Instructions

CS2400

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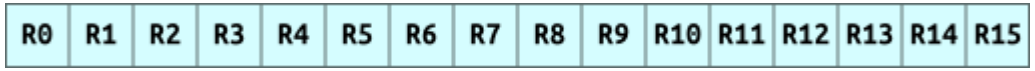
Review

ARM has sixteen registers visible at any one time. They are named R0 to R15. All are 32 bits wide.



All of the registers are general purpose, save for:

- R13 / SP
  - which holds the *stack pointer*.
- R14 / LR
  - the link register which holds the caller's return address.
- R15 / PC
  - which holds the *program counter*.

In addition to the main registers there is also a status register:

CPSR is the *current program status register*. This holds flags: results of arithmetic and logical operations.

Instructions

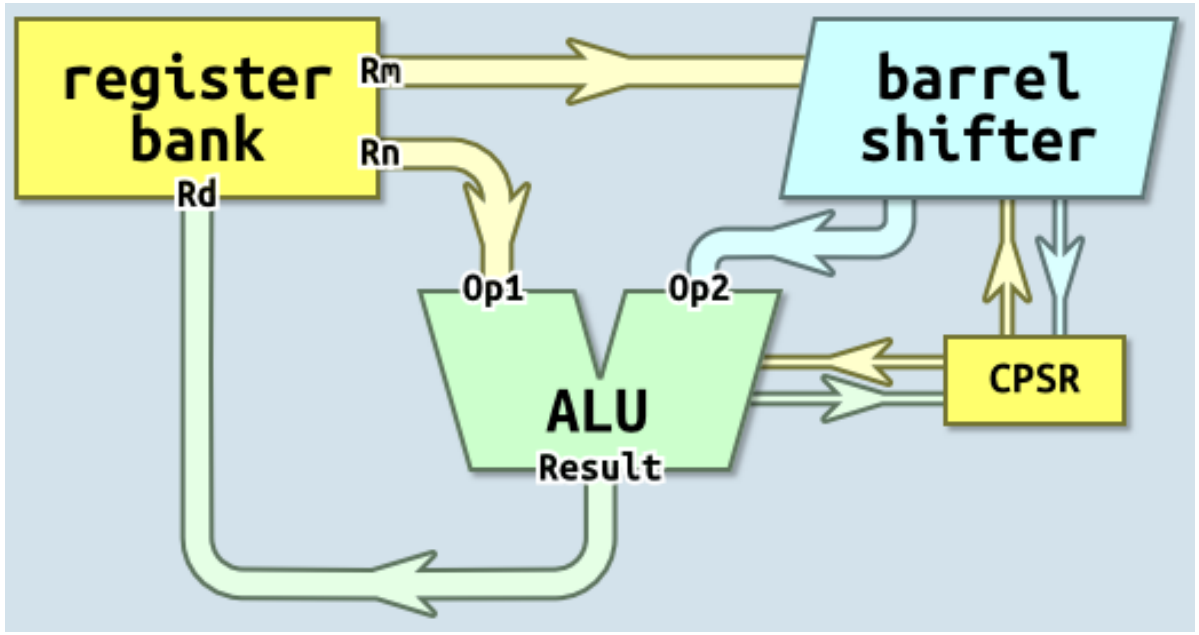
- Instructions - Language of computers
- Vocabulary – **Instruction Set**

- Different computers have different instruction sets

Instructions

- Syntax
- <operation>{cond}{flags} Rd,Rn,Operand2
  - <operation>
    - A three-letter mnemonic, e.g. MOV or ADD.
  - {cond}
    - An optional two-letter condition code, e.g. EQ or CS.
  - {flags}
    - An optional additional flags. e.g. S.
  - Rd
    - The destination register.
  - Rn
    - The first source register.
  - Operand2
    - A flexible second operand.

Organisation



Movement

- **<operation>{cond}{S} Rd,Operand2**
- Examples

- MOV r0, #42
  - Move the constant 42 into register R0.
- MOV r2, r3
  - Move the contents of register R3 into register R2.
- MVN r1, r0
  - R1 = NOT(R0) = -43
- MOV r0, r0
  - A NOP (no operation) instruction.

Arithmetic Operations

- Example
- `ADD a, b, c` ; The sum of b and c is placed in a
- `ADD a, a, d` ; The sum of b, c, and d is now in a
- `ADD a, a, e` ; The sum of b, c, d, and e is now in a

LEGv8 operands

- 32 registers - X0...X30, XZR
- 2^{62} memory doublewords - Memory[0], Memory [4], ...,

  ..Memory[4,611,686,018,427,387,904]

Instructions

Category	Instruction	Example	Meaning	Comments
Arithmetic	add	ADD X1, X2, X3	X1 = X2 + X3	Three register operands
	subtract	SUB X1, X2, X3	X1 = X2 - X3	Three register operands
	add immediate	ADDI X1, X2, 20	X1 = X2 + 20	Used to add constants
	subtract immediate	SUBI X1, X2, 20	X1 = X2 - 20	Used to subtract constants
	add and set flags	ADDS X1, X2, X3	X1 = X2 + X3	Add, set condition codes
	subtract and set flags	SUBS X1, X2, X3	X1 = X2 - X3	Subtract, set condition codes
	add immediate and set flags	ADDIS X1, X2, 20	X1 = X2 + 20	Add constant, set condition codes
	subtract immediate and set flags	SUBIS X1, X2, 20	X1 = X2 - 20	Subtract constant, set condition codes

Operands

- The reason for the limit of 32 registers may be found in the second of our three underlying design principles of hardware technology:
  - Smallest is faster

- A very large number of registers may increase the clock cycle time simply because it takes electronic signals longer when they must travel farther.

- In LEGv8 architecture Register is 64 bit wide.

Example

- C code:

```
    f = (g + h) - (i + j);
```

- Instructions

```
add t0, g, h      ; temp t0 = g + h
add t1, i, j      ; temp t1 = i + j
sub f, t0, t1     ; f = t0 – t1
```

Label

- Labels are alphanumeric names used to define the starting location of a block of statements.

- ARM assembler has reserved first character of a line for the label field and it should be left blank for the instructions with no labels.

- Example :
- stop B

Assembler Directives

- Assembler directives are commands to the assembler that direct the assembly process. Assembler directives are also called pseudo opcodes or pseudo-operations.
- Some tasks performed by these directives are:
- 1. Assign the program to certain areas in memory.
- 2. Define symbols.
- 3. Designate areas of memory for data storage.
- 4. Place tables or other fixed data in memory.
- 5. Allow references to other programs.

- Example : AREA,CODE,DATA,READONLY ……,DCD,DCB ….etc….

Load –Store architecture

- ARM is a *load-store architecture language*:
  - You must load values into registers in order to operate upon them.
  - No instructions directly operate on values in memory.

  - Word -4 Bytes

Memory Operands

- LDR R4,=A
- LDR R0,[R4]
- LDR R4,=X
- STR R3,[R4]
-
- A DCD 0x45
-
- AREA Data1,DATA,READWRITE
- X DCD 0

Example Program

```
        LDR R4,=A
        LDR R0,[R4]
        LDR R4,=C
        LDR R1,[R4]
        ADD R3,R0,R1
        LDR R4,=D
        LDR R2,[R4]
        SUB R3,R3,R2
        LDR R4,=X
        STR R3,[R4]
st          B  st
A  DCD  0x45
C  DCD  0x25
D  DCD  0x05
                AREA Data1,DATA,READWRITE
X  DCD 0
                END
```

Data Definition Directive -DCD

- The DCD (Define Constant Data) directive allocates one or more words of memory, aligned on 4-byte boundaries, and defines the initial runtime contents of the memory. & is a synonym for DCD.

- The syntax of DCD is:

- {label} DCD expression{,expression}

DCB Directive

- The DCB directive allocates one or more bytes of memory, and defines the initial runtime contents of the memory.

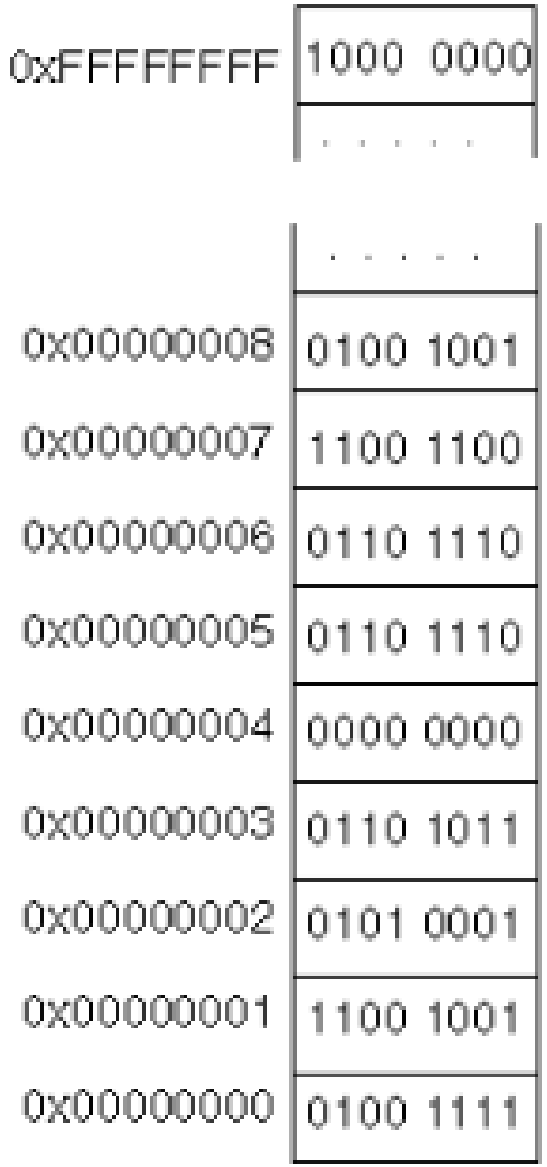
- num DCB 0x48
- C_string DCB "C_string",0

Memory Operands

- ***Data transfer instruction***: A command that moves data between memory and registers.

- ***Address*** : A value used to delineate the location of a specific data element within a memory array.

- The data transfer instruction that copies data from memory to a register is traditionally called ***load***.



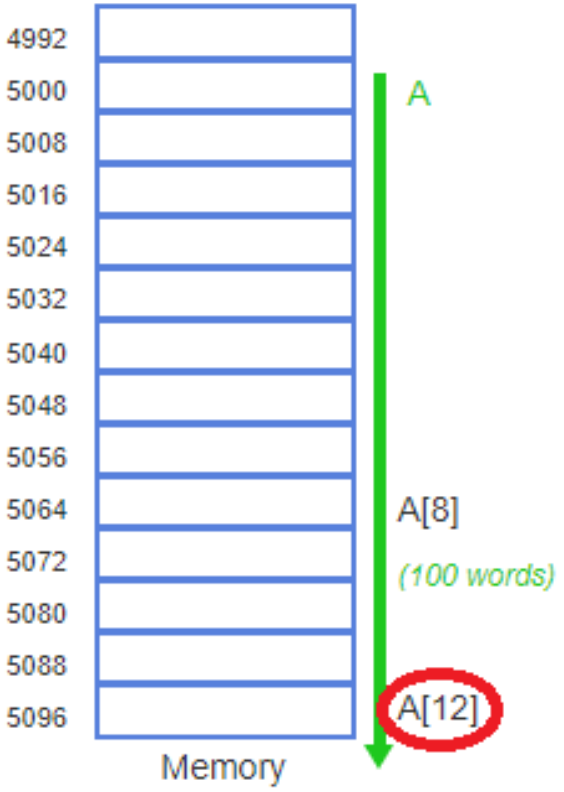
Memory Array

- a ***base address*** is the starting address of an array in memory
- a ***base register*** is a register that holds an array's base address
- ***offset*** is a constant value added to a base address to locate a particular array element .

- LDR X9, [X22, #8]

Memory Address

A[12] = h + A[8];




```
LDR  X9, [X22, #64] // Temporary reg X9 gets A[8]
ADD  X9, X21, X9    // Temporary reg X9 gets h + A[8]

STR  X9, [X22, #96] // Stores h + A[8] back into A[12]
```

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- If X22 has 1000, X9 has 77, and memory locations 1000, 1008, and 1016 have 10, 15, 20 respectively, what do those locations have after the following instruction?

- STR X9, [X22, #8]

- 10 , 77 ,20

Load and Store

- LDR -> Load word to register
- STR ->Save word from register
- LDRB -> Load Byte to register
- STRB ->Save Byte from register
- LDRH ->Load Halfword to register
- STRH ->Save Halfword from register

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- Write an ARM assembly program to accept 2 numbers from variable A and B .Find their sum and store it in variable C.

LEGv8 Instructions

- *R-type* Instructions

Opcode	Rm	shamt	Rn	Rd
11 bits	5 bits	6 bits	5 bits	5 bits

LEGv8 Instructions

- *D-type* Instructions

Opcode	address	op 2	Rn	Rt
11 bits	9 bits	2 bits	5 bits	5 bits

LEGv8 Instructions

- *I-type* format

Opcode	immediate	Rn	Rd
10 bits	12 bits	5 bits	5 bits

Instruction formats

Instruction	Format
ADD (add)	R
SUB (subtract)	R
ADDI (add immediate)	I
SUBI (sub immediate)	I
LDUR (load register)	D
STUR (store register)	D

opcode	Rm	shamt	Rn	Rd/Rt	
1112	reg	0	reg	reg	*(R-type)*
1624	reg	0	reg	reg	
580	immediate		reg	reg	*(I-type)*
836	immediate		reg	reg	
1986	address	0	reg	reg	*(D-type)*
1984	address	0	reg	reg	

Sample Instructions

	opcode	Rm	shamt	Rn	Rd
`ADD X1, X2, X3`	1112	3	0	2	1
`SUB X1, X2, X3`	1624	3	0	2	1

	opcode	immediate	Rn	Rd
`ADDI X1, X2, #100`	580	100	2	1
`SUBI X1, X2, #100`	836	100	2	1

	opcode	address	op2	Rn	Rt
`LDUR X1, [X2, #100]`	1986	100	0	2	1
`STUR X1, [X2, #100]`	1984	100	0	2	1

Programming Question

- Write an ARM assembly program to find the value for the given equation with decimal values of x=20 and y=90 .Store the value in z. Use only ADD operation.

- z= x-y

Next Class

- Logical operation
- Multiplication
- Division