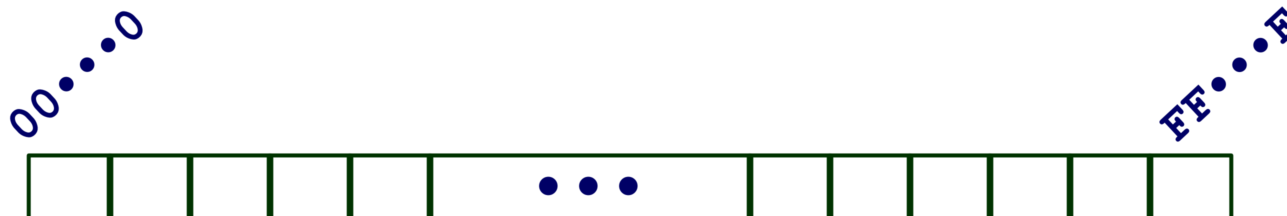
Encoding Byte Values

- **Byte = 8 bits**
  - Binary 00000000_2 to 11111111_2
  - Decimal: 0_{10} to 255_{10}
  - Hexadecimal 00_{16} to FF_{16}
    - Base 16 number representation
    - Use characters '0' to '9' and 'A' to 'F'
    - Write $FA1D37B_{16}$ in C as
      - 0xFA1D37B
      - 0xfa1d37b

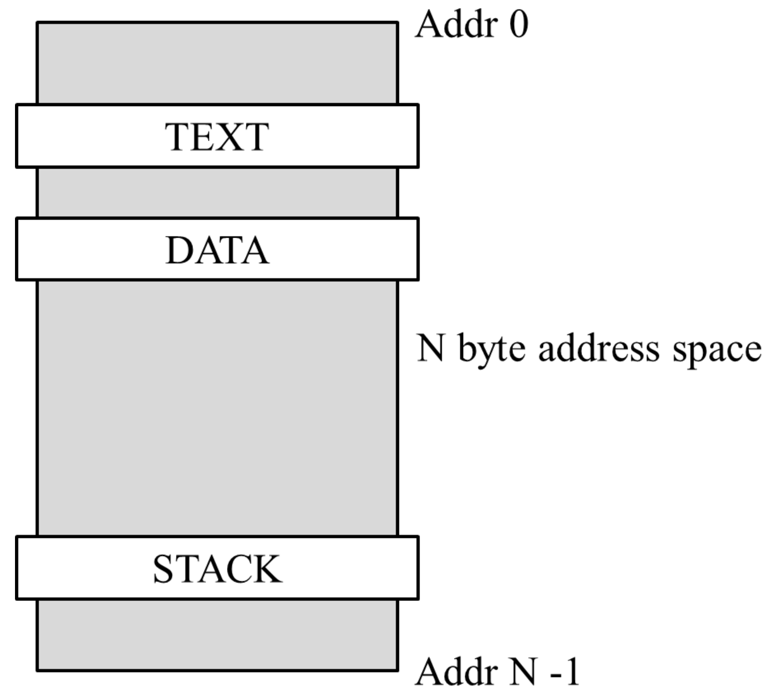
Hex	Decimal	Binary
0	0	0000
1	1	0001
2	2	0010
3	3	0011
4	4	0100
5	5	0101
6	6	0110
7	7	0111
8	8	1000
9	9	1001
A	10	1010
B	11	1011
C	12	1100
D	13	1101
E	14	1110
F	15	1111

Byte-Oriented Memory Organization



- **Programs Refer to Virtual Addresses**
  - Conceptually very large array of bytes
  - Actually, implemented with hierarchy of different memory types
  - System provides address space private to particular "process"
    - Program being executed
    - Program can clobber its own data, but not that of others
- **Compiler + Run-Time System Control Allocation**
  - Where different program objects should be stored
  - All allocation within single virtual address space

Process Address Space



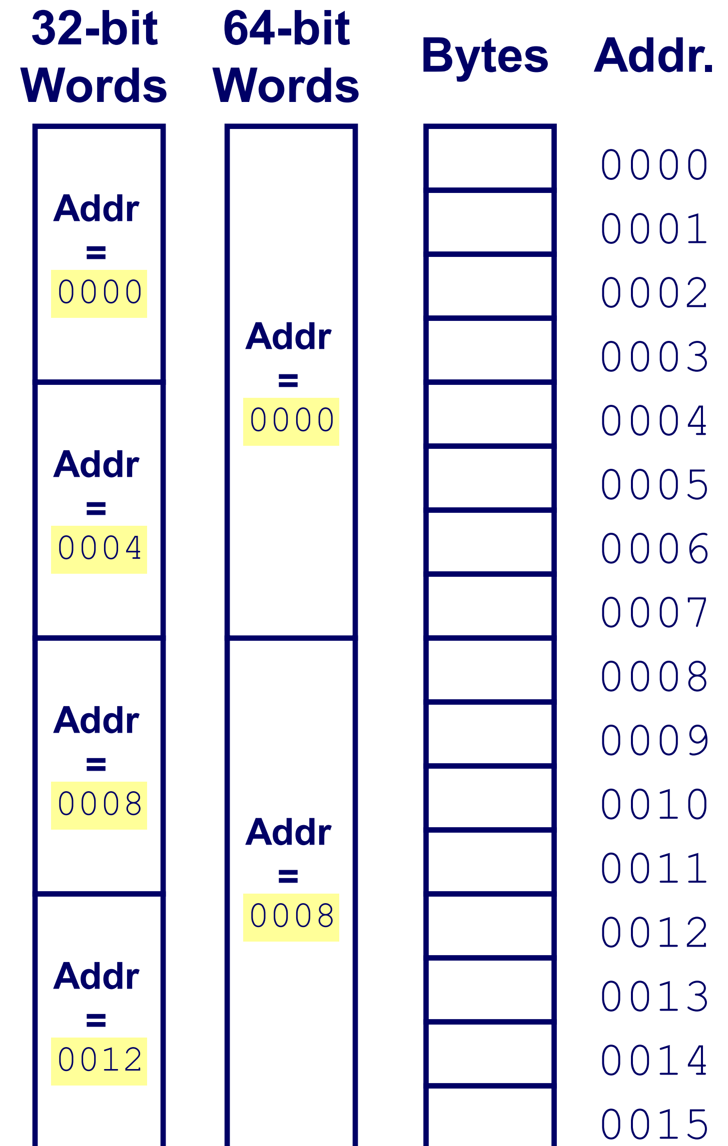
- Each memory object is a contiguous range of bytes within the address space
- The size of the address space is limited by the CPU architecture and the operating system version
- In a 32 bit Linux system on an x86 processor, the user default space is 3 GB (it's 128 TB in a 64 bit x86 system)

Machine Words

- **Machine Has "Word Size"**
  - Nominal size of integer-valued data
    - Including addresses
  - In the mid 2010s, most machines used 32 bits (4 bytes) words
    - 32 bit addresses limited addresses space to 4GB
    - Becoming too small for memory-intensive applications
  - Since 2015 or so, systems have been using 64 bit (8 bytes) words
    - Potential address space ≈ 1.8×10^{19} bytes (2^{64} = 16 ExaBytes)
    - x86-64 machines support 48-bit addresses: 2^{48} = 256 TeraBytes
  - Machines support multiple data formats
    - Fractions or multiples of word size
    - Always integral number of bytes

Word-Oriented Memory Organization

- **Addresses Specify Byte Locations**
  - Address of first byte in word
  - Addresses of successive words differ by 4 (32-bit) or 8 (64-bit)



Data Representations

C Data Type	Typical 32-bit	Intel IA32	x86-64
char	1	1	1
short	2	2	2
int	4	4	4
long	4	4	8
long long	8	8	8
float	4	4	4
double	8	8	8
long double	8	10/12	10/16
pointer	4	4	8

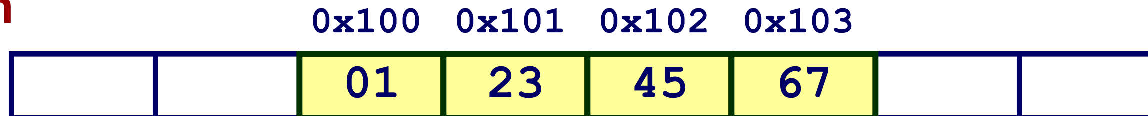
Byte Ordering

- **How should bytes within a multi-byte word be ordered in memory?**
- **Conventions**
  - Big Endian: Sun Sparc (bi), older PPC Macs (bi), Internet, JPEG
    - Least significant byte has highest (numerically largest) address
  - Little Endian: x86, x86-64, ARM (bi), PCI and USB buses, BMP
    - Least significant byte has lowest (numerically smallest) address

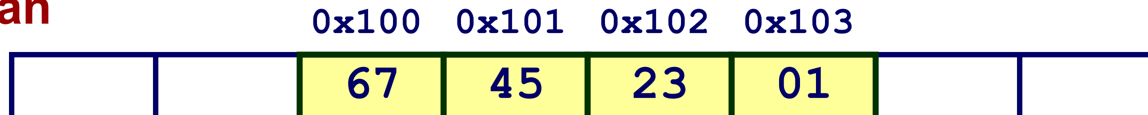
Byte Ordering Example

- **Big Endian**
  - Least significant byte has highest address
- **Little Endian**
  - Least significant byte has lowest address
- **Example**
  - Variable x has 4-byte representation 0x01234567
  - Address given by &x is 0x100

Big Endian



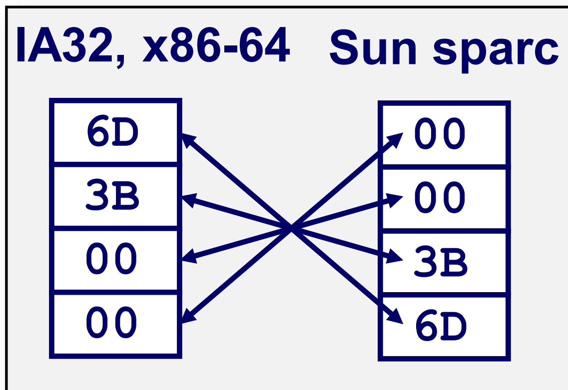
Little Endian



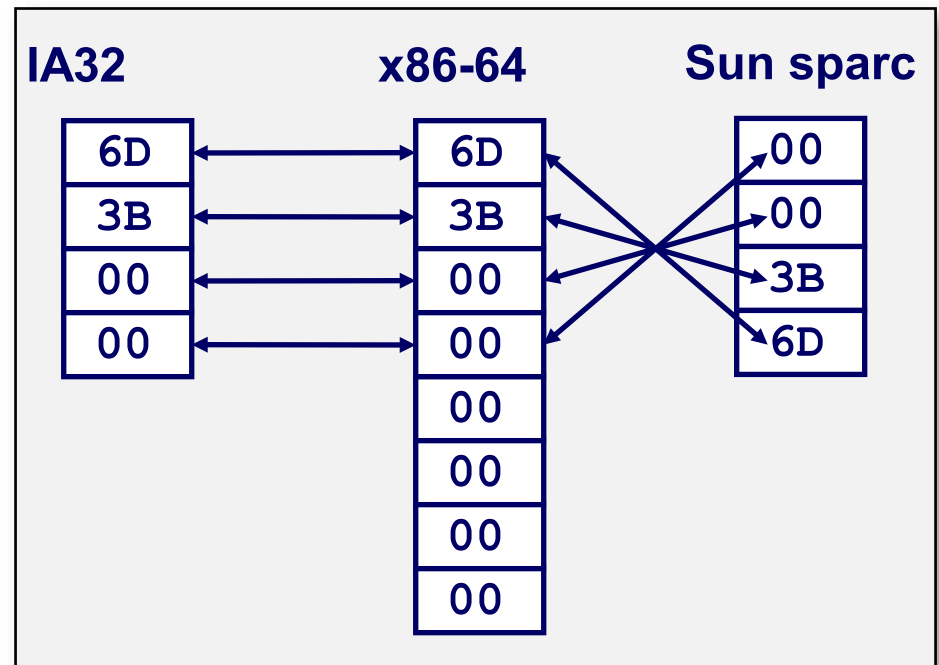
Representing Integers

Decimal:	15213			
Binary:	0011	1011	0110	1101
Hex:	3	B	6	D

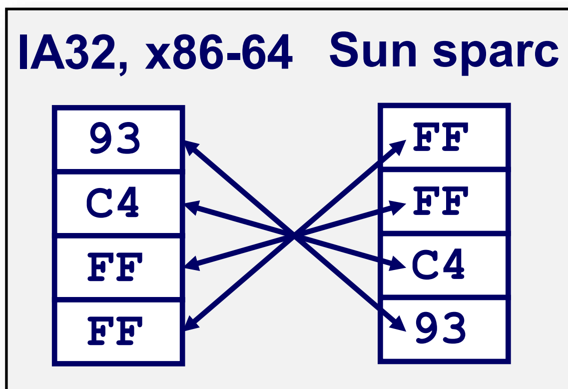
int A = 15213;



long int C = 15213;



int B = -15213;



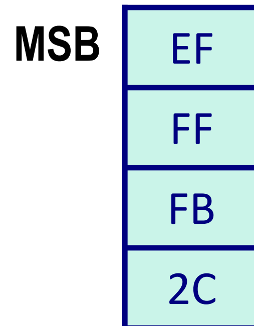
Two's complement representation
(Covered later)

1111 1111 1111 1111 1100 0100 1001 0011
F F F F C 4 9 3

Representing Pointers

```
int B = -15213;
int *P = &B;
```

Sun sparc



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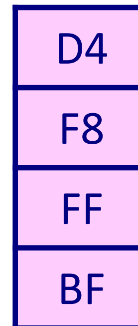
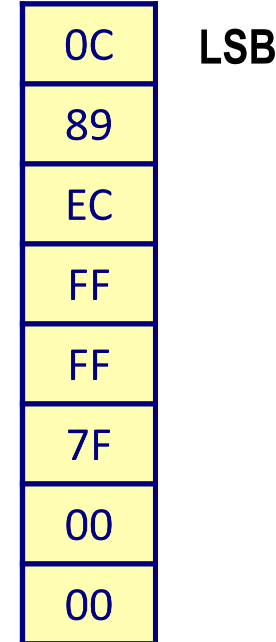


x86-64



Actual addresses: 0xEFFFFB2C

0xBFFFF8D4

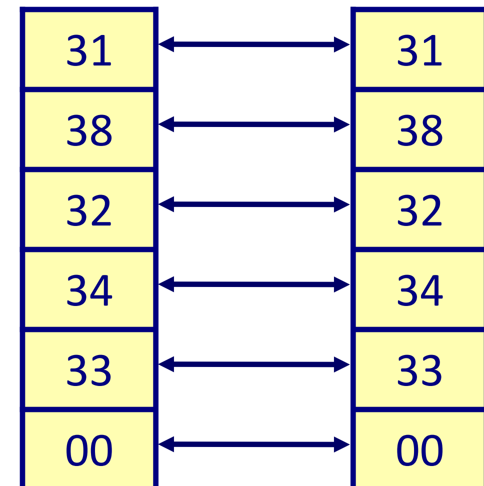
0x00007FFFFFEC890C

Different compilers & machines assign different locations to objects

Representing Strings

```
char S[6] = "18243";
```

- **Strings in C**
  - Represented by array of characters
  - Each character encoded in ASCII format
    - Standard 7-bit encoding of character set
    - Character “0” has code 0x30
      - Digit *i* has code 0x30+*i*
  - String should be null-terminated
    - Final character = 0
- **Compatibility**
  - Byte ordering not an issue
  - First character code in a string is always at numerically smallest address, regardless of endianess



Encoding Integers

Unsigned

$$B2U(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{w-1} x_i \cdot 2^i$$

Two's Complement

$$B2T(X) = -x_{w-1} \cdot 2^{w-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{w-2} x_i \cdot 2^i$$

```
short int x =  15213;
short int y = -15213;
```

- **C `short` 2 bytes long**

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
x	15213	3B 6D	00111011 01101101
y	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011

- **Sign Bit**
  - For 2's complement, most significant bit indicates sign
    - 0 for nonnegative
    - 1 for negative

Encoding Example (Cont.)

```
x =      15213: 00111011 01101101
y =     -15213: 11000100 10010011
```

Weight	15213		-15213	
1	1	1	1	1
2	0	0	1	2
4	1	4	0	0
8	1	8	0	0
16	0	0	1	16
32	1	32	0	0
64	1	64	0	0
128	0	0	1	128
256	1	256	0	0
512	1	512	0	0
1024	0	0	1	1024
2048	1	2048	0	0
4096	1	4096	0	0
8192	1	8192	0	0
16384	0	0	1	16384
-32768	0	0	1	-32768
Sum		**15213**		**-15213**

Numeric Ranges

- **Unsigned Values**
  - *UMin* = 0
    000…0
  - *UMax* = $2^w - 1$
    111…1

- **Two's Complement Values**
  - *TMin* = -2^{w-1}
    100…0
  - *TMax* = $2^{w-1} - 1$
    011…1

- **Other Values**
  - Minus 1
    111…1

Values for *W* = 16

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
UMax	65535	FF FF	11111111 11111111
TMax	32767	7F FF	01111111 11111111
TMin	-32768	80 00	10000000 00000000
-1	-1	FF FF	11111111 11111111
0	0	00 00	00000000 00000000

Values for Different Word Sizes

	W			
	8	**16**	**32**	**64**
UMax	255	65,535	4,294,967,295	18,446,744,073,709,551,615
TMax	127	32,767	2,147,483,647	9,223,372,036,854,775,807
TMin	-128	-32,768	-2,147,483,648	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808

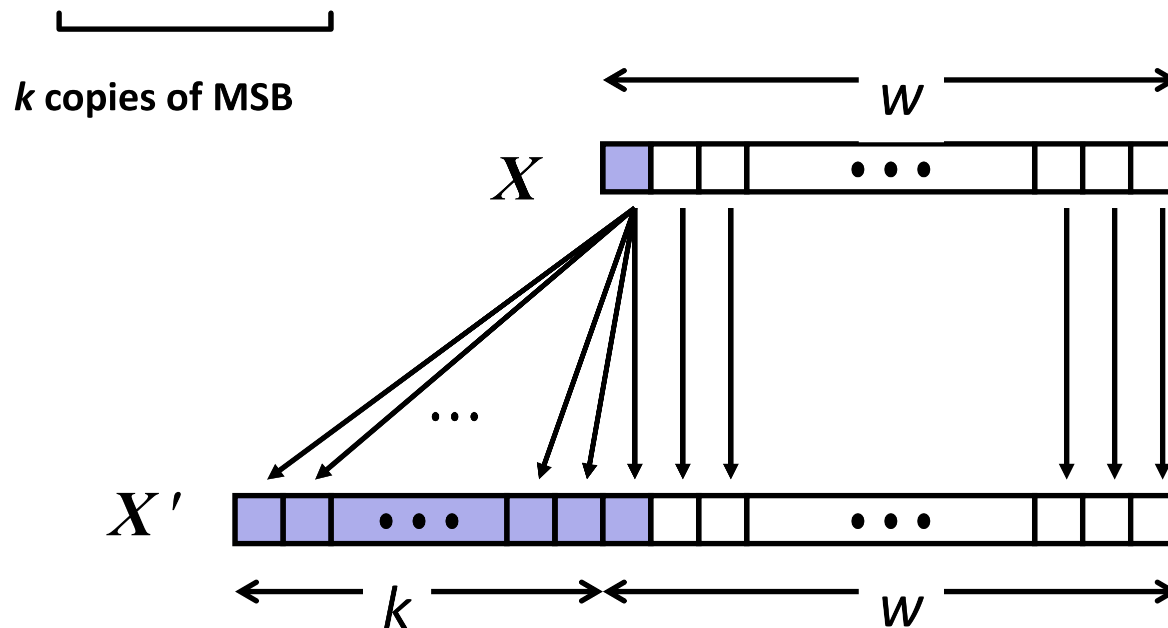
- **Observations**
  - $|TMin| = TMax + 1$
    - Asymmetric range
  - $UMax = (2 * TMax) + 1$

- **C Programming**
  - #include <limits.h>
  - Declares constants, e.g.,
    - ULONG_MAX
    - LONG_MAX
    - LONG_MIN
  - Values platform specific

Sign Extension

- **Task:**
  - Given w-bit signed integer x
  - Convert it to $w+k$-bit integer with same value
- **Rule:**
  - Make k copies of sign bit:
  - $X' = x_{w-1}, \ldots, x_{w-1}, x_{w-1}, x_{w-2}, \ldots, x_0$

k copies of MSB



Sign Extension Example

```
short int x =  15213;
int      ix = (int) x;
short int y = -15213;
int      iy = (int) y;
```

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
x	15213	3B 6D	00111011 01101101
ix	15213	00 00 3B 6D	00000000 00000000 00111011 01101101
y	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011
iy	-15213	FF FF C4 93	11111111 11111111 11000100 10010011

- Converting from smaller to larger integer data type
- C automatically performs sign extension