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Computer Organization Introduction

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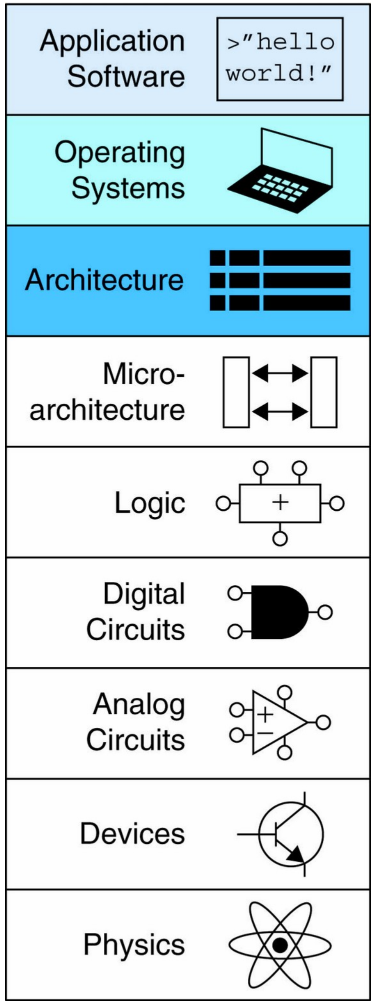
Topics

- Introduction
- Assembly Language
- Machine Language
- Programming
- Addressing Modes
- Lights, Camera, Action:
  Compiling, Assembling, & Loading
- Odds and Ends



Assembly Language

- **Instructions:** commands in a computer's language
  - **Assembly language:** human-readable format of instructions
  - **Machine language:** computer-readable format (1's and 0's)
- **MIPS** architecture:
  - Developed by John Hennessy and his colleagues at Stanford and in the 1980's.
  - Used in many commercial systems, including Silicon Graphics, Nintendo, and Cisco

Once you've learned one architecture, it's easy to learn others

Operands

- Operand location: physical location in computer
  - Registers
  - Memory
  - Constants (also called *immediates*)

Operands: Memory

- Too much data to fit in only 32 registers
- Store more data in memory
- Memory is large, but slow
- Commonly used variables kept in registers

Word-Addressable Memory

- Each 32-bit data word has a unique address

Word Address	Data	
⋮	⋮	⋮
00000003	4 0 F 3 0 7 8 8	Word 3
00000002	0 1 E E 2 8 4 2	Word 2
00000001	F 2 F 1 A C 0 7	Word 1
00000000	A B C D E F 7 8	Word 0

Reading Word-Addressable Memory

- Memory read called ***load***
- **Mnemonic:** *load word* (lw)
- **Format:**

  lw $s0, 5($t1)
- **Address calculation:**
  - add *base address* ($t1) to the *offset* (5)
  - address = ($t1 + 5)
- **Result:**
  - $s0 holds the value at address ($t1 + 5)

Any register may be used as base address

Reading Word-Addressable Memory

- **Example:** read a word of data at memory address 1 into $s3
  - address = ($0 + 1) = 1
  - $s3 = 0xF2F1AC07 after load

Assembly code

```
lw $s3, 1($0)   # read memory word 1 into $s3
```

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Writing Word-Addressable Memory

- Memory write are called ***store***
- **Mnemonic:** *store word* (sw)

Writing Word-Addressable Memory

- **Example:** Write (store) the value in $t4 into memory address 7
  - add the base address ($0) to the offset (0x7)
  - address: ($0 + 0x7) = 7

Offset can be written in decimal (default) or hexadecimal

Assembly code

```
sw $t4, 0x7($0)  # write the value in $t4
                 # to memory word 7
```

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00000003	4 0 F 3 0 7 8 8	Word 3
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Byte-Addressable Memory

- Each data byte has unique address
- Load/store words or single bytes: load byte (`lb`) and store byte (`sb`)
- 32-bit word = 4 bytes, so word address increments by 4

Word Address	Data				
⋮	⋮				⋮
0000000C	4 0	F 3	0 7	8 8	Word 3
00000008	0 1	E E	2 8	4 2	Word 2
00000004	F 2	F 1	A C	0 7	Word 1
00000000	A B	C D	E F	7 8	Word 0

width = 4 bytes

Reading Byte-Addressable Memory

- The address of a memory word must now be multiplied by 4. For example,
  - the address of memory word 2 is $2 \times 4 = 8$
  - the address of memory word 10 is $10 \times 4 = 40$ (0x28)
- **MIPS is byte-addressed, not word-addressed**

Reading Byte-Addressable Memory

- **Example:** Load a word of data at memory address 4 into $s3.
- $s3 holds the value 0xF2F1AC07 after load

MIPS assembly code

```
lw $s3, 4($0)  # read word at address 4 into $s3
```

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Writing Byte-Addressable Memory

- **Example:** stores the value held in $t7 into memory address 0x2C (44)

MIPS assembly code

```
sw $t7, 44($0)  # write $t7 into address 44
```

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⋮	⋮				⋮
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Big-Endian & Little-Endian Memory

- How to number bytes within a word?
- **Little-endian:** byte numbers start at the little (least significant) end
- **Big-endian:** byte numbers start at the big (most significant) end
- **Word address** is the **same** for big- or little-endian

Big-Endian Byte Address				Word Address	Little-Endian Byte Address			
	⋮			⋮		⋮		
C	D	E	F	C	F	E	D	C
8	9	A	B	8	B	A	9	8
4	5	6	7	4	7	6	5	4
0	1	2	3	0	3	2	1	0
MSB			LSB		MSB			LSB

Big-Endian & Little-Endian Memory

- Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*: the Little-Endians broke their eggs on the little end of the egg and the Big-Endians broke their eggs on the big end
- It doesn't really matter which addressing type used – except when the two systems need to share data!

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- After following code runs on big-endian system, what value is `$s0`?
- In a little-endian system?

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sw $t0, 0($0)
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```

- Big-endian: 0x00000045
- Little-endian: 0x00000067

Big-Endian					Word Address	Little-Endian				
Byte Address	0	1	2	3		3	2	1	0	Byte Address
Data Value	23	45	67	89	0	23	45	67	89	Data Value
	MSB			LSB		MSB			LSB	

Design Principle 4

Good design demands good compromises

- Multiple instruction formats allow flexibility
  - `add`, `sub`: use 3 register operands
  - `lw`, `sw`: use 2 register operands and a constant
- Number of instruction formats kept small
  - to adhere to design principles 1 and 3 (simplicity favors regularity and smaller is faster).

Operands: Constants/Immediates

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- *immediate*ly available from instruction
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MIPS assembly code

```
# $s0 = a, $s1 = b
addi $s0, $s0, 4
addi $s1, $s0, -12
```

Think About It

- By writing just an assembly language program, can you determine if the processor it is running on is Big-Endian or Little-Endian?
  - What if the processor has no load byte and store byte instructions?