

Machine-Level Programming II: Control

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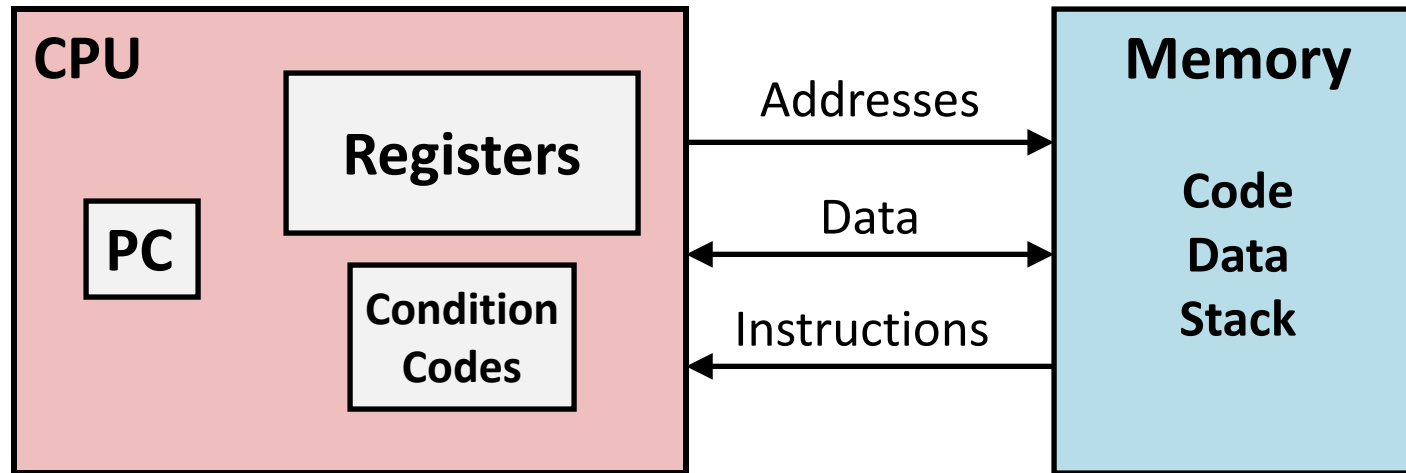
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Recall: ISA = Assembly/Machine Code View



Programmer-Visible State

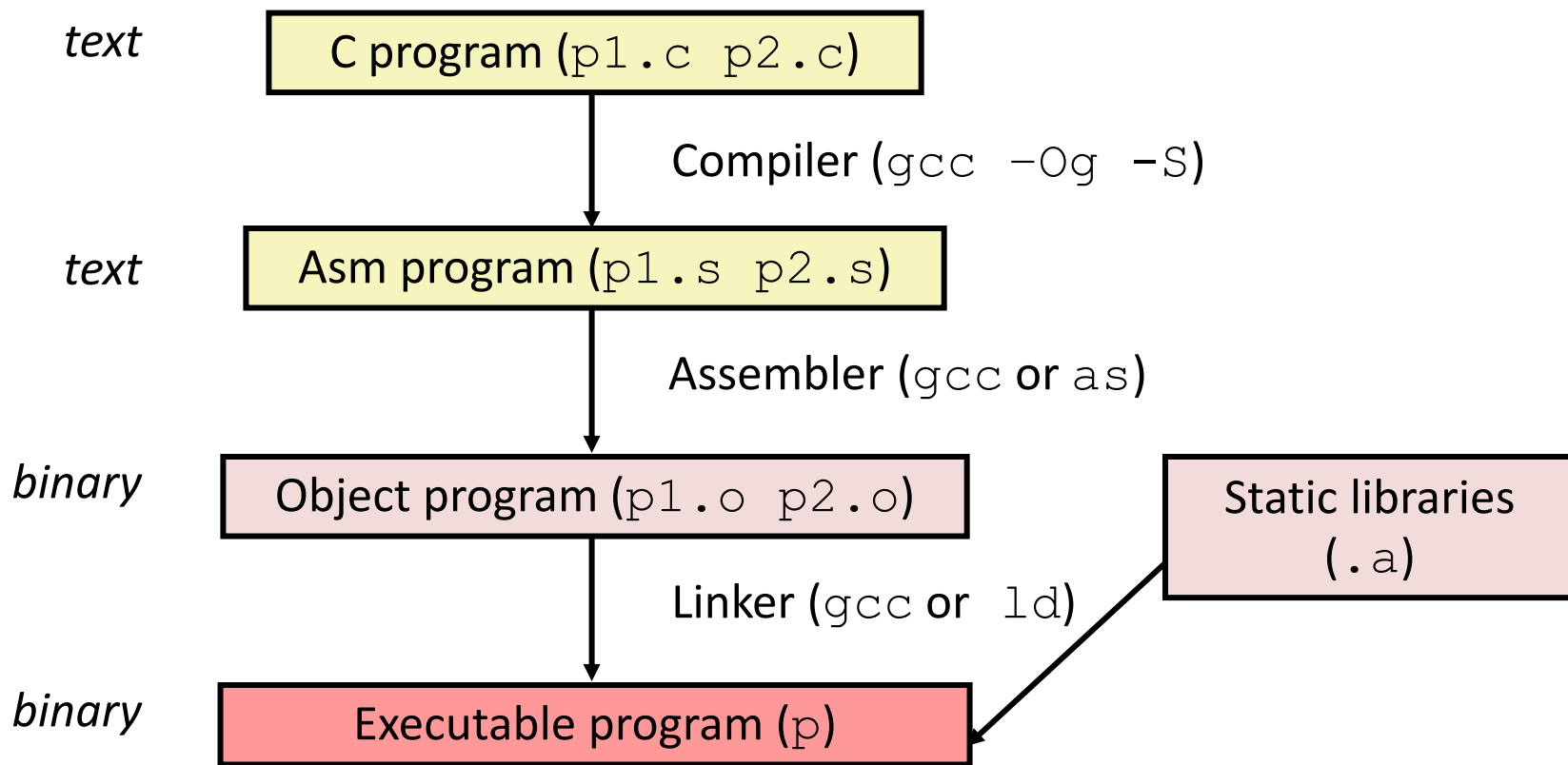
- **PC: Program counter**
 - Address of next instruction
- **Register file**
 - Heavily used program data
- **Condition codes**
 - Store status information about most recent arithmetic or logical operation
 - Used for conditional branching

▪ 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:

<i>Format</i>	<i>Computation</i>	
<code>movq</code>	<i>Src, Dest</i>	$\text{Dest} = \text{Src}$ (Src can be $\$const$)
<code>leaq</code>	<i>Src, Dest</i>	$\text{Dest} = \text{address computed by expression Src}$
<code>addq</code>	<i>Src, Dest</i>	$\text{Dest} = \text{Dest} + \text{Src}$
<code>subq</code>	<i>Src, Dest</i>	$\text{Dest} = \text{Dest} - \text{Src}$
<code>imulq</code>	<i>Src, Dest</i>	$\text{Dest} = \text{Dest} * \text{Src}$
<code>salq</code>	<i>Src, Dest</i>	$\text{Dest} = \text{Dest} \ll \text{Src}$
<code>sarq</code>	<i>Src, Dest</i>	$\text{Dest} = \text{Dest} \gg \text{Src}$
<code>shrq</code>	<i>Src, Dest</i>	$\text{Dest} = \text{Dest} \gg \text{Src}$
<code>xorq</code>	<i>Src, Dest</i>	$\text{Dest} = \text{Dest} \wedge \text{Src}$
<code>andq</code>	<i>Src, Dest</i>	$\text{Dest} = \text{Dest} \& \text{Src}$
<code>orq</code>	<i>Src, Dest</i>	$\text{Dest} = \text{Dest} \text{Src}$

Also called `shlq`

Arithmetic

Logical

Recall: Addressing Modes

■ Most General Form

$D(Rb, Ri, S)$

$Mem[Reg[Rb] + S * Reg[Ri] + D]$

- 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)

$Mem[Reg[Rb] + Reg[Ri]]$

$D(Rb, Ri)$

$Mem[Reg[Rb] + Reg[Ri] + D]$

(Rb, Ri, S)

$Mem[Reg[Rb] + S * Reg[Ri]]$

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	C equivalent
<code>lea (%rbx,%rdi,8), %rax</code>	<code>rax = &rbx[rdi]</code>

■ 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
<code>lea (%rbx,%rbx,2), %rax</code>	<code>rax = rbx * 3</code>

Sidebar: instruction suffixes

- Most x86 instructions can be written with or without a suffix

- `imul %rcx, %rax`

- `imulq %rcx, %rax`

There's no difference!

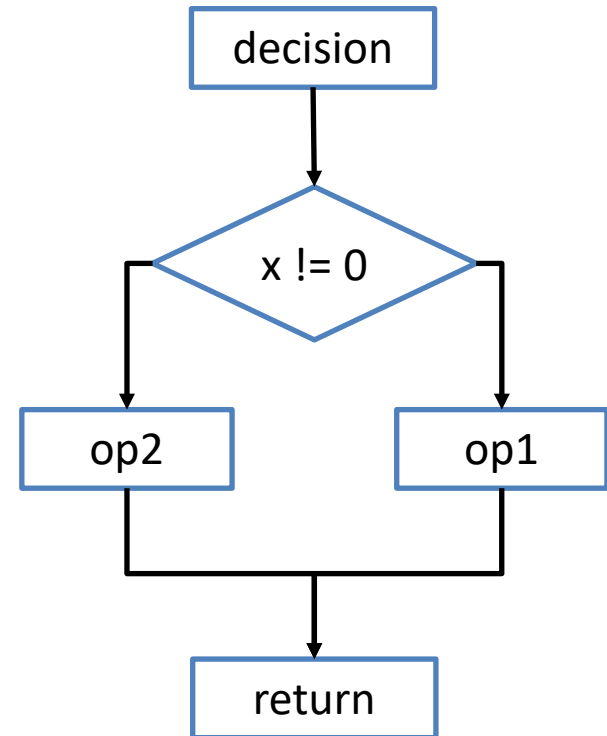
- The suffix indicates the operation size
 - b=byte, w=short, l=int, q=long
 - If present, must match register names
- Assembly output from the compiler (`gcc -S`) usually has suffixes
- Disassembly dumps (`objdump -d`, `gdb 'disas'`) usually omit suffixes
- Intel's manuals always omit the suffixes

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);
```

```
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
```

Control flow in assembly language

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```

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

```
void decision(int x) {
```

```
    if (x) {
```

```
        op1();
```

```
    } else {
```

```
        op2();
```

```
    }
```

```
}
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```

```
    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

`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

000000000000...000000000000

SF set when

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{\text{yxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx} \dots} \\ + \boxed{\text{yxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx} \dots} \\ \hline \boxed{\text{1xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx} \dots} \end{array}$$

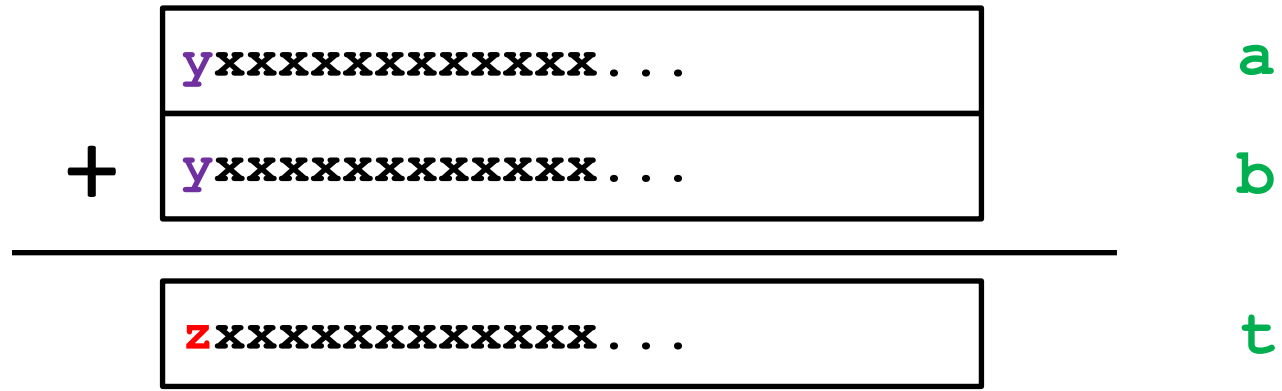
For signed arithmetic, this reports when result is a negative number

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

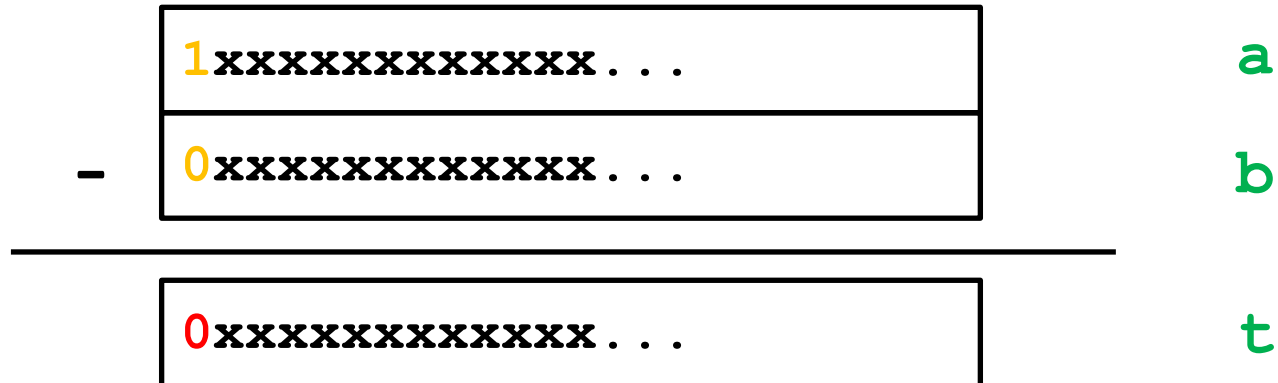
SetX	Condition	Description
sete	ZF	Equal / Zero
setne	~ZF	Not Equal / Not Zero
sets	SF	Negative
setns	~SF	Nonnegative
setg	~ (SF^OF) & ~ZF	Greater (Signed)
setge	~ (SF^OF)	Greater or Equal (Signed)
setl	(SF^OF)	Less (Signed)
setle	(SF^OF) ZF	Less or Equal (Signed)
seta	~CF & ~ZF	Above (unsigned)
setb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

Example: setl (Signed <)

■ Condition: $SF \wedge OF$

SF	OF	SF \wedge 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



x86-64 Integer Registers

%rax	%al
%rbx	%bl
%rcx	%cl
%rdx	%dl
%rsi	%sil
%rdi	%di1
%rsp	%spl
%rbp	%bpl

%r8	%r8b
%r9	%r9b
%r10	%r10b
%r11	%r11b
%r12	%r12b
%r13	%r13b
%r14	%r14b
%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;
}
```

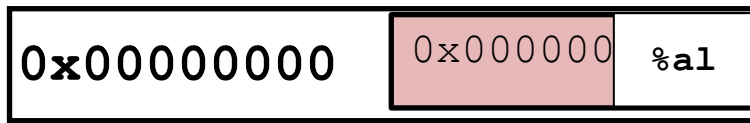
```
cmpq    %rsi, %rdi    # Compare x:y
setg    %al           # Set when >
movzbl  %al, %eax     # Zero rest of %rax
ret
```

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

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

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

Today

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

```
n timer = !Test;  
if (n timer) 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

```

long absdiff
(long x, long y)
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        result = x-y;
    else
        result = y-x;
    return result;
}

```

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%rdi	Argument x
%rsi	Argument y
%rax	Return value

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

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<code>setg</code>	<code>~(SF^OF) & ~ZF</code>	Greater (signed)
<code>setge</code>	<code>~(SF^OF)</code>	Greater or Equal (signed)
<code>setl</code>	<code>SF^OF</code>	Less (signed)
<code>setle</code>	<code>(SF^OF) ZF</code>	Less or Equal (signed)
<code>seta</code>	<code>~CF & ~ZF</code>	Above (unsigned)
<code>setb</code>	<code>CF</code>	Below (unsigned)

```

xorq    %rax, %rax
subq    $1, %rax
cmpq    $2, %rax
setl    %al
movzblq %al, %eax

```

%rax	SF	CF	OF	ZF

Note: `setl` and `movzblq` do not modify condition codes

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movzblq %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

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_1 ;
 Statement_2 ;
 ...
 Statement_n ;
}

“Do-While” Loop Compilation

Goto Version

```
long pcount_goto
(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

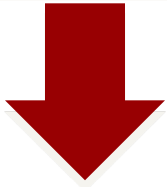
```
long pcount_goto_jtm
(unsigned long x) {
    long result = 0;
    goto test;
loop:
    result += x & 0x1;
    x >>= 1;
test:
    if(x) goto loop;
    return result;
}
```

- 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:
```



Goto Version

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

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

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++
```

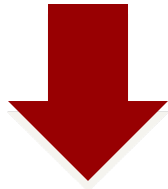
Body

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

Today

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

Switch Statement Example

```
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;
}
```

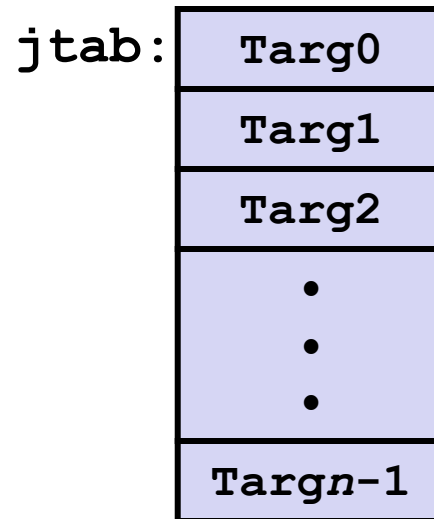
- Multiple case labels
 - Here: 5 & 6
- Fall through cases
 - Here: 2
- Missing cases
 - Here: 4

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

•
•
•

Targn-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;
}
```

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`

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
```

- **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

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
```

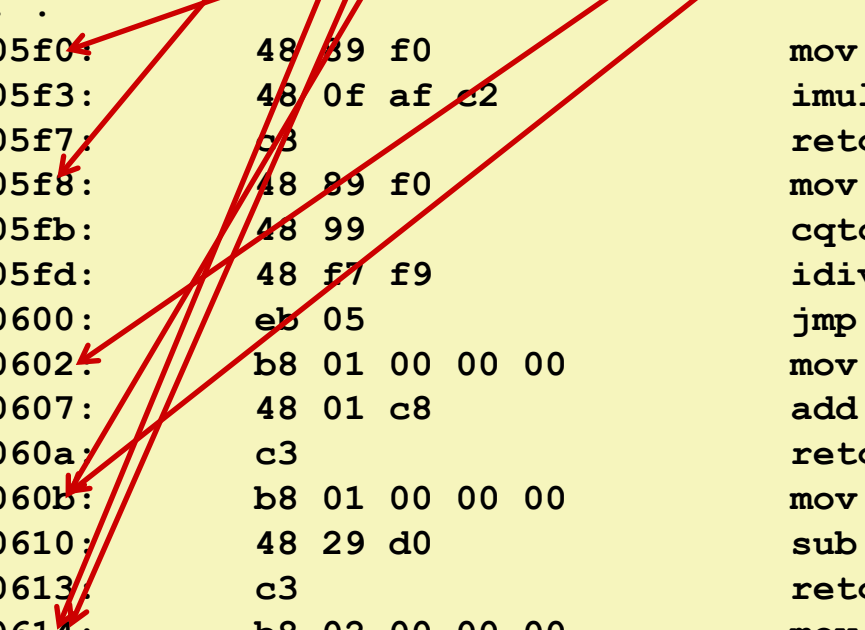
```
(gdb) x /8xg 0x4007f0
```

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:      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
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
```