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Lesson 3 (II)

Fundamentals of assembler programming

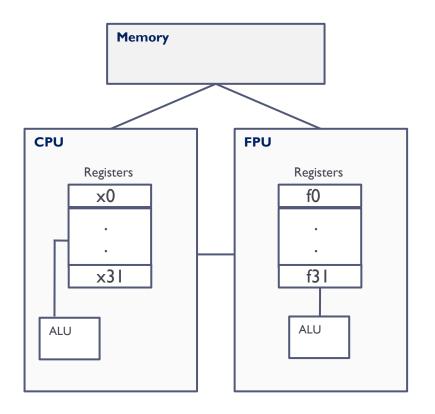
Computer Structure
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Contents

- Basic concepts on assembly programming
- ▶ RISC-V₃₂ assembly language, memory model and data representation
- Instruction formats and addressing modes
- Procedure calls and stack convention

RISC-V₃₂ architecture



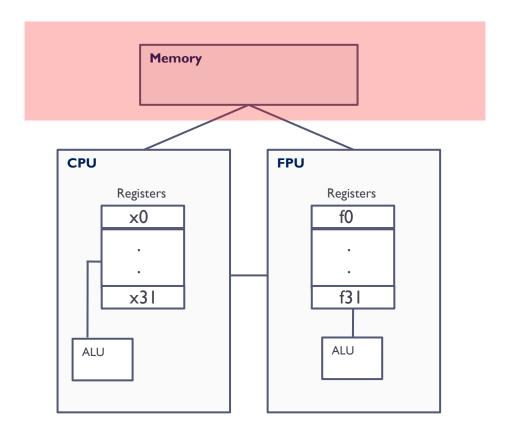
▶ RISC-V 32

- > 32-bits processor
- RISC type

Several implementations:

- CPU with extensions (eg.: TinyRISC)
- CPU + FPU (Floating point unit)

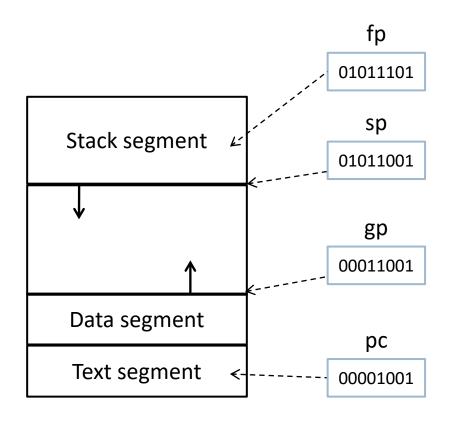
RISC-V₃₂ architecture



Main memory

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

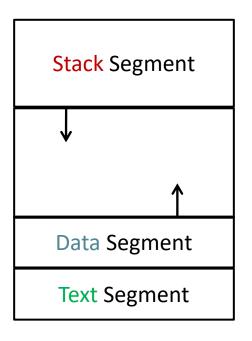
Memory layout for a process



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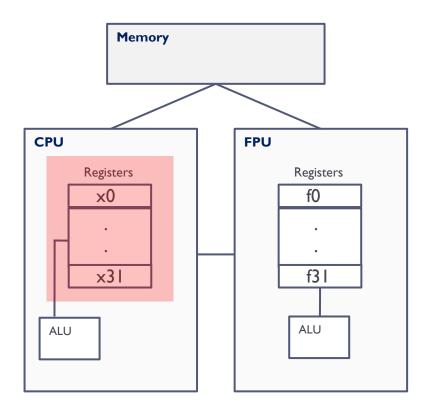
- The memory space is divided in logic segments in order to organize the content:
 - Code segment (text)
 - Program code
 - Data segments
 - Global variables
 - Static variables
 - Stack segment
 - Local variables
 - Function contexts

Storing variables in memory



```
// global variables
int a;
main ()
   // local variables
   int b;
   // code (text)
   return a + b;
```

RISC-V₃₂ architecture



Register file

- ▶ 32-bit registers
- 32 integer registers (x0...x31)

Register File (integers) summary

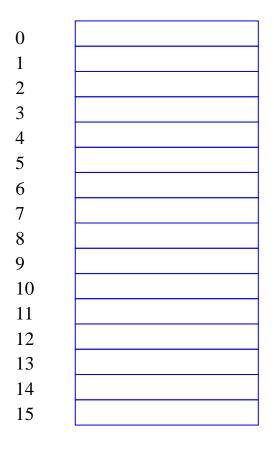
Symbolic name	Number	Usage	
zero	x0	Constant 0	
ra	хl	Return address (routines/functions)	
sp	x2	Stack pointer	
gp	x3	Global pointer	
tp	x4	Thread pointer	
t0t2	x5-x7	Temporary (NO preserved across calls)	
s0/fp	x8	Saved temporary (preserved across calls) / Frame pointer	
sl	x9	Saved temporary (preserved across calls)	
a0a1	x1011	Arguments for routines/return value	
a2a7	12x17	Arguments for routines	
s2 s11	x18x27	Saved temporary (preserved across calls)	
t3t6	x28x31	Temporary (NO preserved across calls)	

▶ There are 32 registers

- Size: 4 bytes (I word)
- Used a x at the beginning

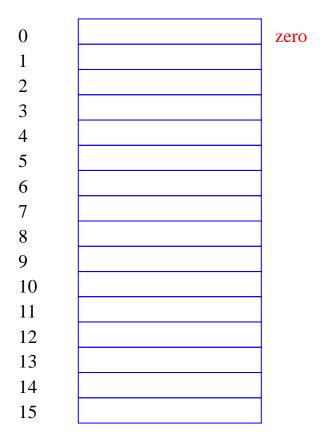
Use convention

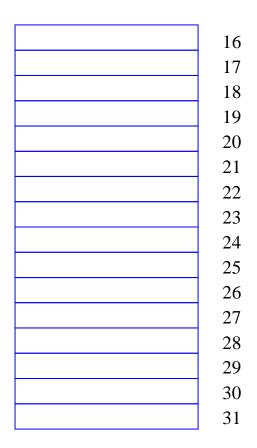
- Reserved
- Arguments
- Results
- Temporary
- Pointers



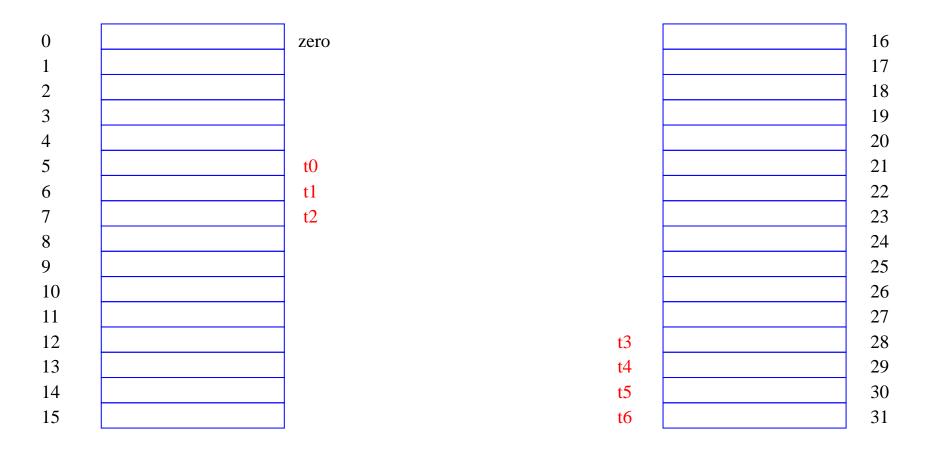
- 32 registers
 - □ 4 bytes of size (one word)
 - Name starts with x at the beginning
- Usage Convention
 - □ Reserved
 - □ Arguments
 - □ Results
 - □ Temporary
 - Pointers

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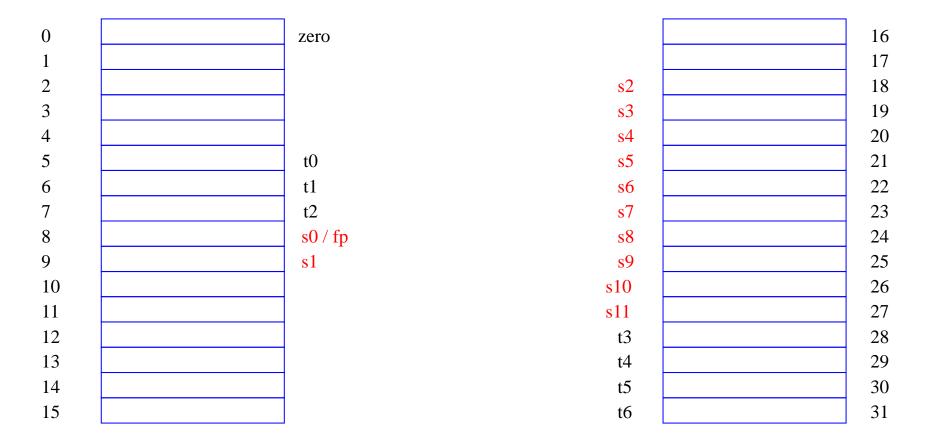




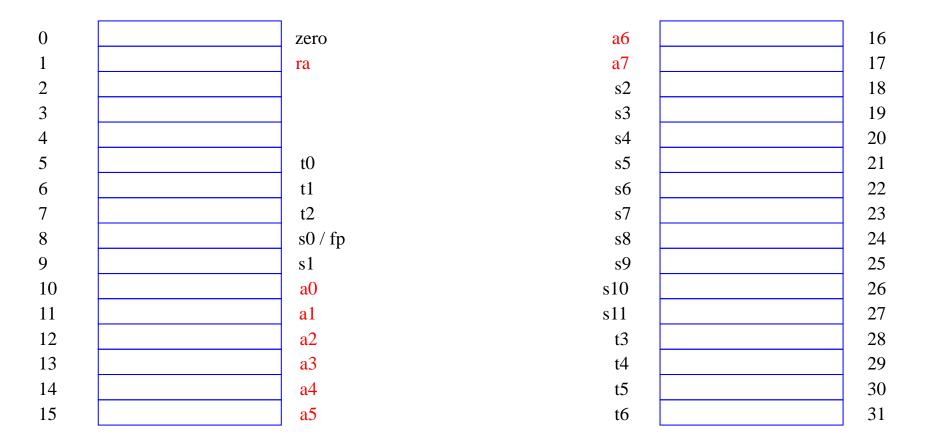
Constant zero
Cannot be changed



Temporary registers



Preserved values



Arguments and subroutines support

_		_	
0	zero	a6	16
1	ra	a7	17
2	sp	s2	18
3	gp	s3	19
4	tp	s4	20
5	t0	s5	21
6	t1	s6	22
7	t2	s7	23
8	s0 / fp	s8	24
9	s1	s9	25
10	a0	s10	26
11	a1	s11	27
12	a2	t3	28
13	a3	t4	29
14	a4	t5	30
15	a5	t6	31

Pointers

Example: hello world...

hello.s

```
.data
     msg_hola: .asciiz "hello world\n"
.text
     main:
      # printf("hello world\n") ;
      li a7 4
      la a0 msg_hola
      ecall
```

Example: hello world...

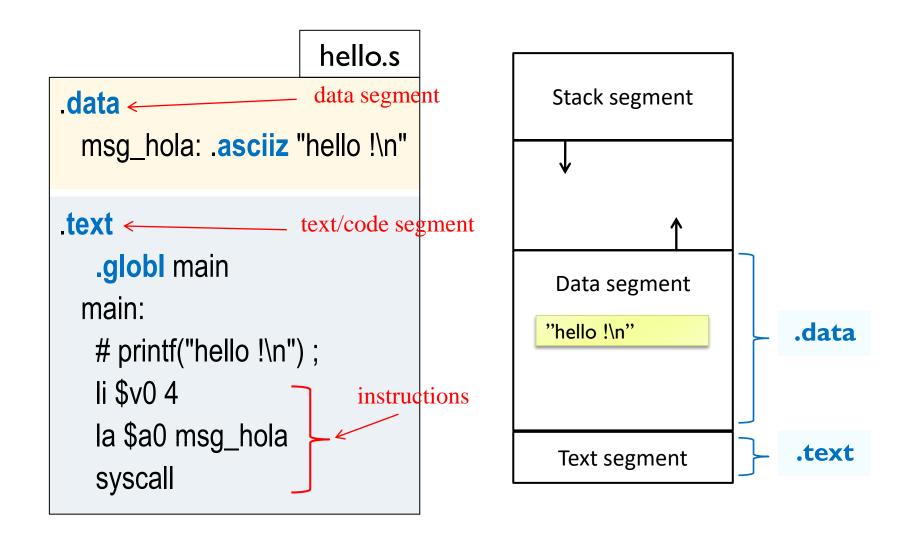
hello.s

```
.data
      msg_hola: .asciiz "hello world\n"
                            label: it represents the associated memory
                            address where main function starts.
.text
      main:
                                   comments
       # printf("hello world\n") ;
       li a7 4
                                           instructions
       la a0 msg hola
       ecall
```

Example: hello world...

```
data segment
                                                    hello.s
.data
      msg_hola: .asciiz "hello world\n"
.text
                           msg_hola: represents the memory address
                           where the string begins to be stored
      main:
       # printf("hello world\n");
       li a7 4
       la a0 msg_hola
                                        code segment
       ecall
```

Assembly: directives



Assembly: directives

.align	n	Align next element to a address multiple of 2 ⁿ	
.globl	label	Declare label as global	
.extern	label n	Declare that label is global of size n	
.space	10	Allocates a space of 10 bytes in the current segment	
.double	3.0e2l	Doubles stored in memory consecutively	
.float	1.23, 2.13	Floats stored in memory consecutively	
.word	800000, 800001	Words stored in memory consecutively	
.half	300, 301, 302	Half-words stored in memory consecutively	
.byte	1, 2, 3	Bytes stored in memory consecutively	
.asciiz	"string value"	String definition with '\0' ending terminator ('\0' = 0)	
.ascii	"string value"	String definition without '\0' ending terminator	
.text		Next elements will go to the code segment	
.data		Next elements will go to the data segment	
	Directives	Description	

Static data definition

label (address) datatype (directive) value

```
.data
cadena : ,
         /asciiz_"hola mundo\n"
                 # int i1=10
i1: .word 10
               # int i2=-5
i2: .word -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, 0xfffffffff \}; int w[100];
v: .word 0, −1, 0 xffffffff
w: .word 400
```

Register File (floating point)

Symbolic name	Numbered name	Uso
ft0-ft7	f0 f7	Temporals (like t)
fs0-fs1	f8 f9	Saved (like s)
fa0-fa1	f10 f11	Arguments/return (like a0/a1)
fa2-fa7	fl2 fl7	Arguments (like a)
fs2-fs11	f18 f27	Saved (like s)
ft8-ft11	f28 f31	Temporals (like t)

- ▶ There are 32 registers
- For simple precision register are 4 bytes
- For double precision registers are 8 bytes
 - For simple precision, values are stored in the less significant bits
 - For double precision are stored in all bits of the register

System calls

- Many assembler simulators include a small "operating system"
 - ▶ The simulators provides ~17 services.
- How to invoke:
 - Call code in register a7
 - Other arguments on specific registers
 - Invocation by the ecall instruction

```
# printf("hello world\n")
li a7 4
la a0 msg_hola
ecall
```

System calls

Service	Call code (a7)	Arguments	Result
print_int	I	a0 = integer	
print_float	2	fa0 = float	
print_double	3	fa0 = double	
print_string	4	a0 = string	
read_int	5		integer en a0
read_float	6		float en fa0
read_double	7		double en fa0
read_string	8	a0 = buffer, a1 = longitud	
sbrk	9	a0 = cantidad	dirección en a0
exit	10		
print_char	П	a0 (código ASCII)	
read_char	12		a0 (código ASCII)

Example: Hello world...

hola.s

```
.data
      msg_hola: .asciiz "hello world\n"
                                           Call code (a7)
                                    Service
                                                         Arguments
.text
                                                     a0 = integer
                                  print int
                                  print float
                                                     fa0 = float
       main:
                                                     fa0 = double
                                  print double
        # printf("hello world\n")
        li a7 4 ←
        la a0 msg_hola
                                                 Operating system
        ecall ←
                                                 invocation
                                                 instruction
```

Exercise

```
int valor ;

int valor ;

readInt(&valor) ;

valor = valor + 1 ;
printInt(valor) ;

. . .
```

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Exercise (solution)

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printInt(valor) ;
```

Service	Call code (a7)	Arguments
print_int	ı	a0 = <u>integer</u>
print_float	2	fa0 = float
print_double	3	fa0 = double

```
# readInt(&valor)
li a7 5
ecall
la t0 valor
sw v0 0(t0)
# valor = valor + 1
addi a0 v0 1
la t0 valor
sw = a0 0 (t0)
# printInt
li a7 1
ecall
```

Instructions and pseudo-instructions

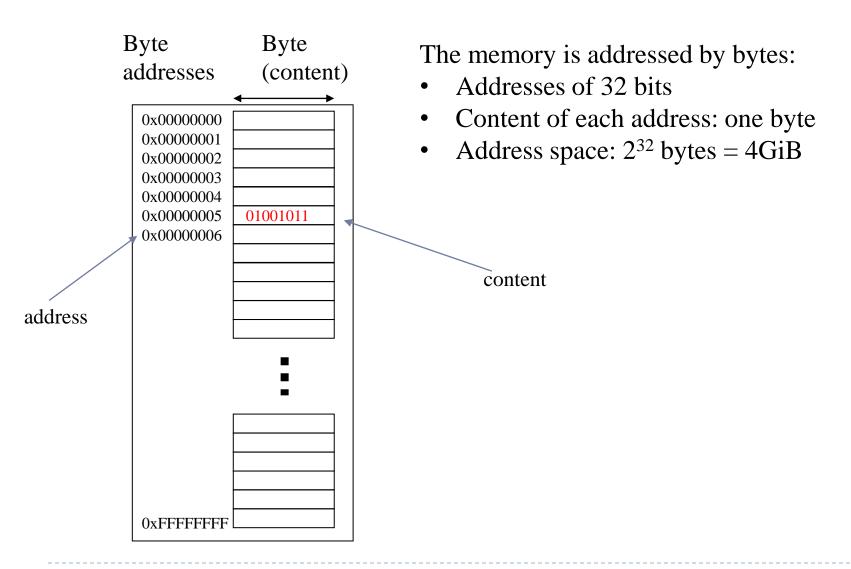
- ▶ There is an assembly instruction per machine instruction :
 - ▶ Each machine instruction occupies 32 bits in RISC-V₃₂
 - ▶ addi t1, t0, 4
- A pseudo-instruction can be used in an assembler program and it corresponds to one or several assembly instructions:
 - ► E.g.: li v0, 4 mv t1, t0
- In the assembly process, they are replaced by the sequence of assembly instructions that perform the same functionality.
 - E.g.: ori v0, x0, 4 replaces to: li v0, 4 addit1, x0, t2 replaces to: mv t1, t2

Other examples of pseudo-instructions

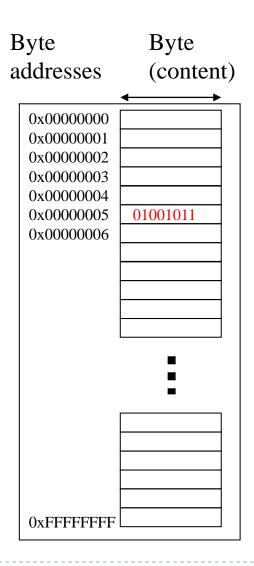
- An assembler pseudoinstruction can correspond to several machine instructions.
 - ▶ li t1,0x00800010
 - □ It does not fit in 32 bits but can be used as a pseudo-instruction.
 - ☐ It is equivalent to:

```
lui t1,0x0080 ori t1,t1,0x0010
```

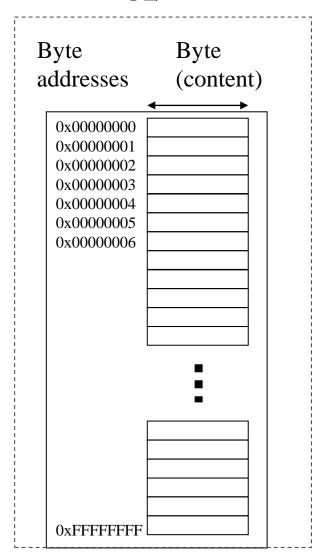
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RISC-V₃₂ memory model



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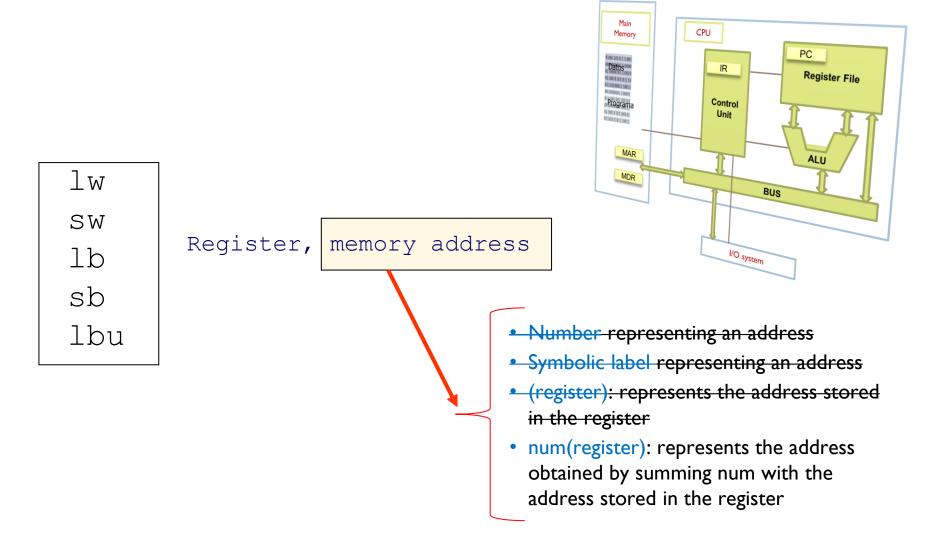
Memory is addressed by bytes:

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

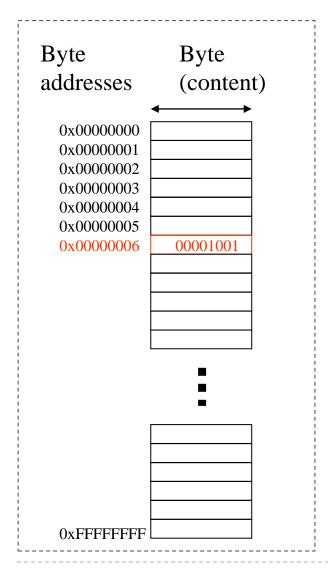
Access can be to:

- Individual bytes
- Words (4 consecutive bytes)

Format of memory access instructions

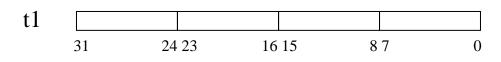


Access to bytes with 1b (load byte)



Address: 0x00000006 (000110)

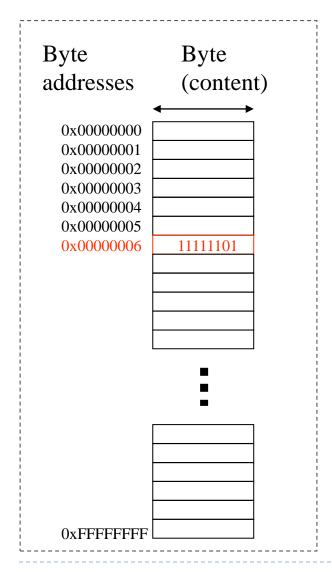
Content: 00001001 (9)



Access to bytes with 1b

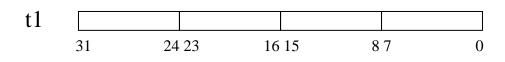


Access to bytes with lb

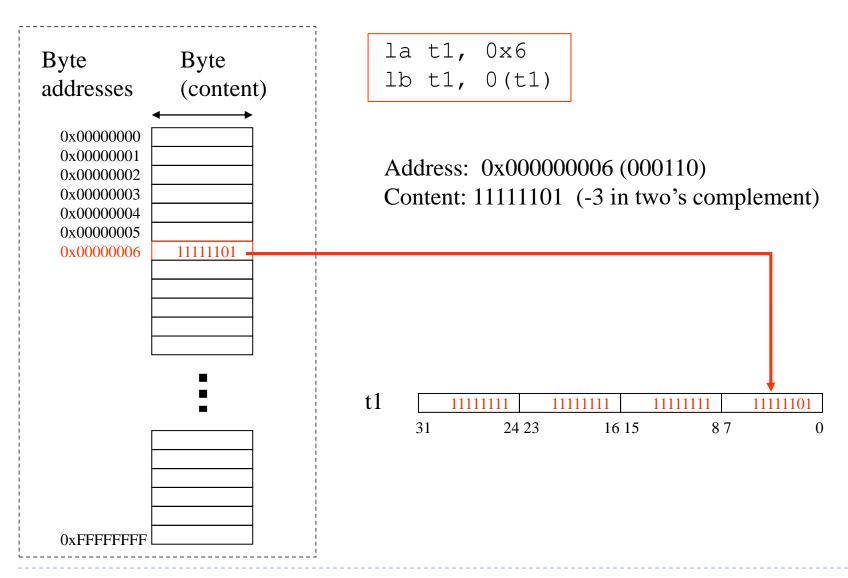


Address: 0x00000006 (000110)

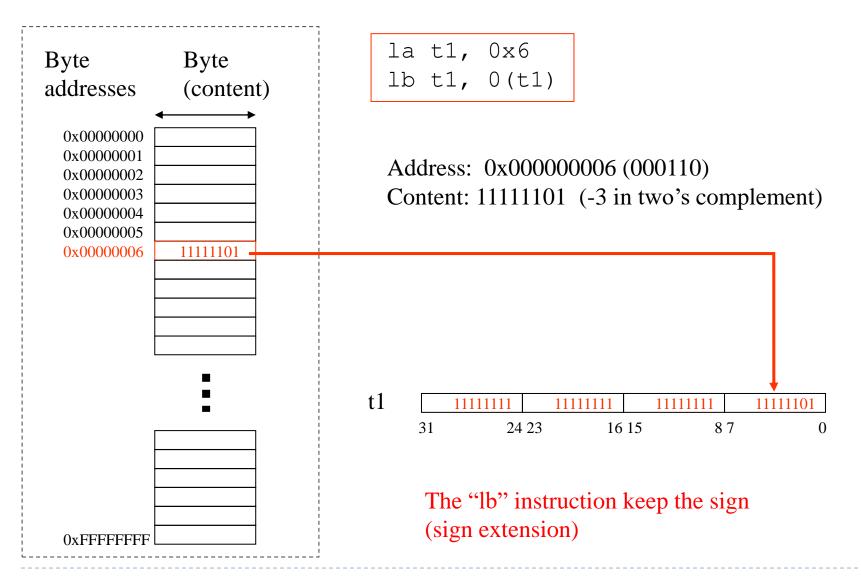
Content: 11111101 (-3 in two's complement)



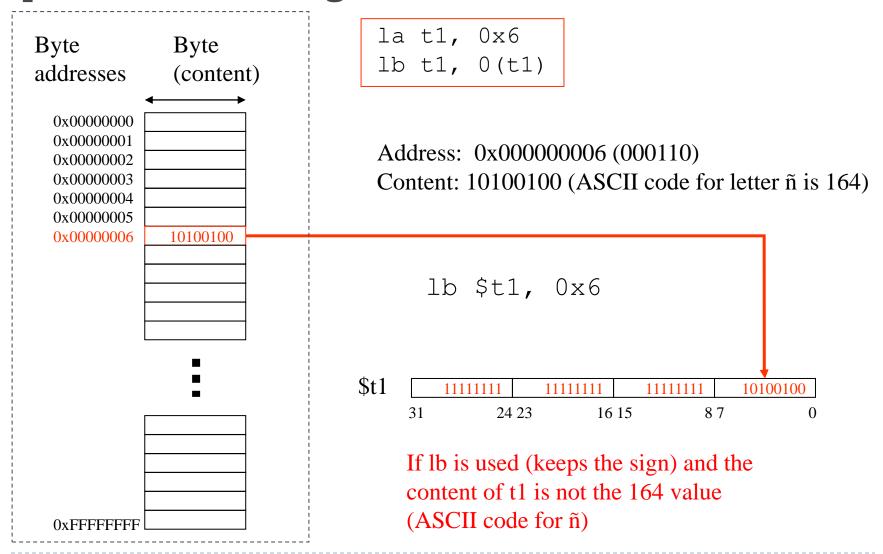
Access to bytes with lb



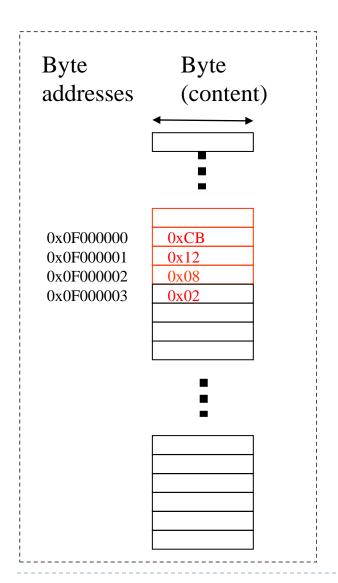
Access to bytes with lb



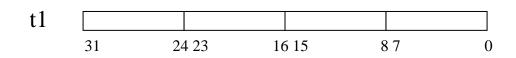
Access to bytes with 1b problems accessing characters



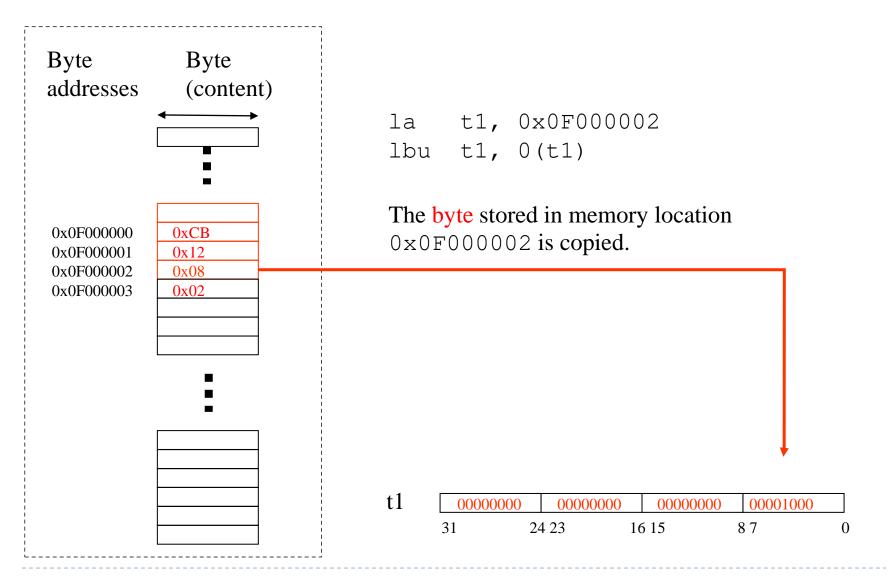
Access to bytes with lbu (load byte unsigned)



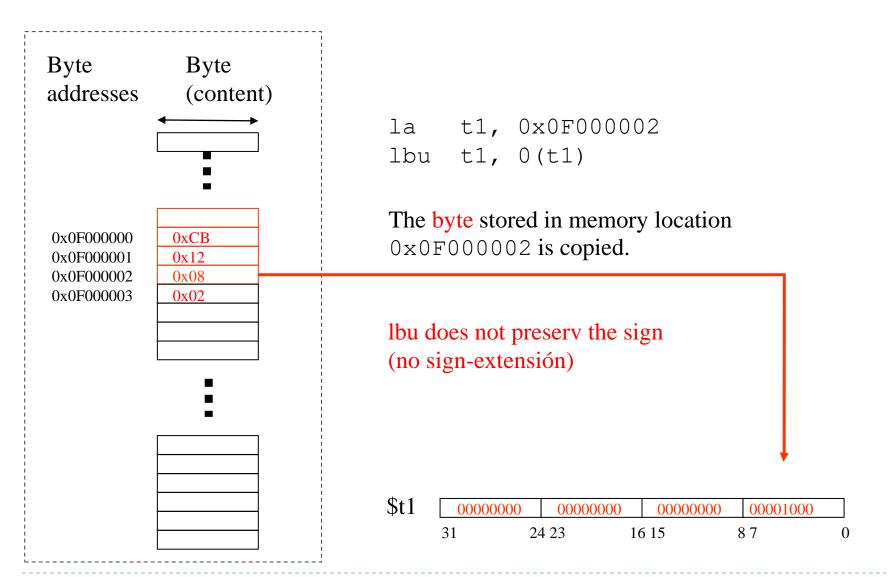
la t1, 0x0F000002 lbu t1, 0(t1)

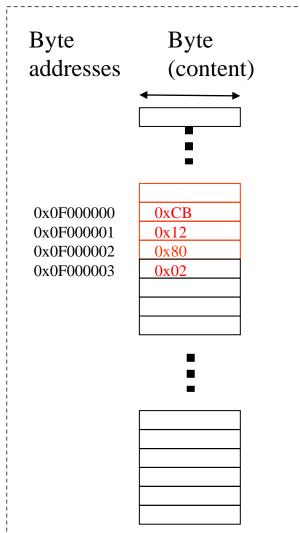


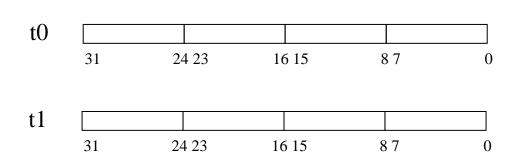
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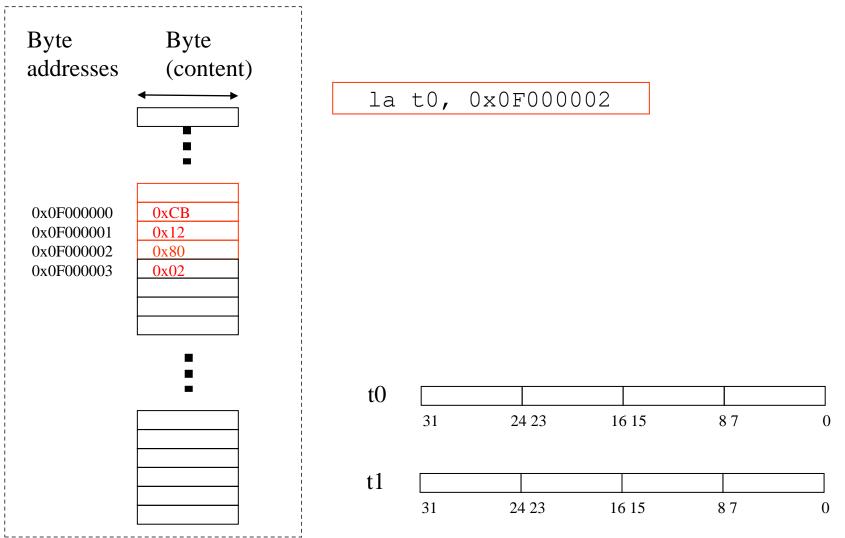


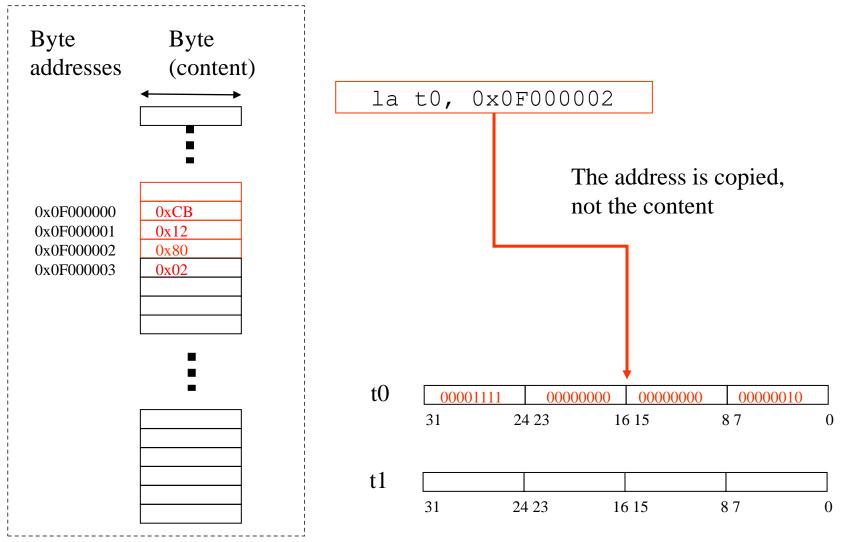
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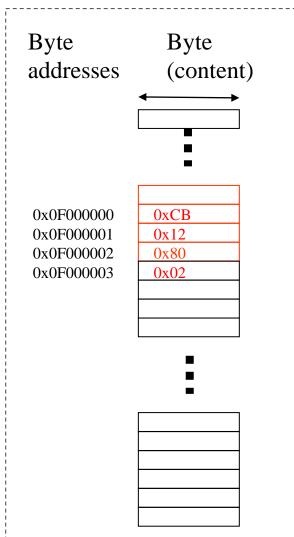




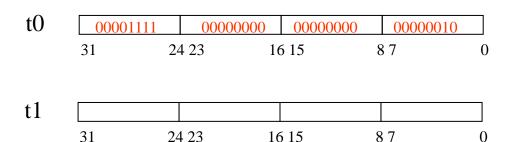


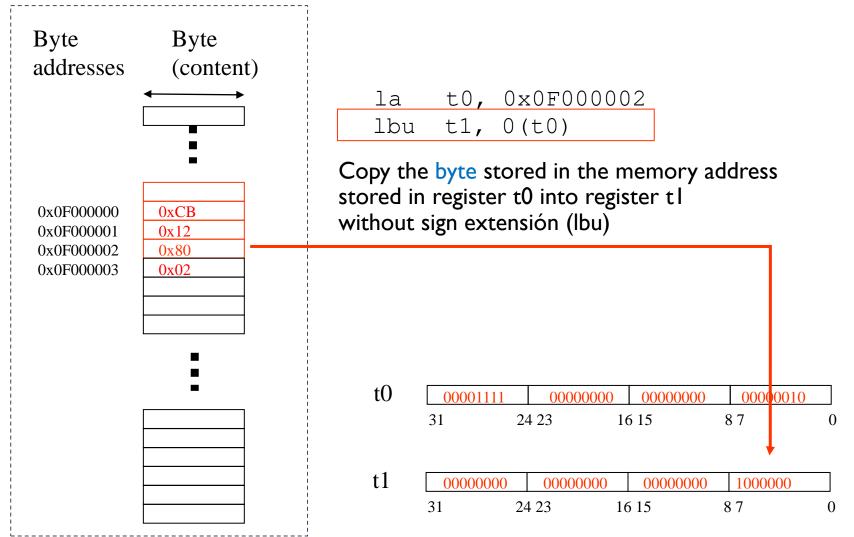




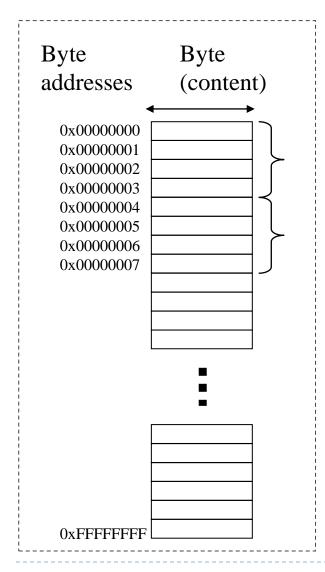


la	t0,	0x0F000002
lbu	t1,	0(t0)





Accessing to words



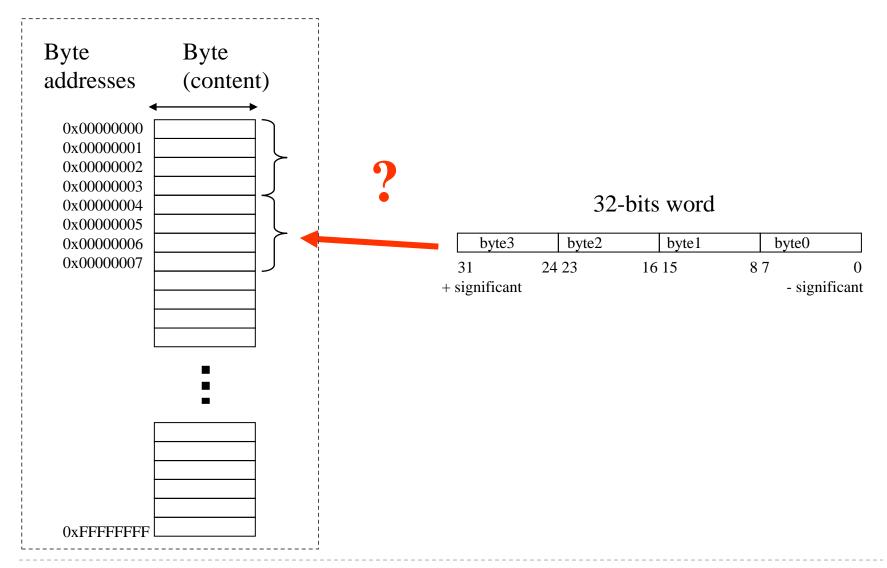
A word: 4 bytes in a 32-bits processor

Word stored starting at byte 0

Word stored starting at byte 4

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

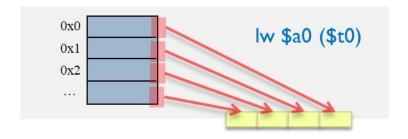
Accessing to words



Data transfer byte order

▶ There are 2 types of byte order:

Little-endian ('small' address ends the word...)



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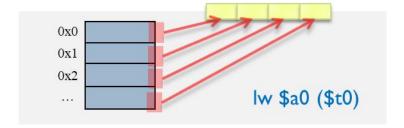


Big-endian

('big' address ends the word...)



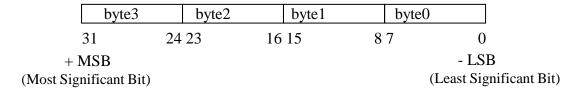
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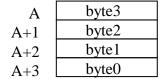




Storing words in memory

32-bit word





BigEndian

byte0
byte1
byte2
byte3

LittleEndian

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

BigEndian

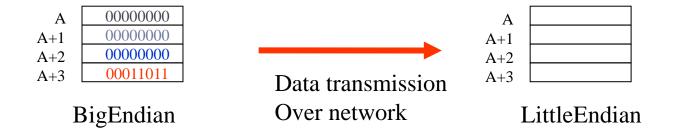
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A+3	00000000

LittleEndian

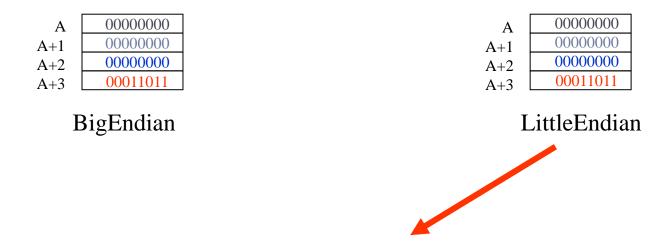
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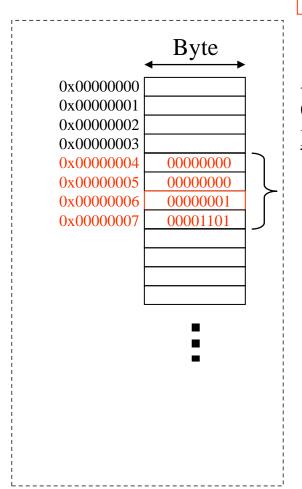


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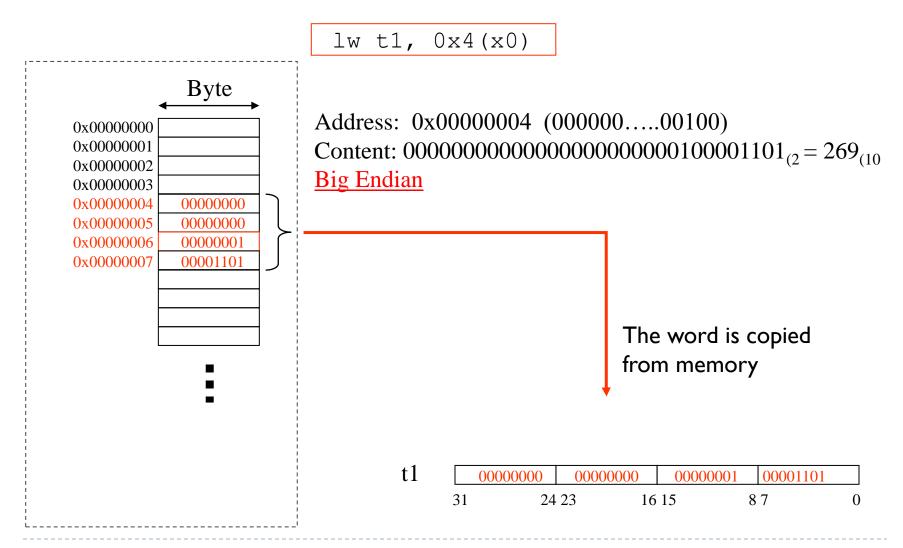
lw t1, 0x4(x0)

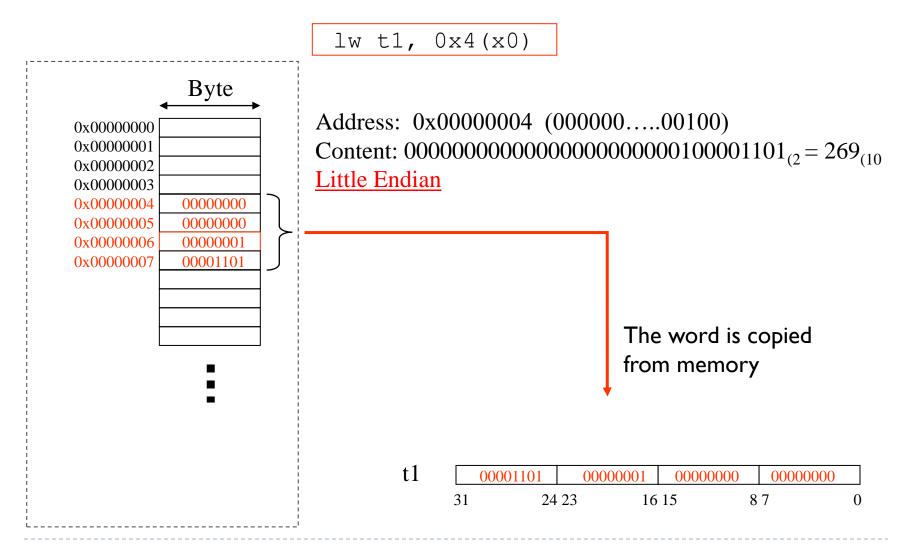
Address: 0x00000004 (000000.....00100)

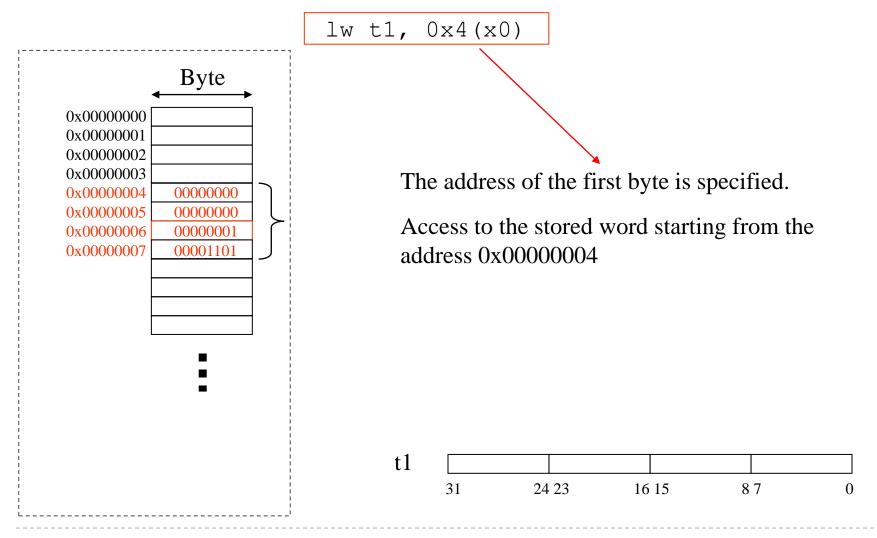
Content: $00000000000000000000001101_{(2)} = 269_{(10)}$

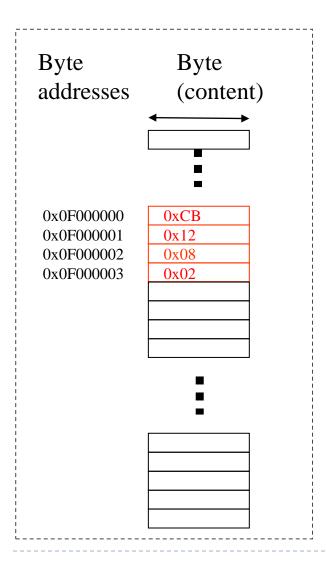
Big Endian



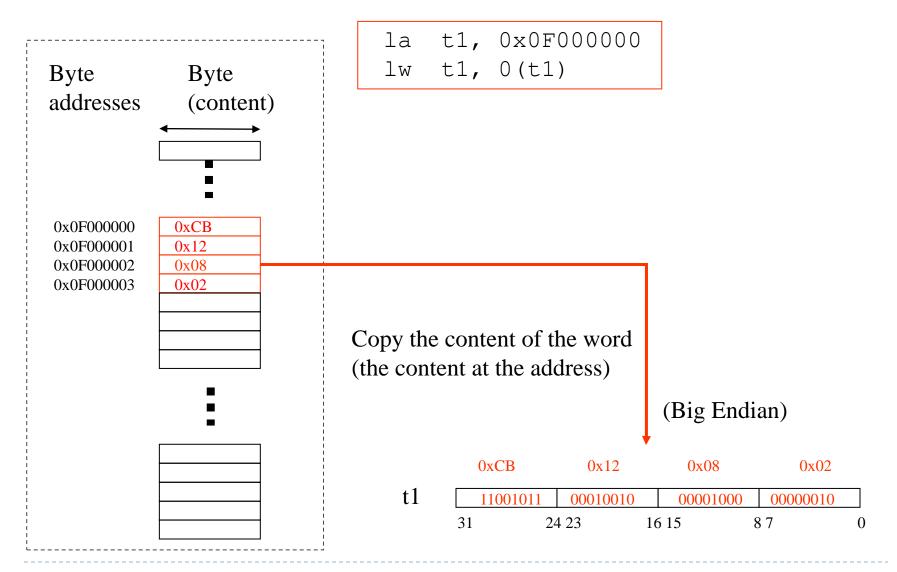


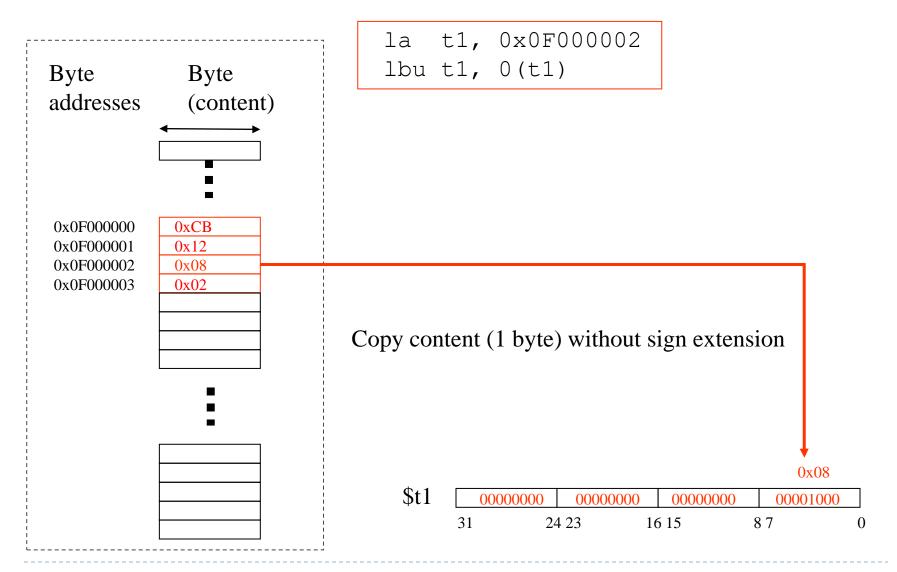


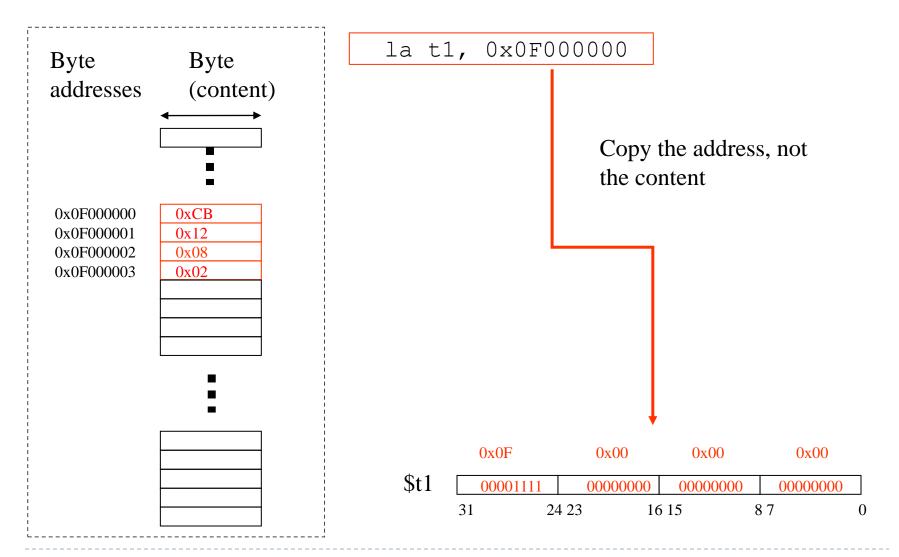




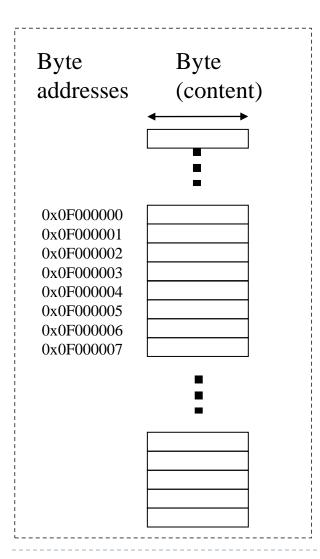
la t1, 0x0F000000 lw t1, 0(t1)





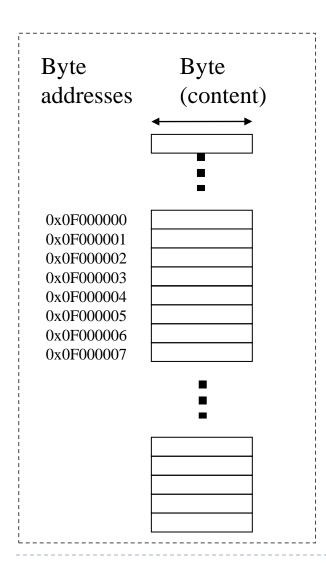


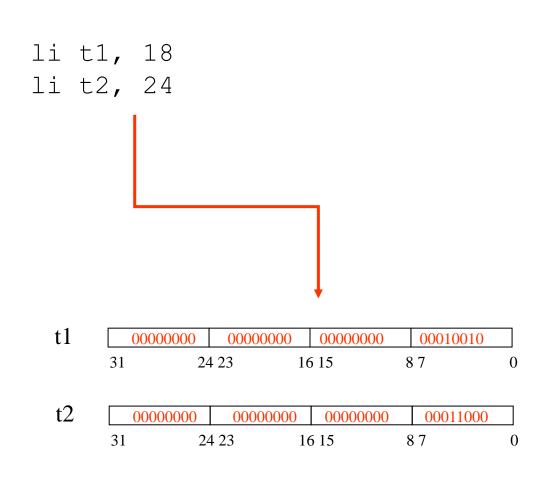
Example



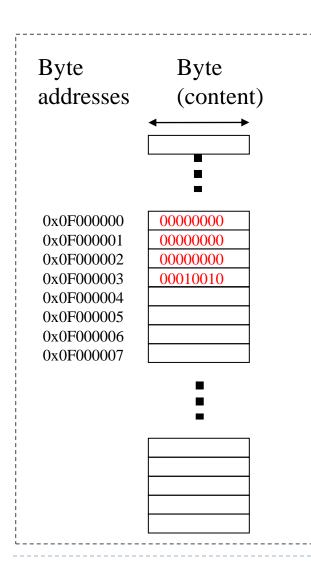
li t1, 18 li t2, 24

Example



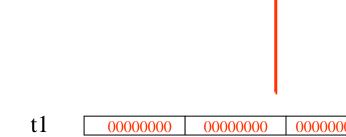


Write word in memory

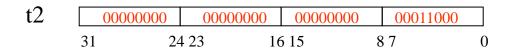


la t0, 0x0F000000 sw t1, 0(t0)

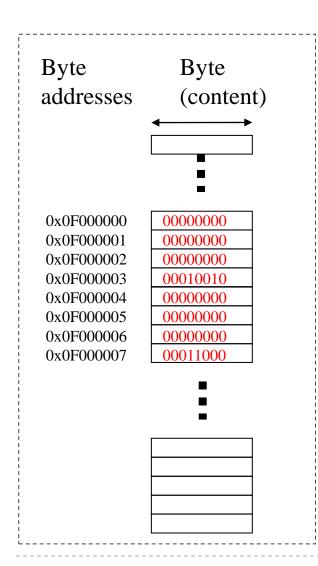
Write the content of a register into memory (the full word value stored in the register)



t1	00000000	00000000	00000000	00010010	
	31	24 23	16 15	8 7	(



Write word in memory



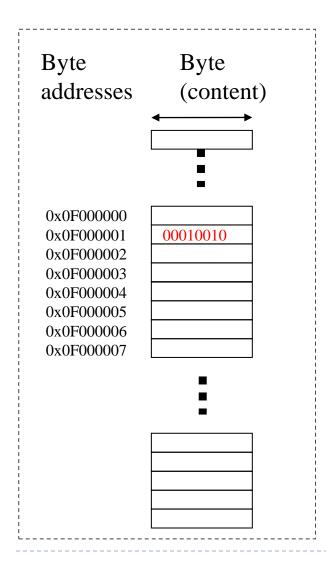
la t0, 0x0F000000
sw t1, 0(t0)
la t0, 0x0F000004
sw t2, 0(t0)



t1	00000000	00000000	00000000	00010010	
	31	24 23	16 15	8 7	0

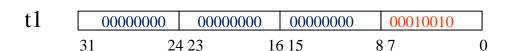
t2	000	000000	000	00000	00000000)	00011000	
	31	24	1 23	16	5 15	8	3 7	0

Write byte in memory



la t0, 0x0F000001 sb t1, 0(t0)

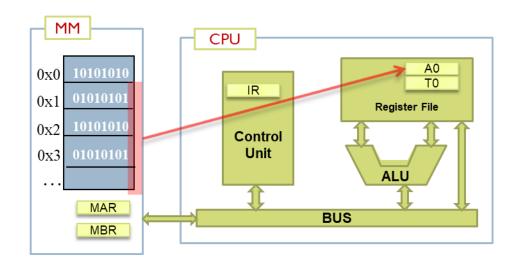
Write the less significant byte of register t1 in memory



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:

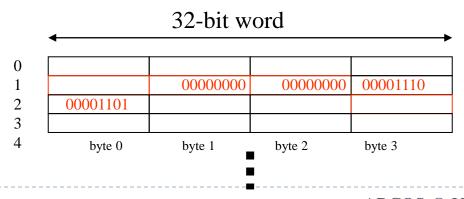
- Data of 2 bytes are stored in even addresses
- Data of 4 bytes are stored in addresses multiple of 4
- Data of 8 bytes (double) are stored in addresses multiple of 8

Data alignment

.data ▶ The alignment requires the address to be a .byte 0x0f multiple of the word size: .word 10 31 23 15. 0 This word is aligned, next ones are not 08 address 12 16 20 24

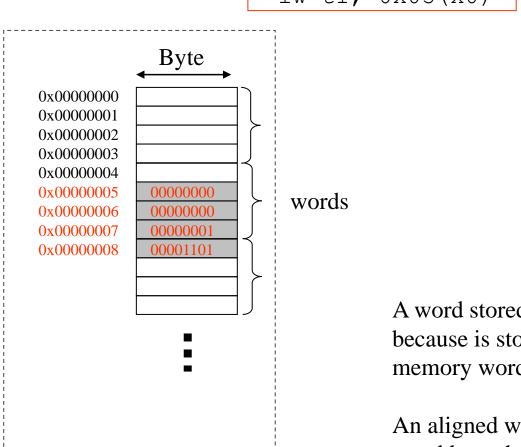
Data alignment

- 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

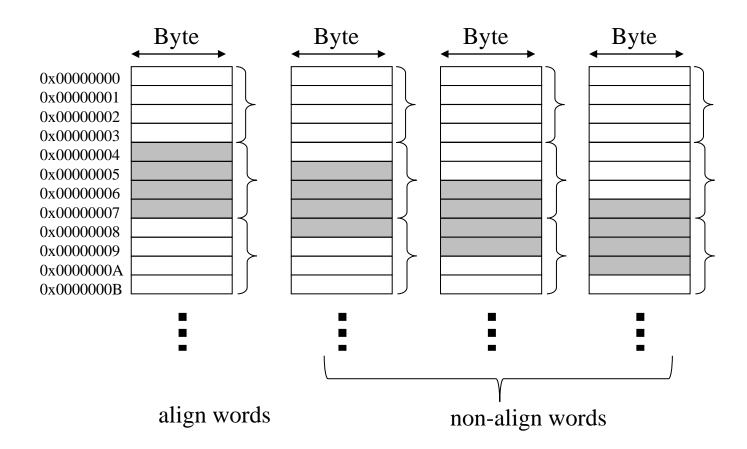




A word stored at address 0x05 is not aligned because is stored in two consecutive aligned memory words.

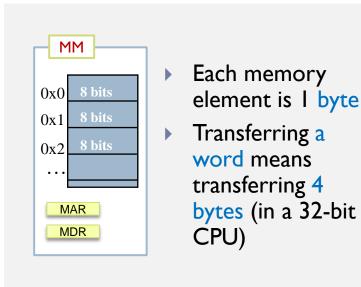
An aligned word must be stored starting from an address that is multiple of 4.

Non-aligned data

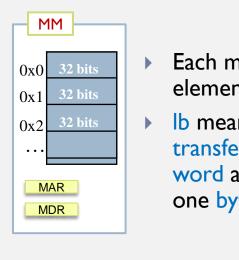


Word-level or byte-level addressing

- ▶ 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



Word addressing



- Each memory element is a word
- b 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 RISC-V₃₂:
 - Registers have 32 bits
 - Memory can store bytes (8 bits)
 - ▶ Instructions: memory → register: 1b, 1bu
 - ▶ Instructions: register → memory: sb
 - Memory can store words (32 bits)
 - ▶ Instructions: memory \rightarrow register: 1w
 - ▶ Instructions: register → memory: SW

Format of the memory access instructions **summary**

lw
sw
lb
sb
lbu

**Number that represent an address
**Symbolic label that represents the
associated address
**(register): address is stored in the

num(register): represent the address that is obtained by adding num with

the address stored in the register

register

Formatos de las instrucciones de acceso a memoria resumen

- ▶ la t0, 0x0F000002
 - Immediate addressing. The memory address $0 \times 0 \times 0 \times 0 = 000002$ is loaded into t0
- ▶ lbu t0, label(x0)
 - Relative (to index) addressing. The byte stored in the memory location stored in label is loaded in t0
- ▶ lbu t0, 0(t1)
 - Indirect register addressing. The byte stored in the memory location stored in t1 is loaded in t0
- ▶ lb t0, 80(t1)
 - Relative (to base) 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

- la t0, 0x0F000000
 sw t0, 0(t0)
 - ► Copy the word stored in t0 in the address 0x0F00000
- la t0, 0x0F000000
 sb t0, 0(t0)
 - ► Copy the (least significant) byte stored in t0 in the address 0x0F00000

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
 main: la t0 b1
        li t1 1
        sb t1 0(t0)
```

Basic data types characters

```
char c1 ;
char c2 = 'a';
...
main ()
{
    c1 = c2;
...
}
```

```
.data
c1: .space 1 # 1 byte
c2: .byte 'a'
. . .
.text
 main: la t1 c2
       lbu t1 0(t1)
       la t0 c1
        sb t1 0(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
main:
       la t1 op1
       lw t1 0(t1)
       la t2 op2
       lw t2 0(t2)
       add t3 t1 t2
       la t4 result
       sw t3 (t4)
```

Basic data types

integers

global variable without initial value

```
result ;
int
int op1 = 100;
int op2 = -10;
     global variable with initial value
main ()
  result = op1+op2;
```

```
.data
.align 2
result: .word 0 # 4 bytes
         .word 100
op1:
         word
                -10
op2:
.text
main:
        la t1 op1
        lw t1 0 (t1)
        la t2 op2
        1w + 20(t2)
        add t3 t1 t2
        la t4 result
        sw t3 (t4)
```

Exercise

• Write in RISC- V_{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
   resultado:
              .space 4 # 4 bytes
   op1:
              .float 100
   op2:
              .float 2.5
.text
main: flw = f0 op1(x0)
       flw fl op2(x0)
       fadd.s f3 f1 f2
       fsw f3 resultado(x0)
```

Basic data types double

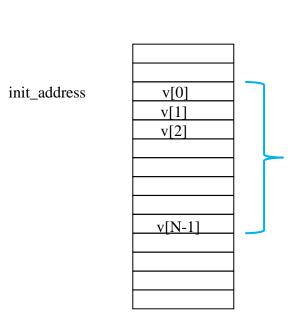
```
double result ;
double op1 = 100;
double op2 = -10.27;
main ()
  result = op1 * op2;
```

```
.data
.align 3
   resultado:
              .space 8
   op1:
               .double 100
   op2:
               .double -10.27
.text
main: fld f0 op1(x0)
       fld fl op2(x0)
       fadd.d f3 f1 f2
       fsd f3 resultado(x0)
```

Compound data types Arrays

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

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



Compound data types

Arrays

```
int vec[5] ;
...
main ()
{
    vec[4] = 8;
}
```

```
.data
   .align 2 #siguiente dato alineado a 4
  vec: .space 20 #5 elem.*4 bytes
.text
main:
    la t1 vec
    li t2 8
     sw t2 16(t1)
```

Compound data types Arrays

```
int vec[5] ;
...
main ()
{
    vec[4] = 8;
}
```

```
.data
  .align 2 #siguiente dato alineado a 4
  vec: .space 20 #5 elem.*4 bytes
.text
main:
        li t0 16
        la t1 vec
        add t3, t1, t0
        li t2 8
        sw t2, (t3)
```

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
       1i t0 4 # 4th item
       mul t0 t0 4 # $t0*4bytes/item
       la t1 vec
       add t3, t1, t0 \# \text{ vec}+4*4
       sw t2, 0(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?
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 - V + 5*4
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 - ▶ li tl, 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
main:
         li a7 4
         la a0 ac1
         ecall.
```

String layout in memory

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

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

```
ac1:
           'h'
                      0 \times 0108
                                             ac2:
                                                         \h'
                                                                    0 \times 0108
           10'
                      0 \times 0109
                                                         10'
                                                                    0 \times 0109
           111
                      0x010a
                                                         11'
                                                                    0x010a
           \a'
                      0 \times 010b
                                                         'a'
                                                                    0 \times 010 b
            0
                      0 \times 010c
                                                                    0x010c
                      0x010d
                                                                    0x010d
```

Exercise

```
// variables globales
char v1;
int v2 ;
float v3 = 3.14 ;
char v4 = "ec" ;
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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
```

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

```
.data
v1: .byte 0
.align 2
v2: .space 4
v3: .float 3.14
v4: .asciiz "ec"
.align 2
v5: .word 20, 22
```

v1 :	0	0x0100
	?	0x0101
	?	0x0102
	?	0x0103
v 2:	0	0x0104
	0	0x0105
	0	0x0106
	0	0x0107
v 3:	(3.14)	0x0108
	(3.14)	0x0109
	(3.14)	0x010A
	(3.14)	0x010B
v4 :	\e'	0x010C
	\c'	0x010D
	0	0x010E
		0x010F
v 5:	(20)	0x0110
	(20)	0x0111
	(20)	0x0112
	(20)	

```
.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 1 = 0;
  while (c[1] != NULL) {
        1++;
  printf("%d", 1);
```

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        1++;
  printf("%d", 1);
```

```
.data
c1: .space 1 # 1 byte
c2: .byte 'h'
ac1: .asciiz "hola"
.align 2
c: .word 0 # pointer => address
.text
main:
         la t0, ac1
         li a0, 0
         lbu t1, 0(t0)
        beg x0, t1, fin
  buc:
         addi t0, t0, 1
         addi a0, a0, 1
         lbu t1, 0(t0)
         beq x0, x0, buc
  fin:
        li a7 1
         ecall
```

Arrays and strings

Review (in general) :

- ▶ lw t0, 4(s3) # t0 ← M[s3+4]
- ▶ sw t0, 4(s3) # M[s3+4] t0

Exercise

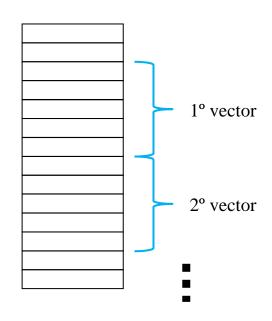
- Write a program that:
 - ▶ Calculate the number of occurrences of a char in a string
 - String address stored in a0
 - Char to look for in a l
 - Result must be stored in v0

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:

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

where p is the size of each item



Compound data types

Matrix

```
.data
  .align 2 #siguiente dato alineado a 4
vec: .space 20 #5 elem.*4 bytes
mat: .word 11, 12, 13
     .word 21, 22, 23
.text
        lw t1 mat+0
 main:
         lw t2 mat+12
         add t3 t1 t2
         sw t3 mat+4
```

Compound data types

Matrix

```
.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
             t1 mat
main:
        la
         lw t1 0 (t1)
         li t2 1
         mul t2 t2 3 # i*n
         addi t2 t2 2 \# i*n+j
         mul t2 t2 4 \# (i*n+j)*4
         la t3 mat
         addi t2 t3 mat
         1w t2 0(t2)
         add t3 t1 t2
         sw t3 mat+4
```

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

```
.dat.a
  newline: .asciiz "\n"
.text
main:
    li f0, 0x40490E56 # -3.141516
     # print value
     mov.s f12, f0
    li a7, 2
    ecall
    la a0, newline
    li a7, 4
    ecall
    # copy to processor
    mfc1 $t0, $f12
```

```
li s0, 0x80000000 #sign
and a0, t0, s0
srl a0, a0, 31
li a7, 1
ecall
la a0, newline
li a7, 4
ecall
li s0, 0x7F800000 # exponent
and a0, t0, s0
srl a0, a0, 23
li a7, 1
ecall
la a0, newline
li a7, 4
ecall
li s0, 0x007FFFFF # mantissa
and a0, t0, s0
li a7, 1
ecall
jr ra
```