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What values go here?

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**Memory Layout**

i	a	p
0	4	16

■ Concept  
 □ Contiguously-allocated region of memory  
 □ Refer to members within structure by names  
 □ Members may be of different types

■ Accessing structure member  
 In java: `r.i = val;`  
 IA32 Assembly:  
`# %eax = val`  
`# %edx = r`  
`movl %eax,(%edx) # Mem[r] = val`

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 (a)    a      p  
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- Generating Pointer to Array Element
  - Offset of each structure member determined at compile time

```
int *find_a // r.a[idx]
(struct rec *r, int idx)
{
    return &r->a[idx];
// return &(*((r).a + idx));
}
```

```
# %ecx = idx
# %edx = r
leal 0(%ecx,4),%eax # 4*idx
leal 4(%eax,%edx),%eax # r+4*idx+4
```

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## Structure Referencing (Cont.)

■ C Code

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- Motivation for Aligning Data
  - Memory accessed by (aligned) chunks of 4 or 8 bytes (system-dependent)
    - Inefficient to load or store datum that spans quad word boundaries
    - Virtual memory very tricky when datum spans two pages (later...)
- Compiler
  - Inserts gaps in structure to ensure correct alignment of fields

Specific Cases of Alignment (IA32)

- 1 byte: char, ...
  - no restrictions on address
- 2 bytes: short, ...
  - lowest 1 bit of address must be 0<sub>2</sub>
- 4 bytes: int, float, char ...
  - lowest 2 bits of address must be 00<sub>2</sub>
    - i.e., treated the same as a 4-byte primitive data type
- 8 bytes: double, ...
  - Windows (and most other OS's & instruction sets): lowest 3 bits 000<sub>2</sub>
  - Linux: lowest 2 bits of address must be 00<sub>2</sub>
    - i.e., treated the same as a 4-byte primitive data type
- 12 bytes: long double
  - Windows, Linux: (same as Linux double)

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## Alignment and structs

- Hmm, how would you satisfy alignments in structs?

## Satisfying Alignment with Structures

### Within structure:

- Must satisfy element's alignment requirement

### Overall structure placement

- Each structure has alignment requirement K

▪ K = Largest alignment of any element

▪ Initial address & structure length must be multiples of K

### Example (under Windows or x86-64):

- K = 8, due to `double` element



## Arrays of structs?

## Unions

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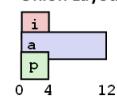
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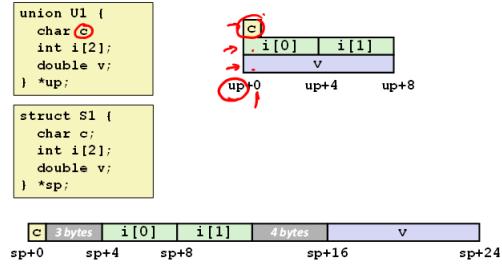


### Union Layout



## Union Allocation

- Allocate according to largest element
- Can only use one field at a time



## Using Union to Access Bit Patterns

```

typedef union {
    float f;
    unsigned u;
} bit_float_t;

```



```

float bit2float(unsigned u)
{
    bit_float_t arg;
    arg.u = u;
    return arg.f;
}

```

Same as (float) u ?

```

unsigned float2bit(float f)
{
    bit_float_t arg;
    arg.f = f;
    return arg.u;
}

```

Same as (unsigned) f ?

## Summary

- Arrays in C
  - Contiguous allocation of memory
  - Aligned to satisfy every element's alignment requirement
  - Pointer to first element
  - No bounds checking
- Structures
  - Allocate bytes in order declared
  - Pad in middle and at end to satisfy alignment
- Unions
  - Overlay declarations
  - Way to circumvent type system