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Chapter 2

Instructions: Language of the Computer

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Instruction Set

- The repertoire of instructions of a computer
- Different computers have different instruction sets
 - But with many aspects in common
- Early computers had very simple instruction sets
 - Simplified implementation
- Many modern computers also have simple instruction sets

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The MIPS Instruction Set

- Used as the example throughout the book
- Stanford MIPS commercialized by MIPS Technologies (www.mips.com)
- Large share of embedded core market
 - Applications in consumer electronics, network/storage equipment, cameras, printers, ...
- Typical of many modern ISAs
 - See MIPS Reference Data tear-out card, and Appendixes B and E(on CD)

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MIPS Core Instructions

Arithmetic	add	add \$1,\$2,\$3	$\$1 = \$2 + \$3$	3 operands; exception possible
	subtract	sub \$1,\$2,\$3	$\$1 = \$2 - \$3$	3 operands; exception possible
	add immediate	addi \$1,\$2,100	$\$1 = \$2 + 100$	+ constant; exception possible
	add unsigned	addu \$1,\$2,\$3	$\$1 = \$2 + \$3$	3 operands; no exceptions
	subtract unsigned	subu \$1,\$2,\$3	$\$1 = \$2 - \$3$	3 operands; no exceptions
	add imm. unsign.	addiu \$1,\$2,100	$\$1 = \$2 + 100$	+ constant; no exceptions
	Move fr. copr. reg.	mfc0 \$1,\$epc	$\$1 = \epc	Used to get exception PC
	multiply	mult \$2,\$3	Hi, Lo = $\$2 \times \3	64-bit signed product in Hi, Lo
	multiply unsigned	multu \$2,\$3	Hi, Lo = $\$2 \times \3	64-bit unsigned product in Hi, Lo
	divide	div \$2,\$3	Lo = $\$2 \div \3 , Hi = $\$2 \bmod \3	Lo = quotient, Hi = remainder
	divide unsigned	divu \$2,\$3	Lo = $\$2 \div \3 , Hi = $\$2 \bmod \3	Unsigned quotient and remainder
	Move from Hi	mfhi \$1	$\$1 = \text{Hi}$	Used to get copy of Hi
	Move from Lo	mflo \$1	$\$1 = \text{Lo}$	Use to get copy of Lo
Logical	and	and \$1,\$2,\$3	$\$1 = \$2 \& \$3$	3 register operands; logical AND
	or	or \$1,\$2,\$3	$\$1 = \$2 \mid \$3$	3 register operands; logical OR
	and immediate	andi \$1,\$2,100	$\$1 = \$2 \& 100$	Logical AND register, constant
	or immediate	ori \$1,\$2,100	$\$1 = \$2 \mid 100$	Logical OR register, constant
	shift left logical	sll \$1,\$2,10	$\$1 = \$2 \ll 10$	Shift left by constant
Data transfer	shift right logical	srl \$1,\$2,10	$\$1 = \$2 \gg 10$	Shift right by constant
	load word	lw \$1,100(\$2)	$\$1 = \text{Memory}[\$2+100]$	Data from memory to register
	store word	sw \$1,100(\$2)	$\text{Memory}[\$2+100] = \1	Data from register to memory
	load upper imm.	lui \$1,100	$\$1 = 100 \times 2^{16}$	Loads constant in upper 16 bits

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Number Systems

Four Important Number Systems

System	Why?	Remarks
Decimal	Base 10 (10 fingers)	Most used system
Binary	Base 2. On/Off systems	3 times more digits than decimal
Octal	Base 8. Shorthand notation for working with binary	3 times less digits than binary
Hex	Base 16	4 times less digits than binary

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Positional Number Systems

- Have a radix r (base) associated with them.
- In the decimal system, $r = 10$:
 - Ten symbols: 0, 1, 2, ..., 8, and 9
 - More than 9 move to next position, so each position is power of 10
 - Nothing special about base 10 (used because we have 10 fingers)
- What does 642.391_{10} mean?

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 6 \times 10^2 & + & 4 \times 10^1 & + & 2 \times 10^0 & . & 3 \times 10^{-1} + 9 \times 10^{-2} + 1 \times 10^{-3} \\
 \leftarrow & & & & \uparrow & & \rightarrow \\
 \text{Increasingly +ve} & & & & \text{Radix point} & & \text{Increasingly -ve} \\
 \text{powers of radix} & & & & & & \text{powers of radix}
 \end{array}$$

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Positional Number Systems

- What does 642.391_{10} mean?

Radix point

Base 10 (r)	10^2 (100)	10^1 (10)	10^0 (1)	10^{-1} (0.1)	10^{-2} (0.01)	10^{-3} (0.001)
Coefficient (a_j)	6	4	2	3	9	1
Product: $a_j \cdot r^i$	600	40	2	0.3	0.09	0.001
Value	$= 600 + 40 + 2 + 0.3 + 0.09 + 0.001 = 642.391$					

- Multiply each digit by appropriate power of 10 and add them together
- In general:

$$\sum_{i=-m}^n a_j \times r^i$$

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Positional Number Systems

Number system	Radix	Symbols
Binary	2	{0,1}
Octal	8	{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7}
Decimal	10	{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9}
Hexadecimal	16	{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,a,b,c,d,e,f}

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Binary Number System

Decimal	Binary	Decimal	Binary
0	0000	8	1000
1	0001	9	1001
2	0010	10	1010
3	0011	11	1011
4	0100	12	1100
5	0101	13	1101
6	0110	14	1110
7	0111	15	1111

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Octal Number System

Decimal	Octal	Decimal	Octal
0	0	8	10
1	1	9	11
2	2	10	12
3	3	11	13
4	4	12	14
5	5	13	15
6	6	14	16
7	7	15	17

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Hexadecimal Number System

Decimal	Hex	Decimal	Hex
0	0	8	8
1	1	9	9
2	2	10	A
3	3	11	B
4	4	12	C
5	5	13	D
6	6	14	E
7	7	15	F

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Four Number Systems

Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hex	Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hex
0	0000	0	0	8	1000	10	8
1	0001	1	1	9	1001	11	9
2	0010	2	2	10	1010	12	A
3	0011	3	3	11	1011	13	B
4	0100	4	4	12	1100	14	C
5	0101	5	5	13	1101	15	D
6	0110	6	6	14	1110	16	E
7	0111	7	7	15	1111	17	F

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Conversion between number systems

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Conversion: Binary to Decimal

Binary \longrightarrow Decimal

$1101.011_2 \longrightarrow (??)_{10}$

r	$2^3(8)$	$2^2(4)$	$2^1(2)$	$2^0(1)$	$2^{-1}(0.5)$	$2^{-2}(0.25)$	$2^{-3}(0.125)$
a_j	1	1	0	1	0	1	1
$a_j \cdot r$	8	4	0	1	0	0.25	0.125
$(1101.011)_2 = 8 + 4 + 1 + 0.25 + 0.125 = 13.375$							

$$1 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 + 0 \times 2^{-1} + 1 \times 2^{-2} + 1 \times 2^{-3} = 13.375_{10}$$

Binary point

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Conversion: Decimal to Binary

- A decimal number can be converted to binary by repeated division by 2 if it is an integer

number	+2	Remainder	
155	77	1	Least Significant Bit (LSB)
77	38	1	
38	19	0	
19	9	1	
9	4	1	
4	2	0	
2	1	0	
1	0	1	Most Significant Bit (MSB)

Arrange remainders in reverse order

$155_{10} = 10011011_2$

Conversion: Decimal to Binary

- If the number includes a radix point, it is necessary to separate the number into an integer part and a fraction part, each part must be converted differently.

Decimal \longrightarrow Binary
 $(27.375)_{10} \longrightarrow (??)_2$

number	+2	Remainder
27	13	1
13	6	1
6	3	0
3	1	1
1	0	1

Arrange remainders in reverse order: 11011

$\Rightarrow 27.375_{10} = 11011.011_2$

number	X2	Integer
0.375	0.75	0
0.75	1.50	1
0.50	1.0	1

Arrange in order: 011

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Conversion: Octal to Binary

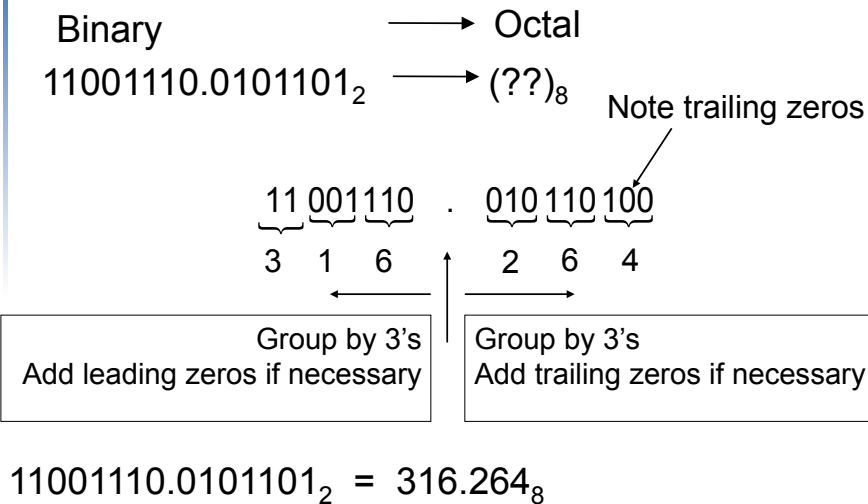
Octal \longrightarrow Binary
 $345.5602_8 \longrightarrow (??)_2$

3	4	5	.	5	6	0	2
⏟	⏟	⏟		⏟	⏟	⏟	⏟
011	100	101		101	110	000	010

$345.5602_8 = 11100101.101110000010_2$

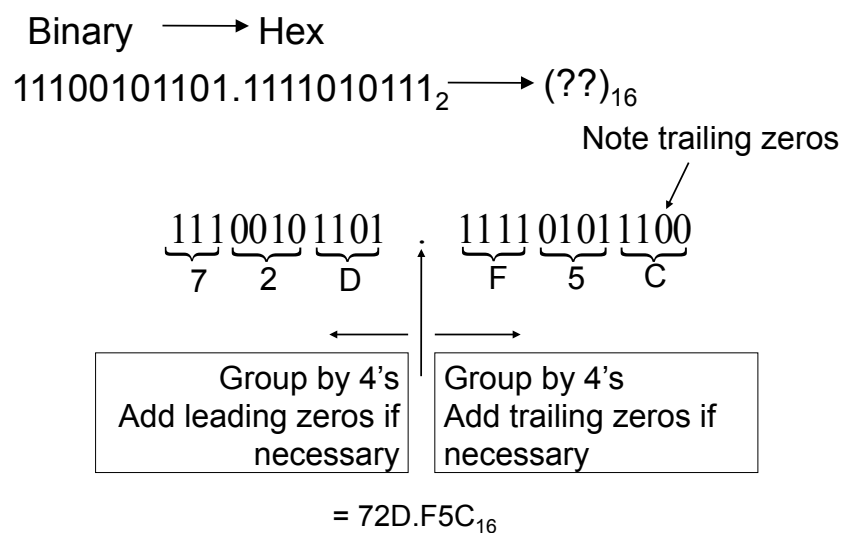
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Conversion: Binary to Octal



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Conversion: Binary to Hex



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Conversion: Hex to Binary

Hex \longrightarrow Binary

$B9A4.E6C_{16} \longrightarrow (??)_2$

$\underbrace{1011}_B \underbrace{1001}_9 \underbrace{1010}_A \underbrace{0100}_4 . \underbrace{1110}_E \underbrace{0110}_6 \underbrace{1100}_C$
 \uparrow
 $1011100110100100.111001101100_2$

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Conversion: Hex to Decimal

Hex \longrightarrow Decimal

$B63.4C_{16} \longrightarrow (??)_{10}$

16^2	16^1	16^0	16^{-1}	16^{-2}
B (=11)	6	3	4	C (=12)
$= 2816 + 96 + 3 + 0.25 + 0.046875 = 2915.296875$				

$$11 \times 16^2 + 6 \times 16^1 + 3 \times 16^0 + 4 \times 16^{-1} + 12 \times 16^{-2} = 2915.296875_{10}$$

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Activity 1

- Convert the hexadecimal number A59.FCE to binary
- Convert the decimal number 166.34 into binary

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Binary Numbers

- How many distinct numbers can be represented by n bits?

No. of bits	Distinct nos.
1	2 {0,1}
2	4 {00, 01, 10, 11}
3	8 {000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111}
n	2^n

- Number of permutations double with every extra bit
- 2^n *unique* numbers can be represented by n bits

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Number System and Computers

- Some tips
 - Binary numbers often grouped in fours for easy reading
 - 1 byte=8-bit, 1 word = 4-byte
 - In computer programs (e.g. Verilog, C) by default decimal is assumed
 - To represent other number bases use

System	Representation	Example for 20
Hexadecimal	0x...	0x14
Binary	0b...	0b10100
Octal	0o... (zero and 'O')	0o24

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Number System and Computers

- Addresses often written in Hex
 - Most compact representation
 - Easy to understand given their hardware structure
 - For a range 0x000 – 0xFFFF, we can immediately see that 12 bits are needed, 4K locations
 - Tip: 10 bits = 1K

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Signed Binary

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Negative numbers representation

- Three kinds of representations are common:
 1. Signed Magnitude (SM)
 2. One's Complement
 3. Two's Complement

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Signed Magnitude Representation

$[0,1] \{ \dots \dots \dots \}$
 $\uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow$
 Sign bit $(n-1)$
 (left most) magnitude bits

- 0 indicates +ve
- 1 indicates -ve

8 bit representation for +13 is 0 0001101

8 bit representation for -13 is 1 0001101

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1's Complement Notation

Let N be an n -bit number and $\tilde{N}(1)$ be the 1's Complement of the number. Then,

$$\tilde{N}(1) = 2^n - 1 - N$$

- The idea is to leave positive numbers as is, but to *represent negative numbers by the 1's Complement of their magnitude.*
- *Example:* Let $n = 4$. What is the 1's Complement representation for +6 and -6?
 - +6 is represented as 0110 (as usual in binary)
 - -6 is represented by 1's complement of its magnitude (6)

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1' s Complement Notation

- 1' s C representation can be computed in 2 ways:
 - Method 1: 1' s C representation of -6 is:
 $2^4 - 1 - |N| = (16 - 1 - 6)_{10} = (9)_{10} = (1001)_2$
 - Method 2: For -6, the magnitude = 6 = $(0110)_2$
 - The 1' s C representation is obtained by complementing the bits of the magnitude:
 $(1001)_2$
 - $2^4 - 1 - |N| = (16)_{10} - 1 - |N| = (15)_{10} - |N|$
 $= (1111)_2 - |N|$

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2' s Complement Notation

Let N be an n bit number and $\tilde{N}(2)$ be the 2' s Complement of the number. Then,

$$\tilde{N}(2) = 2^n - N$$

- Again, the idea is to leave positive numbers as is, but to *represent negative numbers by the 2' s C of their magnitude*.
- Example: Let $n = 5$. What is the 2' s C representation for +11 and -13?
 - +11 is represented as 01011 (as usual in binary)
 - -13 is represented by 2' s complement of its magnitude (13)

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2's Complement Notation

- 2's C representation can be computed in 2 ways:
 - Method 1: 2's C representation of -13 is 2^5
 $-|N| = (32 - 13)_{10} = (19)_{10} = (10011)_2$
 - Method 2: For -13, the magnitude = 13 = $(01101)_2$
 - The 2's C representation is obtained by adding 1 to the 1's C of the magnitude
 - $2^5 - |N| = (2^5 - 1 - |N|) + 1 = 1's\ C + 1$
- $01101 \xrightarrow{1's\ C} 10010 \xrightarrow{add\ 1} 10011$

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Comparing all Signed Notations

4-bit No.	SM	1's C	2's C
0000	+0	+0	0
0001	1	1	1
0010	2	2	2
0011	3	3	3
0100	4	4	4
0101	5	5	5
0110	6	6	6
0111	7	7	7
1000	-0	-7	-8
1001	-1	-6	-7
1010	-2	-5	-6
1011	-3	-4	-5
1100	-4	-3	-4
1101	-5	-2	-3
1110	-6	-1	-2
1111	-7	-0	-1

- In all 3 representations, a -ve number has a 1 in MSB location
- To handle -ve numbers using n bits,
 - $\cong 2^{n-1}$ symbols can be used for positive numbers
 - $\cong 2^{n-1}$ symbols can be used for negative numbers
- In 2's C notation, only 1 combination used for 0

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Instructions

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Arithmetic Operations

- Add and subtract, three operands
 - Two sources and one destinationadd a, b, c # a gets b + c
- All arithmetic operations have this form
- *Design Principle 1*: Simplicity favours regularity
 - Regularity makes implementation simpler
 - Simplicity enables higher performance at lower cost

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Arithmetic Example

- C code:

```
f = (g + h) - (i + j);
```

- Compiled MIPS code:

```
add t0, g, h    # temp t0 = g + h
add t1, i, j    # temp t1 = i + j
sub f, t0, t1   # f = t0 - t1
```

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Register Operands (1)

- Arithmetic instructions use register operands
- MIPS has a 32 × 32-bit register file (32-bit data called a “word”), numbered from 0 to 31
- Use for frequently accessed data

Register Number	Mnemonic Name	Conventional Use	Register Number	Mnemonic Name	Conventional Use
\$0	zero	Permanently 0	\$24, \$25	\$t8, \$t9	Temporary
\$1	\$at	Assembler Temporary (reserved)	\$26, \$27	\$k0, \$k1	Kernel (reserved for OS)
\$2, \$3	\$v0, \$v1	Value returned by a subroutine	\$28	\$gp	Global Pointer
\$4–\$7	\$a0–\$a3	Arguments to a subroutine	\$29	\$sp	Stack Pointer
\$8–\$15	\$t0–\$t7	Temporary (not preserved across a function call)	\$30	\$fp	Frame Pointer
\$16–\$23	\$s0–\$s7	Saved registers (preserved across a function call)	\$31	\$ra	Return Address

Register Operand (2)

- *Design Principle 2*: Smaller is faster

- Example:

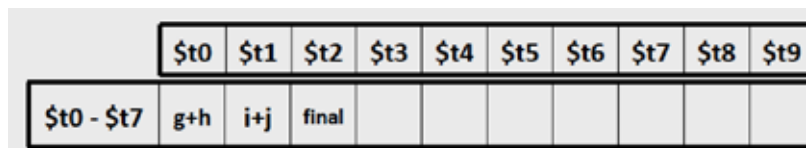
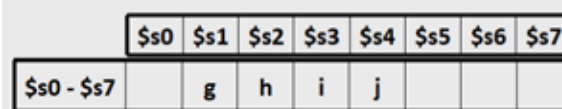
- C code: $f = (g + h) - (i + j);$

- MIPS code

```
add $t0, $s1, $s2
```

```
add $t1, $s3, $s4
```

```
sub $t2, $t0, $t1
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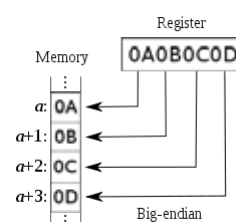


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Memory Operands (1)

- Main memory used for composite data
 - Arrays, structures, dynamic data
- Memory is byte addressed
 - Each address identifies an 8-bit byte
- Words are aligned in memory
 - Address must be a multiple of 4
- Length of an address is 32-bit
 - Min value of address = 0
 - Max value of address = $(2^{32}-1)$
- MIPS is Big Endian
 - Most-significant byte at least address of a word

Address	DATA 32-b
4*N	10101010
...	...
...	...
8	10101010
4	01001110
0	110...0100



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Memory Operands (2)

- Data is transferred between memory and register using data transfer instructions: lw and sw

Category	Instruction	Example	Meaning	Comments
Data transfer	load word	lw \$s1, 100(\$s2)	\$s1 ← memory[\$s2+100]	Memory to Register
	store word	sw \$s1, 100(\$s2)	memory[\$s2+100] ← \$s1	Register to memory

- \$s1 is receiving register
- \$s2 is base address of memory, 100 is called the offset, so (\$s2+100) is the address of memory location

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Memory Operand Example 1

- C code:
 - `g = h + A[8];`
 - g in \$s1, h in \$s2, base address of A in \$s3
- Compiled MIPS code:
 - Index 8 requires offset of 32
 - 4 bytes per word

```
lw  $t0, 32($s3)    # load word
add $s1, $s2, $t0
```

offset

base register

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Memory Operand Example 2

- C code:
 - A[12] = h + A[8];
 - h in \$s2, base address of A in \$s3
- Compiled MIPS code:
 - Index 8 requires offset of 32

```
lw  $t0, 32($s3)    # load word
add $t0, $s2, $t0
sw  $t0, 48($s3)    # store word
```

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Registers vs. Memory

- Registers are faster to access than memory
- Operating on memory data requires loads and stores
 - More instructions to be executed
- Compiler must use registers for variables as much as possible
 - Only spill to memory for less frequently used variables
 - Register optimization is important!

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Immediate Operands

- Constant data specified in an instruction
`addi $s3, $s3, 4`
- No subtract immediate instruction
 - Just use a negative constant
`addi $s2, $s1, -1`
- *Design Principle 3*: Make the common case fast
 - Small constants are common
 - Immediate operand avoids a load instruction

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The Constant Zero

- MIPS register 0 (\$zero) is the constant 0
 - Cannot be overwritten
- Useful for common operations
 - E.g., move between registers
`add $t2, $s1, $zero`

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Sign Extension

- Representing a number using more bits
 - Preserve the numeric value
- In MIPS instruction set
 - addi: extend immediate value
 - lb, lh: extend loaded byte/halfword
 - beq, bne: extend the displacement
- Replicate the sign bit to the left
 - c.f. unsigned values: extend with 0s
- Examples: 8-bit to 16-bit
 - +2: 0000 0010 => 0000 0000 0000 0010
 - -2: 1111 1110 => 1111 1111 1111 1110

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Presenting MIPS Instructions in Binary

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Representing Instructions

- Instructions are encoded in binary
 - Called machine code
- MIPS instructions
 - Encoded as 32-bit instruction words
 - Small number of formats encoding operation code (opcode), register numbers, ...
 - Regularity!
- Register numbers
 - \$t0 – \$t7 are reg' s 8 – 15
 - \$t8 – \$t9 are reg' s 24 – 25
 - \$s0 – \$s7 are reg' s 16 – 23

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MIPS R-format Instructions

op	rs	rt	rd	shamt	funct
6 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	6 bits

- Instruction fields
 - op: operation code (opcode)
 - rs: first source register number
 - rt: second source register number
 - rd: destination register number
 - shamt: shift amount (00000 for now)
 - funct: function code (extends opcode)

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R-format Example

op	rs	rt	rd	shamt	funct
6 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	6 bits

add \$t0, \$s1, \$s2

special	\$s1	\$s2	\$t0	0	add
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0	17	18	8	0	32
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000000	10001	10010	01000	00000	100000
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$00000010001100100100000000100000_2 = 02324020_{16}$

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MIPS I-format Instructions

op	rs	rt	constant or address
6 bits	5 bits	5 bits	16 bits

- Immediate arithmetic and load/store instructions
 - rt: destination or source register number
 - Constant: -2^{15} to $+2^{15} - 1$
 - Address: offset added to base address in rs
- Example: Load array A[8] to register \$t0, base address of A in \$s3

lw \$t0, 32(\$s3)

op	rs	rt	Constant or address
35	19	8	32
100011	10011	01000	0000,0000,0010,0000

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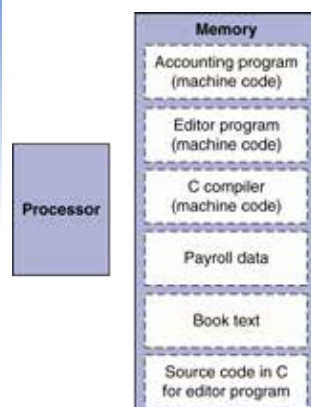
MIPS I-format Instructions

- *Design Principle 4*: Good design demands good compromises
 - Different formats complicate decoding, but allow 32-bit instructions uniformly
 - Keep formats as similar as possible

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Stored Program Computers

The BIG Picture



- Instructions represented in binary, just like data
- Instructions and data stored in memory
- Programs can operate on programs
 - e.g., compilers, linkers, ...
- Binary compatibility allows compiled programs to work on different computers
 - Standardized ISAs

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Logical Operations

- Instructions for bitwise manipulation

Operation	C	Java	MIPS
Shift left	<<	<<	sll
Shift right	>>	>>>	srl
Bitwise AND	&	&	and, andi
Bitwise OR			or, ori
Bitwise NOT	~	~	nor

- Useful for extracting and inserting groups of bits in a word

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Shift Operations

op	rs	rt	rd	shamt	funct
6 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	6 bits

- shamt: how many positions to shift
- Shift left logical
 - Shift left and fill with 0 bits
 - sll by i bits multiplies by 2^i
- Shift right logical
 - Shift right and fill with 0 bits
 - srl by i bits divides by 2^i (unsigned only)

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AND Operations

- Useful to mask bits in a word
 - Select some bits, clear others to 0
- and \$t0, \$t1, \$t2

\$t2	0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1101 1100 0000
\$t1	0000 0000 0000 0000 0011 1100 0000 0000
\$t0	0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1100 0000 0000

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OR Operations

- Useful to include bits in a word
 - Set some bits to 1, leave others unchanged
- or \$t0, \$t1, \$t2

\$t2	0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1101 1100 0000
\$t1	0000 0000 0000 0000 0011 1100 0000 0000
\$t0	0000 0000 0000 0000 0011 1101 1100 0000

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NOT Operations

- Useful to invert bits in a word
 - Change 0 to 1, and 1 to 0
- MIPS has NOR 3-operand instruction
 - $a \text{ NOR } 0 == \text{NOT} (a \text{ OR } 0) = \text{NOT } a$
 - Example:

$a = 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 1100\ 1010$

a is placed in $\$t1$

Register 0: always
read as zero

`nor $t0, $t1, $zero`

$\$t1$ 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1100 1010

$\$t0$ 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 0011 0101

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Conditional Operations

- Branch to a labeled instruction if a condition is true
 - Otherwise, continue sequentially
- `beq rs, rt, L1`
 - if ($rs == rt$) branch to instruction labeled L1;
- `bne rs, rt, L1`
 - if ($rs != rt$) branch to instruction labeled L1;
- `j L1`
 - unconditional jump to instruction labeled L1

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Example: If Statements

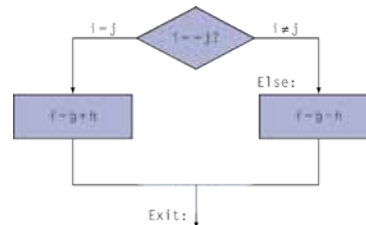
- C code:

```
if (i==j) f = g+h;
else f = g-h;
```

- f, g, h, i, j in \$s0 ~ \$s4

- Compiled MIPS code:

```
        bne $s3, $s4, Else
        add $s0, $s1, $s2
        j   Exit
Else:   sub $s0, $s1, $s2
Exit:   ...
```



Assembler calculates addresses

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Example: Loop Statements

- C code:

```
while (save[i] == k) i += 1;
```

- i in \$s3, k in \$s5, address of save in \$s6

- Compiled MIPS code:

```
Loop:  sll $t1, $s3, 2 # ix4 get offset
        add $t1, $t1, $s6 #get address
        lw  $t0, 0($t1) # $t0=save[i]
        bne $t0, $s5, Exit
        addi $s3, $s3, 1
        j   Loop
Exit:  ...
```

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More Conditional Operations

- Set result to 1 if a condition is true
 - Otherwise, set to 0
- `slt rd, rs, rt`
 - if ($rs < rt$) $rd = 1$; else $rd = 0$;
- `slti rt, rs, constant`
 - if ($rs < \text{constant}$) $rt = 1$; else $rt = 0$;
- Use in combination with `beq`, `bne`

```

      slt $t0, $s1, $s2  # if ($s1 < $s2)
      bne $t0, $zero, L  # branch to L
    
```

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Branch Instruction Design

- Why not `b1t`, `bge`, etc?
- Hardware for $<$, \geq , ... slower than $=$, \neq
 - Combining with branch involves more work per instruction, requiring a slower clock
 - All instructions penalized!
- `beq` and `bne` are the common case
- This is a good design compromise

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