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Chapter 2: Instructions: Language of the Computer

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Lecture Reading and Reminders

- This lecture
 - MIPS ISA review, PH, Chapter 2, Appendix A
- Next lecture
 - MIPS ALU review, Flt pt reps, PH, Chapter 3, Appendix B
- Reminders
 - HW1 posted on Angel, due Sept 3rd by 11:55pm in Angel DropBox
 - Quiz 1 posted on Angel, will close midnight Sept 7th
 - Attend one of the unix + SimpleScalar tutorial sessions in the lab (218 IST) Sept 9th and 10th from 7:30 to 9pm (HW2 will contain a SimpleScalar simulation question)
 - First evening midterm exam scheduled
 - Tuesday, October 6th, 20:15 to 22:15, Location 22 Deike
 - Please let me know ASAP (via email) if you have a conflict

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Review: Course Administration

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□ Labs: Accounts on machines in 218 IST (Dells

running RedHat Linux)

□ URL: Angel

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□ Slides: Hard copy handed out in class; pdf on Angel

after lecture

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Review: Grading Information

Grade determinates

• First Exam ~27.5%

- Tuesday, October 6th, 20:15 to 22:15, Location: 22 Deike

Second Exam ~27.5%

- Tuesday, November 17th, 20:15 to 22:15, Location: 22 Deike

Homeworks and Final Project (6)
 ~35%

 To be submitted on Angel by 23:55 on the due date. No late assignments will be accepted.

• Class participation & on-line (Angel) quizzes ~10%

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Grades will be posted on Angel

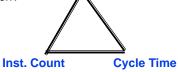
- Must submit email request for change of grade after discussions with the TA (Homeworks/Quizzes) or instructor (Exams)
- November 30th deadline for filing grade corrections;
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Review: Evaluating ISAs

- Design-time metrics
 - Can it be implemented, at what cost (design, fabrication, test, packaging), with what power, with what reliability?
 - Can it be programmed? Ease of compilation?
- Static Metrics
 - How many bytes does the program occupy in memory?
- Dynamic Metrics
 - How many instructions are executed? How many bytes does the processor fetch to execute the program?
 - · How many clocks are required per instruction?
 - How "lean" (fast) a clock is practical?

Best Metric: Time to execute the program! depends on the instructions set, the processor organization, and compilation techniques.



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Below the Program

High-level language program (in C)

Assembly language program (for MIPS)

```
$2, $5, 2
swap: sll
              $2, $4, $2
       add
              $15, 0($2)
       ٦w
              $16, 4($2)
       lw
                                    one-to-one
              $16, 0($2)
       SW
              $15, 4($2)
       SW
                                            assembler
       jr
              $31
```

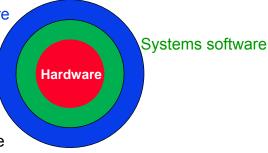
Machine (object, binary) code (for MIPS)

000000 00000 00101 0001000010000000 000000 00100 00010 0001000000100000

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Applications software



System software

- Compiler translate programs written in a high-level language (HLL, e.g., C) to machine code – CmpSc 471
- Operating system supervising program that interfaces the user's program with the hardware (e.g., Linux, MacOS, Windows) – CmpSc 473
 - Handles basic input and output operations
 - Manages storage (disk) and memory (virtual memory)
 - Schedules tasks and provides for protected sharing of hardware resources (OS memory space)

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Two Key Principles of Machine Design

- Instructions are represented as numbers and, as such, are indistinguishable from data
- Programs are stored in alterable memory (that can be read or written to)
 Memory iust like data
- Stored-program concept
 - Programs can be shipped as files of binary numbers – binary compatibility
 - Computers can inherit ready-made software provided they are compatible with an existing ISA – this has led the industry to align around a small number of ISAs

Accounting prg (machine code)

C compiler (machine code)

Payroll data

Source code in C for Acct prg

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RISC vs CISC

- □ RISC = Reduced Instruction Set Computer
 - MIPS, SPARC, PowerPC, ARM (Cortex), etc.
- □ CISC = Complex Instruction Set Computer
 - X86 is the only surviving example
- □ Goals in the 1980s reduce design time, faster/smaller implementation, ISA processor/compiler co-design
- □ ISAs are measured by how well compilers use them, not by how well or how easily assembly language programmers use them
- □ There are (or, at least, it's believed there are) many old and useful programs that only exist as machine code, so supporting old ISAs has economic value

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MIPS (RISC) Design Principles – Part 1

□ Simplicity favors regularity

- Regularity makes implementation simpler
- Simplicity enables higher performance at lower cost
 - fixed size instructions (32-bits (now 64-bits)), small number of instruction formats (three for MIPS), opcode in a fixed location (the first 6 bits for MIPS), etc.

Smaller is faster

- Smaller ISA reduces design and implementation costs (and power?), chip sizes, etc.
- Faster
 - limited instruction set and formats, load-store architecture
 - http://www.arm.com/products/processors/instruction-setarchitectures/index.php
 - limited number of registers in the register file (RF)
 - limited number of memory addressing modes
 - ➤ Memory address = register value + constant

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MIPS-32 ISA

- Instruction Categories
 - Computational
 - Load/Store
 - Jump and Branch
 - Floating Point
 - coprocessor
 - Memory Management
 - Special

Registers Register File (RF) R0 - R31 PC HI LO

3 Instruction Formats: all 32 bits wide

ор	rs	rt	rd	sa	funct	R format
ор	rs	rt	imm	ediate		I format
op jump target					J format	

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The Fetch/Execute Cycle

- Memory stores both instruction and data (object code and data bits ... just bits)
- Instruction is fetched from memory at the address indicated by the Program Counter (PC)
- Control unit decodes the instruction, generates signals to other components so the instruction can be executed
 - 1. Data is read from the RF or, if necessary, from memory
 - 2. Datapath executes the instruction as directed by the Control
 - 3. Data is written to the RF of, if necessary, to memory
- Control updates the PC which specifies the next instruction to fetch and then execute

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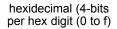
MIPS Arithmetic Instructions

□ MIPS assembly language arithmetic statement

- □ Each arithmetic instruction performs one operation
- □ Each specifies exactly three operands that are all contained in the datapath's RF (\$t0,\$s1,\$s2)

```
destination ← source1 op source2
```

Instruction Format (R format)



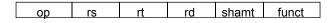


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MIPS Instruction Fields

MIPS fields are given names to make them easier to refer to



```
op 6-bits opcode that specifies the operation
```

rs 5-bits register file address of the first source operand

rt 5-bits register file address of the second source operand

rd 5-bits register file address of the result's destination

shamt 5-bits shift amount (for shift instructions)

funct 6-bits function code augmenting the opcode

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MIPS (RISC) Design Principles - Part 2

Make the common case fast



- Find the biggest impact on performance
 - E.g., accessing registers is fast, memory is slow
- Which are the "common cases"? Are they the same for all programs? Will they be the same in the future?
 - arithmetic operands in the RF (load-store machine)
 - allow instructions to contain immediate operands (small constants), otherwise have to bring the constants in from memory, store them in the RF, and access them from there

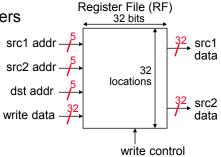
Good design demands good compromises

- Evaluate the many options, determine their impact on performance (IPC?, IC?, clock rate?), make a reasonable choice that doesn't limit future extensions
 - three instruction formats, as similar as possible
 - only two branch instructions (beq, bne) with a way to do many more with the slt "set up" instruction

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MIPS Register File (RF)

- Holds thirty-two 32-bit registers
 - Two read ports and
 - One write port



Registers are

- Faster than main memory
 - But RFs with more locations are slower (e.g., a 64 word file could be as much as 50% slower than a 32 word file)
 - Increasing number of read/write ports impacts speed quadratically
- Improves code density (a register is named with fewer bits than a memory location)
- Easier for a compiler to use
 - e.g., (A*B) (C*D) (E*F) can do multiplies in any order vs. stack

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Aside: MIPS Register Convention

Name	Register Number	Usage	Preserve on call?
\$zero	0	constant 0 (hardware)	n.a.
\$at	1	reserved for assembler	n.a.
\$v0 - \$v1	2-3	returned values	no
\$a0 - \$a3	4-7	arguments	yes
\$t0 - \$t7	8-15	temporaries	no
\$s0 - \$s7	16-23	saved values	yes
\$t8 - \$t9	24-25	temporaries	no
\$gp	28	global pointer	yes
\$sp	29	stack pointer	yes
\$fp	30	frame pointer	yes
\$ra	31	return addr (hardware)	yes

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Number System(s) Review

- □ Before discussing more instructions, some refreshers
 - Unsigned (binary (positive)) integers
 - Zero-extension (widen an unsigned integer without changing its value) left extend with zeros
 - Signed (two's complement, binary) integers
 - Sign-extension (widen a signed integer without changing its value)
 - Addresses look like unsigned integers, but some operations on unsigned integers don't make sense for addresses
 - MIPS add instruction operates on signed integers
 - MIPS addu instruction operates on unsigned integers
 - The only difference is the treatment of overflow
- □ Later ...
 - Floating-point numbers
 - Character data (ASCII)
 - Packed data for instruction-level parallelism

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Unsigned Binary Representation

Hex	Binary	Decimal			
0x00000000	00000	0			
0x00000001	00001	1			
0x00000002	00010	2			
0x00000003	00011	3			
0x00000004	00100	4			
0x00000005	00101	5			
0x00000006	00110	6			
0x00000007	00111	7			
0x00000008	01000	8			
0x00000009	01001	9			
0xFFFFFFC	11100	2 ³² - 4			
0xFFFFFFD	11101	2 ³² - 3			
0xFFFFFFE	11110	2 ³² - 2			
0xFFFFFFF	11111	2 ³² - 1			
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$$X = x_{n-1}2^{n-1} + x_{n-2}2^{n-2} + \dots + x_22^2 + x_12^1 + x_02^0$$

$$2^{31} \ 2^{30} \ 2^{29} \ \dots \ 2^3 \ 2^2 \ 2^1 \ 2^0 \quad \text{bit weight}$$

$$31 \ 30 \ 29 \ \dots \ 3 \ 2 \ 1 \ 0 \quad \text{bit position}$$

$$1 \ 1 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \quad \text{bit}$$

$$1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ - 1$$

$$2^{32} \ - 1$$

With n bits, the range is 0 to $(2^n - 1)$

Signed Binary Representation							
Tura'a aananlam			2'sc binary	decimal			
u i wo's complem	□ Two's complement negation _{-2³} = -						
Sign extend – r	1001	-7					
sign bit to the le	eft		1010	-6			
¥			1011	-5			
complement	all the bits		1100	-4			
0404	1011		1101	-3			
0101	1011		1110	-2			
	and add a 1		1111	-1			
and add a 1			0000	0			
0110	1010		0001	1			
\			0010	2			
	complement al	I the bits	0011	3			
			0100	4			
			0101	5			
			0110	6			
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MIPS Memory Access Instructions

MIPS has two basic data transfer instructions for accessing memory

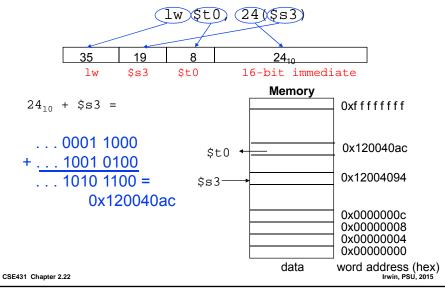
```
lw $t0, 4($s3) #load word from memory sw $t0, 8($s3) #store word to memory
```

- □ The data is loaded into (1w) or stored from (sw) a register in the register file a 5 bit address
- ☐ The memory address a 32 bit address is formed by adding the contents of the base address register to the sign-extended offset value
 - The offset is a 16-bit 2's complement number, so access is limited to memory locations within a region of $\pm 2^{13}$ (8,192) words or $\pm 2^{15}$ (32,768) bytes of the address in the base register

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Machine Language - Load Instruction

□ Load/Store Instruction Format (I format):



Byte Addresses

- Since 8-bit bytes are so useful, most architectures support addressing individual bytes in memory
 - Alignment restriction the memory address of a word must be on natural word boundaries (a multiple of 4 in MIPS-32)
- □ Big Endian: leftmost byte is word address

IBM 360/370, Motorola 68k, MIPS, Sparc, HP PA

Little Endian: rightmost byte is word address
Intel 80x86, DEC Vax, DEC Alpha, ARM



big endian byte 0 0

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Aside: Loading and Storing Bytes

□ MIPS provides special instructions to move bytes

1b \$t0, 1(\$s3) #load byte from memory
sb \$t0, 6(\$s3) #store byte to memory
sb \$s3 \$t0 6

0x28 19 8 16 bit offset

- What 8 bits get loaded and stored?
 - load byte places the byte from memory in the rightmost 8 bits of the destination register
 - what happens to the other bits in the register?
 - store byte takes the byte from the rightmost 8 bits of a register and writes it to a byte in memory
 - what happens to the other bits in the memory word?

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MIPS Immediate Instructions

□ Small constants are used often in typical code



- Possible approaches?
 - 1. put "typical constants" in memory and load them into the RF
 - 2. create hard-wired registers (like \$zero) for constants like 1
 - 3. have special instructions that contain constants!

```
addi $sp, $sp, 4  #$sp = $sp + 4

slti $t0, $s2, 15  #$t0 = 1 if $s2<15

# otherwise $t0 = 0
```

Machine format (I format):

slti	\$s2	\$t0	15
0x0a	18	8	0x0f

- □ The constant is kept inside the instruction itself!
 - Immediate format limits values to the range +2¹⁵-1 to -2¹⁵

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Aside: How About Larger Constants?

- We'd also like to be able to load a 32 bit constant into a register, for this we must use two instructions
- a new "load upper immediate" instruction

lui \$t0, 1010101010101010

16 0 8 10101010101010102

☐ Then must get the lower order bits right, use ori \$t0, \$t0, 1010101010101010

1010101010101010 10101010101010

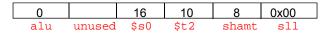
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MIPS Shift Operations

- Need operations to pack and unpack 8-bit characters into 32-bit words
- □ Shifts move all the bits in a word left or right

```
sll $t2, $s0, 8  #$t2 = $s0 << 8 bits
srl $t2, $s0, 8  #$t2 = $s0 >> 8 bits
```

□ Instruction Format (R format)



- Such shifts are called logical because they fill with zeros
 - Notice that a 5-bit shamt field is enough to shift a 32-bit value $2^5 1$ or 31 bit positions

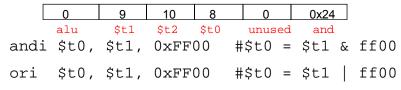
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MIPS Logical Operations

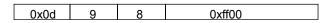
■ There are a number of bit-wise logical operations in the MIPS ISA

```
and $t0, $t1, $t2 #$t0 = $t1 & $t2
or $t0, $t1, $t2 #$t0 = $t1 | $t2
nor $t0, $t1, $t2 #$t0 = not($t1 | $t2)
```

Instruction Format (R format)



Instruction Format (I format)



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MIPS Control Flow Instructions

MIPS conditional branch instructions:

```
bne \$s0, \$s1, Lbl \#go to Lbl if \$s0 \neq \$s1 beq \$s0, \$s1, Lbl \#go to Lbl if \$s0 = \$s1
```

• Ex: if (i==j) h = i + j;



bne \$s0, \$s1, Lbl1 add \$s3, \$s0, \$s1

Lbl1: ...

Instruction Format (I format):

0x05	16	17	16 bit offset
bne	\$s0	\$s1	16-bit value

How is the branch destination address specified?

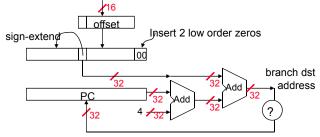
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Specifying Branch Destinations

- □ Use a register (like in lw and sw) added to the 16-bit offset
 - which register? Instruction Address Register (the PC)
 - its use is automatically implied by instruction
 - PC gets updated (PC+4) during the fetch cycle so that it is holding the address of the next instruction when the branch executes

from the low order 16 bits of the branch instruction



 limits the branch distance to -2¹⁵ to +2¹⁵-1 (word) instructions from the (instruction after the) branch instruction, but most branches are local anyway

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In Support of Branch Instructions

- We have beq, bne, but what about other kinds of branches (e.g., branch-if-less-than)? For this, we need yet another instruction, slt
- Set on less than instruction:

```
slt $t0, $s0, $s1  # if $s0 < $s1  then
  # $t0 = 1  else
  # $t0 = 0
```

Instruction format (R format):

```
0 16 17 8 0x2a
```

Alternate versions of slt

```
slti $t0, $s0, 25  # if $s0 < 25 then $t0=1 ...

sltu $t0, $s0, $s1  # if $s0 < $s1 then $t0=1 ...

sltiu $t0, $s0, 25  # if $s0 < 25 then $t0=1 ...
```

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Aside: More Branch Instructions

- □ Can use slt, beq, bne, and the fixed value of 0 in register \$zero to create other conditions
 - less than blt \$s1, \$s2, Label

```
slt $at, $s1, $s2  #$at set to 1 if
bne $at, $zero, Label #$s1 < $s2
```

- less than or equal to ble \$s1, \$s2, Label
- greater than bgt \$s1, \$s2, Label
- great than or equal to bge \$s1, \$s2, Label
- Such branches are included in the instruction set as pseudo instructions - recognized (and expanded) by the assembler
 - Its why the assembler needs a reserved register (\$at)

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Aside: Branching Far Away

- What if the branch destination is further away than can be captured in 16 bits?
- □ The assembler comes to the rescue it inserts an unconditional jump to the branch target and inverts the condition

```
beq $s0, $s1, L1
bne $s0, $s1, L2
j L1
```

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becomes

L2:

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Bounds Check Shortcut

□ Treating signed numbers as if they were unsigned gives a low cost way of checking if 0 ≤ x < y (index out of bounds for arrays)

□ The key is that negative integers in two's complement look like large numbers in unsigned notation. Thus, an unsigned comparison of x < y also checks if x is negative as well as if x is less than y.

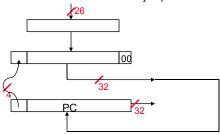
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Other Control Flow Instructions

- MIPS also has an unconditional branch instruction or jump instruction:
 - j label #go to label
- □ Instruction Format (J Format):

0x02 26-bit address

from the low order 26 bits of the jump instruction



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Instructions for Accessing Procedures

□ MIPS procedure call instruction:

jal ProcedureAddress #jump and link

- □ Saves PC+4 in register \$ra to have a link to the next instruction for the procedure return
- Machine format (J format):

0x03 26 bit address

□ Then can do procedure return with a jump register instr

jr \$ra #return

□ Instruction format (R format):

0 31 0x08

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Six Steps in Execution of a Procedure

- Recall the distinction from HHLs
 - parameters names used when the function is written
 - arguments values provided when the function is called
- Low-level languages like assembler will associate parameters with registers and memory locations, and arguments with the contents of those registers and memory locations
- 1. The main routine (caller) evaluates the function argument expressions and places argument values where the procedure (callee) can access them
 - \$a0 \$a3: four argument registers
 - Save previous values in those registers if necessary
 - Additional compiler-assigned space on the run-time stack

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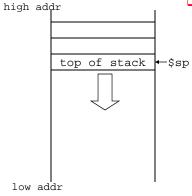
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- 2. Caller transfers control to the callee
 - jal instruction, writes return address (PC + 4) to \$ra
- Callee acquires the more storage resources if needed
 - More registers, temporary space on the run-time stack, heap
- 4. Callee performs the desired task and places the result value in a place where the caller can access it
 - \$v0 \$v1: two value registers
 - Additional compiler-assigned space on the run-time stack
- Callee prepares to return control to the caller
 - Restores previous register values (if necessary), releases temporary space on the run-time stack (adjust \$sp)
- Callee returns control to the caller
 - \$jr instruction using \$ra
- The caller continues execution after the function call

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Aside: Spilling Registers

- What if the callee needs to use more registers than allocated to argument and return values?
 - callee uses a stack a last-in-first-out queue



- One of the general registers, \$sp (\$29), is used to address the stack (which "grows" from high address to low address)
 - add data onto the stack push

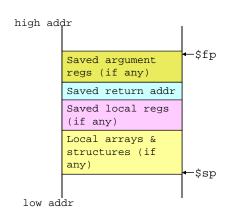
$$$sp = $sp - 4$$
 data on stack at new \$sp

remove data from the stack – pop

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Aside: Allocating Space on the Stack

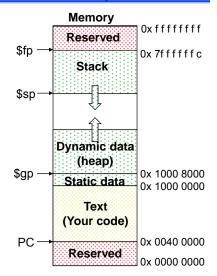


- The segment of the stack containing a procedure's saved registers and local variables is its procedure frame (aka activation record)
 - The frame pointer (\$fp) points to the first word of the frame of a procedure – providing a stable "base" register for the procedure
 - \$fp is initialized using \$sp on a call and \$sp is restored using \$fp on a return
 - \$fp is unchanged during the procedure's execution
 - \$sp could change even without calling another procedure, if we need more space on the stack

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Aside: Allocating Space on the Heap

- Static data segment for constants and other staticially-allocated variables (e.g., globally defined arrays)
 - \$gp = global pointer; never changes
- Dynamic data segment (aka heap) for structures that grow and shrink (e.g., linked lists)
 - In C, allocate space on the heap with malloc() and deallocate it with free()



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For Later: Atomic Exchange Instructions

- □ Hardware support for synchronization mechanisms
 - Avoid data races where the results of the program can change depending on the relative ordering of events
 - Two memory accesses from different threads/cores to the same memory (cache) location, and at least one is a write – which goes first?
- □ Atomic exchange (atomic swap, atomic read/write)
 - Interchange a value in a register with a value in memory atomically, i.e., as one indivisible operation
 - Logically requires both a memory read and a memory write in a single, uninterruptable instruction. An alternative is to have a pair of specially configured instructions where no other access to the location is allowed between the read and the write.

11 \$t1, 0(\$s1) #load linked
sc \$t0, 0(\$s1) #store conditional

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For Later: Atomic Exchange with 11 and sc

□ If the contents of the memory location specified by the 11 is changed before the sc to the same address occurs, the sc fails (returns 0), otherwise it succeeds (returns 1)

☐ If the value in memory changes between the 11 and the sc instructions, then sc returns a 0 in \$t0 causing the code sequence to try again.

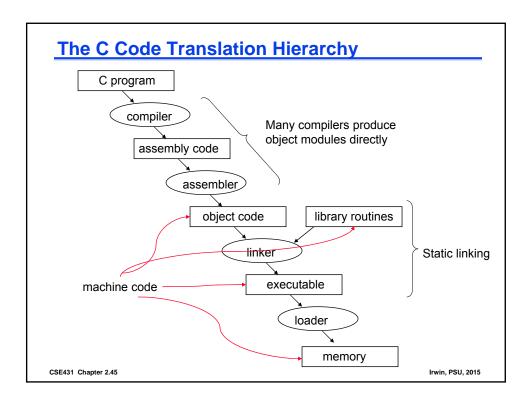
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MIPS Instruction Classes Distribution

□ Frequency of MIPS instruction classes for SPEC2006

Instruction	Frequency			
Class	SPECint	SPECfp		
Arithmetic	16%	48%		
Data transfer	35%	36%		
Logical	12%	4%		
Cond. Branch	34%	8%		
Jump	2%	0%		

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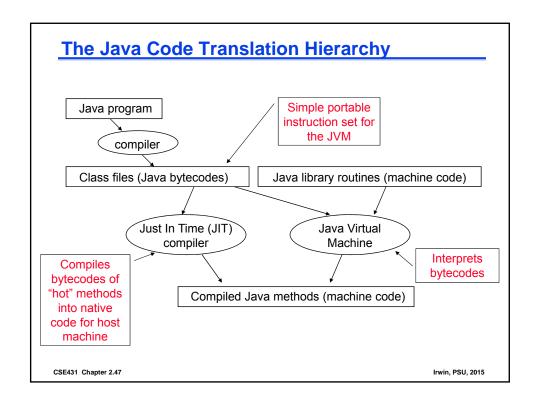
Compiler Benefits

- Comparing performance for bubble (exchange) sort
 - To sort 100,000 words with the array initialized to random values on a Pentium 4 with a 3.06 GHz clock rate, a 533 MHz system bus, with 2 GB of DDR SDRAM, using Linux version 2.4.20

gcc opt	Relative performance	Clock cycles (M)	Instr count (M)	CPI
None	1.00	158,615	114,938	1.38
O1 (medium)	2.37	66,990	37,470	1.79
O2 (full)	2.38	66,521	39,993	1.66
O3 (proc mig)	2.41	65,747	44,993	1.46

□ The unoptimized code has the best CPI, the O1 version has the lowest instruction count, but the O3 version is the fastest. Why?

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Sorting in C versus Java

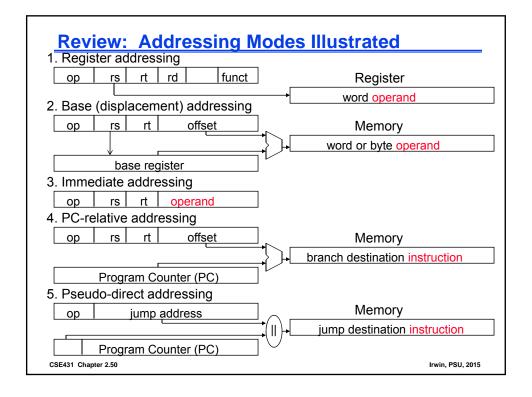
- Comparing performance for two sort algorithms in C and Java
 - The JVM/JIT is Sun/Hotspot version 1.3.1/1.3.1

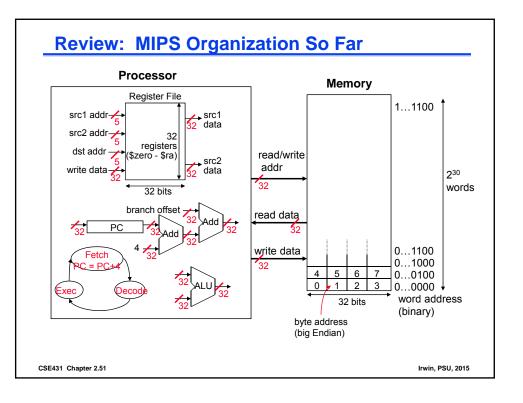
	Method	Opt	Bubble	Quick	Speedup
			Relative performance		quick vs bubble
С	Compiler	None	1.00	1.00	2468
С	Compiler	01	2.37	1.50	1562
С	Compiler	O2	2.38	1.50	1555
С	Compiler	O3	2.41	1.91	1955
Java	Interpreter		0.12	0.05	1050
Java	JIT compiler		2.13	0.29	338

Observations?

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Fallacies and Pitfalls Fallacies: x86 Instruction Set Growth More powerful 1000 instructions mean 900 higher performance 800 of Instructions 700 Write in assembly 600 language for 500 highest 400 Number performance 300 Binary compatibility 200 means successful ISAs (e.g., x86) don't change Year Pitfalls: • Forgetting that sequential word addresses in machines with byte addressing don't differ by one (but by 4!) • Using a pointer to an automatic variable outside its defining procedure CSE431 Chapter 2.49 Irwin, PSU, 2015





Lecture Reading and Reminders

- This lecture
 - MIPS ISA Review, PH, Chapter 2, Appendix A
- Next lecture
 - MIPS ALU Review, PH, Chapter 3, Appendix B
- Reminders
 - HW1 posted on Angel, due Sep 4 by 11:55pm in Angel DropBox
 - Quiz 1 posted on Angel, will close midnight Sept 8
 - Attend one of the unix + SimpleScalar tutorial sessions in the lab (218 IST) Sept 9th and 10th from 7:30 to 9pm (HW2 will contain a SimpleScalar simulation question)
 - First evening midterm exam scheduled
 - Thursday, October 2th, 20:15 to 22:15, Location 262 Willard
 - Please let me know ASAP (via email) if you have a conflict

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