

MIPS Reference Sheet

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INSTRUCTIONS (SUBSET)

Name (format, op, funct)	Syntax	Operation
add (R,0,32)	add rd,rs,rt	reg(rd) := reg(rs) + reg(rt);
add immediate (I,8,na)	addi rt,rs,imm	reg(rt) := reg(rs) + signext(imm);
add immediate unsigned (I,9,na)	addiu rt,rs,imm	reg(rt) := reg(rs) + signext(imm);
add unsigned (R,0,33)	addu rd,rs,rt	reg(rd) := reg(rs) + reg(rt);
and (R,0,36)	and rd,rs,rt	reg(rd) := reg(rs) & reg(rt);
and immediate (I,12,na)	andi rt,rs,imm	reg(rt) := reg(rs) & zeroext(imm);
branch on equal (I,4,na)	beq rs,rt,label	if reg(rs) == reg(rt) then PC = BTA else NOP;
branch on not equal (I,5,na)	bne rs,rt,label	if reg(rs) != reg(rt) then PC = BTA else NOP;
jump and link register (R,0,9)	jalr rs	\$ra := PC + 4; PC := reg(rs);
jump register (R,0,8)	jr rs	PC := reg(rs);
jump (J,2,na)	j label	PC := JTA;
jump and link (J,3,na)	jal label	\$ra := PC + 4; PC := JTA;
load byte (I,32,na)	lb rt,imm(rs)	reg(rt) := signext(mem[reg(rs) + signext(imm)] _{7:0});
load byte unsigned (I,36,na)	lbu rt,imm(rs)	reg(rt) := zeroext(mem[reg(rs) + signext(imm)] _{7:0});
load upper immediate (I,15,na)	lui rt,imm	reg(rt) := concat(imm, 16 bits of 0);
load word (I,35,na)	lw rt,imm(rs)	reg(rt) := mem[reg(rs) + signext(imm)];
multiply, 32-bit result (R,28,2)	mul rd,rs,rt	reg(rd) := reg(rs) * reg(rt);
nor (R,0,39)	nor rd,rs,rt	reg(rd) := not(reg(rs) reg(rt));
or (R,0,37)	or rd,rs,rt	reg(rd) := reg(rs) reg(rt);
or immediate (I,13,na)	ori rt,rs,imm	reg(rt) := reg(rs) zeroext(imm);
set less than (R,0,42)	slt rd,rs,rt	reg(rd) := if reg(rs) < reg(rt) then 1 else 0;
set less than unsigned (R,0,43)	sltu rd,rs,rt	reg(rd) := if reg(rs) < reg(rt) then 1 else 0;
set less than immediate (I,10,na)	slti rt,rs,imm	reg(rt) := if reg(rs) < signext(imm) then 1 else 0;
set less than immediate unsigned (I,11,na)	sltiu rt,rs,imm	reg(rt) := if reg(rs) < signext(imm) then 1 else 0; (inequality < compares using unsigned values)
shift left logical (R,0,0)	sll rd,rt,shamt	reg(rd) := reg(rt) << shamt;
shift left logical variable (R,0,4)	sllv rd,rt,rs	reg(rd) := reg(rt) << reg(rs _{4:0});
shift right arithmetic (R,0,3)	sra rd,rt,shamt	reg(rd) := reg(rt) >>> shamt;
shift right logical (R,0,2)	srl rd,rt,shamt	reg(rd) := reg(rt) >> shamt;
shift right logical variable (R,0,6)	srlv rd,rt,rs	reg(rd) := reg(rt) >> reg(rs _{4:0});
store byte (I,40,na)	sb rt,imm(rs)	mem[reg(rs) + signext(imm)] _{7:0} := reg(rt) _{7:0} ;
store word (I,43,na)	sw rt,imm(rs)	mem[reg(rs) + signext(imm)] := reg(rt);
subtract (R,0,34)	sub rd,rs,rt	reg(rd) := reg(rs) - reg(rt);
subtract unsigned (R,0,35)	subu rd,rs,rt	reg(rd) := reg(rs) - reg(rt);
xor (R,0,38)	xor rd,rs,rt	reg(rd) := reg(rs) ^ reg(rt);
xor immediate (I,14,na)	xori rt,rs,imm	reg(rt) := reg(rs) ^ zeroext(imm);

PSEUDO INSTRUCTIONS (SUBSET)

Name	Example	Equivalent Basic Instructions
load address	la \$t0,label	lui \$at,hi-bits-of-address ori \$t0,\$at,lower-bits-of-address
load immediate	li \$t0,0xabcd1234	lui \$at,0xabcd ori \$t0,\$at,0x1234 slt \$at,\$t1,\$t0 beq \$at,\$zero,label
branch if less or equal	ble \$t0,\$t1,label	add \$t0,\$t1,\$zero sll \$zero,\$zero,0
move	move \$t0,\$t1	
no operation	nop	

ASSEMBLER DIRECTIVES (SUBSET)

data section	.data
ASCII string declaration	.ascii "a string"
word alignment	.align 2
word value declaration	.word 99
byte value declaration	.byte 7
global declaration	.global foo
allocate X bytes of space	.space X
code section	.text

INSTRUCTION FORMAT

R-Type	31	26	25	21	20	16	15	11	10	6	5	0
	op	rs	rt	rd	shamt	funct						
	6 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	6 bits						
I-Type	31	26	25	21	20	16	15					0
	op	rs	rt	immediate								
	6 bits	5 bits	5 bits	16 bits								
J-Type	31	26	25									0
	op	address										
	6 bits	26 bits										

REGISTERS

Name	Number	Description
\$0, \$zero	0	constant value 0
\$at	1	assembler temp
\$v0	2	function return
\$v1	3	function return
\$a0	4	argument
\$a1	5	argument
\$a2	6	argument
\$a3	7	argument
\$t0	8	temporary value
\$t1	9	temporary value
\$t2	10	temporary value
\$t3	11	temporary value
\$t4	12	temporary value
\$t5	13	temporary value
\$t6	14	temporary value
\$t7	15	temporary value
\$s0	16	saved temporary
\$s1	17	saved temporary
\$s2	18	saved temporary
\$s3	19	saved temporary
\$s4	20	saved temporary
\$s5	21	saved temporary
\$s6	22	saved temporary
\$s7	23	saved temporary
\$t8	24	temporary value
\$t9	25	temporary value
\$k0	26	reserved for OS
\$k1	27	reserved for OS
\$gp	28	global pointer
\$sp	29	stack pointer
\$fp	30	frame pointer
\$ra	31	return address

Definitions

- Jump to target address:
JTA = concat((PC + 4)_{31:28}, address(label), 00₂)
- Branch target address:
BTA = PC + 4 + signext(imm) * 4

Clarifications

- All numbers are given in decimal form (base 10).
- Function signext(x) returns a 32-bit sign extended value of x in two's complement form.
- Function zeroext(x) returns a 32-bit value, where zero are added to the most significant side of x.
- Function concat(x, y, ..., z) concatenates the bits of expressions x, y, ..., z.
- Subscripts, for instance X_{8:2}, means that bits with index 8 to 2 are spliced out of the integer X.
- Function address(x) means the address of label x.
- NOP and na mean "no operation" and "not applicable", respectively.
- shamt is an abbreviation for "shift amount", i.e. how many bits that should be shifted.
- addu and addiu are misnamed *unsigned* because an add operation handles both signed and unsigned numbers in the same way. The term unsigned is actually used to describe that the instruction does not throw overflow exceptions.