

Control Flow Instructions:

Branching/Looping purpose (Intra-procedure control flow)

1) Unconditional Jump Instructions:

jmp

2) Conditional Jump Instructions

i) Signed

j1, jle, jg, jge, je, jne, jnl, jnle, jng, jnge

ii) Unsigned

jb, jbe, ja, jae, jz, jnz, jnb, jnbe, jna, jnae

iii) Flag based

jc, jnc, jz, jnz, js, jns, jo, jno

Inter-procedure (amongst different procedure)

call

ret

ret \$n

Inter-privilege level (app->kernel, kernel->app)

x86: int <interruptnumber>

x64: sysenter

sysret

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Syntax and semantics of jump instruction:

jxxx Label

IMP RECALL: While executing any control flow instruction, microprocessor relies on that instruction to set the instruction pointer as a part of its execution. It does not use its default logic (that of addr of current instruction + size of current instruction) to compute the address of next instruction.

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Unconditional Jump Instruction:

jmp address

jmp label_in_text_section # Direct addressing mode

jmp *%reg32

Let reg32 be one of the general purpose registers. It can be loaded with the base address of an instruction by following:

```
movl    $label_in_text_section, %reg32
jmp     *%reg32 # Indirect addressing mode
```

```
jmp     addr
```

Behaviour: As a part of hardware execution, jmp addr instruction sets eip to addr (eip <- addr). The jmp being a control flow instruction, the next instruction will be fetched from addr (address to which eip was set by the jmp instruction)

```
#-----
```

Late binding:

```
Base* pB = new Derived;
```

```
pB->f(); // f() is virtual in base class and is overridden in derived class
        // pB->f(), D::f()
        // DLL
```

```
# Algorithm
# pB->f() which address
# movl    addr, %reg32
# call    *%reg32
#-----
```

Conditional Jump Instruction

Signed

```
j1  addr
jle addr
jg  addr
jge addr
je  addr
jne addr
```

addr can be a lable in text section (direct addressing mode)
addr can be *%reg (register indirect addressing mode)

Unsigned

```

jb addr
jbe addr
ja addr
jae addr
jz addr
jnz addr

```

```

jxxx ADDR

```

eip is set to ADDR if certain condition is satisfied (certain means which??)
eip is set to the address of next instruction (addr of current instruction + size of current instruction) if the condition is NOT SATISFIED.

```

cmpl    src, dest
jxxx    addr
next instruction
#-----

```

```

cmpl    src, dest
jl      L1
next instruction

```

```

L1:
    some block of instructions

```

Meaning:

In PREVIOUS cmp instruction, if
SIGNED(dest) < SIGNED(src)
had been true THEN
take a jump.
Otherwise goto next instruction

```

#-----

```

```

cmpl    src, dest
jle     L1
next instruction

```

```

L1:
    some block of instruction

```

Meaning of jle L1

In previous cmp instruction if

SIGNED(dest) <= SIGNED(src) then set eip to \$L1. Otherwise set eip to address

of next instruction.

#-----

```
cmpl  src, dest
jg    L1
next instruction
```

L1:
 some block of instruction

Meaning of jg L1

In previous cmp instruction if
 SIGNED(dest) > SIGNED(src)
then set eip to \$L1 otherwise set eip to the address of the next instruction

#-----

```
cmpl src, dest
jge  L1
next instruction
```

L1:
 some block of instructions

Meaning of jge L1

In previous cmp instruction if
 SIGNED(dest) >= SIGNED(src)
then set eip to \$L1 (i.e. transfer control flow to L1)
otherwise set eip to the address of the next instruction.

#-----

```
cmpl src, dest
je  L1
next instruction
```

L1:
 some block of instructions

Meaning of
je L1

In previous `cmp` instruction of `SIGNED(dest) == SIGNED(src)` then
set `eip` to `$L1` else set `eip` to the address of the next instruction.

#-----

```
cmple src, dest
jne    L1
next instruction
```

L1:
 some block of instruction

Meaning of
`jne L1`

In previous `cmp` instruction if `SIGNED(dest) != SIGNED(src)`
then set `eip` to `$L1` else set `eip` to the address of the next instruction

#-----

```
cmpl    src, dest
jb      L1
next instruction
```

L1:
 some block of instructions

Meaning:
 In PREVIOUS `cmp` instruction, if
 `UNSIGNED(dest) < UNSIGNED(src)`
 had been true THEN
 take a jump.
 Otherwise goto next instruction

#-----

```
cmpl    src, dest
jbe     L1
next instruction
```

L1:
 some block of instruction

Meaning of jbe L1

In previous cmp instruction if

UNSIGNED(dest) <= UNSIGNED(src) then set eip to \$L1. Otherwise set eip to address of next instruction.

#-----

```
cmpl    src, dest
ja      L1
next instruction
```

L1:

some block of instruction

Meaning of ja L1

In previous cmp instruction if

UNSIGNED(dest) > UNSIGNED(src)
then set eip to \$L1 otherwise set eip to the address of the next instruction

#-----

```
cmpl src, dest
jae   L1
next instruction
```

L1:

some block of instructions

Meaning of jae L1

In previous cmp instruction if

UNSIGNED(dest) >= UNSIGNED(src)
then set eip to \$L1 (i.e. transfer control flow to L1)
otherwise set eip to the address of the next instruction.

#-----

```
cmpl src, dest
jz   L1
next instruction
```

L1:

some block of instructions

Meaning of

jz L1

In previous cmp instruction of UNSIGNED(dest) == UNSIGNED(src) then set eip to \$L1 else set eip to the address of the next instruction.

#-----

```
cmpl src, dest
jnz  L1
next instruction
```

L1:

some block of instruction

Meaning of

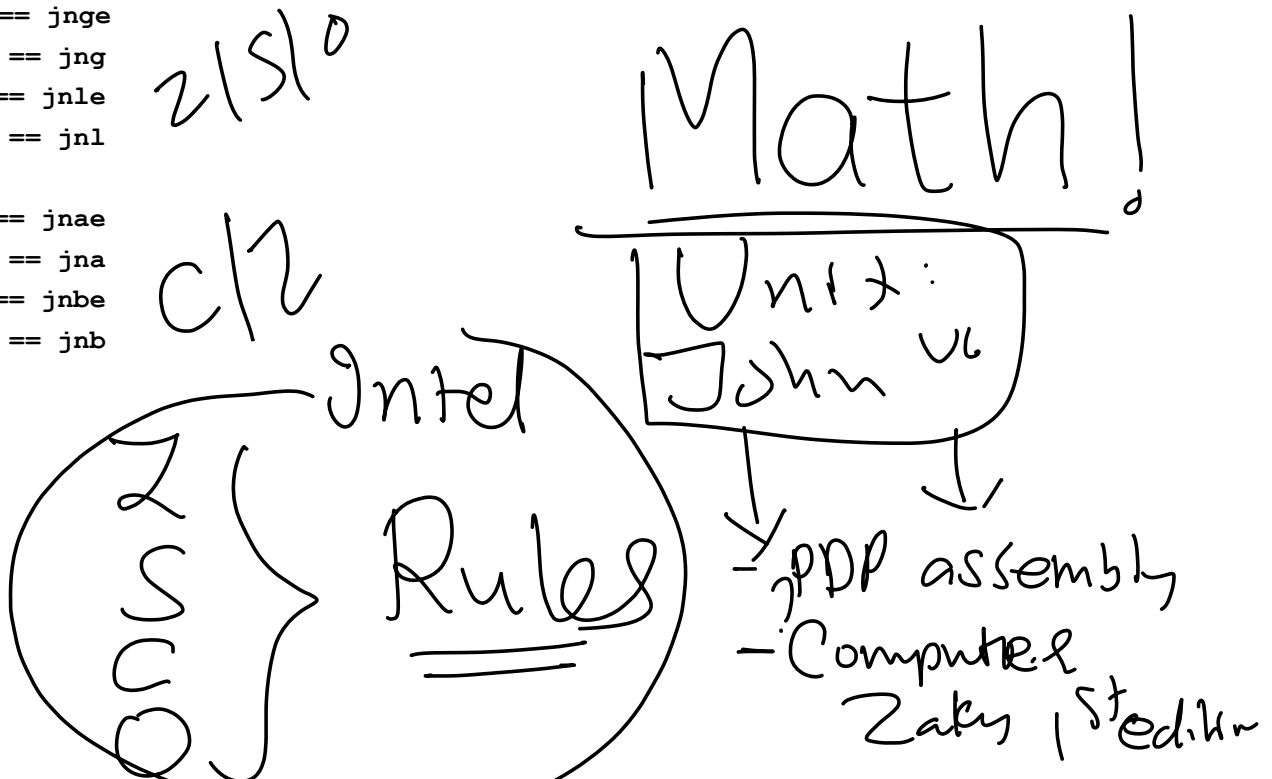
jnz L1

In previous cmp instruction if UNSIGNED(dest) != UNSIGNED(src) then set eip to \$L1 else set eip to the address of the next instruction

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```
j1 == jnge
j1e == jng
jg == jnle
jge == jnl
```

```
jb == jnae
jbe == jna
ja == jnbe
jae == jnb
```



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