

Machine-Level Programming II: Control

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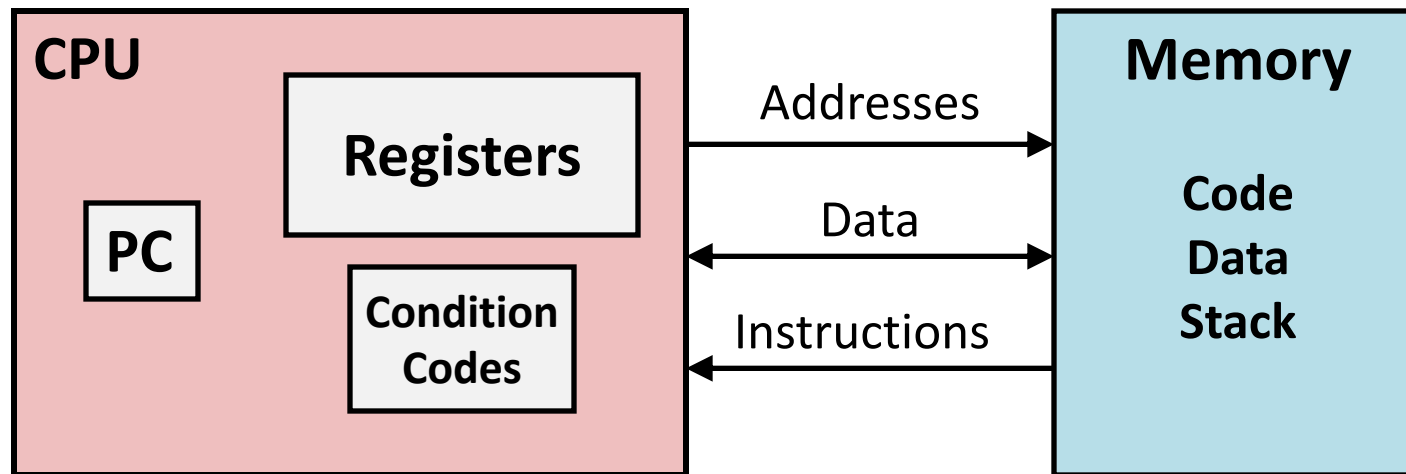
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Recall: ISA = Assembly/Machine Code View

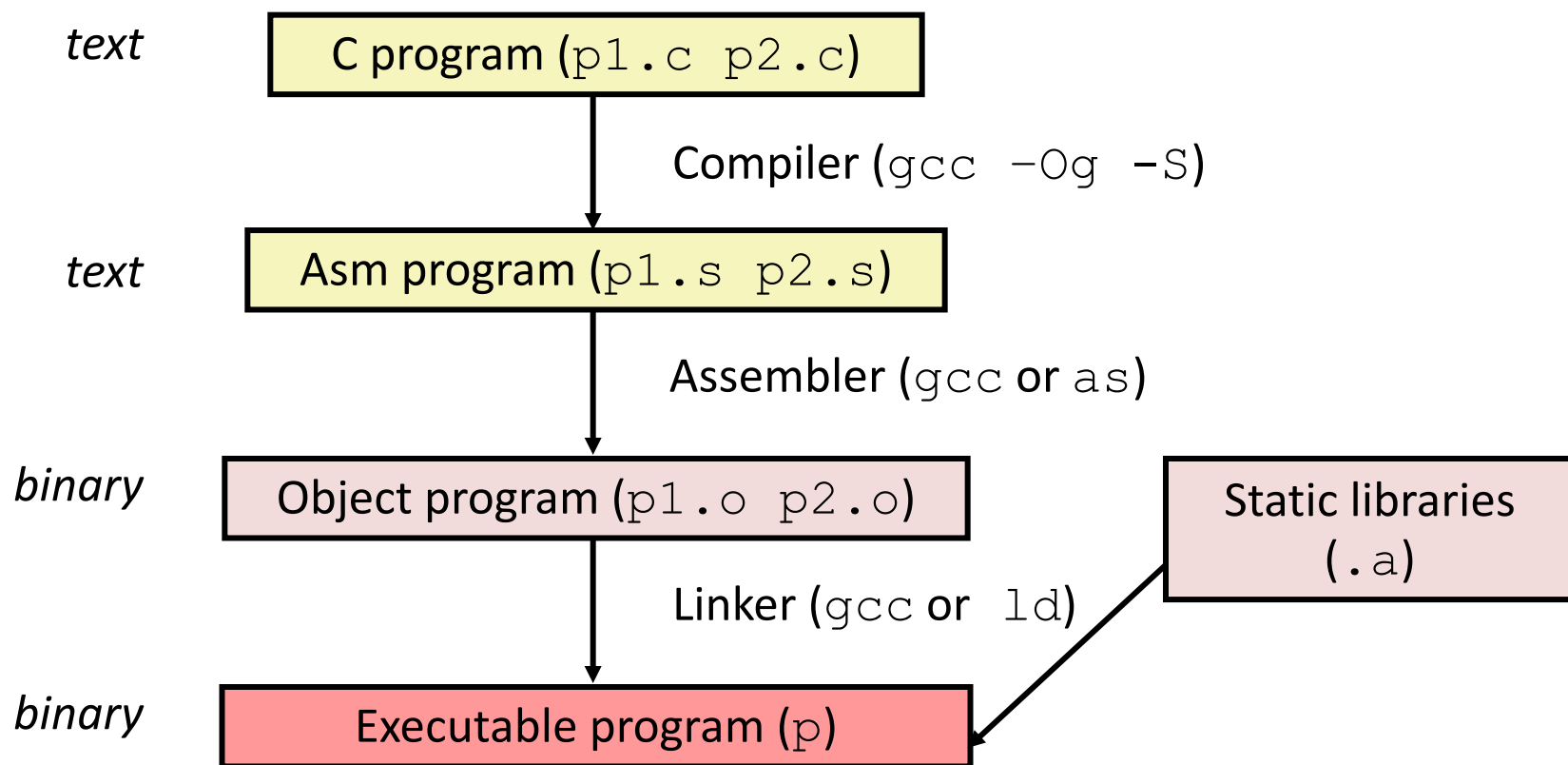


Programmer-Visible State

- **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:

Format	Computation	
<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!

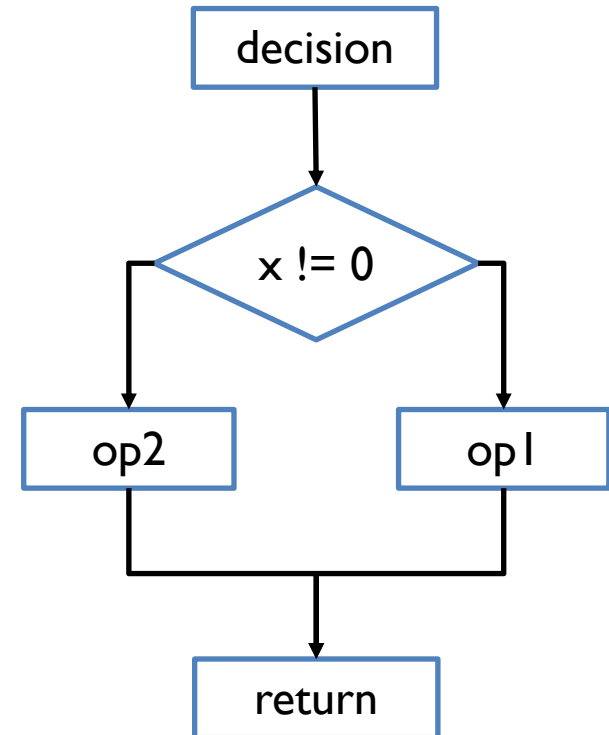
- The suffix indicates the operation size
 - b=byte, w=short, l=int, q=long
 - If present, must match register names
- Assembly output from the compiler (`gcc -S`) usually has suffixes
- Disassembly dumps (`objdump -d`, `gdb 'disas'`) usually omit suffixes
- Intel's manuals always omit the suffixes

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
```

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```

```
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```

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

```
    if (x) {
```

```
        op1();
```

```
    } else {
```

```
        op2();
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
decision:
```

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```
    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

%rax	%r8
%rbx	%r9
%rcx	%r10
%rdx	%r11
%rsi	%r12
%rdi	%r13
%rsp	%r14
%rbp	%r15

%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

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

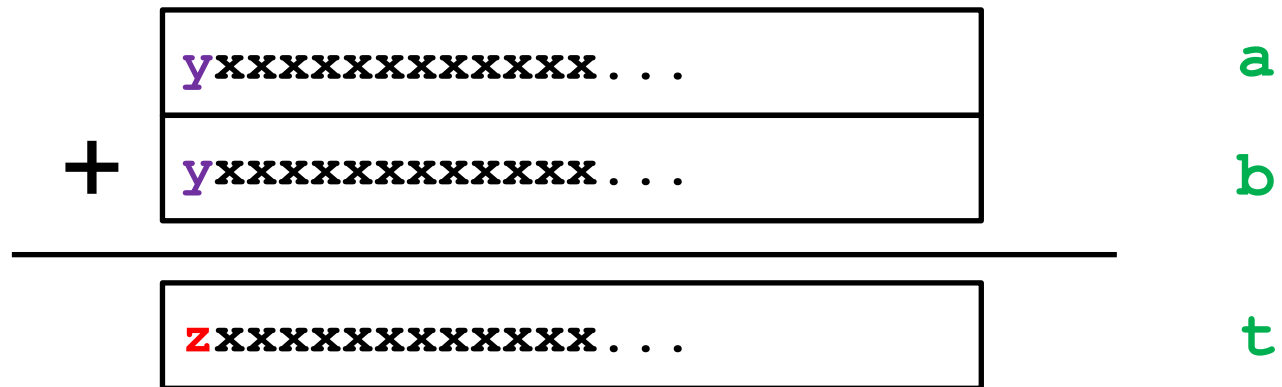
For signed arithmetic, this reports when result is a negative number

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

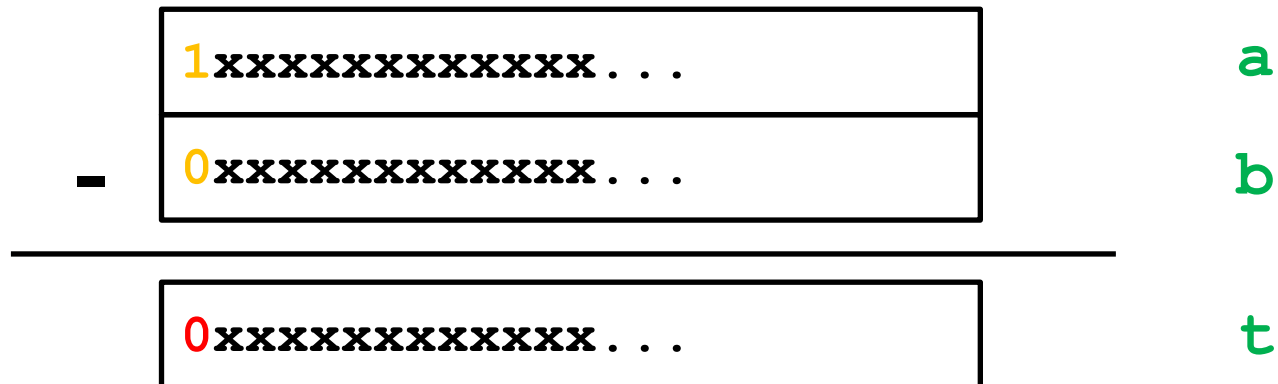
SetX	Condition	Description
sete	ZF	Equal / Zero
setne	~ZF	Not Equal / Not Zero
sets	SF	Negative
setns	~SF	Nonnegative
setg	~ (SF^OF) & ~ZF	Greater (Signed)
setge	~ (SF^OF)	Greater or Equal (Signed)
setl	(SF^OF)	Less (Signed)
setle	(SF^OF) ZF	Less or Equal (Signed)
seta	~CF & ~ZF	Above (unsigned)
setb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

Example: setl (Signed <)

■ Condition: SF^OF

SF	OF	SF ^ 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	%dil
%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;
}
```

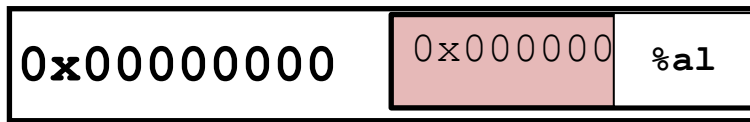
```
cmpq    %rsi, %rdi    # Compare x:y
setg    %al           # Set when >
movzbl  %al, %eax     # Zero rest of %rax
ret
```

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
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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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    else
        result = y-x;
    return result;
}

```

Register	Use(s)
%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>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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```

%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;
}
```

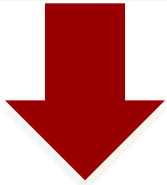
- Compare to do-while version of function
- Initial goto starts loop at test

General “While” Translation #2

While version

```
while (Test)  
    Body
```

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



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:
```

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++
```

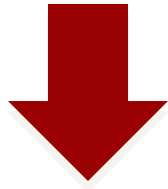
Body

```
{
    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
}
```

Translation (Extended C)

```
goto *JTab[x];
```

Jump Table

jtab:

Targ0
Targ1
Targ2
•
•
•
Targn-1

Jump Targets

Targ0:

Code Block
0

Targ1:

Code Block
1

Targ2:

Code Block
2

•
•
•

Targn-1:

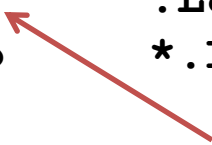
Code Block
n-1

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
```