

# x86 Programming II

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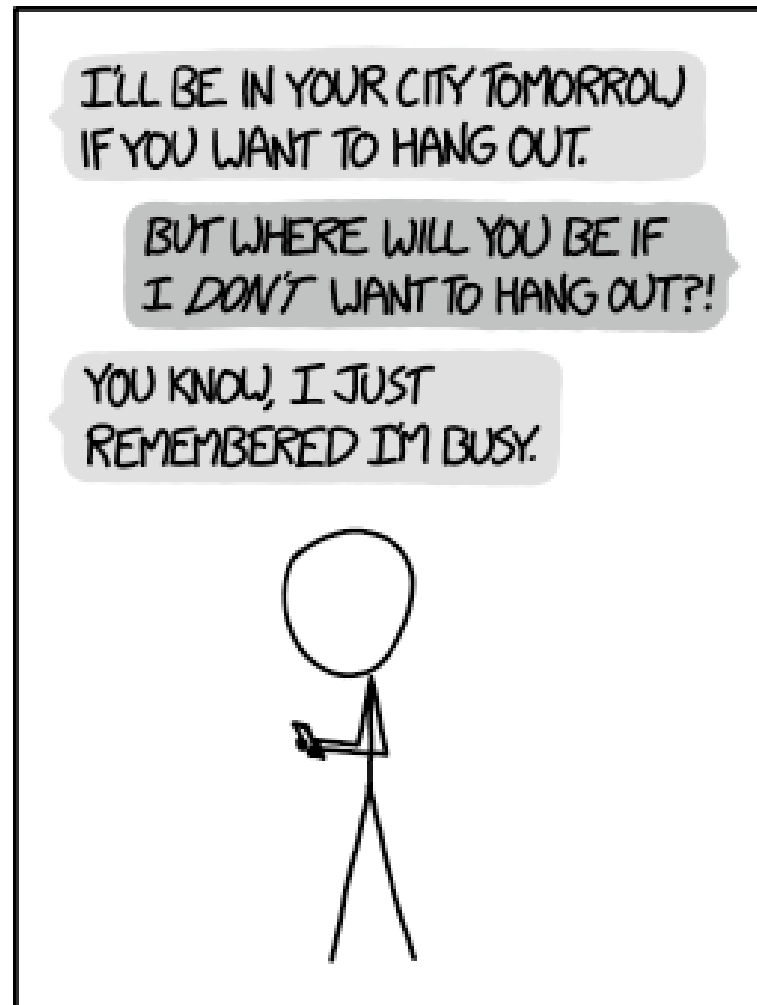
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<http://xkcd.com/1652/>

# Administrivia

- ❖ Lab 2 released tomorrow
  - Learn to use gdb and look at assembly code
- ❖ Homework 1 due on Friday (10/21)

# Address Computation Instruction

- ❖ `leaq src, dst`
  - “lea” stands for *load effective address*
  - `src` is address expression (any of the formats we’ve seen)
  - `dst` is a register
  - Sets `dst` to the *address* computed by the `src` expression (**does not go to memory! – it just does math**)
  - Example: `leaq (%rdx,%rcx,4), %rax`
- ❖ Uses:
  - Computing addresses without a memory reference
    - e.g., translation of `p = &x[i];`
  - Computing arithmetic expressions of the form `x+k*i`
    - Though `k` can only be 1, 2, 4, or 8

# Example: lea vs. mov

| Registers |       | Memory | Word Address |
|-----------|-------|--------|--------------|
| %rax      |       | 0x400  | 0x120        |
| %rbx      |       | 0xF    | 0x118        |
| %rcx      | 0x4   | 0x8    | 0x110        |
| %rdx      | 0x100 | 0x10   | 0x108        |
| %rdi      |       | 0x1    | 0x100        |
| %rsi      |       |        |              |

```
leaq (%rdx,%rcx,4), %rax
movq (%rdx,%rcx,4), %rbx
leaq (%rdx), %rdi
movq (%rdx), %rsi
```

# Arithmetic Example

```
long arith(long x, long y, long z)
{
    long t1 = x + y;
    long t2 = z + t1;
    long t3 = x + 4;
    long t4 = y * 48;
    long t5 = t3 + t4;
    long rval = t2 * t5;
    return rval;
}
```

```
arith:
    leaq    (%rdi,%rsi), %rax
    addq   %rdx, %rax
    leaq   (%rsi,%rsi,2), %rdx
    salq   $4, %rdx
    leaq   4(%rdi,%rdx), %rcx
    imulq  %rcx, %rax
    ret
```

| Register | Use(s)                       |
|----------|------------------------------|
| %rdi     | 1 <sup>st</sup> argument (x) |
| %rsi     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> argument (y) |
| %rdx     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> argument (z) |

- ❖ Interesting Instructions
  - leaq: “address” computation
  - salq: shift
  - imulq: multiplication
    - Only used once!

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    long rval = t2 * t5;
    return rval;
}

```

| Register | Use(s)       |
|----------|--------------|
| %rdi     | x            |
| %rsi     | y            |
| %rdx     | z, t4        |
| %rax     | t1, t2, rval |
| %rcx     | t5           |

```

arith:
    leaq    (%rdi,%rsi), %rax    # rax/t1    = x + y
    addq    %rdx, %rax          # rax/t2    = t1 + z
    leaq    (%rsi,%rsi,2), %rdx  # rdx       = 3 * y
    salq    $4, %rdx            # rdx/t4    = (3*y) * 16
    leaq    4(%rdi,%rdx), %rcx   # rcx/t5    = x + t4 + 4
    imulq   %rcx, %rax          # rax/rval  = t5 * t2
    ret

```

# x86 Control Flow

- ❖ Condition codes
- ❖ Conditional and unconditional branches
- ❖ Loops
- ❖ Switches

# Control Flow

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|----------|------------------------------|
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| %rsi     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> argument (y) |
| %rax     | return value                 |

```
long max(long x, long y)
{
    long max;
    if (x > y) {
        max = x;
    } else {
        max = y;
    }
    return max;
}
```

```
max:
    ???
    movq    %rdi, %rax
    ???
    ???
    movq    %rsi, %rax
    ???
    ret
```



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        max = y;
    }
    return max;
}
```

Conditional jump

Unconditional jump

```
max:
    if x <= y then jump to else
    movq    %rdi, %rax
    jump to done
else:
    movq    %rsi, %rax
done:
    ret
```

# Conditionals and Control Flow

- ❖ Conditional branch/*jump*
  - Jump to somewhere else if some *condition* is true, otherwise execute next instruction
- ❖ Unconditional branch/*jump*
  - *Always* jump when you get to this instruction
- ❖ Together, they can implement most control flow constructs in high-level languages:
  - `if (condition) then {...} else {...}`
  - `while (condition) {...}`
  - `do {...} while (condition)`
  - `for (initialization; condition; iterative) {...}`
  - `switch {...}`

# Jumping

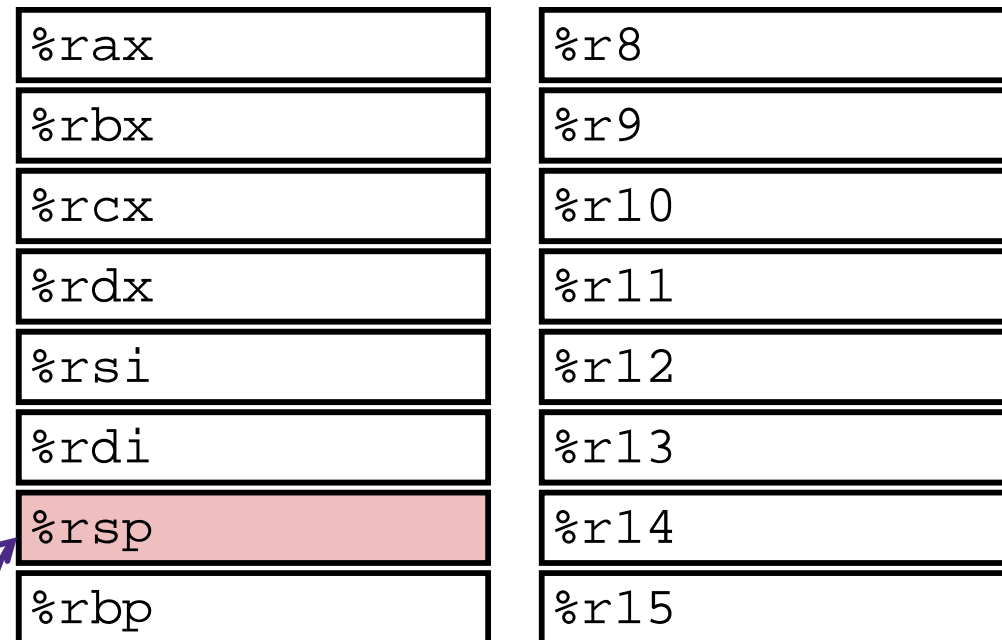
- ❖  $j^*$  Instructions
  - Jumps to **target** (argument – actually just an address)
  - Conditional jump relies on special *condition code registers*

| Instruction             | Condition                            | Description               |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <code>jmp target</code> | 1                                    | Unconditional             |
| <code>je target</code>  | ZF                                   | Equal / Zero              |
| <code>jne target</code> | $\sim ZF$                            | Not Equal / Not Zero      |
| <code>js target</code>  | SF                                   | Negative                  |
| <code>jns target</code> | $\sim SF$                            | Nonnegative               |
| <code>jg target</code>  | $\sim (SF \wedge OF) \ \& \ \sim ZF$ | Greater (Signed)          |
| <code>jge target</code> | $\sim (SF \wedge OF)$                | Greater or Equal (Signed) |
| <code>j1 target</code>  | $(SF \wedge OF)$                     | Less (Signed)             |
| <code>jle target</code> | $(SF \wedge OF) \   \ ZF$            | Less or Equal (Signed)    |
| <code>ja target</code>  | $\sim CF \ \& \ \sim ZF$             | Above (unsigned)          |
| <code>jb target</code>  | CF                                   | Below (unsigned)          |

# 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` )
    - Single bit registers:

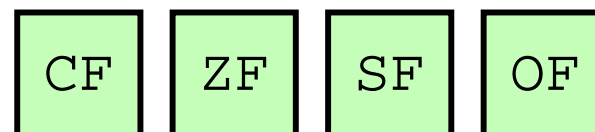
## Registers



current top of the Stack



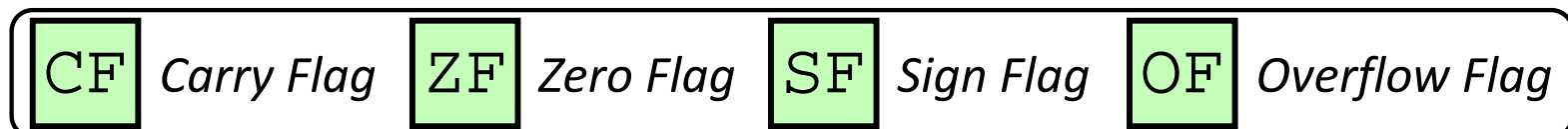
**Program Counter**  
(instruction pointer)



**Condition Codes**

# Condition Codes (Implicit Setting)

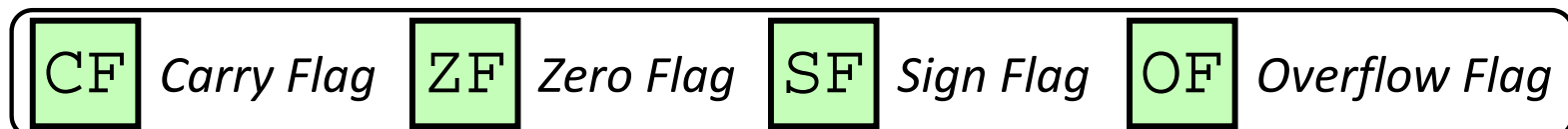
- ❖ *Implicitly* set by **arithmetic** operations
  - (think of it as side effects)
  - Example: `addq src, dst`  $\leftrightarrow$  `t = a+b`
  - **CF=1** if carry out from MSB (unsigned overflow)
  - **ZF=1** if `t==0`
  - **SF=1** if `t<0` (assuming signed, actually just if MSB is 1)
  - **OF=1** if two's complement (signed) overflow  
(`a>0 && b>0 && t<0`) || (`a<0 && b<0 && t>=0`)
  - **Not set by `leaq` instruction (beware!)**



# Condition Codes (Explicit Setting: Compare)

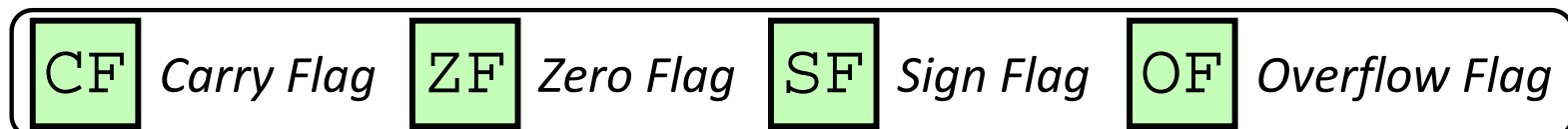
## ❖ *Explicitly* set by **Compare** instruction

- `cmpq src2, src1`
- `cmpq b, a` sets flags based on  $a-b$ , but doesn't store
- **CF=1** if carry out from MSB (used for unsigned comparison)
- **ZF=1** if  $a==b$
- **SF=1** if  $(a-b) < 0$  (signed)
- **OF=1** 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)

- ❖ *Explicitly* set by **Test** instruction
  - `testq src2, src1`
  - `testq b, a` sets flags based on `a&b`, but doesn't store
    - Useful to have one of the operands be a *mask*
  - Can't have carry out (**CF**) or overflow (**OF**)
  - **ZF=1** if `a&b==0`
  - **SF=1** if `a&b<0` (signed)
  - Example: `testq %rax, %rax`
    - Tells you if (+), 0, or (-) based on ZF and SF



# Reading Condition Codes

## ❖ `set*` Instructions

- Set a low-order byte to 0 or 1 based on condition codes
- Does not alter remaining 7 bytes

| Instruction            | Condition                            | Description               |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <code>sete dst</code>  | ZF                                   | Equal / Zero              |
| <code>setne dst</code> | $\sim$ ZF                            | Not Equal / Not Zero      |
| <code>sets dst</code>  | SF                                   | Negative                  |
| <code>setns dst</code> | $\sim$ SF                            | Nonnegative               |
| <code>setg dst</code>  | $\sim (SF \wedge OF) \ \& \ \sim ZF$ | Greater (Signed)          |
| <code>setge dst</code> | $\sim (SF \wedge OF)$                | Greater or Equal (Signed) |
| <code>setl dst</code>  | $(SF \wedge OF)$                     | Less (Signed)             |
| <code>setle dst</code> | $(SF \wedge OF) \   \ ZF$            | Less or Equal (Signed)    |
| <code>seta dst</code>  | $\sim CF \ \& \ \sim ZF$             | Above (unsigned ">")      |
| <code>setb dst</code>  | CF                                   | Below (unsigned "<")      |



# x86-64 Integer Registers

## ❖ Accessing the low-order byte:

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

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

# Reading Condition Codes

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|----------|------------------------------|
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| %rsi     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> argument (y) |
| %rax     | return value                 |

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- Set a low-order byte to 0 or 1 based on condition codes
- Operand is byte register (e.g. al, dl) or a byte in memory
- Do not alter remaining bytes in register
  - Typically use movzbl (zero-extended mov) to finish job

```
int gt(long x, long y)
{
    return x > y;
}
```

```
cmpq    %rsi, %rdi    #
setg    %al           #
movzbl  %al, %eax     #
ret
```

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{
    return x > y;
}
```

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

# Aside: movz and movs

movz\_\_ src, regDest

*Move with zero extension*

movs\_\_ src, regDest

*Move with sign extension*

- Copy from a *smaller* source value to a *larger* destination
- Source can be memory or register; Destination *must* be a register
- Fill remaining bits of dest with **zero** (movz) or **sign bit** (movs)

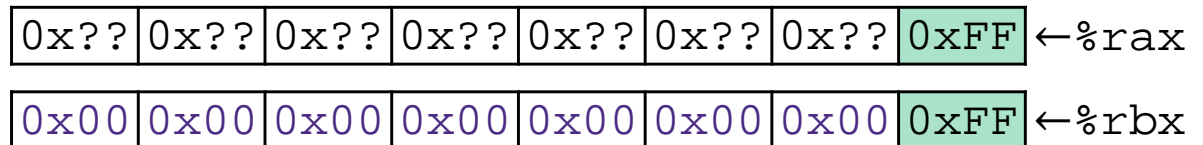
movzSD / movsSD:

S – size of source (**b** = 1 byte, **w** = 2)

D – size of dest (**w** = 2 bytes, **l** = 4, **q** = 8)

Example:

movzbq %al, %rbx



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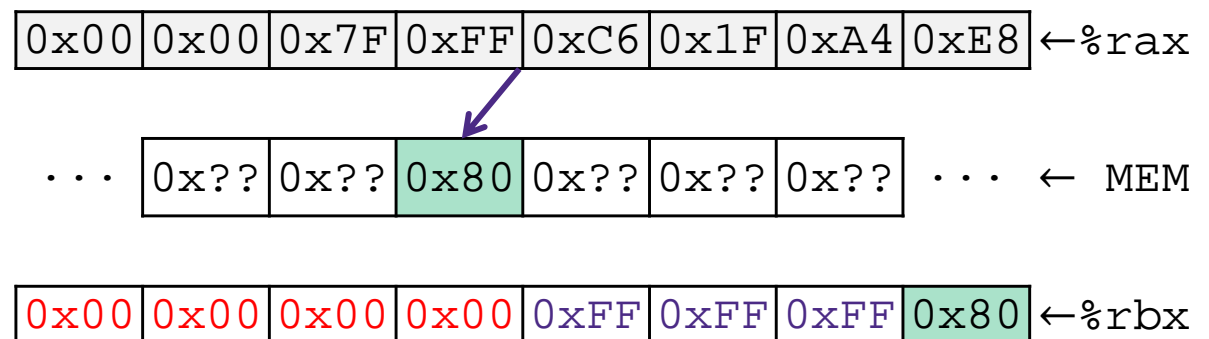
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Note: In x86-64, any instruction that generates a 32-bit (long word) value for a register also sets the high-order portion of the register to 0. Good example on p. 184 in the textbook.

Example:

movsbl (%rax), %ebx

Copy 1 byte from memory into 8-byte register & sign extend it



# Choosing instructions for conditionals

|            |                      | <code>cmp b,a</code>   | <code>test a,b</code>        |
|------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>je</b>  | "Equal"              | <code>a == b</code>    | <code>a&amp;b == 0</code>    |
| <b>jne</b> | "Not equal"          | <code>a != b</code>    | <code>a&amp;b != 0</code>    |
| <b>js</b>  | "Sign" (negative)    |                        | <code>a&amp;b &lt; 0</code>  |
| <b>jns</b> | (non-negative)       |                        | <code>a&amp;b &gt;= 0</code> |
| <b>jg</b>  | "Greater"            | <code>a &gt; b</code>  | <code>a&amp;b &gt; 0</code>  |
| <b>jge</b> | "Greater or equal"   | <code>a &gt;= b</code> | <code>a&amp;b &gt;= 0</code> |
| <b>jl</b>  | "Less"               | <code>a &lt; b</code>  | <code>a&amp;b &lt; 0</code>  |
| <b>jle</b> | "Less or equal"      | <code>a &lt;= b</code> | <code>a&amp;b &lt;= 0</code> |
| <b>ja</b>  | "Above" (unsigned >) | <code>a &gt; b</code>  |                              |
| <b>jb</b>  | "Below" (unsigned <) | <code>a &lt; b</code>  |                              |

```

cmp 5,(p)
je:  *p == 5
jne: *p != 5
jg:  *p > 5
jl:  *p < 5

```

```

test a,a
je:  a == 0
jne: a != 0
jg:  a > 0
jl:  a < 0

```

```

test a,0x1
je:  aLSB == 0
jne: aLSB == 1

```

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| Register          | Use(s)       |
|-------------------|--------------|
| <code>%rdi</code> | argument x   |
| <code>%rsi</code> | argument y   |
| <code>%rax</code> | return value |

```

if (x < 3) {
    return 1;
}
return 2;
    
```

```

cmpq $3, %rdi
jge T2
T1: # x < 3:
    movq $1, %rax
    ret
T2: # !(x < 3):
    movq $2, %rax
    ret
    
```

# Your Turn!

| Register | Use(s)                       |
|----------|------------------------------|
| %rdi     | 1 <sup>st</sup> argument (x) |
| %rsi     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> argument (y) |
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```

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

```

```

absdiff:
    _____
    _____
                                     # x > y:
    movq    %rdi, %rax
    subq    %rsi, %rax
    ret
.L4:                                     # x <= y:
    movq    %rsi, %rax
    subq    %rdi, %rax
    ret

```

❖ Can view in provided `control.s`

■ `gcc -Og -S -fno-if-conversion control.c`



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```

if (x < 3 && x == y) {
    return 1;
} else {
    return 2;
}

```

```

cmpq $3, %rdi
setl %al
cmpq %rsi, %rdi
sete %bl
testb %al, %bl
je T2

```

```

T1: # x < 3 && x == y:
    movq $1, %rax
    ret
T2: # else
    movq $2, %rax
    ret

```

# Summary

- ❖ `lea` is address calculation instruction
  - Does NOT actually go to memory
  - Used to compute addresses or some arithmetic expressions
- ❖ Control flow in x86 determined by status of Condition Codes
  - Showed **C**arry, **Z**ero, **S**ign, and **O**verflow, though others exist
  - Set flags with arithmetic instructions (implicit) or Compare and Test (explicit)
  - Set instructions read out flag values
  - Jump instructions use flag values to determine next instruction to execute