

# x86-64 Programming III

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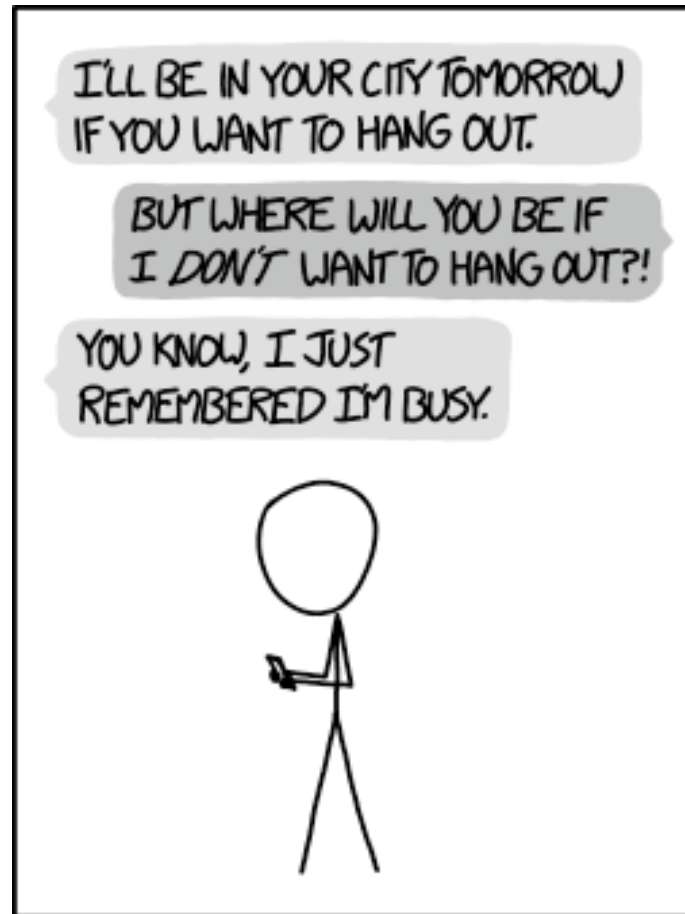
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WHY I TRY NOT TO BE  
PEDANTIC ABOUT CONDITIONALS.

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

# Administrivia

- ❖ Lab 1b due TONIGHT Monday (4/22)
  - Submit `bits.c` and `lab1Breflect.txt`
- ❖ Homework 2 due Wednesday (4/24)
  - On Integers, Floating Point, and x86-64
- ❖ Lab 2 (x86-64), due Wednesday (5/01)
  - Ideally want to finish well before the midterm
- ❖ **Midterm** (Fri 5/03, 4:30-5:30pm in KNE 130)

# GDB Demo

- ❖ See files on course schedule:
  - `mov.s` – assembly file
  - `mov_demo.txt` – commands to for use with gdb
  - `mov_tui_demo.txt` – commands for gdb using TUI
- ❖ The `movz` and `movs` examples on a real machine!
- ❖ You will need to use GDB to get through Lab 2
- ❖ Pay attention to:
  - Setting breakpoints (`break`)
  - Stepping through code (`step/next` and `stepi/nexti`)
  - Printing out expressions (`print` – works with regs & vars)
  - Examining memory (`x`)

# Choosing instructions for conditionals

- ❖ All arithmetic instructions set condition flags based on result of operation (*op*)
  - Conditionals are comparisons against 0
- ❖ Come in instruction *pairs*

```

addq 5, (p)
je:   *p+5 == 0
jne:  *p+5 != 0
jg:   *p+5 > 0
jl:   *p+5 < 0

```

```

orq a, b
je:   b|a == 0
jne:  b|a != 0
jg:   b|a > 0
jl:   b|a < 0

```

		( <i>op</i> ) s, d
<b>je</b>	"Equal"	d ( <i>op</i> ) s == 0
<b>jne</b>	"Not equal"	d ( <i>op</i> ) s != 0
<b>js</b>	"Sign" (negative)	d ( <i>op</i> ) s < 0
<b>jns</b>	(non-negative)	d ( <i>op</i> ) s >= 0
<b>jg</b>	"Greater"	d ( <i>op</i> ) s > 0
<b>jge</b>	"Greater or equal"	d ( <i>op</i> ) s >= 0
<b>jl</b>	"Less"	d ( <i>op</i> ) s < 0
<b>jle</b>	"Less or equal"	d ( <i>op</i> ) s <= 0
<b>ja</b>	"Above" (unsigned >)	d ( <i>op</i> ) s > 0U
<b>jb</b>	"Below" (unsigned <)	d ( <i>op</i> ) s < 0U

# Choosing instructions for conditionals

- ❖ Reminder: `cmp` is like `sub`, `test` is like `and`
  - Result is not stored anywhere

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

```

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

```

```

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

```

```

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

```

# Choosing instructions for conditionals

		<b>cmp a,b</b>	<b>test a,b</b>
<b>j<sub>e</sub></b>	“Equal”	b == a	b&a == 0
<b>j<sub>ne</sub></b>	“Not equal”	b != a	b&a != 0
<b>j<sub>s</sub></b>	“Sign” (negative)	b-a < 0	b&a < 0
<b>j<sub>ns</sub></b>	(non-negative)	b-a >=0	b&a >= 0
<b>j<sub>g</sub></b>	“Greater”	b > a	b&a > 0
<b>j<sub>ge</sub></b>	“Greater or equal”	b >= a	b&a >= 0
<b>j<sub>l</sub></b>	“Less”	b < a	b&a < 0
<b>j<sub>le</sub></b>	“Less or equal”	b <= a	b&a <= 0
<b>j<sub>a</sub></b>	“Above” (unsigned >)	b > a	b&a > 0U
<b>j<sub>b</sub></b>	“Below” (unsigned <)	b < a	b&a < 0U

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	argument x
%rsi	argument y
%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):
    movq $2, %rax
    ret

```

# Question

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

Vote at <http://pollev.com/rea>

- A. `cmpq %rsi, %rdi`  
`jle .L4`
- B. `cmpq %rsi, %rdi`  
`jg .L4`
- C. `testq %rsi, %rdi`  
`jle .L4`
- D. `testq %rsi, %rdi`  
`jg .L4`
- E. We're lost...

```
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
```

# Choosing instructions for conditionals

		<code>cmp a,b</code>	<code>test a,b</code>
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<code>jne</code>	“Not equal”	<code>b != a</code>	<code>b&amp;a != 0</code>
<code>js</code>	“Sign” (negative)	<code>b-a &lt; 0</code>	<code>b&amp;a &lt; 0</code>
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❖ <https://godbolt.org/z/j72AEn>

```

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

```



# Labels

**swap:**

```
movq (%rdi), %rax
movq (%rsi), %rdx
movq %rdx, (%rdi)
movq %rax, (%rsi)
ret
```

**max:**

```
movq %rdi, %rax
cmpq %rsi, %rdi
jg done
movq %rsi, %rax
```

**done:**

```
ret
```

- ❖ A jump changes the program counter (`%rip`)
  - `%rip` tells the CPU the *address* of the next instr to execute
- ❖ **Labels** give us a way to refer to a specific instruction in our assembly/machine code
  - Associated with the *next* instruction found in the assembly code (ignores whitespace)
  - Each *use* of the label will eventually be replaced with something that indicates the final address of the instruction that it is associated with

# x86 Control Flow

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

# Expressing with Goto Code

```
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;
}
```

- ❖ C allows `goto` as means of transferring control (jump)
  - Closer to assembly programming style
  - **Generally considered bad coding style!!! Do not write this in your code!**

# Compiling Loops

C/Java code:

```
while ( sum != 0 ) {  
    <loop body>  
}
```

Assembly code:

```
loopTop:    testq %rax, %rax  
            je      loopDone  
            <loop body code>  
            jmp     loopTop  
  
loopDone:
```

- ❖ Other loops compiled similarly
  - Will show variations and complications in coming slides, but may skip a few examples in the interest of time
- ❖ Most important to consider:
  - When should conditionals be evaluated? (*while* vs. *do-while*)
  - How much jumping is involved?

# Compiling Loops

C/Java code:

```
while ( Test ) {  
    Body  
}
```

Goto version

```
Loop: if ( !Test ) goto Exit;  
    Body  
    goto Loop;  
Exit:
```

- ❖ What are the Goto versions of the following?
  - Do...while:        Test and Body
  - For loop:         Init, Test, Update, and Body

# Compiling Loops

## While Loop:

C: `while ( sum != 0 ) {  
    <loop body>  
}`

x86-64:

```
loopTop:    testq %rax, %rax
            je     loopDone
            <loop body code>
            jmp    loopTop

loopDone:
```

## Do-while Loop:

C: `do {  
    <loop body>  
} while ( sum != 0 )`

x86-64:

```
loopTop:
            <loop body code>
            testq %rax, %rax
            jne    loopTop

loopDone:
```

## While Loop (ver. 2):

C: `while ( sum != 0 ) {  
    <loop body>  
}`

x86-64:

```

            testq %rax, %rax
            je     loopDone

loopTop:
            <loop body code>
            testq %rax, %rax
            jne    loopTop

loopDone:
```

# For-Loop → While-Loop

For-Loop:

```
for (Init; Test; Update) {  
    Body  
}
```



While-Loop Version:

```
Init;  
while (Test) {  
    Body  
    Update;  
}
```

Caveat: C and Java have `break` and `continue`

- Conversion works fine for `break`
  - Jump to same label as loop exit condition
- But not `continue`: would skip doing *Update*, which it should do with for-loops
  - Introduce new label at *Update*

# x86 Control Flow

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



```
long switch_ex
(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;
}
```

# Switch Statement Example

- ❖ Multiple case labels
  - Here: 5 & 6
- ❖ Fall through cases
  - Here: 2
- ❖ Missing cases
  - Here: 4
- ❖ Implemented with:
  - *Jump table*
  - *Indirect jump instruction*

# Jump Table Structure

## Switch Form

```
switch (x) {  
  case val_0:  
    Block 0  
  case val_1:  
    Block 1  
    . . .  
  case val_n-1:  
    Block n-1  
}
```

## Approximate Translation

```
target = JTab[x];  
goto target;
```

## 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

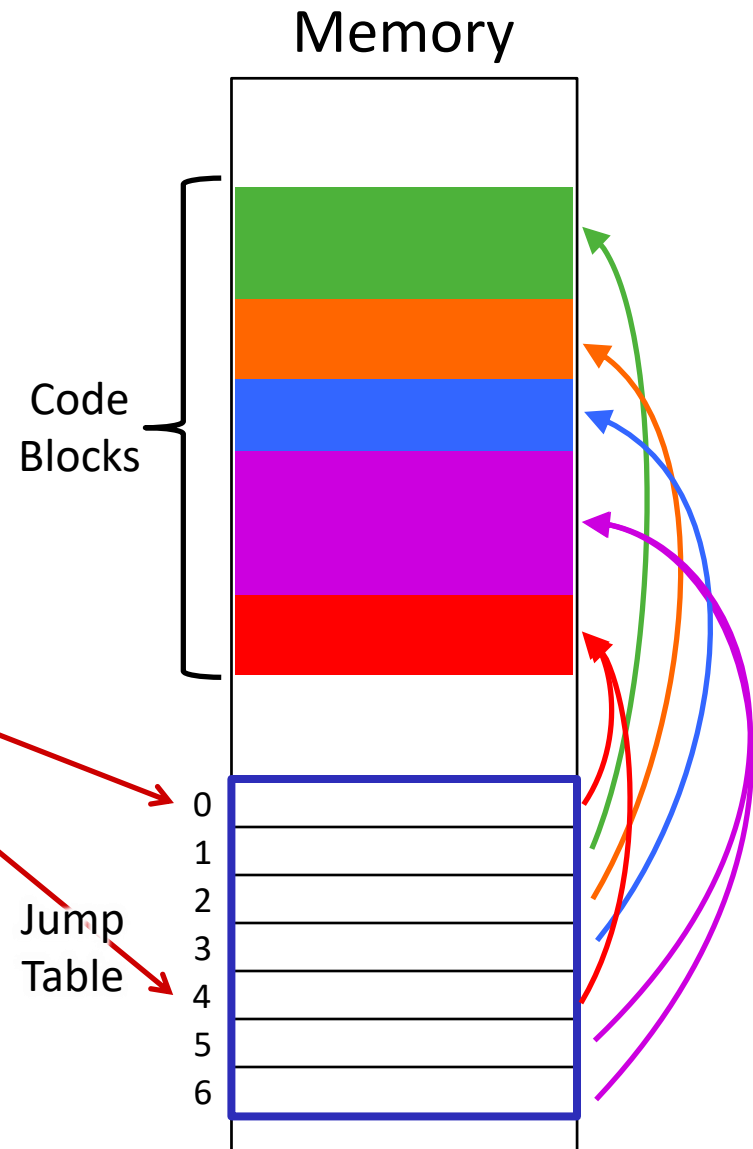
# Jump Table Structure

C code:

```
switch (x) {  
  case 1: <some code>  
    break;  
  case 2: <some code>  
  case 3: <some code>  
    break;  
  case 5:  
  case 6: <some code>  
    break;  
  default: <some code>  
}
```

Use the jump table when  $x \leq 6$ :

```
if (x <= 6)  
  target = JTab[x];  
  goto target;  
else  
  goto default;
```



# Switch Statement Example

```

long switch_ex(long x, long y, long z)
{
    long w = 1;
    switch (x) {
        . . .
    }
    return w;
}

```

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

Note compiler chose to not initialize w

```

switch_eg:
    movq    %rdx, %rcx
    cmpq    $6, %rdi        # x:6
    ja     .L8              # default
    jmp     *.L4(, %rdi, 8)  # jump table

```

Take a look!

<https://godbolt.org/z/dOWSFR>

jump above – unsigned > catches negative default cases

# Switch Statement Example

```

long switch_ex(long x, long y, long z)
{
    long w = 1;
    switch (x) {
        . . .
    }
    return w;
}

```

```

switch_eg:
    movq    %rdx, %rcx
    cmpq    $6, %rdi        # x:6
    ja     .L8              # default
    jmp     *.L4(,%rdi,8)    # jump table

```

**Indirect  
jump**



## 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

```

# Assembly Setup Explanation

## ❖ Table Structure

- Each target requires 8 bytes (address)
- Base address at `.L4`

## ❖ **Direct jump:** `jmp .L8`

- Jump target is denoted by label `.L8`

## ❖ **Indirect jump:** `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

```
.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
```

# Jump Table

declaring data, not instructions

8-byte memory alignment

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
```

this data is 64-bits wide

```
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;  
    . . .  
}
```

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

```
.L3:  
    movq    %rsi, %rax    # y  
    imulq   %rdx, %rax    # y*z  
    ret
```



# Handling Fall-Through

```
long w = 1;
. . .
switch (x) {
. . .
case 2: // .L5
    w = y/z;
    /* Fall Through */
case 3: // .L9
    w += z;
    break;
. . .
}
```

```
case 2:
    w = y/z;
    goto merge;
```

```
case 3:
    w = 1;
merge:
    w += z;
```

*More complicated choice than  
“just fall-through” forced by  
“migration” of  $w = 1$ ;*

- Example compilation trade-off*

# Code Blocks (x == 2, x == 3)

```

long w = 1;
. . .
switch (x) {
. . .
  case 2: // .L5
    w = y/z;
    /* Fall Through */
  case 3: // .L9
    w += z;
    break;
. . .
}

```

```

.L5:                                # Case 2:
  movq   %rsi, %rax                 # y in rax
  cqto   %rax                       # Div prep
  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	1 <sup>st</sup> argument (x)
%rsi	2 <sup>nd</sup> argument (y)
%rdx	3 <sup>rd</sup> argument (z)
%rax	Return value

# Code Blocks (rest)

```
switch (x) {  
    . . .  
    case 5: // .L7  
    case 6: // .L7  
        w -= z;  
        break;  
    default: // .L8  
        w = 2;  
}
```

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

```
.L7: # Case 5,6:  
    movl    $1, %eax # w = 1  
    subq   %rdx, %rax # w -= z  
    ret  
.L8: # Default:  
    movl    $2, %eax # 2  
    ret
```