

See MIPS Run

Objectives

- Introduction to programming with the MIPS instruction set
 - We will not be watching millions of instructions per second on the screen
- Explain the format of instructions
- Convert simple C code to MIPS code
 - Example 1: Variables and simple arithmetic
 - Example 2: Comparisons and branching
 - Example 3: Working with Main Memory, comparisons, and address offsets (with arrays)

Notes

- These examples may not be the most efficient
 - There are multiple ways to solve the same problem, some are more optimized than others
- This is strictly a programming exercise
 - We will not review MIPS registers, datapath, etc.
 - You will learn about in Computer Organization and Architecture
- Examples and documentation are on my Github
- <https://github.com/danburkhol>

Feel free to ask questions at any time

Instruction Format

	Operation	Destination	Source	Source 2 (or Address / Immediate)	Translation
R-Format (Arithmetic):	add	\$s1	\$s2	\$s3	$S1 = S2 + S3$
I-Format (Immediate):	addi	\$s1	\$s2	100	$S1 = S2 + 100$
J-Format (Jump):	j			2500	Jump to Address 2500

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1 // Example 1
2 // Declaring variables & Simple Arithmetic
3 int a = 6;
4 int b = 9;
5 int c = 0;
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7 c = a + b;
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2 # Example 1

3 # Declaring Variables & Simple Arithmetic

4 addi \$t0, \$zero, 6 # init a = 6

5 addi \$t1, \$zero, 9 # init b = 9

6 addi \$t2, \$zero, 0 # init c = 0

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8 add \$t2, \$t0, \$t1 # c = a + b

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2 // Declaring variables & Simple Arithmetic
3 int a = 6;
4 int b = 9;
5 int c = 0;
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7 c = a + b;
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9 // Example 2
10 // Comparison
11 // Loops and branching
12 while (c < 100) {
13     c = c++;
14 }
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4 addi \$t0, \$zero, 6 # init a = 6

5 addi \$t1, \$zero, 9 # init b = 9

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8 add \$t2, \$t0, \$t1 # c = a + b

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10 # Example 2

11 WHILE slti \$t3, \$t2, 100 # t3 = (t2 < 100) : 1 or 0

12 beq \$t3, \$zero, END # branch to END if t4 == 0

13 addi \$t3, \$t3, 1 # Add immediate 1, t3++

14 j WHILE # Jump back to WHILE Loop

15 END

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16 # Example 3
17 # Comparison, arrays, and offset
18 # Say we're given array of integers named data[]
19 # Let's sort the first two items
20 if (data[0] > data[1]) {
21     int temp = data[1];
22     data[1] = data[0];
23     data[0] = temp;
24 }
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16 # Example 3
17 # Given array base address is at register $s0
18 # Load the two data items from the array
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20     lw      $t0, 0($s0)      # Fetch data[0] to register $t0
21     lw      $t1, 4($s0)      # Fetch data[1] to register $t1.
22                                     # 4 byte (32-bits) offset per item
23     slt     $t2, $t1, $t0     # t2 = (data[1] < data[0]) : 1 or 0
24     beq     $t2, $zero, END   # branch to END if t2 == 0
25     sw      $t1, 0($s0)      # data[0] = data[1]
26     sw      $t0, 4($s0)      # data[1] = data[0]
27 END
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