

# SCC.131 – Week 15 quiz

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- SCC.131 quiz questions will cover **all** material from weeks 10,11,12,13,14.
- We will **not** use code runner questions.
- We will use C/C++ and assembly code in our questions.
- The quiz will be designed to last 30 min.
  
- Come to your normal lab slot.
- No calculators.
- Bring pens, we will provide paper.

# Recap Questions

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- How do you load the value 0x11223344 to register R0?

```
mov R0, #0x3344  
movt R0, #0x1122
```

- Assume R0 = 4 , R1 = 2. What is the result value of R0, after the execution of the instruction *sub R0, R1*.

$R0 = 2 ; R0 = R0 - R1$

- Implement the following arithmetic operations:  $R1 = 16 * R0 + R1 / 8$ .

```
lsl R0, R0, 4  
lsr R1, R1, 3  
add R1, R0
```

# ARM Assembly – Memory

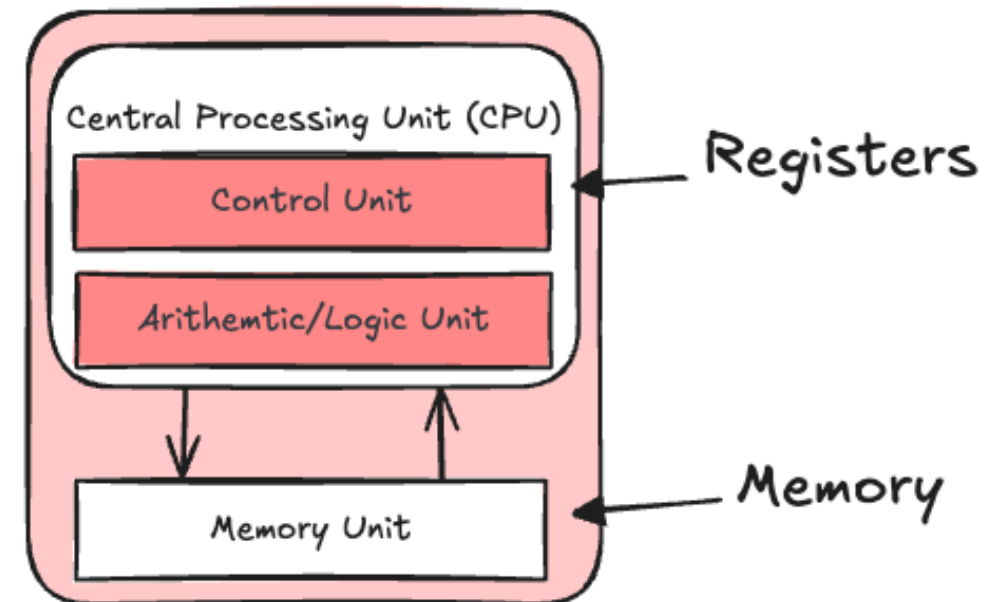
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# Recap and Outline

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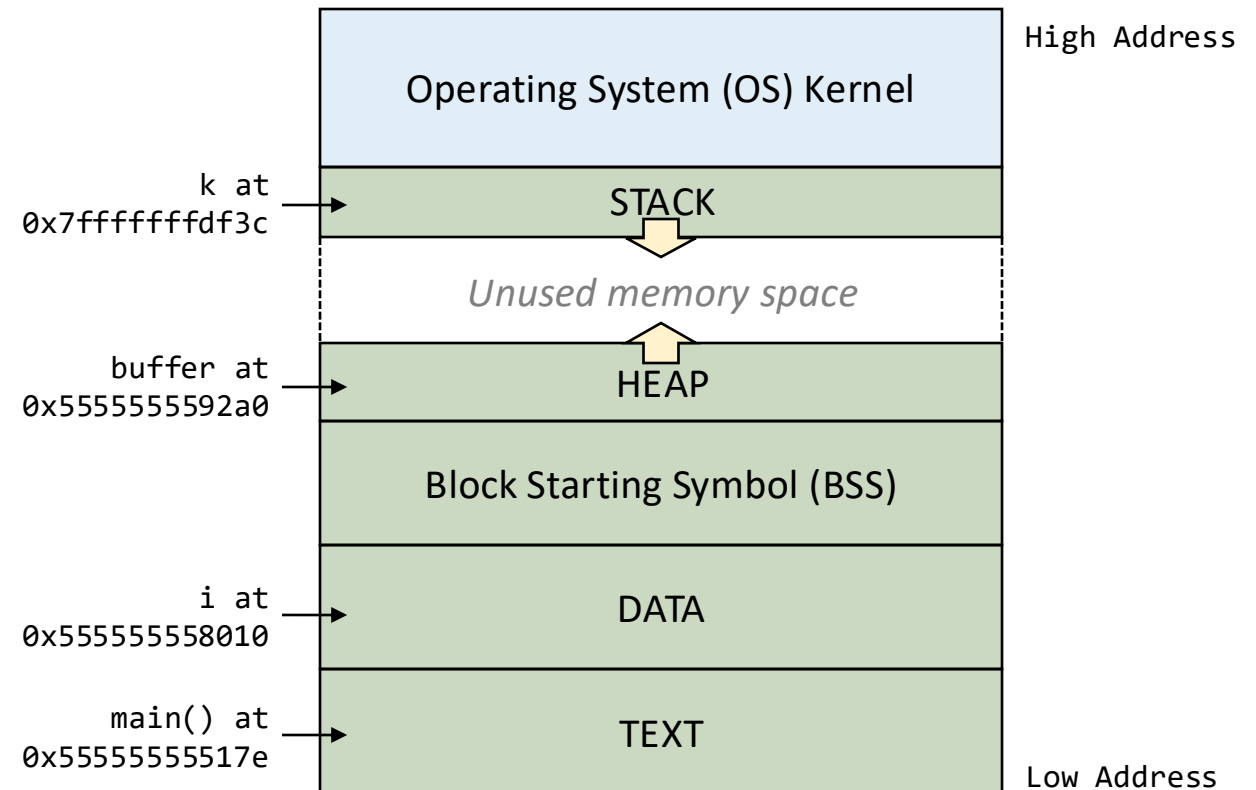
- New programming paradigm: ARM assembly.
  - Instruction Set Architecture
  - Arithmetic operations
- Based on what you know, you are able to develop programs that use 16 variables.
  - What happens if we want more?
  - How do we access and write in memory?



# Memory layout – Bringing it all together

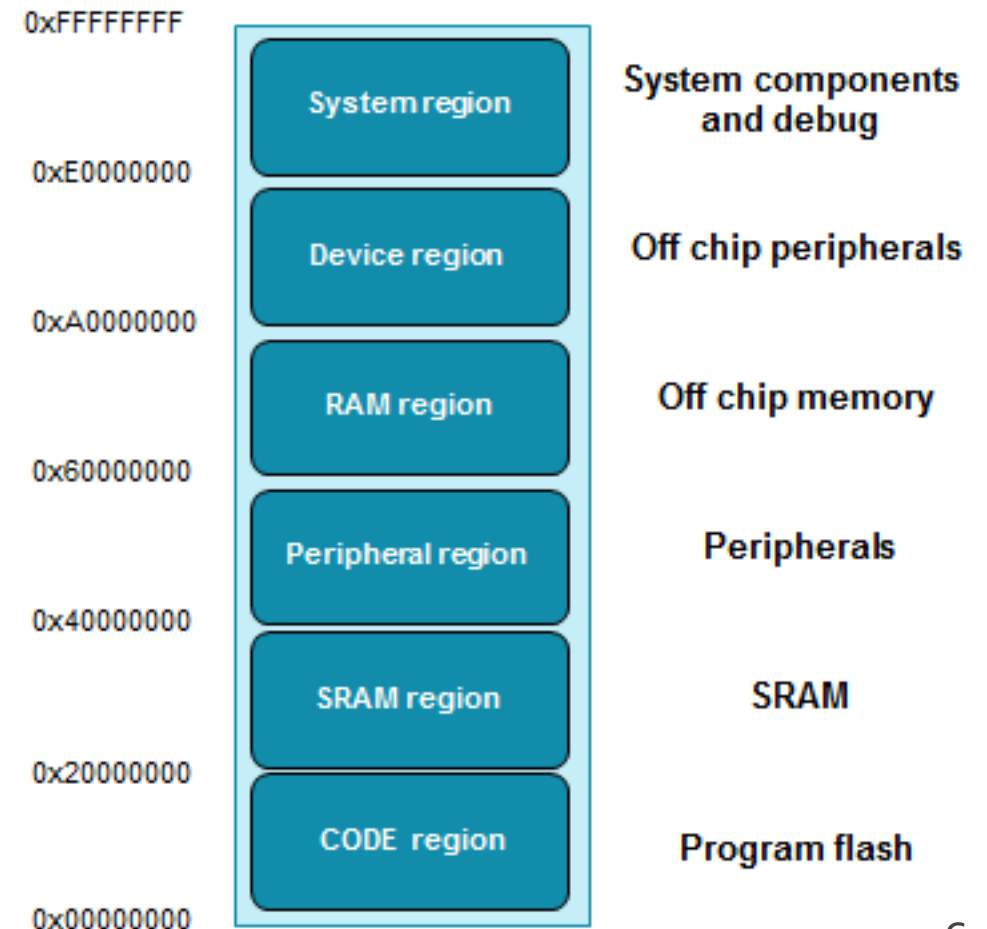
SCC131\_example3.c

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
3
4  int i = 5;
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6  int func1(int a)
7  {
8      int k = 5;
9  }
10
11 int main()
12 {
13     char * buffer;
14     buffer = (char*)malloc(i+1);
15     if (buffer == NULL) exit(1);
16     func1(i);
17     return 0;
18 }
```



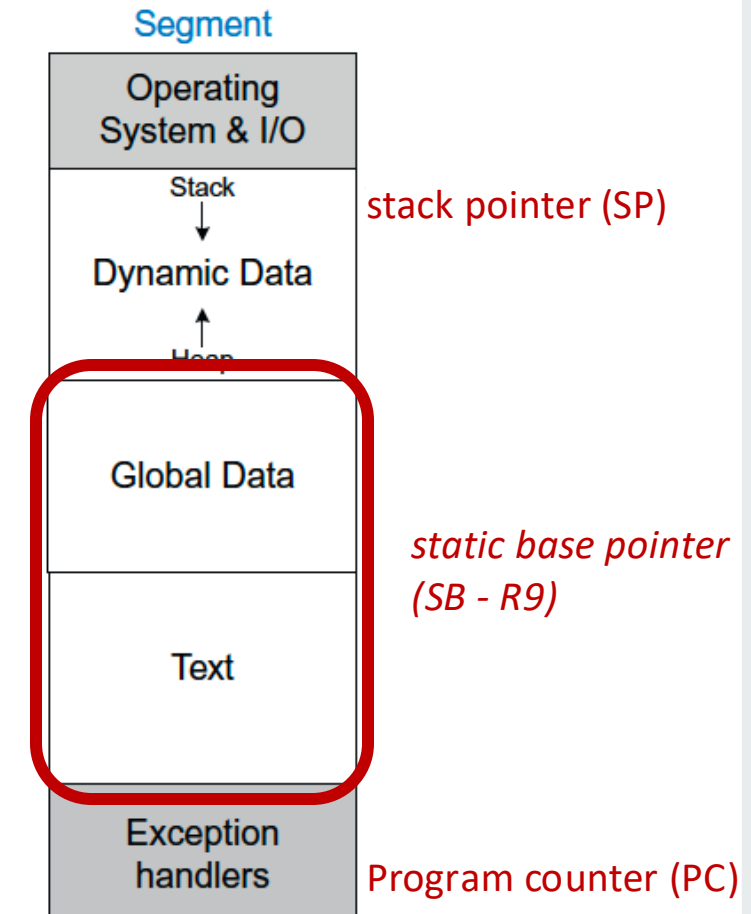
# Memory Map

- The Cortex-M3 processor is a memory-mapped system.
  - Fixed linear memory map of 4 gigabytes of addressable memory space
  - Dedicated address ranges for code (code space), SRAM(memory space), external memories/devices and internal/external peripherals.
- Unaligned data access in a single core access.
  - Can read single bytes or half-word (16-bit) in a clock cycle.
  - Unaligned transfers are converted into multiple aligned transfers.
  - Remain transparent to application programmers.



# Memory Layout

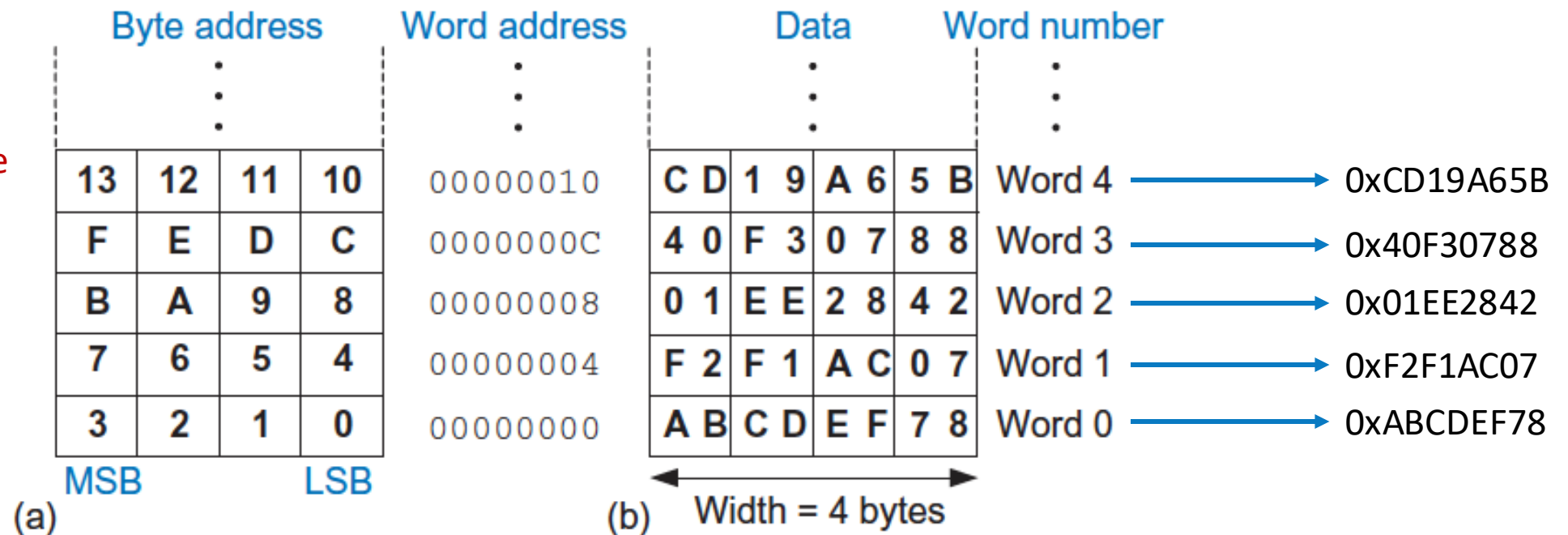
- The *stack* (SRAM region) stores all local variables and function arguments.
  - The stack pointer register, points at the bottom.
- The *heap* (SRAM region) stores data allocated during runtime (e.g. malloc).
- The *global data* (SRAM region) area stores global variables
  - ARM uses R9 as the static base pointer (SB).
- Global contains the bss area (uninitialized global data).
- The *text segment* (CODE region) stores the machine language program.
  - PC register: points to the next instruction
  - needs to be modified to change flow of program execution!



# Memory in ARM ISA

ARM uses a byte-addressable memory  
(Each byte has a unique address.)

1 word = 32 bits = 4 bytes

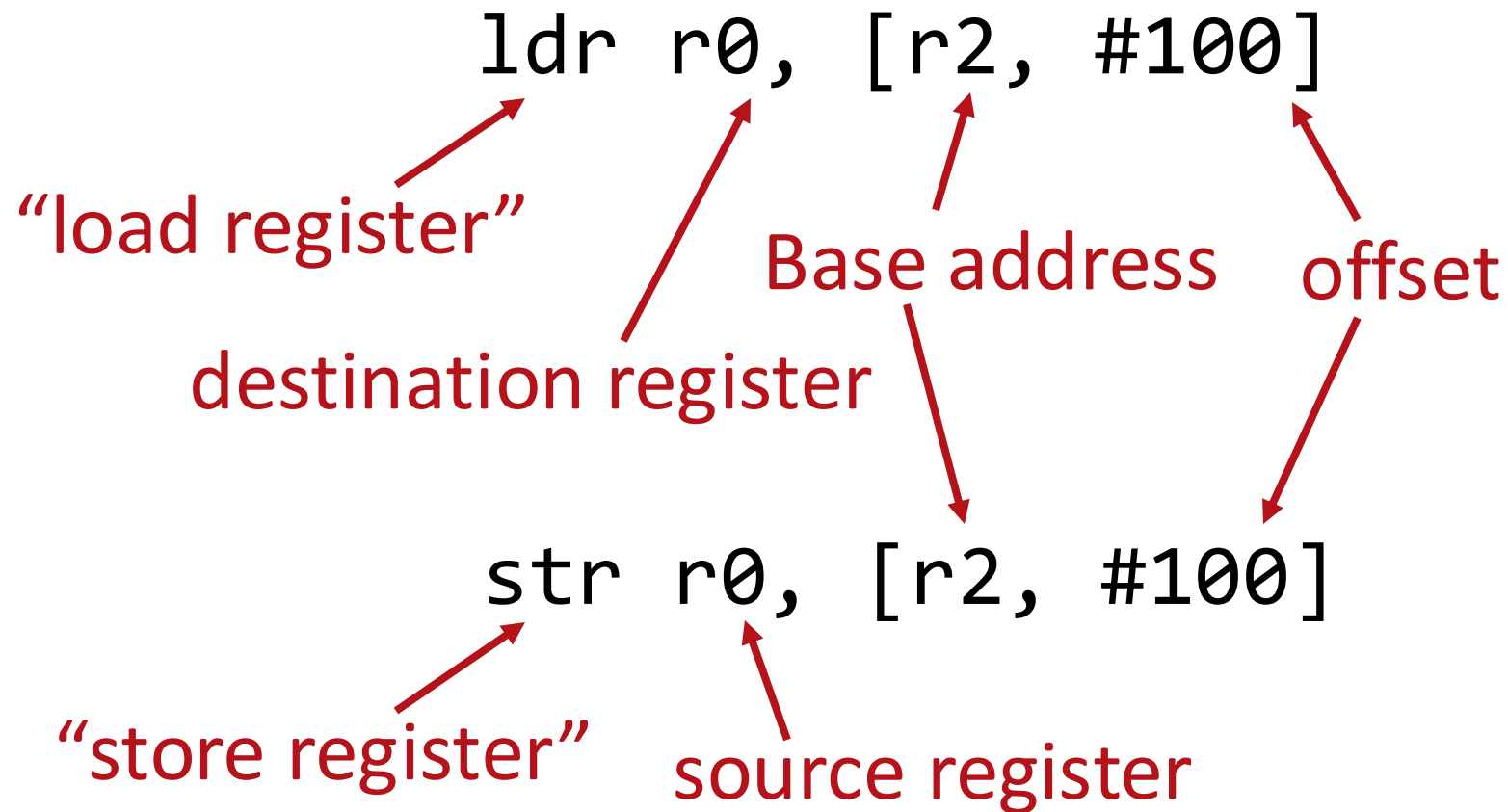


Little Endian: 78EFC DAB

Big Endian: ABCDEF78



# Accessing Memory



Target Memory Address =  $r2 + 100$

# Addressing Mode

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```
ldr r0, [r1, #20]
```

- *reg+const mode*: use a register and a constant to compute the read/write address.

```
ldr r0, [r1, r2]
```

- *reg+reg mode*: use the sum of 2 registers to compute the read/write address.

```
ldr r0, [r1, r2, LSL #2]
```

- *reg+reg<<scale*: shift the second register parameter and add to the first register, to compute the read/write address.

```
int R0, *R1;  
R0 = R1[5]; //int array
```

```
int R0, R2, *R1;  
R0 = R1[R2];
```

```
int R0, R2, *R1;  
R0 = R1[R2 << 2];
```

# Memory layout and directives

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- `.bss`
  - Contains statically allocated variables that are declared but have not been assigned a value yet.
- `.data`
  - Contains initialized static variables, i.e., global variables and static local variables set to a value.
- `.rodata`
  - Contains initialized static variables that constant.
- `.text`
  - Contains the executable instructions.

# Memory Types

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The region to store data

`.data`

optional data type to help the assembler to  
allocate appropriate space

`label: .type value`

A name to reference  
the data

Optional value to initialize memory

- Data type directives:
  - `.word`: 4 byte integer.
  - `.byte`: 1 byte integer.
  - `.ascii`: quote enclosed string.
  - `.asciz`: null-terminated *string*.
  - `.fill repeat, size, value`: fills memory with a repeated value of size bytes.
  - `.zero size`: fill memory with zeroes.

# Memory Addresses (pseudoinstruction)

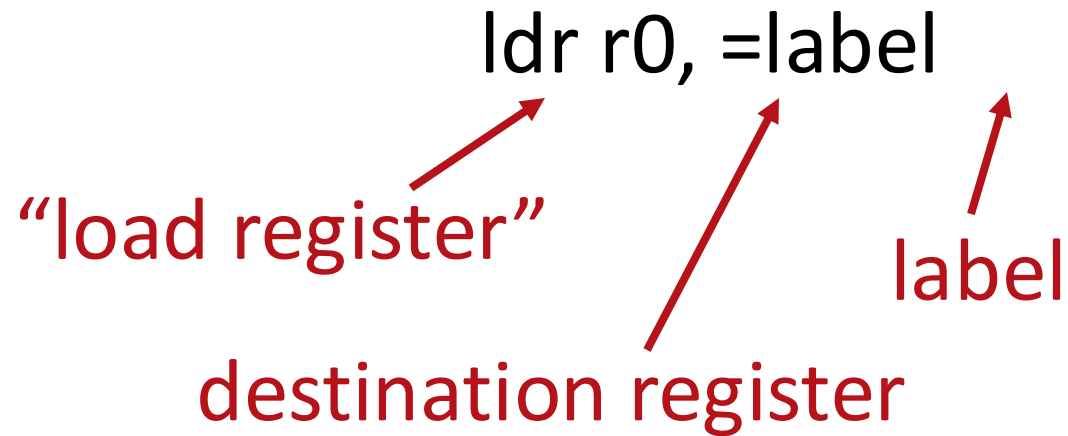
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ldr r0, =label

“load register”

destination register

label



r0 = &label

# Accessing Memory

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- LDRB (load byte): access individual byte in memory, zero extend.
- LDRSB (load signed byte): access individual byte in memory, sign extend.
- STRB (store byte): stores the least significant byte of the 32-bit register into the specified byte address in memory.
- LDRH (load halfword): access 16-bits from memory, zero extend.
- LDRSH (load signed halfword): access 16-bits in memory, sign extend.
- STRH (store halfword): stores the least significant 16-bits of the 32-bit register into the specified byte address in memory.

# Accessing Memory

## One operand in Memory

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

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```
ldr r0, [r3, #32]
```

```
add r1, r2, r0
```

32 = 4\*8

register mapping

g: r1

h: r2

A: r3 (int[])

temp: r0

r3 is a "pointer"

# Accessing Memory

## Two operands in Memory

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$A[12] = h + A[10];$

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ldr r0,[r3, #40]

add r0,r2,r0

str r0,[r3, #48]

register mapping

h: r2

A: r3 (int[])

temp: r0



# Sample Code (1)

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```
.section .data  
test1: .word 0x11223344  
test2: .byte 0x80332211  
test3: .ascii "hello"
```

- 0x20000000: 0x11 0x22 0x33 0x44 0x11 0x22 0x33 0x80
- 0x20000008: 0x68 0x65 0x6c 0x6c 0x6f 0xd0 0x20 0xcc

## Sample Code (2)

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```
ldr r3, =test1      @ Base address of test1 in r3
ldr r0, [r3]         @ copy the value in register r0
mov r0, #0x2211      @ load value 0x44332211
movt r0, #0x4433     @ into r0 and store in test1
str r0, [r3]
```

```
ldr r3, =test2      @ Base address of test2 in r3
mov r0, #0x2211
movt r0, #0x8033
str r0, [r3, #0]     @ Store 0x80332211 in test2
ldrb r0, [r3, #3]    @ r0 = 128 (0x80)
ldrsb r0, [r3, #2]   @ r0 = 51 (0x33)
ldrsb r0, [r3, #3]   @ r0 = -128 (0xffffffff80)
```

```
ldr r3, =test3      @ Store string "hello"
mov r0, 'h'          @ in array test3
strb r0, [r3, #0]
mov r0, 'e'
strb r0, [r3, #1]
mov r0, 'l'
strb r0, [r3, #2]
mov r0, 'l'
strb r0, [r3, #3]
mov r0, 'o'
strb r0, [r3, #4]
```

# Conclusions

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