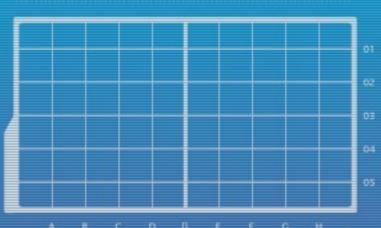


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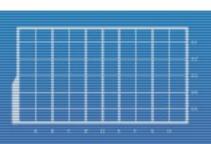
# (More) Assembly Programming

Macros, Macros, and More Macros

### Lecture Time!

- Macros: Defining Them in BSim
- Arrays: Just Like Ordinary Variables?
- Conversions: Instructions ↔ 32-bit Lines





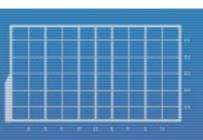


# Assembly Language

- A <u>symbolic</u> way to write instructions.
- Assembly programs must be translated to binary
   machine language before they can be placed in main
   memory and executed by the computer.
  - This is done by an <u>assembler</u>.
  - BSim simulates a macro assembler (UASM).



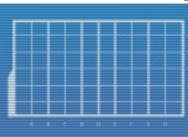




#### Sometimes, it's best to start at the end...

- The Beta CPU is expecting instructions and data in 32bit (4-byte) chunks.
  - For example, bytes 0-3 form one instruction.
    - Byte 3 is the most significant byte here.
  - The operation code of the instruction can be found in the first 6 bits (which are in byte 3).
  - The address of register C is the next 5 bits (bytes 3 and 2).
  - The address of register A is the next 5 bits (byte 2).
  - Depending on the instruction, the address of register
     B is the next 5 bits (byte 1) OR the literal is placed in the remaining 16 bits (bytes 1 and 0).
- However, BSim is expecting data to be written per byte.
  - The first byte written is always byte 0.







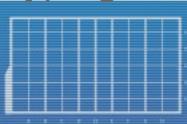
#### Macros

- If you look at beta.uasm, you'll see a LOT of these.
  - It is because of these macros that we can just type LD (R31, x, R1) instead of 0 2 0x3F 0x60 (assuming x is found in address 0x200).
- First, we need a way to convert one "input" to 4 bytes instead of one input per byte.
  - In other words, we need to define macros! In beta.uasm, you'll find:

```
.macro WORD(x) x%0x100 (x>>8)%0x100
.macro LONG(x) WORD(x) WORD(x >> 16)
```

- Now, we can type LONG (2441) and that 2441 will use four bytes instead of just one!
  - Typing 2441 by itself will yield 137.







#### Macros

- All instructions need to be converted to their 32-bit representations.
  - Luckily, we now have a macro that uses 4 bytes for a given number argument!
- There are two general forms for Beta instructions, so let's start out with those. Again, already in beta.uasm:





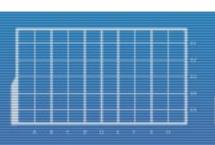


#### Macros

Finally, we can define the instructions that will be used.
 In beta.uasm:

- You can also use macros to contain multiple instruction calls.
  - These macros will be expanded by the assembler, so if a macro contains more than one instruction, you can be sure it will use more than 4 bytes!







# Arrays

- A contiguous collection of data items where each element is accessed by using an index.
  - Yes, that is correctly spelled.
- The instructions in our programs so far can be considered contiguous, since they are adjacent to each other in memory space.
- A 4-element array named arr in BSim:

```
arr: LONG (8)
LONG (-3)
LONG (9999)
LONG (0)
```



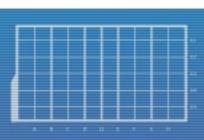




# Arrays

- In the previous slide's example, arr[0] = 8, arr[1] = −3, and so on.
- Note that even if I label, for example, the 4<sup>th</sup> element, it can still be accessed as arr[3].
  - Of course, the question now becomes How do we access array elements in Beta?
- First, what does arr as a label represent?
- Second, what does the LD instruction's register A represent?
  - What about both register A and the constant?
- So, what do I do if I want to read arr[1]? arr[2]?
- What about arr[x], where x is a variable?





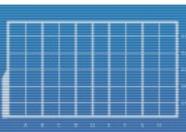


#### Exercise

Translate the following code to Beta assembly:

```
int i = 0; // local, just use R1
while (i < 4)
{ // see previous slides for arr
   int j = arr[i]; // j is local, use R0
   j += i;
   arr[i] = j;
   <u>i</u>++;
```





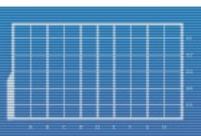


#### Exercises

- Write programs that, given an array of N elements:
  - Replaces each element with the absolute value of that element.
  - Finds the minimum and maximum and puts it in R0 and R1 respectively.
  - Finds the sum of all the elements and puts it in R0.
    - You may treat N as a variable and allocate space for it in your program if so desired.



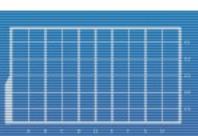




#### Lost In Translation

- Part of being able to convert instructions to their 32-bit representations means knowing which bits go where.
  - We already covered this, so I won't repeat it here.
- The most important part of the instruction's 4-byte sequence is its operation code.
  - This OPCODE tells the hardware what exactly it is supposed to do.

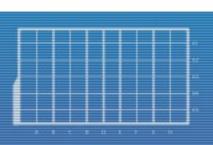




## OPCODE

- In Beta, these 6 bits define the instruction.
  - The other bits define the arguments, if any.
- For example, ADD's opcode is 0b100000, SHRC's opcode is 0b111101, LD's is 0b011000.
- Consult the Beta Instruction Cheat Sheet for a list of operation codes that BSim supports.
  - Most of them must also be supported by your final lab's output.
  - By the way, feel free to print a copy of the cheat sheet
    --- you'll need it for LT#3.



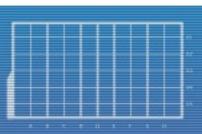




#### Instruction → 32 Bits

- Bits are written starting from the MOST significant.
- Get instruction's OPCODE. (6 bits)
- Get instruction's RC. (5 bits)
- Get instruction's RA. (5 bits)
- Determine type of instruction:
  - Does it require RB? (5 bits)
  - Or does it require a constant? (16 bits)
  - Or neither of the two? (0 bits)
- Set all unused bits to 0 (default Don't Care value).



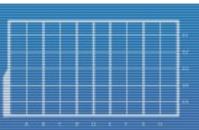




#### Instruction → 32 Bits

- SUB ( R1, R2, R3 )
- SUB's OPCODE = 0b100001
- RC = 3 = 0b00011
- RA = 1 = 0b00001
- RB = 2 = 0b00010
- - -0x 84 61 10 00

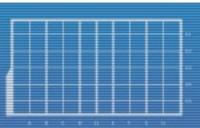




#### Instruction → 32 Bits

- LD ( R5, 0x200, R0 )
- LD's OPCODE = 0b011000
- RC = 0 = 0b000000
- RA = 5 = 0b00101
- Constant = 0x0200 = 0b0000001000000000
- Result: 0b 011000 00000 00101 000000100000000
  - -0x60050200

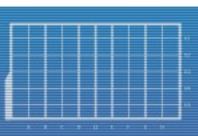




### 32 Bits → Instruction

- The process can also be reversed.
- Get first 6 bits. (instruction's OPCODE)
- Get next 5 bits. (instruction's RC)
- Get next 5 bits. (instruction's RA)
- Determine type of instruction:
  - Does it require RB? (5 bits)
  - Or does it require a constant? (16 bits)
  - Or neither of the two? (0 bits)
- Ignore all remaining bits, regardless of value.







## 32 Bits → Instruction

- 0x BB C1 20 00
- OPCODE = 0b101110 = SRA
- RC = 0b111110 = R30
- RA = 0b00001 = R1
- RB = 0b00100 = R4
- Result: SRA (R1, R4, R30)



