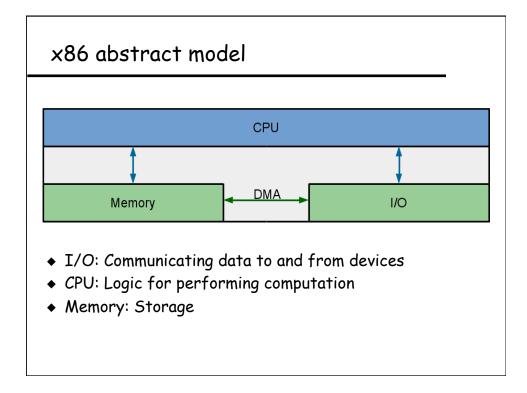
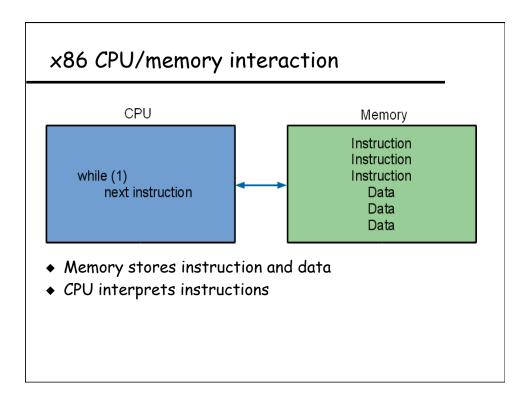
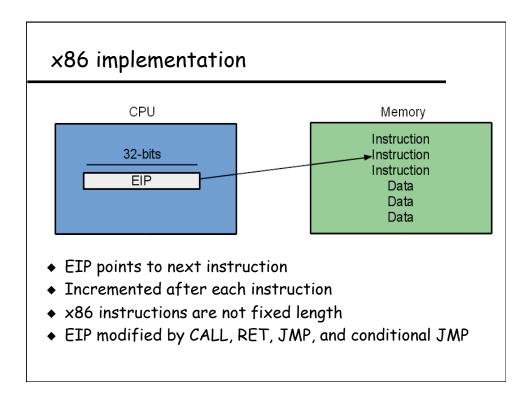


### Debugging as science

- Understanding -> design -> code
  - not the opposite
- Form a hypothesis that explains the bug
  - Which tests work, which don't. Why?
  - Add tests to narrow possible outcomes
- Use best practices
  - Always walk through your code line by line
  - Module tests narrow scope of where problem is
  - Develop code in stages, with dummy replacements for later functionality





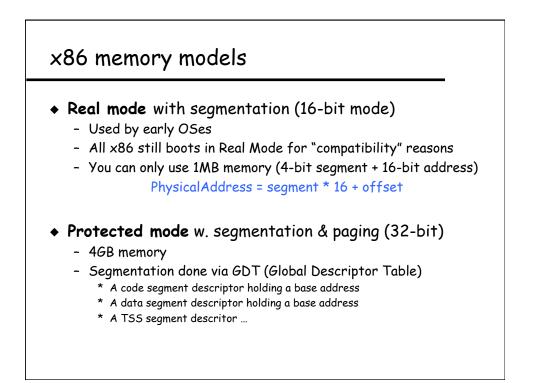


# x86 general purpose registers (GPR)

		16-bits	
		8-bits	8-bits
EAX	AX	AH	AL
EBX	BX	BH	BL
ECX	CX	СН	CL
EDX	DX	DH	DL
EDI			
ESI			

32-bits

- Temporary registers
- Contents may be changed by instructions
- Contents not changed by interrupts / exceptions / traps
- EDI/ESI used by string ops but also as GPR

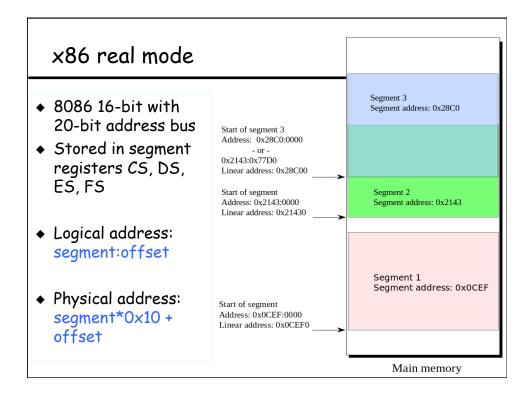


### x86 segmentation registers

- 8086 registers 16-bit w/20-bit bus addresses
- Solution: segment registers
  - CS: code segment, EIP
  - SS: stack segment, ESP and EBP
  - DS: data segment, register mem ops
  - ES: string segment, string ops

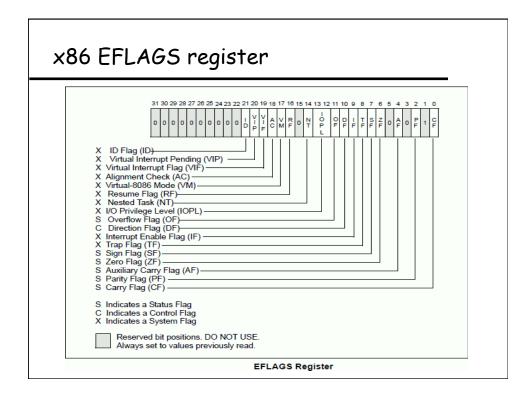
#### Linear address computation:

- EIP => CS:EIP = 0x8000:0x1000 = 0x81000
- ESP => SS:ESP = 0xF800:0x1000 = 0xF9000
- (EAX) => DS:EAX = 0xC123:0x1000 = 0xC2230



### x86: the runtime stack

- Additional (temporary) storage
- Stack registers --- 32-bits long
- ESP stack pointer
- EBP base pointer



## Using EFLAGS register

 Lots of conditional jumps en.wikibooks.org/wiki/X86\_Assembly/Control\_Flow

```
mov $5, %ecx
mov $5, %edx
cmp %ecx, %edx # ZF = 1
je equal
...
equal:
```

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```
x86 assembly
                                       main:
We will use AT&T syntax
                                        pushl %ebp
                                                             # prologue
                                        movl %esp, %ebp
                                        pushl $3
                                                             # body
int main(void)
                                        call _f
{
                                        addl $1, %eax
  return f(3) + 1;
                                        movl %ebp, %esp
                                        popl %ebp
}
                                        ret
                                      _f:
int f(int x)
                                        pushl %ebp
{
                                        movl %esp, %ebp
  return x + 4;
                                        pushl %ebx
                                                        # don't clobber registers
}
                                        movl 8(%ebp), %ebx
                                                             # access argument
                                        addl $4, %ebx
                                        movl %ebx, %eax
                                        popl %ebx
                                                             # restore
                                                             # epilogue
                                        movl %ebp, %esp
                                        popl %ebp
                                        ret
```

