

x86 Programming II

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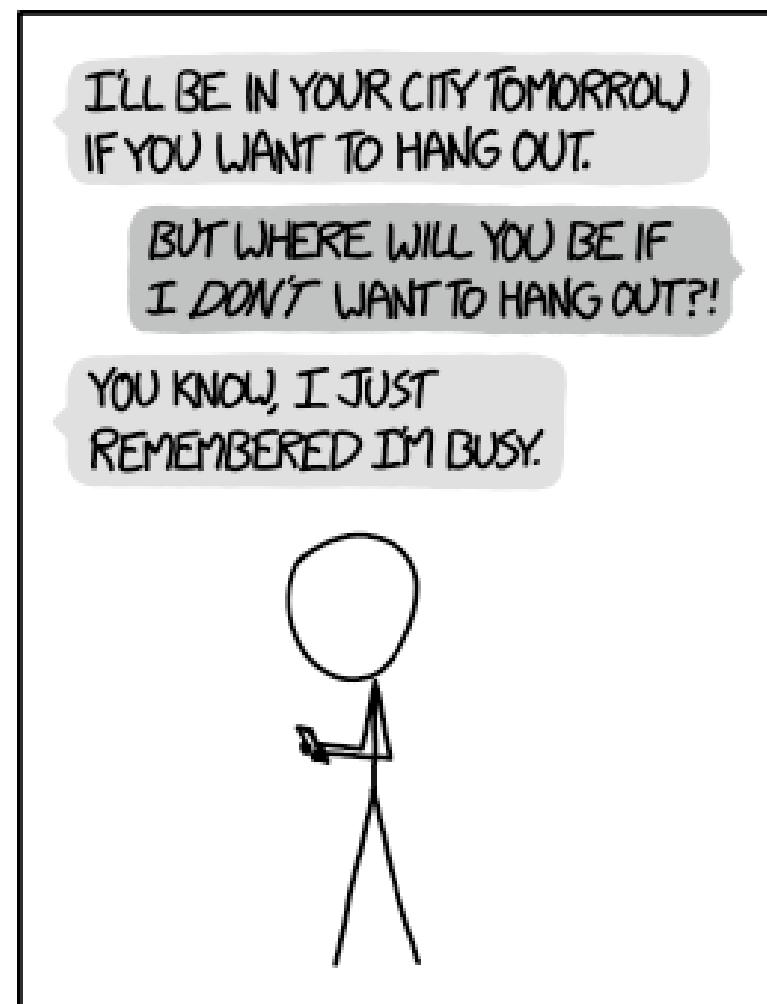
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WHY I TRY NOT TO BE
PEDANTIC ABOUT CONDITIONALS.

<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`
movq (%rdx,%rcx,4), %rax → p = x[i]
- ❖ Uses:
 - Computing addresses without a memory reference
 - e.g., translation of `p = &x[i];` *lea (address-of)*
 - Computing arithmetic expressions of the form $x+k*i$
 - Though k can only be 1, 2, 4, or 8

Example: lea vs. mov

rax | eax | ax | al

Registers

%rax	0x110
%rbx	0x8
%rcx	0x4
%rdx	0x100
%rdi	0x100
%rsi	0x1

Memory

0x400	0x120
0xF	0x118
0x8	0x110
0x10	0x108
0x1	0x100

Word Address

$$\begin{aligned} & 0x100 + 0x4 * 4 + 0 = 0x110 \\ & \text{Reg}[Rb] + \text{Reg}[R:] * S + D \end{aligned}$$

leaq ^D _{RL} (%rdx, %rcx, 4), %rax	→ 0x110 (addr)
movq (%rdx, %rcx, 4), %rbx	→ 0x8 (data)
leaq (%rdx), %rdi	→ 0x100
movq (%rdx), %rsi	→ 0x1

Example: lea vs. mov (solution)

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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;          → leaq + salq
    long t5 = t3 + t4;
    long rval = t2 * t5;
    return rval;
}
```

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	1 st argument (x)
%rsi	2 nd argument (y)
%rdx	3 rd argument (z)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{addr} &= \text{Reg[Rb]} + \text{Reg[Ri]} * S + D \\ y &+ y * 2 + 0 = 3y \end{aligned}$$

```
arith:
leaq      (%rdi,%rsi), %rax → x+y
addq      %rdx, %rax → x+y+z
leaq      (%rsi,%rsi,2), %rdx → 3y
salq      $4, %rdx → 16 * (3y) = 48y
leaq      4(%rdi,%rdx), %rcx → x+48y+4
imulq    %rcx, %rax → (x+y+z)(x+48y+4)
ret
```

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

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    long t4 = y * 48;
    long t5 = t3 + t4;
    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

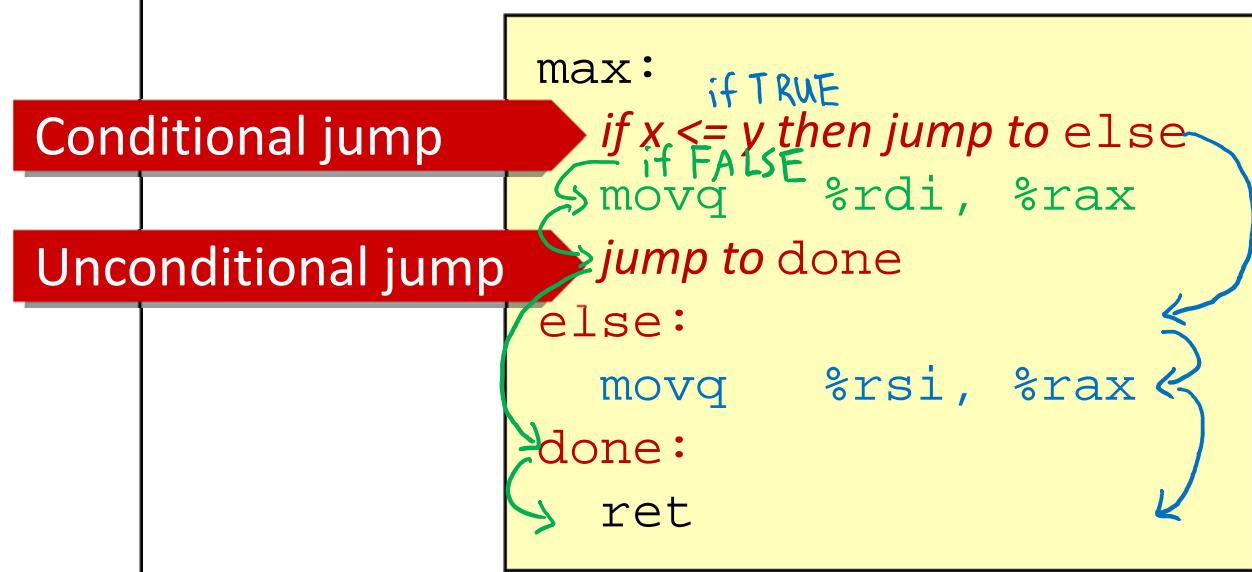
Register	Use(s)
%rdi	1 st argument (x)
%rsi	2 nd argument (y)
%rax	return value

```
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
```

Control Flow

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```



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 <i>special (no condition!)</i>
<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>jl target</code>	$(SF \wedge OF)$	Less (Signed)
<code>jle target</code>	$(SF \wedge OF) \mid ZF$	Less or Equal (Signed)
<code>ja target</code>	$\sim CF \& \sim ZF$	Above (unsigned)
<code>jb target</code>	CF	Below (unsigned)

don't sweat the details

Processor State (x86-64, partial)

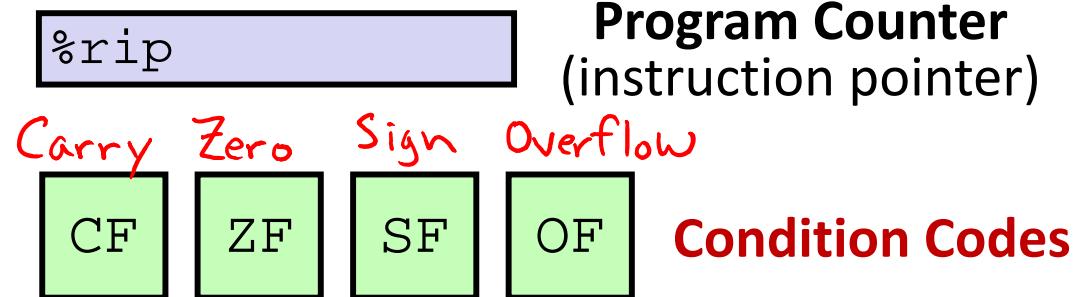
- ❖ Information about currently executing program
 - Temporary data (`%rax`, ...)
 - Location of runtime stack (`%rsp`)
 - Location of current code control point (`%rip`, ...)
 - Status of recent tests (`CF`, `ZF`, `SF`, `OF`)
 - Single bit registers:

Registers

<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>



current top of the Stack



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
 $(a>0 \ \&\& \ b>0 \ \&\& \ t<0) \mid\mid (a<0 \ \&\& \ b<0 \ \&\& \ t>=0)$
 - **Not set by lea instruction (beware!)**



Condition Codes (Explicit Setting: Compare)

- ❖ *Explicitly set by Compare instruction*

- ~~cmpq src2, src1~~ $a - b$
- 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
$$(a > 0 \quad \&\& \quad b < 0 \quad \&\& \quad (a - b) < 0) \quad ||$$
$$(a < 0 \quad \&\& \quad b > 0 \quad \&\& \quad (a - b) > 0)$$



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 $a \& b == 0$ $ZF=1: \text{if } a \& a == 0 \rightarrow a == 0$
 - **SF=1** if $a \& b < 0$ (signed) $SF=1: \text{if } a \& a < 0 \rightarrow a < 0$
 - **Example:** `testq %rax, %rax`
 - Tells you if (+), 0, or (-) based on ZF and SF
- | ZF | SF | a |
|----|----|--------------|
| 0 | 0 | $a > 0$ |
| 0 | 1 | $a < 0$ |
| 1 | 0 | $a == 0$ |
| 1 | 1 | not possible |



Reading Condition Codes

❖ set * Instructions

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

*stores logical result
of condition (1=True, 0=False)*

*same instruction
endings as
j* and
same condition
flag statements*

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

x86-64 Integer Registers

- ❖ Accessing the low-order byte:

l for "low-order byte"

"b" for byte

%rax	%al
%rbx	%bl
%rcx	%cl
%rdx	%dl
%rsi	%sil
%rdi	%dil
%rsp	%spl
%rbp	%bp1

8 bits

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

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

```
        y   x
{ cmpq  %rsi, %rdi      #  x - y
  setg  %al               #  %al = (x>y)
  movzbl %al, %eax       #  %rax = (x>y)
  ret
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```
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
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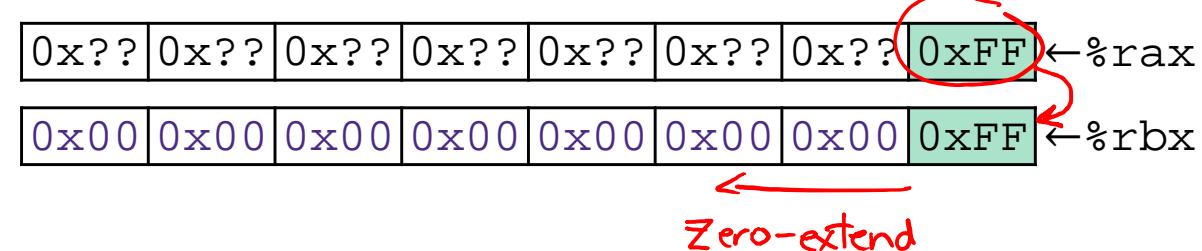
`movzSD` / `movsSD`:

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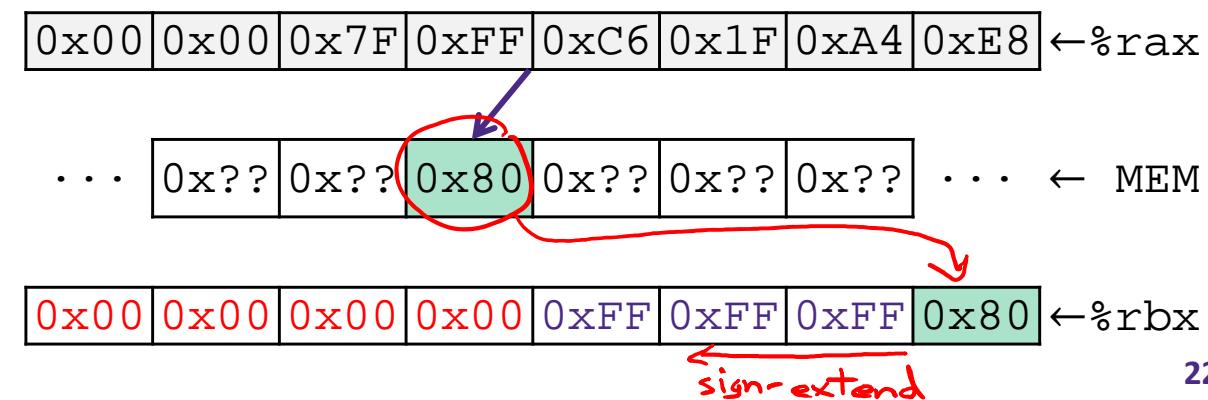
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Note: In x86-64, any instruction that generates a 32-bit (long word) value for a register also sets the high-order portion of the register to 0. Good example on p. 184 in the textbook.

Example:

~~movsb~~ `bl (%rax), %ebx`

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



Choosing instructions for conditionals

replace "j" with "set" to get other instructions

	cmp b,a	test a,b
je “Equal”	a == b	a&b == 0
jne “Not equal”	a != b	a&b != 0
js “Sign” (negative)		a&b < 0
jns (non-negative)		a&b >= 0
jg “Greater”	a > b	a&b > 0
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Typically come in pairs:

- ① test or compare
- ② jump or set

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: a_LSB == 0
jne: a_LSB == 1
```

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cmpq \$3, %rdi
jge T2

label
(addr)

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

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

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

Your Turn!

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

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```
absdiff:
    cmpq %rsi, %rdi
    jle .L4                                # 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

Your Turn! (solution)

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$\%al \& \%bl == 0$ when either

$\%al$ or $\%bl$ is false

↑ this is the else case!

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

① `cmpq $3, %rdi` } $\%al = (x < 3)$
 `setl %al`

② `cmpq %rsi, %rdi` } $\%bl = (x == y)$
 `sete %bl`

③ `testb %al, %bl`
 `je T2` ← jump to T2 if $(\%al \& \%bl) == 0$

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 Carry, Zero, Sign, and Overflow, 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