CS201- Lecture 8
IA32 Flow Control

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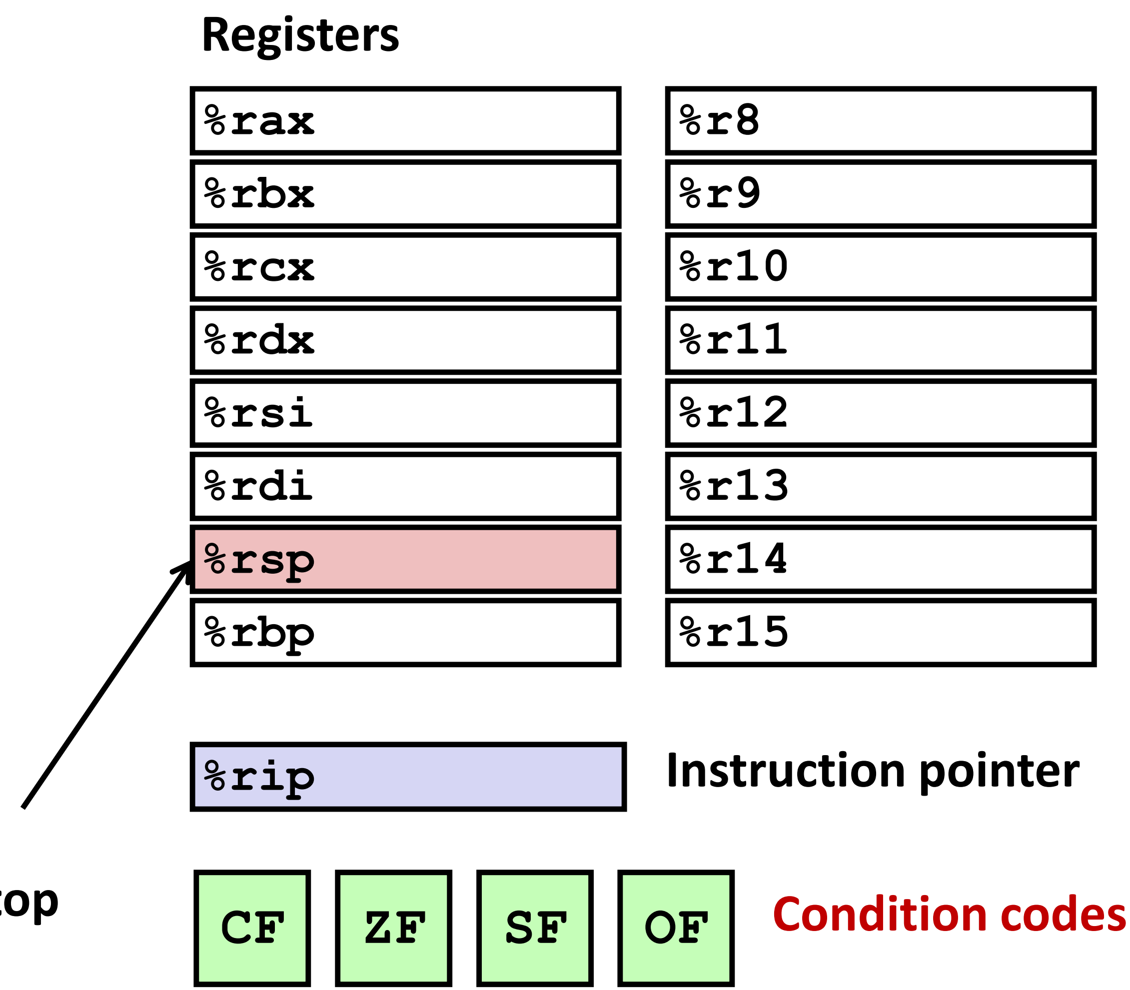
Announcements

Processor State

- 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**)



Condition Codes

- Single bit registers
  - **CF** Carry Flag (for unsigned) **SF** Sign Flag (for signed)
  - **ZF** Zero Flag **OF** 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

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)
  - **OF set** if two's-complement (signed) overflow
  `(a>0 && b<0 && (a-b)<0) || (a<0 && b>0 && (a-b)>0)`

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`**

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)

Reading Condition Codes

- 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 **`x`**
`%rsi`	Argument **`y`**
`%rax`	Return value

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

Jump

- jX Instructions
  - Jump to different part of code depending on condition codes

jX	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)

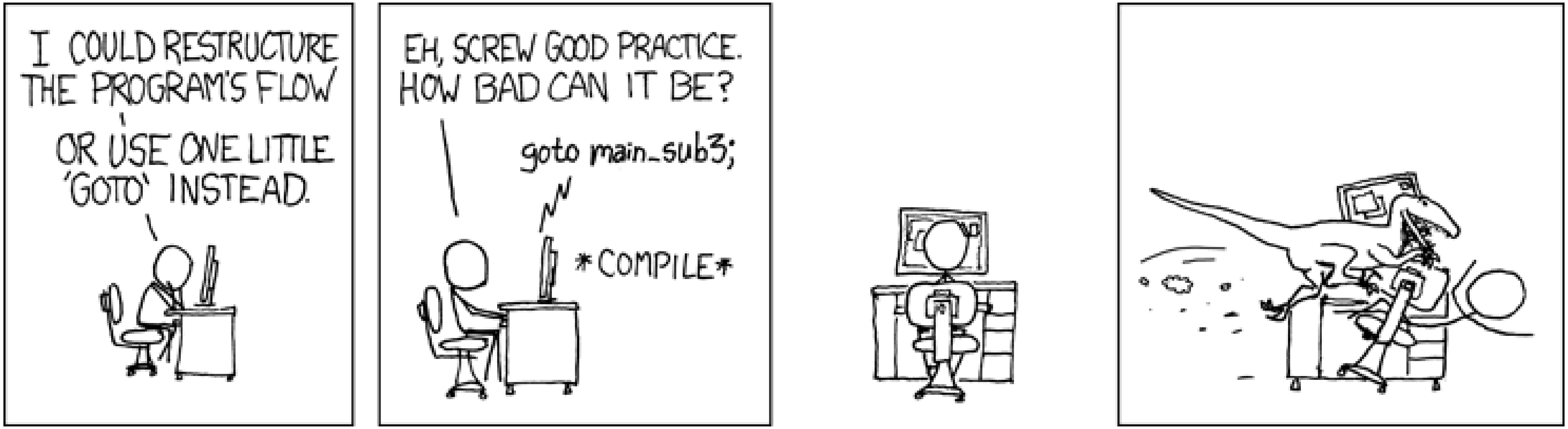
C Goto Statement

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

```
long absdiff
   (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 <= y;
    if (ntest) goto Else;
    result = x-y;
    goto Done;
 Else:
    result = y-x;
 Done:
    return result;
}
```

C Goto Statement



Conditional Branches

```
long absdiff_j
  (long x, long y)
{
    long result;
    int ntest = x <= y;
    if (ntest) goto Else;
    result = x-y;
    goto Done;
 Else:
    result = y-x;
 Done:
    return result;
}
```

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

Register	Use(s)
`%rdi`	Argument **x**
`%rsi`	Argument **y**
`%rax`	Return value

Conditional Branches Recipe

C Code

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

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

Goto Version

```
  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

Conditional Move

- Conditional Move Instructions (CMOVxx)
  - 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
    - Modern Processors try to Predict the outcome of the Branch (Taken or Not Taken)
    - Easy for Loops. Hard for If/Else
  - Conditional moves do not require control transfer

C Code

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

Goto Version

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

Conditional Move Example

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

Register	Use(s)
`%rdi`	Argument **x**
`%rsi`	Argument **y**
`%rax`	Return value

```
absdiff:
   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
```

Do-While Loop

C Code

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

Goto Version

```
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 Translation

C Code

```
do
  Body
  while (Test);
```

Goto Version

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

Do-While Loop

```
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 **`x`**
`%rax`	`result`

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

While Translation

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

While version

```
while (Test)
  Body
```

Goto Version

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

While Translation

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;
}
```

Optimized While Translation

While version

```
while (Test)
  Body
```

- "Do-while" conversion
- Used with `–O1`

Do-While Version

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

Goto Version

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

For Loop

General Form

```
for (Init; Test; Update )

    Body
```

```
#define WSIZE 8*sizeof(int)
long pcount_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 to While Conversion

For Version

```
for (Init; Test; Update )

        Body
```

While Version

```
Init;

while (Test ) {

      Body

      Update;

}
```

For to While Conversion

Init

```
i = 0
```

Test

```
i < WSIZE
```

Update

```
i++
```

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;
}
```

Switch Statement

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

```
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 to If/Else Conversion

- Convert each case to an If/Else

```
long switch_eg
   (long x, long y, long z)
{
    long w = 1;
    If (x==1) w = y*z;
    Else If (x==2) w = y/z;
              …

    Else w=2;

    return w;
}
```

```
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 */
              …

default:
        w = 2;
    }
    return w;
}
```

Jump Table Optimization

Switch Form

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

Jump Table

jtab:
Targ0
Targ1
Targ2
• • •
Targ*n*-1

Jump Targets

Targ0: Code Block 0

Targ1: Code Block 1

Targ2: Code Block 2

• • •

Targ*n*-1: Code Block *n*–1

Translation

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

Pointer to Functions!

Switch Optimization Example

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
  .quad     .L7   # x = 5
  .quad     .L7   # x = 6
```

```
switch(x) {
case 1:         // .L3
    w = y*z;
    break;
case 2:         // .L5
    w = y/z;
    /* Fall Through */
case 3:         // .L9
    w += z;
    break;
case 5:
case 6:         // .L7
    w -= z;
    break;
default:        // .L8
    w = 2;
}
```

Switch Optimization Example

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

Jump table

```
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  .align 8
.L4:
  .quad     .L8   # x = 0
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  .quad     .L9   # x = 3
  .quad     .L8   # x = 4
  .quad     .L7   # x = 5
  .quad     .L7   # x = 6
```

Setup:

```
switch_eg:
    movq    %rdx, %rcx
    cmpq    $6, %rdi          # x:6
    ja      .L8               # Use default
    jmp     *.L4(,%rdi,8)     # goto *JTab[x]
```

Indirect jump

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument **x**
%rsi	Argument **y**
%rdx	Argument **z**
%rax	Return value

Switch Optimization Example

- Table Structure
  - Each target requires 8 bytes
  - Base address at **`.L4`**

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
  .quad     .L7   # x = 5
  .quad     .L7   # x = 6
```

- 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 $0 \le x \le 6$

Conclusion

- Most instruction modify condition codes
  - Side effect sometimes useful: Overflow check, avoid comparisons
- Compare and Test instruction used to set condition codes explicitly
- JMP – Unconditional Jump
- Conditional Jumps based on codes
- Structured programming is translated to assembly using conditional jumps and labels
- Large switches are implemented using jump tables
  - Indirect Jump