

# x86-64 Programming III

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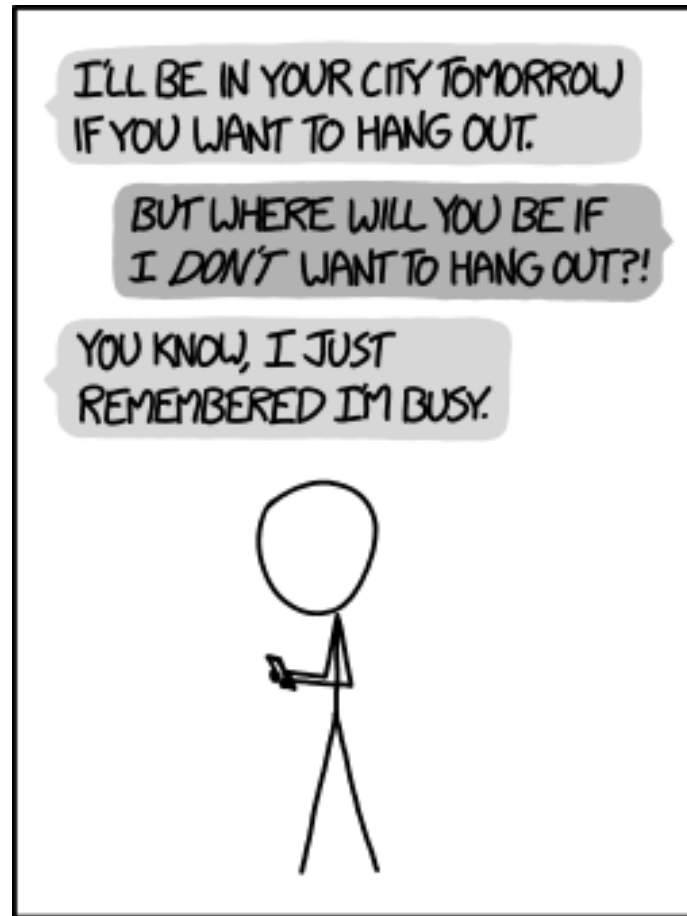
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WHY I TRY NOT TO BE  
PEDANTIC ABOUT CONDITIONALS.

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

# Administrivia

- ❖ Study Guide 1 due Friday (1/29)
  - may use late days if needed
- ❖ hw9 due Friday, hw10 due Monday
- ❖ Lab 2 due next Friday (2/5)
  
- ❖ Section tomorrow on Assembly
  - turn in worksheet by Friday 11:59pm PST

# Reading Review

- ❖ Terminology:
  - Label, jump target
  - Program counter
  - Jump table, indirect jump
- ❖ Any questions from reading?
  - can also post reading questions to Ed Discussion

# 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
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- Fill remaining bits of dest with **zero** (`movz`) or **sign bit** (`movs`)

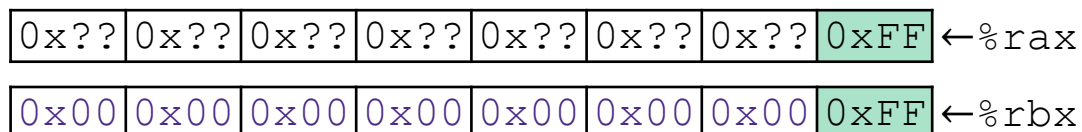
`movzSD` / `movsSD`:

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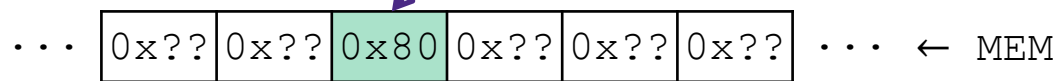
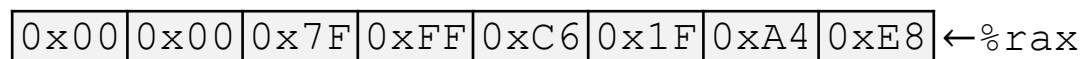
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**Note:** In x86-64, any instruction that generates a 32-bit (long word) value for a register also sets the high-order portion of the register to 0. Good example on p. 184 in the textbook.

Example:

`movsbl (%rax), %ebx`



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

# Using Condition Codes: Jumping

ZF: (r == 0)

SF: (r < 0), MSB == 1

CF: unsigned overflow

OF: signed overflow

## ❖ $j^*$ Instructions

- Jumps to **target** (an address) based on condition codes

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>jl 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 "<")

# Using Condition Codes: Setting

**ZF: (r == 0)**  
**SF: (r < 0), MSB == 1**  
**CF: unsigned overflow**  
**OF: signed overflow**

## ❖ `set*` Instructions

- Set low-order byte of `dst` 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 "<")

# 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
jle:  *p+5 <= 0

```

```

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

```

		(op) s, d
<b>je</b>	"Equal"	d (op) s == 0
<b>jne</b>	"Not equal"	d (op) s != 0
<b>js</b>	"Sign" (negative)	d (op) s < 0
<b>jns</b>	(non-negative)	d (op) s >= 0
<b>jg</b>	"Greater"	d (op) s > 0
<b>jge</b>	"Greater or equal"	d (op) s >= 0
<b>jle</b>	"Less or equal"	d (op) s <= 0
<b>jl</b>	"Less"	d (op) s < 0
<b>jle</b>	"Less or equal"	d (op) s <= 0
<b>ja</b>	"Above" (unsigned >)	d (op) s > 0U
<b>jb</b>	"Below" (unsigned <)	d (op) 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>jb</b>	“Below” (unsigned <)	<code>b &lt;_U a</code>	<code>b&amp;a &lt; 0U</code>
<b>jbe</b>	“Below or equal” (unsigned <=)	<code>b &lt;=_U a</code>	<code>b&amp;a &lt;= 0U</code>
<b>ja</b>	“Above” (unsigned >)	<code>b &gt;_U a</code>	<code>b&amp;a &gt; 0U</code>
<b>jae</b>	“Above or equal” (unsigned >=)	<code>b &gt;=_U a</code>	<code>b&amp;a &gt;= 0U</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>jb</b>	“Below” (signed <)	<code>b &lt; a</code>	<code>b&amp;a &lt; 0</code>
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<b>jae</b>	“Above or equal” (signed >=)	<code>b &gt;= a</code>	<code>b&amp;a &gt;= 0</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:   a_LSB == 0
jne:  a_LSB == 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
```

# Practice Question 1

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

- 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
```

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❖ <https://godbolt.org/z/Tfrv33>

```
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 instruction 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

# 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

## 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`

## Practice Question 2

- ❖ The following is assembly code for a for-loop; identify the corresponding parts (Init, Test, Update)
  - $i \rightarrow \%eax$ ,  $x \rightarrow \%rdi$ ,  $y \rightarrow \%esi$

```
        movl    $0, %eax
.L2:    cmpl    %esi, %eax
        jge     .L4
        movslq  %eax, %rdx
        leaq   (%rdi,%rdx,4), %rcx
        movl   (%rcx), %edx
        addl   $1, %edx
        movl   %edx, (%rcx)
        addl   $1, %eax
        jmp    .L2
.L4:
```

# 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;
        case 7:
            w = y%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

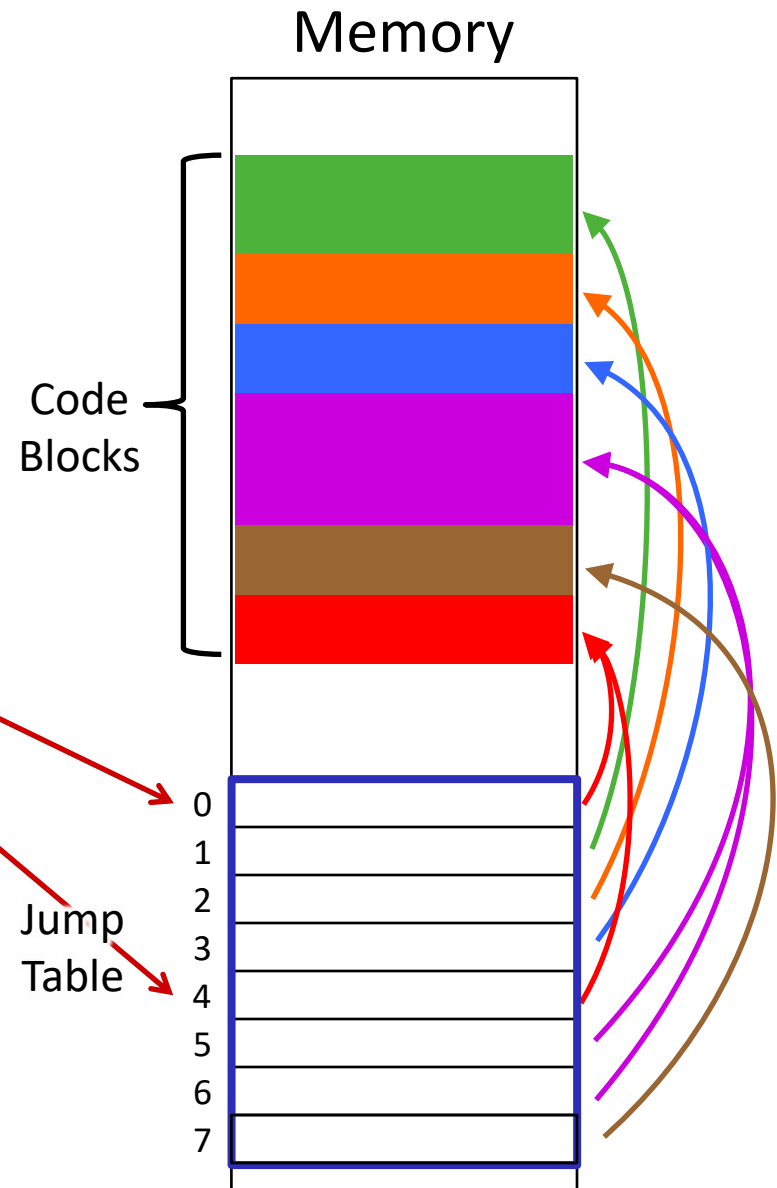
# Jump Table Structure

C code:

```
switch (x) {
  case 1: <code> break;
  case 2: <code>
  case 3: <code> break;
  case 5:
  case 6: <code> break;
  case 7: <code> break;
  default: <code>
}
```

Use the jump table when  $x \leq 7$ :

```
if (x <= 7)
  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;
}
```

```
switch_ex:
    movq    %rdx, %rcx
    cmpq    $7, %rdi      # x:7
    ja     .L9           # default
    jmp     *.L4(,%rdi,8) # jump table
```

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

Take a look!

<https://godbolt.org/z/Y9Kerb>

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_ex:
    movq    %rdx, %rcx
    cmpq    $7, %rdi        # x:7
    ja     .L9              # default
    jmp     *.L4(,%rdi,8)    # jump table
```

**Indirect  
jump**



## Jump table

```
.section    .rodata
    .align 8
.L4:
    .quad   .L9    # x = 0
    .quad   .L8    # x = 1
    .quad   .L7    # x = 2
    .quad   .L10   # x = 3
    .quad   .L9    # x = 4
    .quad   .L5    # x = 5
    .quad   .L5    # x = 6
    .quad   .L3    # x = 7
```

# Assembly Setup Explanation

## ❖ Table Structure

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

## ❖ **Direct jump:** `jmp .L9`

- Jump target is denoted by label .L9

## ❖ **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  $0 \leq x \leq 7$

## Jump table

```
.section      .rodata
    .align 8
.L4:
    .quad     .L9    # x = 0
    .quad     .L8    # x = 1
    .quad     .L7    # x = 2
    .quad     .L10   # x = 3
    .quad     .L9    # x = 4
    .quad     .L5    # x = 5
    .quad     .L5    # x = 6
    .quad     .L3    # x = 7
```

# GDB Demo

- ❖ The movz and movs examples on a real machine!
  - `movzbq %a1, %rbx`
  - `movsbl (%rax), %ebx`
- ❖ You will need to use GDB to get through Lab 2
  - Useful debugger in this class and beyond!
- ❖ 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`)