MIPS operands

Name	Example	Comments
32 registers	$s0–$s7, $t0–$t9, $gp, $fp, $zero, $sp, $ra, $at, Hi, Lo	Fast locations for data. In MIPS, data must be in registers to perform arithmetic. MIPS register $zero always equals 0. Register $at is reserved for the assembler to handle large constants. Hi and Lo contain the results of multiply and divide.
2^{30} memory words	Memory[0], Memory[4], . . . , Memory[4294967292]	Accessed only by data transfer instructions. MIPS uses byte addresses, so sequential words differ by 4. Memory holds data structures, such as arrays, and spilled registers, such as those saved on procedure calls.

MIPS assembly language

Category	Instruction	Example		Meaning	Comments
Arithmetic	add	add	$s1,$s2,$s3	$s1 = $s2 + $s3	Three operands; overflow detected
	subtract	sub	$s1,$s2,$s3	$s1 = $s2 – $s3	Three operands; overflow detected
	add immediate	addi	$s1,$s2,100	$s1 = $s2 + $s3	+ constant; overflow detected
	add unsigned	addu	$s1,$s2,$s3	$s1 = $s2 + $s3	Three operands; overflow undetected
	subtract unsigned	subu	$s1,$s2,$s3	$s1 = $s2 – $s3	Three operands; overflow undetected
	add immediate unsigned	addiu	$s1,$s2,100	$s1 = $s2 + $s3	+ constant; overflow undetected
	move from coprocessor register	mfc0	$s1,$epc	$s1 = $epc	Used to copy Exception PC plus other special registers
	multiply	mult	$s2,$s3	Hi, Lo = $s2 × $s3	64-bit signed product in Hi, Lo
	multiply unsigned	multu	$s2,$s3	Hi, Lo = $s2 × $s3	64-bit unsigned product in Hi, Lo
	divide	div	$s2,$s3	Lo = $s2 / $s3, Hi = $s2 mod $s3	Lo = quotient, Hi = remainder
	divide unsigned	divu	$s2,$s3	Lo = $s2 / $s3, Hi = $s2 mod $s3	Unsigned quotient and remainder
	move from Hi	mfhi	$s1	$s1 = Hi	Used to get copy of Hi
	move from Lo	mflo	$s1	$s1 = Lo	Used to get copy of Lo
Logical	and	and	$s1,$s2,$s3	$s1 = $s2 & $s3	Three reg. operands; logical AND
	or	or	$s1,$s2,$s3	$s1 = $s2 | $s3	Three reg. operands; logical OR
	and immediate	andi	$s1,$s2,100	$s1 = $s2 & 100	Logical AND reg, constant
	or immediate	ori	$s1,$s2,100	$s1 = $s2 | 100	Logical OR reg, constant
	shift left logical	sll	$s1,$s2,10	$s1 = $s2 << 10	Shift left by constant
	shift right logical	srl	$s1,$s2,10	$s1 = $s2 >> 10	Shift right by constant
Data transfer	load word	lw	$s1,100($s2)	$s1 = Memory[$s2+100]	Word from memory to register
	store word	sw	$s1,100($s2)	Memory[$s2 + 100] = $s1	Word from register to memory
	load byte unsigned	lbu	$s1,100($s2)	$s1 = Memory[$s2 + 100]	Byte from memory to register
	store byte	sb	$s1,100($s2)	Memory[$s2 + 100] = $s1	Byte from register to memory
	load upper immediate	lui	$s1,100	$s1 = 100 * 2^{16}	Loads constant in upper 16 bits
Conditional branch	branch on equal	beq	$s1,$s2,25	if ($s1 == $s2) go to PC + 4 + 100	Equal test; PC-relative branch
	branch on not equal	bne	$s1,$s2,25	if ($s1 != $s2) go to PC + 4 + 100	Not equal test; PC-relative
	set on less than	slt	$s1,$s2,$s3	if ($s2 < $s3) $s1 = 1; else $s1 = 0	Compare less than; two's complement
	set less than immediate	slti	$s1,$s2,100	if ($s2 < 100) $s1 = 1; else $s1=0	Compare < constant; two's complement
	set less than unsigned	sltu	$s1,$s2,$s3	if ($s2 < $s3) $s1 = 1; else $s1=0	Compare less than; natural numbers
	set less than immediate unsigned	sltiu	$s1,$s2,100	if ($s2 < 100) $s1 = 1; else $s1 = 0	Compare < constant; natural numbers
Unconditional jump	jump	j	2500	go to 10000	Jump to target address
	jump register	jr	$ra	go to $ra	For switch, procedure return
	jump and link	jal	2500	$ra = PC + 4; go to 10000	For procedure call

Main MIPS assembly language instruction set. The floating-point instructions are shown in Figure 4.47 on page 291. Appendix A gives the full MIPS assembly language instruction set.

MIPS machine language

Name	Format	Example						Comments
		6 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	6 bits	
add	R	0	2	3	1	0	32	add $1,$2,$3
sub	R	0	2	3	1	0	34	sub $1,$2,$3
addi	I	8	2	1	100			addi $1,$2,100
addu	R	0	2	3	1	0	33	addu $1,$2,$3
subu	R	0	2	3	1	0	35	subu $1,$2,$3
addiu	I	9	2	1	100			addiu $1,$2,100
mfc0	R	16	0	1	14	0	0	mfc0 $1,$epc
mult	R	0	2	3	0	0	24	mult $2,$3
multu	R	0	2	3	0	0	25	multu $2,$3
div	R	0	2	3	0	0	26	div $2,$3
divu	R	0	2	3	0	0	27	divu $2,$3
mfhi	R	0	0	0	1	0	16	mfhi $1
mflo	R	0	0	0	1	0	18	mflo $1
and	R	0	2	3	1	0	36	and $1,$2,$3
or	R	0	2	3	1	0	37	or $1,$2,$3
andi	I	12	2	1	100			andi $1,$2,100
ori	I	13	2	1	100			ori $1,$2,100
sll	R	0	0	2	1	10	0	sll $1,$2,10
srl	R	0	0	2	1	10	2	srl $1,$2,10
lw	I	35	2	1	100			lw $1,100($2)
sw	I	43	2	1	100			sw $1,100($2)
lui	I	15	0	1	100			lui $1,100
beq	I	4	1	2	25			beq $1,$2,100
bne	I	5	1	2	25			bne $1,$2,100
slt	R	0	2	3	1	0	42	slt $1,$2,$3
slti	I	10	2	1	100			slti $1,$2,100
sltu	R	0	2	3	1	0	43	sltu $1,$2,$3
sltiu	I	11	2	1	100			sltiu $1,$2,100
j	J	2	2500					j 10000
jr	R	0	31	0	0	0	8	jr $31
jal	J	3	2500					jal 10000

MIPS instruction formats

Name	Fields						Comments
Field size	6 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	6 bits	All MIPS instructions 32 bits
R-format	op	rs	rt	rd	shamt	funct	Arithmetic instruction format
I-format	op	rs	rt	address/immediate			Transfer, branch, imm. format
J-format	op	target address					Jump instruction format

Main MIPS machine language. Formats and examples are shown, with values in each field: op and funct fields form the opcode (each 6 bits), rs field gives a source register (5 bits), rt is also normally a source register (5 bits), rd is the destination register (5 bits), and shamt supplies the shift amount (5 bits). The field values are all in decimal. Floating-point machine language instructions are shown in Figure 4.47 on page 291. Appendix A gives the full MIPS machine language.