MIPS Programming

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In This Lecture

- Small review from last week
- Programming (continued)
- Addressing Modes
- Lights, Camera, Action: Compiling, Assembling, and Loading
- Odds and Ends

Conditional Branching (beq)

```
# MIPS assembly
addi $s0, $0, 4  # $s0 = 0 + 4 = 4
addi $s1, $0, 1  # $s1 = 0 + 1 = 1
sll $s1, $s1, 2  # $s1 = 1 << 2 = 4
beq $s0, $s1, target  # branch is taken
addi $s1, $s1, 1  # not executed
sub $s1, $s1, $s0  # not executed

target:
    # label
add $s1, $s1, $s0  # $s1 = 4 + 4 = 8</pre>
```

Labels indicate instruction locations in a program. They cannot use reserved words and must be followed by a colon (:).

Unconditional Branching / Jumping (j)

```
# MIPS assembly
   addi $s0, $0, 4  # $s0 = 4
   addi $s1, $0, 1  # $s1 = 1
   j   target  # jump to target
   sra $s1, $s1, 2  # not executed
   addi $s1, $s1, 1  # not executed
   sub $s1, $s1, $s0  # not executed

target:
   add $s1, $s1, $s0  # $s1 = 1 + 4 = 5
```

Unconditional Branching (jr)

```
# MIPS assembly

0x00002000 addi $s0, $0, 0x2010  # load 0x2010 to $s0

0x00002004 jr $s0  # jump to $s0

0x00002008 addi $s1, $0, 1  # not executed

0x0000200C sra $s1, $s1, 2  # not executed

0x00002010 lw $s3, 44($s1)  # program continues
```

High-Level Code Constructs

- if statements
- if/else statements
- while loops
- for loops

For Loops

The general form of a for loop is:

```
for (initialization; condition; loop operation)
loop body
```

- initialization: executes before the loop begins
- condition: is tested at the beginning of each iteration
- loop operation: executes at the end of each iteration
- loop body: executes each time the condition is met

For Loops

High-level code

```
// add the numbers from 0 to 9
int sum = 0;
int i;

for (i = 0; i != 10; i = i+1) {
   sum = sum + i;
}
```

```
# $s0 = i, $s1 = sum
```

For Loops

High-level code

```
// add the numbers from 0 to 9
int sum = 0;
int i;

for (i = 0; i != 10; i = i+1) {
   sum = sum + i;
}
```

MIPS assembly code

```
# $s0 = i, $s1 = sum
    addi $s1, $0, 0
    add $s0, $0, $0
    addi $t0, $0, 10

for: beq $s0, $t0, done
    add $s1, $s1, $s0
    addi $s0, $s0, 1
    j for

done:
```

Notice that the assembly tests for the opposite case (i == 10) than the test in the high-level code (i != 10)

Less Than Comparisons

High-level code

```
// add the powers of 2 from 1
// to 100
int sum = 0;
int i;

for (i = 1; i < 101; i = i*2) {
   sum = sum + i;
}</pre>
```

```
# $s0 = i, $s1 = sum
```

Less Than Comparisons

High-level code

```
// add the powers of 2 from 1
// to 100
int sum = 0;
int i;

for (i = 1; i < 101; i = i*2) {
   sum = sum + i;
}</pre>
```

MIPS assembly code

\$t1 = 1 if i < 101</p>

- Useful for accessing large amounts of similar data
- Array element: accessed by index
- Array size: number of elements in the array

- 5-element array
- Base address = 0x12348000 (address of the first array element, array[0])
- First step in accessing an array:
 - Load base address into a register

0x12340010	array[4]
0x1234800C	array[3]
0x12348008	array[2]
0x12348004	array[1]
0x12348000	array[0]

High-level code

```
// high-level code
  int array[5];
  array[0] = array[0] * 2;
  array[1] = array[1] * 2;
```

MIPS Assembly code

```
# MIPS assembly code
# array base address = $s0
# Initialize $s0 to 0x12348000
```

How to get a 32-bit address into register \$s0?14

High-level code

```
// high-level code
  int array[5];
  array[0] = array[0] * 2;
  array[1] = array[1] * 2;
```

```
# MIPS assembly code
# array base address = $s0
# Initialize $s0 to 0x12348000
lui $s0, 0x1234 # upper $s0
ori $s0, $s0, 0x8000 # lower $s0
```

High-level code

```
// high-level code
  int array[5];
  array[0] = array[0] * 2;
  array[1] = array[1] * 2;
```

```
# MIPS assembly code
# array base address = $s0
# Initialize $s0 to 0x12348000
lui $s0, 0x1234 # upper $s0
ori $s0, $s0, 0x8000 # lower $s0
lw $t1, 0($s0) # $t1=array[0]
sll $t1, $t1, 1 # $t1=$t1*2
    $t1, 0($s0) # array[0]=$t1
SW
lw $t1, 4($s0) # $t1=array[1]
sll $t1, $t1, 1 # $t1=$t1*2
    $t1, 4($s0) # array[1]=$t1
SW
```

Arrays Using For Loops

High-level code

```
// high-level code
int arr[1000];
int i;
for (i = 0; i < 1000; i = i + 1)
    arr[i] = arr[i] * 8;
```

```
# $s0 = array base, $s1 = i
lui $s0, 0x23B8  # upper $s0
ori $s0, $s0, 0xF000 # lower $s0
```

Arrays Using For Loops

High-level code

```
// high-level code
int arr[1000];
int i;
for (i = 0; i < 1000; i = i + 1)
    arr[i] = arr[i] * 8;
```

```
# $s0 = array base, $s1 = i
lui $s0, 0x23B8  # upper $s0
ori $s0, $s0, 0xF000 # lower $s0
addi $s1, $0, 0 # i = 0
addi $t2, $0, 1000 # $t2 = 1000
Loop:
slt $t0, $s1, $t2 # i < 1000?
beq $t0, $0, done # if not done
sll $t0, $s1, 2 # $t0=i * 4
add $t0, $t0, $s0 # addr of arr[i]
lw $t1, 0($t0) # $t1=arr[i]
sll $t1, $t1, 3 # $t1=arr[i]*8
sw $t1, 0($t0) # arr[i] = $t1
addi $s1, $s1, 1 # i = i + 1
i loop # repeat
done:
```

Procedures

Definitions

- Caller: calling procedure (in this case, main)
- Callee: called procedure (in this case, sum)

```
// High level code
void main()
{
   int y;
   y = sum(42, 7);
   ...
}
int sum(int a, int b)
{
   return (a + b);
}
```

Procedure Calling Conventions

Caller:

- passes arguments to callee
- jumps to the callee

Callee:

- performs the procedure
- returns the result to caller
- returns to the point of call
- must not overwrite registers or memory needed by the caller

MIPS Procedure Calling Conventions

- Call procedure:
 - jump and link (jal)
- Return from procedure:
 - jump register (jr)
- Argument values:
 - \$a0 \$a3
- Return value:
 - \$v0

Procedure Calls

High-level code

```
int main() {
    simple();
    a = b + c;
}

void simple() {
    return;
}
```

MIPS Assembly code

```
0x00400200 main: jal simple
0x00400204 add $s0,$s1,$s2

...
0x00401020 simple: jr $ra
```

void means that simple doesn't return a value

Procedure Calls

High-level code

```
int main() {
    simple();
    a = b + c;
}

void simple() {
    return;
}
```

```
0x00400200 main: jal simple
0x00400204 add $s0,$s1,$s2

...
0x00401020 simple: jr $ra
```

- jal: jumps to simple and saves PC+4 in the return address register (\$ra)
 - In this case, \$ra = 0x00400204 after jal executes
- jr \$ra: jumps to address in \$ra
 - in this case jump to address 0x00400204

Input Arguments and Return Values

MIPS conventions:

Argument values: \$a0 - \$a3

Return value: \$v0

Input Arguments and Return Values

```
// High-level code
int main()
 int y;
 // 4 arguments
 y = diffofsums(2, 3, 4, 5);
int diffofsums(int f, int g,
 int h, int i)
 int result;
  result = (f + g) - (h + i);
 return result; // return value
```

```
# MIPS assembly code
# $s0 = y
main:
 addi $a0, $0, 2 # argument 0 = 2
 addi $a1, $0, 3 # argument 1 = 3
 addi $a2, $0, 4  # argument 2 = 4
 addi $a3, $0, 5 # argument 3 = 5
  jal diffofsums # call procedure
 add \$s0, \$v0, \$0 # y = returned value
# $s0 = result
diffofsums:
  add $t0, $a0, $a1 # $t0 = f + g
 add $t1, $a2, $a3 # $t1 = h + i
 sub $s0, $t0, $t1 # result = (f + g) - (h + i)
 add $v0, $s0, $0 # put return value in $v0
  jr $ra
                    # return to caller
```

Input Arguments and Return Values

```
# $s0 = result
diffofsums:
  add $t0, $a0, $a1  # $t0 = f + g
  add $t1, $a2, $a3  # $t1 = h + i
  sub $s0, $t0, $t1  # result = (f + g) - (h + i)
  add $v0, $s0, $0  # put return value in $v0
  jr $ra  # return to caller
```

- diffofsums overwrote 3 registers: \$t0, \$t1, and \$s0
- diffofsums can use the stack to temporarily store registers (comes next)

The Stack

- Memory used to temporarily save variables
- Like a stack of dishes, last-in-firstout (LIFO) queue
- Expands: uses more memory when more space is needed
- Contracts: uses less memory when the space is no longer needed



The Stack

- Grows down (from higher to lower memory addresses)
- Stack pointer: \$sp, points to top of the stack

Address	Data		Address	Data	
7FFFFFC	12345678	← \$sp	7FFFFFC	12345678	
	12343070	φδρ			<u> </u> -
7FFFFF8			7FFFFF8	AABBCCDD	
7FFFFFF4			7FFFFFF4	11223344	← \$sp
7FFFFF0			7FFFFF0		
•	•		•	•	
•	•		•	•	
7FFFFF4	•		7FFFFF4		← \$sp

How Procedures use the Stack

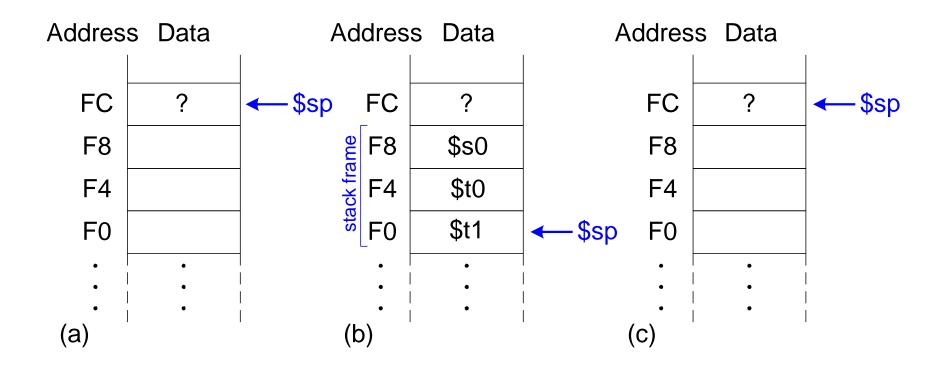
- Called procedures must have no other unintended side effects
- But diffofsums overwrites 3 registers: \$t0, \$t1, \$s0

```
# MIPS assembly
# $s0 = result
diffofsums:
   add $t0, $a0, $a1  # $t0 = f + g
   add $t1, $a2, $a3  # $t1 = h + i
   sub $s0, $t0, $t1  # result = (f + g) - (h + i)
   add $v0, $s0, $0  # put return value in $v0
   jr $ra  # return to caller
```

Storing Register Values on the Stack

```
# $s0 = result
diffofsums:
 addi $sp, $sp, -12 # make space on stack
                    # to store 3 registers
 sw $s0, 8($sp) # save $s0 on stack
 sw $t0, 4($sp) # save $t0 on stack
 sw $t1, 0($sp)  # save $t1 on stack
 add $t0, $a0, $a1 # $t0 = f + g
 add $t1, $a2, $a3 # $t1 = h + i
 sub $s0, $t0, $t1 # result = (f + g) - (h + i)
 add $v0, $s0, $0 # put return value in $v0
 lw $t1, 0($sp) # restore $t1 from stack
 lw $t0, 4($sp) # restore $t0 from stack
 lw $s0, 8($sp) # restore $s0 from stack
 addi $sp, $sp, 12  # deallocate stack space
 jr $ra
             # return to caller
```

The Stack during diffofsums Call



Registers

Preserved	Nonpreserved
Callee-saved	Caller-saved
= Callee must preserve	= Callee can overwrite
\$s0 - \$s7	\$t0 - \$t9
\$ra	\$a0 - \$a3
\$sp	\$v0 - \$v1
stack above \$sp	stack below \$sp

Storing Saved Registers on the Stack

```
# $s0 = result
diffofsums:
 `add $t0, $a0, $a1 # $t0 = f + g
  add $t1, $a2, $a3 # $t1 = h + i
  sub $50, $t0, $t1 # result = (f + g) - (h + i)
 add $v0, $s0, $0 # put return value in $v0
  jr $ra
                    # return to caller
```

which of these registers may not be overwritten by diffofsums?

Storing Saved Registers on the Stack

```
# $s0 = result
diffofsums:
  addi $sp, $sp, -4 # make space on stack to
                    # store one register
  sw $s0, 0($sp) # save $s0 on stack
                    # no need to save $t0 or $t1
 fadd $t0, $a0, $a1 # $t0 = f + g
  add $t1, $a2, $a3 # $t1 = h + i
  sub $s0, $t0, $t1 # result = (f + g) - (h + i)
 add $v0, $s0, $0 # put return value in $v0
 lw $s0, 0($sp) # restore $s0 from stack
  addi $sp, $sp, 4  # deallocate stack space
  jr $ra
                # return to caller
```

which of these registers may not be overwritten by diffofsums?

\$s0 – hence it has to be stored on the stack and restored

Multiple Procedure Calls

```
proc1:
  addi $sp, $sp, -4  # make space on stack
  sw $ra, 0($sp)  # save $ra on stack
  jal proc2
  ...
  lw $ra, 0($sp)  # restore $s0 from stack
  addi $sp, $sp, 4  # deallocate stack space
  jr $ra  # return to caller
```

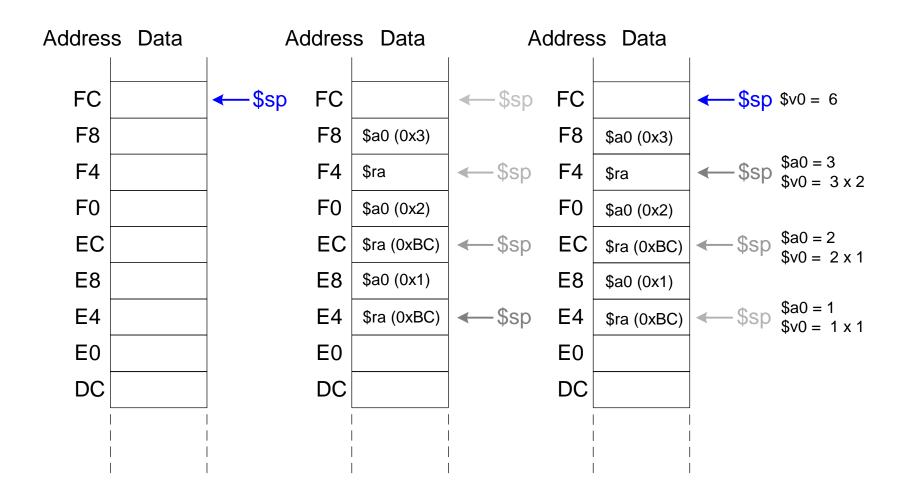
Recursive Procedure Call

```
// High-level code
int factorial(int n) {
  if (n <= 1)
    return 1;
  else
    return (n * factorial(n-1));
}</pre>
```

Recursive Procedure Call

```
# MIPS assembly code
0x90 factorial: addi $sp, $sp, -8 # make room
            sw $a0, 4($sp) # store $a0
0x94
0x98 sw $ra, 0($sp) # store $ra
0x9C addi $t0, $0, 2
0xA0
            slt $t0, $a0, $t0 # a <= 1 ?
0xA4 beq $t0, $0, else # no: go to else
0xA8 addi $v0, $0, 1 # yes: return 1
      addi $sp, $sp, 8 # restore $sp
0xAC
            jr $ra # return
0xB0
0xB4 else: addi $a0, $a0, -1 # n = n - 1
            jal factorial # recursive call
0xB8
            lw $ra, 0($sp) # restore $ra
0xBC
            lw $a0, 4($sp) # restore $a0
0xC0
0xC4 addi $sp, $sp, 8 # restore $sp
0xC8
            mul $v0, $a0, $v0 # n * factorial(n-1)
0xCC
            ir $ra  # return
```

Stack during Recursive Call



Procedure Call Summary

Caller

- Put arguments in \$a0-\$a3
- Save any registers that are needed (\$ra, maybe \$t0-t9)
- jal callee
- Restore registers
- Look for result in \$v0

Callee

- Save registers that might be disturbed (\$s0-\$s7)
- Perform procedure
- Put result in \$v0
- Restore registers
- jr \$ra

Addressing Modes

- How do we address the operands?
 - Register Only
 - Immediate
 - Base Addressing
 - PC-Relative
 - Pseudo Direct

Register Only Addressing

- Operands found in registers
 - Example:
 add \$s0, \$t2, \$t3
 - Example:
 sub \$t8, \$s1, \$0

Immediate Addressing

- 16-bit immediate used as an operand
 - Example: addi \$s4, \$t5, -73
 - Example:
 ori \$t3, \$t7, 0xFF

Base Addressing

Address of operand is:

base address + sign-extended immediate

Example:

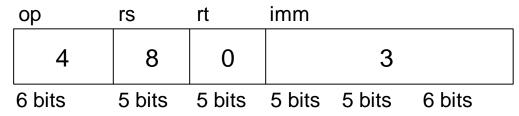
Example:

PC-Relative Addressing

Assembly Code

beq \$t0, \$0, else (beq \$t0, \$0, 3)

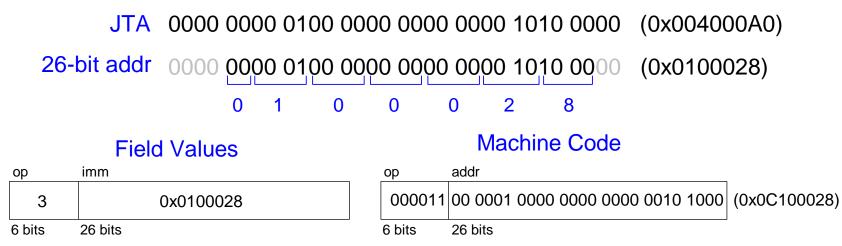
Field Values



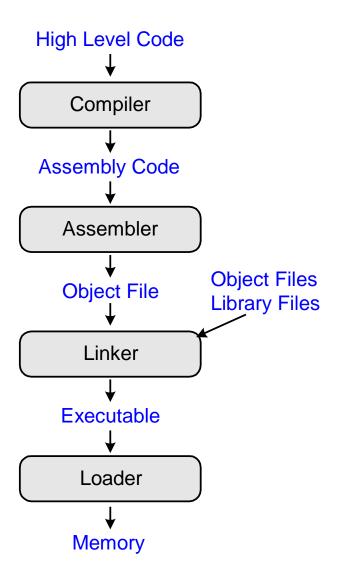
Pseudo-direct Addressing

```
0x0040005C jal sum

0x004000A0 sum: add $v0, $a0, $a1
```



How Do We Compile & Run an Application?



What needs to be stored in memory?

Instructions (also called text)

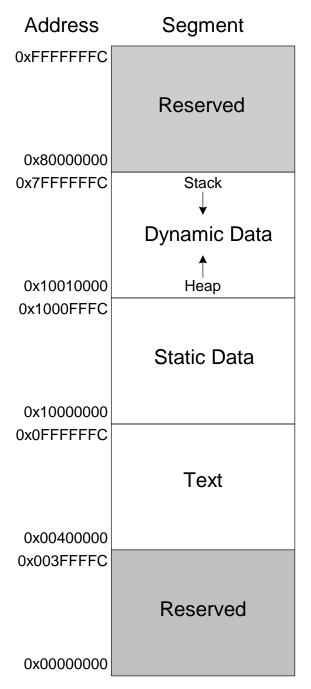
Data

- Global/static: allocated before program begins
- Dynamic: allocated within program

How big is memory?

- At most 2³² = 4 gigabytes (4 GB)
- From address 0x00000000 to 0xFFFFFFFF

The MIPS Memory Map



Example Program: C Code

```
int f, g, y; // global variables
int main(void)
 f = 2;
 g = 3;
 y = sum(f, g);
  return y;
int sum(int a, int b) {
  return (a + b);
```

Example Program: Assembly Code

```
int f, g, y; // global
int main(void)
 f = 2;
 g = 3;
 y = sum(f, g);
  return y;
int sum(int a, int b) {
  return (a + b);
```

```
.data
f:
g:
y:
.text
main: addi $sp, $sp, -4 # stack
     sw $ra, 0($sp) # store $ra
     addi $a0, $0, 2 # $a0 = 2
     sw $a0, f # f = 2
     addi $a1, $0, 3 # $a1 = 3
     sw $a1, g # g = 3
     jal sum # call sum
     sw $v0, y # y = sum()
     lw $ra, 0($sp) # rest. $ra
     addi $sp, $sp, 4 # rest. $sp
     jr $ra # return
     add $v0, $a0, $a1 # $v0= a+b
sum:
     ir $ra  # return
```

Example Program: Symbol Table

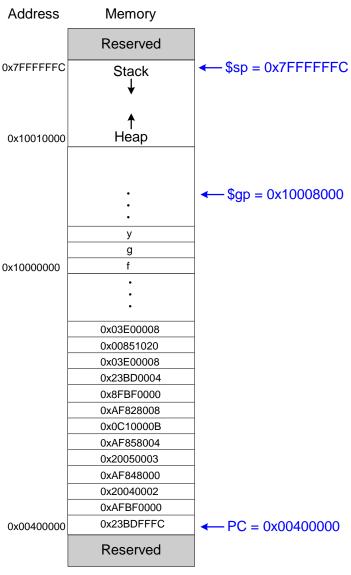
Symbol	Address	
f	0x10000000	
g	0x10000004	
У	0x10000008	
main	0x00400000	
sum	0x0040002C	

Example Program: Executable

Executable file header	Text Size	Data Size
	0x34 (52 bytes)	0xC (12 bytes)
Text segment	Address	Instruction
	0x00400000	0x23BDFFFC
	0x00400004	0xAFBF0000
	0x00400008	0x20040002
	0x0040000C	0xAF848000
	0x00400010	0x20050003
	0x00400014	0xAF858004
	0x00400018	0x0C10000B
	0x0040001C	0xAF828008
	0x00400020	0x8FBF0000
	0x00400024	0x23BD0004
	0x00400028	0x03E00008
	0x0040002C	0x00851020
	0x00400030	0x03E0008
Data segment	Address	Data
	0x10000000	f
	0x10000004	g
	0x10000008	У

addi \$sp, \$sp, -4
sw \$ra, 0 (\$sp)
addi \$a0, \$0, 2
sw \$a0, 0x8000 (\$gp)
addi \$a1, \$0, 3
sw \$a1, 0x8004 (\$gp)
jal 0x0040002C
sw \$v0, 0x8008 (\$gp)
lw \$ra, 0 (\$sp)
addi \$sp, \$sp, +4
jr \$ra
add \$v0, \$a0, \$a1
jr \$ra

Example Program: In Memory



Odds and Ends

- Pseudoinstructions
- Exceptions
- Signed and unsigned instructions
- Floating-point instructions

Pseudoinstruction Examples

Pseudoinstruction		MIPS	MIPS Instructions		
li	\$s0, 0x1234AA77		\$s0, 0x1234 \$s0, 0xAA77		
mul	\$s0, \$s1, \$s2	mult mflo	\$s1, \$s2 \$s0		
clear	\$t0	add	\$t0, \$0, \$0		
move	\$s1, \$s2	add	\$s2, \$s1, \$0		
nop		sll	\$0, \$0, 0		

Exceptions

Unscheduled procedure call to the exception handler

Caused by:

- Hardware, also called an interrupt, e.g. keyboard
- Software, also called traps, e.g. undefined instruction

When exception occurs, the processor:

- Records the cause of the exception
- Jumps to the exception handler at instruction address 0x80000180
- Returns to program

Exception Registers

- Not part of the register file.
 - Cause
 - Records the cause of the exception
 - EPC (Exception PC)
 - Records the PC where the exception occurred
- EPC and Cause: part of Coprocessor 0
- Move from Coprocessor 0
 - mfc0 \$t0, EPC
 - Moves the contents of EPC into \$t0

Exception Causes

Exception	Cause
Hardware Interrupt	0x00000000
System Call	0x00000020
Breakpoint / Divide by 0	0x00000024
Undefined Instruction	0x00000028
Arithmetic Overflow	0x00000030

Exceptions

- Processor saves cause and exception PC in Cause and EPC
- Processor jumps to exception handler (0x80000180)
- Exception handler:
 - Saves registers on stack
 - Reads the Cause register
 - mfc0 \$t0, Cause
 - Handles the exception
 - Restores registers
 - Returns to program
 - mfc0 \$k0, EPC
 - jr \$k0

Signed and Unsigned Instructions

- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Set less than

Addition and Subtraction

- Signed: add, addi, sub
 - Same operation as unsigned versions
 - But processor takes exception on overflow
- *Unsigned*: addu, addiu, subu
 - Doesn't take exception on overflow
 - Note: addiu sign-extends the immediate

Multiplication and Division

■ *Signed*: mult, div

■ *Unsigned*: multu, divu

Set Less Than

- *Signed*: slt, slti
- *Unsigned*: sltu, sltiu
 - Note: sltiu sign-extends the immediate before comparing it to the register

Loads

- Signed: 1h, 1b
 - Sign-extends to create 32-bit value to load into register
 - Load halfword: 1h
 - Load byte: 1b
- Unsigned: lhu, lbu
 - Zero-extends to create 32-bit value
 - Load halfword unsigned: 1hu
 - Load byte: 1bu

Floating-Point Instructions

- Floating-point coprocessor (Coprocessor 1)
- Thirty-two 32-bit floating-point registers (\$f0 \$f31)
- Double-precision values held in two floating point registers
 - e.g., \$f0 and \$f1, \$f2 and \$f3, etc.
 - So, double-precision floating point registers: \$f0, \$f2, \$f4, etc.

Floating-Point Instructions

Name	Register Number	Usage	
\$fv0 - \$fv1	0, 2	return values	
\$ft0 - \$ft3	4, 6, 8, 10	temporary variables	
\$fa0 - \$fa1	12, 14	procedure arguments	
\$ft4 - \$ft8	16, 18	temporary variables	
\$fs0 - \$fs5	20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	saved variables	

F-Type Instruction Format

F-Type

op	cop	ft	fs	fd	funct
6 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	6 bits

- Opcode = 17 (010001)₂
- $\blacksquare Single-precision: cop = 16 (010000)_2$
 - add.s, sub.s, div.s, neg.s, abs.s, etc.
- **Double-precision:** $cop = 17 (010001)_2$
 - add.d, sub.d, div.d, neg.d, abs.d, etc.
- 3 register operands:
 - fs, ft: source operands
 - fd: destination operands

Floating-Point Branches

Set/clear condition flag: fpcond

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Equality: c.seq.s, c.seq.d
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- Less than: c.lt.s, c.lt.d
- Less than or equal: c.le.s, c.le.d

Conditional branch

- bclf: branches if fpcond is FALSE
- bclt: branches if fpcond is TRUE

Loads and stores

- lwc1: lwc1 \$ft1, 42(\$s1)
- swc1: swc1 \$fs2, 17(\$sp)

What Did We Learn?

- How to translate common programming constructs
 - Conditions
 - Loops
 - Procedure calls
- Stack
- The compiled program
- Odds and Ends
 - Floating point (F-type) instructions
- What Next?
 - Actually building the MIPS Microprocessor!!