



Quiz

DEVICES AWAY.
UNTIL EVERYONE IS DONE.

q2: yes all numbers are decimal

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```
int x = 27;  
x += (~x) + 15
```

```
int x = 27;  
x += (~x + 1) + 14
```

```
int x = 27;  
x += -x + 14
```

x = 14

```
rdx = 5000  
rax = 67  
rdi = 16  
mov %rax, 22(%rdx, %rdi, 2)
```

```
mov D(Rb, Ri, S) →  
  *(D + Rb + Ri * S)
```

22 + 5000 + 16 * 2 → **5054**

Previous lecture question followup

Gnu assembly == AT&T syntax

Alternative is Intel syntax

You *can* address low-order 32 and
16 bits of r8-r15: `r8d`, `r8w`

but *not* the ‘ah’, ‘al’ 8 bit chunks you
can with `rax`

Activities are posted on the website (we won't have time today, but you can do after lecture)

On shark machines:

```
wget http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~213/activities/machine-control.pdf  
wget http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~213/activities/machine-control.tar  
tar xf machine-control.tar  
cd machine-control
```

Today's slides differ from the ones I posted before class
(quiz solution...)

But content overall is the same.

Some review from last time, for your records

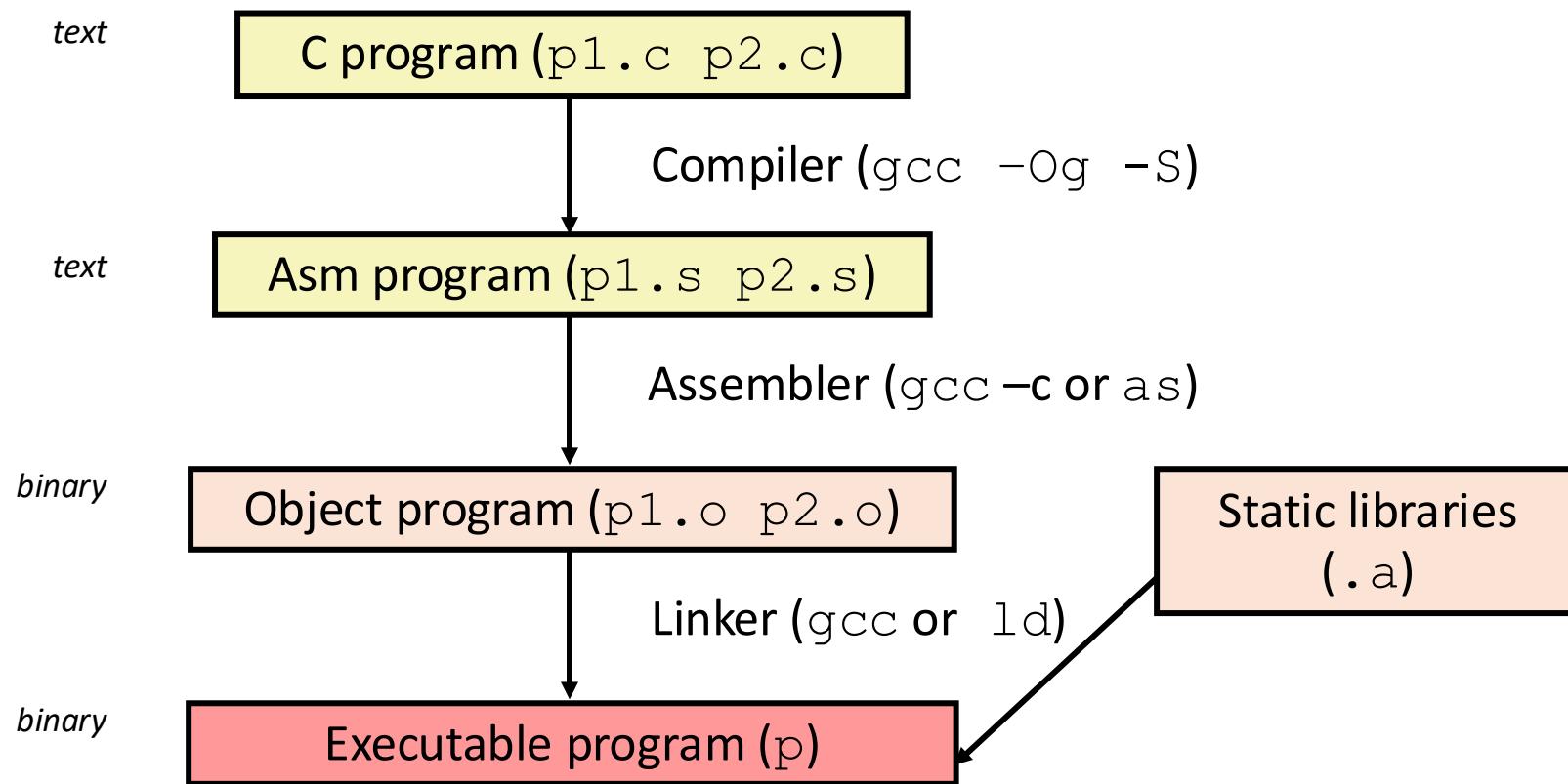
- Programs can do arithmetic on the same register!

`imul %rax, %rax`

- C translation to assembly
- An x86 program's view
- Instruction register destinations
- Addressing modes
- `lea`

C code is translated into assembly code by a compiler (ex: gcc).

Compile **p1.c** and **p2.c** with command: **gcc -Og p1.c p2.c -o p**



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    endbr64  
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    .cfi_offset 3, -16  
    movq %rdx, %rbx  
    call plus  
    movq %rax, (%rbx)  
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Object code can be disassembled into assembly using a disassembler (`objdump -d` or `gdb`).

```
>> gdb sum
(gdb) disas sumstore
Dump of assembler code for function sumstore:
0x0000000000001144 <+4>: push %rbp
0x0000000000001145 <+5>: mov %rsp,%rbp
0x0000000000001148 <+8>: sub $0x28,%rsp
0x000000000000114c <+12>: mov %rdi,-0x18(%rbp)
0x0000000000001150 <+16>: mov %rsi,-0x20(%rbp)
0x0000000000001154 <+20>: mov %rdx,-0x28(%rbp)
0x0000000000001158 <+24>: mov -0x20(%rbp),%rdx
0x000000000000115c <+28>: mov -0x18(%rbp),%rax
```

On these slides you will sometimes see the “gcc compiled” version of assembly code and sometimes the “objdump” version of assembly code. (Some points are easier to illustrate with one rather than the other.)

Let's examine the translation of C to x86-64:

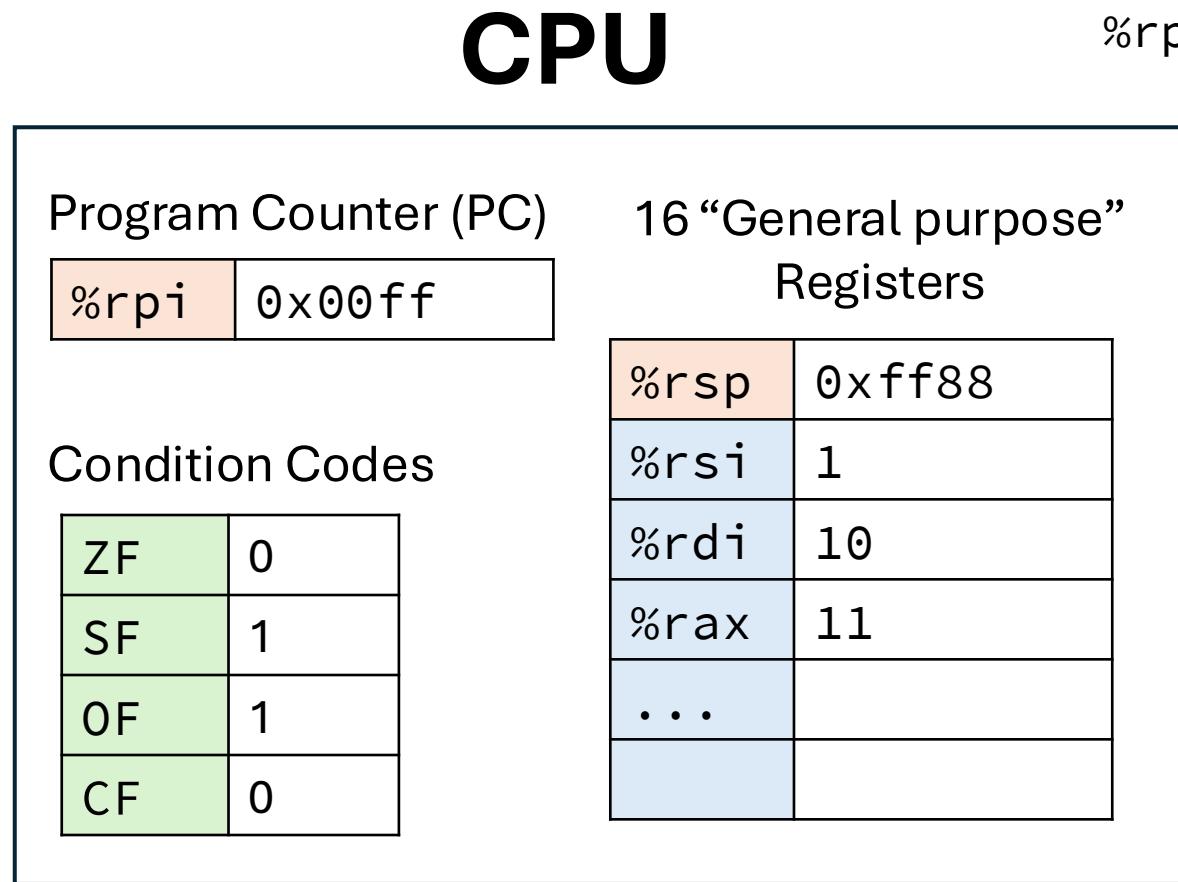
C:

```
1 long plus(long x, long y);  
2  
3 void sumstore(long x, long y, long *dest)  
4 {  
5     long t = plus(x, y);  
6     *dest = t;  
7 }
```

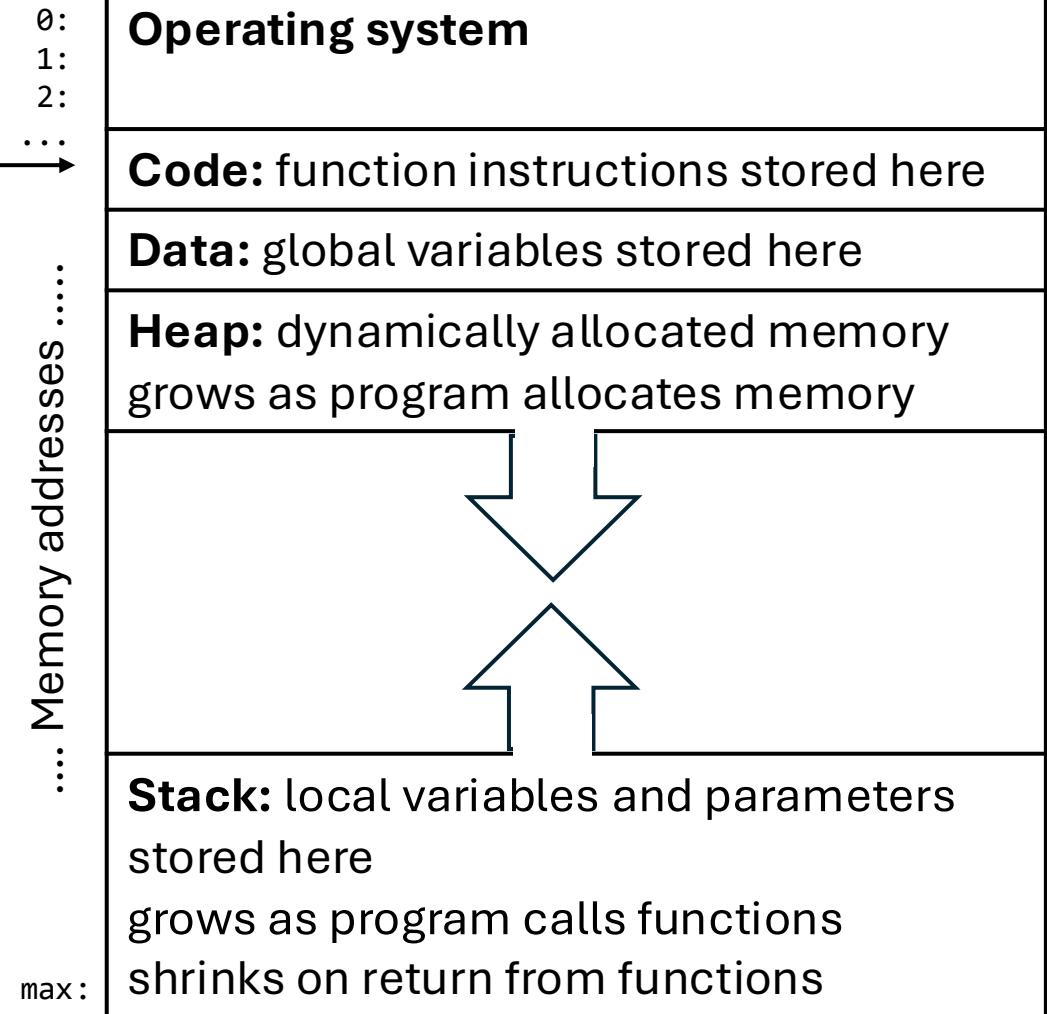
x86-64:

```
1 0000000000001133 <sumstore>:  
2 1137: 53          push    %rbx  
3 1138: 48 89 d3    mov     %rdx,%rbx  
4 113b: e8 e9 ff ff ff  call    1129 <plus>  
5 1140: 48 89 03    mov     %rax,(%rbx)  
6 1143: 5b          pop     %rbx  
7 1144: c3          ret
```

An x86-64 program's view...



%rpi →



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CPU

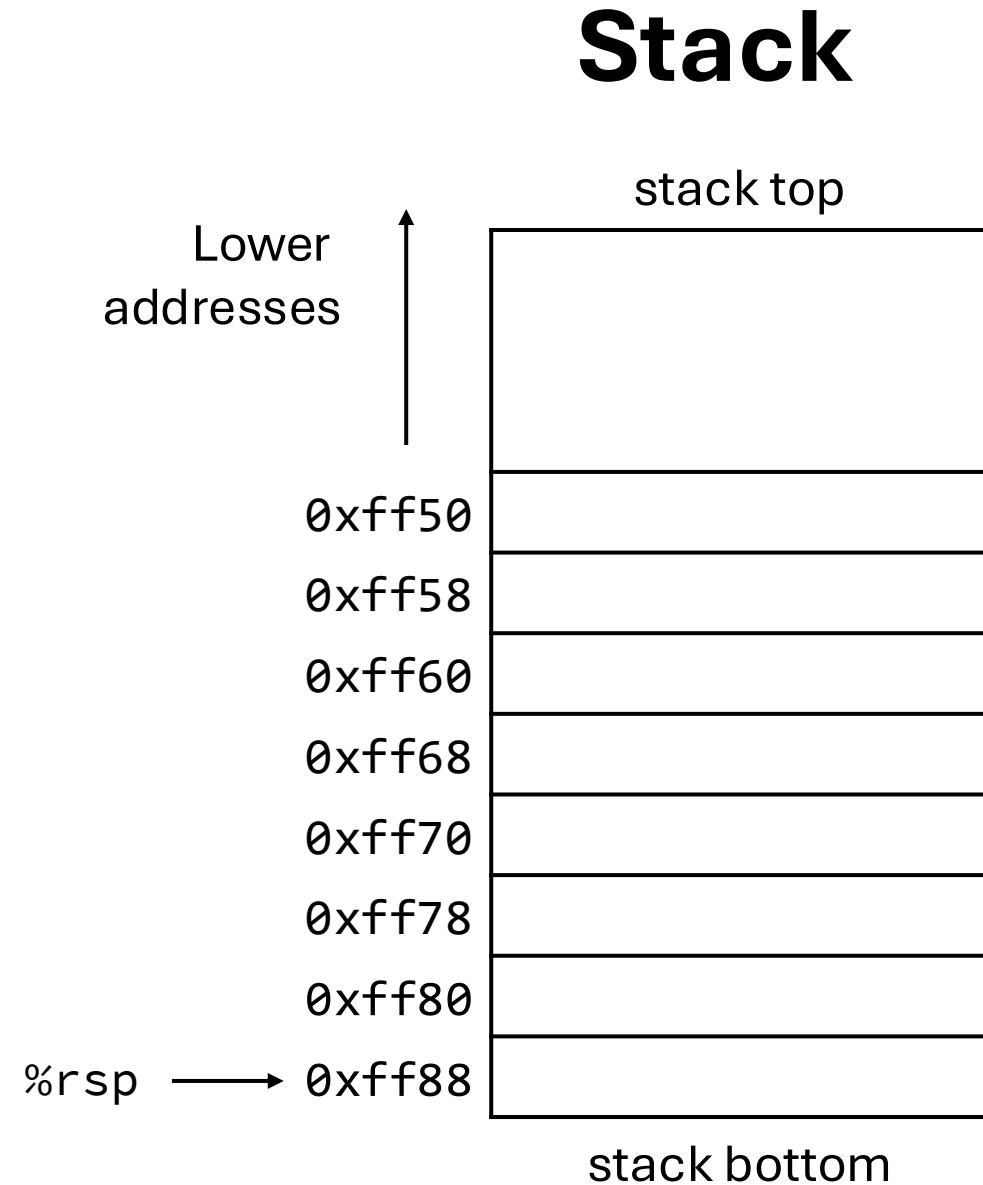
Program Counter (PC)	
%rpi	0x00ff

Condition Codes

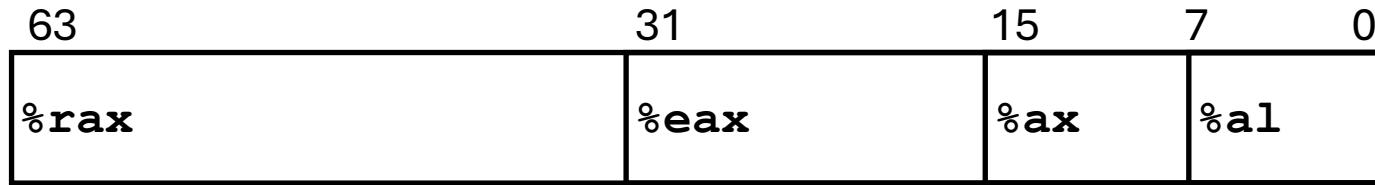
ZF	0
SF	1
OF	1
CF	0

16 “General purpose” Registers

%rsp	0xff88
%rsi	1
%rdi	10
%rax	11
...	



Sometimes an instruction may only change portions of the register destination.

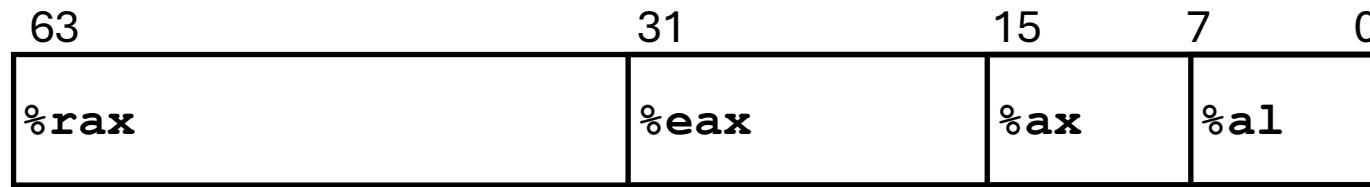


Lower order portions of integer registers can be accessed as byte, word (2-byte), double word (4-byte), and quad word (8-byte).

movabsq	\$0x0011223344556677, %rax
movb	\$-1, %al
movw	\$-1, %ax
movl	\$-1, %eax
movq	\$-1, %rax

%rax = 0011223344556677
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Convention: Any instruction that generates a 32-bit value for a register also sets upper 32 bits to 0.



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There are several “addressing modes” that allow the CPU to interact with memory through addresses contained in registers.

Example with %rsi, %rdi, and %rax

General form:

$$D(\%rsi, \%rdi, S) = \text{Memory}[\%rsi + \%rdi * S + D]$$

Special Cases

$$(\%rsi) \quad \text{Memory}[\%rsi]$$

$$(\%rsi, \%rdi) \quad \text{Memory}[\%rsi + \%rdi]$$

$$D(\%rsi, \%rdi) \quad \text{Memory}[\%rsi + \%rdi + D]$$

$$(\%rsi, \%rdi, S) \quad \text{Memory}[\%rsi + \%rdi * S]$$

- D is “displacement”, a constant in 1,2, or 4 bytes
- %rsi is a **base register**
 - Could be any of 16 integer registers

%rsi is an “index register”

- Any, except for %rsp

S is scale is 1, 2, 4, 8

Address computation examples

%rdx	0xf000
%rcx	0x0100

Expression	Address Computation	Address
0x8(%rdx)	0xf000 + 0x8	0xf008
(%rdx,%rcx)	0xf000 + 0x100	0xf100
(%rdx,%rcx,4)	0xf000 + 4*0x100	0xf400
0x80(,%rdx,2)	2*0xf000 + 0x80	0x1e080

Load effective addressing instruction (lea) does math and does not access memory.

Example of instructions that access memory:

Assembly	C equivalent
mov 6(%rbx,%rdi,8), %ax	$ax = *(rbx + rdi*8 + 6)$
add 6(%rbx,%rdi,8), %ax	$ax += *(rbx + rdi*8 + 6)$
xor %ax, 6(%rbx,%rdi,8)	$*(rbx + rdi*8 + 6) \wedge= ax$

lea is special and does not access memory:

Assembly	C equivalent
lea 6(%rbx,%rdi,8), %rax	$rax = rbx + rdi*8 + 6$

Why use lea?

Compiler authors often use it for ordinary arithmetic

- It can do complex calculations in one instruction
- It's one of the only three-operand instructions the x86 has
- It doesn't touch the condition codes (we'll come back to this)

```
long m12(long x)
{
    return x*12;
}
```

```
leaq (%rdi,%rdi,2), %rax    # t = x+2*x
salq $2, %rax                # return t<<2
```

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Every arithmetic and logical operation (**except for lea**) implicitly updates special single-bit registers called “condition codes”.

CPU

- ZF** Zero Flag
- SF** Sign Flag (for signed)
- OF** Overflow Flag (for signed)
- CF** Carry Flag (for unsigned)

GDB prints these
as one “eflags” register

eflags 0x246 [PF ZF IF] Z set, CSO clear

Program Counter (PC)		16 “General purpose” Registers
%rpi	0x00ff	%rsp 0xff88
Condition Codes		%rsi 1
		%rdi 10
ZF	0	%rax 11
SF	1	...
OF	1	
CF	0	

Example:

addq *Src, Dest* $t = a + b$

ZF 1 if $t == 0$ (otherwise 0)

000000000000...000000000000

SF $t < 0$ (signed)

1xxxxxxxxx...xxxxxxx

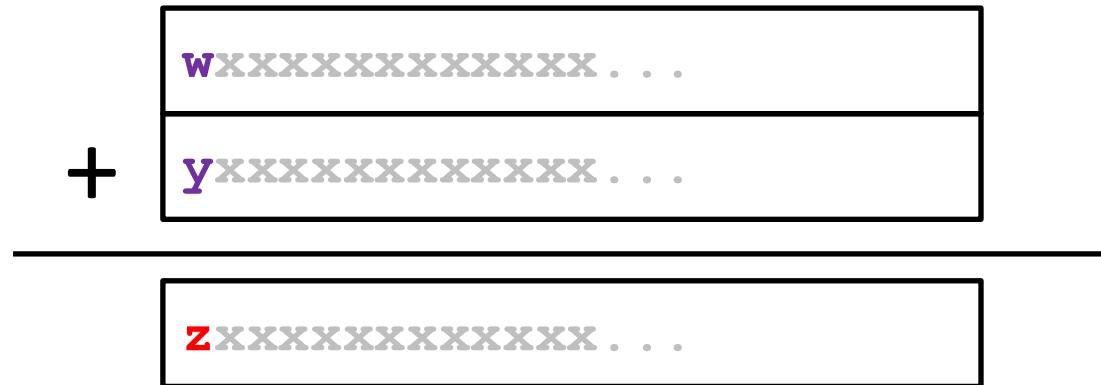
CF (unsigned) $t < (\text{unsigned}) a$

OF $(a < 0 == b < 0) \&\& (t < 0 != a < 0)$

CF set when unsigned overflow:



OF set when signed overflow:



w==y && w!=z

Example:

addq *Src, Dest* **t** = **a+b**

ZF 1 if $t == 0$ (otherwise 0)

SF 1 if $t < 0$ (as signed)

OF 1 if two's-complement (signed overflow)

CF 1 if carry out from most significant bit (unsigned overflow)

Before `sub` instruction:

`sub %rsi, %rax`

a in `%rsi`

b in `%rax`

CPU

Program Counter (PC)

%rpi	0x00f0
------	--------

Condition Codes

ZF	0
SF	0
OF	0
CF	0

16 “General purpose” Registers

%rsp	0xff80
%rsi	a
%rdi	0
%rax	b
...	

After `sub` instruction:

`sub %rsi, %rax`

a in `%rsi`, b in `%rax`

compute $b - a$ and store
in `%rax`

CPU

Program Counter (PC)

<code>%rpi</code>	0x00f8
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Condition Codes

<code>ZF</code>	1
<code>SF</code>	0
<code>OF</code>	0
<code>CF</code>	0

16 “General purpose”
Registers

<code>%rsp</code>	0xff80
<code>%rsi</code>	a
<code>%rdi</code>	0
<code>%rax</code>	b-a
...	

cmp instruction computes subtraction but does not change second operand.

CPU

cmp %rsi, %rax

a in %rsi, b in %rax

computes y-x (no store!)

used to compute

if (a < b) { ... }

Program Counter (PC)

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16 “General purpose” Registers

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%rax	b
...	

Why use a **cmp** instruction
instead of a **sub** instruction to
compare two?

test instruction computes & but does not change second operand.

CPU

test %rdi, %rdi

z (which equals 0) in %rdi
computes z & z (no store!)
only updates **ZF** and **SF!**
used to check if %rdi is zero

Program Counter (PC)

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Condition Codes

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OF	0
CF	0

16 “General purpose” Registers

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...	

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test %rsi, %rax

a in %rsi, b in %rax

computes a & b (no store!)

used to check if any of the 1-bits in %rax are also set in %rsi (and vice versa)

CPU

Program Counter (PC)

%rpi	0x00f8
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Condition Codes

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16 “General purpose” Registers

%rsp	0xff80
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%rdi	0
%rax	b
...	

Set instructions read condition codes and **set** a single byte in the destination.

Instruction	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)
sete	ZF	Equal / Zero

Jump instructions let programs **jump to different parts of code** depending on condition codes.

Instruction	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)

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x86-64 Reference Sheet (GNU assembler format)		
Instructions	Arithmetic operations	Instruction suffixes
Data movement <code>movq Src, Dest</code> Dest = Src <code>movsbq Src, Dest</code> Dest (quad) = Src (byte), sign-extend <code>movzbq Src, Dest</code> Dest (quad) = Src (byte), zero-extend	<code>leaq Src, Dest</code> Dest = address of Src <code>incq Dest</code> Dest = Dest + 1 <code>decq Dest</code> Dest = Dest - 1 <code>addq Src, Dest</code> Dest = Dest + Src <code>subq Src, Dest</code> Dest = Dest - Src <code>imulq Src, Dest</code> Dest = Dest * Src	<code>b</code> byte <code>w</code> word (2 bytes) <code>l</code> long (4 bytes) <code>q</code> quad (8 bytes)
Conditional move <code>cmove Src, Dest</code> Equal (=) <code>cmove ne Src, Dest</code> Not equal (\neq) <code>cmoveg Src, Dest</code> Negative ($<$) <code>cmovege Src, Dest</code> Nonnegative (\geq) <code>cmovegt Src, Dest</code> Greater ($>$) <code>cmovegegt Src, Dest</code> Greater or equal (\geq) <code>cmove lt Src, Dest</code> Less ($<$) <code>cmove le Src, Dest</code> Less or equal (\leq) <code>cmovea Src, Dest</code> Above ($>$) <code>cmoveae Src, Dest</code> Above or equal (\geq) <code>cmoveb Src, Dest</code> Below ($<$) <code>cmovebe Src, Dest</code> Below or equal (\leq)		
Control transfer <code>cmpq Src2, Src1</code> Sets CCs Src1 Src2 <code>testq Src2, Src1</code> Sets CCs Src1 & Src2 <code>jmp label</code> jump <code>je label</code> jump equal <code>jne label</code> jump not equal <code>js label</code> jump negative <code>jns label</code> jump non-negative <code>jg label</code> jump greater (signed $>$) <code>jge label</code> jump greater or equal (signed \geq) <code>jl label</code> jump less (signed $<$) <code>jle label</code> jump less or equal (signed \leq) <code>ja label</code> jump above (unsigned $>$) <code>jb label</code> jump below (unsigned $<$) <code>pushq Src</code> $\%rsp = \%rsp - 8$, $\text{Mem}[\%rsp] = \text{Src}$ <code>popq Dest</code> Dest = $\text{Mem}[\%rsp]$, $\%rsp = \%rsp + 8$ <code>call label</code> push address of next instruction, <code>jmp label</code> <code>ret</code> $\%rip = \text{Mem}[\%rsp]$, $\%rsp = \%rsp + 8$	<code>movq \$7, %rax</code> • Normal $(R) \text{Mem}[Reg[R]]$ R: register R specifies memory address <code>movq (%rcx), %rax</code> • Displacement $D(R) \text{Mem}[Reg[R]+D]$ R: register specifies start of memory region D: constant displacement D specifies offset <code>movq 8(%rdi), %rdx</code> • Indexed $D(Rb,Ri,S) \text{Mem}[Reg[Rb]+S*Reg[Ri]+D]$ D: constant displacement 1, 2, or 4 bytes Rb: base register: any of 8 integer registers Ri: index register: any, except %esp S: scale: 1, 2, 4, or 8 <code>movq 0x100(%rcx,%rax,4), %rdx</code>	%rdi 1st argument %rbp Callee saved %rsp Stack pointer %r8 5th argument %r9 6th argument %r10 Scratch register %r11 Scratch register %r12 Callee saved %r13 Callee saved %r14 Callee saved %r15 Callee saved

You don't need to memorize every x86 instruction, use a reference sheet like [this](#).

To implement conditionals, programs use `set` and `jmp` instructions.

`set` instructions read condition codes and set a single byte in the destination

```
1 int gt(long x, long y)
2 {
3     return x > y;
4 }
```

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

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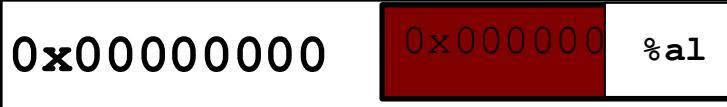
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a move + zero extension:
movzbl (and others)

movzbl %al, %eax



Zapped to all
0's

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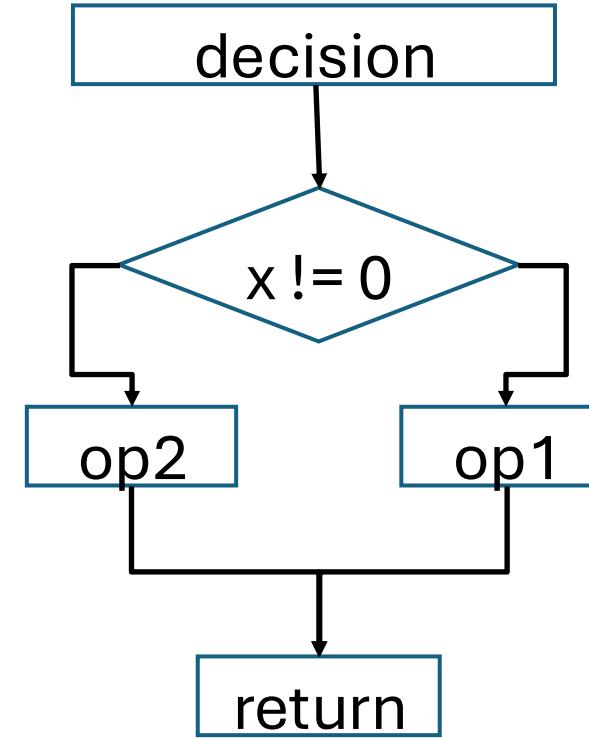
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Today: How does x86-64 implement C structures that change control flow?

- Condition codes
- **Conditional branches**
- Loops
- Switch statements (we won't have time for this)

Programs often need to change control flow based on conditionals.

```
1 extern void op1(void);
2 extern void op2(void);
3
4 void decision(int x) {
5     if (x) {
6         op1();
7     } else {
8         op2();
9     }
10 }
```



Control flow in x86 is all done with “goto code”

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```
1 decision:  
2     subq    $8, %rsp  
3     testl   %edi, %edi  
4     je      .L2  
5     call    op1  
6     jmp    .L1  
7 .L2:  
8     call    op2  
9 .L1:  
10    addq   $8, %rsp  
11    ret
```

Useful to be able to know translation of code to goto style.

```
1 long absdiff
2   (long x, long y)
3 {
4     long result;
5     if (x > y)
6       result = x-y;
7     else
8       result = y-x;
9     return result;
10 }
```

```
1 long absdiff_j
2   (long x, long y)
3 {
4   long result;
5   int ntest = x <= y;
6   if (ntest) goto FROG;
7   result = x-y;
8   goto Done;
9 FROG:
10  result = y-x;
11 Done:
12  return result;
13 }
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2	0x1130 <+7>:	jle	0x1139 <absdiff+16>
3	0x1132 <+9>:	mov	%rdi,%rax
4	0x1135 <+12>:	sub	%rsi,%rax
5	0x1138 <+15>:	ret	
6	0x1139 <+16>:	mov	%rsi,%rax
7	0x113c <+19>:	sub	%rdi,%rax
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7	0x113c <+19>:	sub	%rdi,%rax
8	0x113f <+22>:	ret	

After executing line 2:

%rdi	x
%rsi	y
%rax	result
%rip	0x1139

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 \leftarrow 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;
```

Alternative to conditional branching with conditional move

```
1 long absdiff
2     (long x, long y)
3 {
4     long result;
5     if (x > y)
6         result = x-y;
7     else
8         result = y-x;
9     return result;
10 }
```

```
1 absdiff:
2     movq    %rdi, %rax # x
3     subq    %rsi, %rax # result = x-y
4     movq    %rsi, %rdx
5     subq    %rdi, %rdx # eval = y-x
6     cmpq    %rsi, %rdi # x:y
7     cmovle %rdx, %rax # if <=, result = eval
8     ret
```

Before executing line 2:

%rdi	x
%rsi	y
%rdx	
%rax	

Alternative to conditional branching with conditional move

```
1 long absdiff
2     (long x, long y)
3 {
4     long result;
5     if (x > y)
6         result = x-y;
7     else
8         result = y-x;
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8     ret
```

After executing line 2:

%rdi	x
%rsi	y
%rdx	
%rax	x

Alternative to conditional branching with conditional move

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1 long absdiff
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3 {
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9     return result;
10 }
```

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1 absdiff:
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5     subq    %rdi, %rdx # eval = y-x
6     cmpq    %rsi, %rdi # x:y
7     cmovle %rdx, %rax # if <=, result = eval
8     ret
```

After executing line 3:

%rdi	x
%rsi	y
%rdx	
%rax	x - y

Alternative to conditional branching with conditional move

```
1 long absdiff
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1 absdiff:
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4     movq    %rsi, %rdx
5     subq    %rdi, %rdx # eval = y-x
6     cmpq    %rsi, %rdi # x:y
7     cmovle %rdx, %rax # if <=, result = eval
8     ret
```

After executing line 4:

%rdi	x
%rsi	y
%rdx	y
%rax	x - y

Alternative to conditional branching with conditional move

```
1 long absdiff
2     (long x, long y)
3 {
4     long result;
5     if (x > y)
6         result = x-y;
7     else
8         result = y-x;
9     return result;
10 }
```

```
1 absdiff:
2     movq    %rdi, %rax # x
3     subq    %rsi, %rax # result = x-y
4     movq    %rsi, %rdx
5     subq    %rdi, %rdx # eval = y-x
6     cmpq    %rsi, %rdi # x:y
7     cmovle %rdx, %rax # if <=, result = eval
8     ret
```

After executing line 5:

%rdi	x
%rsi	y
%rdx	y - x
%rax	x - y

Alternative to conditional branching with conditional move

```
1 long absdiff
2   (long x, long y)
3 {
4     long result;
5     if (x > y)
6       result = x-y;
7     else
8       result = y-x;
9     return result;
10 }
```

```
1 absdiff:
2   movq    %rdi, %rax  # x
3   subq    %rsi, %rax  # result = x-y
4   movq    %rsi, %rdx
5   subq    %rdi, %rdx  # eval = y-x
6   cmpq    %rsi, %rdi  # x:y
7   cmovle %rdx, %rax  # if <=, result = eval
8   ret
```

After executing line 6
and 7:

%rdi	x
%rsi	y
%rdx	y - x
%rax	result

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

Bad Performance

Risky Computations

```
val = p ? *p : 0;
```

Both values get computed

May have undesirable effects

Unsafe

Computations with side effects

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

Both values get computed

Must be side-effect free

Illegal

Today: How does x86-64 implement C structures that change control flow?

- Condition codes
- Conditional branches
- **Loops**
- Switch statements (we won't have time for this)

`do { ... body ... } while (condition)`

`while (condition) { ... body ... }`

`for (init; condition; update) { ... body ... }`

Generic do ... while goto conversion

C Code

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

Goto Version

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

■ Body: {

```
  Statement1;  
  Statement2;  
  ...  
  Statementn;  
}
```

“Do-While” Loop example: Count number of 1s in argument x

```
1 long pcount_do  
2   (unsigned long x) {  
3     long result = 0;  
4     do {  
5       result += x & 0x1;  
6       x >>= 1;  
7     } while (x);  
8     return result;  
9 }
```

```
1 long pcount_goto  
2   (unsigned long x) {  
3     long result = 0;  
4     loop:  
5     result += x & 0x1;  
6     x >>= 1;  
7     if(x) goto loop;  
8     return result;  
9   }  
10 }
```

“Do-While” Loop Compilation

```
1 long pcount_goto  
2   (unsigned long x) {  
3     long result = 0;  
4     loop:  
5       result += x & 0x1;  
6       x >>= 1;  
7       if(x) goto loop;  
8     return result;  
9   }  
10 }
```

1	movl	\$0, %eax	# result = 0
2	.L2:		# loop:
3	movq	%rdi, %rdx	
4	andl	\$1, %edx	# t = x & 0x1
5	addq	%rdx, %rax	# result += t
6	shrq	%rdi	# x >>= 1
7	jne	.L2	# if (x) goto loop
8	rep; ret		

Loop iteration #1:
Before executing line 3:

%rdi	x
%rax	0
%rdx	

“Do-While” Loop Compilation

```
1 long pcount_goto  
2   (unsigned long x) {  
3     long result = 0;  
4     loop:  
5       result += x & 0x1;  
6       x >>= 1;  
7       if(x) goto loop;  
8     return result;  
9   }  
10 }
```

```
1 movl    $0, %eax      # result = 0  
2 .L2:  
3   movq    %rdi, %rdx  
4   andl    $1, %edx      # t = x & 0x1  
5   addq    %rdx, %rax      # result += t  
6   shrq    %rdi          # x >>= 1  
7   jne     .L2          # if (x) goto loop  
8   rep; ret
```

Loop iteration #1:
After executing line 3:

%rdi	x
%rax	0
%rdx	x

“Do-While” Loop Compilation

```
1 long pcount_goto  
2   (unsigned long x) {  
3     long result = 0;  
4     loop:  
5       result += x & 0x1;  
6       x >>= 1;  
7       if(x) goto loop;  
8     return result;  
9   }  
10 }
```

1	movl	\$0, %eax	# result = 0
2	.L2:		# loop:
3	movq	%rdi, %rdx	
4	andl	\$1, %edx	# t = x & 0x1
5	addq	%rdx, %rax	# result += t
6	shrq	%rdi	# x >>= 1
7	jne	.L2	# if (x) goto loop
8	rep; ret		

Loop iteration #1:
After executing line 4:

%rdi	x
%rax	0
%rdx	x & 0x1

“Do-While” Loop Compilation

```
1 long pcount_goto  
2   (unsigned long x) {  
3     long result = 0;  
4     loop:  
5       result += x & 0x1;  
6       x >>= 1;  
7       if(x) goto loop;  
8     return result;  
9   }  
10 }
```

```
1 movl    $0, %eax      # result = 0  
2 .L2:  
3   movq    %rdi, %rdx  
4   andl    $1, %edx      # t = x & 0x1  
5   addq    %rdx, %rax      # result += t  
6   shrq    %rdi          # x >>= 1  
7   jne     .L2          # if (x) goto loop  
8   rep; ret
```

Loop iteration #1:
After executing line 5:

%rdi	x
%rax	x & 0x1
%rdx	x & 0x1

“Do-While” Loop Compilation

```
1 long pcount_goto  
2   (unsigned long x) {  
3     long result = 0;  
4     loop:  
5     result += x & 0x1;  
6     x >>= 1;  
7     if(x) goto loop;  
8     return result;  
9   }  
10 }
```

1	movl	\$0, %eax	# result = 0
2	.L2:		# loop:
3	movq	%rdi, %rdx	
4	andl	\$1, %edx	# t = x & 0x1
5	addq	%rdx, %rax	# result += t
6	shrq	%rdi	# x >>= 1
7	jne	.L2	# if (x) goto loop
8	rep; ret		

Loop iteration #1:

After executing line 6:

%rdi	x >> 1
%rax	x & 0x1
%rdx	x & 0x1

“Do-While” Loop Compilation

```
1 long pcount_goto  
2   (unsigned long x) {  
3     long result = 0;  
4     loop:  
5     result += x & 0x1;  
6     x >>= 1;  
7     if(x) goto loop;  
8     return result;  
9   }  
10 }
```

1	movl	\$0, %eax	# result = 0
2	.L2:		# loop:
3	movq	%rdi, %rdx	
4	andl	\$1, %edx	# t = x & 0x1
5	addq	%rdx, %rax	# result += t
6	shrq	%rdi	# x >>= 1
7	jne	.L2	# if (x) goto loop
8	rep; ret		

Loop iteration #2:
After executing line
6 & 7:
(goto .L2)

%rdi	x >> 1
%rax	x & 0x1
%rdx	x & 0x1

“Do-While” Loop Compilation

```
1 long pcount_goto  
2   (unsigned long x) {  
3     long result = 0;  
4     loop:  
5     result += x & 0x1;  
6     x >>= 1;  
7     if(x) goto loop;  
8     return result;  
9   }  
10 }
```

```
1 movl    $0, %eax      # result = 0  
2 .L2:  
3   movq    %rdi, %rdx      # loop:  
4   andl    $1, %edx      # t = x & 0x1  
5   addq    %rdx, %rax      # result += t  
6   shrq    %rdi      # x >>= 1  
7   jne     .L2      # if (x) goto loop  
8   rep; ret
```

Loop iteration #2:
After executing line 3:

%rdi stores loop control variable x
%rax stores return value result

%rdi	x >> 1
%rax	x & 0x1
%rdx	x >> 1

“jump-to-middle” while (test) loop implementation

- 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

“guarded-do” do-while loop implementation

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

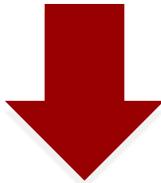
```
long pcount_goto_dw
(unsigned long x) {
    long result = 0;
    if (!x) goto done;
loop:
    result += x & 0x1;
    x >>= 1;
    if(x) goto loop;
done:
    return result;
}
```

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

“For” Loop → Do-While Loop

For version

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



Do-While Version

```
if (!Test)  
    goto done;  
do {  
    Body  
    Update  
} while (Test);  
done:
```



- Initial test can often be optimized away – **why?**

Goto Version

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

“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;
}
```

■ Initial test can be optimized away

Goto Version

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

Reverse engineering loops is challenging!

- Compiler may use variables in assembly code that have no C equivalent and vice-versa
- Compiler may “optimize” away conditional checks
- Compiler may reuse registers

If you remember nothing else from this lecture...

There are three ways to set condition codes:

- Arithmetic and logical operations (not lea)
- Test
- Cmp

There are many ways to do things different depending on condition codes:

- Set bytes
- Jumps
- Conditional moves

You can mix and match these combinations. You'll understand the details as you do the labs, attend recitation and lecture in the next few weeks.

x86-64 code reading tips..

- Use an x86-64 reference while reading code (you don't need to memorize everything!)

- You can use gdb hex to decimal conversions!

```
(gdb) print /x 0x8 + 0x8  
0x10
```

- Put a breakpoint before the function that you want to inspect

```
(gdb) break phase_1
```

- Code trace with simulated inputs like what happens if x is in %rsi and y is %rdi, etc. Write things down and draw things like register state after each instruction.

Today: How does x86-64 implement C structures that change control flow?

- Condition codes
- Conditional branches
- Loops
- **Switch statements (we won't have time for this)**

```
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

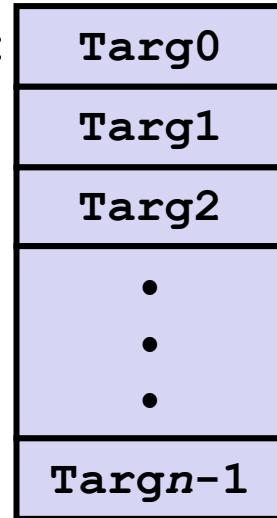
Jump Table Structure

Switch Form

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

Jump Table

jtab:

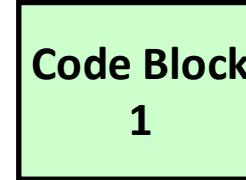


Jump Targets

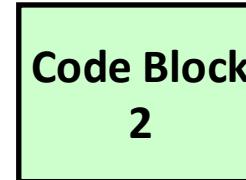
Targ0:



Targ1:

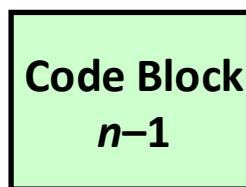


Targ2:



•
•
•

Targ{n-1}:



Translation (Extended C)

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

```
long my_switch
    (long x, long y, long z)
{
    long w = 1;
    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;
    }
    return w;
}
```

Switch Statement Example

```
my_switch:
    cmpq    $6, %rdi    # x:6
    ja     .L8    # if x > 6 jump
            # to default
    jmp    * .L4(,%rdi,8)
```

```
.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`
- **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

```
.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
```

Code Blocks ($x == 1$)

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

```
.L3:  
    movq    %rsi, %rax # y  
    imulq   %rdx, %rax # y*z  
    ret
```

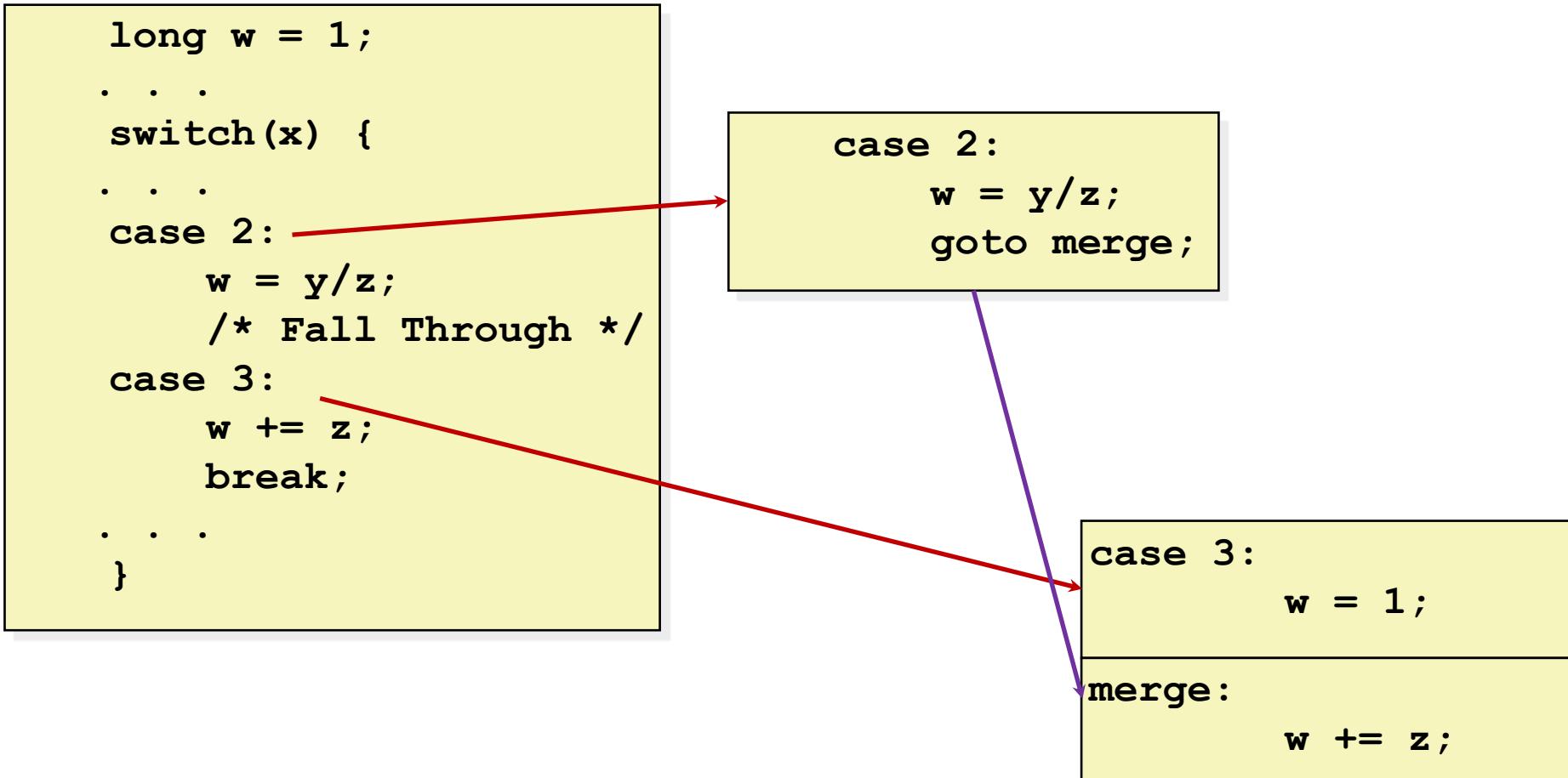
Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument x
%rsi	Argument y
%rdx	Argument z
%rax	Return value

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

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

```
0000000004005e0 <switch_eg>:  
.  
. . .  
4005e9: ff 24 fd f0 07 40 00    jmpq   *0x4007f0(,%rdi,8)  
. . .
```

```
% gdb switch  
(gdb) x /8xg 0x4007f0  
0x4007f0: 0x000000000400614 0x0000000004005f0  
0x400800: 0x0000000004005f8 0x000000000400602  
0x400810: 0x000000000400614 0x00000000040060b  
0x400820: 0x00000000040060b 0x2c646c25203d2078  
(gdb)
```

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rsi      0x7fffffffdb18    140737488346136
rdi      0x1                1
rbp      0x0                0x0
rsp      0x7fffffffdb38    0x7fffffffdb38
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- Not as obvious with complicated address “modes”
 - `(%rsi, %rbx)` – One of these is a pointer, we don’t know which.
 - `(%rsi, %rbx, 2)` – `%rsi` is a pointer, `%rbx` isn’t (why?)
 - `0x400570(%rbx, 2)` – `0x400570` is a pointer, `%rbx` isn’t (why?)
 - `lea (anything), %rax` – (anything) *may or may not* be a pointer

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Assembly Syntax

- Intel versus AT&T

In this class we will be using the AT&T syntax

Feature	AT&T Syntax	Intel Syntax
Operand Order	source, destination	destination, source
Register Prefix	% (e.g., %eax)	None (e.g., eax)
Immediate Value Prefix	\$ (e.g., \$10)	None (e.g., 10)
Memory Addressing	displacement(base, index, scale)	[base + index*scale + displacement]
Operand Size Suffix	b, w, l, q (e.g., movl)	Inferred or ptr prefixes (e.g., dword ptr)