## **Machine-Level Programming II: Control**

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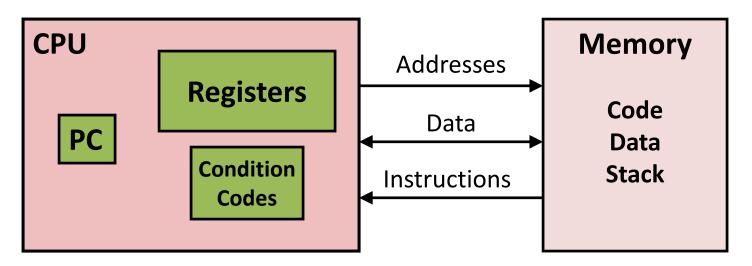
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## **Today**

- Control: Condition codes
- Conditional branches
- Loops
- Switch Statements

## Recall: ISA = Assembly/Machine Code View



#### **Programmer-Visible State**

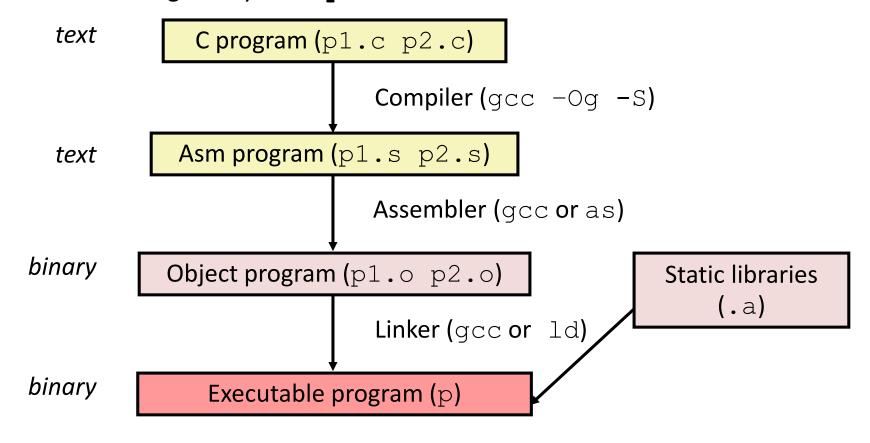
- PC: Program counter
  - Address of next instruction
- Register file
  - Heavily used program data
- Condition codes
  - Store status information about most recent arithmetic or logical operation
  - Used for conditional branching

#### Memory

- Byte addressable array
- Code and user data
- Stack to support procedures

## **Recall: Turning C into Object Code**

- Code in files p1.c p2.c
- Compile with command: gcc -Og p1.c p2.c -o p
  - Use basic optimizations (-Og) [New to recent versions of GCC]
  - Put resulting binary in file p



## **Recall: Move & Arithmetic Operations**

#### Some Two Operand Instructions:

Format	Computation		
movq	Src,Dest	Dest = Src (Src can be \$c	onst)
leaq	Src,Dest	Dest = address computed	by expression Src
addq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest + Src	
subq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest — Src	
imulq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest * Src	
salq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest << Src	Also called shlq
sarq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest >> Src	Arithmetic
shrq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest >> Src	Logical
xorq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest ^ Src	
andq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest & Src	
orq	Src,Dest	Dest = Dest   Src	

## **Recall: Addressing Modes**

#### Most General Form

D(Rb,Ri,S) Mem[Reg[Rb]+S\*Reg[Ri]+D]

D: Constant "displacement" 1, 2, or 4 bytes

Rb: Base register: Any of 16 integer registers

Ri: Index register: Any, except for %rsp

• S: Scale: 1, 2, 4, or 8

#### Special Cases

(Rb,Ri) Mem[Reg[Rb]+Reg[Ri]]

D(Rb,Ri) Mem[Reg[Rb]+Reg[Ri]+D]

(Rb,Ri,S) Mem[Reg[Rb]+S\*Reg[Ri]]

## **Processor State (x86-64, Partial)**

- Information about currently executing program
  - Temporary data (%rax, ...)
  - Location of runtime stack (%rsp)
  - Location of current code control point (%rip, ...)
  - Status of recent tests ( CF, ZF, SF, OF )

**Current stack top** 

#### **Registers**

%rax	% <b>r8</b>
%rbx	%r9
%rcx	%r10
%rdx	%r11
%rsi	%r12
%rdi	%r13
%rsp	%r14
%rbp	%r15

%rip

**Instruction pointer** 

CF

ZF

SF

OF

**Condition codes** 

## **Condition Codes (Implicit Setting)**

Single bit registers

```
CF Carry Flag (for unsigned)SF Sign Flag (for signed)Zero FlagOF Overflow Flag (for signed)
```

Implicitly set (think of it as side effect) by arithmetic operations

```
Example: addq Src,Dest ↔ t = a+b

CF set if carry out from most significant bit (unsigned overflow)

ZF set if t == 0

SF set if t < 0 (as signed)

OF set if two's-complement (signed) overflow

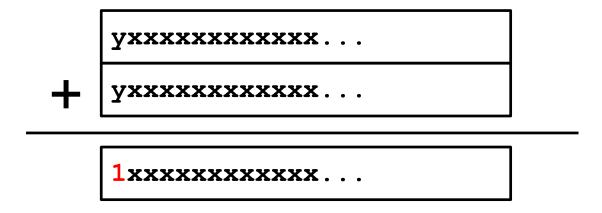
(a>0 && b>0 && t<0) || (a<0 && b<0 && t>=0)
```

Not set by leaq instruction

## **ZF** set when

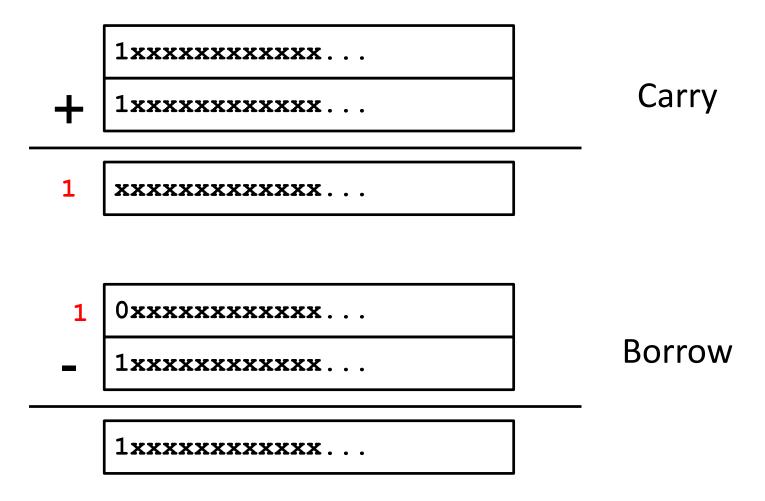
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## SF set when



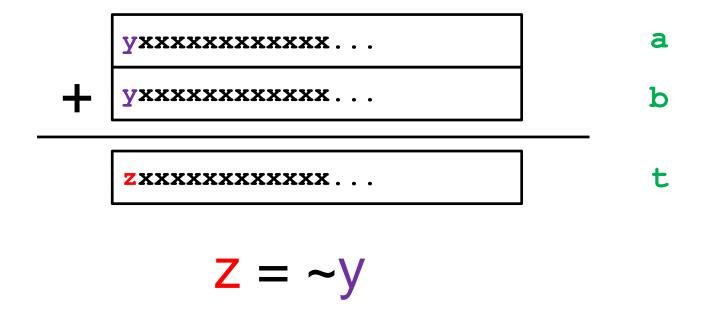
For signed arithmetic, this reports when result is a negative number

## **CF** set when



For unsigned arithmetic, this reports overflow

### OF set when



$$(a>0 \&\& b>0 \&\& t<0) || (a<0 \&\& b<0 \&\& t>=0)$$

For signed arithmetic, this reports overflow

# **Condition Codes (Explicit Setting: Compare)**

- Explicit Setting by Compare Instruction
  - •cmpq Src2, Src1
  - **-cmpq b**, **a** like computing **a**-**b** without setting destination
  - **CF set** if carry out from most significant bit (used for unsigned comparisons)
  - \*ZF set if a == b
  - "SF set if (a-b) < 0 (as signed)</pre>
  - ■OF set if two's-complement (signed) overflow
    (a>0 && b<0 && (a-b)<0) || (a<0 && b>0 && (a-b)>0)

## **Condition Codes (Explicit Setting: Test)**

- Explicit Setting by Test instruction
  - testq Src2, Src1
    - •testq b, a like computing a&b without setting destination
  - Sets condition codes based on value of Src1 & Src2
  - Useful to have one of the operands be a mask
  - \*ZF set when a&b == 0
  - "SF set when a&b < 0</pre>

Very often:
 testq %rax,%rax

## **Reading Condition Codes**

#### SetX Instructions

- Set low-order byte of destination to 0 or 1 based on combinations of condition codes
- Does not alter remaining 7 bytes

SetX	Condition	Description
sete	ZF	Equal / Zero
setne	~ZF	Not Equal / Not Zero
sets	SF	Negative
setns	~SF	Nonnegative
setg	~(SF^OF) &~ZF	Greater (Signed)
setge	~(SF^OF)	Greater or Equal (Signed)
setl	(SF^OF)	Less (Signed)
setle	(SF^OF)   ZF	Less or Equal (Signed)
seta	~CF&~ZF	Above (unsigned)
setb	CF	Below (unsigned)

## x86-64 Integer Registers

%rax %al	%r8b
%rbx %bl	%r9b
%rcx %cl	%r10b
%rdx %dl	%r11b
%rsi %sil	%r12b
%rdi %dil	%r13b
%rsp %spl	%r14b
%rbp %bpl	%r15b

Can reference low-order byte

## **Reading Condition Codes (Cont.)**

#### SetX Instructions:

 Set single byte based on combination of condition codes

#### One of addressable byte registers

- Does not alter remaining bytes
- Typically use movzbl to finish job
  - 32-bit instructions also set upper 32 bits to 0

```
int gt (long x, long y)
{
  return x > y;
}
```

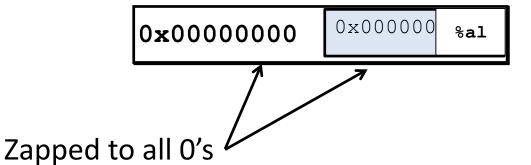
Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument <b>x</b>
%rsi	Argument <b>y</b>
%rax	Return value

```
cmpq %rsi, %rdi # Compare x:y
setg %al # Set when >
movzbl %al, %eax # Zero rest of %rax
ret
```

## **Explicit Reading Condition Codes (Cont.)**

Beware weirdness movzbl (and others)

movzbl %al, %eax



#### Use(s)

Argument x

Argument **y** 

Return value

```
cmpq %rsi, %rdi # Compare x:y
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ret
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## **Jumping**

#### jX Instructions

Jump to different part of code depending on condition codes

jХ	Condition	Description
jmp	1	Unconditional
je	ZF	Equal / Zero
jne	~ZF	Not Equal / Not Zero
js	SF	Negative
jns	~SF	Nonnegative
jg	~(SF^OF) &~ZF	Greater (Signed)
jge	~(SF^OF)	Greater or Equal (Signed)
jl	(SF^OF)	Less (Signed)
jle	(SF^OF)   ZF	Less or Equal (Signed)
ja	~CF&~ZF	Above (unsigned)
jb	CF	Below (unsigned)

## **Conditional Branch Example (Old Style)**

Generation

Get to this shortly

```
server> gcc -Og -S (-fno-if-conversion)control.c
```

```
long absdiff
  (long x, long y)
{
  long result;
  if (x > y)
    result = x-y;
  else
    result = y-x;
  return result;
}
```

```
absdiff:
          %rsi, %rdi # x:y
  cmpq
  jle
         . L4
         %rdi, %rax
  movq
  subq %rsi, %rax
  ret
      # x <= v
.L4:
         %rsi, %rax
  movq
         %rdi, %rax
  subq
  ret
```

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument <b>x</b>
%rsi	Argument <b>y</b>
%rax	Return value

## **Expressing with Goto Code**

- C allows goto statement
- Jump to position designated by label

```
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  (long x, long y)
{
    long result;
    if (x > y)
        result = x-y;
    else
        result = y-x;
    return result;
}
```

```
long absdiff j
  (long x, long y)
    long result;
    int ntest = x \le y;
    if (ntest) goto Else;
    result = x-y;
    goto Done;
Else:
    result = y-x;
Done:
    return result;
```

# **General Conditional Expression Translation (Using Branches)**

#### C Code

```
val = Test ? Then_Expr : Else_Expr;

val = x>y ? x-y : y-x;
```

```
ntest = !Test;
if (ntest) goto Else;
val = Then_Expr;
goto Done;
Else:
  val = Else_Expr;
Done:
    . . .
```

- Create separate code regions for then & else expressions
- Execute appropriate one

## **Using Conditional Moves**

#### Conditional Move Instructions

- Instruction supports:if (Test) Dest ← Src
- Supported in post-1995 x86 processors
- GCC tries to use them
  - But, only when known to be safe

#### Why?

- Branches are very disruptive to instruction flow through pipelines
- Conditional moves do not require control transfer

#### C Code

```
val = Test
? Then_Expr
: Else_Expr;
```

```
result = Then_Expr;
eval = Else_Expr;
nt = !Test;
if (nt) result = eval;
return result;
```

## **Conditional Move Example**

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```
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  movq %rdi, %rax # x
  subq %rsi, %rax # result = x-y
  movq %rsi, %rdx
  subq %rdi, %rdx # eval = y-x
  cmpq %rsi, %rdi # x:y
  cmovle %rdx, %rax # if <=, result = eval
  ret</pre>
```

## **Bad Cases for Conditional Move**

#### **Expensive Computations**

```
val = Test(x) ? Hard1(x) : Hard2(x);
Bad Performance
```

- Both values get computed
- Only makes sense when computations are very simple

#### **Risky Computations**

```
val = p ? *p : 0;
```

- Both values get computed
- May have undesirable effects

#### **Computations with side effects**

```
val = x > 0 ? x*=7 : x+=3;
```

Illegal

- Both values get computed
- Must be side-effect free

Unsafe

## **Exercise**

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setb	CF	Below (unsigned)

xorq	%rax, %rax
subq	\$1, %rax
cmpq	\$2, %rax
setl	%al
movzblq	%al, %eax

%rax	SF	CF	OF	ZF

Note: **set1** and **movzb1q** do not modify condition codes

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setb	CF	Below (unsigned)

xorq	%rax, %rax
subq	\$1, %rax
cmpq	\$2, %rax
setl	%al
movzbla	%al, %eax

%rax				SF	CF	OF	ZF
0x0000	0000	0000	0000	0	0	0	1
0xFFFF	FFFF	FFFF	FFFF	1	1	0	0
0xFFFF	FFFF	FFFF	FFFF	1	0	0	0
0xFFFF	FFFF	FFFF	FF01	1	0	0	0
0x0000	0000	0000	0001	1	0	0	0

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## "Do-While" Loop Example

#### C Code

```
long pcount_do
  (unsigned long x) {
  long result = 0;
  do {
    result += x & 0x1;
    x >>= 1;
  } while (x);
  return result;
}
```

```
long pcount_goto
  (unsigned long x) {
  long result = 0;
  loop:
    result += x & 0x1;
    x >>= 1;
    if(x) goto loop;
    return result;
}
```

- Count number of 1's in argument x ("popcount")
- Use conditional branch to either continue looping or to exit loop

## "Do-While" Loop Compilation

```
long pcount_goto
  (unsigned long x) {
  long result = 0;
  loop:
    result += x & 0x1;
    x >>= 1;
    if(x) goto loop;
    return result;
}
```

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument <b>x</b>
%rax	result

```
movl $0, %eax
                   # result = 0
.L2:
                   # loop:
  movq %rdi, %rdx
  andl
         $1, %edx # t = x & 0x1
         %rdx, %rax # result += t
  addq
                   \# x >>= 1
  shrq
         %rdi
                   # if (x) goto loop
         .L2
  jne
  rep; ret
```

## General "Do-While" Translation

#### C Code

```
do

Body

while (Test);
```

## ■ Body: { Statement

```
Statement<sub>1</sub>;
Statement<sub>2</sub>;
...
Statement<sub>n</sub>;
}
```

```
loop:
Body
if (Test)
goto loop
```

## **General "While" Translation #1**

- "Jump-to-middle" translation
- Used with -Og

#### While version

```
while (Test)
Body
```



```
goto test;
loop:
   Body
test:
   if (Test)
      goto loop;
done:
```

## While Loop Example #1

#### C Code

```
long pcount_while
  (unsigned long x) {
  long result = 0;
  while (x) {
    result += x & 0x1;
    x >>= 1;
  }
  return result;
}
```

#### Jump to Middle

```
long pcount_goto_jtm
  (unsigned long x) {
  long result = 0;
  goto test;
  loop:
    result += x & 0x1;
    x >>= 1;
  test:
    if(x) goto loop;
    return result;
}
```

- Compare to do-while version of function
- Initial goto starts loop at test

## **General "While" Translation #2**

#### While version





■ Used with -01



```
if (!Test)
    goto done;
    do
    Body
    while(Test);
done:
```



```
if (!Test)
    goto done;
loop:
    Body
    if (Test)
        goto loop;
done:
```

## While Loop Example #2

#### C Code

```
long pcount_while
  (unsigned long x) {
  long result = 0;
  while (x) {
    result += x & 0x1;
    x >>= 1;
  }
  return result;
}
```

#### **Do-While Version**

```
long pcount_goto_dw
  (unsigned long x) {
  long result = 0;
  if (!x) goto done;
  loop:
    result += x & 0x1;
    x >>= 1;
    if(x) goto loop;
  done:
    return result;
}
```

- Compare to do-while version of function
- Initial conditional guards entrance to loop

### "For" Loop Form

#### **General Form**

```
for (Init; Test; Update)

Body
```

```
#define WSIZE 8*sizeof(int)
long prount for
  (unsigned long x)
 size t i;
  long result = 0;
  for (i = 0; i < WSIZE; i++)
   unsigned bit =
      (x >> i) & 0x1;
    result += bit;
  return result;
```

```
Init
```

```
i = 0
```

#### Test

```
i < WSIZE
```

### **Update**

```
i++
```

### Body

```
{
  unsigned bit =
    (x >> i) & 0x1;
  result += bit;
}
```

# "For" Loop → While Loop

#### For Version

```
for (Init; Test; Update)

Body
```



### While Version

```
Init;
while (Test) {
    Body
    Update;
}
```

### **For-While Conversion**

```
Init
i = 0
 Test
i < WSIZE
 Update
i++
 Body
```

```
Body

{
  unsigned bit =
    (x >> i) & 0x1;
  result += bit;
}
```

```
long pcount for while
  (unsigned long x)
  size t i;
  long result = 0;
  i = 0;
  while (i < WSIZE)
    unsigned bit =
      (x >> i) & 0x1;
    result += bit;
    i++;
  return result;
```

### "For" Loop Do-While Conversion

#### **Goto Version**

#### C Code

```
long prount for
  (unsigned long x)
  size t i;
  long result = 0;
  for (i = 0; i < WSIZE; i++)
   unsigned bit =
      (x >> i) & 0x1;
    result += bit;
  return result;
```

Initial test can be optimized away

```
long prount for goto dw
  (unsigned long x) {
  size t i;
  long result = 0;
  i = 0;
                     Init
  if (L(i < WSIZE))
                     ! Test
   goto done;
 loop:
    unsigned bit =
      (x \gg i) & 0x1; Body
    result += bit;
  i++; Update
  if (i < WSIZE)
                   Test
    goto loop;
done:
  return result;
```

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```
long switch eg
   (long x, long y, long z)
    long w = 1;
    switch(x) {
    case 1:
        w = y*z;
        break:
    case 2:
        w = y/z;
        /* Fall Through */
    case 3:
        w += z;
        break;
    case 5:
    case 6:
        w = z;
        break;
    default:
        w = 2;
    return w;
```

# Switch Statement Example

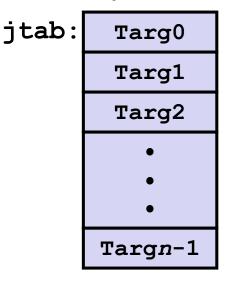
- Multiple case labels
  - Here: 5 & 6
- Fall through cases
  - Here: 2
- Missing cases
  - Here: 4

## **Jump Table Structure**

#### **Switch Form**

```
switch(x) {
  case val_0:
    Block 0
  case val_1:
    Block 1
    • • •
  case val_n-1:
    Block n-1
}
```

#### **Jump Table**



#### **Jump Targets**

Targ0: Code Block 0

Targ1: Code Block

Targ2: Code Block 2

**Translation (Extended C)** 

```
goto *JTab[x];
```

Targn-1:

Code Block n-1

## **Switch Statement Example**

#### Setup:

What range of values takes default?

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument <b>x</b>
%rsi	Argument <b>y</b>
%rdx	Argument <b>z</b>
%rax	Return value

Note that **w** not initialized here

### **Switch Statement Example**

```
long switch_eg(long x, long y, long z)
{
    long w = 1;
    switch(x) {
        . . .
    }
    return w;
}
```

#### Setup:

```
switch_eg:
    movq %rdx, %rcx
    cmpq $6, %rdi # x:6
    ja .L8 # Use default

Indirect
jmp *.L4(,%rdi,8) # goto *JTab[x]
```

#### Jump table

```
.section
           .rodata
  .align 8
.L4:
  . quad
           .L8 \# x = 0
  . quad
           .L3 \# x = 1
  . quad
           .L5 \# x = 2
  .quad
           .L9 \# x = 3
  . quad
           .L8 \# x = 4
           .L7 \# x = 5
  . quad
  . quad
           . ь7
                \# \mathbf{x} = 6
```

## **Assembly Setup Explanation**

#### ■ Table Structure

- Each target requires 8 bytes
- Base address at .L4

### Jumping

- Direct: jmp . L8
- Jump target is denoted by label .L8
- Indirect: jmp \*.L4(,%rdi,8)
- Start of jump table: .L4
- Must scale by factor of 8 (addresses are 8 bytes)
- Fetch target from effective Address .L4 + x\*8
  - Only for  $0 \le x \le 6$

#### Jump table

```
.section
            .rodata
  .align 8
.L4:
            .L8
                 \# \mathbf{x} = 0
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  . quad
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  .quad
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  .quad
            .L8 \# x = 4
  . quad
            .L7 \# x = 5
  . quad
            . ь7
                 \# x = 6
```

## **Jump Table**

#### Jump table

```
switch(x) {
                              case 1: // .L3
         .rodata
.section
                                  w = y*z;
 .align 8
.L4:
                                  break;
         .L8 \# x = 0
 . quad
                              case 2:
                                          // .L5
         .L3 \# x = 1
 . quad
                                  w = y/z;
       .L5 \# x = 2
 .quad
 .quad .L9 \# x = 3
                                  /* Fall Through */
 .quad .L8 \# x = 4
                              case 3: // .L9
 . quad
         .L7 \# x = 5
                                  w += z;
             \# \mathbf{x} = 6
         . ц7
 .quad
                                  break;
                              case 5:
                              case 6: // .L7
                                  w -= z;
                                  break;
                              default: // .L8
                                  w = 2;
```

## Code Blocks (x == 1)

```
.L3:

movq %rsi, %rax # y

imulq %rdx, %rax # y*z

ret
```

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument x
%rsi	Argument <b>y</b>
%rdx	Argument <b>z</b>
%rax	Return value

# **Handling Fall-Through**

```
long w = 1;
switch(x) {
                                case 2:
                                    w = y/z;
case 2: -
                                    goto merge;
   w = y/z;
    /* Fall Through */
case 3:
    w += z;
   break;
                                           case 3:
                                                   w = 1;
                                           merge:
                                                    w += z;
```

# Code Blocks (x == 2, x == 3)

```
long w = 1;
switch(x) {
case 2:
   w = y/z;
    /* Fall Through */
case 3:
   w += z;
   break;
```

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument <b>x</b>
%rsi	Argument <b>y</b>
%rdx	Argument <b>z</b>
%rax	Return value

# Code Blocks (x == 5, x == 6, default)

```
switch(x) {
    . . .
    case 5: // .L7
    case 6: // .L7
    w -= z;
    break;
    default: // .L8
    w = 2;
}
```

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument <b>x</b>
%rsi	Argument <b>y</b>
%rdx	Argument <b>z</b>
%rax	Return value

# **Summarizing**

#### C Control

- if-then-else
- do-while
- while, for
- switch

#### Assembler Control

- Conditional jump
- Conditional move
- Indirect jump (via jump tables)
- Compiler generates code sequence to implement more complex control

### Standard Techniques

- Loops converted to do-while or jump-to-middle form
- Large switch statements use jump tables
- Sparse switch statements may use decision trees (if-elseif-else)

### **Summary**

### Today

- Control: Condition codes
- Conditional branches & conditional moves
- Loops
- Switch statements

#### Next Time

- Stack
- Call / return
- Procedure call discipline