EEE 343 Computer Organization

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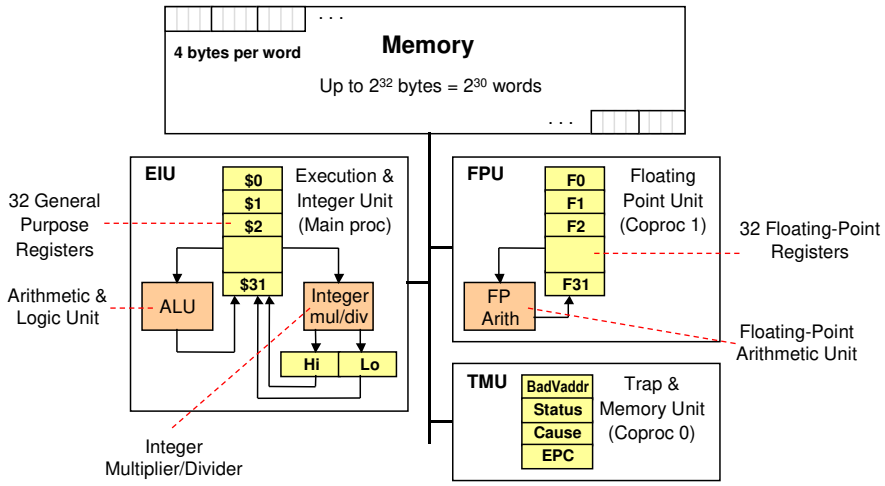
Computer Organization Lab

- Lab 1 to Lab 4
  - MIPS Assembly Language Programming
- Lab 5 to Lab 12
  - Verilog implementation of MIPS Processor

Overview of the MIPS Architecture



MIPS General-Purpose Registers

- 32 General Purpose Registers (GPRs)
  - Assembler uses the dollar notation to name registers
    - $0 is register 0, $1 is register 1, …, and $31 is register 31
  - All registers are 32-bit wide in MIPS32
  - Register $0 is always zero
    - Any value written to $0 is discarded
- Software conventions
  - There are many registers (32)
  - Software defines names to all registers
    - To standardize their use in programs
  - Example: $8 - $15 are called $t0 - $t7
    - Used for temporary values

$0 = $zero	$16 = $s0
$1 = $at	$17 = $s1
$2 = $v0	$18 = $s2
$3 = $v1	$19 = $s3
$4 = $a0	$20 = $s4
$5 = $a1	$21 = $s5
$6 = $a2	$22 = $s6
$7 = $a3	$23 = $s7
$8 = $t0	$24 = $t8
$9 = $t1	$25 = $t9
$10 = $t2	$26 = $k0
$11 = $t3	$27 = $k1
$12 = $t4	$28 = $gp
$13 = $t5	$29 = $sp
$14 = $t6	$30 = $fp
$15 = $t7	$31 = $ra

MIPS Register Conventions

- Assembler can refer to registers by name or by number
  - It is easier for you to remember registers by name
  - Assembler converts register name to its corresponding number

Name	Register	Usage	
$zero	$0	Always 0	(forced by hardware)
$at	$1	Reserved for assembler use	
$v0 – $v1	$2 – $3	Result values of a function	
$a0 – $a3	$4 – $7	Arguments of a function	
$t0 – $t7	$8 – $15	Temporary Values	
$s0 – $s7	$16 – $23	Saved registers	(preserved across call)
$t8 – $t9	$24 – $25	More temporaries	
$k0 – $k1	$26 – $27	Reserved for OS kernel	
$gp	$28	Global pointer	(points to global data)
$sp	$29	Stack pointer	(points to top of stack)
$fp	$30	Frame pointer	(points to stack frame)
$ra	$31	Return address	(used by jal for function call)

MIPS Instruction Set

- R-Type
  - ADD $1, $2, $3
  - SUB $1, $2, $3
  - AND $1, $2, $3
  - OR $1, $2, $3
  - XOR $1, $2, $3
  - NOR $1, $2, $3
  - SLT $1, $2, $3
- Memory Instruction
  - LW $1, offset($2)
  - SW $1, offset($2)

MIPS Instructions (Cont)

- Jump Instructions
  - J Label
  - JR Label
  - JAL Label
- Immediate Instructions
  - ADDI $1,$2, Constant
- Pseudo Instructions
  - LI $1, Constant
  - Move $1,$2
  - MUL $1,$2,$3

System Calls

- Programs do input/output through system calls
- MIPS provides a special **`syscall`** instruction
  - To obtain services from the operating system
  - Many services are provided in the SPIM and MARS simulators
- Using the **`syscall`** system services
  - Load the service number in register $v0
  - Load argument values, if any, in registers $a0, $a1, etc.
  - Issue the **`syscall`** instruction
  - Retrieve return values, if any, from result registers

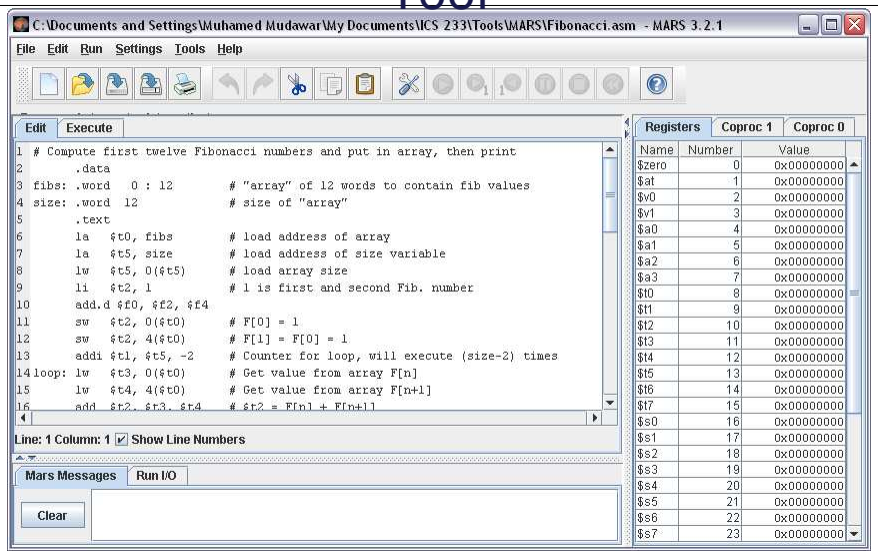
Syscall Services

Service	$v0	Arguments / Result
Print Integer	1	$a0 = integer value to print
Print Float	2	$f12 = float value to print
Print Double	3	$f12 = double value to print
Print String	4	$a0 = address of null-terminated string
Read Integer	5	Return integer value in $v0
Read Float	6	Return float value in $f0
Read Double	7	Return double value in $f0
Read String	8	$a0 = address of input buffer $a1 = maximum number of characters to read
Allocate Heap memory	9	$a0 = number of bytes to allocate Return address of allocated memory in $v0
Exit Program	10	

Syscall Services – Cont'd

Print Char	11	$a0 = character to print
Read Char	12	Return character read in $v0
Open File	13	$a0 = address of null-terminated filename string $a1 = flags (0 = read-only, 1 = write-only) $a2 = mode (ignored) Return file descriptor in $v0 (negative if error)
Read from File	14	$a0 = File descriptor $a1 = address of input buffer $a2 = maximum number of characters to read Return number of characters read in $v0
Write to File	15	$a0 = File descriptor $a1 = address of buffer $a2 = number of characters to write Return number of characters written in $v0
Close File	16	$a0 = File descriptor

MARS Assembler and Simulator Tool



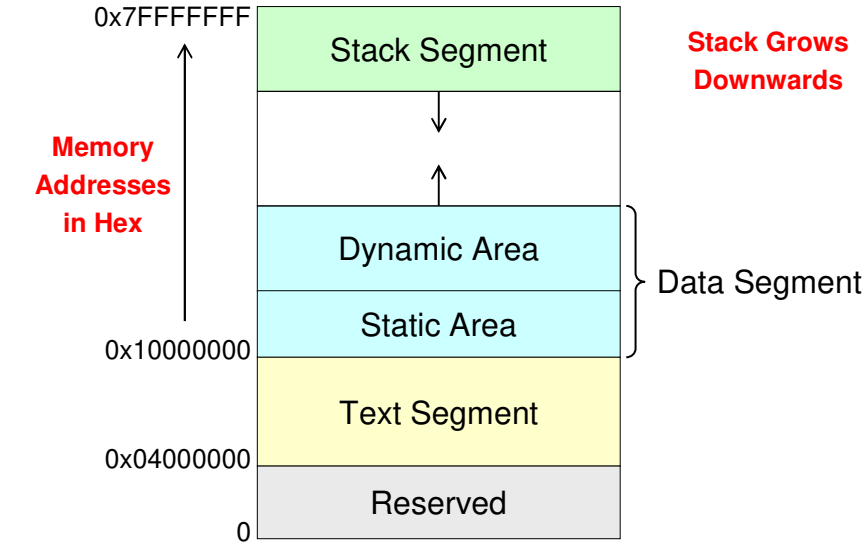
Program Template

```
# Title:                              Filename:
# Author:                             Date:
# Description:
# Input:
# Output:
################## Data segment ######################
.data
  . . .
################## Code segment ######################
.text
.globl main
main:                                 # main program entry
  . . .
li $v0, 10                            # Exit program
syscall
```

.DATA, .TEXT, & .GLOBL Directives

- **.DATA** directive
  - Defines the data segment of a program containing data
  - The program's variables should be defined under this directive
  - Assembler will allocate and initialize the storage of variables
- **.TEXT** directive
  - Defines the code segment of a program containing instructions
- **.GLOBL** directive
  - Declares a symbol as global
  - Global symbols can be referenced from other files
  - We use this directive to declare *main* procedure of a program

Layout of a Program in Memory



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- Assembly Language Statements
- Assembly Language Program Template
- Defining Data
- Memory Alignment and Byte Ordering
- System Calls
- Procedures
- Parameter Passing and the Runtime Stack

Data Definition Statement

- Sets aside storage in memory for a variable
- May optionally assign a name (label) to the data
- Syntax:

[*name:*] *directive* *initializer* [, *initializer*] . . .

```
var1:  .WORD    10
```

- All initializers become binary data in memory

Data Directives

- **.BYTE** Directive
  - Stores the list of values as 8-bit bytes
- **.HALF** Directive
  - Stores the list as 16-bit values aligned on half-word boundary
- **.WORD** Directive
  - Stores the list as 32-bit values aligned on a word boundary
- **.FLOAT** Directive
  - Stores the listed values as single-precision floating point
- **.DOUBLE** Directive
  - Stores the listed values as double-precision floating point

String Directives

- **.ASCII** Directive
  - Allocates a sequence of bytes for an ASCII string
- **.ASCIIZ** Directive
  - Same as **.ASCII** directive, but adds a NULL char at end of string
  - Strings are null-terminated, as in the C programming language
- **.SPACE** Directive
  - Allocates space of *n* uninitialized bytes in the data segment

Examples of Data Definitions

```
.DATA
var1:   .BYTE     'A', 'E', 127, -1, '\n'
var2:   .HALF     -10, 0xffff
var3:   .WORD     0x12345678:100
var4:   .FLOAT    12.3, -0.1
var5:   .DOUBLE   1.5e-10
str1:   .ASCII    "A String\n"
str2:   .ASCIIZ   "NULL Terminated String"
array:  .SPACE    100
```

Array of 100 words

100 bytes (not initialized)

Program 1: Sum of Three Integers

```
# Sum of three integers
#
# Objective: Computes the sum of three integers.
#     Input: Requests three numbers.
#    Output: Outputs the sum.
#################### Data segment ####################
.data
prompt:   .asciiz     "Please enter three numbers: \n"
sum_msg:  .asciiz     "The sum is: "
#################### Code segment ####################
.text
.globl main
main:
      la    $a0,prompt          # display prompt string
      li    $v0,4
      syscall
      li    $v0,5               # read 1st integer into $t0
      syscall
      move  $t0,$v0
```

Sum of Three Integers – Slide 2 of 2

```
      li    $v0,5               # read 2nd integer into $t1
      syscall
      move  $t1,$v0

      li    $v0,5               # read 3rd integer into $t2
      syscall
      move  $t2,$v0

      addu  $t0,$t0,$t1         # accumulate the sum
      addu  $t0,$t0,$t2

      la    $a0,sum_msg         # write sum message
      li    $v0,4
      syscall

      move  $a0,$t0             # output sum
      li    $v0,1
      syscall

      li    $v0,10              # exit
      syscall
```


Program 2: Case Conversion

```
# Objective: Convert lowercase letters to uppercase
#     Input: Requests a character string from the user.
#    Output: Prints the input string in uppercase.
#################### Data segment ######################
.data
name_prompt:  .asciiz         "Please type your name: "
out_msg:      .asciiz         "Your name in capitals is: "
in_name:      .space 31       # space for input string
#################### Code segment ######################
.text
.globl main
main:
      la    $a0,name_prompt   # print prompt string
      li    $v0,4
      syscall
      la    $a0,in_name       # read the input string
      li    $a1,31            # at most 30 chars + 1 null char
      li    $v0,8
      syscall
```

Case Conversion – Slide 2 of 2

```
      la    $a0,out_msg       # write output message
      li    $v0,4
      syscall
      la    $t0,in_name
loop:
      lb    $t1,($t0)
      beqz  $t1,exit_loop     # if NULL, we are done
      blt   $t1,'a',no_change
      bgt   $t1,'z',no_change
      addiu $t1,$t1,-32       # convert to uppercase: 'A'-'a'=-32
      sb    $t1,($t0)
no_change:
      addiu $t0,$t0,1         # increment pointer
      j     loop
exit_loop:
      la    $a0,in_name       # output converted string
      li    $v0,4
      syscall
      li    $v0,10            # exit
      syscall
```