



Computer Architecture and Assembly Language

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Goals of Today's Lecture



- Computer architecture
 - Central processing unit (CPU)
 - Fetch-decode-execute cycle
 - Memory hierarchy, and other optimization
- Assembly language
 - Machine vs. assembly vs. high-level languages
 - Motivation for learning assembly language
 - Intel Architecture (IA32) assembly language

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Levels of Languages



- Machine language
 - What the computer sees and deals with
 - Every command is a sequence of one or more numbers
- Assembly language
 - Command numbers replaced by letter sequences that are easier to read
 - Still have to work with the specifics of the machine itself
- High-level language
 - Make programming easier by describing operations in a natural language
 - A single command replaces a group of low-level assembly language commands

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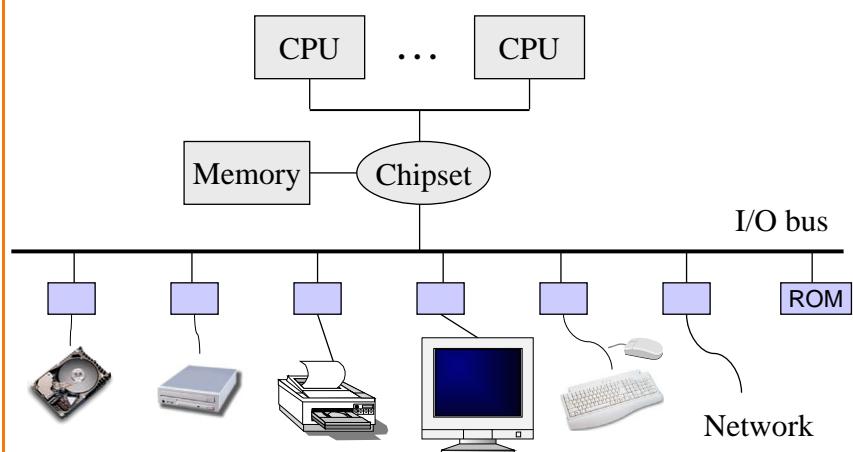
Why Learn Assembly Language?



- Understand how things work underneath
 - Learn the basic organization of the underlying machine
 - Learn how the computer actually runs a program
 - Design better computers in the future
- Write faster code (even in high-level language)
 - By understanding which high-level constructs are better
 - ... in terms of how efficient they are at the machine level
- Some software is still written in assembly language
 - Code that really needs to run quickly
 - Code for embedded systems, network processors, etc.

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A Typical Computer

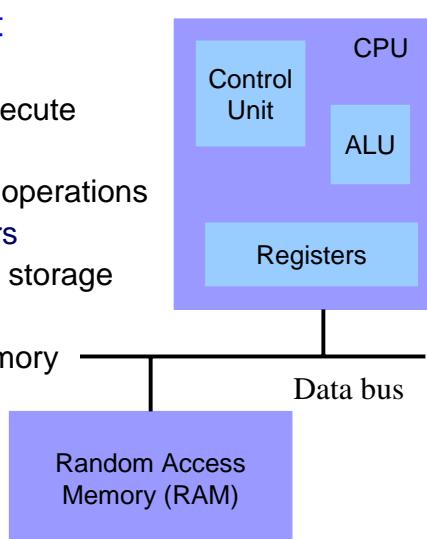


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Von Neumann Architecture



- Central Processing Unit
 - Control unit
 - Fetch, decode, and execute
 - Arithmetic and logic unit
 - Execution of low-level operations
 - General-purpose registers
 - High-speed temporary storage
 - Data bus
 - Provide access to memory
- Memory
 - Store instructions
 - Store data



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Control Unit



- Instruction pointer
 - Stores the location of the next instruction
 - Address to use when reading from memory
 - Changing the instruction pointer
 - Increment by one to go to the next instruction
 - Or, load a new value to “jump” to a new location
- Instruction decoder
 - Determines what operations need to take place
 - Translate the machine-language instruction
 - Control the registers, arithmetic logic unit, and memory
 - E.g., control which registers are fed to the ALU
 - E.g., enable the ALU to do multiplication
 - E.g., read from a particular address in memory

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Example: Kinds of Instructions



- ```
count = 0;
while (n > 1) {
 count++;
 if (n & 1)
 n = n*3 + 1;
 else
 n = n/2;
}
```
- Storing values in registers
    - count = 0
    - n
  - Arithmetic and logic operations
    - Increment: count++
    - Multiply: n \* 3
    - Divide: n/2
    - Logical AND: n & 1
  - Checking results of comparisons
    - while (n > 1)
    - if (n & 1)
  - Jumping
    - To the end of the while loop (if “n > 1”)
    - Back to the beginning of the loop
    - To the else clause (if “n & 1” is 0)

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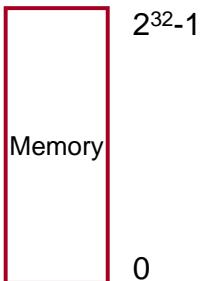
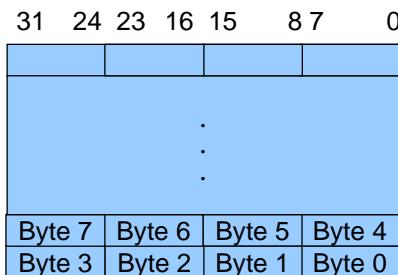
## Size of Variables



- Data types in high-level languages vary in size
  - Character: 1 byte
  - Short, int, and long: varies, depending on the computer
  - Pointers: typically 4 bytes
  - Struct: arbitrary size, depending on the elements
- Implications
  - Need to be able to store and manipulate in multiple sizes
  - Byte (1 byte), word (2 bytes), and extended (4 bytes)
  - Separate assembly-language instructions
    - e.g., addb, addw, addl
  - Separate ways to access (parts of) a 4-byte register

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# Four-Byte Memory Words



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# IA32 General Purpose Registers



| 31 | 15 | 8  | 7  | 0 | 16-bit | 32-bit |
|----|----|----|----|---|--------|--------|
|    |    | AH | AL |   | AX     | EAX    |
|    |    | BH | BL |   | BX     | EBX    |
|    |    | CH | CL |   | CX     | ECX    |
|    |    | DH | DL |   | DX     | EDX    |
|    |    |    | SI |   |        | ESI    |
|    |    |    | DI |   |        | EDI    |

General-purpose registers

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# Registers for Executing the Code



- Execution control flow
  - Instruction pointer (EIP)
    - Address in memory of the current instruction
  - Flags (EFLAGS)
    - Stores the status of operations, such as comparisons
    - E.g., last result was positive/negative, was zero, etc.
- Function calls (more on these later!)
  - Stack register (ESP)
    - Address of the top of the stack
  - Base pointer (EBP)
    - Address of a particular element on the stack
    - Access function parameters and local variables

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# Other Registers that you don't much care about



- Segment registers
  - CS, SS, DS, ES, FS, GS
- Floating Point Unit (FPU) (x87)
  - Eight 80-bit registers (ST0, ..., ST7)
  - 16-bit control, status, tag registers
  - 11-bit opcode register
  - 48-bit FPU instruction pointer, data pointer registers
- MMX
  - Eight 64-bit registers
- SSE and SSE2
  - Eight 128-bit registers
  - 32-bit MXCRS register
- System
  - I/O ports
  - Control registers (CR0, ..., CR4)
  - Memory management registers (GDTR, IDTR, LDTR)
  - Debug registers (DR0, ..., DR7)
  - Machine specific registers
  - Machine check registers
  - Performance monitor registers

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# Reading IA32 Assembly Language



- Assembler directives: starting with a period (“.”)
  - E.g., “.section .text” to start the text section of memory
  - E.g., “.loop” for the address of an instruction
- Referring to a register: percent size (“%”)
  - E.g., “%ecx” or “%eip”
- Referring to a constant: dollar sign (“\$”)
  - E.g., “\$1” for the number 1
- Storing result: typically in the second argument
  - E.g. “addl \$1, %ecx” increments register ECX
  - E.g., “movl %edx, %eax” moves EDX to EAX
- Comment: pound sign (“#”)
  - E.g., “# Purpose: Convert lower to upper case”

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# Detailed Example

n %edx  
count %ecx



```
count=0;
while (n>1) {
 count++;
 if (n&1)
 n = n*3+1;
 else
 n = n/2;
}
```

```
 movl $0, %ecx
.loop:
 cmpl $1, %edx
 jle .endloop
 addl $1, %ecx
 movl %edx, %eax
 andl $1, %eax
 je .else
 movl %edx, %eax
 addl %eax, %edx
 addl %eax, %edx
 addl $1, %edx
 jmp .endif
.else:
 sarl $1, %edx
.endif:
 jmp .loop
.endloop:
```

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# Flattening Code Example



```
count=0;
while (n>1) {
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 n = n*3+1;
 else
 n = n/2;
}
```

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## Machine-Language Instructions



Instructions have the form

op    source, dest        "dest  $\leftarrow$  dest  $\oplus$  source"

operation (move, add, subtract, etc.)

first operand (and destination)

second operand

Instruction Format:

|        |         |         |
|--------|---------|---------|
| opcode | operand | operand |
|--------|---------|---------|

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## Instruction



- Opcode
  - What to do
- Source operands
  - Immediate (in the instruction itself)
  - Register
  - Memory location
  - I/O port
- Destination operand
  - Register
  - Memory location
  - I/O port
- Assembly syntax

Opcode source1, [source2,] destination

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# How Many Instructions to Have?



- Need a certain minimum set of functionality
  - Want to be able to represent any computation that can be expressed in a higher-level language
- Benefits of having many instructions
  - Direct implementation of many key operations
  - Represent a line of C in one (or just a few) lines of assembly
- Disadvantages of having many instructions
  - Larger opcode size
  - More complex logic to implement complex instructions
  - Hard to write compilers to exploit all the available instructions
  - Hard to optimize the implementation of the CPU

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## CISC vs. RISC



| <u>Complex Instruction Set Computer</u><br>(old fashioned, 1970s style)                       | <u>Reduced Instruction Set Computer</u><br>("modern", 1980s style)                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Examples:                                                                                     | Examples:                                                                                                                                    |
| Vax (1978-90)                                                                                 | MIPS (1985-?)                                                                                                                                |
| Motorola 68000 (1979-90)                                                                      | Sparc (1986-2006)                                                                                                                            |
| 8086/80x86/Pentium (1974-2025)                                                                | IBM PowerPC (1990-?)                                                                                                                         |
| Instructions of various lengths,<br>designed to economize on<br>memory (size of instructions) | Instructions all the same size and<br>all the same format, designed to<br>economize on decoding<br>complexity (and time, and power<br>drain) |

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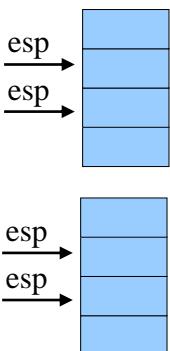
## Data Transfer Instructions



- **mov{b,w,l} source, dest**
  - General move instruction
- **push{w,l} source**

```
pushl %ebx # equivalent instructions
 subl $4, %esp
 movl %ebx, (%esp)
```
- **pop{w,l} dest**

```
popl %ebx # equivalent instructions
 movl (%esp), %ebx
 addl $4, %esp
```
- **Many more in Intel manual (volume 2)**
  - Type conversion, conditional move, exchange, compare and exchange, I/O port, string move, etc.



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# Data Access Methods



- **Immediate addressing:** data stored in the instruction itself
  - `movl $10, %ecx`
- **Register addressing:** data stored in a register
  - `movl %eax, %ecx`
- **Direct addressing:** address stored in instruction
  - `movl 2000, %ecx`
- **Indirect addressing:** address stored in a register
  - `movl (%eax), %ebx`
- **Base pointer addressing:** includes an offset as well
  - `movl 4(%eax), %ebx`
- **Indexed addressing:** instruction contains base address, and specifies an index register and a multiplier (1, 2, or 4)
  - `movl 2000(%ecx,1), %ebx`

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# Effective Address



$$\text{Offset} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{eax} \\ \text{ebx} \\ \text{ecx} \\ \text{edx} \\ \text{esp} \\ \text{ebp} \\ \text{esi} \\ \text{edi} \end{pmatrix}_{\text{Base}} + \begin{pmatrix} \text{eax} \\ \text{ebx} \\ \text{ecx} \\ \text{edx} \\ \text{esp} \\ \text{ebp} \\ \text{esi} \\ \text{edi} \end{pmatrix}_{\text{Index}} * \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}_{\text{scale}} + \begin{pmatrix} \text{None} \\ 8\text{-bit} \\ 16\text{-bit} \\ 32\text{-bit} \end{pmatrix}_{\text{displacement}}$$

- Displacement `movl foo, %ebx`
- Base `movl (%eax), %ebx`
- Base + displacement `movl foo(%eax), %ebx`  
`movl 1(%eax), %ebx`
- (Index \* scale) + displacement `movl (,%eax,4), %ebx`
- Base + (index \* scale) + displacement `movl foo(,%eax,4), %ebx`

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# Bitwise Logic Instructions



- Simple instructions

|                                                   |                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <code>and{b,w,l}</code> source, dest              | <code>dest = source &amp; dest</code>    |
| <code>or{b,w,l}</code> source, dest               | <code>dest = source   dest</code>        |
| <code>xor{b,w,l}</code> source, dest              | <code>dest = source ^ dest</code>        |
| <code>not{b,w,l}</code> dest                      | <code>dest = ^dest</code>                |
| <code>sal{b,w,l}</code> source, dest (arithmetic) | <code>dest = dest &lt;&lt; source</code> |
| <code>sar{b,w,l}</code> source, dest (arithmetic) | <code>dest = dest &gt;&gt; source</code> |

- Many more in Intel Manual (volume 2)

- Logic shift
- Rotation shift
- Bit scan
- Bit test
- Byte set on conditions

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# Arithmetic Instructions



- Simple instructions

- add{b,w,l} source, dest      dest = source + dest
- sub{b,w,l} source, dest      dest = dest - source
- inc{b,w,l} dest      dest = dest + 1
- dec{b,w,l} dest      dest = dest - 1
- neg{b,w,l} dest      dest = ^dest
- cmp{b,w,l} source1, source2      source2 - source1

- Multiply

- mul (unsigned) or imul (signed)  
mul %ebx      # edx, eax = eax \* ebx

- Divide

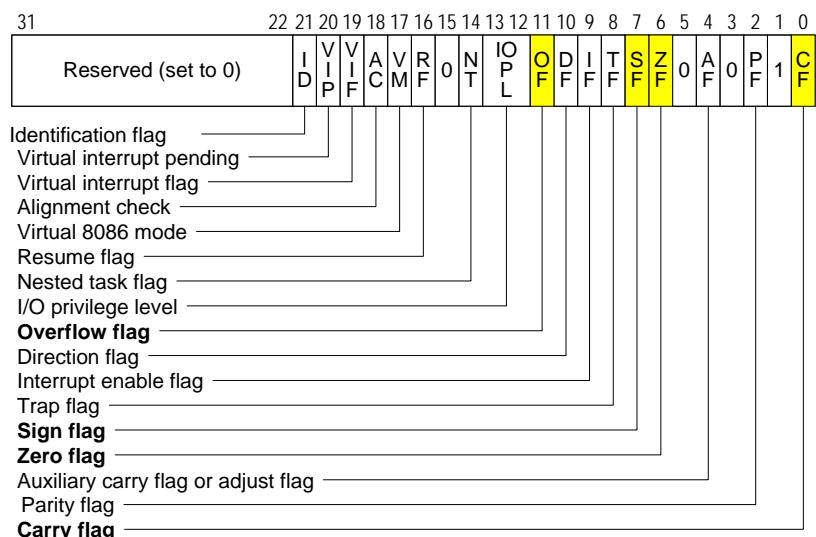
- div (unsigned) or idiv (signed)  
idiv %ebx      # edx = edx, eax / ebx

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- adc, sbb, decimal arithmetic instructions

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# EFLAG Register & Condition Codes



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# Branch Instructions



- Conditional jump

- j{l,g,e,ne,...} target      if (condition) {eip = target}

| Comparison     | Signed | Unsigned |                 |
|----------------|--------|----------|-----------------|
| =              | e      | e        | "equal"         |
| ≠              | ne     | ne       | "not equal"     |
| >              | g      | a        | "greater,above" |
| ≥              | ge     | ae       | "...-or-equal"  |
| <              | l      | b        | "less,below"    |
| ≤              | le     | be       | "...-or-equal"  |
| overflow/carry | o      | c        |                 |
| no ovf/carry   | no     | nc       |                 |

- Unconditional jump

- jmp target
- jmp \*register

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# Making the Computer Faster



- Memory hierarchy
  - Ranging from small, fast storage to large, slow storage
  - E.g., registers, caches, main memory, disk, CDROM, ...
- Sophisticated logic units
  - Have dedicated logic units for specialized functions
  - E.g., right/left shifting, floating-point operations, graphics, network, ...
- Pipelining
  - Overlap the fetch-decode-execute process
  - E.g., execute instruction i, while decoding i-1, and fetching i-2
- Branch prediction
  - Guess which way a branch will go to avoid stalling the pipeline
  - E.g., assume the “for loop” condition will be true, and keep going
- And so on... see the Computer Architecture class!

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## Memory Hierarchy



| Capacity        | Access time              |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| $10^2$ bytes    | Register: 1x             |
| $10^4$ bytes    | L1 cache: 2-4x           |
| $10^5$ bytes    | L2 cache: ~10x           |
| $10^6$ bytes    | L3 cache: ~50x           |
| $10^9$ bytes    | DRAM: ~200-500x          |
| $10^{11}$ bytes | Disks: ~30M x            |
| $10^{12}$ bytes | CD-ROM Jukebox: >1000M x |

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## Conclusion



- Computer architecture
  - Central Processing Unit (CPU) and Random Access Memory (RAM)
  - Fetch-decode-execute cycle
  - Instruction set
- Assembly language
  - Machine language represented with handy mnemonics
  - Example of the IA-32 assembly language
- Next time
  - Portions of memory: data, bss, text, stack, etc.
  - Function calls, and manipulating contents of the stack

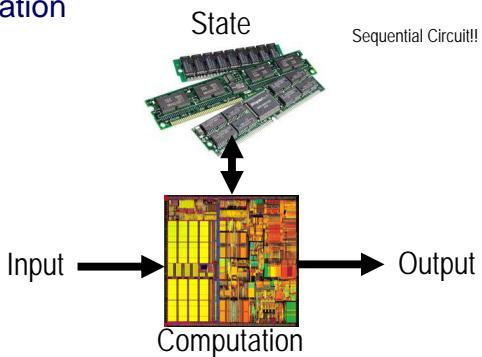
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# Instructions



Computers process information

- Input/Output (I/O)
- State (memory)
- Computation (processor)



- Instructions instruct processor to manipulate state
- Instructions instruct processor to produce I/O in the same way

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# State



Typical modern machine has this architectural state:

1. Main Memory
2. Registers
3. Program Counter

Architectural – Part of the assembly programmer's interface  
(Implementation has additional microarchitectural state)

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# State – Main Memory



Main Memory (AKA: RAM – Random Access Memory)

- Data can be accessed by address (like a big array)
- Large but relatively slow
- Decent desktop machine: 1 Gigabyte, 800MHz

| Address | Data                  |
|---------|-----------------------|
| 0000    | 01011001 <sub>2</sub> |
| 0001    | F5 <sub>16</sub>      |
| 0002    | 78 <sub>16</sub>      |
| 0003    | 3A <sub>16</sub>      |
| ...     | ...                   |
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Byte Addressable

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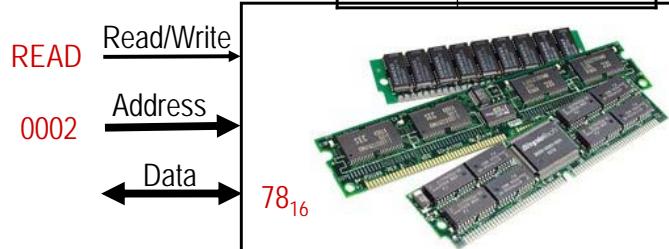
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Read:

1. Indicate READ
2. Give Address
3. Get Data

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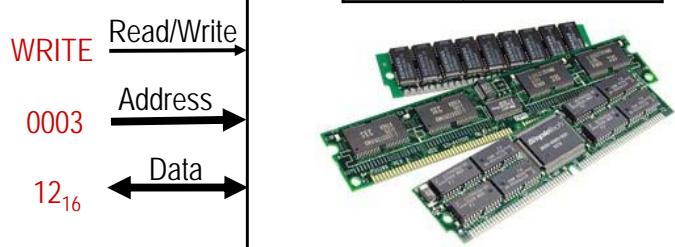
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Write:

1. Indicate WRITE
2. Give Address and Data

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| 0002    | 12 <sub>16</sub>      |
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## State – Registers (Register File)

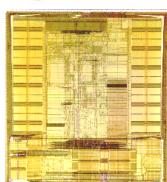


Data can be accessed by register number (address)

- Small but relatively fast (typically on processor chip)
- Decent desktop machine: 8 32-bit registers, 3 GHz



| Register | Data in Reg            |
|----------|------------------------|
| 0        | 00000000 <sub>16</sub> |
| 1        | F629D9B5 <sub>16</sub> |
| 2        | 7B2D9D08 <sub>16</sub> |
| 3        | 00000001 <sub>16</sub> |
| ...      | ...                    |
| 8        | DEADBEEF <sub>16</sub> |



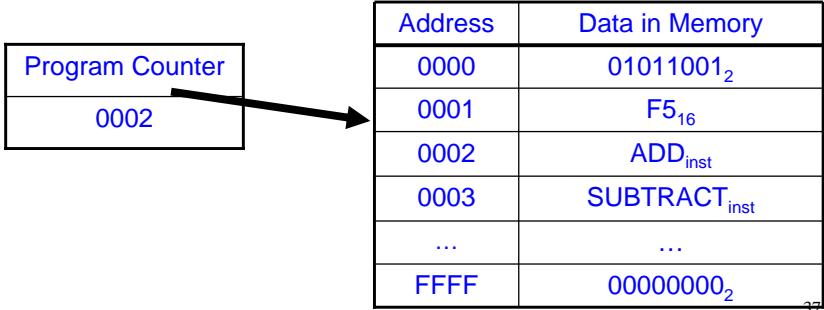
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- PC holds memory address of currently executing instruction

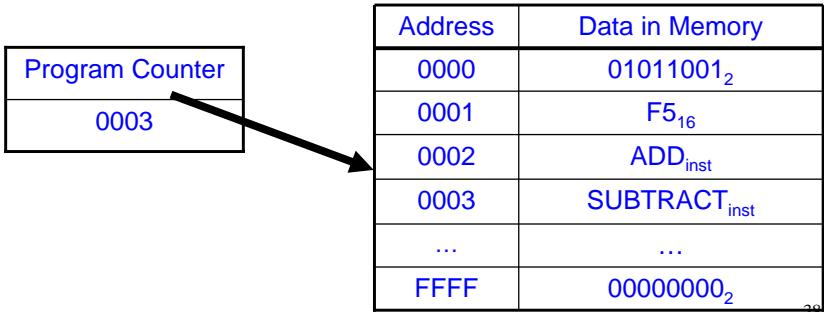


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Program Counter (AKA: PC, Instruction Pointer, IP)

- Instructions change state, but which instruction now?
- PC holds address of currently executing instruction
- PC is updated after each instruction



## State – Summary



Typical modern machine has this architectural state:

1. Main Memory – Big, Slow
2. Registers – Small, Fast (always on processor chip)
3. Program Counter – Address of executing instruction

Architectural – Part of the assembly programmer's interface  
(implementation has additional microarchitectural state)

## An Aside: State and The Core Dump



- Core Dump: the state of the machine at a given time
- Typically at program failure
- Core dump contains:
  - Register Contents
  - Memory Contents
  - PC Value

| Registers |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| PC        | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    |
| 10        | 0000 | 0788 | B700 | 0010 | 0401 | 0002 | 0003 |
|           | 8    | 9    | A    | B    | C    | D    | E    |
|           | 0000 | 0788 | B700 | 0010 | 0401 | 0002 | 0003 |
|           | 00A0 |      |      |      |      |      |      |

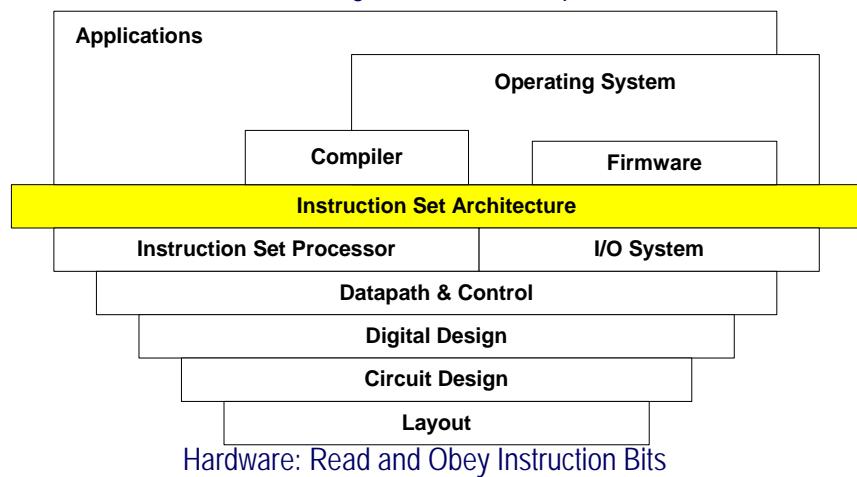
  

| Main Memory |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 00:         | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 |
| 08:         | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 |
| 10:         | 9222 | 9120 | 1121 | A120 | 1121 | A121 | 7211 |
| 18:         | 0000 | 0001 | 0002 | 0003 | 0004 | 0005 | 0006 |
| 20:         | 0008 | 0009 | 000A | 000B | 000C | 000D | 000E |
| 28:         | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | FE10 | FACE | CAFE | ACED |
| .           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| E8:         | 1234 | 5678 | 9ABC | DEF0 | 0000 | 0000 | F00D |
| F0:         | 0000 | 0000 | EEEE | 1111 | EEEE | 1111 | 0000 |
| F8:         | B1B2 | F1F5 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 |

## Interfaces in Computer Systems



Software: Produce Bits Instructing Machine to Manipulate State or Produce I/O



## Instructions



An ADD Instruction:

add r1 = r2 + r3 (assembly)

Opcode      Operands

The diagram shows the assembly instruction 'add r1 = r2 + r3' with two red arrows pointing to its parts. One arrow points to the first three characters 'add' and is labeled 'Opcode'. Another arrow points to the three registers 'r2', 'r3', and '=' and is labeled 'Operands'.

Parts of the Instruction:

- Opcode (verb) – what operation to perform
- Operands (noun) – what to operate upon
- Source Operands – where values come from
- Destination Operand – where to deposit data values

# Instructions



Instructions:

“The vocabulary of commands”

Specify how to operate on state

Example:

40: add r1 = r2 + r3  
44: sub r3 = r1 - r0  
48: store M[ r3 ] = r1  
52: load r2 = M[ 2 ]

|                 |
|-----------------|
| Program Counter |
| 40              |

| Register | Data |
|----------|------|
| 0        | 0    |
| 1        | 15   |
| 2        | 1    |
| 3        | 2    |
| ...      | ...  |
| 31       | 0    |

| Address    | Data |
|------------|------|
| 0          | 0    |
| 1          | 25   |
| 2          | 5    |
| 3          | 9    |
| ...        | ...  |
| FFFFFFFFFF | 0    |

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Program Counter

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|----------|------|
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| 2        | 1    |
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| ...      | ...  |
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|------------|------|
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| 2          | 5    |
| 3          | 9    |
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# Instructions



Note:

1. Insts Executed in Order

2. Addressing Modes

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# Assembly Instructions and C



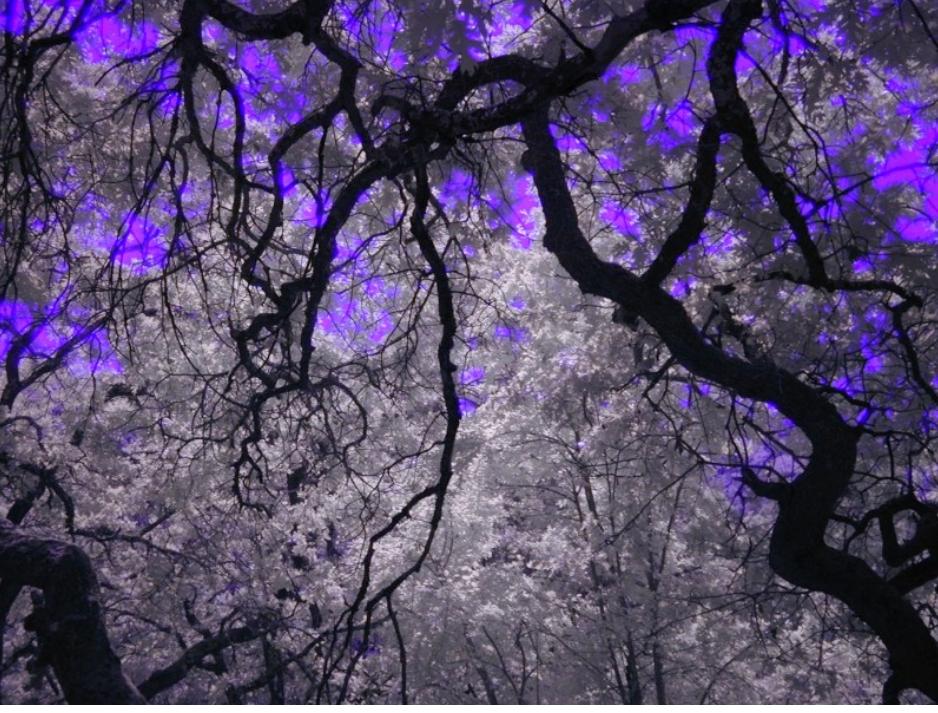
```
main() {
 int a = 15, b = 1, c = 2;

 add r1 = r2 + r3 a = b + c; /* a gets 3 */

 sub r3 = r1 - r0 c = a; /* c gets 3 */

 store M[r3] = r1 *(int *)c = a;
 /* M[c] = a */

 load r2 = M[2] b = *(int *)(2);
 /* b gets M[2] */
```



## Branching



Suppose we could only execute instructions in sequence.

Recall from our example:

40: add r1 = r2 + r3  
44: sub r3 = r1 - r0  
48: store M[ r3 ] = r1  
52: load r2 = M[ 2 ]

- In a decent desktop machine, how long would the longest program stored in main memory take?
- Assume: 1 instruction per cycle
  - An instruction is encoded in 4 bytes (32 bits)

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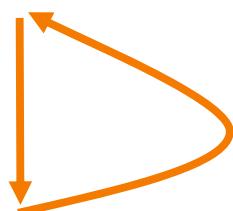
## Therefore...



- Some instructions must execute more than once
- PC must be updated

Example:

40: add r1 = r2 + r3  
44: sub r3 = r1 - r0  
48: store M[ r3 ] = r1  
52: load r2 = M[ 2 ]  
56: PC = 40



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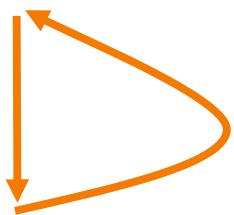


## Unconditional Branches

- Unconditional branches always update the PC
- AKA: Jump instructions

Example:

```
40: add r1 = r2 + r3
44: sub r3 = r1 - r0
48: store M[r3] = r1
52: load r2 = M[2]
56: jump 40
```



- How long will the program take?

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## Conditional Branch



- Conditional Branch sometimes updates PC
- AKA: Branch, Conditional Jump
- Example
  - 40: r1 = 10
  - 44: r1 = r1 - 1
  - 48: branch r1 > 0, 44      if r1 is greater than 0, PC = 44
  - 52: halt
- How long will this program take?

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## Conditional Branch



- What does this look like in C?
- Example
  - 10: "Hello\n" ; data in memory
  - 36: arg1 = 10 ; argument memory address is 10
  - 40: r1 = 10
  - 44: r1 = r1 - 1
  - 48: call printf ; printf(arg1)
  - 52: branch r1 > 0, 44
  - 56: halt

Details about red instructions/data next time...

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# Indirect Branches



- Branch address may also come from a register
- AKA: Indirect Jump

Example:

40: add r1 = r2 + r3  
44: sub r3 = r1 - r0  
48: store M[ r3 ] = r1  
52: load r2 = M[ 2 ]  
56: jump r4  
60: halt



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## Branch Summary



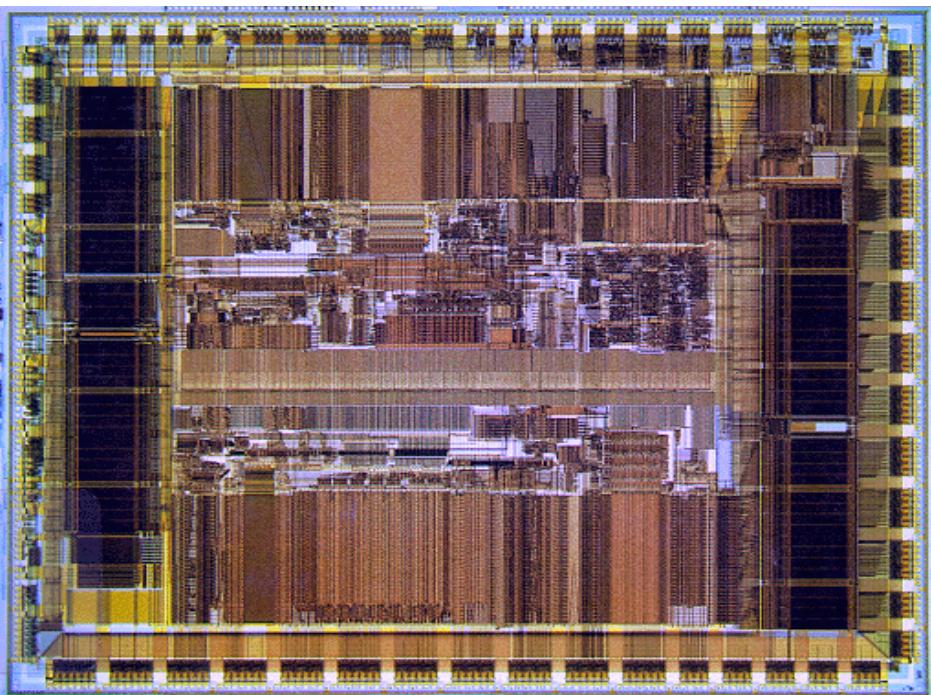
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (instructions)
- Branch instructions update state



| Registers |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| PC        | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    |
| 10        | 0000 | 0788 | B700 | 0010 | 0401 | 0002 | 0003 |
|           | 8    | 9    | A    | B    | C    | D    | E    |
|           | 0000 | 0788 | B700 | 0010 | 0401 | 0002 | 0003 |
| PC        | 7    | 8    | 9    | A    | B    | C    | D    |

| Main Memory |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 00:         | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 |
| 08:         | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 |
| 10:         | 9222 | 9120 | 1121 | A120 | 1121 | A121 | 7211 |
| 18:         | 0000 | 0001 | 0002 | 0003 | 0004 | 0005 | 0006 |
| 20:         | 0008 | 0009 | 000A | 000B | 000C | 000D | 000E |
| 28:         | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | FE10 | FACE | CAFE | ACED |
| .           | .    | .    | .    | .    | .    | .    | .    |
| E8:         | 1234 | 5678 | 9ABC | DEF0 | 0000 | 0000 | F00D |
| F0:         | 0000 | 0000 | EEEE | 1111 | EEEE | 1111 | 0000 |
| F8:         | B1B2 | F1F5 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 |





## A Note on Notation...

- Assembly syntax is somewhat arbitrary

- Equivalent “Add” Instructions

- add r1, r2, r3
- add r1 = r2, r3
- $r1 = r2 + r3$
- add r1 = r2 + r3
- add \$1, \$2, \$3
- ...

- Equivalent “Store Word” Instructions

- sw \$1, 10(\$2)
- $M[r2 + 10] = r1$
- st.w M[r2 + 10] = r1
- ...

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## Specific Instance: MIPS Instruction Set



- MIPS – SGI Workstations, Nintendo, Sony...

State:

- 32-bit addresses to memory (32-bit PC)
- 32 32-bit Registers
- A “word” is 32-bits on MIPS
- Register \$0 (\$zero) always has the value 0
- By convention, certain registers are used for certain things
  - more next time...

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## Specific Instance: MIPS Instruction Set



Some Arithmetic Instructions:

- Add:

- Assembly Format: add <dest>, <src1>, <src2>
- Example: add \$1, \$2, \$3
- Example Meaning:  $r1 = r2 + r3$

- Subtract:

- Same as add, except “sub” instead of “add”

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## Specific Instance: MIPS Instruction Set



### Some Memory Instructions:

- Load Word:

- Assembly Format: lw <dest>, <offset immediate> (<src1>)
- Example: lw \$1, 100 (\$2)
- Example Meaning: r1 = M[r2 + 100]

- Store Word:

- Assembly Format: sw <src1>, <offset immediate> (<src2>)
- Example: sw \$1, 100 (\$2)
- Example Meaning: M[r2 + 100] = r1

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## Specific Instance: MIPS Instruction Set



### Some Branch Instructions:

- Branch Equal:

- Assembly Format: beq <src1>, <src2>, <target immediate>
- Example: beq \$1, \$2, 100
- Example Meaning: branch r1 == r2, 100  
If r1 is equal to r2, PC = 100

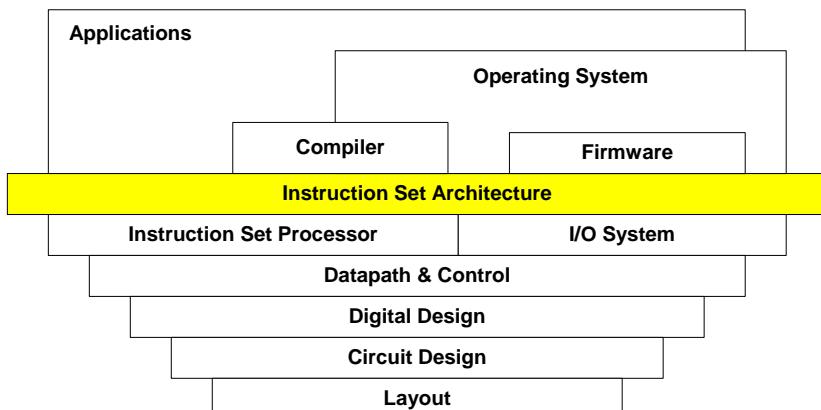
- Branch Not Equal: Same except beq -> bne

- Jump:

- Assembly Format: j <target immediate>
- Example: j 100
- Example Meaning: jump 100  
PC = 100

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## How are MIPS Instructions Encoded?



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# MIPS Encodings

## 32-bits/Instruction



|           | 6 bits | 5 bits | 5 bits | 5 bits | 5 bits              | 6 bits |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| <b>R:</b> | op     | rs     | rt     | rd     | shamt               | funct  |
| <b>I:</b> | op     | rs     | rt     |        | address / immediate |        |
| <b>J:</b> | op     |        |        |        | target address      |        |

op: basic operation of the instruction (opcode)

rs: first source operand register

rt: second source operand register

rd: destination operand register

shamt: shift amount

funct: selects the specific variant of the opcode (function code)

address: offset for load/store instructions ( $+/-2^{15}$ )

immediate: constants for immediate instructions

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## MIPS Add Instruction Encoding



add is an R inst

add \$17, \$18, \$19

|           | 6 bits | 5 bits | 5 bits | 5 bits | 5 bits | 6 bits |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>R:</b> | op     | 18     | 19     | 17     | 0      | 32     |



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## MIPS Add Instruction Encoding



sub is an R inst

sub \$17, \$18, \$19

|           | 6 bits | 5 bits | 5 bits | 5 bits | 5 bits | 6 bits |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>R:</b> | op     | 18     | 19     | 17     | 0      | 34     |

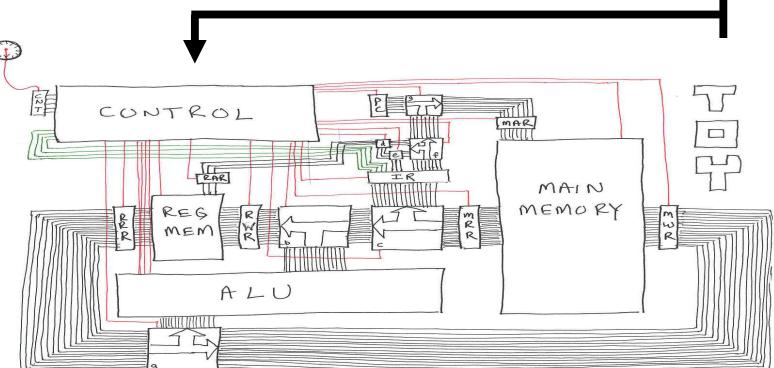


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## Add and Subtract A little foreshadowing...



sub



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# Memory Addressing



## View memory as a single-dimensional array

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 0 | 8 bits of data |
| 1 | 8 bits of data |
| 2 | 8 bits of data |
| 3 | 8 bits of data |
| 4 | 8 bits of data |
| 5 | 8 bits of data |
| 6 | 8 bits of data |

Since 1980: Elements of array are 8-bits

We say “byte addressable”

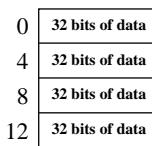
Assuming 32-bit words:

1. How are bytes laid out in word read?
  2. Can a word start at any address?

# Memory Organization



- Bytes are nice, but most data items use larger "words"
- For MIPS, a word is 32 bits or 4 bytes.



Registers hold 32 bits of data

- $2^{32}$  bytes with byte addresses from 0 to  $2^{32}-1$
- $2^{30}$  words with byte addresses 0, 4, 8, ...  $2^{32}-4$
- Words are aligned  
i.e., what are the least 2 significant bits of a word address?

# Addressing Modes



| <u>Addressing mode</u> | <u>Example</u>     | <u>Meaning</u>                                 |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Register               | Add R4,R3          | $R4 \leftarrow R4+R3$                          |
| Immediate              | Add R4,#3          | $R4 \leftarrow R4+3$                           |
| Displacement           | Add R4,100(R1)     | $R4 \leftarrow R4+Mem[100+R1]$                 |
| Register indirect      | Add R4,(R1)        | $R4 \leftarrow R4+Mem[R1]$                     |
| Indexed / Base         | Add R3,(R1+R2)     | $R3 \leftarrow R3+Mem[R1+R2]$                  |
| Direct or absolute     | Add R1,(1001)      | $R1 \leftarrow R1+Mem[1001]$                   |
| Memory indirect        | Add R1,@(R3)       | $R1 \leftarrow R1+Mem[Mem[R3]]$                |
| Auto-increment         | Add R1,(R2)+       | $R1 \leftarrow R1+Mem[R2]; R2 \leftarrow R2+d$ |
| Auto-decrement         | Add R1,-(R2)       | $R2 \leftarrow R2-d; R1 \leftarrow R1+Mem[R2]$ |
| Scaled                 | Add R1,100(R2)[R3] | $R1 \leftarrow R1+Mem[100+R2+R3*d]$            |

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# Hello World



The Hello World Algorithm:

- Emit "Hello World"
- Terminate

```
/*
 * Good programs have meaningful comments
 */
#include <stdio.h>

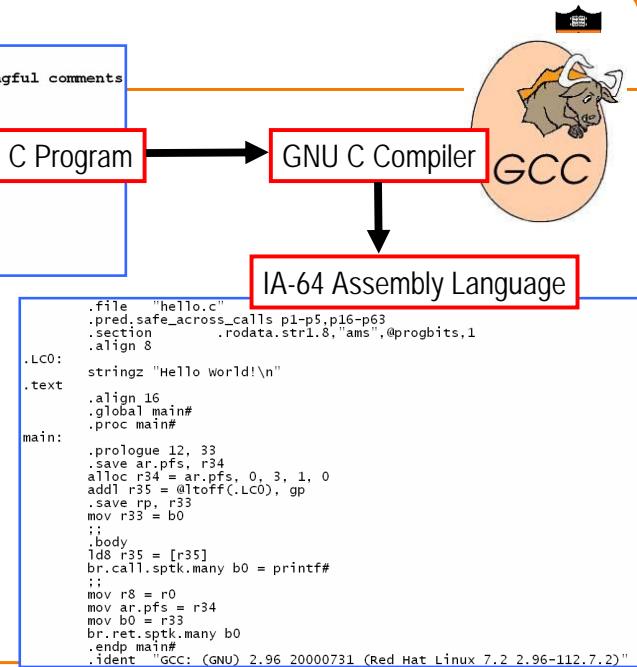
int main()
{
 printf("Hello World!\n");
 return 0;
}
```

C Program

# Hello World

```
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 * Good programs have meaningful comments
 */
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
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 return 0;
}
```



# Hello World

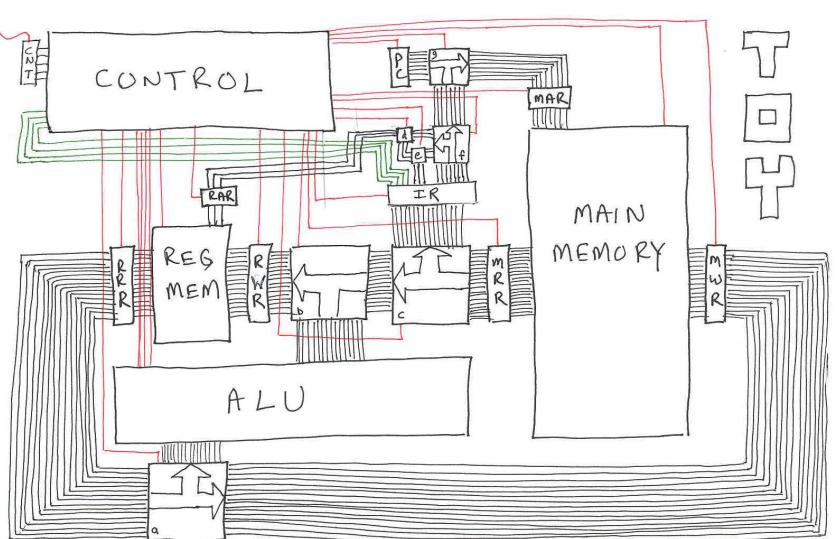
IA-64 Assembly Language

```
.file "hello.c"
.pred.safe_across_calls p1-p5,p16-p33
.section .rodata.str1.8,"ams",@progbits,1
.align 8

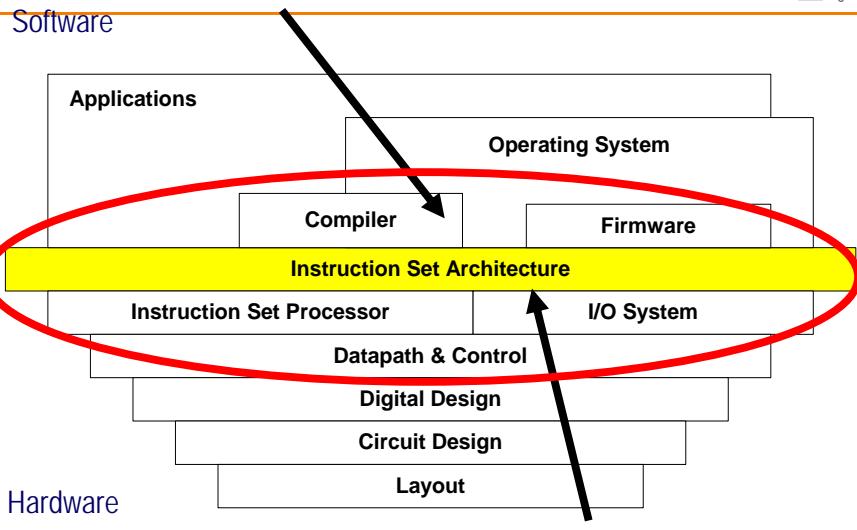
.LC0:
.stringz "Hello world!\n"

.text
.align 16
.global main#
.proc main#
main:
.prologue 12, 33
.save ar.pfs, r34
alloc r34 = ar.pfs, 0, 3, 1, 0
addl r35 = @ltoff(.LC0), gp
.save rp, r33
mov r33 = b0
;;
.body
ld8 r35 = [r35]
br.call.sptk.many b0 = printf#
;;
mov r8 = r0
mov ar.pfs = r34
mov b0 = r33
br.ret.sptk.many b0
.endp main#
.ident "GCC: (GNU) 2.96 20000731 (Red Hat Linux 7.2 2.96-112.7.2)"
```

# Control (from the back of a napkin)



# The Hardware/Software Interface



## The Instruction Set Architecture



"The vocabulary of commands"

- Defined by the Architecture (x86)
- Implemented by the Machine (Pentium 4, 3.06 GHz)
- An Abstraction Layer: The Hardware/Software Interface
- Architecture has longevity over implementation
- Example:

add r1 = r2 + r3 (assembly)

001 001 010 011 (binary)

Opcode (verb)      Operands (nouns)