

RISCV ISA - Documentation pour le projet de IN330

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About

- RISCV is an open instruction set initially developed by Berkeley University, used among others by Western Digital, Alibaba and Nvidia.
- We are using the rv64g instruction set: **Risc-V**, 64 bits, **General purpose** (base instruction set, and extensions for floating point, atomic and multiplications), without compressed instructions. In practice, we will use only 32 bits instructions (and 64 bits registers).
- The rest of the documentation is adapted from <https://github.com/riscv/riscv-asm-manual/blob/master/riscv-asm.md> and <https://github.com/jameslzh/riscv-card/blob/master/riscv-card.pdf>

Registers

RISC-V defines various types, depending on which extensions are included: The general registers (with the program counter), control registers, floating point registers (F extension), and vector registers (V extension). We won't use control nor F or V registers.

General registers The RV64I base integer ISA includes 32 registers, named x0 to x31. Each register is a 64-bit integer and can be represented in a C program with a variable of type `int64_t`. **The program counter PC** is separate from these registers, in contrast to other processors such as the ARM. The first register, x0, has a special function: reading it always returns 0 and writes to it are ignored.

In practice, the programmer doesn't use this notation for the registers. In assembler, they are given standardized names as part of the RISC-V **application binary interface (ABI)** ¹.

Register	x0	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6	x7	x8	x9	x10	x11	x12	x13	x14	x15
Alias	zero	ra	sp	gp	tp	t0	t1	t2	s0	s1	a0	a1	a2	a3	a4	a5
Register	x16	x17	x18	x19	x20	x21	x22	x23	x24	x25	x26	x27	x28	x29	x30	x31
Alias	a6	a7	s2	s3	s4	s5	s6	s7	s8	s9	s10	s11	t3	t4	t5	t6

Instruction encoding

All of the instructions listed here have a 32-bit encoding. They can be represented in a C program using a value of type `uint32_t`.

Core Instruction Formats

31	27	26	25	24	20	19	15	14	12	11	7	6	0	
funct7				rs2		rs1		funct3		rd		opcode		R-type
imm[11:0]						rs1		funct3		rd		opcode		I-type
imm[11:5]				rs2		rs1		funct3		imm[4:0]		opcode		S-type
imm[12:10:5]				rs2		rs1		funct3		imm[4:1:11]		opcode		B-type
imm[20:10:1:11:19:12]										rd		opcode		J-type

- "imm[x:y]" means "bits x to y from binary representation of imm". "imm[y|x]" means "bits y, then x of imm". U-types are omitted.
- Immediates are encoded in 2's complement.
- In the J-type format the immediate encodes a signed offset in multiples of 2 bytes (from current PC)
- for B-type and J-type, imm[0] is always 0, thus removed from the encoding.

¹In the official documentation these conventions are given

RV64I Base Integer Instructions - (excerpt for IN330)

Inst	Syntax	format	Opcode	funct3	funct7	Description (C)
add	add rd, rs1, rs2	R	0110011	0x0	0x00	rd = rs1 + rs2
sub	sub rd, rs1, rs2	R	0110011	0x0	0x20	rd = rs1 - rs2
addi	add rd, rs1, imm	I	0010011	0x0		rd = rs1 + imm
ld	ld rd, imm(rs1)	I	0000011	0x3		rd = M[rs1+imm]
sd	sd rs2, imm(rs1)	S	0100011	0x3		M[rs1+imm] = rs2
beq	beq rs1,rs2, imm	B	1100011	0x0		if(rs1 == rs2) PC += imm
bne	bne rs1,rs2,imm	B	1100011	0x1		if(rs1 != rs2) PC += imm
blt	blt rs1,rs2,imm	B	1100011	0x4		if(rs1 < rs2) PC += imm
bge	bge rs1,rs2,imm	B	1100011	0x5		if(rs1 >= rs2) PC += imm
jal	jal rd,imm	J	1101111			rd = PC+4; PC += imm

Pseudo-instructions

Pseudoinstruction	Base Instruction(s)	Meaning
j offset	jal x0, offset	Jump
li rd, imm	addi rd, zero, imm	Load immediate
mv rd, rs	addi rd, rs, 0	Copy register

(The li replacement is in reality a bit different).