

Typically all arithmetic & logical instructions set the condition flags.

But LEAL does not update any flags.
→ intended for address computations.

But logical operators

AND, OR, XOR only update the ZF or the SF flag.

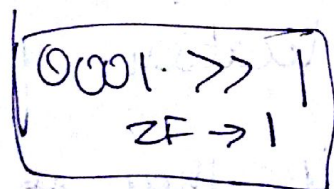
They do not ⇒ OF / CF

Why?

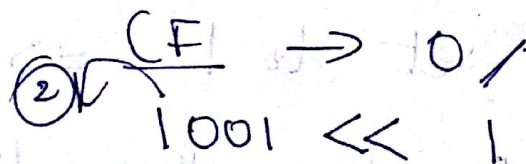
↓ Set them to zero.

Shift operators

CF → set to the last bit that was switched out



OF → 0
Always

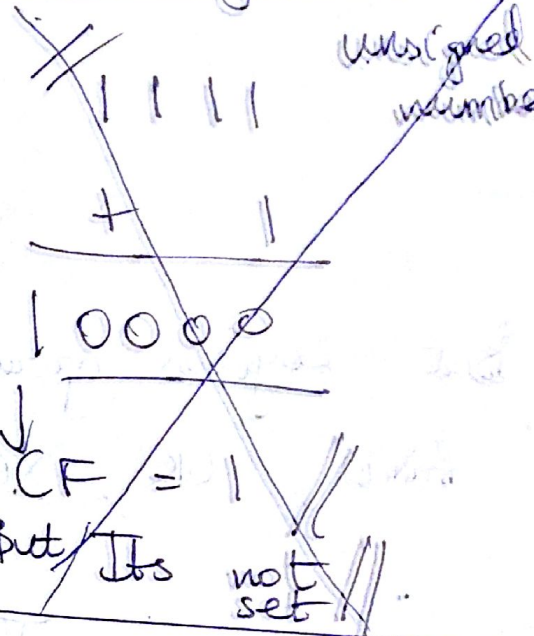


CF → 1

INC / DEC → Set the zero flag / Sign flag / OF.

But they do not set the carry flag //

Out of scope for this class!



Compare Instruction

Syntax → $CMP_{B, W, L} S_2, S_1$ //

Performs the operation → $S_1 - S_2$ //

Difference! It only sets the condition

code registers / change

It does not any other registers or memory location.

- ① ZF is set to 1 ⇒ if they are equal
- ② Based on how other flags are set, we can do comparisons ~~op~~ (we'll see briefly).

TEST instruction

TEST S₂, S₁
B ↓ ↓ ↓
 W L

It performs the operation $\rightarrow S_1 \& S_2$.

Except it only ^{modifies} the condition flags.

testl %eax, %eax

~~ZF~~ ZF = ~~1~~ 1 \Rightarrow

If $\%eax$ is zero
 \Rightarrow ZF will be 1

```
0000
x0000
-----
0000
```

~~SF~~ SF = 1 \Rightarrow

$\%eax$ is negative

```
1000
x1000
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1000
```

SF = 0 \Rightarrow

$\%eax$ is positive
or zero

Accessing the condition codes / flags

We don't access it directly.

We set a single BYTE to 0 or 1 based on some combo of the condition flags.

SET instruction(s)

① sete (or) setz \rightarrow D \leftarrow ZF (1 byte)

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 set zero.

0

② setne (or) setnz \rightarrow D \leftarrow \sim ZF

③ sets \rightarrow D \leftarrow SF (1 byte)

④ setns \rightarrow D \leftarrow \sim SF (1 byte)

(0000 0000) - 0
 (0000 0001) - 1

Fig 3.11 in CS:APP.

Signed SET instructions \rightarrow setg, setge, setl, setle.

Unsigned SET instructions \rightarrow seta, setae, setb, setbe.

↑ The descriptions will make more sense once we look at them in the context of the compare instruction.

For example -

CMP %eax , %edx If they are equal,
 $\frac{\%edx - \%eax = 0}{\Rightarrow ZF = 1}$

Example

if a < b

a is in %edx
b is in %ebx

↓
setz → set if zero.
(or)
sete → set if equal.

Cmp %ebx , %edx (a - b)

setl %al → al will be set to 0 if a is ~~not~~ lower than or equal to b . and 1 otherwise.
movzbl %al , %eax if it is!
(check next lecture's notes)

① `cmpl %ebx, %edx`

if $(a - b == 0)$, $ZF = 1$

if $(a - b < 0)$, $SF = 1$

if $(a - b >= 0)$, $SF = 0$

$OF = 1$ when $a = -8$ and $b = 4$.

$OF = 0$ when $a = 5$ and $b = 2$.

② `setl %al` ← a single byte register.

Performs the operation \Rightarrow (`setl D`)

$$D \leftarrow \underline{SF \wedge OF}$$

SF	OF	XOR	D
0	0		0
0	1		1
1	0		1
1	1		0

$a < b$

$a = 3 \rightarrow 0011$

$b = 4 \rightarrow 0100$ (+) 1100

$SF = 1$ $OF = 0$ // $D = 1$ 1111

$a = -8 \rightarrow 11111000$
 $b = 7 \rightarrow 0111$

0001

$SF = 0$ $OF = 1$ $D = 1$

0011

1100

1111

We talked about a quick way to check if a ^{signed} overflow (OF) happened when

ADDING two numbers. // For subtraction,

$$-8 - (7)$$

$$-8 + (-7)$$

$$-8 \Rightarrow 11000$$

$$-7 \Rightarrow 1001$$

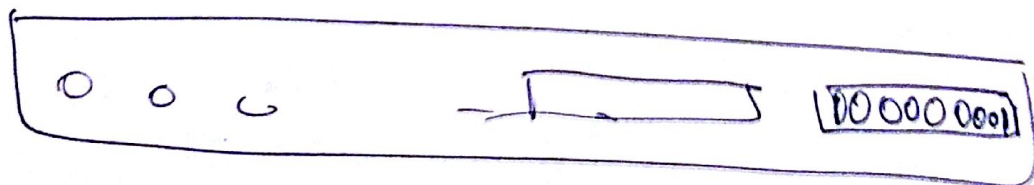
$$\begin{array}{r} 11000 \\ + 1001 \\ \hline 10001 \end{array}$$

$$OF = 1$$

③

movzbl %al, %eax

%eax



%al

②

So set the remaining most significant 3 bytes of eax to zero

①

%al is already set

JUMP instruction

Jump
↑

CAN cause the execution to switch to a completely new position in the program.

It depends on some condition.

or sometimes it may not depend on anything

Unconditional Jumps

① Direct Jump

Syntax → JMP Label

Eg
0x104 mov
0x106 jmp Label1
0x108 mov
add

Label1:

pushl
add

② Indirect Jump

Syntax → JMP *operand
↓
Operand.

Eg
jmp *%eax

→ Jumps to the value stored in eax

jump *(%eax)

→ Reads the jump target from the memory address stored in %eax.

Quick Aside

\sim → bitwise NOT

$!$ → logical NOT

\sim → simply flips the bits.

$\sim (0000) \rightarrow 1111$

$\sim (0101) \rightarrow 1010$

$!$ → (1) $!$ (Any non-zero number) → 0

$!$ (-5) → 0

$!$ (1) → 0

$!$ (20000) → 0

(2)

$!$ (0) → 1

$!! (-5) \rightarrow ! (0) \rightarrow 1$

2's complement of some unsigned number

7 \rightarrow 0111

To find out

Step 1

\rightarrow Flip the bits (0)

\rightarrow 1000

Step 2

\rightarrow Add 1 to it

\rightarrow 1001

$$-1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$$

$$= -8 + 0 + 0 + 1$$

$$= -7$$