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Lesson 3 (II)

Fundamentals of assembler programming

Computer Structure

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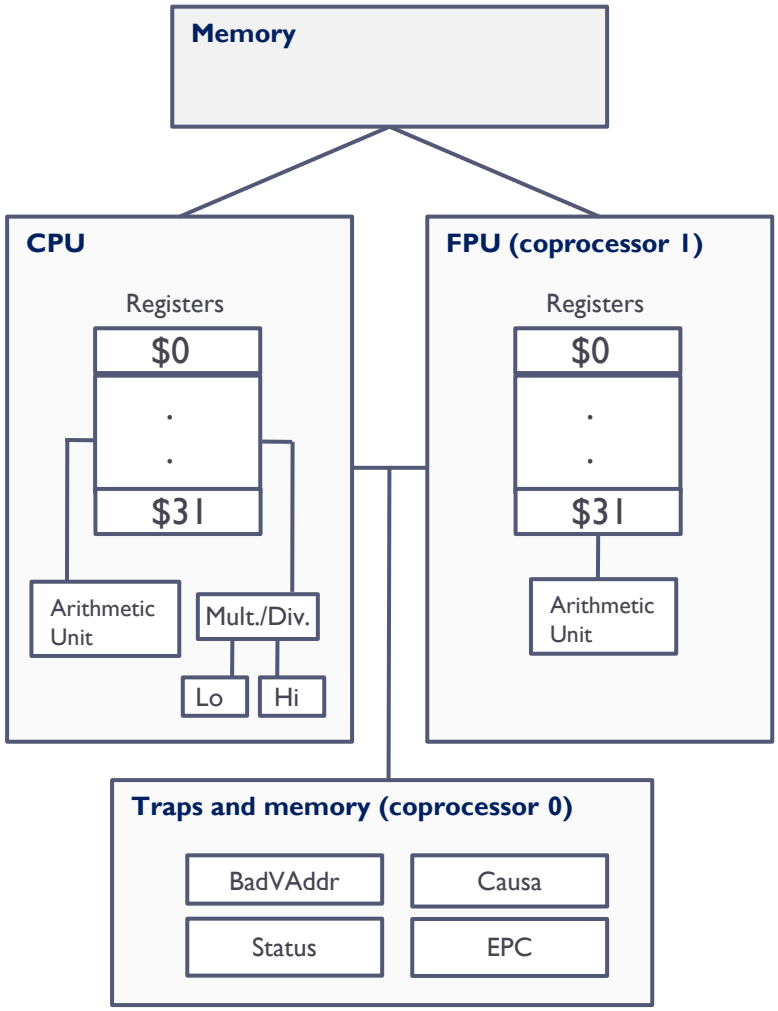
- Basic concepts on assembly programming
- MIPS32 assembly language, memory model and data representation
- Instruction formats and addressing modes
- Procedure calls and stack convention

MIPS-32 Architecture



- MIPS 32
  - 32-bits processor
  - RISC type
  - CPU + auxiliar coprocessors
- Coprocessor 0
  - exceptions, interrupts and virtual memory system
- Coprocessor 1
  - FPU (Floating Point Unit)

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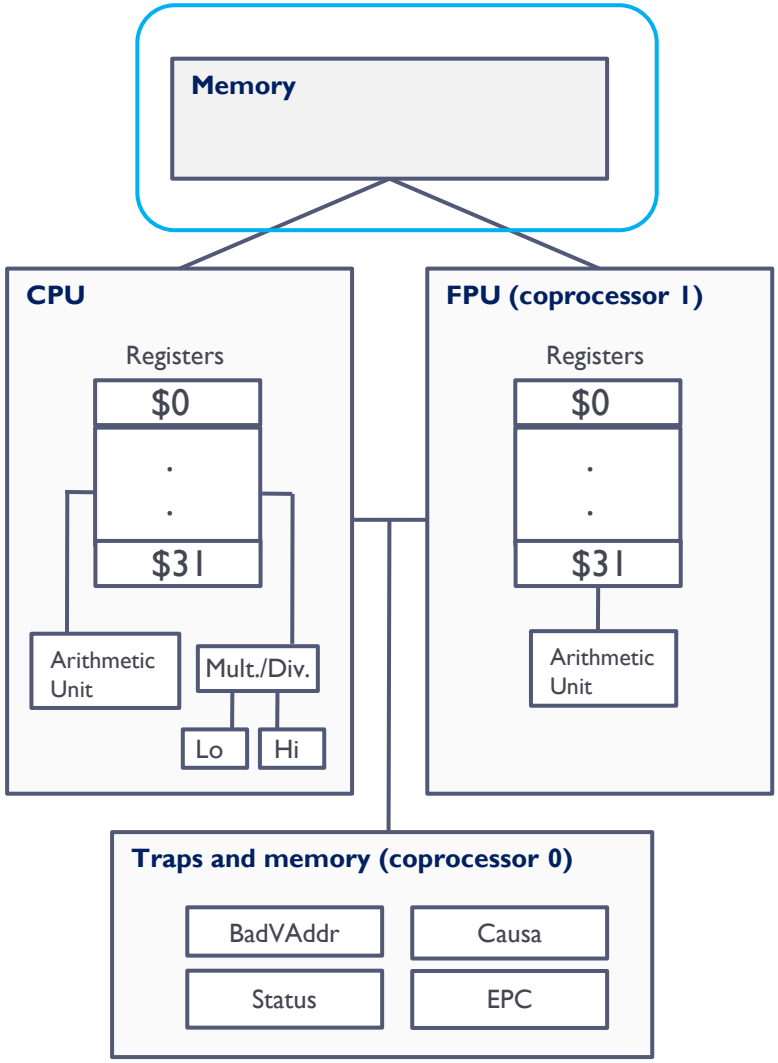

- 32-bit memory addresses
- 4 GB addressable memory

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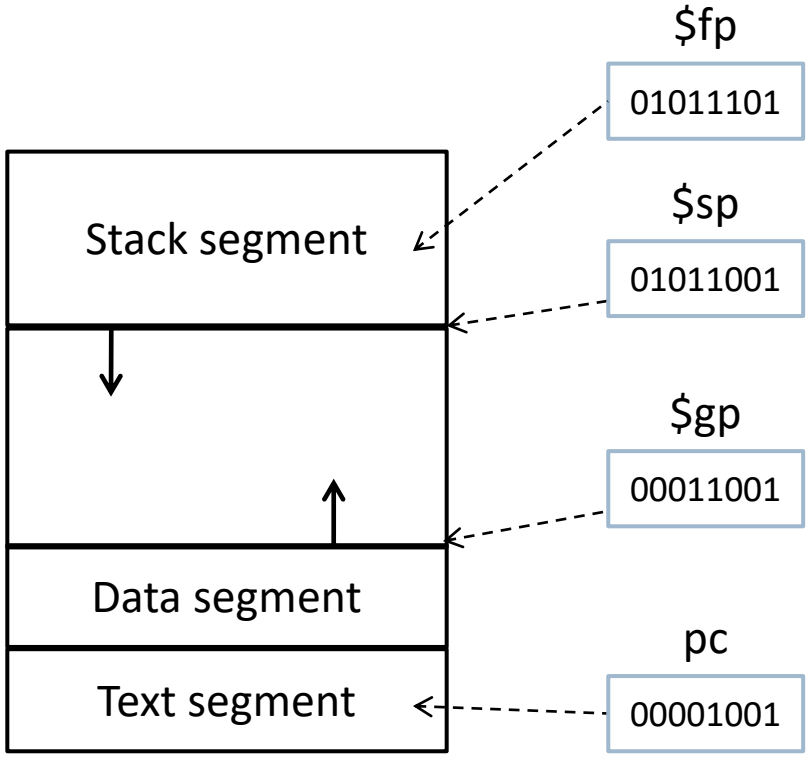
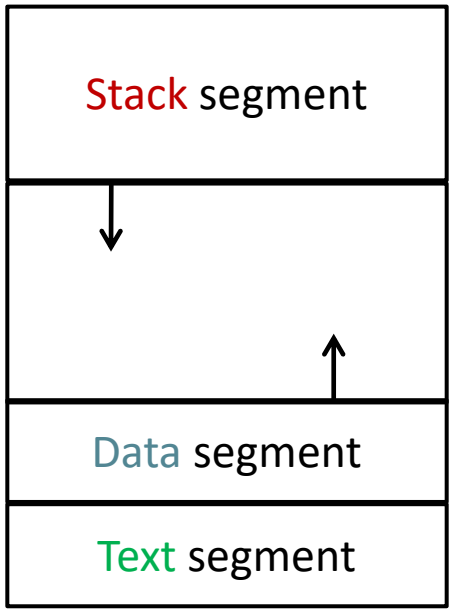
Memory layout for a process



- The memory space is divided in logic segments in order to organize the content:
  - Stack segment
    - Local variables
    - Function contexts
  - Data segments
    - Static data
  - Code segment (text)
    - Program code

Storing variables in memory




```
// global variables
int a;

main ()
{
    // local variables
    int b;

    // code (text)
    return a + b;
}
```

Register File (integers)

Symbolic name	Number	Usage
zero	0	Constant 0
at	1	Reserved for assembler
v0, v1	2, 3	Results of functions
a0, …, a3	4, …, 7	Function arguments
t0, …, t7	8, …, 15	Temporary (NO preserved across calls)
s0, …, s7	16, …, 23	Saved temporary (preserved across calls)
t8, t9	24, 25	Temporary (NO preserved across calls)
k0, k1	26, 27	Reserved for operating system
gp	28	Pointer to global area
sp	29	Stack pointer
fp	30	Frame pointer
ra	31	Return address (used by function calls)

- There are 32 registers
  - Size: 4 bytes (1 word)
  - Used a $ at the beginning
- Use convention
  - Reserved
  - Arguments
  - Results
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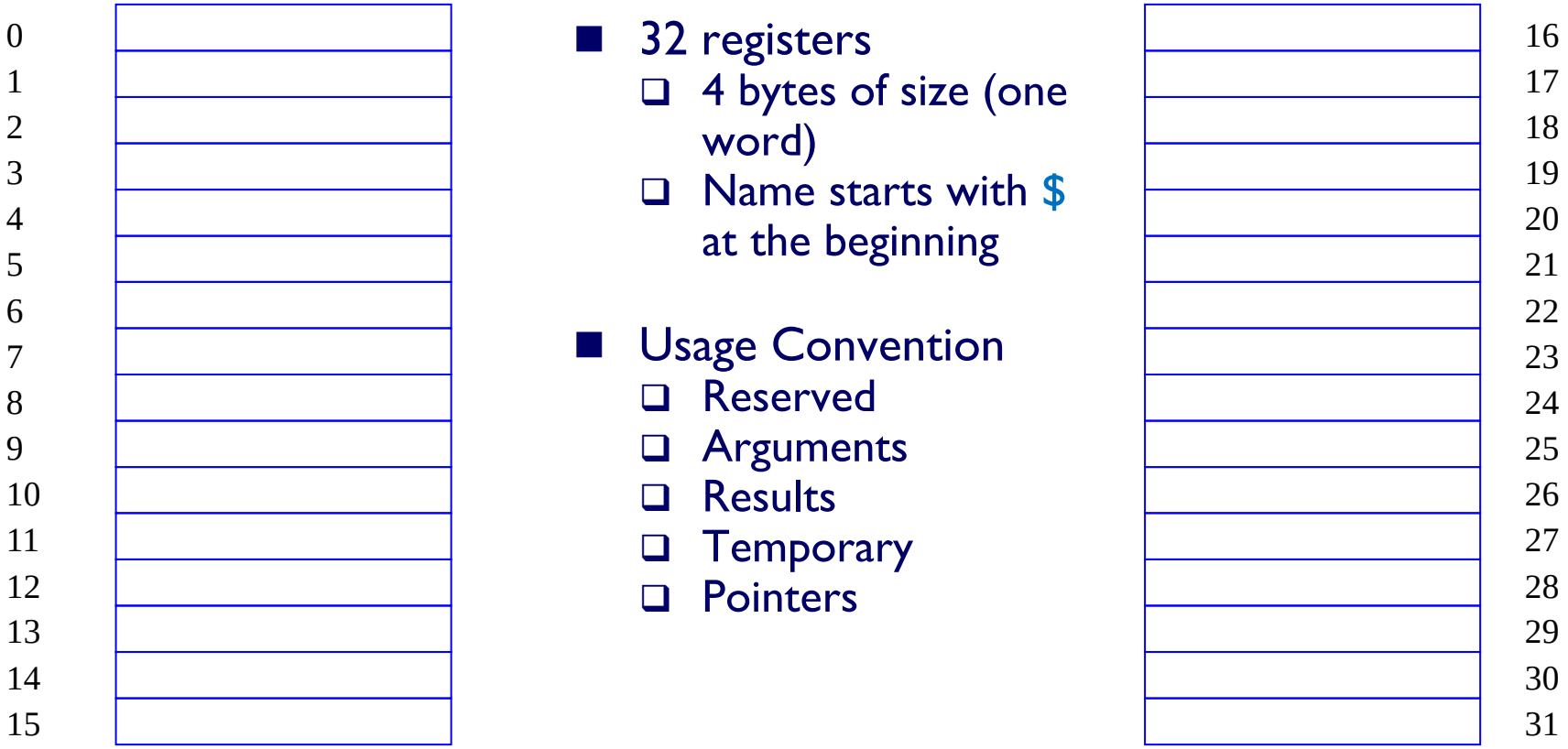
MIPS-32 Register File



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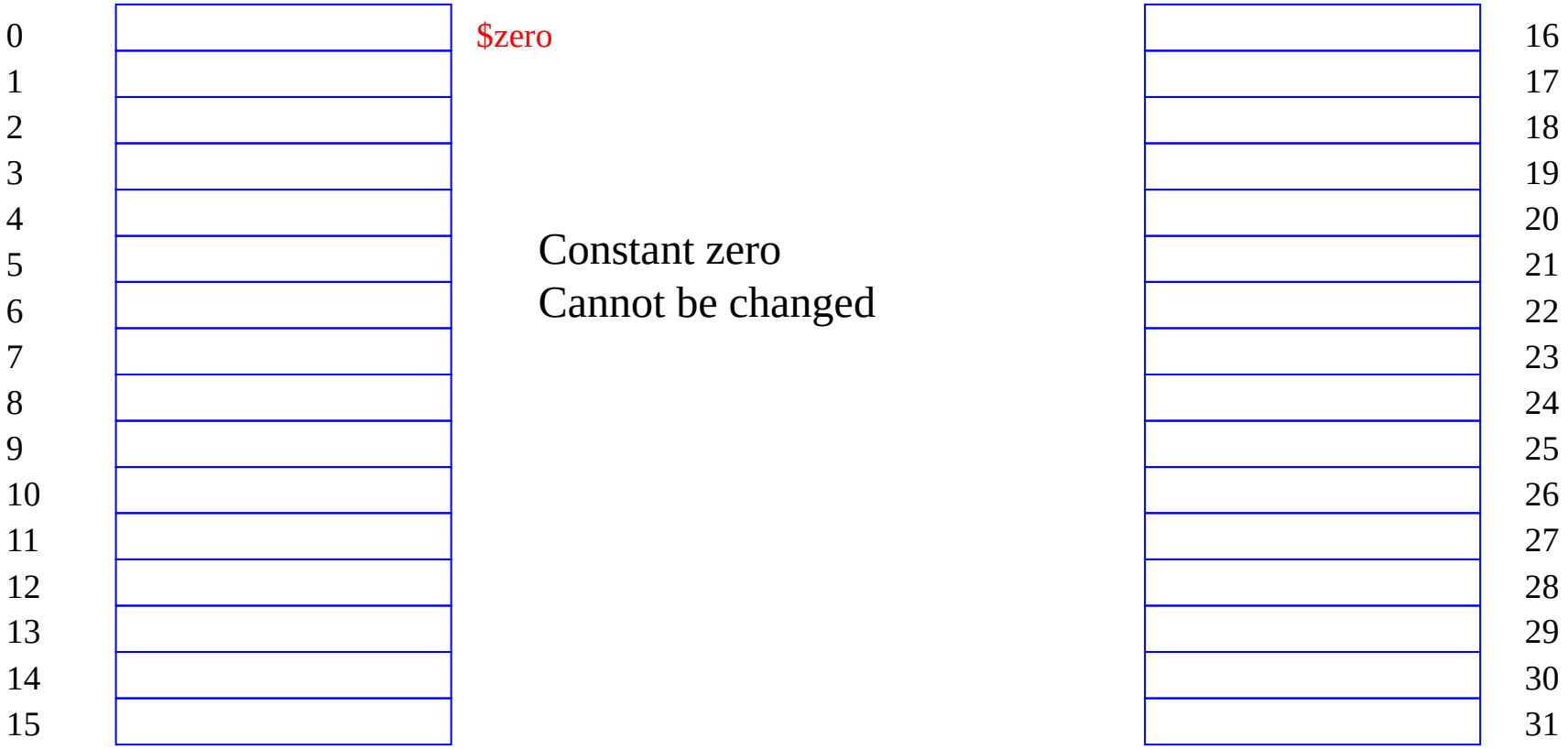

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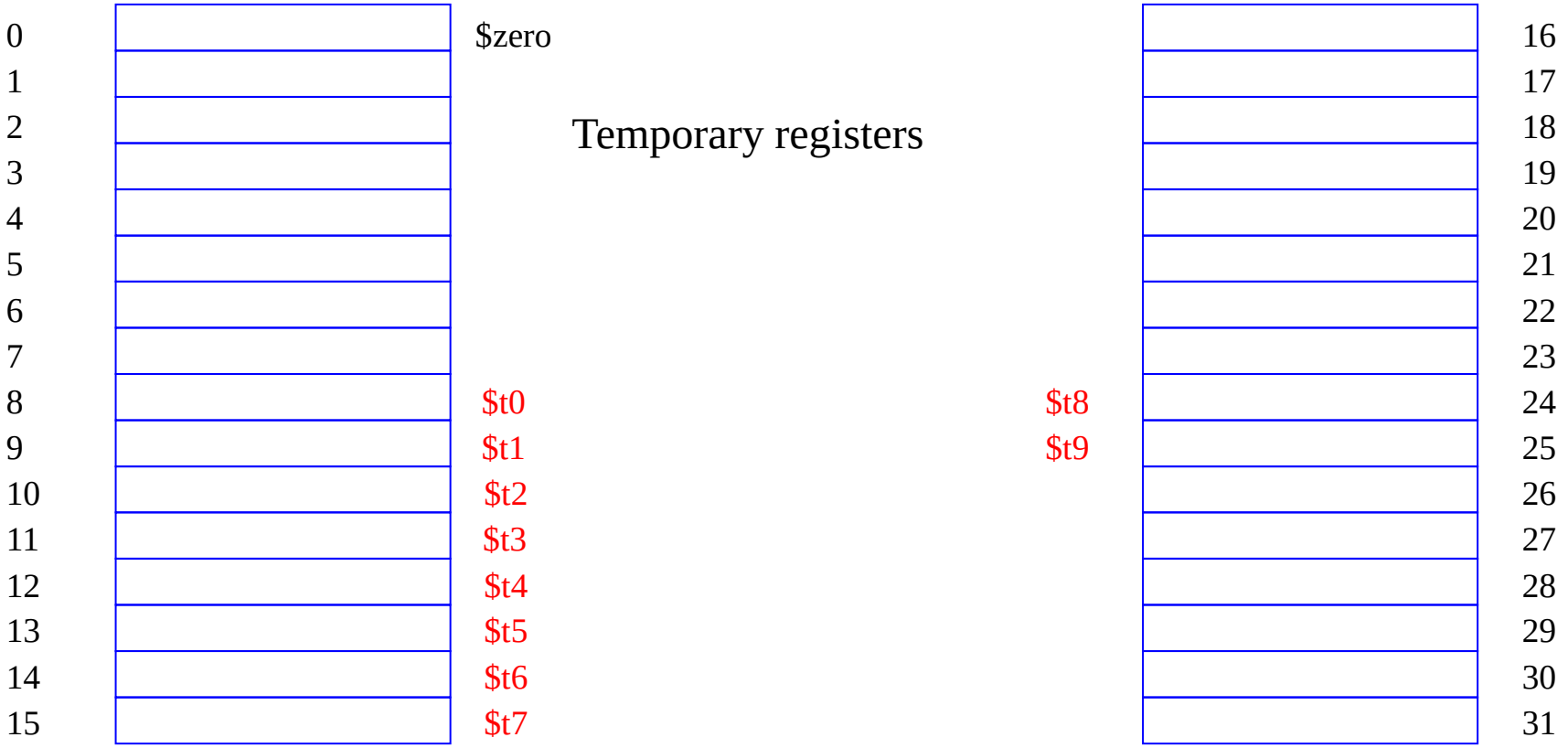

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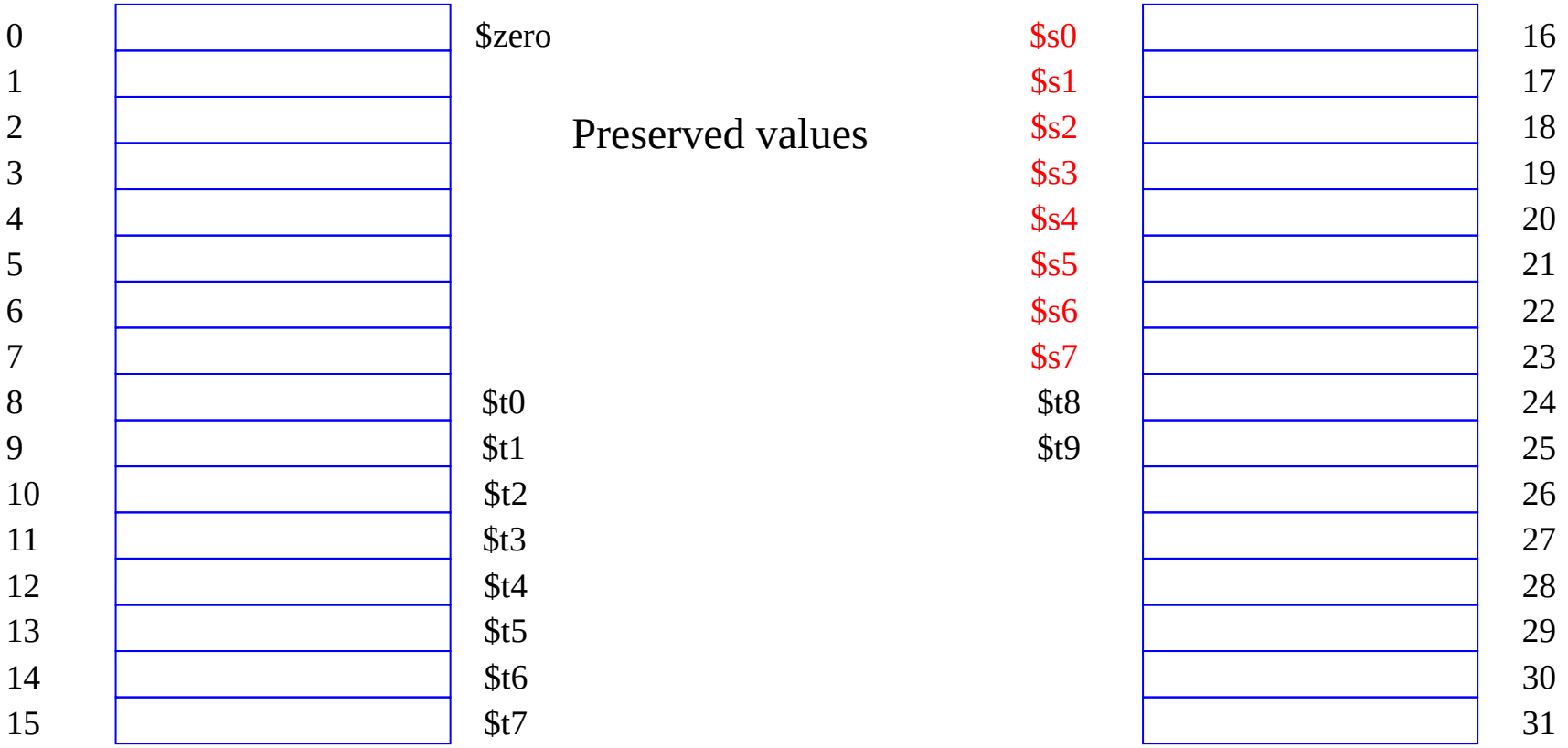

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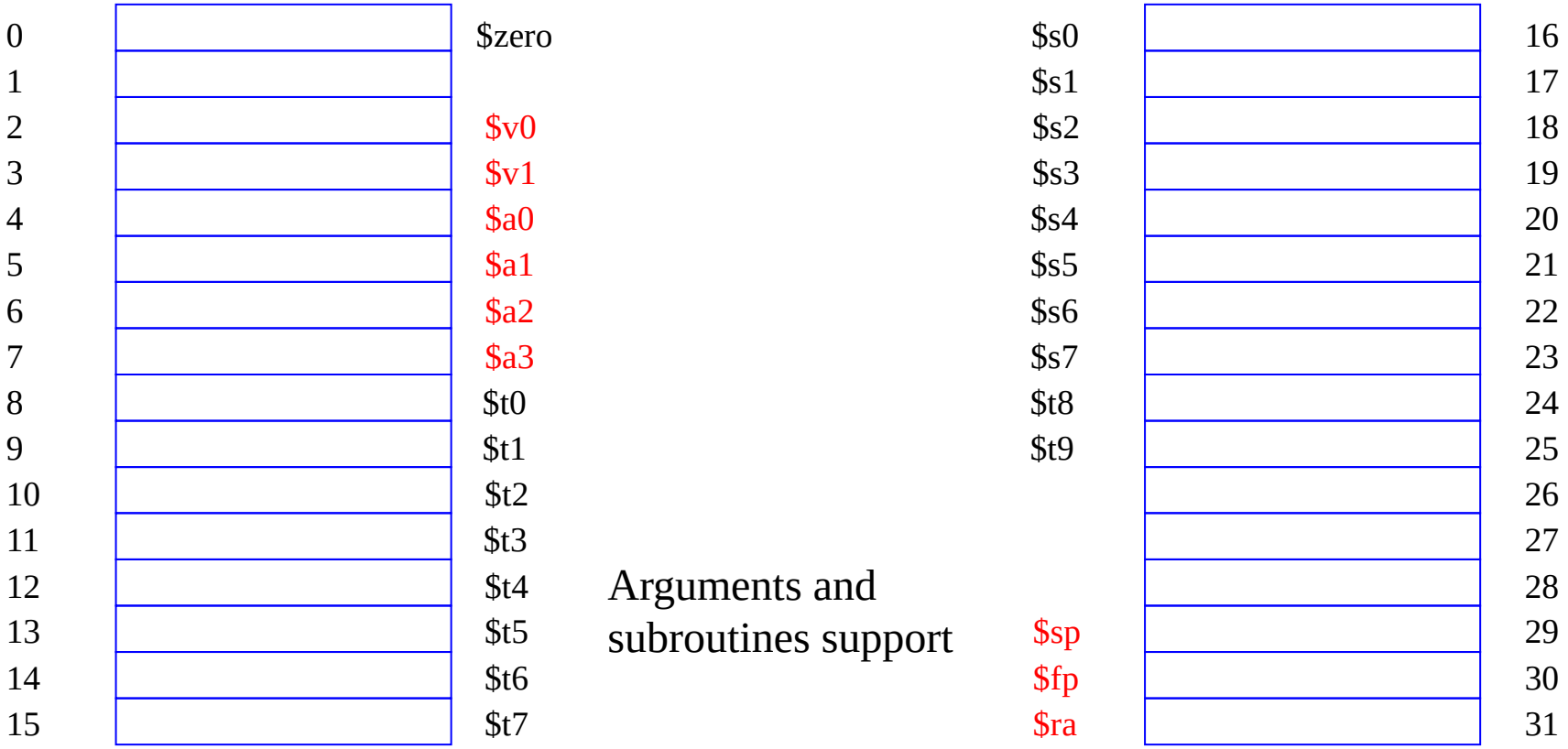

MIPS-32 Register File

Example: hello world…

hello.s

```
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   msg_hola: .asciiz "hello world\n"

.text
   .globl main
   main:
     # printf("hello world\n") ;
     li $v0 4          # syscall code: 4
     la $a0 msg_hola   # address where msg_hola starts
     syscall
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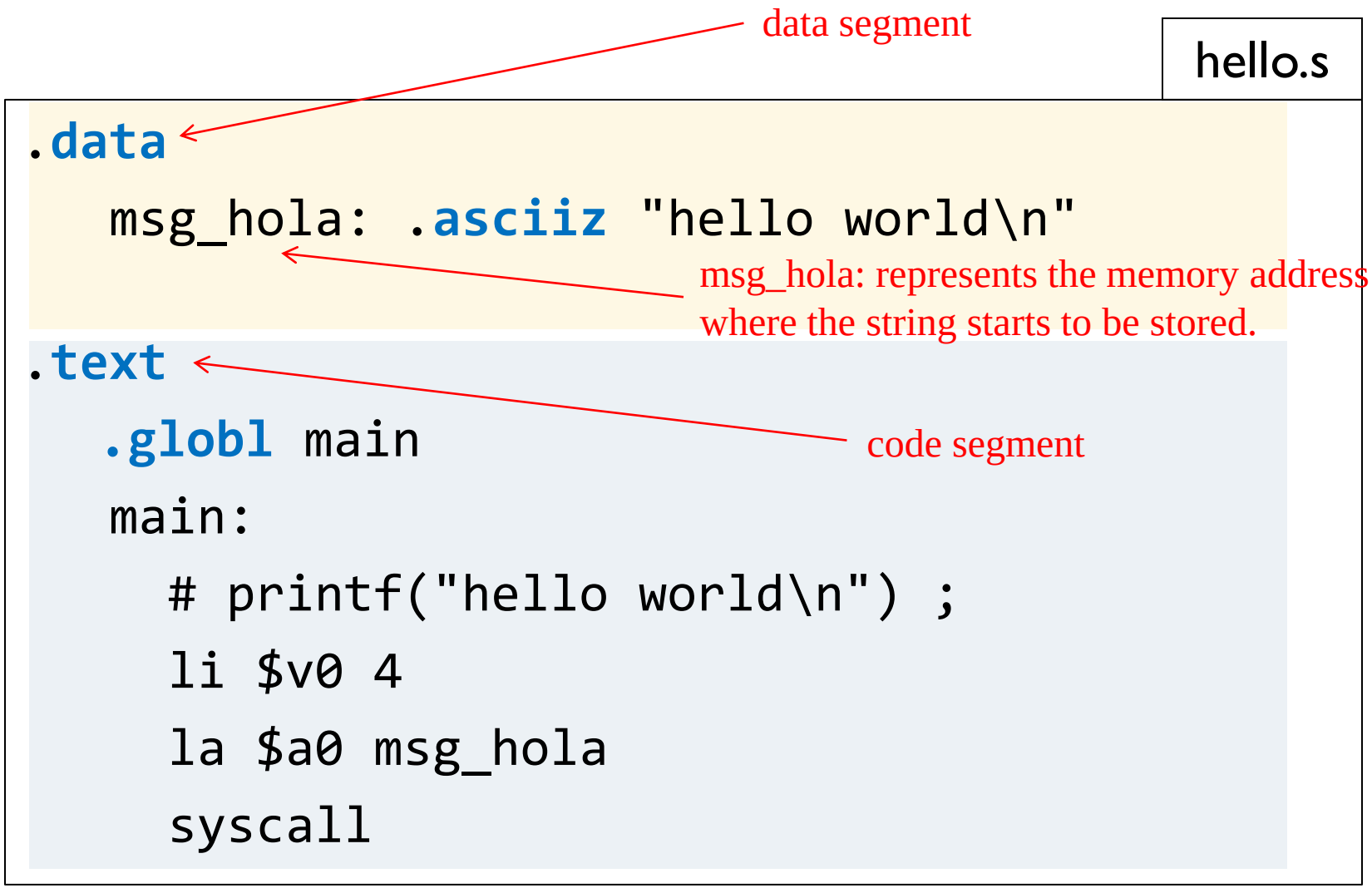

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label: represent the memory address where first instruction of main is stored

comments

instructions

Assembler program:
assembler directives (preprocessing)

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  msg_hola: .asciiz "hello
    world\n"

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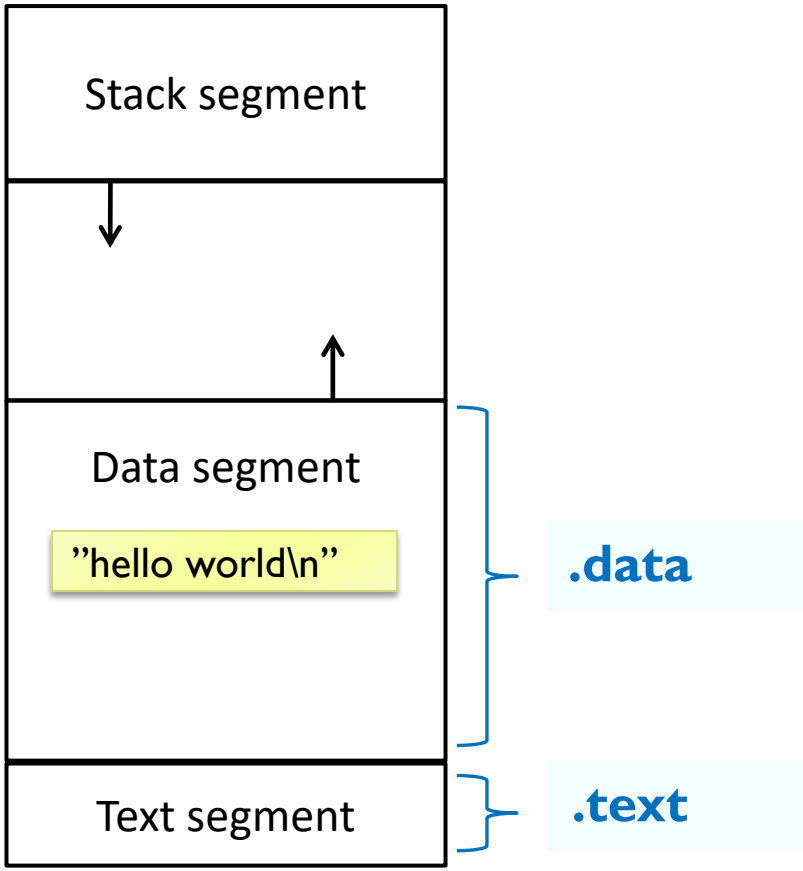

Assembly: directives

Directives	Description
.data	Next elements will go to the data segment
.text	Next elements will go to the code segment
.ascii "string value"	String definition without '\0' ending terminator
.asciiz "string value"	String definition with '\0' ending terminator ('\0' = 0)
.byte 1, 2, 3	Bytes stored in memory consecutively
.half 300, 301, 302	Half-words stored in memory consecutively
.word 800000, 800001	Words stored in memory consecutively
.float 1.23, 2.13	Floats stored in memory consecutively
.double 3.0e21	Doubles stored in memory consecutively
.space 10	Allocates a space of 10 bytes in the current segment
.extern *label n*	Declare that *label* is global of size *n*
.globl *label*	Declare *label* as global
.align *n*	Align next element to a address multiple of 2^n

Static data definition

label (address)

datatype (directive)

value

```
.data
cadena : .asciiz "Hola mundo\n"
i1: .word 10        # int i1=10
i2: .word -5        # int i2=-5
i3: .half 300       # short i3=300
c1: .byte 100       # char c1=100
c2: .byte 'a'       # char c2='a '
f1: .float 1.3e-4 # float f1=1.3e-4
d1: .double .001   # double d1=0.001

# int v[3] = { 0 , -1, 0xffffffff }; int w[100];
v: .word 0, -1, 0 xffffffff
w: .word 400
```

System calls

- Many assembler simulators include a small "operating system"
  - The SPIM simulator provides 17 services.

- How to invoke:
  - Call code in register $v0
  - Other arguments on specific records
  - Invocation by the **syscall** instruction

System calls

Service	Call code ($v0)	Arguments	Result
print_int	1	$a0 = integer	
print_float	2	$f12 = float	
print_double	3	$f12 = double	
print_string	4	$a0 = string	
read_int	5		integer in $v0
read_float	6		float in $f0
read_double	7		double in $f0
read_string	8	$a0 = buffer, $a1 = length	
sbrk	9	$a0 = amount	address in $v0
exit	10		

System calls

Service	Call code ($v0)	Arguments	Result
print_char	11	$a0 (ASCII code)	
read_char	12		$v0 (ASCII code)
open	13	Equivalent to $v0=open($a0, $a1, $a2)	file descriptor in $v0
read	14	Equivalent to $v0=read($a0, $a1, $a2)	read bytes in $v0
write	15	Equivalent to $v0=write($a0, $a1, $a2)	written bytes in $v0
close	16	Equivalent to $v0=close($a0)	0 in $v0
exit2	17	End the program. Return the value stored in $a0	

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print_int	1	$a0 = integer
print_float	2	$f12 = float
print_double	3	$f12 = double
print_string	4	$a0 = string

Operating system invocation instruction

Exercise

```
. . .
int valor ;

. . .

readInt(&valor) ;
valor = valor + 1 ;
printInt(valor) ;

. . .
```

service	code	arguments	results
print_int	**1**	**$a0 = integer**	
print_float	2	$f12 = float	
print_double	3	$f12 = double	
print_string	4	$a0 = string	
read_int	**5**		**integer in $v0**
read_float	6		float in $f0
read_double	7		double in $f0
read_string	8	$a0=buffer, $a1=long.	
sbrk	9	$a0=amount	address in $v0
exit	10		

Exercise (solution)

```
. . .
int valor ;

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service	code	arguments	results
print_int	**1**	**$a0** = integer	
read_int	**5**		integer en **$v0**

```
. . .

# readInt(&valor)
li $v0 5
syscall
sw $v0 valor

# valor = valor + 1

add $a0 $v0 1
sw $a0 valor


# printInt
li  $v0 1
syscall
```

Instructions and pseudo-instructions

- There is an assembly instruction per machine instruction :
  - Each machine instruction occupies 32 bits in MIPS32
  - addi $t1, $t0, 4
- A pseudo-instruction can be used in an assembler program and it corresponds to one or several assembly instructions:
  - E.g: li $v0, 4
    move $t1, $t0
- In the assembly process, they are replaced by the sequence of assembly instructions that perform the same functionality.
  - E.g.: ori $v0, $0, 4 replaces to: li $v0, 4
    addu $t1, $0, $t2 replaces to: move $t1, $t2

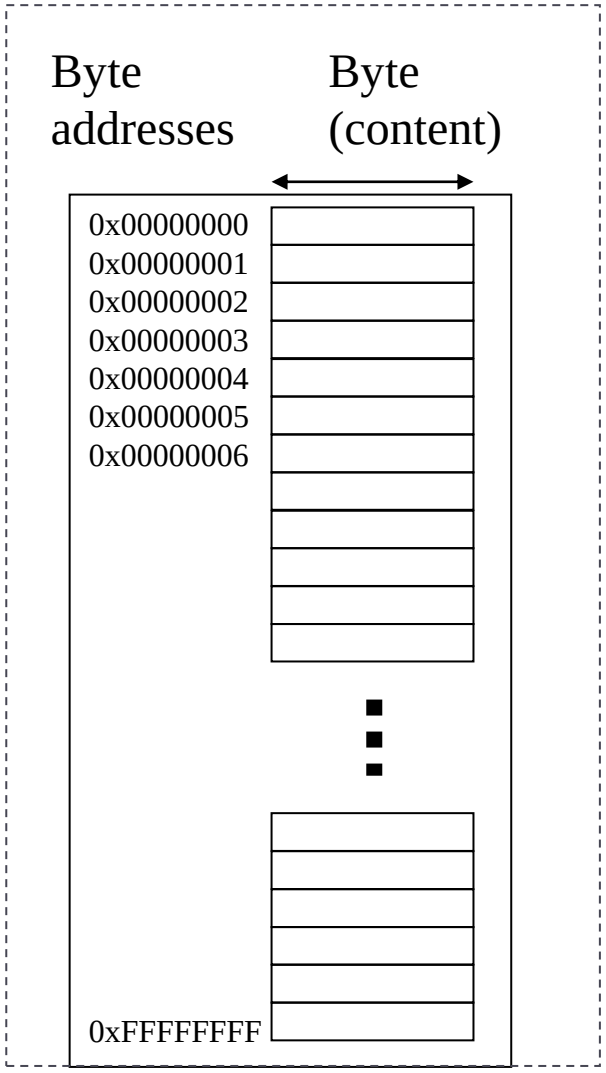
Other examples of pseudo-instructions

- An assembler pseudoinstruction can correspond to several machine instructions.
  - li $t1, 0x00800010
    - It does not fit in 32 bits, but can be used as a pseudo-instruction.
    - It is equivalent to:

      lui $t1, 0x0080

      ori $t1, $t1, 0x0010

MIPS32 memory model



Memory is addressed by bytes:

- 32-bit addresses
- Content of each address: one byte
- Addressable space: 2^{32} bytes = 4 GB

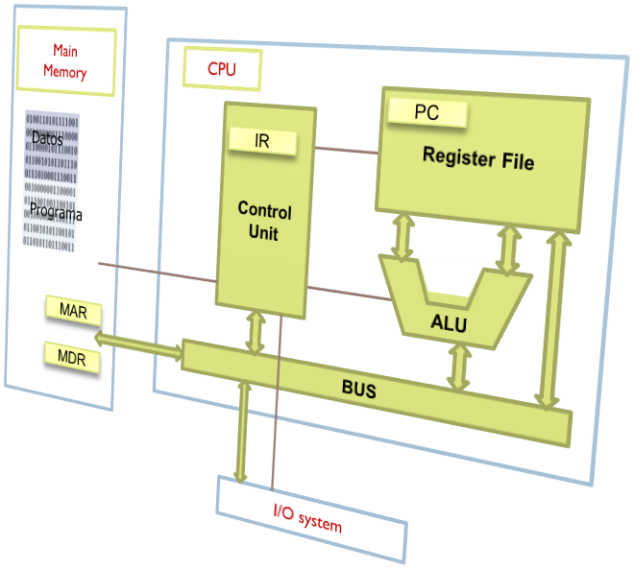
Access can be to:

- Individual bytes
- Words (4 consecutive bytes)

Format of memory access instructions

```
lw
sw
lb
sb
lbu
```

```
Register, memory address
```



- Number representing an address
- Symbolic label representing an address
- (register): represents the address stored in the register
- num(register): represents the address obtained by summing num with the address stored in the register

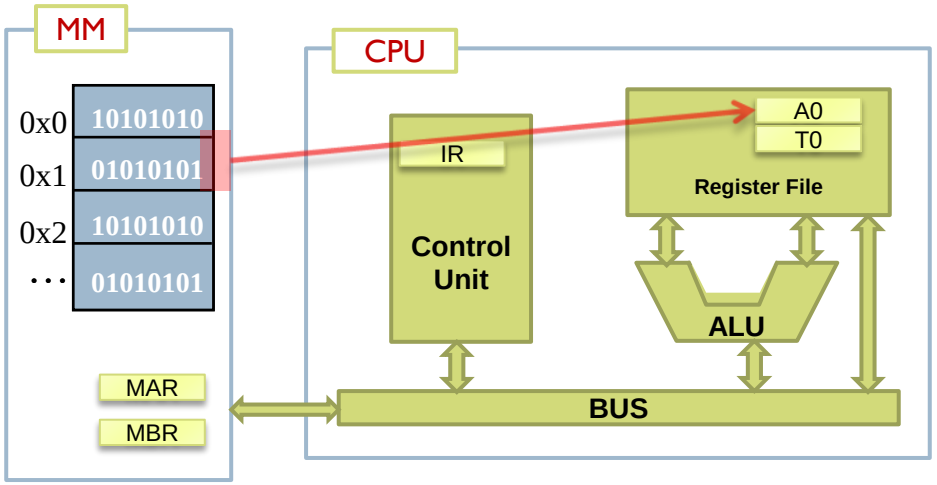
Memory access instruction formats

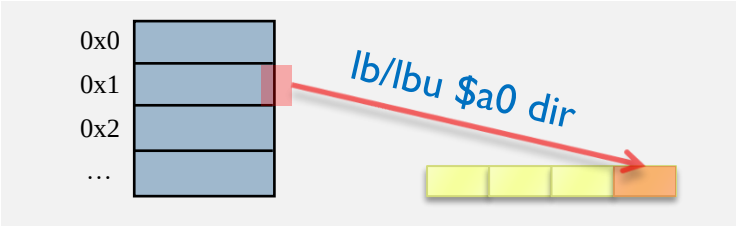
- `lbu $t0,` 0x0F000002
  - Direct addressing. The byte stored at memory location `0x0F000002` is loaded into $t0.
- `lbu $t0,` labeled
  - Direct addressing. The byte stored in the memory location `labeled` is loaded into $t0.
- `lbu $t0,` ($t1)
  - Indirect register addressing. The byte stored in the memory location stored in $t1 is loaded in $t0.
- `lbu $t0,` 80($t1)
  - Relative addressing. The byte stored in the memory location obtained by adding the contents of $t1 with 80 is loaded in $t0.

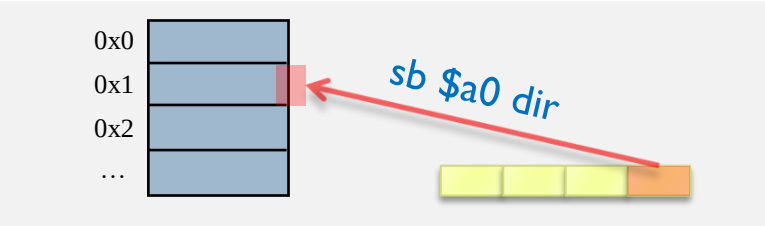
Data transfer
bytes

- Copies a byte from memory to a register or vice versa.

- Examples:
  - Memory to register
    lb $a0, dir
    lbu $a0, dir
  - Register to memory
    sb $t0, dir



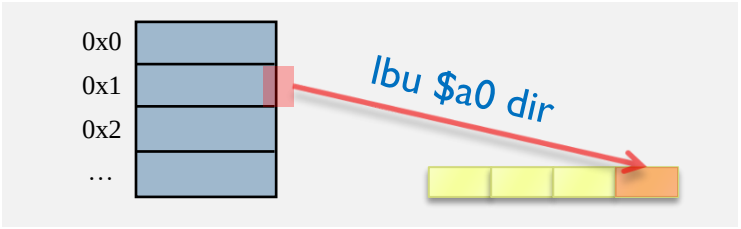


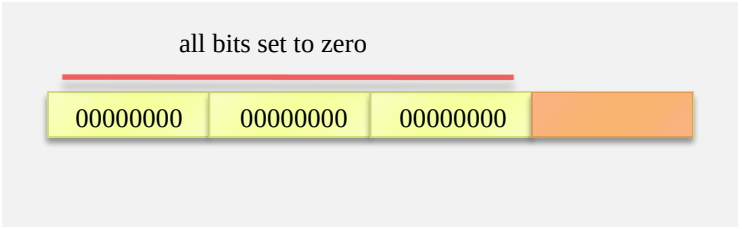


Data transfer
Sign extension

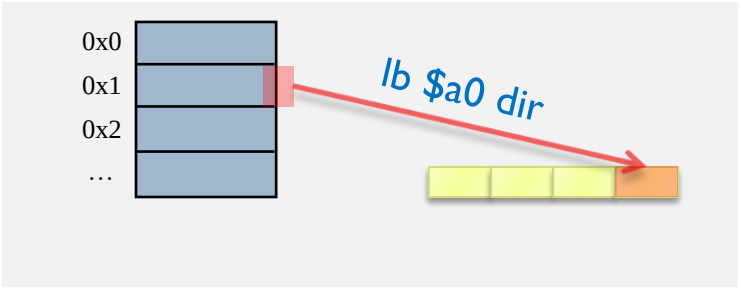
- There are two possibilities when transferring a byte from memory to register:

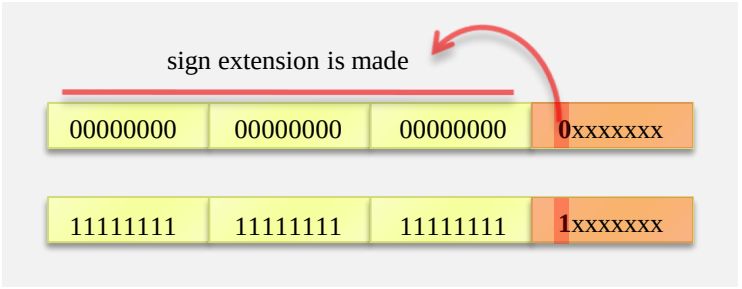
- A) Transfer without sign, for example: lbu $a0, dir



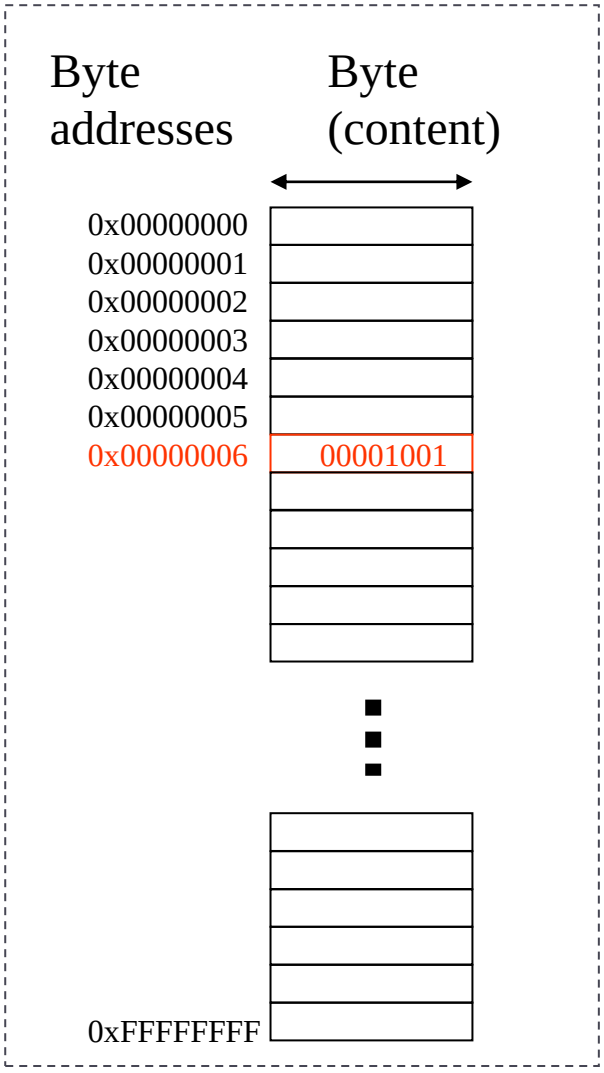


- B) Transfer with sign, for example: lb $a0, dir



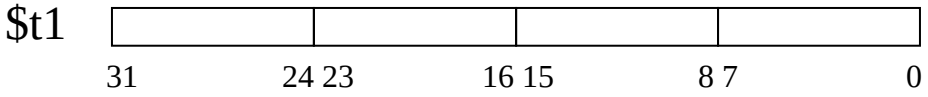


Access to bytes with lb (load byte)




```
lb $t1, 0x6
```

Address: 0x000000006 (000110)
Content: 00001001 (9)



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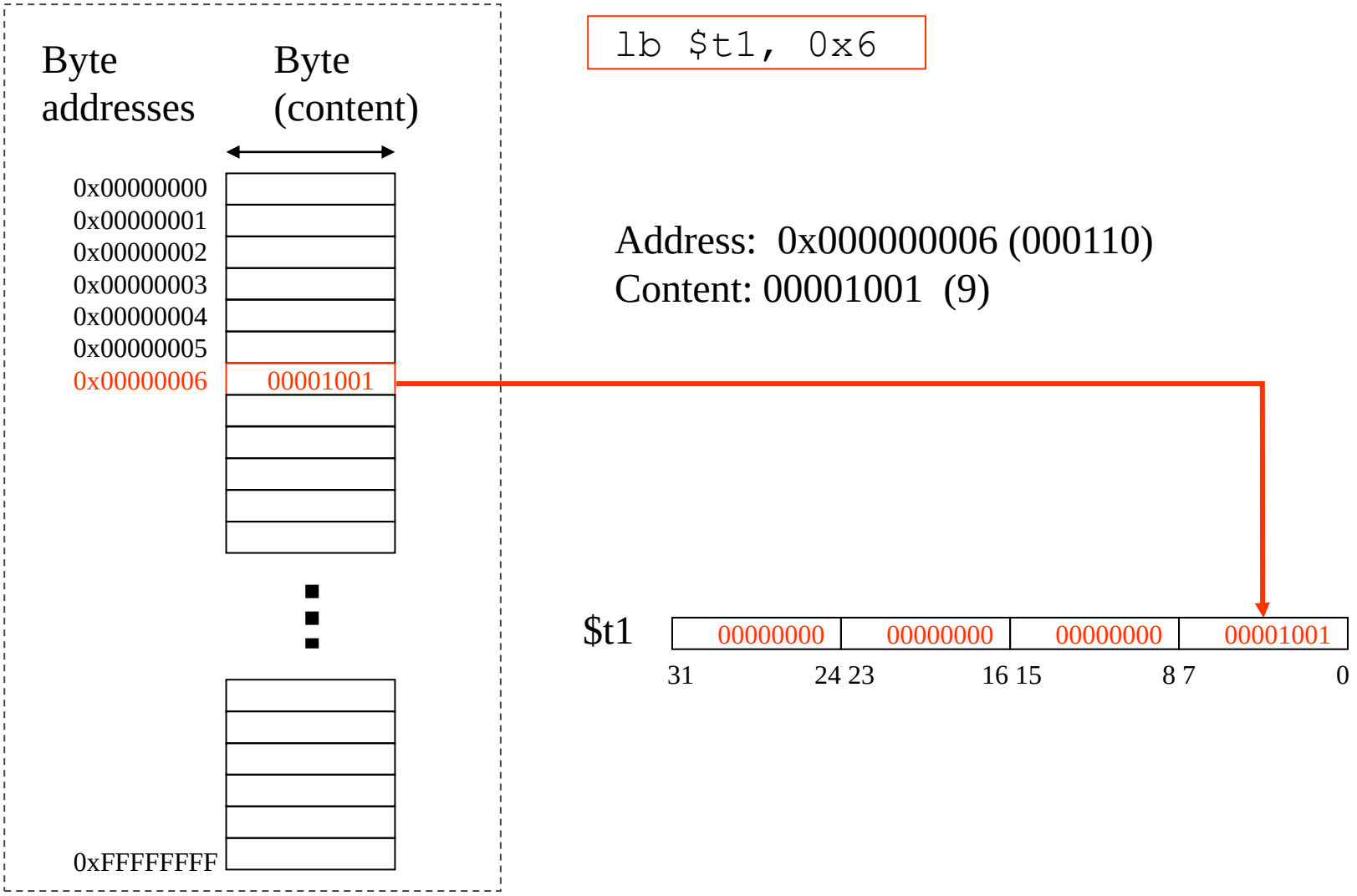

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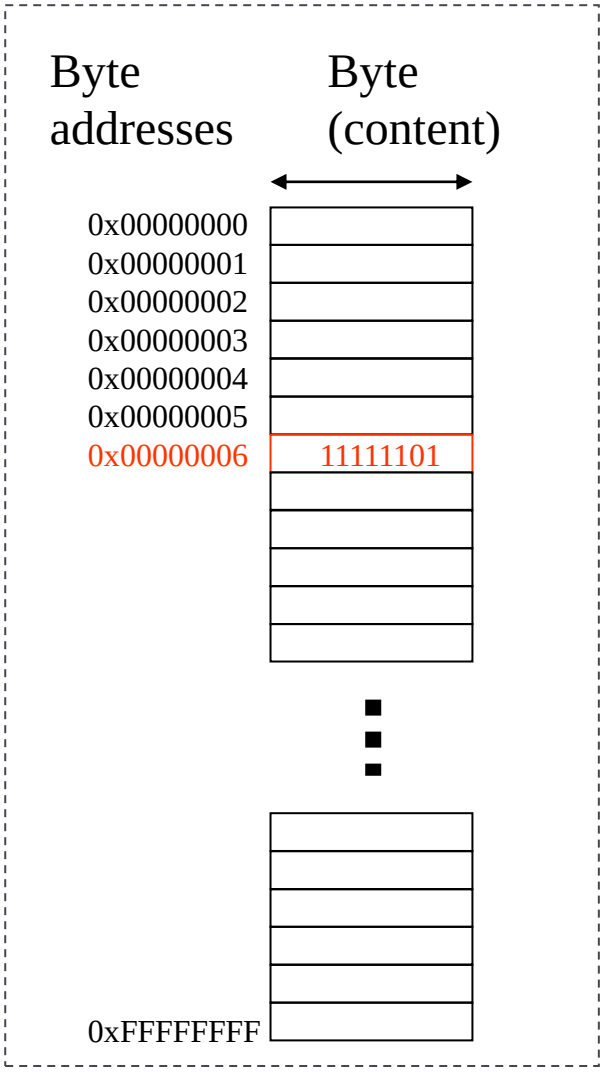


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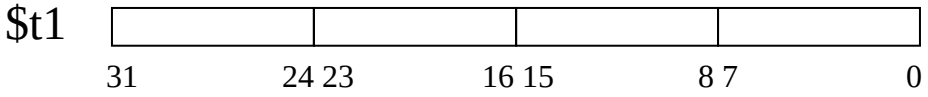
Address: 0x000000006 (000110)
Content: 11111101 (-3 in two's complement)



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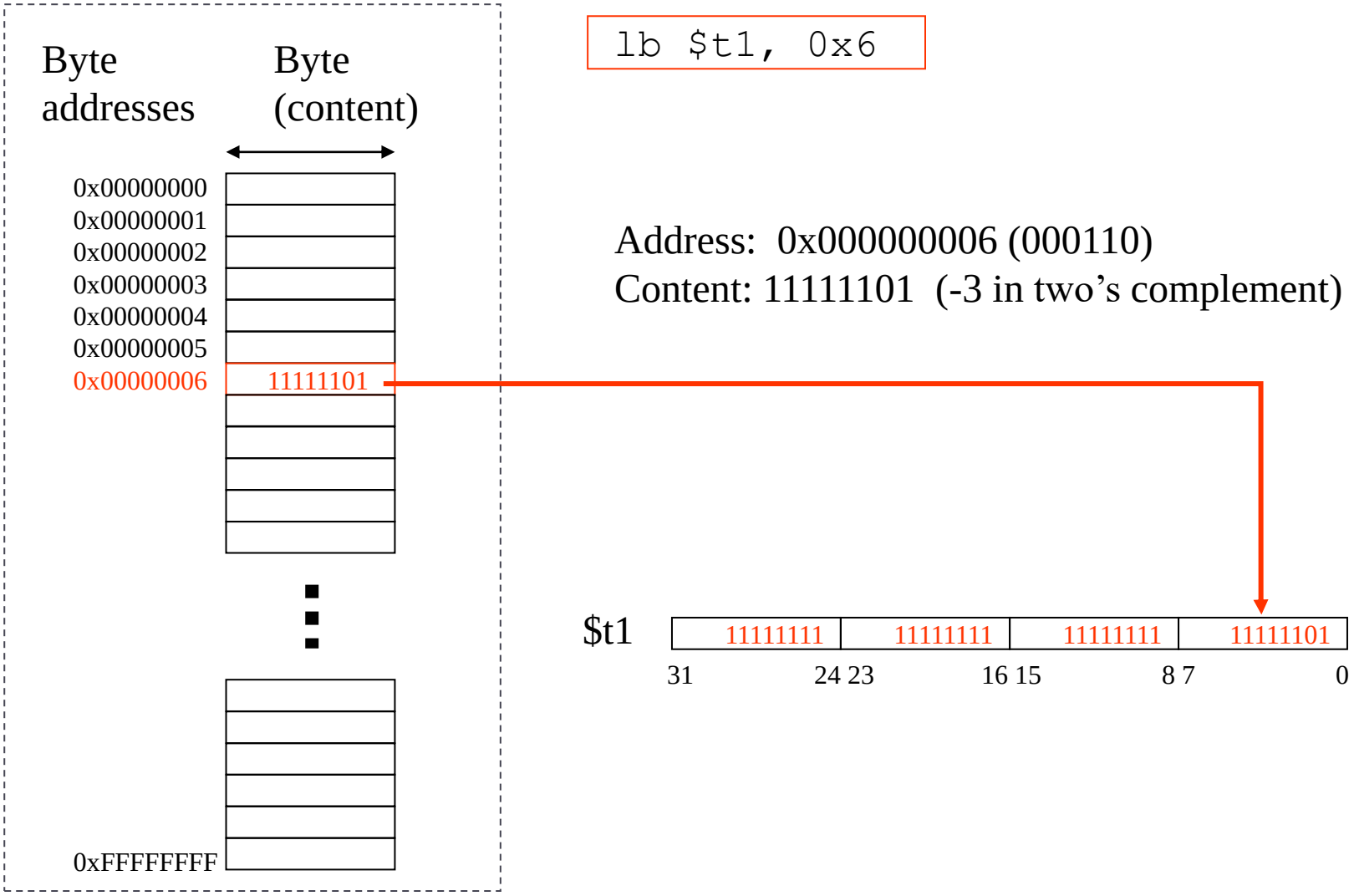

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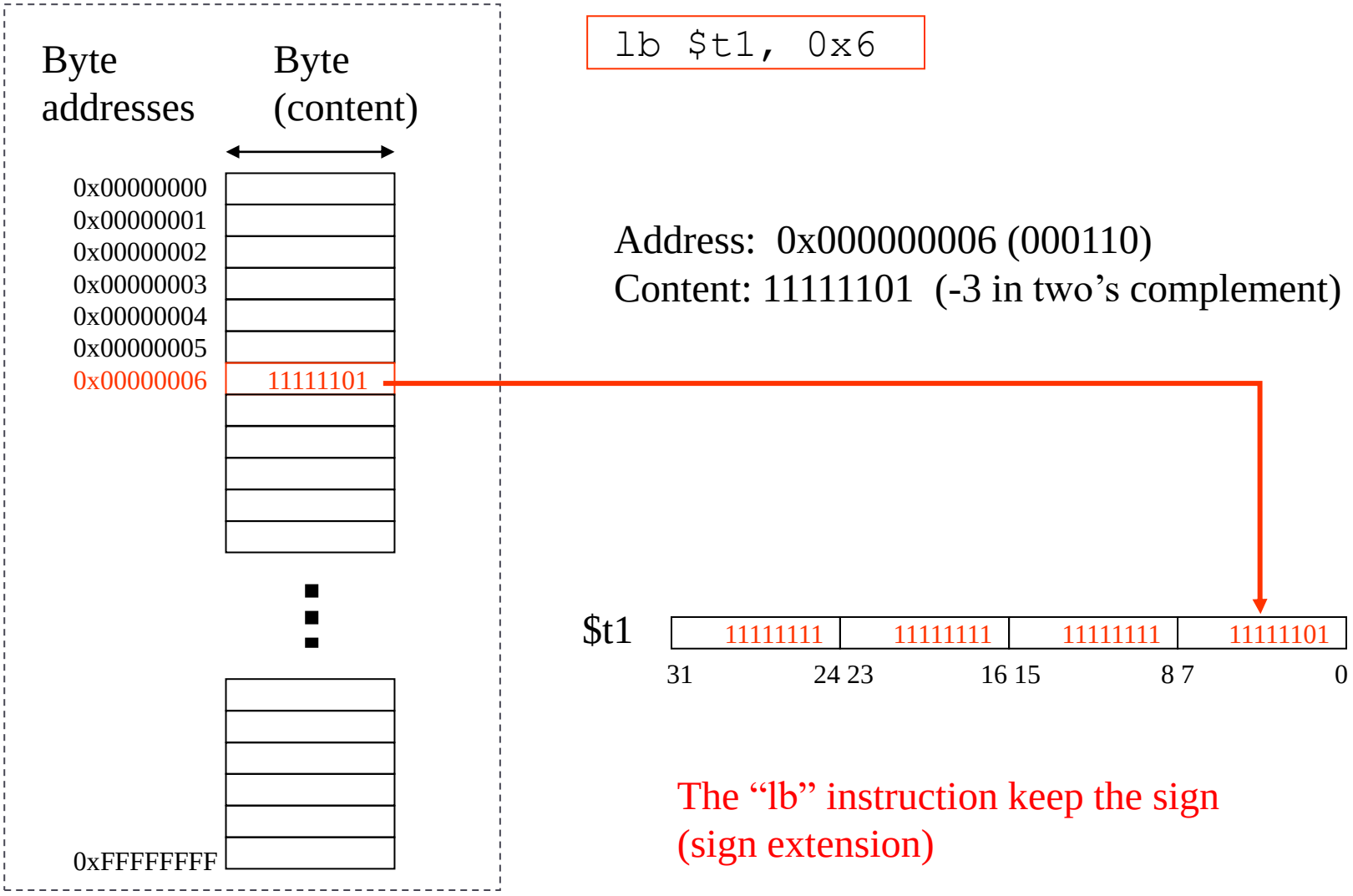
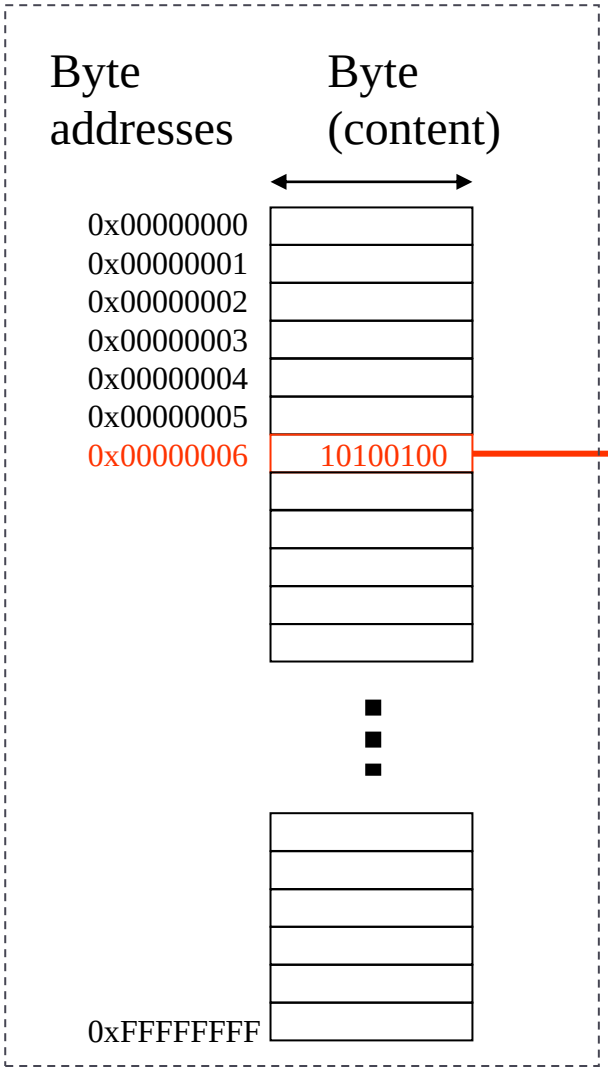


Access to bytes with lb

problems accessing characters




```
lb $t1, 0x6
```

Address: 0x000000006 (000110)
Content: 10100100 (ASCII code for letter ñ is 164)

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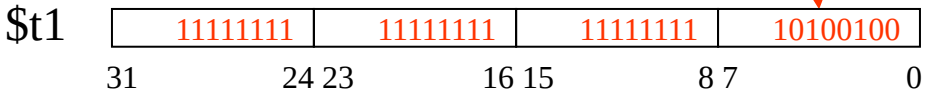
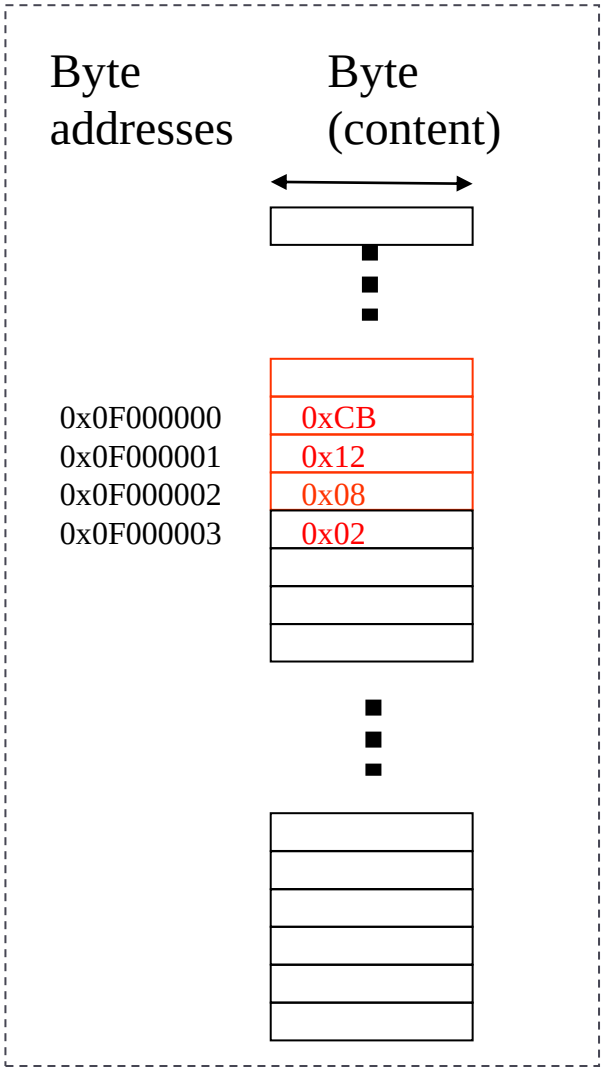


If lb is used (keeps the sign) and the content of $t1 is not the 164 value (ASCII code for ñ)

Access to bytes with lbu (load byte unsigned)

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lbu  $t1, 0x0F000002
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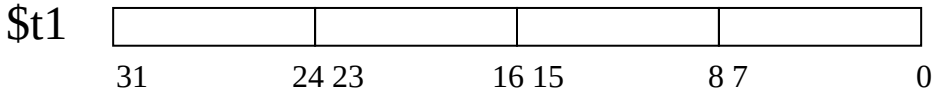

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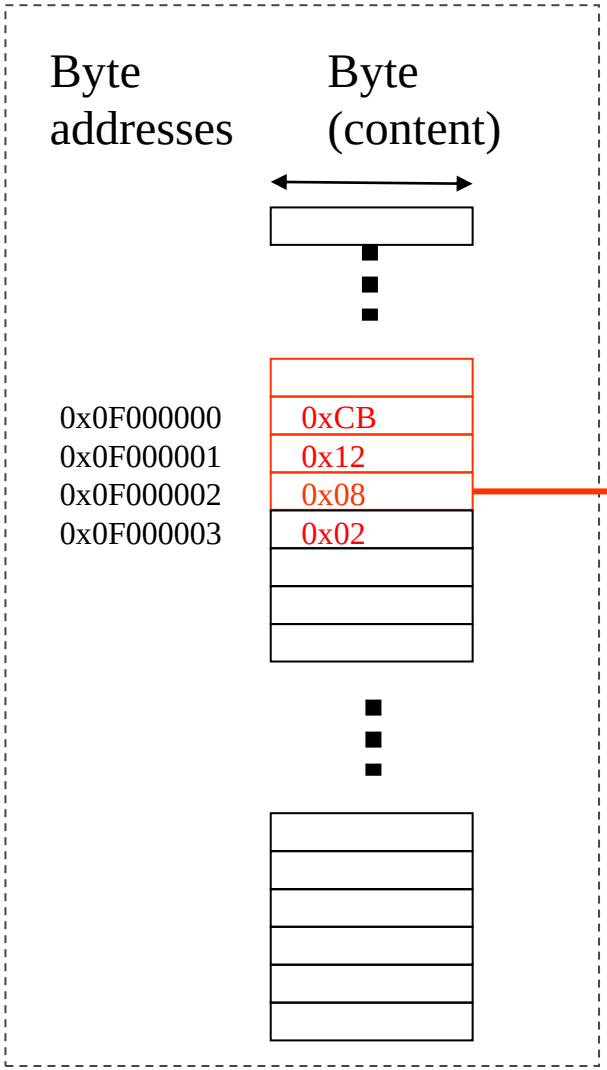
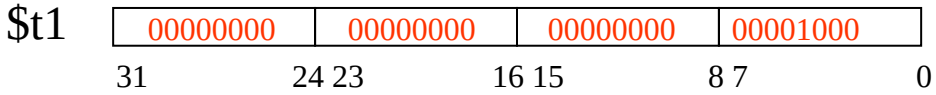



```
lbu  $t1, 0x0F000002
```

The byte stored in memory location `0x0F000002` is copied.



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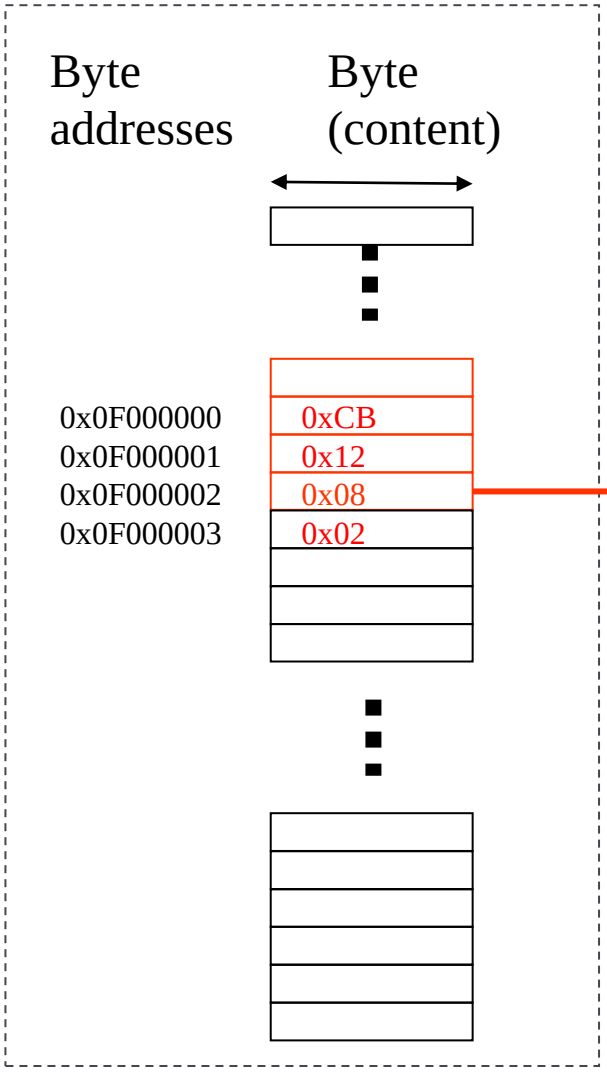


```
lbu  $t1, 0x0F000002
```

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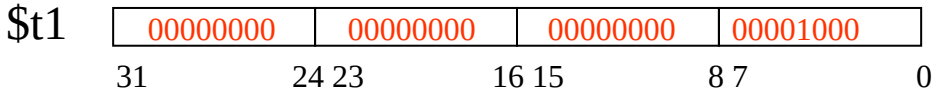
lbu does not preserv the sign



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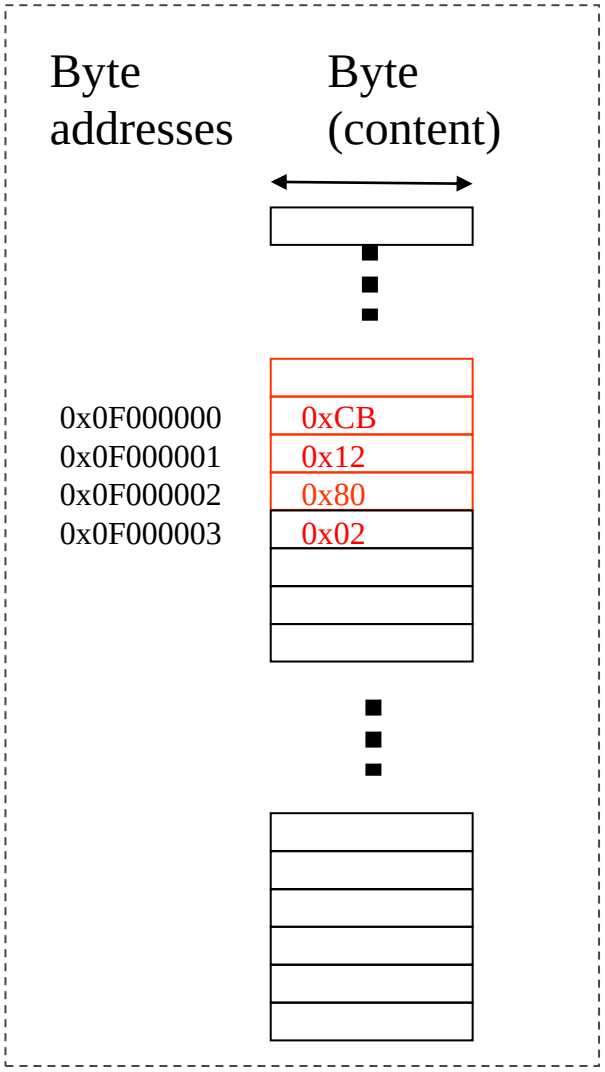


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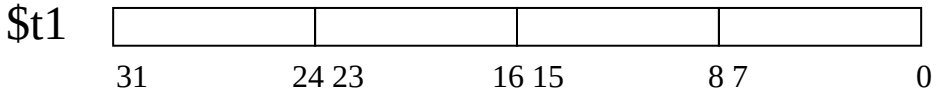

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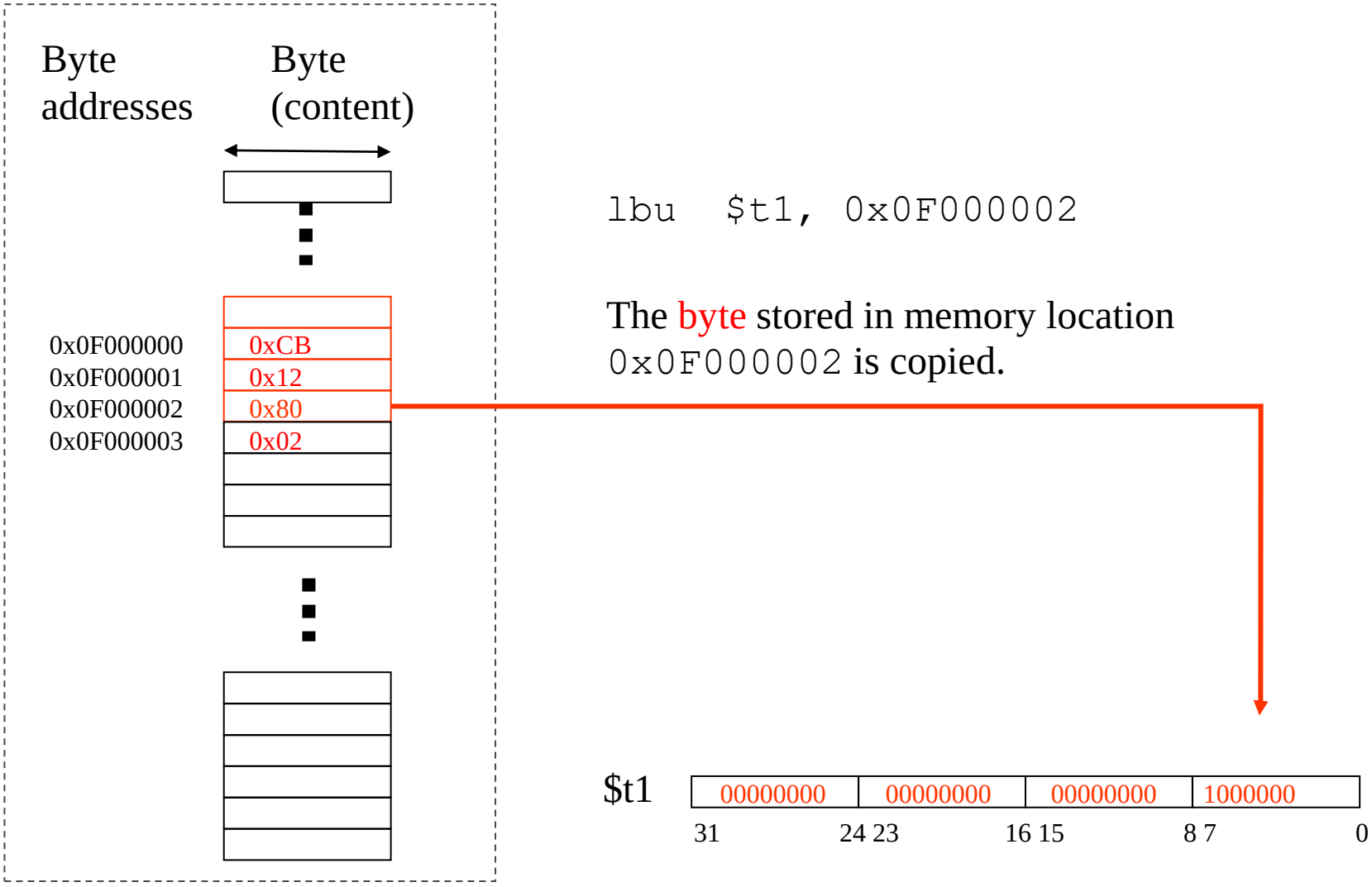

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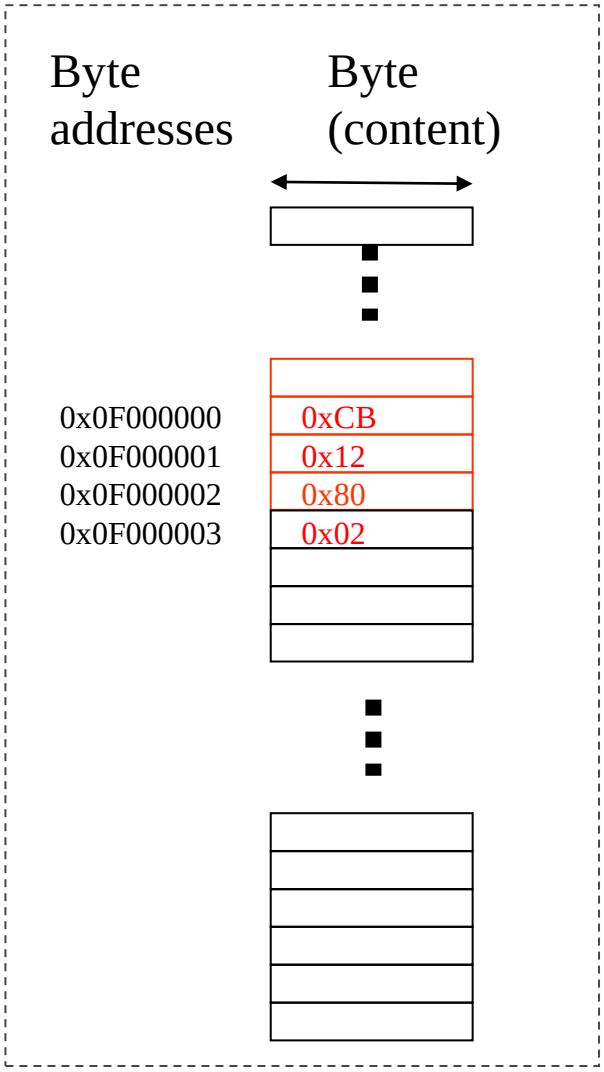

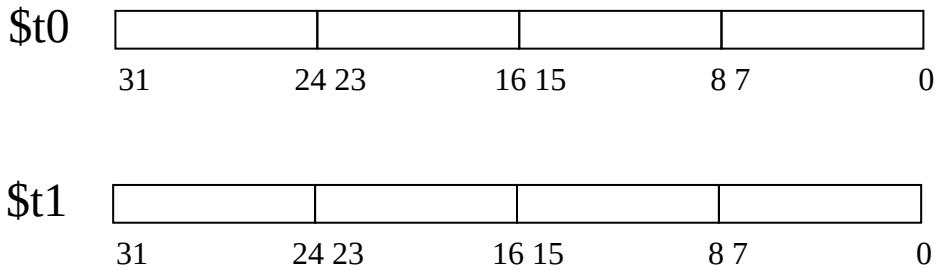

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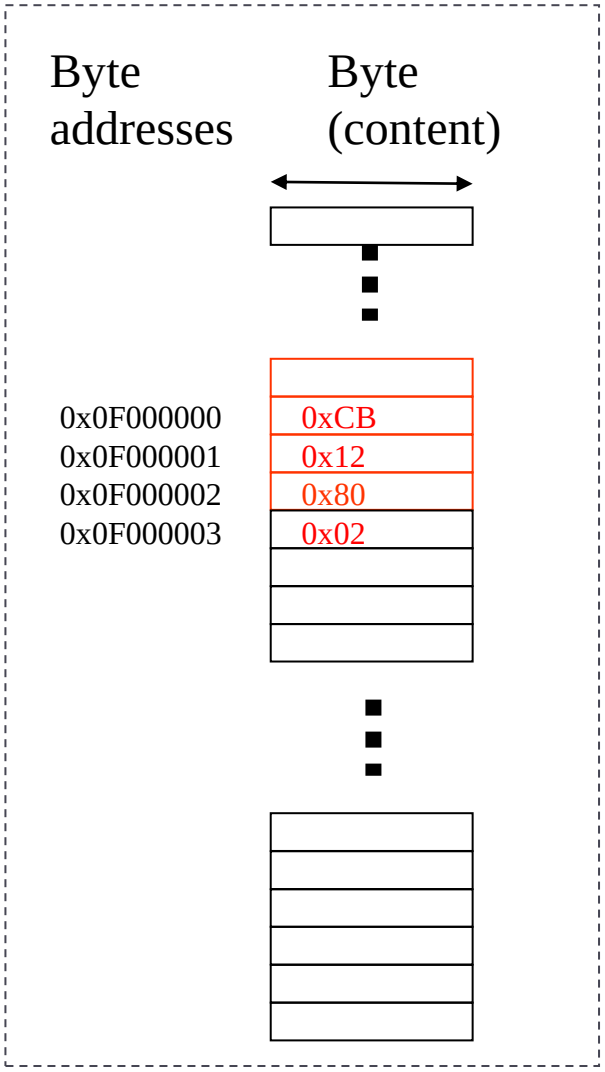
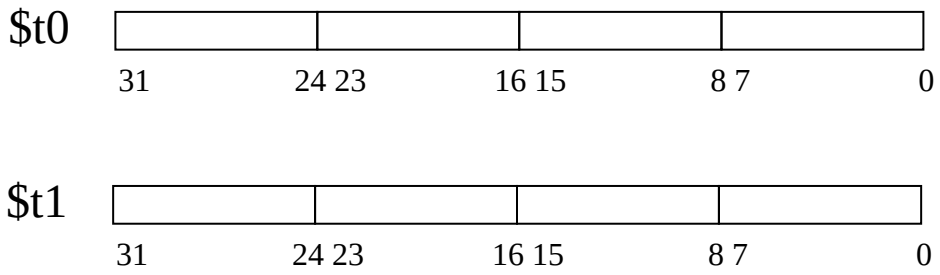



```
la $t0, 0x0F000002
```



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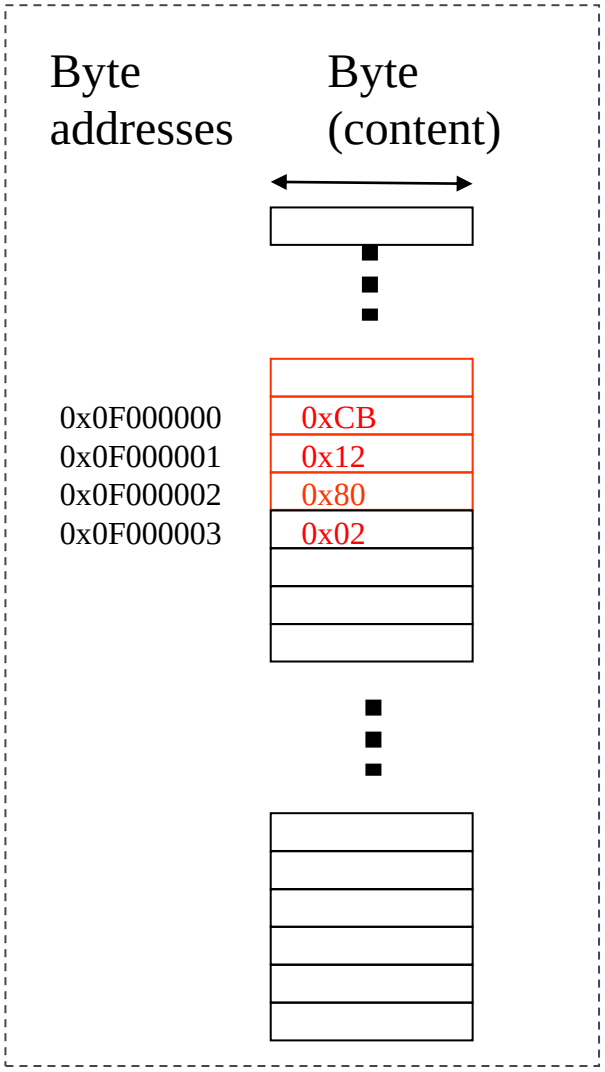
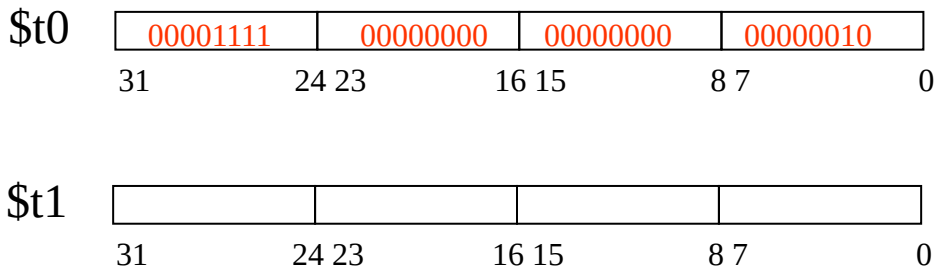



```
la $t0, 0x0F000002
```

The address is copied, not the content



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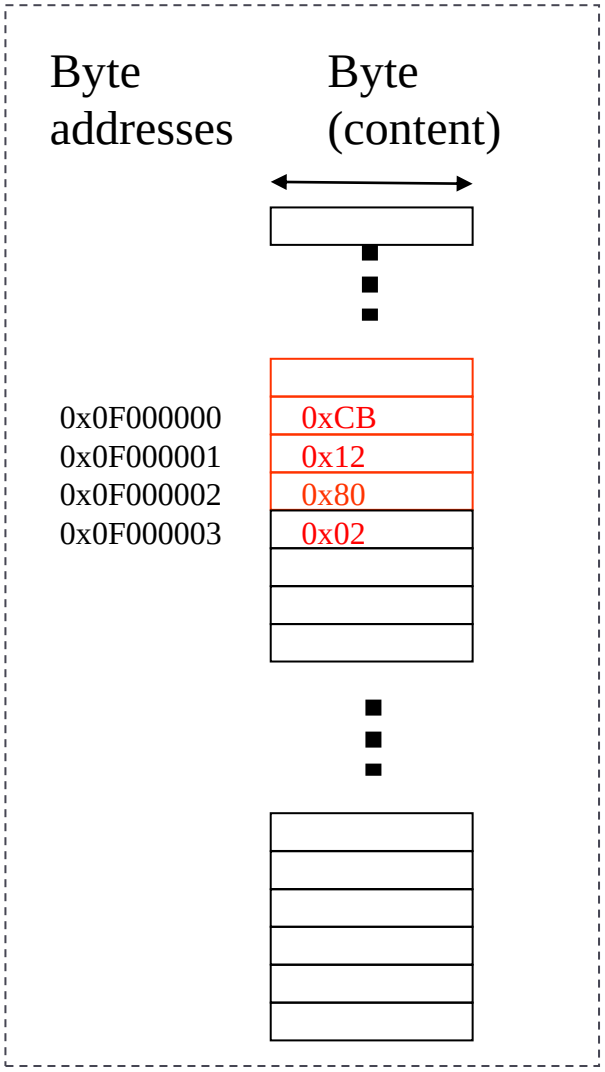
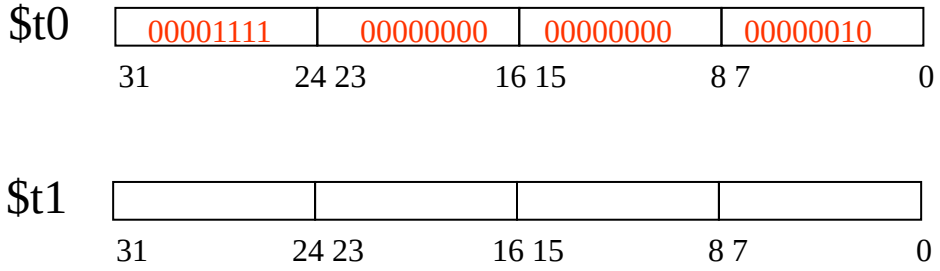



```
la $t0, 0x0F000002
lbu  $t1, ($t0)
```



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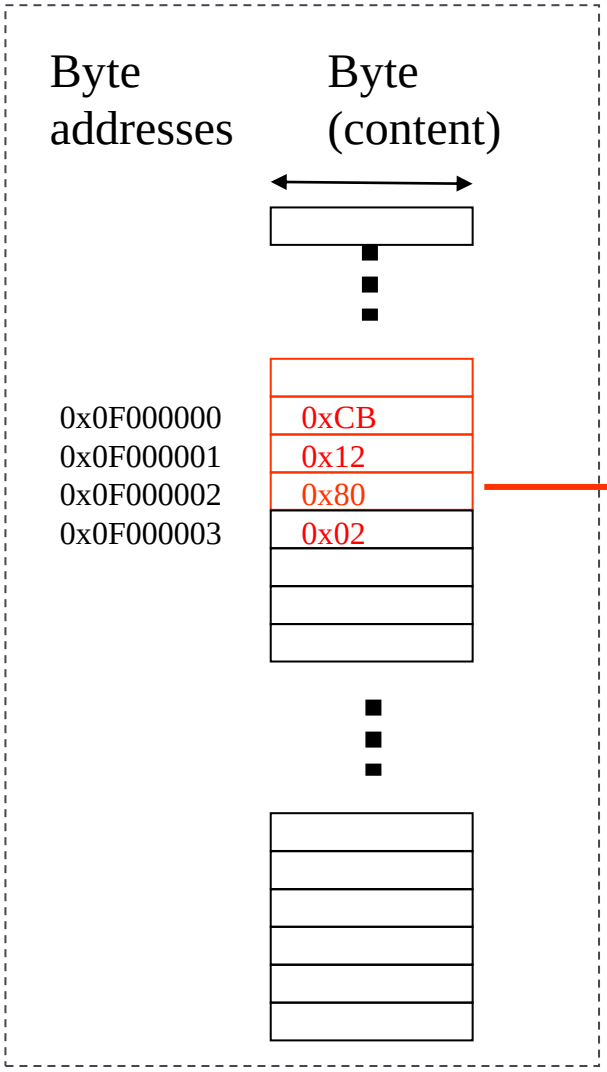


```
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lbu  $t1, ($t0)
```
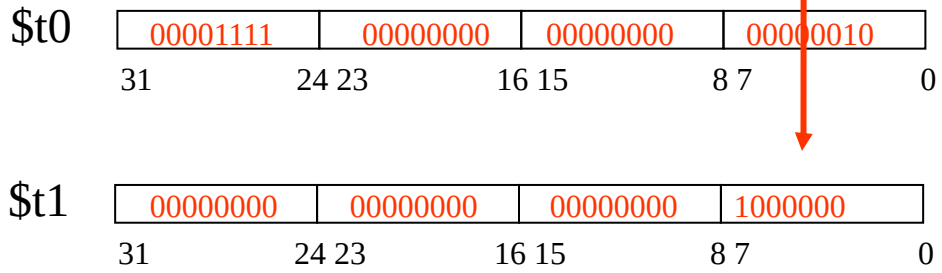
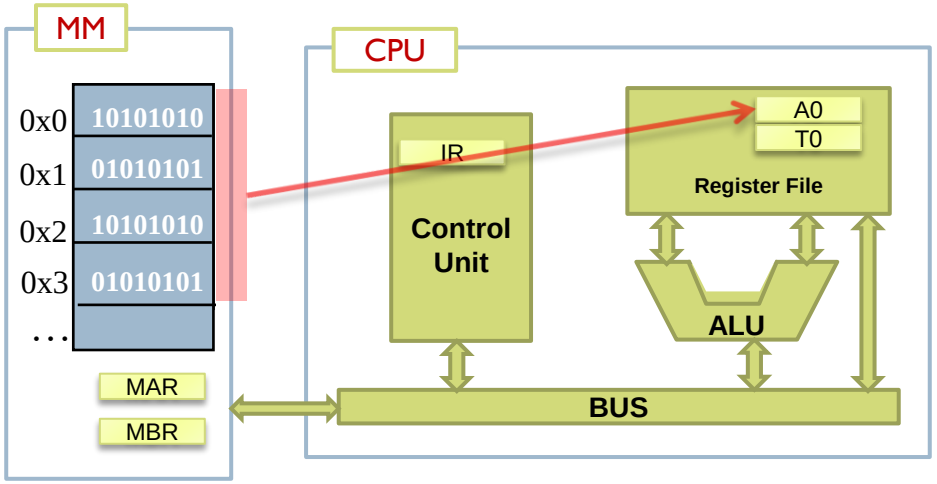

Copy the byte stored in the memory address stored in register $t0 into register $t1 without sign extensión (lbu)



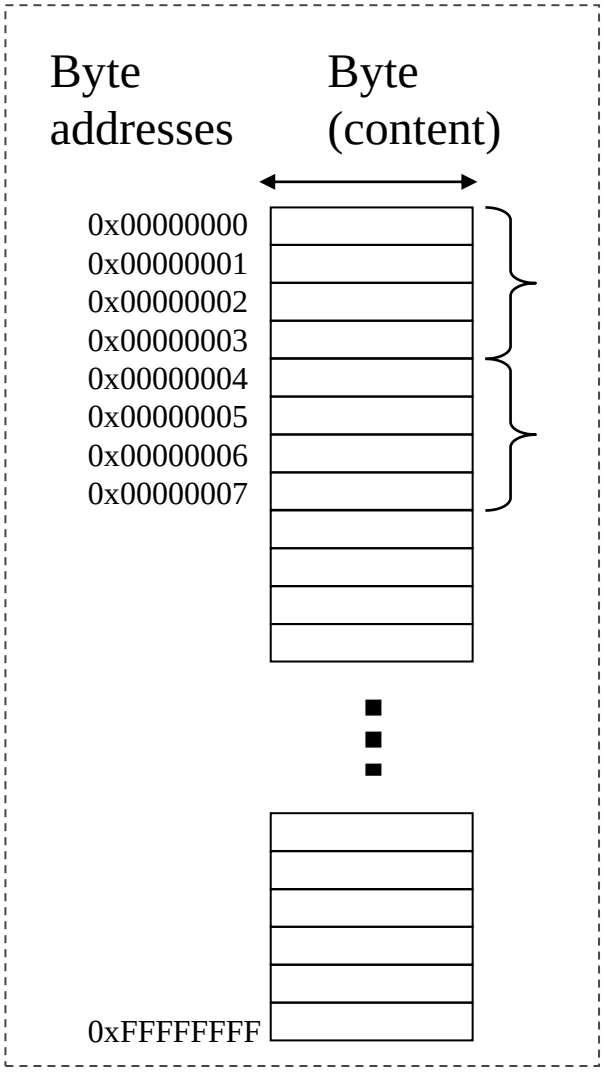
Data transfer
words

- Copies a word from memory to a register or vice versa.

- Examples:
  - Memory to register
    lw $a0 ($t0)
  - Register to memory
    sw $a0 ($t0)



Accessing to words



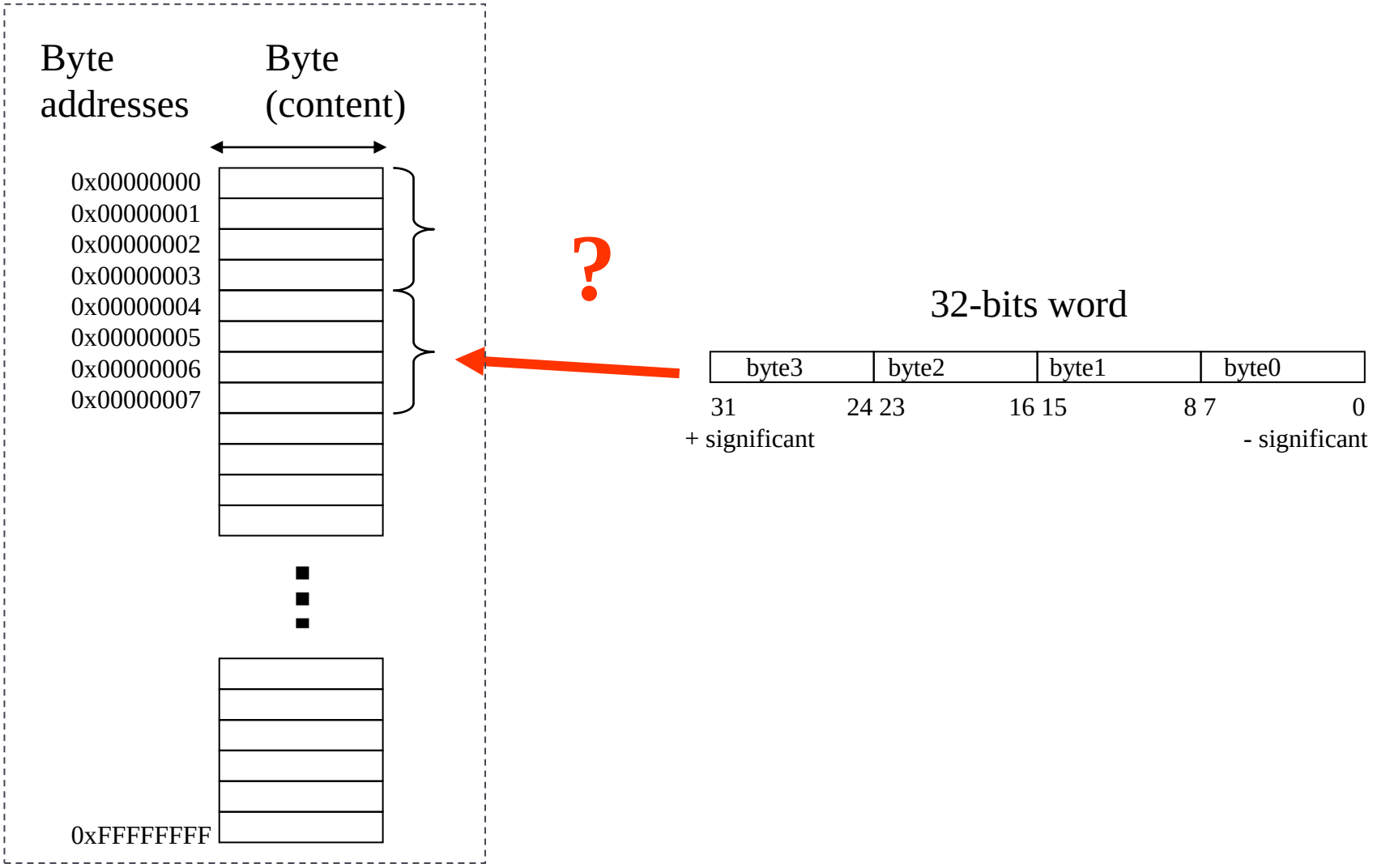
A word: 4 bytes in a 32-bits processor

Word stored starting at byte 0

Word stored starting at byte 4

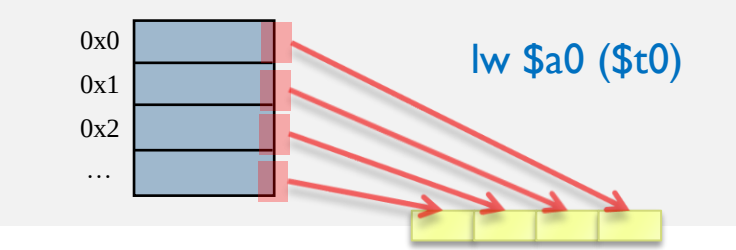
Las palabras (32 bits, 4 bytes) se almacenan utilizando cuatro posiciones consecutivas de memoria, comenzando la primera posición en una dirección múltiplo de 4

Accessing to words

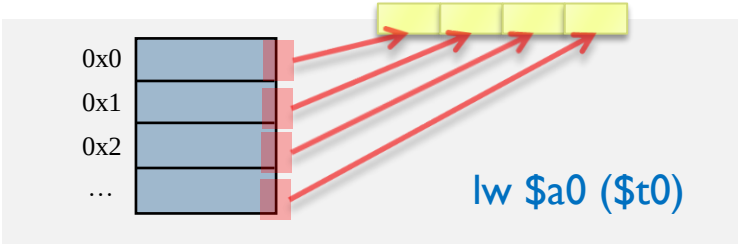


Data transfer
byte order

- There are 2 types of byte order:
  - Little-endian ('small' address ends the word…)

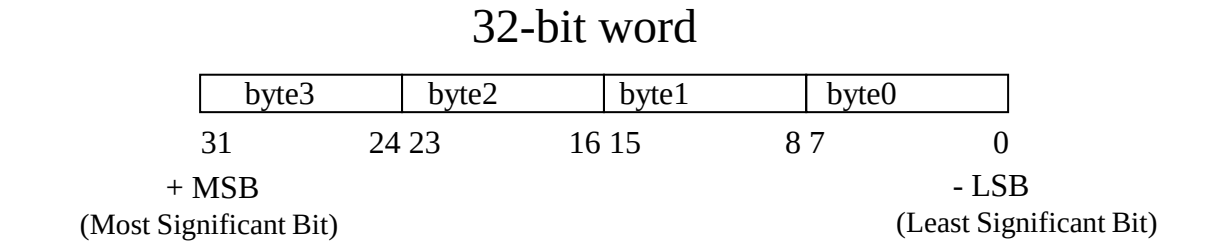


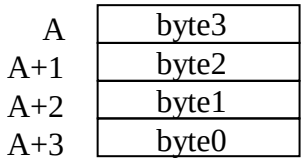
  - Big-endian ('big' address ends the word…)



(bi-endian)

Storing words in memory





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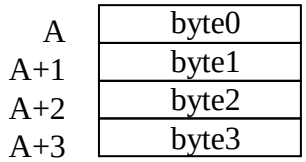
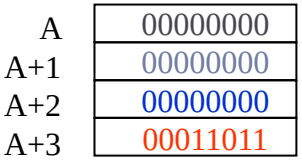


LittleEndian

The number $27_{(10} = 11011_{(2} = 00000000000000000000000000011011$



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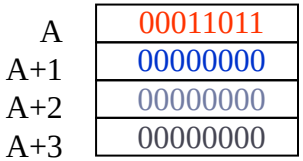

LittleEndian

Communication problems in computers with different architectures

The number $27_{(10} = 11011_{(2} = 00000000000000000000000000011011$

A	00000000
A+1	00000000
A+2	00000000
A+3	00011011

BigEndian

A	
A+1	
A+2	
A+3	

LittleEndian

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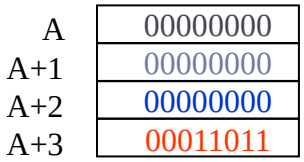

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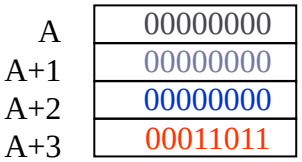

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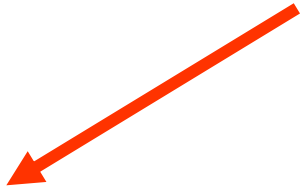


The stored number is: 00011011000000000000000000000000
And is not 27!

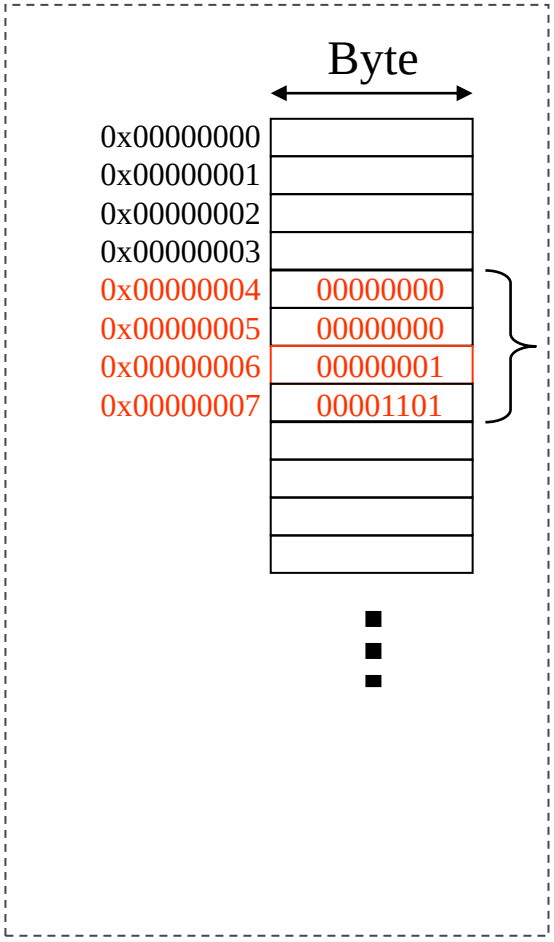
Example

endian.s

```
.data

  b1: .byte 0x00, 0x11, 0x22, 0x33

.text
.globl main
 main:

   lw  $t0 b1
```

Read word from memory

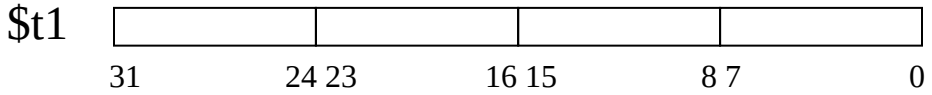
```
lw $t1, 0x4
```



Address: 0x00000004 (000000…..00100)

Content: $00000000000000000000000100001101_{(2} = 269_{(10}$

Big Endian



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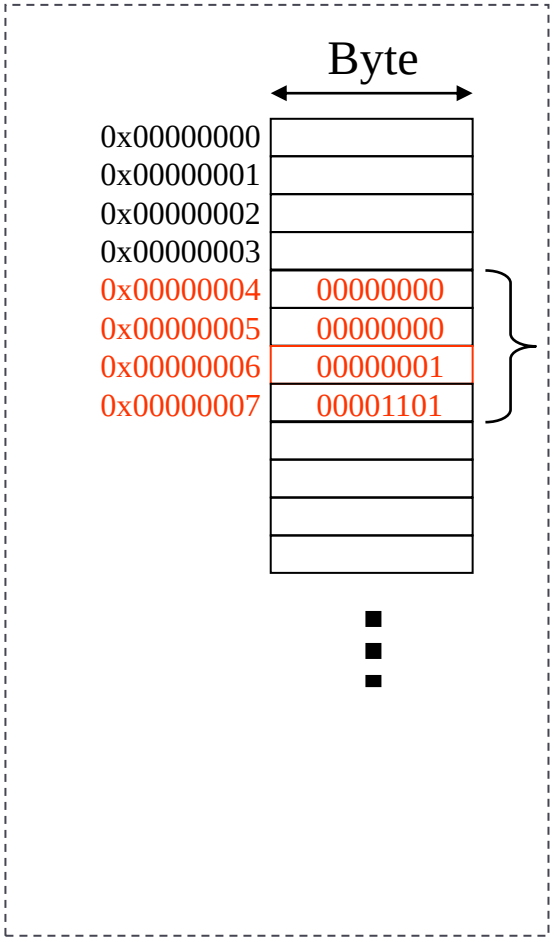

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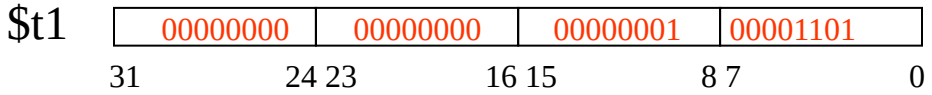

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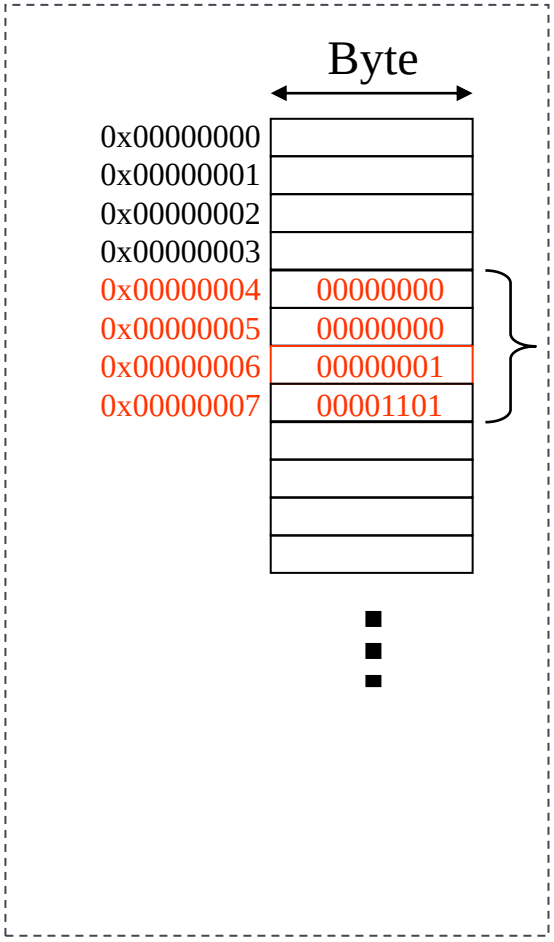

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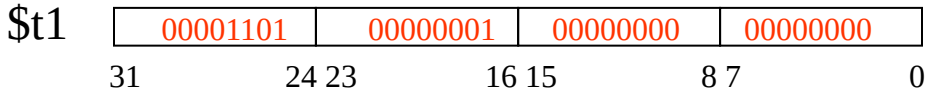

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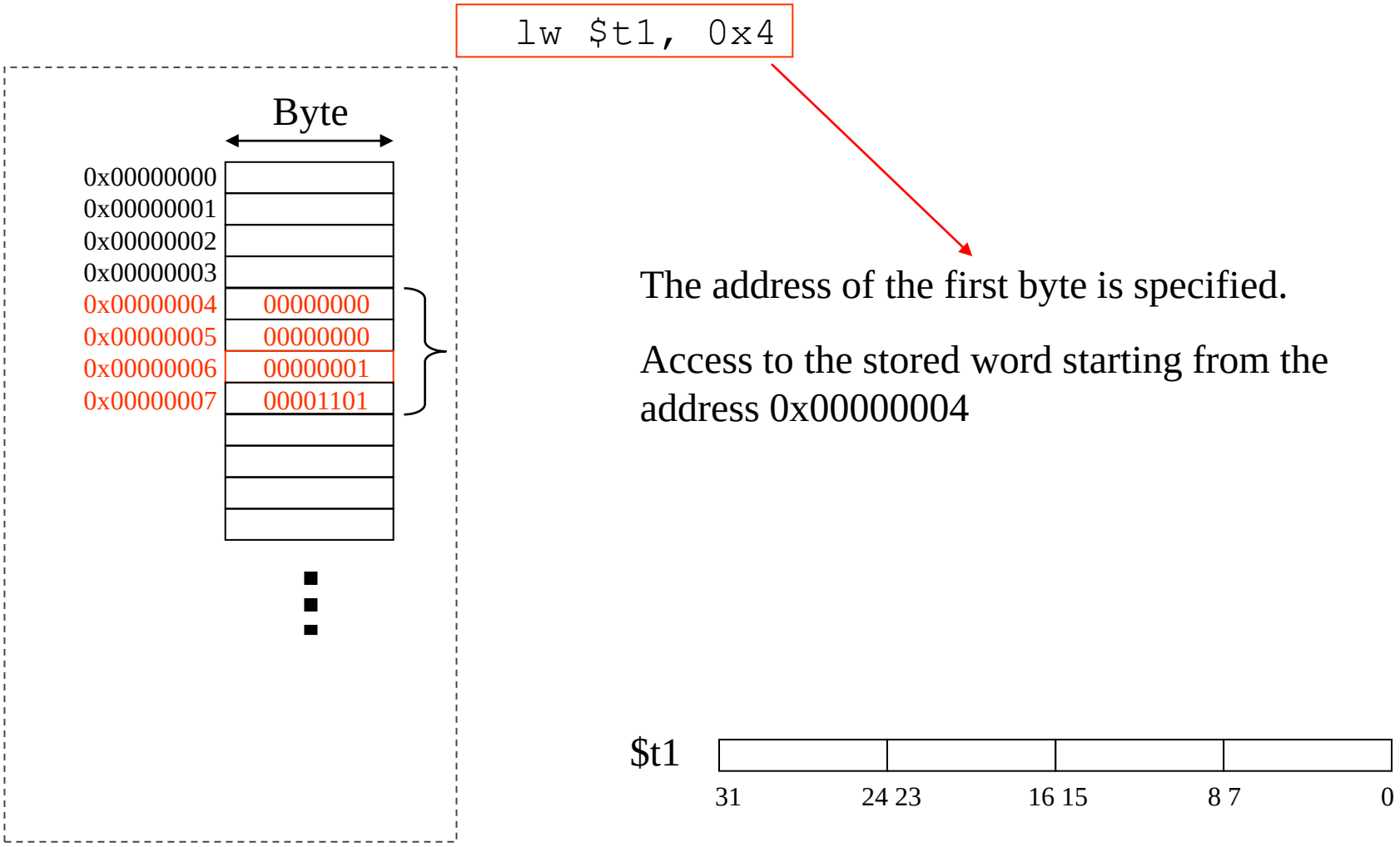
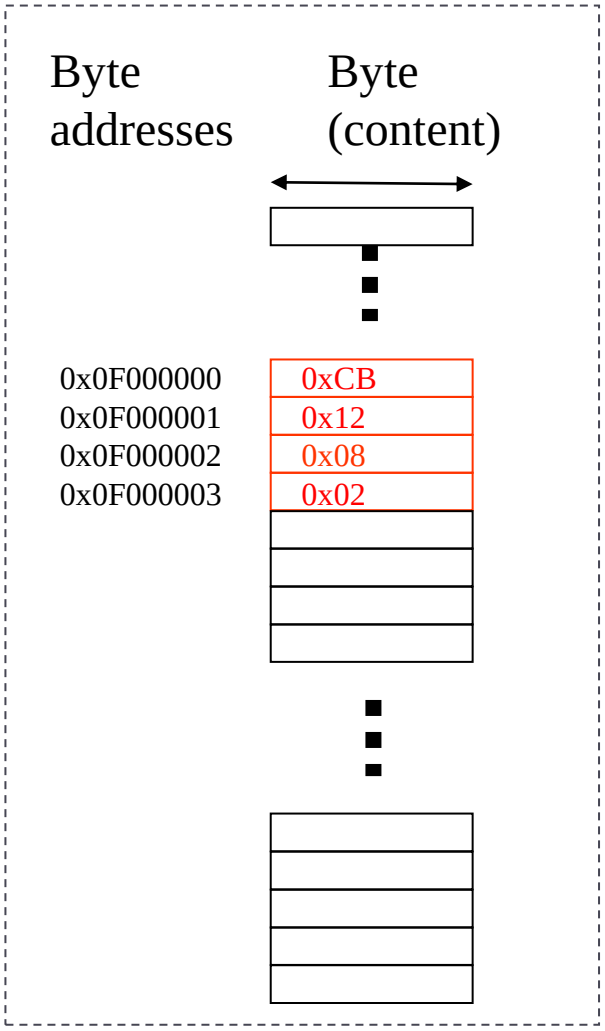


Differences among lw, lb, lbu, la




```
lw $t1, 0x0F000000
```

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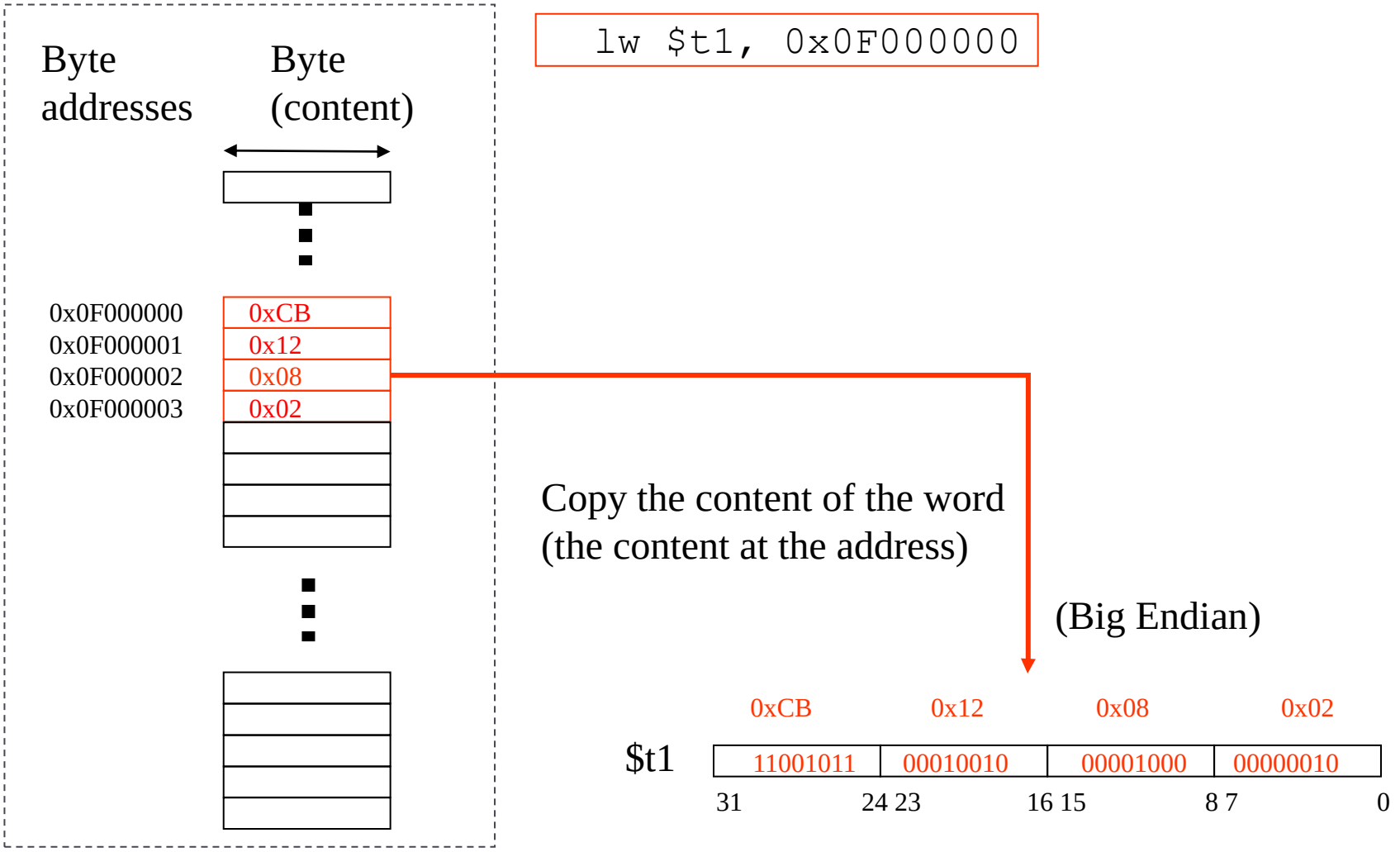

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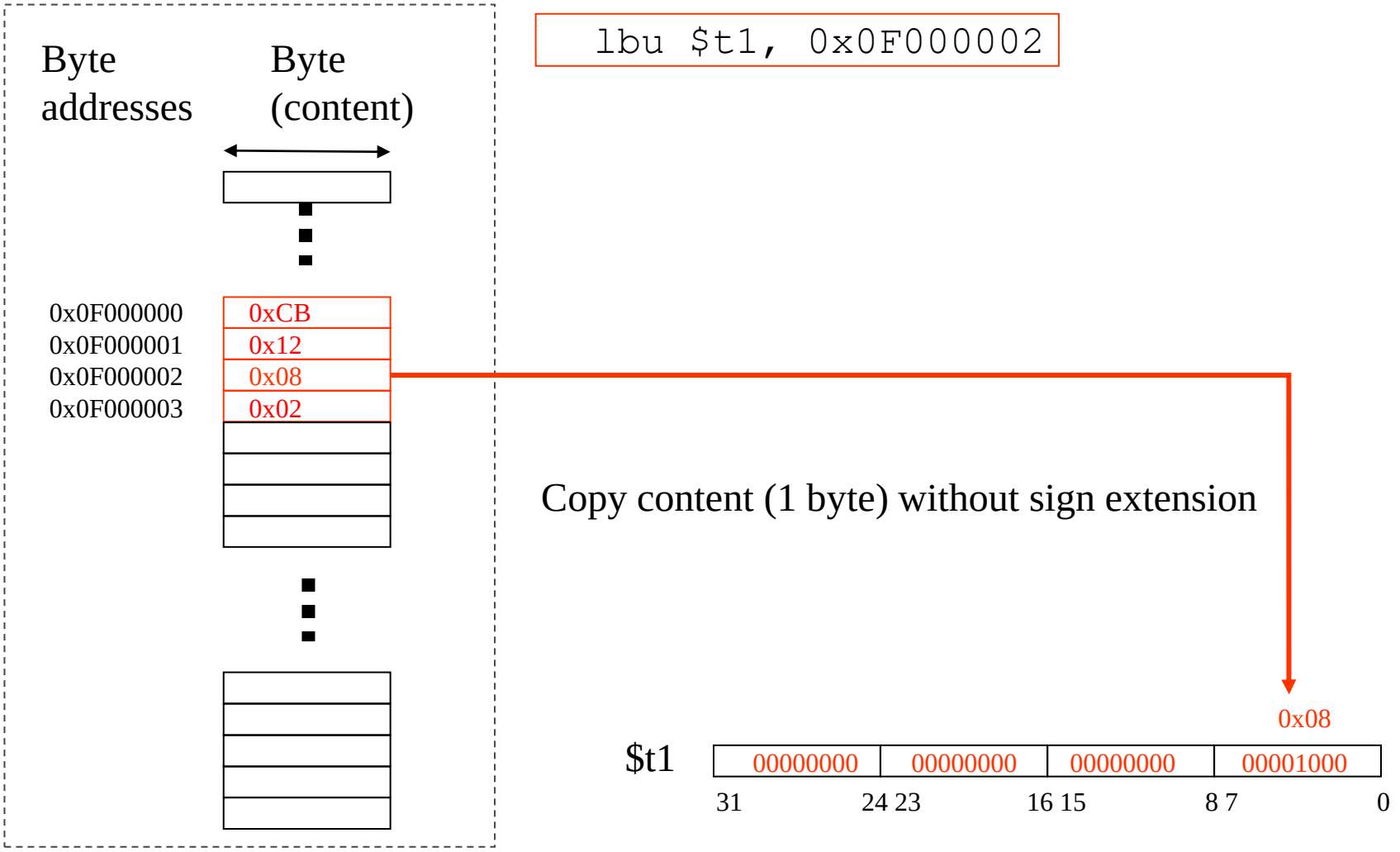

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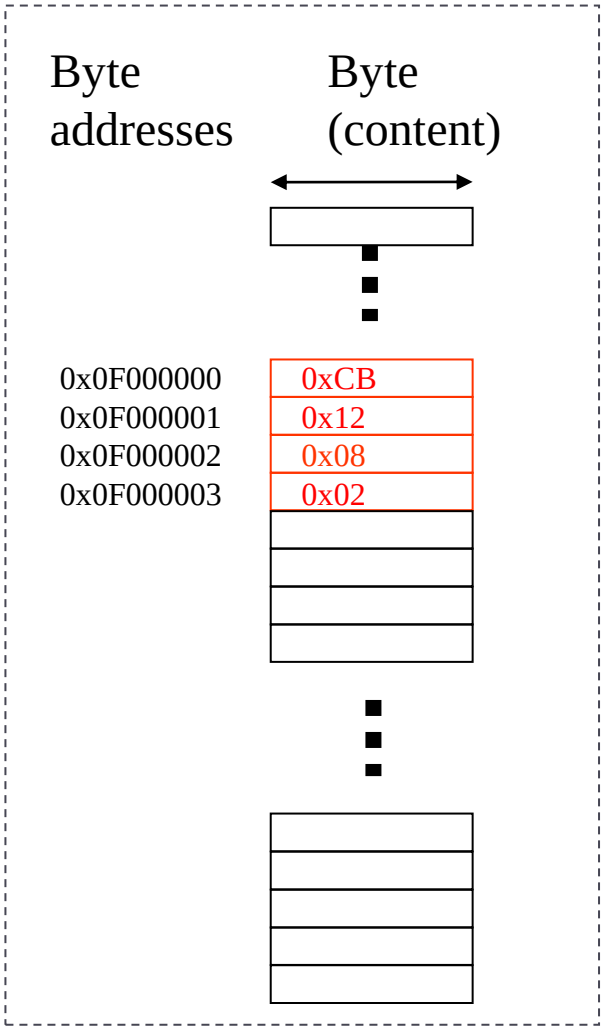


```
la $t1, 0x0F000000
```

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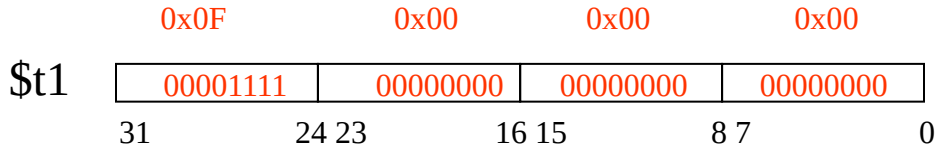

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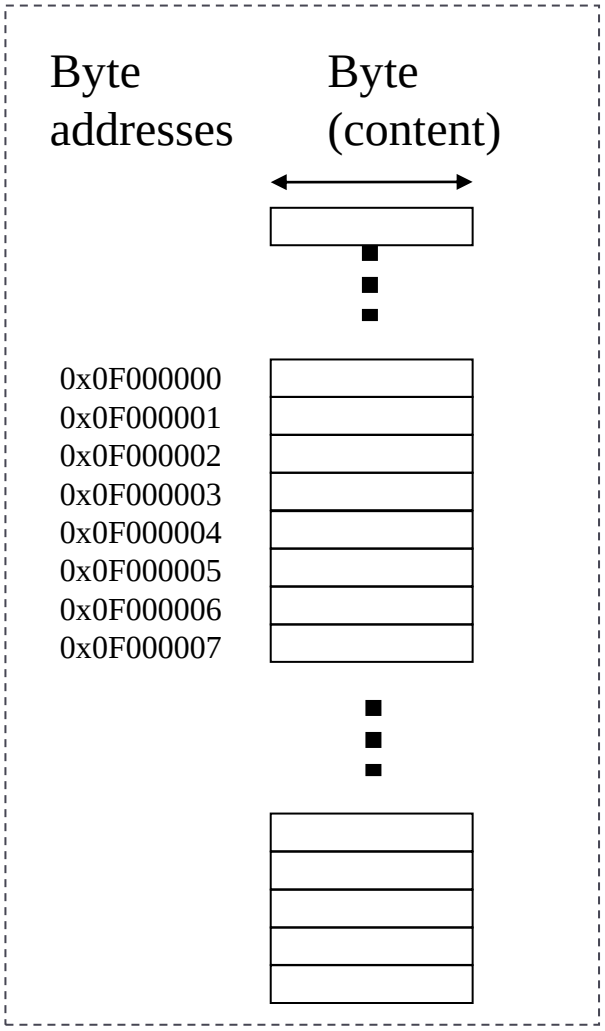
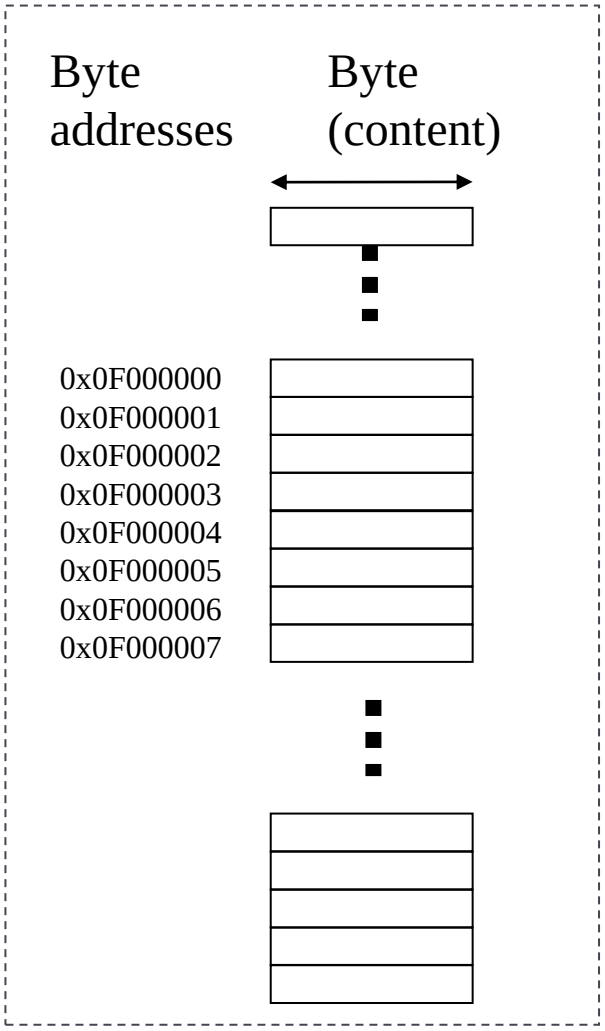



```
li $t1, 18
li $t2, 24
```

Example

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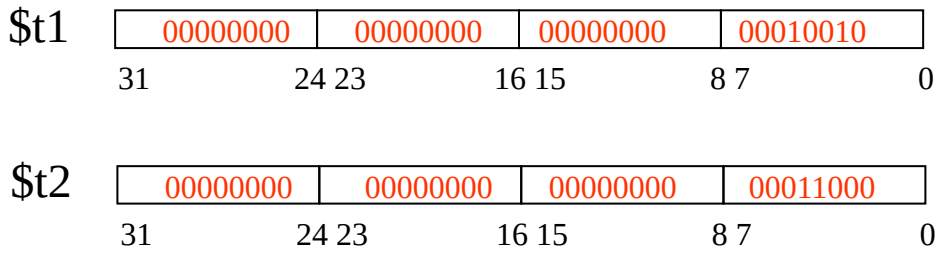
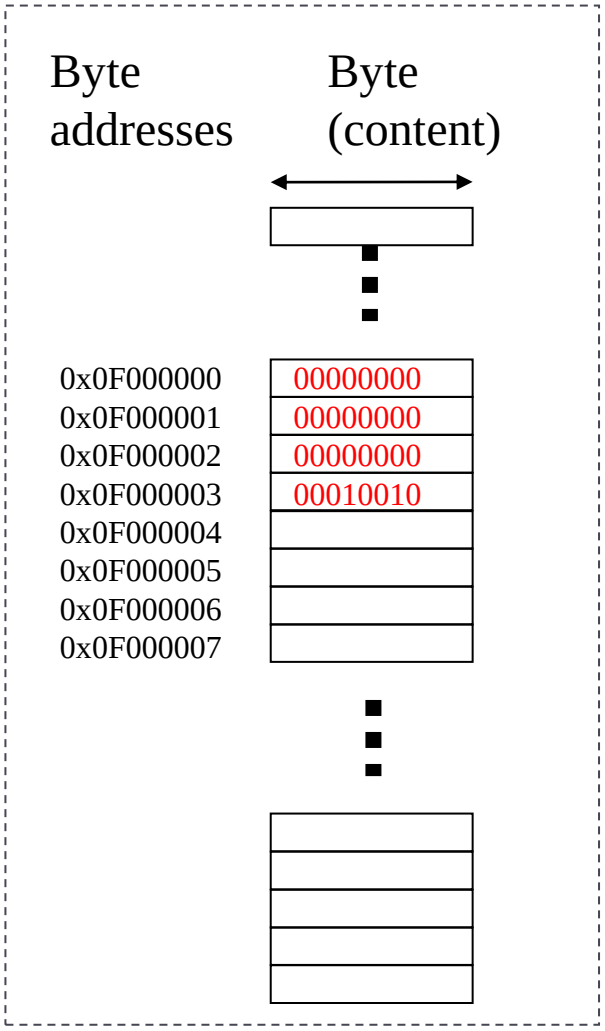
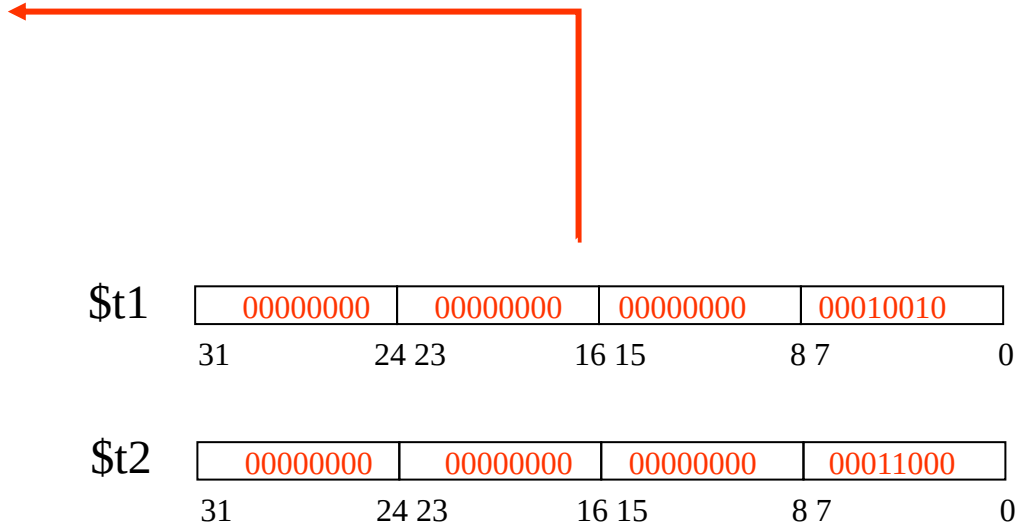


Write word in memory

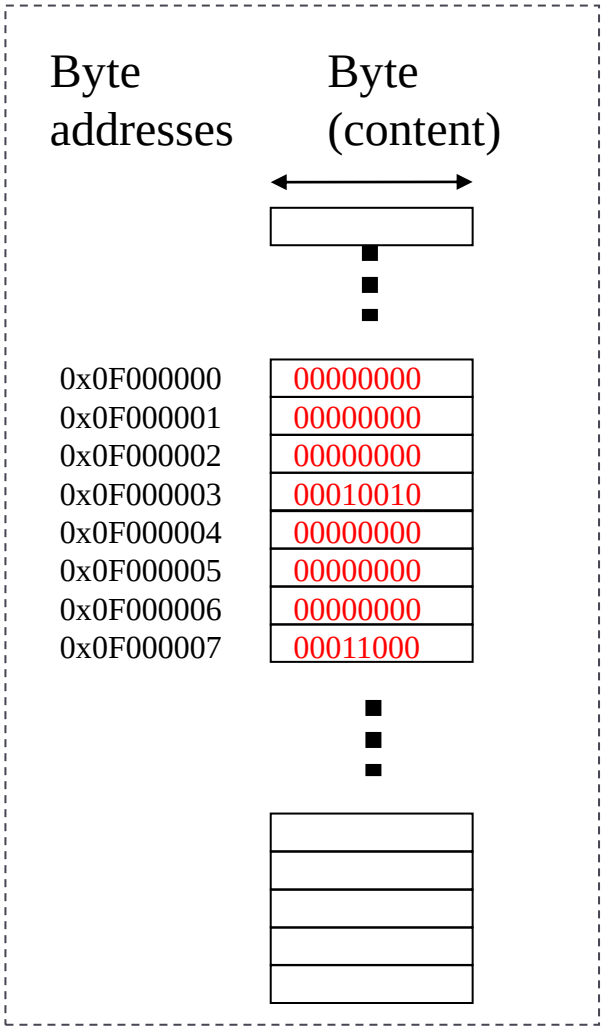



```
sw $t1, 0x0F000000
```

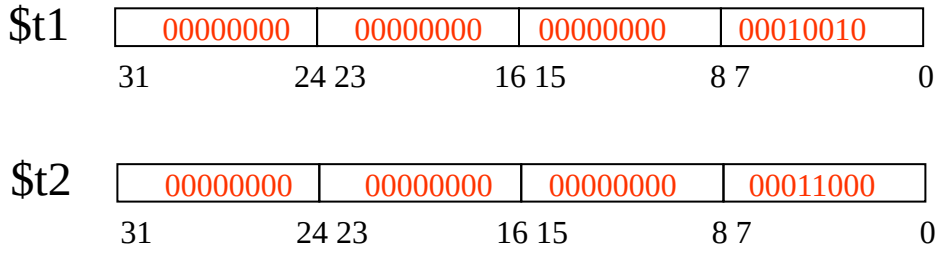
Write the content of a register into memory (the full word value stored in the register)



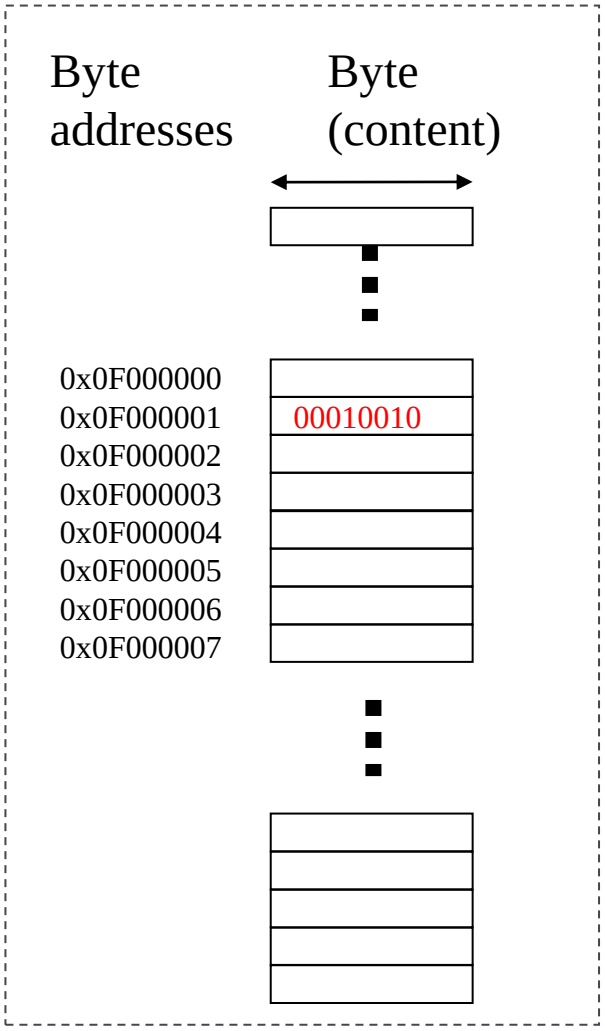
Write word in memory




```
sw $t1, 0x0F000000
sw $t2, 0x0F000004
```

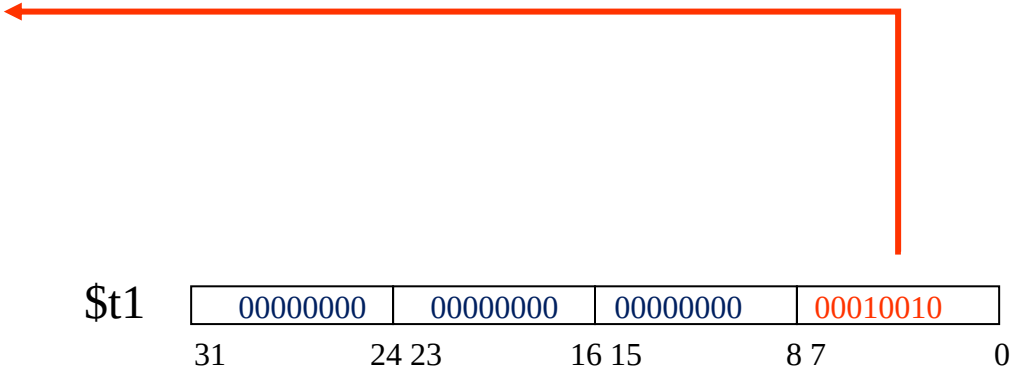


Write byte in memory



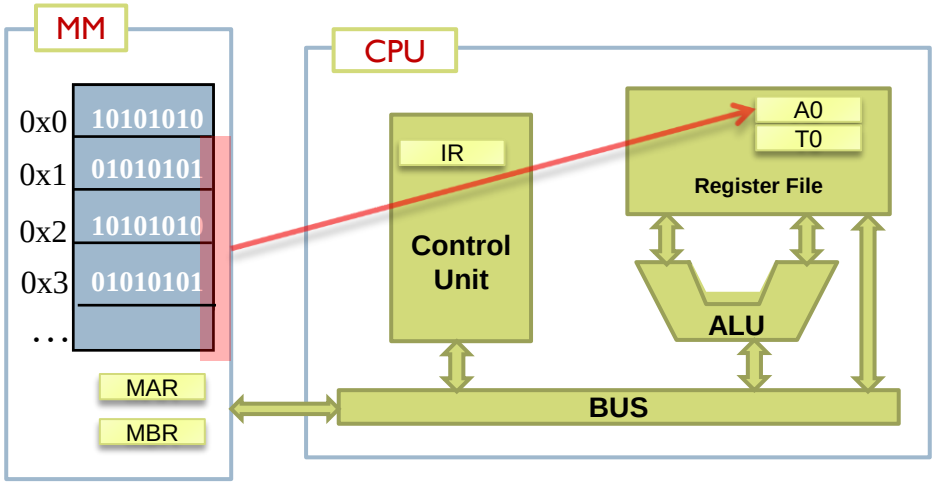

```
sb $t1, 0x0F000001
```

Write the less significant byte of register $t1 in memory



Data transfer
alignment and access size

- Peculiarities:
  - Alignment of elements in memory
  - Default access size



Data alignment

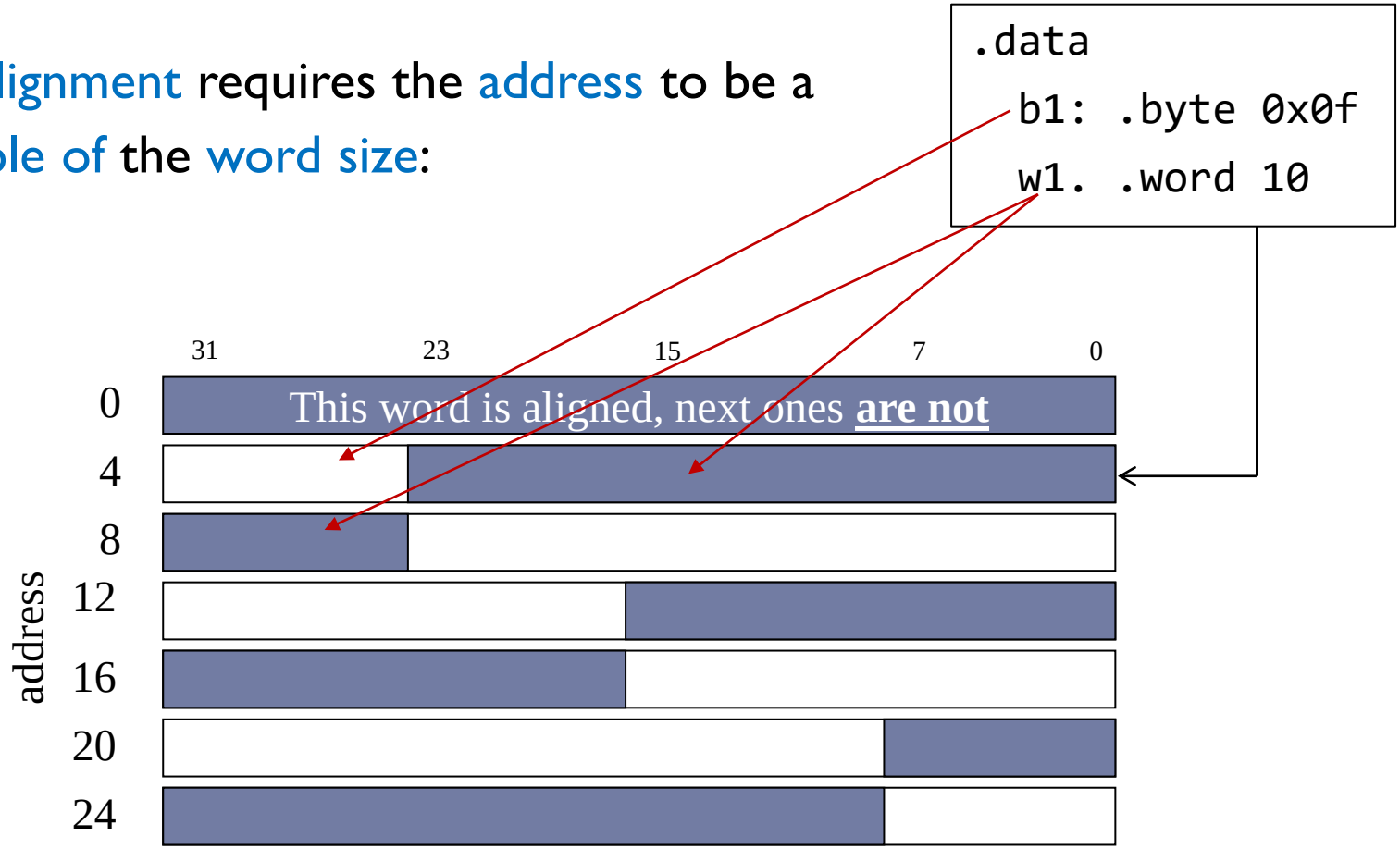
- In general:
  - A data of K bytes is aligned when the address D used to access this data fulfills the condition:

    D mod K = 0

- Data alignment implies:
  - Data of 2 bytes are stored in even addresses
  - Data of 4 bytes are stored in addresses multiple of 4
  - Data of 8 bytes (double) are stored in addresses multiple of 8

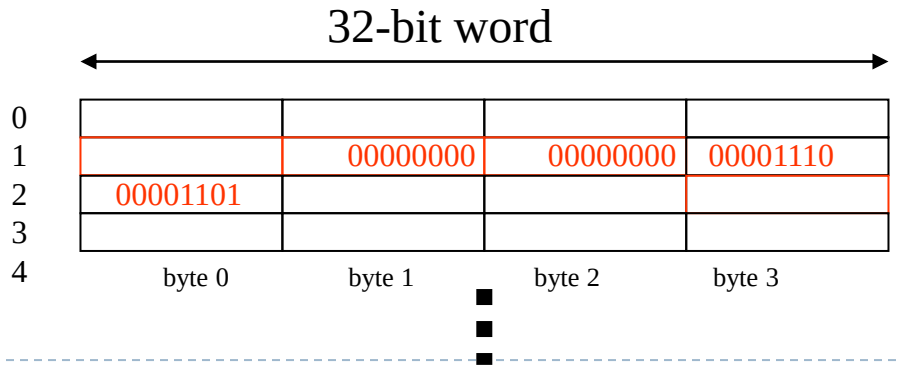
Data alignment

- The alignment requires the address to be a multiple of the word size:



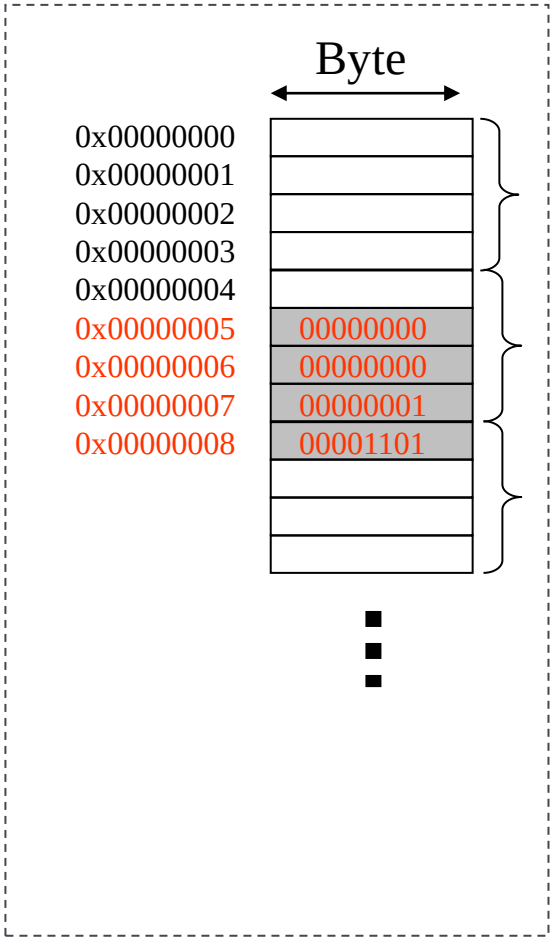
Data alignment

- Many computers does not allow the access to not aligned data:
  - Goal: reduce the number of memory accesses
  - Compilers assign addresses aligned to variables
- Some processors, such as Intel models, allow the access to not aligned data:
  - Non-aligned data needs several memory access



Non-aligned data

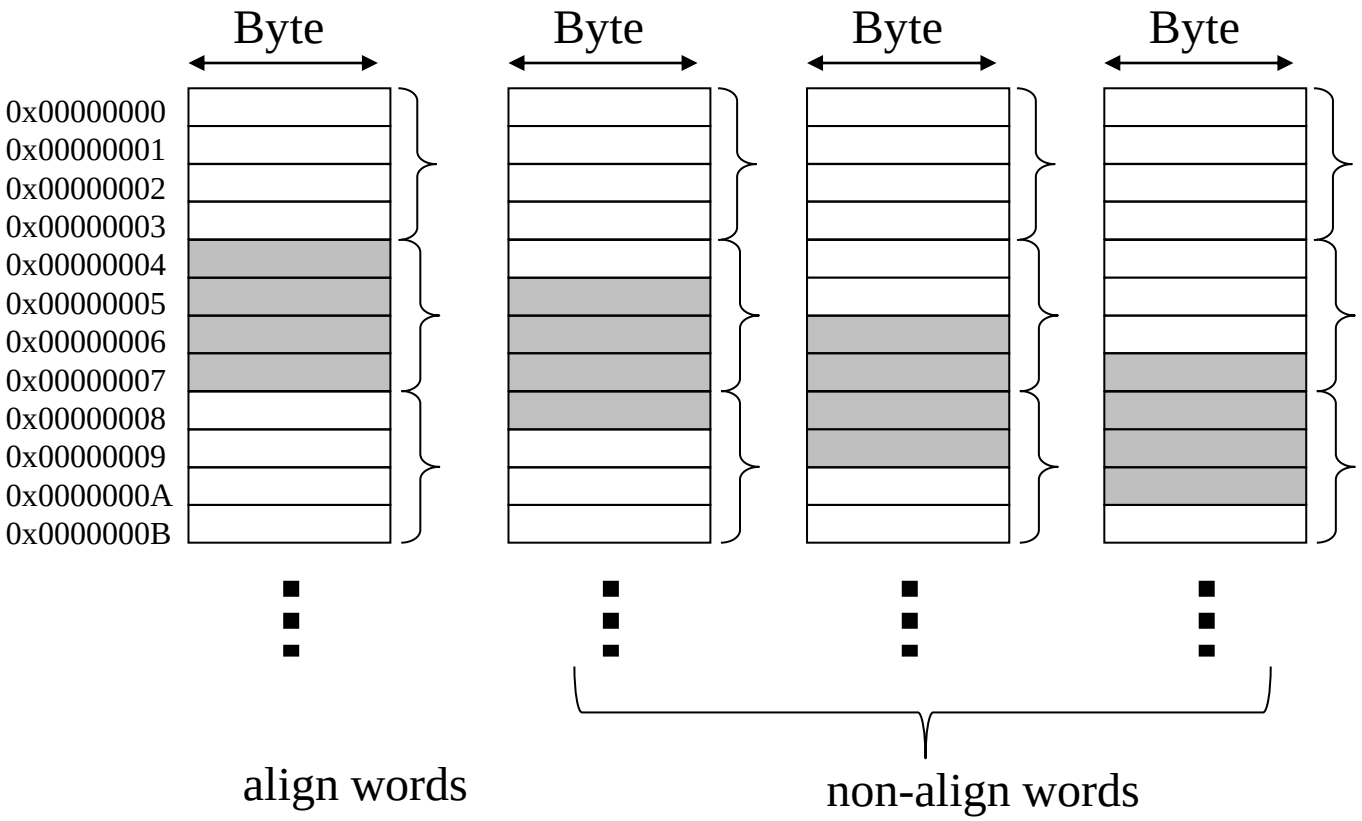
```
lw $t1, 0x05
```
????



A word stored at address 0x05 is not aligned because is stored in two consecutive aligned memory words.

A aligned word must be stored starting from an address that is multiple of 4.

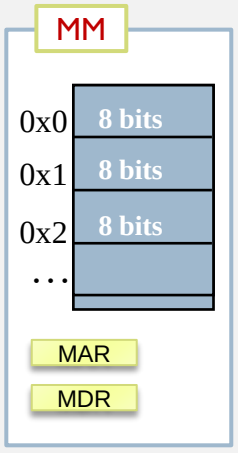
Non-aligned data



Word-level or byte-level addressing

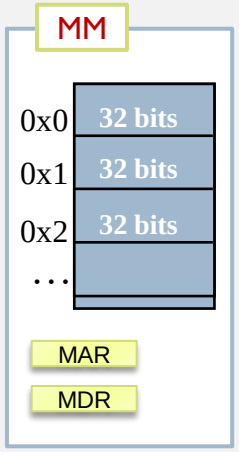
- The main memory is similar to a large one-dimensional vector of items.
- A memory address is the index of one item in the vector.
- There are two types of addressing:

Byte addressing



- Each memory element is 1 byte
- Transferring a word means transferring 4 bytes (in a 32-bit CPU)

Word addressing



- Each memory element is a word
- lb means transferring one word and keeping one byte.

Summary

- The instructions and data of a program must be loaded in memory for the execution (process)
- All data and instructions are stored in memory so all have an associated memory address where is stored
- In a 32-bit computer such as MIPS 32:
  - Registers have 32 bits
  - Memory can store bytes (8 bits)
    - Instructions: memory → register: `lb`, `lbu`
    - Instructions: register → memory: `sb`
  - Memory can store words (32 bits)
    - Instructions: memory → register: `lw`
    - Instructions: register → memory: `sw`

Format of the memory access instructions
summary

```
lw
sw
lb
sb
lbu
```

```
Register, memory address
```

- Number that represent an address
- Symbolic label that represents the associated address
- (register): address is stored in the register
- num(register): represent the address that is obtained by adding num with the address stored in the register

Memory access instruction formats
summary

- `lbu $t0,` 0x0F000002
  - Direct addressing. The byte stored at memory location `0x0F000002` is loaded into $t0.
- `lbu $t0,` labeled
  - Direct addressing. The byte stored in the memory location `labeled` is loaded into $t0.
- `lbu $t0,` ($t1)
  - Indirect register addressing. The byte stored in the memory location stored in $t1 is loaded in $t0.
- `lbu $t0,` 80($t1)
  - Relative addressing. The byte stored in the memory location obtained by adding the contents of $t1 with 80 is loaded in $t0.

Instructions to write in memory
summary

- `sw $t0, 0x0F000000`
  - Copy the word stored in $t0 in the address `0x0F000000`

- `sb $t0, 0x0F000000`
  - Copy the (least significant) byte stored in $t0 in the address `0x0F000000`

Assembly data types

- Basic
  - Booleans
  - Characters
  - Integers
  - Decimals (float/double)
- Compound
  - Vector
  - String
  - Matrix
  - Others… (struct)

Basic data types
booleans

```
bool_t b1 = false;
bool_t b2 = true;
...

main ()
{
    b1 = true ;
    ...
}
```

```
 .data
b1: .byte  0        # 1 byte
b2: .byte  1
...

.text
.globl main
main:  la $t0 b1
       li $t1 1
       sb $t1 ($t0)
       ...
```

Basic data types
characters

```
char c1 ;
char c2 = 'a';
...

main ()
{
  c1 = c2;
  ...
}
```

```
 .data
c1: .space  1      # 1 byte
c2: .byte   'a'
...

.text
.globl main
main:  la   $t0 c1
       lbu  $t1 c2
       sb   $t1 ($t0)
       ...
```

Basic data types
Integers

```
int  result ;
int  op1 = 100 ;
int  op2 = -10 ;
...
```

```
main ()
{
  result = op1+op2;
  ...
}
```

```
.data
.align 2
result:   .word    0 # 4 bytes
op1:      .word  100
op2:      .word  -10
...

.text
.globl main
main:   lw $t1 op1
        lw $t2 op2
        add $t3 $t1 $t2
        la $t4 result
        sw $t3 ($t4)
        ...
```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Basic data types

Integers

global variable without initial value

```
int  result ;
int  op1 = 100 ;
int  op2 = -10 ;
...
```

global variable with initial value

```
main ()
{
  result = op1+op2;
  ...
}
```

```
.data
.align 2
result:   .word    0 # 4 bytes
op1:      .word  100
op2:      .word  -10
...

.text
.globl main
main:   lw $t1 op1
        lw $t2 op2
        add $t3 $t1 $t2
        la $t4 result
        sw $t3 ($t4)
        ...
```

Exercise

- Write in MIPS-32 assembly a fragment of code with the same functionality that:

```
int  b;
int  a = 100 ;
int  c = 5 ;
int  d;
main ()
{
  d = 80;
  b = -(a+b*c+a);
}
```

Assuming that a, b, c and d are variables stored in memory

Basic data types
float

```
float  result ;
float  op1 = 100 ;
float  op2 = 2.5
...

main ()
{
  result = op1 + op2 ;
  ...
}
```

```
.data
.align 2
    result:   .word  0 # 4 bytes
    op1:      .float 100
    op2:      .float 2.5
...

.text
        .globl main
main:  l.s    $f0 op1
       l.s    $f1 op2
       add.s  $f3 $f1 $f2
       s.s    $f3 result
       ...
```

Basic data types
double

```
double result ;
double op1 = 100 ;
double op2 = -10.27 ;
...

main ()
{
  result = op1 * op2 ;
  ...
}
```

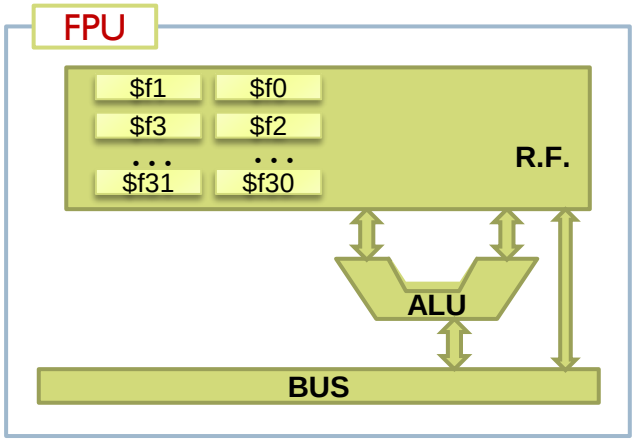
```
.data
 .align 3
    result:   .space      8
    op1:      .double   100
    op2:      .double  -10.27
...

.text
        .globl main
 main:  l.d    $f0 op1    # ($f0,$f1)
        l.d    $f2 op2    # ($f2,$f3)
        mul.d  $f6 $f0 $f2
        s.d    $f6 result
        ...
```

Floating point. IEEE 754

- The coprocessor 1 has 32 registers of 32 bits (4 bytes) each.
  - It is possible to work with single or double precision

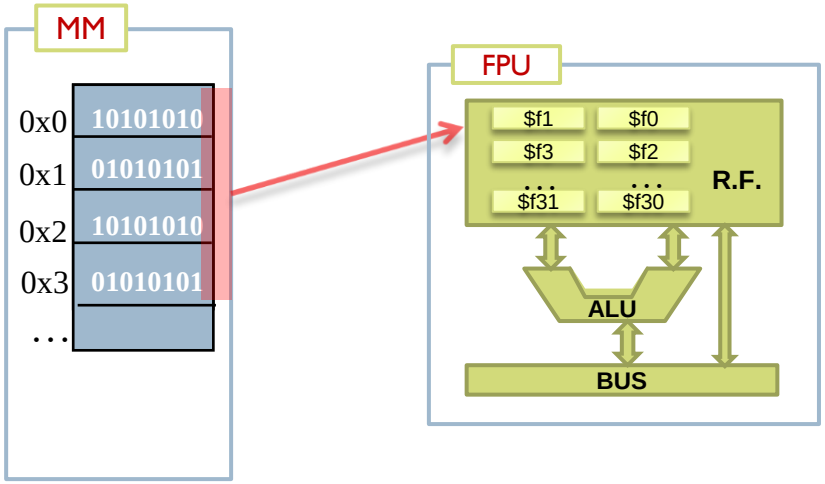
- Simple precision (32 bits):
  - From $f0 to $f31
  - E.g.: add.s $f0 $f1 $f5
    f0 = f1 + f5
  - Other operations:
    - add.s, sub.s, mul.s, div.s, abs.s

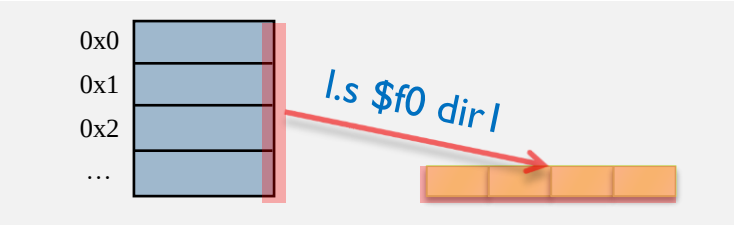
- Doble precision (64 bits):
  - Registers used in pairs
  - E.g.: add.d $f0 $f2 $f8
    (f0,f1) = (f2,f3) + (f8,f9)
  - Other operations:
    - add.d, sub.d, mul.d, div.d, abs.d

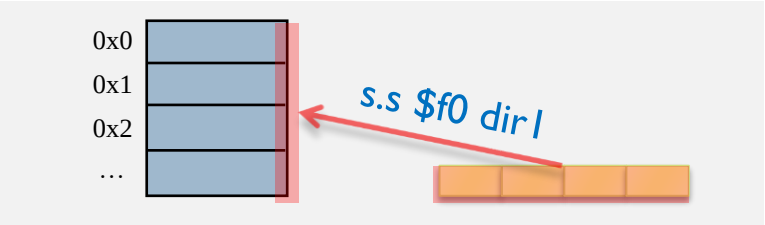


Data transfer
IEEE 754

- Copies a number from memory to a register or vice versa.
- Examples:
  - Memory to register
    l.s $f0 dir1
    l.d $f2 dir2
  - Register to memory
    s.s $f0 dir1
    s.d $f0 dir2

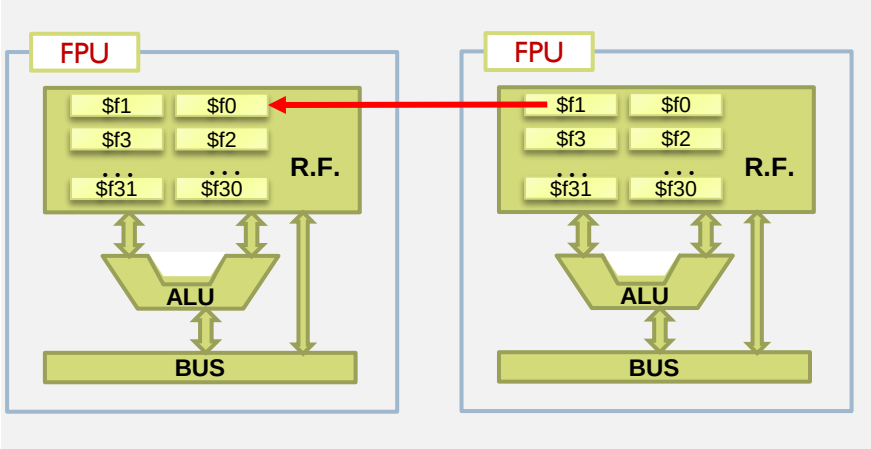






Operations with registers (FPU, FPU)

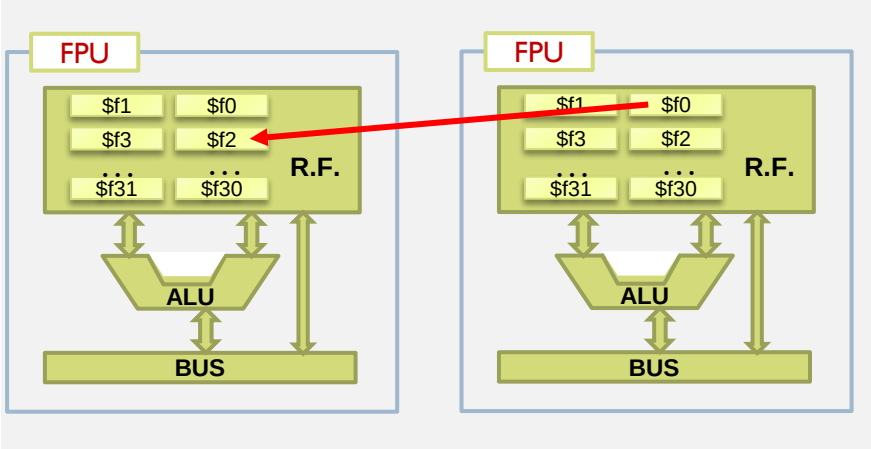
```
mov.s   $f0   $f1
```




```
$f0  ← $f1
```

Operations with registers (FPU, FPU)

```
mov.d   $f0   $f2
```



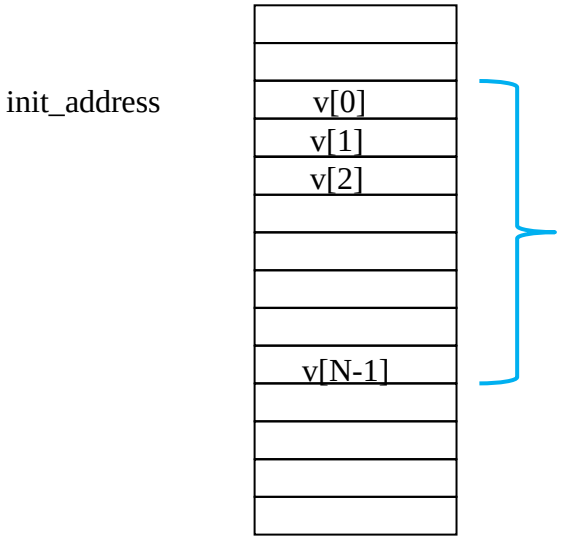

```
($f0, $f1)  ← ($f2, $f3)
```

Compound data types
Arrays

- Collection of data ítems stored consecutively in memory
- The address of the j element can be computed as:

init_address + j * p

Where **p** is the size of each item



Compound data types
Arrays

```
int vec[5] ;
...

main ()
{
    vec[4] = 8;

}
```

```
.data
.align        2 # next item aligned to 4
 vec: .space 20 # 5 items * 4 bytes/item


.text
.globl main
 main:
        la $t1 vec
        li $t2  8
        sw $t2 16($t1)
        ...
```

Compound data types
Arrays

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}
```

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.align        2 # next item aligned to 4
 vec: .space 20 # 5 items * 4 bytes/item


.text
.globl main
 main:
        li   $t0 16
        la   $t1  vec
        add $t3, $t1, $t0
        li   $t2  8
        sw   $t2, ($t3)
        ...
```

Compound data types
Arrays

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int vec[5] ;
...

main ()
{
    vec[4] = 8;
}
```

```
.data
.align  2          # next item align to 4
 vec: .space 20    # 5 ítems   * 4 bytes/item


.text
 main:
          li $t2   8
          li $t1   16
          sw $t2 vec($t1)
           ...
```

Exercise

- Let V be an array of integer elements
  - V represents the initial address of the array
- What is the address of the V[5] item?
- Which are the instruction to load in register $t0 the value of v[5]?

Exercise (solution)

- Let V be an array of integer elements
  - V represents the initial address of the array

- What is the address of the V[5] item?
  - V + 5*4
- Which are the instruction to load in register $t0 the value of v[5]?
  - li $t1, 20
  - lw $t0, v($t1)

Compound data types
String

- Array of bytes
- '\0' ends string

```
char c1 ;
char c2 = 'h' ;
char *ac1 = "hola" ;
...


main ()
{
  printf("%s",ac1) ;
   ...
}
```

```
.data
c1:   .space 1          # 1 byte
c2:   .byte 'h'
ac1:  .asciiz "hola"
...

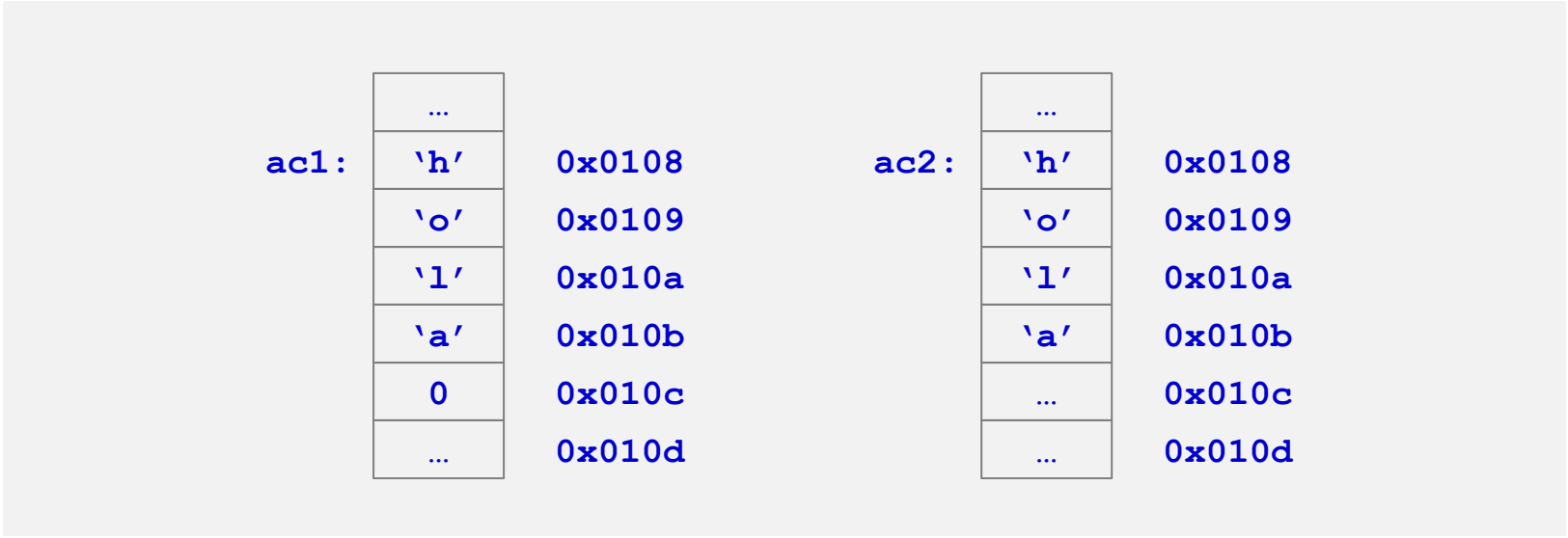
.text
.globl main
main:
        li $v0 4
        la $a0 ac1
        syscall
         ...
```

String layout in memory

```
// strings
char c1[10] ;
char ac1[] = "hola" ;
```

```
.data


# strings
c1:    .space 10       # 10 byte
ac1:   .asciiz "hola"  # 5 bytes (!)
ac2:   .ascii  "hola"  # 4 bytes
```



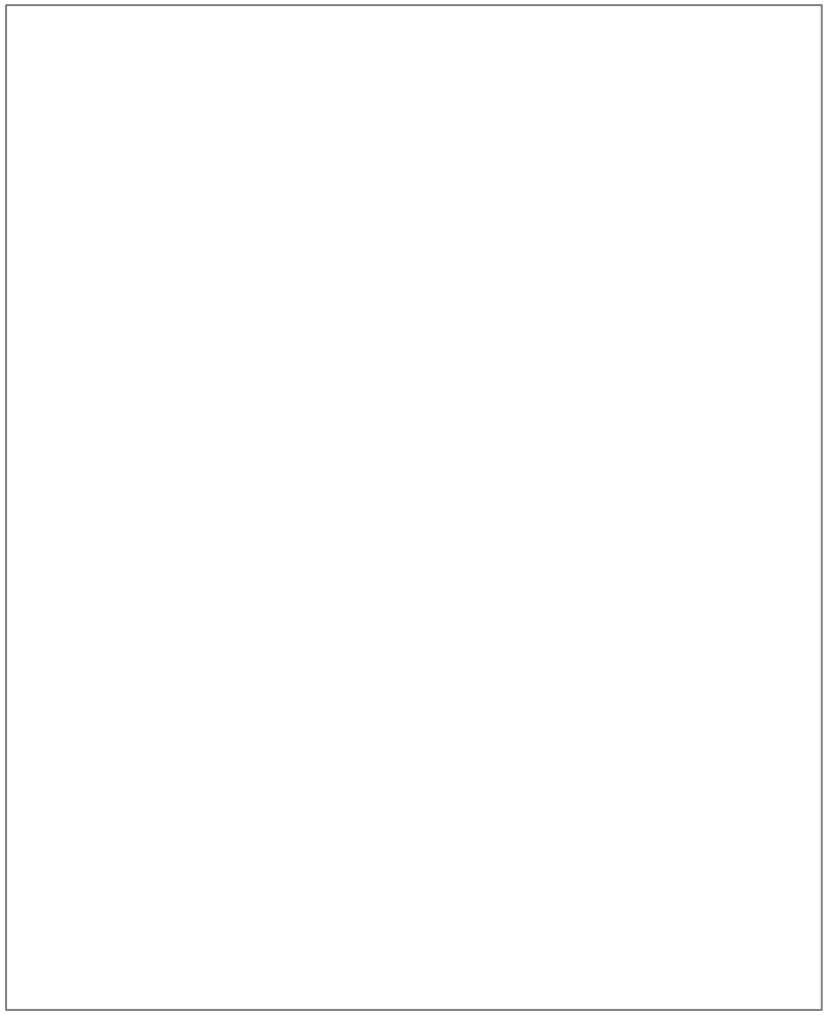
Exercise

```
// global variables

char v1;
int v2 ;
float v3 = 3.14 ;

char v4[10] ;
char v5 = "ec" ;

int v6[] = { 20, 22 } ;
```



Exercise (solution)

```
// variables globales

char v1;
int v2 ;
float v3 = 3.14 ;

char v4 = "ec" ;

int v5[] = { 20, 22 } ;
```

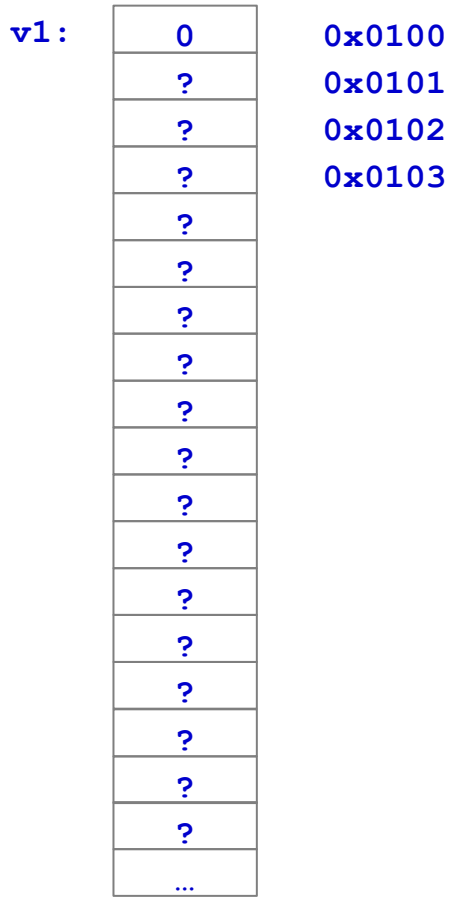
```
.data


v1: .byte 0
.align 2
v2: .space 4
v3: .float 3.14

v4: .asciiz "ec"

.align 2
v5: .word 20, 22
```

Exercise (solution)

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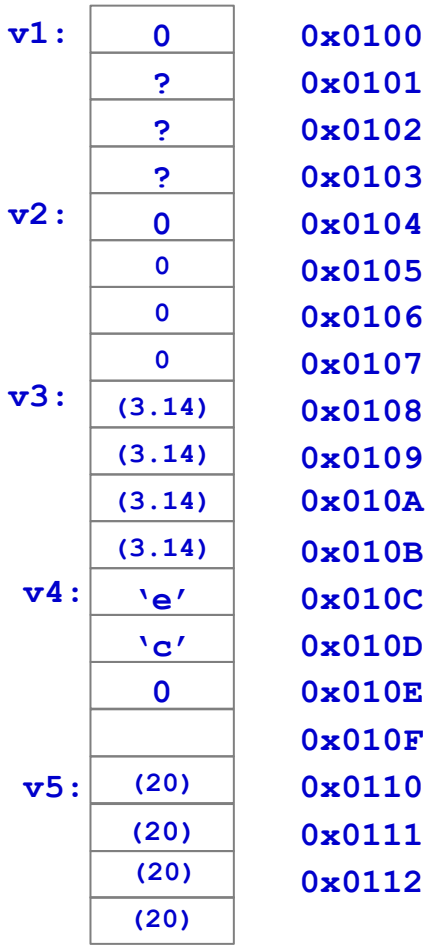



```
.data


v1: .byte 0
.align 2
v2: .space 4
v3: .float 3.14

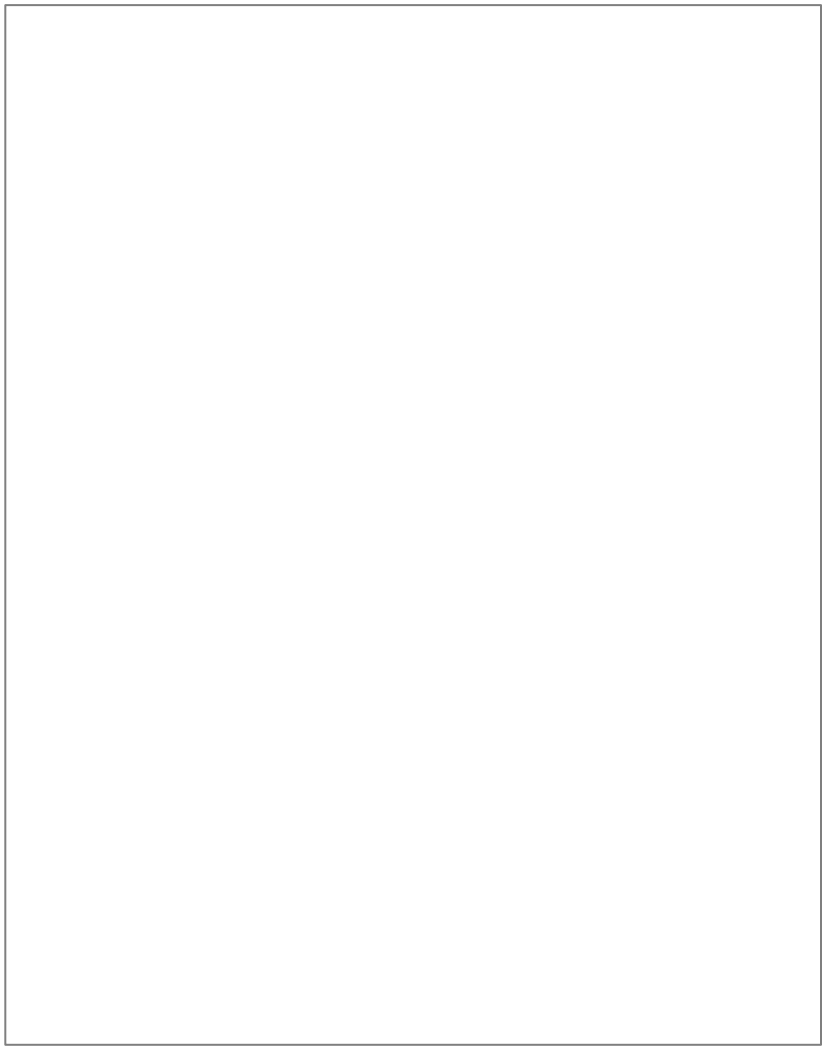
v4: .asciiz "ec"

.align 2
v5: .word 20, 22
```

Compound data types
String length

```
char c1 ;
char c2 = 'h' ;
char *ac1 = "hola" ;
char *c;
...


main ()
{
  c = ac1; int l = 0;
  while (c[l] != NULL) {
        l++;
  }
  printf("%d", l);
  ...
}
```



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...


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  while (c[l] != NULL) {
        l++;
  }
  printf("%d", l);
   ...
}
```

```
.data
c1:   .space 1     # 1 byte
c2:   .byte 'h'
ac1:  .asciiz "hola"
.align 2
c:    .word 0   # pointer => address
...
.text
.globl main
 main:    la $t0, ac1
          li $a0, 0
          lbu $t1, ($t0)
   buc:   beqz $t1, fin
          addi $t0, $t0, 1
          addi $a0, $a0, 1
          lbu  $t1, ($t0)
          b buc
   fin:   li $v0 1
          syscall
          ...
```

Arrays and strings

- Review (in general) :
  - `lw $t0, 4($s3) # $t0 ← M[$s3+4]`
  - `sw $t0, 4($s3) # M[$s3+4] ← $t0`

Exercise

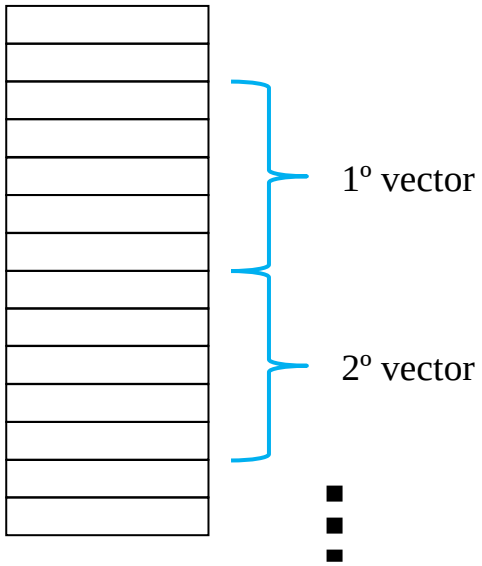
- Write a program that:
  - Calculate the number of occurrences of a char in a string
    - String address stored in $a0
    - Char to look for in $a1
    - Result must be stored in $v0

Compound data types
Matrix

- A matrix m x n consists of m vectors (m rows) of length n
- Usually stored by rows
- The element a_{ij} is stored in the address:

$$\text{init_address} + (i \cdot n + j) \times p$$

where p is the size of each item



Compound data types
Matrix

```
int vec[5] ;
int mat[2][3] = {{11,12,13},
                 {21,22,23}};
...
```

```
main ()
{
 m[0][1] = m[0][0] +
           m[1][0] ;
 ...
}
```

```
.data
.align 2          # next item align to 4
vec: .space 20 # 5 item * 4 bytes/item
mat: .word  11, 12, 13
     .word  21, 22, 23
...

.text
.globl main
 main:  lw  $t1 mat+0
        lw  $t2 mat+12
        add $t3 $t1 $t2
        sw  $t3 mat+4
 ...
```

Example: integer matrix

```
int vec[5] ;
int mat[2][3] = {{11,12,13},
                 {21,22,23}};
...
```

```
main ()
{
 mat[1][2] = mat[1][1] +
  mat[2][1];
 ...
}
```

```
.data
align 2
vec: .space 20 # 5 items*4 bytes/item
mat: .word 11, 12, 13
     .word 21, 22, 23
...

.text
.globl main
 main: lw  $t1 mat+0
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       add $t3 $t1 $t2
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       ...
```

Tips

- Do not program directly in assembler
  - Better to first do the design in DFD, Java/C/Pascal...
  - Gradually translate the design to assembler.
- Sufficiently comment the code and data
  - By line or by group of lines
    comment which part of the design implements.
- Test with enough test cases
  - Test that the final program works properly to the given specifications.

Exercise

- Write an assembly program that:
  - Load the value -3.1415516 in register $f0
  - Obtain the exponent and mantissa values stored in the register $f0 (IEEE 754 format)
    - Display the sign
    - Display the exponent
    - Display the mantissa

Exercise (solution)

```
.data
   newline:  .asciiz  "\n"

.text
.globl main
main:
         li.s  $f0, -3.141516

         # print value
         mov.s $f12, $f0
         li $v0, 2
         syscall

         la $a0,  newline
         li $v0,  4
         syscall

         # copy to processor
         mfc1   $t0,  $f12
```

```
    li  $s0, 0x80000000    #sign
   and $a0, $t0, $s0
   srl $a0, $a0, 31
   li $v0, 1
   syscall

   la $a0,  newline
   li $v0,  4
   syscall

   li  $s0, 0x7F800000    #exponent
   and $a0, $t0, $s0
   srl $a0, $a0, 23
   li $v0, 1
   syscall

   la $a0,  newline
   li $v0,  4
   syscall

   li  $s0, 0x007FFFFF    #mantissa
   and $a0, $t0, $s0
   li $v0, 1
   syscall

   jr $ra
```