

Lab Sheet 5 for CS F342 Computer Architecture

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Goals for the Lab: We build up on prior labs and explore loops, arrays and shift instructions and attempts sorting etc.

Data Declaration (Recap):

Format for variable name (label) declarations in .data segment:

name-or-label: storage_type value(s)

- create storage for variable of specified type with given name and specified value
- value(s) usually gives initial value(s).
- for storage type “.space”, gives number of bytes to be allocated.
- Note: Name (or labels) always followed by colon (:).
- Some Examples

var1: .word 3 #create a single integer variable with initial value 3

list: .word 17 5 92 87 41 30 23 55 -72 36 #an array of 10 integers

array1: .byte 'a','b' # 2- element char array- values of a and b (decimal ascii 97, 98)

*Array2: .space 40 # 40 consecutive bytes, **not initialized**; could be used as a 40 element char array, or a 10-element integer array; comment should be used to clarify*

Load / Store Instructions

- RAM access only allowed with load and store instructions
- all other instructions use register operands

LOAD_EXAMPLES:

format:

lw register_dest, RAM_source #copy word (4 bytes) at source RAM location to destination register.

lb register_dest, RAM_source #copy byte at source RAM location to low order byte of destination register

code snippet:

```
lwc1 $f0, 4($t4) # $f0 = Mem[ $t4 + 4 ] : Loads word(4-bytes) into coprocessor (CP)
ldc1 $f0, 0($t4) # $f0 = Mem[ $t4 + 0 ]; $f1 = Mem[ $t4 + 4 ]; Loads double(8 bytes) in to CP 1
```

STORE_EXAMPLES:

format:

sw register_source, RAM_destination *#store word in src register into RAM dest.*
sb register_source, RAM_destination *#store byte (low order) in src reg into RAM dest.*

code snippet:

```
sw $t2, ($t0) #store word in register $t2 into RAM at address contained in $t0  
sw $t2, 12($t0) #store word in register $t2 into RAM at address ($t0 12)  
swc1 $f0, 4($t4) # Mem[ $t4 + 4 ] = $f0; Store word(into RAM) from coprocessor 1.  
sdc1 $f0, 0($t4) # Mem[ $t4 + 0 ] = $f0; Mem[ $t4 + 4 ] = $f1 ; Store double(into RAM) from CP 1.
```

SHIFT_INSTRUCTION_EXAMPLES

format:

sll \$rd, \$rt, shift_amt *#Shift left logical value in \$rt by a constant number of bits(shift_amt) and store the result in \$rd, same as multiplying the number by 2^(shift_amt)*
srl \$rd, \$rt, shift_amt *#Shift right logical the value in \$rt by a constant number of bit(shift_amt) and store the result in \$rd, same as dividing the number by 2^(shift_amt)*

Note: Similar to shift we have rotate instructions (rol and ror).

code snippet:

```
li    $t1, 6  
sll   $t2, $t1, 2 #value of $t2 = 24  
srl   $t2, $t1, 1 #value of $t2 = 3
```

Exercise A: Explore disassembly for the new instructions

1. 814c0000
2. c08a0000
3. a08a0000
4. e08a0000
5. e48a0000
6. f48a0000
7. 4604103e

Example Program: (Exercise:1)

A program to take a string from user and check whether it is a palindrome or not.

```
.data
    theStr : .space 6 #declare a space of 6 bytes
    isPal : .asciiz "Its is a Palindrome"
    notPal : .asciiz "Not a Palindrome"
    newLine : .asciiz "\n"

.text
main :
    lb $t4, newLine
    li $v0, 8 #8=> read string; $a0 is buffer; $a1 is length
    la $a0, theStr #load the base address of theStr
    li $a1, 6 #load the length of string(max length of string+1 for '\0')
    syscall
    add $t2,$a0,$zero #load base address in $t2; find input string length

slen_0 : # loop label to find the last char
    lb $t3, ($t2) # load current byte
    addi $t2, $t2, 1 # increment for next iteration
    beq $t3, $t4, next #if current byte is '\n'
    bne $t3,$zero, slen_0 # if current byte isn't '\0', repeat

next : # label to exit the above loop
    add $t1,$a0,$zero #load base address
    addi $t2,$t2,-2 # -2 because moved beyond '\0' or '\n'; need char before

test_loop :
    bge $t1, $t2, is_palin # if lower pointer >= upper pointer, yes
    lb $t3, 0($t1) # grab the char at lower ptr
    lb $t4, 0($t2) # grab the char at upper ptr
    bne $t3, $t4, not_palin # if different, it's not
    addi $t1, $t1, 1 # advance lower ptr
    addi $t2, $t2, -1 # advance upper ptr
    j test_loop # repeat the loop

is_palin :
    li $v0, 4
    la $a0, isPal
    syscall
    j exit

not_palin :
    li $v0, 4
    la $a0, notPal
    syscall

exit :
    li $v0,10
    syscall
```

Exercise 2:

Write a program to take string of length 5 as input from user and store its reverse string in different array and then print both the strings. Observe the values in data segment by stepping through the code. Do we need to worry about '\0' termination? Why / why not?

```
la $a0, my_arr2
sb $t2,4($a0) #store byte at $t2 into array cell my_arr2 [4] 5th value
```

Exercise 3:

Write a program to implement C bubblesort program given below in MIPS.

C program code:

```
int main()
{
    int Sz = 10;
    int List[10] = {17, 5, 92, 87, 41, 10, 23, 55, 72, 36} ;
    int Stop, // $s3: upper limit for pass
    Curr, // $s0: index of current value in comparison
    Next, // $s1: index of successor to current value
    Temp; // $s2: temp storage for swap
    for (Stop = Sz - 1; Stop > 0; Stop--)
    {
        for (Curr = 0; Curr < Stop; Curr++)
        {
            Next = Curr + 1;
            if ( List[Curr] > List[Next] )
            {
                Temp = List[Curr];
                List[Curr] = List[Next];
                List[Next] = Temp;
            }
        }
    }
    printf("Sorted list in ascending order:\n");
    for (Curr = 0; Curr < Stop; Curr++)
        printf("%d\n", List[Curr]);
}
```

Hint :: To convert Curr to offset you can use sll \$t4, \$t2, 2 or similar where \$t2 is Curr, \$t4 is offset from starting address of buffer and shift of 2 implies multiplying by 4.

Partial assembly code: (Highlighted part is complete)

```
.data
list: .word 17, 5, 92, 87, 41, 10, 23, 55, 72, 36
space: .asciiz " "
.text
main:

li $s7, 10 #size of the list(sz)
addi $s3, $s7, -1 # $s3 = Stop = sz-1
```

#Write the loop, swap code here

```
exit: #print the array

la $t0, list
li $t2, 0 #as a counter while printing the list

print:

lw $a0, ($t0) #load current word in $a0

li $v0, 1
syscall #print the current word
la $a0, space
li $v0, 4
syscall #print space in b/w words
addi $t0, $t0, 4 #point to next word
addi $t2, $t2, 1 #counter++
blt $t2, $s7, print

li $v0, 10
syscall
```

Exercise 4: TBD (take home)

Write a program to implement above program but store floating point numbers instead of integer.

Hint: Use commands swc1, lwc1, c.le.s, bc1f, bc1t

Comparison of FP values sets a code in a special register and Branch instructions jump depending on the value of the code:

```
c.le.s $f2, $f4 #if $f2 <= $f4 then code = 1 else code = 0

bc1f label #if code == 0 then jump to label

bc1t label #if code == 1 then jump to label
```

References: Green Sheet and text book appendix.

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