

Register name	Number	Usage
\$zero	0	constant 0
\$at	1	reserved for assembler
\$v0	2	expression evaluation and results of a function
\$v1	3	expression evaluation and results of a function
\$a0	4	argument 1
\$a1	5	argument 2
\$a2	6	argument 3
\$a3	7	argument 4
\$t0	8	temporary (not preserved across call)
\$t1	9	temporary (not preserved across call)
\$t2	10	temporary (not preserved across call)
\$t3	11	temporary (not preserved across call)
\$t4	12	temporary (not preserved across call)
\$t5	13	temporary (not preserved across call)
\$t6	14	temporary (not preserved across call)
\$t7	15	temporary (not preserved across call)
\$s0	16	saved temporary (preserved across call)
\$s1	17	saved temporary (preserved across call)
\$s2	18	saved temporary (preserved across call)
\$s3	19	saved temporary (preserved across call)
\$s4	20	saved temporary (preserved across call)
\$s5	21	saved temporary (preserved across call)
\$s6	22	saved temporary (preserved across call)
\$s7	23	saved temporary (preserved across call)
\$t8	24	temporary (not preserved across call)
\$t9	25	temporary (not preserved across call)
\$k0	26	reserved for OS kernel
\$k1	27	reserved for OS kernel
\$gp	28	pointer to global area
\$sp	29	stack pointer
\$fp	30	frame pointer
\$ra	31	return address (used by function call)

FIGURE A.6.1 MIPS registers and usage convention.

stack pointer. The executing procedure uses the frame pointer to quickly access values in its stack frame. For example, an argument in the stack frame can be loaded into register \$v0 with the instruction

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lw $v0, 0($fp)
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