

Chapter 3:

Control, Conditional Branching, Loops

Topics

- Condition Codes
- Conditional Jumping/
Branching
- Loops

Announcements

- **Data Lab grading this week**
 - Sign up for 12-minute slots, come prepared and don't forget!
- **Next Assembly Quiz on moodle, due Mon Feb 13 by noon**
- **Bomb Lab #2 released, due Friday Feb 24 by 11:55 pm**
 - TAs will cover phase one this week in recitation
 - Can form teams of two
- **Read Chapter 3.1-3.12 (except 3.11) and do practice problems**

Processor State (x86-64, Partial)

- Information about currently executing program

- Temporary data (`%rax`, ...)
- Location of runtime stack (`%rsp`)

Current stack top →

- Location of current code control point (`%rip`, ...)

- Status of recent tests (CF, ZF, SF, OF)

Registers

<code>%rax</code>	<code>%r8</code>
<code>%rbx</code>	<code>%r9</code>
<code>%rcx</code>	<code>%r10</code>
<code>%rdx</code>	<code>%r11</code>
<code>%rsi</code>	<code>%r12</code>
<code>%rdi</code>	<code>%r13</code>
<code>%rsp</code>	<code>%r14</code>
<code>%rbp</code>	<code>%r15</code>

`%rip`

Instruction pointer

CF

ZF

SF

OF

Condition codes

Condition Codes (Implicit Setting)

- Single bit registers

- CF Carry Flag (for unsigned)

- ZF Zero Flag

- SF Sign Flag (for signed)

- OF Overflow Flag (for signed)

- Implicitly set (think of it as side effect) by arithmetic operations

- $\text{addq } Src, Dest$

- C analog: $t = a+b$

- CF set if carry out from most significant bit
 - Used to detect unsigned overflow
- ZF set if $t == 0$
- SF set if $t < 0$ (as signed)
- OF set if two's complement (signed) overflow
 $(a>0 \ \&\ b>0 \ \&\ t<0) \ || \ (a<0 \ \&\ b<0 \ \&\ t>=0)$

- Codes set differently depending on instructions, and in some cases not set at all, e.g. `lea` 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 $a \& b < 0$

x86-64 Integer Registers

%rax	%al	
%rbx	%bl	
%rcx	%cl	
%rdx	%dl	
%rsi	%sil	
%rdi	%dil	
%rsp	%spl	
%rbp	%bp1	
%r8		%r8b
%r9		%r9b
%r10		%r10b
%r11		%r11b
%r12		%r12b
%r13		%r13b
%r14		%r14b
%r15		%r15b

- Can reference low-order byte

Reading Condition Codes

- **setX dest** // e.g. `setl %al`
 - Set low-order byte of destination to 0 or 1 based on combinations of condition codes
 - Does not alter remaining 7 bytes
 - Previous instruction should be a `cmp`

SetX	Condition	Description
<code>sete</code>	<code>ZF</code>	Equal / Zero
<code>setne</code>	$\sim ZF$	Not Equal / Not Zero
<code>sets</code>	<code>SF</code>	Negative
<code>setns</code>	$\sim SF$	Nonnegative
<code>setg</code>	$\sim (SF \wedge OF) \ \& \ \sim ZF$	Greater (Signed)
<code>setge</code>	$\sim (SF \wedge OF)$	Greater or Equal (Signed)
<code>setl</code>	$(SF \wedge OF)$	Less (Signed) – derivation in text
<code>setle</code>	$(SF \wedge OF) \mid ZF$	Less or Equal (Signed)
<code>seta</code>	$\sim CF \ \& \ \sim ZF$	Above (unsigned)
<code>setb</code>	<code>CF</code>	Below (unsigned)

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
 - Also a `movzbq`, etc.

```
int gt (long x, long y)
{
    return x > y;
}
```

Register	Use(s)
<code>%rdi</code>	Argument <code>x</code>
<code>%rsi</code>	Argument <code>y</code>
<code>%rax</code>	Return value

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

Jumping – Conditional or not

· jX Instructions

- Unconditional jump: `jmp Label` or `jmp *%eax` or `jmp *(%eax)`
- Conditional jumps to different part of code depending on condition codes, e.g. `jle Label`

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

Conditional Branch Example (Old Style)

- If-then-else converted to assembly form

```
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
- Generally considered bad programming practice

```
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:
    . . .
```

- ***Test* is expression returning integer
 - = 0 interpreted as false
 - ≠0 interpreted as true**
- Create separate code regions for then & else expressions
- Execute appropriate one

Conditional Move

- **cmovX src, dest**
 - Set **dest=src** only if condition X holds
 - More efficient than conditional branching for highly pipelined processors – easier to guess the next instruction to execute
 - But overhead: both branches are evaluated

cmovX	Condition	Description
<code>cmove</code>	<code>ZF</code>	Equal / Zero
<code>cmovne</code>	<code>~ZF</code>	Not Equal / Not Zero
<code>cmovs</code>	<code>SF</code>	Negative
<code>cmovns</code>	<code>~SF</code>	Nonnegative
<code>cmovg</code>	<code>~(SF^OF) & ~ZF</code>	Greater (Signed)
<code>cmovge</code>	<code>~(SF^OF)</code>	Greater or Equal (Signed)
<code>cmovl</code>	<code>(SF^OF)</code>	Less (Signed)
<code>cmovle</code>	<code>(SF^OF) ZF</code>	Less or Equal (Signed)
<code>cmova</code>	<code>~CF & ~ZF</code>	Above (unsigned)
<code>cmovb</code>	<code>CF</code>	Below (unsigned)

Using Conditional Moves

- **Conditional Move Instructions**

- **Instruction supports:**
 $\text{if } (\text{Test}) \text{ Dest} \leftarrow \text{Src}$
- **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);
```

- 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

Loops in C

```
do {  
    body-statement  
} while (test-expr);
```

- **Executes body-statement**
- **Then tests expression**
 - If true, loops back to 'do'
 - Else exit

```
while (test-expr)  
{  
    body-  
    statement  
}
```

- **Tests expression first**
 - If true, executes body & loops back to 'while'
 - Else exit

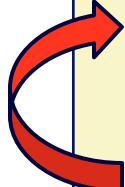
```
for(init; test;  
update) {  
    body-statement  
}
```

- **Initializes first**
- **If test is true**
 - Execute body statement
 - Execute update & loop back to 'for'
- **Else exit**

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

General “Do-While” Translation

C Code

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

Goto Version

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

- **Body:** {
 Statement₁;
 Statement₂;
 ...
 Statement_n;
}

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

```
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++
```

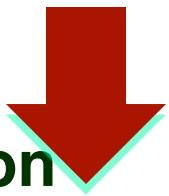
Body

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

- Initial test can be optimized away

```

typedef enum
{ADD, MULT, MINUS, DIV, MOD, BAD}
op_type;

char unparse_symbol(op_type op)
{
    switch (op) {
        case ADD :
            return '+';
        case MULT:
            return '*';
        case MINUS:
            return '-';
        case DIV:
            return '/';
        case MOD:
            return '%';
        case BAD:
            return '?';
    }
}

```

Switch Statements

Implementation Options

- Series of conditionals,
e.g. if- else if - else if...
 - Good if few cases
 - Slow if many cases, e.g.
many compares and
conditional jumps
- Jump Table (array of
addresses)
 - Index into array and
jump to branch target
 - Avoids conditionals
 - Good when cases are
small integer constants
- GCC picks one based on
case structure

```
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;
}
```

Switch Statement Example

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

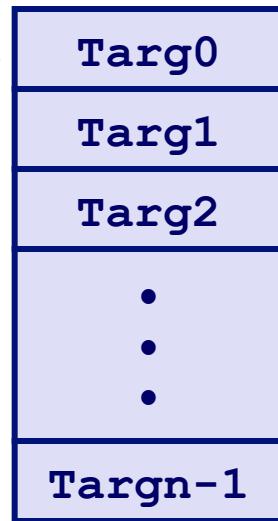
Jump Table Structure

Switch Form

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

Jump Table

jtab:



Jump Targets

Targ0:

Code Block 0

Targ1:

Code Block 1

Targ2:

Code Block 2

•
•
•

Targn-1:

Code Block n-1

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

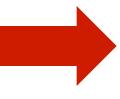
Note that w not initialized here

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           # Use default
    jmp    * .L4(,%rdi,8) # goto *JTab[x]
```

Indirect
jump 

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
```

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

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
```

- 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 $0 \leq x \leq 6$

Jump Table

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
```

```
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

Supplementary Slides

Example: Left Shifting <<

- **shl or sal**
- **How are condition flags set?**
 - **shl/sal sets carry flag to last shifted out bit.**
 - For unsigned, if CF=1, then overflow occurred.
 - **for overflow flag OF,**
 - **if shift by one,**
 - » if CF & MSbit identical after shift, OF = 0
 - » else OF = 1 (MS bit changes from 1->0 or 0->1),
i.e. OF = CF ^ MSbit
 - **else if shift by > 1, OF undefined.**
 - **For signed, if OF=1, then overflow occurred.**

Conditional Move Example

- Rewrite the `absdiff` example using conditional moves instead of conditional branching

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

```
absdiff: # x in %edi, y in %esi
    movl    %edi, %eax    # eax = x
    movl    %esi, %edx    # edx = y
    subl    %esi, %eax    # eax = x-y
    subl    %edi, %edx    # edx = y-x
    cmpl    %esi, %edi    # x<y?
    cmovl   %edx, %eax    # eax=edx if <=
    ret
```

- Note how the control flow is much easier to predict than all the jumping around with labels, e.g. `jle`, in the conditionally branched version of `absdiff`

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}
```



```
int cmovdiff(int x, int y)
{
    int rval = x-y;
    int tval = y-x;
    int test = x < y;
    if (test) rval = tval;
    return rval;
}
```

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```

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    subl  %esi, %eax  # eax = x-y
    subl  %edi, %edx  # edx = y-x
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    cmovl %edx, %eax  # eax=edx if <=
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    cmpl  %esi, %edi  # x<y?
    cmovl %edx, %eax  # eax=edx if <=
    ret
```

- Control flow is more predictable, but both branches must be evaluated

General Form with Conditional Move

C Code

```
val = Test ? Then-Expr : Else-Expr;
```

Conditional Move Version

```
val1 = Then-Expr;  
val2 = Else-Expr;  
val1 = val2 if !Test;
```

- Both values get computed
- Overwrite then-value with else-value if condition doesn't hold
- Don't use when:
 - Then or else expression have side effects, like dereferencing a null pointer or incrementing a global variable (then & else expressions always evaluated)
 - Then and else expressions are too expensive

Jump-to-Middle “While” Loop Translation

Goto Version #2

```
int fact_while_goto2(int x)
{
    int result = 1;
    if (!(x > 1))
        goto done;
loop:
    result *= x;
    x = x-1;
    if (x > 1)
        goto loop;
done:
    return result;
}
```

Goto Version #3

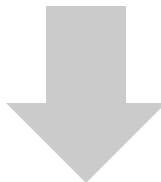
```
int fact_while_goto3(int x)
{
    int result = 1;
    goto middle;
loop:
    result *= x;
    x = x-1;
middle:
    if (x > 1)
        goto loop;
    return result;
}
```

- Recent technique for GCC
 - Both IA32 & x86-64
- First iteration jumps over body computation within loop

Jump-to-Middle While Loop Translation

C Code

```
while (Test)
    Body
```



Goto Version

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

- **Avoids duplicating test code**
- **Unconditional goto incurs no performance penalty**
- **for loops compiled in similar fashion**

Goto (Previous) Version

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

Jump-to-Middle Assembly Example

Goto Version #3

```
int
fact_while_goto3(int
x)
{
    int result = 1;
    goto middle;
loop:
    result *= x;
    x = x-1;
middle:
    if (x > 1)
        goto loop;
    return result;
}
```

```
# x in %edx, result in %eax
    jmp    .L34          # goto Middle
.L35:                           # Loop:
    imull %edx, %eax # result *= x
    decl   %edx          # x--
.L34:                           # Middle:
    cmpl   $1, %edx # x:1
    jg     .L35          # if >, goto Loop
```

C operators – Assembly Equivalents?

Operators

() [] -> .
! ~ ++ -- + - * & (type) sizeof
* / %
+ -
<< >>
< <= > >=
== !=
&
^
|
&&
||
?:
= += -= *= /= %= &= ^= != <<= >>=
,

Associativity

left to right
right to left
left to right
right to left
right to left
left to right

Note: Unary +, -, and * have higher precedence than binary forms