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Machine-Level Programming II: Control Flow Jan. 28, 2008

Topics

- Condition Codes
 - Setting
 - Testing
- Control Flow
 - If-then-else
 - Varieties of Loops
 - Switch Statements
- x86-64 features
 - conditional move
 - different loop implementation

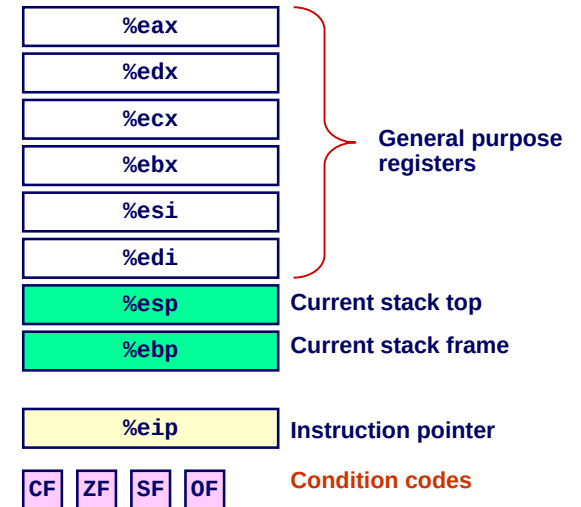
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Processor State (IA32, Partial)

Information about currently executing program

- Temporary data
- Location of current code control point
- Location of runtime stack
- Status of recent tests



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Condition Codes

Single Bit Registers

CF Carry Flag	SF Sign Flag
ZF Zero Flag	OF Overflow Flag

Implicitly Set By Arithmetic Operations

addl Src, Dest addq Src, Dest
C analog: $t = a + b$ ($a = \text{Src}, b = \text{Dest}$)

- CF set if carry out from most significant bit
 - Used to detect unsigned overflow
- ZF set if $t == 0$
- SF set if $t < 0$
- OF set if two's complement overflow
($a > 0 \ \&\& \ b > 0 \ \&\& \ t < 0$)
|| ($a < 0 \ \&\& \ b < 0 \ \&\& \ t \geq 0$)

Not set by lea, inc, or dec instructions

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Setting Condition Codes (cont.)

Explicit Setting by Compare Instruction

cmpl Src2, Src1 cmpq Src2, Src1

- `cmpl 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 $(a - b) < 0$
- OF set if two's complement overflow
 - ($a > 0 \ \&\& \ b < 0 \ \&\& \ (a - b) < 0$) || ($a < 0 \ \&\& \ b > 0 \ \&\& \ (a - b) > 0$)

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Setting Condition Codes (cont.)

Explicit Setting by Test instruction

```
testl Src2,Src1
testq Src2,Src1
```

- Sets condition codes based on value of *Src1* & *Src2*
 - Useful to have one of the operands be a mask
- `testl b, a` like computing `a&b` without setting destination
- ZF set when `a&b == 0`
- SF set when `a&b < 0`

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Reading Condition Codes

SetX Instructions

- Set single byte based on combinations of condition codes

SetX	Condition	Description
<code>sete</code>	ZF	Equal / Zero
<code>setne</code>	$\sim$ ZF	Not Equal / Not Zero
<code>sets</code>	SF	Negative
<code>setns</code>	$\sim$ SF	Nonnegative
<code>setg</code>	$\sim$ (SF^0F) & $\sim$ ZF	Greater (Signed)
<code>setge</code>	$\sim$ (SF^0F)	Greater or Equal (Signed)
<code>setl</code>	(SF^0F)	Less (Signed)
<code>setle</code>	(SF^0F) ZF	Less or Equal (Signed)
<code>seta</code>	$\sim$ CF & $\sim$ ZF	Above (unsigned)
<code>setb</code>	CF	Below (unsigned)

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Reading Condition Codes (Cont.)

SetX Instructions

- Set single byte based on combinations of condition codes
- One of 8 addressable byte registers
 - Embedded within first 4 integer registers
 - Does not alter remaining 3 bytes
 - Typically use `movzbl` to finish job

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

Body

```
movl 12(%ebp),%eax # eax = y
cmpl %eax,8(%ebp)  # Compare x : y
setg %al           # al = x > y
movzbl %al,%eax    # Zero rest of %eax
```

Note
inverted
ordering!

%eax	%ah	%al
%edx	%dh	%dl
%ecx	%ch	%cl
%ebx	%bh	%bl
%esi		
%edi		
%esp		
%ebp		

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Reading condition codes: x86-64

SetX Instructions

- Set single byte based on combinations of condition codes
 - Does not alter remaining 7 bytes

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

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

- x86-64 arguments
 - x in %rdi
 - y in %rsi

Body (same for both)

(32-bit instructions set high order 32 bits to 0)

```
xorl %eax, %eax # eax = 0
cmpq %rsi, %rdi # Compare x : y
setg %al        # al = x > y
```

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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	~ZF	Not Equal / Not Zero
js	SF	Negative
jns	~SF	Nonnegative
jg	~(SF^OF)&~ZF	Greater (Signed)
jge	~(SF^OF)	Greater or Equal (Signed)
jl	(SF^OF)	Less (Signed)
jle	(SF^OF) ZF	Less or Equal (Signed)
ja	~CF&~ZF	Above (unsigned)
jb	CF	Below (unsigned)

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Conditional Branch Example

```

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

```

absdiff:
    pushl   %ebp
    movl    %esp, %ebp
    movl    8(%ebp), %edx
    movl    12(%ebp), %eax
    cmpl    %eax, %edx
    jle     .L7
    subl    %eax, %edx
    movl    %edx, %eax
.L8:
    leave   %eax
    ret
.L7:
    subl    %edx, %eax
    jmp     .L8
    
```

Set Up

Body1

Finish

Body2

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Conditional Branch Example (Cont.)

```

int goto_ad(int x, int y)
{
    int result;
    if (x<=y) goto Else;
    result = x-y;
Exit:
    return result;
Else:
    result = y-x;
    goto Exit;
}
    
```

- C allows "goto" as means of transferring control
 - Closer to machine-level programming style
- Generally considered bad coding style

Body1

```

# x in %edx, y in %eax
cmpl    %eax, %edx    # Compare x:y
jle     .L7           # <= Goto Else
subl    %eax, %edx    # x-= y
movl    %edx, %eax    # result = x
.L8:    # Exit:
    
```

Body2

```

.L7:    # Else:
    subl    %edx, %eax    # result = y-x
    jmp     .L8           # Goto Exit
    
```

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General Conditional Expression Translation

C Code

```
val = Test ? Then-Expr : Else-Expr;
```

```
val = x>y ? x-y : y-x;
```

Goto Version

```

nt = !Test;
if (nt) goto Else;
val = Then-Expr;
Done:
    . . .
Else:
    val = Else-Expr;
    goto Done;
    
```

- Test is expression returning integer
 - = 0 interpreted as false
 - ≠0 interpreted as true
- Create separate code regions for then & else expressions
- Execute appropriate one

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Conditionals: x86-64

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

```
absdiff: # x in %edi, y in %esi  
    movl %edi, %eax # v = x  
    movl %esi, %edx # ve = y  
    subl %esi, %eax # v -= y  
    subl %edi, %edx # ve -= x  
    cmpl %esi, %edi # x:y  
    cmovle %edx, %eax # v=ve if <=  
    ret
```

- Conditional move instruction
 - `cmovC src, dest`
 - Move value from src to dest if condition C holds
 - More efficient than conditional branching
 - » Simple & predictable control flow

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General Form with Conditional Move

C Code

```
val = Test ? Then-Expr ? Else-Expr;
```

- Both values get computed
- Overwrite then-value with else-value if condition doesn't hold

Conditional Move Version

```
val = Then-Expr;  
vale = Else-Expr;  
val = vale if !Test;
```

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Limitations of Conditional Move

```
val = Then-Expr;  
vale = Else-Expr;  
val = vale if !Test;
```

```
int xgty = 0, xltey = 0;  
  
int absdiff_se(  
    int x, int y)  
{  
    int result;  
    if (x > y) {  
        xgty++; result = x-y;  
    } else {  
        xltey++; result = y-x;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

Don't use when:

- Then-Expr or Else-Expr has side effect
- Then-Expr or Else-Expr requires significant computation

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Implementing Loops

IA32

- All loops translated into form based on "do-while"

x86-64

- Also make use of "jump to middle"

Why the Difference

- IA32 compiler developed for machine where all operations costly
- x86-64 compiler developed for machine where unconditional branches incur (almost) no overhead

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“Do-While” Loop Example

C Code

```
int fact_do(int x)
{
    int result = 1;
    do {
        result *= x;
        x = x-1;
    } while (x > 1);

    return result;
}
```

Goto Version

```
int fact_goto(int x)
{
    int result = 1;
loop:
    result *= x;
    x = x-1;
    if (x > 1)
        goto loop;
    return result;
}
```

- Use backward branch to continue looping
- Only take branch when “while” condition holds

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“Do-While” Loop Compilation

Registers

%edx	x
%eax	result

Goto Version

```
int
fact_goto(int x)
{
    int result = 1;

loop:
    result *= x;
    x = x-1;
    if (x > 1)
        goto loop;

    return result;
}
```

Assembly

```
fact_goto:
    pushl %ebp                # Setup
    movl %esp,%ebp           # Setup
    movl $1,%eax              # eax = 1
    movl 8(%ebp),%edx          # edx = x

L11:
    imull %edx,%eax           # result *= x
    decl %edx                  # x--
    cmpl $1,%edx              # Compare x : 1
    jg L11                     # if > goto loop

    movl %ebp,%esp           # Finish
    popl %ebp                 # Finish
    ret                       # Finish
```

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General “Do-While” Translation

C Code

```
do
    Body
while (Test);
```

Goto Version

```
loop:
    Body
    if (Test)
        goto loop
```

- *Body* can be any C statement
- Typically compound statement:

```
{
    Statement1;
    Statement2;
    ...
    Statementn;
}
```

- *Test* is expression returning integer
= 0 interpreted as false ≠ 0 interpreted as true

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“While” Loop Example #1

C Code

```
int fact_while(int x)
{
    int result = 1;
    while (x > 1) {

        result *= x;
        x = x-1;
    };

    return result;
}
```

First Goto Version

```
int fact_while_goto(int x)
{
    int result = 1;
loop:
    if (!(x > 1))
        goto done;
    result *= x;
    x = x-1;
    goto loop;
done:
    return result;
}
```

- Is this code equivalent to the do-while version?
- Must jump out of loop if test fails

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Alternative “While” Loop Translation

C Code

```
int fact_while(int x)
{
    int result = 1;
    while (x > 1) {
        result *= x;
        x = x-1;
    };
    return result;
}
```

- Historically used by GCC
- Uses same inner loop as do-while version
- Guards loop entry with extra test

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Second Goto Version

```
int fact_while_goto2(int x)
{
    int result = 1;
    if (!(x > 1))
        goto done;
loop:
    result *= x;
    x = x-1;
    if (x > 1)
        goto loop;
done:
    return result;
}
```

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General “While” Translation

C Code

```
while (Test)
    Body
```



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:
```

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New Style “While” Loop Translation

C Code

```
int fact_while(int x)
{
    int result = 1;
    while (x > 1) {
        result *= x;
        x = x-1;
    };
    return result;
}
```

- Recent technique for GCC
 - Both IA32 & x86-64
- First iteration jumps over body computation within loop

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Goto Version

```
int fact_while_goto3(int x)
{
    int result = 1;
    goto middle;
loop:
    result *= x;
    x = x-1;
middle:
    if (x > 1)
        goto loop;
    return result;
}
```

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Jump-to-Middle While Translation

C Code

```
while (Test)
    Body
```



Goto Version

```
goto middle;
loop:
    Body
middle:
    if (Test)
        goto loop;
```

- Avoids duplicating test code
- Unconditional goto incurs no performance penalty
- for loops compiled in similar fashion

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Jump-to-Middle Example

```
int fact_while(int x)
{
    int result = 1;
    while (x > 1) {
        result *= x;
        x--;
    };
    return result;
}
```

- Most common strategy for recent IA32 & x86-64 code generation

```
# x in %edx, result in %eax
    jmp     L34      # goto Middle
L35:      # Loop:
    imull  %edx, %eax # result *= x
    decl  %edx      # x--
L34:      # Middle:
    cmpl  $1, %edx  # x:1
    jg     L35      # if >, goto Loop
```

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"For" Loop Example

```
/* Compute x raised to nonnegative power p */
int
ipwr_for(int x, unsigned p)
{
    int result;
    for (result = 1; p != 0; p = p>>1) {
        if (p & 0x1)
            result *= x;
        x = x*x;
    }
    return result;
}
```

Algorithm

- Exploit property that $p = p_0 + 2p_1 + 4p_2 + \dots + 2^{n-1}p_{n-1}$
- Gives: $x^p = z_0 \cdot z_1^2 \cdot (z_2^2)^2 \cdot \dots \cdot \underbrace{((z_{n-1}^2)^2) \dots}_{n-1 \text{ times}}$
 - $z_i = 1$ when $p_i = 0$
 - $z_i = x$ when $p_i = 1$
- Complexity $O(\log p)$

Example

$$3^{10} = 3^2 * 3^8$$

$$= 3^2 * ((3^2)^2)^2$$

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ipwr Computation

```
/* Compute x raised to nonnegative power p */
int
ipwr_for(int x, unsigned p)
{
    int result;
    for (result = 1; p != 0; p = p>>1) {
        if (p & 0x1)
            result *= x;
        x = x*x;
    }
    return result;
}
```

result	x	p
1	3	10
1	9	5
9	81	2
9	6561	1
531441	43046721	0

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"For" Loop Example

```
int result;
for (result = 1;
     p != 0;
     p = p>>1)
{
    if (p & 0x1)
        result *= x;
    x = x*x;
}
```

General Form

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

Init

result = 1

Test

p != 0

Update

p = p >> 1

Body

```
{
    if (p & 0x1)
        result *= x;
    x = x*x;
}
```

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“For” → “While” → “Do-While”

For Version

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

While Version

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

Do-While Version

```
Init;
if (!Test)
    goto done;
do {
    Body
    Update ;
} while (Test)
done:
```

Goto Version

```
Init;
if (!Test)
    goto done;
loop:
    Body
    Update ;
    if (Test)
        goto loop;
done:
```

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“For” Loop Compilation #1

Goto Version

```
Init;
if (!Test)
    goto done;
loop:
    Body
    Update ;
    if (Test)
        goto loop;
done:
```

Init

```
result = 1
```

Test

```
p != 0
```

Update

```
p = p >> 1
```

```
result = 1;
if (p == 0)
    goto done;
loop:
    if (p & 0x1)
        result *= x;
    x = x*x;
    p = p >> 1;
    if (p != 0)
        goto loop;
done:
```

Body

```
{
    if (p & 0x1)
        result *= x;
    x = x*x;
}
```

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“For” → “While” (Jump-to-Middle)

For Version

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

While Version

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

Goto Version

```
Init;
goto middle;
loop:
    Body
    Update ;
middle:
    if (Test)
        goto loop;
done:
```

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“For” Loop Compilation #2

Goto Version

```
Init;
if (!Test)
    goto done;
loop:
    Body
    Update ;
    if (Test)
        goto loop;
done:
```

Init

```
result = 1
```

Test

```
p != 0
```

Update

```
p = p >> 1
```

```
result = 1;
goto middle;
loop:
    if (p & 0x1)
        result *= x;
    x = x*x;
    p = p >> 1;
middle:
    if (p != 0)
        goto loop;
done:
```

Body

```
{
    if (p & 0x1)
        result *= x;
    x = x*x;
}
```

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Switch Statements

Implementation Options

- Series of conditionals
 - Organize in tree structure
 - Logarithmic performance
- Jump Table
 - Lookup branch target
 - Constant time
 - Possible when cases are small integer constants
- GCC
 - Picks one based on case structure

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Switch Statement Example

Features

- Multiple case labels
- Fall through cases
- Missing cases

```
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;
}
```

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Jump Table Structure

Switch Form

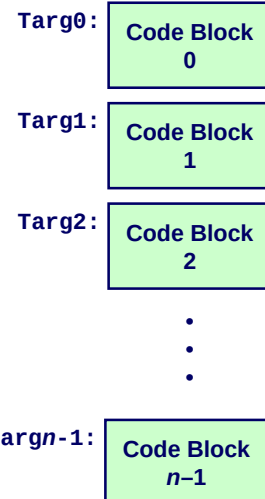
```
switch(x) {
    case val_0:
        Block 0
    case val_1:
        Block 1
        . . .
    case val_n-1:
        Block n-1
}
```

jtab:

Jump Table

Targ0
Targ1
Targ2
.
.
Targn-1

Jump Targets



Approx. Translation

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

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Switch Statement Example (IA32)

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

Setup:

```
switch_eg:
    pushl %ebp                # Setup
    movl %esp, %ebp          # Setup
    pushl %ebx                # Setup
    movl $1, %ebx             # w = 1
    movl 8(%ebp), %edx         # edx = x
    movl 16(%ebp), %ecx        # ecx = z
    cmpl $6, %edx             # x:6
    ja .L61                   # if > goto default
    jmp *.L62(, %edx, 4)       # goto JTab[x]
```

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Assembly Setup Explanation

Table Structure

- Each target requires 4 bytes
- Base address at .L62

Jumping

- jmp .L61
- Jump target is denoted by label .L61
- jmp *.L62(,%edx,4)
- Start of jump table denoted by label .L62
- Register %edx holds x
- Must scale by factor of 4 to get offset into table
- Fetch target from effective Address .L61 + x*4
 - Only for $0 \leq x \leq 6$

Jump Table

Table Contents

```
.section .rodata
.align 4
.L62:
.long .L61 # x = 0
.long .L56 # x = 1
.long .L57 # x = 2
.long .L58 # x = 3
.long .L61 # x = 4
.long .L60 # x = 5
.long .L60 # x = 6
```

```
switch(x) {
case 1: // .L56
    w = y*z;
    break;
case 2: // .L57
    w = y/z;
    /* Fall Through */
case 3: // .L58
    w += z;
    break;
case 5:
case 6: // .L60
    w -= z;
    break;
default: // .L61
    w = 2;
}
```

Code Blocks (Partial)

```
switch(x) {
. . .
case 2: // .L57
    w = y/z;
    /* Fall Through */
case 3: // .L58
    w += z;
    break;
. . .
default: // .L61
    w = 2;
}
```

```
.L61: // Default case
movl $2, %ebx # w = 2
movl %ebx, %eax # Return w
popl %ebx
leave
ret
.L57: // Case 2:
movl 12(%ebp), %eax # y
cld # Div prep
idivl %ecx # y/z
movl %eax, %ebx # w = y/z
# Fall through
.L58: // Case 3:
addl %ecx, %ebx # w+= z
movl %ebx, %eax # Return w
popl %ebx
leave
ret
```

Code Blocks (Rest)

```
switch(x) {
case 1: // .L56
    w = y*z;
    break;
. . .
case 5:
case 6: // .L60
    w -= z;
    break;
. . .
}
```

```
.L60: // Cases 5&6:
subl %ecx, %ebx # w -= z
movl %ebx, %eax # Return w
popl %ebx
leave
ret
.L56: // Case 1:
movl 12(%ebp), %ebx # w = y
imull %ecx, %ebx # w*= z
movl %ebx, %eax # Return w
popl %ebx
leave
ret
```

x86-64 Switch Implementation

- Same general idea, adapted to 64-bit code
- Table entries 64 bits (pointers)
- Cases use revised code

Jump Table

```
.section .rodata
.align 8
.L62:
.quad .L55 # x = 0
.quad .L50 # x = 1
.quad .L51 # x = 2
.quad .L52 # x = 3
.quad .L55 # x = 4
.quad .L54 # x = 5
.quad .L54 # x = 6
```

```
switch(x) {
case 1: // .L50
    w = y*z;
    break;
    . . .
}
```

```
.L50: // Case 1:
movq %rsi, %r8 # w = y
imulq %rdx, %r8 # w *= z
movq %r8, %rax # Return w
ret
```

IA32 Object Code

Setup

- Label .L61 becomes address 0x8048630
- Label .L62 becomes address 0x80488dc

Assembly Code

```
switch_eg:
    . . .
    ja .L61 # if > goto default
    jmp *.L62(,%edx,4) # goto JTab[x]
```

Disassembled Object Code

```
08048610 <switch_eg>:
    . . .
8048622: 77 0c                ja      8048630
8048624: ff 24 95 dc 88 04 08 jmp     *0x80488dc(,%edx,4)
```

IA32 Object Code (cont.)

Jump Table

- Doesn't show up in disassembled code
 - Can inspect using GDB
- `gdb asm-cnt1`

`(gdb) x/7xw 0x80488dc`

- Examine 7 hexadecimal format "words" (4-bytes each)
- Use command "`help x`" to get format documentation

`0x80488dc:`

```
0x08048630
0x08048650
0x0804863a
0x08048642
0x08048630
0x08048649
0x08048649
```

Disassembled Targets

```
8048630: bb 02 00 00 00      mov     $0x2,%ebx
8048635: 89 d8               mov     %ebx,%eax
8048637: 5b                 pop     %ebx
8048638: c9                 leave
8048639: c3                 ret
804863a: 8b 45 0c           mov     0xc(%ebp),%eax
804863d: 99                 cld
804863e: f7 f9             idiv     %ecx
8048640: 89 c3             mov     %eax,%ebx
8048642: 01 cb             add     %ecx,%ebx
8048644: 89 d8             mov     %ebx,%eax
8048646: 5b                 pop     %ebx
8048647: c9                 leave
8048648: c3                 ret
8048649: 29 cb             sub     %ecx,%ebx
804864b: 89 d8             mov     %ebx,%eax
804864d: 5b                 pop     %ebx
804864e: c9                 leave
804864f: c3                 ret
8048650: 8b 5d 0c           mov     0xc(%ebp),%ebx
8048653: 0f af d9          imul     %ecx,%ebx
8048656: 89 d8             mov     %ebx,%eax
8048658: 5b                 pop     %ebx
8048659: c9                 leave
804865a: c3                 ret
```

Matching Disassembled Targets

0x08048630
0x08048650
0x0804863a
0x08048642
0x08048630
0x08048649
0x08048649

```

8048630:  bb 02 00 00 00    mov
8048635:  89 d8             mov
8048637:  5b               pop
8048638:  c9               leave
8048639:  c3               ret
804863a:  8b 45 0c         mov
804863d:  99               cld
804863e:  f7 f9           idiv
8048640:  89 c3             mov
8048642:  01 cb           add
8048644:  89 d8             mov
8048646:  5b               pop
8048647:  c9               leave
8048648:  c3               ret
8048649:  29 cb           sub
804864b:  89 d8             mov
804864d:  5b               pop
804864e:  c9               leave
804864f:  c3               ret
8048650:  8b 5d 0c         mov
8048653:  0f af d9         imul
8048656:  89 d8             mov
8048658:  5b               pop
8048659:  c9               leave
804865a:  c3               ret
    
```

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x86-64 Object Code

Setup

- Label .L61 becomes address 0x0000000000400716
- Label .L62 becomes address 0x0000000000400990

Assembly Code

```

switch_eg:
    . . .
    ja    .L55          # if > goto default
    jmp   *.L56(,%rdi,8) # goto JTab[x]
    
```

Disassembled Object Code

```

0000000000400700 <switch_eg>:
    . . .
    40070d:  77 07                ja    400716
    40070f:  ff 24 fd 90 09 40 00 jmpq  *0x400990(,%rdi,8)
    
```

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x86-64 Object Code (cont.)

Jump Table

- Can inspect using GDB


```
gdb asm-cntl
(gdb) x/7xg 0x400990
```

 - Examine 7 hexadecimal format “giant words” (8-bytes each)
 - Use command “help x” to get format documentation

```

0x400990:
0x0000000000400716
0x0000000000400739
0x0000000000400720
0x000000000040072b
0x0000000000400716
0x0000000000400732
0x0000000000400732
    
```

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Sparse Switch Example

```

/* Return x/111 if x is multiple
   && <= 999. -1 otherwise */
int div111(int x)
{
    switch(x) {
    case 0: return 0;
    case 111: return 1;
    case 222: return 2;
    case 333: return 3;
    case 444: return 4;
    case 555: return 5;
    case 666: return 6;
    case 777: return 7;
    case 888: return 8;
    case 999: return 9;
    default: return -1;
    }
}
    
```

- Not practical to use jump table
 - Would require 1000 entries
- Obvious translation into if-then-else would have max. of 9 tests

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Sparse Switch Code (IA32)

```

movl 8(%ebp),%eax # get x
cmpl $444,%eax   # x:444
je L8
jg L16
cmpl $111,%eax   # x:111
je L5
jg L17
testl %eax,%eax  # x:0
je L4
jmp L14
    
```

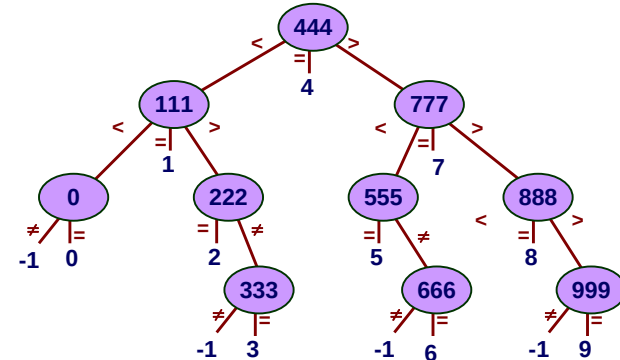
- Compares x to possible case values
- Jumps different places depending on outcomes

```

. . .
L5:    movl $1,%eax
        jmp L19
L6:    movl $2,%eax
        jmp L19
L7:    movl $3,%eax
        jmp L19
L8:    movl $4,%eax
        jmp L19
. . .
    
```

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Sparse Switch Code Structure



- Organizes cases as binary tree
- Logarithmic performance

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Summarizing

C Control

- if-then-else
- do-while
- while, for
- switch

Assembler Control

- Conditional jump
- Conditional move
- Indirect jump

Compiler

- Must generate assembly code to implement more complex control

Standard Techniques

- IA32 loops converted to do-while form
- x86-64 loops use jump-to-middle
- Large switch statements use jump tables

Conditions in CISC

- CISC machines generally have condition code registers

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