CSED211 : Microprocessor & Assembly Programming

Lecture 5: Control

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Quiz #3

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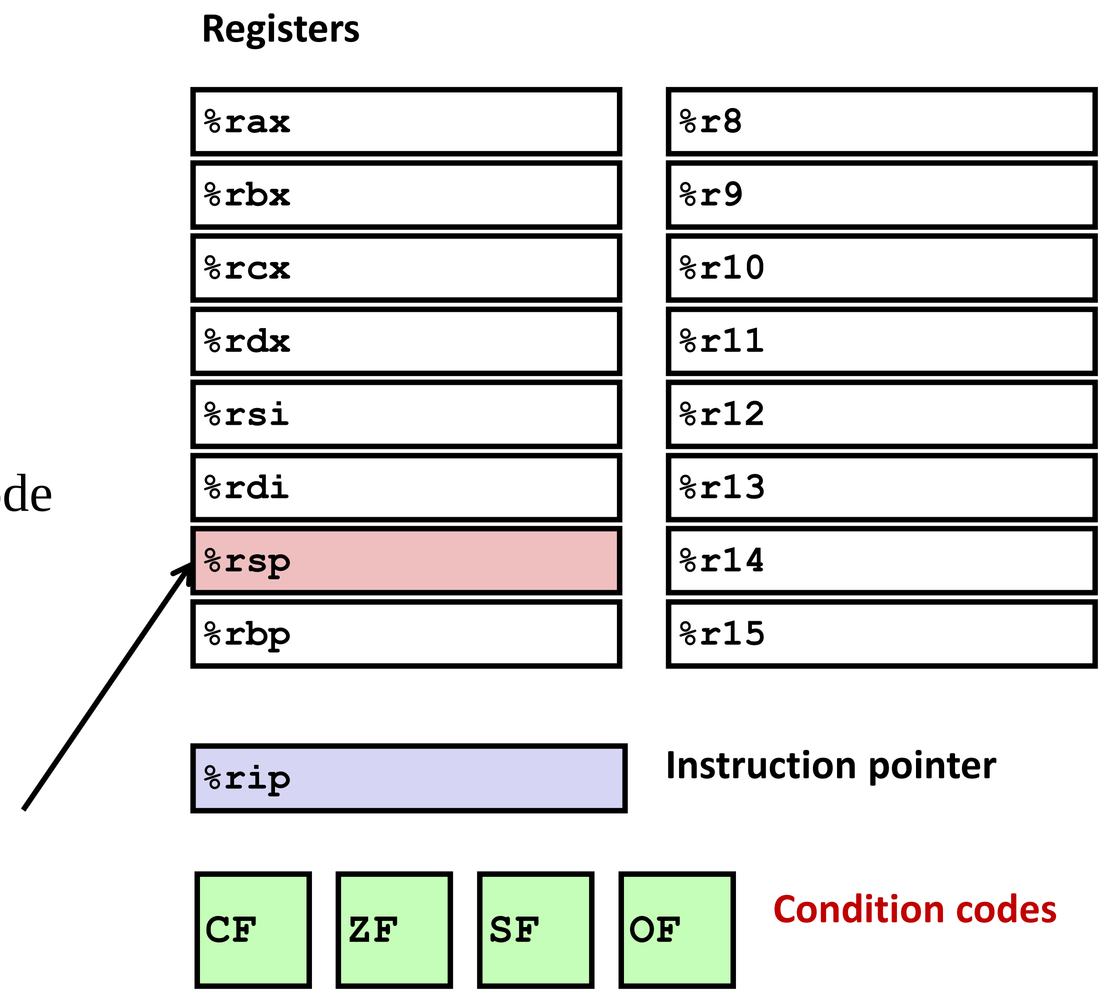
Today

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

Processor State (x86-64, Partial)

- 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

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 (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

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 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`**

Condition Codes (Explicit reading: Set)

- Explicit Reading by setX 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)

x86-64 Integer Registers

`%rax`	`%al`	`%r8`	`%r8b`
`%rbx`	`%bl`	`%r9`	`%r9b`
`%rcx`	`%cl`	`%r10`	`%r10b`
`%rdx`	`%dl`	`%r11`	`%r11b`
`%rsi`	`%sil`	`%r12`	`%r12b`
`%rdi`	`%dil`	`%r13`	`%r13b`
`%rsp`	`%spl`	`%r14`	`%r14b`
`%rbp`	`%bpl`	`%r15`	`%r15b`

Can reference low-order byte

Explicit Reading Condition Codes (Cont.)

- SetX Instructions:
  - Set single byte based on combination of condition codes
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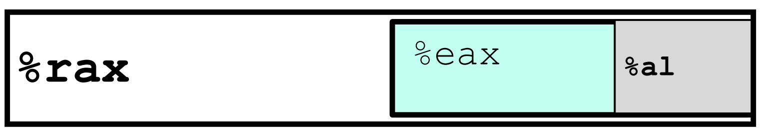
Beware weirdness **movzbl** (and others)

movzbl %al, %eax




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

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Jumping

- 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)

Conditional Branch Example (Old Style)

- Generation

```
cmest> gcc –Og -S –fno-if-conversion control.c
```

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

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 <= 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

```
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
```

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;
```

Unsafe

  - Both values get computed
  - May have undesirable effects

- **Computations with side effects**

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

Illegal

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

Exercise

`cmpq b,a` like computing **`a-b`** w/o setting dest

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`setb`	`CF`	Below (unsigned)

```
xorq    %rax, %rax
subq    $1, %rax
cmpq    $2, %rax
setl    %al
movzblq %al, %eax
```

`%rax`	SF	CF	OF	ZF

Note: **`setl`** and **`movzblq`** do not modify condition codes

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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

"Do-While" Loop Compilation

Goto Version

```
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
   ret
```

General “Do-While” Translation

C Code

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

Goto Version

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

Body:

```
{
  Statement1;
  Statement2;
    …
  Statementn;
}
```

General "While" Translation #1

- "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 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 Version

```
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

```
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:
```

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;
}
```

- Compare to do-while version of function
- Initial conditional guards entrance to loop

"For" Loop Form

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" Loop → While Loop

For Version

```
for (Init; Test; Update )
    Body
```

While Version

```
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

C Code

```
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;
}
```

Goto Version

```
long pcount_for_goto_dw
  (unsigned long x) {
  size_t i;
  long result = 0;
  i = 0;                              Init
  if (!(i < WSIZE))
    goto done;                        ! Test
 loop:
  {
    unsigned bit =
      (x >> i) & 0x1;                 Body
    result += bit;
  }
  i++;        Update
  if (i < WSIZE)
    goto loop;                        Test
 done:
  return result;
}
```

- Initial test can be optimized away

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Switch Statement Example

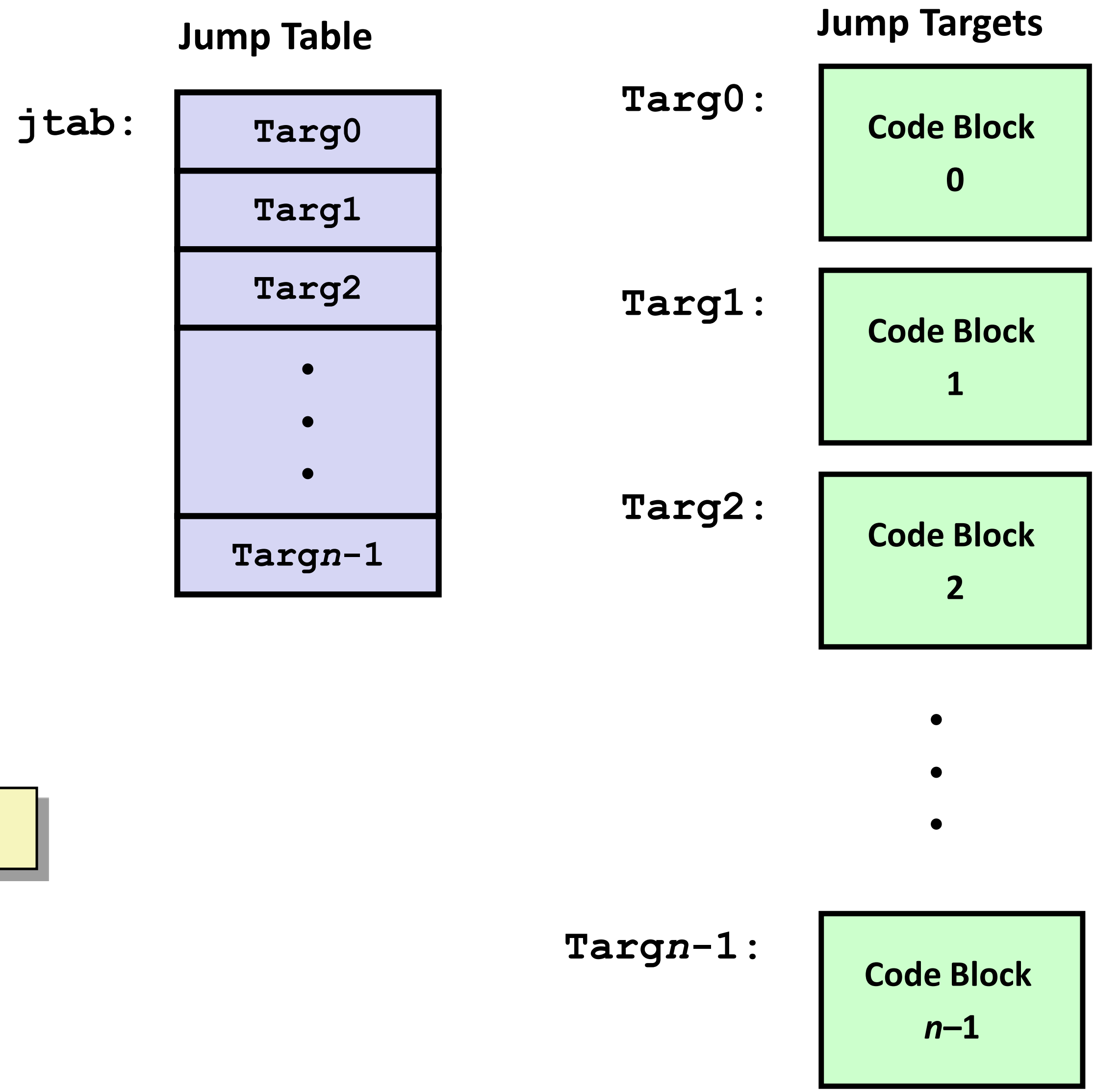
- Multiple case labels
  - Here: 5 & 6
- Fall through cases
  - Here: 2
- Missing cases
  - Here: 4

```
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;
}
```

Jump Table Structure

Switch Form

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



Translation (Extended C)

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

Switch Statement Example

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

Setup:

```
switch_eg:
    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`** is not initialized here

Switch Statement Example

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

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
```

Setup:

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

Indirect 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 $0 \le \mathbf{x} \le 6$

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
```

Jump Table

Jump table

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  .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;
}
```

Code Blocks (x == 1)

```
  switch(x) {
  case 1:          // .L3
        w = y*z;
        break;
   . . .
}
```

```
.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;
    /* Fall Through */
case 3:
    w += z;
    break;
    . . .
}
```

```
case 2:
    w = y/z;
    goto merge;
```

```
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
   idivq   %rcx           #  y/z
   jmp     .L6            #  goto merge
.L9:                      # Case 3
   movl    $1, %eax       #  w = 1
.L6:                      # merge:
   addq    %rcx, %rax #  w += z
   ret
```

Register	Use(s)
`%rdi`	Argument **`x`**
`%rsi`	Argument **`y`**
`%rdx`	Argument **`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;
}
```

```
.L7:                   # Case 5,6
  movl   $1, %eax    #  w = 1
  subq   %rdx, %rax #  w -= z
  ret
.L8:                   # Default:
  movl   $2, %eax    #  2
  ret
```

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

Finding Jump Table in Binary (cont.)

```
  00000000004005e0 <switch_eg>:
 . . .
 4005e9:       ff 24 fd f0 07 40 00    jmpq   *0x4007f0(,%rdi,8)
 . . .
```

```
 % gdb switch
(gdb) x /8xg 0x4007f0
0x4007f0:       0x0000000000400614      0x00000000004005f0
0x400800:       0x00000000004005f8      0x0000000000400602
0x400810:       0x0000000000400614      0x000000000040060b
0x400820:       0x000000000040060b      0x2c646c25203d2078
(gdb)
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```

```
  . . .
  4005f0:       48 89 f0                mov    %rsi,%rax
  4005f3:       48 0f af c2             imul   %rdx,%rax
  4005f7:       c3                      retq
  4005f8:       48 89 f0                mov    %rsi,%rax
  4005fb:       48 99                   cqto
  4005fd:       48 f7 f9                idiv   %rcx
  400600:       eb 05                   jmp    400607 <switch_eg+0x27>
  400602:       b8 01 00 00 00          mov    $0x1,%eax
  400607:       48 01 c8                add    %rcx,%rax
  40060a:       c3                      retq
  40060b:       b8 01 00 00 00          mov    $0x1,%eax
  400610:       48 29 d0                sub    %rdx,%rax
  400613:       c3                      retq
  400614:       b8 02 00 00 00          mov    $0x2,%eax
  400619:       c3                      retq
```