

Computer Organization Assignment

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1 Introduction and Instructions

1. This will be a group assignment in groups of 3,4 students. Each student in the group will be marked separately. Therefore, try to ensure that work is roughly divided equally among all the group members.
2. In this assignment, you will have to design and implement a custom assembler and a custom simulator for a given ISA.
3. You are not restricted to any programming language. However, your program must read from the specified file and write to the specified file.
4. You must use GitHub to collaborate. You must track your progress via git.
5. The automated testing infrastructure assumes that you have a working Linux-based shell. For those using Windows, you can use a VM or WSL.
6. Start the assignment early and ask the queries well in advance. Do not expect any reply on weekends and 10 PM - 6 AM on working days. Do not escalate your query to instructors directly. **Write any queries you have in the comments section.** Wait at least 24 hours for any reply to your comment. If there is no reply, then you can mail it to the respective TAs if still there is no response, then mail the TFs, and if still there is no response, then mail the instructors for clarification.
7. No last-minute deadline extensions will be considered whatsoever. This includes but is not limited to connectivity issues, one group member not working or not cooperating, etc. The duration of the deadline is sufficient enough to complete the assignment.
8. Commit your code to the repository periodically to prevent any loss of your code due to system failures or any other issues. In case of system failures of all the members of the group, your last committed code on Git Hub before the deadline will be considered for evaluation.

2 Question Description

There are a total of three questions in this assignment.

1. Designing and Implementing the assembler.
2. Designing and Implementing the simulator.
3. A bonus question based on the assembler and simulator.

We will release some test cases with the assignment so that you can test your implementations. During the evaluations, a superset of these test cases will be provided to you, on which basis your project will be graded.

3 Deadlines

The assignment consists of two deadlines:

3.1 Mid Evaluation

1. By this deadline, you must have the assembler ready.
2. You will be tested mostly on the test cases already provided to you with the assignment.
3. However, we might add some other test cases as well.
4. You will only be evaluated on the assembler. (20%)

3.2 Final Evaluation

1. By this deadline, you must have both the assembler and the simulator ready(80%).
2. You should also have completed Q3(10%).
3. You will be evaluated on a much larger set of test cases this time.
4. You will also be evaluated on the bonus question at this stage.

The mid-evaluation will be worth 20% of your final assignment grade. The final evaluation will be worth the remaining 80% of your final assignment grade. The bonus will be worth 10%, making the total 110%.

4 Grading

Q1 and Q2 are mandatory questions. In Q1, you will have to make an assembler. In Q2, you have to make a simulator for which detailed information is mentioned in the respective questions. Grading will be based on the number of test cases that your program passes.

4.1 [CO2, CO3] Q1: Assembler

The test cases are divided into three sets:

1. ErrorGen: These tests are supposed to generate errors
2. simpleBin: These are simple test cases that are supposed to generate a binary.
3. hardGen: These are hard test cases that are supposed to generate a binary.

4.2 [CO3, CO4] Q2: Simulator

The test cases are divided into two sets:

1. simpleBin: These are simple test cases that are supposed to generate a trace.
2. hardGen: These are hard test cases that are supposed to generate a trace.

The TA will grade the errorGen cases manually.

4.3 [CO4] Q3: Bonus

In this question, you need to advance the designed assembler and simulator for the additional instructions mentioned in **red** color in Table 12. Furthermore, you must design one test case for each new instruction implemented. And one more test case program containing all new implemented instructions.

5 Evaluation Procedure

1. On your demo day, a compressed archive of all tests will be shared with you on Google Classroom. This archive will also include other test cases, which will not be provided to you beforehand.
2. On the day of evaluation, you must
 - (a) Prove that you are not running code written after the deadline by running “git log HEAD,” which prints the date and time of the commit pointed to by the HEAD. You must also run “git status” to show that you don’t have any uncommitted changes.
 - (b) Prove the integrity of the tests archive by computing the sha256sum of the archive. To compute the checksum, you can run “sha256sum path/to/the/archive”. The TA will then match the checksum to verify the integrity.
3. Then you can extract the archive and replace the “automatedTesting/tests” directory.
4. Then you need to execute the automated testing infrastructure, which will run all the tests and finally print your score.
5. The TA will verify the correctness of the test cases which are supposed to generate errors. An automated test-case infrastructure will be provided.

6 Plagiarism

1. Any copying of code from your peers or from the internet will invoke the institute’s Plagiarism policy.
2. Provide proper references if you’re taking your code from another resource. If the said code is the main part of the assignment, You will be awarded 0 marks.
3. If you are found indulging in any bad practice to circumvent the above-mentioned evaluation procedure, you will be awarded 0 marks, and the institute plagiarism policy will be applied.

7 Assignment Description

In this project, you will implement a subset of RV32I (RISC-V 32-bit integer) instruction set. RISC-V, an open-source ISA, is increasingly used for open-source hardware development.

7.1 ISA Explanation

RISC V is a load-store type ISA. This implies that the data is brought to the register before being processed. Hence, even the instructions that perform memory access, have the memory address present in the register. Table 1 shows the various instructions format used in RV32I ISA. The following definitions should be used while reading it.

1. **rs**: Source register.
2. **rd**: Destination register.
3. **rt**: Temporary register.
4. **imm**: Immediate.
5. **PC**: Program Counter.
6. **sp**: Stack Pointer.
7. **sext()**: signextension()

Further details on each of the instruction types can also be found on:

<https://msyksphinz-self.github.io/riscv-isadoc/html/rvi.html>

Some available simulators can be accessed at:

<https://ascslab.org/research/briscv/simulator/simulator.html>

<https://github.com/TheThirdOne/rars>

<https://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs3410/2019sp/riscv/interpreter/>

7.2 Instruction and Register Encoding

Each instruction in RISC V can be represented uniquely in 32 bits. For each format type tables are listed to convert the instructions from assembly to binary.

Table 15 shows the binary encoding of the various registers used by RISC V. Note that the register x0 always contains the value 0. The value is not impacted by any writes done on it. While writing the program code, it is recommended to use saved registers as much as possible.

						Format
[31:25]	[24:20]	[19:15]	[14:12]	[11:7]	[6:0]	
funct7	rs2	rs1	funct3	rd	opcode	R-type
[31:20]		[19:15]	[14:12]	[11:7]	[6:0]	
imm[11 : 0]		rs1	funct3	rd	opcode	I-type
[31:25]	[24:20]	[19:15]	[14:12]	[11:7]	[6:0]	
imm[11 : 5]	rs2	rs1	funct3	imm[4 : 0]	opcode	S-type
[31:25]	[24:20]	[19:15]	[14:12]	[11:7]	[6:0]	
imm[12 10 : 5]	rs2	rs1	funct3	imm[4 : 1 11]	opcode	B-type
[31:12]				[11:7]	[6:0]	
imm[20 10 : 1 11 19 : 12]				rd	opcode	J-type

Table 1: Type of Instructions in RISC-V

Note: The abbreviation "sext" stands for sign extension.

7.2.1 R Type Instructions

Base Instruction(s)	Explanation
add rd, rs1, rs2	rd = rs1 + rs2 (Overflow are ignored)
sub rd, rs1, rs2	rd = rs1 - rs2
slt rd, rs1, rs2	rd = 1. If signed(rs1) < signed(rs2)
srl rd, rs1, rs2	rd = rs1 >> unsigned(rs2[4:0])
Right shift rs1 by the value in lower 5 bits of rs2.	
or rd, rs1, rs2	rd = rs1 rs2 (Bitwise logical or.)
and rd, rs1, rs2	rd = rs1&rs2 (Bitwise logical and.)

Table 2: Register type (R-type) instruction in RISC-V.

[31:25]	[24:20]	[19:15]	[14:12]	[11:7]	[6:0]	Instruction
funct7	rs2	rs1	funct3	rd	opcode	
0000000	rs2	rs1	000	rd	0110011	add
0100000	rs2	rs1	000	rd	0110011	sub
0000000	rs2	rs1	010	rd	0110011	slt
0000000	rs2	rs1	101	rd	0110011	srl
0000000	rs2	rs1	110	rd	0110011	or
0000000	rs2	rs1	111	rd	0110011	and

Table 3: Binary encoding of Register type (R-type) instruction in RISC-V.

7.2.2 I Type Instructions

Base Instruction(s)	Explanation
lw rd, imm[11:0](rs1)	$rd = sext(mem(rs1 + sext(imm[11:0])))$
addi rd, rs, imm[11:0]	$rd = rs + sext(imm[11:0])$
jalr rd, x6, offset[11:0]	$rd = PC + 4.$
	And store(link) the return address in (rd).
	$PC = x6 + sext(imm[11:0])$
	Before jumping make the LSB=0 for PC.

Table 4: Immediate type (I-type) instructions in RISC-V.

[31:20]	[19:15]	[14:12]	[11:7]	[6:0]	Instruction
imm[11 : 0]	rs1	funct3	rd	opcode	
imm[11 : 0]	rs1	010	rd	0000011	lw
imm[11 : 0]	rs1	000	rd	0010011	addi
imm[11 : 0]	rs1	000	rd	1100111	jalr

Table 5: Binary encoding of Immediate type (I-type) instructions in RISC-V.

7.2.3 S Type Instructions

Base Instruction(s)	Explanation
sw rs2, imm[11:0](rs1)	$mem(rs1 + sext(imm[11:0])) = rs2$

Table 6: (S-type) instructions in RISC-V.

[31:25]	[24:20]	[19:15]	[14:12]	[11:7]	[6:0]	Instruction
imm[11 : 5]	rs2	rs1	funct3	imm[4 : 0]	opcode	
imm[11 : 5]	rs2	rs1	010	imm[4 : 0]	0100011	sw

Table 7: Binary encoding of S-type instructions in RISC-V.

7.2.4 B Type Instructions

Base Instruction(s)	Explanation
beq rs1, rs2, imm[12:1]	Branch or $PC = PC + sext(\{imm[12:1], 1'b0\})$. If $sext(rs1) == sext(rs2)$.
bne rs1, rs2, imm[12:1]	Branch or $PC = PC + sext(\{imm[12:1], 1'b0\})$. If $sext(rs1) != sext(rs2)$.

Table 8: Type of Branch type (B-type) instruction in RISC-V.

[31:25]	[24:20]	[19:15]	[14:12]	[11:7]	[6:0]	Instruction
imm[12 10 : 5]	rs2	rs1	funct3	imm[4 : 1 11]	opcode	
imm[12 10 : 5]	rs2	rs1	000	imm[4 : 1 11]	1100011	beq
imm[12 10 : 5]	rs2	rs1	001	imm[4 : 1 11]	1100011	bne
imm[12 10 : 5]	rs2	rs1	100	imm[4 : 1 11]	1100011	blt

Table 9: Binary encoding of Branch type (B-type) instruction in RISC-V.

7.2.5 J Type Instructions

Base Instruction(s)	Explanation
jal rd, imm[20:1]	$rd = PC + 4$. And store(link) the return address in (rd). $PC = PC + sext(\{imm[20:1], 1'b0\})$ Before jumping make the LSB=0 for PC.

Table 10: J-type instruction in RISC-V.

[31:12]	[11:7]	[6:0]	Instruction
imm[20 10 : 1 11 19 : 12]	rd	opcode	
imm[20 10 : 1 11 19 : 12]	rd	1101111	jal

Table 11: J-type instruction in RISC-V.

7.2.6 Instructions for Bonus part

Base Instruction(s)	Explanation
rst	Reset (zero down) all registers except Program counter(PC).
halt	Stops the further execution. Or halt the processor.

Table 12: Bonus instructions to be implemented in the project.

[31:25]	[24:20]	[19:15]	[14:12]	[11:7]	[6:0]	
	rs2	rs1		rd		mul
						rst
						halt
		rs1		rd		rvrs

Table 13: Mnemonics for bonus instructions.

Base Instruction(s)	Explanation
addi x0, x0, 0	Perform no operation and advance.
beq zero,zero,0x00000000	Virtual Halt. PC = PC.

Table 14: Additional functions after instruction manipulation.

7.2.7 Register Encoding

Address	Register	ABI Name	Description	Saver
5'b0000_0	x0	zero	Hard-wired zero	---
5'b0000_1	x1	ra	Return address	Caller
5'b0001_0	x2	sp	Stack Pointer	Callee
5'b0001_1	x3	gp	Global Pointer	----
5'b0010_0	x4	tp	Thread Pointer	----
5'b0010_1	x5	t0	Temporary/alternate link register	Caller
5'h06-5'h07	x6-7	t1-2	Temporaries	Caller
5'b0100_0	x8	s0/fp	Saved register/frame pointer	Callee
5'b0100_1	x9	s1	Saved Register	Callee
5'h0a-5'h0b	x10-11	a0-1	Function arguments/ return values	Caller
5'h012-5'h017	x12-17	a2-7	Function arguments	Caller
5'h018-5'h027	x18-27	s2-11	Saved registers	Caller
5'h028-5'h031	x28-31	t3-6	Temporaries	Caller

Table 15: Encoding of the registers used by RISC V ISA

Note: This project will treat each register (except zero register, stack pointer, return address, saved registers) as a general purpose register or no need to design registers as per their description.

Notation Description:

5'h0a2 = Truncated value of $(0a2)_{16}$ to 5-bits.

5'b011 = Sign extended value of $(011)_2$ to 5-bits.

Additional information about caller and callee can be found at https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/6-004-computation-structures-spring-2009/9051d6b950cac5104c4be3edf9412938_MIT6_004s09_lec13.pdf.

8 Questions

Note: It is not necessary to implement the registers and instructions that are highlighted in yellow color.

8.1 Question 1: Assembler

Program an assembler for the aforementioned ISA and assembly. The assembler must read the assembly program as an input text file and generate the binary (if there are no errors) as an output text file. The path of the input assembly code file and the output binary code file will be given as arguments. If there are errors, the assembler must generate the error notifications along with the line number on which the error was encountered as an output text file (stdout). In case of multiple errors, the assembler may print any one of the errors.

The input to the assembler is a text file containing the assembly instructions. Each line of the text file may be of one of two types:

1. Empty line: Ignore these lines
2. An instruction
3. A label

8.1.1 Here is the meaning corresponding to these entities.

1. An instruction can be of the following:
 - The opcode from the mentioned mnemonics.
 - A register can be zero, ra, sp, gp, etc. as per their ABI Name.
 - A immediate within bounds as per specified instruction.
 - A label that will be utilized at *jump and branch* type instructions.
2. If an instruction is labeled. Then, the *label* must be at the beginning of the instruction. The label name must **start with a character**. The label is **followed by a colon** with no space in between the label and the colon. The branch instructions in the assembly code will utilize the labels to jump to the specific location. While converting assembly into binary, the label will be converted into an immediate by subtracting the current instruction address (Program Counter) from the absolute instruction address (pointed out by the label). The arithmetic operation is signed as the jump can be upward or downward. And, the converted immediate is signed (2's complement representation) and is of 12 bits.

All the program execution(for simulator only) should terminate with the **Virtual Halt** instruction (beq zero,zero,0x00000000). Note that the immediate is signed. Here (0x00000000) represents (0) of decimal. This instruction can be used to halt the processor.

The assembler should be capable of:

1. Handling all supported instructions
2. Making sure that any illegal instruction (any instruction or instruction usage that is not supported) results in a syntax error. In particular, you must handle:
 - (a) Typos in instruction or register name
 - (b) Flag illegal immediate whose length goes out of bounds as per the available length in the instruction.
 - (c) Missing **Virtual Halt** instruction.
 - (d) **Virtual Halt** not being used as the last instruction
3. The corresponding binary is generated if the code is error-free. The binary file is a text file in which each line is a 32-symbol number. Each symbol is either 0 or 1.

Note: ABI stands for Application Binary Interface.

8.2 Assembly Instruction encoding examples

1. R-type instruction encoding.
 {Instruction_code}{Space}{Destination_Register(ABI)}{,}{Source_Register1(ABI)}{,}{Source_Register2(ABI)}
Example: add s1,s2,s3

[31:25]	[24:20]	[19:15]	[14:12]	[11:7]	[6:0]	Instruction
funct7	s3	s2	add	s1	opcode	add
0000000	10011	10010	000	01001	0110011	

2. I-type instruction encoding.
 {Instruction_code}{Space}{Return_Address_Register(ABI)}{,}{Source_Register1(ABI)}{,}{Immediate}
Example: jalr ra,a5,-07

[31:20]	[19:15]	[14:12]	[11:7]	[6:0]	Instruction
-07	a5	funct3	ra	opcode	jalr
11111111001	01111	000	00001	1100111	

{Instruction_code}{Space}{Return_Address_Register(ABI)}{,}{Immediate(Source_Register1 ABI)}

Example: lw a5,20(s1)

[31:20]	[19:15]	[14:12]	[11:7]	[6:0]	Instruction
20	s1	funct3	a4	opcode	lw
000000010100	01001	010	01110	0000011	

3. S-type instruction encoding.

{Instruction_code}{Space}{Data_Register(ABI)}{,}{Immediate_offset[11:0]}{Source_Address_Register(ABI)}

Example: sw ra,32(sp)

[31:25]	[24:20]	[19:15]	[14:12]	[11:7]	[6:0]	Instruction
imm[11 : 5]	ra	sp	funct3	imm[4 : 0]	opcode	sw
0000001	00001	00010	010	00000	0100011	

4. B-type instruction encoding.

{Instruction_code}{Space}{Source_register1}{,}{Source_register2}{,}{Immediate[12:1]}

Example: blt a4,a5,label

Suppose immediate after calculation using label = 200

blt a4,a5,200

200 => binary(0000.0000.1100.1000)

[31:25]	[24:20]	[19:15]	[14:12]	[11:7]	[6:0]	Instruction
imm[12 10 : 5]	a5	a4	funct3	imm[4 : 1 11]	opcode	blt
0000110	01111	01110	100	01000	1100011	

5. U-type instruction encoding.

{Instruction_code}{Space}{Destination_Register}{,}{Immediate[31:12]}

Example: auipc s2,-30

[31:12]	[11:7]	[6:0]	Instruction
imm[31:12]	s2	opcode	auipc
11111111111111111111	10010	0010111	

6. J-type instruction encoding.

{Instruction_code}{Space}{Destination_Register}{,}{Immediate[20:1]}

Example: jal ra,label

Suppose immediate after calculation using label = -1024

jal ra,-1024

-1024 => binary(1111.1111.1100.0000.0000)

[31:12]	[11:7]	[6:0]	Instruction
imm[20 10 : 1 11 19 : 12]	ra	opcode	jal
11000000000111111111	00001	1101111	

8.3 Memory size and addressing

- (a) Program Memory: The size of program memory is 256 bytes, and each location can store 32 bits. Eventually, we have 64 locations to store our instructions. The instruction memory ranges from {0x0000_0000, 0x0000_00FF}.
- (b) Stack Memory: The size of stack memory is 128 bytes, and each location can store 32 bits. Eventually, we have 32 locations to stack our register values. The stack grows downwards or we need to decrement the stack address before storing any register content. The stack memory ranges from {0x0000_0100, 0x0000_017F}.
- (c) Data Memory: The size of data memory is 128 bytes, and each location can store 32 bits. Eventually, we have 32 locations in our data memory. The data memory ranges from {0x001_0000, 0x0001_007F}. But, we are utilizing only the starting 32 locations.

8.4 Assembly Program encoding example

Here an assembly program is written to evaluate whether a given number is even or odd. If even then, "0" is stored at the specified (0x0001_0000) data memory location. If odd "1" is stored at the specified (0x0001_0000) data memory location. The given number is loaded as an immediate value "21". The data memory location where the corresponding result needs to be stored is $(65536)_{10} = (0x0001_0000)_2$. In the program, a label is replaced in **jal** instruction. The immediate is calculated as the address label at store_value (0x0000_002C) minus the program counter of the **jal** instruction (0x0000_0024).

Address	Pseudo Assembly Program	Explanation Converted Instruction
0x0000_0000	addi sp,zero,380	Initialize the stack pointer
0x0000_0004	lui s0,65536	Store data memory address into register.
0x0000_0008	addi s0,s0,65536	
0x0000_000C	addi s2,zero,21	Load number to be evaluated
0x0000_0010	addi s3,zero,01	
0x0000_0014	xor t0,s2,s3	
0x0000_0018	add s1,zero,t0	
0x0000_001C	addi sp,sp,-8	Decrement stack pointer before storing values
0x0000_0020	sw ra,4(sp)	Store the return address before jump to subroutine.
0x0000_0024	jal ra,store_value jal ra,08	jump to subroutine at label store_value
0x0000_0028	beq zero,zero,0	Virtual Halt
0x0000_002C	store_value: addi sp,sp,-4	decrement stack before storing any value
0x0000_0030	sw ra,0(sp)	Store the return address in stack.
0x0000_0034	sw s1,0(s0)	store the result in data memory.
0x0000_0038	lw ra,0(sp)	load return address back
0x0000_003C	addi sp,sp,4	Get stack pointer to original state
0x0000_0040	jalr zero,0(ra)	Return from this subroutine.

Note: The instruction **jal ra,08** is the instruction compatible to RISC-V ISA. This instruction is the converted form of **jal ra,store_value**. The labels are used for the ease of assembly programmers for subroutine jump.

8.5 Question 2: Simulator

The simulator must read the binary code file as an input text file and generate the trace as an output text file. The path of the input binary code file and the output trace file will be given as arguments. If there are errors, the simulator must generate the error notifications along with the line number on which the error was encountered at the terminal output. The simulator should print the first encountered error in case of multiple errors.

8.5.1 Format of output from Simulator

The input for the simulator is the binary code file converted by the assembler. The simulator, after the execution of every instruction, prints the register values in the mentioned output file. In the output file the register content as well as memory content will be in binary format. The simulator will print the memory stats after the execution of the mentioned **Virtual Halt** instruction.

Output format to be stored in the chosen file after execution of every instruction.

{Program_Counter}{Space}{x0}{Space}{x1}{Space}{x2}{Space}.....{Space}{x31}

The memory at the simulator side should be of size (32X32-bit). The output will have all the memory content (32 lines) printed starting from address (0x0000_0000). Output format of memory after the execution of **Virtual Halt**.

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32-bit_binary_data

Note: Both the stats after each instruction execution and the memory stats after the virtual halt will be in a single file only. Firstly, each instruction's stats will be stored, followed by memory stats.

Note: If anyone finds any kind of typographical mistake, any ambiguity or any incorrect technical detail please notify us as soon as possible.

9 ERRATA

Note: All subsequent updates if any will be in **lime** color and can be easily differentiated.

9.1 Some Clarifications

- The notation 1'b0 corresponds to one bit which is low (zero).
- For the B-type instruction a valid immediate should be within 12 bits only. But, you don't have any need to check for the calculated address $PC + sext(imm[1:1], 1'b0)$ to lie in valid memory range. This calculated address will lie in a valid memory range.
- The notation need to be decoded as $imm[20|10:1|11|19:12] \Rightarrow imm[20th_bit, 10th_bit \text{ to } 1st_bit, 11th_bit, 19th_bit \text{ to } 12th_bit]$.
- The indexing of immediate is standard. But, in some instructions, the zeroth bit of immediate is not being utilized.