

MIPS ASSEMBLY

LECTURE 08-1

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TODAY'S PLAN

- ▶ ON-LINE COURSE LOGISTICS
- ▶ REVIEW OF MIPS ASSEMBLY, BUT DONE VIA...
- ▶ ... MY SOLUTIONS TO HOMEWORK 07
- ▶ MIPS MEMORY OPERATIONS (WITH EXERCISES)

LOGISTICS

- ▶ Lectures via Zoom. *Probably won't be interactive today, but we'll improve...*
 - ◆ 3-4pm MWF pacific standard time
 - ◆ Will send an email link for each lecture, with a password.
 - ◆ Will try to record, but don't yet know how to store/share the video.
- ▶ Will post slides and lecture materials over syllabus page on GitHub.
 - ◆ Including lecture notes, sample code.
- ▶ End of lecture exercises (optional) will be given instead of lab exercises.
- ▶ Week-long **homework assignments** will be given **each Wednesday**.
- ▶ Still working out office hours, tutoring, and lab instruction replacement.

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SOLUTION TO HOMEWORK 07 EXERCISE 1

- Below is the "kernel" of my MIPS code to multiply using repeated addition:

```
1. multiply:  
2.     li      $t0, 0          # product = 0  
3. multiply_loop:  
4.     beqz   $t2, report      # if y == 0 goto report  
5.     addu   $t0, $t0, $t1      # product += x  
6.     addiu  $t2, $t2, -1       # y -- 1  
7.     b       multiply_loop  
8. report:
```

- It uses registers *t0* to compute the product, repeatedly adding *t1* to it.
- It starts with a product of 0, performs the addition at **line 5** *t2* times.

C++ SOLUTION TO HOMEWORK 07 EXERCISE 1

- ▶ Here is C++ code that mimics that MIPS code. The "kernel" loop is in green.

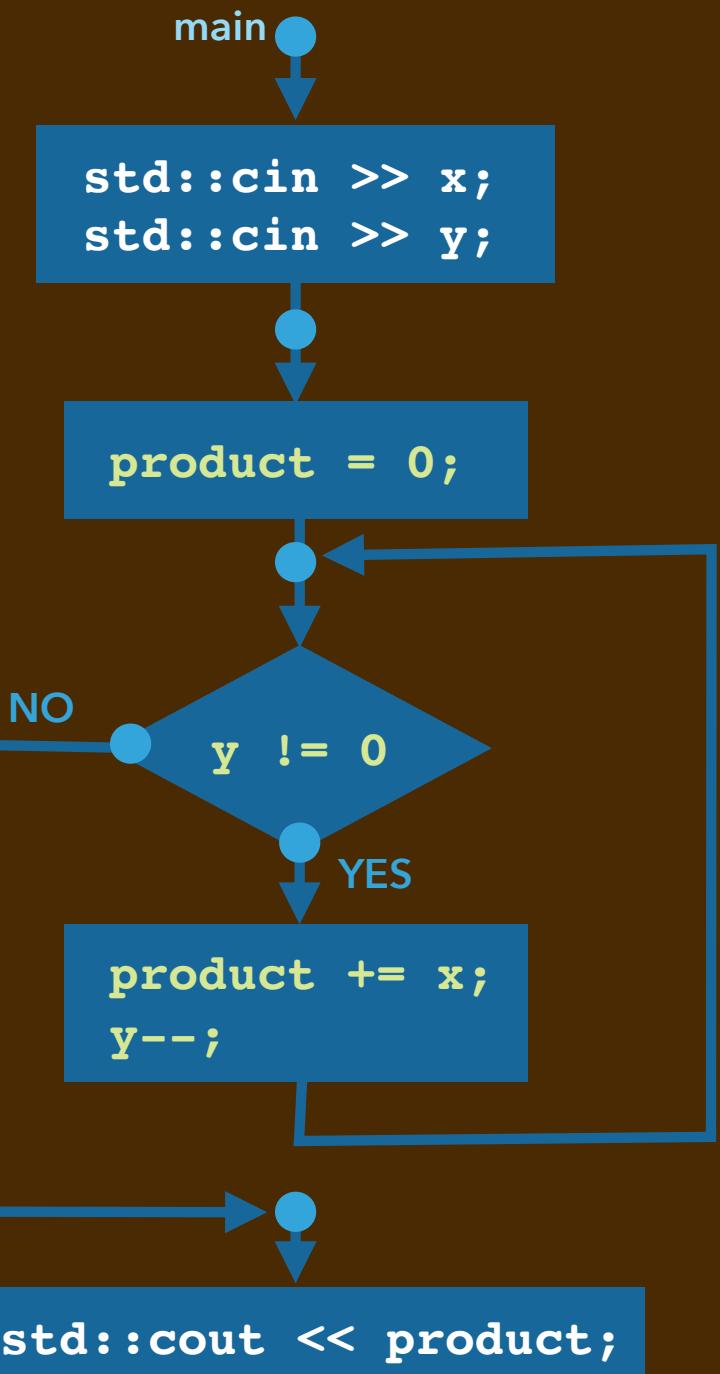
```
1. int main() { int x,y, product;
2.   std::cin >> x;
3.   std::cin >> y;
4.   product = 0;
5.   while (y != 0) {
6.     product += x;
7.     y--;
8.   }
9.   std::cout << product;
10.  return 0;
11. }
```

- ▶ Let's convert it to MIPS code, maybe how a compiler might...

FLOWCHART OF SOLUTION

```
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- ▶ Here is the "flow logic" of that code:
- ▶ Let's convert it to MIPS...



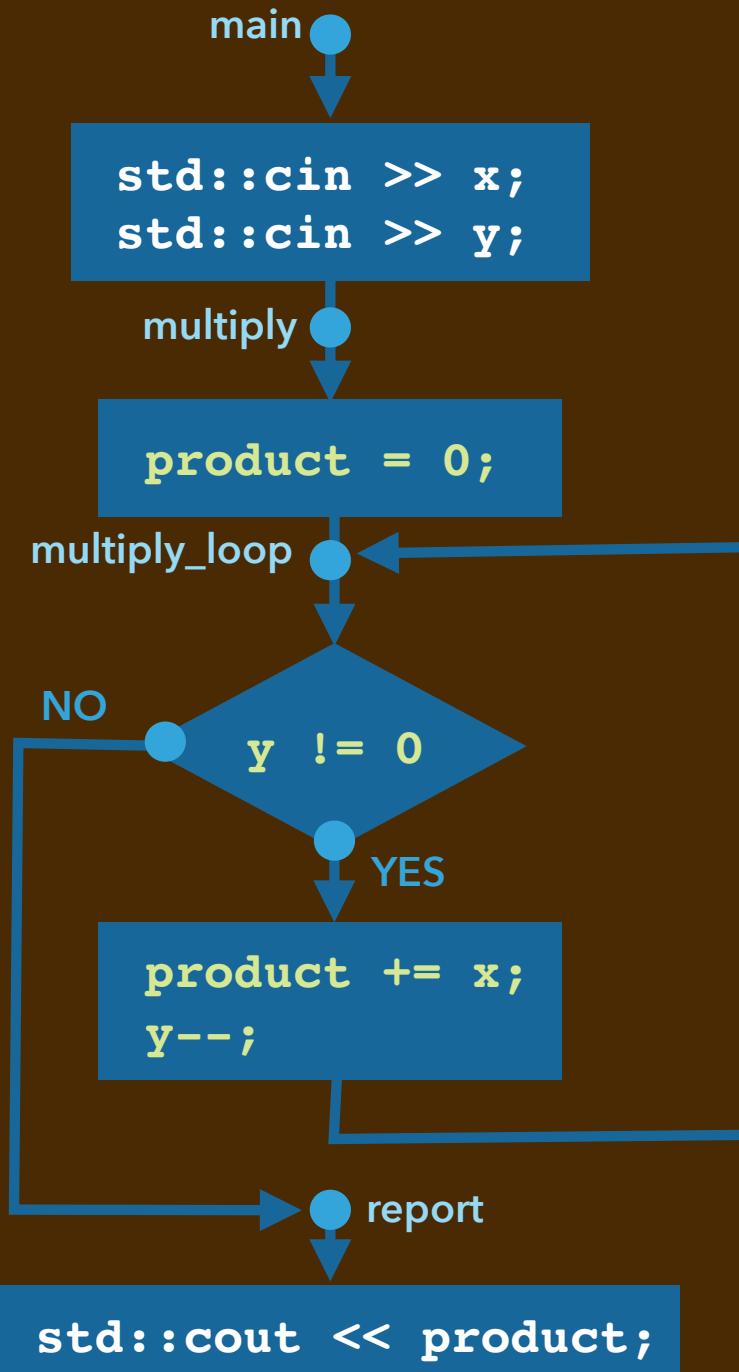
CONVERSION TO MIPS

```

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3.   std::cin >> y;
4. multiply:
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6. multiply_loop:
7.   while (y != 0) {
8.     product += x;
9.     y--;
10. }
11. report:
12. std::cout << product;
13. end_main:
14. return 0;

```

- Let's label the flow's targets.



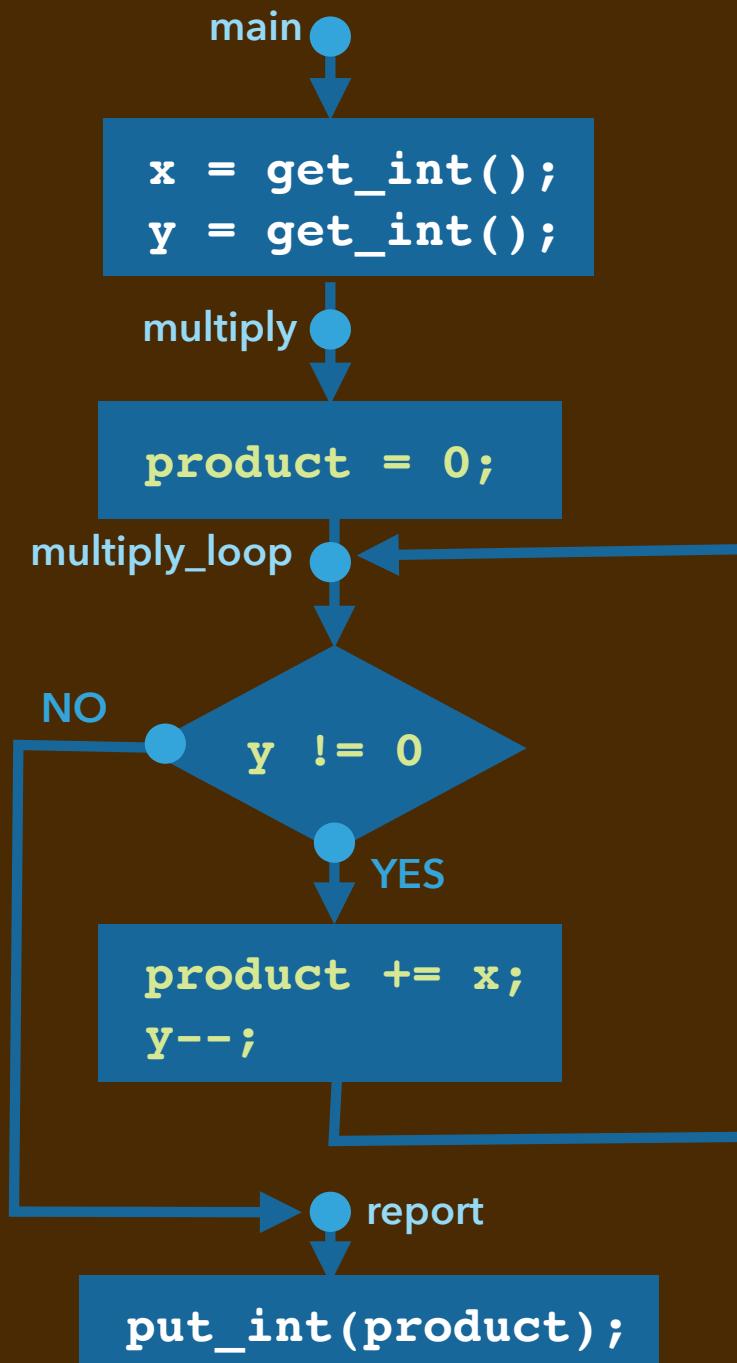
CONVERSION TO MIPS

```

1. main:
2.   x = get_int();
3.   y = get_int();
4. multiply:
5.   product = 0;
6. multiply_loop:
7.   while (y != 0) {
8.     product += x;
9.     y--;
10. }
11. report:
12. put_int(product);
13. end_main:
14. return 0;

```

- ▶ Substitute system calls.

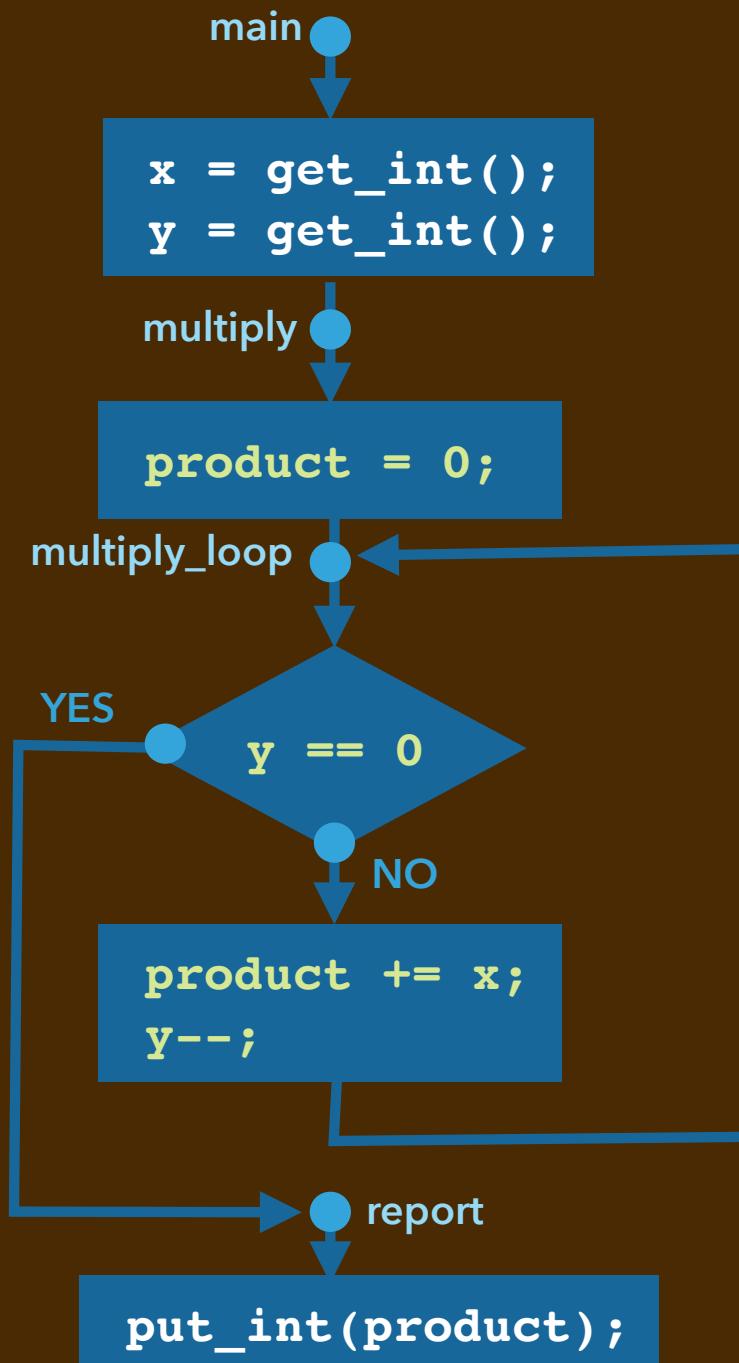


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- Replace "structured" conditional statements with GOTOS.

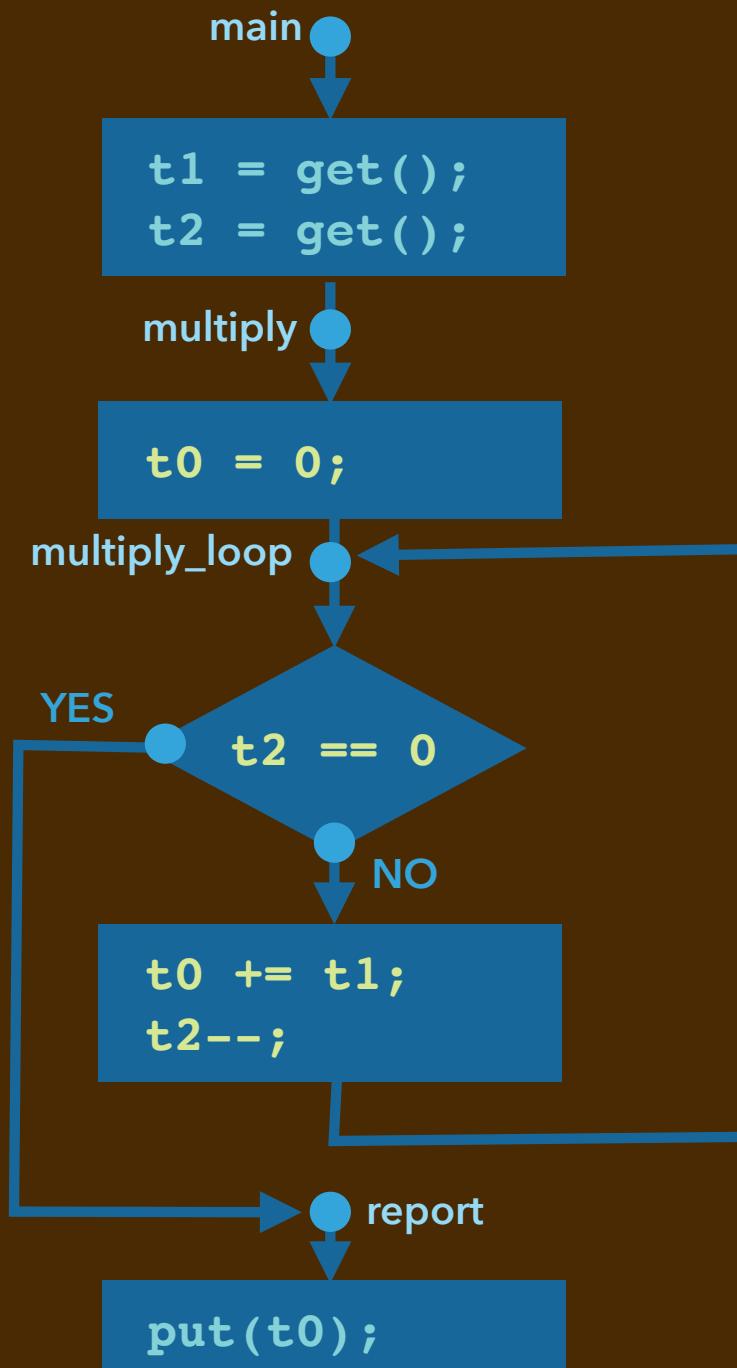
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► Choose registers.

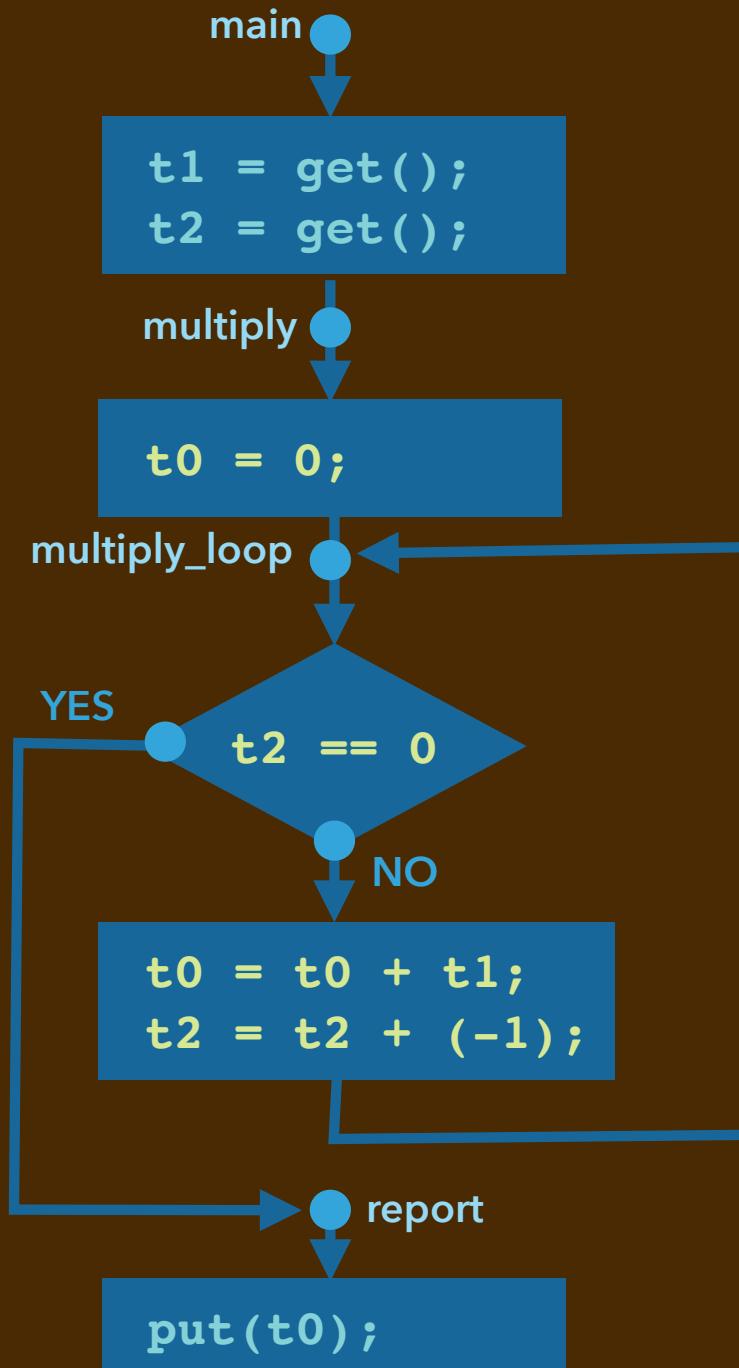


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6. multiply_loop:
7.   if (t2 == 0) goto report;
8.   t0 = t0 + t1;
9.   t1 = t1 + (-1);
10.  goto multiply_loop;
11. report:
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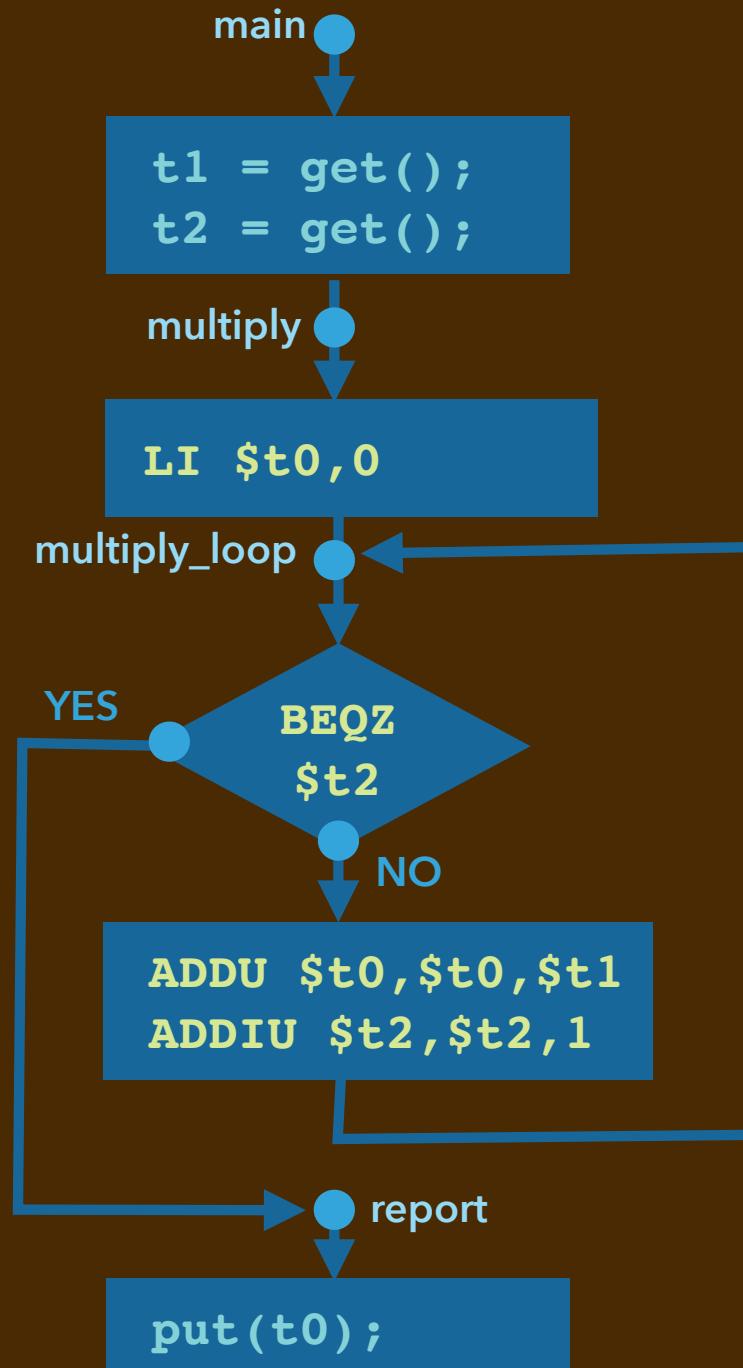
- Convert assignments to machine-like statements.

CONVERSION TO MIPS

```

1. main:
2.   t1 = get_int();
3.   t2 = get_int();
4. multiply:
5.   LI $t0,0
6. multiply_loop:
7.   BEQZ $t2,report
8.   ADDU $t0,$t0,$t1
9.   ADDIU $t2,$t2,-1
10.  B multiply_loop
11. report:
12.  put_int(t0);
13. end_main:
14.  return 0;

```



- ▶ Change C statements to MIPS instructions.

LET'S REVIEW SOME OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS...

1. **multiply:**
2. **LI \$t0,0**
3. **multiply_loop:**
4. **BEQZ \$t2,report**
5. **ADDU \$t0,\$t0,\$t1**
6. **ADDIU \$t2,\$t2,1**
7. **B multiply_loop**
8. **report:**

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7.    B multiply_loop  
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```

LOAD IMMEDIATE

► Format:

LI *destination register, value*

► Meaning: load a register with a specific value.

► NOTES:

- destination can be any MIPS register
- value must be a 32-bit constant, including negative values using 2's complement encoding
- "immediate" because bits of value are in the instruction's code

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```

ADD (UNTRAPPED)

► Format:

ADDU *destination*,*source1*,*source2*

► Meaning: add the contents of two registers, store sum the sum in a register

► NOTES:

- destination can be any MIPS register
- sources can be any registers
- "untrapped" means errors (e.g. overflow) can be ignored by the machine
- there's SUBU and bitwise AND, OR, XOR also

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7.    B multiply_loop  
8. report:
```

ADD IMMEDIATE (UNTRAPPED)

► Format:

ADDIU *destination, source, value*

► Meaning: compute the sum of a register's contents to a value, store the sum in a register

► NOTES:

- source and destination can be any MIPS registers
- value is a 16-bit constant, including negative values. Assumes 2's complement encoding.
- (there's no SUBIU instruction)

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product = 0;  
while (y != 0) {  
    product += x;  
    y--;  
}
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- if "guarding" a while loop, the condition specifies when the loop should **stop**, the opposite of the condition for continuing

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BEQZ register, target-label

► Meaning: go to the labeled instruction if a register's value is zero. Continue below if not.

► NOTES:

- branch target can be above or below
- there is BEQZ, BNEZ, BLTZ, BGTZ, BLEZ, BGEZ
- these are $=, \neq, <, >, \leq, \geq$ tests with 0

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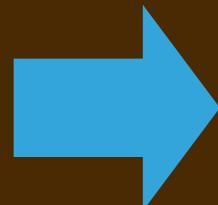
WHAT ABOUT INPUT AND OUTPUT?

- ▶ There are several different *system calls* you can make that SPIM understands.
 - get an integer input from the console
 - print an integer output to the console
 - print a null-terminated character sequence out to the console
- Each has a number that identifies it.
- You tell the system which should run by setting register v0 to that number.

SYSTEM CALLS

- ▶ Getting an integer input is *system call #5*.

```
t1 = get_int();
```



```
LI $v0, 5  
syscall  
MOVE $t1,$v0
```

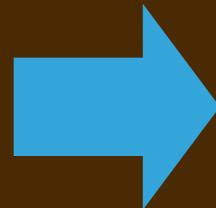
- ▶ Meaning of the MIPS code:

- We load register v0 with the system call number.
- We make the system call.
 - A special sequence of instructions gets executed by the system to read input from the console. The integer read gets placed in register v0.
- We copy (i.e. "move") its value to register t1, our storage for the first multiplicand.

SYSTEM CALLS

- ▶ Outputting an integer is *system call #1*.

`put_int(t0);`



`LI $v0, 1
MOVE $a0, $t0
syscall`

- ▶ Meaning of the MIPS code:

- We load register v0 with the system call number.
- We load register a0 with the "argument", the value we want the system to output.
 - This has us copy (again, "move") the register for the product into a0.
- We make the system call.
 - A sequence of instructions gets executed to output the value in a0 to the console.

THE (POORLY NAMED) MOVE INSTRUCTION

MOVE

► Format:

MOVE *destination-register* , *source-register*

► Meaning:

copy the contents of the source register into the destination register

► NOTE: the value in the source register *doesn't change*

- For example the MIPS code

MOVE \$t0 , \$t1

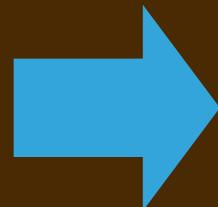
would be like the C++ code

product = **x**;

RETURNING FROM MAIN

- ▶ Our (main) program must return an integer value to the system.

`return 0;`



`LI $v0, 0
JR $ra`

- ▶ We'll see (on Friday) how to write functions and procedures and use them.
- ▶ These two instructions hint at how that works. In short:
 - Functions, by convention, return a value by setting register v0 to that value.
 - A register named ra stores information about who called `main`.
 - This is called the **return address** of the "caller" code.
 - The `JR` instruction "jumps back" to that instruction.
- ▶ ***For now, just make sure your main code always ends with these two lines.***

THE FULL SOLUTION TO HOMEWORK 07 EXERCISE 1

```
1. main:
2. li      $v0,5
3. syscall
4. move   $t1,$v0
5. li      $v0,5
6. syscall
7. move   $t2,$v0
8. multiply:
9. li      $t0,0
10. multiply_loop:
11. beqz  $t2,report
12. addu   $t0,$t0,$t1
13. addiu  $t2,$t2,-1
14. b      multiply_loop
15. report:
16. li      $v0, 1
17. move   $a0, $t0
18. syscall
19. li      $v0, 0
20. jr      $ra
```

THE HOMEWORK 07 EXERCISE 2 SOLUTION LOOKS SIMILAR

```
1. main:  
2. li      $v0,5  
3. syscall  
4. move   $t1,$v0  
5. li      $v0,5  
6. syscall  
7. move   $t2,$v0  
8. divide:  
9. li      $t0,0  
10. divide_loop:  
11. blt    $t1,$t2,report  
12. addiu  $t0,$t0,1  
13. subu   $t1,$t1,$t2  
14. b      divide_loop  
15. report:  
...  # now $t0 contains the quotient, $t1 the remainder. We output them with two system calls.  
22. li      $v0, 0  
23. jr      $ra
```

C++ SOLUTION TO HOMEWORK 07 EXERCISE 2

- ▶ Here is the C++ for it. Again, the kernel of the code is green.

```
1. int main() { int number, divisor, quotient;
2.   std::cin >> number;
3.   std::cin >> divisor;
4.   quotient = 0;
5.   while (number >= divisor) {
6.     quotient++;
7.     number -= divisor;
8.   }
9.   std::cout << quotient << std::endl;
10.  std::cout << number << std::endl;
11.  return 0;
12. }
```

- ▶ It repeatedly subtracts the divisor until only a remainder is left.
- ▶ It counts the number of subtractions made. That count is the quotient.

SOME MORE INSTRUCTIONS WORTH HIGHLIGHTING

```
1. main:  
2. li      $v0,5  
3. syscall  
4. move   $t1,$v0  
5. li      $v0,5  
6. syscall  
7. move   $t2,$v0  
8. divide:  
9. li      $t0,0  
10. divide_loop:  
11. blt    $t1,$t2,report  
12. addiu  $t0,$t0,1  
13. subu   $t1,$t1,$t2  
14. b      divide_loop  
15. report:  
...  #output $t0 and $t1  
22. li      $v0, 0  
23. jr      $ra
```

BRANCH IF LESS THAN

► Format:

BLT *source1, source2, target-label*

► Meaning: go to the labeled instruction if the first source register is less than the second. Continue below if not.

► NOTES:

- there is BLT, BGT, BLE, BGE, BEQ, BNE
- these are <, >, ≤, ≥, =, ≠

SOME MORE INSTRUCTIONS WORTH HIGHLIGHTING

```
1. main:  
2. li      $v0,5  
3. syscall  
4. move   $t1,$v0  
5. li      $v0,5  
6. syscall  
7. move   $t2,$v0  
8. divide:  
9. li      $t0,0  
10. divide_loop:  
11. blt    $t1,$t2,report  
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14. b      divide_loop  
15. report:  
...  #output $t0 and $t1  
22. li      $v0, 0  
23. jr      $ra
```

SUBTRACT (UNTRAPPED)

► Format:

SUBU *destination ,source1 ,source2*

► Meaning: subtract source2 from source1, store the difference in a register

► NOTES:

- destination is a register
- sources are registers
- "untrapped" means errors (e.g. borrow) can be ignored by the machine
- does not modify the source registers

THERE'S MORE THAN JUST CODE THERE

```
1.      # quotient.asm
2.      #
3.      # This code asks for two integers and then
4.      # outputs the quotient and remainder due to
5.      # their division.
6.
7.      .data
8.  prompt_num:    .asciiz "Enter an integer: "
9.  prompt_div:    .asciiz "Enter an integer divisor: "
10. fdbk1:         .asciiz "Dividing "
11. fdbk2:         .asciiz " by "
12. fdbk3:         .asciiz " yields a quotient of "
13. fdbk4:         .asciiz " with a remainder of "
14. fdbk5:         .asciiz ".\n"
15.
16.      .globl main
17.      .text
18. main:
19.      # Key:
20.      #      $t0 - the number to be divided
21.      #      $t1 - the divisor
22.      #      $t2 - the remainder
23.      #      $t3 - the quotient, a count
24.      li      $v0,5
25.      ...
```

SEGMENTS IN A PROGRAM MEMORY IMAGE

- ▶ In MIPS assembly we specify the contents of a program's *text* and *data segments*:
 - **.text** contains the bytes of the executable code of the program
 - **.data** contains additional sequences of bytes, and for various types of values
 - ◆ SPIM loads all the bytes of a program's image, both the text and the data.
- ▶ For example, "output100.asm" holds two strings and an integer in its data:

```
.data
report: .asciiz "The value held in memory is "
dot_eoln: .asciiz ".\n"
value:   .word 100
.globl main
.text
main:
la      $a0, report
...
```

SEGMENTS IN A PROGRAM MEMORY IMAGE

- ▶ Here is the full "output100.asm" program:

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3. dot_eoln: .asciiz ".\n"
4. value:    .word 100
5.          .globl main
6.          .text
7. main:
8.     la      $a0,report
9.     li      $v0,4
10.    syscall
11.    la      $t0,value
12.    lw      $a0,($t0)
13.    li      $v0,1
14.    syscall
15.    la      $a0,eoln
16.    li      $v0,4
17.    syscall
18.    li      $v0,0
19.    jr      $ra
```

LOADING A VALUE STORED AT AN ADDRESS

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```

LOAD ADDRESS INTO A REGISTER

- ▶ Format:

LA *destination , program-label*

- ▶ Meaning: loads a register with the address of a labelled item in the code

- ▶ NOTE: For a string (.asciiz), this is the address of the first letter of its sequence.

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3. dot_eoln: .asciiz ".\n"
4. value:    .word 100
5.          .globl main
6.          .text
7. main:
8.   la      $a0,report
9.   li      $v0,4
10.  syscall
11.  la      $t0,value
12.  lw      $a0,($t0) // Address of value
13.  li      $v0,1
14.  syscall
15.  la      $a0,eoln
16.  li      $v0,4
17.  syscall
18.  li      $v0,0
19.  jr      $ra
```

LOAD A VALUE STORED AT AN ADDRESS

- ▶ Format:

LW *destination*, (*source*)

- ▶ Meaning: loads a register with the (4-byte word) value stored at an address

- ▶ NOTE: ***source*** is a register that holds the address., i.e. a pointer to the loaded data.

LOADING A VALUE FROM MEMORY

LOAD A (FOUR BYTE) VALUE FROM AN ADDRESS IN MEMORY

LW *destination*, (*source*)

► NOTES:

- This is sometimes called a "memory-to-register" transfer or "fetch."
- *source* is a register holding the address of the data we're fetching.
- We can think of the source register as a pointer. So **LW** is like the C code:

```
int* source_pointer;  
...  
int destination_value = *source_pointer;
```

REGISTERS VERSUS MEMORY

- ▶ A MIPS processor has only 32 registers for storing calculated values.
 - It can also access a large memory using addresses.
- ▶ MIPS is a "*load/store*" computer architecture.
 - It can only perform calculations on data stored in its registers
 - To modify a value stored in memory it must:
 1. *load* a value from memory by its address into a register
 2. modify that value, computing a new value, within registers
 3. *store* that changed value into memory at that same address

EXAMPLE: INCREMENTING A VALUE IN MEMORY

- ▶ Here is MIPS code that adds 10 to a location in memory:

1. LA \$a0,value
2. LW \$t0,(\$a0)
3. ADDIU \$t0,\$t0,10
4. SW \$t0,(\$a0)

STORING A VALUE TO MEMORY

STORE A (FOUR BYTE) VALUE TO AN ADDRESS IN MEMORY

SW *source* , (*destination*)

► NOTES:

- This is sometimes called a "register-to-memory" transfer.
- *destination* is a register holding the address where we're storing the data in the *source* register

WORDS VERSUS BYTES

- ▶ Recall that the fundamental quantity manipulated by a MIPS32 instruction set is 32-bits long.
 - Registers hold 32 bits, i.e 4 bytes, of data.
 - Integers are 32 bits, i.e. 4 bytes, long.
 - Addresses are 32 bits, i.e. 4 bytes, long.
- ▶ So in MIPS32, a **word** is 32 bits, i.e. 4 bytes.
 - The **LW** instruction reads 4 bytes of data from memory.
 - The **SW** instruction write 4 bytes of data out to memory.
- ▶ There are also the **LB** and **SB** instructions for accessing a *single byte* in memory.
 - NOTE: strings are sequences of characters, each character is a byte of data.

LOADING A BYTE AND STORING A BYTE

LOAD A BYTE'S VALUE FROM AN ADDRESS IN MEMORY

LB *destination* , (*source*)

► NOTES:

- This is sometimes called a "memory-to-register" transfer or a "fetch."
- *source* is a register holding the address where we're fetching the data in *destination*

STORE A BYTE'S VALUE TO AN ADDRESS IN MEMORY

SB *source* , (*destination*)

► NOTES:

- This is sometimes called a "register-to-memory" transfer.
- *destination* is a register holding the address where we're storing the data of *source*

PRINTING STRINGS AND CHANGING STRINGS ("HELLOBYE.ASM")

```
1. .data
2. hello_ptr: .asciiz "hello\n"
3. .globl main
4. .text
5. main:
6. print_hello:
7. li $v0, 4
8. la $a0, hello_ptr
9. syscall
10. j change_string
11. print_bye:
12. li $v0, 4
13. la $a0, hello_ptr
14. syscall
15. end_main:
16. li $v0, 0
17. jr $ra
18. change_string:
19. la $t0, hello_ptr
20. li $t1, 'b'
21. sb $t1, ($t0)
22. addiu $t0, $t0, 1
23. li $t1, 'y'
24. sb $t1, ($t0)
25. addiu $t0, $t0, 1
26. li $t1, 'e'
27. sb $t1, ($t0)
28. addiu $t0, $t0, 1
29. li $t1, '\n'
30. sb $t1, ($t0)
31. addiu $t0, $t0, 1
32. li $t1, 0
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```

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32.   li $t1, 0
33.   sb $t1, ($t0)
34.   j print_bye
```

- ▶ The code jumps around to fit neatly on this slide...

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32.   li $t1, 0
33.   sb $t1, ($t0)
34.   j print_bye
```

- ▶ It first prints the string "hello\n" in lines 6-9.

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30. sb $t1, ($t0)
31. addiu $t0, $t0, 1
32. li $t1, 0
33. sb $t1, ($t0)
34. j print_bye
```

► It then jumps to line 18.

PRINTING STRINGS AND CHANGING STRINGS ("HELLOBYE.ASM")

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29. li $t1, '\n'
30. sb $t1, ($t0)
31. addiu $t0, $t0, 1
32. li $t1, 0
33. sb $t1, ($t0)
34. j print_bye
```

- ▶ In Lines 19-30, it overwrites the bytes of the string with "bye\n"

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5. main:
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9. syscall
10. j change_string
11. print_bye: ←
12. li $v0, 4
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14. syscall
15. end_main:
16. li $v0, 0
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32. li $t1, 0
33. sb $t1, ($t0)
34. j print_bye
```

- It then jumps to line 11 to continue the work of **main**.

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30. sb $t1, ($t0)
31. addiu $t0, $t0, 1
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34. j print_bye
```

- ▶ It prints the string at that same address using lines 11-14.

PRINTING STRINGS AND CHANGING STRINGS ("HELLOBYE.ASM")

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33. sb $t1, ($t0)
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```

- ▶ But the contents of the string have changed because of 5 **SB** instructions.

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27.   sb $t1, ($t0)
28.   addiu $t0, $t0, 1
29.   li $t1, '\n'
30.   sb $t1, ($t0)
31.   addiu $t0, $t0, 1
32.   li $t1, 0 -
33.   sb $t1, ($t0)
34.   j print_bye
```

- ▶ Notice we set the 5th character to 0. This *null terminates* that string.

SUMMARY: LOADING FROM AND STORING TO MEMORY

LOAD A WORD FROM MEMORY

LW *destination* , (*source*)

STORE A WORD TO MEMORY

SW *source* , (*destination*)

LOAD A BYTE FROM MEMORY

LB *destination* , (*source*)

STORE A BYTE TO MEMORY

SW *source* , (*destination*)

(OPTIONAL) EXERCISES FOR WEDNESDAY

- ▶ Change "hello.asm" so that it instead outputs this to the console

```
hello  
ello  
llo  
lo  
o
```

→ Each line starts from a different place in the character string.

- ▶ Change "hello.asm" so that it instead outputs this to the console

```
hello  
elloh  
llohe  
lohel  
ohell
```

→ Each line is a result of rotating the string's contents by one character.

- ▶ BONUS: have each instead operate on a string read as input from the console.

→ See "string.asm" to see how to input a character string into memory.

LOADING FROM AND STORING TO MEMORY

LOAD A (FOUR BYTE) VALUE FROM AN ADDRESS IN MEMORY

LW *destination* , (*source*)

► NOTES:

- This is sometimes called a "memory-to-register" transfer or a "fetch."
- *source* is a register holding the address where we're fetching the data in *destination*

STORE A (FOUR BYTE) VALUE TO AN ADDRESS IN MEMORY

SW *source* , (*destination*)

► NOTES:

- This is sometimes called a "register-to-memory" transfer.
- *destination* is a register holding the address where we're storing the data of *source*