
Bits of Architecture

— RISC-V Instruction Formats —

What Do Programs Looks Like?

The Stored Program Computer

- Programs are just instructions
- **Machine Code**
 - Binary representation of our instructions
- **Instruction Format**
 - The fields that compose our instructions

Instruction and Memory

Instructions Operate on Memory

Bit

1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0

Nibble (4 Bits)

1011

1011

1001

0001

1111

1011

1011

1111

Byte (8 Bits)

0110 1011

0110 1011

0110 1011

0110 1011

Half Word (16 Bits)

0110 1011 1010 1111

0110 1011 1010 1111

Word (32 Bits)

0110 1011 1010 1111 1011 0011 1010 0000

RISC-V Instructions

RISC-V Basics

- 32 Registers
 - Named 0-31
- 32-bit instructions

funct7	rs2	rs1	funct3	rd	opcode
7 Bits	5 Bits	5 Bits	3 Bits	5 Bits	7 Bits

RISC-V Fields

- **OpCode**
 - Operation of the instruction
- **rd**
 - Register destination
- **funct3**
 - Additional OpCode field
- **rs1**
 - First register source
- **rs2**
 - Second register source
- **funct7**
 - Additional OpCode field

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Instruction Formats

- Can all instructions use the same format?
 - Tough to do in a fixed length...
- Compromise
 - Fixed length
 - Multiple formats

funct7	rs2	rs1	funct3	rd	opcode
7 Bits	5 Bits	5 Bits	3 Bits	5 Bits	7 Bits

imm	rs1	funct3	rd	opcode
11 Bits	5 Bits	3 Bits	5 Bits	7 Bits

imm	rs2	rs1	funct3	imm	opcode
7 Bits	5 Bits	5 Bits	3 Bits	5 Bits	7 Bits

Instruction Formats

R-Type Instructions

- Register-Type Instructions
 - 2 register inputs, one output

funct7	rs2	rs1	funct3	rd	opcode
7 Bits	5 Bits	5 Bits	3 Bits	5 Bits	7 Bits

I-Type Instructions

- Immediate-Type Instructions
 - Instructions that use a constant operand

imm	rs1	funct3	rd	opcode
12 Bits	5 Bits	3 Bits	5 Bits	7 Bits

S-Type Instructions

- Store-Type Instructions
 - Used for store instructions

imm	rs2	rs1	funct3	imm	opcode
7 Bits	5 Bits	5 Bits	3 Bits	5 Bits	7 Bits

SB-Type Instructions

- Conditional branching instructions
 - Same breakdown as S-Type
 - Interpret the immediate value differently

imm	rs2	rs1	funct3	imm	opcode
7 Bits	5 Bits	5 Bits	3 Bits	5 Bits	7 Bits

U-Type Instructions

- Upper Immediate Instructions
 - Used of load/add upper immediate instructions

Imm	rd	opcode
20 Bits	5 Bits	7 Bits

UJ-Type Instructions

- Jump-Instructions
 - Used for jumping somewhere in program memory

Imm	rd	opcode
20 Bits	5 Bits	7 Bits