Machine-Level Programming II: Control

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Today

- **■** From last week: Turning C into machine code
- From last week: Review of a few tricky bits
- Basics of control flow
- Condition codes
- Conditional branches
- Loops
- Switch Statements

Reminder about office hours

- **6–10PM** on Zoom and in-person (Sun–Fri)
- **11:30AM 1:30PM** (Wed, Fri)
- Queue: https://cmqueue.xyz/
 - New queuing system—do not use the link from last year
 - You must be on the queue even if you are attending in person
- More details on Piazza:

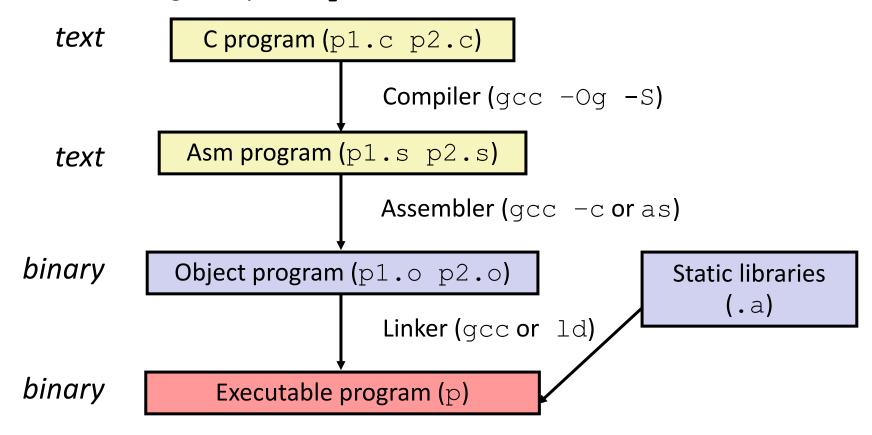
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Reminder about office hour etiquette

- Office hours are for getting ideas on how to debug or better approach your homework.
 - Conceptual OH coming soon as well so look out for that!
- Write a description!
 - If you don't have a description, you may be frozen/removed from the queue.
- Try to narrow down your problem area as much as possible
 - Same principles as asking questions on Piazza
 - https://piazza.com/class/kr9vqwncw253c4?cid=352
- The queue closes early
 - so everyone can be helped by around 9:30pm
- Please find the TAs at the carrels
 - TAs should not need to find you

Turning C into Machine Code

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



Machine Instruction Example

0x40059e: 48 89 03

Store value t where designated by dest

Assembly

- Move 8-byte value to memory
 - Quad words in x86-64 parlance
- Operands:

t: Register %rax

dest: Register %rbx

*dest: Memory M[%rbx]

Machine

- 3 bytes at address 0x40059e
- Compact representation of the assembly instruction
- (Relatively) easy for hardware to interpret

Machine Instruction Example

```
*dest = t;
```

```
movq %rax, (%rbx)
```

0x40059e: 48 89 03 0100 1 0 0 0 10001011 00 000 011 REX W R X B Move Mod R M

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Compiling Into Assembly

C Code (sum.c)

Generated x86-64 Assembly

```
sumstore:
   pushq %rbx
   movq %rdx, %rbx
   call plus
   movq %rax, (%rbx)
   popq %rbx
   ret
```

Obtain (on shark machine) with command

Produces file sum.s

Warning: Will get different results on non-Shark machines (Andrew Linux, Mac OS-X, ...) due to different versions of gcc and different compiler settings.

What an assembly file really looks like

```
.globl sumstore
       .type sumstore, @function
sumstore:
.LFB35:
       .cfi startproc
       pushq %rbx
       .cfi def cfa offset 16
       .cfi offset 3, -16
       movq %rdx, %rbx
       call plus
       movq %rax, (%rbx)
       popq %rbx
       .cfi def cfa offset 8
       ret
       .cfi endproc
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       .size sumstore, .-sumstore
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```

Things that look weird and are preceded by a "." are generally directives that you can ignore.

```
sumstore:
  pushq %rbx
  movq %rdx, %rbx
  call plus
  movq %rax, (%rbx)
  popq %rbx
  ret
```

Object Code

Code for sumstore

```
00000000 <sumstore>:
53
48 89 d3
e8 00 00 00 00
48 89 03
5b
c3
```

- Starts at address 0x0400595
- Total of 14 bytes
- Each instruction1, 3, or 5 bytes
- Placeholders (red) for addresses of sumstore and plus

Assembler

- Translates .s into .o
- Binary encoding of each instruction
- Nearly-complete image of executable code
- Address of each function not yet assigned
- Placeholders ("relocations") for uses of code and data defined in other files

Linker

- Resolves references between files
 - E.g., fills in address of plus
- Combines with static run-time libraries
 - E.g., code for malloc, printf
- Some libraries are dynamically linked
 - Second pass of linking occurs when program begins execution

Disassembling Object Code

Disassembled

```
000000000000000000000 <sumstore>:
            53
                                           %rbx
       0:
                                    push
       1: 48 89 d3
                                           %rdx,%rbx
                                    mov
       4: e8 00 00 00 00
                                           9 <sumstore+0x9>
                                    callq
                        5: R X86 64 PLT32
                                                 plus-0x4
       9:
         48 89 03
                                           %rax,(%rbx)
                                    mov
            5b
                                           %rbx
       c:
                                    pop
       d:
            c3
                                    retq
```

Disassembler

```
objdump -dr sum.o
```

- Useful tool for examining object code
- Analyzes bit pattern of series of instructions
- Produces approximate rendition of assembly code

Disassembling Executable Code

Disassembled

```
0000000000401122 <sumstore>:
 401122:
           53
                                        %rbx
                                 push
 401123: 48 89 d3
                                        %rdx,%rbx
                                 mov
 401126: e8 05 00 00 00
                                        401130 <plus>
                                 callq
 40112b: 48 89 03
                                        %rax,(%rbx)
                                 mov
 40112e:
           5b
                                        %rbx
                                 pop
 40112f:
           c3
                                 retq
```

Disassembler

```
objdump -dr a.out
```

Can be applied to executables too

Changes made by linker

- sumstore has an address
- Call instruction has a destination address instead of a relocation

Alternate Disassembly

Disassembled

Within gdb Debugger

Disassemble procedure

gdb sum
disassemble sumstore

Same information, different format

Alternate Disassembly

Object Code

0x0400595:

0x53

0x48

0x89

0xd3

0xe8

0xf2

0xff

0xff

0xff

0x48

0x89

0x03

0x5b

0xc3

Disassembled

Within gdb Debugger

Disassemble procedure

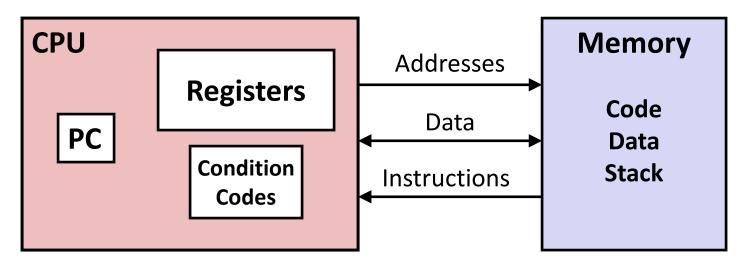
gdb sum

disassemble sumstore

Examine the 14 bytes starting at sumstore

x/14xb sumstore

Recall: ISA = Assembly/Machine Code View



Programmer-Visible State

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

Memory

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

Recall: Addressing Modes

Most General Form

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

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

Rb: Base register: Any of 16 integer registers

Ri: Index register: Any, except for %rsp

S: Scale: 1, 2, 4, or 8

Special Cases

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

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

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

Memory operands and LEA

■ In most instructions, a memory operand accesses memory

Assembly	C equivalent
mov 6(%rbx,%rdi,8), %ax	ax = *(rbx + rdi*8 + 6)
add 6(%rbx,%rdi,8), %ax	ax += *(rbx + rdi*8 + 6)
xor %ax, 6(%rbx,%rdi,8)	*(rbx + rdi*8 + 6) ^= ax

■ LEA is special: it *doesn't* access memory

Assembly	C equivalent
lea 6(%rbx,%rdi,8), %rax	rax = rbx + rdi*8 + 6

Why use LEA?

CPU designers' intended use: calculate a pointer to an object

- An array element, perhaps
- For instance, to pass just one array element to another function

Assembly	C equivalent
lea (%rbx,%rdi,8), %rax	rax = &rbx[rdi]

Compiler authors like to use it for ordinary arithmetic

- It can do complex calculations in one instruction
- It's one of the only three-operand instructions the x86 has
- It doesn't touch the condition codes (we'll come back to this)

Assembly	C equivalent
lea (%rbx,%rbx,2), %rax	rax = rbx * 3

Sidebar: instruction suffixes

- Most x86 instructions can be written with or without a suffix
 - imul %rcx, %rax
 - imulq %rcx, %rax

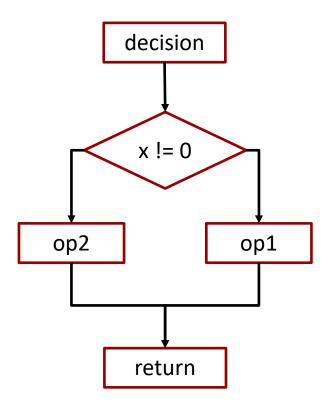
There's no difference!

- The suffix indicates the operation size
 - b=byte, w=short, l=int, q=long
 - If present, must match register names
- Assembly output from the compiler (gcc –S) usually has suffixes
- Disassembly dumps (objdump –d, gdb 'disas') usually omit suffixes
- Intel's manuals always omit the suffixes



Control flow

```
extern void op1(void);
extern void op2(void);
void decision(int x) {
    if (x) {
        op1();
    } else {
        op2();
```



Control flow in assembly language

```
decision:
extern void op1(void);
                                      subq
                                             $8, %rsp
extern void op2(void);
                                      testl
                                             %edi, %edi
                                             .L2
                                      jе
void decision(int x) {
                                      call
                                             op1
    if (x) {
                                             .L1
                                      jmp
                               .L2:
         op1();
                                      call
                                             op2
    } else {
                               .L1:
         op2();
                                      addq $8, %rsp
                                      ret
```

Control flow in assembly language

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extern void op1(void);
extern void op2(void);
void decision(int x) {
    if (x) {
        op1();
    } else {
        op2();
```

```
decision:
       subq
                $8, %rsp
       testl
                %edi, %edi
                .L2
       jе
       call
                op1
       jmp
                .L1
.L2:
       call
                op2
.L1:
                $8, %rsp
       addq
       ret
        It's all done with
             GOTO!
```

Processor State (x86-64, Partial)

Registers

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

Current stack top

	_	
	%rax	%r8
	%rbx	%r9
	%rcx	%r10
	%rdx	%r11
	%rsi	%r12
	%rdi	%r13
1	%rsp	%r14
	%rbp	%r15
%rip Instruction pointer		
	CF ZF SF	OF Condition codes

Condition Codes (Implicit Setting)

Single bit registers

```
CF Carry Flag (for unsigned) SF Sign Flag (for signed)
```

ZF Zero Flag **OF** Overflow Flag (for signed)

Implicitly set (as side effect) of arithmetic operations

```
Example: addq Src,Dest ↔ t = a+b

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

ZF set if t == 0

SF set if t < 0 (as signed)

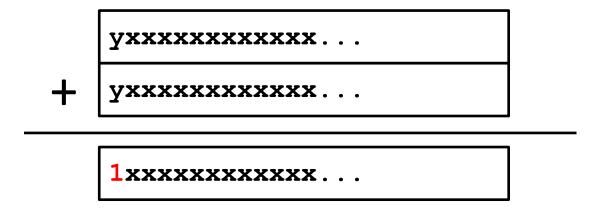
OF set if two's-complement (signed) overflow
  (a>0 && b>0 && t<0) || (a<0 && b<0 && t>=0)
```

■ Not set by leaq instruction

ZF set when

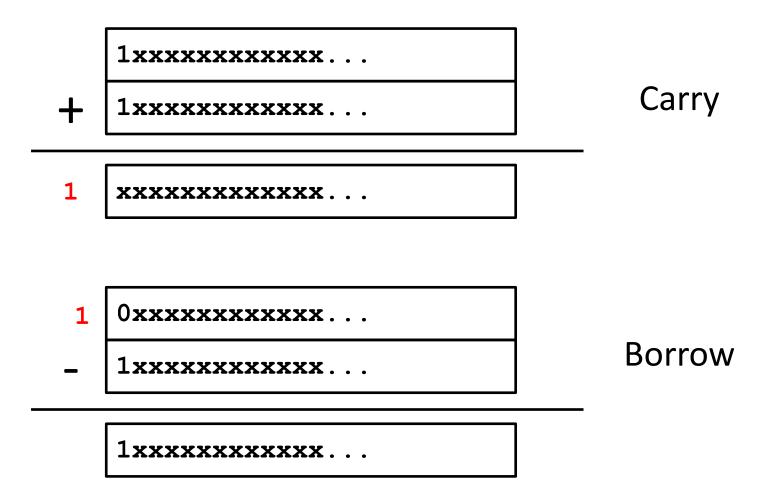
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SF set when



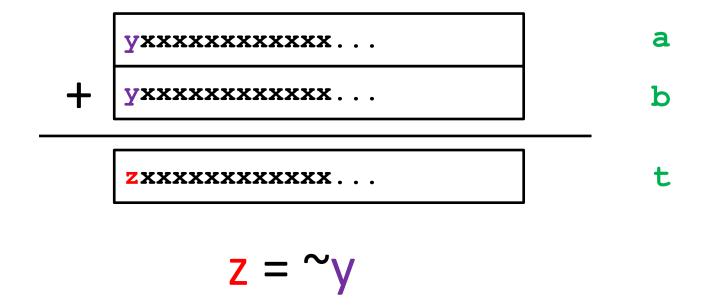
For signed arithmetic, this reports when result is a negative number

CF set when



For unsigned arithmetic, this reports overflow

OF set when



For signed arithmetic, this reports overflow

Condition Codes (Explicit Setting: Compare)

Explicit Setting by Compare Instruction

- cmpq Src2, Src1
- cmpq b, a like computing a-b without setting destination

- CF set if carry/borrow 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)

Condition Codes (Explicit Setting: Test)

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

Very often:
 testq %rax,%rax

Condition Codes (Explicit Reading: Set)

Explicit Reading by Set Instructions

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

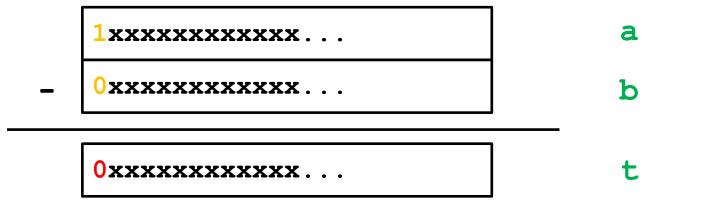
SetX	Condition	Description
sete	ZF	Equal / Zero
setne	~ZF	Not Equal / Not Zero
sets	SF	Negative
setns	~SF	Nonnegative
setg	~(SF^OF) &~ZF	Greater (signed)
setge	~(SF^OF)	Greater or Equal (signed)
setl	SF^OF	Less (signed)
setle	(SF^OF) ZF	Less or Equal (signed)
seta	~CF&~ZF	Above (unsigned)
setb	CF	Below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

Example: setl (Signed <)

■ Condition: SF^OF

SF	OF	SF ^ OF	Implication
0	0	0	No overflow, so SF implies not <
1	0	1	No overflow, so SF implies <
0	1	1	Overflow, so SF implies negative overflow, i.e. <
1	1	0	Overflow, so SF implies positive overflow, i.e. not <

negative overflow case



x86-64 Integer Registers

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

Can reference low-order byte

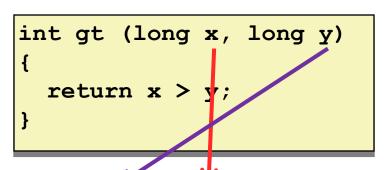
Explicit Reading Condition Codes (Cont.)

SetX Instructions:

Set single byte based on combination of condition codes

One of addressable byte registers

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



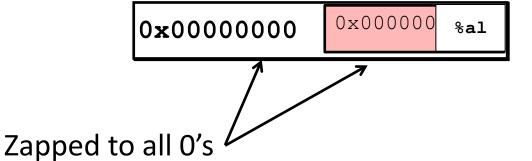
Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument x
%rsi	Argument y
%rax	Return value

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

Explicit Reading Condition Codes (Cont.)

Beware weirdness movzbl (and others)

movzbl %al, %eax



Use(s)

Argument x

Argument **y**

Return value

```
cmpq %rsi, %rdi # Compare x:y
setg %al # Set when >
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ret
```

Today

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

Jumping

■ jX Instructions

- Jump to different part of code depending on condition codes
- Implicit reading of 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)

Conditional Branch Example (Old Style)

Generation

Get to this shortly

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

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

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

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

Expressing with Goto Code

- 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 \le y;
    if (ntest) goto Else;
    result = x-y;
    goto Done;
Else:
    result = y-x;
Done:
    return result;
```

General Conditional Expression Translation (Using Branches)

C Code

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

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

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

Using Conditional Moves

Conditional Move Instructions

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

■ Why?

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

C Code

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

Goto Version

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

Conditional Move Example

absdiff:

```
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

When is this bad?

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

Bad Cases for Conditional Move

Expensive Computations

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

Bad Performance

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

Risky Computations

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

- Both values get computed
- May have undesirable effects

Computations with side effects

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

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

Illegal

Unsafe

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"Do-While" Loop Example

C Code

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

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

x86 being CISC has a popcount instruction

General "Do-While" Translation

C Code

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

Goto Version

```
loop:

Body

if (Test)

goto loop
```

"Do-While" Loop Compilation

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

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument x
%rax	result

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

Quiz Time!

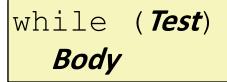
Check out:

https://canvas.cmu.edu/courses/24383/quizzes/67235

General "While" Translation #1

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

While version





Goto Version

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

While Loop Example #1

C Code

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

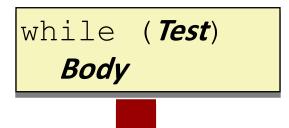
Jump to Middle

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

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

General "While" Translation #2

While version



- "Do-while" conversion
- Used with -01

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:
```

While Loop Example #2

C Code

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

Do-While Version

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

- Initial conditional guards entrance to loop
- Compare to do-while version of function
 - Removes jump to middle. When is this good or bad?

"For" Loop Form

General Form

```
for (Init; Test; Update)

Body
```

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

Init

```
i = 0
```

Test

```
i < WSIZE
```

Update

```
i++
```

Body

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

"For" Loop → While Loop

For Version

```
for (Init; Test; Update)

Body
```



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

For-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;
```

"For" Loop Do-While Conversion

Goto Version

C Code

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

Initial test can be optimized away – why?

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

Today

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

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

Switch Statement Example

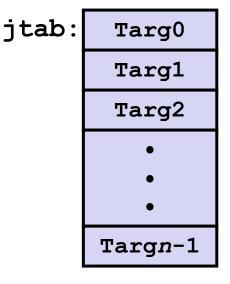
- Multiple case labels
 - Here: 5 & 6
- Fall through cases
 - Here: 2
- Missing cases
 - Here: 4

Jump Table Structure

Switch Form

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

Jump Table



Jump Targets

Targ0: Code Block 0

Targ1: Code Block

Targ2: Code Block 2

Translation (Extended C)

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

Targ*n*-1:

Code Block n-1

Switch Statement Example

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

Setup

```
my_switch:
    movq %rdx, %rcx
    cmpq $6, %rdi # x:6
    ja .L8
    jmp *.L4(,%rdi,8)
```

What range of values takes default?

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

Note that **w** not initialized here

Switch Statement Example

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

Setup

```
my_switch:

movq %rdx, %rcx

cmpq $6, %rdi # x:6

ja .L8 # use default

jmp *.L4(,%rdi,8) # goto *Jtab[x]

Indirect
```

Jump table

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

jump

Assembly Setup Explanation

Table Structure

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

Jumping

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

Jump table

```
.section
            .rodata
  .align 8
.L4:
            .L8
                 \# \mathbf{x} = 0
  . quad
            .L3
                 \# x = 1
  . quad
            .L5 \# x = 2
  . quad
  .quad
            .L9 \# x = 3
  .quad
            .L8 \# x = 4
  . quad
            .L7 \# x = 5
  . quad
            . ц7
                  \# x = 6
```

Jump Table

Jump table

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

```
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;
```

Code Blocks (x == 1)

```
.L3:

movq %rsi, %rax # y

imulq %rdx, %rax # y*z

ret
```

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

Handling Fall-Through

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

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

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

```
.L5:
                    # Case 2
  movq
         %rsi, %rax
  cqto
                  # sign extend
                  # rax to rdx:rax
                    # y/z
  idivq
         %rcx
                    # goto merge
          .L6
  jmp
.L9:
                    # Case 3
        $1, eax # w = 1
  movl
.L6:
                    # merge:
  addq %rcx, %rax # w += z
  ret
```

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

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

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

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

Summarizing

C Control

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

Assembler Control

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

Standard Techniques

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

Summary

Today

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

Next Time

- Stack
- Call / return
- Procedure call discipline

Finding Jump Table in Binary

```
00000000004005e0 <switch eq>:
4005e0:
             48 89 d1
                                           %rdx,%rcx
                                    mov
4005e3:
                                           $0x6,%rdi
           48 83 ff 06
                                    cmp
                                           400614 <switch eg+0x34>
4005e7: 77 2b
                                    jа
4005e9: ff 24 fd f0 07 40 00
                                    jmpq
                                           *0x4007f0(,%rdi,8)
4005f0: 48 89 f0
                                           %rsi,%rax
                                    mov
4005f3:
       48 Of af c2
                                    imul
                                           %rdx,%rax
4005f7:
             с3
                                    reta
             48 89 f0
4005f8:
                                           %rsi,%rax
                                    mov
4005fb:
       48 99
                                    cqto
            48 f7 f9
4005fd:
                                    idiv
                                           %rcx
400600:
             eb 05
                                    jmp
                                           400607 <switch eg+0x27>
400602:
             b8 01 00 00 00
                                           $0x1, %eax
                                    mov
400607:
            48 01 c8
                                    add
                                           %rcx,%rax
40060a:
             с3
                                    retq
40060b:
            b8 01 00 00 00
                                           $0x1, %eax
                                    mov
400610:
            48 29 d0
                                           %rdx,%rax
                                    sub
400613:
             c3
                                    retq
400614:
             b8 02 00 00 00
                                           $0x2, %eax
                                    mov
400619:
             с3
                                    retq
```

Finding Jump Table in Binary (cont.)

```
0000000004005e0 <switch_eg>:
. . .
4005e9: ff 24 fd f0 07 40 00 jmpq *0x4007f0(,%rdi,8)
. . .
```

```
% gdb switch
(gdb) x /8xg 0x4007f0
0x4007f0: 0x0000000000400614 0x0000000004005f0
0x400800: 0x0000000004005f8 0x00000000400602
0x400810: 0x000000000400614 0x00000000040060b
0x400820: 0x00000000040060b 0x2c646c25203d2078
(gdb)
```

Finding Jump Table in Binary (cont.)

```
% qdb switch
(gdb) \times /8xg 0x4007f0
0x4007f0:
                  0 \times 00000000000400614
                                              0x0000000004005f0
                  0 \times 0000000000004005f8
0 \times 400800:
                                              0 \times 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 0 0 6 0 2
                  0x0000000000400614
                                              0x00000000040060b
0 \times 400810:
                  0x000000000040060b
                                              0x2c646c25203d2078
0x400820:
   4005f0
                        9 f0
                                                       %rsi,%rax
                                               mov
                      0f af £2
   4005f3:
                                               imul
                                                       %rdx,%rax
   4005f7
                                               retq
   4005f8:
                          f0
                                                       %rsi,%rax
                                               mov
                      99
   4005fb:
                                               cqto
                   48 f7 f9
   4005fd:
                                               idiv
                                                       %rcx
                   eb
   400600:
                      05
                                                       400607 <switch eq+0x27>
                                               jmp
   400602
                   ъв 01 00 00 00
                                                       $0x1, %eax
                                               mov
   400607:
                   48 01 c8
                                               add
                                                       %rcx,%rax
   40060a;
                   c3
                                               reta
   40060b:
                   b8 01 00 00 00
                                                       $0x1, %eax
                                               mov
   400610;
                   48 29 d0
                                                       %rdx,%rax
                                               sub
   400613
                   с3
                                               retq
   400614:
                   b8 02 00 00 00
                                                       $0x2, %eax
                                               mov
   400619:
                   с3
                                               retq
```