

# Load half and load byte

## introduction:

a "Load half" and "Load byte" implementation using MIPS micro-architecture was built upon Harris design in their book (reference)

```
lh $storeReg imm($regRefearingToMemAddress)
```

```
lb $storeReg imm($regRefearingToMemAddress)
```

the following is a machine code description for lh and lb

```
lh: 100001 $regRefearingToMemAddress $storeReg iiiiii iiiiii
lb: 100000 $regRefearingToMemAddress $storeReg iiiiii iiiiii
```

## Recipe:

### Items/Pins:

1. pin\_b (byte) : used as a selector for mux[2]
2. half (half-word) : used as a selector for mux[1]
3. mux[1] (multiplexer): a multiplexer provide an option to full word or half word
4. mux[2] (multiplexer): a multiplexer provide an option to mux[1] or one byte

## implementation:

this design is based on the fact that `lw` was already implemented and working well so why not to reuse it? at the output of **MemToReg** multiplexer (`lw`'s output) i've used two multiplexers mux[1] and mux [2]

mux[1] will chose from the full word (32-bit) and a sign-extended half word

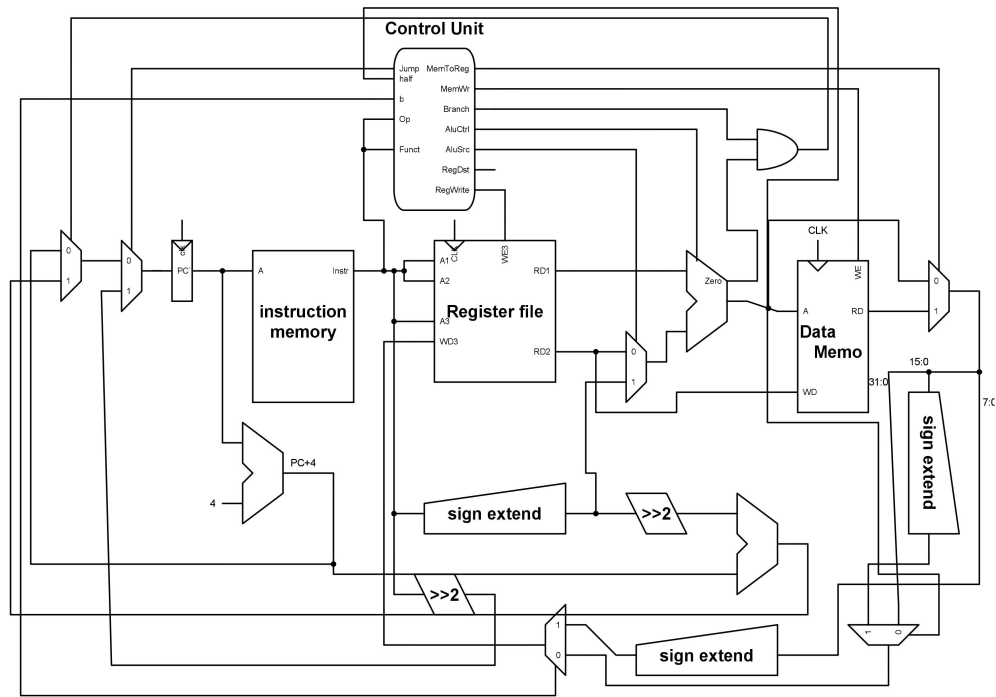
`{16{halfword[15]}, halfword[15:0]}` using **half pin** as a controller

| option (half pin) | operation                                |
|-------------------|--|
| 0                 | output of mux[1] equals the full word    |
| 1                 | output of mux[1] equals half of the word |

mux[2] will chose from mux[1] output and a sign-extended one byte `{24{8-bits[7]}, 8-bits[7:0]}` using **half pin** as a controller

| option (b pin) | operation                                      |
|----------------|--|
| 0              | output of mux[2] equals mux[1]                 |
| 1              | output of mux[2] equals sign extended one byte |

## schematic:



## Code:

refearing to the diff [file](#) to make a quick review to what i've changed/added

## Reference:

Digital design and computer architecture by David and Sarah Harris