

# Machine-Level Programming II: Control

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# Today

- **Review of a few tricky bits from yesterday**
- Basics of control flow
- Condition codes
- Conditional operations
- Loops
- Activity: understanding disassembled control flow
- If we have time: switch statements

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```

```
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```

```
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```

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## ■ Assembly

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  - \*dest:** Memory **M[%rbx]**

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0100	1	0	0	0	1000	1011	00	000	011
REX	W	R	X	B	Move	Mod	R	M	

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# Reminder: Address Modes

## ■ Most General Form

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

- 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 (*why these numbers?*)

## ■ Special Cases

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

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

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

# Memory operands and LEA

- In most instructions, a memory operand accesses memory

Assembly	C equivalent
<code>mov 6(%rbx,%rdi,8), %ax</code>	<code>ax = *(rbx + rdi*8 + 6)</code>
<code>add 6(%rbx,%rdi,8), %ax</code>	<code>ax += *(rbx + rdi*8 + 6)</code>
<code>xor %ax, 6(%rbx,%rdi,8)</code>	<code>*(rbx + rdi*8 + 6) ^= ax</code>

- LEA is special: it *doesn't* access memory

Assembly	C equivalent
<code>lea 6(%rbx,%rdi,8), %rax</code>	<code>rax = rbx + rdi*8 + 6</code>

# 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

```
lea (%rbx,%rdi,8), %rax
```

### C equivalent

```
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

```
lea (%rbx,%rbx,2), %rax
```

### C equivalent

```
rax = rbx * 3
```

# Today

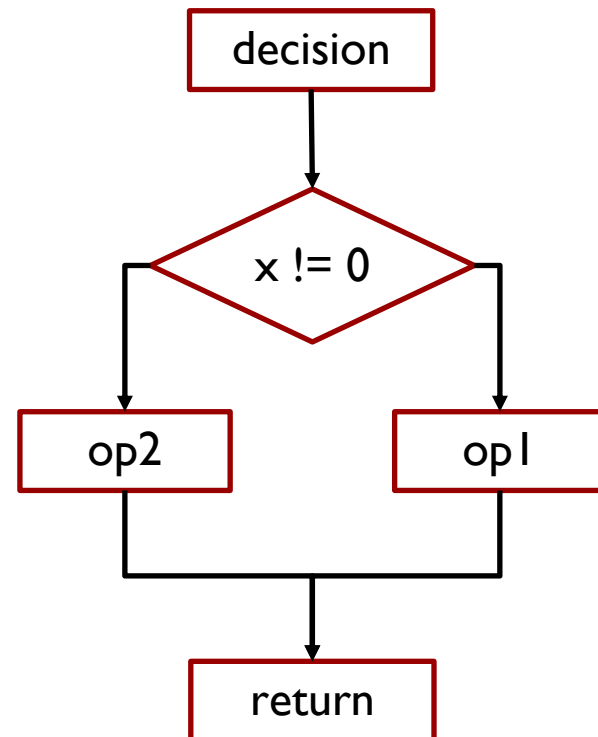
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# Control flow

```
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);
extern void op2(void);

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

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



It's all done with  
GOTO!

# 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

<code>CF</code>	<code>ZF</code>	<code>SF</code>	<code>OF</code>
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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) of arithmetic operations

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

**CF set** if carry 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

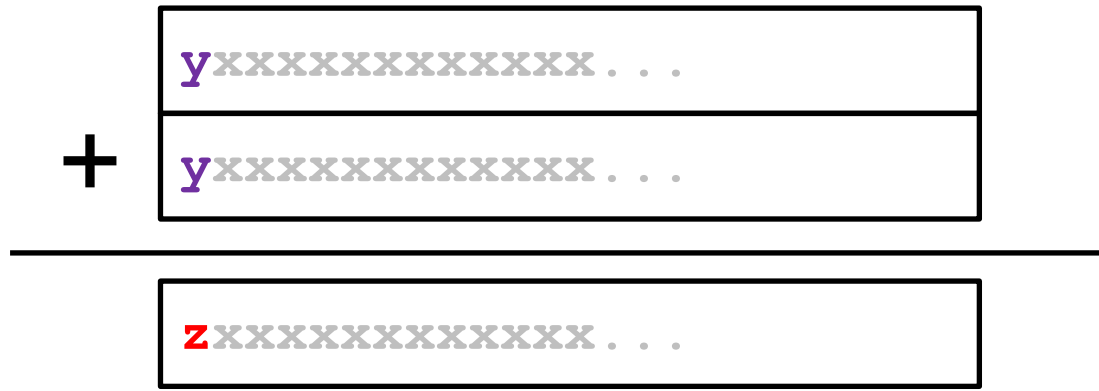
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# CF set when

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{\begin{array}{l} yxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx \dots \\ yxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx \dots \end{array}} \\ + \\ \hline 1 \quad \boxed{zxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx \dots} \end{array}$$

# OF set when



`z != y`



# Compare Instruction

## ■ `cmp b, a`

- Computes  $b - a$  (just like `sub`)
- Sets condition codes based on result, but...
- **Does not change  $b$**
- Used for `if (a < b) { ... }`  
whenever  $b - a$  isn't needed for anything else

# Test Instruction

## ■ `test a, b`

- Computes  $b \wedge a$  (just like **and**)
- Sets condition codes (only SF and ZF) based on result, but...
- **Does not change *b***
- Most common use: `test %rX, %rX`  
to compare `%rX` to zero
- Second most common use: `test %rX, %rY`  
tests if any of the 1-bits in `%rY` are also 1 in `%rX` (or vice versa)

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

# x86-64 Integer Registers

<b>%rax</b>	<b>%al</b>
<b>%rbx</b>	<b>%bl</b>
<b>%rcx</b>	<b>%cl</b>
<b>%rdx</b>	<b>%dl</b>
<b>%rsi</b>	<b>%sil</b>
<b>%rdi</b>	<b>%dil</b>
<b>%rsp</b>	<b>%spl</b>
<b>%rbp</b>	<b>%bpl</b>

<b>%r8</b>	<b>%r8b</b>
<b>%r9</b>	<b>%r9b</b>
<b>%r10</b>	<b>%r10b</b>
<b>%r11</b>	<b>%r11b</b>
<b>%r12</b>	<b>%r12b</b>
<b>%r13</b>	<b>%r13b</b>
<b>%r14</b>	<b>%r14b</b>
<b>%r15</b>	<b>%r15b</b>

- Can reference low-order byte

# Reading Condition Codes (Cont.)

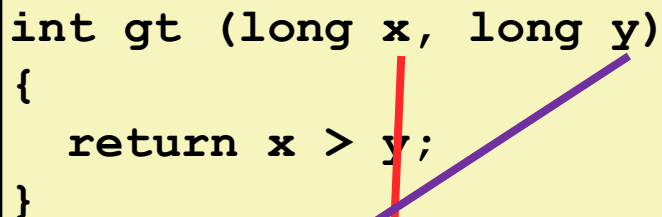
## ■ SetX Instructions:

- 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;
}
```



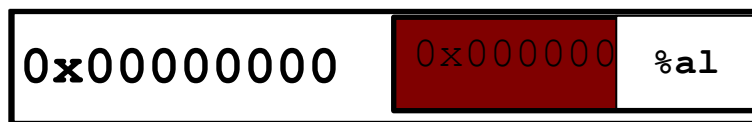
```
cmpq    %rsi, %rdi    # Compare x:y
setg    %al           # Set when >
movzbl  %al, %eax     # Zero rest of %rax
ret
```

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

# 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

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

# 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

shark> gcc -Og -S **-fno-if-conversion** cont

I'll 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 <b>x</b>
%rsi	Argument <b>y</b>
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# Expressing with Goto Code

- C allows goto statement
- Jump to position designated by label

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(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:  
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;
```

# Conditional Move Example

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```

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

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

# Exercise

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`(a>0 && b<0 && (a-b)<0) || (a<0 && b>0 && (a-b)>0)`

```

xor    %rax, %rax
sub    $1, %rax
cmp    $2, %rax
setl   %al
movzbl %al, %eax

```

%rax	SF	CF	OF	ZF

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```

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cmp    $2, %rax
setl   %al
movzbl %al, %eax

```

%rax	SF	CF	OF	ZF
0x0000 0000 0000 0000	0	0	0	1
0xFFFF FFFF FFFF FFFF	1	1	0	0
0xFFFF FFFF FFFF FFFF	1	0	0	0
0xFFFF FFFF FFFF FF01	1	0	0	0
0x0000 0000 0000 0001	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

# “Do-While” Loop Compilation

## Goto Version

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loop:
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    x >>= 1;
    if(x) goto loop;
    return result;
}

```

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument <b>x</b>
%rax	<b>result</b>

```

                                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

```

loop

# 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>;  
}

# 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

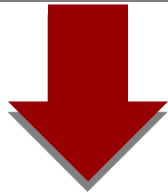
```
long pcount_goto_jtm
(unsigned long x) {
    long result = 0;
    goto test;
loop:
    result += x & 0x1;
    x >>= 1;
test:
    if(x) goto loop;
    return result;
}
```

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

# General “While” Translation #2

## While version

```
while (Test)  
    Body
```



## Do-While 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;
}
```

- 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

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```

## Test

```
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```

## 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

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        result += bit;
    }
    return result;
}
```

■ Initial test can be optimized away

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

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(long x, long y, long z)
{
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    switch(x) {
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        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

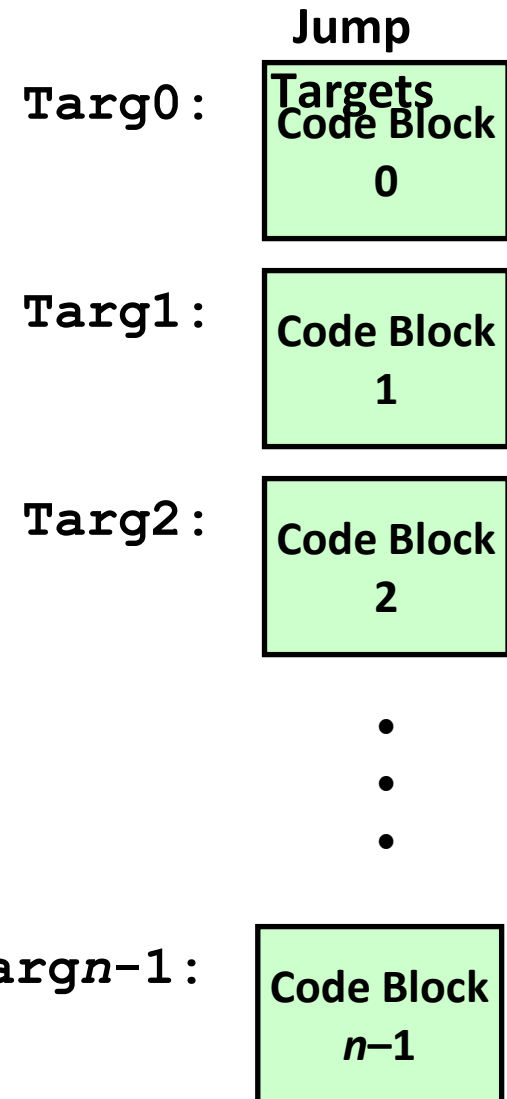
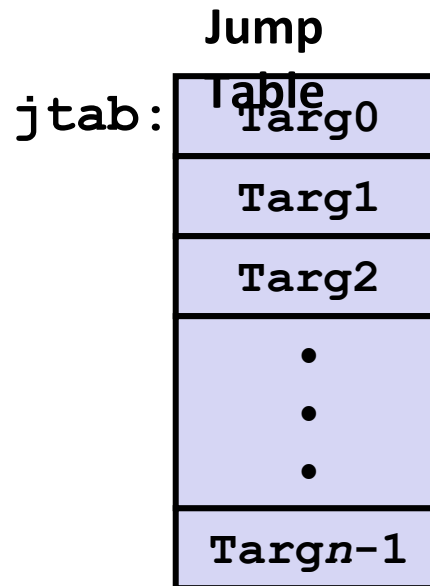
## ■ Missing cases

- 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
}
```



## Translation (Extended)

```
Goto *JTab[x];
```

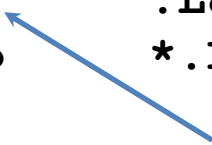


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Setup:

```
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 <b>x</b>
%rsi	Argument <b>y</b>
%rdx	Argument <b>z</b>
%rax	Return value

**Note that **w** not  
initialized here**

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    return w;
}
```

## 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
```

## Setup:

```
switch_eg:
    movq    %rdx, %rcx
    cmpq    $6, %rdi      # x:6
    ja      .L8           # Use default
    jmp     *.L4(, %rdi, 8) # goto *JTab[x]
```

**Indirect  
jump**



# 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  $0 \leq x \leq 6$

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    # 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)

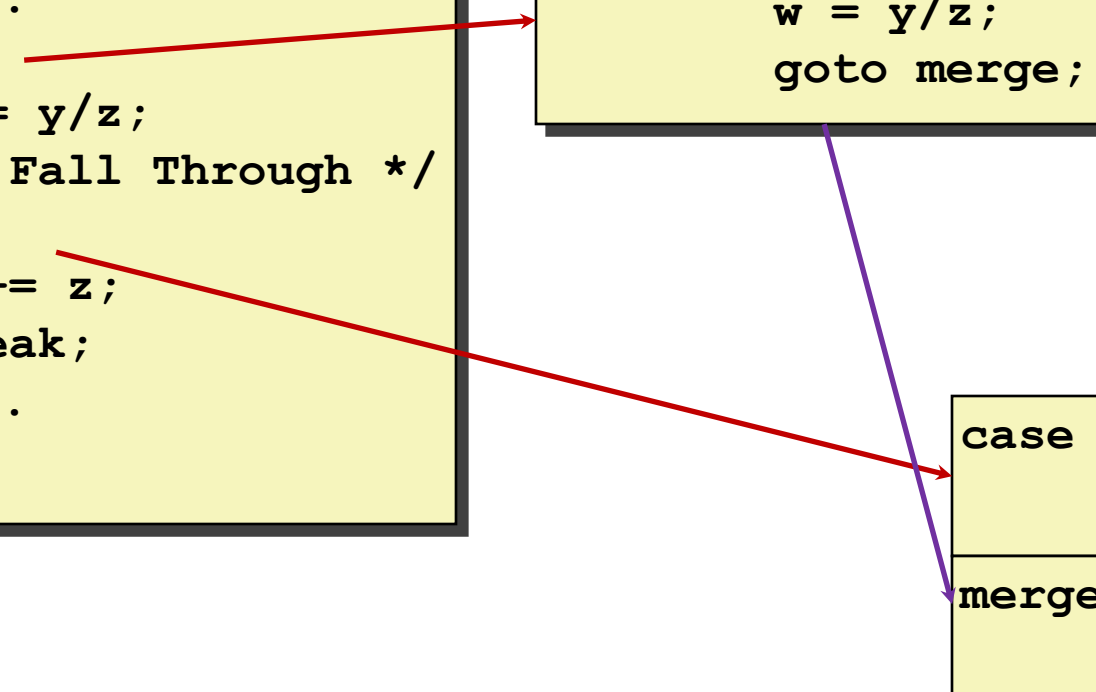
```
switch(x) {
case 1:      // .L3
    w = y*z;
    break;
    . . .
}
```

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

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument <b>x</b>
%rsi	Argument <b>y</b>
%rdx	Argument <b>z</b>
%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 <b>x</b>
%rsi	Argument <b>y</b>
%rdx	Argument <b>z</b>
%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 (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.)

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(gdb) x /8xg 0x4007f0
0x4007f0:      0x000000000000400614      0x0000000000004005f0
0x400800:      0x0000000000004005f8      0x000000000000400602
0x400810:      0x000000000000400614      0x00000000000040060b
0x400820:      0x00000000000040060b      0x2c646c25203d2078
```

```
. . .
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
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