IR Translator y86 (and x86) to VEX-IR

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Problem

- Want to analyze binary code (y86 and x86)
- Need higher-level representation that makes side-effects explicit and information tracing easier across different architectures

Project: Reverse Engineering tool suite

- Target architectures: y86 and x86
- Target IR: VEX-IR

- Already lift x86 to VEX
- How to approach lifting y86 to VEX?

y86 to VEX?

- 1. Integrate y86 into libvex
- 2. Binary translation from y86 to x86

Binary translation

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MNEMONIC	Y86-0P	->	X86-0P
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halt	00	->	f4
nop	10	->	90
rrmovl r, s	20rs	->	89 bin(11 r s)
cmovle r, s	21rs	->	0f 4e bin(11 r s)
cmovl r, s	22rs	->	0f 4c bin(11 r s)
cmove r, s	23rs	->	0f 44 bin(11 r s)
cmovne r, s	24rs	->	0f 45 bin(11 r s)
cmovge r, s	25rs	->	0f 4d bin(11 r s)
cmovg r, s	26rs	->	0f 4f bin(11 r s)
irmovl ABCD, r	30XrDCBA	->	b8+r DCBA
rmmovl r, 0xABCD(s)	40rsDCBA	->	89 bin(10 r s) DCBA
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mrmovl 0xABCD(s), r	50rsDCBA	->	8b bin(10 r s) DCBA
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MNEMONIC
                     Y86-0P
                             -> X86-0P
mrmovl 0xABCD(s), r 50rsDCBA -> 8b bin(10 r s) DCBA
addl r, s
                              -> 01 \text{ bin}(11 \text{ r s})
subl r, s
                              -> 29 bin(11 r s)
                     61rs
andl r, s
                     62rs
                              -> 21 bin(11 r s)
xorl r, s
                              -> 31 bin(11 r s)
                     63rs
jmp ABCD
                     70DCBA
                              -> FAR -> ff 25 EFGH
                                 NEAR -> e9 EFGH
                              -> Of 8e EFGH=[signed offset from this_address+6 to ABCD]
jle ABCD
                     71DCBA
jl ABCD
                              -> Of 8c EFGH=[signed offset from this address+6 to ABCD]
                     72DCBA
                              -> Of 84 EFGH=[signed offset from this_address+6 to ABCD]
je ABCD
                     73DCBA
                              -> Of 85 EFGH=[signed offset from this_address+6 to ABCD]
jne ABCD
                     74DCBA
jge ABCD
                     75DCBA
                              -> Of 8d EFGH=[signed offset from this_address+6 to ABCD]
                              -> Of 8f EFGH=[signed offset from this_address+6 to ABCD]
jg ABCD
                     76DCBA
call ABCD
                     80DCBA
                              -> e8 EFGH=[signed 32-bit offset from this_address+5 to ABDC]
                     90
ret
                              -> c3
pushl r
                     A0rX
                              -> 50+r
popl r
                     B0rX
                              -> 58+r
int 0x80
                     CD80
                              -> CD80
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Example

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0x00: jmp 0x06: 70 06 00 00 00
                                                                       00: e9 01 00 00 00
                            //Jump past halt.
0x05: hlt 00
                                                                       05: f4
0x06: irmovl eax 0x02: 30 80 02 00 00 00 //Put 2 in EAX
                                                                       06: b8 02 00 00 00
0x0C: irmovl ebx 0x03: 30 83 03 00 00 00 //Put 3 in EBX
                                                                       0b: bb 03 00 00 00
                                                                      10: 29 c3
0x12: subl eax, ebx: 61 03
                             //EBX = EBX-EAX. EBX = 1.
                                                                      12: 0f 8d 01 00 00 00
0x14: jge 0x1A: 75 1A 00 00 00 //Jump to 1A since EBX-EAX >= 0
0x19: hlt 00
                                                                       18: f4
0x1A: subl eax, ebx: 61 03
                                    //EBX = EBX-EAX. EBX = -1. 19: 29 c3
                                    //Jump to 0x05 since EBX-EAX = -1. 1b: 0f 8c e4 ff ff
0x1C: jl 0x05: 72 05 00 00 00
0x21:
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y2x86translate

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Command line arguments:
-b <filename>
     y86 binary file to translate/lift [REQUIRED]
-w <filename>
     write translated binary to <filename>
-i
      lift to VEX-IR
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_[y2x86translate]$
> python y2x86translate.py -b test-binaries/jumptest.yo -i
IRSB
  t0:Ity I32 t1:Ity I32 t2:Ity I32 t3:Ity I32 t4:Ity I64 t5:Ity I64 t6:Ity I64 t7:Ity I32 t8:Ity I32 t9:Ity I32 t10:Ity I32 t11:Ity I32 t12:Ity I8 t13:
Ity I8 t14:Ity I8 t15:Ity I32 t16:Ity I8 t17:Ity I8 t18:Ity I8 t19:Ity I32 t20:Ity I8 t21:Ity I8 t22:Ity I8 t23:Ity I32 t24:Ity I32 t25:Ity I16 t26:Ity
I32 t27:Ity I64 t28:Ity I1 t29:Ity I32 t30:Ity I32 t31:Ity I32 t32:Ity I32 t33:Ity I32 t34:Ity I32 t35:Ity I32 t36:Ity I32
        ----- IMark(0x0, 3, 0) -----
  01
        t25 = GET:I16(gs)
  02 \mid t24 = 16Uto32(t25)
  03 \mid t4 = GET: I64(ldt)
  04 | t5 = GET:I64(qdt)
      | t26 = GET:I32(eax)
  06 | t27 = x86g use seg selector(t4,t5,t24,t26):Ity I64
  07 \mid t29 = 64HIto32(t27)
  08 \mid t28 = CmpNE32(t29,0x000000000)
  09 | if (t28) { PUT(eip) = 0x0; Ijk MapFail }
  10 | t1 = GET:I32(esi)
  11 \mid PUT(ip) = 0x000000003
      ----- IMark(0x3, 2, 0) -----
  12
  13 | t10 = LDle:I32(t26)
  14 \mid t8 = Xor32(t10,t1)
  15 | STle(t26) = t8
  16 \mid PUT(ip) = 0x000000005
  17 | ----- IMark(0x5, 2, 0) -----
  18 | t14 = LDle:I8(t26)
  19 | t13 = GET:I8(17)
  20 \mid t12 = Xor8(t14, t13)
  21 | STle(t26) = t12
                                                                                                          [y2x86translate]$
  22 \mid PUT(ip) = 0x000000007
                                                                                                           python y2x86translate.py -b test-binaries/jumptest.yo
      | ----- IMark(0x7, 2, 0) -----
                                                                                                           e901000000f4b802000000bB0300000029C30f8d01000000f429C30f8cE4FFFFFF
  24 | t18 = LDle:I8(t26)
                                                                                                          [y2x86translate]$
  25 \mid t16 = Xor8(t18, t13)
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  26 | STle(t26) = t16
  27 \mid PUT(ip) = 0x000000009
     | ----- IMark(0x9, 3, 0) -----
  28
  29 \mid t33 = Add32(t1,0x000000034)
  30 | t22 = LDle:I8(t33)
  31 \mid t21 = GET:I8(9)
  32 \mid t20 = Xor8(t22, t21)
  33 \mid STle(t33) = t20
  34 \mid PUT(cc \ op) = 0x00000000d
  35 \mid t35 = 80to32(t20)
  36 | PUT(cc dep1) = t35
  37 \mid PUT(cc dep2) = 0x000000000
  38 \mid PUT(cc ndep) = 0x000000000
  39 | ----- IMark(0xc, 0, 0) -----
  NEXT: PUT(eip) = 0x0000000c; Ijk NoDecode
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y2x86translate

- Leverages PyVEX
 - Lifts and parses VEX for use in Python
 - https://github.com/angr/pyvex
- To Do:
 - Validation