

Slide 20:

Why use movl for the following?

```
movl $0, %eax          # result = 0 ; also set higher order bytes of rax to 0
```

#the immediate operand \$0 in the instruction movl \$0, %rax is 4 bytes long

#the immediate operand \$0 in the instruction movq \$0, %rax is 8 bytes long

```
.L2:                    # loop:
```

```
movq %rdi, %rdx
```

```
andl $1, %edx          # t = x & 0x1 also higher order 4 bytes of %rdx is still zero
```

```
addq %rdx, %rax        # result += t
```

```
shrq %rdi              # x >>= 1
```

```
jne .L2                # if (x) goto loop
```

```
rep; ret
```

Refer to [Intel instruction table from the textbook](#) on the moodle

Note the absence of an explicit instruction to zero-extend a 4-byte source value to an 8-byte destination in Figure 3.5. Such an instruction would logically be named `movz1q`, but this instruction does not exist. Instead, this type of data movement can be implemented using a `movl` instruction having a register as the destination. This technique takes advantage of the property that an instruction generating a 4-byte value with a register as the destination will fill the upper 4 bytes with zeros. Otherwise, for 64-bit destinations, moving with sign extension is supported for all three source types, and moving with zero extension is supported for the two smaller source types.