MIPS Reference Sheet

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INSTRUCTIONS (SUBSET)

Name (format, op, funct)	Syntax	Operation
add (R,0,32)	`add rd,rs,rt`	reg(rd) := reg(rs) + reg(rt);
add immediate (I,8,na)	`addi rt,rs,imm`	reg(rt) := reg(rs) + signext(imm);
add immediate unsigned (I,9,na)	`addiu rt,rs,imm`	reg(rt) := reg(rs) + signext(imm);
add unsigned (R,0,33)	`addu rd,rs,rt`	reg(rd) := reg(rs) + reg(rt);
and (R,0,36)	`and rd,rs,rt`	reg(rd) := reg(rs) & reg(rt);
and immediate (I,12,na)	`andi rt,rs,imm`	reg(rt) := reg(rs) & zeroext(imm);
branch on equal (I,4,na)	`beq rs,rt,label`	if reg(rs) == reg(rt) then PC = BTA else NOP;
branch on not equal (I,5,na)	`bne rs,rt,label`	if reg(rs) != reg(rt) then PC = BTA else NOP;
jump and link register (R,0,9)	`jalr rs`	$ra := PC + 4; PC := reg(rs);
jump register (R,0,8)	`jr rs`	PC := reg(rs);
jump (J,2,na)	`j label`	PC := JTA;
jump and link (J,3,na)	`jal label`	$ra := PC + 4; PC := JTA;
load byte (I,32,na)	`lb rt,imm(rs)`	reg(rt) := signext(mem[reg(rs) + signext(imm)]$_{7:0}$);
load byte unsigned (I,36,na)	`lbu rt,imm(rs)`	reg(rt) := zeroext(mem[reg(rs) + signext(imm)]$_{7:0}$);
load upper immediate (I,15,na)	`lui rt,imm`	reg(rt) := concat(imm, 16 bits of 0);
load word (I,35,na)	`lw rt,imm(rs)`	reg(rt) := mem[reg(rs) + signext(imm)];
multiply, 32-bit result (R,28,2)	`mul rd,rs,rt`	reg(rd) := reg(rs) * reg(rt);
nor (R,0,39)	`nor rd,rs,rt`	reg(rd) := not(reg(rs) | reg(rt));
or (R,0,37)	`or rd,rs,rt`	reg(rd) := reg(rs) | reg(rt);
or immediate (I,13,na)	`ori rt,rs,imm`	reg(rt) := reg(rs) | zeroext(imm);
set less than (R,0,42)	`slt rd,rs,rt`	reg(rd) := if reg(rs) < reg(rt) then 1 else 0;
set less than unsigned (R,0,43)	`sltu rd,rs,rt`	reg(rd) := if reg(rs) < reg(rt) then 1 else 0;
set less than immediate (I,10,na)	`slti rt,rs,imm`	reg(rt) := if reg(rs) < signext(imm) then 1 else 0;
set less than immediate unsigned (I,11,na)	`sltiu rt,rs,imm`	reg(rt) := if reg(rs) < signext(imm) then 1 else 0; (inequality < compares using unsigned values)
shift left logical (R,0,0)	`sll rd,rt,shamt`	reg(rd) := reg(rt) << shamt;
shift left logical variable (R,0,4)	`sllv rd,rt,rs`	reg(rd) := reg(rt) << reg(rs$_{4:0}$);
shift right arithmetic (R,0,3)	`sra rd,rt,shamt`	reg(rd) := reg(rt) >>> shamt;
shift right logical (R,0,2)	`srl rd,rt,shamt`	reg(rd) := reg(rt) >> shamt;
shift right logical variable (R,0,6)	`srlv rd,rt,rs`	reg(rd) := reg(rt) >> reg(rs$_{4:0}$);
store byte (I,40,na)	`sb rt,imm(rs)`	mem[reg(rs) + signext(imm)]$_{7:0}$:= reg(rt)$_{7:0}$;
store word (I,43,na)	`sw rt,imm(rs)`	mem[reg(rs) + signext(imm)] := reg(rt);
subtract (R,0,34)	`sub rd,rs,rt`	reg(rd) := reg(rs) - reg(rt);
subtract unsigned (R,0,35)	`subu rd,rs,rt`	reg(rd) := reg(rs) - reg(rt);
xor (R,0,38)	`xor rd,rs,rt`	reg(rd) := reg(rs) ^ reg(rt);
xor immediate (I,14,na)	`xori rt,rs,imm`	reg(rt) := reg(rs) ^ zeroext(imm);

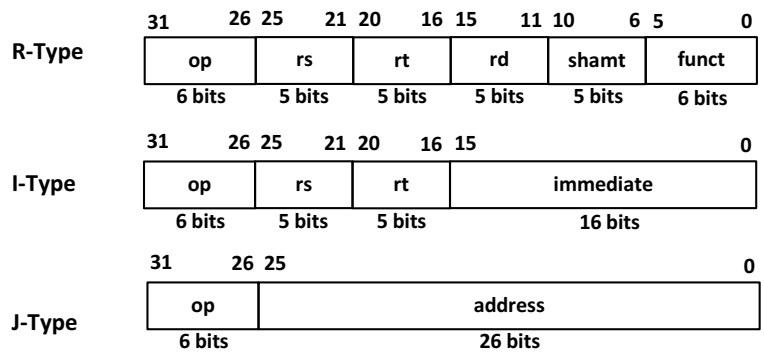
PSEUDO INSTRUCTIONS (SUBSET)

Name	Example	Equivalent Basic Instructions
load address	`la $t0,label`	`lui $at,hi-bits-of-address` `ori $t0,$at,lower-bits-of-address`
load immediate	`li $t0,0xabcd1234`	`lui $at,0xabcd` `ori $t0,$at,0x1234`
branch if less or equal	`ble $t0,$t1,label`	`slt $at,$t1,$t0` `beq $at,$zero,label`
move	`move $t0,$t1`	`add $t0,$t1,$zero`
no operation	`nop`	`sll $zero,$zero,0`

ASSEMBLER DIRECTIVES (SUBSET)

data section	`.data`
ASCII string declaration	`.ascii "a string"`
word alignment	`.align 2`
word value declaration	`.word 99`
byte value declaration	`.byte 7`
global declaration	`.global foo`
allocate X bytes of space	`.space X`
code section	`.text`

INSTRUCTION FORMAT



REGISTERS

Name	Number	Description
$0, $zero	0	constant value 0
$at	1	assembler temp
$v0	2	function return
$v1	3	function return
$a0	4	argument
$a1	5	argument
$a2	6	argument
$a3	7	argument
$t0	8	temporary value
$t1	9	temporary value
$t2	10	temporary value
$t3	11	temporary value
$t4	12	temporary value
$t5	13	temporary value
$t6	14	temporary value
$t7	15	temporary value
$s0	16	saved temporary
$s1	17	saved temporary
$s2	18	saved temporary
$s3	19	saved temporary
$s4	20	saved temporary
$s5	21	saved temporary
$s6	22	saved temporary
$s7	23	saved temporary
$t8	24	temporary value
$t9	25	temporary value
$k0	26	reserved for OS
$k1	27	reserved for OS
$gp	28	global pointer
$sp	29	stack pointer
$fp	30	frame pointer
$ra	31	return address

Definitions

- Jump to target address: JTA = concat((PC + 4)$_{31:28}$, address(label), 00_2)
- Branch target address: BTA = PC + 4 + signext(imm) * 4

Clarifications

- All numbers are given in decimal form (base 10).
- Function signext(x) returns a 32-bit sign extended value of x in two's complement form.
- Function zeroext(x) returns a 32-bit value, where zero are added to the most significant side of x.
- Function concat(x, y, …, z) concatenates the bits of expressions x, y, …, z.
- Subscripts, for instance $X_{8:2}$, means that bits with index 8 to 2 are spliced out of the integer X.
- Function *address*(x) is the 26-bit address field value of the J-Type instruction for an address label x.
- NOP and na mean "no operation" and "not applicable", respectively.
- shamt is an abbreviation for "shift amount", i.e. how many bits that should be shifted.
- `addu` and `addiu` are misnamed *unsigned* because an add operation handles both signed and unsigned numbers in the same way. The term unsigned is actually used to describe that the instruction does not throw overflow exceptions.