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Lesson 3 (II)

Fundamentals of assembler programming

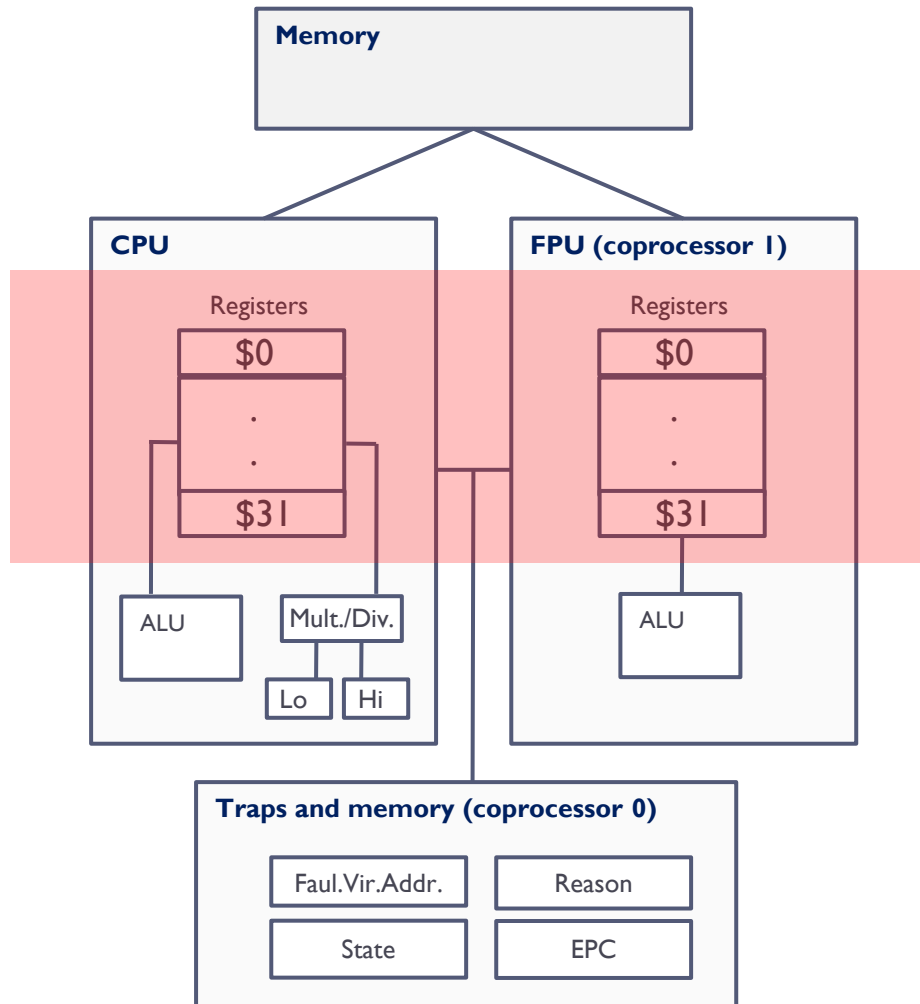
Computer Structure
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MIPS-32 architecture



- ▶ **MIPS 32**
 - ▶ 32 bits processor
 - ▶ RISC type
 - ▶ CPU + auxiliary coprocessors
- ▶ **Coprocessor 0**
 - ▶ exceptions, interrupts and virtual memory system
- ▶ **Coprocessor 1**
 - ▶ FPU (floating point unit)

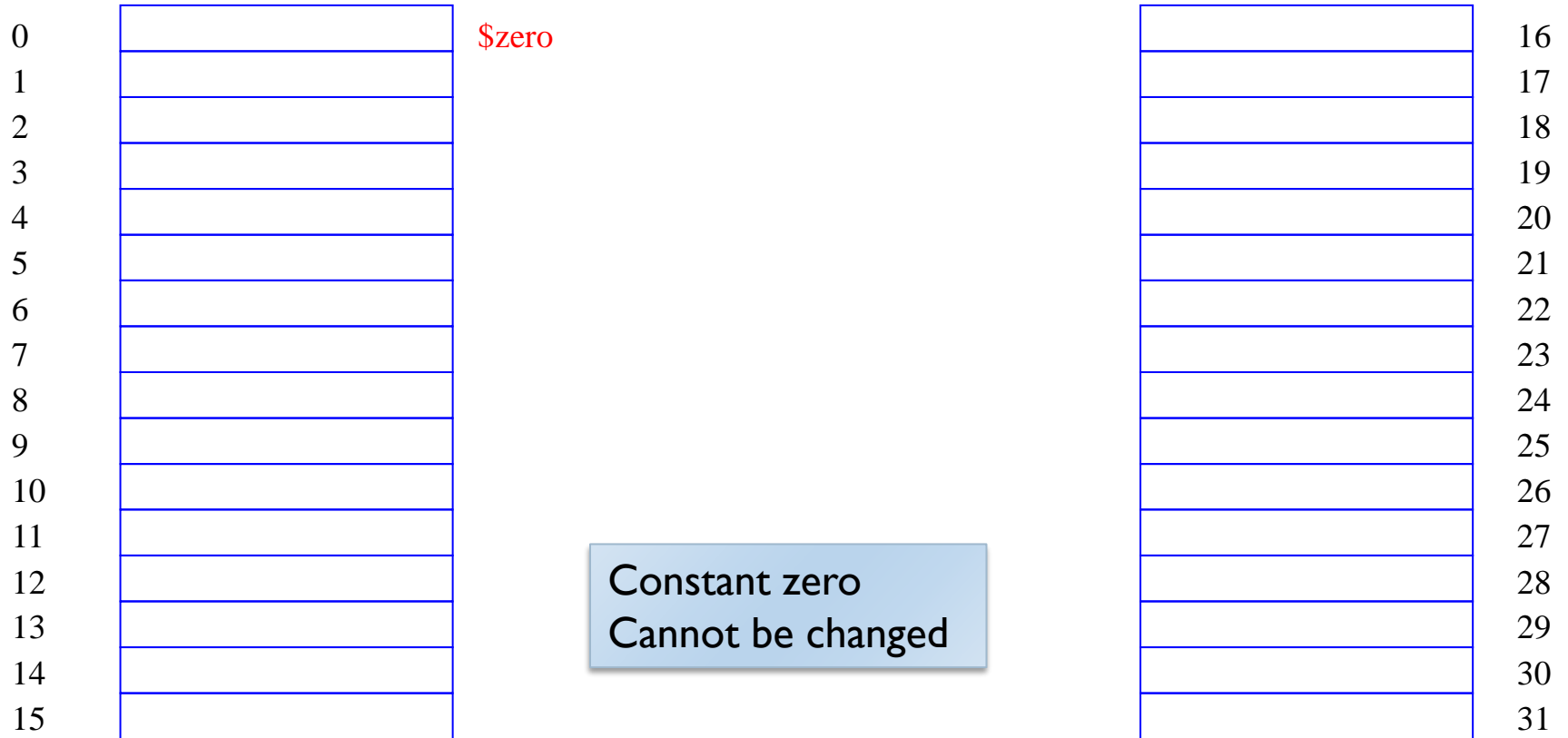
MIPS-32 Register File

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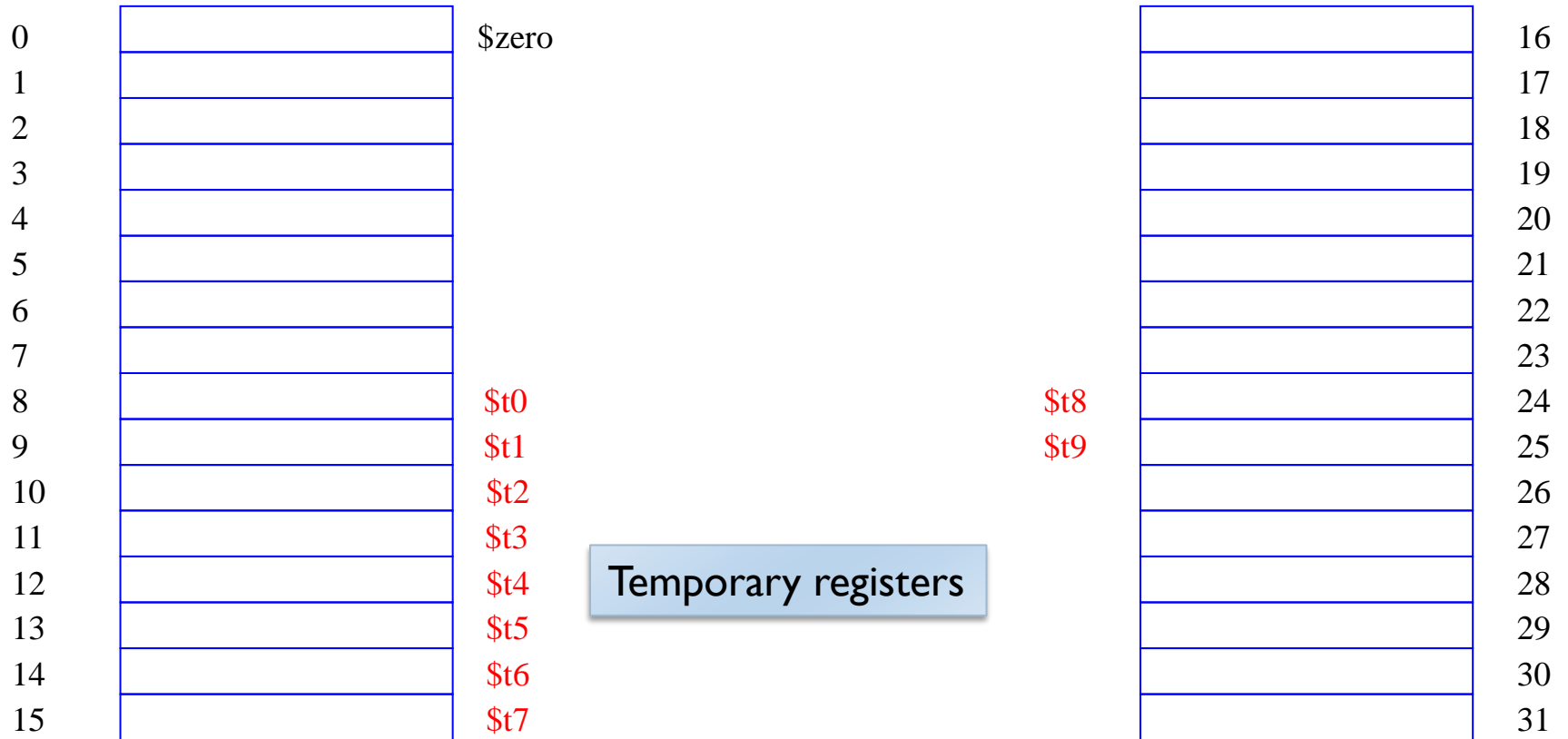
- 32 registers
 - 4 bytes of size (one word)
 - Name starts with \$ at the beginning
- Usage Convention
 - Reserved
 - Arguments
 - Results
 - Temporary
 - Pointers

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MIPS-32 Register File



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12		\$t4
13		\$t5
14		\$t6
15		\$t7

Preserved values

\$s0	16
\$s1	17
\$s2	18
\$s3	19
\$s4	20
\$s5	21
\$s6	22
\$s7	23
\$t8	24
\$t9	25
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MIPS-32 Register File

0		\$zero		\$s0		16
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5		\$a1		\$s5		21
6		\$a2		\$s6		22
7		\$a3		\$s7		23
8		\$t0		\$t8		24
9		\$t1		\$t9		25
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12		\$t4				28
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15		\$t7		\$fp		31
				\$ra		

Arguments and functions support

MIPS-32 Register File

0		\$zero		\$s0		16
1		\$at		\$s1		17
2		\$v0		\$s2		18
3		\$v1		\$s3		19
4		\$a0		\$s4		20
5		\$a1		\$s5		21
6		\$a2		\$s6		22
7		\$a3		\$s7		23
8		\$t0		\$t8		24
9		\$t1		\$t9		25
10		\$t2		\$k0		26
11		\$t3		\$k1		27
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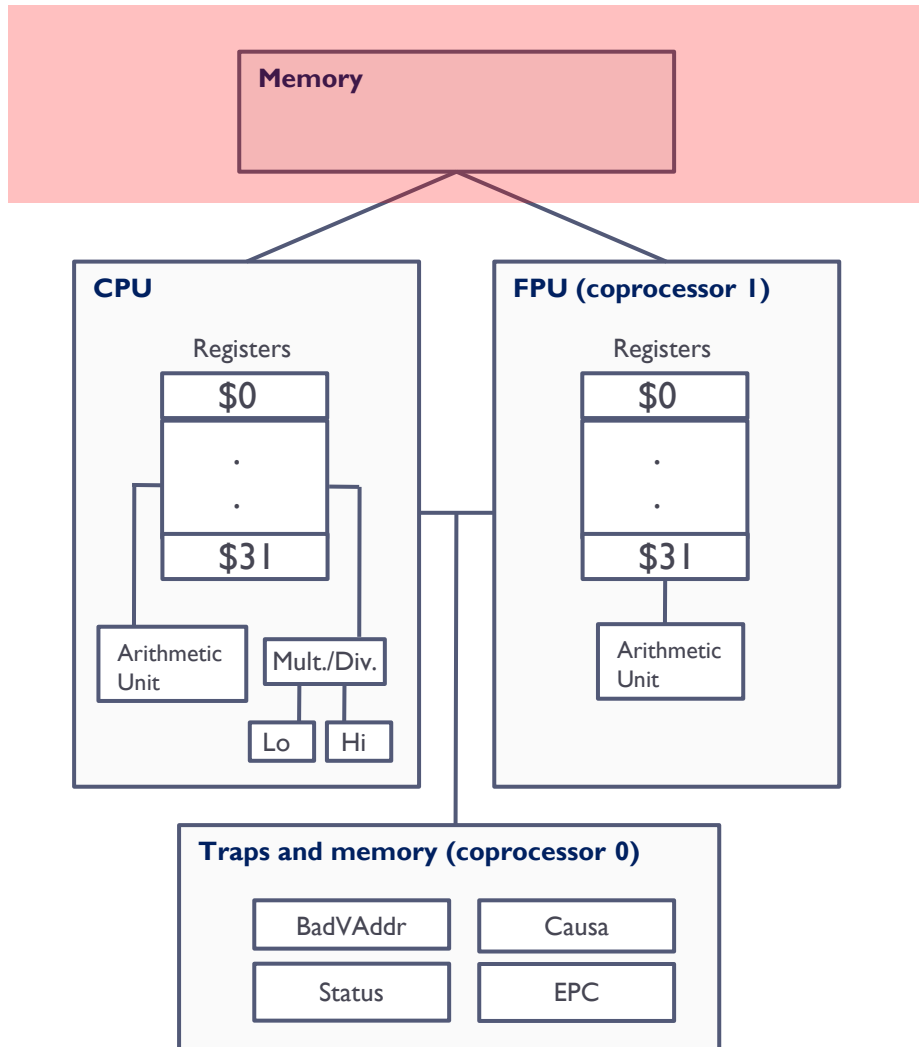
Register File (integers)

summary

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)

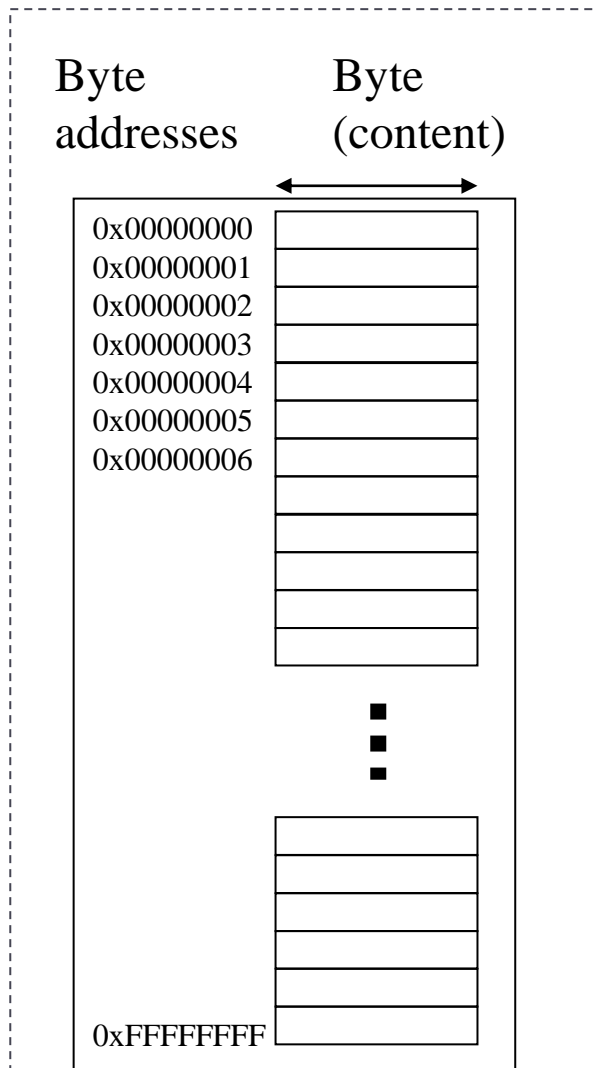
- ▶ There are 32 registers
 - ▶ Size: 4 bytes (1 word)
 - ▶ Used a \$ at the beginning
- ▶ Use convention
 - ▶ Reserved
 - ▶ Arguments
 - ▶ Results
 - ▶ Temporary
 - ▶ Pointers

MIPS-32 Architecture



- ▶ **Main memory**
 - ▶ 32-bit memory addresses
 - ▶ 4 GB addressable memory

MIPS32 memory model



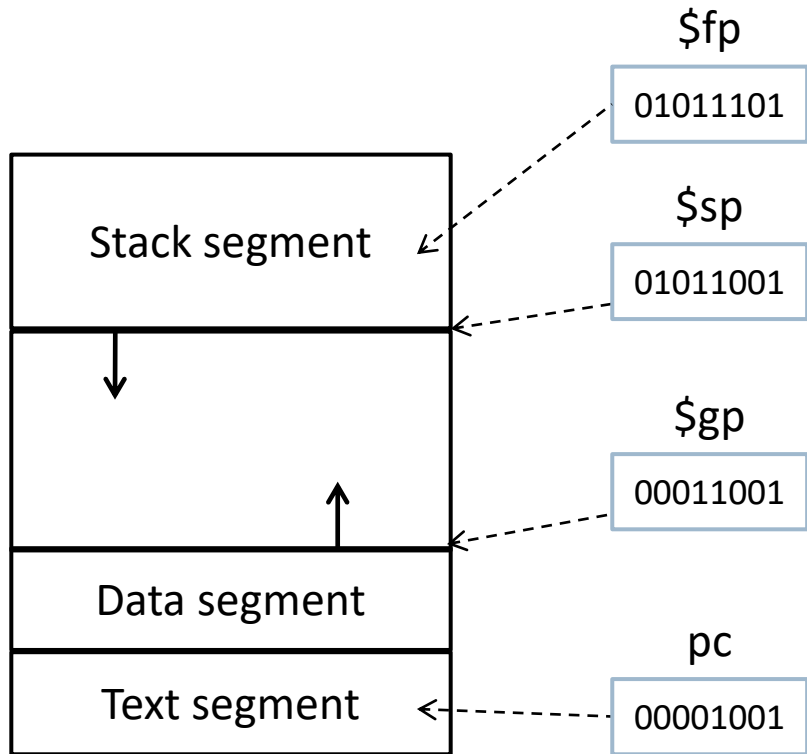
Memory is addressed at byte level:

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

Access can be to:

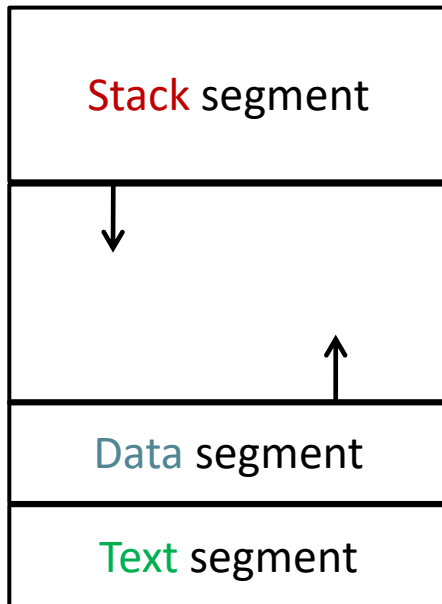
- Individual bytes
- Words (4 consecutive bytes)

Memory layout for a process



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

Storing variables in memory

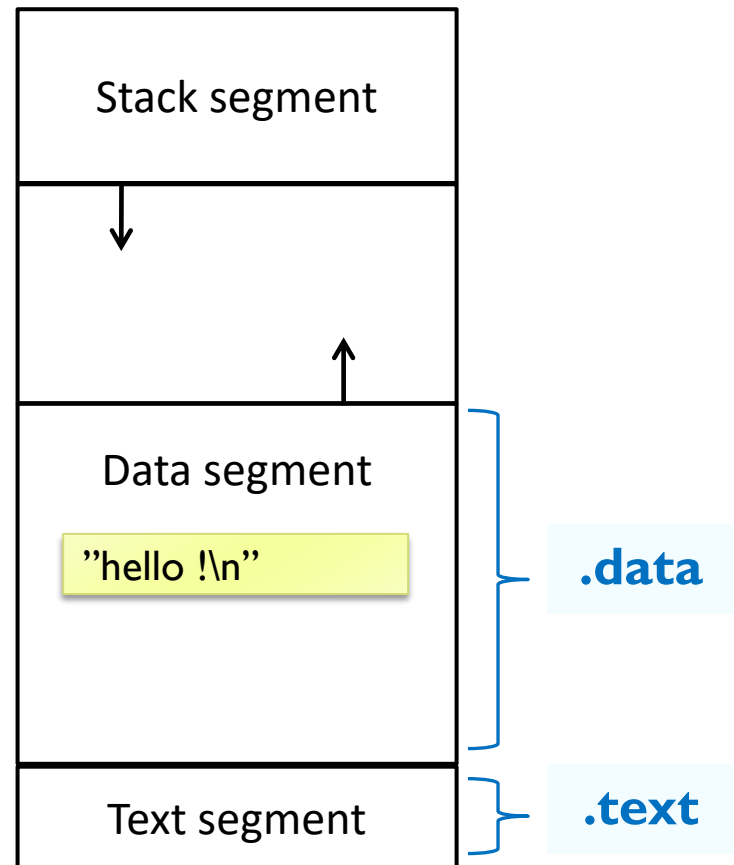
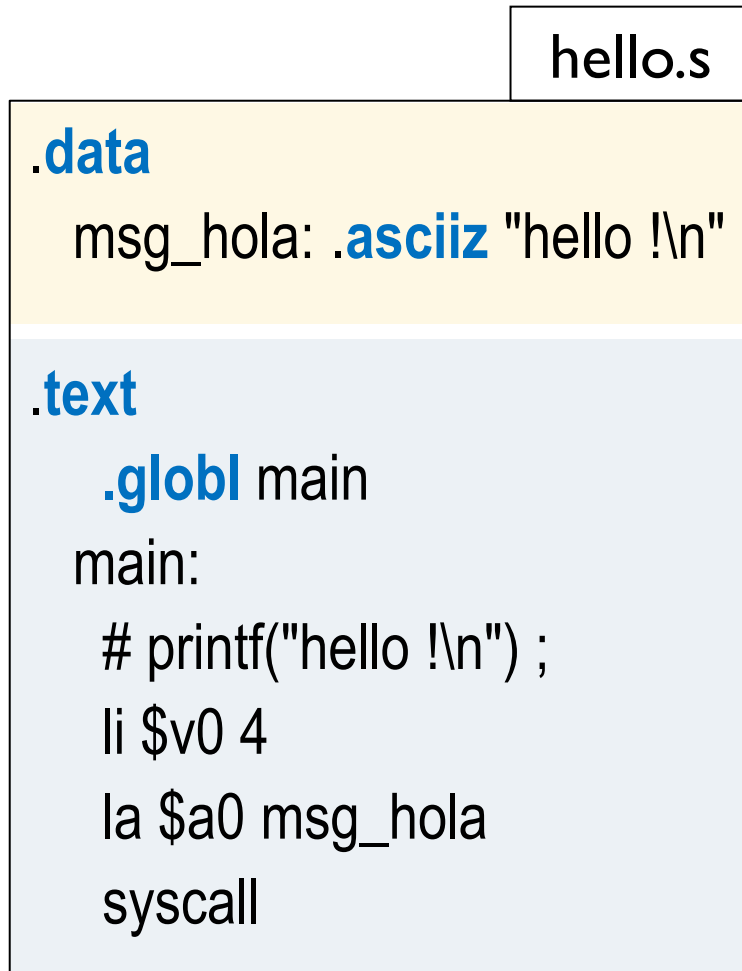


```
// global variables
int a;

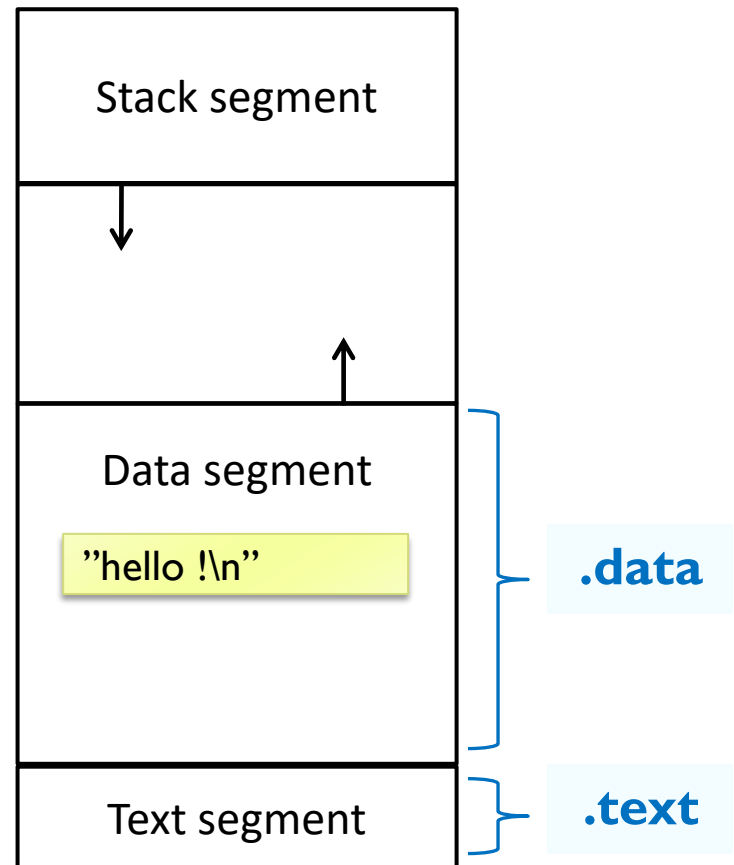
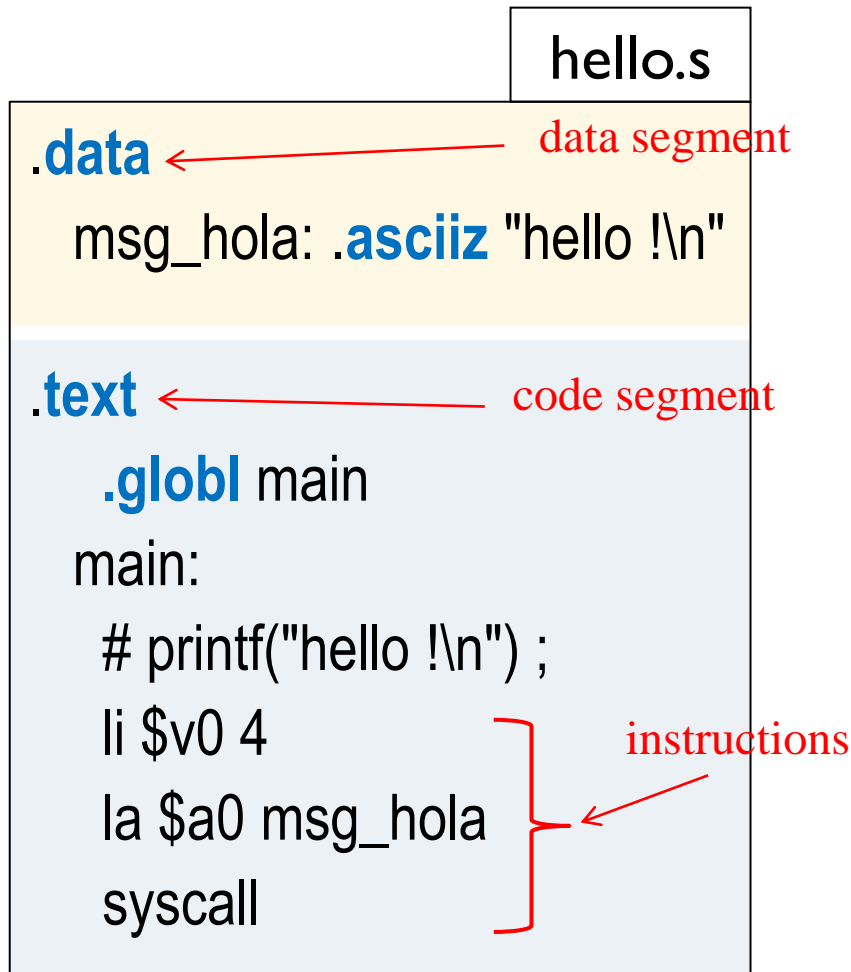
main ()
{
    // local variables
    int b;

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

Example: hello world...



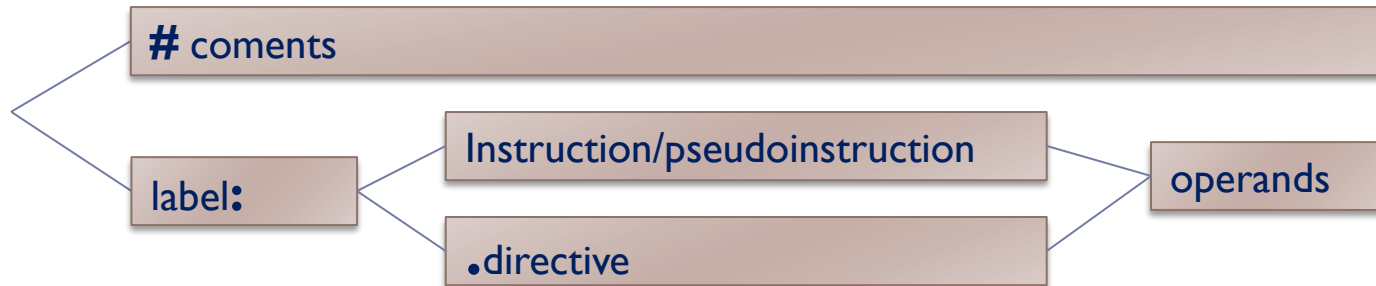
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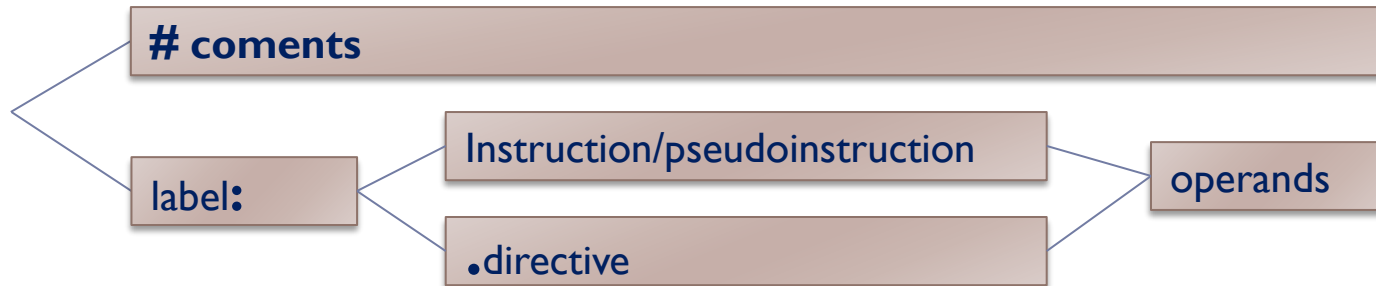
hello.s

```
.data
    msg_hola: .asciiz "Hello world\n"

.text
    .globl main
    main:
        # printf(" Hello world\n") ;
        li $v0 4
        la $a0 msg_hola
        syscall
```

Assembler program:

line comment with



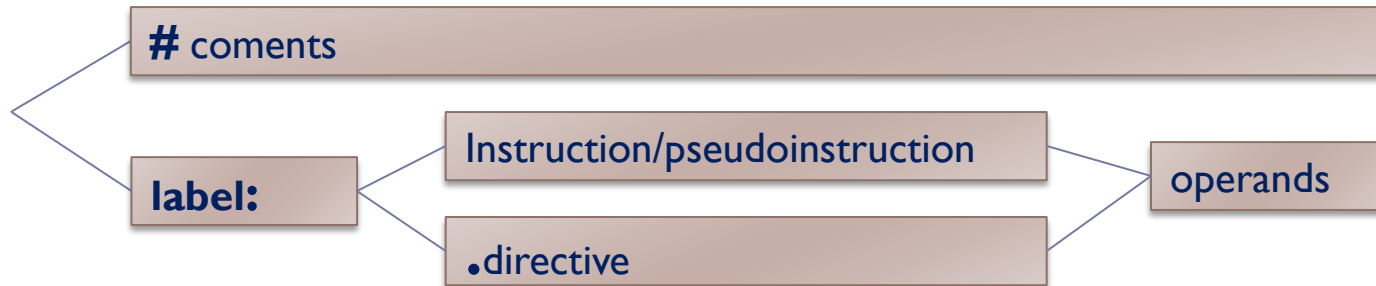
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        syscall
```

Assembler program:

labels:



hello.s

```
.data
msg_hola: .asciiz "Hello world\n"
```

```
.text
```

```
.globl main
```

```
main:
```

```
# printf(" Hello world\n") ;
```

```
li $v0 4
```

```
la $a0 msg_hola
```

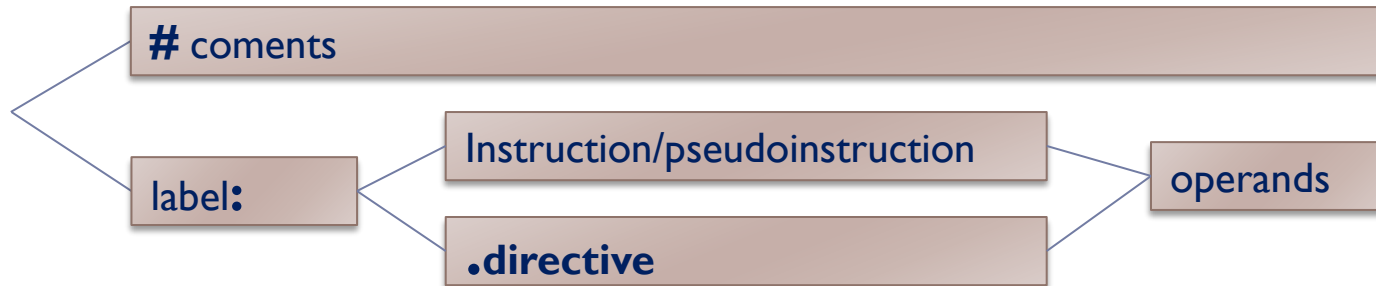
```
syscall
```

msg_hola: represents the memory address
where the string (.asciiz) starts to be stored.

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

Assembler program:

assembler directives (preprocessing)



hello.s

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

.text
    .globl main
    main:
        # printf(" Hello world\n") ;
        li $v0 4
        la $a0 msg_hola
        syscall
```

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 <u>without</u> '\0' ending terminator
.asciiz "string value"	String definition <u>with</u> '\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 <i>label</i> is global of size <i>n</i>
.globl label	Declare <i>label</i> as global
.align n	Align next element to a address multiple of 2^n

Representation of basic data types (1/3)

```
// boolean
bool_t b1 ;
bool_t b2 = false ;

// character
char c1 ;
char c2 = 'x' ;

// integers
int  res1 ;
int  op1 = -10 ;

// floating point
float  f0 ;
float  f1 = 1.2 ;
double d2 = 3.0e10 ;
```

```
.data

# boolean
b1:  .space 1
b2:  .byte 0          # 1 byte

# character
c1:  .byte
c2:  .byte 'x'        # 1 bytes

# integers
res1: .space 4
op1:  .word -10        # 4 bytes

# floating point
f0:  .float
f1:  .float 1.2        # 4 bytes
d2:  .double 3.0e10    # 8 bytes
```

Representation of basic data types (2/3)

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

.data

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

ac1:	...	
	'h'	0x0108
	'o'	0x0109
	'l'	0x010a
	'a'	0x010b
	0	0x010c
	...	0x010d

ac2:	...	
	'h'	0x0108
	'o'	0x0109
	'l'	0x010a
	'a'	0x010b
	...	0x010c
	...	0x010d

Representation of basic data types (3/3)

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

.data

```
# vectors
vec:  .space 20      # 5 elem.*4 bytes
mat:  .word 11, 12, 13
      .word 21, 22, 23
```

mat:

	...	
11		
12		
13		
21		
22		
23		
...		

0x0108

0x010c

0x0110

0x0114

0x0118

0x011c

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Example: hello world...

hello.s

.data

msg_hola: **.ascii** "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

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

```
# printf("hello world\n")  
li $v0 4  
la $a0 msg_hola  
syscall
```

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	

Example: Hello world...

hello.s

.data

msg_hola: **.ascii** "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 **Operating system invocation instruction**

Service	Call code (\$v0)	Arguments
print_int	1	\$a0 = integer
print_float	2	\$f12 = float
print_double	3	\$f12 = double
print_string	4	\$a0 = string

Exercise

. . .

```
int valor ;
```

. . .

```
readInt(&valor) ;
```

```
valor = valor + 1 ;
```

```
printInt(valor) ;
```

. . .

service	code	arguments	results
print_int	1	\$a0 = integer	
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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 ;  
  
. . .  
  
readInt(&valor) ;  
valor = valor + 1 ;  
printInt(valor) ;  
  
. . .
```

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
```

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Data transfer bytes

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

- Examples:

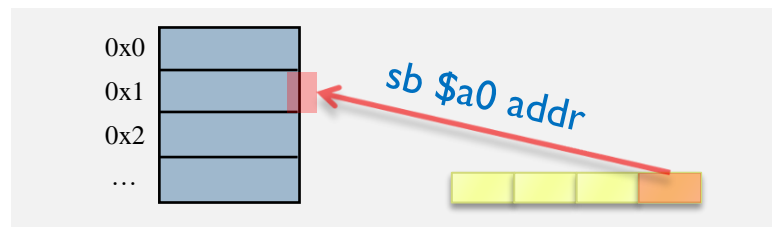
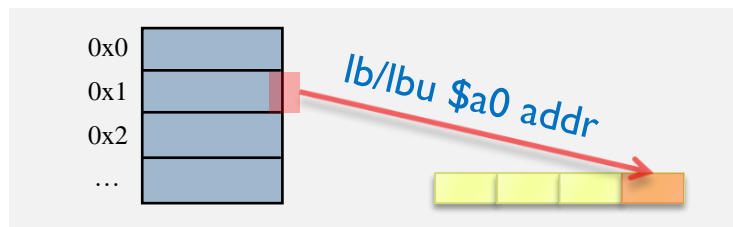
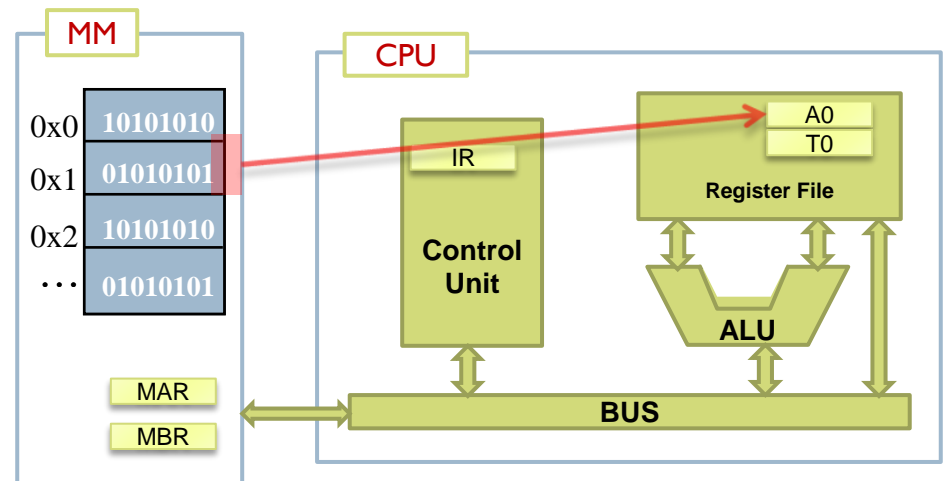
- Memory to register

lb \$a0, addr

lbu \$a0, addr

- Register to memory

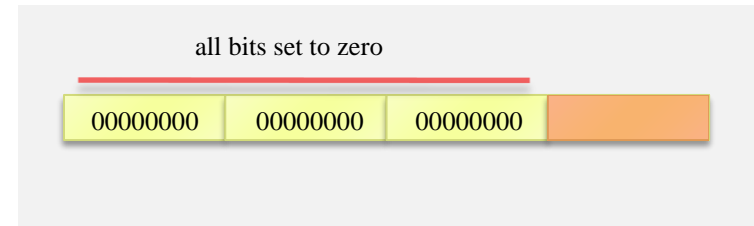
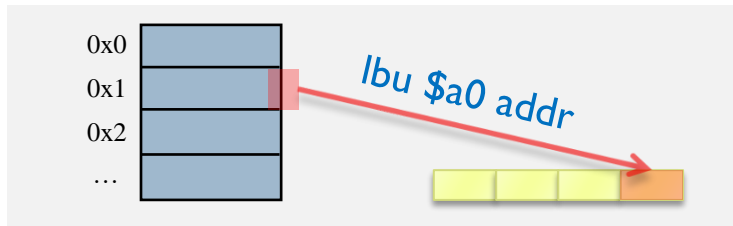
sb \$t0, addr



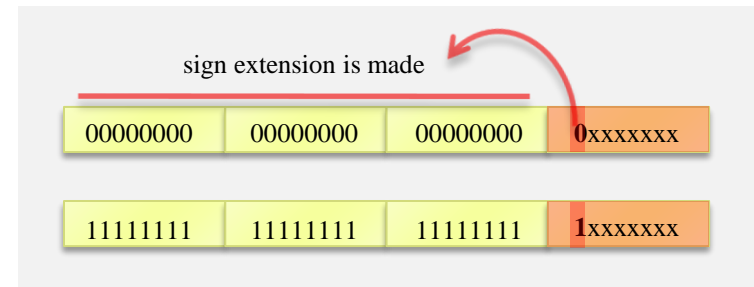
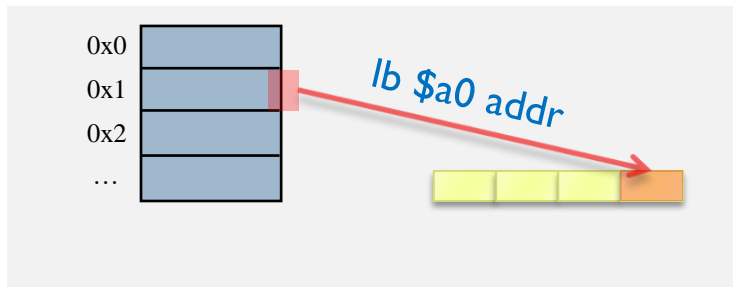
Data transfer

bytes, sign extension

- ▶ There are two possibilities when transferring a byte from memory to register:
- ▶ A) Transfer **without sign**, for example: `lbu $a0, addr`



- ▶ B) Transfer **with sign**, for example: `lb $a0, addr`



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)
```

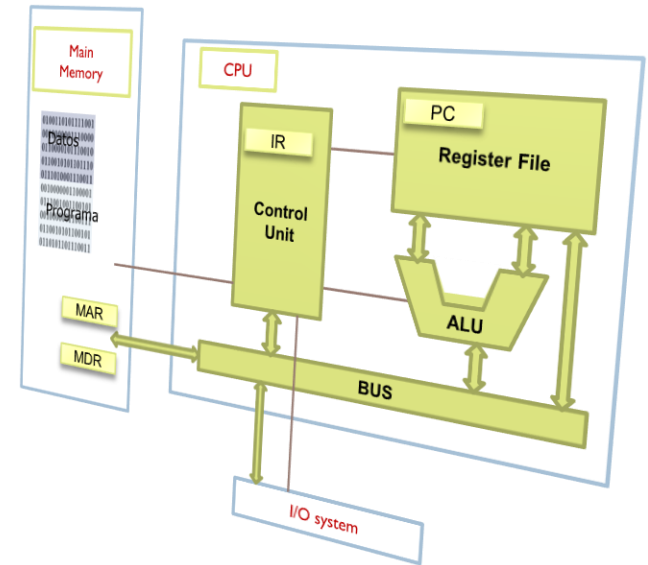
```
...
```

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`.

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`

Data transfer

IEEE 754

- ▶ Copies a **number** from **memory** to a **register** or vice versa.

- ▶ Examples:

- ▶ Memory to register

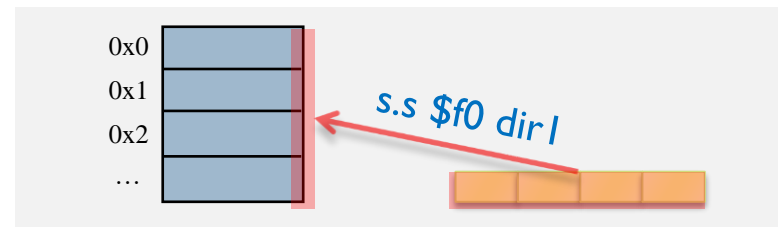
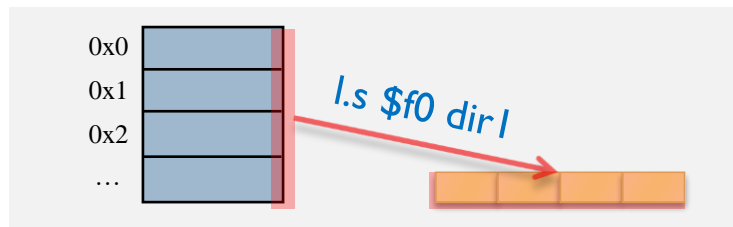
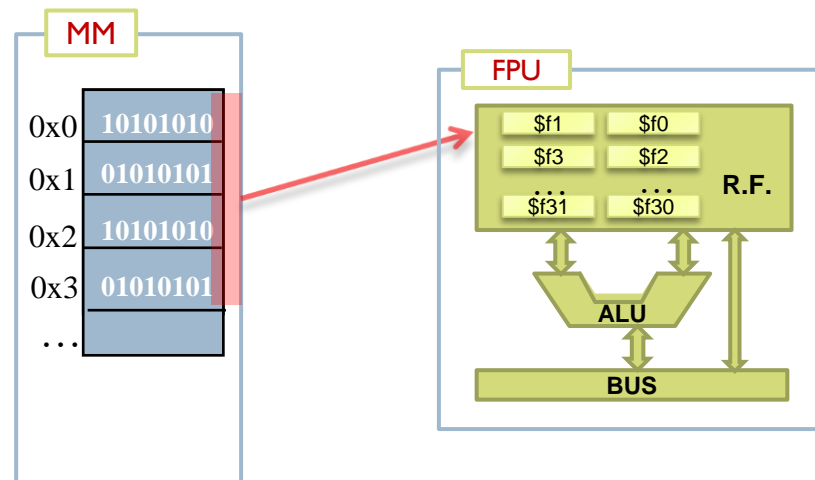
l.s \$f0 dir1

l.d \$f2 dir2

- ▶ Register to memory

s.s \$f0 dir1

s.d \$f0 dir2



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

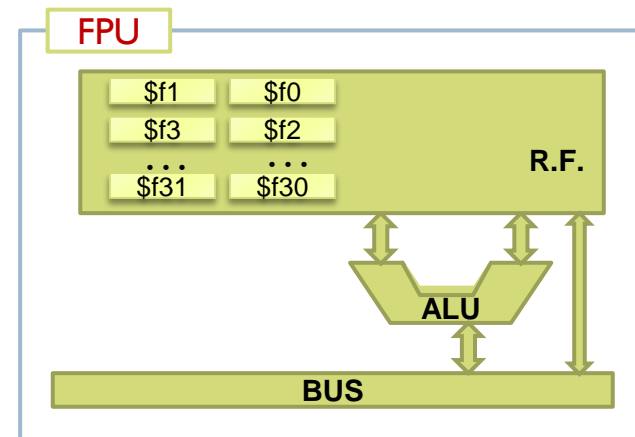
.globl main

```
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

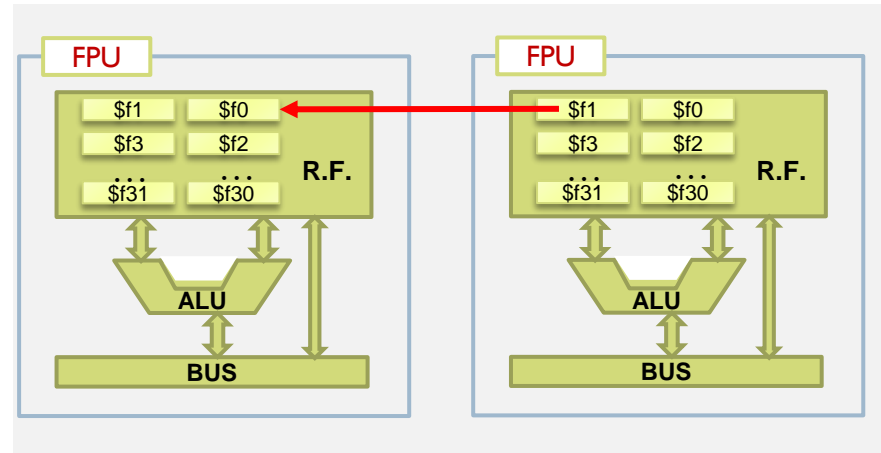
- ▶ The coprocessor 1 has 32 registers of 32 bits (4 bytes) each.
 - ▶ It is possible to work with single or double precision
- ▶ Simple precision (32 bits):
 - ▶ From \$f0 to \$f31
 - ▶ E.g.: `add.s $f0 $f1 $f5`
 $f0 = f1 + f5$
 - ▶ Other operations:
 - ▶ `add.s, sub.s, mul.s, div.s, abs.s`
- ▶ Double 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`



Operations with registers (FPU, FPU)

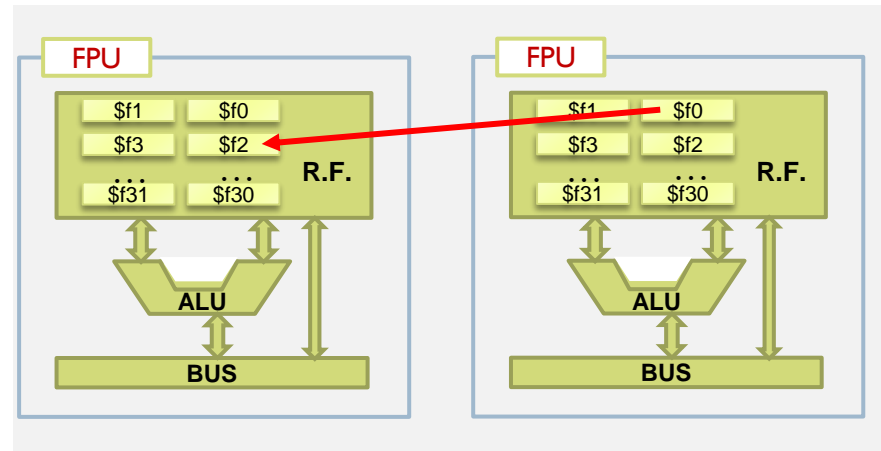
`mov.s $f0 $f1`

► $\$f0 \leftarrow \$f1$



`mov.d $f0 $f2`

► $(\$f0, \$f1) \leftarrow (\$f2, \$f3)$



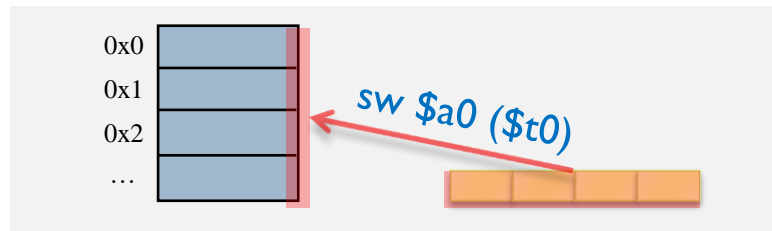
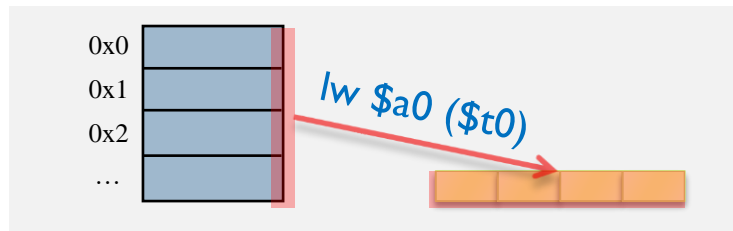
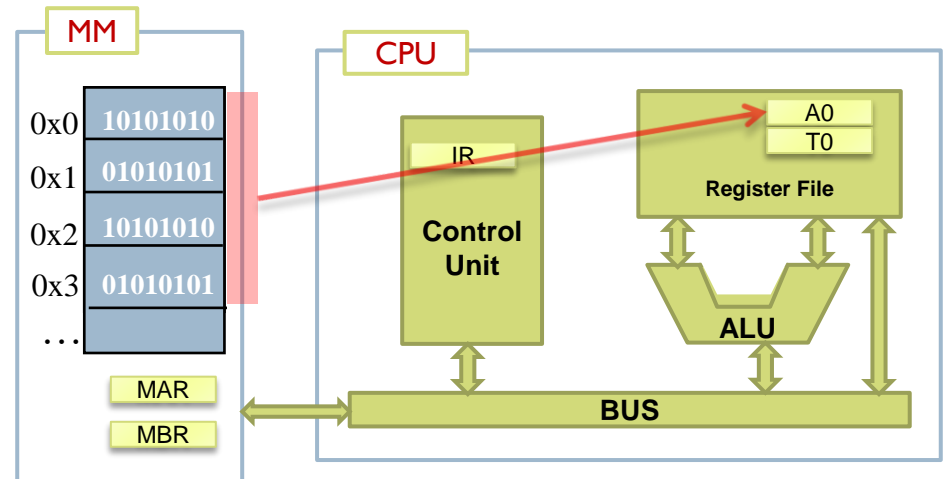
Data transfer words

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

- ▶ Examples:

- ▶ Memory to register
`lw $a0 ($t0)`

- ▶ Register to memory
`sw $a0 ($t0)`



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)  
...
```

Basic data types

integers

global variable without initial value

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

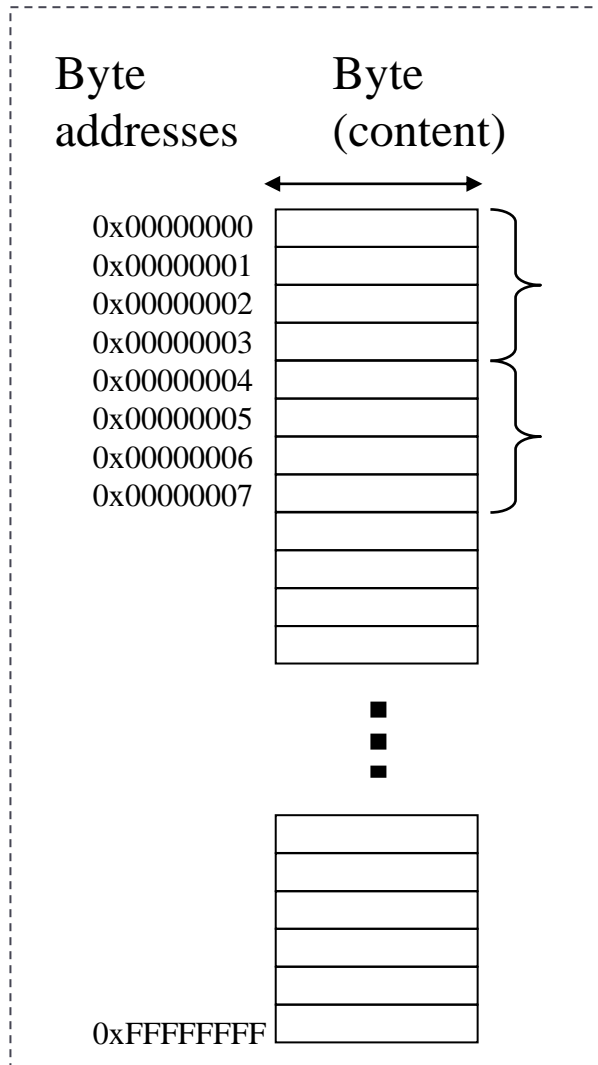
global variable with initial value

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{  
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    ...  
}
```

```
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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)  
...
```

Accessing to words



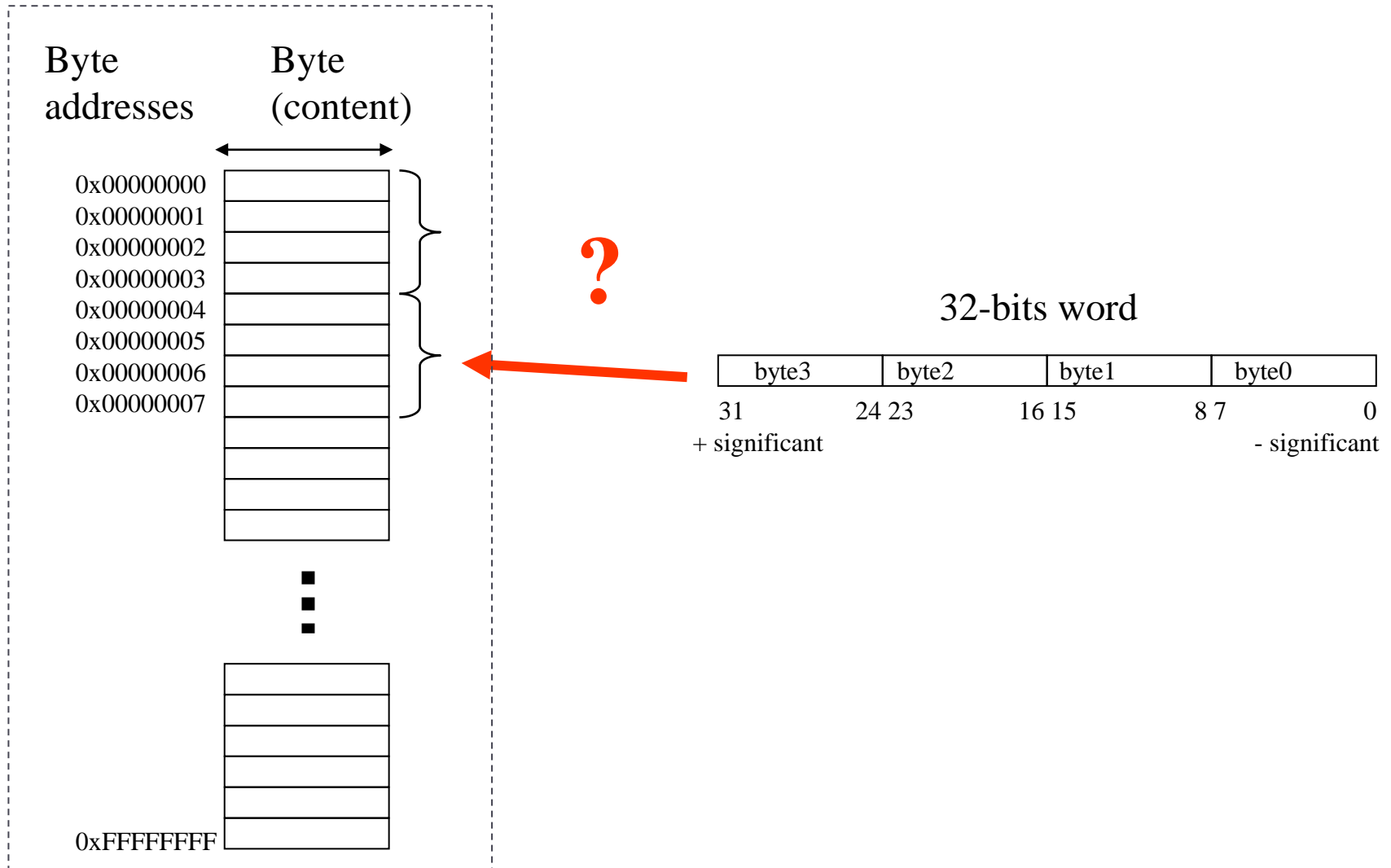
A word: 4 bytes in a 32-bits processor

Word stored starting at byte 0

Word stored starting at byte 4

Words (32 bits, 4 bytes) are stored using 4 consecutive memory locations, starting with the first position at an address multiple of 4

Accessing to words

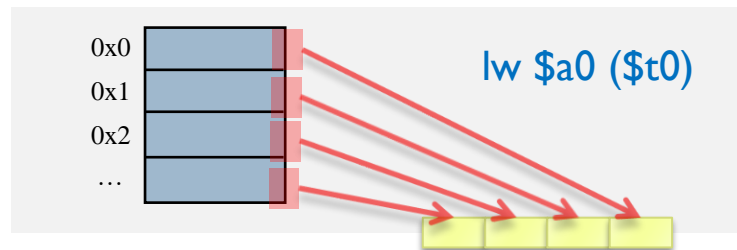


Data transfer

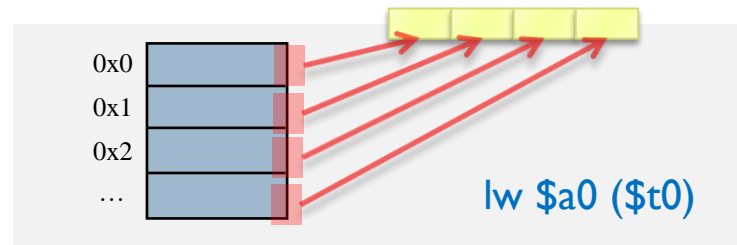
byte order

- ▶ There are 2 types of byte order:

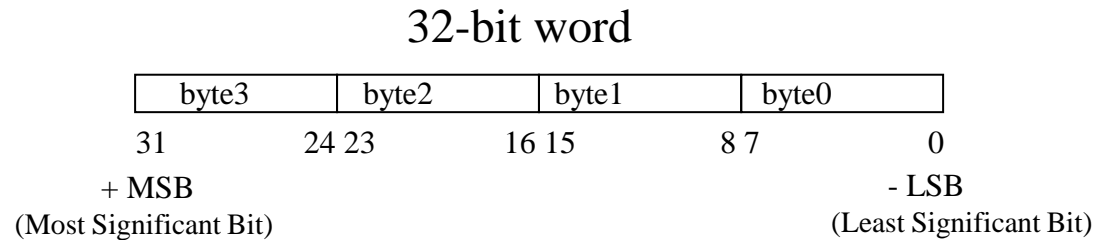
- ▶ Little-endian (‘small’ address ends the word...)



- ▶ Big-endian (‘big’ address ends the word...)



Storing words in memory



A	byte3
A+1	byte2
A+2	byte1
A+3	byte0

BigEndian

A	byte0
A+1	byte1
A+2	byte2
A+3	byte3

LittleEndian

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

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

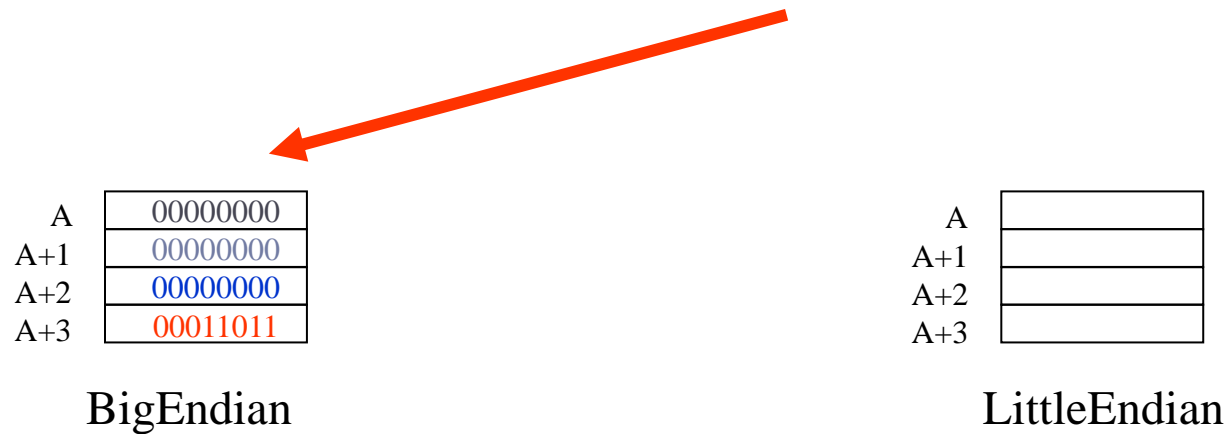
BigEndian

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

LittleEndian

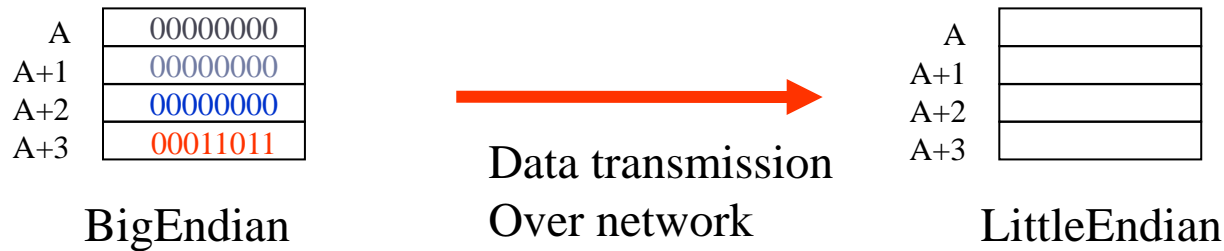
Communication problems in computers with different architectures

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Communication problems in computers with different architectures

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

BigEndian

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

LittleEndian



The stored number is: **00011011**00000000000000000000000000000000
And is not 27!

Example

endian.s

```
.data
```

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

```
.text
```

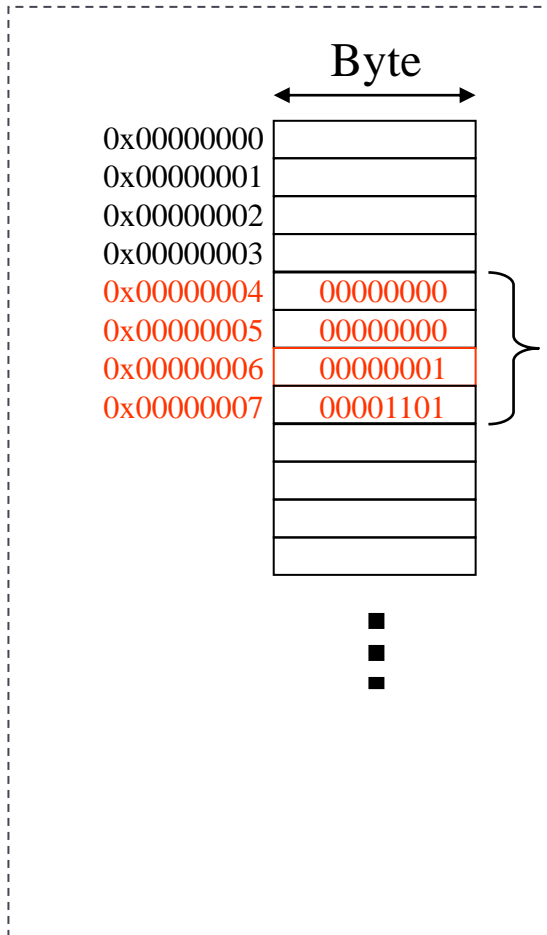
```
.globl main
```

```
main:
```

```
    lw  $t0 b1
```

Read word from memory

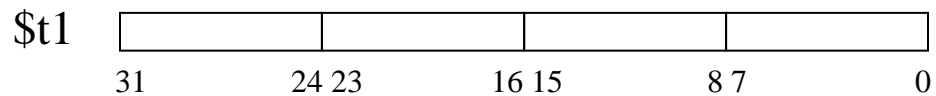
lw \$t1, 0x4



Address: 0x00000004 (000000.....00100)

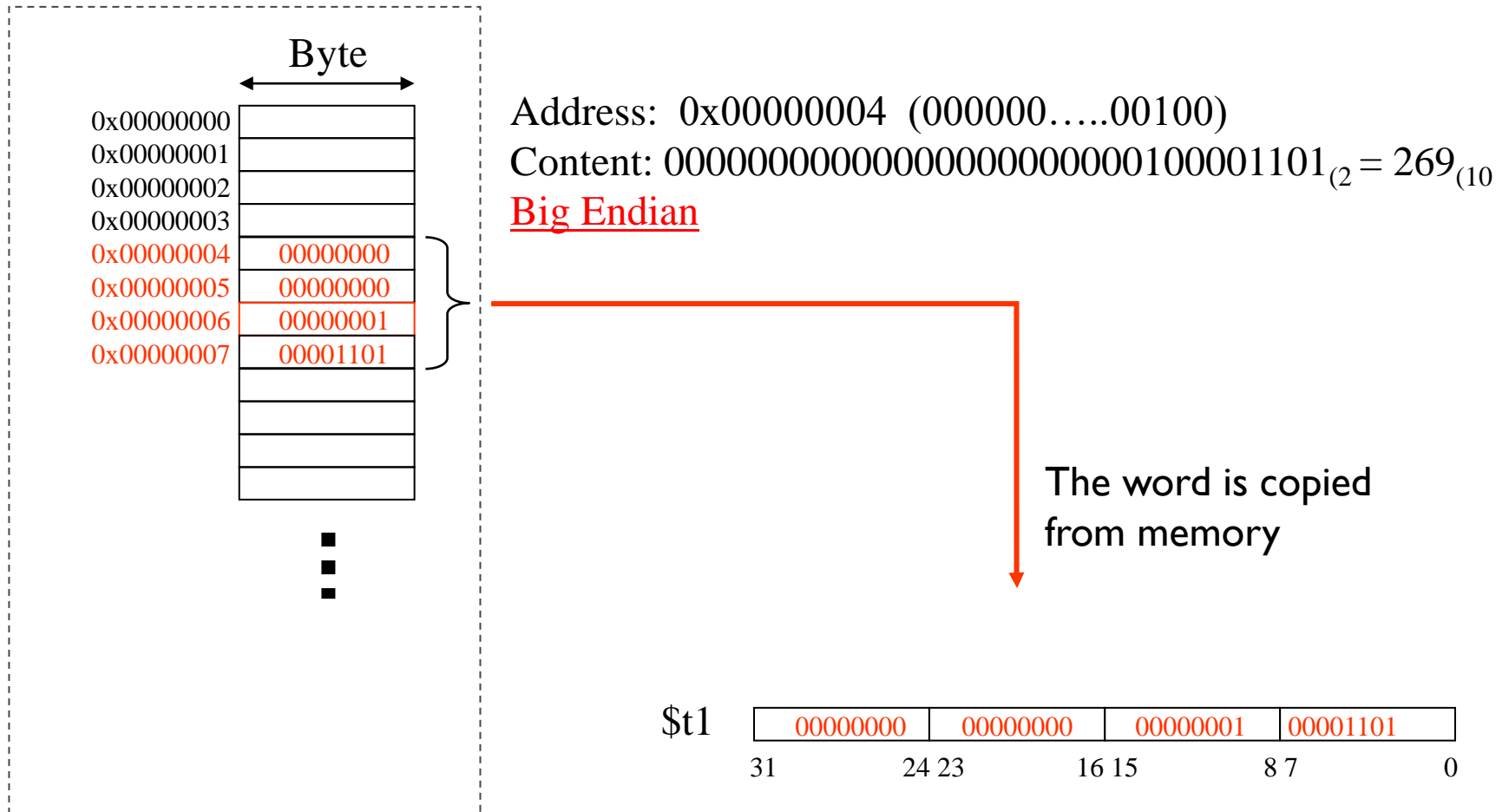
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Big Endian



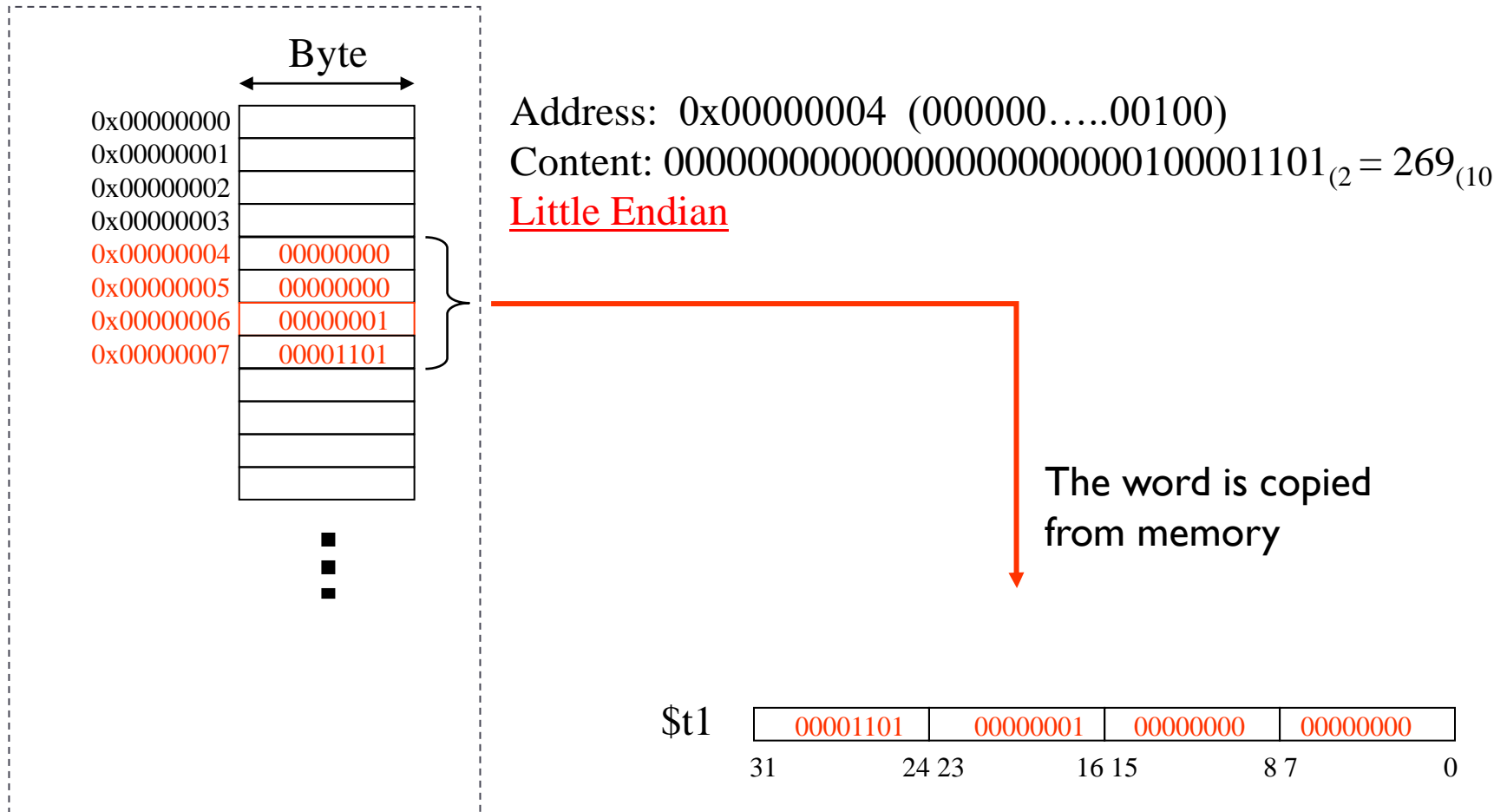
Read word from memory

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



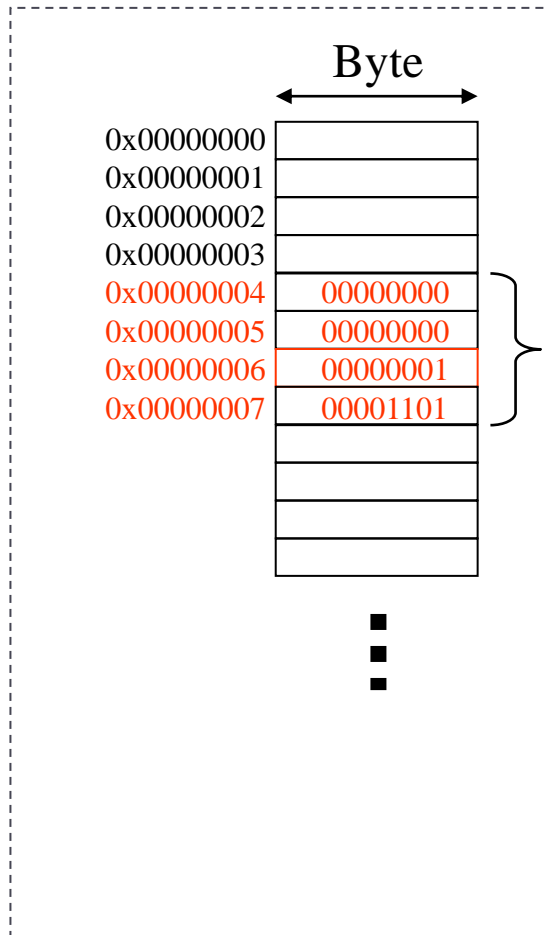
Read word from memory

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



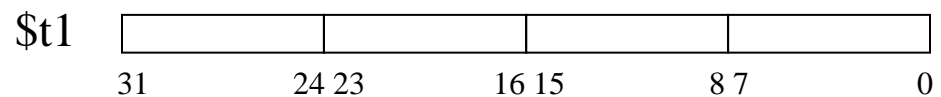
Read word from memory

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



The address of the first byte is specified.

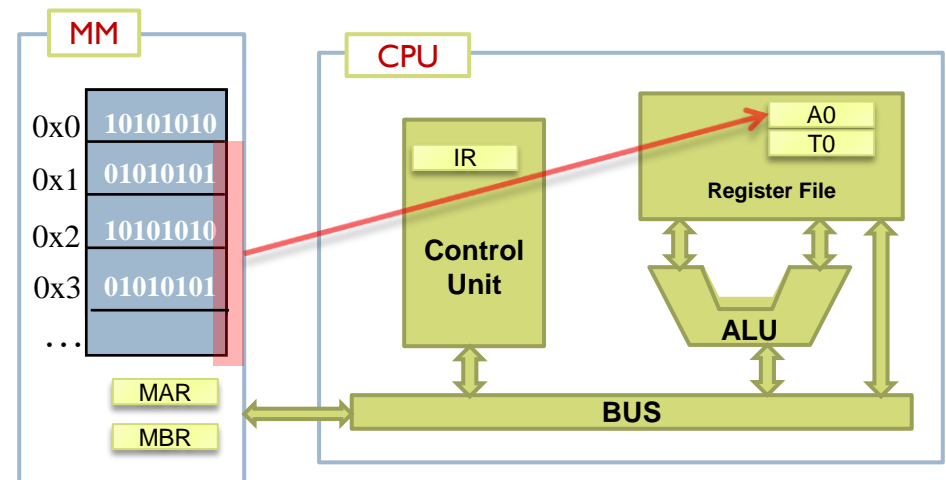
Access to the stored word starting from the address 0x00000004



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:

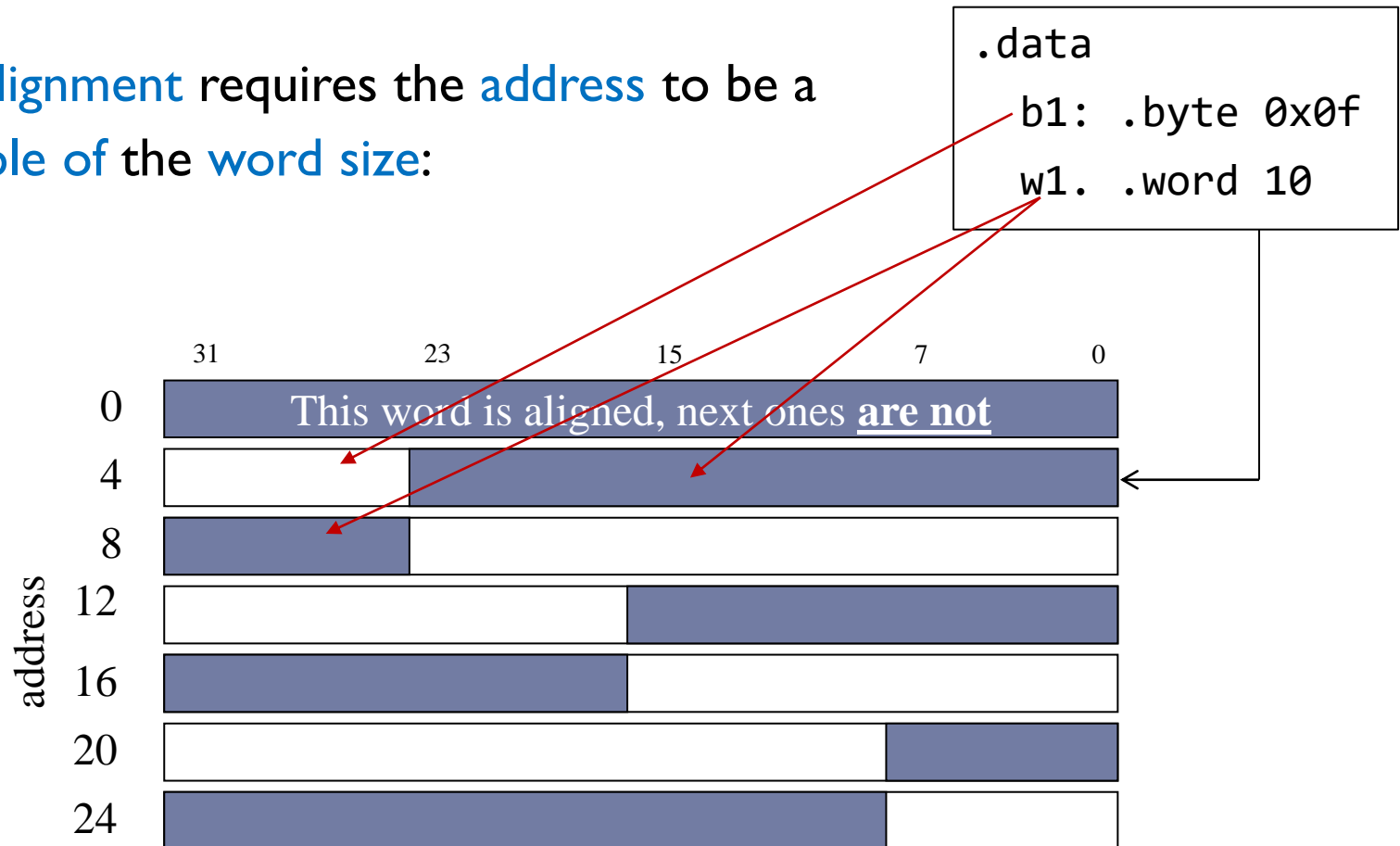
$$D \bmod K = 0$$

- ▶ 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

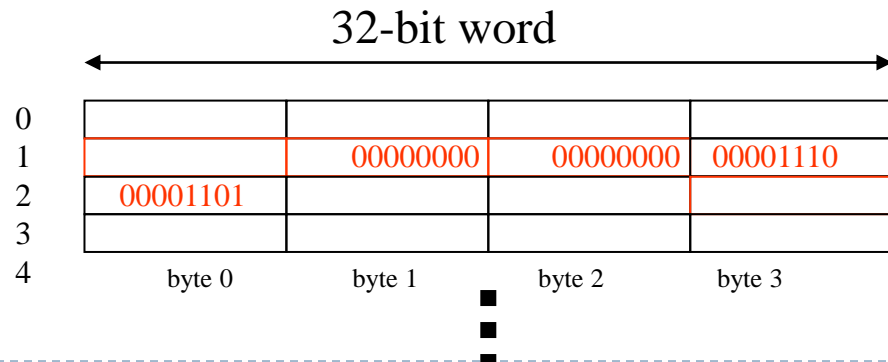
Data alignment

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



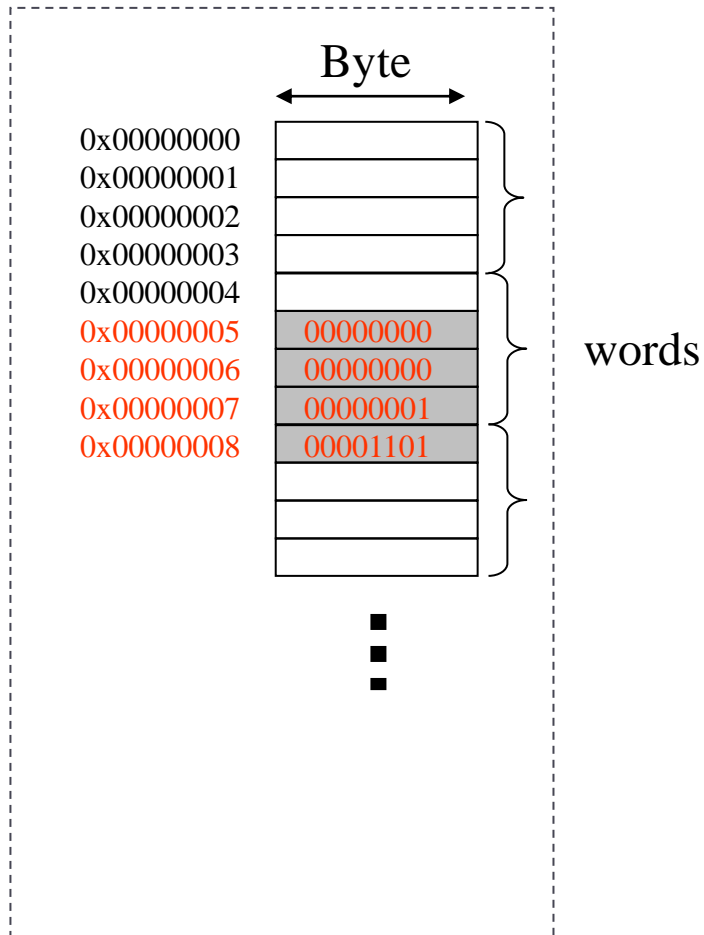
Data alignment

- ▶ 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

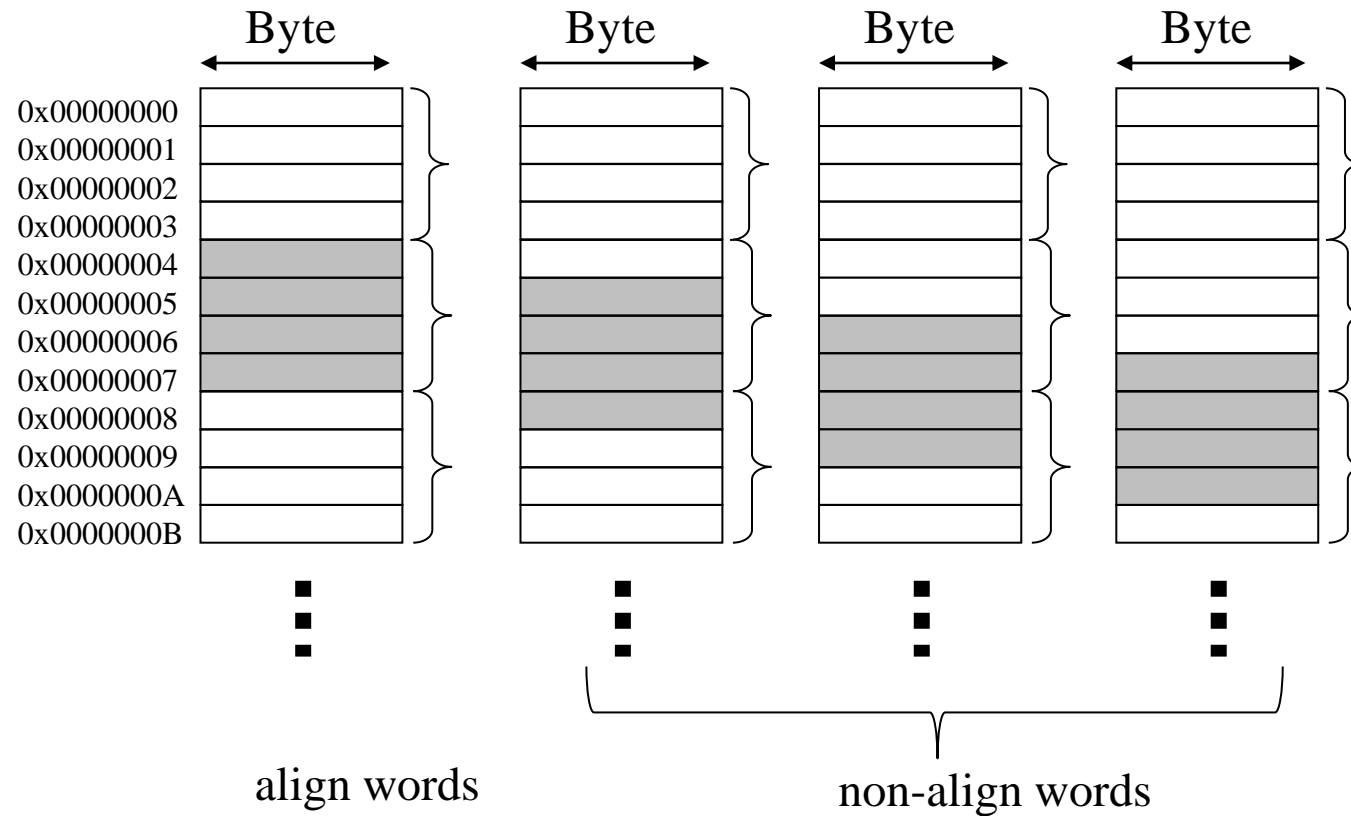
```
lw $t1, 0x05    ????
```



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

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

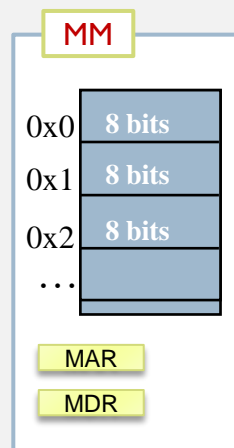
Non-aligned data



Word-level or byte-level addressing

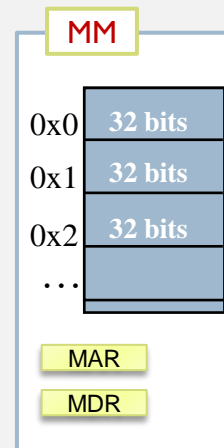
- ▶ The **main memory** is similar to a large one-dimensional vector of items.
- ▶ A **memory address** is the index of one item in the vector.
- ▶ There are two **types of addressing**:

- ▶ **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**
- ▶ **1b** 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`

Assembly compound data types: vector, matrix and structs

- ▶ **Vector:**
consecutives elements of the same type indexed by position
 - ▶ String
- ▶ **Matrix:**
two dimensional indexed elements of same type
- ▶ **Structs:**
consecutive elements of same/different types indexed by name

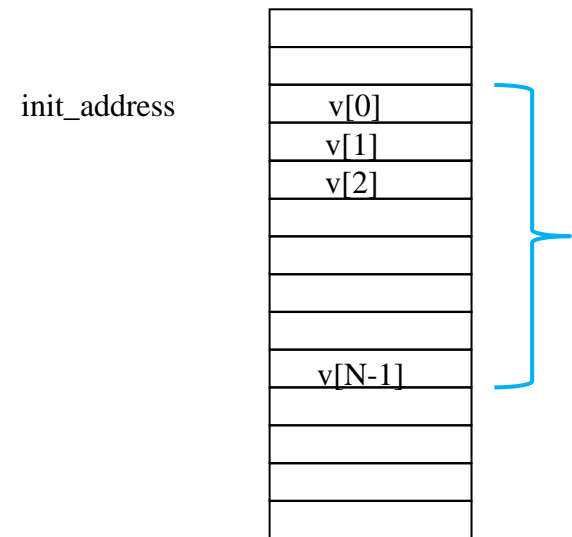
Compound data types

Arrays

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

$$\text{init_address} + j * p$$

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:
```

```
    li    $t2    8
```

```
    la    $t1    vec
```

```
    sw    $t2    16($t1)
```

```
...
```

Compound data types

Arrays

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```

```
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main ()
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```

```
.globl main
```

```
main:
```

```
    li    $t2    8
```

```
    la    $t1    16
```

```
    sw    $t2    vec($t1)
```

```
...
```

Compound data types

Arrays

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vec: .space 20 # 5 items * 4 bytes/item
```

```
.text
```

```
.globl main
```

```
main:
```

```
    li    $t2    8
```

```
    li    $t0    4      # 4th item
```

```
    mul   $t0    $t0    4 # $t0*4bytes/item
```

```
    la    $t1    vec
```

```
    add   $t3,   $t1,   $t0 # vec+4*4
```

```
    sw    $t2,   ($t3)
```

```
...
```

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 instructions 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 instructions to load in register $\$t0$ the value of $v[5]$?
 - ▶ `li $t1 5`
 - ▶ `mul $t1 $t1 4`
 - ▶ `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
```

ac1:	...	
	'h'	0x0108
	'o'	0x0109
	'l'	0x010a
	'a'	0x010b
	0	0x010c
	...	0x010d

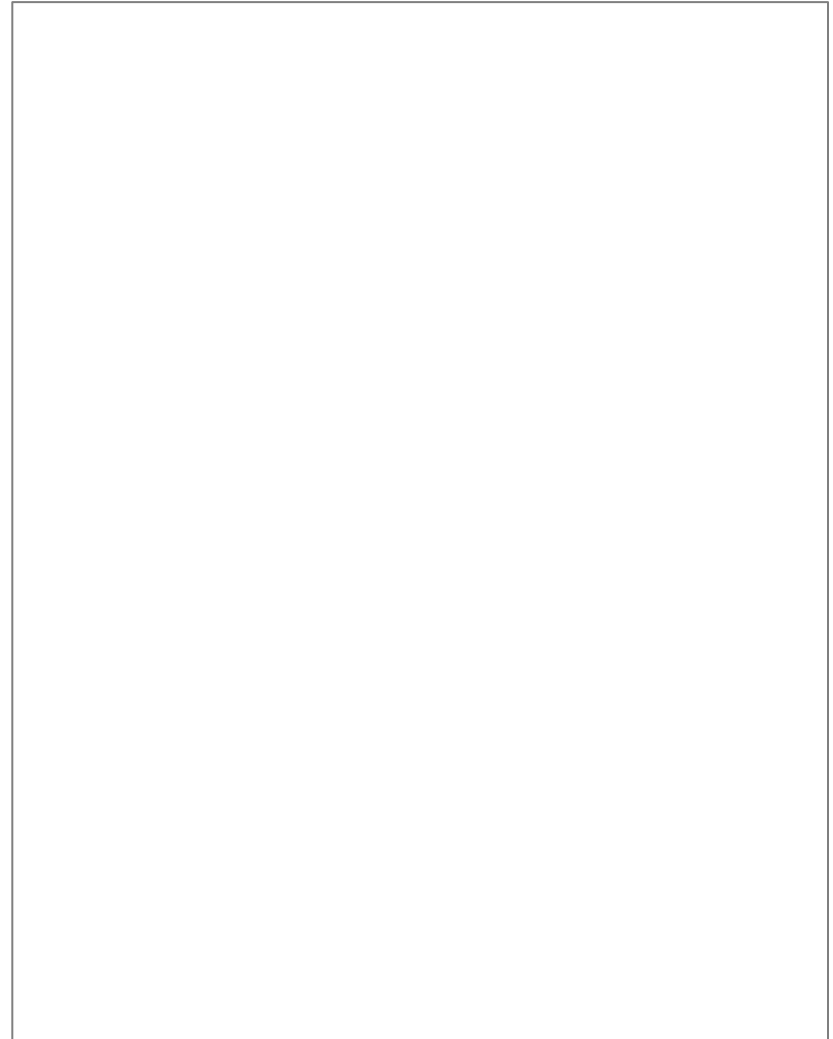
ac2:	...	
	'h'	0x0108
	'o'	0x0109
	'l'	0x010a
	'a'	0x010b
	...	0x010c
	...	0x010d

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);
    ...
}
```



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);
```

...

```
}
```

```
.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
```

...

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

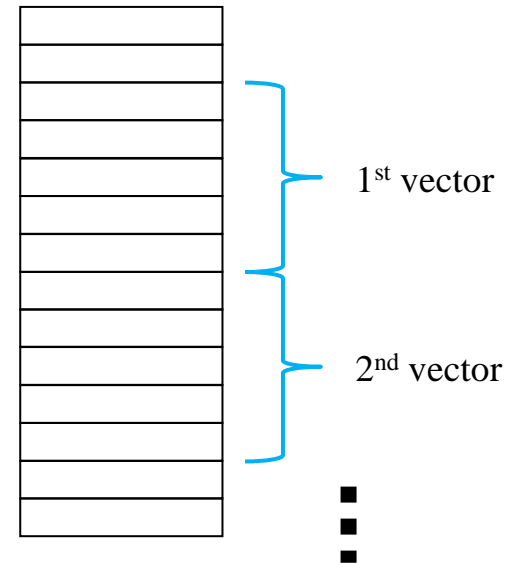
Compound data types

Matrix

- ▶ A matrix $m \times n$ 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 ()
{
    mat[0][1] = mat[0][0] +
               mat[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
```

...

Compound data types

Matrix

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...
```

```
main ()
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    mat[0][1] = mat[0][0] +
                mat[1][2] ;
    ...
}
```

.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
        li  $t2 1
        mul $t2 $t2 3 # i*n
        add $t2 $t2 2 # i*n+j
        mul $t2 $t2 4 # (i*n+j)*4
        la  $t3 mat
        add $t2 $t3 mat
        lw  $t2 ($t2)
        add $t3 $t1 $t2
        sw  $t3 mat+4
...
```

Exercise

```
// global variables
```

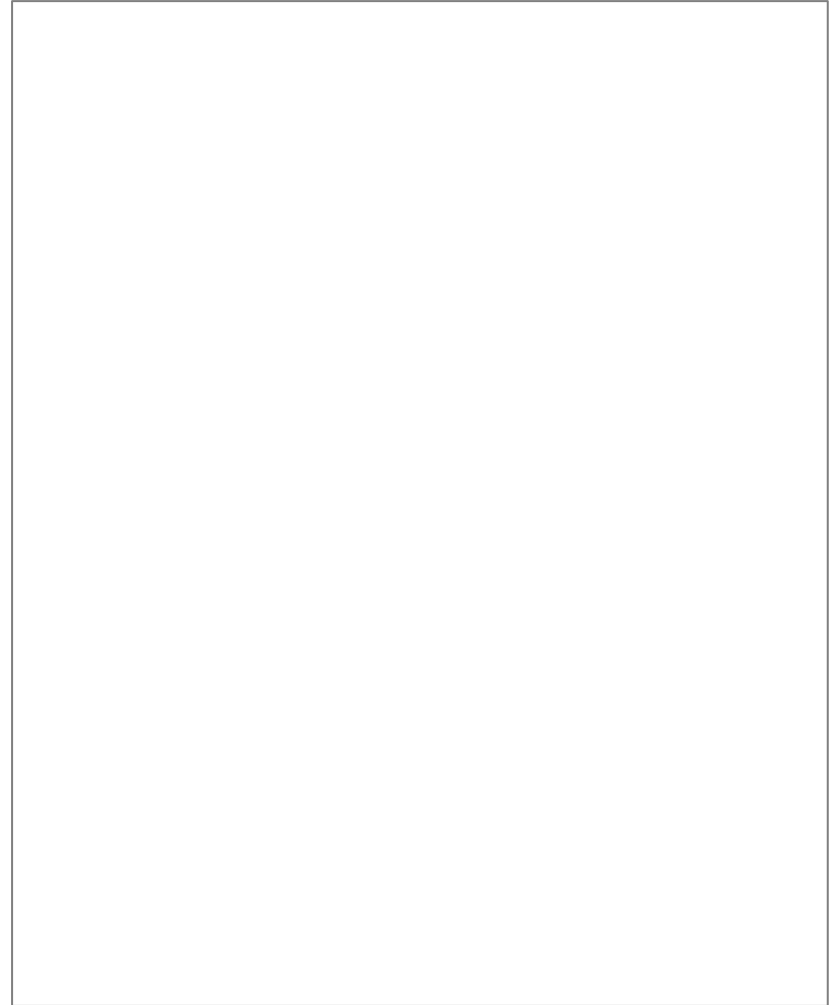
```
char v1;
```

```
int v2 ;
```

```
float v3 = 3.14 ;
```

```
char v4 = "ec" ;
```

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



Exercise (solution)

```
// global variables
```

```
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```

```
int v2 ;
```

```
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```

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char v4 = "ec" ;
```

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

```
.data
```

```
v1: .byte 0
```

```
.align 2
```

```
v2: .space 4
```

```
v3: .float 3.14
```

```
v4: .ascii "ec"
```

```
.align 2
```

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

Exercise (solution)

v1:	0	0x0100
	?	0x0101
	?	0x0102
	?	0x0103
	?	
	?	
	?	
	?	
	?	
	?	
	?	
	?	
	?	
	?	
	?	
	?	
	?	
	...	

.data

v1: .byte 0

.align 2

v2: .space 4

v3: .float 3.14

v4: .ascii "ec"

.align 2

v5: .word 20, 22

Exercise (solution)

v1:	0	0x0100
	?	0x0101
	?	0x0102
	?	0x0103
v2:	0	0x0104
	0	0x0105
	0	0x0106
	0	0x0107
v3:	(3.14)	0x0108
	(3.14)	0x0109
	(3.14)	0x010A
	(3.14)	0x010B
v4:	'e'	0x010C
	'c'	0x010D
	0	0x010E
		0x010F
v5:	(20)	0x0110
	(20)	0x0111
	(20)	0x0112
	(20)	

```
.data

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

v4: .ascii "ec"

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

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 -3.141516 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
```