

MIPS

MIPS is a load and store architecture that allows all operands to be register except for load and store operations.

Register Name	Usage
\$v0	Argument (read/write and type: int, float, string, etc.)
\$a0	Argument (address or value)
\$t0 - \$t9	Temporary registers

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MIPS is byte-addressed.

Register size: 32 bits.

The above registers hold integer values only.

MIPS program: data

Two parts:

Part A: Variables

.data

Label: .type initialization

Example:

.data

x: .word 3 # word is integer

y: .word

t: .asciiz "Salut" #asciiz is string

MIPS program: instructions

Part B: Instructions

.text

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Three types of instructions: R-type, I-type and J-type.

Type 1: R-type (Register type)



Operands: 3, 2 or 1 register(s).

R-type

3 registers:

add \$t2, \$t1, \$t0

div \$t2, \$t1, \$t0

2 registers:

move \$t0, \$t1

div \$t1, \$t0 # quotient is in the register LO and remainder is in the register HI

1 register:

mflo \$t2 # move the quotient from lo to t2

Mfhi \$t3 # move the remainder from hi to t3

I-type

Type 2: I-type (Immediate type)

- Load/Store

Opcode	Register	Variable
lw	\$t0	x
sw	\$t0	x
la	\$t0	x

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lw: load word

sw: store word

la: load address

I-type

- Immediate value

Opcode	Operands
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Operands:

2 registers, 1 immediate value

`addi $t0,$t0,1 # incrementation`

1 register, 1 immediate value

`li $t0, 1 # initialization`

To be continued ...

Print data

Print an integer

$v0 \leftarrow 1$

$a0 \leftarrow \text{value}$

syscall

Print a string

$v0 \leftarrow 4$

$a0 \leftarrow \text{@text}$

syscall

Exercise

Write a MIPS program to divide two integers $a=7$ and $b=2$, then display the quotient and the remainder.