

# CSSE 232

# Computer Architecture I

Other Architectures

# Class Status

Reading for today

- 2.16-17

# Outline

- Load-store
- Accumulator
- Memory-to-Memory
- Stack
- Advantages/Disadvantages

# Load-Store architectures

- All operations occur in registers
- Register-to-register instructions have three operands per instruction
- Special instructions to access main memory

# Other Architectures

- Accumulator
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# Accumulator Architecture

- All operations use an accumulator register
- Operands come from the accumulator or memory
- Result of most operations is stored in the accumulator

# Memory-to-Memory Architecture

- Similar to load-store architectures, but no registers
- All three operands of each instruction are in memory

# Stack Architecture

- All operations occur on top of the stack
- Only push and pop access memory
- All other instructions remove their operands from the stack and replace them with the result
- The implementation uses a stack for the top two entries
- Accesses that use other stack positions are memory references



# Examples

- Want to execute the statement  
     $a = b + c;$
- a, b, and c are variables in memory

# Accumulator

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```
load  AddressB # Acc = Memory[AddrB] or Acc = B
add   AddressC # Acc = B + Memory[AddrC] or Acc = B + C
store AddressA # Memory[AddrA] = Acc or A = B + C
```

# Memory-to-Memory

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```
add AddressA, AddressB, AddressC
```

# Stack

# Stack

```
push AddressC # Top = Top+4; Stack[Top] = Memory[AddrC]
push AddressB # Top = Top+4; Stack[Top] = Memory[AddrB]
add           # Stack[Top-4] = Stack[Top] + Stack[Top-4];
              # Top = Top-4
pop AddressA  # Memory[AddrA] = Stack[Top]; Top = Top - 4
```

# Load-Store



# Load-Store

```
load  r1 AddressB # r1 = Memory[AddressB]
load  r2 AddressC # r2 = Memory[AddressC]
add   r3 r1 r2    # r3 = r1 + r2
store r3 AddressA # Memory[AddressA] = r3
```

# Group Assignment

- What do you think are the advantages/disadvantages of each of the types of architectures?

# Advantages and Disadvantages

- Stack Advantages
  - Short instructions.
- Stack Disadvantages
  - A stack can't be randomly accessed
  - Hard to generate efficient code
  - The stack itself is accessed every operation and becomes a bottleneck
- Accumulator Advantages
  - Short instructions
- Accumulator Disadvantages
  - The accumulator is only temporary storage so memory traffic is the high for this approach.

# Advantages and Disadvantages

- Load-Store Advantages
  - Makes code generation easy
  - Data can be stored for long periods in registers.
- Load-Store Disadvantages
  - All operands must be named leading to longer instructions.
- Memory-to-Memory Advantages
  - Simple processor design
- Memory-to-Memory Disadvantages
  - Same as L+S
  - Bottleneck at memory access

# Alternative designs

## Complete Instruction Set Computer (CISC)

- Examples
  - IBM 360, DEC VAX, Intel 80x86, Motorola 68xxx
- Features
  - Varying instruction lengths
  - Memory locations as operands
  - Source operand is also the destination

## Reduced Instruction Set Computer (RISC)

- Examples
  - MIPS, Alpha, PowerPC, SPARC
- Load/store
- Same instruction lengths
- Longer code programs

# Hello world in x86 for Linux

```
section .data ; section for initialized data
str: db 'Hello world!', 0Ah ; message with new-line at the end
str_len: equ $ - str ; calcs string length by subtracting
; this' address ($) from string address

section .text ; this is the code section
global _start ; _start is the entry point
_start: ; procedure start
    mov     eax, 4 ; specify the sys_write function code
    mov     ebx, 1 ; specify file descriptor stdout
    mov     ecx, str ; move string start address to ecx register
    mov     edx, str_len ; move length of message
    int     80h ; tell kernel to perform the system call
    mov     eax, 1 ; specify sys_exit function code
    mov     ebx, 0 ; specify return code for OS
    int     80h ; tell kernel to perform system call
```

# Hello world in MIPS for SPIM

```
.data
msg:      .asciiz "Hello, world!"
.text
.globl main
main:
    la $a0,msg
    li $v0,4
    syscall
    jr $ra
```

# Hello world in PS2 MIPS for Linux

```
# hello.S by Spencer T. Parkin
```

```
        .rdata                # begin read-only data segment
        .align 2              # because of the way memory is built
hello:  .asciz "Hello, world!\n" # a null terminated string
        .align 4              # because of the way memory is built
length: .word  . - hello      # length = IC - (hello-addr)

        .text                 # begin code segment
        .globl main           # for gcc/ld linking
        .ent  main            # for gdb debugging info.
main:
        move    a0,$0          # load stdout fd
        la     a1,hello        # load string address
        lw     a2,length       # load string length
        li     v0, __NR_write  # specify system write service
        syscall                # call the kernel (write string)
        li     v0,0            # load return code
        j      ra              # return to caller
        .end    main          # for dgb debugging info.
```

From <http://tldp.org/HOWTO/Assembly-HOWTO/mips.html>



# Review and Questions

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Project time

Work on `relprime()`