

# Machine-Level Programming II: Control

Introduction to Computer Systems  
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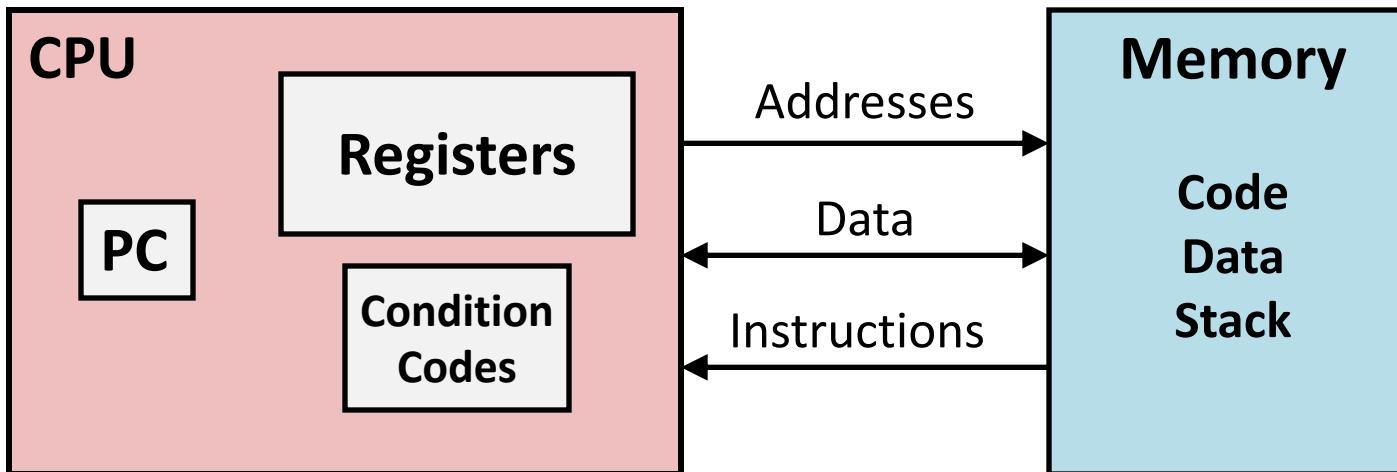
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# Recall: ISA = Assembly/Machine Code View

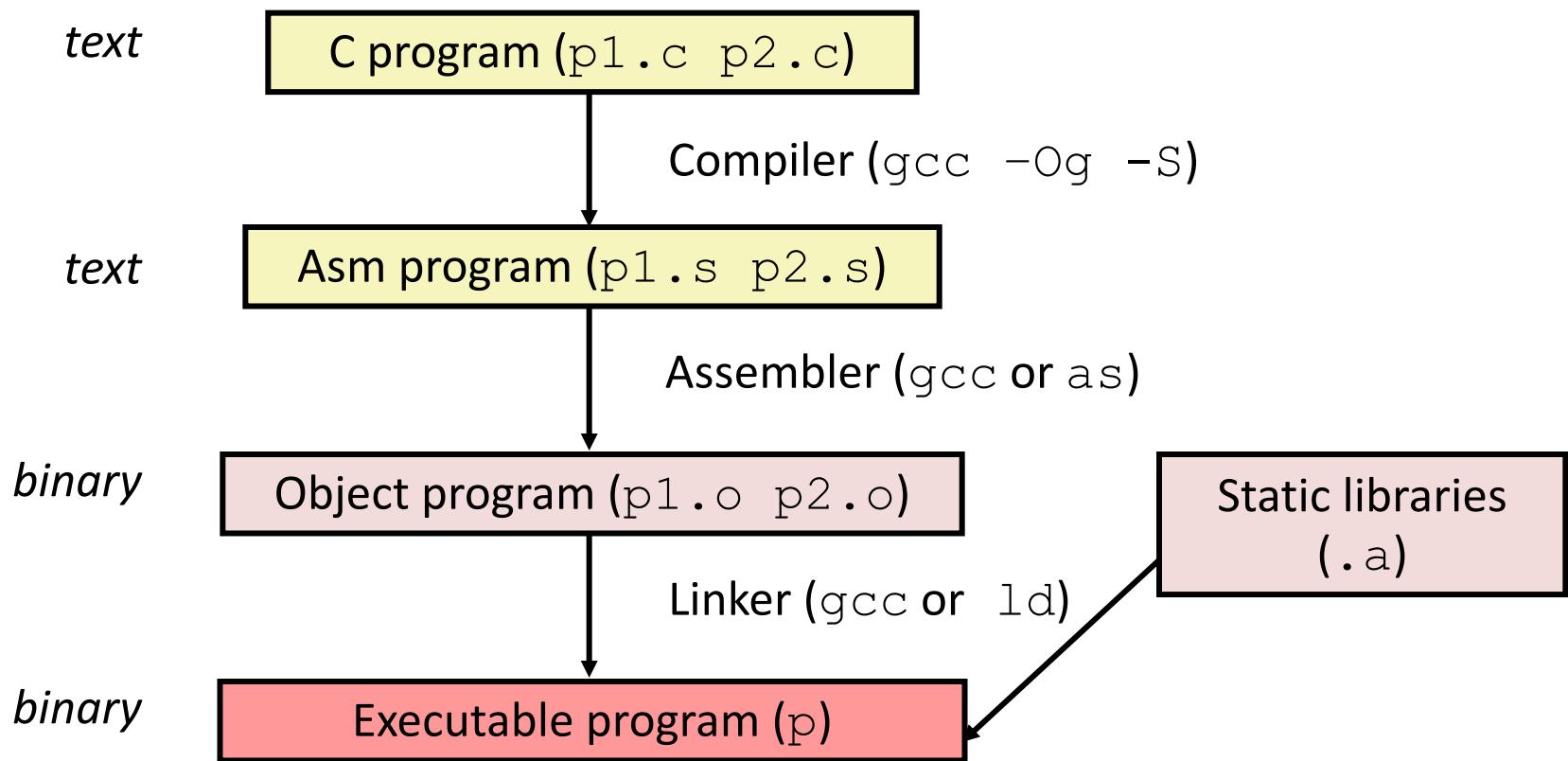


## Programmer-Visible State

- **PC: Program counter**
  - Address of next instruction
- **Register file**
  - Heavily used program data
- **Condition codes**
  - Store status information about most recent arithmetic or logical operation
  - Used for conditional branching
- **Memory**
  - Byte addressable array
  - Code and user data
  - Stack to support procedures

# Recall: Turning C into Object Code

- Code in files `p1.c p2.c`
- Compile with command: `gcc -Og p1.c p2.c -o p`
  - Use basic optimizations (`-Og`) [New to recent versions of GCC]
  - Put resulting binary in file `p`



# Recall: Move & Arithmetic Operations

## ■ Some Two Operand Instructions:

Format	Computation		
movq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Src (Src can be \$const)	
leaq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = address computed by expression Src	
addq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Dest + Src	
subq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Dest – Src	
imulq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Dest * Src	
salq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Dest << Src	Also called shlq
sarq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Dest >> Src	Arithmetic
shrq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Dest >> Src	Logical
xorq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Dest ^ Src	
andq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Dest & Src	
orq	<i>Src,Dest</i>	Dest = Dest   Src	

# Recall: Addressing Modes

## ■ Most General Form

$$D(Rb, Ri, S) \quad \text{Mem}[Reg[Rb]+S*Reg[Ri]+ D]$$

- D: Constant “displacement” 1, 2, or 4 bytes
- Rb: Base register: Any of 16 integer registers
- Ri: Index register: Any, except for %rsp
- S: Scale: 1, 2, 4, or 8

## ■ Special Cases

$$(Rb, Ri) \quad \text{Mem}[Reg[Rb]+Reg[Ri]]$$

$$D(Rb, Ri) \quad \text{Mem}[Reg[Rb]+Reg[Ri]+D]$$

$$(Rb, Ri, S) \quad \text{Mem}[Reg[Rb]+S*Reg[Ri]]$$

# Memory operands and LEA

- In most instructions, a memory operand accesses 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: it *doesn't* access memory

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

# Why use LEA?

- CPU designers' intended use: calculate a pointer to an object
  - An array element, perhaps
  - For instance, to pass just one array element to another function

Assembly	C equivalent
lea (%rbx,%rdi,8), %rax	rax = &rbx[rdi]

- Compiler authors like to 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)

Assembly	C equivalent
lea (%rbx,%rbx,2), %rax	rax = rbx * 3

# Sidebar: instruction suffixes

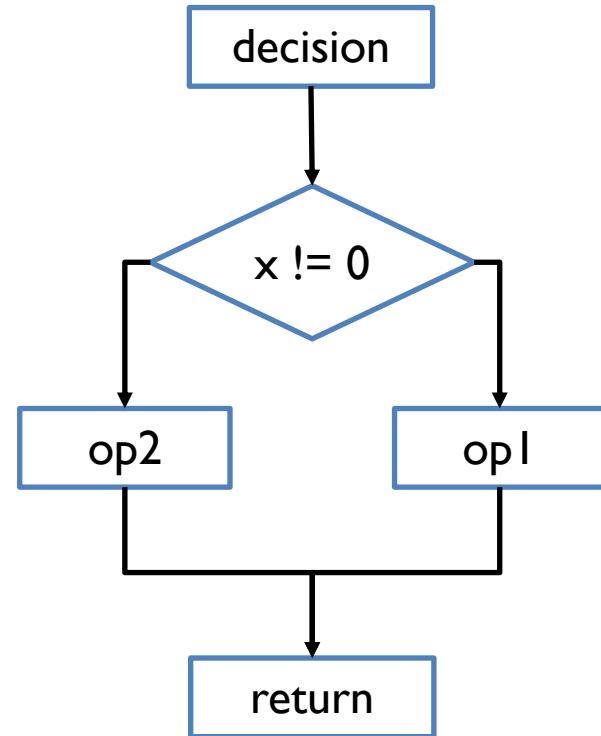
- Most x86 instructions can be written with or without a suffix
  - `imul %rcx, %rax`
  - `imulq %rcx, %rax`
- There's no difference!
- The suffix indicates the operation size
  - b=byte, w=short, l=int, q=long
  - If present, must match register names
- Assembly output from the compiler (`gcc -S`) usually has suffixes
- Disassembly dumps (`objdump -d, gdb 'disas'`) usually omit suffixes
- Intel's manuals always omit the suffixes

# Today

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

# Control flow

```
extern void op1(void);  
extern void op2(void);  
  
void decision(int x) {  
    if (x) {  
        op1();  
    } else {  
        op2();  
    }  
}
```



# Control flow in assembly language

```
extern void op1(void) ;      decision:  
extern void op2(void) ;  
  
void decision(int x) {  
    if (x) {  
        op1();  
    } else {  
        op2();  
    }  
}
```

	subq	\$8, %rsp
	testl	%edi, %edi
	je	.L2
	call	op1
	jmp	.L1
.L2:		
	call	op2
.L1:		
	addq	\$8, %rsp
	ret	

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    testl   %edi, %edi  
    je      .L2  
    call   op1  
    jmp     .L1  
  
.L2:  
    call   op2  
.L1:  
    addq    $8, %rsp  
    ret
```



# 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

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) SF Sign Flag (for signed)
- ZF Zero Flag OF Overflow Flag (for signed)

## ■ Implicitly set (as side effect) by arithmetic operations

Example: `addq Src,Dest`  $\leftrightarrow t = a+b$

CF set if carry/borrow 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

# ZF set when

00000000000...0000000000

# SF set when

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{yxxxxxxxxxxxxx\ldots} \\ + \quad \boxed{yxxxxxxxxxxxxx\ldots} \\ \hline \boxed{1xxxxxxxxxxxxx\ldots} \end{array}$$

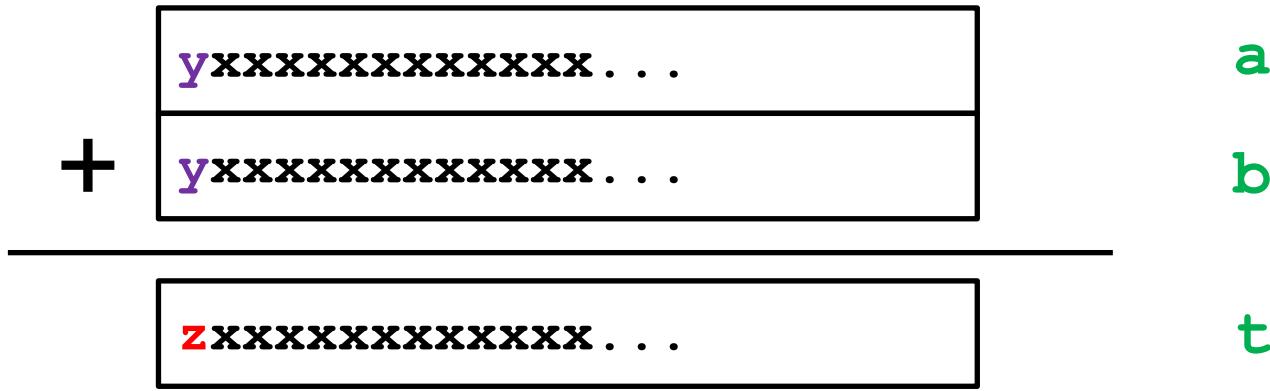
For signed arithmetic, this reports when result is a negative number

# CF set when



For unsigned arithmetic, this reports overflow

# OF set when



$$z = \sim y$$

( $a > 0 \ \&\& \ b > 0 \ \&\& \ t < 0$ ) || ( $a < 0 \ \&\& \ b < 0 \ \&\& \ t \geq 0$ )

For signed arithmetic, this reports overflow

# 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`

Very often:

`testq %rax, %rax`

# Reading Condition Codes

## ■ SetX Instructions

- Set low-order byte of destination to 0 or 1 based on combinations of condition codes
- Does not alter remaining 7 bytes

SetX	Condition	Description
<b>sete</b>	<b>ZF</b>	Equal / Zero
<b>setne</b>	<b>~ZF</b>	Not Equal / Not Zero
<b>sets</b>	<b>SF</b>	Negative
<b>setns</b>	<b>~SF</b>	Nonnegative
<b>setg</b>	<b>~(SF^OF) &amp; ~ZF</b>	Greater (Signed)
<b>setge</b>	<b>~(SF^OF)</b>	Greater or Equal (Signed)
<b>setl</b>	<b>(SF^OF)</b>	Less (Signed)
<b>setle</b>	<b>(SF^OF)   ZF</b>	Less or Equal (Signed)
<b>seta</b>	<b>~CF &amp; ~ZF</b>	Above (unsigned)
<b>setb</b>	<b>CF</b>	Below (unsigned)

# Example: setl (Signed <)

## Condition: SF^OF

SF	OF	SF ^ OF	Implication
0	0	0	No overflow, so SF implies not <
1	0	1	No overflow, so SF implies <
0	1	1	Overflow, so SF implies negative overflow, i.e. <
1	1	0	Overflow, so SF implies positive overflow, i.e. not <

negative overflow case

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \boxed{1\text{xxxxxxxxxxxxx}\dots} \\
 - \\
 \boxed{0\text{xxxxxxxxxxxxx}\dots} \\
 \hline
 \boxed{0\text{xxxxxxxxxxxxx}\dots}
 \end{array}
 \quad \begin{array}{l}
 \text{a} \\
 \text{b} \\
 \text{t}
 \end{array}$$

# 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

# 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
  - 32-bit instructions also set upper 32 bits to 0

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

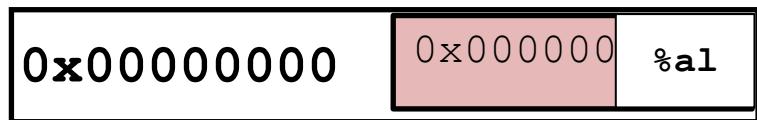
Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument x
%rsi	Argument y
%rax	Return value

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

# Explicit Reading Condition Codes (Cont.)

Beware weirdness **movzbl** (and others)

**movzbl %al, %eax**



Zapped to all 0's

Use(s)

Argument x

Argument y

Return value

```
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setg    %al             # Set when >
movzbl %al, %eax      # Zero rest of %rax
ret
```

# Today

- Control: Condition codes
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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	$\sim ZF$	Not Equal / Not Zero
js	SF	Negative
jns	$\sim SF$	Nonnegative
jg	$\sim(SF \wedge OF) \& \sim ZF$	Greater (Signed)
jge	$\sim(SF \wedge OF)$	Greater or Equal (Signed)
jl	$(SF \wedge OF)$	Less (Signed)
jle	$(SF \wedge OF)   ZF$	Less or Equal (Signed)
ja	$\sim CF \& \sim ZF$	Above (unsigned)
jb	CF	Below (unsigned)

# Conditional Branch Example (Old Style)

## ■ Generation

server> gcc -Og -S **-fno-if-conversion** control.c

Get to this shortly

```
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:  
 $\text{if } (\text{Test}) \text{ Dest} \leftarrow \text{Src}$
- 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

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    return result;
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```

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```
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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<b>xorq</b>	<b>%rax, %rax</b>
<b>subq</b>	<b>\$1, %rax</b>
<b>cmpq</b>	<b>\$2, %rax</b>
<b>setl</b>	<b>%al</b>
<b>movzblq</b>	<b>%al, %eax</b>

<b>%rax</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>CF</b>	<b>OF</b>	<b>ZF</b>

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<b>setl</b>	<b>%al</b>
<b>movzblq</b>	<b>%al, %eax</b>

<b>%rax</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>CF</b>	<b>OF</b>	<b>ZF</b>
<b>0x0000 0000 0000 0000</b>	0	0	0	1
<b>0xFFFF FFFF FFFF FFFF</b>	1	1	0	0
<b>0xFFFF FFFF FFFF FFFF</b>	1	0	0	0
<b>0xFFFF FFFF FFFF FF01</b>	1	0	0	0
<b>0x0000 0000 0000 0001</b>	1	0	0	0

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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

x86 being CISC has a popcount instruction

# General “Do-While” Translation

C Code

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

Goto Version

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

- **Body:** {
  - Statement<sub>1</sub>;**
  - Statement<sub>2</sub>;**
  - ...
  - Statement<sub>n</sub>;**}

# “Do-While” Loop Compilation

Goto Version

```
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(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
        rep; ret
```

# 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

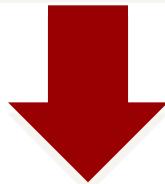
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long pcount_goto_jtm
(unsigned long x) {
    long result = 0;
    goto test;
loop:
    result += x & 0x1;
    x >>= 1;
test:
    if(x) goto loop;
    return result;
}
```

- Compare to do-while version of function
- Initial goto starts loop at test

# General “While” Translation #2

While version

```
while (Test)
  Body
```



Do-While Version

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

- “Do-while” conversion
- Used with -O1

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;
}
```

- Initial conditional guards entrance to loop
- Compare to do-while version of function
  - Removes jump to middle. When is this good or bad?

# “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++
```

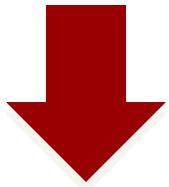
### Body

```
{  
    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

Goto Version

```
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 – why?

```
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; Body
    result += bit;
}
i++; Update
if (i < WSIZE)
    goto loop; Test
done:
    return result;
}
```

# Today

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

```
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

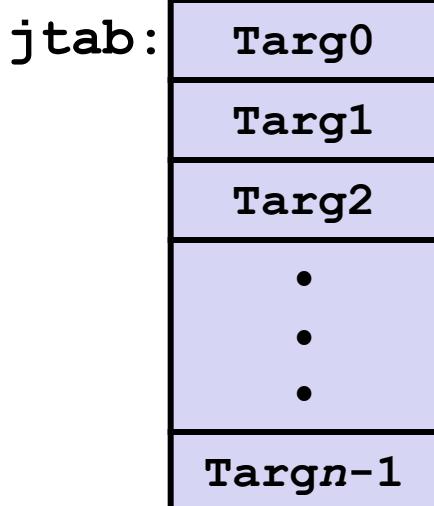
- **Multiple case labels**
  - Here: 5 & 6
- **Fall through cases**
  - Here: 2
- **Missing cases**
  - Here: 4

# 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



Jump Targets

Targ0:

Code Block  
0

Targ1:

Code Block  
1

Targ2:

Code Block  
2

•  
•  
•

Targ{n-1}:

Code 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 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`

- 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
```

# 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

# 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

# Additional Slides

# 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)
```

# Finding Jump Table in Binary (cont.)

```
% gdb switch
(gdb) x /8xg 0x4007f0
0x4007f0: 0x00000000000400614
0x400800: 0x000000000004005f8
0x400810: 0x00000000000400614
0x400820: 0x0000000000040060b
0x400830: 0x000000000004005f0
0x400840: 0x00000000000400602
0x400850: 0x0000000000040060b
0x400860: 0x2c646c25203d2078
```

...		
4005f0:	48 39 f0	mov %rsi,%rax
4005f3:	48 0f af c2	imul %rdx,%rax
4005f7:	c3	retq
4005f8:	48 39 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