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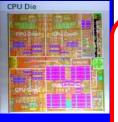
Memory Management (Part 1)

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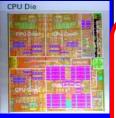


Try This Out

• Experiment with the stack and heap, simulated and OS generated versions.

• Textbook:

See MIPS Run; By Sweetman; Morgan
Kaufmann Publishers, ISBN 1-55860-410-3
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Part 1

Memory Overview



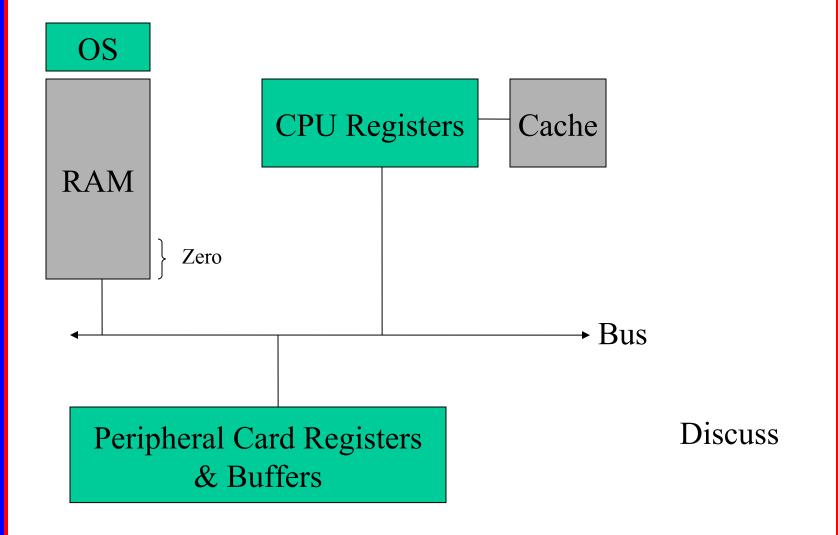
Types of Memory in MIPS

- Code Space
- Data Space
- Stack Space
- Heap Space
- Registers
- OS Space
- Peripheral Space (zero / card)
- Virtual vs. Real Memory
- Cache Memory (TLB, Code & Data)

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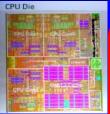
Simple Memory Layout



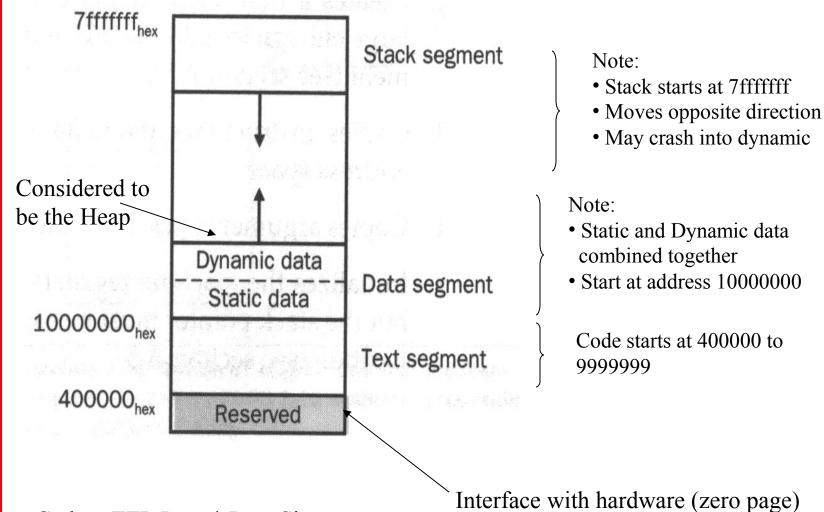
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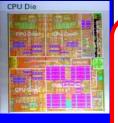


Standard MIPS RAM Organization



- Code = TTL Instr * Instr Size
- Data = Num of reserved bytes
- Fixed at compile time

Virtual Memory Addressing
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RAM Usage

Variables = Label + Size (no type) X: .asciiz "Hi"

Data Block = Label + Size * Quantity Y: .space 100

How do we create data blocks? → Arrays, structure, nodes

Discuss...

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Part 2

OS Memory



OS Interaction

- Open
 - Jump table
 - TSR (terminate stay resident programs)
- Closed
 - System call table
 - Privileged call instruction switch



Access to OS Memory Controlled

Service	System call code	Arguments	Result	
print_int 1		\$a0 = integer		
print_float	2	\$f12 = float		
print_double	3	\$f12 = double		
print_string	4	\$a0 = string		
read_int	5	773 AF 12	integer (in \$v0)	
read_float	6		float (in \$f0)	
read_double	7		double (in \$f0)	
read_string	8	\$a0 = buffer, \$a1 = length		
sbrk	9	\$a0 = amount	address (in \$v0)	
exit	10	7		

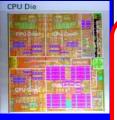
- print_NUMBER displays value in argument
- print_string as C puts(char *), pointer in argument, assumes \0
- read_NUMBER reads digits until CR or character
- read string as C gets(), read until CR or buffer length reached
- sbrk as C malloc(size in bytes), returns address
- exit, terminates your program

Str:



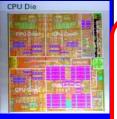
Example

```
.text
li
          $v0, 4
                     # system call code for print_str
                     # address of string to print
la
          $a0, str
                     # pass control to OS
syscall
li
          $v0, 1
                     # system call code for print int
          $a0, 5
                     # integer 5 set to print
li
                     # pass control to OS
syscall
.data
.asciiz "the answer = "
```



Question

• Ask the user for N. Then ask the user for N numbers. Sum these numbers and display the answer.



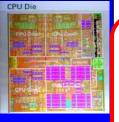
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The Heap



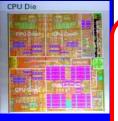
The Elements

- MIPS CPU support is limited since it assumes OS management of it.
- Support consists of:
 - \$gp, used like \$fp to point to beginning of heap frame
 - lw \$t0, 800(\$gp)
 - The system call, sbrk (syscall code 9):
 - Asks the OS for n-bytes of data
 - Returns address of the first byte
- Programmer's can simulate their own Heap by defining a fixed memory block in their .data area
 - .space 500
 - Good practise for understanding how things work



Simulated Heap Example

```
.data
Block: .space 400  # allocate 400 bytes (not initialized)
       .text
       .align 2 # make sure it starts at an even address
       .globl Main
Main: la $s0, Block # start of heap ($gp could be used)
       la $s2, Block # end of heap pointer
       addi $s1, $zero, 8 # size of node (DATA+NEXT)
       # allocate a node (assume $t1 has data)
       sw $t1, 0($s2) # store data
       sw \$zero, 4(\$s2) # store next = NULL
       add $s2, $s2, $s1 # move pointer based on offset
       # link a new node (assume $t1 has data)
       sw $t1, 0($s2) # store data
       sw $zero,....
```



Example using Heap?

```
li $v0, 9 # system call code for malloc
```

li \$a0, 8 # ask for 8 bytes (two words)

syscall # pass control to OS

Note:

- \$gp will be updated by 8 bytes.
- \$v0 contains the pointer to the beginning of the data block



What about...

Insertion

• Deletion (with or w/o fragmentation)

MIPS operands

Name	Example	Comments
32 registers	\$\$0-\$\$7, \$t0-\$t9, \$gp, \$fp, \$zero, \$sp, \$ra, \$at	Fast locations for data. In MIPS, data must be in registers to perform arithmetic. MIPS register \$zero always equals 0. Register \$at is reserved for the assembler to handle large constants.
2 ³⁰ memory words	Memory[0], Memory[4], , Memory[4294967292]	Accessed only by data transfer instructions. MIPS uses byte addresses, so sequential words differ by 4. Memory holds data structures, such as arrays, and spilled registers, such as those saved on procedure calls.

Help for question

MIPS assembly language

Category	Instruction		Example	Meaning	Comments
Arithmetic	add	add	\$s1,\$s2,\$s3	\$s1 = \$s2 + \$s3	Three operands; overflow detected
	subtract	sub	\$\$1,\$\$2,\$\$3	\$s1 = \$s2 - \$s3	Three operands; overflow detected
	add immediate	addi	\$\$1,\$\$2,100	\$s1 = \$s2 + 100	+ constant; overflow detected
	add unsigned	addu	\$\$1,\$\$2,\$\$3	\$s1 = \$s2 + \$s3	Three operands; overflow undetected
	subtract unsigned	subu	\$\$1,\$\$2,\$\$3	\$s1 = \$s2 - \$s3	Three operands; overflow undetected
	add immediate unsigned	addiu	\$s1,\$s2,100	\$s1 = \$s2 + 100	+ constant; overflow undetected
	move from coprocessor register	mfc0	\$s1,\$epc	\$s1 = \$epc	Used to copy Exception PC plus other special registers
Logical	and	and	\$\$1,\$\$2,\$\$3	\$s1 = \$s2 & \$s3	Three reg. operands; bit-by-bit AND
	or	or	\$\$1,\$\$2,\$\$3	\$s1 = \$s2 \$s3	Three reg. operands; bit-by-bit OR
	and immediate	andi	\$\$1,\$\$2,100	\$s1 = \$s2 & 100	Bit-by-bit AND reg with constant
	or immediate	ori	\$\$1,\$\$2,100	\$s1 = \$s2 100	Bit-by-bit OR reg with constant
	shift left logical	s11	\$s1,\$s2,10	\$s1 = \$s2 << 10	Shift left by constant
	shift right logical	srl	\$\$s1,\$s2,10	\$s1 = \$s2 >> 10	Shift right by constant
Data	load word	1w	\$s1,100(\$s2)	\$s1 = Memory[\$s2 + 100]	Word from memory to register
	store word	SW	\$s1,100(\$s2)	Memory[\$s2 + 100] = \$s1	Word from register to memory
	load byte unsigned	1bu	\$s1,100(\$s2)	\$s1 = Memory[\$s2 +100]	Byte from memory to register
transfer	store byte	sb	\$s1,100(\$s2)	Memory[$$s2 + 100$] = $$s1$	Byte from register to memory
	load upper immediate	lui	\$s1,100	\$s1 = 100 * 2 ¹⁶	Loads constant in upper 16 bits
Conditional branch	branch on equal	beq	\$s1,\$s2,25	if (\$s1 == \$s2) go to PC + 4 + 100	Equal test; PC-relative branch
	branch on not equal	bne	\$s1,\$s2,25 u	if (\$s1 != \$s2) go to PC + 4 + 100	Not equal test; PC-relative
	set on less than	slt	\$s1,\$s2,\$s3	if (\$s2 < \$s3) \$s1 = 1; else \$s1 = 0	Compare less than; two's complement
	set less than immediate	slti	\$\$1,\$\$2,100	if (\$s2 < 100) \$s1 = 1; else \$s1 = 0	Compare < constant; two's complement
	set less than unsigned	sltu	\$\$1,\$\$2,\$\$3	if (\$s2 < \$s3) \$s1 = 1; else \$s1 = 0	Compare less than; natural numbers
	set less than immediate unsigned	sltiu	\$s1,\$s2,100	if (\$s2 < 100) \$s1 = 1; else \$s1 = 0	Compare < constant; natural numbers
Uncondi- tional jump	jump	j	2500	go to 10000	Jump to target address
	jump register	jr	\$ra	go to \$ra	For switch, procedure return
	jump and link	ial	2500	\$ra = PC + 4; go to 10000	For procedure call



Heap with OS command

- Build a linked list...
 - Define space for pseudo-heap
 - Create our own malloc function
 - Talk about building the list
 - Some code
 - Talk about deleting a node in list
 - Some code



Example Code

```
### Program composed of three loops:
###
       init, which initialises variables and fills the list
###
       loop, which eliminates people untill only one is left
###
       elim, which removes a node from the list
### Variables used:
###
      $s0 holds the address of the first node
###
      $s1 (n) size of the list, initial number of people/nodes
###
      $s2 (m) offset of the next person to eliminate
      $s3 (i) position of current element to be eliminated
###
###
      $t0, $t1, $t3 temporary values
           .data
       .space 400 #allocate 400 bytes = 100 words of space
array:
                                #(50 for numbers, 50 for links)
       .asciiz "\nJosephus problem with linked list\nEnter size of circle (n): "
str1:
       .asciiz "Enter number to skip (m): "
str2:
       .asciiz "Execution order: "
str3:
       .asciiz "\nSurvivor: "
str4:
        .asciiz " " #space character
spc:
```

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.text

.align 2

.globl main

main:

#print str1
li \$v0, 4
la \$a0, str1
syscall

#ask for integer n
li \$v0, 5
syscall
move \$s1, \$v0

#print str2
li \$v0, 4
la \$a0, str2
syscall

#ask for integer m
li \$v0, 5
syscall
move \$s2, \$v0



#prepare to enumerate eliminations li \$v0, 4 #print str3 la \$a0, str3 syscall

```
#initialize variables
la $s0, array
addi $s3, $zero, 0
# $s1, $s2 already contain n, m respectively
move $t0, $zero
move $t1, $zero
move $t2, $zero
```

```
addi $t3, $t2, 4  # $t3 points to position i in list
addi $t4, $t3, 4  # $t4 points to position i+1 in list
###note: the pair ($t2, $t3) form a node, $t2 holding the element, while $t3
### holds the address of the next element/node
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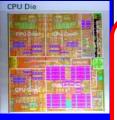
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INIT:
    sw $t1, 0($t2) #store next number from $t1
    sw $t4, 0($t3) #store link to the next node
    # change current node
    addi $t2, $t2, 8
    addi $t3, $t3, 8
    addi $t4, $t4, 8
   # increment number
    addi $t1, $t1, 1
   # check if more nodes need to be filled
   bgt $t1, $s1, END INIT
    # fill next node
    j INIT
END INIT:
   # link last node to first one
   mul $t5, $s1, 8
   add $t5, $t0, $t5
   addi $t5, $t5, -4 # $t5 now points to the last link
   #move $t5, $t0
    sw $t0, 0($t5)
```

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```
# start eliminating every m-th node untill only one is left
   # $t0 will point to the current node
   # $t1 will count down to the next elimination
   addi $t1, $s2, -1 # initializing counter
LOOP:
    # if length of list is 1, we have our answer
    addi $t2, $zero, 1
   beg $s1, $t2, ANSWER
   # if counter is 1, we eliminate the next node
   beg $t1, $t2, ELIM
    # else, we go to next node, decrement counter, and repeat loop
    lw $t0, 4($t0)
    addi $t1, -1
    j LOOP
```



```
# eliminate the node following $t0
ELIM:
   lw $t2, 4($t0) # $t2 points to next node, the one to be removed
   lw $t3, 4($t2)
   # print node being eliminated
   li $v0, 1 #print int
   lw $a0, 0($t2)
   syscall
   li $v0, 4 #print spc (this string is a single space)
   la $a0, spc
   syscall
   # relink list
   sw $t3, 4($t0) # node $t0 now links to node $t3
   # decrement length of list
   addi $s1, $s1, -1
   # re-initialize counter
   addi $t1, $s2, -1
   # go to next node and repeat
   move $t0, $t3
```

J LOOP



*position 0 (i.e. the first element) of array at \$s0 now contains the only element le

```
ANSWER:
    lw $t2, 0($t0)
    #print the answer from $t2
   li $v0, 4 #print str4
   la $a0, str4
  syscall
  li $v0, 1 #print int
  add $a0, $zero, $t2
   syscall
EXIT:
#exit main correctly
jr $ra
###### END PROGRAM ######
```