

Recap

- The lea Instruction
- Logical and Arithmetic Operations

Recap: lea

The **lea** instruction <u>copies</u> an "effective address" from one place to another.

lea src, dst

Unlike **mov**, which copies data <u>at</u> the address src to the destination, **lea** copies the value of src *itself* to the destination.

The syntax for the destinations is the same as **mov**. The difference is how it handles the **src**.

Recap: Unary Instructions

The following instructions operate on a single operand (<u>register</u> or <u>memory</u>):

Instruction	Effect	Description
inc D	D ← D + 1	Increment
dec D	D ← D - 1	Decrement
neg D	D ← -D	Negate
not D	D ← ~D	Complement

Examples: incq 16(%rax)

dec %rdx

not %rcx

Recap: Binary Instructions

The following instructions operate on two operands (<u>both can be register or memory</u>, <u>source can also be immediate</u>). <u>Both cannot be memory locations!</u> Read it as, e.g., "Subtract S from D":

Instruction	Effect	Description
add S, D	$D \leftarrow D + S$	Add
sub S, D	D ← D - S	Subtract
imul S, D	D ← D * S	Multiply
xor S, D	D ← D ^ S	Exclusive-or
or S, D	D ← D S	Or
and S, D	D ← D & S	And

```
Examples: addq %rcx,(%rax)
xorq $16,(%rax, %rdx, 8)
subq %rdx,8(%rax)
```

Recap: Large Multiplication

- Multiplying 64-bit numbers can produce a 128-bit result. How does x86-64 support this with only 64-bit registers?
- If you specify two operands to **imul**, it multiplies them together and truncates until it fits in a 64-bit register.

imul S, D D
$$\leftarrow$$
 D * S

• If you specify one operand, it multiplies that by **%rax**, and splits the product across **2** registers. It puts the high-order 64 bits in **%rdx** and the low-order 64 bits in **%rax**.

Instruction	Effect	Description
imulq S	$R[%rdx]:R[%rax] \leftarrow S \times R[%rax]$	Signed full multiply
mulq S	$R[%rdx]:R[%rax] \leftarrow S \times R[%rax]$	Unsigned full multiply

Recap: Division and Remainder

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idivq S	R[%rdx] ← R[%rdx]:R[%rax] mod S; R[%rax] ← R[%rdx]:R[%rax] ÷ S	Signed divide
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- Terminology: dividend / divisor = quotient + remainder
- x86-64 supports dividing up to a 128-bit value by a 64-bit value.
- The high-order 64 bits of the dividend are in **%rdx**, and the low-order 64 bits are in **%rax**. The divisor is the operand to the instruction.
- The quotient is stored in %rax, and the remainder in %rdx.

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cqto	R[%rdx]:R[%rax] ← SignExtend(R[%rax])	Convert to oct word

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- The high-order 64 bits of the dividend are in **%rdx**, and the low-order 64 bits are in **%rax**. The divisor is the operand to the instruction.
- Most division uses only 64-bit dividends. The **cqto** instruction sign-extends the 64-bit value in **%rax** into **%rdx** to fill both registers with the dividend, as the division instruction expects.

Recap: Shift Instructions

The following instructions have two operands: the shift amount **k** and the destination to shift, **D**. **k** can be either an immediate value, or the byte register **%c1** (and only that register!)

Instruction	Effect	Description
sal k, D	D ← D << k	Left shift
shl k, D	D ← D << k	Left shift (same as sal)
sar k, D	$D \leftarrow D >>_A k$	Arithmetic right shift
shr k, D	D ← D >> _L k	Logical right shift

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- When using **%c1**, the width of what you are shifting determines what portion of **%c1** is used.
- For w bits of data, it looks at the low-order log2(w) bits of %cl to know how much to shift.
 - If %c1 = 0xff (0b11111111), then: **shlb** shifts by 7 because it considers only the low-order log2(8) = 3 bits, which represent 7. **shlw** shifts by 15 because it considers only the low-order log2(16) = 4 bits, which represent 15.

Recap: A Note About Operand Forms

- Many instructions share the same address operand forms that mov uses.
 - Eg. 7(%rax, %rcx, 2).
- These forms work the same way for other instructions, e.g. sub:
 - sub 8(%rax,%rdx),%rcx → Go to 8 + %rax + %rdx, subtract what's there from %rcx

- The exception is **lea**:
 - It interprets this form as just the calculation, not the dereferencing
 - lea 8(%rax,%rdx),%rcx → Calculate 8 + %rax + %rdx, put it in %rcx

Plan for Today

- Practice: Reverse Engineering
- Assembly Execution and %rip
- Control Flow Mechanics

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Lecture Plan

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Reverse Engineeging Practices

https://godbolt.org/z/QQj77g

```
int add to(int x, int arr[], int i) {
   int sum = ____;
   sum += arr[ ? ];
   return ___?__;
add to:
 movslq %edx, %rdx
 movl %edi, %eax
 addl (%rsi,%rdx,4), %eax
  ret
```

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// x in %edi, arr in %rsi, i in %edx
add to:
                  // sign-extend i into full register
 movslq %edx, %rdx
 movl %edi, %eax
                  // copy x into %eax
 addl (%rsi,%rdx,4), %eax // add arr[i] to %eax
 ret
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 addl (%rsi,%rdx,4), %eax // add arr[i] to %eax
 ret
```

```
int elem arithmetic(int nums[], int y) {
   int z = nums[___?__] * ___?__;
   z >>= ____;
   return ? -:
elem arithmetic:
 movl %esi, %eax
 imull (%rdi), %eax
 subl 4(%rdi), %eax
 sarl $2, %eax
 addl $2, %eax
  ret
```

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   return ? -:
// nums in %rdi, y in %esi
elem arithmetic:
 movl %esi, %eax // copy y into %eax
 imull (%rdi), %eax  // multiply %eax by nums[0]
 subl 4(%rdi), %eax // subtract nums[1] from %eax
 sarl $2, %eax
              // shift %eax right by 2
 addl $2, %eax
              // add 2 to %eax
 ret
```

```
int elem_arithmetic(int nums[], int y) {
   int z = nums[0] * y;
   z \rightarrow nums[1];
   z >>= 2;
   return z + 2;
// nums in %rdi, y in %esi
elem arithmetic:
 movl %esi, %eax // copy y into %eax
 imull (%rdi), %eax  // multiply %eax by nums[0]
 subl 4(%rdi), %eax // subtract nums[1] from %eax
               // shift %eax right by 2
 sarl $2, %eax
 addl $2, %eax
               // add 2 to %eax
 ret
```

```
long func(long x, long *ptr) {
    *ptr = ___?___ + 1;
    long result = x % ____?___;
   return ___?__;
func:
  leaq 1(%rdi), %rcx
 movq %rcx, (%rsi)
 movq %rdi, %rax
  cqto
 idivq %rcx
  movq %rdx, %rax
  ret
```

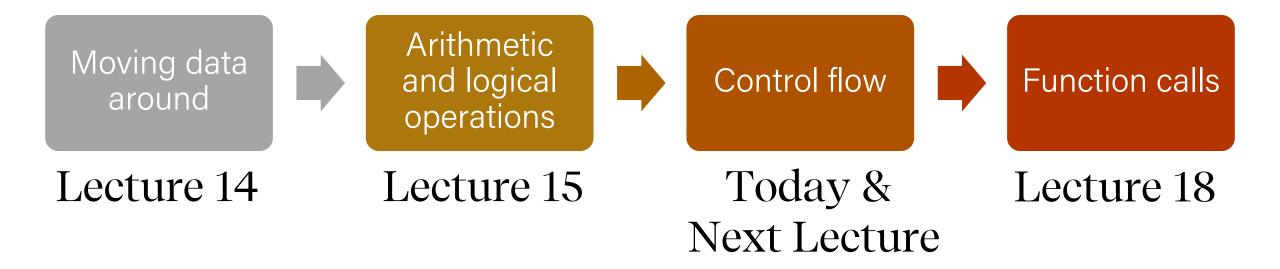
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func:
 leaq 1(%rdi), %rcx // put x + 1 into %rcx
 movq %rcx, (%rsi) // copy %rcx into *ptr
 movq %rdi, %rax
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   *ptr = x + 1;
   long result = x \% *ptr; // or x + 1
   return result;
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Lecture Plan

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Learning Assembly



Learning Goals

- Learn about how assembly stores comparison and operation results in condition codes
- Understand how assembly implements loops and control flow

Executing Instructions

What does it mean for a program to execute?

Executing Instructions

So far:

- Program values can be stored in memory or registers.
- Assembly instructions read/write values back and forth between registers (on the CPU) and memory.
- Assembly instructions are also stored in memory.

Today:

Who controls the instructions?
 How do we know what to do now or next?

Answer:

• The program counter (PC), %rip.

4004fd	fa
4004fc	eb
4004fb	01
4004fa	fc
4004f9	45
4004f8	83
4004f7	00
4004f6	00
4004f5	00
4004f4	00
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4004f2	45
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Register Responsibilities

Some registers take on special responsibilities during program execution.

- **%rax** stores the return value
- %rdi stores the first parameter to a function
- **%rsi** stores the second parameter to a function
- %rdx stores the third parameter to a function
- **%rip** stores the address of the next instruction to execute
- **%rsp** stores the address of the current top of the stack

See the x86-64 Guide and Reference Sheet on the Resources webpage for more!

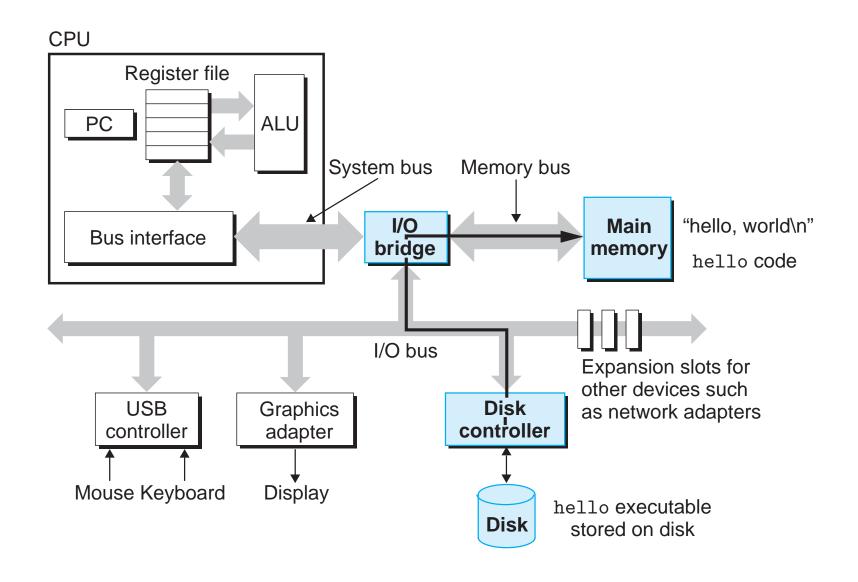
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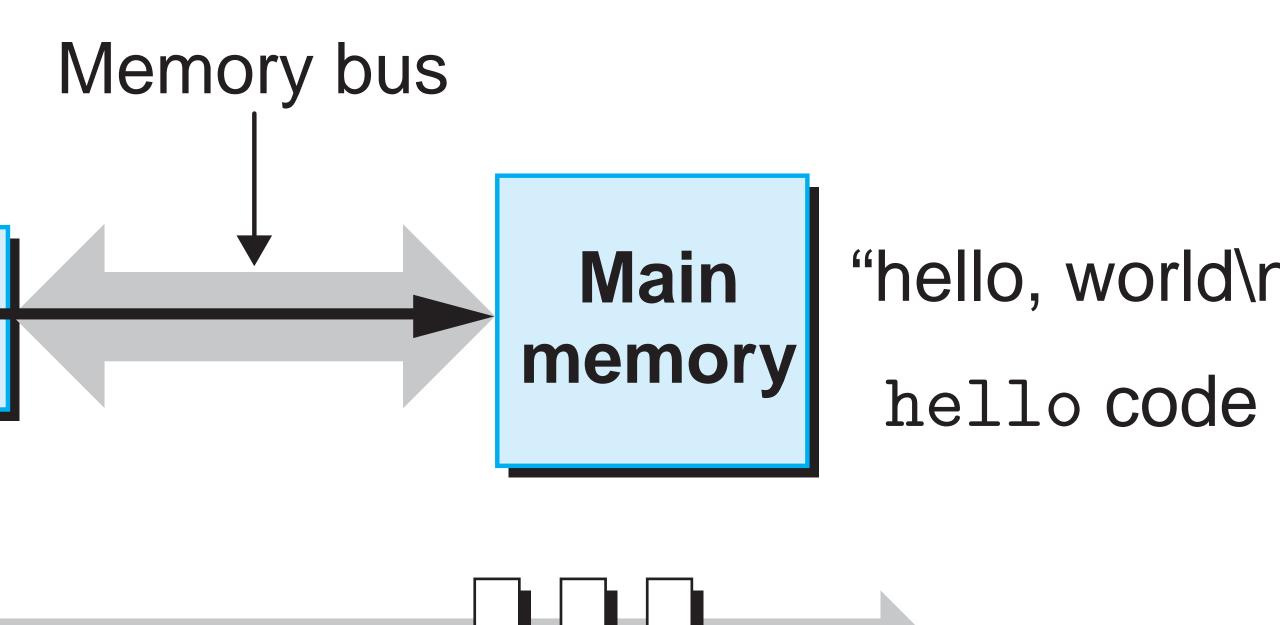
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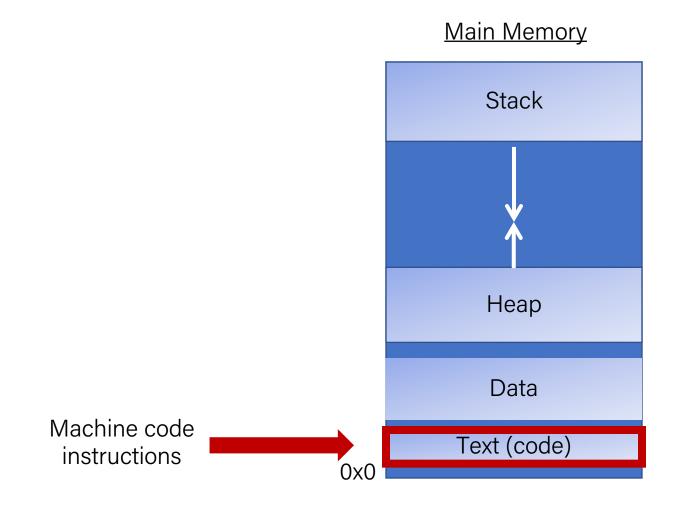
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%rip

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 mov
 %rsp,%rbp

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 jmp
 4004f8 <loop+0xb>

push

%rbp

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Main Memory

Stack Heap Data Text (code)

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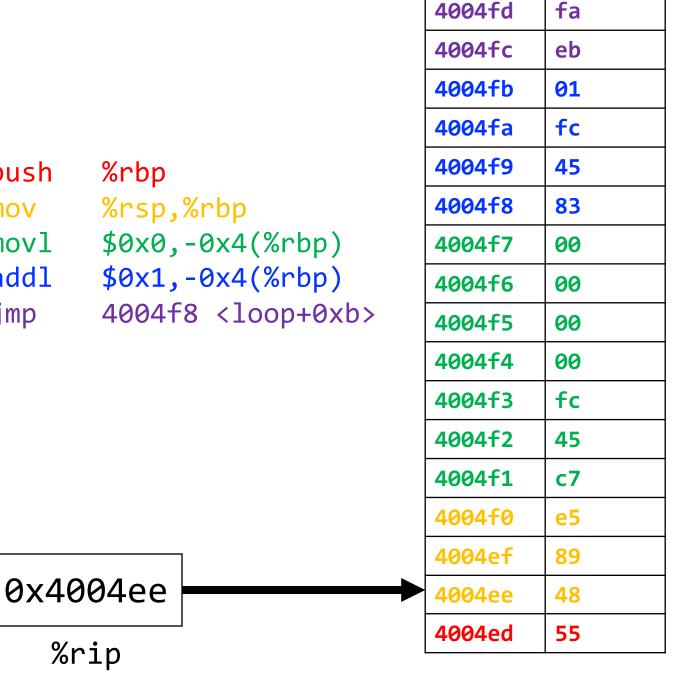
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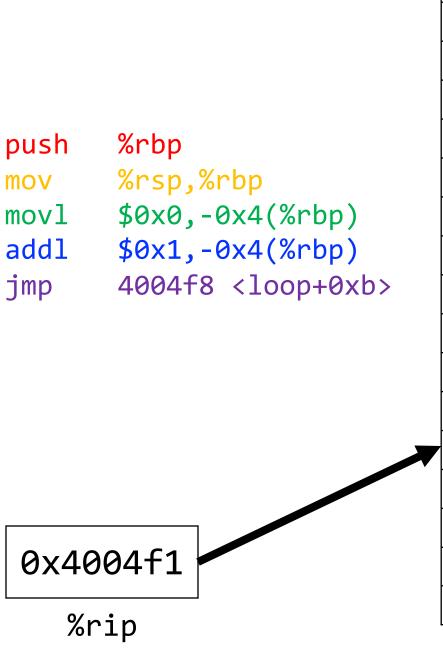
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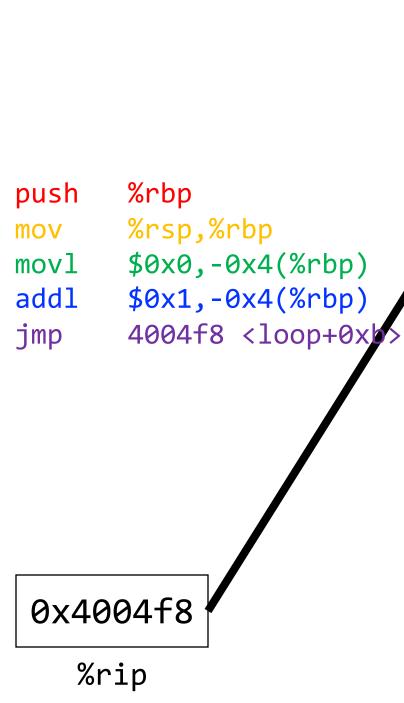
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addl \$0x1,-0x4(%rbp)

jmp 4004f8 <loop*0xb>

Special hardware sets the program counter to the next instruction:

%rip += size of bytes of current
instruction

0x4004fc

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Going In Circles

- How can we use this representation of execution to represent e.g. a loop?
- **Key Idea:** we can "interfere" with **%rip** and set it back to an earlier instruction!

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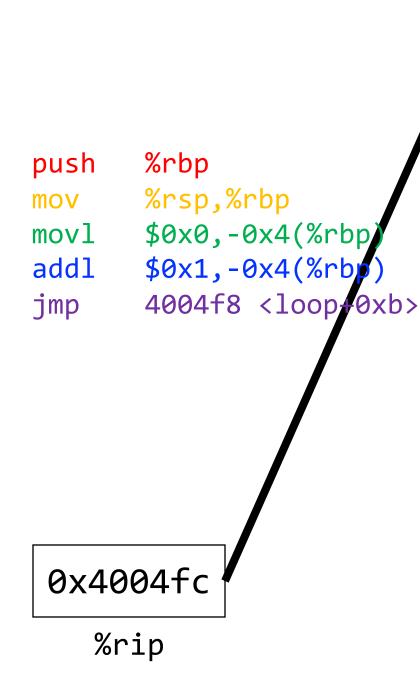
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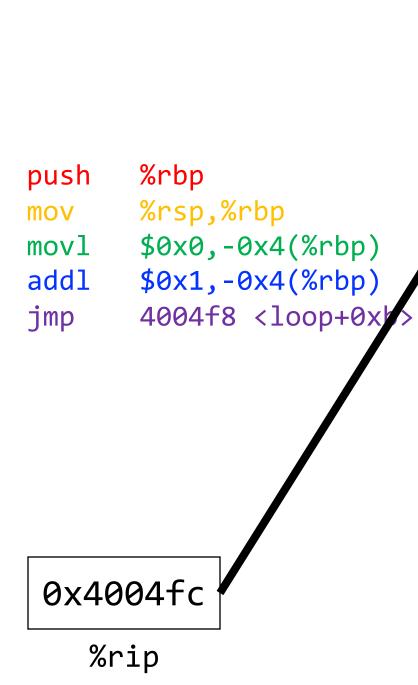
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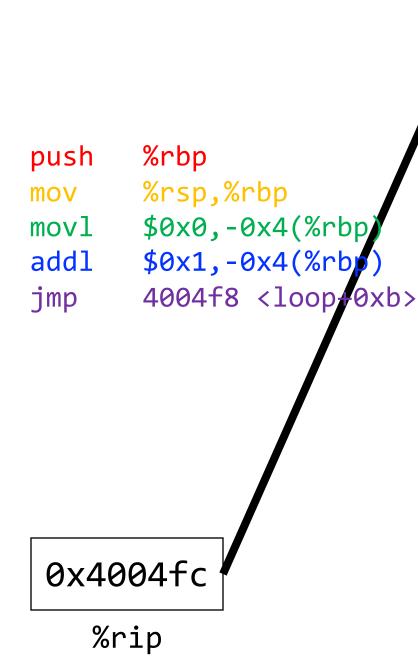
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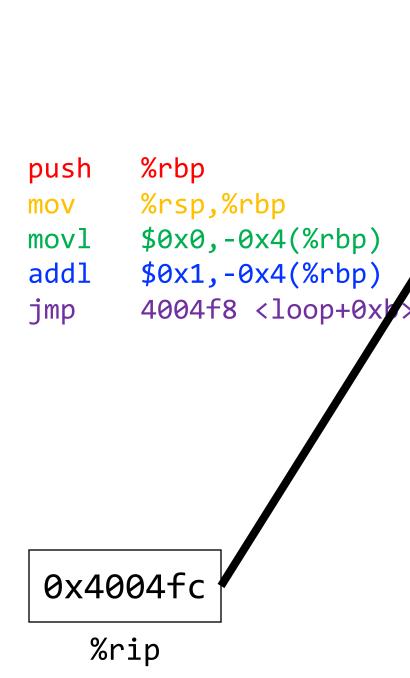
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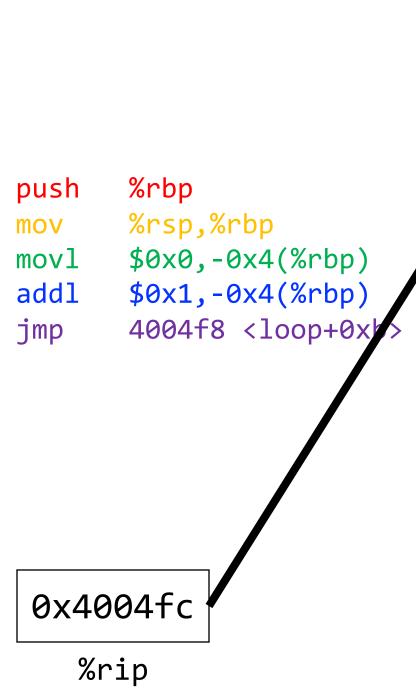
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This assembly represents an infinite loop in C!

while (true) {...}



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jmp

The **jmp** instruction jumps to another instruction in the assembly code ("Unconditional Jump").

```
jmp Label (Direct Jump)
jmp *Operand (Indirect Jump)
```

The destination can be hardcoded into the instruction (direct jump):

```
jmp 404f8 <loop+0xb> # jump to instruction at 0x404f8
```

The destination can also be one of the usual operand forms (indirect jump):

```
jmp *%rax  # jump to instruction at address in %rax
```

"Interfering" with %rip

1. How do we repeat instructions in a loop?

jmp [target]

 A 1-step unconditional jump (always jump when we execute this instruction)

What if we want a conditional jump?

Lecture Plan

- More practice: Reverse Engineering
- Assembly Execution and %rip
- Control Flow Mechanics
 - Condition Codes
 - Assembly Instructions

- In C, we have control flow statements like **if**, **else**, **while**, **for**, etc. to write programs that are more expressive than just one instruction following another.
- This is *conditional execution of statements*: executing statements if one condition is true, executing other statements if one condition is false, etc.
- How is this represented in assembly?

```
if (x > y) { | In Assembly:
1. Calculate the condition result
2. Page described to the condition of the cond
                                                                                                                                                                                                                      // a
        } else {
```

- 2. Based on the result, go to a or b

- In assembly, it takes more than one instruction to do these two steps.
- Most often: 1 instruction to calculate the condition, 1 to conditionally jump

Common Pattern:

Conditional Jumps

There are also variants of **jmp** that jump only if certain conditions are true ("Conditional Jump"). The jump location for these must be hardcoded into the instruction.

Instruction	Synonym	Set Condition
je Label	jz	Equal / zero
jne <i>Label</i>	jnz	Not equal / not zero
js Label		Negative
jns <i>Label</i>		Nonnegative
jg Label	jnle	Greater (signed >)
jge <i>Label</i>	jnl	Greater or equal (signed >=)
jl Label	jnge	Less (signed <)
jle <i>Label</i>	jng	Less or equal (signed <=)
ja <i>Label</i>	jnbe	Above (unsigned >)
jae <i>Label</i>	jnb	Above or equal (unsigned >=)
jb Label	jnae	Below (unsigned <)
jbe <i>Label</i>	jna	Below or equal (unsigned <=)

Read cmp **S1,S2** as "compare S2 to S1":

```
// Jump if %edi > 2
                                 // Jump if %edi == 4
                                 cmp $4, %edi
cmp $2, %edi
                                 je [target]
jg [target]
                                 // Jump if %edi <= 1
// Jump if %edi != 3
                                 cmp $1, %edi
cmp $3, %edi
                                 jle [target]
jne [target]
```

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cmp $2, %edi
                                    je [target]
jg [target]
                                             if %edi <= 1
// Jump if %ed Wait a minute - how does the
                                             %edi
                jump instruction know anything
cmp $3, %edi
                                             getl
                about the compared values in
jne [target]
                the earlier instruction?
```

- The CPU has special registers called *condition codes* that are like "global variables". They *automatically* keep track of information about the most recent arithmetic or logical operation.
 - **cmp** compares via calculation (subtraction) and info is stored in the condition codes
 - conditional jump instructions look at these condition codes to know whether to jump
- What exactly are the condition codes? How do they store this information?

Condition Codes

Alongside normal registers, the CPU also has <u>single-bit</u> condition code registers. They store the results of the most recent arithmetic or logical operation.

Most common condition codes:

- **CF**: Carry flag. The most recent operation generated a carry out of the most significant bit. Used to detect overflow for unsigned operations.
- **ZF**: Zero flag. The most recent operation yielded zero.
- SF: Sign flag. The most recent operation yielded a negative value.
- **OF**: Overflow flag. The most recent operation caused a two's-complement overflow-either negative or positive.

Condition Codes

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Example: if we calculate t = a + b, condition codes are set according to:

```
• CF: Carry flag (Unsigned Overflow). (unsigned) t < (unsigned) a
```

- **ZF**: Zero flag (Zero). (t == 0)
- SF: Sign flag (Negative). $(t < \theta)$
- OF: Overflow flag (Signed Overflow). (a<0 == b<0) && (t<0 != a<0)

Setting Condition Codes

The **cmp** instruction is like the subtraction instruction, but it does not store the result anywhere. It just sets condition codes. (**Note** the operand order!)

CMP S1, S2

S2 - S1

Instruction	Description
cmpb	Compare byte
стрм	Compare word
cmpl	Compare double word
cmpq	Compare quad word

Read **cmp S1,S2** as "compare S2 to S1". It calculates S2 – S1 and updates the condition codes with the result.

```
// Jump if %edi > 2
                               // Jump if %edi == 4
// calculates %edi - 2
                               // calculates %edi - 4
cmp $2, %edi
                               cmp $4, %edi
jg [target]
                               je [target]
// Jump if %edi != 3
                               // Jump if %edi <= 1
                               // calculates %edi - 1
// calculates %edi - 3
                               cmp $1, %edi
cmp $3, %edi
jne [target]
                               jle [target]
```

Conditional Jumps

Conditional jumps can look at subsets of the condition codes in order to check their condition of interest.

Instruction	Synonym	Set Condition
je <i>Label</i>	jz	Equal / zero (ZF = 1)
jne <i>Label</i>	jnz	Not equal / not zero (ZF = 0)
js Label		Negative (SF = 1)
jns <i>Label</i>		Nonnegative (SF = 0)
jg Label	jnle	Greater (signed >) (ZF = 0 and SF = OF)
jge <i>Label</i>	jnl	Greater or equal (signed >=) (SF = OF)
jl Label	jnge	Less (signed <) (SF != OF)
jle <i>Label</i>	jng	Less or equal (signed <=) (ZF = 1 or SF! = OF)
ja <i>Label</i>	jnbe	Above (unsigned $>$) (CF = 0 and ZF = 0)
jae <i>Label</i>	jnb	Above or equal (unsigned \geq =) (CF = 0)
jb Label	jnae	Below (unsigned <) (CF = 1)
jbe <i>Label</i>	jna	Below or equal (unsigned \leq =) (CF = 1 or ZF = 1)

Setting Condition Codes

The **test** instruction is like **cmp**, but for AND. It does not store the & result anywhere. It just sets condition codes.

TEST S1, S2

S2 & S1

Instruction	Description
testb	Test byte
testw	Test word
testl	Test double word
testq	Test quad word

Cool trick: if we pass the same value for both operands, we can check the sign of that value using the **Sign Flag** and **Zero Flag** condition codes!

Condition Codes

- Previously-discussed arithmetic and logical instructions update these flags. **lea** does not (it was intended only for address computations).
- Logical operations (xor, etc.) set carry and overflow flags to zero.
- Shift operations set the carry flag to the last bit shifted out and set the overflow flag to zero.
- For more complicated reasons, **inc** and **dec** set the overflow and zero flags, but leave the carry flag unchanged.

Recap

- More practice: Reverse Engineering
- Assembly Execution and %rip
- Control Flow Mechanics

Next time: Conditional branches