



## EECS 370 - Lecture 3



LC2K



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## Instruction Set Architecture (ISA) Design Lectures

"People who are really serious about software should make their own hardware." — Alan Kay

- Lecture 2: ISA - storage types, binary and addressing modes
- Lecture 3 : LC2K**
- Lecture 4 : ARM
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- Lecture 6 : Converting C to assembly – functions
- Lecture 7 : Translation software; libraries, memory layout

### LC2K Processor

32-bit processor 指ISA支持32-bit宽的数据: register width, data bus width, address bus width, instruction 都是32-bits

- 32-bit processor
  - Instructions are 32 bits
  - Integer registers are 32 bits
- 8 registers
  - register 0 always gives the value 0
- supports 65536 words of memory (addressable space)
- 8 instructions in the following common categories:
  - Arithmetic: **add**
  - Logical: **nor**
  - Data transfer: **lw, sw**
  - Conditional branch: **beq**
  - Unconditional branch (jump) and link: **jalt**
  - Other: **halt, noop**

These are enough instructions to express any computation\*  
\*(that is not limited by memory size)

LC2K ISA

### LC2K Instruction Overview: add

add 1 2 3 // r3 = r1 + r2

- Pretty self-explanatory
- What if we want to do other arithmetic operations?
  - Subtract? Same as adding, but with a negated second operand
  - Negate? In 2's complement, bitwise-NOT followed by + 1
  - Multiply? You'll figure this out for P1m

### LC2K Instruction Overview: nor

nor 1 2 3 // r3 = ~(r1 | r2)

- Treats each source operand as binary number
- Performs bitwise NOR for each pair of bits
  - E.g. if  
r1 = 60 = 0b0000\_0000\_0000\_0000\_0000\_0011\_1100  
r2 = 13 = 0b0000\_0000\_0000\_0000\_0000\_0000\_1101  
then  
r3 = 0b1111\_1111\_1111\_1111\_1111\_1111\_0010

- What if we want other logical operations?
  - NOT? **nor** something with itself
  - AND? Can be done using De Morgan's Law (review if needed)

### LC2K Instruction Overview: lw/sw

```
// assume global variable  
// is stored at address 1000  
int GLOBAL;  
  
int main() {  
    GLOBAL = GLOBAL*2;  
}
```

lw 0 1 1000 // r1 = mem[1000+r0]  
add 1 1 2 // r2 = 2\*r1  
sw 0 2 1000 // mem[1000+r0] = r2

- lw - "load word"
  - Loads a word (4 bytes) from a specified address into a register
- sw - "store word"
  - stores a word (4 bytes) from a register into a specified address
- Unlike add/nor, last operand here is **not** a register index
  - An **immediate** value: a number encoded directly in the instruction
- LC2K uses base+offset addressing
  - base register is first operand (if 0, then address = offset)

### Non-Zero Displacement

- Consider this code:

```
struct My_Struct {  
    int tot;  
    //...  
    int val;  
};
```

```
My_Struct a;  
//...  
a.tot += a.val;
```

lw 2 1 32  
// r1 = mem[32 + r2]

register file  
r2 2340

memory  
5555 2340  
6666 2372

- If a register holds the starting address of "a"...
- Then the specific values needed are at a slight **offset**
- Base + Displacement**
  - reg value + immed

### LC2K Instruction Overview: beq

beq 1 2 7 // if (reg1==reg2), PC=PC+1+7

- Remember: each line in assembly corresponds to a memory address
- "Program Counter" (PC) keeps track of address of current instruction
- Normally increments by 1
- "Branch if equal" (beq) allows us to change PC a different amount if 2 registers are equal
- Allows us to implement if/else statements, for/while loops
  - (example later)

## LC2K Instruction Overview: the others

- jalr: used for function calls and returns
  - It's a bit complicated: we'll discuss later
- halt: ends the program
- noop:
  - "no operation"
  - Doesn't do anything
  - (We'll see later why this can be useful)

## Note on Practical ISAs

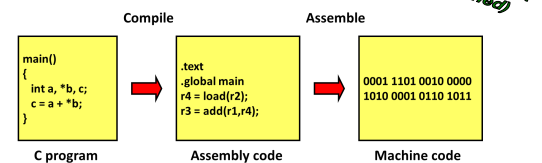
- LC2K is made up for this class
- It's intended to be as simple as possible
  - Makes most of our projects less tedious
  - However, corresponding assembly code is **bloated**
- Practical ISAs will add many more instructions
  - Often hundreds, maybe thousands
  - Although functionally redundant, programs will be faster and easier to write

## Agenda

- LC2K Instruction Overview
- **Assembling LC2K into machine code**
- Project 1a Overview
- Bonus Problems

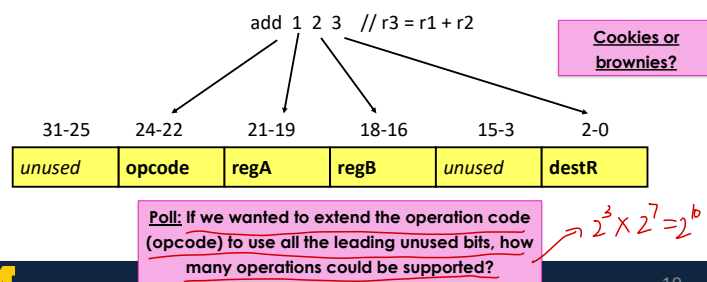
## Instruction Encoding

- Remember: computer doesn't understand text
  - Only understands 0s and 1s
- In order to execute our programs, assembly instructions must be converted into numbers
  - Corresponding numbers called the **machine code**
- Let's see how this is done with LC2K instructions



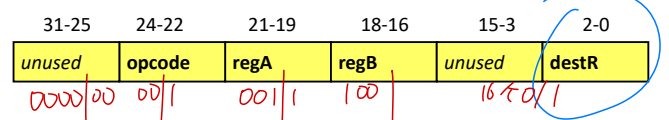
## Instruction Encoding

- Instruction set architecture defines the mapping of assembly instructions to machine code

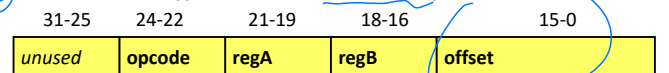


## Instruction Formats

- Tells you which bit positions mean what
- ① • R (register) type instructions (add, nor)

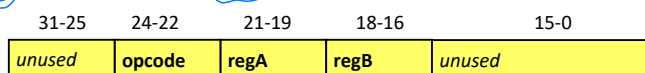


- ② • I (immediate) type instructions (lw, sw, beq)

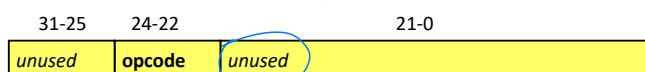


## Instruction Formats

- ③ • J-type instructions (jalr)



- ④ • O type instructions (halt, noop)



## Bit Encodings

- Most significant bits (besides unused 31-25) consist of the operation code or **opcode**
  - Indicates what type of operation
  - LC2K has 8 instructions, so we need  $\log_2 8 = 3$  bits for the opcode
- Opcode encodings
  - add (000), nor (001), lw (010), sw (011), beq (100), jalr (101), halt (110), noop (111)
- Register values
  - 8 registers, so  $\log_2 8 = 3$  bits for each register index
  - Just encode the register number (r2 = 010)
- Immediate values
  - Just encode the values in 2's complement format

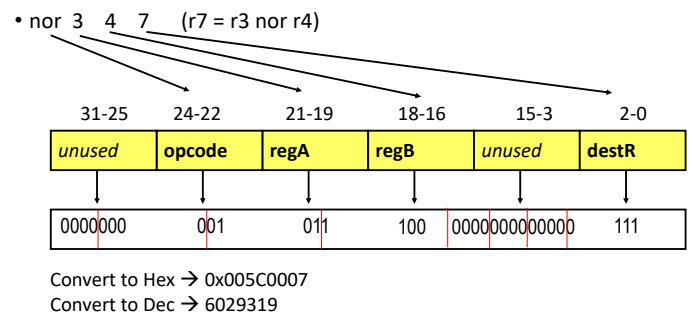
## Fun with 2's Complement Numbers

- What is the range of representation of a 4-bit 2's complement number?
  - $[-8, 7]$  (corresponding to 1000 and 0111)
- What is the range of representation of an n-bit 2's complement number?
  - $[-2^{(n-1)}, 2^{(n-1)} - 1]$
- Useful trick: You can negate a 2's complement number by inverting all the bits and adding 1.
  - 5 is represented as **0101**
  - Negate each bit: **1010**
  - Add 1: **1011** =  $-8 + 2 + 1 = -5$



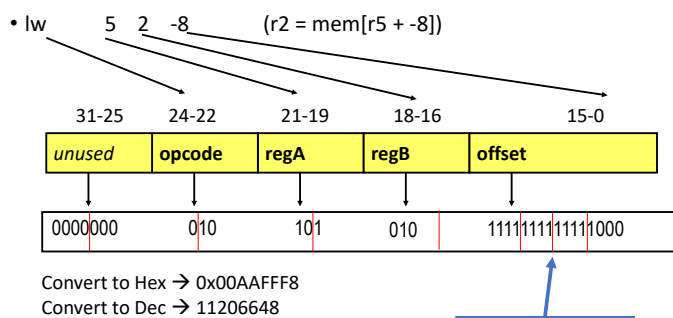
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## Example Encoding - nor



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## Example Encoding - lw



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## Another way to think about the assembler

- Each line of assembly code corresponds to a number
  - "add 0 0 0" is just 0.
  - "lw 5 2 -8" is 11206648
- We only write in assembly because it's easier to read and write



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## .fill

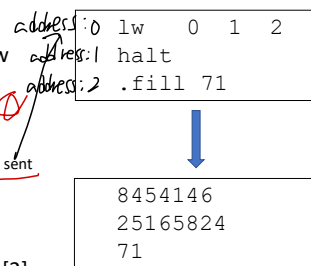
- I also might want a number, to be, well, a number.
    - Maybe I want the number 7 as a data element I can use
  - .fill tells the assembler to put a number instead of an instruction
  - The syntax is just ".fill 7".
  - Question:
    - What do ".fill 7" and "add 0 0 7" have in common?
- int GLOBAL = 7;  
How can we hardcode this 7 in memory?
- 000...000 111  
instruction = 7



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## .fill with lw / sw

- We most often use .fill along with lw or sw
- Remember: every line in an assembly program corresponds to an address in memory
  - When an instruction is to be executed, that address is sent to memory
- ".fill 71" is address 2, meaning mem[2]=71
- "lw 0 1 2" loads the contents of mem[2] into register 1



## .fill

- .fill is NOT an instruction
- It does not have a corresponding opcode
- It should be used to initialize data in your program
  - If your PC ever points to it, something has probably gone wrong
- But if the PC DOES point to it, it will treat it as whatever type of instruction encodes to that number



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## Labels in LC2K

- The code on the right is awkward
  - Need to count lines to see what it's doing
- Labels make code easier to read/write
- Label **definition**: listed to the left of the opcode
  - Can be defined on any line (only once)
- Label **use**: replaces offset value in lw/sw/beq instructions (any number)
- For lw/sw, assembler will replace label use with the line number of definition
  - In this example, data is on line 2



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## Labels in LC2K - beq

- Labels with beq indicate where we should branch
- Assembler's job is a little trickier
  - Doesn't just replace it with line number
  - Remember: target address is PC+1+offset

```
beq 3 4 1
add 1 2 3
halt
```

```
beq 3 4 end
add 1 2 3
halt
```

这是一个特殊情况  
for label's beq offset  
: number = (label's address - pc's address) - 1

if reg3==reg4, slip to this line

...else do this line first

## Exercise

```
// this is the assembly for:
while(x != y) {
    x *= 2;
}
```

- What are the values of the labels here?

```
loop beq 3 4 end
      add 3 3 3
      beq 0 0 loop (always true)
end   halt
```

Poll: What are the labels replaced with?

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## Programming Assignment #1

- Write an assembler to convert input (assembly language program) to output (machine code version of program)
  - "1a"
- Write a behavioral simulator to run the machine code version of the program (printing the contents of the registers and memory after each instruction executes)
  - "1s"
- Write an efficient LC2K assembly language program to multiply two numbers
  - "1m"

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## Extra Problem 1

LC2K ISA

- Compute the encoding in Hex for:

- add 3 7 3 (r3 = r3 + r7) (add = 000)
- sw 1 5 67 (M[r1+67] = r5) (sw = 011)

31-25	24-22	21-19	18-16	15-3	2-0
unused	opcode	regA	regB	unused	destR
0000000	000	011	111	000...000	011

31-25	24-22	21-19	18-16	15-0
unused	opcode	regA	regB	offset
0000000	011	001	101	0000000001000011

## Extra problem 2

```
loop lw 0 1 one
      add 1 1 1
      sw 0 1 one
      halt
one .fill 1
```

(value: 0)  
reg1 = reg0 + 1  
reg1 = reg1 \* 2  
mem[reg0 + 1] = reg1  
value: 0

Poll: What's the first line in binary?

- What does that program do?
- Be aware that a beq uses PC-relative addressing.
  - Be sure to carefully read the example in project 1.