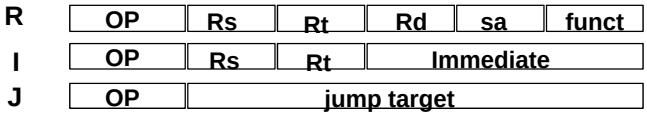
MIPS Instruction Set Architecture

- **Instruction Categories**
  - Load/Store
  - Computational
  - Jump and Branch
  - Floating Point (coprocessor)

3 Instruction Formats: all 32 bits wide

ALU (R) instructions have 3 operands which are only registers

The only memory access is through explicit load/store instructions



32 registers

Number:	$0	$1	$2-$3	$4-$7
Name:	zero	at	v0-v1	a0-a3

$8-$15	$16-$23	$23-$31
t0-t7	s0-s7	8 other registers not discussed here

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Example Assembly Instructions

- **In assembly language, each statement (called an Instruction), executes exactly one of a short list of simple commands**

Type	Example Operations	Assembly instructions

R	add
	sub
	and
	or
		add s1, s2, s3
		sub s1, s2, s3
		and s1, s2, s3
		or s1, s2, s3

I	addi andi	addi s1, s1, 100 andi s1, s1, 100
J	beq bne b	beq s1, s2, L bne s1, s2, L b loop

- **The details of each instruction is in document MIPS_VOL2, which is available on D2L.**

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R-Type Arithmetic

- **Syntax of Instructions:**

  1 2, 3, 4

  where:

  1) operation by name

  2) operand getting result (destination)

  3) 1st operand for operation (source1)

  4) 2nd operand for operation (source2)

- **Syntax is rigid:**

  – 1 operator, 3 operands

  – Why? Keep Hardware simple via regularity

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Arithmetic

Addition

```
add   Rd,   Rs1,  Rs2
addi  Rd,   Rs,   SIMM_16
addu, addiu
```

Subtraction

```
sub   Rd,   Rs1,  Rs2
```

Multiplication

```
mul   Rd,   Rs1,  Rs2
```

Division

```
div Rs, Rt     #LO←quotient, HI← remainder
MFHI Rd        #rd← HI
```

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Addition and Subtraction

- **Addition in Assembly**
  - Example (in MIPS): `add  s0, s1, s2`
  - Equivalent to HLL (e.g. C): a = b + c

  where registers **s0, s1, s2** are associated with variables a, b, c
- **Subtraction in Assembly**
  - Example (in MIPS): `sub  s3, s4, s5`
  - Equivalent to HLL (e.g C): d = e - f

  where registers **s3, s4, s5** are associated with variables d, e, f

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Compound Addition and Subtraction

- **How to do the following HLL statement?**

  a = b + c + d - e;
- **Break it into multiple instructions:**
- **Assume a in s0, b in s1, c in s2, d in s3, e in s4.**

```
add     s0, s1, s2      # a = b + c
add     s0, s0, s3      # a = a + d
sub     s0, s0, s4      # a = a - e
```

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I Type Immediates

- **Immediates are numerical constants.**
- **They appear often in code, so there are special instructions for them.**
- **"Add Immediate":**

  addi s0, s1, 10 (in MIPS)

  f = g + 10 (in C)

  where registers **s0, s1** are associated with variables f, g
- **Syntax similar to add instruction, except that last argument is a number instead of a register.**

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Register Zero

- **One particular immediate, the number zero (0), appears very often in code.**
- **So we define register zero (**$0 **or zero) to always have the value 0.**
- **This is defined in hardware, so an instruction like**

  addi $0, $0, 5

  Or

  addi zero, zero, 5

  will not do anything.
- **Use this register, it's very handy!**

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Decisions: `if` Statements

- **2 kinds of `if` statements in HLL (e.g. C)**
  - `if (`*condition*`)` *clause*
  - `if (`*condition*`)` *clause1* `else` *clause2*
- **Rearrange 2nd `if` into following:**

```
if  (condition) goto L1;
      clause2;
      go to L2;
L1: clause1;
L2:
```

  - Not as elegant as if - else, but same meaning

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MIPS Decision Instructions

- **Decision instruction in MIPS:**
  - `beq  register1, register2, L1`
  - `beq` is 'Branch if (registers are) equal'
    Same meaning as :

```
if    (register1==register2) goto L1
```

- **Complementary MIPS decision instruction**
  - `bne  register1, register2, L1`
  - `bne` is 'Branch if (registers are) not equal'
    Same meaning as :

```
if    (register1!=register2) goto L1
```

- **Called conditional branches**

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MIPS Goto Instruction

- **In addition to conditional branches, MIPS has an unconditional branch:**

```
b label
```

- **Called a Jump Instruction: jump (or branch) directly to the given label without needing to satisfy any condition**
- **Same meaning as :**

```
goto label
```

- **Technically, it's the same as:**

```
beq   $0, $0, label
```

since it always satisfies the condition.

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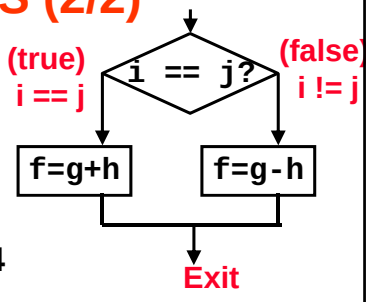
Compiling `if` into MIPS (2/2)

- **Compile by hand**

```
if (i == j)
 f = g+h;
else f = g-h;
```

- **Use this mapping:**

f: s0, g: s1, h: s2, i: s3, j: s4



- **Final compiled MIPS code:**

```
        beq s3, s4, True  # branch i==j
        sub s0, s1, s2    # f=g-h(false)
        b       Fin           # go to Fin
    True:
        add     s0,s1,s2  # f=g+h (true)
    Fin:
```

- **Note: Compilers automatically create labels to handle decisions (branches) appropriately. Generally not found in HLL code.**

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Branching Assembly Instructions

```
beq   Rs1,  Rs2,  Label        # goto Label if Rs1==Rs2
bne   Rs1,  Rs2,  Label        # goto Label if Rs1!=Rs2

blt   Rs1,  Rs2,  Label        #goto Label if Rs1 < Rs2
bgt   Rs1,  Rs2,  Label        #goto Label if Rs1 > Rs2
ble   Rs1,  Rs2,  Label        #goto Label if Rs1 <= Rs2
bge   Rs1,  Rs2,  Label        #goto Label if Rs1 >= Rs2
b         Label                #unconditional goto Label

jal sub                        #Jump and link to sub(sub is the label
                               starting the subroutine sub
jr  Rs                         #jump to address specified by register
                               Rs
```

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