

COS 217: Introduction to Programming Systems

SPARC Assembly Language “while” Statement Optimization

C: ... <i>instruction0;</i> while (<i>test</i>) { <i>instruction1;</i> <i>instruction2;</i> ... <i>instructionN;</i> } ...	
Assembly language: ... <i>instruction0</i> loopstart: cmp ... bnx loopend nop <i>instruction1</i> <i>instruction2</i> ... <i>instructionN</i> ba loopstart nop loopend: ...	Optimized assembly language: ... ba looptest <i>instruction0</i> loopstart: <i>instruction2</i> ... <i>instructionN</i> looptest: cmp ... bx,a loopstart <i>instruction1</i> ...