Conditional Processing

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Presentation Outline

- Boolean and Comparison Instructions
- Conditional Jumps
- Conditional Loop Instructions
- Translating Conditional Structures
- Indirect Jump and Table-Driven Selection
- Application: Sorting an Integer Array

AND Instruction

- Bitwise AND between each pair of matching bits

  AND *destination, source*

- Following operand combinations are allowed

  AND *reg, reg*
  AND *reg, mem*
  AND *reg, imm*
  AND *mem, reg*
  AND *mem, imm*

Operands can be 8, 16, or 32 bits and they must be of the same size

AND

x	y	x ∧ y
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

- AND instruction is often used to clear selected bits

```
  00111011
AND 00001111
cleared ---- 00001011 ---- unchanged
```


Converting Characters to Uppercase

- AND instruction can convert characters to uppercase

  'a' = 0 1 **1** 0 0 0 0 1 'b' = 0 1 **1** 0 0 0 1 0

  'A' = 0 1 **0** 0 0 0 0 1 'B' = 0 1 **0** 0 0 0 1 0

- Solution: Use the AND instruction to **clear bit 5**

```
    mov  ecx, LENGTHOF mystring
    mov  esi, OFFSET mystring
L1: and  BYTE PTR [esi], 11011111b ; clear bit 5
    inc  esi
    loop L1
```


OR Instruction

- Bitwise OR operation between each pair of matching bits

  OR *destination, source*

- Following operand combinations are allowed

  OR *reg, reg*
  OR *reg, mem*
  OR *reg, imm*
  OR *mem, reg*
  OR *mem, imm*

Operands can be 8, 16, or 32 bits and they must be of the same size

OR

x	y	x ∨ y
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

- OR instruction is often used to set selected bits

```
  00111011
OR 11110000
set ---- 11111011 ---- unchanged
```


Converting Characters to Lowercase

- OR instruction can convert characters to lowercase

  'A' = 0 1 **0** 0 0 0 0 1 'B' = 0 1 **0** 0 0 0 1 0

  'a' = 0 1 **1** 0 0 0 0 1 'b' = 0 1 **1** 0 0 0 1 0

- Solution: Use the OR instruction to **set bit 5**

```
    mov  ecx, LENGTHOF mystring
    mov  esi, OFFSET mystring
L1: or   BYTE PTR [esi], 20h       ; set bit 5
    inc  esi
    loop L1
```

Converting Binary Digits to ASCII

- OR instruction can convert a binary digit to ASCII

  0 = 0 0 **0 0** 0 0 0 0 1 = 0 0 **0 0** 0 0 0 1

  '0' = 0 0 **1 1** 0 0 0 0 '1' = 0 0 **1 1** 0 0 0 1

- Solution: Use the OR instruction to **set bits 4 and 5**

```
or  al,30h  ; Convert binary digit 0 to 9 to ASCII
```

- What if we want to convert an ASCII digit to binary?
- Solution: Use the AND instruction to **clear bits 4 to 7**

```
and al,0Fh  ; Convert ASCII '0' to '9' to binary
```


XOR Instruction

- Bitwise XOR between each pair of matching bits

  XOR *destination, source*

- Following operand combinations are allowed

  XOR *reg, reg*
  XOR *reg, mem*
  XOR *reg, imm*
  XOR *mem, reg*
  XOR *mem, imm*

Operands can be 8, 16, or 32 bits and they must be of the same size

XOR

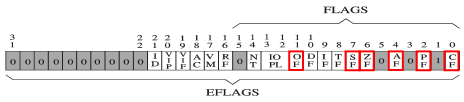
x	y	x ⊕ y
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

- XOR instruction is often used to invert selected bits

```
  00111011
XOR 11110000
  ----------
  11001011
```

inverted — unchanged

Affected Status Flags



The six status flags are affected

1. Carry Flag: Cleared by AND, OR, and XOR
2. Overflow Flag: Cleared by AND, OR, and XOR
3. Sign Flag: Copy of the sign bit in result
4. Zero Flag: Set when result is zero
5. Parity Flag: Set when parity in least-significant byte is even
6. Auxiliary Flag: Undefined by AND, OR, and XOR

String Encryption Program

- Tasks:
  - Input a message (string) from the user
  - Encrypt the message
  - Display the encrypted message
  - Decrypt the message
  - Display the decrypted message
- Sample Output

```
Enter the plain text: Attack at dawn.
Cipher text: «¢¢ÄÎä-Ä¢-ïÄÿü-Gs
Decrypted: Attack at dawn.
```


Encrypting a String

```
KEY    = 239            ; Can be any byte value
BUFMAX = 128
.data
buffer  BYTE  BUFMAX+1 DUP(0)
bufSize DWORD BUFMAX
```

The following loop uses the XOR instruction to transform every character in a string into a new value

```
   mov ecx, bufSize     ; loop counter
   mov esi, 0           ; index 0 in buffer
L1:
   xor buffer[esi], KEY ; translate a byte
   inc esi              ; point to next byte
   loop L1
```


TEST Instruction

- Bitwise AND operation between each pair of bits

  TEST *destination, source*

- The flags are affected similar to the AND Instruction
- However, TEST does NOT modify the destination operand
- TEST instruction can check several bits at once
  - Example: Test whether bit 0 or bit 3 is set in AL
  - Solution: `test al, 00001001b  ; test bits 0 & 3`
  - We only need to check the zero flag

```
; If zero flag => both bits 0 and 3 are clear
; If Not zero  => either bit 0 or 3 is set
```

NOT Instruction

- Inverts all the bits in a destination operand

  NOT *destination*

- Result is called the 1's complement
- Destination can be a register or memory

  NOT *reg*

  NOT *mem*

NOT 00111011

11000100 ← inverted

NOT

x	¬x
F	T
T	F

- None of the Flags is affected by the NOT instruction

CMP Instruction

- CMP (Compare) instruction performs a subtraction

  Syntax: **CMP *destination, source***

  Computes: **destination – source**

- Destination operand is NOT modified
- All six flags: OF, CF, SF, ZF, AF, and PF are affected
- CMP uses the same operand combinations as SUB
  - Operands can be 8, 16, or 32 bits and must be of the same size
- Examples: assume EAX = 5, EBX = 10, and ECX = 5

```
cmp eax, ebx     ; OF=0, CF=1, SF=1, ZF=0
cmp eax, ecx     ; OF=0, CF=0, SF=0, ZF=1
```


Unsigned Comparison

- CMP can perform unsigned and signed comparisons
  - The *destination* and *source* operands can be unsigned or signed
- For unsigned comparison, we examine ZF and CF flags

Unsigned Comparison	ZF	CF
unsigned destination < unsigned source		1
unsigned destination > unsigned source	0	0
destination = source	1	

To check for equality, it is enough to check ZF flag

- CMP does a subtraction and CF is the borrow flag

  CF = 1 if and only if unsigned destination < unsigned source

- Assume AL = 5 and BL = -1 = FFh

```
cmp al, bl ; Sets carry flag CF = 1
```


Signed Comparison

- For signed comparison, we examine SF, OF, and ZF

Signed Comparison	Flags
signed destination < signed source	SF ≠ OF
signed destination > signed source	SF = OF, ZF = 0
destination = source	ZF = 1

- Recall for subtraction, the overflow flag is set when …
  - Operands have different signs and result sign ≠ destination sign
- CMP AL, BL (consider the four cases shown below)

Case 1	AL = 80	BL = 50	OF = 0	SF = 0	AL > BL
Case 2	AL = -80	BL = -50	OF = 0	SF = 1	AL < BL
Case 3	AL = 80	BL = -50	OF = 1	SF = 1	AL > BL
Case 4	AL = -80	BL = 50	OF = 1	SF = 0	AL < BL

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Conditional Structures

- No high-level control structures in assembly language
- Comparisons and conditional jumps are used to …
  - Implement conditional structures such as IF statements
  - Implement conditional loops
- Types of Conditional Jump Instructions
  - Jumps based on specific flags
  - Jumps based on equality
  - Jumps based on the value of CX or ECX
  - Jumps based on unsigned comparisons
  - Jumps based on signed comparisons

Jumps Based on Specific Flags

- Conditional Jump Instruction has the following syntax:

```
Jcond destination    ; cond is the jump condition
```

- Destination
  Destination Label
- Prior to 386
  Jump must be within –128 to +127 bytes from current location
- IA-32
  32-bit offset permits jump anywhere in memory

Mnemonic	Description	Flags
JZ	Jump if zero	ZF = 1
JNZ	Jump if not zero	ZF = 0
JC	Jump if carry	CF = 1
JNC	Jump if not carry	CF = 0
JO	Jump if overflow	OF = 1
JNO	Jump if not overflow	OF = 0
JS	Jump if signed	SF = 1
JNS	Jump if not signed	SF = 0
JP	Jump if parity (even)	PF = 1
JNP	Jump if not parity (odd)	PF = 0

Jumps Based on Equality

Mnemonic	Description
JE	Jump if equal (*leftOp* = *rightOp*)
JNE	Jump if not equal (*leftOp* ≠ *rightOp*)
JCXZ	Jump if CX = 0
JECXZ	Jump if ECX = 0

- JE is equivalent to JZ
- JNE is equivalent to JNZ
- JECXZ
  Checked once at the beginning
  Terminate a loop if ECX is zero

```
  jecxz L2  ; exit loop
L1: . . .   ; loop body
  loop L1
L2:
```


Examples of Jump on Zero

- Task: Check whether integer value in EAX is even

  Solution: TEST whether the least significant bit is 0

  If zero, then EAX is even, otherwise it is odd

```
test eax, 1        ; test bit 0 of eax
jz   EvenVal       ; jump if Zero flag is set
```

- Task: Jump to label L1 if bits 0, 1, and 3 in AL are all set

  Solution:

```
and al,00001011b   ; clear bits except 0,1,3
cmp al,00001011b   ; check bits 0,1,3
je  L1             ; all set? jump to L1
```


Jumps Based on Unsigned Comparison

Mnemonic	Description
JA	Jump if above (if *leftOp* > *rightOp*)
JNBE	Jump if not below or equal (same as JA)
JAE	Jump if above or equal (if *leftOp* >= *rightOp*)
JNB	Jump if not below (same as JAE)
JB	Jump if below (if *leftOp* < *rightOp*)
JNAE	Jump if not above or equal (same as JB)
JBE	Jump if below or equal (if *leftOp* <= *rightOp*)
JNA	Jump if not above (same as JBE)

Task: Jump to a label if unsigned EAX is less than EBX

Solution:

```
cmp eax, ebx
jb  IsBelow
```

```
JB condition
CF = 1
```


Jumps Based on Signed Comparisons

Mnemonic	Description
JG	Jump if greater (if *leftOp* > *rightOp*)
JNLE	Jump if not less than or equal (same as JG)
JGE	Jump if greater than or equal (if *leftOp* >= *rightOp*)
JNL	Jump if not less (same as JGE)
JL	Jump if less (if *leftOp* < *rightOp*)
JNGE	Jump if not greater than or equal (same as JL)
JLE	Jump if less than or equal (if *leftOp* <= *rightOp*)
JNG	Jump if not greater (same as JLE)

Task: Jump to a label if signed EAX is less than EBX

Solution:

```
cmp eax, ebx
jl  IsLess
```

```
JL condition
OF ≠ SF
```


Compare and Jump Examples

Jump to L1 if unsigned EAX is greater than Var1

Solution:

```
cmp eax, Var1
ja L1
```

```
JA condition
CF = 0, ZF = 0
```

Jump to L1 if signed EAX is greater than Var1

Solution:

```
cmp eax, Var1
jg L1
```

```
JG condition
OF = SF, ZF = 0
```

Jump to L1 if signed EAX is greater than or equal to Var1

Solution:

```
cmp eax, Var1
jge L1
```

```
JGE condition
OF = SF
```

Computing the Max and Min

- Compute the Max of unsigned EAX and EBX

Solution:

```
   mov Max, eax    ; assume Max = eax
   cmp Max, ebx
   jae done
   mov Max, ebx    ; Max = ebx
done:
```

- Compute the Min of signed EAX and EBX

Solution:

```
   mov Min, eax    ; assume Min = eax
   cmp Min, ebx
   jle done
   mov Min, ebx    ; Min = ebx
done:
```


Application: Sequential Search

```
; Receives: esi = array address
;           ecx = array size
;           eax = search value
; Returns:  esi = address of found element

search PROC USES ecx
  jecxz notfound
L1:
  cmp  [esi], eax  ; array element = search value?
  je   found       ; yes? found element
  add  esi, 4      ; no? point to next array element
  loop L1
notfound:
  mov  esi, 0      ; if not found then esi = 0
found:
  ret              ; if found, esi = element address
search ENDP
```


BT Instruction

- BT = Bit Test Instruction
- Syntax:
  - BT *r/m16, r16*
  - BT *r/m32, r32*
  - BT *r/m16, imm8*
  - BT *r/m32, imm8*
- Copies bit *n* from an operand into the Carry flag
- Example: jump to label L1 if bit 9 is set in AX register

```
bt AX, 9         ; CF = bit 9
jc L1            ; jump if Carry to L1
```


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LOOPZ and LOOPE

- Syntax:

  LOOPE *destination*

  LOOPZ *destination*

- Logic:
  - ECX = ECX – 1
  - if ECX > 0 and ZF=1, jump to *destination*
- Useful when scanning an array for the first element that does not match a given value.

LOOPNZ and LOOPNE

- Syntax:

  LOOPNZ *destination*

  LOOPNE *destination*

- Logic:
  - ECX ← ECX – 1;
  - if ECX > 0 and ZF=0, jump to *destination*
- Useful when scanning an array for the first element that matches a given value.

LOOPZ Example

The following code finds the first negative value in an array

```
.data
array SWORD 17,10,30,40,4,-5,8
.code
   mov esi, OFFSET array – 2  ; start before first
   mov ecx, LENGTHOF array    ; loop counter
L1:
   add esi, 2                 ; point to next element
   test WORD PTR [esi], 8000h ; test sign bit
   loopz L1                   ; ZF = 1 if value >= 0
   jnz found                  ; found negative value
notfound:
   . . .          ; ESI points to last array element
found:
   . . .          ; ESI points to first negative value
```


Your Turn . . .

Locate the first zero value in an array

If none is found, let ESI be initialized to 0

```
.data
array SWORD -3,7,20,-50,10,0,40,4
.code
   mov esi, OFFSET array – 2  ; start before first
   mov ecx, LENGTHOF array    ; loop counter
L1:
   add esi, 2                 ; point to next element
   cmp WORD PTR [esi], 0      ; check for zero
   loopne L1                  ; continue if not zero
   JE Found
   XOR ESI, ESI
   Found:
```


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Block-Structured IF Statements

- ❖ IF statement in high-level languages (such as C or Java)
  - ✧ Boolean expression (evaluates to true or false)
  - ✧ List of statements performed when the expression is true
  - ✧ Optional list of statements performed when expression is false
- ❖ Task: Translate IF statements into assembly language
- ❖ Example:

```
if( var1 == var2 )
  X = 1;
else
  X = 2;
```

```
   mov eax,var1
   cmp eax,var2
   jne elsepart
   mov X,1
   jmp next
elsepart:
   mov X,2
next:
```


Your Turn . . .

- ❖ Translate the IF statement to assembly language
- ❖ All values are unsigned

```
if( ebx <= ecx )
{
  eax = 5;
  edx = 6;
}
```

```
   cmp ebx,ecx
   ja  next
   mov eax,5
   mov edx,6
next:
```

There can be multiple correct solutions

Your Turn . . .

- ❖ Implement the following IF in assembly language
- ❖ All variables are 32-bit signed integers

```
if (var1 <= var2) {
  var3 = 10;
}
else {
  var3 = 6;
  var4 = 7;
}
```

```
   mov eax,var1
   cmp eax,var2
   jle ifpart
   mov var3,6
   mov var4,7
   jmp next
ifpart:
   mov var3,10
next:
```

There can be multiple correct solutions

Compound Expression with AND

- HLLs use short-circuit evaluation for logical AND
- If first expression is false, second expression is skipped

```
if ((al > bl) && (bl > cl)) {X = 1;}
```

```
; One Possible Implementation ...
   cmp al, bl      ; first expression ...
   ja  L1          ; unsigned comparison
   jmp next
L1: cmp bl,cl      ; second expression ...
   ja  L2          ; unsigned comparison
   jmp next
L2: mov X,1        ; both are true
next:
```


Better Implementation for AND

```
if ((al > bl) && (bl > cl)) {X = 1;}
```

The following implementation uses less code

By reversing the relational operator, We allow the program to fall through to the second expression

Number of instructions is reduced from 7 to 5

```
   cmp al,bl       ; first expression...
   jbe next        ; quit if false
   cmp bl,cl       ; second expression...
   jbe next        ; quit if false
   mov X,1         ; both are true
next:
```


Your Turn . . .

- Implement the following IF in assembly language
- All values are unsigned

```
if ((ebx <= ecx) &&
    (ecx > edx))
{
  eax = 5;
  edx = 6;
}
```

```
   cmp ebx,ecx
   ja  next
   cmp ecx,edx
   jbe next
   mov eax,5
   mov edx,6
next:
```


Application: IsDigit Procedure

Receives a character in AL

Sets the Zero flag if the character is a decimal digit

```
if (al >= '0' && al <= '9') {ZF = 1;}
```

```
IsDigit PROC
    cmp   al,'0'     ; AL < '0' ?
    jb    L1         ; yes? ZF=0, return
    cmp   al,'9'     ; AL > '9' ?
    ja    L1         ; yes? ZF=0, return
    test  al, 0      ; ZF = 1
L1: ret
IsDigit ENDP
```


Compound Expression with OR

- HLLs use short-circuit evaluation for logical OR
- If first expression is true, second expression is skipped

```
if ((al > bl) || (bl > cl)) {X = 1;}
```

- Use fall-through to keep the code as short as possible

```
    cmp al,bl      ; is AL > BL?
    ja  L1         ; yes, execute if part
    cmp bl,cl      ; no: is BL > CL?
    jbe next       ; no: skip if part
L1: mov X,1        ; set X to 1
next:
```


WHILE Loops

A WHILE loop can be viewed as

IF statement followed by
The body of the loop, followed by
Unconditional jump to the top of the loop

```
while( eax < ebx) { eax = eax + 1; }
```

This is a possible implementation:

```
top: cmp eax,ebx        ; eax < ebx ?
     jae next           ; false? then exit loop
     inc eax            ; body of loop
     jmp top            ; repeat the loop
next:
```

Your Turn . . .

Implement the following loop, assuming unsigned integers

```
while (ebx <= var1) {
   ebx  = ebx + 5;
   var1 = var1 - 1
}
```

```
top: cmp ebx,var1     ; ebx <= var1?
     ja  next         ; false? exit loop
     add ebx,5        ; execute body of loop
     dec var1
     jmp top          ; repeat the loop
next:
```


Yet Another Solution for While

Check the loop condition at the end of the loop

No need for JMP, loop body is reduced by 1 instruction

```
while (ebx <= var1) {
   ebx  = ebx + 5;
   var1 = var1 - 1
}
```

```
     cmp ebx,var1     ; ebx <= var1?
     ja  next         ; false? exit loop
top: add ebx,5        ; execute body of loop
     dec var1
     cmp ebx, var1    ; ebx <= var1?
     jbe top          ; true? repeat the loop
next:
```


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Indirect Jump

- Direct Jump: Jump to a Labeled Destination
  - Destination address is a constant
    - Address is encoded in the jump instruction
    - Address is an offset relative to EIP (Instruction Pointer)
- Indirect jump
  - Destination address is a variable or register
    - Address is stored in memory/register
    - Address is absolute
- Syntax: **`JMP`** ***`mem32/reg32`***
  - 32-bit absolute address is stored in *mem32/reg32* for FLAT memory
- Indirect jump is used to implement switch statements

Switch Statement

- Consider the following switch statement:

```
Switch (ch) {
   case '0': exit();
   case '1': count++; break;
   case '2': count--; break;
   case '3': count += 5; break;
   case '4': count -= 5; break;
   default : count = 0;
}
```

- How to translate above statement into assembly code?
- We can use a sequence of compares and jumps
- A better solution is to use the indirect jump

Implementing the Switch Statement

```
case0:
    exit
case1:
    inc count
    jmp exitswitch
case2:
    dec count
    jmp exitswitch
case3:
    add count, 5
    jmp exitswitch
case4:
    sub count, 5
    jmp exitswitch
default:
    mov count, 0
exitswitch:
```

There are many case labels. How to jump to the correct one?

Answer: Define a jump table and use indirect jump to jump to the correct label

Jump Table and Indirect Jump

- Jump Table is an array of double words
  - Contains the case labels of the switch statement
  - Can be defined inside the same procedure of switch statement

```
jumptable DWORD case0,
                case1,
                case2,
                case3,
                case4
```

Assembler converts labels to addresses

- Indirect jump uses jump table to jump to selected label

```
movzx eax, ch           ; move ch to eax
sub   eax, '0'          ; convert ch to a number
cmp   eax, 4            ; eax > 4 ?
ja    default           ; default case
jmp   jumptable[eax*4]  ; Indirect jump
```


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Bubble Sort

- Consider sorting an array of 5 elements: 5 1 3 2 4

First Pass (4 comparisons)

	5 1 3 2 4	
Compare 5 with 1 and swap:	1 5 3 2 4	(swap)
Compare 5 with 3 and swap:	1 3 5 2 4	(swap)
Compare 5 with 2 and swap:	1 3 2 5 4	(swap)
Compare 5 with 4 and swap:	1 3 2 4 5	(swap)

largest

Second Pass (3 comparisons)

Compare 1 with 3 (No swap):	1 3 2 4 5	(no swap)
Compare 3 with 2 and swap:	1 2 3 4 5	(swap)
Compare 3 with 4 (No swap):	1 2 3 4 5	(no swap)

Third Pass (2 comparisons)

Compare 1 with 2 (No swap):	1 2 3 4 5	(no swap)
Compare 2 with 3 (No swap):	1 2 3 4 5	(no swap)

No swapping during 3rd pass ⇒ array is now sorted

Bubble Sort Algorithm

- Algorithm: Sort *array* of given *size*

```
bubbleSort(array, size) {
  comparisons = size
  do {
    comparisons--;
    sorted = true;   // assume initially
    for (i = 0; i<comparisons; i++) {
      if (array[i] > array[i+1]) {
        swap(array[i], array[i+1]);
        sorted = false;
      }
    }
  } while (! sorted)
}
```


Bubble Sort Procedure – Slide 1 of 2

```
;-----------------------------------------------------
; bubbleSort: Sorts a DWORD array in ascending order
;             Uses the bubble sort algorithm
; Receives:   ESI = Array Address
;             ECX = Array Length
; Returns:    Array is sorted in place
;-----------------------------------------------------

bubbleSort PROC USES eax ecx edx
outerloop:
   dec  ECX        ; ECX = comparisons
   jz   sortdone   ; if ECX == 0 then we are done
   mov  EDX, 1     ; EDX = sorted = 1 (true)
   push ECX        ; save ECX = comparisons
   push ESI        ; save ESI = array address
```


Bubble Sort Procedure – Slide 2 of 2

```
innerloop:
   mov  EAX,[ESI]
   cmp  EAX,[ESI+4]    ; compare [ESI] and [ESI+4]
   jle  increment      ; [ESI]<=[ESI+4]? don't swap
   xchg EAX,[ESI+4]    ; swap [ESI] and [ESI+4]
   mov  [ESI],EAX
   mov  EDX,0          ; EDX = sorted = 0 (false)
increment:
   add  ESI,4          ; point to next element
   loop innerloop      ; end of inner loop
   pop  ESI            ; restore ESI = array address
   pop  ECX            ; restore ECX = comparisons
   cmp  EDX,1          ; sorted == 1?
   jne  outerloop      ; No? loop back
sortdone:
   ret                 ; return
bubbleSort ENDP
```

Summary

- Bitwise instructions (AND, OR, XOR, NOT, TEST)
  - Manipulate individual bits in operands
- CMP: compares operands using implied subtraction
  - Sets condition flags for later conditional jumps and loops
- Conditional Jumps & Loops
  - Flag values: JZ, JNZ, JC, JNC, JO, JNO, JS, JNS, JP, JNP
  - Equality: JE(JZ), JNE (JNZ), JCXZ, JECXZ
  - Signed: JG (JNLE), JGE (JNL), JL (JNGE), JLE (JNG)
  - Unsigned: JA (JNBE), JAE (JNB), JB (JNAE), JBE (JNA)
  - LOOPZ (LOOPE), LOOPNZ (LOOPNE)
- Indirect Jump and Jump Table