

## Branching and Looping

Courtesy: UMBC and JBLearning

## Topics

- Unconditional Jumps
- Conditional jump and compare instructions
- Implementing Loop Structures
- FOR Loops
- Arrays

# Unconditional Jumps

# jmp Instruction

- Like a *goto* in a high-level language
- Format: `jmp StatementLabel`
- The next statement executed will be the one at *StatementLabel*:
- And execution continues thereafter.



Label

# jmp Instruction - Example

```
36 mov EAX, 0
37 mov ECX, 45
38 add EAX, ECX
39 jmp JUMPLABEL
40 mov EAX, 0
41 inc EAX
42 JUMPLABEL:
43 dec EAX
44 mov EAX, 0
```

00000000	B8	00000000	mov EAX, 0
00000005	B9	0000002D	mov ECX, 45
0000000A	03	C1	add EAX, ECX
0000000C	EB	07	jmp JUMPLABEL
0000000E	B8	00000000	mov EAX, 0
00000013	FF	C0	inc EAX
00000015			JUMPLABEL:
00000015	FF	C8	dec EAX
00000017	B8	00000000	mov EAX, 0

un conditional  
jump

Note: 07 → Distance (#bytes to jump)

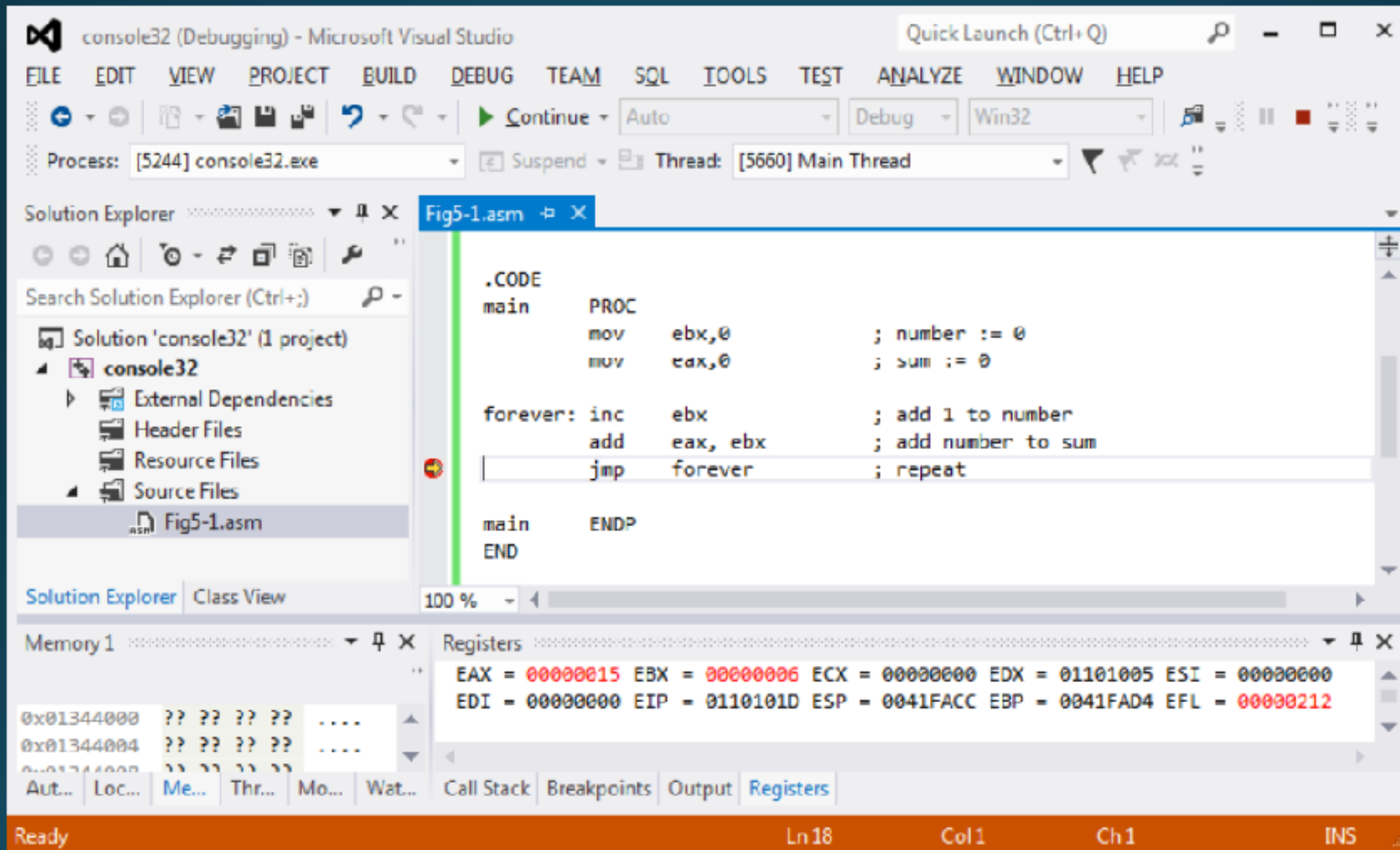
## Program Design: Calculate $1+2+3+\dots$

```
number := 0;  
sum := 0;  
forever loop  
    add 1 to number;  
    add number to sum;  
end loop;
```

## Program Code: Calculate $1+2+3+\dots$


```
; program to find sum 1+2+...+n for n=1, 2, ...  
.586  
.MODEL FLAT  
.STACK 4096  
.DATA  
.CODE  
main PROC  
    mov     ebx,0           ; number := 0  
    mov     eax,0           ; sum := 0  
  
forever: inc     ebx         ; add 1 to number  
          add     eax, ebx    ; add number to sum  
          jmp     forever    ; repeat  
  
main ENDP  
END
```

# Program Stopped at Breakpoint




# jmp Reference - Direction

- Backward
  - To a statement that precedes the jmp statement
- Forward
  - To a statement that follows the jmp statement



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```
50  mov ebx,0      ; number := 0
51  mov  eax,0      ; sum := 0
52
53  forever:
54  inc  ebx        ; add 1 to number
55  add  eax, ebx    ; add number to sum
56  jmp  forever    ; repeat
```



# jmp Reference - Direction

- Forward

```
00000000 B8 00000000 mov EAX, 0
00000005 B9 0000002D mov ECX, 45
0000000A 03 C1 add EAX, ECX
0000000C EB 07 jmp JUMPLABEL
0000000E B8 00000000 mov EAX, 0
00000013 FF C0 inc EAX
00000015 JUMPLABEL:
00000015 FF C8 dec EAX
00000017 B8 00000000 mov EAX, 0
```

Forward: 7 bytes(hex: 07)

-127 to 127  
it is relativeshort

- Backward

```
60 0000001D BB 00000000 mov ebx,0 ; number := 0
61 00000022 B8 00000000 mov eax,0 ; sum := 0
62
63 00000027 forever:
64 00000027 FF C3 inc ebx ; add 1 to number
65 00000029 03 C3 add eax, ebx ; add number to sum
66 0000002B EB FA jmp forever ; repeat
```

Backward: -6 bytes (hex: FA)



# jmp Types

- Relative short

- Encodes a single byte signed displacement telling how far forward or backward to jump for the next instruction to execute—the assembler uses this format if possible
- Sign extended before adding to Instruction Pointer(\*IP)
- jmp LabelNearby

- Relative near

- Encodes a signed doubleword displacement—this allows a forward or backward jump essentially anywhere in memory
- Added to EIP. Sign extended before adding to RIP
- jmp LabelDistant

- Indirect forms

- Encode the address of the destination in a register or memory are not often used.
- jmp edx, jmp DestAddress, jmp DWORD PTR [edx]

jmp ebx ---->register indirect

jmp varaddress  
---->memory indirect

jmp dword ptr[ebx]  
----->memory indirect



relative short

relative near

memory indirect

register indirect

# Example

- Relative near

- Indirect forms

```
; Indirect jumps
jmp RDX          ; jmp EDX
jmp qword ptr [RBP] ; jmp dword ptr [EBX]
```

```
          ; Indirect jumps
000000BA FF E2          jmp RDX
000000BC FF 25 00001D5 R jmp qword ptr [RBP]
000000C2 FF 23          jmp dword ptr [EBX]
```

```
0000002E E9 00000080 jmp JUMPLABEL1
00000033 66 44 8B 0D mov R9W, myword
0000003B 66 44 8B 0D mov R9W, myword
00000043 66 44 8B 0D mov R9W, myword
0000004B 66 44 8B 0D mov R9W, myword
00000053 66 44 8B 0D mov R9W, myword
0000005B 66 44 8B 0D mov R9W, myword
00000063 66 44 8B 0D mov R9W, myword
0000006B 66 44 8B 0D mov R9W, myword
00000073 66 44 8B 0D mov R9W, myword
0000007B 66 44 8B 0D mov R9W, myword
00000083 66 44 8B 0D mov R9W, myword
0000008B 66 44 8B 0D mov R9W, myword
00000093 66 44 8B 0D mov R9W, myword
0000009B 66 44 8B 0D mov R9W, myword
000000A3 66 44 8B 0D mov R9W, myword
000000AB 66 44 8B 0D mov R9W, myword
000000B3          JUMPLABEL1:
000000B3 FF C8          dec EAX
```

80--->128 in decimal

-127 to 127----> relative short

else relative near

# jmp Encoding

Type	Opcode	#bytes of obj code
relative near	E9	5
relative short	EB	2
register indirect	FF	2
memory indirect	FF	2+

