

# C o m p u t e r O r g a n i z a t i o n



Lab5

MIPS(4) - macro, procedure, memory



# Topics

- > Macro vs Procedure
- **Directive** 
  - > .globl vs .extern
  - > .globl main
- > Memory
  - > Local label vs Globi label
  - > Static Storage vs Dynamic Storage

### Macro

#### Macros:

A **pattern-matching** and **replacement** facility that provide a simple mechanism to name a frequently used sequence of instructions.

- > **Programmer invokes** the macro.
- > **Assembler replaces** the macro call with the corresponding sequence of instructions.

#### **Macros vs Subroutines:**

- > **Same:** permit a programmer to create and name a new abstraction for a common operation.
- ➤ **Difference:** Unlike subroutines, macros do not cause a subroutine call and return when the program runs since a macro call is replaced by the macro's body when the program is assembled.

#### Demo #1

.text print\_string: addi \$sp,\$sp,-4 sw \$v0,(\$sp)

> li \$v0,4 syscall

lw \$v0,(\$sp) addi \$sp,\$sp,4

jr \$ra

Assembler replaces the macro call with the corresponding sequence of instructions.

Q1: What's the difference between macro and procedue?

Q2: While save the macro's defination(on the right hand in this slides) in an asm file, and assamble it, what's the assembly result? Is the macro's defination file runable?

Q3: While save the procedure's defination(on the left hand in this slides) in an asm file, and assemble it, what's the assembly result? Is this file runable?

```
.macro print string(%str)
.data
    pstr: .asciiz %str
.text
    addi $sp,$sp,-8
    sw $a0,4($sp)
    sw $v0,($sp)
    la $a0,pstr
    li $v0,4
    syscall
    lw $v0,($sp)
    lw $a0,4($sp)
    addi $sp,$sp,8
.end macro
```

# Procedure (1)

#### > In CALLER

- Before call the callee
  - > Save caller-saved registers
    - The called procedure can use these **registers(\$a0-\$a3 and \$t0-\$t9)** without first saving their value.
    - If the **caller** expects to use one of these registers after a call, it must **save** its value **before the call**.
  - > Pass arguments
    - > By convention, the first four arguments are passed in **registers \$a0-\$a3**. Any remaining arguments are pushed on the stack and appear at the beginning of the called procedure' s stack **frame**.
- > Execute a jal instruction
  - > Saves the return address in register \$ra and jumps to the callee's first instruction.

### Procedure (2)

- > In CALLEE(1)
  - ➤ 1. **Allocate memory** for the stack by substracting the frame's size from the stack pointer(\$sp).
  - > 2. Save callee-saved registers in the frame.
    - A callee must **save** the values in these registers(**\$s0-\$s7** and **\$ra**) before altering them, since the caller expects to find these registers unchanged after the call.
    - > Register \$ra ONLY needs to be saved if the callee itself makes a call. The other callee-saved registers that are used also must be saved.

# Procedure (3)

#### In CALLEE(2)

- > 3. before returning to caller
  - If the callee is a function that returns value(s), place the returned value(s) in register \$v0~\$v1
  - > Restore all callee-saved registers that were saved upon procedure entry
  - > **Pop** the stack frame by adding the frame size to **\$sp**
- > 4. **Return** by jumping to the address in register **\$ra**

### Local label vs External label

#### > Local label

> A label referring to an object that can be used only within the file in which it is defined.

#### > External label

> A label referring to an object that can be referenced from files other than the one in which it is defined.

Find the usage of ".external" and ".globl" on page 10 and 11: What's the relationship between globl main and the entrance of program? What will happen if an external data have the same name with a local data?

#### Demo #2-1

it's in print callee it's the default\_str it's in print caller it's the default\_str

- Q1. Is the running result same as the sample snap?
- Q2. How many "default\_str" are defined in "lab5\_print\_callee.asm" ?
- Q3. While executing the instruction "la \$a0,default\_str" in these two files, which "default\_str" is used?

```
## "lab5 print caller.asm" ##
.include "lab5 print callee.asm"
.data
               .asciiz "it's in print caller."
  str caller:
.text
.globl main
main:
     jal print_callee
     addi $v0,$zero,4
     la $a0,str caller
     syscall
     la $a0, default str ###which one?
     syscall
     li $v0,10
     syscall
```

```
## "lab5 print callee.asm" ##
.extern default str 20
.data
     default str: .asciiz "it's the default str\n"
     str_callee:
                     .asciiz "it's in print callee."
.text
print callee:
                addi $sp,$sp,-4
                sw $v0,($sp)
                addi $v0,$zero,4
                la $a0,str callee
                syscall
                la $a0, default str ###which one?
                syscall
                lw $v0,($sp)
                addi $sp,$sp,4
                jr $ra
```

#### Demo #2-2

In Mars, set "Assemble all files in directory", put the following files in the same directory, then run it and answer the questions on page 10.

```
.data
                                                                      .data
                                  "it's in print caller."
                                                                                            defaulte str 20
   str caller:
                    .asciiz
                                                                             .extern
.text
                                                                             str callee:
                                                                                                  .asciiz
                                                                                                            "it's in print callee."
.globl main
                                                                             defaulte str:
                                                                                                  .asciiz
                                                                                                                "ABC\n"
main:
                                                                      .text
                                                                      .globl print callee
      jal print callee
                                                                                         addi $sp,$sp,-4
                                                                      print callee:
      addi $v0,$0,0x0a636261
                                                                                           sw $v0,($sp)
      sw $v0,defaulte str
                                              Settings Tools Help
                                                                                           addi $v0,$zero,4
                                              E Show Labels Window (symbol table)
      addi $v0,$zero,4

    Program arguments provided to MIPS program

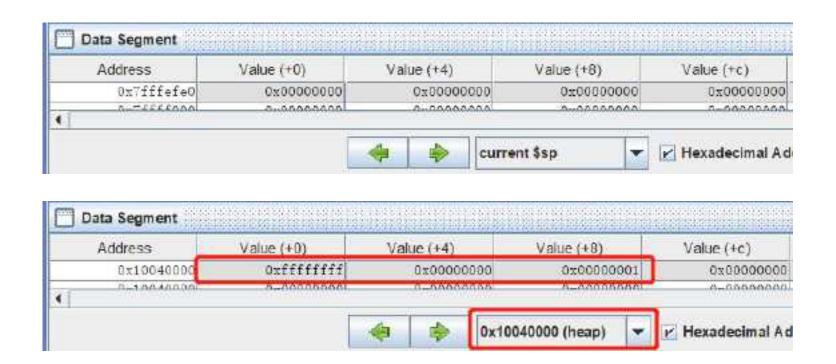
                                                                                           la $a0,str callee
                                              Popup dialog for input syscalls (5,6,7,8,12)
      la $a0,str caller
                                                                                           syscall
                                              E Addresses displayed in hexadecimal
                                                                                           la $a0,defaulte str
      syscall
                                              2 Values displayed in hexadecimal
      la $a0,defaulte str
                                                                                           syscall
                                              Assemble file upon opening
      syscall
                                             P Assemble all files in directory
                                                                                           lw $v0,($sp)
                                              Assembler warnings are considered errors
      li $v0,10
                                                                                           addi $sp,$sp,4

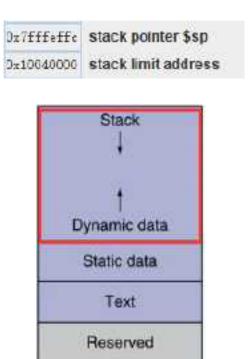
    ✓ Initialize Program Counter to global 'main' if defined

      syscall
                                                                                           jr $ra
```

### Stack vs Heap

- > Stack: used to store the local variable, usually used in calle.
- > Heap: The heap is reserved for sbrk and break system calls, and it not always present.





### Demo #3-1(1)

The following demo(composed of 4 pieces on page 12 and 13) is supposed to get and store the data from input device, get the minimal value among the data, the number of input data is determined by user.

```
#piece 1/4
.include "macro print str.asm"
.data
     min value: .word 0
.text
     print string("please input the number:")
     li $v0,5
                     #read an integer
     syscall
     move $s0,$v0
                    #s0 is the number of integers
     sll $a0,$s0,2
                     #new a heap with 4*$s0
     li $v0.9
     syscall
     move $s1,$v0 #$s1 is the start of the heap
     move $$2,$v0 #$$2 is the point
```

```
print_string("please input the array\n") #piece 2/4

add $t0,$0,$0

loop_read:

li $v0,5  #read the array
    syscall
    sw $v0,($s2)

addi $s2,$s2,4
    addi $t0,$t0,1
    bne $t0,$s0,loop_read
```

While the 1st input number is 0 or 1, what will happen? why? Modify this demo to make it better

### Demo #3-1(2)

```
#piece 3/4
                     #initialize the min value
     lw $t0,($s1)
     sw $t0,min value
     li $t0,1
     addi $s2,$s1,4 #$s1 is the start of the heap
loop find min:
     lw $a0,min value
     lw $a1,($s2)
     jal find min
     sw $v0,min value
     addi $s2,$s2,4
                                 #$s2 is the point
     addi $t0,$t0,1
     bne $t0,$s0 loop find min #s0 is the number of integers
     print string("the min value : ")
     li $v0,1
     lw $a0,min value
     syscall
               #end is defined in the file is macro print str.asm
     end
```

```
#piece 4/4
find_min:

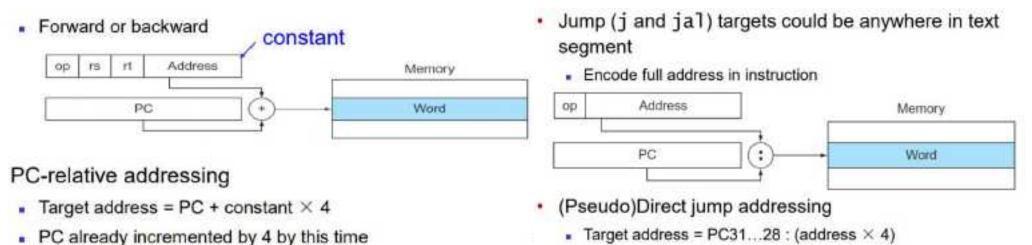
move $v0,$a0
blt $a0,$a1,not_update
move $v0,$a1

not_update:
jr $ra
```

```
please input the number:3
please input the array
-1
0
1
the min value : -1
-- program is finished running --
```

### Practice

- 1. Using Mars to find the value of ".text base address", ".data base address", ".extern base address", "heap base address" and "stack base address".
- 2. Find the value of globl lable "main", "print\_callee" and the initial value of \$PC of MIPS code on page 10.
- Find the relationship between the binary part of the branch and jump instruction code and the address of the jumping destination according to the "Demo3" on page 12 and 13.

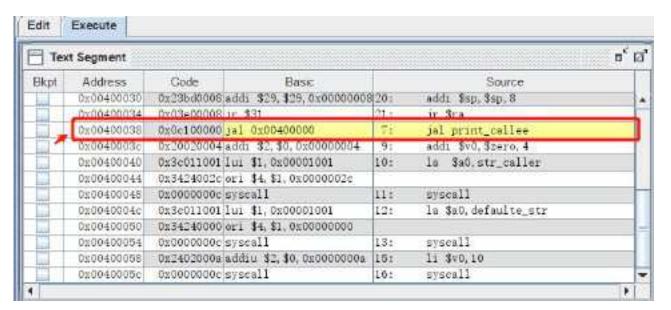


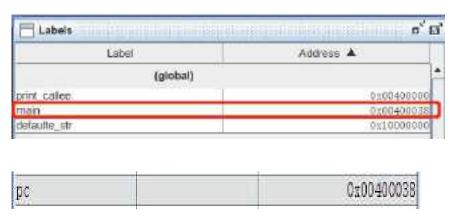
# Tips on Mars

To make the instruction labled by 'global main' as the 1st instruction to run, do the following settings.

In Mars 'manual:

Settings - Initialize Program Counter to global 'main' if defined





# Tips: macro\_print\_str.asm

```
.macro print_string(%str)
   .data
   pstr: .asciiz %str
   .text
   la $a0,pstr
   li $v0,4
   syscall
.end macro
.macro end
   li $v0,10
   syscall
.end macro
```

Define and use macro, get help form help page of Mars