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%rax	%eax	%r8	%r8d	а5
%rbx	%ebx	%r9	%r9d	a6
%rcx	% ес х	%r10	%r10d	
%rdx	%edx	%r11	%r11d	
%rsi	%esi	%r12	%r12d	
%rdi	%edi	%r13	%r13d	
%rsp	%esp	%r14	%r14d	
%rbp	%ebp	%r15	%r15d	
%rip		CF ZF	SF OF	
	%rcx %rdx %rsi %rdi %rsp	%rcx %ecx %rdx %edx %rsi %esi %rdi %edi %rsp %esp %rbp %ebp	%rcx %ecx %rdx %r10 %rdx %r11 %rsi %esi %rdi %edi %rdi %r13 %rsp %esp %r14 %r15	%rcx %ecx %r10 %r10d %rdx %edx %r11 %r11d %rsi %esi %r12 %r12d %rdi %edi %r13 %r13d %rsp %esp %r14 %r14d %rbp %ebp %r15 %r15d

%rip is the instruction-pointer register. It contains the address of the next instruction to be executed. CF, ZF, SF, and OF are the condition codes, referring to carry flag, zero flag, sign flag, and overflow flag.

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: add/addq Src,Dest \leftrightarrow t = a+b CF set if carry out from most significant bit or borrow (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 lea instruction

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Condition Codes (Explicit Setting: Compare)

Explicit setting by compare instruction

```
cmpl/cmpq src2, src1
    compares src1:src2

cmpl b, a like computing a-b without setting destination

CF set if carry out from most significant bit or borrow (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

```
test1/testq src2, src1
test1 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
```

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Note that if a&b<0, what is meant is that the most-significant bit is 1.

Reading Condition Codes

- SetX instructions
 - set single byte based on combinations of condition codes

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)

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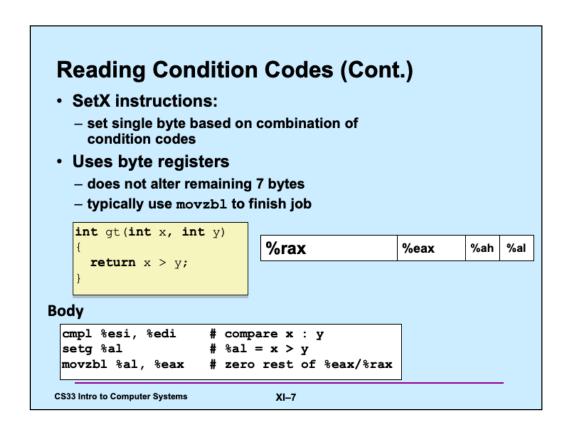
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These operations allow one to set a byte depending on the values of the condition codes.

Some of these conditions aren't all that obvious. Suppose we are comparing A with B (cmpl B,A). Thus the condition codes would be set as if we computed A-B. For signed arithmetic, If A >= B, then the true result is non-negative. But we have to deal with two's complement arithmetic with a finite word size. If overflow does not occur, then the sign flag should not be set. If overflow does occur, then even though the true result should have been positive, the actual result is negative. So, if both the sign flag and the overflow flag are not set, we know that A >= B. If both flags are set, we know the true result of the subtraction is positive and thus A>=B. But if one of the two flags is set and the other isn't, then A must be less than B. Thus if ~(SF^OF) is 1, we know that A>=B. If ZF (zero flag) is set, we know that A==B. Thus for A>B, ZF is not set.

For unsigned arithmetic, if A>B, then subtracting B from A doesn't require a borrow and thus CF is not set; and since A is not equal to B, ZF is not set. If A<B, then subtracting B from A requires a borrow and thus CF is set.

The other cases can be worked out similarly.



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Recall that the first argument to a function is passed in %rdi (%edi) and the second in %rsi (%esi).

Jumping

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

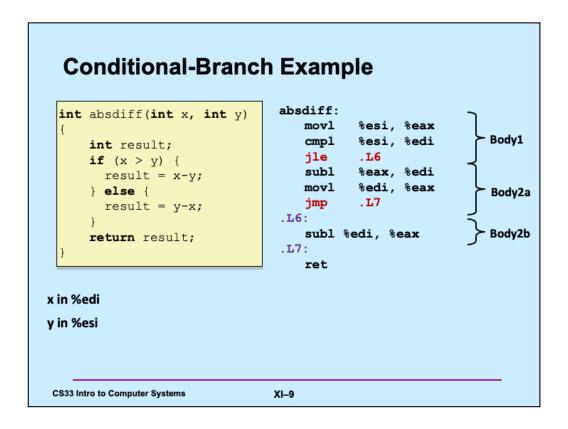
jX	Condition	Description
jmp	1	Unconditional
je	ZF	Equal / Zero
jne	~ZF	Not Equal / Not Zero
js	SF	Negative
jns	~SF	Nonnegative
jg	~ (SF^OF) &~ZF	Greater (Signed)
jge	~(SF^OF)	Greater or Equal (Signed)
j1	(SF^OF)	Less (Signed)
jle	(SF^OF) ZF	Less or Equal (Signed)
ja	~CF&~ZF	Above (unsigned)
jb	CF	Below (unsigned)

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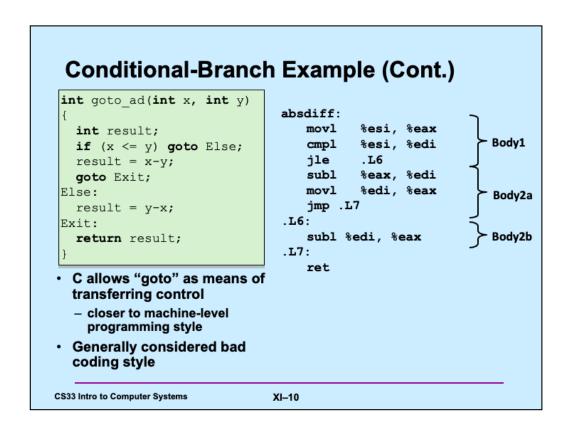
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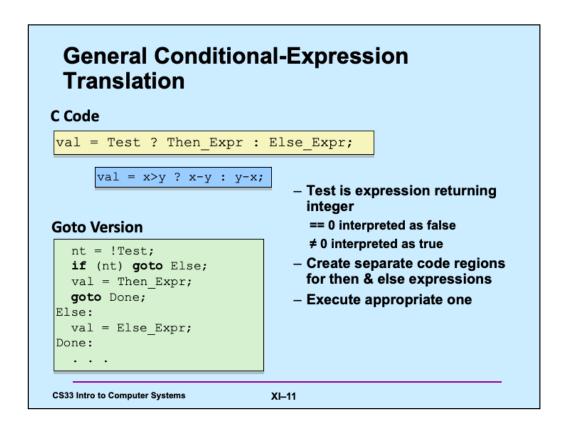
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C's conditional expression, as shown in the slide, is sometimes useful, but often results in really difficult-to-read code.

"Do-While" Loop Example

C Code

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

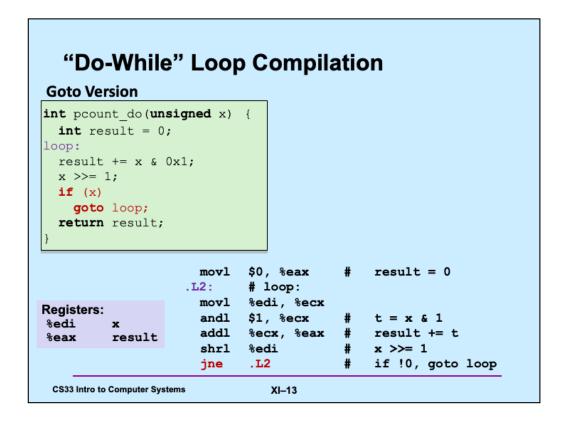
Goto Version

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

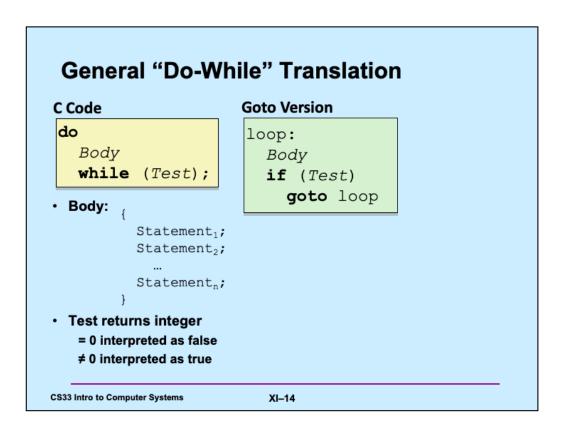
- Count number of 1's in argument x ("popcount")
- Use conditional branch either to continue looping or to exit loop

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Note that the condition codes are set as part of the execution of the shrl instruction.



"While" Loop Example

C Code

Goto Version

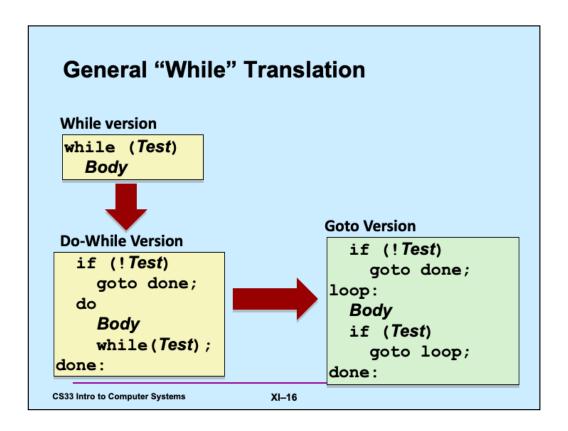
```
int pcount_while(unsigned x) {
  int result = 0;
  while (x) {
    result += x & 0x1;
    x >>= 1;
  }
  return result;
}
```

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

- · Is this code equivalent to the do-while version?
 - must jump out of loop if test fails

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"For" Loop Example

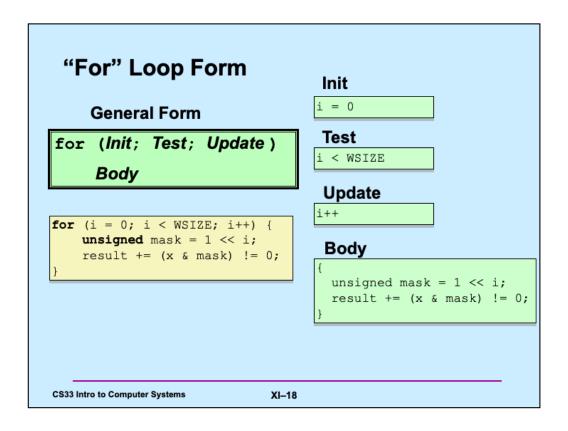
C Code

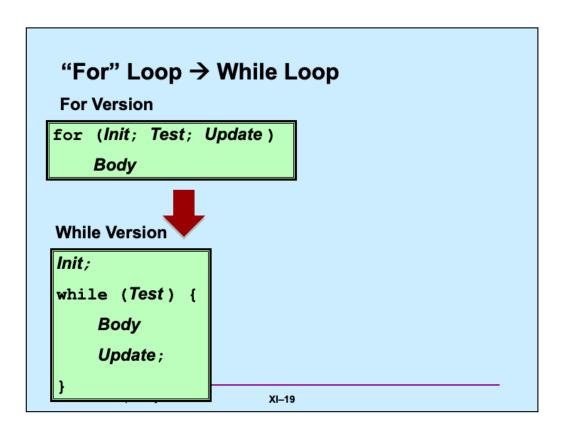
```
#define WSIZE 8*sizeof(int)
int pcount_for(unsigned x) {
  int i;
  int result = 0;
  for (i = 0; i < WSIZE; i++) {
    unsigned mask = 1 << i;
    result += (x & mask) != 0;
  }
  return result;
}</pre>
```

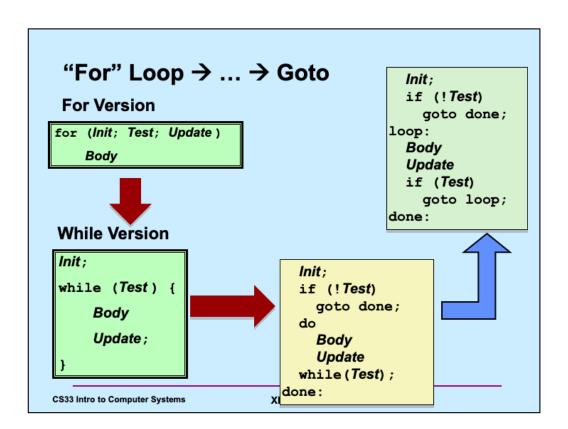
• Is this code equivalent to other versions?

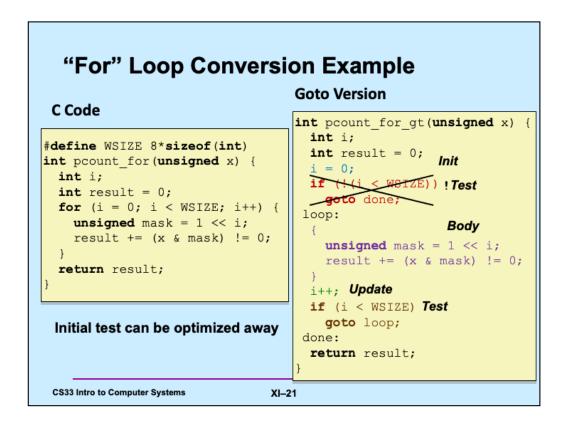
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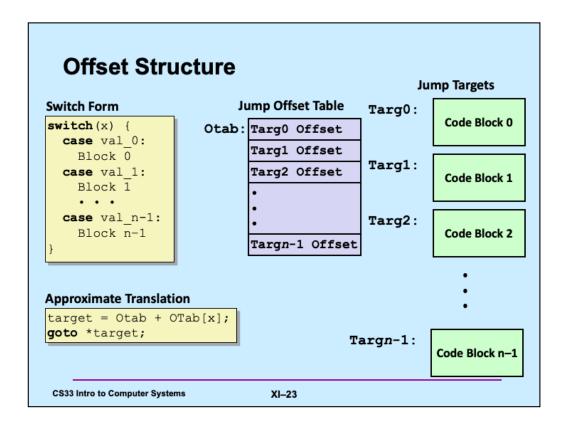


```
Switch-Statement
long switch_eg
                                    Example
  (long x, long y, long z) {
   long w = 1;
   switch(x) {
   case 1:
                                      · Multiple case labels
      w = y*z;
break;
                                         - here: 5 & 6
   case 2:
                                      · Fall-through cases
       w = y+z;
/* Fall Through */
                                         - here: 2
   case 3:

    Missing cases

       w += z;
       break;
                                         - here: 4
   case 5:
   case 6:
       w -= z;
       break;
    default:
       w = 2;
   return w;
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```

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Adapted from slide supplied by CMU to account for changes in gcc.

The translation is "approximate" because C doesn't have the notion of the target of a goto being a variable. But, if it did, then the translation is what we'd want!

```
Assembler Code (1)
switch_eg:
                                             .section
                                                             .rodata
       cmpq $6, %rdi
                                            .align 4
              .L8
                                    .L4:
       jа
       leaq
               .L4(%rip), %r8
                                            .long
                                                   .L8-.L4
       movslq (%r8,%rdi,4), %rcx
                                            .long
                                                   .L7-.L4
             %r8, %rcx
                                                    .L6-.L4
       addq
                                            .long
               *%rcx
                                                    .L9-.L4
       jmp
                                            .long
                                            .long
                                                   .L8-.L4
                                            .long
                                                   .L3-.L4
                                            .long
                                                    .L3-.L4
                                            .text
                                     .L7:
                                            movq
                                                    %rsi, %rax
                                            imulq %rdx, %rax
                                            ret
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```

Here's the assembler code obtained by compiling our C code in gcc with the -O1 optimization flag (specifying that some, but not lots of optimization should be done). We explain this code in subsequent slides. The jump offset table starts at label .L4.

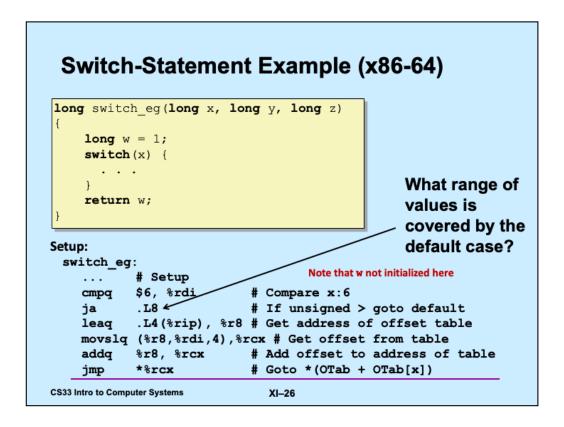
Assembler Code (2)

```
.L6:
       leaq
              (%rsi,%rdx), %rax
       jmp
               .L5
.L9:
               $1, %eax
       movl
.L5:
       addq
              %rdx, %rax
       ret
.L3:
              $1, %eax
       movl
               %rdx, %rax
       subq
       ret
.L8:
               $2, %eax
       movl
       ret
```

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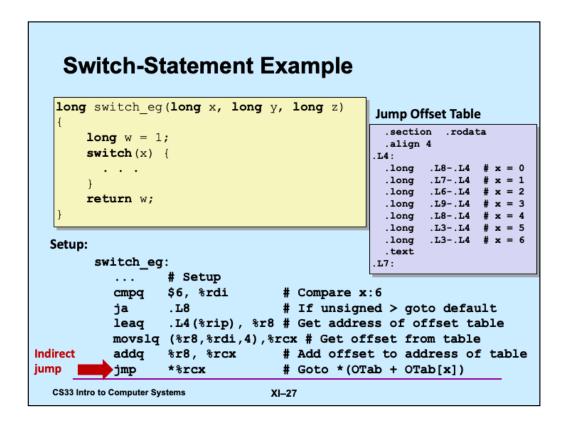
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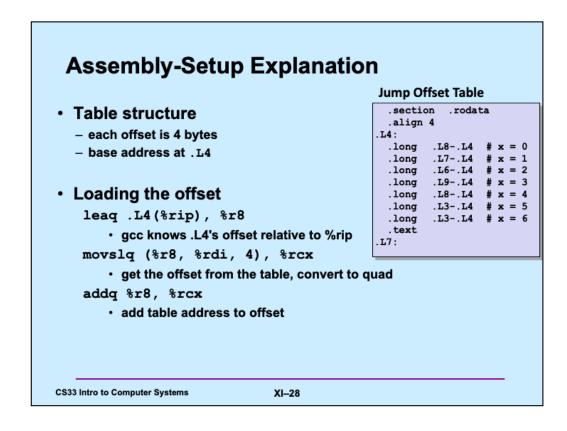
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Note that the ja in the slide causes a jump to occur if the previous comparison is interpreted as being performed on unsigned values, and the result is that x is greater than (above) 6. Given that x is declared to be a *signed* value, for what range of values of x will ja cause a jump to take place? (Hint: if x is negative, but is treated as an unsigned value, how will it compare with 6?

Note that the assembler code shown in the examples was produced by compiling the C code using gcc with the "-O1" flag.





The jump offset table is different from the code in that it's not executable but is pure data (i.e. no instructions). This is specified by the ".section" directive, which also specifies that it should be placed in memory that's read-only and not executable (".rodata" indicates this). Thus, even though the assembler code for the table is listed inline with the assembler code for the executable part of the program, the table will be stored in a separate part of memory (whose address is referenced by ".I.4"). The ".text" directive says that what follows is executable code (again).

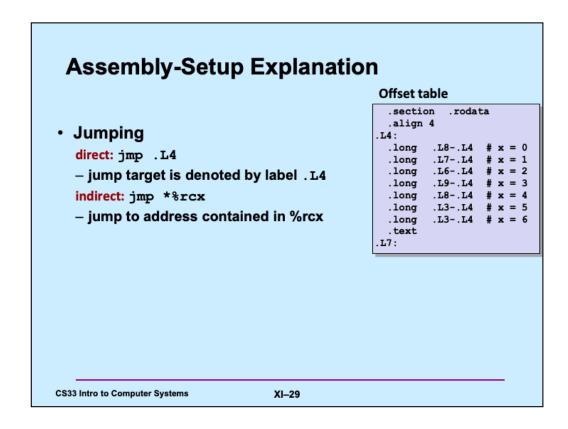
The ".align 4" says that the address of the start of the table should be divisible by four (why this is important is something we'll get to a bit later).

The instruction pointer (%rip) is used as the base register since the compiler, with help from the linker, can figure out where .L4 is relative to the current address that's in %rip. Thus the leaq instruction puts the address of .L4 into %r8, regardless of where the code was actually loaded into memory.

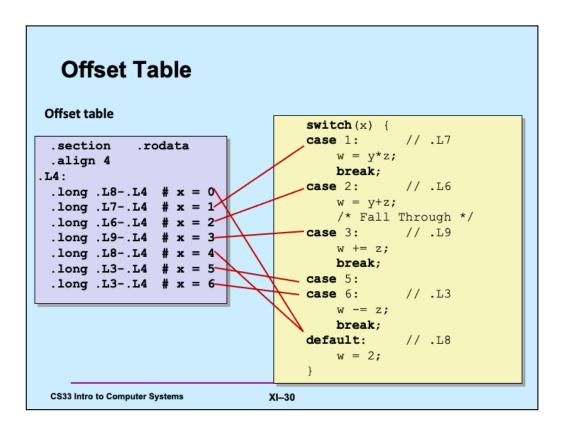
Now that we have the address of the offset table (in %r8), we can compute the address of a particular position in the table. To save space, the table consists of longs rather than quads. Each entry is the offset (in bytes) between some label (such as .L8) and the start of the table. Thus, for example, if the table starts at address 0x1000 and the address associated with .L8 is 0x1200, then what's in the first (index 0) entry of the table is 0x200. The movslq instruction (move signed long to quad), copies the 4-byte item

specified by the source argument into the destination, sign-extending it to a quad (8 bytes).

Finally, the addq instruction adds the address of the beginning of the table to the value found in the referenced table entry. Thus, in our example of the offset in index 0 of the table, what's finally put in %rcx is 0x1000+0x200, or 0x1200, which is the address referenced by .L8.

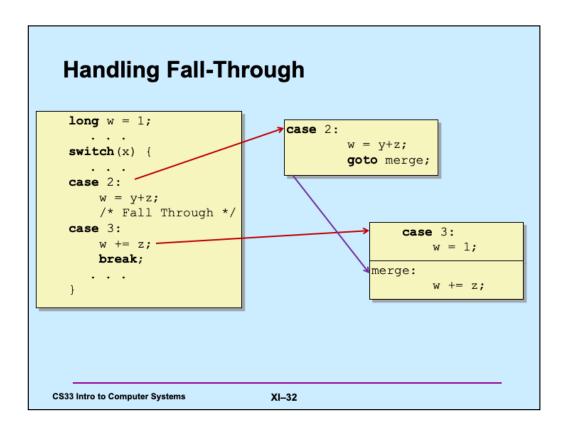


The "*" in the operand specification is allowed only in jmp instructions and indicates that the actual address of the target of the jump is not in the instruction, but, in this case, is in the indicated register. Thus, continuing with the example of the previous slide, if %rcx contains 0x1200, then a jump is made to location 0x1200.



Code Blocks (Partial) switch(x) { .L7: # x == 1 # y case 1: // .L7 movq %rsi, %rax w = y * z;imulq %rdx, %rax break; .L3: // .L3 movl \$1, %eax case 5: // .L3 case 6: subq %rdx, %rax w -= z; ret break; .L8: # Default default: // .L8 movl \$2, %eax w = 2;ret **CS33 Intro to Computer Systems** XI-31

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Code Blocks (Rest) switch(x) { .L6: # x == 2leaq (%rsi,%rdx), %rax **case** 2: // .L6 jmp .L5 w = y+z;# x == 3/* Fall Through */ movl \$1, %eax # w = 1 case 3: // .L9 # merge: w += z;addq %rdx, %rax # w += z break; ret **CS33 Intro to Computer Systems** XI-33

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```
Gdb and Switch
B+ | 0x55555555555145 <switch eg>
                                                  $0x6.%rdi
                                            cmp
                                           ja 0x555555555517b <switch_eg+54
lea 0xeb2(%rip),%r8 # 0x5
movslq (%r8,%rdi,4),%rcx
add %r8,%rcx
    0x5555555555149 <switch eg+4>
    0x555555555514b <switch eg+6>
  > 0x55555555555152 <switch eg+13>
    0x5555555555156 <switch eg+17>
    0x5555555555159 <switch_eg+20>
                                           jmpq *%rcx
                                           mov
imul
    0x555555555515b <switch eg+22>
                                                    %rsi.%rax
    0x555555555515e <switch eg+25>
                                                   %rdx,%rax
    0x555555555162 <switch_eg+29>
                                            retq
                                           lea (%rsi,%rdx,1),%124
jmp 0x555555555516e <switch_eg+41
    0x5555555555163 <switch eg+30>
    0x5555555555167 <switch eg+34>
                                           mov
    0x5555555555169 <switch eg+36>
                                           add
                                                   %rdx,%rax
    0x55555555516e <switch eg+41>
    0x5555555555171 <switch eg+44>
                                            retq
                                           mov
    0x5555555555172 <switch eg+45>
                                                    $0x1.%eax
    0x555555555177 <switch_eg+50>
                                           sub
                                                    %rdx,%rax
    0x555555555517a <switch eg+53>
                                            retq
    0x555555555517b <switch eg+54>
                                                    $0x2.%eax
                                            mov
   0x5555555555180 <switch eg+59>
                                            retq
     (gdb) x/10dw $r8
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                                                    -3739
     0x555555556014: -3721 -3730 -3730 680997
     0x555555556024: 990059265
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```

So, now that we know how switch statements are implemented, how might we "reverse engineer" object code to figure out the switch statement it implements?

Here we're running gdb on a program that contains a call to *switch_eg*. We gave the command "layout asm" so that we can see the assembly listing at the top of the slide. We set a breakpoint at *switch_eg*.

Assuming no knowledge of the original source code, we look at the code for *switch_eg* and see an indirect jump instruction at switch_eg+20, which is a definite indication that the C code contained a switch statement. We can see that %r8 contains the address of the offset table, and that %rcx will be set to the entry in the table at the index given in %rdi. The contents of %r8 are added to %rcx, thus causing %rcx to point to the instruction the indirect jump will go to.

So, with all this in mind, after the breakpoint was reached, we issued the *stepi* (si) command 3 times so that the code giving %r8 a value is executed (switch_eg+6). We then used the x/10dw gdb command to print 10 entries of a jump offset table starting at the address contained in %r8. We had to guess how many entries there are – 10 seems reasonable in that it seems unlikely that a switch statement has more than 10 cases, though it might. We know that the table comes after the executable code, so the entries are negative. We see seven entries with values reasonably close to one another, while the remaining entries are very different, so we conclude that the jump table contains 7 entries.

```
Gdb and Switch
B+ |0x5555555555145 <switch eg>
                                                         $0x6.%rdi
                                                   cmp
                                         ja 0x5555555517b <switch_eg+54
lea 0xeb2(%rip),%r8 # 0x5
movslq (%r8,%rdi,4),%rcx
add %r8,%rcx
    0x5555555555149 <switch eg+4>
    0x55555555514b <switch eg+6>
    0x5555555555152 <switch_eg+13>
  > 0x55555555555156 <switch eg+17>
                                                jmpq *%rcx
mov %rsi,%
imul %rdx,%
    0x5555555555159 <switch_eg+20>
    0x555555555515b <switch eg+22>
                                                            %rsi,%rax
    0x555555555515e <switch eg+25>
                                                           %rdx,%rax
    0x555555555162 <switch_eg+29>

0x5555555555163 <switch_eg+30>

0x5555555555167 <switch_eg+34>

0x5555555555169 <switch_eg+36>

0x555555555516e <switch_eg+41>

0x5555555555171 <switch_eg+44>
    0x555555555162 <switch_eg+29>
                                                  retq
                                                lea
jmp
mov
                                                            (%rsi,%rdx,1),%rax
                                                           0x555555555516e <switch_eg+41
                                                           $0x1,%eax
                                                 add
                                                           %rdx,%rax
                                                 retq
mov
    0x5555555555171 <switch eg+44>
    0x5555555555172 <switch eg+45>
                                                            $0x1,%eax
                                                sub
    0x5555555555177 <switch eg+50>
                                                            %rdx,%rax
                                                  retq
mov
    0x555555555517a <switch eg+53>
    0x555555555517b <switch eg+54>
                                                            $0x2, %eax
    0x555555555180 <switch eg+59>
                                                  retq
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```

The code for some case of the switch should come immediately after the jmp (what else would go there?!). So the smallest (most negative) offset in the jump offset table must be the offset for this first code segment. Thus offset -3753 corresponds to switch_eg+22 in the assembly listing. It's at index 1 of the table, so it's this code that's executed when the first argument of switch_eg is 1.

Knowing this, we can figure out the rest.

```
Gdb and Switch
B+ |0x5555555555145 <switch eg>
   + 0x55555555145 <switch_eg> cmp $0x6,%rdi
0x55555555149 <switch_eg+4> ja 0x5555555517b <switch_eg+54
0x55555555514b <switch_eg+6> lea 0xeb2(%rip),%r8 # 0x5
0x555555555152 <switch_eg+13> movslq (%r8,%rdi,4),%rcx
0x55555555156 <switch_eg+2> jmpq *%rcx
0x5555555515b <switch_eg+22> mov %rsi,%rax
0x55555555162 <switch_eg+25> imul %rdx,%rax
0x555555555162 <switch_eg+29> retq
0x555555555163 <switch_eg+30> lea (%rsi,%rdx,1),%rax
0x555555555167 <switch_eg+34> jmp 0x55555555516e <switch_eg+41
0x555555555169 <switch_eg+36> mov $0x1,%eax
0x55555555160 <switch_eg+41> add %rdx,%rax
0x555555555171 <switch_eg+44> retq
0x555555555171 <switch_eg+44> retq
0x555555555172 <switch_eg+44> retq
0x5555555555172 <switch_eg+44> retq
0x5555555555172 <switch_eg+44> retq
                                                                                                                          $0x6,%rdi
                                                                                                           cmp
                                                                                                    retq
mov
sub
         0x5555555555172 <switch eg+45>
                                                                                                                              $0x1, %eax
         0x5555555555177 <switch eg+50>
                                                                                                                              %rdx,%rax
                                                                                                         retq
mov
         0x55555555517a <switch eg+53>
         0x55555555517b <switch eg+54>
                                                                                                                               $0x2, %eax
        0x555555555180 <switch_eg+59>
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```

What's at index 0 of the table (-3721) is the offset of the code associated with that index. It's 32 greater than the smallest offset, so its code must start 32 bytes beyond the start of the code for the smallest offset. Thus it starts at swtich_eg+22 +32, or switch_eg+54.

```
Gdb and Switch
  + 0x55555555145 <switch_eg> cmp $0x6,%rdi
0x55555555149 <switch_eg+4> ja 0x55555555517b <switch_eg+54
0x55555555514b <switch_eg+6> lea 0xeb2(%rip),%r8 # 0x5
0x555555555152 <switch_eg+13> movslq (%r8,%rdi,4),%rcx
> 0x555555555156 <switch_eg+20> jmpq *%rcx
0x55555555515b <switch_eg+22> mov %rsi,%rax
0x55555555162 <switch_eg+25> imul %rdx,%rax
0x55555555162 <switch_eg+29> retq
0x555555555163 <switch_eg+30> lea (%rsi,%rdx,1),%rax
0x555555555167 <switch_eg+34> jmp 0x55555555166 <switch_eg+41
0x555555555166 <switch_eg+41> add %rdx,%rax
0x555555555171 <switch_eg+44> retq
0x555555555172 <switch_eg+44> retq
0x555555555172 <switch_eg+45> mov $0x1,%eax
B+ |0x5555555555145 <switch eg>
                                                                                            $0x6,%rdi
                                                                                 cmp
                                                                        retq
mov
sub
       0x5555555555172 <switch eg+45>
                                                                                                $0x1, %eax
       0x5555555555177 <switch eg+50>
                                                                                                %rdx,%rax
                                                                                retq
mov
       0x55555555517a <switch eg+53>
       0x55555555517b <switch_eg+54>
                                                                                                 $0x2, %eax
      0x555555555180 <switch eg+59>
                                                                                retq
         (gdb) x/10dw $r8
         0x555555556004: -3721 -3753 -3745
                                                                                                -3739
        0x555555556014: -3721 -3730 -3730 680997
         0x555555556024: 990059265
                                                                             64
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Taking this one step further, the code for index 2 is at offset -3745, which is 8 bytes beyond the code for index 1. Thus the code for index 2 starts at switch_eg+22 +8, or switch_eg+30.

Quiz 3

What C code would you compile to get the following assembler code?

```
$0, %rax
         movq
.L2:
                  %rax, a(,%rax,8)
        movq
                  $1, %rax
         addq
                                                    long a[10];
                  $10, %rax
         cmpq
                                                    void func() {
                  .L2
         jne
                                                      long i=0;
         ret
                                                      switch (i) {
                                                    case 0:
long a[10];
                              long a[10];
                                                        a[i] = 0;
void func() {
                              void func() {
                                                        break;
                                                    default:
  long i;
                                 long i=0;
  for (i=0; i<10; i++)</pre>
                                 while (i<10)
                                                        a[i] = 10
    a[i] = 1;
                                   a[i] = i++;
                                      b
                                                              C
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```