

Hello World (using .asciz)

.data

```
hello_msg: .asciz "Hello World\n"
```

.text

main:

```
    la a0, hello_msg # load the addr of hello_msg into a0  
    addi a7, zero, 4      # 4 is the print_string syscall.  
    ecall            # do the syscall.
```

```
    addi a7, zero, 10     # 10 is the exit syscall.  
    ecall            # do the syscall.
```

Hello World (using .ascii)

Another way to declare the string “Hello World\n” and get the exact same output

```
.data
    hello_msg: .ascii "Hello"          # The word "Hello"
    .ascii " "
    .ascii "World"                   # The word "World"
    .ascii "\n"                      # A newline.
    .byte 0                          # a 0 byte.
```

Hello World (using Bytes)

**Yet another way to declare the string “Hello
World\n” and get the exact same output**

.data

```
hello_msg: .byte 0x48 # hex for ASCII "H"  
.byte 0x65 # hex for ASCII "e"  
.byte 0x6C # hex for ASCII "l"  
.byte 0x6C # hex for ASCII "l"  
.byte 0x6F # hex for ASCII "o"  
... # and so on...  
.byte 0xA # hex for ASCII newline  
.byte 0x0 # hex for ASCII NUL
```

Live Coding Time

- **Download code from Canvas**

- io.s:
 - Did you get an error message after execution? How to fix it?
 - Can you modify the code to display the number in hex?
- prompt.s:
 - understand how to display prompts
- HelloWorld.s
 - try the other two versions and compare the output

- **Run in RARS**

- RARS help menu has lots of useful information

Topics for Chapter 2

- **Part 1**

- RISC-V Instruction Set (Chapter 2.1)
- Arithmetic instructions (Chapter 2.2)
- Introduction to RARS
- → Memory access instructions (Chapters 2.3, 2.9)
- Bitwise instructions (Chapter 2.6)
- Decision making instructions (Chapter 2.7)
- Arrays vs. pointers (Chapter 2.14)

- **Part 2:**

- Procedure Calls (Chapters 2.8)

- **Part 3:**

- RISC-V Instruction Format (Chapter 2.5)
- RISC-V Addressing Modes (Chapter 2.10)

Role of Registers vs. Memory

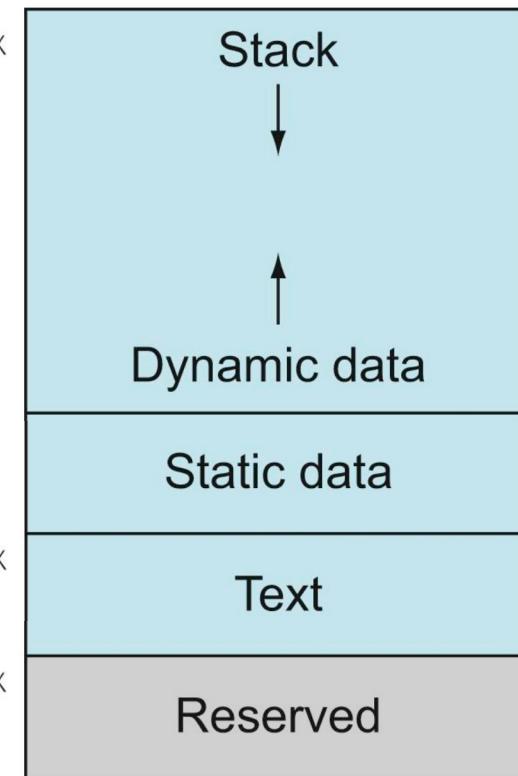
- Which is faster to access?
- Which do we have more of?
- What to keep in register?
- What if more variables than registers?
 - Compiler tries to keep most frequently used variable in registers
 - Less common in memory: spilling
- Why not keep all variables in memory?
 - Smaller is faster: registers are faster than memory

RISC-V Memory Allocation

SP → 0000 003f ffff fff0_{hex}

0000 0000 1000 0000_{hex}

PC → 0000 0000 0040 0000_{hex}

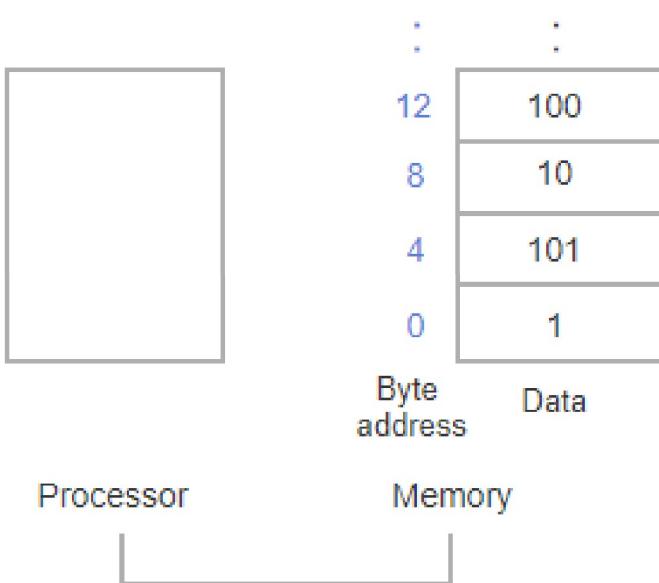


- **Static:** Variables declared once per program, cease to exist only after execution completes. e.g., C globals, arrays
- **Heap:** Variables declared dynamically (malloc)
- **Stack:** Space to be used by procedure during execution; this is where we can save register values

Memory Addressing

- Every word in memory has an address, similar to an index in an array
- Each address is a 32-bit word => 4GB of memory
- Byte Addressed
 - Computers need to access 8-bit bytes as well as words (4 bytes/word)
 - ⇒ address memory as bytes
 - ⇒ 32-bit (4 byte) word addresses differ by 4
 - ⇒ Memory [0], Memory [4], Memory [8], ...
- Sequential **word** addresses in machines with byte addressing differ by 4, not 1

Memory Addressing Illustrated



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

Showing all
byte addresses

Memory for Large Data Structures

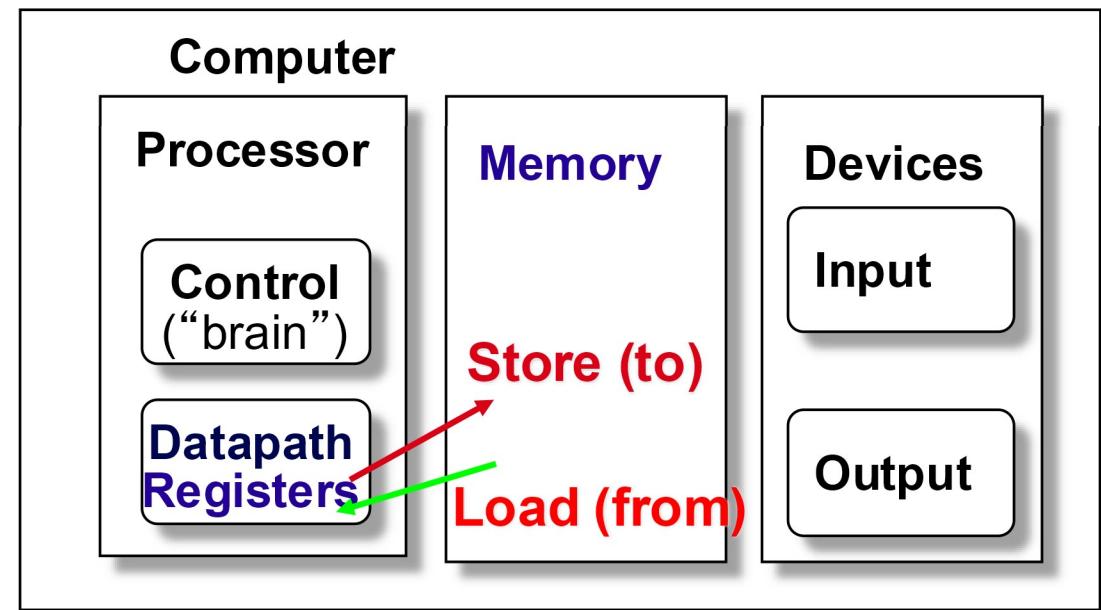
- C variables map onto registers; what about large data structures like arrays?
 - use memory
- think of memory as a single one-dimensional array

Array[index]	Address	Data or Content
A[5]	5020	32
A[4]	5016	23
A[3]	5012	14
A[2]	5008	72
A[1]	5004	56
A[0]	5000	44

Assuming A[] is an integer array

Data Transfer Instructions

- RISC-V arithmetic instructions only operate on registers, never directly on memory.
- Registers are in the datapath of the processor; if operands are in memory, we must transfer them to the processor to operate on them, and then transfer back to memory when done.
- Data transfer instructions
 - Memory to register
 - Register to memory



Memory to Register Transfer

- To transfer a word of data, we need to specify two things:

- Register: specify this by number (x0 - x31) or symbolic name (zero, a0, ...)
 - Memory address:
 - sum of two values
 - A register containing a pointer to memory address
 - Numerical offset from this pointer (in bytes)
 - Example: 8 (t0)
 - specifies the memory address pointed to by the value in t0, plus 8 bytes

- Load FROM memory

Load Word

- **Load Instruction Syntax:**

1 2,3(4)

- where
 - 1) operation name
 - 2) register that will receive value
 - 3) numerical offset **in bytes**
 - 4) register containing pointer to memory

- **RISC-V Instruction Name:**

- **lw** : meaning Load Word, so 32 bits (i.e., one word) are loaded at a time

Load Word: Example



Example: `lw t0,12($0)`

This instruction will take the pointer in `s0`, add 12 bytes to it, and then load the value from the memory pointed to by this calculated sum into register `t0`

• Notes:

- `s0`: base register
 - Often points to beginning of an array or structure
- `12`: offset
 - often used in accessing elements of array or structure

Register to Memory Transfer (sw)

- **Store from register into memory**

- syntax is identical to lw
- `sw` (meaning Store Word, so 32 bits or one word are loaded at a time)



- **Example: `sw t0,12(s0)`**

This instruction will take the pointer in `s0`, add 12 bytes to it, and then store the value from register `t0` into that memory address

- **Store INTO memory**

Example 1

- Compile using registers:

$g = h + A[5];$

- g: s1, h: s2, s3: base address of integer array A

- What offset in lw to select A[5]

- 4x5=20 to select A[5]: byte vs. word

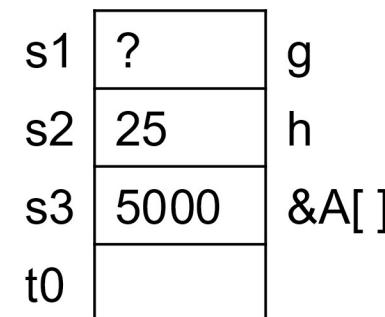
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- transfer from memory to register:

**lw t0,20(s3) # add 20 to s3 to select A[5],
#put into t0**

- add it to h and place in g

add s1,s2,t0 # $s1 = h + A[5]$



Example 2

- What offset in lw to select A[i] (integer array)

- 4i

- Compile using registers:

g = h + A[i];

- g: s1, h: s2, s3:base address of A; i: s4

add s4, s4, s4

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add s4, s4, s3

lw t0,0(s4)

add s1,s2,t0

Loading and Storing Bytes

- **byte data transfers:**

- load byte: `lb`
- store byte: `sb`

- **same syntax as `lw` and `sw`**

- **What to do with other 24 bits in the 32-bit register?**

- `lb`: sign extends

xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx



...is copied to “sign-extend”

xzzz zzzz

↑
byte loaded
sign bit

- `lbu`: zero extends
 - e.g., for chars

Working with Characters and Strings

- **ASCII**
 - American Standard Code for Information Interchange
 - 8-bit representation for English alphabet, numbers
 - RARS time: .word 0x65666768
- **Null-terminated series of characters are strings (same as in C)**
- **lb, sb used to read/write one char at a time**

C code:

```
char name [20];  
name[3]
```

RISC-V code:

```
name: .space 20  
la t0, name  
lb t1, 3 (t0)
```

Other Load/Store Instructions

- **Half word:**

- 2 bytes
- Half word aligned
- lh, lhu: load half word
- sh: store halfword

- **For floating point numbers**

- Use FP registers f0-f31
- flw, fld – load float SP/DP
- fsw, fsd – store float SP/DP