

MACHINE LEVEL REPRESENTATION 2

CAS CS 210 Computer Systems
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CS:APP2e Ch 3.5-3.7

Complete Memory Addressing Modes

■ Most General Form

$D(Rb, Ri, S) \quad Mem[Reg[Rb] + S * Reg[Ri] + D]$

- D: Constant "displacement" 1, 2, or 4 bytes
- Rb: Base register: Any of 8 integer registers
- Ri: Index register: Any, except for `%esp`
 - Unlikely you'd use `%ebp`, either
- S: Scale: 1, 2, 4, or 8 (*why these numbers?*)

■ Special Cases

$(Rb, Ri) \quad Mem[Reg[Rb] + Reg[Ri]]$
 $D(Rb, Ri) \quad Mem[Reg[Rb] + Reg[Ri] + D]$
 $(Rb, Ri, S) \quad Mem[Reg[Rb] + S * Reg[Ri]]$

Address Computation Examples

<code>%edx</code>	<code>0xf000</code>
<code>%ecx</code>	<code>0x100</code>

Expression	Address Computation	Address
<code>0x8(%edx)</code>	?	
<code>(%edx, %ecx)</code>		
<code>(%edx, %ecx, 4)</code>		
<code>0x80(, %edx, 2)</code>		

Address Computation Instruction

■ `leal Src, Dest`

- `Src` is address mode expression
- Set `Dest` to address denoted by expression

■ Uses

- Computing addresses without a memory reference
 - E.g., translation of `p = 6x[i]` ;
- Computing arithmetic expressions of the form $x + k \cdot y$
 - $k = 1, 2, 4, \text{ or } 8$

ARITHMETIC OPERATIONS

Some Arithmetic Operations

■ Two Operand Instructions:

Format	Computation	
<code>addl Src, Dest</code>	$Dest = Dest + Src$	
<code>subl Src, Dest</code>	$Dest = Dest - Src$	
<code>imull Src, Dest</code>	$Dest = Dest * Src$	
<code>sall Src, Dest</code>	$Dest = Dest \ll Src$	Also called <i>shl</i>
<code>sarl Src, Dest</code>	$Dest = Dest \gg Src$	Arithmetic
<code>shrl Src, Dest</code>	$Dest = Dest \gg Src$	Logical
<code>xorl Src, Dest</code>	$Dest = Dest \wedge Src$	
<code>andl Src, Dest</code>	$Dest = Dest \& Src$	
<code>orl Src, Dest</code>	$Dest = Dest Src$	

- No distinction between signed and unsigned int (why?)

Some Arithmetic Operations

■ One Operand Instructions

<code>inc1 Dest</code>	<code>Dest = Dest + 1</code>
<code>dec1 Dest</code>	<code>Dest = Dest - 1</code>
<code>neg1 Dest</code>	<code>Dest = -Dest</code>
<code>not1 Dest</code>	<code>Dest = ~Dest</code>

■ See book for more instructions

Using `leal` for Arithmetic Expressions

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

arith:

```
pushl %ebp
movl %esp,%ebp

movl 8(%ebp),%eax
movl 12(%ebp),%edx
leal (%edx,%eax),%ecx
leal (%edx,%edx,2),%edx
sall $4,%edx
addl 16(%ebp),%ecx
leal 4(%edx,%eax),%eax
imull %ecx,%eax

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

} Set Up

} Body

} Finish

Understanding `arith`

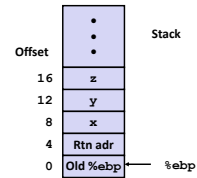
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}
```

Offset	Stack
16	z
12	y
8	x
4	Rtn adr
0	Old %ebp ← %ebp

```
movl 8(%ebp),%eax # eax = x
movl 12(%ebp),%edx # edx = y
leal (%edx,%eax),%ecx # ecx = x+y (t1)
leal (%edx,%edx,2),%edx # edx = 3*y
sall $4,%edx # edx = 48*y (t4)
addl 16(%ebp),%ecx # ecx = z+t1 (t2)
leal 4(%edx,%eax),%eax # eax = 4+t4+x (t5)
imull %ecx,%eax # eax = t5*t2 (rval)
```

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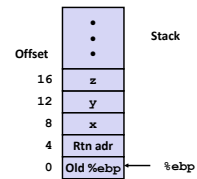
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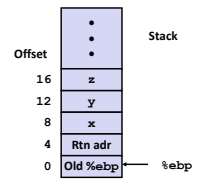
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Another Example

```
int logical(int x, int y)
{
    int t1 = x*y;
    int t2 = t1 >> 17;
    int mask = (1<<13) - 7;
    int rval = t2 & mask;
    return rval;
}
```

```
logical:
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp,%ebp      } Set Up

    movl 8(%ebp),%eax
    xorl 12(%ebp),%eax
    sarl $17,%eax
    andl $8185,%eax     } Body

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

```
movl 8(%ebp),%eax    # eax = x
xorl 12(%ebp),%eax   # eax = x*y
sarl $17,%eax        # eax = t1>>17
andl $8185,%eax      # eax = t2 & 8185
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    popl %ebp
    ret                 } Finish
```

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movl 8(%ebp),%eax    eax = x
xorl 12(%ebp),%eax    eax = x*y (t1)
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    popl %ebp
    ret                 } Finish
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    return rval;
}
```

$2^{13} = 8192, 2^{13} - 7 = 8185$

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} Body

```
movl %ebp,%esp
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ret
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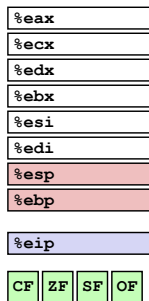
} Finish

CONTROL: CONDITION CODES

Processor State (IA32, Partial)

■ Information about currently executing program

- Temporary data (`%eax`, ...)
- Location of runtime stack (`%ebp`, `%esp`)
- Location of current code control point (`%eip`, ...)
- Status of recent tests (`CF`, `ZF`, `SF`, `OF`)



General purpose registers

Current stack top

Current stack frame

Instruction pointer

Condition codes

Condition Codes (Implicit Setting)

■ Single bit registers

CF Carry Flag (for unsigned) **SF** Sign Flag (for signed)
ZF Zero Flag **OF** Overflow Flag (for signed)

■ Implicitly set (think of it as side effect) by arithmetic operations

Example: `addl/addq Src, Dest` $\leftrightarrow$ `t = a+b`

- **CF set** if carry out from most significant bit (unsigned overflow)
- **ZF set** if `t == 0`
- **SF set** if `t < 0` (as signed)
- **OF set** if two's complement (signed) overflow
(`a>0 && b>0 && t<0`) || (`a<0 && b<0 && t>=0`)

■ Not set by `leal` instruction

■ [Full documentation](#) (IA32), link also on course website

Condition Codes (Explicit Setting: Compare)

■ Explicit Setting by Compare Instruction

`cmpl/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` (as signed)
- **OF set** 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)

■ Explicit Setting by Test instruction

`testl/testq Src2, Src1`

`testl b, a` like computing `a&b` without setting destination

- Sets condition codes based on value of `Src1 & Src2`
- Useful to have one of the operands be a mask
- **ZF set** when `a&b == 0`
- **SF set** when `a&b < 0`

Reading Condition Codes

■ SetX Instructions

- Set single byte based on combinations of condition codes

SetX	Condition	Description
sete	ZF	Equal / Zero
setne	~ZF	Not Equal / Not Zero
sets	SF	Negative
setns	~SF	Nonnegative
setg	~(SF^OF) & ~ZF	Greater (Signed)
setge	~(SF^OF)	Greater or Equal (Signed)
setl	(SF^OF)	Less (Signed)
setle	(SF^OF) ZF	Less or Equal (Signed)
seta	~CF & ~ZF	Above (unsigned)
setb	CF	Below (unsigned)

Reading Condition Codes (Cont.)

■ SetX Instructions:

Set single byte based on combination of condition codes

■ One of 8 addressable byte registers

- Does not alter remaining 3 bytes
- Typically use `movzbl` to finish job

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

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

Body

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

Note
inverted
ordering!

Conditional Move (cmovC):

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

■ Conditional move instruction

- `cmovC` src, dest
- Move value from src to dest if condition C holds
- More efficient than conditional branching (simple control flow)
- But overhead: both branches are evaluated

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)

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
        ret
    .L7:
        subl %edx, %eax
        jmp .L8
```

Setup

Body1

Finish

Body2

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;
}
```

```
absdiff:
    pushl %ebp
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    movl %edx, %eax
    .L8:
        leave
        ret
    .L7:
        subl %edx, %eax
        jmp .L8
```

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

Conditional Branch Example (Cont.)

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int goto_ad(int x, int y)
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Exit:
    return result;
Else:
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}

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    leave
    ret
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    subl %edx, %eax
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```

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    result = x-y;
Exit:
    return result;
Else:
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    goto Exit;
}

absdiff:
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Conditional Branch Example (Cont.)

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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;
}

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

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

WHILE LOOPS

“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

“Do-While” Loop Compilation

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
```

Registers:

%edx	x
%eax	result

General “Do-While” Translation

C Code

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

Goto Version

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

- Body: {
 Statement₁;
 Statement₂;
 ..
 Statement_n;
}

- Test returns integer
 = 0 interpreted as false
 ≠0 interpreted as true

"While" Loop Example

C Code

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

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

Goto Version #1

```
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

Alternative "While" Loop Translation

C Code

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

Goto Version #2

```
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;
}
```

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

General "While" Translation

While version

```
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:
```

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;
}
```

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;
}
```

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

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

Goto (Previous) Version

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

Jump-to-Middle Example

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

```
# 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
```

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

FOR LOOPS

“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
```

Test

p != 0

Init

result = 1

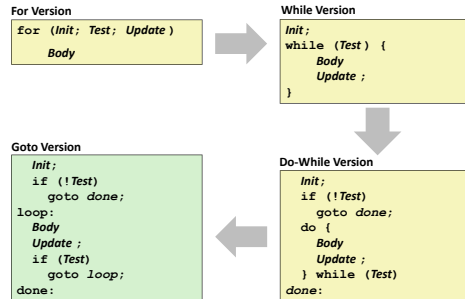
Update

p = p >> 1

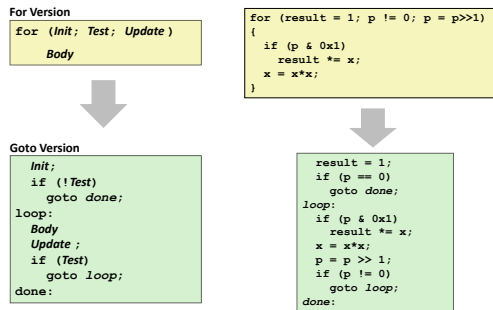
Body

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

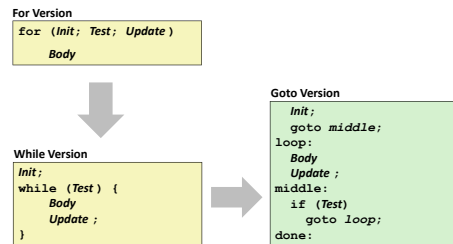
“For”→“While”→“Do-While”



For-Loop: Compilation #1



“For”→“While” (Jump-to-Middle)



For-Loop: Compilation #2

For Version

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



Goto Version

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

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



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

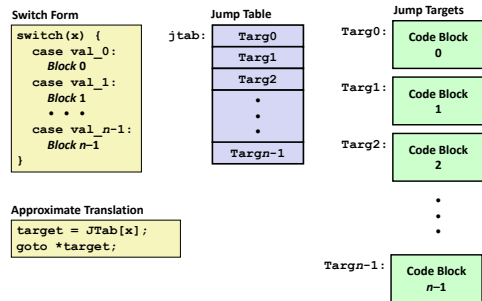
SWITCH STATEMENTS

```
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;  
}
```

Switch Statement Example

- Multiple case labels
 - Here: 5, 6
- Fall through cases
 - Here: 2
- Missing cases
 - Here: 4

Jump Table Structure



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]
```

Jump table

```
.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
```

Indirect jump →

Assembly Setup Explanation

Table Structure

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

Jumping

- Direct:** `jmp .L61`
 - Jump target is denoted by label .L61

Indirect: `jmp *.L62(, %edx, 4)`

- Start of jump table: .L62
- Must scale by factor of 4 (labels have 32-bit = 4 Bytes on IA32)
- Fetch target from effective Address `.L62 + edx*4`
 - Only for $0 \leq x \leq 6$

Jump table

```
.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
```

Jump Table

Jump table

```
.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: // .L60
    w -= z;
    break;
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
```

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 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	%eax,%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

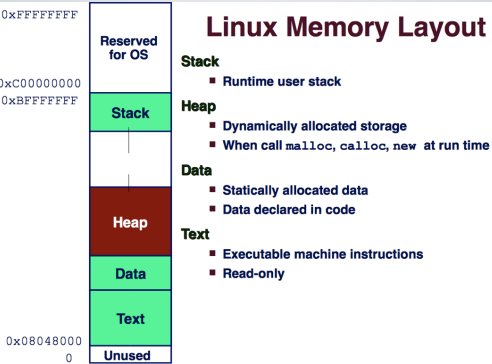
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0x08048650	8048635:	89 d8	mov
0x0804863a	8048637:	5b	pop
0x08048642	8048638:	c9	leave
0x08048630	8048639:	c3	ret
0x08048649	804863a:	8b 45 0c	mov
0x08048649	804863d:	99	cld
	804863e:	f7 f9	idiv
	8048640:	89 c3	mov
	8048642:	01 cb	add
	8048644:	89 d8	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

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
 - Sparse switch statements may use decision trees (not shown)
- Conditions in CISC
 - CISC machines generally have condition code registers

PROCEDURES

Linux Memory Layout



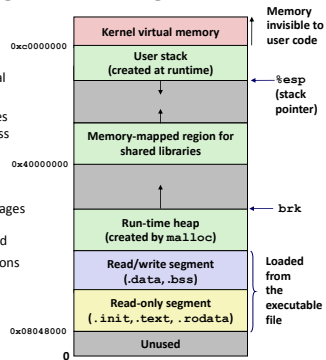
Simplifying Linking and Loading

■ Linking

- Each program has similar virtual address space
- Code, stack, and shared libraries always start at the same address

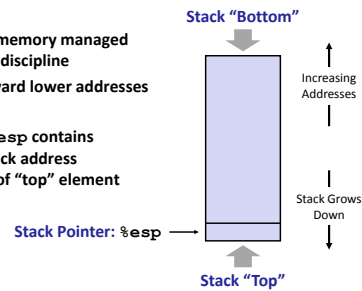
■ Loading

- `execve()` allocates virtual pages for `.text` and `.data` sections = creates PTEs marked as invalid
- The `.text` and `.data` sections are copied, page by page, on demand by the virtual memory system



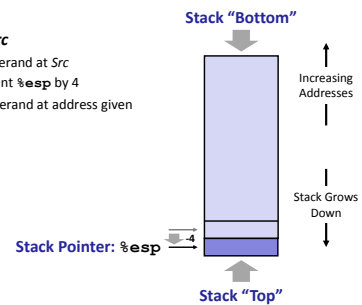
IA32 Stack

- Region of memory managed with stack discipline
- Grows toward lower addresses
- Register `%esp` contains lowest stack address = address of "top" element



IA32 Stack: Push

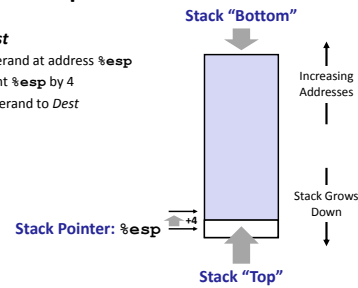
- `pushl Src`
 - Fetch operand at `Src`
 - Decrement `%esp` by 4
 - Write operand at address given by `%esp`



IA32 Stack: Pop

■ `popl Dest`

- Read operand at address `%esp`
- Increment `%esp` by 4
- Write operand to `Dest`



Procedure Control Flow

■ Use stack to support procedure call and return

■ Procedure call: `call label`

- Push return address on stack
- Jump to `label`

■ Return address:

- Address of instruction beyond `call`
- Example from disassembly

804854e:	e8 3d 06 00 00	call	8048b90 <main>
8048553:	50	pushl	%eax

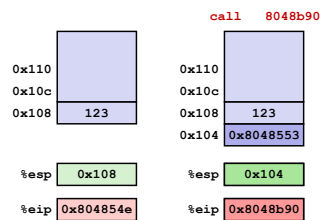
- Return address = `0x8048553`

■ Procedure return: `ret`

- Pop address from stack
- Jump to address

Procedure Call Example

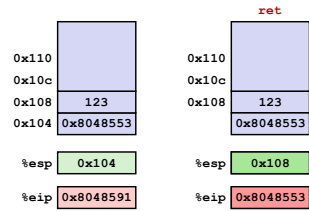
804854e:	e8 3d 06 00 00	call	8048b90 <main>
8048553:	50	pushl	%eax



`%eip`: program counter

Procedure Return Example

```
8048591:  c3          ret
```



%eip: program counter

Stack-Based Languages

- Languages that support recursion
 - e.g., C, Pascal, Java
 - Code must be "Reentrant"
 - Multiple simultaneous instantiations of single procedure
 - Need some place to store state of each instantiation
 - Arguments
 - Local variables
 - Return pointer
- Stack discipline
 - State for given procedure needed for limited time
 - From when called to when return
 - Callee returns before caller does
- Stack allocated in **Frames**
 - state for single procedure instantiation

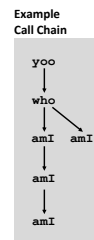
Call Chain Example

```
yoo (...)  
{  
  .  
  .  
  who ();  
  .  
}
```

```
who (...)  
{  
  . . .  
  amI ();  
  . . .  
  amI ();  
  . . .  
}
```

```
amI (...)  
{  
  .  
  .  
  amI ();  
  .  
}
```

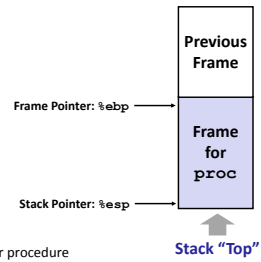
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Stack Frames

■ Contents

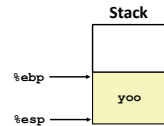
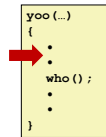
- Local variables
- Return information
- Temporary space



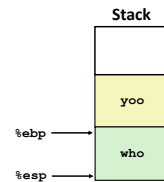
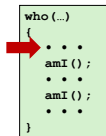
■ Management

- Space allocated when enter procedure
 - "Set-up" code
- Deallocated when return
 - "Finish" code

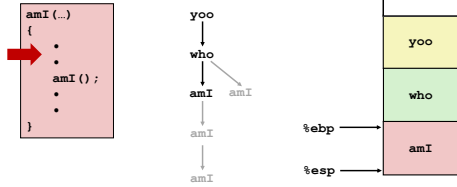
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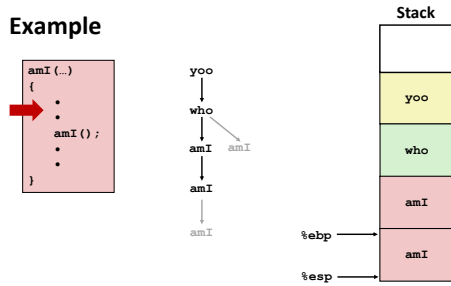
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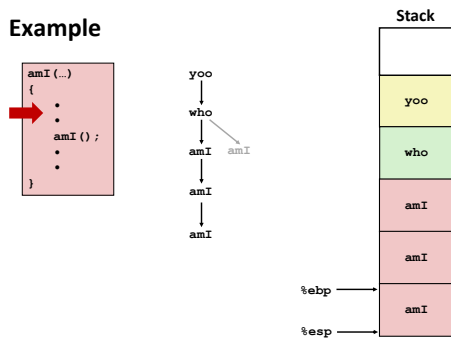
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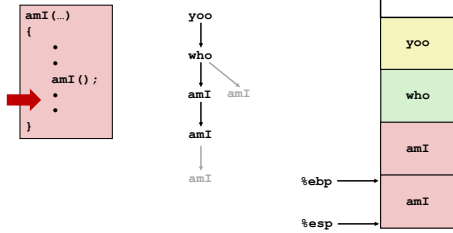
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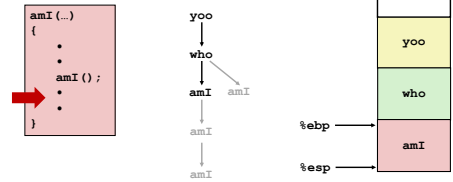
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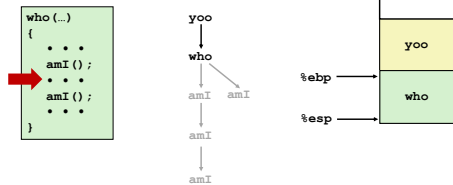
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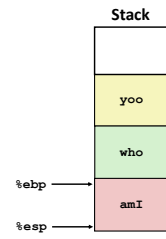
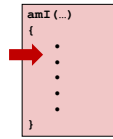
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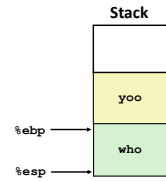
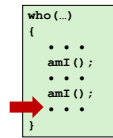
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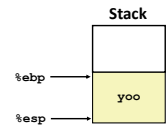
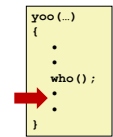
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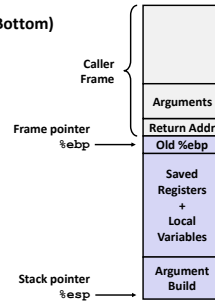
Example



IA32/Linux Stack Frame

■ Current Stack Frame ("Top" to Bottom)

- "Argument build:"
Parameters for function about to call
- Local variables
If can't keep in registers
- Saved register context
- Old frame pointer



■ Caller Stack Frame

- Return address
- Pushed by `call` instruction
- Arguments for this call

Revisiting swap

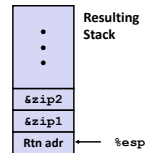
```
int zip1 = 15213;
int zip2 = 91125;

void call_swap()
{
    swap(&zip1, &zip2);
}
```

```
void swap(int *xp, int *yp)
{
    int t0 = *xp;
    int t1 = *yp;
    *xp = t1;
    *yp = t0;
}
```

Calling swap from call_swap

```
call_swap:
    . . .
    pushl $zip2    # Global Var
    pushl $zip1    # Global Var
    call swap
    . . .
```



Revisiting swap

```
void swap(int *xp, int *yp)
{
    int t0 = *xp;
    int t1 = *yp;
    *xp = t1;
    *yp = t0;
}
```

```
swap:
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp,%ebp
    pushl %ebx
    .
    movl 12(%ebp),%ecx
    movl 8(%ebp),%edx
    movl (%ecx),%eax
    movl (%edx),%ebx
    movl %eax,(%edx)
    movl %ebx,(%ecx)
    .
    movl -4(%ebp),%ebx
    movl %ebp,%esp
    popl %ebp
    ret
```

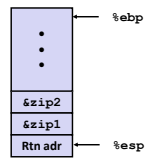
Set Up

Body

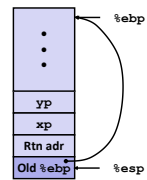
Finish

swap Setup #1

Entering Stack



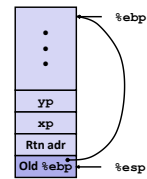
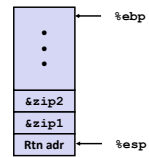
Resulting Stack



```
swap:
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp, %ebp
    pushl %ebx
```

swap Setup #1

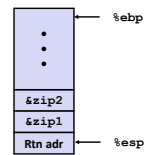
Entering Stack



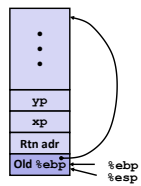
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```

swap Setup #1

Entering Stack



Resulting Stack



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swap:
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp, %ebp
    pushl %ebx
```

swap Setup #1

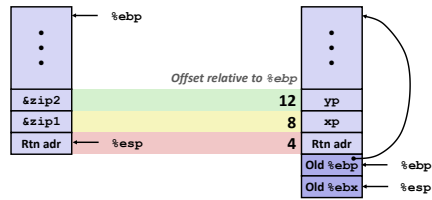
Entering Stack



```
swap:
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp, %ebp
    pushl %ebx
```

swap Setup #1

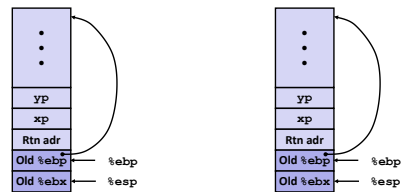
Entering Stack



```
movl 12(%ebp), %ecx # get yp
movl 8(%ebp), %edx  # get xp
. . .
```

swap Finish #1

swap's Stack

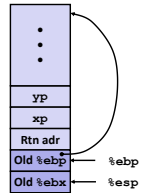


```
movl -4(%ebp), %ebx
movl %ebp, %esp
popl %ebp
ret
```

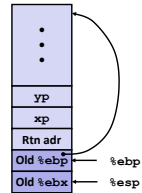
Observation: Saved and restored
register %ebx

swap Finish #2

swap' s Stack

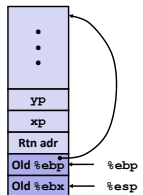


```
movl -4(%ebp),%ebx  
movl %ebp,%esp  
popl %ebp  
ret
```



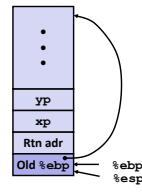
swap Finish #2

swap' s Stack



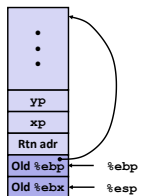
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popl %ebp  
ret
```

Resulting Stack

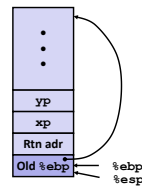


swap Finish #2

swap' s Stack

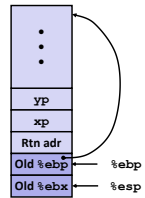


```
movl -4(%ebp),%ebx  
movl %ebp,%esp  
popl %ebp  
ret
```



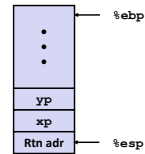
swap Finish #3

swap's Stack



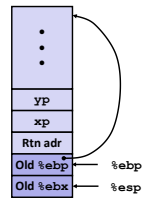
```
movl -4(%ebp), %ebx
movl %ebp, %esp
popl %ebp
ret
```

Resulting Stack

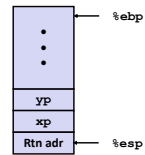


swap Finish #4

swap's Stack

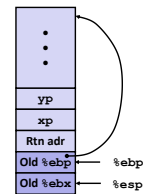


```
movl -4(%ebp), %ebx
movl %ebp, %esp
popl %ebp
ret
```



swap Finish #4

swap's Stack

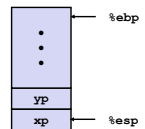


```
movl -4(%ebp), %ebx
movl %ebp, %esp
popl %ebp
ret
```

■ Observation

- Saved & restored register `%ebx`
- Didn't do so for `%eax`, `%ecx`, or `%edx`

Resulting Stack



Disassembled swap

```
080483a4 <swap>:
80483a4: 55      push   %ebp
80483a5: 89 e5   mov    %esp,%ebp
80483a7: 53      push   %ebx
80483a8: 8b 55 08 mov    0x8(%ebp),%edx
80483ab: 8b 4d 0c mov    0xc(%ebp),%ecx
80483ae: 8b 1a   mov    (%edx),%ebx
80483b0: 8b 01   mov    (%ecx),%eax
80483b2: 89 02   mov    %eax,(%edx)
80483b4: 89 19   mov    %ebx,(%ecx)
80483b6: 5b      pop    %ebx
80483b7: c9      leave  %ebx
80483b8: c3      ret
```

Calling Code

```
8048409: e8 96 ff ff   call 80483a4 <swap>
804840e: 8b 45 f8      mov  0xffffffff8(%ebp),%eax
```

Register Saving Conventions

■ When procedure yoo calls who:

- yoo is the *caller*
- who is the *callee*

■ Can Register be used for temporary storage?

```
yoo:
* * *
movl $15213, %edx
call who
addl %edx, %eax
* * *
ret
```

```
who:
* * *
movl 8(%ebp), %edx
addl $91125, %edx
* * *
ret
```

- Contents of register %edx overwritten by who

Register Saving Conventions

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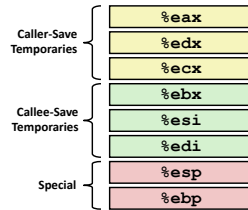
■ Conventions

- *"Caller Save"*
 - Caller saves temporary in its frame before calling
- *"Callee Save"*
 - Callee saves temporary in its frame before using

IA32/Linux Register Usage

■ %eax, %edx, %ecx

- Caller saves prior to call if values are used later



■ %eax

- also used to return integer value

■ %ebx, %esi, %edi

- Callee saves if wants to use them

■ %esp, %ebp

- special

Recursive Factorial

```
int rfact(int x)
{
    int rval;
    if (x <= 1)
        return 1;
    rval = rfact(x-1);
    return rval * x;
}
```

■ Registers

- %eax used without first saving
- %ebx used, but saved at beginning & restore at end

```
.globl rfact
.type
rfact,@function
rfact:
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp,%ebp
    pushl %ebx
    movl 8(%ebp),%ebx
    cmpl $1,%ebx
    jle .L78
    leal -1(%ebx),%eax
    pushl %eax
    call rfact
    imull %ebx,%eax
    jmp .L79
    .align 4
.L78:
    movl $1,%eax
.L79:
    movl -4(%ebp),%ebx
    movl %ebp,%esp
    popl %ebp
    ret
```

Pointer Code

Recursive Procedure

```
void s_helper
(int x, int *accum)
{
    if (x <= 1)
        return;
    else {
        int z = *accum * x;
        *accum = z;
        s_helper (x-1,accum);
    }
}
```

Top-Level Call

```
int sfact(int x)
{
    int val = 1;
    s_helper(x, &val);
    return val;
}
```

- Pass pointer to update location

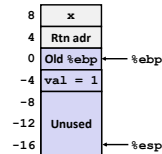
Creating & Initializing Pointer

```
int sfact(int x)
{
    int val = 1;
    s_helper(x, &val);
    return val;
}
```

- Variable `val` must be stored on stack
 - Because: Need to create pointer to it
- Compute pointer as `-4(%ebp)`
- Push on stack as second argument

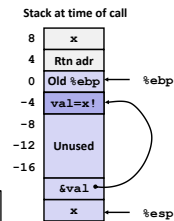
Initial part of `sfact`

```
_sfact:
    pushl %ebp        # Save %ebp
    movl %esp,%ebp    # Set %ebp
    subl $16,%esp     # Add 16 bytes
    movl 8(%ebp),%edx  # edx = x
    movl $1,-4(%ebp)  # val = 1
```



Passing Pointer

```
int sfact(int x)
{
    int val = 1;
    s_helper(x, &val);
    return val;
}
```

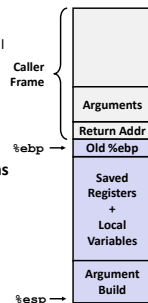


Calling `s_helper` from `sfact`

```
leal -4(%ebp),%eax # Compute &val
pushl %eax         # Push on stack
pushl %edx         # Push x
call s_helper      # call
movl -4(%ebp),%eax # Return val
...               # Finish
```

IA 32 Procedure Summary

- The Stack Makes Recursion Work
 - Private storage for each *instance* of procedure call
 - Instantiations don't clobber each other
 - Addressing of locals + arguments can be relative to stack positions
 - Managed by stack discipline
 - Procedures return in inverse order of calls
- IA32 Procedures Combination of Instructions + Conventions
 - Call / Ret instructions
 - Register usage conventions
 - Caller / Callee save
 - `%ebp` and `%esp`
 - Stack frame organization conventions



EXTRA

X86-64

Data Representations: IA32 + x86-64

■ Sizes of C Objects (in Bytes)

<i>C Data Type</i>	<i>Typical 32-bit</i>	<i>Intel IA32</i>	<i>x86-64</i>
▪ unsigned	4	4	4
▪ int	4	4	4
▪ long int	4	4	8
▪ char	1	1	1
▪ short	2	2	2
▪ float	4	4	4
▪ double	8	8	8
▪ long double	8	10/12	16
▪ char *	4	4	8

Or any other pointer

x86-64 Integer Registers

%rax	%eax	%r8	%r8d
%rbx	%ebx	%r9	%r9d
%rcx	%ecx	%r10	%r10d
%rdx	%edx	%r11	%r11d
%rsi	%esi	%r12	%r12d
%rdi	%edi	%r13	%r13d
%rsp	%esp	%r14	%r14d
%rbp	%ebp	%r15	%r15d

- Extend existing registers. Add 8 new ones.
- Make %ebp/%rbp general purpose

Instructions

- Long word `l` (4 Bytes) ↔ Quad word `q` (8 Bytes)
- New instructions:
 - `movl` → `movq`
 - `addl` → `addq`
 - `sall` → `salq`
 - etc.
- 32-bit instructions that generate 32-bit results
 - Set higher order bits of destination register to 0
 - Example: `addl`

Swap in 32-bit Mode

```
void swap(int *xp, int *yp)
{
    int t0 = *xp;
    int t1 = *yp;
    *xp = t1;
    *yp = t0;
}

swap:
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp,%ebp
    pushl %ebx
    movl 12(%ebp),%ecx
    movl 8(%ebp),%edx
    movl (%ecx),%eax
    movl (%edx),%ebx
    movl %eax, (%ecx)
    movl %ebx, (%edx)
    movl -4(%ebp),%ebx
    movl %ebp,%esp
    popl %ebp
    ret
```

Setup

Body

Finish

Swap in 64-bit Mode

```
void swap(int *xp, int *yp)
{
    int t0 = *xp;
    int t1 = *yp;
    *xp = t1;
    *yp = t0;
}

swap:
    movl    (%rdi), %edx
    movl    (%rsi), %eax
    movl    %eax, (%rdi)
    movl    %edx, (%rsi)
    retq
```

- **Operands passed in registers (why useful?)**
 - First (xp) in %rdi, second (yp) in %rsi
 - 64-bit pointers
- **No stack operations required**
- **32-bit data**
 - Data held in registers %eax and %edx
 - movl operation

Swap Long Ints in 64-bit Mode

```
void swap_l
(long int *xp, long int *yp)
{
    long int t0 = *xp;
    long int t1 = *yp;
    *xp = t1;
    *yp = t0;
}

swap_l:
    movq    (%rdi), %rdx
    movq    (%rsi), %rax
    movq    %rax, (%rdi)
    movq    %rdx, (%rsi)
    retq
```

- **64-bit data**
 - Data held in registers %rax and %rdx
 - movq operation
 - "q" stands for quad-word

x86-64 Switch Implementation

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

```
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
```

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
```

Reading Condition Codes: x86-64

■ SetX Instructions:

- Set single byte based on combination of condition codes
- Does not alter remaining 3 bytes

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

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

Body (same for both)

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

Is %rax zero?

Yes: 32-bit instructions set high order 32 bits to 0!

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

■ Conditional move instruction

- `cmovC src, dest`
- Move value from src to dest if condition C holds
- More efficient than conditional branching (simple control flow)
- But overhead: both branches are evaluated

General Form with Conditional Move

C Code

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

Conditional Move Version

```
val1 = Then-Expr;
val2 = Else-Expr;
val1 = val2 if !Test;
```

- Both values get computed
- Overwrite then-value with else-value if condition doesn't hold
- **Don't use when:**
 - Then or else expression have side effects
 - Then and else expression are too expensive

■ 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

```
000000000000400700 <switch_eg>:
    40070d: 77 07                ja     400716
    40070f: ff 24 fd 90 09 40 00 jmpq   *0x400990(, %rdi, 8)
```

- Label **.L61** becomes address **0x000000000400716**
- Label **.L62** becomes address **0x000000000400990**

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

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

- **Jump Table**
 - Can inspect using GDB

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

 - Examine `Z` hexadecimal format "giant words" (8-bytes each)
 - Use command "`help x`" to get format documentation

```
0x400990:
0x00000000000400716
0x00000000000400739
0x00000000000400720
0x0000000000040072b
0x00000000000400716
0x00000000000400732
0x00000000000400732
```

- Can inspect using GDB


```
gdb asm-cnt1
(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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