

RISC-V 101

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RISC-V

- Popular open-source ISA (Instruction Set Architecture) for research, education, and industrial usage

- RISC-V vs MIPS
 - Similarities
 - Based on the RISC (reduced instruction set computer) ISA philosophy
 - Differences
 - Free (RISC-V) vs commercial (MIPS)
 - Variable-length instructions (RISC-V) vs fixed-length instructions (MIPS)
// RISC-V has a fixed-length base instruction set and all our lab assignments will assume this fixed-length version (i.e., RV32I)
 - RISC-V is more expandable

Program Counter

M[0]
M[1]
M[2]
M[3]
M[4]
M[N-1]

x0
x1
x2
General Purpose Register File

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Base Integer ISA & Extension

■ Base integer ISA

- ❑ Integer data type
- ❑ Width of integer registers & user address space specifies instruction set
- ❑ 32-bit (RV32I), 64-bit (RV64I), and 128-bit (RV128I) integer data format
// **A customized RV32I is used for all lab assignments**
- ❑ **// All data for the lab are in 32-bit integer format**
- ❑ Little-endian

■ Extension

- ❑ Multiply/divide (M), atomic operations (A), floating-point arithmetic (F), double-precision floating-point arithmetic (D) support
ex) RV32I (**base**), RV32IF (**base + floating point extension**),
RV32IMD (**base + multiplication/division & double precision extension**)
- ❑ G for all extensions
 - RV32G (= RV32IMAFD)

Instruction Formats

- Fixed 32-bit instructions for base integer instructions (RV32I, RV64I)
- Variable-length instructions for ISA extensions
 - Multiples of 16-bit length

// We assume the fixed-length (32-bit) ISA in our labs (RV32I)

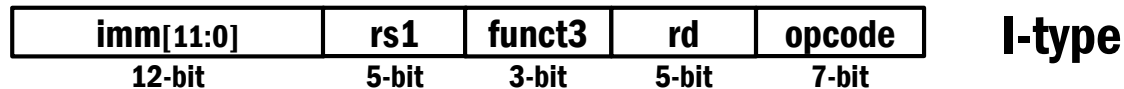
Instruction Formats – RV32I

■ 4 simple formats

□ R-type, 3 register operands



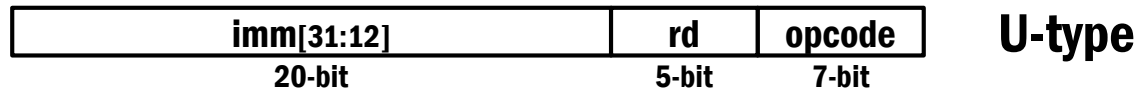
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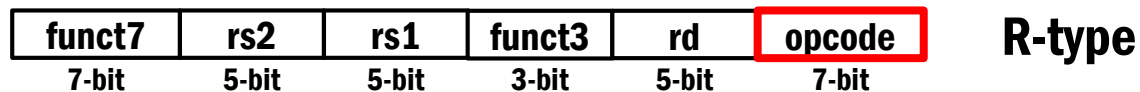
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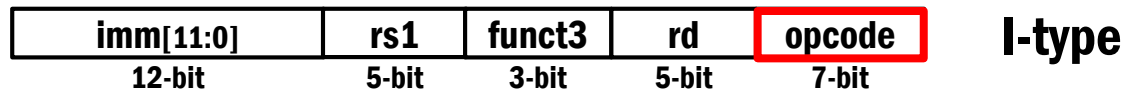
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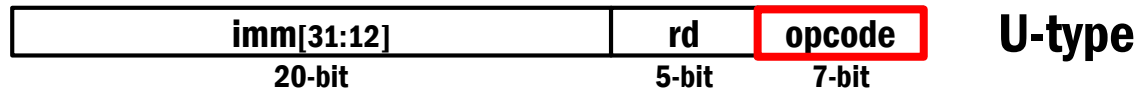
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All opcodes are aligned to the right

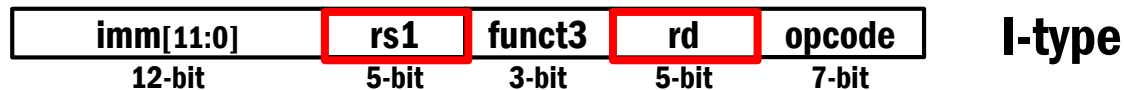
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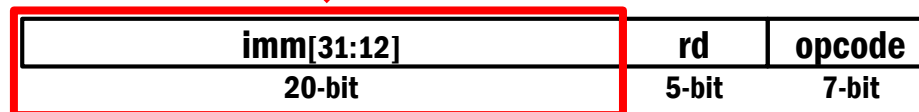
All registers (rs1, rs2, rd) are located in the same position

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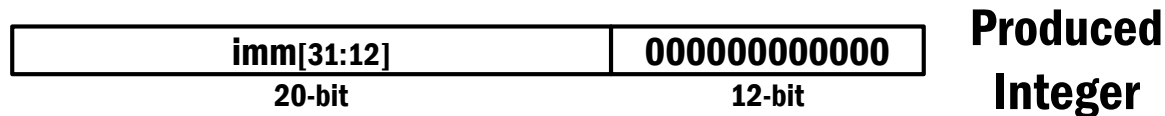


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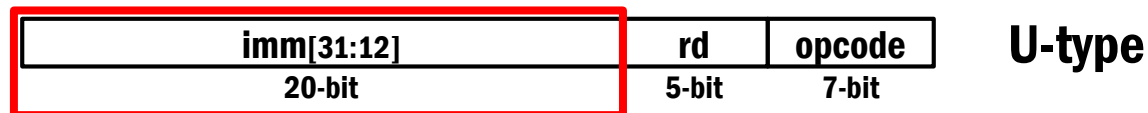
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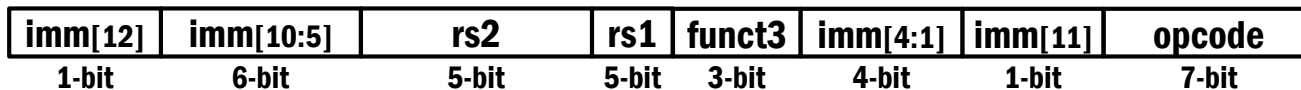
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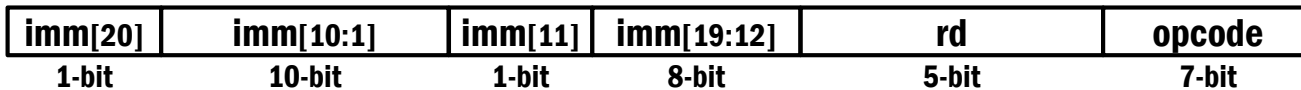
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- **B-type, 2 register operands and 12-bit immediate operand**



B-type

- **J-type, 1 register operand and 20-bit immediate operand**

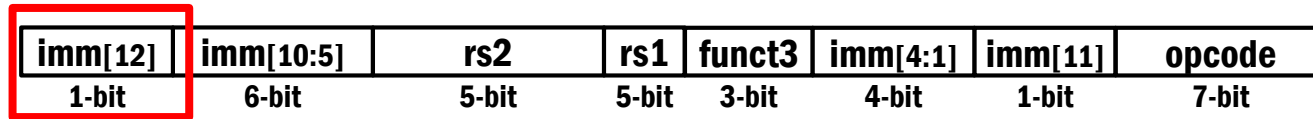


J-type

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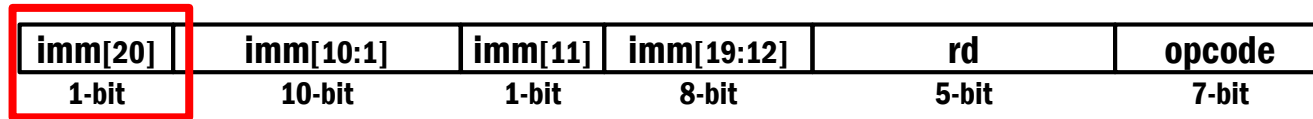
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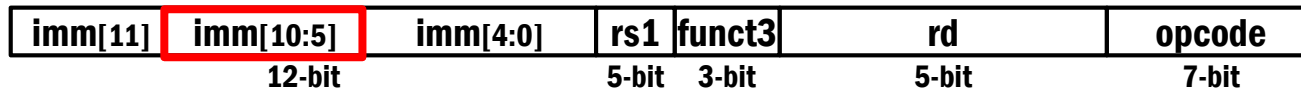


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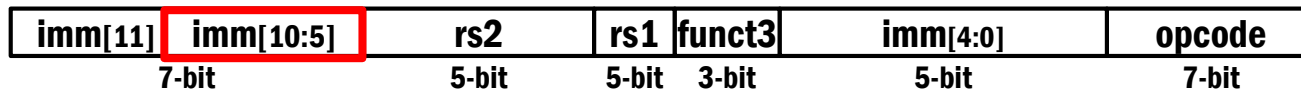
Instruction Formats – RV32I

■ Reason for sliced & spread immediate position

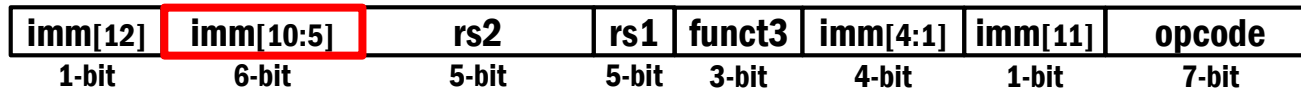
- ❑ MSB (Most Significant Bit) can be easily extended for sign extension
- ❑ Each immediate's bit position overlaps across the types
 - reducing hardware complexity
 - ex) imm[10:5] of I, S, B, and J are in the same position



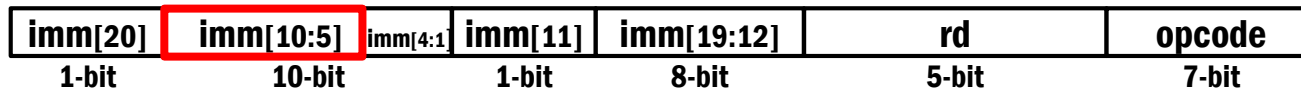
I-type



S-type



B-type



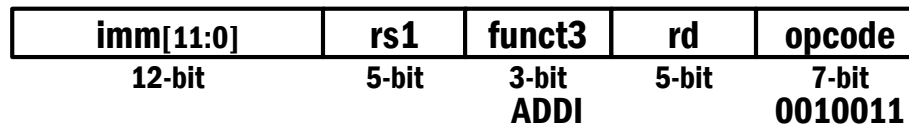
J-type

Integer Computational Instructions

- Assembly (e.g., register-immediate signed addition)

ADDI rd_{reg} , $rs1_{reg}$, immediate

- Machine encoding



I-type

- Semantics

- $GPR[rd] \leftarrow GPR[rs1] \text{ OP sign-extend } (immediate_{12})$
- $PC \leftarrow PC + 4$

- Overflow is ignored (no exceptions raised)

- Variations

- Arithmetic: {ADDI}
- Logical: {ANDI, ORI, XORI}
- Conditional: {SLTI(U)}

Integer Computational Instructions

- Assembly (e.g., register-register signed addition)

ADD $rd_{reg}, rs1_{reg}, rs2_{reg}$

- Machine encoding

funct7	rs2	rs1	funct3	rd	opcode
7-bit	5-bit	5-bit	3-bit	5-bit	7-bit
0000000			ADD		0110011

R-type

- Semantics (0100000 for SUB/SRA)

- $GPR[rd] \leftarrow GPR[rs1] \text{ OP } GPR[rs2]$
- $PC \leftarrow PC + 4$

- Overflow is ignored (no exceptions raised)

- Variations

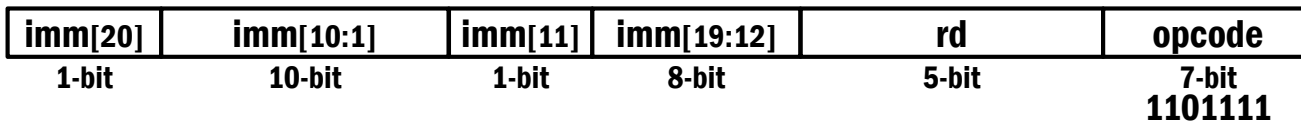
- Arithmetic: {signed, unsigned} x {ADD, SUB}
- Logical: {AND, OR, XOR}
- Shift: {SLL, SRL, SRA}
- Conditional: {SLT[U]}

Control Transfer Inst. (Unconditional Jump)

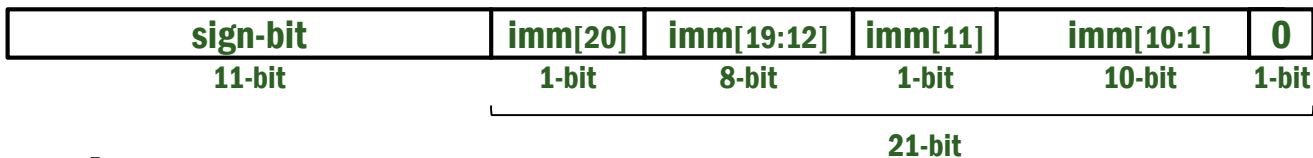
■ Assembly

JAL x1, immediate (JAL (Jump And Link), x1 : return address)

■ Machine encoding



J-type



Produced Immediate

■ Semantics // PC-relative jump

- $\text{target} \leftarrow \text{PC} + \text{sign-extend}(\text{immediate}_{21})$
- $\text{GPR}[\text{x1}] \leftarrow \text{PC} + 4$
- $\text{PC} \leftarrow \text{target}$

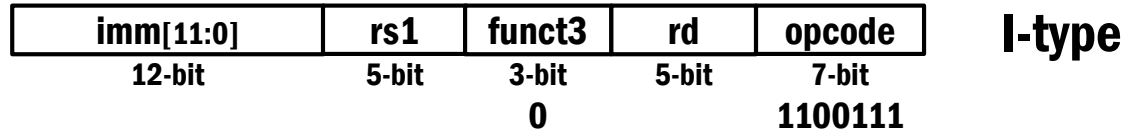
■ How far can you jump (in both direction)? ± 1 MiB

Control Transfer Inst. (Unconditional Jump)

■ Assembly

JALR x1, rs1, immediate (x1 : return address)

■ Machine encoding



■ Semantics

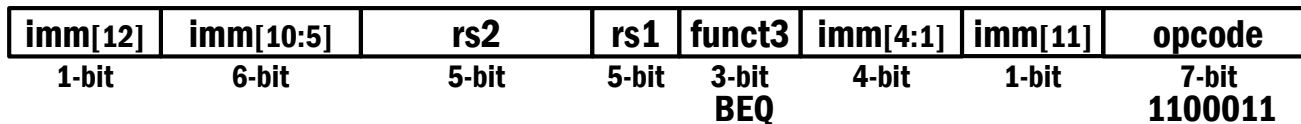
- $\text{target} \leftarrow (\text{GPR}[\text{rs1}] + \text{sign-extend}(\text{immediate}_{12})) \& 0\text{fffffffe}$
- $\text{GPR}[\text{x1}] \leftarrow \text{PC} + 4$
- $\text{PC} \leftarrow \text{target}$

Control Transfer Inst. (Conditional Jump)

- Assembly (e.g., branch if equal)

BEQ $rs1_{reg}$, $rs2_{reg}$, immediate

- Machine encoding



B-type

- Semantics // PC-relative jump

- $target \leftarrow PC + \text{sign-extend}(\text{immediate}_{13})$
- if $GPR[rs1] == GPR[rs2]$ then $PC \leftarrow target$
else $PC \leftarrow PC + 4$

- How far can you jump? ± 4 KiB

- Variations

- BEQ, BNE, BLT, BLTU, BGT, BGTU

- No branch delay slots

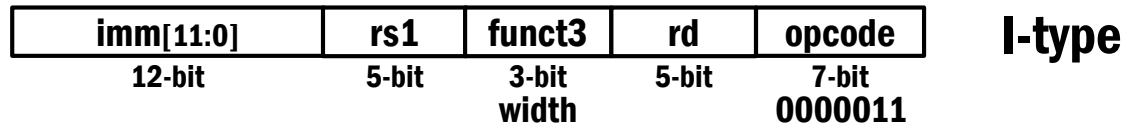
Direct comparison between two regs unlike MIPS

Load Instructions

- Assembly (e.g., load 4-byte word)

LD rd_{reg} **offset** (rs1_{reg})

- Machine encoding



- Semantics

- $\text{effective_address} \leftarrow \text{sign-extend}(\text{offset}_{12}) + \text{GPR}[\text{rs1}]$
- $\text{GPR}[\text{rd}] \leftarrow \text{MEM}[\text{translate}(\text{effective_address})]$
- $\text{PC} \leftarrow \text{PC} + 4$

- Byte-addressed

- Misaligned accesses are allowed (but slow)

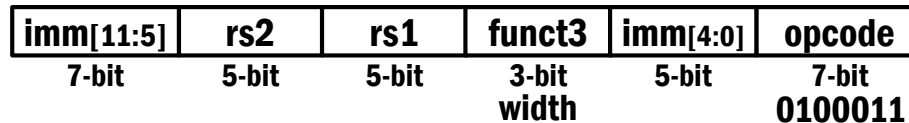
// Only implement aligned accesses for the lab assignments

Store Instructions

- Assembly (e.g., store 4-byte word)

SW $rs2_{reg}$ offset ($rs1_{reg}$)

- Machine encoding



S-type

- Semantics

- $\text{effective_address} \leftarrow \text{sign-extend}(\text{offset}_{12}) + \text{GPR}[rs1]$
- $\text{MEM}[\text{translate}(\text{effective_address})] \leftarrow \text{GPR}[rs2]$
- $\text{PC} \leftarrow \text{PC} + 4$

- Byte-addressed

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// Only implement aligned accesses for the lab assignments

RISC-V Register Usage Convention

Register	Description	ABI Name	Saver
x0	Always 0	\$zero	-
x1	Return address	\$ra	Caller
x2	Stack pointer	\$sp	Callee
x3	Global pointer	\$gp	-
x4	Thread pointer	\$tp	-
x5	Temporary / Alternate link	\$t0	Caller
x6~x7	Caller-saved temporaries	\$t1~\$t2	Caller
x8	Saved register / Frame pointer	\$s0 / \$fp	Callee
x9	Saved register	\$s1	Callee
x10~x11	Function call arguments / Return values	\$a0 ~ \$a1	Caller
x12~x17	Function call arguments	\$a2 ~ \$a7	Caller
x18~x27	Saved registers	\$s2 ~ \$s11	Caller
x28~x31	Caller saved temporaries	\$t3 ~ \$t6	caller

RV32I Base Instruction Set - 1

imm[31:12]				rd	0110111	LUI						
imm[31:12]				rd	0010111	AUIPC						
imm[20 10:1 11 19:12]				rd	1101111	JAL						
imm[11:0]		rs1	000	rd	1100111	JALR						
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						
imm[12 10:5]	rs2	rs1	101	imm[4:1 11]	1100011	BGE						
imm[12 10:5]	rs2	rs1	110	imm[4:1 11]	1100011	BLTU						
imm[12 10:5]	rs2	rs1	111	imm[4:1 11]	1100011	BGEU						
imm[11:0]		rs1	000	rd	0000011	LB						
imm[11:0]		rs1	001	rd	0000011	LH						
imm[11:0]		rs1	010	rd	0000011	LW						
imm[11:0]		rs1	100	rd	0000011	LBU						
imm[11:0]		rs1	101	rd	0000011	LHU						
imm[11:5]	rs2	rs1	000	imm[4:0]	0100011	SB						
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imm[11:0]	rs1	000		rd	0000011	LB
imm[11:0]	rs1	001		rd	0000011	LH
imm[11:0]	rs1	010		rd	0000011	LW
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imm[11:0]	rs1	101		rd	0000011	LHU
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RV32I Base Instruction Set - 2

imm[11:5]	rs2	rs1	001	imm[4:0]	0100011	SH
imm[11:5]	rs2	rs1	010	imm[4:0]	0100011	SW
imm[11:0]		rs1	000	rd	0010011	ADDI
imm[11:0]		rs1	010	rd	0010011	SLTI
imm[11:0]		rs1	011	rd	0010011	SLTIU
imm[11:0]		rs1	100	rd	0010011	XORI
imm[11:0]		rs1	110	rd	0010011	ORI
imm[11:0]		rs1	111	rd	0010011	ANDI
0000000	shamt	rs1	001	rd	0010011	SLLI
0000000	shamt	rs1	101	rd	0010011	SRLI
0100000	shamt	rs1	101	rd	0010011	SRAI
0000000	rs2	rs1	000	rd	0110011	ADD
0100000	rs2	rs1	000	rd	0110011	SUB
0000000	rs2	rs1	001	rd	0110011	SLL
0000000	rs2	rs1	010	rd	0110011	SLT
0000000	rs2	rs1	011	rd	0110011	SLTU

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RV32I Base Instruction Set - 2

imm[11:5]	rs2	rs1	001	imm[4:0]	0100011	I Type
imm[11:5]	rs2	rs1	010	imm[4:0]	0100011	
imm[11:0]		rs1	000	rd	0010011	ADDI
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imm[11:0]		rs1	011	rd	0010011	SLTIU
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imm[11:0]		rs1	111	rd	0010011	ANDI
0000000	shamt	rs1	001	rd	0010011	SLLI
0000000	shamt	rs1	101	rd	0010011	SRLI
0100000	shamt	rs1	101	rd	0010011	SRAI
0000000	rs2	rs1	000	rd	0110011	ADD
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0000000	rs2	rs1	010	rd	0110011	SLT
0000000	rs2	rs1	011	rd	0110011	SLTU

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RV32I Base Instruction Set - 3

0000000		rs2	rs1	100	rd	0110011	XOR
0000000		rs2	rs1	101	rd	0110011	SRL
0100000		rs2	rs1	101	rd	0110011	SRA
0000000		rs2	rs1	110	rd	0110011	OR
0000000		rs2	rs1	111	rd	0110011	AND
0000	pred	succ	00000	000	00000	0001111	FENCE
0000	0000	0000	00000	001	00000	0001111	FENCE.I
0000000000000			00000	000	00000	1110011	ECALL
0000000000001			00000	000	00000	1110011	EBREAK
csr						1110011	CSRRW
csr						1110011	CSRRS
csr			rs1	011	rd	1110011	CSRRC
csr			zimm	101	rd	1110011	CSRRWI
csr			zimm	110	rd	1110011	CSRRSI
csr			zimm	111	rd	1110011	CSRRCI

We don't cover these instructions

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Customized RV32I Instruction Set

Three customized instructions

0000000	rs2	rs1	111	rd	0001011	MULT
0000001	rs2	rs1	111	rd	0001011	MODULO
0000010	-	rs1	110	rd	0001011	IS_EVEN

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Read the RISC-V Instruction Set Manual!!

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Questions?
