

#### COMPUTER ORGANIZATION AND DESIGN

The Hardware/Software Interface



# **Chapter 2**

# Instructions: Language of the Computer

#### **Instruction Set**

- The collection of instructions of a computer
- Different computers have different instruction sets
  - But with many aspects in common
- Early computers had very simple instruction sets
  - Simplified implementation
- Many modern computers also have simple instruction sets

## **The MIPS\* Instruction Set**

- Used as the example throughout the book
- Stanford MIPS commercialized by MIPS Technologies (<u>www.mips.com</u>)
- Large share of embedded core market
  - Applications in consumer electronics, network/storage equipment, cameras, printers, ...
- Typical of many modern ISAs
  - See MIPS Reference Data tear-out card, and Appendixes B and E

<sup>\*</sup>Originally acronym for Microprocessor without Interlocked Pipeline Stages



## **Arithmetic Operations**

- Add and subtract, three operands
  - Two sources and one destination
  - add a, b, c # a gets b + c
- All arithmetic operations have this form
- Design Principle 1: Simplicity favours regularity
  - Regularity makes implementation simpler
  - Simplicity enables higher performance at lower cost



## **Arithmetic Example**

C code:

```
f = (g + h) - (i + j);
```

Compiled MIPS code:

```
add t0, g, h # temp t0 = g + h add t1, i, j # temp t1 = i + j sub f, t0, t1 # f = t0 - t1
```

## Register Operands

- Arithmetic instructions use register operands
- MIPS has 32 32-bit registers
  - Use for frequently accessed data
  - Numbered 0 to 31
  - 32-bit data called a "word"
- Assembler names
  - \$t0, \$t1, ..., \$t9 for temporary values
  - \$s0, \$s1, ..., \$s7 for saved variables
- Design Principle 2: Smaller is faster
  - Not a large number of registers



## Register Operand Example

C code:

```
f = (g + h) - (i + j);

• f, ..., j in $s0, ..., $s4
```

Compiled MIPS code:

```
add $t0, $s1, $s2
add $t1, $s3, $s4
sub $s0, $t0, $t1
```

## **Memory Operands**

- Main memory used for composite data
  - Arrays, structures, dynamic data
- To apply arithmetic operations
  - Load values from memory into registers
  - Store result from register to memory
- Memory is byte addressed
  - Each address identifies an 8-bit byte
- Words are aligned in memory
  - Address must be a multiple of 4
- MIPS is Big Endian
  - Most-significant byte at least address of a word
  - c.f. Little Endian: least-significant byte at least address



## **Memory Operand Example 1**

C code:

```
g = h + A[8];
```

- g in \$s1, h in \$s2, base address of A in \$s3
- Compiled MIPS code:
  - Index 8 requires offset of 32
    - 4 bytes per word

## **Memory Operand Example 2**

C code:

```
A[12] = h + A[8];
```

- h in \$s2, base address of A in \$s3
- Compiled MIPS code:
  - Index 8 requires offset of 32

```
lw $t0, 32($s3)  # load word
add $t0, $s2, $t0
sw $t0, 48($s3)  # store word
```

## Registers vs. Memory

- Registers are faster to access than memory
- Operating on memory data requires loads and stores
  - More instructions to be executed
- Compiler must use registers for variables as much as possible
  - Only spill to memory for less frequently used variables
  - Register optimization is important!



## **Immediate Operands**

- Constant data specified in an instruction addi \$s3, \$s3, 4
- No subtract immediate instruction
  - Just use a negative constant addi \$s2, \$s1, -1
- Design Principle 3: Make the common case fast
  - Small constants are common
  - Immediate operand avoids a load instruction



#### **The Constant Zero**

- MIPS register 0 (\$zero) is the constant 0
  - Cannot be overwritten
- Useful for common operations
  - E.g., move between registers add \$t2, \$s1, \$zero

## **Unsigned Binary Integers**

Given an n-bit number

$$x = x_{n-1}2^{n-1} + x_{n-2}2^{n-2} + \dots + x_12^1 + x_02^0$$

- Range: 0 to +2<sup>n</sup> 1
- Example
  - 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1011<sub>2</sub> = 0 + ... +  $1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$ = 0 + ... + 8 + 0 + 2 + 1 =  $11_{10}$
- Using 32 bits
  - 0 to +4,294,967,295



## **2s-Complement Signed Integers**

Given an n-bit number

$$x = -x_{n-1}2^{n-1} + x_{n-2}2^{n-2} + \dots + x_12^1 + x_02^0$$

- Range: -2<sup>n-1</sup> to +2<sup>n-1</sup> 1
- Example
- Using 32 bits
  - -2,147,483,648 to +2,147,483,647

## **2s-Complement Signed Integers**

- Bit 31 is sign bit
  - 1 for negative numbers
  - 0 for non-negative numbers
- $-(-2^{n-1})$  can't be represented
- Non-negative numbers have the same unsigned and 2s-complement representation
- Some specific numbers
  - 0: 0000 0000 ... 0000
  - —1: 1111 1111 ... 1111
  - Most-negative: 1000 0000 ... 0000
  - Most-positive: 0111 1111 ... 1111



# Signed Negation

- Complement and add 1
  - Complement means 1 → 0, 0 → 1

$$x + \overline{x} = 1111...111_2 = -1$$
  
 $\overline{x} + 1 = -x$ 

- Example: negate +2
  - $+2 = 0000 0000 \dots 0010_2$
  - $-2 = 1111 \ 1111 \dots \ 1101_2 + 1$ = 1111 \ 1111 \ \dots \ \ 1110\_2

## Sign Extension

- Representing a number using more bits
  - Preserve the numeric value
- In MIPS instruction set
  - addi: extend immediate value
  - 1b, 1h: extend loaded byte/halfword
  - beq, bne: extend the displacement
- Replicate the sign bit to the left
  - c.f. unsigned values: extend with 0s
- Examples: 8-bit to 16-bit
  - +2: 0000 0010 => 0000 0000 0000 0010
  - -2: 1111 1110 => 1111 1111 1111 1110



## Representing Instructions

- Instructions are encoded in binary
  - Called machine code
- MIPS instructions
  - Encoded as 32-bit instruction words
  - Small number of formats encoding operation code (opcode), register numbers, ...
  - Regularity!
- Register numbers
  - \$t0 \$t7 are reg's 8 15
  - \$t8 \$t9 are reg's 24 25
  - \$s0 \$s7 are reg's 16 23



## **MIPS R-format Instructions**

	op	rs	rt	rd	shamt	funct
_	6 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	6 bits

#### Instruction fields

- op: operation code (opcode)
- rs: first source register number
- rt: second source register number
- rd: destination register number
- shamt: shift amount (00000 for now)
- funct: function code (extends opcode)



## R-format Example

ор	rs	rt	rd	shamt	funct
6 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	6 bits

add \$t0, \$s1, \$s2

special	\$s1	\$s2	\$tO	0	add
0	17	18	8	0	32
000000	10001	10010	01000	00000	100000

 $00000010001100100100000000100000_2 = 02324020_{16}$ 

#### Hexadecimal

- Base 16
  - Compact representation of bit strings
  - 4 bits per hex digit

0	0000	4	0100	8	1000	С	1100
1	0001	5	0101	9	1001	d	1101
2	0010	6	0110	а	1010	е	1110
3	0011	7	0111	b	1011	f	1111

- Example: eca8 6420
  - 1110 1100 1010 1000 0110 0100 0010 0000

### **MIPS I-format Instructions**

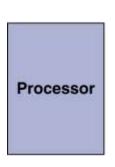
op	rs		
 6 bits	5 bits	5 bits 5 bits 16 bits	

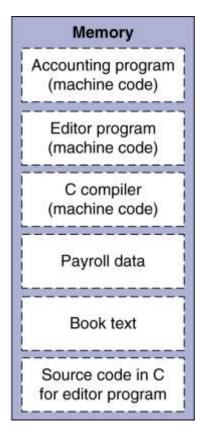
- Immediate arithmetic and load/store instructions
  - rt: destination or source register number
  - Constant: -2<sup>15</sup> to +2<sup>15</sup> 1
  - Address: offset added to base address in rs
- Design Principle 4: Good design demands good compromises
  - Different formats complicate decoding, but allow 32-bit instructions uniformly
  - Keep formats as similar as possible first three fields have same name and format for R and I



## **Stored Program Computers**

#### **The BIG Picture**





- Instructions represented in binary, just like data
- Instructions and data stored in memory
- Programs can operate on programs
  - e.g., compilers, linkers, ...
- Binary compatibility allows compiled programs to work on different computers
  - Standardized ISAs

# **Logical Operations**

Instructions for bitwise manipulation

Operation	С	Java	MIPS	
Shift left	<<	<<	s11	
Shift right	>>	>>>	srl	
Bitwise AND	&	&	and, andi	
Bitwise OR			or, ori	
Bitwise NOT	~	~	nor	

 Useful for extracting and inserting groups of bits in a word

## **Shift Operations**



- shamt: how many positions to shift
- Shift left logical
  - Shift left and fill with 0 bits
  - s11 by i bits multiplies by 2i
- Shift right logical
  - Shift right and fill with 0 bits
  - srl by i bits divides by 2i (unsigned only)



## **AND Operations**

- Useful to mask bits in a word
  - Select some bits, clear others to 0

```
and $t0, $t1, $t2
```

```
$t2 | 0000 0000 0000 0000 00<mark>00 11</mark>01 1100 0000
```

## **OR Operations**

- Useful to include bits in a word
  - Set some bits to 1, leave others unchanged

```
or $t0, $t1, $t2
```

```
$t2 | 0000 0000 0000 0000 11 01 1100 0000
```

\$t0 | 0000 0000 0000 00011 1101 1100 0000

## **NOT Operations**

- Useful to invert bits in a word
  - Change 0 to 1, and 1 to 0
- MIPS has NOR 3-operand instruction
  - a NOR b == NOT ( a OR b )

```
nor $t0, $t1, $zero ← —
```

Register 0: always read as zero

```
$t1 | 0000 0000 0000 0001 1100 0000 0000
```

\$t0 | 1111 1111 1111 1100 0011 1111 1111

## **Conditional Operations**

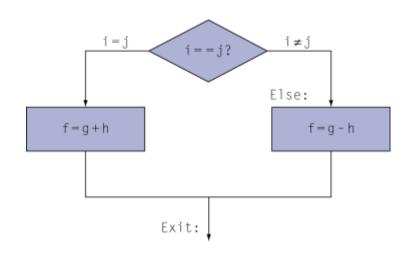
- Branch to a labeled instruction if a condition is true
  - Otherwise, continue sequentially
- beq rs, rt, L1
  - if (rs == rt) branch to instruction labeled L1;
- bne rs, rt, L1
  - if (rs != rt) branch to instruction labeled L1;
- j L1
  - unconditional jump to instruction labeled L1

## **Compiling If Statements**

C code:

```
if (i==j) f = g+h;
else f = g-h;
```

- f, g, ... in \$s0, \$s1, ...
- Compiled MIPS code:



```
bne $s3, $s4, Else
      add $s0, $s1, $s2
      i Exit
Else: sub $s0, $s1, $s2
```

Exit: \*...

Assembler calculates addresses



## **Compiling Loop Statements**

C code:

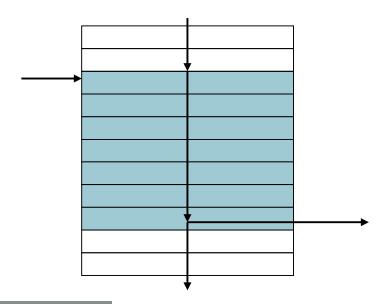
```
while (save[i] == k) i += 1;
```

- i in \$s3, k in \$s5, base address of save in \$s6
- Compiled MIPS code:

```
Loop: sll $t1, $s3, 2
add $t1, $t1, $s6
lw $t0, 0($t1)
bne $t0, $s5, Exit
addi $s3, $s3, 1
j Loop
Exit: ...
```

#### **Basic Blocks**

- A basic block is a sequence of instructions with
  - No embedded branches (except at end)
  - No branch targets (except at beginning)



- A compiler identifies basic blocks for optimization
- An advanced processor can accelerate execution of basic blocks

## **More Conditional Operations**

- Set result to 1 if a condition is true
  - Otherwise, set to 0
- slt rd, rs, rt (Set on Less Than)
  - if (rs < rt) rd = 1; else rd = 0;
- slti rt, rs, constant
  - if (rs < constant) rt = 1; else rt = 0;</p>
- Use in combination with beq, bne

```
slt $t0, $s1, $s2 # if ($s1 < $s2)
bne $t0, $zero, L # branch to L</pre>
```

## **Branch Instruction Design**

- Why not blt, bge, etc?
- Hardware for <, ≥, ... slower than =, ≠</p>
  - Combining with branch involves more work per instruction, requiring a slower clock
  - All instructions penalized!
- beg and bne are the common case
- This is a good design compromise

## Signed vs. Unsigned

- Signed comparison: slt, slti
- Unsigned comparison: sltu, sltui
- Example

  - slt \$t0, \$s0, \$s1 # signed
     -1 < +1 ⇒ \$t0 = 1</pre>
  - sltu \$t0, \$s0, \$s1 # unsigned
    - $+4,294,967,295 > +1 \Rightarrow $t0 = 0$

# **Procedure Calling**

- Steps required
  - 1. Place parameters in registers
  - 2. Transfer control to procedure
  - 3. Acquire storage for procedure
  - 4. Perform procedure's operations
  - 5. Place result in register for caller
  - 6. Return to place of call



### Register Usage

- \$a0 \$a3: arguments (reg's 4 7)
- \$v0, \$v1: result values (reg's 2 and 3)
- \$t0 \$t9: temporaries
  - Can be overwritten by callee
- \$s0 \$s7: saved
  - Must be saved/restored by callee
- \$gp: global pointer for static data (reg 28)
- \$sp: stack pointer (reg 29)
- \$fp: frame pointer (reg 30)
- \$ra: return address (reg 31)



#### **Procedure Call Instructions**

- Procedure call: jump and link jal ProcedureLabel
  - Address of following instruction put in \$ra
  - Jumps to target address
- Procedure return: jump register jr \$ra
  - Copies \$ra to program counter
  - Can also be used for computed jumps
    - e.g., for case/switch statements



#### Leaf Procedure Example

C code:

```
int leaf_example (int g, h, i, j)
{ int f;
    f = (g + h) - (i + j);
    return f;
}
```

- Arguments g, ..., j in \$a0, ..., \$a3
- f in \$s0 (hence, need to save \$s0 on stack)
- Result in \$v0

### Leaf Procedure Example

#### MIPS code:

<pre>leaf_example:</pre>						
addi	\$sp,	\$sp,	-4			
SW	\$s0,	0(\$sp	o)			
add	\$t0,	\$a0,	\$a1			
add	\$t1,	\$a2,	\$a3			
sub	\$s0,	\$t0,	\$t1			
add	\$v0,	\$s0,	\$zero			
lw	\$s0,	0(\$sp	)			
addi	\$sp,	\$sp,	4			
jr	\$ra					

Save \$s0 on stack

Procedure body

Result

Restore \$s0

Return

#### **Non-Leaf Procedures**

- Procedures that call other procedures
- For nested call, caller needs to save on the stack:
  - Its return address
  - Any arguments and temporaries needed after the call
- Restore from the stack after the call

### Non-Leaf Procedure Example

C code:

```
int fact (int n)
{
  if (n < 1) return f;
  else return n * fact(n - 1);
}</pre>
```

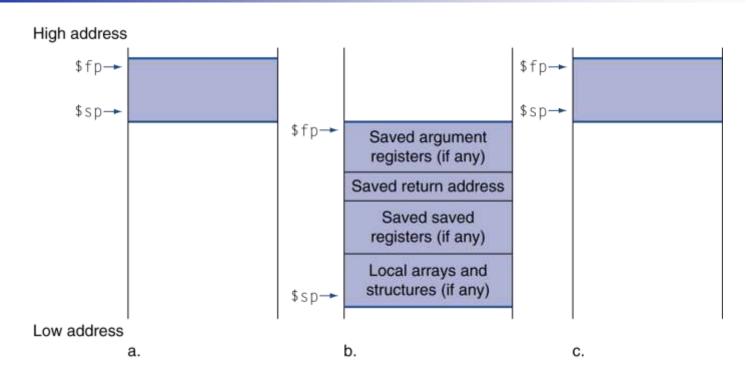
- Argument n in \$a0
- Result in \$v0

### Non-Leaf Procedure Example

#### MIPS code:

```
fact:
   addi $sp, $sp, -8 # adjust stack for 2 items
   sw $ra, 4($sp)
                        # save return address
   sw $a0, 0($sp)
                        # save argument
   slti $t0, $a0, 1
                        # test for n < 1
   beq $t0, $zero, L1
   addi $v0, $zero, 1
                        # if so, result is 1
   addi $sp, $sp, 8
                        # pop 2 items from stack
   jr $ra
                        # and return
L1: addi $a0, $a0, -1
                        # else decrement n
   jal fact
                        # recursive call
    lw $a0, 0($sp)
                        # restore original n
                        # and return address
   lw $ra, 4($sp)
   addi $sp, $sp, 8
                        # pop 2 items from stack
   mul $v0, $a0, $v0
                        # multiply to get result
                        # and return
        $ra
   jr
```

#### **Local Data on the Stack**

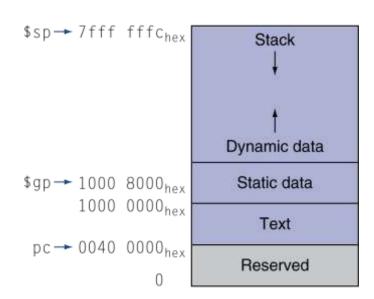


- Local data allocated by callee
  - e.g., C automatic variables
- Procedure frame (activation record)
  - Used by some compilers to manage stack storage



### **Memory Layout**

- Text: program code
- Static data: global variables
  - e.g., static variables in C, constant arrays and strings
  - \$gp initialized to address allowing ±offsets into this segment
- Dynamic data: heap
  - E.g., malloc in C, new in Java
- Stack: automatic storage



#### **Character Data**

- Byte-encoded character sets
  - ASCII: 128 characters
    - 95 graphic, 33 control
  - Latin-1: 256 characters
    - ASCII, +96 more graphic characters
- Unicode: 32-bit character set
  - Used in Java, C++ wide characters, ...
  - Most of the world's alphabets, plus symbols
  - UTF-8, UTF-16: variable-length encodings



### **Byte/Halfword Operations**

- Could use bitwise operations
- MIPS byte/halfword load/store
  - String processing is a common case

```
lb rt, offset(rs) lh rt, offset(rs)
```

Sign extend to 32 bits in rt

```
lbu rt, offset(rs) lhu rt, offset(rs)
```

Zero extend to 32 bits in rt

```
sb rt, offset(rs) sh rt, offset(rs)
```

Store just rightmost byte/halfword



### **String Copy Example**

- C code (naïve):
  - Null-terminated string

```
void strcpy (char x[], char y[])
{ int i;
    i = 0;
    while ((x[i]=y[i])!='\0')
        i += 1;
}
```

- Addresses of x, y in \$a0, \$a1
- i in \$s0

# **String Copy Example**

#### MIPS code:

```
strcpy:
   addi $sp, $sp, -4 # adjust stack for 1 item
   sw $s0, 0($sp)
                         # save $s0
   add $s0, $zero, $zero # i = 0
L1: add $t1, $s0, $a1
                         # addr of y[i] in $t1
   1bu $t2, 0($t1)
                         # $t2 = y[i]
   add $t3, $s0, $a0
                         # addr of x[i] in $t3
   sb $t2, 0($t3)
                         \# x[i] = y[i]
                         # exit loop if y[i] == 0
   beq $t2, $zero, L2
                         \# i = i + 1
   addi $s0, $s0, 1
                         # next iteration of loop
        L1
L2: lw $s0, 0($sp)
                         # restore saved $s0
   addi $sp, $sp, 4
                         # pop 1 item from stack
                         # and return
        $ra
   jr
```

#### **32-bit Constants**

- Most constants are small
  - 16-bit immediate is sufficient
- For the occasional 32-bit constant lui rt, constant
  - Copies 16-bit constant to left 16 bits of rt
  - Clears right 16 bits of rt to 0



### **Branch Addressing**

- Branch instructions specify
  - Opcode, two registers, target address
- Most branch targets are near branch
  - Forward or backward

op	rs	rt	constant or address
6 bits	5 bits	5 bits	16 bits

- PC-relative addressing
  - Target address = PC + offset x 4
  - PC already incremented by 4 by this time

### **Jump Addressing**

- Jump (j and jal) targets could be anywhere in text segment
  - Encode full address in instruction

ор	address
6 bits	26 bits

- (Pseudo)Direct jump addressing
  - Target address = PC<sub>31...28</sub>: (address × 4)

# Target Addressing Example

- Loop code from earlier example
  - Assume Loop at location 80000

Loop: 9	s11	\$t1,	<b>\$</b> s3,	2	80000	0	0	19	9	4	0
ć	add	\$t1,	\$t1,	<b>\$</b> s6	80004	0	9	22	9	0	32
-	1w	\$t0,	0(\$t1	L)	80008	35	9	8		0	
k	bne	\$t0,	\$s5,	Exit	80012	5	8	21	- E E E E E	2	
ā	addi	\$s3,	\$s3,	1	80016	8	19	19	3 E E E	1	
-	j	Loop			80020	2,,,,,,,	20000				
Exit:					80024	,-					

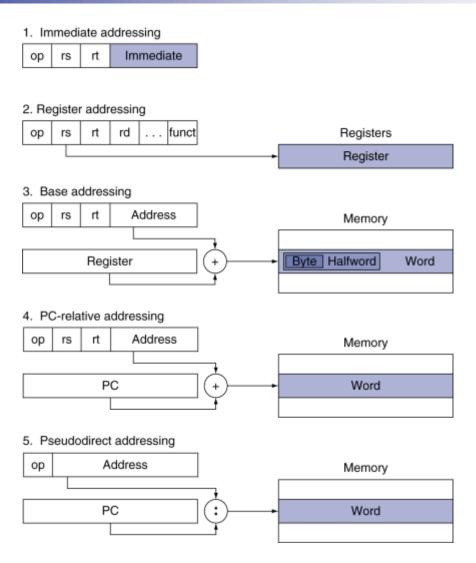
# **Branching Far Away**

- If branch target is too far to encode with 16-bit offset, assembler rewrites the code
- Example

```
beq $s0,$s1, L1

↓
bne $s0,$s1, L2
j L1
L2: ...
```

### **Addressing Mode Summary**



### C Sort Example

- Illustrates use of assembly instructions for a C bubble sort function
- Swap procedure (leaf)
   void swap(int v[], int k)
   {
   int temp;
   temp = v[k];
   v[k] = v[k+1];
   v[k+1] = temp;
   }
  - v in \$a0, k in \$a1, temp in \$t0



#### The Procedure Swap

#### The Sort Procedure in C

Non-leaf (calls swap) void sort (int v[], int n) int i, j; for (i = 0; i < n; i += 1) { for (j = i - 1;j >= 0 & v[j] > v[j + 1];i -= 1) { swap(v,j);v in \$a0, n in \$a1, i in \$s0, j in \$s1



#### The Procedure Body

```
# save $a0 into $s2
        move $s2, $a0
                                                            Move
       move $s3, $a1  # save $a1 into $s3
                                                            params
       move $s0, $zero # i = 0
                                                            Outer loop
for1tst: slt $t0, $s0, $s3 # $t0 = 0 if $s0 \ge $s3 (i \ge n)
        beq t0, zero, exit1 # go to exit1 if s0 \ge s3 (i \ge n)
       addi $1, $0, -1  # j = i - 1
for2tst: slti t0, s1, 0 # t0 = 1 if s1 < 0 (j < 0)
       bne t0, zero, exit2 # go to exit2 if s1 < 0 (j < 0)
       sll $t1, $s1, 2 # $t1 = j * 4
                                                            Inner loop
        add t2, s2, t1 # t2 = v + (j * 4)
       1w $t3, 0($t2) # $t3 = v[j]
       1w $t4, 4($t2) # $t4 = v[j + 1]
        \$1t \$t0, \$t4, \$t3  # \$t0 = 0 if \$t4 \ge \$t3
        beq t0, zero, exit2 # go to exit2 if t4 \ge t3
       move $a0, $s2  # 1st param of swap is v (old $a0)
                                                            Pass
        move $a1, $s1  # 2nd param of swap is j
                                                            params
                                                            & call
        jal swap # call swap procedure
        addi $s1, $s1, -1 # j -= 1
                                                            Inner loop
        i for2tst
                     # jump to test of inner loop
       addi $s0, $s0, 1 # i += 1
exit2:
                                                            Outer loop
        i for1tst
                            # jump to test of outer loop
```

#### The Full Procedure

```
addi $sp,$sp, -20
                            # make room on stack for 5 registers
sort:
       sw $ra, 16($sp)
                           # save $ra on stack
       sw $s3,12($sp) # save $s3 on stack
       sw $s2, 8($sp) # save $s2 on stack
       sw $s1, 4($sp) # save $s1 on stack
       sw $s0, 0($sp)
                           # save $s0 on stack
                            # procedure body
       exit1: lw $s0, 0($sp) # restore $s0 from stack
       lw $s1, 4($sp) # restore $s1 from stack
       lw $s2, 8($sp)  # restore $s2 from stack
       lw $s3,12($sp) # restore $s3 from stack
       lw $ra,16($sp) # restore $ra from stack
       addi $sp,$sp, 20
                           # restore stack pointer
       jr $ra
                            # return to calling routine
```

#### The Intel x86 ISA

- Evolution with backward compatibility
  - 8080 (1974): 8-bit microprocessor
    - Accumulator, plus 3 index-register pairs
  - 8086 (1978): 16-bit extension to 8080
    - Complex instruction set (CISC)
  - 8087 (1980): floating-point coprocessor
    - Adds FP instructions and register stack
  - 80286 (1982): 24-bit addresses, Memory Management Unit
    - Segmented memory mapping and protection
  - 80386 (1985): 32-bit extension (now IA-32)
    - Additional addressing modes and operations
    - Paged memory mapping as well as segments



#### The Intel x86 ISA

- Further evolution...
  - i486 (1989): pipelined, on-chip caches and FPU
    - Compatible competitors: AMD, Cyrix, ...
  - Pentium (1993): superscalar, 64-bit datapath
    - Later versions added MMX (Multi-Media eXtension) instructions
    - The infamous FDIV bug
  - Pentium Pro (1995), Pentium II (1997)
    - New microarchitecture (see Colwell, The Pentium Chronicles)
  - Pentium III (1999)
    - Added SSE (Streaming SIMD Extensions) and associated registers
  - Pentium 4 (2001)
    - New microarchitecture
    - Added SSE2 instructions

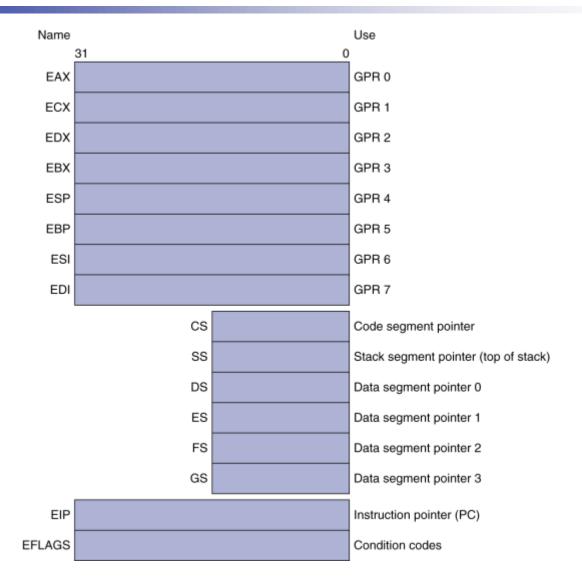


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- And further...
  - AMD64 (2003): extended architecture to 64 bits
  - EM64T Extended Memory 64 Technology (2004)
    - AMD64 adopted by Intel (with refinements)
    - Added SSE3 instructions
  - Intel Core (2006)
    - Added SSE4 instructions, virtual machine support
  - AMD64 (announced 2007): SSE5 instructions
    - Intel declined to follow, instead...
  - Advanced Vector Extension (announced 2008)
    - Longer SSE registers, more instructions
- If Intel didn't extend with compatibility, its competitors would!
  - Technical elegance ≠ market success



### **Basic x86 Registers**





# **Basic x86 Addressing Modes**

#### Two operands per instruction

Source/dest operand	Second source operand		
Register	Register		
Register	Immediate		
Register	Memory		
Memory	Register		
Memory	Immediate		

#### Memory addressing modes

- Address in register
- Address = R<sub>base</sub> + displacement
- Address =  $R_{base}$  +  $2^{scale}$  ×  $R_{index}$  (scale = 0, 1, 2, or 3)
- Address = R<sub>base</sub> + 2<sup>scale</sup> × R<sub>index</sub> + displacement



#### **Fallacies**

- Powerful instruction ⇒ higher performance
  - Fewer instructions required
  - But complex instructions are hard to implement
    - May slow down all instructions, including simple ones
  - Compilers are good at making fast code from simple instructions
- Use assembly code for high performance
  - But modern compilers are better at dealing with modern processors
  - More lines of code ⇒ more errors and less productivity



#### **Pitfalls**

- Sequential words are not at sequential addresses
  - Increment by 4, not by 1!
- Keeping a pointer to an automatic variable after procedure returns
  - e.g., passing pointer back via an argument
  - Pointer becomes invalid when stack popped

# **Concluding Remarks**

- Design principles
  - 1. Simplicity favors regularity
  - 2. Smaller is faster
  - 3. Make the common case fast
  - 4. Good design demands good compromises
- Layers of software/hardware
  - Compiler, assembler, hardware
- MIPS: typical of RISC ISAs
  - c.f. x86
- RISC vs. CISC



# **Concluding Remarks**

- Measure MIPS instruction executions in benchmark programs
  - Consider making the common case fast
  - Consider compromises

Instruction class	MIPS examples	SPEC2006 Int	SPEC2006 FP	
Arithmetic	add, sub, addi	16%	48%	
Data transfer	lw, sw, lb, lbu, lh, lhu, sb, lui	35%	36%	
Logical	and, or, nor, andi, ori, sll, srl	12%	4%	
Cond. Branch	beq, bne, slt, slti, sltiu	34%	8%	
Jump	j, jr, jal	2%	0%	

#### **Sections to Read from the Book**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Sections to read
  - **2.1**, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6
  - 2.7 (Except Case/Switch)
  - **2.8**
  - 2.9 (Except Characters and Strings in Java)
  - 2.10 (Except Decoding Machine Language)
  - **2.13**
  - 2.17 (Only what was covered in the Class on August 25, 2022)
  - **2.19**
  - **2.20**

