

Lecture 10 – Introduction to MIPS Decisions II

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Bill Gates visits Cal! →

Oct 1 @ 9am, he'll speak @ Zel! Only Eng + L&S CS students (& fac) allowed in, free tix Sep 24th @ 9am at E side of McLaughlin Hall.



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Review

- Memory is **byte**-addressable, but `lw` and `sw` access one **word** at a time.
- A pointer (used by `lw` and `sw`) is just a memory address, so we can add to it or subtract from it (using offset).
- A Decision allows us to decide what to execute at run-time rather than compile-time.
- C Decisions are made using **conditional statements** within `if`, `while`, `do while`, `for`.
- MIPS Decision making instructions are the **conditional branches**: `beq` and `bne`.
- New Instructions:

`lw`, `sw`, `beq`, `bne`, `j`



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From last time: Loading, Storing bytes 1/2

- In addition to word data transfers (`lw`, `sw`), MIPS has byte data transfers:
- load byte: `lb`
- store byte: `sb`
- same format as `lw`, `sw`



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Loading, Storing bytes 2/2

- What do with other 24 bits in the 32 bit register?

- `lb`: sign extends to fill upper 24 bits



- Normally don't want to sign extend chars
- MIPS instruction that doesn't sign extend when loading bytes:

load byte unsigned: `lbu`



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Overflow in Arithmetic (1/2)

- Reminder: Overflow occurs when there is a mistake in arithmetic due to the limited precision in computers.
- Example (4-bit unsigned numbers):

+15	1111
+3	0011
+18	10010
- But we don't have room for 5-bit solution, so the solution would be 0010, which is +2, and wrong.



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Overflow in Arithmetic (2/2)

- Some languages detect overflow (Ada), some don't (C)
- MIPS solution is 2 kinds of arithmetic instructions to recognize 2 choices:
 - `add` (`add`), add immediate (`addi`) and subtract (`sub`) **cause overflow to be detected**
 - add unsigned (`addu`), add immediate unsigned (`addiu`) and subtract unsigned (`subu`) do **not** cause overflow detection
- Compiler selects appropriate arithmetic
 - MIPS C compilers produce `addu`, `addiu`, `subu`



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Two Logic Instructions

- 2 lectures ago we saw add, addi, sub
- Here are 2 more new instructions
- **Shift Left:** `sll $s1, $s2, 2` #s1=s2<<2
 - Store in \$s1 the value from \$s2 shifted 2 bits to the left, **inserting 0's** on right; << in C
 - Before: `0000 0002hex`
`0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0010two`
 - After: `0000 0008hex`
`0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1000two`
 - What arithmetic effect does shift left have?
- **Shift Right:** `srl` is opposite shift; >>



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Loops in C/Assembly (1/3)

- **Simple loop in C;** A[] is an array of ints


```
do {
    g = g + A[i];
    i = i + j;
} while (i != h);
```
- **Rewrite this as:**

```
Loop: g = g + A[i];
      i = i + j;
      if (i != h) goto Loop;
```
- **Use this mapping:**

```
g, h, i, j, base of A
$s1, $s2, $s3, $s4, $s5
```



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Loops in C/Assembly (2/3)

- **Final compiled MIPS code:**

```
Loop: sll $t1, $s3, 2    # $t1 = 4 * I
      add $t1, $t1, $s5 # $t1 = addr A
      lw  $t1, 0($t1)   # $t1 = A[i]
      add $s1, $s1, $t1 # g = g + A[i]
      add $s3, $s3, $s4 # i = i + j
      bne $s3, $s2, Loop # goto Loop
                          # if i != h
```
- **Original code:**

```
Loop: g = g + A[i];
      i = i + j;
      if (i != h) goto Loop;
```



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Loops in C/Assembly (3/3)

- There are three types of loops in C:
 - while
 - do... while
 - for
- Each can be rewritten as either of the other two, so the method used in the previous example can be applied to while and for loops as well.
- **Key Concept:** Though there are multiple ways of writing a loop in MIPS, the key to decision making is **conditional branch**



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Inequalities in MIPS (1/3)

- Until now, we've only tested equalities (== and != in C). General programs need to test < and > as well.
 - **Create a MIPS Inequality Instruction:**
 - "Set on Less Than"
 - **Syntax:** `slt reg1, reg2, reg3`
 - **Meaning:** `reg1 = (reg2 < reg3);`
- ```
if (reg2 < reg3)
 reg1 = 1;
else reg1 = 0;
```
- ← Same thing...
- In computerese, "set" means "set to 1", "reset" means "set to 0".



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### Inequalities in MIPS (2/3)

- How do we use this? Compile by hand:
 

```
if (g < h) goto Less; #g:$s0, h:$s1
```
  - **Answer: compiled MIPS code...**

```
slt $t0, $s0, $s1 # $t0 = 1 if g < h
bne $t0, $0, Less # goto Less
 # if $t0 != 0
 # (if (g < h)) Less:
```
  - Branch if \$t0 != 0 → (g < h)
  - Register \$0 always contains the value 0, so `bne` and `beq` often use it for comparison after an `slt` instruction.
- A `slt` → `bne` pair means `if (... < ...) goto...`



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### Inequalities in MIPS (3/3)

- Now, we can implement  $<$ , but how do we implement  $>$ ,  $\leq$  and  $\geq$ ?
- We could add 3 more instructions, but:
  - MIPS goal: **Simpler is Better**
- Can we implement  $\leq$  in one or more instructions using just `slt` and the branches?
- What about  $>$ ?
- What about  $\geq$ ?



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### Immediates in Inequalities

- There is also an immediate version of `slt` to test against constants: `slti`
  - Helpful in `for` loops

```
C if (g >= 1) goto Loop
M Loop: . . .
I slti $t0,$s0,1 # $t0 = 1 if
P # $s0<1 (g<1)
S beq $t0,$0,Loop # goto Loop
 # if $t0==0
 # (if (g>=1))
```



A `slt`  $\rightarrow$  `beq` pair means `if (... > ...) goto...`

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### What about unsigned numbers?

- Also **unsigned** inequality instructions:

```
sltu, sltiu
```

...which sets result to 1 or 0 depending on unsigned comparisons

- What is value of `$t0`, `$t1`?

(`$s0 = FFFF FFFAhex`, `$s1 = 0000 FFFAhex`)

```
slt $t0, $s0, $s1
```

```
sltu $t1, $s0, $s1
```



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### MIPS Signed vs. Unsigned – diff meanings!

- MIPS Signed v. Unsigned is an “overloaded” term
  - Do/Don't sign extend (`lb`, `lbu`)
  - Don't overflow (`addu`, `addiu`, `subu`, `multu`, `divu`)
  - Do signed/unsigned compare (`slt`, `slti`/`sltu`, `sltiu`)



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### Administrivia

- Proj1 due in 9 days – start EARLY!
  - Out on Wed, due Friday [extended date]
  - The following hw (smaller) still due Wed
- We have a time & place for the midterm & review
  - Review: Sun 2004-10-17, 2pm. 10 Evans
  - Midterm: Mon 2004-10-18, 7-10 pm. 1 Pim
  - DSP or Conflicts? Email `acarle@cs`
- Anyone can go to anyone's OH
- UCBUGG (UCB Undergrad Graphics Group)
  - Openings 2005Sp; we want people w/3D experience or artists. Learn Maya PLE!



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### Example: The C Switch Statement (1/3)

- Choose among four alternatives depending on whether `k` has the value 0, 1, 2 or 3. Compile this C code:

```
switch (k) {
 case 0: f=i+j; break; /* k=0 */
 case 1: f=g+h; break; /* k=1 */
 case 2: f=g-h; break; /* k=2 */
 case 3: f=i-j; break; /* k=3 */
}
```



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