

Lecture #13 – Running a Program I
aka Compiling, Assembling, Linking, Loading (CALL)



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There is one handout
today at the front and
back of the room!

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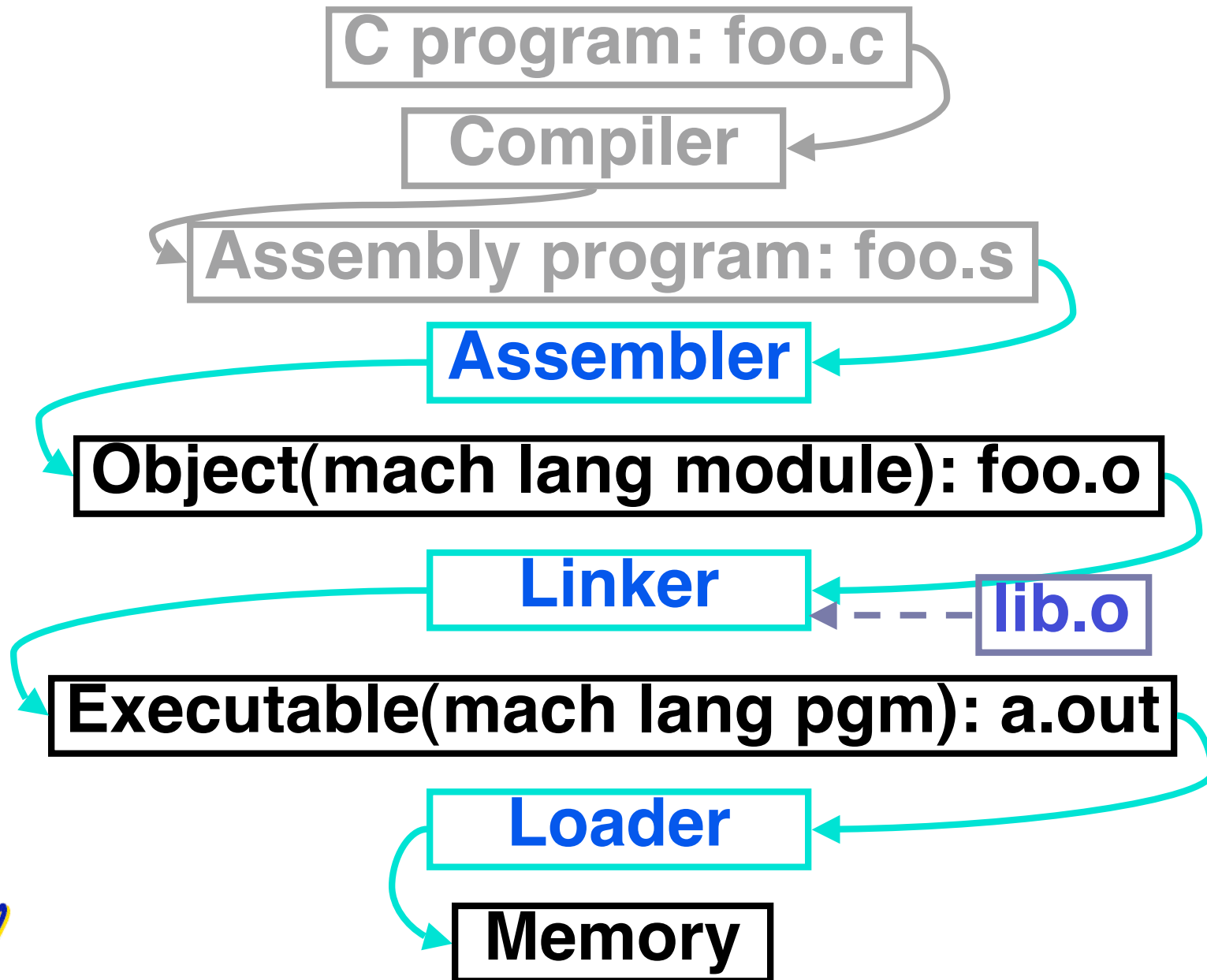
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Robot Trucks! ⇒

In this 2nd **Grand Challenge**, a blue VW Touareg from Stanford took 1st prize for the 132-mile unmanned race through the Mojave desert.



Review...ALL of it left!



Assembler

- **Input: Assembly Language Code**
(e.g., `foo.s` for MIPS)
- **Output: Object Code, information tables**
(e.g., `foo.o` for MIPS)
- **Reads and Uses Directives**
- **Replace Pseudoinstructions**
- **Produce Machine Language**
- **Creates Object File**



Assembler Directives (p. A-51 to A-53)

- **Give directions to assembler, but do not produce machine instructions**
 - .text: Subsequent items put in user text segment (machine code)**
 - .data: Subsequent items put in user data segment (binary rep of data in source file)**
 - .globl sym: declares `sym` global and can be referenced from other files**
 - .ascii `str`: Store the string `str` in memory and null-terminate it**
 - .word `w1...wn`: Store the n 32-bit quantities in successive memory words**



Pseudoinstruction Replacement

- Asm. treats convenient variations of machine language instructions as if real instructions

Pseudo:

```
subu $sp, $sp, 32
sd $a0, 32($sp)

mul $t7, $t6, $t5

addu $t0, $t6, 1

ble $t0, 100, loop

la $a0, str
```

Real:

```
addiu $sp, $sp, -32
sw $a0, 32($sp)
sw $a1, 36($sp)

mul $t6, $t5
mflo $t7

addiu $t0, $t6, 1

slti $at, $t0, 101
bne $at, $0, loop

lui $at, left(str)
ori $a0, $at, right(str)
```



Producing Machine Language (1/2)

- **Simple Case**
 - **Arithmetic, Logical, Shifts, and so on.**
 - **All necessary info is within the instruction already.**
- **What about Branches?**
 - **PC-Relative**
 - **So once pseudoinstructions are replaced by real ones, we know by how many instructions to branch.**
- **So these can be handled easily.**



Producing Machine Language (2/2)

- What about jumps (j and jal)?
 - Jumps require **absolute address**.
- What about references to data?
 - jal gets broken up into lui and ori
 - These will require the full 32-bit address of the data.
- These can't be determined yet, so we create two tables...



Symbol Table

- **List of “items” in this file that may be used by other files.**
- **What are they?**
 - **Labels: function calling**
 - **Data: anything in the `.data` section; variables which may be accessed across files**
- **First Pass: record label-address pairs**
- **Second Pass: produce machine code**
 - **Result: can jump to a later label without first declaring it**



Relocation Table

- **List of “items” for which this file needs the address.**
- **What are they?**
 - **Any label jumped to: j or jal**
 - internal
 - external (including lib files)
 - **Any piece of data**
 - such as the la instruction



Object File Format

- **object file header**: size and position of the other pieces of the object file
- **text segment**: the machine code
- **data segment**: binary representation of the data in the source file
- **relocation information**: identifies lines of code that need to be “handled”
- **symbol table**: list of this file’s labels and data that can be referenced
- **debugging information**



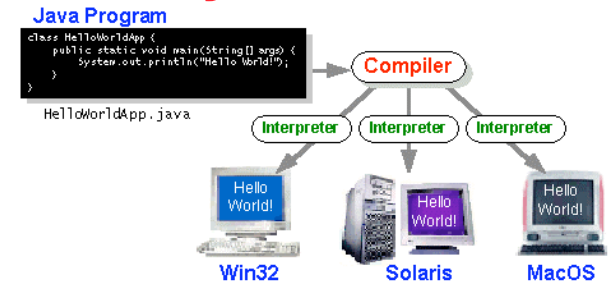
Peer Instruction

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2. Assembler will **ignore the instruction** `Loop:nop` because it does nothing.
3. Java designers used an interpreter (rather than a translator) **mainly** because of (at least one of): ease of writing, better error msgs, smaller object code.

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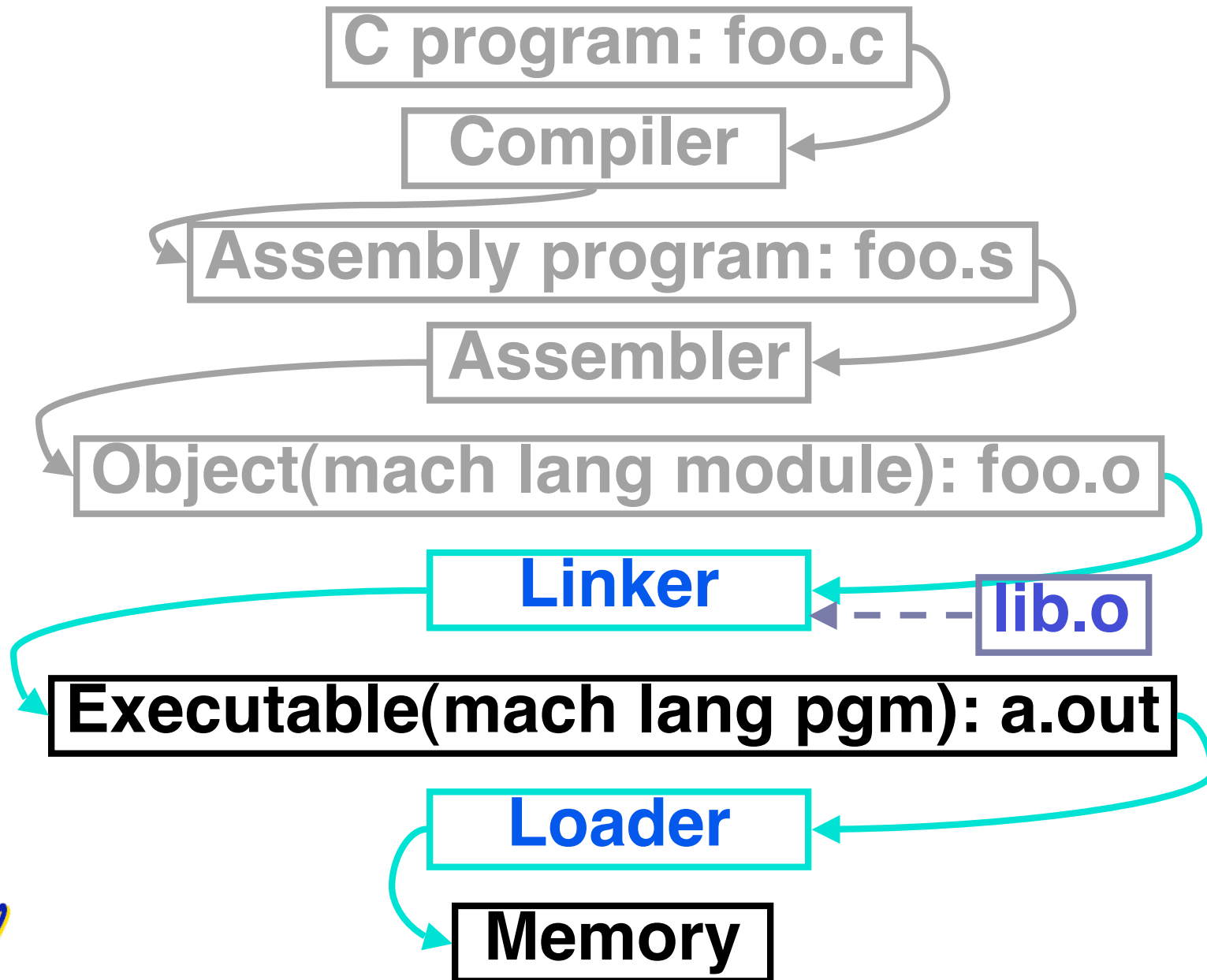
1. Assembler only sees one compiled program at a time, that's why it has to make a symbol & relocation table. It's the job of the linker to link them all together...F!
2. Assembler keeps track of all labels in symbol table...F!
3. Java designers used an interpreter mainly because of code portability...F!



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Where Are We Now?

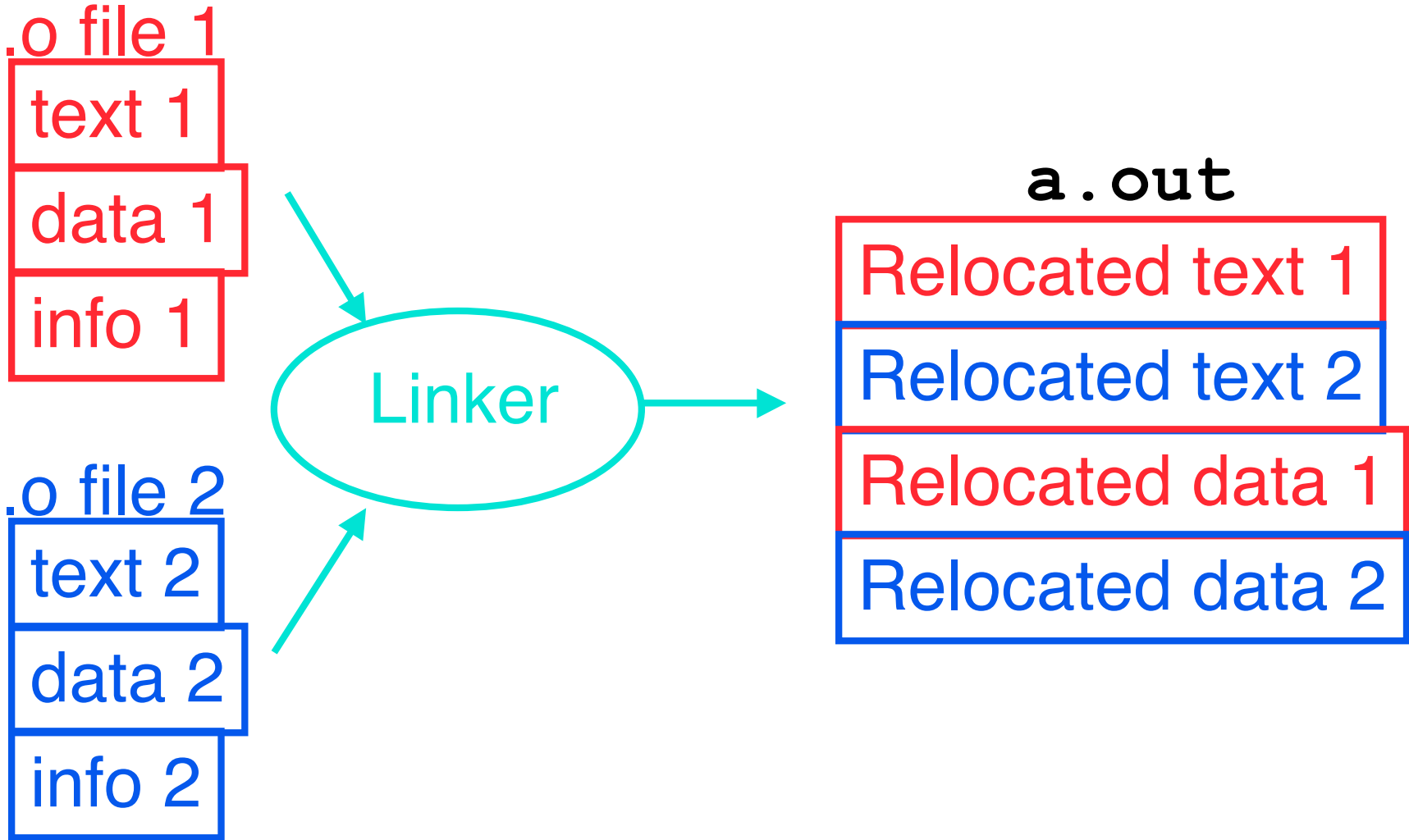


Link Editor/Linker (1/3)

- **Input: Object Code, information tables**
(e.g., `foo.o` for MIPS)
- **Output: Executable Code**
(e.g., `a.out` for MIPS)
- **Combines several object (.o) files into a single executable (“linking”)**
- **Enable Separate Compilation of files**
 - **Changes to one file do not require recompilation of whole program**
 - Windows NT source is >40 M lines of code!
 - **Link Editor name from editing the “links” in jump and link instructions**



Link Editor/Linker (2/3)



Link Editor/Linker (3/3)

- **Step 1: Take text segment from each .o file and put them together.**
- **Step 2: Take data segment from each .o file, put them together, and concatenate this onto end of text segments.**
- **Step 3: Resolve References**
 - **Go through Relocation Table and handle each entry**
 - **That is, fill in all **absolute addresses****



Four Types of Addresses we'll discuss

- **PC-Relative Addressing (beq, bne):**
never relocate
- **Absolute Address (j, jal):** always relocate
- **External Reference (usually jal):**
always relocate
- **Data Reference (often lui and ori):**
always relocate



Absolute Addresses in MIPS

- Which instructions need relocation editing?
- J-format: jump, jump and link

j/jal	xxxxxx
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- Loads and stores to variables in static area, relative to global pointer

lw/sw	\$gp	\$x	address
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- What about conditional branches?

beq/bne	\$rs	\$rt	address
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- PC-relative addressing preserved even if code moves



Resolving References (1/2)

- Linker *assumes* first word of first text segment is at address 0x00000000.
- Linker knows:
 - length of each text and data segment
 - ordering of text and data segments
- Linker calculates:
 - absolute address of each label to be jumped to (internal or external) and each piece of data being referenced



Resolving References (2/2)

- **To resolve references:**
 - **search for reference (data or label) in all symbol tables**
 - **if not found, search library files (for example, for `printf`)**
 - **once absolute address is determined, fill in the machine code appropriately**
- **Output of linker: executable file containing text and data (plus header)**

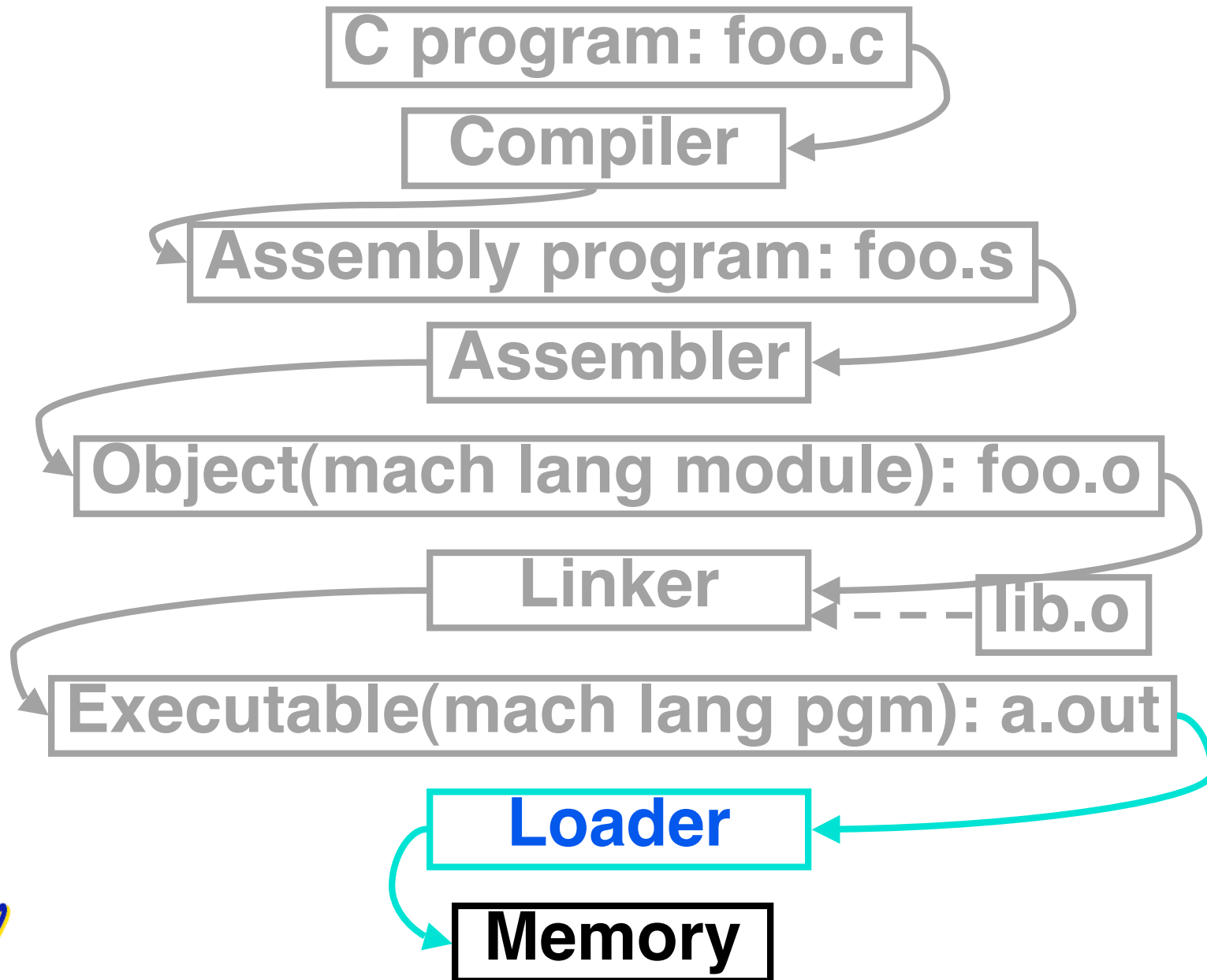


Static vs Dynamically linked libraries

- What we've described is the traditional way to create a static-linked approach
 - The library is now part of the executable, so if the library updates we don't get the fix (have to recompile if we have source)
 - It includes the entire library even if not all of it will be used.
- An alternative is **dynamically linked libraries** (DLL), common on Windows & UNIX platforms
 - 1st run overhead for dynamic linker-loader
 - Having executable isn't enough anymore!



Where Are We Now?



Loader (1/3)

- **Input: Executable Code (e.g., a.out for MIPS)**
- **Output: (program is run)**
- **Executable files are stored on disk.**
- **When one is run, loader's job is to load it into memory and start it running.**
- **In reality, loader is the operating system (OS)**
 - **loading is one of the OS tasks**



Loader (2/3)

- **So what does a loader do?**
- **Reads executable file's header to determine size of text and data segments**
- **Creates new address space for program large enough to hold text and data segments, along with a stack segment**
- **Copies instructions and data from executable file into the new address space (this may be anywhere in memory as we'll see later)**



Loader (3/3)

- **Copies arguments passed to the program onto the stack**
- **Initializes machine registers**
 - **Most registers cleared, but stack pointer assigned address of 1st free stack location**
- **Jumps to start-up routine that copies program's arguments from stack to registers and sets the PC**
 - **If main routine returns, start-up routine terminates program with the exit system call**



Administrivia...Midterm in 5 days!

- **Project 2 due tonight (ok, Friday)**
- HKN/UPE holding study session immediately Sun after review session
 - 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Wozniak Lounge
 - Work/read/etc with former 61C students
- **Prev sem midterm + answers on HKN**
- **Midterm 2005-10-17 @ 5:30-8:30pm Here!**
- **Covers labs,hw,proj,lec up through 7th wk**
- **Bring...**
 - **NO backpacks, cells, calculators, pagers, PDAs**
 - **2 writing implements (we'll provide write-in exam booklets) – pencils ok!**
 - **One handwritten (both sides) 8.5"x11" paper**
 - **One green sheet (corrections below to bugs from “Core Instruction Set”)**
 - 1) **Opcode wrong for Load Word.**
It should say **23hex**, not **0 / 23hex**.
 - 2) **sll and srl should shift values in R[rt], not R[rs]**
i.e. **sll/srl: R[rd] = R[rt] << shamt**



Upcoming Calendar

Week #	Mon	Wed	Thurs Lab
#7 This week	MIPS III Running Program I	Running Program II	Running Program
#8 Midterm week (review Sun @ 2pm 10 Evans)	Midterm @ 5:30-8:30pm Here! (155 Dwin)	Intro to SDS I	SDS



Example: C ⇒ Asm ⇒ Obj ⇒ Exe ⇒ Run

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {

    int i, sum = 0;

    for (i = 0; i <= 100; i++)
        sum = sum + i * i;

    printf ("The sum from 0 .. 100 is %d\n",
           sum);

}
```



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.text
.align 2
.globl main
main:
    subu $sp, $sp, 32
    sw $ra, 20($sp)
    sd $a0, 32($sp)
    sw $0, 24($sp)
    sw $0, 28($sp)
loop:
    lw $t6, 28($sp)
    mul $t7, $t6, $t6
    lw $t8, 24($sp)
    addu $t9, $t8, $t7
    sw $t9, 24($sp)
```

```
addu $t0, $t6, 1
sw $t0, 28($sp)
ble $t0, 100, loop
la $a0, str
lw $a1, 24($sp)
jal printf
move $v0, $0
lw $ra, 20($sp)
addiu $sp, $sp, 32
jr $ra
.data
.align 0
str:
    .asciiz "The sum
from 0 .. 100 is
%d\n"
```

Where are
7 pseudo-
instructions?



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lw $ra, 20($sp)
addiu $sp, $sp, 32
jr $ra      7 pseudo-
             instructions
.data      underlined
.align 0
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Symbol Table Entries

- **Symbol Table**
Label Address

`main:`

`loop:`



`str:`

`printf:`

- **Relocation Table**
Address Instr. Type Dependency



Example: C ⇒ Asm ⇒ Obj ⇒ Exe ⇒ Run

- Remove pseudoinstructions, assign addresses

```
00 addiu $29,$29,-32  
04 sw $31,20($29)  
08 sw $4,32($29)  
0c sw $5,36($29)  
10 sw $0,24($29)  
14 sw $0,28($29)  
18 lw $14,28($29)  
1c multu $14,$14  
20 mflo $15  
24 lw $24,24($29)  
28 addu $25,$24,$15  
2c sw $25,24($29)
```

```
30 addiu $8,$14,1  
34 sw $8,28($29)  
38 slti $1,$8,101  
3c bne $1,$0,loop  
40 lui $4,l.str  
44 ori $4,$4,r.str  
48 lw $5,24($29)  
4c jal printf  
50 add $2,$0,$0  
54 lw $31,20($29)  
58 addiu $29,$29,32  
5c jr $31
```



Symbol Table Entries

- **Symbol Table**

- **Label Address**
`main: 0x00000000`
`loop: 0x00000018`
`str: 0x10000430`
`printf: 0x000003b0`

- **Relocation Information**

- **Address Instr. Type Dependency**
`0x00000040 lui l.str`
`0x00000044 ori r.str`
`0x0000004c jal printf`



Example: C ⇒ Asm ⇒ Obj ⇒ Exe ⇒ Run

• Edit Addresses: start at 0x0040000

00	addiu	\$29, \$29, -32	30	addiu	\$8, \$14, 1
04	sw	\$31, 20 (\$29)	34	sw	\$8, 28 (\$29)
08	sw	\$4, 32 (\$29)	38	slti	\$1, \$8, 101
0c	sw	\$5, 36 (\$29)	3c	bne	\$1, \$0, <u>-10</u>
10	sw	\$0, 24 (\$29)	40	lui	\$4, <u>4096</u>
14	sw	\$0, 28 (\$29)	44	ori	\$4, \$4, <u>1072</u>
18	lw	\$14, 28 (\$29)	48	lw	\$5, 24 (\$29)
1c	multu	\$14, \$14	4c	jal	<u>812</u>
20	mflo	\$15	50	add	\$2, \$0, \$0
24	lw	\$24, 24 (\$29)	54	lw	\$31, 20 (\$29)
28	addu	\$25, \$24, \$15	58	addiu	\$29, \$29, 32
2c	sw	\$25, 24 (\$29)	5c	jr	\$31



Example: C ⇒ Asm ⇒ Obj ⇒ Exe ⇒ Run

0x004000	0010011110111101111111111111100000
0x004004	101011111011111100000000000010100
0x004008	101011111010010000000000000100000
0x00400c	1010111110100101000000000000100100
0x004010	101011111010000000000000000011000
0x004014	101011111010000000000000000011100
0x004018	100011111010111000000000000011100
0x00401c	100011111011100000000000000011000
0x004020	000000011100111000000000000011001
0x004024	001001011100100000000000000000001
0x004028	0010100100000001000000000001100101
0x00402c	101011111010100000000000000011100
0x004030	00000000000000000000111100000010010
0x004034	000000110000011111100100000100001
0x004038	000101000010000001111111111110111
0x00403c	101011111011100100000000000011000
0x004040	001111000000001000000100000000000
0x004044	100011111010010100000000000011000
0x004048	0000110000010000000000000011101100
0x00404c	0010010010000100000000010000110000
0x004050	100011111011111100000000000010100
0x004054	001001111011110100000000000100000
0x004058	000000111110000000000000000001000
0x00405c	000000000000000000000001000000100001



Peer Instruction

Which of the following instr. may need to be edited during link phase?

```
Loop: lui $at, 0xABCD  
      ori $a0,$at, 0xFEDC } # A  
      jal add_link      # B  
      bne $a0,$v0, Loop # C
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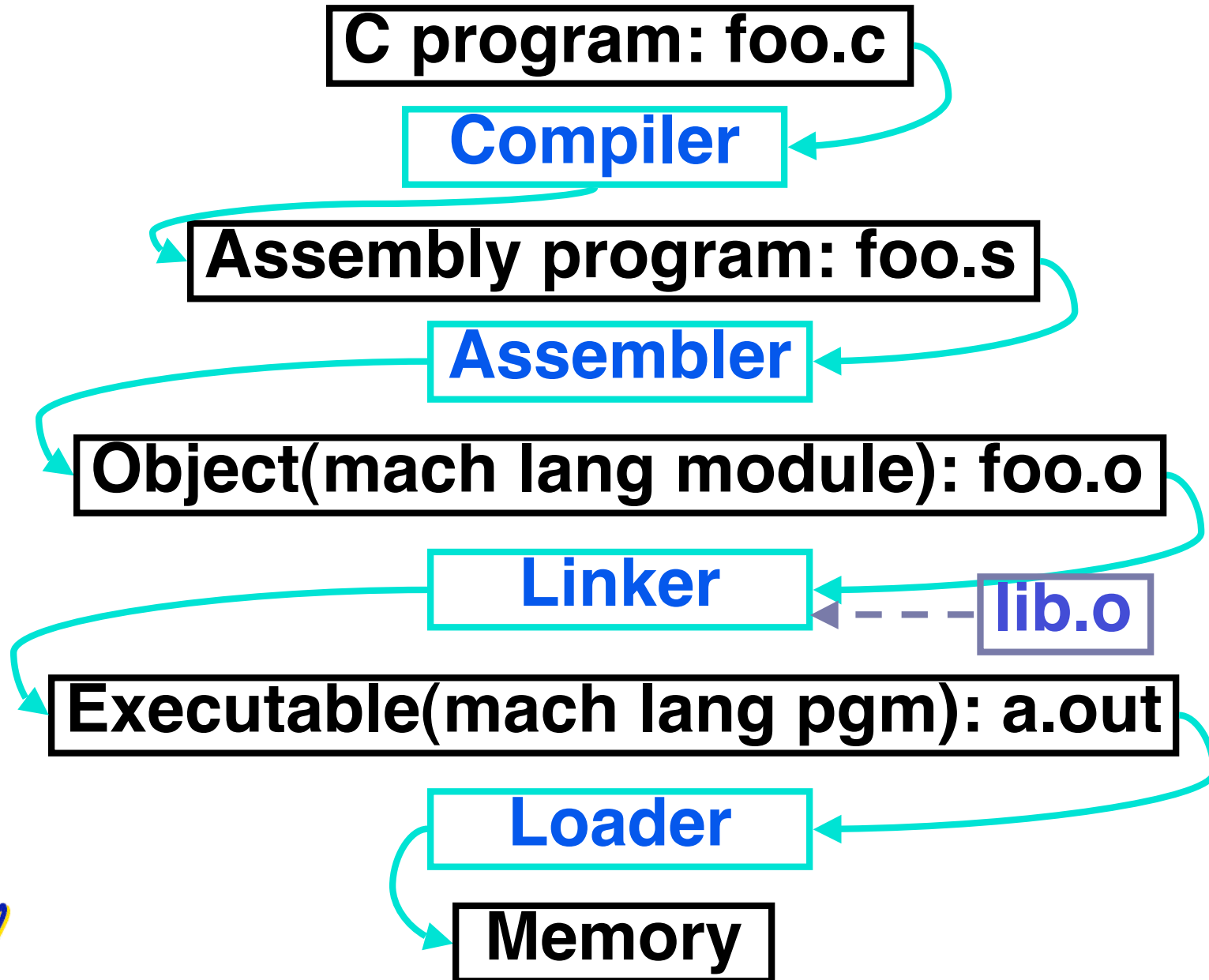
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Loop:  lui $at, 0xABCD           data reference; relocate
      ori $a0, $at, 0xFEDC     } # A
      jal add_link             subroutine; relocate # B
      bne $a0, $v0, Loop       PC-relative branch; OK # C
    
```

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Things to Remember (1/3)



Things to Remember (2/3)

- **Compiler converts a single HLL file into a single assembly language file.**
- **Assembler removes pseudoinstructions, converts what it can to machine language, and creates a checklist for the linker (relocation table). This changes each .s file into a .o file.**
- **Linker combines several .o files and resolves absolute addresses.**
- **Loader loads executable into memory and begins execution.**



Things to Remember 3/3

- **Stored Program concept mean instructions just like data, so can take data from storage, and keep transforming it until load registers and jump to routine to begin execution**
 - **Compiler \Rightarrow Assembler \Rightarrow Linker (\Rightarrow Loader)**
- **Assembler does 2 passes to resolve addresses, handling internal forward references**
- **Linker enables separate compilation, libraries that need not be compiled, and resolves remaining addresses**

