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### **Announcements**

- · Homework 5 due Monday at 11:59pm on Gradescope
- · Quiz 5 this weekend

## Debugger

Debugger - step through code!

- · Helpful for Homework 5
- · You will be using this for lab 7
- Experience seeing results of these instructions step-by-step
- Please read the x86-64 summary reading!

# Debugger

Example with lldb

## **Example: Loops**

```
while (i < 42)
i += 1
```

### **Functions**

```
f(x,y):
...
return 4
```

```
z = f(2,5)
```

# **Function Calls: Calling Conventions**

#### callq myfun

- · Push return address, then jump to myfun
- · Convention: Store arguments in registers and stack before call
  - First 6 arguments (in order): rdi, rsi, rdx, rcx, r8, r9
  - If more arguments, pushed onto stack (last to first)

#### retq

- Pop return address from stack and jump back
- · Convention: store return value in rax before calling retq

This is similar to our Toy ISA's function calls in homework 4

# Calling Conventions: Registers

### **Calling conventions** - recommendations for making function calls

- · Where to put arguments/parameters for the function call?
- · Where to put return value? in rax before calling retq
- What happens to values in the registers?
  - Callee-save The function should ensure the values in these registers are unchanged when the function returns
    - \* rbx, rsp, rbp, r12, r13, r14, r15
  - Caller-save Before making a function call, save the value, since the function may change it

### **The Stack**

pushq %rax popq %rdx

example.s

### **Most Common Instructions**

- mov =
- lea load effective address
- · call push PC and jump to address
- · add +=
- · cmp set flags as if performing subtract
- · jmp unconditional jump
- · test set flags as if performing &
- je jump iff flags indicate == 0
- pop pop value from stack
- push push value onto stack
- ret pop PC from the stack

## **Compilation Pipeline**

Turning our code into something that runs

• **Pipeline** - a sequence of steps in which each builds off the last