

Basic Control Flow Using JECXZ (Supplemental)

JMP Instruction (Review)

- ▶ **jmp** Instruction (*unconditional jump*)
 - ▶ Like a “goto” statement – go to the instruction with a given label
 - ▶ Prefix any instruction with *label:* – then you can **jmp** to that *label*

Example 1

```
mov eax, 2
jmp write
mov eax, 1
write: call WriteDec
```

*Skips over mov eax, 1
and displays 2*

Example 2

```
start: mov eax, 0
      jmp start
```

*Infinite loop: keep
setting EAX to 0*

Example 3

```
top: call ReadDec
     call WriteDec
     jmp top
```

*Infinite loop: read unsigned
integer, then display it*

Conditional Jump: Jump if ECX is Zero (JECXZ)

- ▶ Recall: **jmp** is like a goto statement – go to the given label, no matter what
- ▶ The **jecz** instruction (jump if ECX is zero) behaves as follows:
 - ▶ If the value in ECX is 0, go to the given label
 - ▶ If it is nonzero, *don't* go to the given label; continue with the next instruction instead

Example 1

```
mov ecx, 2
sub ecx, 2
jecz write
mov ecx, 99
write: mov eax, ecx
      call WriteDec
```

Skips over mov eax, 99 and displays 0

Example 2

```
mov ecx, 2
sub ecx, 1
jecz write
mov ecx, 99
write: mov eax, ecx
      call WriteDec
```

Does not jump; displays 99

Conditional Jumps

- ▶ The **jecz** instruction is an example of a **conditional jump** instruction
- ▶ A **conditional jump** instruction
 - ▶ jumps if some condition is true
 - ▶ doesn't jump (continues to the next instruction) otherwise
- ▶ The **jecz** instruction
 - ▶ jumps if ECX == 0
 - ▶ doesn't jump otherwise
- ▶ **Q.** Why are conditional jumps useful?
 - ▶ **A.** Control flow. Java uses *if* statements, *while* loops, etc.; assembly uses jumps.
 - ▶ We'll use **jecz** to illustrate this
- ▶ We'll learn more powerful conditional jump instructions later in the course
 - ▶ *Example:* jump if the last arithmetic instruction caused an overflow
 - ▶ *Example:* compare values in two registers, then jump if they're equal << Useful!

A Do-While Loop

- ▶ **Q.** Translate the following pseudocode into assembly, using **jecz** to implement the do-while loop.

Store the value 5 in ECX

```
do {
    Decrease value in ECX by 1
} while (ECX == 0)
```

Display value in ECX



```
start: sub ecx, 1
      jecz start
```

```
mov ecx, 5
```

```
mov eax, ecx
call WriteDec
```

A Do-While Loop

- ▶ **Q.** This is the same as the previous slide, but the condition is negated. Translate it using **jecz** and **jmp** to implement the do-while loop.

Store the value 5 in ECX

```
do {
    Decrease value in ECX by 1
} while (ECX != 0)
```

Display value in ECX



```
start: sub ecx, 1
      jecz done
      jmp start
```

```
done: mov eax, ecx
      call WriteDec
```

```
mov ecx, 5
```

Translating Do-While Loops



Do Thing A
do {
 Do Thing B
} while (ECX == 0)
Do Thing C



label:
Do Thing A
Do Thing B
jecxz label
Do Thing C

Do Thing A
do {
 Do Thing B
} while (ECX != 0)
Do Thing C



label1:
Do Thing A
Do Thing B
jecxz label2
jmp label1
label2:
Do Thing C

Activity 5 #4

A While Loop



- Remember from Java:
 - do-while loops – test *after* executing the loop body
 - while loops – test *before* executing the loop body

- Example:

Store the value 5 in ECX

mov ecx, 5

while (ECX != 0) {
 Decrease value in ECX by 1
}

start: jecxz done
 sub ecx, 1
 jmp start

Display value in ECX

done: mov eax, ecx
 call WriteDec

A While Loop



- Remember from Java:
 - do-while loops – test *after* executing the loop body
 - while loops – test *before* executing the loop body

- Example:

Store the value 5 in ECX

mov ecx, 5

while (ECX == 0) {
 Decrease value in ECX by 1
}

start: jecxz body
 jmp done
body: sub ecx, 1
 jmp start

Display value in ECX

done: mov eax, ecx
 call WriteDec

Translating While Loops



Do Thing A
while (ECX == 0) {
 Do Thing B
}
Do Thing C



label1: jecxz label2
 jmp label3
label2: Do Thing B
 jmp label1
label3: Do Thing C

Do Thing A
while (ECX != 0) {
 Do Thing B
}
Do Thing C



label1: jecxz label3
 Do Thing B
 jmp label1
label3: Do Thing C

Activity 5 #5

Summary: Translating Loops Involving ECX



Do Thing A
do {
 Do Thing B
} while (ECX == 0)
Do Thing C



L1:
Do Thing B
jecxz L1
Do Thing C

Do Thing A
do {
 Do Thing B
} while (ECX != 0)
Do Thing C



L1: Do Thing B
 jecxz L2
 jmp L1
L2: Do Thing C

Do Thing A
while (ECX == 0) {
 Do Thing B
}
Do Thing C



L1: jecxz L2
 jmp L3
L2: Do Thing B
 jmp L1
L3: Do Thing C

Do Thing A
while (ECX != 0) {
 Do Thing B
}
Do Thing C



L1: jecxz L3
 Do Thing B
 jmp L1
L3: Do Thing C

An If Statement: General Form



- You can also implement an *if* statement using jecxz:

Do Thing A
if (ECX != 0) {
 Do Thing B1
} else {
 Do Thing B2
}
Do Thing C



Do Thing A
jecxz ???
Do Thing B1
jmp ???
Do Thing B2
ifPart: Do Thing B1
elsePart: Do Thing B2
endPart: Do Thing C

An If Statement: General Form



```
Do Thing A
if (ECX ≠ 0) {
  Do Thing B1
} else {
  Do Thing B2
}
Do Thing C
```

→

```
Do Thing A
ifPart: jeczx elsePart
Do Thing B1
Do Thing B1
jmp endPart
elsePart: Do Thing B2
endPart: Do Thing C
```

These are just ordinary labels.
You don't have to call them ifPart, elsePart, etc.
Any label—L1, or dog, or foo—will work (but it's less readable).

Translating If Statements



```
Do Thing A
if (ECX ≠ 0) {
  Do Thing B1
} else {
  Do Thing B2
}
Do Thing C
```

→

```
Do Thing A
jeczx elsePart
Do Thing B1
Do Thing B1
jmp endPart
elsePart: Do Thing B2
endPart: Do Thing C
```

```
Do Thing A
if (ECX == 0) {
  Do Thing B1
} else {
  Do Thing B2
}
Do Thing C
```

→

```
Do Thing A
jeczx ifPart
Do Thing B1
Do Thing B1
jmp endPart
elsePart: Do Thing B2
endPart: Do Thing C
```

Activity 5 #6

Administrivia



- ▶ **Homework 1** was due at 2:00 – late submission cutoff is 2 p.m. Sunday
- ▶ Meet in the **Lab on Monday** (2119 and 2122 Shelby)
 - ▶ Go to either one – wherever you can find a seat
 - ▶ If you want to work on your laptop, bring it