

# PARROT - BRANCHES

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Code gets a little boring without flow control; for starters, Parrot knows about branching and labels. The branch op is equivalent to Perl's goto:

```
branch TERRY
JOHN: print "fjords\n"
      branch END
MICHAEL: print " pining"
        branch GRAHAM
TERRY: print "It's"
       branch MICHAEL
GRAHAM: print " for the "
        branch JOHN
END: end
```

It can also perform simple tests to see whether a register contains a true value:

```
set I1, 12
set I2, 5
mod I3, I2, I2
if I3, REMAIND, DIVISOR

REMAIND: print "5 divides 12 with remainder "
         print I3
         branch DONE

DIVISOR: print "5 is an integer divisor of 12"

DONE: print "\n"
      end
```

Here's what that would look like in Perl, for comparison:

```
$i1 = 12;
$i2 = 5;
$i3 = $i1 % $i2;

if ($i3) {
    print "5 divides 12 with remainder ";
    print $i3;
} else {
    print "5 is an integer divisor of 12";
}

print "\n";
exit;
```

## Parrot Operator

We have the full range of numeric comparators: eq, ne, lt, gt, le and ge. Note that you can't use these operators on arguments of disparate types; you may even need to add the suffix `_i` or `_n` to the op, to tell it what type of argument you are using, although the assembler ought to divine this for you, by the time you read this.