

# Recall: RFLAGS register

## (it will play a role in control flow)

- RFLAGS contain different status flags
  - ZF, SF, CF, OF
- Certain instructions set status flags
  - Regular arithmetic instructions
  - Special flag-setting instructions
- Instructions that read RFLAGS to...
  - set register values
  - determine value of %rip

# Today's lesson plan

- Special instructions that set RFLAGS
  - `cmp`, `test`
- Instructions that read RFLAGS to set register values
  - `set`
- Instructions that (read RFLAGS to) set `%rip`
  - `jmp`

# Status flags summary

flag	status
<b>ZF</b> (Zero Flag)	set if the result is zero.
<b>SF</b> (Sign Flag)	set if the result is negative.
<b>CF</b> (Carry Flag)	Overflow for unsigned-integer arithmetic
<b>OF</b> (Overflow Flag)	Overflow for signed-integer arithmetic

Arithmetic instructions set RFLAGS, e.g. add, inc, and, sal

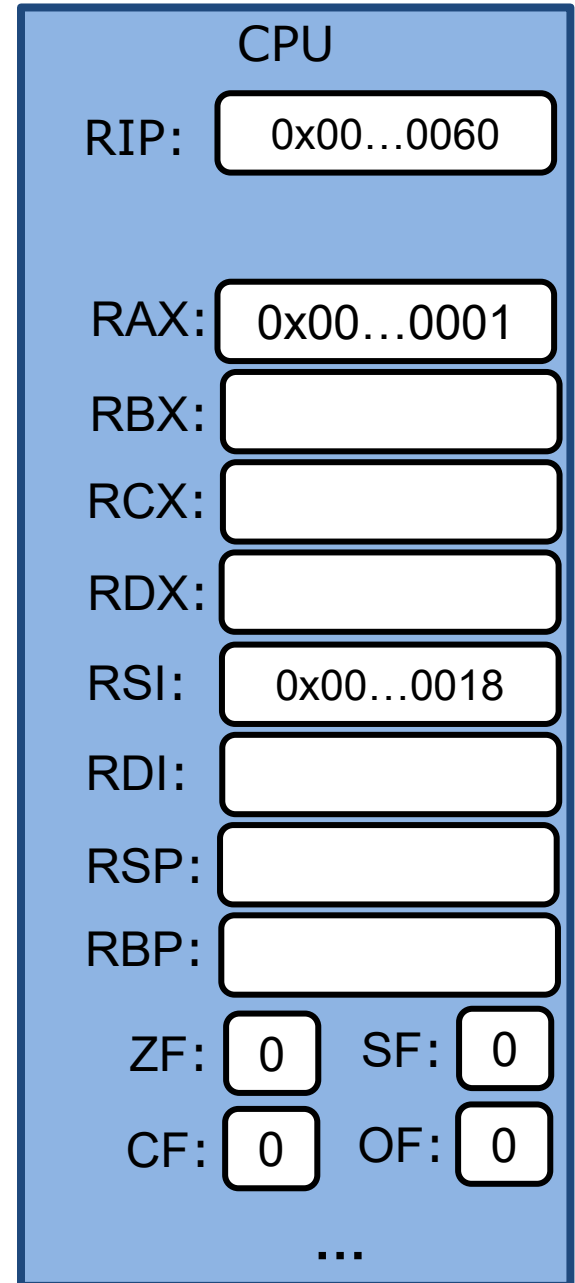
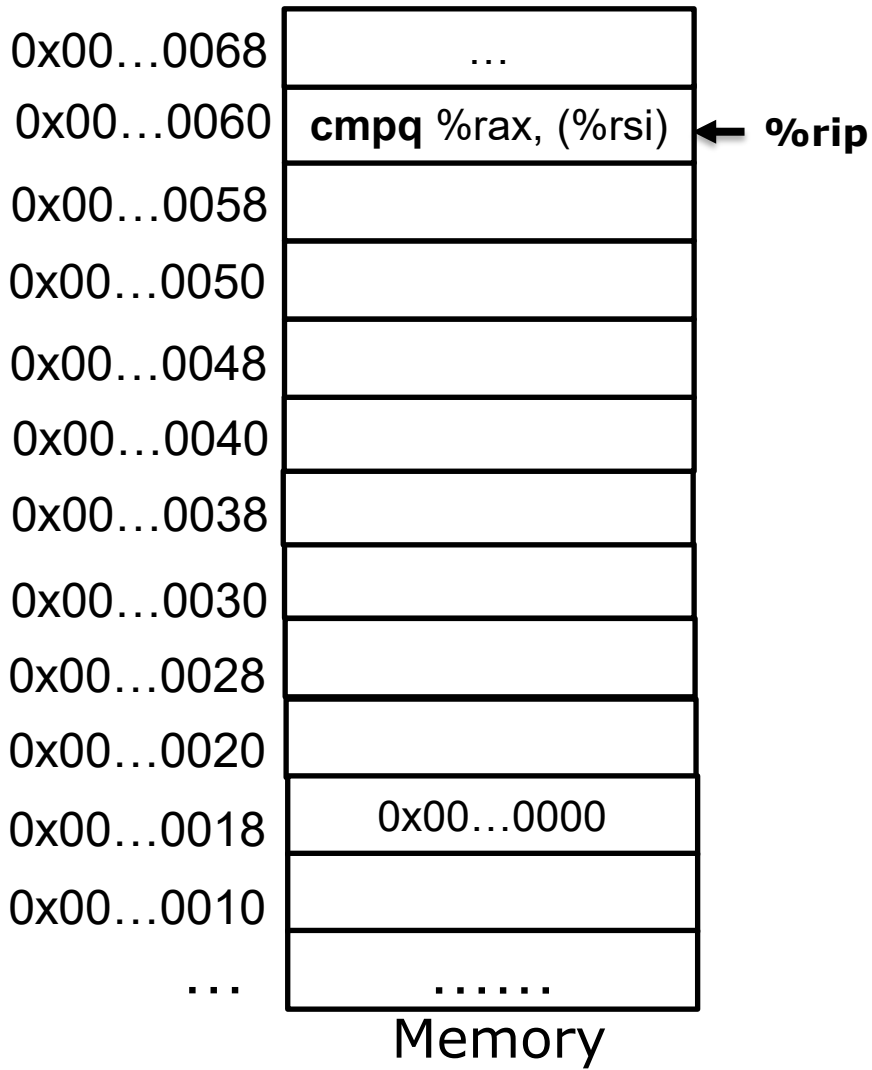
**lea, mov do not set RFLAGS**

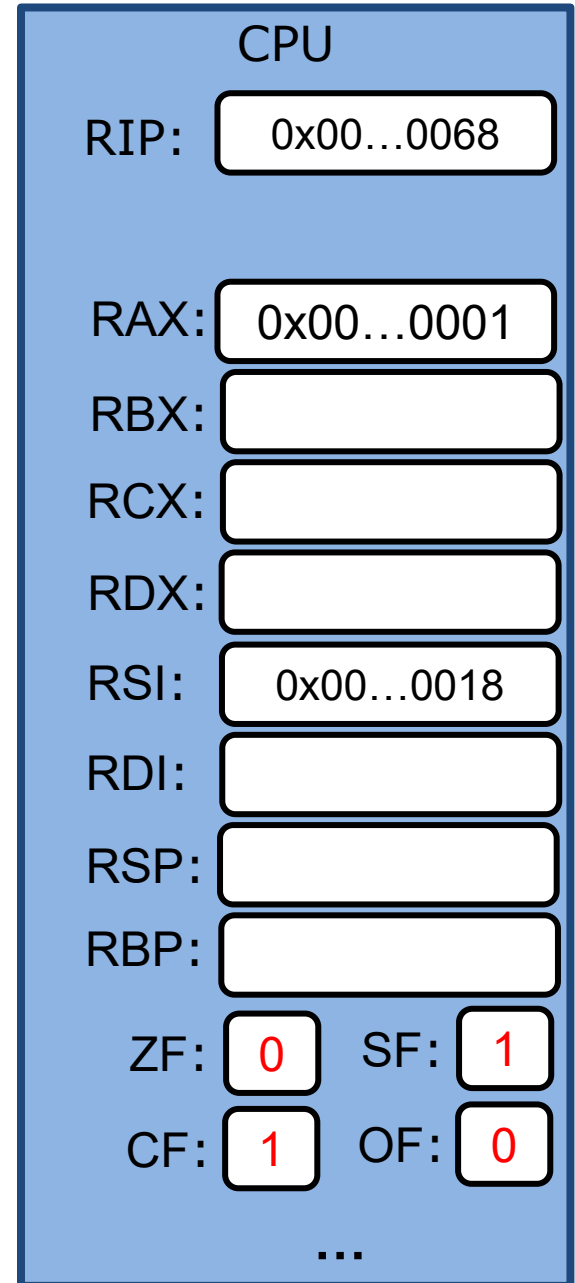
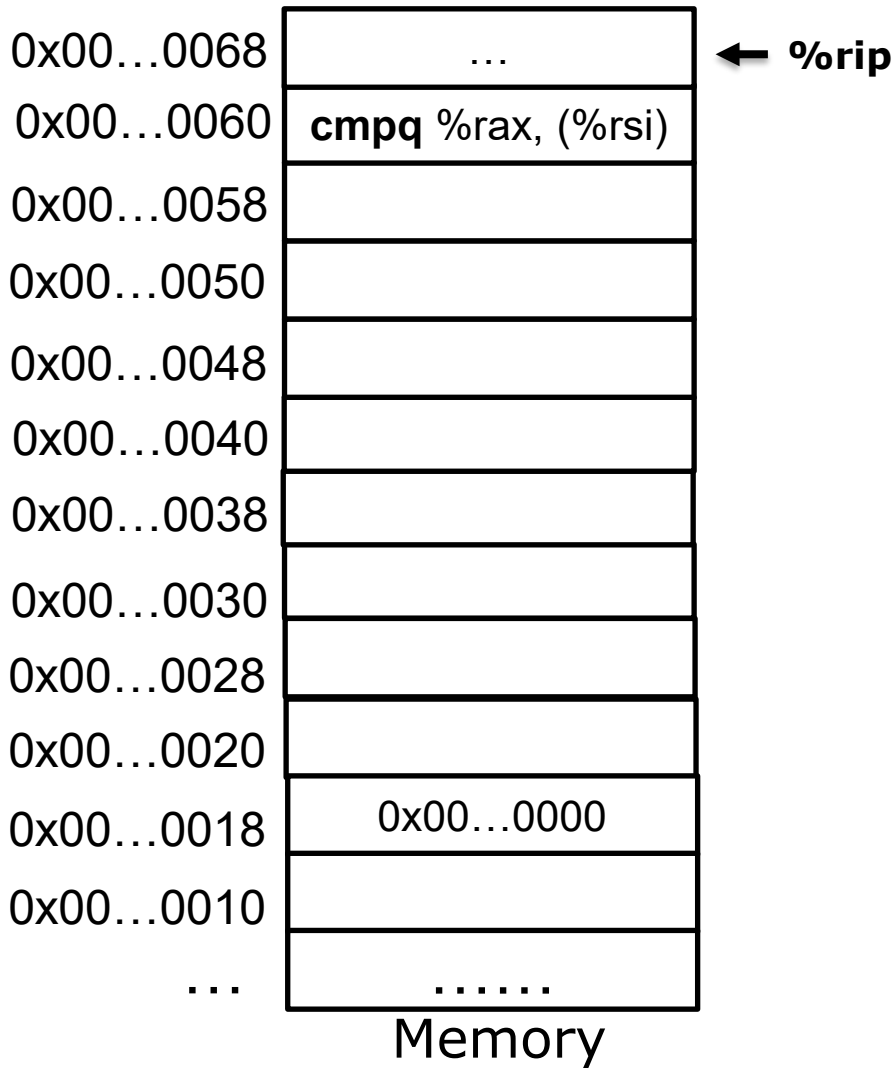
# Special instructions that set RFLAGS:

## cmp

**cmpq src, dst**

- Set CF, ZF, SF and OF like **subq src, dst** except dst is unchanged





# Special instructions that set RFLAGS: test

**testq src, dst**

- Set ZF, SF like `andq src, dst` except dst is unchanged

# Questions

**testq %rax, %rax**

- When is ZF set?
- When is SF set?



# Questions

**testq %rax, %rax**

- When is ZF set?  $\text{val}(\%rax) = 0x0$
- When is SF set?  $\text{val}(\%rax) < 0$

# Instructions that read RFLAGS: set

**set****X** dst

- Set dst to 1 (or 0) if condition is true (or false).
- Suffix (**X**) indicates which condition to test for
  - Truthfulness of condition depends on status flags in RFLAGS.
- dst is a 1-byte register or a byte in memory.

# setX dst

```
cmpq a, b  
setX dst
```

SF:true, OF:true  
SF:false, OF:false

← cmpq a=0xfff...ff, b=0x7f..ff

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)

b >= a

# Example

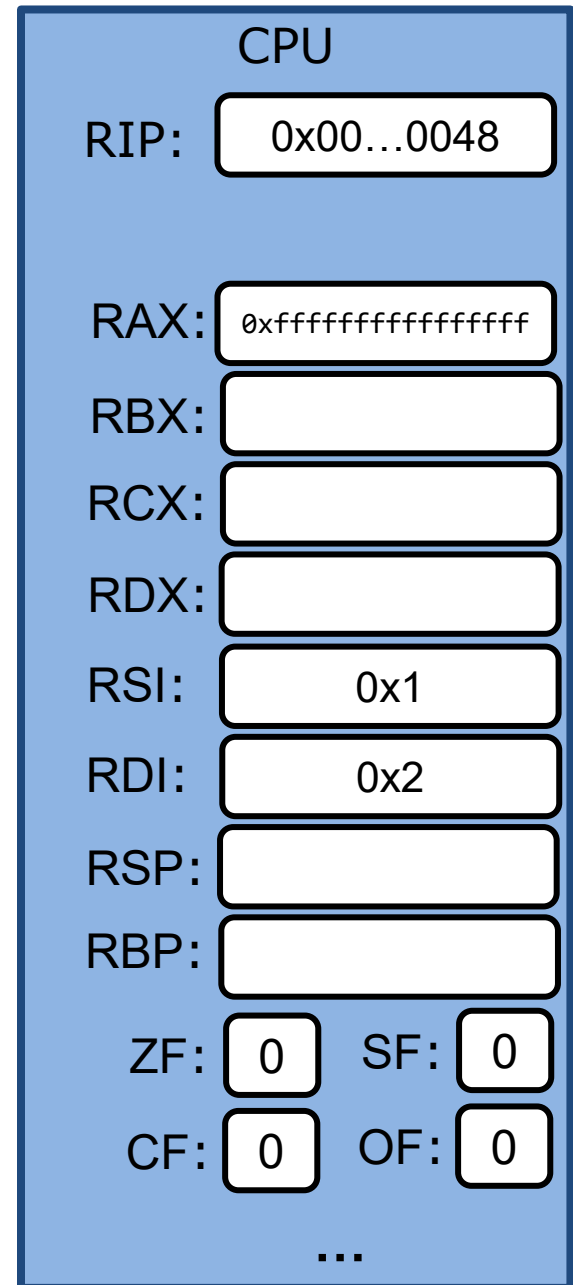
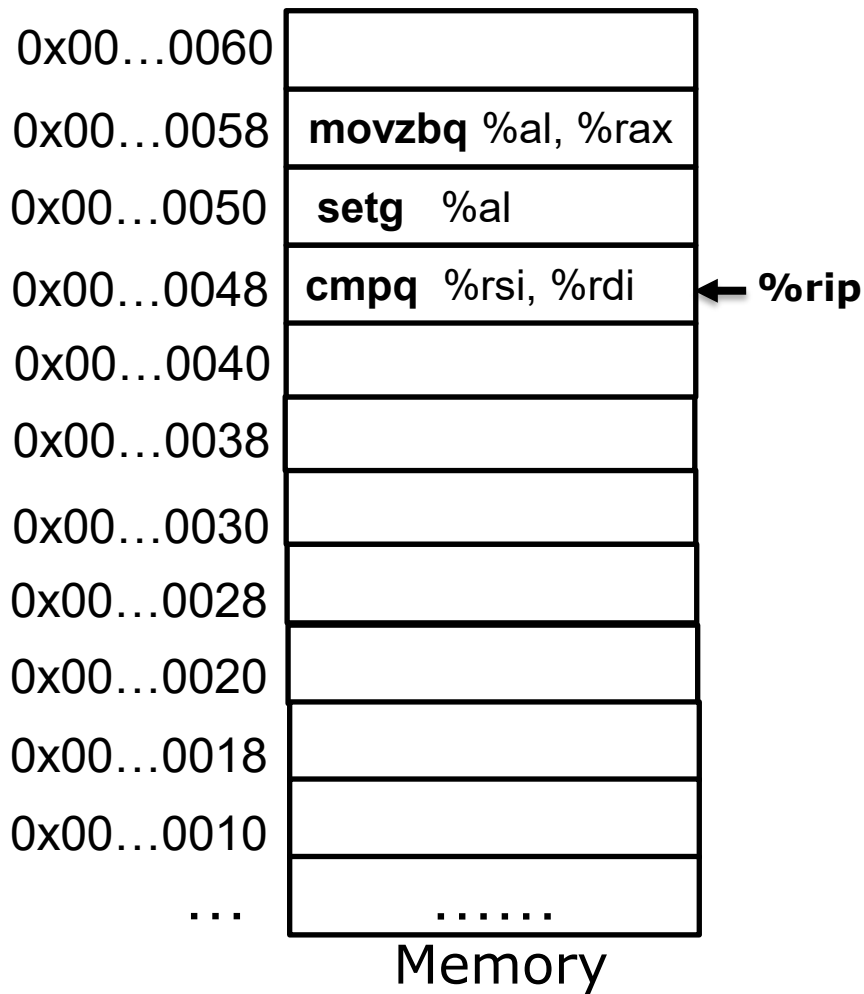
```
long gt (long x, long y)
{
    return x > y;
}
```

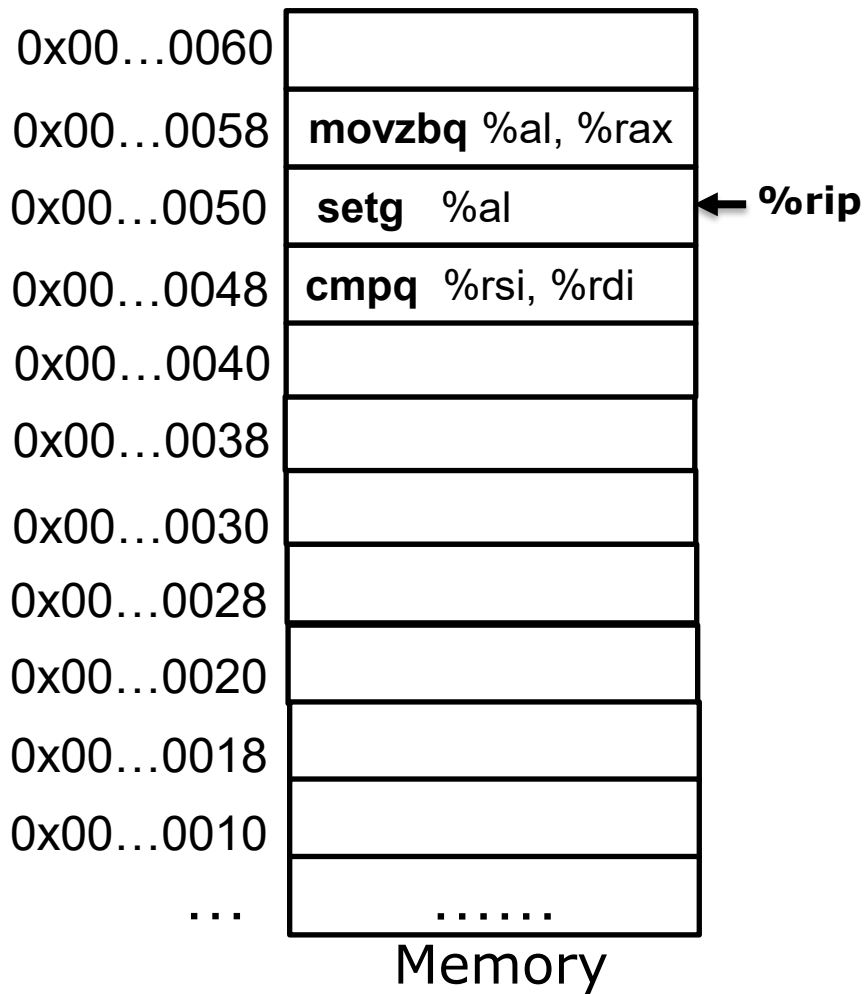
Register	Use(s)
<code>%rdi</code>	Argument <b>x</b>
<code>%rsi</code>	Argument <b>y</b>
<code>%rax</code>	Return value



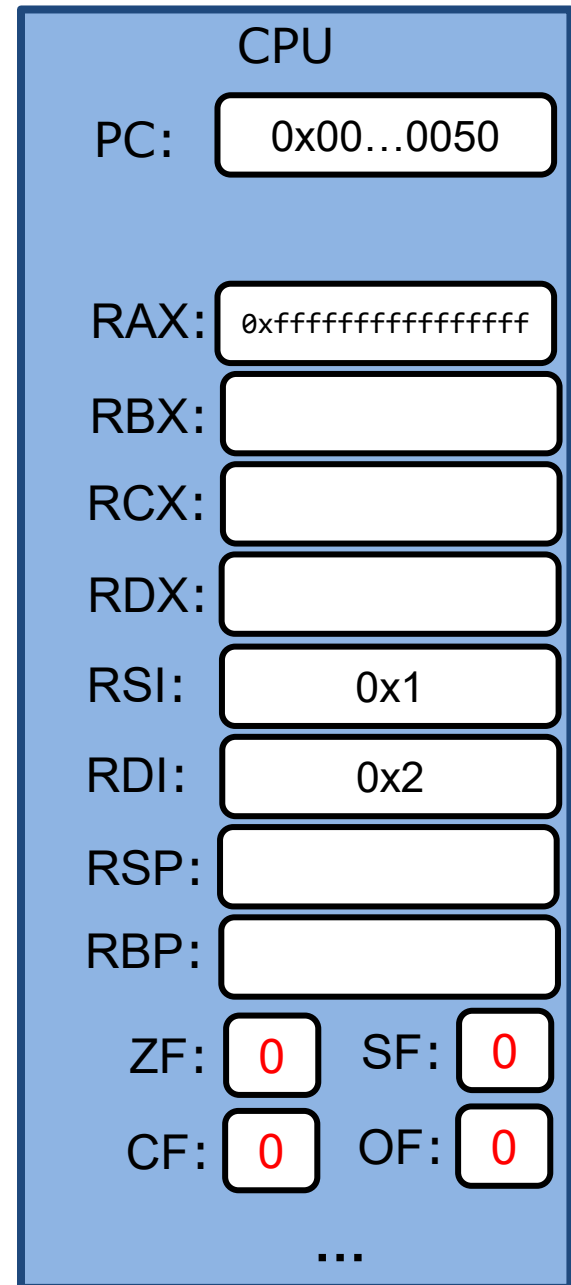
Least significant byte of `%rax` register

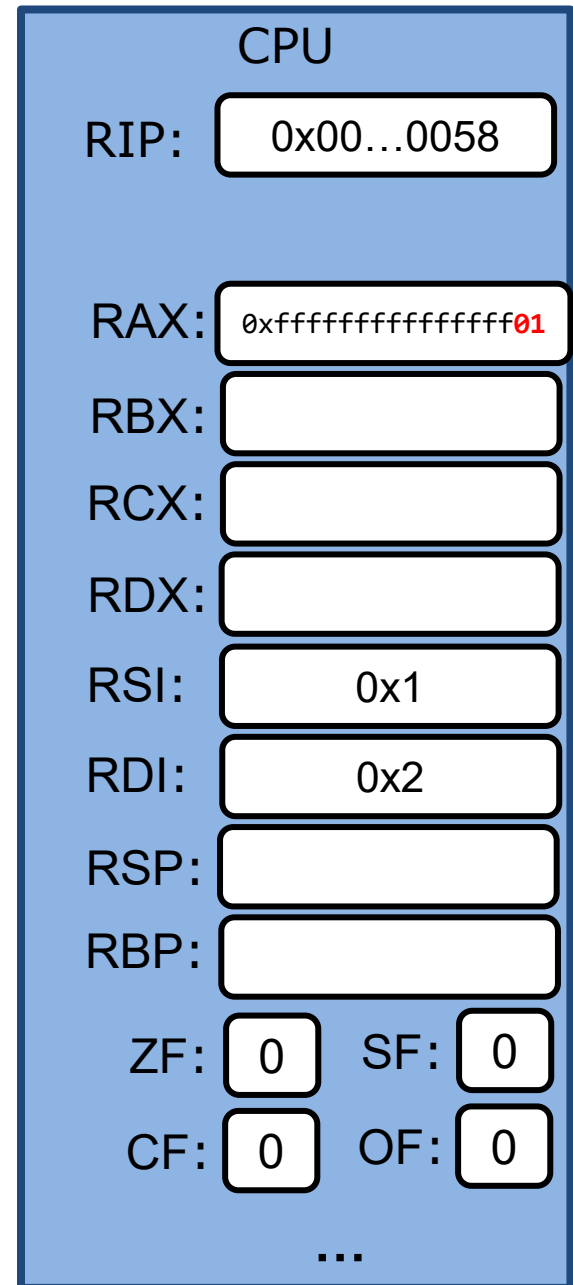
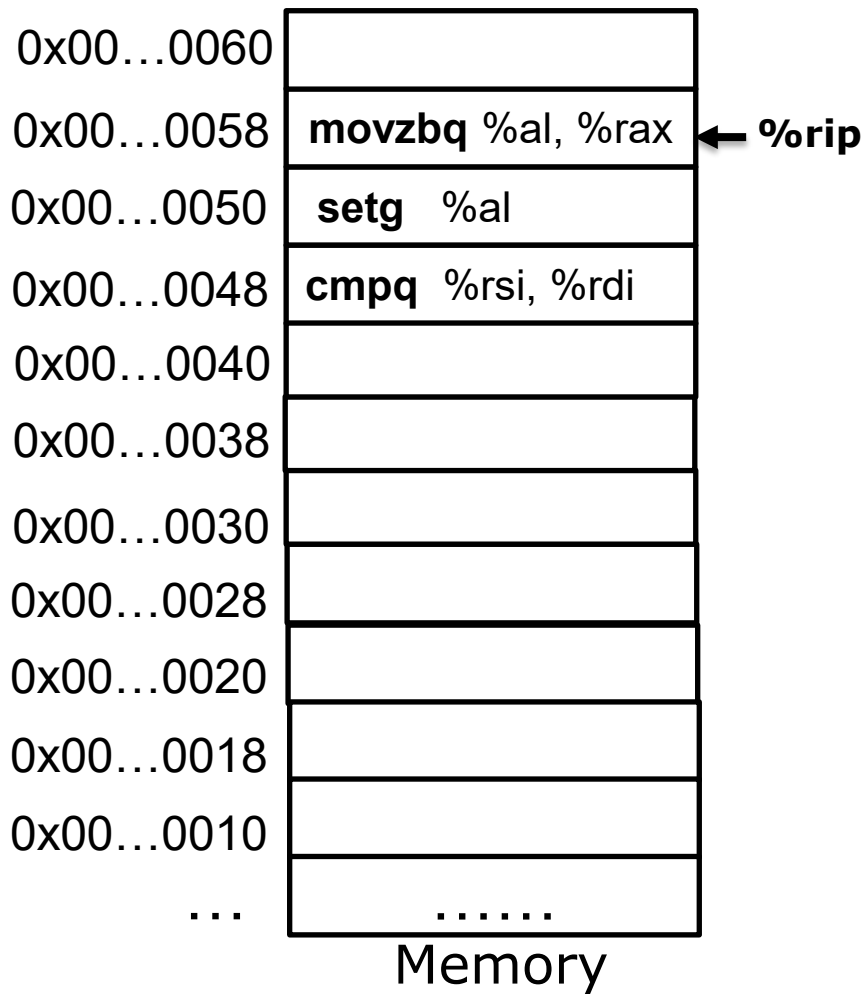
```
cmpq  %rsi, %rdi    # cmpq y x
setg  %al         # set when >
movzbq %al, %rax    # zero extend %rax
```

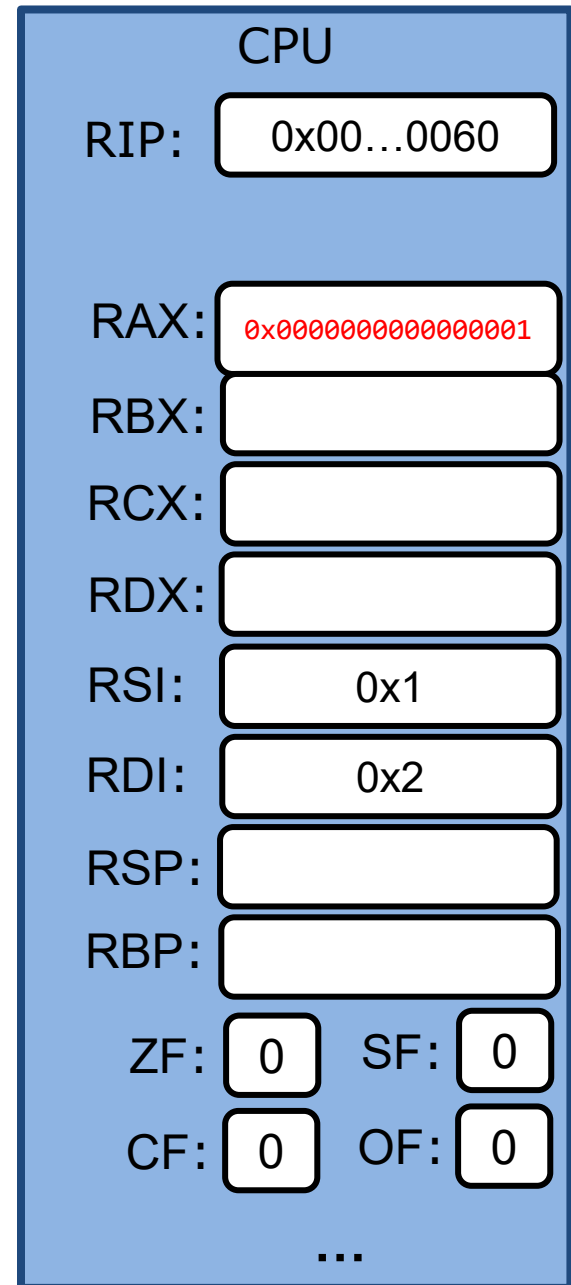
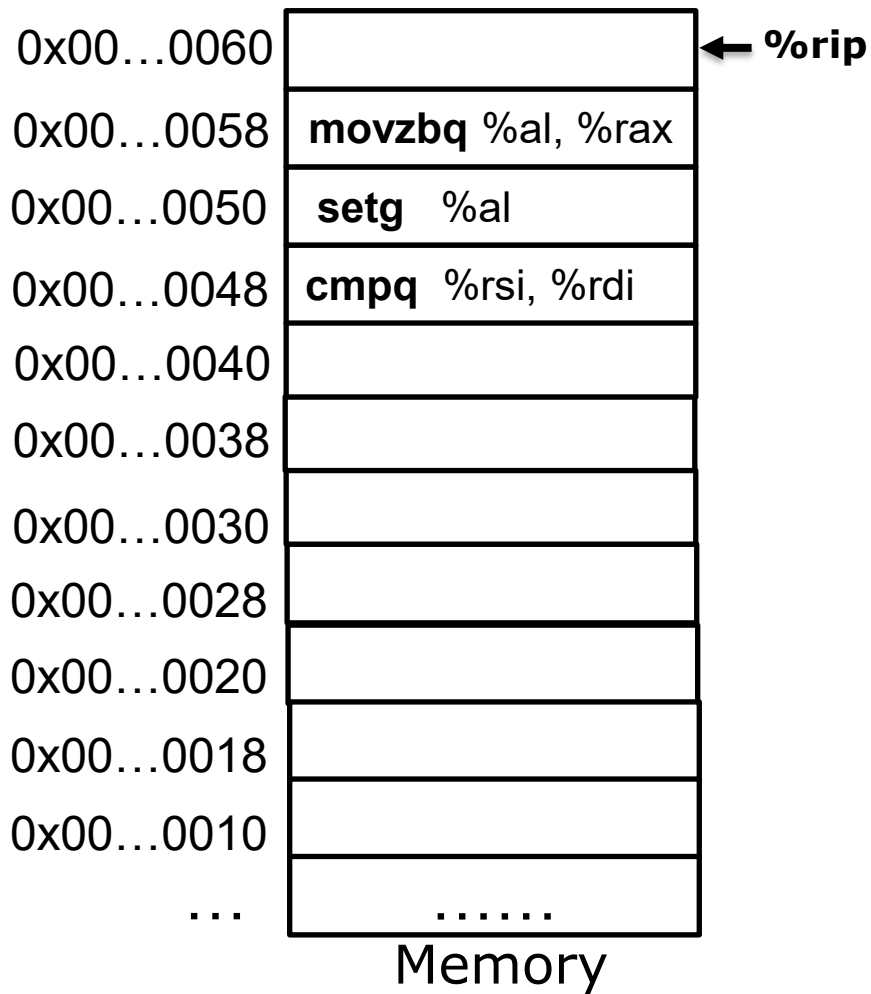




<b>setg</b>	<b><math>\sim (SF \wedge OF) \ \&amp; \ \sim ZF</math></b>
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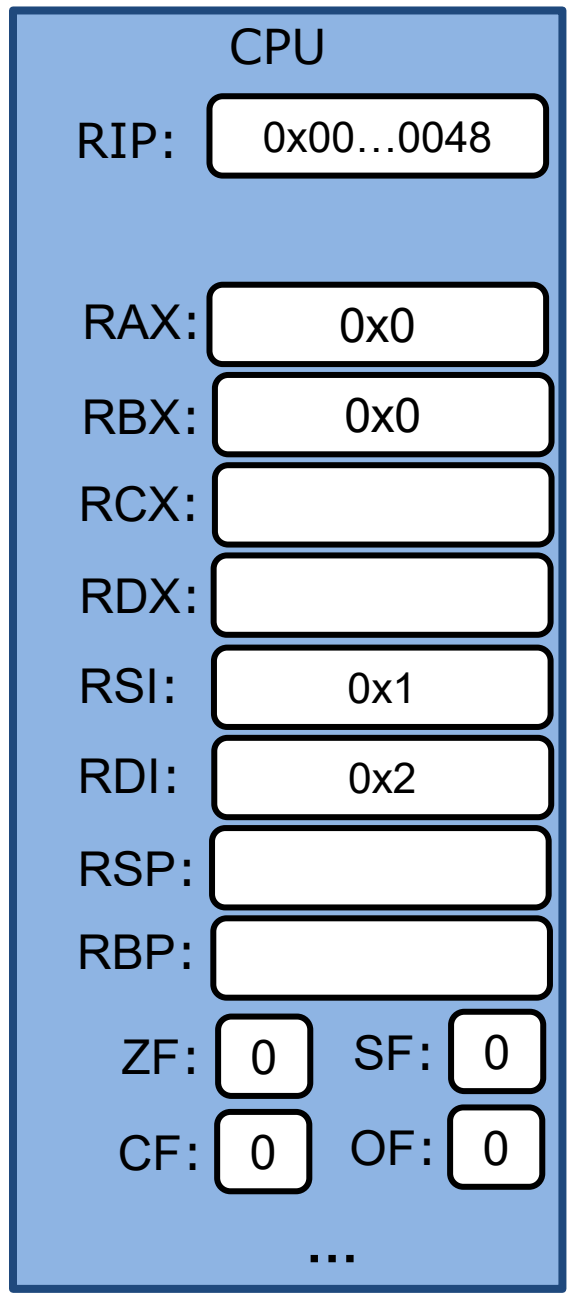
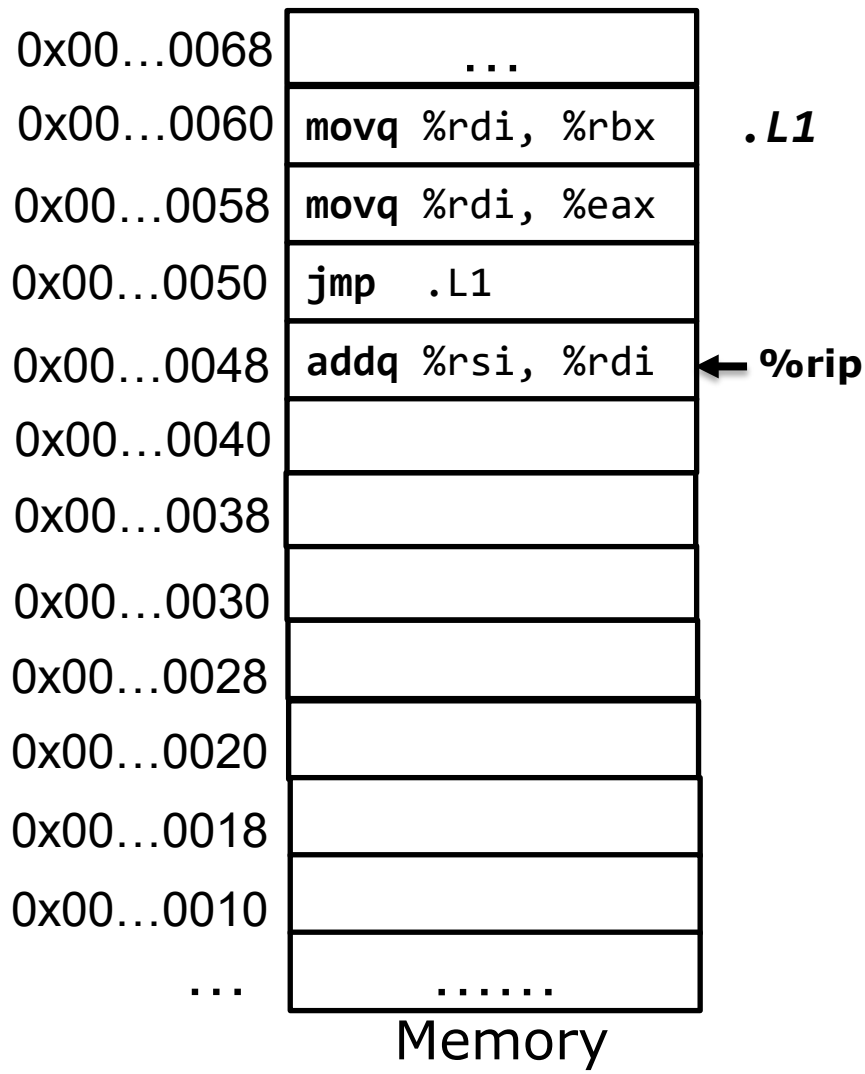
- Special instructions that set RFLAGS
  - Cmp, test
- Instructions that read RFLAGS to set register values
  - Set
- Instructions that (read RFLAGS to) set %rip
  - jmp

# (Unconditional) jump instruction

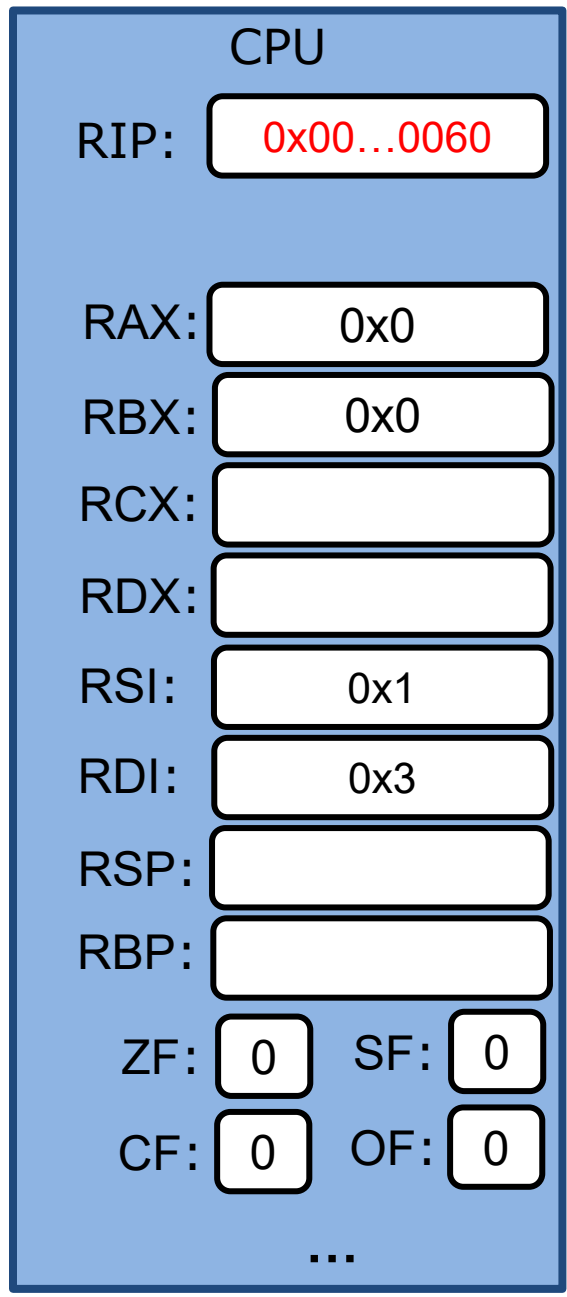
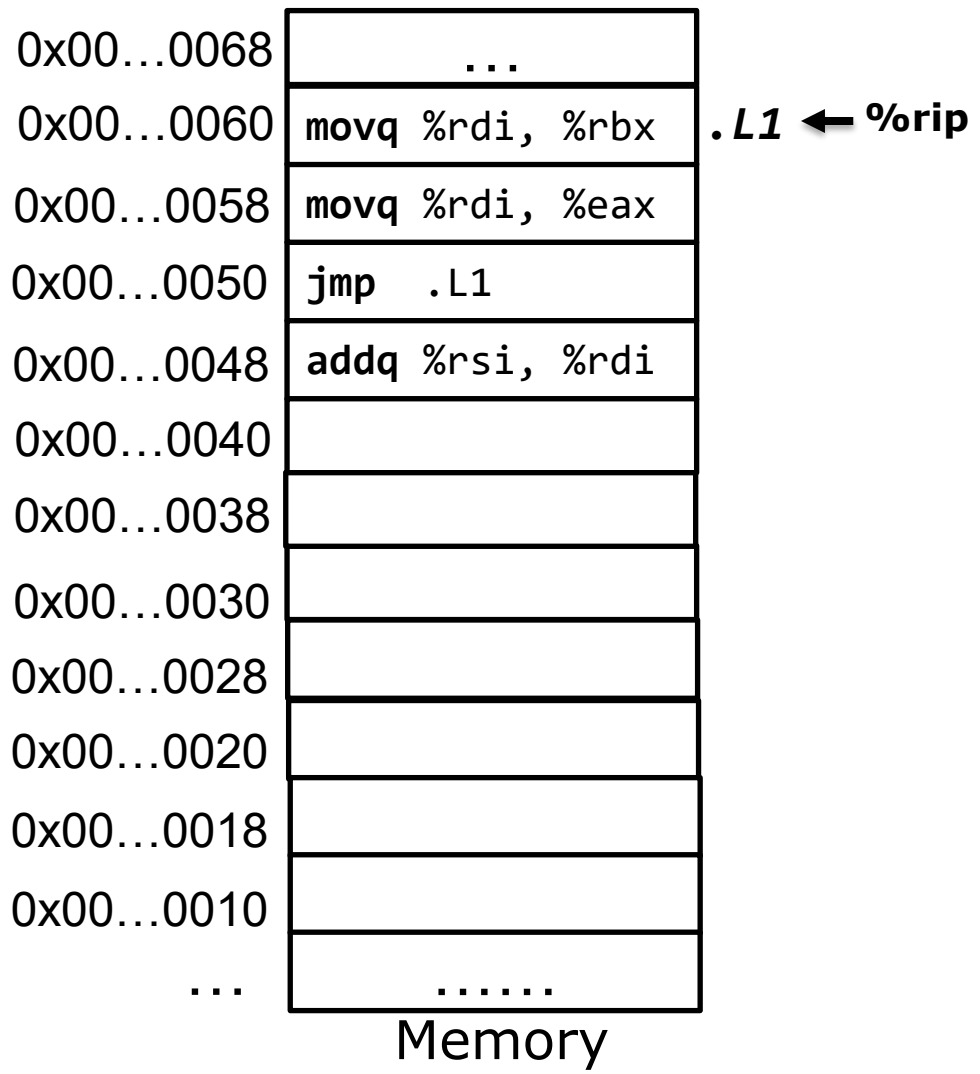
**jmp** label

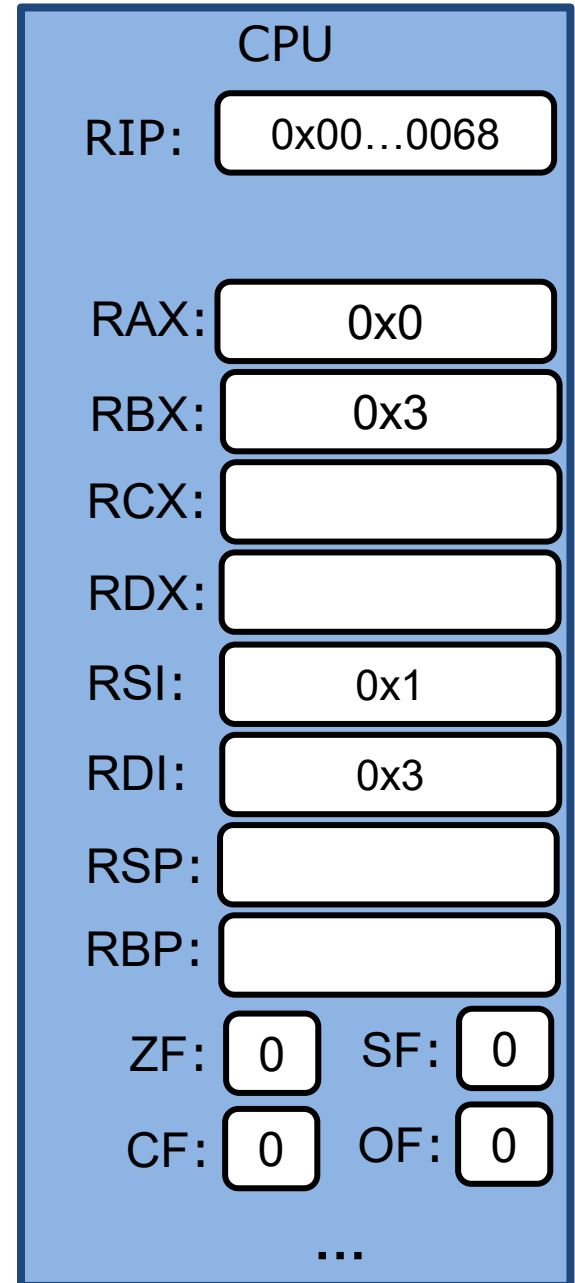
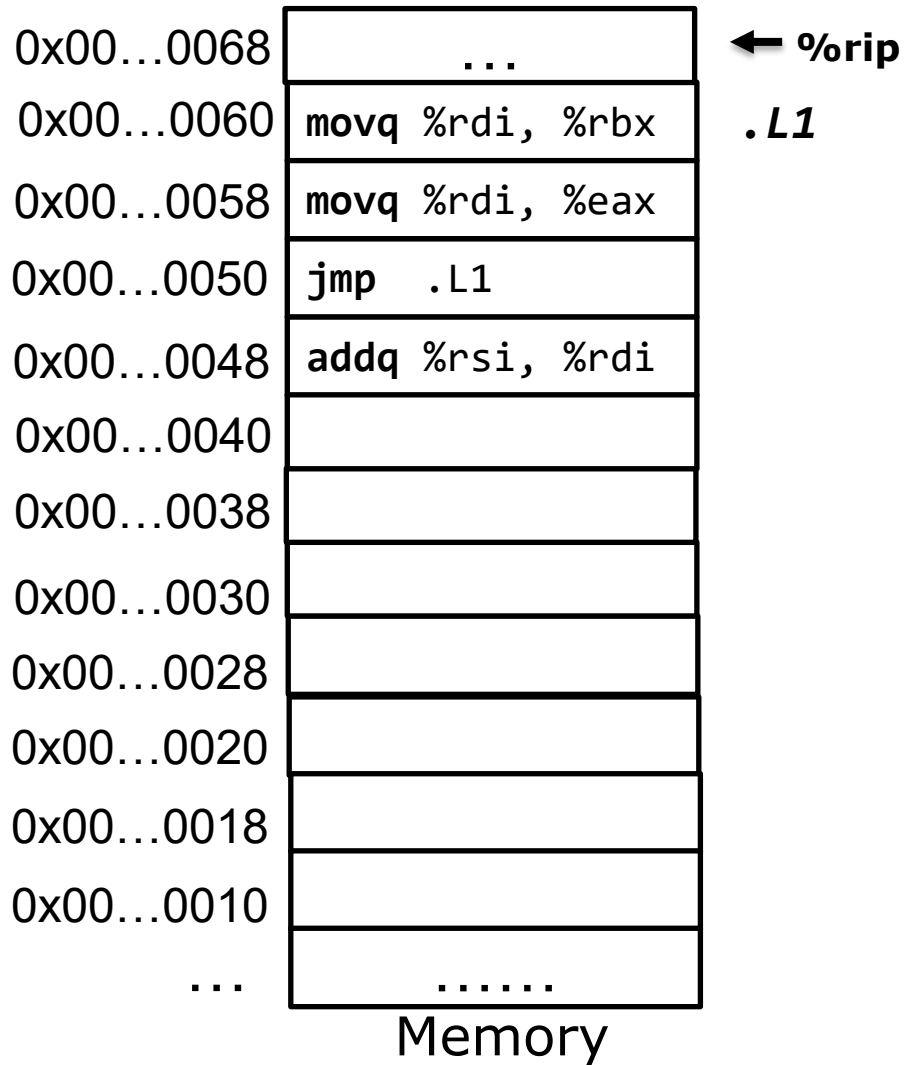
- Change %rip to the address specified by label
- jmp is like *goto*

```
addq %rsi, %rdi
jmp  .L1
movq %rdi, %eax
.L1
movq %rdi, %rbx
```







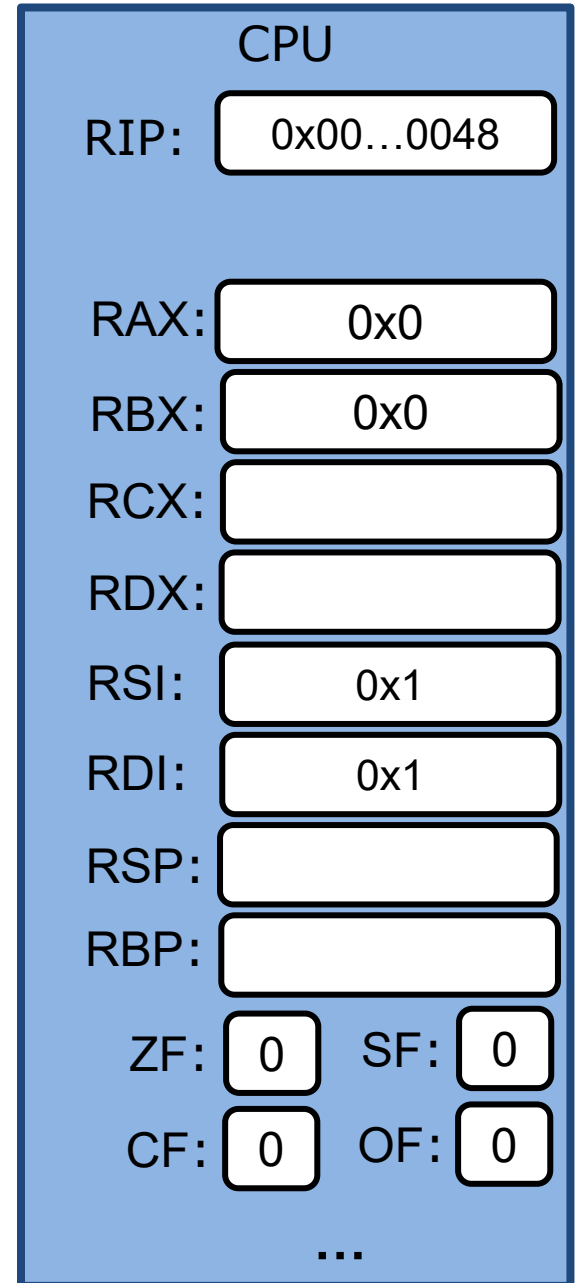
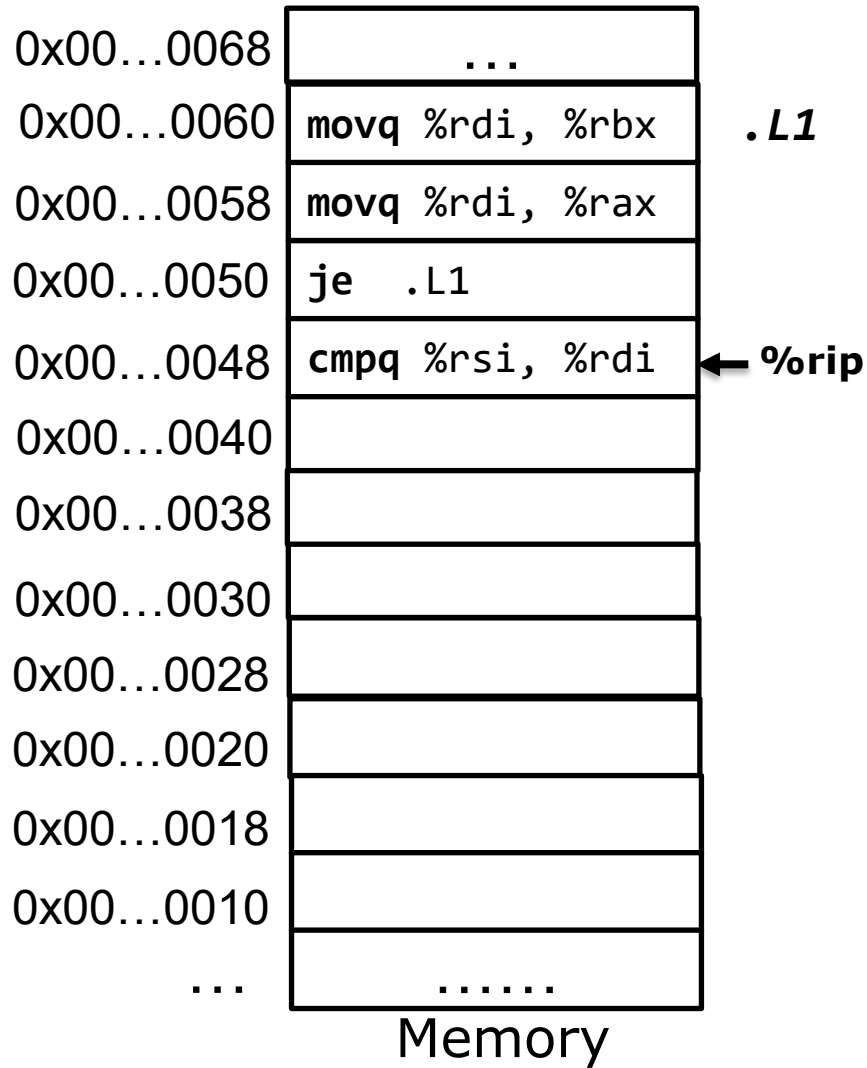


# Conditional jump instruction

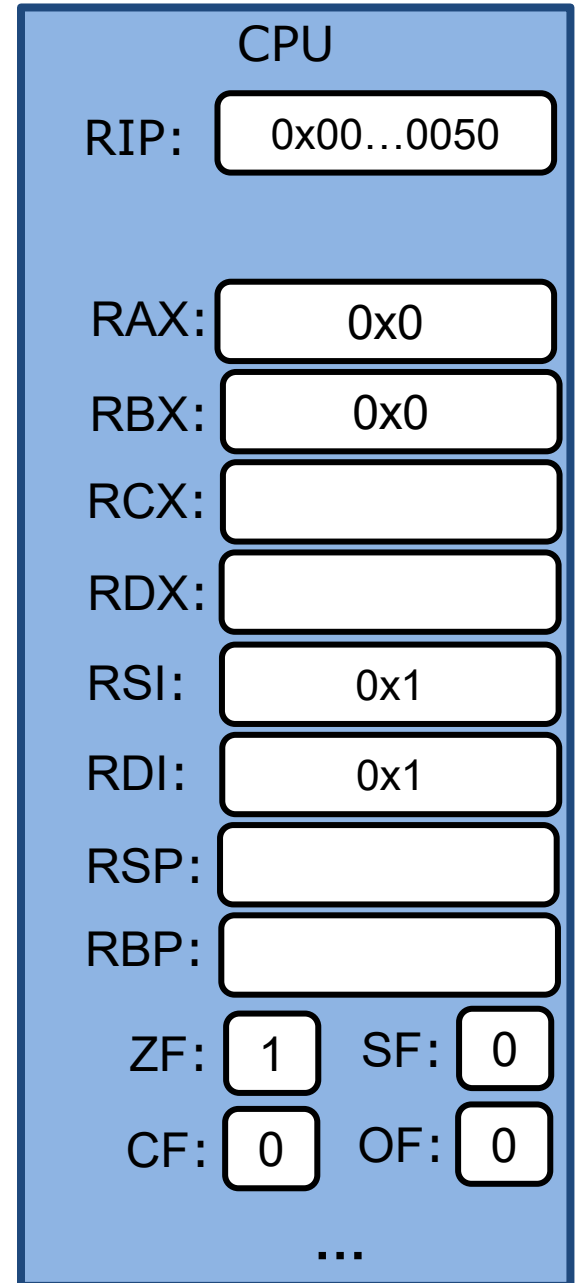
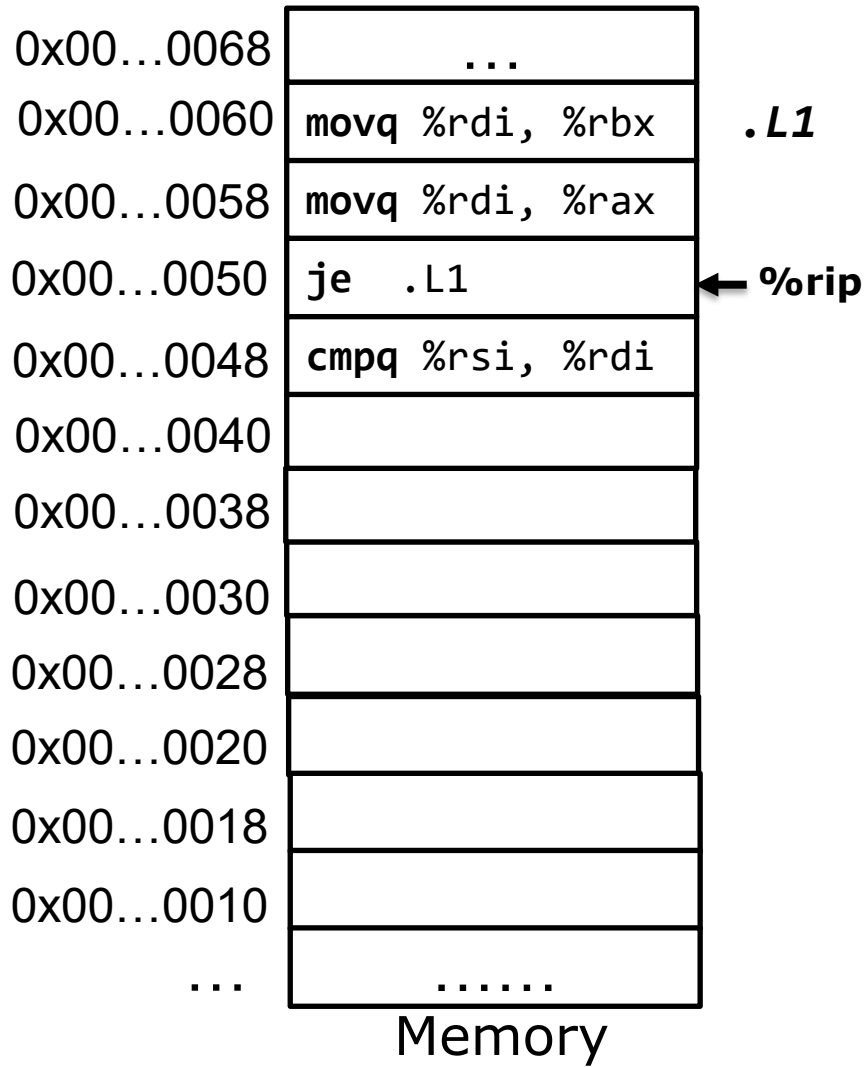
**jX** label

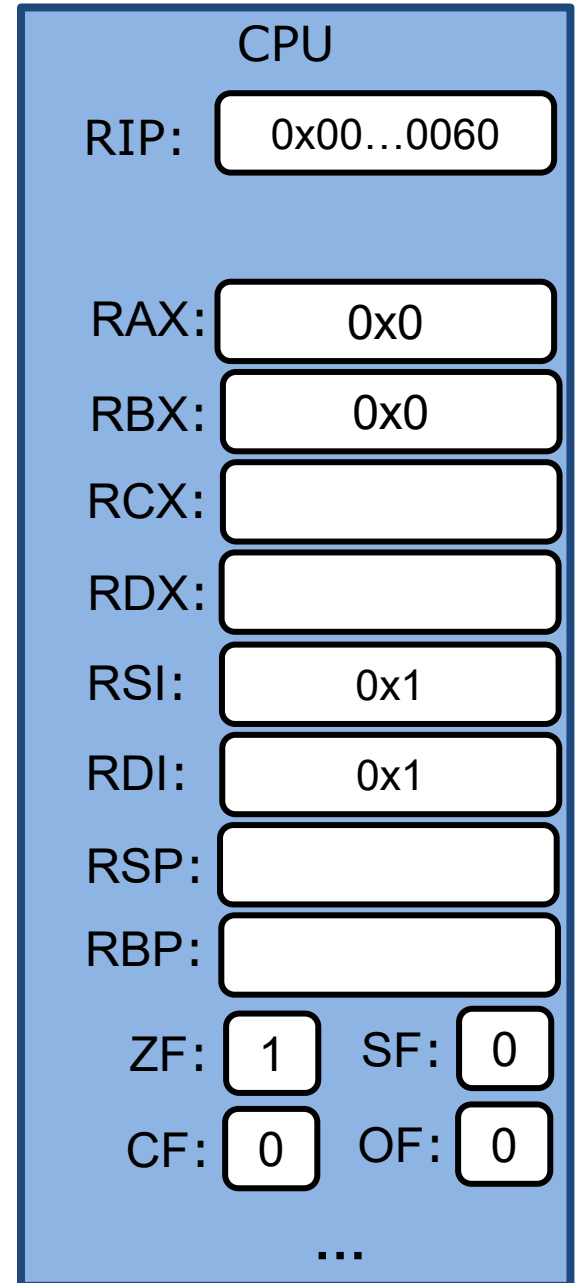
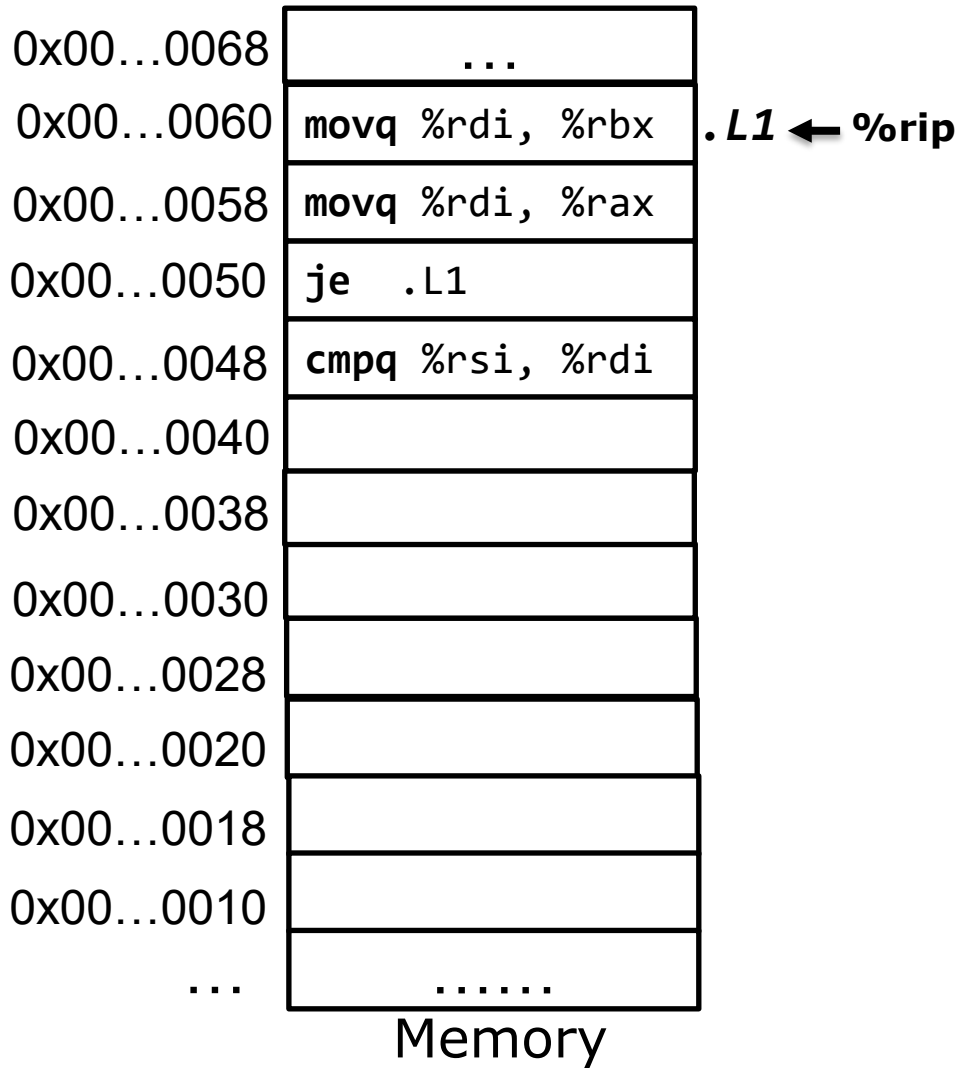
- If condition **X** is met, jump to the label

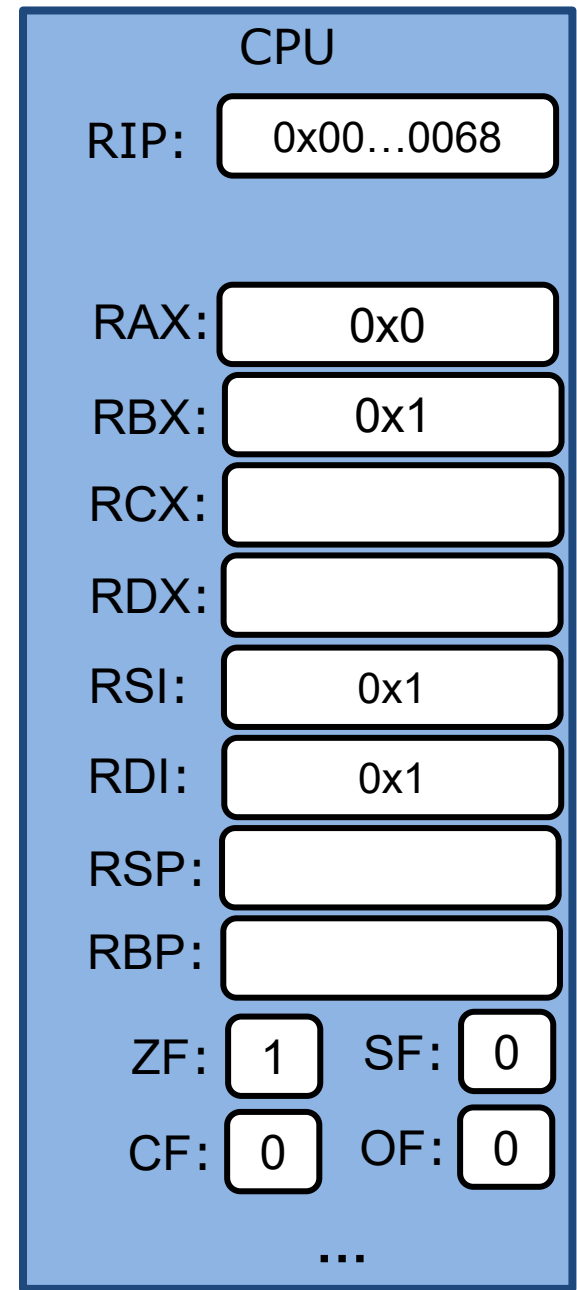
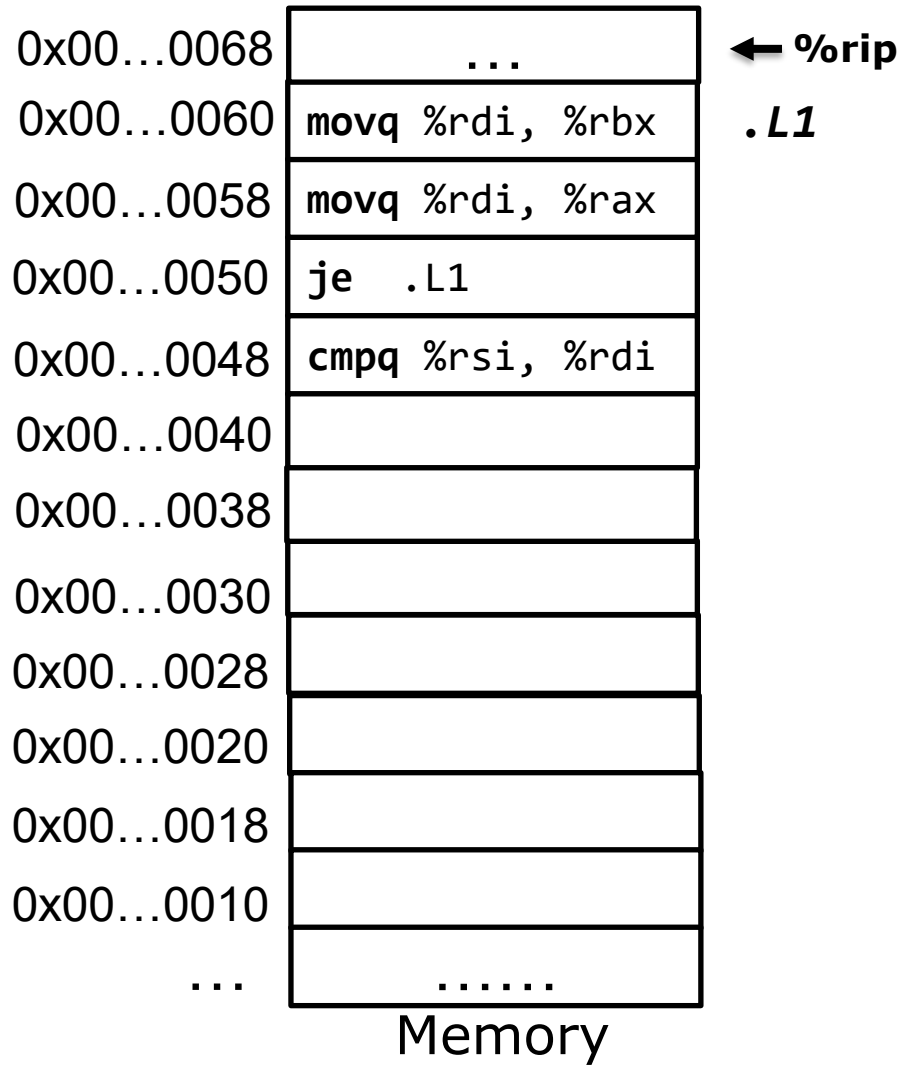
<b>jX</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>j<sub>e</sub></b>	<b>ZF</b>	<b>Equal / Zero</b>
<b>j<sub>ne</sub></b>	<b>~ZF</b>	<b>Not Equal / Not Zero</b>
<b>j<sub>s</sub></b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>Negative</b>
<b>j<sub>ns</sub></b>	<b>~SF</b>	<b>Nonnegative</b>
<b>j<sub>g</sub></b>	<b>~(SF^OF) &amp; ~ZF</b>	<b>Greater (Signed)</b>
<b>j<sub>ge</sub></b>	<b>~(SF^OF)</b>	<b>Greater or Equal (Signed)</b>
<b>j<sub>l</sub></b>	<b>(SF^OF)</b>	<b>Less (Signed)</b>
<b>j<sub>le</sub></b>	<b>(SF^OF)   ZF</b>	<b>Less or Equal (Signed)</b>
<b>j<sub>a</sub></b>	<b>~CF &amp; ~ZF</b>	<b>Above (unsigned)</b>
<b>j<sub>b</sub></b>	<b>CF</b>	<b>Below (unsigned)</b>











# How “if..else..” statement works

```
long compare(long x, long y)
{
    long result;
    if (x > y)
        result = 1;
    else
        result = 0;
    return result;
}
```

gcc -Og -S compared.c

```
compare:
    cmpq    %rdi, %rsi
    jge    .L3
    movl   $1, %rax
    ret
.L3:
    movl   $0, %rax
    ret
```

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument <b>x</b>
%rsi	Argument <b>y</b>
%rax	Return value

# How “while” works

```
long count(unsigned long x)
{
    long cnt = 0;
    while (x != 0) {
        x = x >> 1;
        cnt++;
    }
    return cnt;
}
```

gcc -Og -S count.c

logical right shift

```
count:
    movq $0, %rax
    jmp .L2
.L3:
    shrq %rdi
    addq $1, %rax
.L2:
    testq %rdi, %rdi
    jne .L3
    ret
```

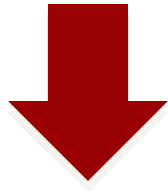
Sets RFLAGS based on result of logical AND

Register	Use(s)
%rdi	Argument <b>x</b>
%rax	Return value

# "For" Loop translation

For Version

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



While Version

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

# “Loop” Translation example

- `gcc -Og -S *.c`

```
long sum(long n)
{
    long s = 0;
    for (long i=0; i<n; i++){
        s += i;
    }
    return s;
}
```

```
sum:
    movq $0, %rdx
    movq $0, %rax
    jmp .L5
.L6:
    addq %rdx, %rax
    addq $1, %rdx
.L5:
    cmpq %rdi, %rdx
    jl .L6
    ret
```

Register	Use(s)
<code>%rdi</code>	<code>n</code>
<code>%rax</code>	Return value ( <code>s</code> )

# Summary

- How CPU implements non-linear control flow
- Special register RFLAGS encodes status flags (ZF, SF, CF, OF)
- `cmp` (or `test`) followed by `jmp` (or `set`)