

## CSEC 202 Reverse Engineering Fundamentals

### Module 0x05 Advanced Static Analysis (1/2) & (2/2)

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# Lesson Summary

**Some of the topics that are covered in this Module are:**

- Understand how advanced static analysis is performed.
- Exploring IDA's disassembler functionality.
- Understanding and identifying different C constructs in assembly.
  - Recognizing C code constructs in assembly language involves understanding how high-level structures like loops, conditional statements, and function calls are translated into low-level assembly instructions.

# Advanced Static Analysis

# Advanced Static Analysis (ASA)

**Advanced static analysis is a technique used to analyze the code and structure of malware without executing it.**

- **Identifying Malware Behavior and Weaknesses for Detection:**
  - ASA can help us identify the malware's behavior and weaknesses and develop signatures for antivirus software to detect it.
- **Understanding Malware to Develop New Defense Techniques**
  - By analyzing the code and structure of malware, researchers can also better understand how it works and develop new techniques for defending against it.

## Good News:

- You do not need to be a programmer or understand every assembly instruction to perform effective code analysis

# Global Vs. Local Variables

# Global vs. Local Variables

- **Global Variables:** can be accessed and used by any function in a program.
- **Local Variables:** can be accessed only by the function in which they are defined.

Both global and local variables are declared similarly in C, but they look completely different in assembly.

# Global vs. Local Variables

```
#include <stdio.h>

// Global variables
int x = 1;
int y = 2;

void main() {
    // Add y to x
    x = x + y;

    // Print the result
    printf("Total = %d\n", x);
}
```

# Global vs. Local Variables

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// Global variables
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void main() {
    // Add y to x
    x = x + y;

    // Print the result
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}
```

	00401003	mov	eax, <b>dword_40CF60</b>
	00401008	add	eax, dword_40C000
	0040100E	mov	<b>dword_40CF60</b> , eax ①
	00401013	mov	ecx, <b>dword_40CF60</b>
	00401019	push	ecx
	0040101A	push	offset aTotalD ;"total = %d\n"
	0040101F	call	printf

The global variable x is signified by **dword\_40CF60**, a memory location at 0x40CF60. Notice that x is changed in memory when eax is moved into **dword\_40CF60** at 1.

# Global vs. Local Variables

```
#include <stdio.h>

// Global variables
int x = 1;
int y = 2;

void main() {
    // Add y to x
    x = x + y;

    // Print the result
    printf("Total = %d\n", x);
}
```

## .data

```
x: .long 1
y: .long 2
```

## .section .rodata

```
.LC0:
.string "Total = %d\n"
```

## .text

```
main:
```

1. **mov** eax, DWORD PTR x
2. **add** eax, DWORD PTR y
3. **mov** DWORD PTR x, eax
4. **push** eax
5. **push** OFFSET FLAT:.LC0
6. **call** printf
7. **add** esp, 8
8. **ret**

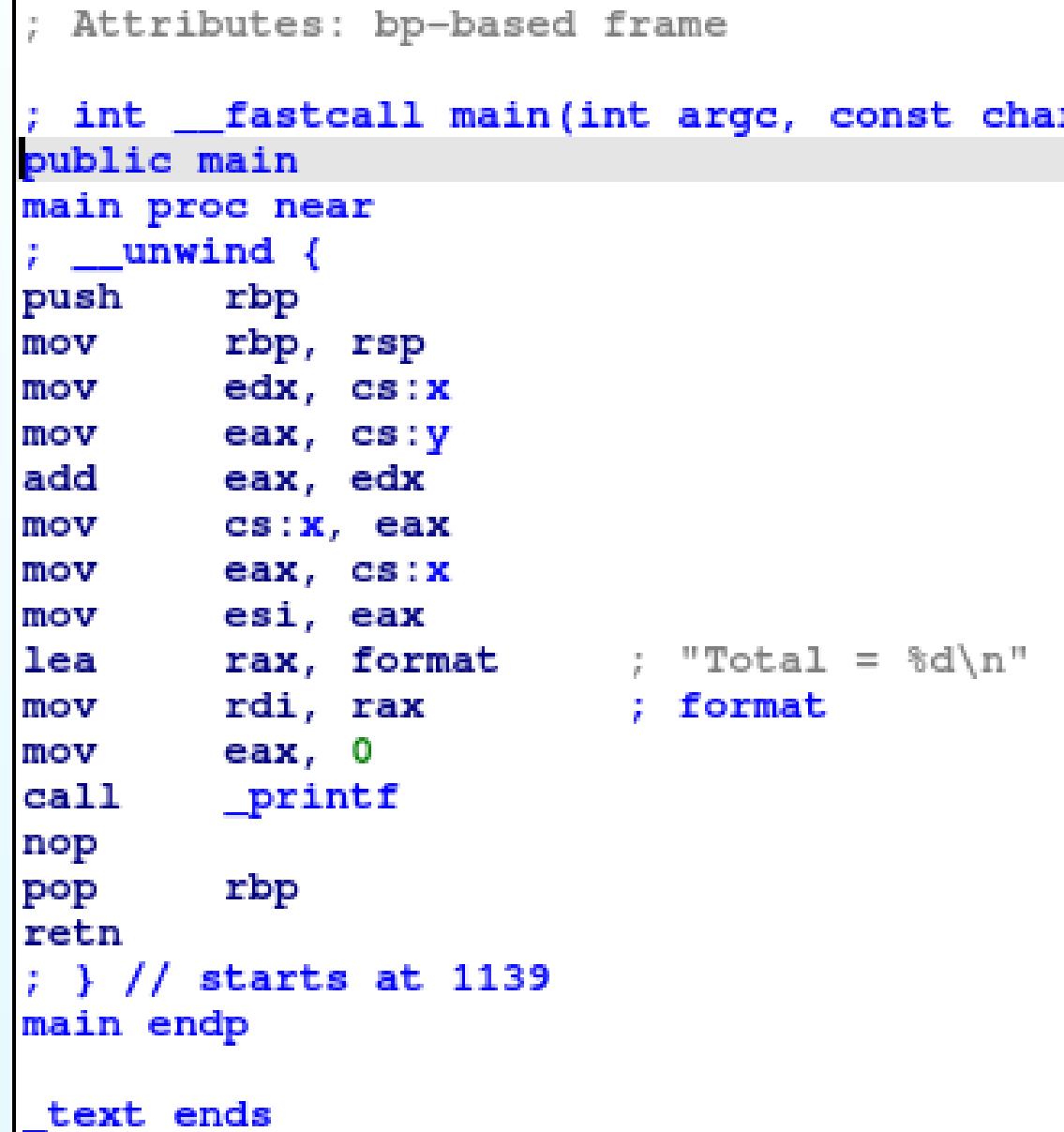
# Global vs. Local Variables

```
#include <stdio.h>

// Global variables
int x = 1;
int y = 2;

void main() {
    // Add y to x
    x = x + y;

    // Print the result
    printf("Total = %d\n", x);
}
```



The screenshot shows the assembly code for the main function. The assembly is color-coded: comments are gray, labels are blue, and other instructions are black. The code starts with a prologue that pushes the current base pointer (rbp) onto the stack and sets it as the new base pointer (rbp). It then saves the current stack pointer (rsp) to the stack, moves the value of cs:x into edx, and moves the value of cs:y into eax. It adds the values in eax and edx and stores the result back into cs:x. This is followed by a series of moves from cs:x to eax, then from eax to esi, and finally from esi to eax. The next instruction is a lea (load effective address) that loads the address of the printf format string into rax. The format string is a comment indicating "Total = %d\n". The next instruction is a mov from rdi to rax, which is also a comment indicating "format". The code then moves 0 into eax, calls \_printf, and then performs a nop (no operation). Finally, it pops rbp from the stack and returns.

```
; Attributes: bp-based frame

; int __fastcall main(int argc, const char* argv)
public main
main proc near
    ; __ unwind {
    push    rbp
    mov     rbp, rsp
    mov     edx, cs:x
    mov     eax, cs:y
    add     eax, edx
    mov     cs:x, eax
    mov     eax, cs:x
    mov     esi, eax
    lea     rax, format        ; "Total = %d\n"
    mov     rdi, rax           ; format
    mov     eax, 0
    call    _printf
    nop
    pop    rbp
    ret
    ; } // starts at 1139
main endp

_text ends
```

# Global vs. Local Variables

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    // local variables
    int x = 0;
    int y = 1;
    x = x + y;
    printf("Total = %d\n", x);
    return 0;
}
```

00401006	mov	dword ptr [ebp-4], 0
0040100D	mov	dword ptr [ebp-8], 1
00401014	mov	eax, [ebp-4]
00401017	add	eax, [ebp-8]
0040101A	mov	[ebp-4], eax
0040101D	mov	ecx, [ebp-4]
00401020	push	ecx
00401021	push	offset aTotalD ; "total = %d\n"
00401026	call	printf

The local variable x is located on the stack at a constant offset relative to ebp. The memory location [ebp-4] is used consistently throughout this function to reference the local variable x. This tells us that ebp-4 is a stack-based local variable that is referenced only in the function in which it is defined.

# Global vs. Local Variables

00401006	mov	dword ptr [ebp-4], 0
0040100D	mov	dword ptr [ebp-8], 1
00401014	mov	eax, [ebp-4]
00401017	add	eax, [ebp-8]
0040101A	mov	[ebp-4], eax
0040101D	mov	ecx, [ebp-4]
00401020	push	ecx
00401021	push	offset aTotalID ; "total = %d\n"
00401026	call	printf

Here's a description of what each line is doing:

- **mov dword ptr [ebp-4], 0:** Sets the value of the local variable x (which is at [ebp-4] on the stack) to 0.
- **mov dword ptr [ebp-8], 1:** Sets the value of the local variable y (which is at [ebp-8] on the stack) to 1.
- **mov eax, [ebp-4]:** Loads the value of x from the stack into the eax register.
- **add eax, [ebp-8]:** Adds the value of y to eax, which now contains the sum  $x + y$ .
- **mov [ebp-4], eax:** Stores the result back into the location of x on the stack, effectively updating the value of x to  $x + y$ .
- **mov ecx, [ebp-4]:** Moves the updated value of x into the ecx register in preparation for the printf call.
- **push ecx:** Pushes the value of ecx (the sum of x and y) onto the stack as the argument to printf.
- **push offset aTotalID:** Pushes the address of the format string "Total = %d\n" onto the stack.
- **call printf:** Calls the printf function, which will use the format string and the argument to print "Total = 1" to the standard output.

# Global vs. Local Variables

```
section .data
format db "Total = %d", 10, 0
; The format string for printf +newline and null terminator

section .text
global main
extern printf

main:
    push ebp
    mov ebp, esp
    sub esp, 8
; Start of function prologue
; Allocate stack space for x and y

    mov dword [ebp-4], 0
    mov dword [ebp-8], 1
; int x = 0; (local variable x at [ebp-4])
; int y = 1; (local variable y at [ebp-8])

    mov eax, [ebp-4]
    add eax, [ebp-8]
    mov [ebp-4], eax
; Load x into eax
; Add y to eax
; Store the result back in x

    push eax
    push dword format
    call printf
    add esp, 8
; Push the sum (new x value) as the argument for printf
; Push the address of the format string
; Call printf function
; Clean up the stack (two 4-byte arguments)

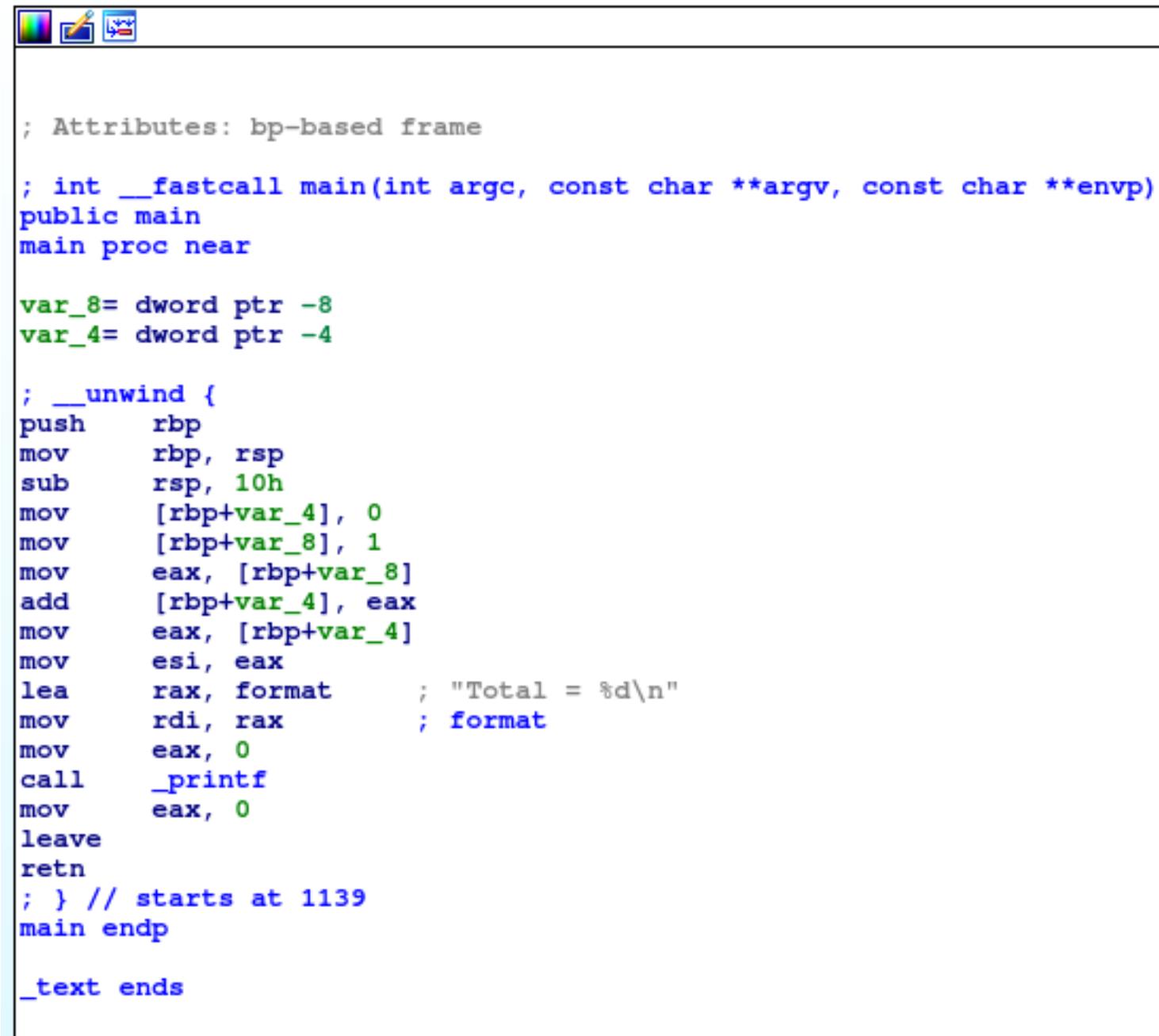
    mov eax, 0
    leave
    ret
; Return 0
; Equivalent to 'mov esp, ebp' followed by 'pop ebp'
; Return from main
```

# Global vs. Local Variables

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {

// local variables
    int x = 0;
    int y = 1;
    x = x + y;
    printf("Total = %d\n", x);
    return 0;
}
```



```
; Attributes: bp-based frame

; int __fastcall main(int argc, const char **argv, const char **envp)
public main
main proc near

var_8= dword ptr -8
var_4= dword ptr -4

; __ unwind {
push    rbp
mov     rbp, rsp
sub    rsp, 10h
mov     [rbp+var_4], 0
mov     [rbp+var_8], 1
mov     eax, [rbp+var_8]
add     [rbp+var_4], eax
mov     eax, [rbp+var_4]
mov     esi, eax
lea     rax, format      ; "Total = %d\n"
mov     rdi, rax          ; format
mov     eax, 0
call    _printf
mov     eax, 0
leave
retn
; } // starts at 1139
main endp

_text ends
```

# Global vs. Local Variables

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {

// local variables
    int x = 0;
    int y = 1;
    x = x + y;
    printf("Total = %d\n", x);
    return 0;
}
```

The screenshot shows the assembly view in IDA Pro for a C program. The assembly code is as follows:

```
.text:0000000000001139 ; ===== S U B R O U T I N E =====
.text:0000000000001139
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.text:0000000000001139
.text:0000000000001139 ; int __fastcall main(int argc, const char **argv, const char **envp)
.text:0000000000001139             public main
.text:0000000000001139     main proc near               ; DATA XREF: _start+14 to
.text:0000000000001139
.text:0000000000001139 var_8      = dword ptr -8
.text:0000000000001139 var_4      = dword ptr -4
.text:0000000000001139
.text:0000000000001139 ; __ unwind {
.text:0000000000001139     push    rbp
.text:0000000000001139     mov     rbp, rsp
.text:000000000000113D     sub     rsp, 10h
.text:0000000000001141     mov     [rbp+var_4], 0
.text:0000000000001148     mov     [rbp+var_8], 1
.text:000000000000114F     mov     eax, [rbp+var_8]
.text:0000000000001152     add     [rbp+var_4], eax
.text:0000000000001155     mov     eax, [rbp+var_4]
.text:0000000000001158     mov     esi, eax
.text:000000000000115A     lea     rax, format      ; "Total = %d\n"
.text:0000000000001161     mov     rdi, rax      ; format
.text:0000000000001164     mov     eax, 0
.text:0000000000001169     call    _printf
.text:000000000000116E     mov     eax, 0
.text:0000000000001173     leave
.text:0000000000001174     retn
.text:0000000000001174 ; } // starts at 1139
.text:0000000000001174     main    endp
.text:0000000000001174
.text:0000000000001174     _text   ends
.text:0000000000001174
LOAD:0000000000001175 ; =====
LOAD:0000000000001175
LOAD:0000000000001175 ; Segment type: Pure code
LOAD:0000000000001175 ; Segment permissions: Read/Execute
LOAD:0000000000001175 LOAD      segment mempage public 'CODE' use64
00001139 00000000000000001139: main (Synchronized with Hex View-1)
```

# Global vs. Local Variables

"; **Attributes: bp-based frame**": This comment indicates that the function uses a frame pointer ("bp" stands for base pointer, which is "rbp" in x86-64) to reference local variables and parameters. This is a traditional method for managing the stack frame, which can make the debugging process easier.

"; **int \_\_fastcall main(int argc, const char \*\*argv, const char \*\*envp)**": This is a comment describing the prototype of the "main" function in C, which is the entry point of a C program. **The "\_\_fastcall"** keyword specifies a calling convention where arguments **are typically passed in registers instead** of being pushed onto the stack.

# common calling conventions

**CDECL:** Short for "C declaration," this is the default calling convention for C and C++ programs on x86 architectures. **The caller cleans up the stack, and parameters are pushed onto the stack in right-to-left order.**

**STDCALL:** This convention is often used by Win32 API functions. It is similar to CDECL in that **parameters are pushed right-to-left**, but the **callee is responsible for cleaning up the stack**. This is useful for functions with a fixed number of parameters.

**FASTCALL:** This calling convention attempts to minimize the number of accesses to the stack by **passing the first two (on x86) or four (on x86-64 Microsoft) or six (on x86-64 Linux) on integer or pointer arguments in registers**, which is generally faster than using the stack. **The callee is responsible for cleaning up the stack.**

**THISCALL:** This calling convention is used by C++ for non-static member functions. The this pointer is passed in a register (usually ECX on x86), and other arguments are passed on the stack. This is a Microsoft-specific calling convention not used in System V AMD64 ABI which is followed by Unix-like systems.



# Global vs. Local Variables

**"public main"**: This directive makes the "main" label public, meaning it can be accessed from other files or modules. In the context of an executable, it's not typically necessary, but this would be relevant if the symbol needed to be exposed for linkage.

**"main proc near"**: This declares the start of the "main" procedure. The "near" keyword refers to a type of call within the same code segment, as opposed to "far", which would be used for calls between different segments.

**"; DATA XREF: \_start+14↑o"**: This comment is likely generated by a disassembler, indicating a cross-reference (XREF) from the "\_start" label, which is usually the entry point of the program set by the linker. The "+14" suggests an offset from "\_start", and the arrow and "o" indicate the direction and type of the reference.

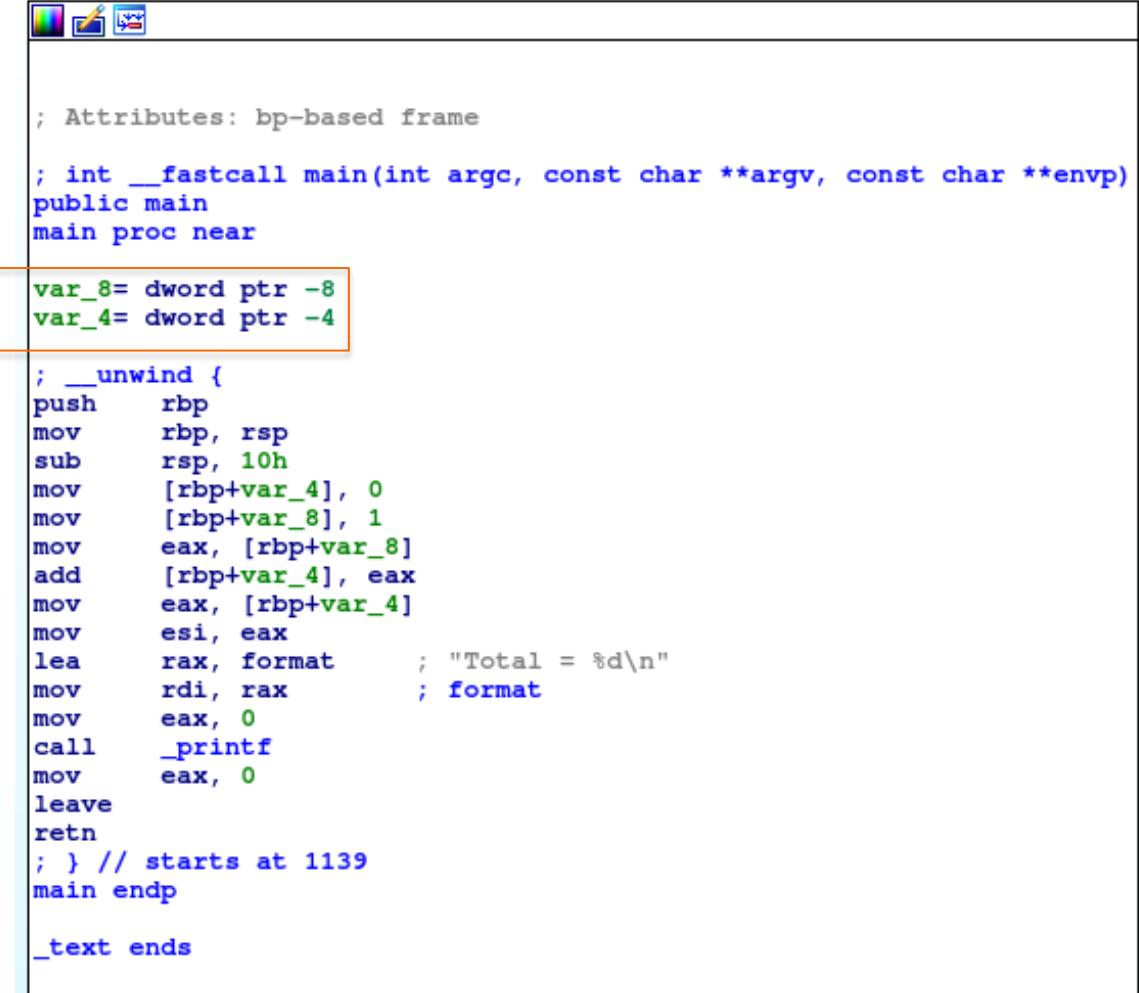
# Global vs. Local Variables

```
.text:0000000000001050 ; Attributes: noreturn fuzzy-sp
.text:0000000000001050
.text:0000000000001050
.text:0000000000001050 public _start
.text:0000000000001050 _start proc near ; DATA XREF: LOAD:0000000000000018 to
.text:0000000000001050 ; __ unwind {
    xor    ebp, ebp
    mov    r9, rdx      ; rtld_fini
    pop    rsi          ; argc
    mov    rdx, rsp      ; ubp_av
    and    rsp, 0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFF0h
    push   rax
    push   rsp          ; stack_end
    xor    r8d, r8d      ; fini
    xor    ecx, ecx      ; init
    lea    rdi, main      ; main
    call   cs:_libc_start_main_ptr
    hlt
.text:0000000000001071 ; } // starts at 1050
.text:0000000000001071 _start endp
.text:0000000000001071
.text:0000000000001071 align 20h
```

# Global vs. Local Variables

**"var\_8 = dword ptr -8"**: This defines a local variable at 8 bytes below the current base pointer ("rbp") on the stack. The "dword ptr" indicates that this variable is a double word (32 bits or 4 bytes) in size.

**"var\_4 = dword ptr -4"**: Similarly, this defines another local variable at 4 bytes below the base pointer on the stack, which is also a double word in size.



```
; Attributes: bp-based frame
; int __fastcall main(int argc, const char **argv, const char **envp)
public main
main proc near

var_8= dword ptr -8
var_4= dword ptr -4

; __ unwind {
push   rbp
mov    rbp, rsp
sub    rsp, 10h
mov    [rbp+var_4], 0
mov    [rbp+var_8], 1
mov    eax, [rbp+var_8]
add    [rbp+var_4], eax
mov    eax, [rbp+var_4]
mov    esi, eax
lea    rax, format      ; "Total = %d\n"
mov    rdi, rax          ; format
mov    eax, 0
call   _printf
mov    eax, 0
leave
retn
; } // starts at 1139
main endp

_text ends
```

# Disassembly Challenge

## Challenge: Reverse Engineering from Assembly to Pseudocode

### Objective:

You are presented with a disassembled output of a simple C code snippet. Your task is to deduce the functionality of this code snippet and translate it back into a high-level language (pseudocode). This challenge requires you to apply your understanding of assembly language and reverse engineering principles.

### Disassembled Code Snippet:

```
mov dword ptr [ebp-4],1  
mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-4]  
mov dword ptr [ebp-8],eax
```

# Disassembly Challenge

1. mov dword ptr [ebp-4],1
2. mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-4]
3. mov dword ptr [ebp-8],eax

## Phase 1: Understanding Assembly Instructions

**Analyze Each Instruction:** Begin by understanding what each assembly instruction does. Identify operations like moving data between registers and memory locations.

**Identify Variables:** Recognize that memory locations (e.g., [ebp-4], [ebp-8]) are used to store variables in high-level languages. Determine the role of these variables based on their usage.

# Disassembly Challenge

1. mov dword ptr [ebp-4],1
2. mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-4]
3. mov dword ptr [ebp-8],eax

## Phase 2: Mapping to High-Level Constructs

**Variable Declaration and Initialization:**  
Understand that `mov dword ptr [ebp-4],1` is likely initializing a variable. Map this to a variable declaration and initialization in C.

**Assignment and Manipulation:** For instructions that move data between locations, determine how they correspond to variable assignments or manipulations in C.

# Disassembly Challenge

1. mov dword ptr [ebp-4],1
2. mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-4]
3. mov dword ptr [ebp-8],eax

1. mov dword ptr [x],1
2. mov eax, dword ptr [x]
3. mov dword ptr [y],eax

# Disassembly Challenge

1. mov dword ptr [ebp-4],1
2. mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-4]
3. mov dword ptr [ebp-8],eax

1. mov dword ptr [x],1
2. mov eax, dword ptr [x]
3. mov dword ptr [y],eax

x = 1

eax = x

y= eax

# Disassembly Challenge

1. mov dword ptr [ebp-4],1
2. mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-4]
3. mov dword ptr [ebp-8],eax

## Phase 3: Reconstructing the Logic

**Build the Logical Flow:** With an understanding of what each assembly instruction represents, start piecing together the logical flow of the original C code. Consider the sequence of operations and their implications on the variables' states.

**Draft Pseudocode:** Begin drafting pseudocode that reflects the logic you've deduced. Ensure your pseudocode accurately represents the operations and sequence found in the assembly..

# Disassembly Challenge

1. mov dword ptr [ebp-4],1
2. mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-4]
3. mov dword ptr [ebp-8],eax

1. mov dword ptr [x],1
2. mov eax, dword ptr [x]
3. mov dword ptr [y],eax



# Disassembly Challenge

1. mov dword ptr [ebp-4],1
2. mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-4]
3. mov dword ptr [ebp-8],eax



```
int main() {  
    int x = 1;  
    int y;  
    y = x;  
    return 0;  
}
```

# One more? Disassembly Challenge

**somefunc:**

1. push ebp
2. mov ebp, esp
3. sub esp, 4
4. mov eax, [ebp+8]
5. add eax, [ebp+12]
6. add eax, [ebp+16]
7. mov [ebp-4], eax
8. mov eax, [ebp-4]
9. mov esp, ebp
10. pop ebp
11. ret



# Disassembly Challenge

somefunc:

1. push ebp ; set up stack frame
2. mov ebp, esp ;
3. sub esp, 4 ; allocate space for local variables
4. mov eax, [ebp+8] ; load a into eax
5. add eax, [ebp+12] ; add b to eax
6. add eax, [ebp+16] ; add c to eax
7. mov [ebp-4], eax ; store result in d
8. mov eax, [ebp-4] ; prepare return value
9. mov esp, ebp ; clean up stack frame
10. pop ebp ;
11. ret ; return

# Disassembly Challenge

**somefunc:**

1. push ebp
2. mov ebp, esp
3. sub esp, 4
4. mov eax, [ebp+8]
5. add eax, [ebp+12]
6. add eax, [ebp+16]
7. mov [ebp-4], eax
8. mov eax, [ebp-4]
9. mov esp, ebp
10. pop ebp
11. ret



1. int **somefunc**(int a, int b, int c) {
2. int d;
3. d = a + b + c;
4. return(d);
5. }

# Arithmetic Operations

# Arithmetic Operations

- **add eax,42** ; same as  $\text{eax} = \text{eax} + 42$
- **add eax,ebx** ; same as  $\text{eax} = \text{eax} + \text{ebx}$
- **add [ebx],42** ; adds 42 to the value in address specified by ebx
- **sub eax, 64h** ; subtracts hex value 0x64 from eax, same as  $\text{eax} = \text{eax} - 0x64$
- **inc eax** ; same as  $\text{eax} = \text{eax} + 1$
- **dec ebx** ; same as  $\text{ebx} = \text{ebx} - 1$
- **mul ebx** ; ebx is multiplied with eax and result is stored in EDX and EAX
- **mul bx** ;bx is multiplied with ax and the result is stored in DX and AX
- **div ebx** ; divides the value in EDX:EAX by EBX

# Arithmetic Operations - MUL

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Multiplicand	Multiplier	Product
al	reg/mem8	ax
ax	reg/mem16	dx:ax
eax	reg/mem32	edx:eax

The **mul** instruction multiplies unsigned integers. The operand of mul can be an 8-bit, 16-bit, 32-bit, or 64-bit register or memory location, depending on the operation size. The **mul** instruction implicitly uses the AX, EAX, or RAX register (for 16-bit, 32-bit, and 64-bit operations, respectively) as one of its operands.

mov al, 2  
mov ah, 3  
mul al

mov al, 2  
mov bh, 3  
mul bh

mov al, 2  
mov ah, 3  
mul ax

# Arithmetic Operations -MUL

```
mov edx, 0x98765432
mov eax, 12345h
mov ebx, 1000h
mul ebx      ; EDX:EAX = 0000000012345000h
```

```
mov edx, 0x98765432
mov eax, 12345h
mov ebx, 100000h
mul ebx      ; EDX:EAX = 0000001234500000h
```

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# Arithmetic Operations - MUL

What will be the hexadecimal values of DX & AX, after the following instructions execute?

```
mov ax, 1234h
mov bx, 100h
mul bx          ; dx:ax=ax*bx
; 0012:3400=1234*00100
```

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# Arithmetic Operations -MUL

**What will be the hexadecimal values of DX & AX, after the following instructions execute?**

```
mov eax, 00128765h  
mov ecx, 10000h  
mul ecx
```

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# Arithmetic Operations - MUL

What will be the hexadecimal values of DX & AX, after the following instructions execute?

```
mov eax, 0xfffffff  
mov ebx, 0x10  
mul ebx
```

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# Arithmetic Operations - iMUL

**IMUL (signed integer multiply ) multiplies an 8-, 16-, or 32 bit signed operand by either AL, AX, or EAX**

**Preserves the sign of the product by sign-extending it into the upper half of the destination register**

# Arithmetic Operations - iMUL

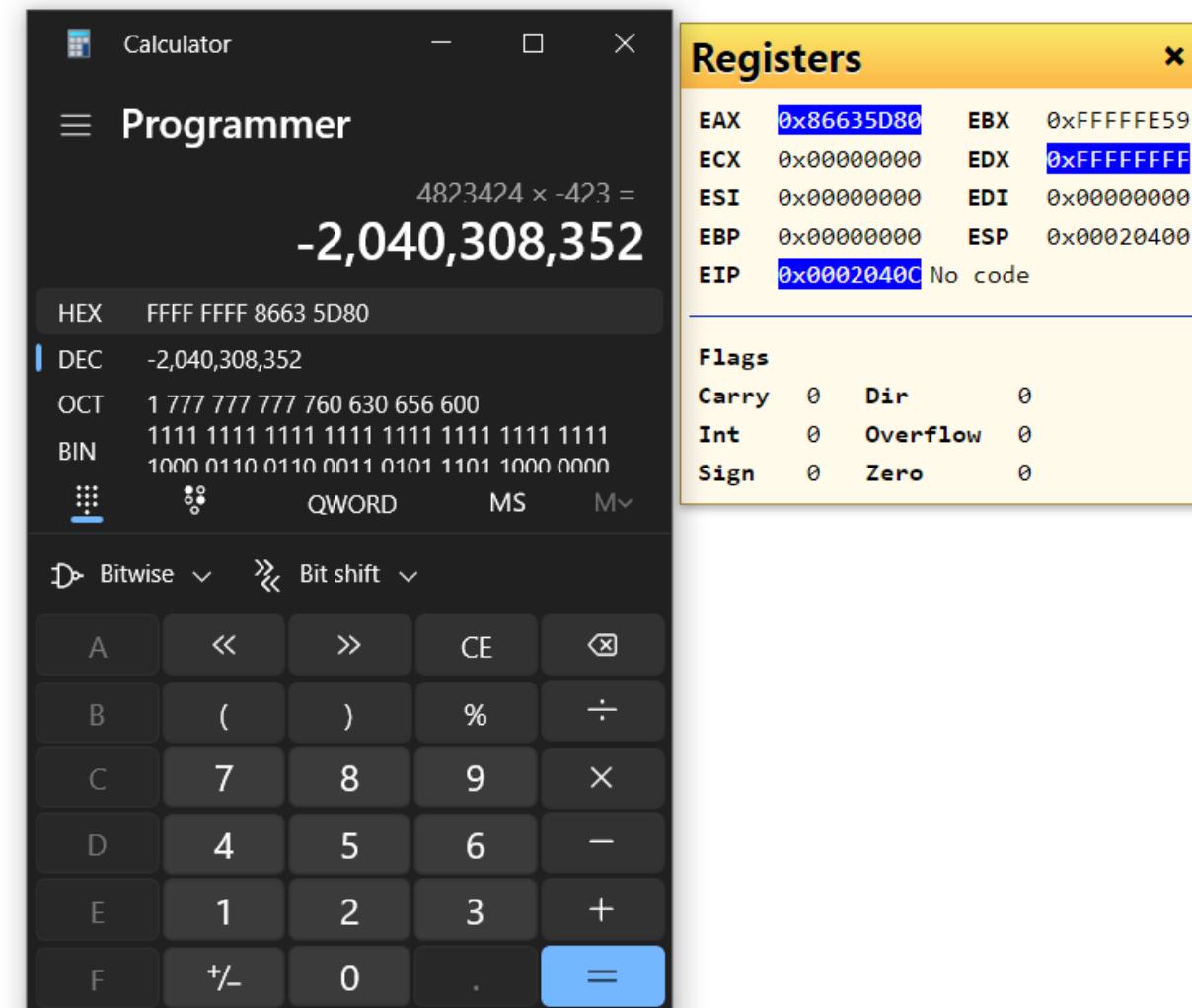
;Multiply 4,823,424 \* -423:

mov eax, 4823424

mov ebx, -423

imul ebx

; EDX:EAX = **FFFFFFFFFF86635D80h**

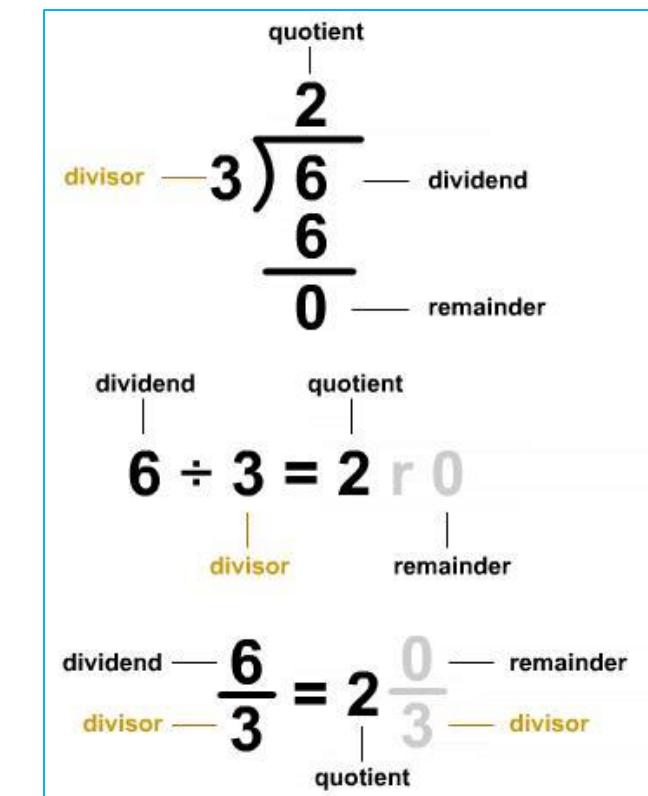


# Arithmetic Operations - DIV Instruction

The DIV (unsigned divide) instruction performs 8-bit, 16-bit, and 32-bit division on unsigned integers

A single operand is supplied (register or memory operand), which is assumed to be the divisor

Dividend	Divisor	Quotient	Remainder
ax	reg/mem <b>8</b>	al	ah
dx:ax	reg/mem <b>16</b>	ax	dx
edx:eax	reg/mem <b>32</b>	eax	edx



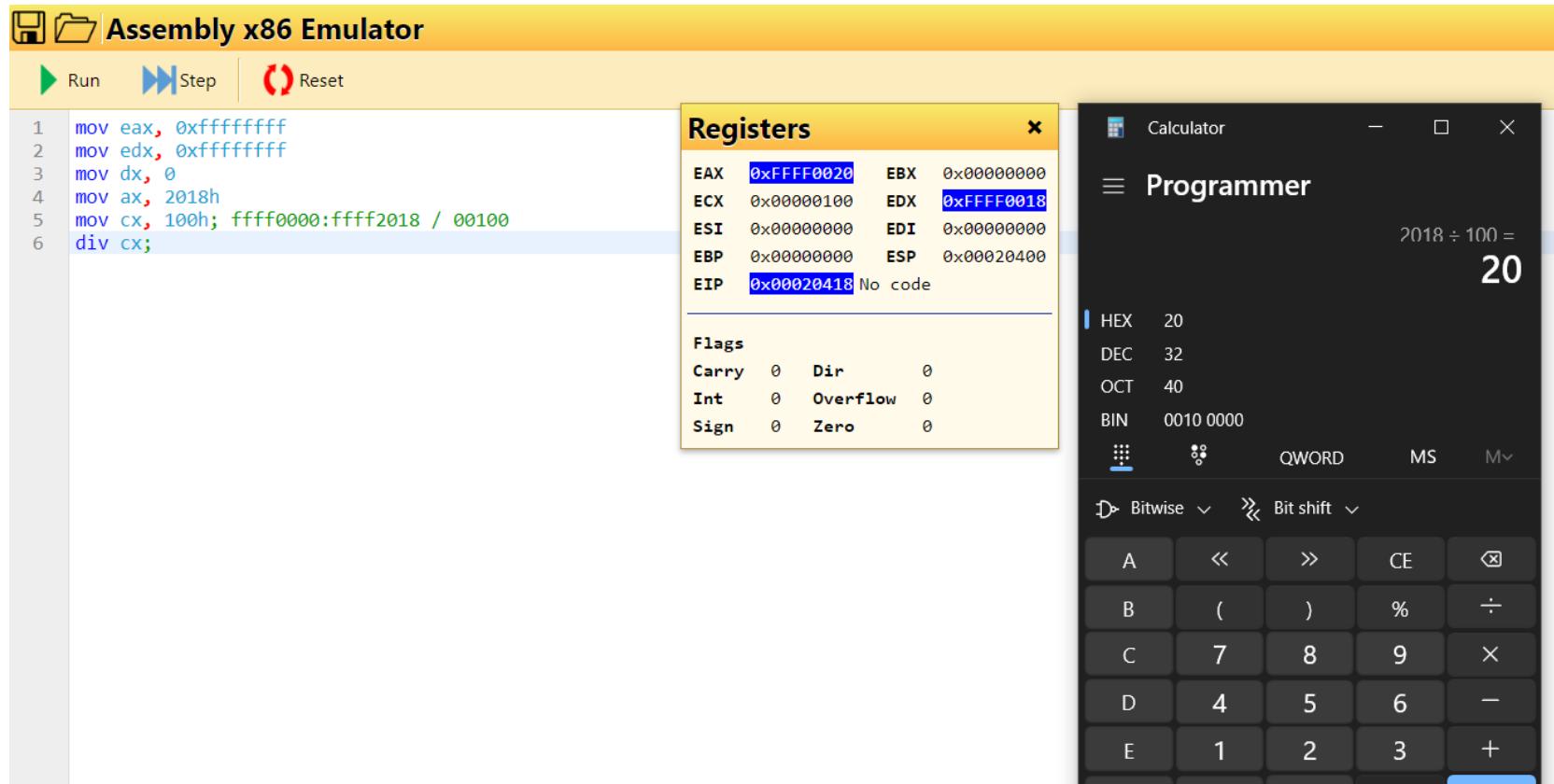
# Arithmetic Operations - DIV Instruction

What will be the hexadecimal values of DX & AX, after the following instructions execute?

```
mov eax, 0xffffffff  
mov edx, 0xffffffff  
mov dx, 0  
mov ax, 2018h  
mov cx, 100h      ; ffff0000:ffff2018 / 00100  
div cx           ; 0000:2018 / 00100 -> dx:ax / cx; q->ax, R->dx
```

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```
mov dx,0087h  
mov ax,6000h  
mov bx,100h  
div bx;
```

0087:6000 / 0100 -> ax=8760

Dividend	Divisor	Quotient	Remainder
ax	reg/mem8	al	ah
dx:ax	reg/mem16	ax	dx
edx:eax	reg/mem32	eax	edx

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# Disassembly Challenge

## Challenge: Reverse Engineering from Assembly to Pseudocode

The following is a disassembled output of a simple C program. Can you figure out what this program does, and can you translate it back to a pseudocode?

### Disassembled Code Snippet:

```
mov dword ptr [ebp-4], 16h
mov dword ptr [ebp-8], 5
mov eax, [ebp-4]
add eax, [ebp-8]
mov [ebp-0Ch], eax
mov ecx, [ebp-4]
sub ecx, [ebp-8]
mov [ebp-10h], ecx
```

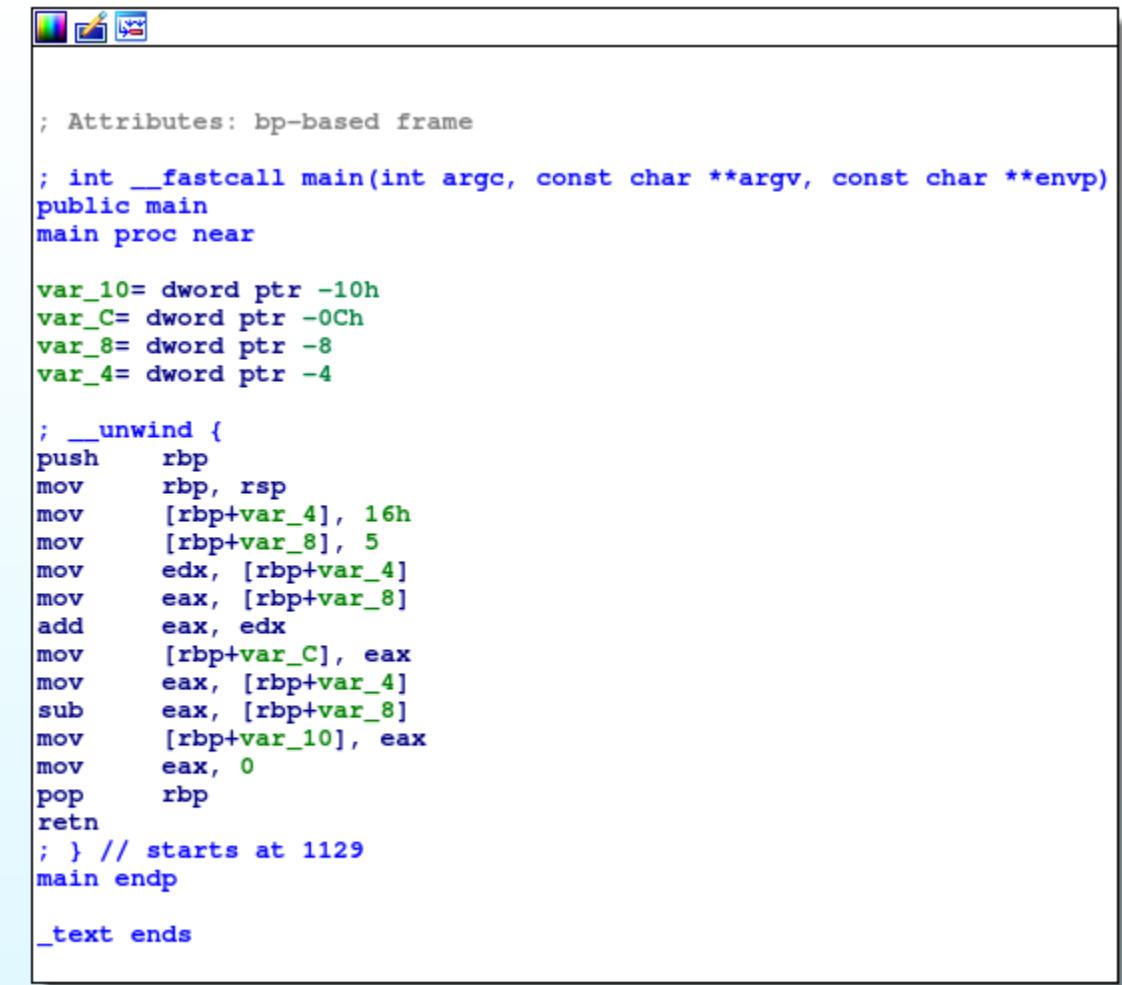
# Disassembly Challenge

0000117d <main>:

117d:	55	push ebp
117e:	89 e5	mov ebp,esp
1180:	83 ec 10	sub esp,0x10
118d:	c7 45 fc 16 00 00 00	mov DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4],0x16
1194:	c7 45 f8 05 00 00 00	mov DWORD PTR [ebp-0x8],0x5
119b:	8b 55 fc	mov edx,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4]
119e:	8b 45 f8	mov eax,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x8]
11a1:	01 d0	add eax,edx
11a3:	89 45 f4	mov DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],eax
11a6:	8b 45 fc	mov eax,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4]
11a9:	2b 45 f8	sub eax,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x8]
11ac:	89 45 f0	mov DWORD PTR [ebp-0x10],eax
11af:	b8 00 00 00 00	mov eax,0x0
11b4:	c9	leave
11b5:	c3	ret

# Disassembly Challenge

**mov dword ptr [ebp-4], 16h**  
**mov dword ptr [ebp-8], 5**  
**mov eax, [ebp-4]**  
**add eax, [ebp-8]**  
**mov [ebp-0Ch], eax**  
**mov ecx, [ebp-4]**  
**sub ecx, [ebp-8]**  
**mov [ebp-10h], ecx**



The screenshot shows a debugger window with assembly code. The code is annotated with variable names in green. The assembly code is:

```
; Attributes: bp-based frame
; int __fastcall main(int argc, const char **argv, const char **envp)
public main
main proc near

var_10= dword ptr -10h
var_C= dword ptr -0Ch
var_8= dword ptr -8
var_4= dword ptr -4

; __ unwind {
push    rbp
mov     rbp, rsp
mov     [rbp+var_4], 16h
mov     [rbp+var_8], 5
mov     edx, [rbp+var_4]
mov     eax, [rbp+var_8]
add    eax, edx
mov     [rbp+var_C], eax
mov     eax, [rbp+var_4]
sub    eax, [rbp+var_8]
mov     [rbp+var_10], eax
mov     eax, 0
pop    rbp
ret
; } // starts at 1129
main endp

_text ends
```

0001129: main (Synchronized with Hex View-1)

# Disassembly Challenge

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int var1 = 0x16;
    int var2 = 5;
    int sum = var1 + var2;
    int difference = var1 - var2;

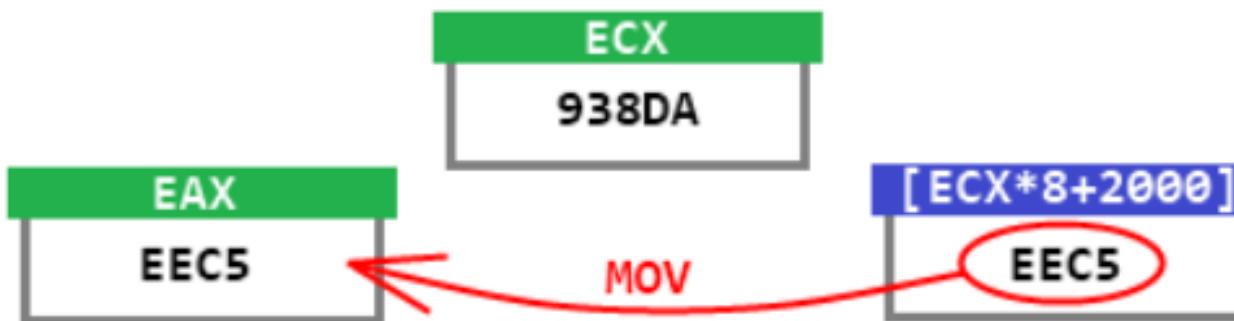
    return 0;
}
```



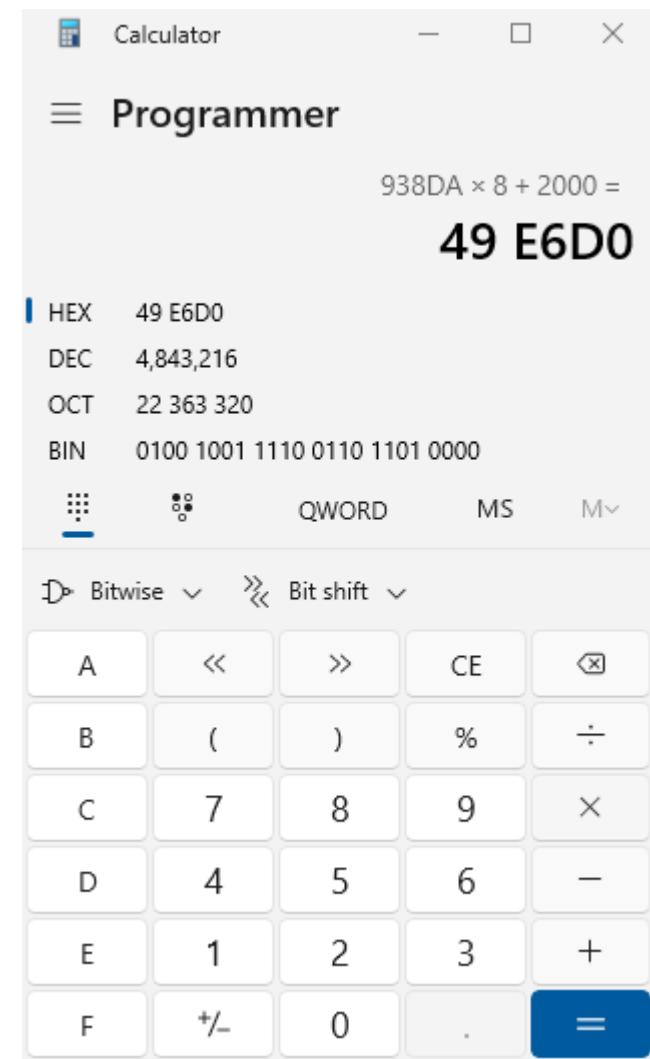
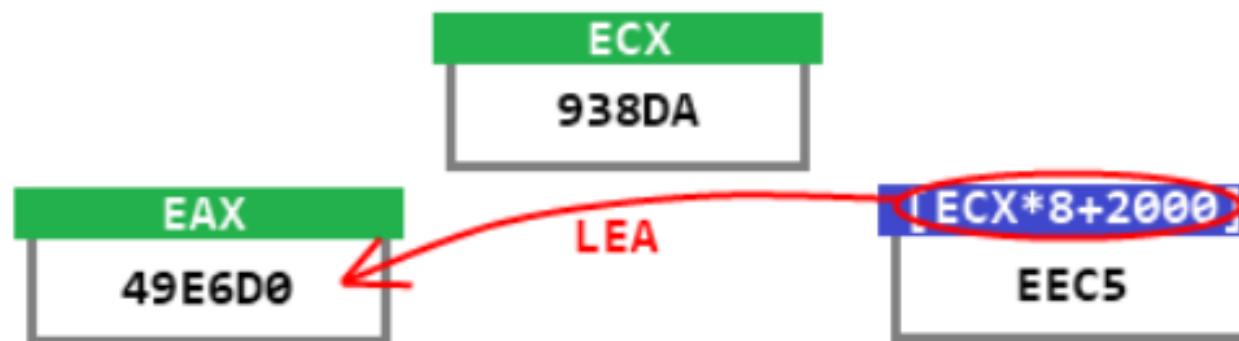
# MOV vs LEA

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MOV EAX, DWORD [ECX\*8 + 2000] will do...



But LEA EAX, [ECX\*8 + 2000] will do...



# MOV vs LEA

## mov Instruction

Purpose: The mov instruction is used to copy data from one location to another. The source remains unchanged.

Operation: It can move immediate values into registers, copy data between registers, or move data between registers and memory (both directions).

### Example:

mov eax, 5 ; Copies the value 5 into the EAX register.

mov ebx, eax ; Copies the value from EAX into EBX. Now EBX = 5.

Note: mov does not affect the flags register.

# Restrictions on MOV in Assembly Language

1. **Segment Registers in Protected Mode:** Cannot directly manipulate the **CS register** with **mov** for safety and security reasons. **Others? Yes = mov can transfer data to DS, ES, FS, GS, and SS registers.**
2. **Instruction Pointer (EIP/RIP):** Direct movement into **EIP/RIP** using **mov is not permitted.**
3. **Flags Register (EFLAGS/RFLAGS):** Cannot use **mov** directly with flags register.
4. **Control and Debug Registers:** Requires specialized instructions for movement. Regular **mov** syntax not applicable for CR0, CR2, CR3, CR4, etc., and debug registers
5. .... **What else?**

# MOV vs LEA

## lea Instruction

- Purpose: The lea instruction is used to load the effective address of a memory operand into a register.
- **While often used for address calculation, it can also perform certain arithmetic operations.**
- Operation: It calculates the address of a memory location specified by its operand and stores this address in a register. The memory is not accessed.

### Example:

**lea eax, [ebx+4\*ecx]** ; Calculates the address ebx + 4\*ecx and stores it in EAX.

In this example, if ebx is 1000 and ecx is 2, eax will hold 1008 after the instruction. It essentially performs the calculation without accessing the memory at that calculated address.

# MOV vs LEA

## Key Differences

- 1. Data vs. Address:** mov is used for moving data, whereas lea is used for loading the address of the data (i.e., the memory location) into a register.
- 2. Arithmetic Operations:** lea can be cleverly used to perform certain arithmetic operations (like addition or scaled addition) without affecting the flags register, whereas mov is strictly for data transfer.
- 3. Flags Register:** mov does not affect the flags register, and similarly, lea also does not affect the flags register, but its ability to perform arithmetic without altering flags can be particularly useful in specific contexts.

# Disassembly Challenge

```
section .data
    x dd 10
    format db "The result is: %d", 10, 0
```

```
section .text
    global main
    extern printf
```

```
main:
    push ebp
    mov ebp, esp
    mov eax, [x]
    lea ebx, [eax*2 + eax + 4]
    push ebx
    push dword format
    call printf
    add esp, 8
    mov esp, ebp
    pop ebp
    ret
```

# Disassembly Challenge

```
section .data
x dd 10
format db "The result is: %d", 10, 0
```

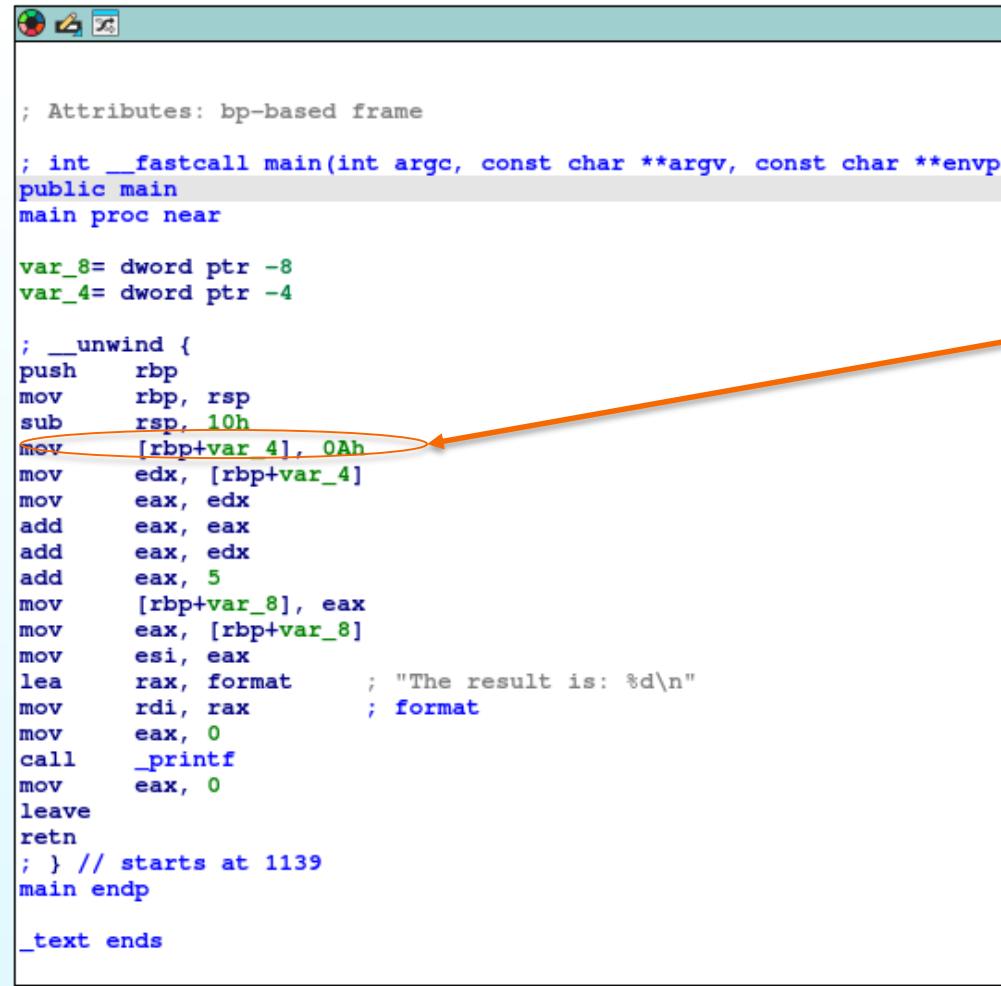
```
section .text
global main
extern printf
```

```
main:
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
mov eax, [x]
lea ebx, [eax*2 + eax + 4]
push ebx
push dword format
call printf
add esp, 8
mov esp, ebp
pop ebp
ret
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

int x = 10;
int main() {
    int y;
    y = 3 * x + 4;
    printf("The result is: %d\n", y);
    return 0;
}
```

# Disassembly Challenge (IDA → C)! Same?



```
; Attributes: bp-based frame
; int __fastcall main(int argc, const char **argv, const char **envp)
public main
main proc near

var_8= dword ptr -8
var_4= dword ptr -4

; __ unwind {
push    rbp
mov     rbp, rsp
sub    rsp, 10h
mov    [rbp+var_4], 0Ah
mov    edx, [rbp+var_4]
mov    eax, edx
add    eax, eax
add    eax, edx
add    eax, 5
mov    [rbp+var_8], eax
mov    eax, [rbp+var_8]
mov    esi, eax
lea    rax, format      ; "The result is: %d\n"
mov    rdi, rax          ; format
mov    eax, 0
call    _printf
mov    eax, 0
leave
ret
; } // starts at 1139
main endp

_text ends
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int x = 10;
    int y;
    y = 3 * x + 4;

    printf("The result is: %d\n", y);

    return 0;
}
```

Is it global?

# Bitwise Operations

# Bitwise Operations = Boolean/Logical Operations

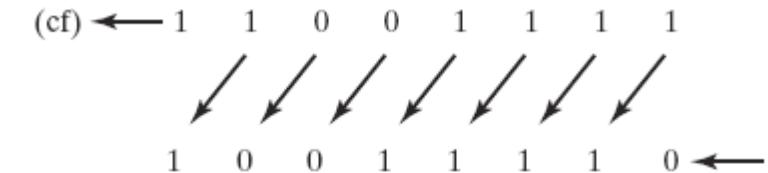
- **and eax,ebx**
  - Performs a bitwise AND operation on the values stored in EAX and EBX.  
**The result is saved in EAX.**
- **or eax,ebx**
  - Performs a bitwise OR operation on the values stored in EAX and EBX.  
**The result is saved in EAX.**

# Bitwise Operations = Boolean/Logical Operations

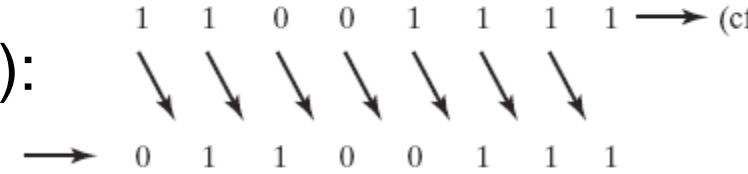
- **xor eax,ebx**
  - Performs a bitwise XOR operation on the values stored in EAX and EBX.  
**The result is saved in EAX**
- **test eax, edx**
  - Performs a **non-destructive** AND operation on the values in EAX and EDX.  
**If the result is zero, sets the zero flag to 1**
- **not**
  - Flips a 1 to a 0 and a 0 to a 1.

# Logical: Shift operation

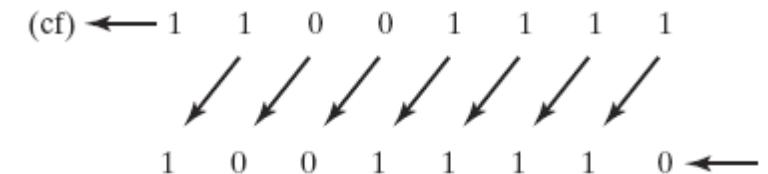
- Logical Shift Left (SHL) or Shift Left (SAL):
  - SHL AL, 1



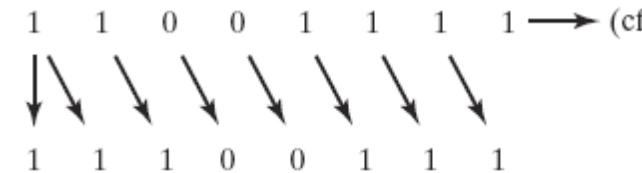
- Logical Shift Right (SHR):
  - SHR AL, 1



- Arithmetic Shift Left (SAL):
  - SAL AL, 1 (Identical to SHL)

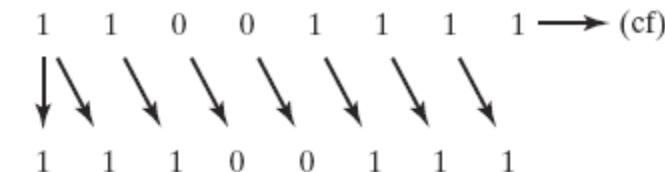
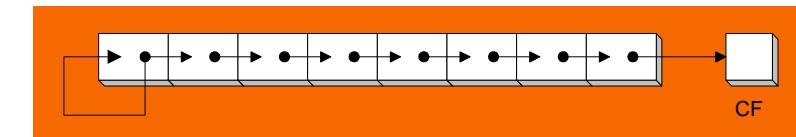
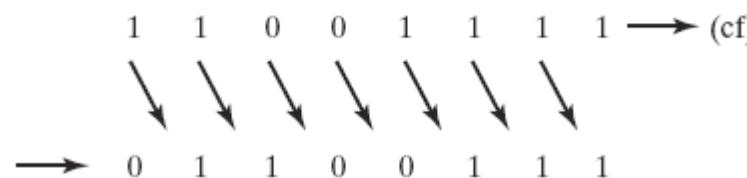
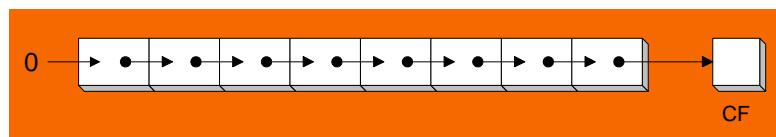


- Arithmetic Shift Right (SAR):
  - SAR AL, 1



# Logical: Shift operation

- A logical shift (unsigned shift) fills the newly created bit position with a zero:
- An arithmetic shift (signed shift) fills the newly created bit position with a copy of the number's sign bit:



# Disassembly Challenge

## Challenge: Reverse Engineering from Assembly to Pseudocode

The following is a disassembled output of a simple C program. Can you figure out what this program does, and can you translate it back to a pseudocode?

### What is the result?

**section .data**

format db "Result: %d", 10, 0 ;

**section .text**

global \_start  
extern printf

**\_start:**

mov eax, 5  
shl eax, 1  
shr eax, 1  
shl eax, 3  
shr eax, 2  
push eax  
push  
call printf  
add esp, 8

# Disassembly Challenge

**Shift right 1 (>>1) = divide by 2**

**Shift left 1(<<1) = multiply by 2**

Before: 

0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

 = 5  
After: 

0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

 = 10

**section .data**

format db "Result: %d", 10, 0 ;

**section .text**

global \_start  
extern printf

**\_start:**

mov eax, 5  
shl eax, 1  
shr eax, 1  
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shr eax, 2  
push eax  
push  
call printf  
add esp, 8

# Disassembly Challenge

Shift right 1 ( $>>1$ ) = divide by 2

Shift left 1( $<<1$ ) = multiply by 2

```
int main() {  
    int x = 5;  
    x = x * 2;  
    x = x / 2;  
    x = x * 8;  
    x = x / 4;  
    printf(" Result: %d\n", x);  
    return 0;  
}
```



**section .data**

```
format db "Result: %d", 10, 0 ;
```

**section .text**

```
global _start  
extern printf
```

**\_start:**

```
mov eax, 5  
shl eax, 1  
shr eax, 1  
shl eax, 3  
shr eax, 2  
push eax  
push  
call printf  
add esp, 8
```

# Functions

# Disassembly Challenge

```
section .data
output_format db "the function returned the number %d", 10, 0
```

```
section .text
global _main
extern _printf
```

```
_adder:
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
mov eax, [ebp+8]
mov edx, [ebp+12]
add eax, edx
pop ebp
ret
```

```
_main:
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
sub esp, 8

mov dword [ebp-4], 1
mov dword [ebp-8], 2
push dword [ebp-8]
push dword [ebp-4]
call _adder
add esp, 8

push eax
push output_format
call _printf
add esp, 8

mov esp, ebp
pop ebp
ret
```

# Disassembly Challenge

```
int adder(int a, int b)
{
    return a+b;
}

void main()
{
    int x = 1;
    int y = 2;
    printf("the function returned the number %d\n", adder(x,y));
}
```

```
section .data
output_format db "the function returned the number %d", 10, 0

section .text
global _main
extern _printf

_adder:
    push ebp
    mov ebp, esp
    mov eax, [ebp+8]
    mov edx, [ebp+12]
    add eax, edx
    pop ebp
    ret

_main:
    push ebp
    mov ebp, esp
    sub esp, 8

    mov dword [ebp-4], 1
    mov dword [ebp-8], 2
    push dword [ebp-8]
    push dword [ebp-4]
    call _adder
    add esp, 8

    push eax
    push output_format
    call _printf
    add esp, 8

    mov esp, ebp
    pop ebp
    ret
```

# Branching And Conditionals

# Branching And Conditionals

- Branching instructions **transfer the control of execution** to a different memory address. {**change EIP**}
- To perform branching, **jump instructions** are typically used in the assembly language.
- There are two kinds of jumps:
  1. **Unconditional:** **jmp <jump address>**
  2. **Conditional:** **jcc < jump address >**
    - If a certain condition is met, one path is followed; if not, another path is followed.{The cc in the preceding format represents conditions.}

# Branching And Conditionals

## Conditional Jumps:

In conditional jumps, control is transferred to a memory address based on a specific condition.

- **Flag Alteration:** These jumps require instructions that can set or clear flags, achievable through arithmetic or bitwise operations.
- The two most popular conditional instructions are **test** and **cmp**.

# Branching And Conditionals

## TEST Instruction:

- Performs a bitwise **AND** operation on the operands.
- Alters the flags based on the operation outcome without storing the result.
- Example:

**test eax, eax**

sets the zero flag (**zf=1**) if eax is zero, as ANDing 0 with 0 yields 0.

# Branching And Conditionals

## CMP Instruction:

- Subtracts the second operand (source) from the first operand (destination).
- Alters the flags based on the outcome but does not store the result.
- Example: **cmp eax, 5** will set the zero flag (zf=1) if eax is 5, indicating a subtraction result of zero.

# Branching And Conditionals

## CMP Instruction:

- The cmp instruction is identical to the sub instruction; however, the operands are not affected.
- The cmp instruction is used only to set the flags.
- The **zero flag** and **carry flag** (CF) may be changed as a result of the cmp instruction.

**CMP= dst - src**

cmp dst, src	ZF	CF
dst = src	1	0
dst < src	0	1
dst > src	0	0

# Conditional Jumps

Instruction	Description	Aliases	Flags
jz	jump if zero	je	zf=1
jnz	jump if not zero	jne	zf=0
jl	jump if less	jnge	sf=1
jle	jump if less or equal	jng	zf=1 or sf=1
jg	jump if greater	jnle	zf=0 and sf=0
jge	jump if greater or equal	jnl	sf=0
jc	jump if carry	jb, jnae	cf=1
jnc	jump if not carry	jnb, jae	.

# Conditional Jumps

Instruction	Description
jz loc	Jump to specified location if ZF = 1.
jnz loc	Jump to specified location if ZF = 0.
je loc	Same as jz, but commonly used after a cmp instruction. Jump will occur if the destination operand equals the source operand.
jne loc	Same as jnz, but commonly used after a cmp. Jump will occur if the destination operand is not equal to the source operand.
jg loc	Performs signed comparison jump after a cmp if the destination operand is greater than the source operand.
jge loc	Performs signed comparison jump after a cmp if the destination operand is greater than or equal to the source operand.
ja loc	Same as jg, but an unsigned comparison is performed.
jae loc	Same as jge, but an unsigned comparison is performed.
jl loc	Performs signed comparison jump after a cmp if the destination operand is less than the source operand.
jle loc	Performs signed comparison jump after a cmp if the destination operand is less than or equal to the source operand.
jb loc	Same as jl, but an unsigned comparison is performed.
jbe loc	Same as jle, but an unsigned comparison is performed.
jo loc	Jump if the previous instruction set the overflow flag (OF = 1).
js loc	Jump if the sign flag is set (SF = 1).
jecxz loc	Jump to location if ECX = 0.

# Branching And Conditionals

## if/then/else

Typically an assembly sequence that:

1. Computes the **expression** in the if portion
2. Performs a **test** or **cmp** to ensure that CPU **flags are set**
3. Performs a **jnz/jge/etc.** and a **jmp**

```
    cmp [z], 5           ; if z < 5 then
    jge Else
    call func_if         ; func_if()
    jmp After
Else:
    call func_else ;   ; else
                      ; func_else()
After:                         ; end if
```

# Branching And Conditionals

## If statement:

```
if (x == 0) {  
    x = 5;  
}  
x = 2;
```

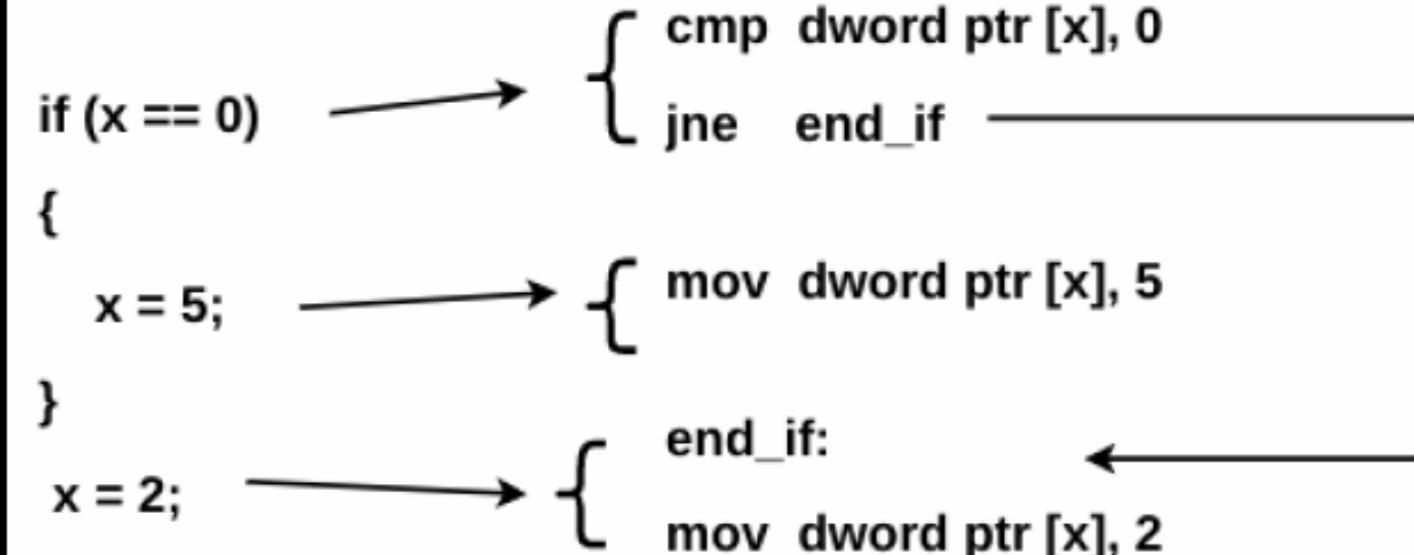
- **cmp** x with 0
- Conditionally: if  $x == 0$ , then  $x = 5$ ;
- Unconditionally (in all cases):  $x = 2$ ;
- .... Quit
- **What is x now?**

# Branching And Conditionals

## If statement:

```
if (x == 0) {  
    x = 5;  
}  
  
x = 2;
```

```
; Assuming x is stored at ebp-4  
mov    eax, [ebp-4]          ; Load the value of x into eax  
        cmp    eax, 0           ; Compare x with 0  
jne    end_if                ; Jump to end_if if x is not equal to 0  
        mov    dword ptr [ebp-4], 5 ; Set x to 5 if the above condition is true  
  
end_if:  
        mov    dword ptr [ebp-4], 2 ; Set x to 2, unconditionally
```

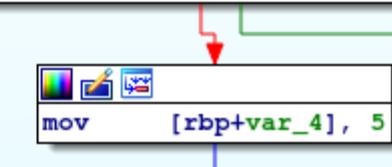


# Branching And Conditionals

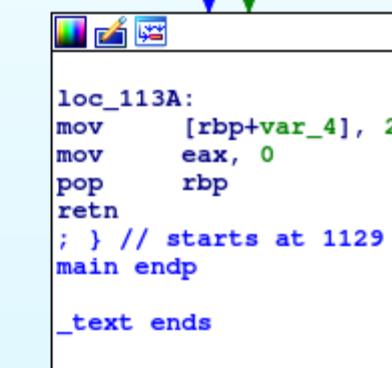
## If statement:

```
if (x == 0) {  
    x = 5;  
}  
  
x = 2;
```

```
; Attributes: bp-based frame  
  
; int __fastcall main(int argc, const char **argv, const char **envp)  
public main  
main proc near  
  
var_4= dword ptr -4  
  
; __ unwind {  
push    rbp  
mov     rbp, rsp  
cmp     [rbp+var_4], 0  
jnz     short loc_113A
```



```
mov     [rbp+var_4], 5
```



```
loc_113A:  
mov     [rbp+var_4], 2  
mov     eax, 0  
pop    rbp  
retn  
; } // starts at 1129  
main endp  
  
_text ends
```

# Branching And Conditionals

## If-Else Statement:

```
if (x == 0) {  
    x = 5;  
}  
else {  
    x = 1;  
};
```

```
; Assume x is at ebp-4  
mov    eax, [ebp-4]          ; Load the value of x into eax  
cmp    eax, 0                ; Compare x with 0  
je     is_zero               ; If x is 0, jump to is_zero  
mov    dword ptr [ebp-4], 1   ; Set x to 1 (the else part)  
jmp    end_if                ; Jump to the end to avoid executing the  
                             ; is_zero block  
  
is_zero:  
mov    dword ptr [ebp-4], 5   ; Set x to 5  
  
end_if:  
; Continue with the rest of the code...
```

# Branching And Conditionals

## If-Else Statement:

```
; Assume x is at ebp-4
mov    eax, [ebp-4]          ; Load the value of x into eax
cmp    eax, 0                ; Compare x with 0
je     is_zero               ; If x is 0, jump to is_zero
mov    dword ptr [ebp-4], 1   ; Set x to 1 (the else part)
jmp    end_if                ; Jump to the end to avoid executing the
                                ; is_zero block

is_zero:
mov    dword ptr [ebp-4], 5   ; Set x to 5

end_if:
; Continue with the rest of the code...
```

# Branching And Conditionals

## If-Else Statement:

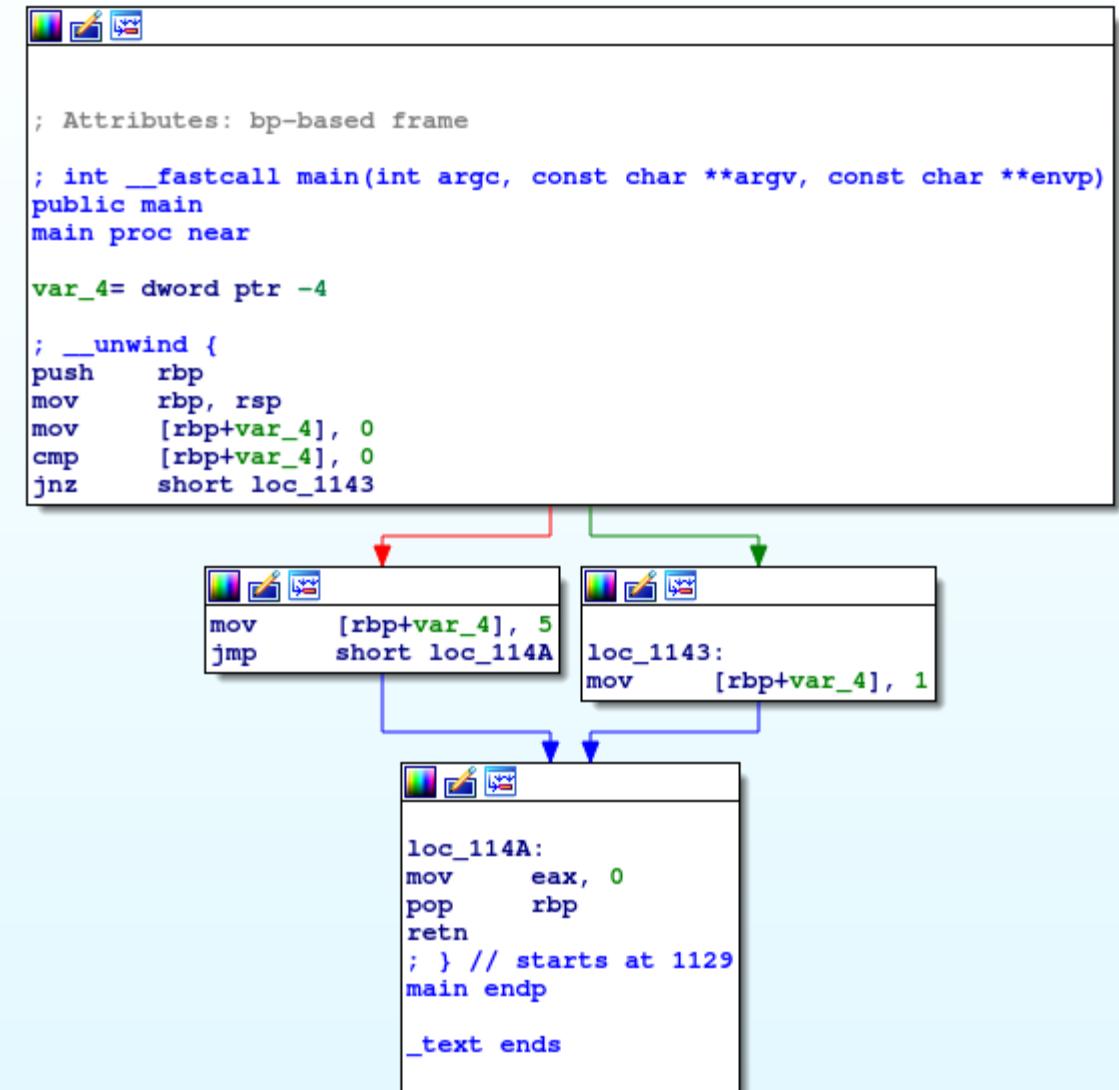
```
if (x == 0) {  
    x = 5;  
}  
  
else {  
    x = 1;  
};
```

```
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.text:0000000000001129  
.text:0000000000001129 ; Attributes: bp-based frame  
.text:0000000000001129  
.text:0000000000001129 ;| int __fastcall main(int argc, const char **argv, const char **envp)  
.text:0000000000001129 public main  
.text:0000000000001129 main proc near ; DATA XREF: _start+14+o  
.text:0000000000001129 var_4 = dword ptr -4  
.text:0000000000001129  
.text:0000000000001129 ; __ unwind {  
.text:0000000000001129 push rbp  
.text:000000000000112A mov rbp, rsp  
.text:000000000000112D mov [rbp+var_4], 0  
.text:0000000000001134 cmp [rbp+var_4], 0  
.text:0000000000001138 jnz short loc_1143  
.text:000000000000113A mov [rbp+var_4], 5  
.text:0000000000001141 jmp short loc_114A  
.text:0000000000001143 ; -----  
.text:0000000000001143 loc_1143: mov [rbp+var_4], 1 ; CODE XREF: main+F+j  
.text:0000000000001143  
.text:000000000000114A loc_114A: mov eax, 0 ; CODE XREF: main+18+j  
.text:000000000000114A  
.text:000000000000114F pop rbp  
.text:0000000000001150 retn  
.text:0000000000001150 ; } // starts at 1129  
.text:0000000000001150 main endp  
.text:0000000000001150  
.text:0000000000001150 _text ends  
.text:0000000000001150 LOAD:0000000000001151 ; =====
```

# Branching And Conditionals

## If-Else Statement:

```
if (x == 0) {  
    x = 5;  
}  
  
else {  
    x = 1;  
};
```



# Branching And Conditionals

## If-Elseif-Else Statement:

```
if (x == 0) {  
    x = 5;  
}  
else if (x == 1) {  
    x = 6;  
}  
else {  
    x = 7;  
}
```

# Branching And Conditionals

## If-Elseif-Else Statement:

```
if (x == 0) {  
    x = 5;  
}  
  
else if (x == 1) {  
    x = 6;  
}  
  
else {  
    x = 7;  
}
```

; Assume x is stored at ebp-4  
mov eax, [ebp-4] ; Load the value of x into eax  
cmp eax, 0 ; Compare x with 0  
je x\_is\_zero ; Jump if x is equal to 0  
cmp eax, 1 ; Compare x with 1  
je x\_is\_one ; Jump if x is equal to 1  
mov dword ptr [ebp-4], 7 ; Set x to 7 if it's neither 0 nor 1  
jmp end\_if ; Jump to the end of the conditional block

**x\_is\_zero:**  
mov dword ptr [ebp-4], 5 ; Set x to 5 if it's 0  
jmp end\_if ; Jump to the end of the conditional block

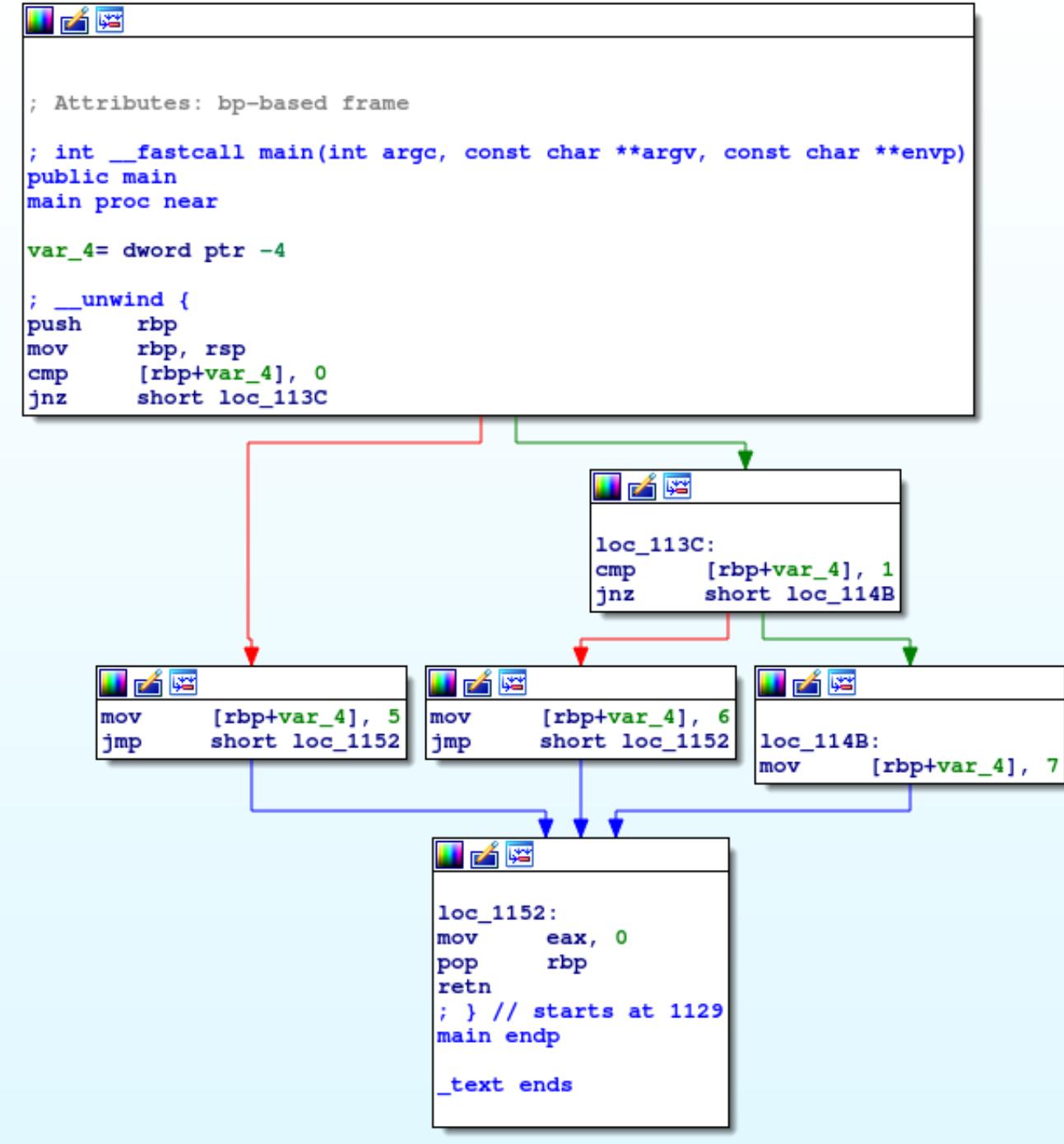
**x\_is\_one:**  
mov dword ptr [ebp-4], 6 ; Set x to 6 if it's 1

**end\_if:**  
; Continue with the rest of the code...

# Branching And Conditionals

## If-Elseif-Else Statement:

```
if (x == 0) {
    x = 5;
}
else if (x == 1) {
    x = 6;
}
else {
    x = 7;
}
```



# Disassembly Challenge

## Challenge: Reverse Engineering from Assembly to Pseudocode

The shown assembly is the disassembled output of a program; let's translate the following code to its high-level equivalent. Use the techniques and the concepts that you learned previously to solve this challenge:

```
mov dword ptr [ebp-4], 1  
cmp dword ptr [ebp-4], 0
```

**jnz loc\_40101C**  
mov eax, [ebp-4]  
xor eax, 2  
mov [ebp-4], eax  
**jmp loc\_401025**

**loc\_40101C:**  
mov ecx, [ebp-4]  
xor ecx, 3  
mov [ebp-4], ecx

**loc\_401025:**

# Disassembly Challenge

```
mov dword ptr [ebp-4], 1  
cmp dword ptr [ebp-4], 0
```

```
jnz loc_40101C  
    mov eax, [ebp-4]  
    xor eax, 2  
    mov [ebp-4], eax  
jmp loc_401025
```

**loc\_40101C:**

```
    mov ecx, [ebp-4]  
    xor ecx, 3  
    mov [ebp-4], ecx
```

**loc\_401025:**

# Disassembly Challenge

```
int x = 1;
if (x == 0) {
    x ^= 2;
}

else {
    x ^= 3;
}
```

```
int x = 1;
if (x != 0) {
    x ^= 3;
}

else {
    x ^= 2;
}
```

*mov dword ptr [ebp-4], 1  
cmp dword ptr [ebp-4], 0*

**jnz loc\_40101C**  
*mov eax, [ebp-4]  
xor eax, 2  
mov [ebp-4], eax  
jmp loc\_401025*

**loc\_40101C:**  
*mov ecx, [ebp-4]  
xor ecx, 3  
mov [ebp-4], ecx*

**loc\_401025:**

# Disassembly Challenge

```
1. 00401006    mov [ebp+var_8], 1
2. 0040100D    mov [ebp+var_4], 2
3. 00401014    mov eax, [ebp+var_8]
4. 00401017    cmp eax, [ebp+var_4]
5. 0040101A    jnz short loc_40102B
6. 0040101C    push offset aXEqualsY_ ; "x equals y.\n"
7. 00401021    call printf
8. 00401026    add esp, 4
9. 00401029    jmp short loc_401038
10.0040102B   loc_40102B:
11.0040102B    push offset aXIsNotEqualToY ; "x is not equal to y.\n"
12.00401030    call printf
```

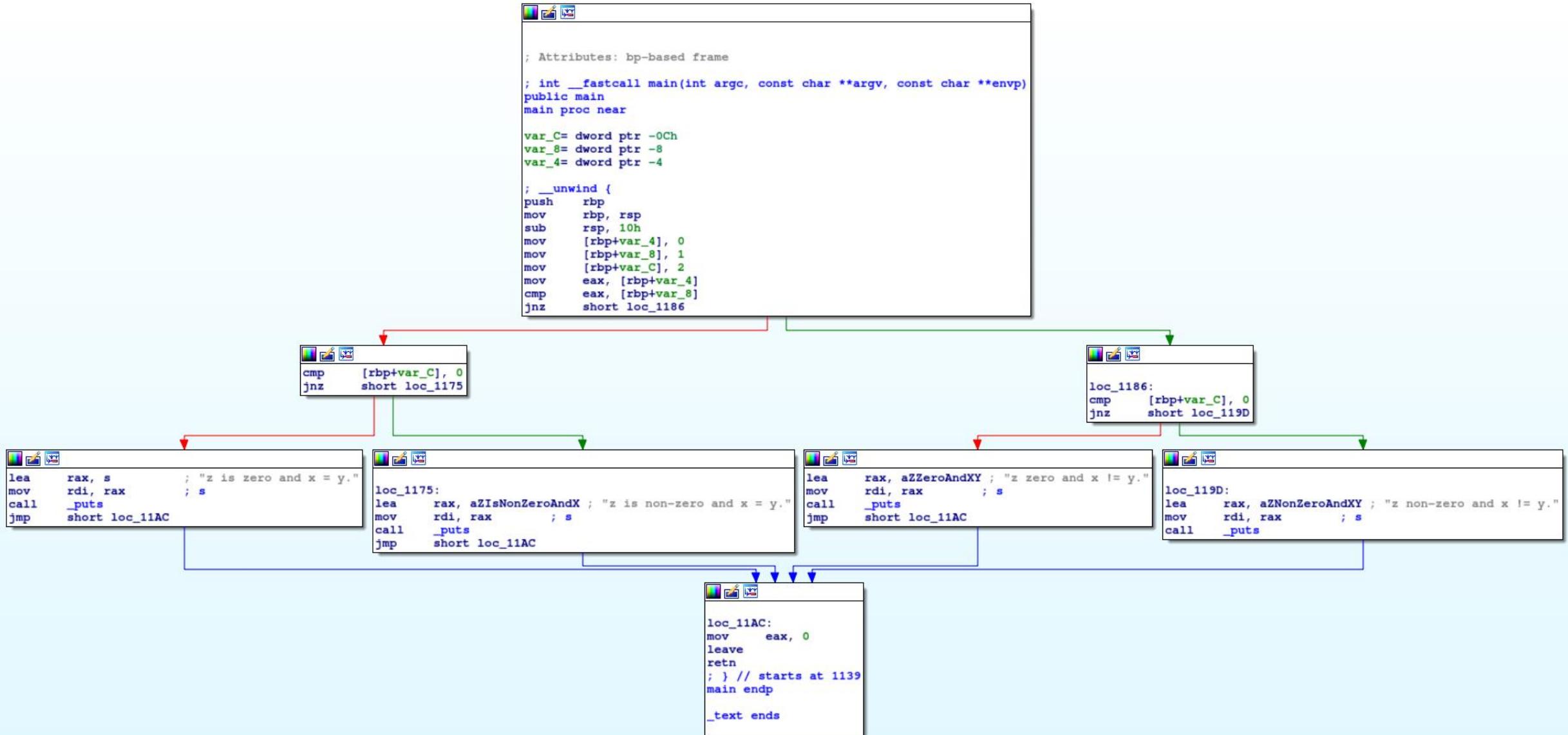
# Disassembly Challenge

1. 00401006 mov [ebp+var\_8], 1
2. 0040100D mov [ebp+var\_4], 2
3. 00401014 mov eax, [ebp+var\_8]
4. 00401017 cmp eax, [ebp+var\_4]
5. 0040101A jnz short loc\_40102B
6. 0040101C push offset aXEqualsY\_ ; "x = y.\n"
7. 00401021 call printf
8. 00401026 add esp, 4
9. 00401029 jmp short loc\_401038
- 10. 0040102B loc\_40102B:**
11. 0040102B push offset aXIsNotEqualToY ; "x != y.\n"
12. 00401030 call printf

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main() {  
    int var_8 = 1;  
    int var_4 = 2;  
  
    if (var_8 != var_4) {  
        printf("x is not equal to y.\n");  
    } else {  
        printf("x equals y.\n");  
    }  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Disassembly Challenge 4U! Try it...



# Switch

```
switch(i)
{
    case 1:
        printf("i = %d", i+1);
        break;
    case 2:
        printf("i = %d", i+2);
        break;
    case 3:
        printf("i = %d", i+3);
        break;
    default:
        break;
}
```

00401013 **cmp** [ebp+var\_8], 1  
00401017 **jz** short loc\_401027 → 00401027 loc\_401027:  
00401027 **mov** ecx, [ebp+var\_4]  
0040102A **add** ecx, 1  
0040102D **push** ecx  
0040102E **push** offset unk\_40C000 ; i = %d  
00401033 **call** printf  
00401038 **add** esp, 8  
0040103B **jmp** short loc\_401067

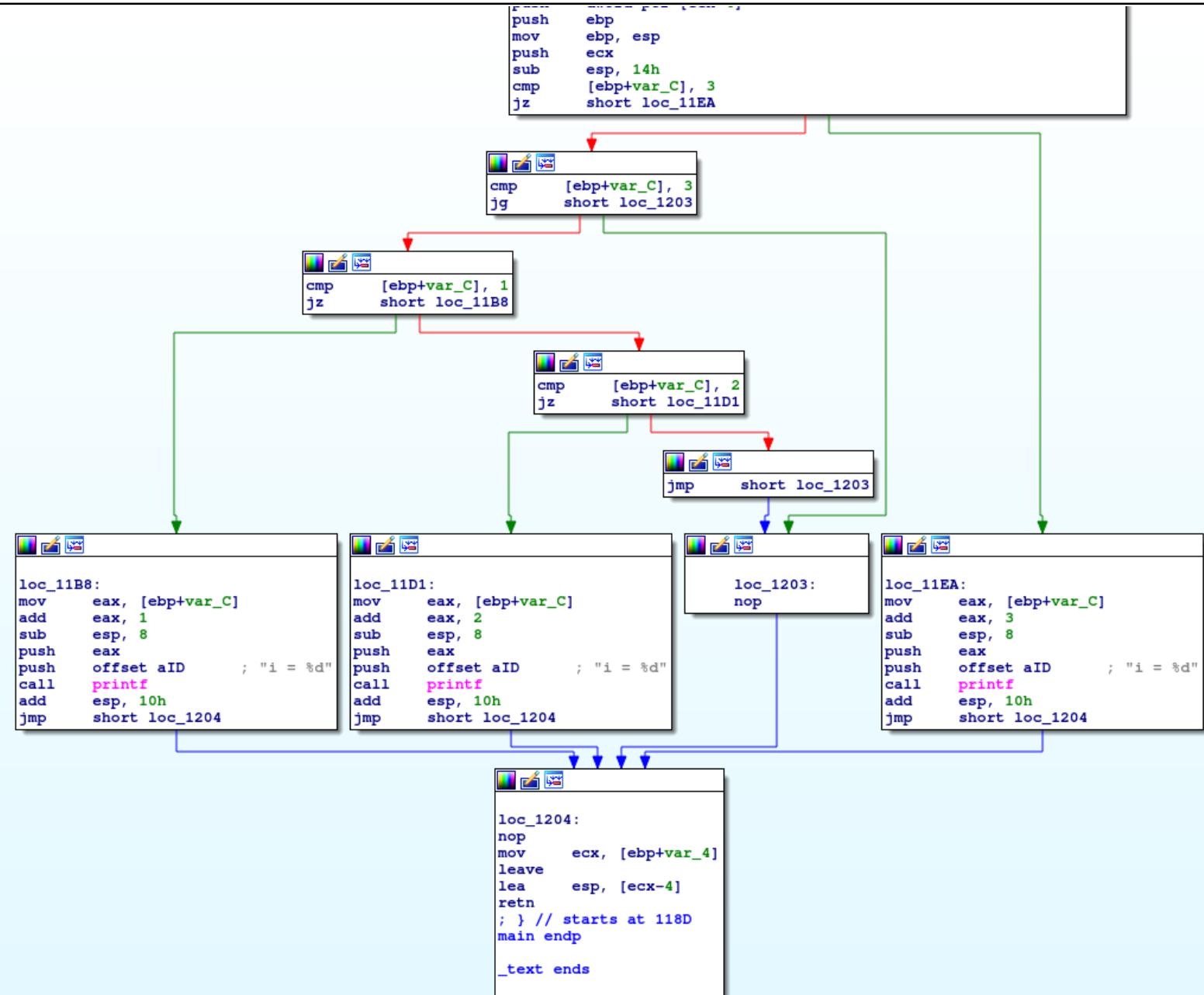
00401019 **cmp** [ebp+var\_8], 2  
0040101D **jz** short loc\_40103D → 0040103D loc\_40103D:  
0040103D **mov** edx, [ebp+var\_4]  
00401040 **add** edx, 2  
00401043 **push** edx  
00401044 **push** offset unk\_40C004 ; i = %d  
00401049 **call** printf  
0040104E **add** esp, 8  
00401051 **jmp** short loc\_401067

0040101F **cmp** [ebp+var\_8], 3  
00401023 **jz** short loc\_401053 → 00401053 loc\_401053:  
00401053 **mov** eax, [ebp+var\_4]  
00401056 **add** eax, 3  
00401059 **push** eax  
0040105A **push** offset unk\_40C008 ; i = %d  
0040105F **call** printf  
00401064 **add** esp, 8

00401025 **jmp** short loc\_401067 → loc\_401067:

# Switch

```
switch(i)
{
    case 1:
        printf("i = %d", i+1);
        break;
    case 2:
        printf("i = %d", i+2);
        break;
    case 3:
        printf("i = %d", i+3);
        break;
    default:
        break;
}
```



# Looping

# Loops

The loops jump backward

# For Loops

The general form of a for loop is :

```
for (initialization; condition; update_statement )  
{  
    block of code  
}
```

```
int i;  
for (i = 0; i < 5; i++)  
{  
    Do something...  
}
```

# For Loops

```
int i;  
for(i=0; i<100; i++)  
{  
    printf("i equals %d\n", i);  
}
```

```
for (initialization; condition; update_statement)  
{  
    block of code  
}
```

```
00401004 mov [ebp+var_4], 0  
0040100B jmp short loc_401016  
0040100D loc_40100D:  
0040100D mov eax, [ebp+var_4]  
00401010 add eax, 1  
00401013 mov [ebp+var_4], eax  
00401016 loc_401016:  
00401016 cmp [ebp+var_4], 64h  
0040101A jge short loc_40102F  
0040101C mov ecx, [ebp+var_4]  
0040101F push ecx  
00401020 push offset aID ; "i equals %d\n"  
00401025 call printf  
0040102A add esp, 8  
0040102D jmp short loc_40100D
```

# For Loops

```
mov      [ebp+var_4], 0
jmp short loc_401016
```

0040100D loc\_40100D:

```
    mov eax, [ebp+var_4]
    add eax, 1
    mov [ebp+var_4], eax
```

00401016 loc\_401016:

```
    cmp [ebp+var_4], 64h
    jge short loc_40102F
    mov ecx, [ebp+var_4]
    push ecx
    push offset aID ; "i equals %d\n"
    call printf
    add esp, 8
```

0040102D jmp short loc\_40100D

```
for (initialization; condition; update_statement )
{
    block of code
}
```

# For Loops

```
mov    [ebp+var_4], 0
jmp short loc_401016
```

0040100D loc\_40100D:

```
    mov eax, [ebp+var_4]
    add eax, 1
    mov [ebp+var_4], eax
```

00401016 loc\_401016:

```
    cmp [ebp+var_4], 64h
    jge short loc_40102F
    mov ecx, [ebp+var_4]
    push ecx
    push offset aID ; "i equals %d\n"
    call printf
    add esp, 8
```

0040102D jmp short loc\_40100D

```
for (initialization; condition; update_statement )
{
    block of code
}
```

## 1) Initialization:

### **mov [ebp+var\_4], 0:**

Initializes the loop counter (stored at [ebp+var\_4]) to 0. This corresponds to int i = 0; in the C code.

# For Loops

```
mov      [ebp+var_4], 0
jmp short loc_401016
```

0040100D loc\_40100D:

```
    mov eax, [ebp+var_4]
    add eax, 1
    mov [ebp+var_4], eax
```

00401016 loc\_401016:

```
    cmp [ebp+var_4], 64h
    jge short loc_40102F
    mov ecx, [ebp+var_4]
    push ecx
    push offset aID ; "i equals %d\n"
    call printf
    add esp, 8
```

0040102D jmp short loc\_40100D

## 2) Jump to Condition Check (before loop starts):

**jmp short loc\_401016**: Jumps to the loop condition check before entering the loop. This ensures that the loop condition is checked before the loop body is executed for the first time.

This jump takes us directly to the comparison instruction to ensure the loop condition ( $i < 100$  or **64h**) is evaluated before entering the loop body.

# For Loops

```
mov      [ebp+var_4], 0
jmp short loc_401016
```

0040100D loc\_40100D:

```
mov eax, [ebp+var_4]
add eax, 1
mov [ebp+var_4], eax
```

00401016 loc\_401016:

```
cmp [ebp+var_4], 64h
jge short loc_40102F
mov ecx, [ebp+var_4]
push ecx
push offset aID ; "i equals %d\n"
call printf
add esp, 8
```

0040102D jmp short loc\_40100D

## 3) Executing the Loop Body:

This is where the printf function is called to print the current value of i.

- mov ecx, [ebp+var\_4]: Prepares the current value of i for printf.
- push ecx and push offset aID: Pushes the arguments for printf onto the stack.
- call printf: Calls the printf function using the arguments.
- add esp, 8: Cleans up the stack by removing the printf arguments.

# For Loops

```
mov      [ebp+var_4], 0
jmp short loc_401016
```

## 0040100D loc\_40100D:

```
mov eax, [ebp+var_4]
add eax, 1
mov [ebp+var_4], eax
```

## 00401016 loc\_401016:

```
cmp [ebp+var_4], 64h
jge short loc_40102F
mov ecx, [ebp+var_4]
push ecx
push offset aID ; "i equals %d\n"
call printf
add esp, 8
```

## 0040102D jmp short loc\_40100D

### 4) Loop Iteration:

jmp short loc\_40100D

This jump sends execution back to the point where i is incremented, effectively continuing the loop until the condition is no longer met.

# For Loops

```
mov      [ebp+var_4], 0
jmp short loc_401016
```

**0040100D loc\_40100D:**

```
mov eax, [ebp+var_4]
add eax, 1
mov [ebp+var_4], eax
```

**00401016 loc\_401016:**

```
cmp [ebp+var_4], 64h
jge short loc_40102F
mov ecx, [ebp+var_4]
push ecx
push offset aID ; "i equals %d\n"
call printf
add esp, 8
```

**0040102D jmp short loc\_40100D**

## 5) Incrementing the Loop Counter:

After executing the loop body, the counter needs to be incremented:

- `mov eax, [ebp+var_4]`: Moves the value of i into the eax register.
- `add eax, 1`: Adds 1 to eax, incrementing i.
- `mov [ebp+var_4], eax`: Stores the incremented value back in the memory location of i.

# For Loops

```
mov      [ebp+var_4], 0
jmp short loc_401016
```

0040100D loc\_40100D:

```
    mov eax, [ebp+var_4]
    add eax, 1
    mov [ebp+var_4], eax
```

00401016 loc\_401016:

```
    cmp [ebp+var_4], 64h
    jge short loc_40102F
    mov ecx, [ebp+var_4]
    push ecx
    push offset aID ; "i equals %d\n"
    call printf
    add esp, 8
0040102D jmp short loc_40100D
```

## 6) Condition Check:

**cmp [ebp+var\_4], 64h**

Compares the value of i to 100 (64 in hexadecimal) to decide whether to continue the loop.

**jge short loc\_40102F**

If i is greater than or equal to 100, the jump to loc\_40102F exits the loop. Otherwise, execution continues with the loop body.

# For Loops

```
mov      [ebp+var_4], 0
jmp short loc_401016
```

0040100D loc\_40100D:

```
    mov eax, [ebp+var_4]
    add eax, 1
    mov [ebp+var_4], eax
```

00401016 loc\_401016:

```
    cmp [ebp+var_4], 64h
    jge short loc_40102F
    mov ecx, [ebp+var_4]
    push ecx
    push offset aID ; "i equals %d\n"
    call printf
    add esp, 8
```

0040102D jmp short loc\_40100D

- 1) Initialization
- 2) Jump to Condition Check (before loop starts)
- 3) Executing the Loop Body
- 4) Loop Iteration
- 5) Incrementing the Loop Counter
- 6) Condition Check

# For Loops – 32 Bit semi native

```
section .data
msg_format db 'i equals %d', 10, 0
```

```
section .text
global main
extern printf
```

```
main:
    push ebp
    mov ebp, esp
    sub esp, 4
```

```
        mov dword [ebp-4], 0
```

```
start_loop:
    cmp dword [ebp-4], 100
    jge end_loop
```

```
    push dword [ebp-4]
    push msg_format
    call printf
    add esp, 8
```

```
    add dword [ebp-4], 1
    jmp start_loop
```

```
end_loop:
    mov esp, ebp
    pop ebp
    ret
```

# For Loops – IDA 32 bit

```
section .data
msg_format db 'i equals %d', 10, 0
```

```
section .text
global main
extern printf
```

```
main:
    push ebp
    mov ebp, esp
    sub esp, 4
    mov dword [ebp-4], 0
```

```
start_loop:
    cmp dword [ebp-4], 100
    jge end_loop

    push dword [ebp-4]
    push msg_format
    call printf
    add esp, 8

    add dword [ebp-4], 1
    jmp start_loop
```

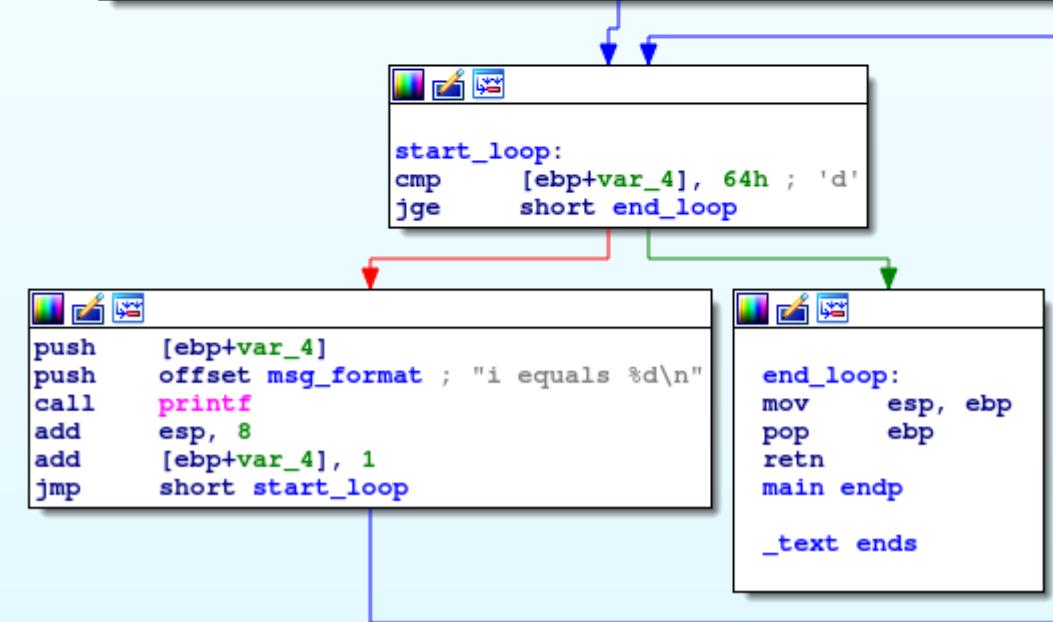
```
end_loop:
    mov esp, ebp
    pop ebp
    ret
```

```
; Attributes: bp-based frame

; int __cdecl main(int argc, const char **argv, const char **envp)
public main
main proc near

var_4= dword ptr -4
argc= dword ptr 8
argv= dword ptr 0Ch
envp= dword ptr 10h

push    ebp
mov     ebp, esp
sub    esp, 4
mov     [ebp+var_4], 0
```



# For Loops – IDA 64 bit

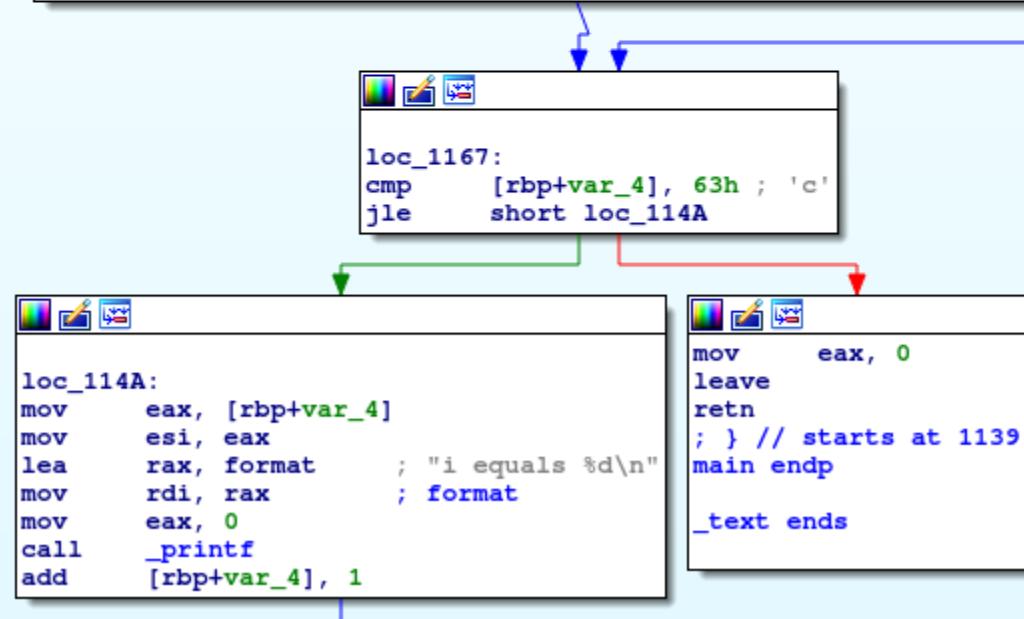
```
.text:0000000000001139 ; ===== S U B R O U T I N E =====
.text:0000000000001139 ; Attributes: bp-based frame
.text:0000000000001139 ; Attributes: bp-based frame
.text:0000000000001139 ; int __fastcall main(int argc, const char **argv, const char **envp)
.text:0000000000001139 public main
.text:0000000000001139 main proc near ; DATA XREF: _start
.text:0000000000001139 var_4 = dword ptr -4
.text:0000000000001139
.text:0000000000001139 ; _ unwind {
.text:0000000000001139     push rbp
.text:000000000000113A mov rbp, rsp
.text:000000000000113D sub rsp, 10h
.text:0000000000001141 mov [rbp+var_4], 0
.text:0000000000001148 jmp short loc_1167
.text:000000000000114A ; -----
.text:000000000000114A loc_114A: ; CODE XREF: main+1E
.text:000000000000114A     mov eax, [rbp+var_4]
.text:000000000000114D mov esi, eax
.text:000000000000114F lea rax, format ; "i equals %d\n"
.text:0000000000001156 mov rdi, rax ; format
.text:0000000000001159 mov eax, 0
.text:000000000000115E call _printf
.text:0000000000001163 add [rbp+var_4], 1
.text:0000000000001167 loc_1167: ; CODE XREF: main+1E
.text:0000000000001167 cmp [rbp+var_4], 63h ; 'c'
.text:000000000000116B jle short loc_114A
.text:000000000000116D mov eax, 0
.text:0000000000001172 leave
.text:0000000000001173 retn
.text:0000000000001173 ; } // starts at 1139
.text:0000000000001173 main endp
.text:0000000000001173 _text ends
.text:0000000000001173 .fini:0000000000001174 ; =====
```

; Attributes: bp-based frame

```
; int __fastcall main(int argc, const char **argv, const char **envp)
public main
main proc near

var_4= dword ptr -4

; _ unwind {
push rbp
mov rbp, rsp
sub rsp, 10h
mov [rbp+var_4], 0
jmp short loc_1167
```



# For Loops – textbook example 32 bit

```
00401004 mov [ebp+var_4], 0
0040100B jmp short loc_401016
0040100D loc_40100D:
0040100D mov eax, [ebp+var_4]
00401010 add eax, 1
00401013 mov [ebp+var_4], eax
00401016 loc_401016:
00401016 cmp [ebp+var_4], 64h
0040101A jge short loc_40102F
0040101C mov ecx, [ebp+var_4]
0040101F push ecx
00401020 push offset aID ; "i equals %d\n"
00401025 call printf
0040102A add esp, 8
0040102D jmp short loc_40100D
```

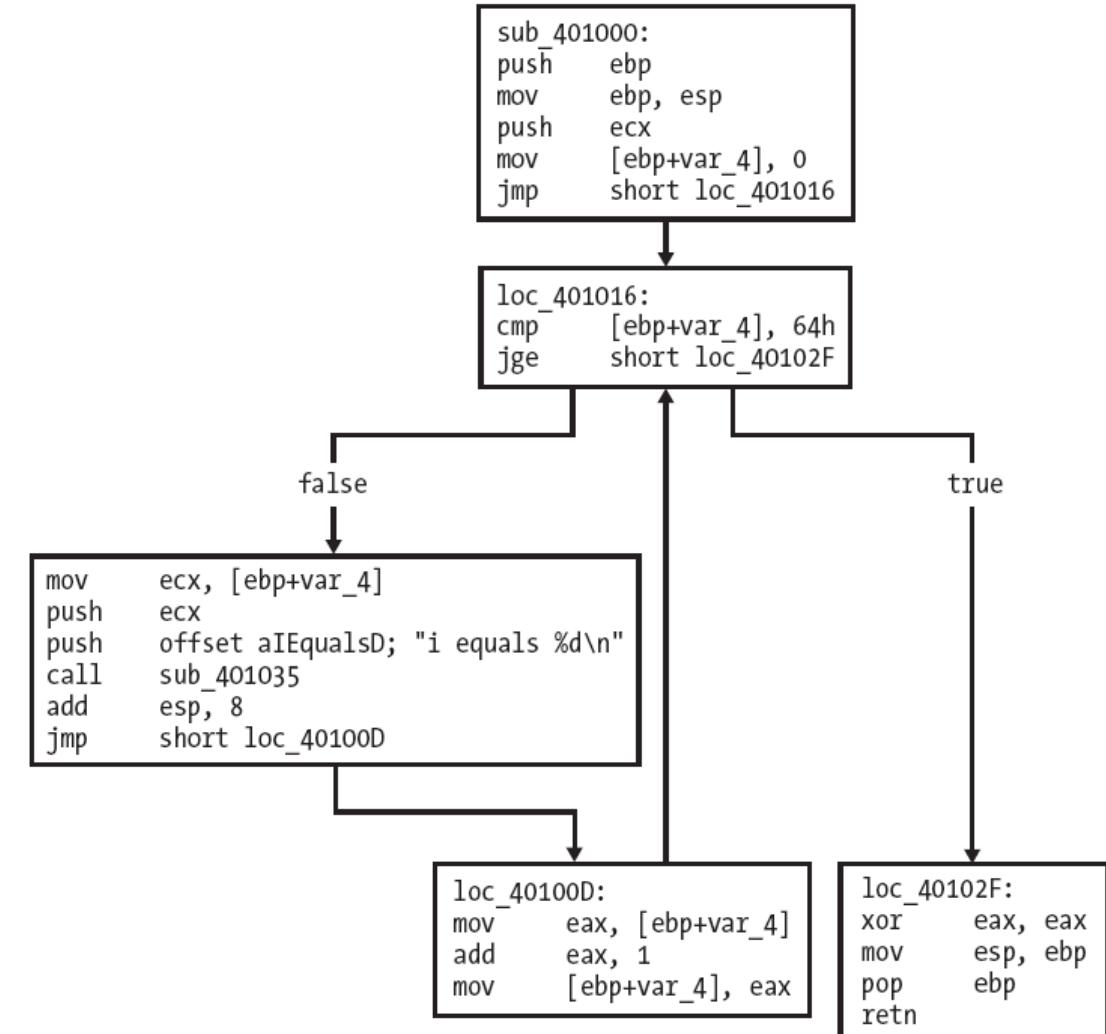


Figure 6-2: Disassembly graph for the for loop example in Listing 6-13

# While Loops

The general form of a **while** loop is:

```
initialization
while (condition)
{
    block of code
    update_statement }
```

## Example:

```
int i = 0;
while (i < 5) {
    DoSomething ...
    i++;
}
```

```
mov [i],0
while_start:
    cmp [i], 5
    jge end
```

DoSomething ...

```
mov eax, [i]
add eax, 1
mov [i], eax
```

```
jmp while_start
end:
```

# Disassembly Challenge

```
mov dword ptr [ebp-8], 1
mov dword ptr [ebp-4], 0
loc_401014:
cmp dword ptr [ebp-4], 4
jge short loc_40102E
mov eax, [ebp-8]
add eax, [ebp-4]
mov [ebp-8], eax
mov ecx, [ebp-4]
add ecx, 1
mov [ebp-4], ecx
jmp short loc_401014
loc_40102E:
```

# Disassembly Challenge

```
mov dword ptr [ebp-8], 1
mov dword ptr [ebp-4], 0
loc_401014:
cmp dword ptr [ebp-4], 4
jge short loc_40102E
mov eax, [ebp-8]
add eax, [ebp-4]
mov [ebp-8], eax
mov ecx, [ebp-4]
add ecx, 1
mov [ebp-4], ecx
jmp short loc_401014
loc_40102E:
```

```
int sum = 1;
for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
    sum += i;
}
```

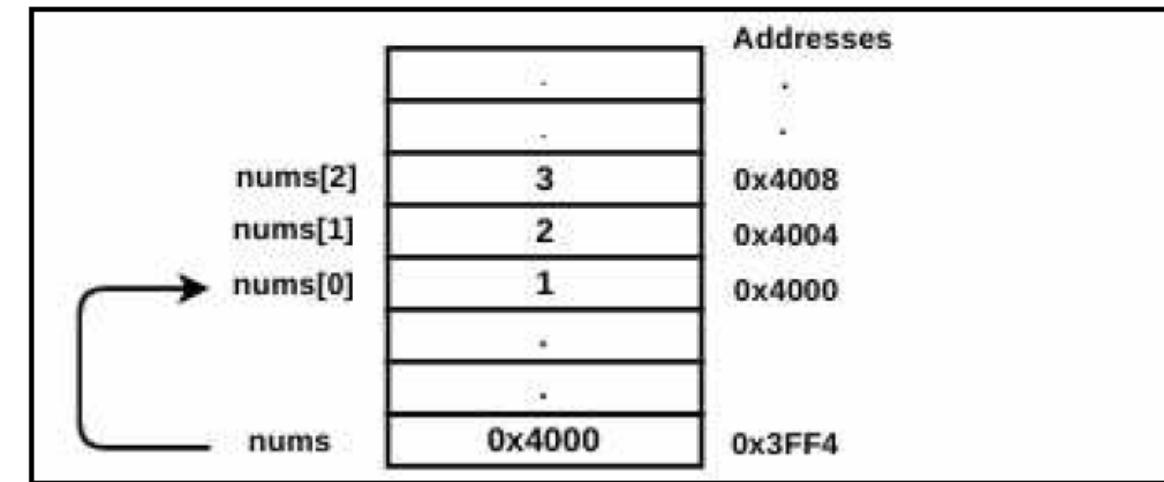
```
int sum = 1;
int i = 0;
while (i < 4) {
    sum += i;
    i++;
}
```

# Arrays

# Arrays:

An array is a structured **collection of elements** that are of the same data type. It is characterized by its ability to store these elements in contiguous memory locations, thereby facilitating efficient access to each element.

**int nums[3] = {1, 2, 3};**

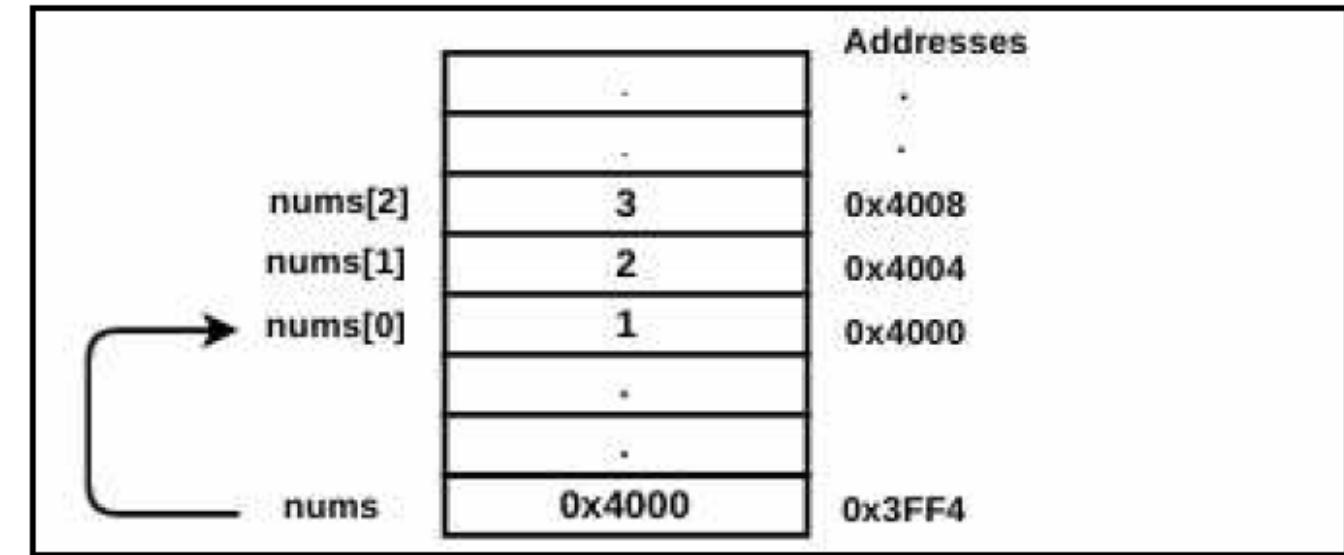


# Arrays:

In assembly language, the address of any element in the array is computed using three things:

1. The base address
2. The index of the element
3. The size of each element in the array

[base\_address + index \* size of element]



When you use `nums[0]` in a high-level language, it is translated to `[nums+0*size_of_each_element_in_bytes]`, where 0 is the index and `nums` represents the base address of the array

$$\begin{aligned} \text{nums}[0] &= [\text{nums}+0*4] = [0x4000+0*4] = [0x4000] = 1 \\ \text{nums}[1] &= [\text{nums}+1*4] = [0x4000+1*4] = [0x4004] = 2 \\ \text{nums}[2] &= [\text{nums}+2*4] = [0x4000+2*4] = [0x4008] = 3 \end{aligned}$$

# Disassembly Challenge

Translate the following code to its high-level equivalent. Use the techniques and the concepts that you have learned so far to solve this challenge:

[base\_address + index \* size of element]

```
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
sub esp, 14h
mov dword ptr [ebp-14h], 1
mov dword ptr [ebp-10h], 2
mov dword ptr [ebp-0Ch], 3
mov dword ptr [ebp-4], 0

loc_401022:
    cmp dword ptr [ebp-4], 3
    jge loc_40103D
    mov eax, [ebp-4]
    mov ecx, [ebp+eax*4-14h]
    mov [ebp-8], ecx
    mov edx, [ebp-4]
    add edx, 1
    mov [ebp-4], edx
    jmp loc_401022

loc_40103D:
    xor eax, eax
    mov esp, ebp
    pop ebp
    ret
```

# Disassembly Challenge

```
int main()
{
    int a[3] = { 1, 2, 3 };
    int b, i;
    i = 0;

    while (i < 3)
    {
        b = a[i];
        i++;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

```
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
sub esp, 14h
mov dword ptr [ebp-14h], 1
mov dword ptr [ebp-10h], 2
mov dword ptr [ebp-0Ch], 3
mov dword ptr [ebp-4], 0
loc_401022:
    cmp dword ptr [ebp-4], 3
    jge loc_40103D
    mov eax, [ebp-4]
    mov ecx, [ebp+eax*4-14h]
    mov [ebp-8], ecx
    mov edx, [ebp-4]
    add edx, 1
    mov [ebp-4], edx
    jmp loc_401022
loc_40103D:
    xor eax, eax
    mov esp, ebp
    pop ebp
    ret
```

# From C to Assembly

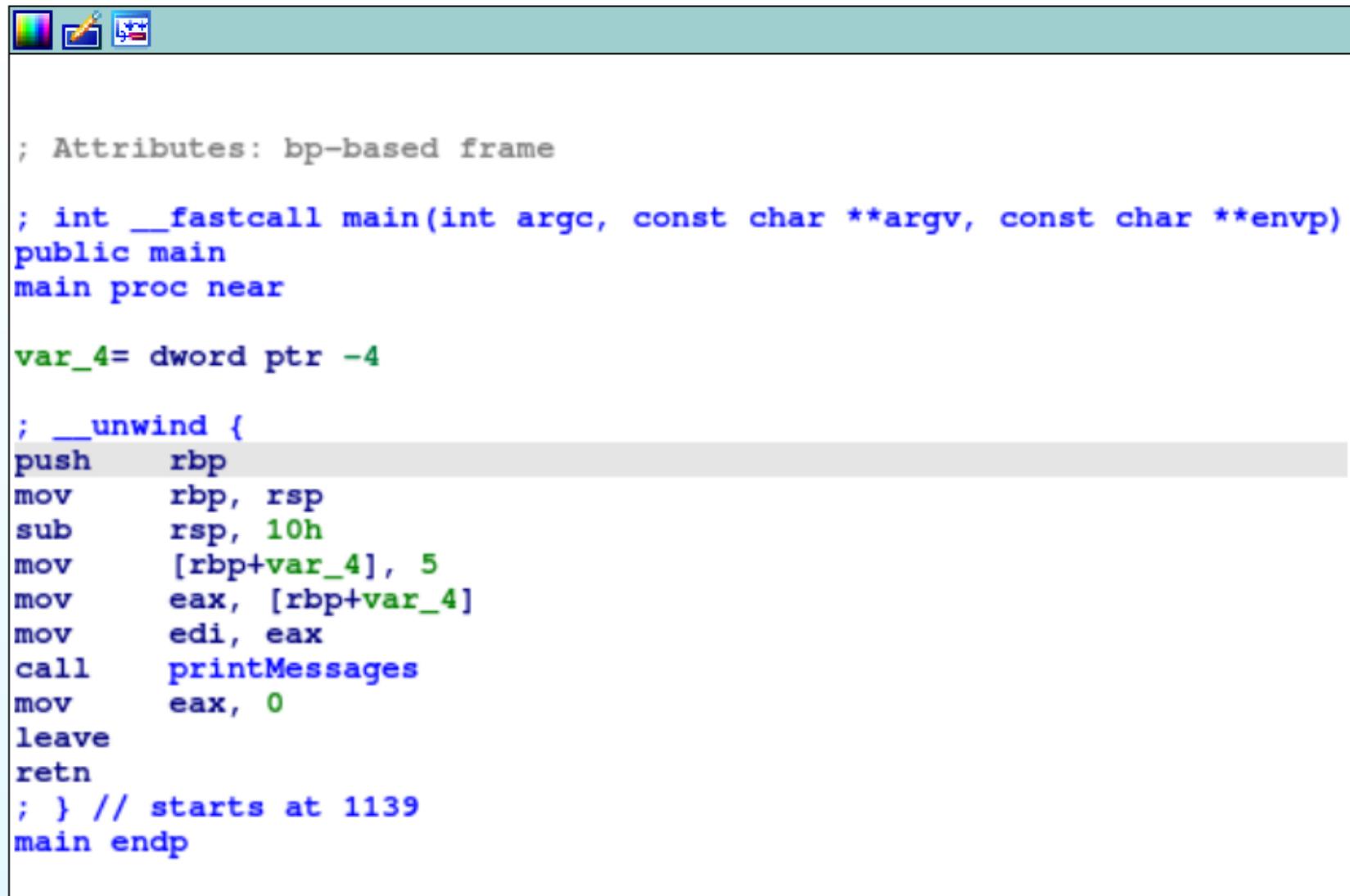
# From C to Assembly

```
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HelloRITDubai > C hellorit2.c
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  // Function declaration
4  void printMessages(int numberOfMessages);
5
6  int main() {
7      int numberOfMessages = 5; // You can change this to any number you like
8
9      // Calling the printMessages function with the number of messages
10     printMessages(numberOfMessages);
11
12     return 0;
13 }
14
15 // Function definition
16 void printMessages(int numberOfMessages) {
17     for (int i = 0; i < numberOfMessages; i++) {
18         printf("Hello RIT Dubai!\n");
19     }
20 }
21
```

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# HelloRIT V2.0

## main()



```
; Attributes: bp-based frame

; int __fastcall main(int argc, const char **argv, const char **envp)
public main
main proc near

var_4= dword ptr -4

; __ unwind {
push   rbp
mov    rbp, rsp
sub    rsp, 10h
mov    [rbp+var_4], 5
mov    eax, [rbp+var_4]
mov    edi, eax
call   printMessages
mov    eax, 0
leave
retn
; } // starts at 1139
main endp
```

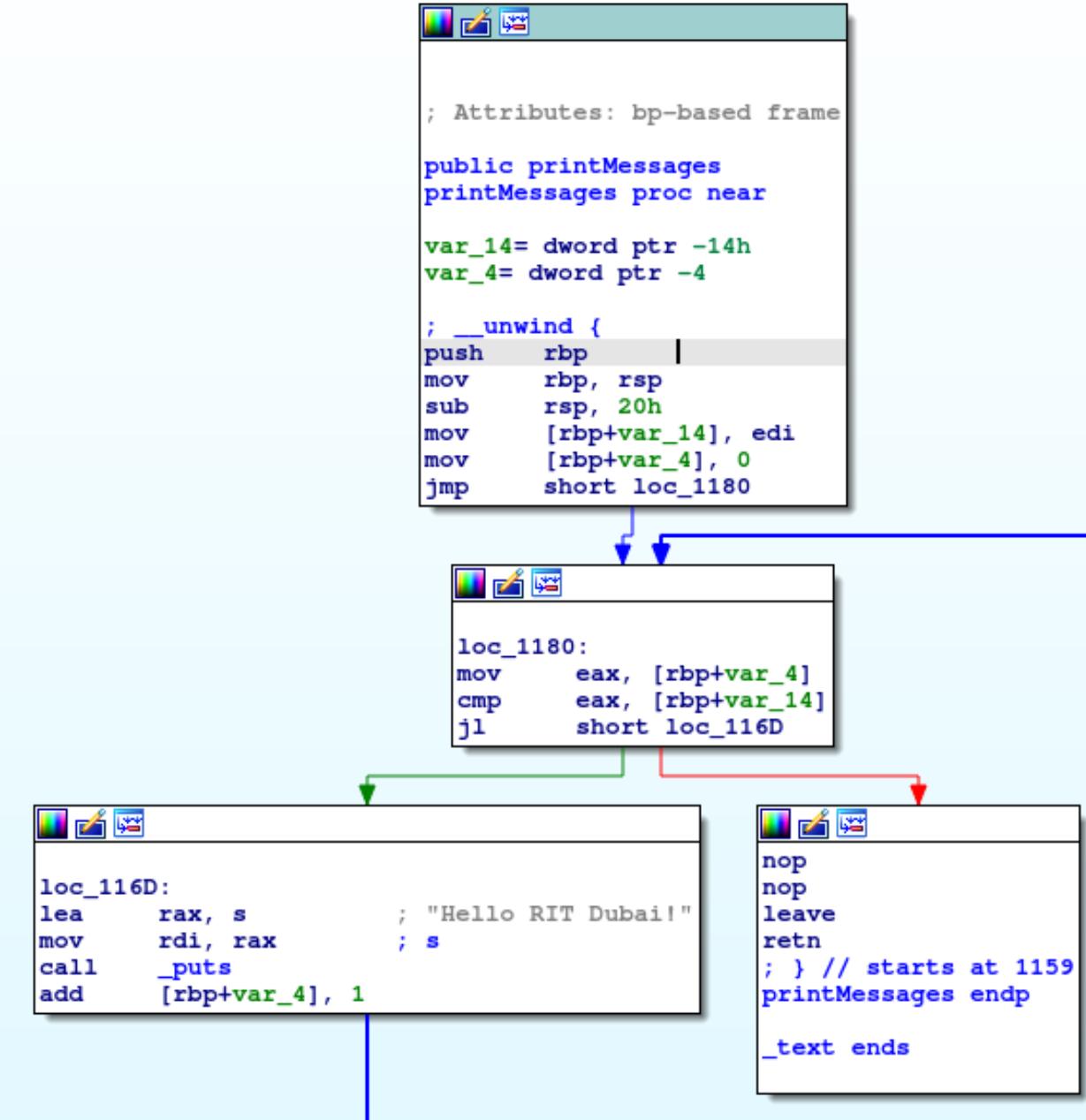
# HelloRIT V2.0

## printMessages()

```
.text:0000000000001159 ; ===== S U B R O U T I N E =====
.text:0000000000001159 ; Attributes: bp-based frame
.text:0000000000001159
.text:0000000000001159
.text:0000000000001159
.text:0000000000001159
.printMessages    public printMessages
.printMessages    proc near ; CODE XREF: main+14+p
.var_14           = dword ptr -14h
.var_4            = dword ptr -4
.text:0000000000001159
.text:0000000000001159 ; __ unwind {
.text:0000000000001159     push   rbp
.text:000000000000115A     mov    rbp, rsp
.text:000000000000115D     sub    rsp, 20h
.text:0000000000001161     mov    [rbp+var_14], edi
.text:0000000000001164     mov    [rbp+var_4], 0
.text:000000000000116B     jmp    short loc_1180
.text:000000000000116D ;
.text:000000000000116D
.loc_116D:          ; CODE XREF: printMessages+2D+j
.text:000000000000116D     lea    rax, s      ; "Hello RIT Dubai!"
.text:0000000000001174     mov    rdi, rax      ; s
.text:0000000000001177     call   _puts
.text:000000000000117C     add    [rbp+var_4], 1
.text:0000000000001180
.loc_1180:          ; CODE XREF: printMessages+12+j
.text:0000000000001180     mov    eax, [rbp+var_4]
.text:0000000000001183     cmp    eax, [rbp+var_14]
.text:0000000000001186     jl    short loc_116D
.text:0000000000001188     nop
.text:0000000000001189     nop
.text:000000000000118A     leave
.text:000000000000118B     retn
.text:000000000000118B ; } // starts at 1159
.printMessages    endp
.text:000000000000118B
.text:000000000000118B
._text       ends
._fini      ends
; =====
```

# HelloRIT V2.0

## printMessages()



All together ... From  
Assembly to C

# Reverse Engineering Strategy (Our Roadmap)

## ■ Step 1: String Hunting

- Note down interesting strings that suggest functionality.

## ■ Step 2: Identifying Entry or Main Function

## ■ Step 3: Scaffolding

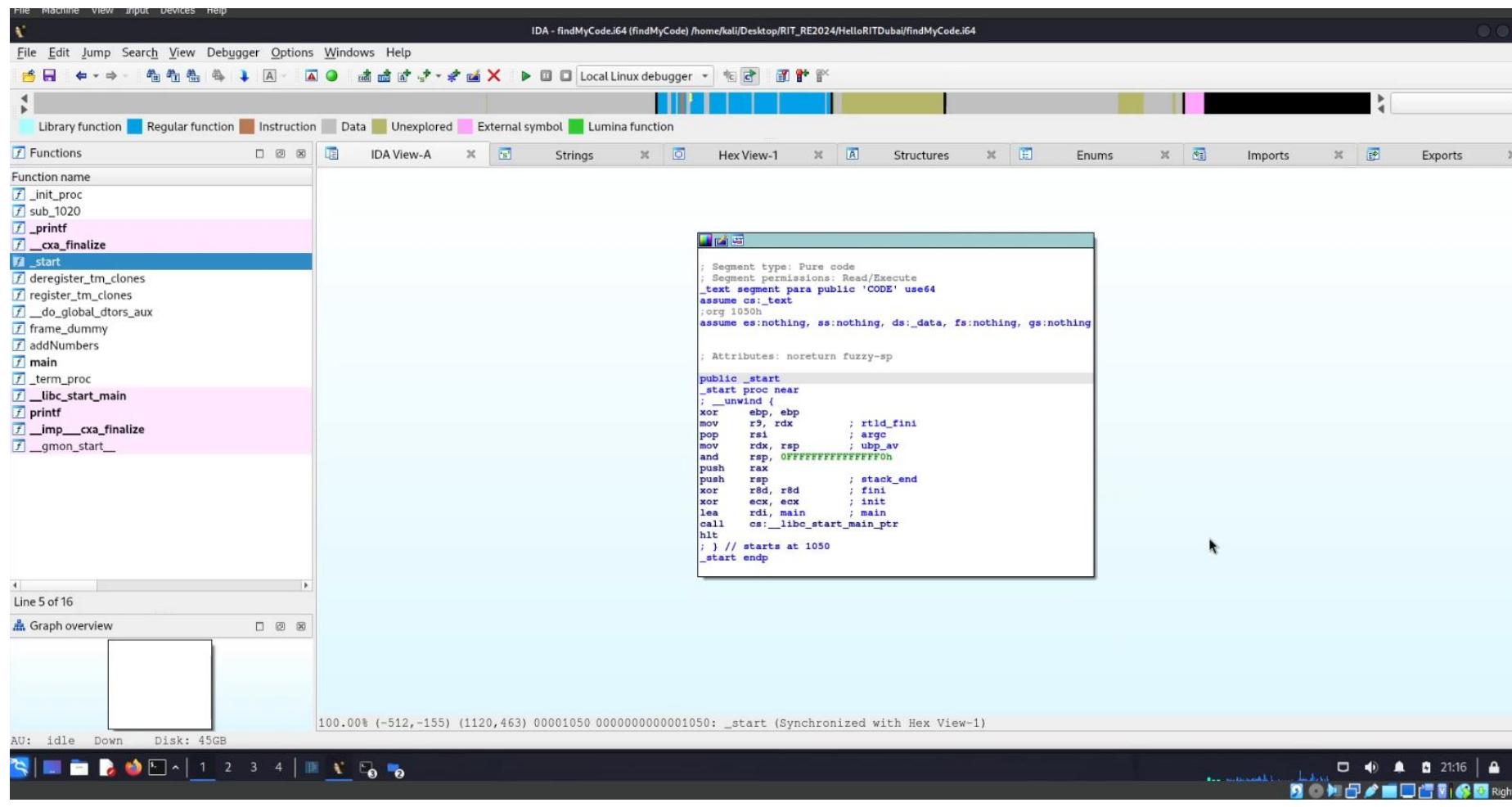
- Create a C code structure based on IDA's assembly observations.
- Sketch out the main function with noted strings.

## ■ Step 4: Reconstructing Logic

- Translate assembly instructions into C constructs. Account for loops, conditionals, and function calls.

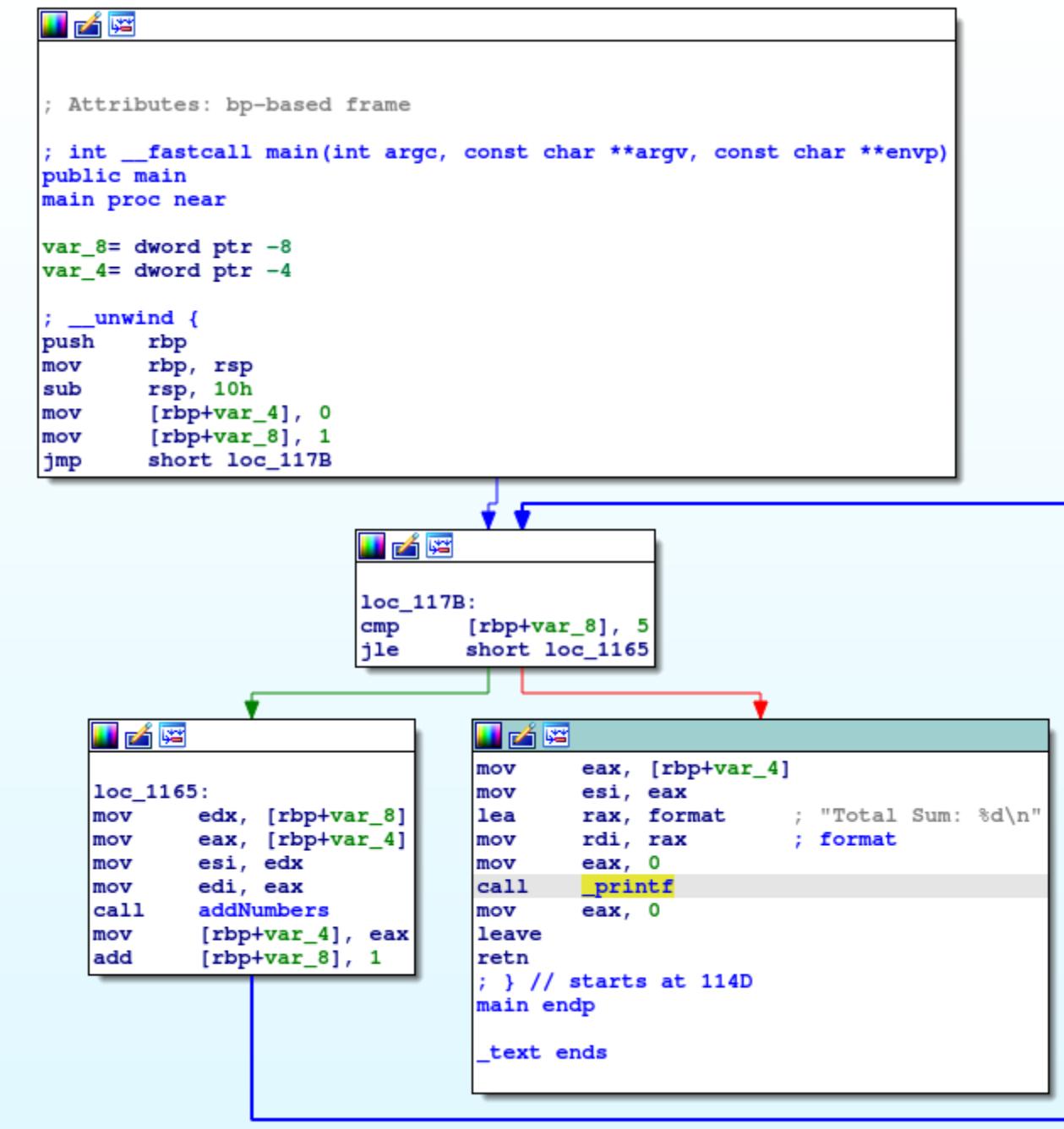
## ■ Step 5: Iterative Refinement

# Tigers! Can you “FindMyCode”?



# FindMyCode

## main()



# FindMyCode

## main()

- In the provided assembly for the main function, we observe a structured sequence of operations:
- **Initialization:** The function begins by establishing a stack frame, a common practice in assembly to manage variables and function calls. It uses push rbp and mov rbp, rsp to do this.
- **Variable Assignment:** Two local variables are initialized. mov [rbp+var\_4], 0 sets a local variable, likely our accumulator or sum, to zero. mov [rbp+var\_8], 1 initializes another variable, probably a counter, to one.
- **Loop Mechanics:** The code then enters a loop, indicated by the jmp instruction which jumps to loc\_117B. This loop is where the main computational work of the function occurs.

# FindMyCode - main()

- **Function Call:** Within this loop, the function addNumbers is called with call addNumbers. The arguments are passed via registers: edx is loaded with the counter value, and eax with the sum, which are then moved to esi and edi respectively, adhering to the calling convention.
- **Loop Continuation:** The loop increments the counter with add [rbp+var\_8], 1 and continues until the counter exceeds 5, as shown by cmp [rbp+var\_8], 5 and jle short loc\_1165.
- **Final Operation:** Upon loop termination, the main function prepares to print the total sum. It moves the sum into esi, sets up the format string, and calls printf to display the result.
- **Clean-up:** The function concludes by setting the return value to zero with mov eax, 0 and restoring the stack frame with leave, before finally returning with retn.

# FindMyCode

## addNumbers function

For the addNumbers function:

- **Parameter Reception:** addNumbers starts by receiving two parameters from main. These parameters are placed into the local stack space: `mov [rbp+var_4], edi` and `mov [rbp+var_8], esi`.
- **Addition and Return:** It then performs an addition with `add eax, edx`, where eax and edx hold the values of the two parameters. The result is left in eax, which is the register used for return values in this calling convention.

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C findMyCode\_RE.c ●

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```
1
2
3 int main() {
4
5 }
```

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Function name

- f \_init\_proc
- f sub\_1020
- f \_printf
- f \_\_cxa\_finalize
- f \_start
- f deregister\_tm\_clones
- f register\_tm\_clones
- f \_\_do\_global\_dtors
- f frame\_dummy
- f addNumbers
- f main
- f \_\_term\_PROGRAM
- f \_\_libc\_start\_main
- f printf
- f \_\_imp\_\_cexit
- f \_\_gmon\_start

; Attributes: bp-based frame

; int \_\_fastcall main(int argc, const char \*\*argv, const char \*\*envp)

public main

main proc near

var\_8= dword ptr -8

var\_4= dword ptr -4

; \_\_unwind {

push rbp

mov rbp, rsp

sub rsp, 10h

mov [rbp+var\_4], 0

mov [rbp+var\_8], 1

jmp short loc\_117B

loc\_117B:

cmp [rbp+var\_8], 5

jle short loc\_1165

loc\_1165:

mov edx, [rbp+var\_8]

mov eax, [rbp+var\_4]

mov esi, edx

mov edi, eax

call addNumbers

mov [rbp+var\_4], eax

add [rbp+var\_8], 1

loc\_114D:

mov eax, [rbp+var\_4]

mov esi, eax

lea rax, format ; "Total Sum: %d\n"

mov rdi, rax ; format

mov eax, 0

call \_printf

mov eax, 0

leave eax

ret

: // starts at 114D

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C findMyCode\_RE.c ●

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```
1
2
3 int main() {
4     int var_4 = 0;
5     int var_8 = 1;
6 }
```

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- \_imp\_c
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mov [rbp+var\_8], 1

jmp short loc\_117B

loc\_117B:

cmp [rbp+var\_8], 5

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loc\_1165:

mov edx, [rbp+var\_8]

mov eax, [rbp+var\_4]

mov esi, edx

mov edi, eax

call addNumbers

mov [rbp+var\_4], eax

add [rbp+var\_8], 1

loc\_114D:

mov eax, [rbp+var\_4]

mov esi, eax

lea rax, format ; "Total Sum: %d\n"

mov rdi, rax ; format

mov eax, 0

call \_printf

mov eax, 0

leave eax

ret

: // starts at 114D

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C findMyCode\_RE.c ●

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```
1
2
3 int main() {
4     int var_4 = 0;
5     int var_8 = 1;
6     for [var_8 = 1; var_8 <= 5; ++var_8] {
7
8 }
9 }
```

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mov eax, [rbp+var\_4]

mov esi, edx

mov edi, eax

call addNumbers

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add [rbp+var\_8], 1

loc\_114D:

mov eax, [rbp+var\_4]

mov esi, eax

lea rax, format ; "Total Sum: %d\n"

mov rdi, rax ; format

mov eax, 0

call \_printf

mov eax, 0

leave eax

ret

: 1 // starts at 114D

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FindMyCode\_RE

The screenshot shows a dual-pane interface for reverse engineering. On the left is a code editor displaying the C source code for `findMyCode_RE.c`. On the right is the IDA Pro decompiler window showing the assembly code for the `addNumbers` function.

**Code Editor (Left):**

```
int addNumbers(int var_4, int var_8);

int main() {
    int var_4 = 0;
    int var_8 = 1;
    for (var_8 = 1; var_8 <= 5; ++var_8) {

        var_4 = addNumbers(var_4, var_8);
    }
}

int addNumbers(int var_4, int var_8) {
};
```

**IDB Pro (Right):**

```
; Attributes: bp-based frame

public addNumbers
addNumbers proc near

var_8= dword ptr -8
var_4= dword ptr -4

; __ unwind {
push rbp
mov rbp, rsp
mov [rbp+var_4], edi
mov [rbp+var_8], esi
mov edx, [rbp+var_4]
mov eax, [rbp+var_8]
add eax, edx
pop rbp
ret
; } // starts at 1139
addNumbers endp
```

The assembly code corresponds to the C code, showing the function definitions and the loop iteration where `var_4` is updated by calling `addNumbers` with itself and `var_8` as arguments.

The screenshot shows a dual-pane interface for reverse engineering. On the left is a terminal window titled "kali-linux-2023.3-virtualbox-amd64 [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox" displaying the contents of "findMyCode\_RE.c". The code implements a recursive function "addNumbers" that calculates the sum of integers from 1 to 5. The "return" statement at line 18 is highlighted with a red box.

```
int addNumbers(int var_4, int var_8);  
  
int main() {  
    int var_4 = 0;  
    int var_8 = 1;  
    for (var_8 = 1; var_8 <= 5; ++var_8) {  
  
        var_4 = addNumbers(var_4, var_8);  
    }  
}  
  
int addNumbers(int var_4, int var_8) {  
    return var_4 + var_8;  
}
```

On the right is the IDA Pro decompiler window titled "IDA - findMyCode.i64 (findMyCode) /home/kali/Desktop/RIT\_RE2024>HelloRITDubai/findMyCode.i64". It shows the assembly code corresponding to the C code. The assembly code uses bp-based frame attributes and includes unwind information. A red box highlights the addition operation in the assembly code.

```
; Attributes: bp-based frame  
  
public addNumbers  
addNumbers proc near  
  
var_8= dword ptr -8  
var_4= dword ptr -4  
  
; __ unwind {  
push rbp  
mov rbp, rsp  
mov [rbp+var_4], edi  
mov [rbp+var_8], esi  
mov edx, [rbp+var_4]  
mov eax, [rbp+var_8]  
add eax, edx  
pop rbp  
ret  
; } // starts at 1139  
addNumbers endp
```

# FindMyCode\_RE

The screenshot illustrates the process of reverse engineering a C program named `findMyCode_RE.c` into assembly. The left pane shows the C source code, and the right pane shows the corresponding assembly code in IDA Pro.

**C Source Code:**

```
int main() {
    int var_4 = 0;
    int var_8 = 1;
    for (var_8 = 1; var_8 <= 5; ++var_8) {
        var_4 = addNumbers(var_4, var_8);
    }
    printf("Total Sum: %d\n", var_4);
    return 0;
}

int addNumbers(int var_4, int var_8) {
    return var_4 + var_8;
}
```

**Assembly Code (IDA Pro):**

```
117B: [rbp+var_8], 5
short loc_1165

main:
    mov    eax, [rbp+var_4]
    mov    esi, eax
    lea    rax, format
    mov    rdi, rax
    mov    eax, 0
    call   _printf
    mov    eax, 0
    leave
    retn
; } // starts at 114D
main endp

_text ends
```

The assembly code is annotated with several red boxes highlighting specific instructions and memory locations. The instruction `mov eax, [rbp+var_4]` is highlighted, along with the memory location `[rbp+var_4]` in the stack frame. The `format` string `"Total Sum: %d\n"` is also highlighted in yellow. The assembly code is synchronized with the C source code, with the printf line and its corresponding assembly instruction highlighted.

# FindMyCode\_RE

```
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$ gcc findMyCode_RE.c -o findMyCode_RE
findMyCode_RE.c: In function 'main':
findMyCode_RE.c:11:5: warning: incompatible implicit declaration of built-in
function 'printf' [-Wbuiltin-declaration-mismatch]
    11 |     printf("Total Sum: %d\n", sum);
      |     ^~~~~~
findMyCode_RE.c:13:5: note: include '<stdio.h>' or provide a declaration of 'printf'
findMyCode_RE.c: In function 'addNumbers':
findMyCode_RE.c:22:13: error: expected ';' before '}' token
    22 |     return a + b
      |     ^
      |
    23 |
    24 | };
      | ~

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/RIT_RE2024>HelloRITDubai]
$
```

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findMyCode\_RE.c X findMyCode\_RE\_V02.c

HelloRITDubai > C findMyCode\_RE.c

```
1
2 int addNumbers(int a, int b);
3
4 int main() {
5     int sum = 0;
6     int i = 1;
7     for (i = 1; i<= 5; ++i) {
8         sum = addNumbers(sum, i);
9     }
10
11     printf("Total Sum: %d\n", sum);
12     return 0;
13 }
14
15
16 int addNumbers(int a, int b) {
17     return a + b;
18 }
```

FindMyCode\_RE

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C findMyCode\_RE.c X C findMyCode\_RE\_V02.c

HelloRITDubai > C findMyCode\_RE.c

```
1
2 #include <stdio.h>
3
4 int addNumbers(int a, int b);
5
6 int main() {
7     int sum = 0;
8     int i = 1;
9     for (i = 1; i<= 5; ++i) {
10         sum = addNumbers(sum, i);
11     }
12
13     printf("Total Sum: %d\n", sum);
14     return 0;
15 }
16
17 int addNumbers(int a, int b) {
18     return a + b;
19 }
```

findMyCode\_RE.c:22:13: error: expected ';' before '}' token

```
22 |     return a + b
|     ^
|     ;
23 |
24 | };
```

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```
$ gcc findMyCode_RE.c -o findMyCode_RE
findMyCode_RE.c: In function 'main':
findMyCode_RE.c:11:5: warning: implicit declaration of function 'printf' [-Wimplicit-function-declaration]
    11 |     printf("Total Sum: %d\n", sum);
           ^~~~~~
findMyCode_RE.c:1:1: note: include '<stdio.h>' or provide a declaration of 'printf'
    +++ |+#include <stdio.h>|
           1 |
findMyCode_RE.c:11:5: warning: incompatible implicit declaration of built-in
function 'printf' [-Wbuiltin-declaration-mismatch]
    11 |     printf("Total Sum: %d\n", sum);
           ^~~~~~
findMyCode_RE.c:11:5: note: include '<stdio.h>' or provide a declaration of 'printf'
```

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```
$ ./findMyCode_RE
Total Sum: 15
```

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HelloRITDubai > C findMyCode.RE.c

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int addNumbers(int a, int b);
4
5 int main() {
6     int sum = 0;
7     int i = 1;
8     for (i = 1; i <= 5; ++i) {
9         sum = addNumbers(sum, i);
10    }
11
12    printf("Total Sum: %d\n", sum);
13    return 0;
14}
15
16
17 int addNumbers(int a, int b) {
18     return a + b;
19 }
20
```

... C findMyCode.c

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int addNumbers(int a, int b) {
4     return a + b;
5 }
6
7 int main() {
8     int totalSum = 0;
9     for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {
10        totalSum = addNumbers(totalSum, i);
11    }
12    printf("Total Sum: %d\n", totalSum);
13    return 0;
14}
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