

1 Comparing floating point numbers

Consider this program:

```
1          section .data
2              x DD 3.14
3              y DD 2.1
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5          section .text
6              global _start
7              _start:
8                  MOVSS xmm0, [x]
9                  MOVSS xmm1, [y]
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11                  UCOMISS xmm0, xmm1
12                  JA greater
13                  JMP end
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15          greater:
16              MOV eax, 1
17              INT 80h
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19          end:
20              MOV eax, 1
21              INT 80h
```

Here, we are comparing two floating point numbers. For comparison between floating point numbers we donot use the **CMP** instruction, instead we use the **UCOMISS** instruction. This works the same way as the **CMP** instruction works, it also sets some eflags based on the comparisons.

The jumps that we perform with floating point comparisons are also different. Here we donot perform **JGE**, or **JGT**, etc... We instead use instructions **JB**(Jump Below), **JA**(Jump Above).

There are many jump instructions:

- **JE** <label> → if **op1 == op2**
- **JNE** <label> → if **op1 != op2**
- **JB** <label> → if **op1 < op2**
- **JBE** <label> → if **op1 ≤ op2**
- **JA** <label> → if **op1 > op2**
- **JAЕ** <label> → if **op1 ≥ op2**

Source: [Click here](#).

But we can still use the **JMP** instruction which jumps to a label unconditionally.