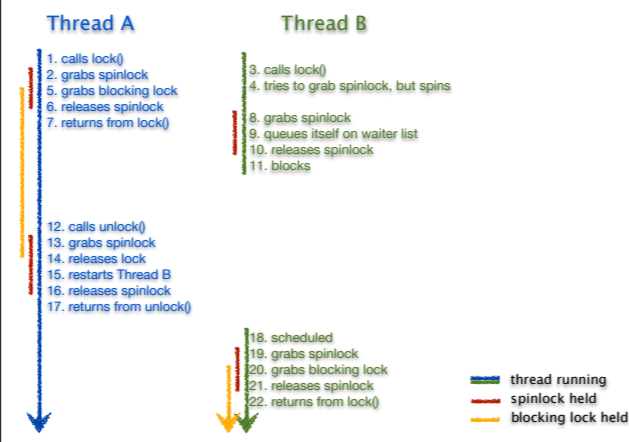
```
void unlock (struct blocking_lock l) {
 pthread_t* waiter_thread;

 spinlock_lock (&l->spinlock);
 l->held = 0;
 waiter_thread = dequeue (&l->waiter_queue);
 spinlock_unlock (&l->spinlock);
 waiter_thread->state = TS_RUNNABLE;
 ready_queue_enqueue (waiter_thread);
}
```

```
struct blocking_lock {
 spinlock_t spinlock;
 int held;
 pthread_queue_t waiter_queue;
};
```

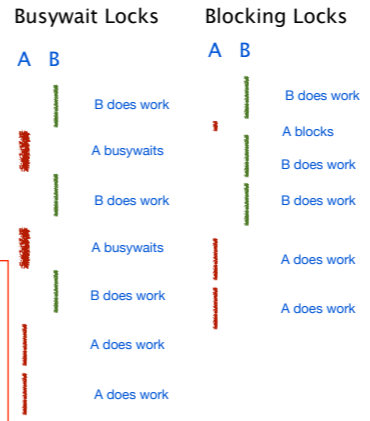
- Spinlock guard
  - on for **critical sections**
  - off before thread **blocks**

# Blocking Lock Example Scenario



# Busywaiting vs Blocking

- Using spinlocks to busywait for long time wastes CPU cycles
  - use for short things
    - including within implementation of blocking locks
- Using blocking locks has high overhead
  - use for long things
- Common mistake**
  - assume that CPU is busywaiting during blocking locks
    - thread does not run again until after blocking lock is released



# Locks and Loops Common Mistakes

- Confusion about spinlocks inside blocking locks
  - use spinlocks in the implementation of blocking locks
  - two separate levels of lock!
    - holding spinlock guarding variable read/write
    - holding actual blocking lock
- Confusion about when spinlocks needed
  - must turn on to guard access to shared variables
  - must turn off before finishing or blocking
- Confusion about loop function
  - busywait
    - only inside spinlock
  - thread blocked inside loop body, **not** busywaiting
    - yield for blocking lock
      - re-check for desired condition; is lock available?
    - blocking wait for CV, blocking wait for semaphore P implementation
      - re-check for desired condition

# Synchronization Abstractions

- Monitors and condition variables
  - monitor guarantees mutual exclusion with blocking locks
  - condition variable provides control transfer among threads with wait/notify
  - abstraction supports explicit locking
- Semaphores
  - blocking atomic counter, stop thread if counter would go negative
  - introduced to coordinate asynchronous resource use
  - abstraction implicitly supports mutex, no need for explicit locking by user
  - use to implement monitors, barriers (and condition variables, sort of)

# Monitors

- Provides mutual exclusion with blocking lock

- enter lock
- exit unlock

```
void doSomething (pthread_monitor_t* mon) {
 pthread_monitor_enter (mon);
 touchSharedMemory();
 pthread_monitor_exit (mon);
}
```

- Standard case: assume all threads could overwrite shared memory.
  - mutex: only allows access one at a time
- Special case: distinguish read-only access (readers) from threads that change shared memory values (writers).
  - mutex: allow multiple readers but only one writer

# Condition Variables

- Mechanism to transfer control back and forth between threads
  - uses monitors: CV can only be accessed when monitor lock is held
- Primitives
  - wait blocks until a subsequent **notify** operation on the variable
  - notify unblocks one waiter, continues to hold monitor
  - notify\_all unblocks all waiters (broadcast), continues to hold monitor
- Each CV associated with a monitor
- Multiple CVs can be associated with same monitor
  - independent conditions, but guarded by same mutex lock

```
pthread_monitor_t* beer = pthread_monitor_create (0);
pthread_cv_t* not_empty = pthread_cv_create (beer);
pthread_cv_t* warm = pthread_cv_create (beer);
```

# Wait and Notify Semantics

- Monitor automatically exited before block on wait
  - before waiter blocks, it exits monitor to allow other threads to enter
- Monitor automatically re-entered before return from wait
  - when trying to return from wait after notify, thread may block again until monitor can be entered (if monitor lock held by another thread)
- Monitor stays locked after notify: does not block
- Implication: cannot assume desired condition holds after return from blocking wait
  - other threads may have been in monitor between wait call and return
    - must explicitly re-check: usually enclose wait in while loop with condition check
    - same idea as blocking lock implementation with spinlocks!

```
void pour () {
 monitor {
 while (glasses==0)
 wait;
 glasses--;
 }
}
```

```
void refill (int n) {
 monitor {
 for (int i=0; i<n; i++) {
 glasses++;
 notify;
 }
 }
}
```

# Condition Variables

- Final will not cover Hoare blocking signal semantics
  - just nonblocking notify Hansen semantics
- Common mistake:**
  - CVs do not have internal storage variables (boolean flags or int counters)
    - CVs are variables: named so can tell them apart from each other
    - wait/notify tired vs. wait/notify hungry

# Semaphores

- Atomic counter that can never be less than 0
  - attempting to make counter negative blocks calling thread
- P(s): acquire
  - try to decrement s
  - if s would be negative, atomically blocks until s positive, then decrement s
- V(s): release
  - increment s
  - atomically unblock any threads waiting in P
- Explicit locking not required when using semaphores since atomicity built in

```
pthread_semaphore_t* glasses = pthread_create_semaphore (0);
```

```
void pour () {
 pthread_P (glasses);
}
```

```
void refill (int n) {
 for (int i=0; i<n; i++)
 pthread_V (glasses);
}
```

# Semaphores

- Using semaphores: good building block for implementing many other things
  - monitors
  - condition variables (almost)
  - rendezvous: two threads wait for each other before continuing
  - barriers: all threads must arrive at barrier before any can continue
- Implementing semaphores: similar spirit to blocking locks

```
struct pthread_semaphore {
 spinlock_t spinlock;
 int count;
 pthread_queue_t waiter_queue;
};
```

```
struct blocking_lock {
 spinlock_t spinlock;
 int held;
 pthread_queue_t waiter_queue;
};
```

(really should be boolean...)

# Deadlock and Starvation

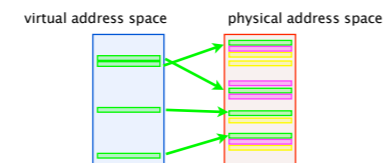
- Solved problem: race conditions
  - solved by synchronization abstractions: locks, monitors, semaphores
- Unsolved problems when using multiple locks
  - deadlock: nothing completes because multiple competing actions wait for each other
  - starvation: some actions never complete
  - no abstraction to simply solve problem, major concern intrinsic to synchronization
  - some ways to handle/avoid:
    - precedence hierarchy of locks
    - detect and destroy: notice deadlock and terminate threads

# Virtual Memory

- Virtual Address Space
  - an abstraction of the *physical* address space of main (i.e., *physical*) memory
  - programs access memory using virtual addresses
  - memory management unit translates virtual address to physical memory addresses
    - MMU hardware performs translation on **every** memory access by program
- Process
  - a program execution with a private virtual address space
    - may have one or many threads
  - private address space required for static address allocation and isolation

# Paging

- Key idea
  - Virtual address space is divided into set of fixed-size segments called pages
  - number pages in virtual address order
  - virtual page number = virtual address / page size
- Page table
  - indexed by virtual page number (vpn)
  - stores **base physical address** (actually address / page size (pfn) to save space)
  - stores **valid flag**



# Address Space Translation Tradeoffs

- Single, variable-size, non-expandable segment
  - internal fragmentation of segment due to sparse address use
- Multiple, variable-size, non-expandable segments
  - internal fragmentation of segments when size isn't known statically
  - external fragmentation of memory because segments are variable size
  - moving segments would resolve fragmentation, but moving is costly
- Expandable segments
  - expansion must be physically contiguous, but there may not be room
  - external fragmentation of memory requires moving segments to make room
- Multiple, fixed-size, non-expandable segments
  - called pages
  - need to be small to avoid internal fragmentation, so there are many of them
  - since there are many, need indexed lookup instead of search

# Translation: Search vs. Lookup Table

- Translate by searching through all segments: too slow!

```
for (int i=0; i<segments.length; i++) {
 int offset = va - segment[i].baseVA;
 if (offset > 0 && offset < segment[i].bounds) {
 pa = segment[i].basePA + offset;
 return pa;
 }
}
throw new IllegalArgumentException (va);
```

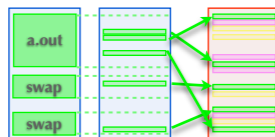
- Translate with indexed lookup: Page Table

```
class AddressSpace {
 PageTableEntry pte[];

 int translate (int va) {
 int vpn = va / PAGE_SIZE;
 int offset = va % PAGE_SIZE;
 if (pte[vpn].isValid)
 return pte[vpn].pfn * PAGE_SIZE + offset;
 else
 throw new IllegalArgumentException (va);
 }
}
```

```
class PageTableEntry {
 boolean isValid;
 int pfn;
}
```

# Demand Paging



- ▶ **Key idea**
  - some application data is not in memory
  - transfer from disk to memory, only when needed
- ▶ **Page table**
  - only stores entries for pages that are in memory
  - pages that are only on disk are marked invalid
  - access to non-resident page causes a page-fault interrupt
- ▶ **Memory map**
  - a second data structure managed by the OS
  - divides virtual address space into regions, each *mapped* to a file
  - page-fault interrupt handler checks to see if faulted page is mapped
  - if so, gets page from disk, update Page Table and restart faulted instruction
- ▶ **Page replacement**
  - pages can now be removed from memory, transparent to program
  - a replacement algorithm choose which pages should be resident and swaps out others

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# Context Switch

- ▶ **Context switch: switching between threads from different processes**
  - each process has private virtual address space and thus its own page table
- ▶ **Context switch operations**
  - thread switch (save regs, switch stacks, restore regs)
  - page table switch
    - change PTBR (page table base register) so points to new page table
    - invalidate stale page table cache entries: may require flushing entire cache
      - page table cache: TLB (translation lookaside buffer)
        - fast cache storing recent page table translations
        - new process has no valid TLB entries, so many misses
    - many pages may need reloading from disk because of demand paging
  - thus context switch can be much more expensive than thread switch

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# Paging Summary

- ▶ **Paging**
  - a way to implement address space translation
  - divide virtual address space into small, fixed sized virtual page frames
  - page table stores base physical address of every virtual page frame
  - page table is indexed by virtual page frame number
  - some virtual page frames have no physical page mapping
  - some of these get data on demand from disk

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# OS & Hardware Enforced Encapsulation

- ▶ **Protecting operating system (OS) functions from application-level access**
  - VM already protects memory: data in one address space cannot be named by process with another virtual address space
  - add hardware protection for OS function access
- ▶ **User mode vs. kernel mode**
  - all OS code/data included in every application page table and address space
  - split address space into two *protection domains*
    - application/user: check during VM to PM translation disallows access to OS part of space
    - user/kernel: everything accessible, including all system functionality
  - add user/kernel mode bit to each page table entry
  - add kernel mode register to CPU
  - protect switch from user to kernel mode: only through system calls
    - handled like interrupts with jump table in kernel memory
- ▶ **Module not covered on final exam**

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# Interprocess Communication

- ▶ **Communication for processes that don't share memory**
  - on same processor or different ones connected by network
- ▶ **Key ideas**
  - client/server model, packet-based transport
  - naming endpoints: IP address and port
  - communication protocol layers
    - transport (TCP/UDP), routing (IP), data (Ethernet), physical (radio/cable)
- ▶ **Sockets: OS abstraction for asynchronous control transfer**
  - **send**: initiate sending message payload to receiving process, but do not wait
  - **recv**: receive next available message, either blocking or not if no data waiting
- ▶ **Module not covered on final exam**

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# Summary: Second Half

- ▶ **Single System Image**
  - hardware implements a set of instructions needed by compilers
  - compilers translate programs into these instructions
  - translation assumes private memory and processor
- ▶ **Threads**
  - an abstraction implemented by software to manage asynchrony and concurrency
  - provides the illusion of single processor to applications
  - differs from processor in that it can be stopped and restarted
- ▶ **Virtual Memory**
  - an abstraction implemented by software and hardware
  - provides the illusion of a single, private memory to application
  - not all data need be in memory, paged in on demand
- ▶ **Hardware Enforced Encapsulation**
  - kernel mode register and VM mapping restriction
  - allows OS to export a public interface and to encapsulate (hide) the implementation

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