Low-Level Programming

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Lecture 2

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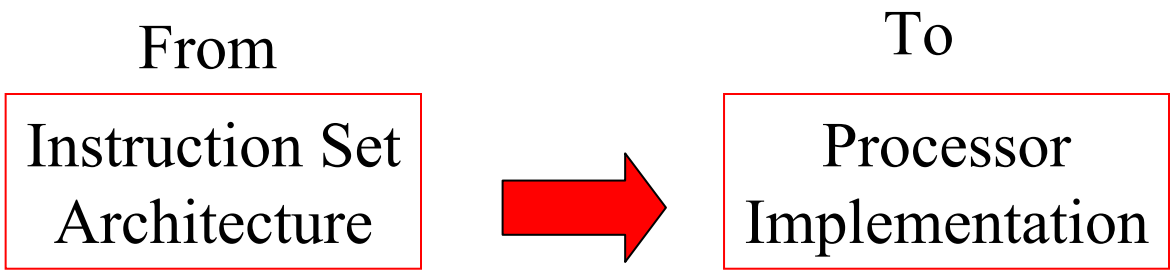
What do we know?



What Next?

How do we get here in the first place?

Instruction Set Design

Outline

- Virtual Machines: Interpretation Revisited
- Example: From HLL to Machine Code
- Implementing HLL Abstractions
  - Control structures
  - Data Structures
  - Procedures and Functions

Virtual Machines (VM's)

Type of Virtual Machine	Examples	Instruction Elements	Data Elements	Comments
Application Programs	Spreadsheet, Word Processor	Drag & Drop, GUI ops, macros	cells, paragraphs, sections	Visual, Graphical, Interactive Application Specific Abstractions Easy for Humans Hides HLL Level
High-Level Language	C, C++, Java, FORTRAN, Pascal	if-then-else, procedures, loops	arrays, structures	Modular, Structured, Model Human Language/Thought General Purpose Abstractions Hides Lower Levels
Assembly-Level	SPIM, MASM	directives, pseudo-instructions, macros	registers, labelled memory cells	Symbolic Instructions/Data Hides some machine details like alignment, address calculations Exposes Machine ISA
Machine-Level (ISA)	MIPS, Intel 80x86	load, store, add, branch	bits, binary addresses	Numeric, Binary Difficult for Humans

Computer Science in Perspective

People

Application Programs

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High-Level Language

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Assembly Language

Machine Language (ISA)

computers

Computer Human Interaction, User Interfaces

CS1/CS2, Programming, Data Structures

Programming Languages, Compilers

Computer Architecture

INTERPRETATION
A **CORE** theme all throughout Computer Science

Computing Integer Division
Iterative C++ Version

```
int a = 12;
int b = 4;
int result = 0;
main () {
  if (a >= b) {
    while (a > 0) {
      a = a - b;
      result ++;
    }
  }
}
```

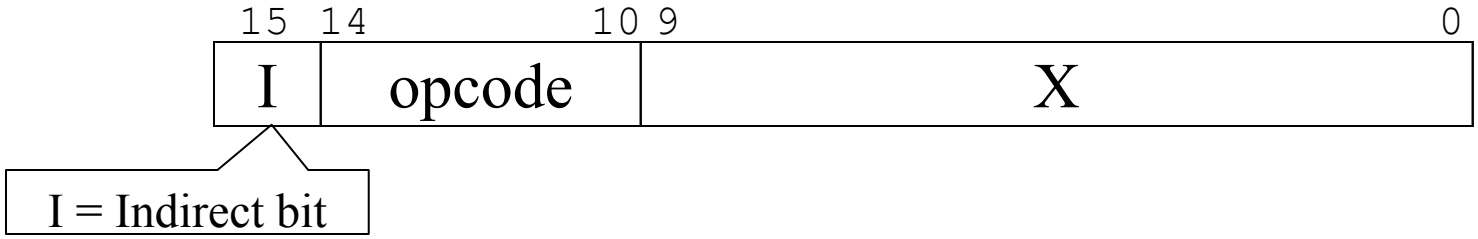
We ignore procedures and I/O for now

Definition
Instruction Set Architecture

- What it is:
  - The programmers view of the processor
  - Visible registers, instruction set, execution model, memory model, I/O model
- What it is not:
  - How the processors if build
  - The processor's internal structure

Easy I
A Simple Accumulator Processor
Instruction Set Architecture (ISA)

Instruction Format (16 bits)

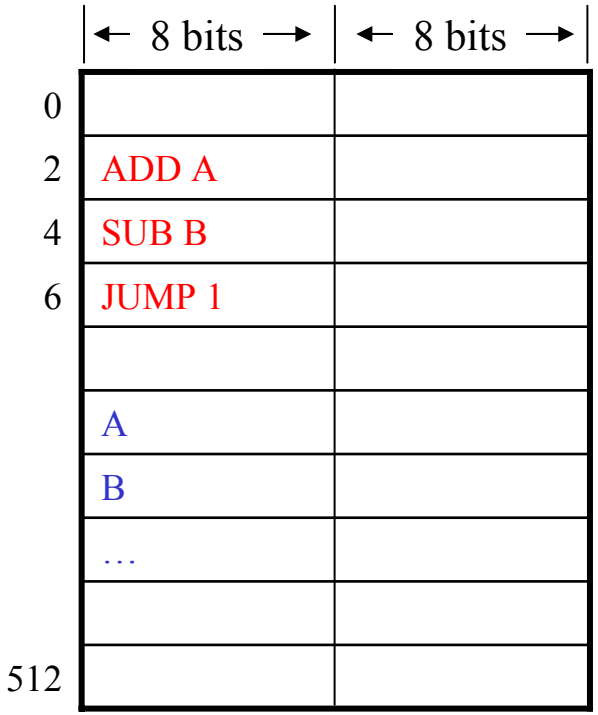


Easy I
A Simple Accumulator Processor
Instruction Set Architecture (ISA)

Instruction Set

Symbolic Name	Opcode	Action I=0	Symbolic Name	Action I=1
Comp	00 000	AC ← not AC	Comp	AC <- not AC
ShR	00 001	AC ← AC / 2	ShR	AC ← AC / 2
BrN*i*	00 010	AC < 0 ⇒ PC ← X	BrN	AC < 0 ⇒ PC ← MEM[X]
Jump*i*	00 011	PC ← X	Jump	PC ← MEM[X]
Store*i*	00 100	MEM[X] ← AC	Store	MEM[MEM[X]] ← AC
Load*i*	00 101	AC ← MEM[X]	Load	AC ← MEM[MEM[X]]
And*i*	00 110	AC ← AC and X	And	AC ← AC and MEM[X]
Add*i*	00 111	AC ← AC + X	Add	AC ← AC + MEM[X]

Easy I
Memory Model



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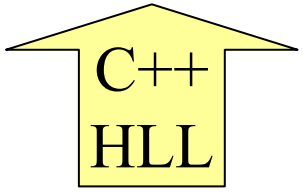
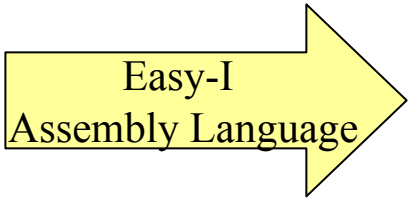
      a = a - b;
      result ++;
    }
  }
}
```





Computing Integer Division

Iterative C++ Version

Translate Data: Global Layout

```
int a = 12;
int b = 4;
int result = 0;
main () {
  if (a >= b) {
    while (a > 0) {
      a = a - b;
      result ++;
    }
  }
}
```

C++
HLL

```
0:      andi    0          # AC = 0
        addi    12
        storei  1000       # a = 12 (a   tored @ 1000)
        andi    0          # AC = 0
        addi    4
        storei  1004       # b = 4     tored @ 1004)
        andi    0          # AC =
        storei  1008       # res       0 (result @ 1008)
```

Issues
- Memory allocation
- Data Alignment
- Data Sizing

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Assembly Language

Computing Integer Division

Iterative C++ Version

Translate Code: Conditionals If-Then

```
int a = 12;
int b = 4;
int result = 0;
main () {
  if (a >= b) {
    while (a > 0) {
      a = a - b;
      result ++;
    }
  }
}
```

C++ HLL

Easy-I Assembly Language

```
0:      andi   0          # AC = 0
        addi   12
        storei 1000       # a = 12 (a stored @ 1000)
        andi   0          # AC = 0
        addi   4
        storei 1004       # b = 4 (b stored @ 1004)
        andi   0          # AC = 0
        storei 1008       # result = 0 (result @ 1008)
main:   loadi  1004       # compute a - b in AC
        comp              # using 2's complement add
        addi   1
        add    1000
        brni   exit       # exit if AC negative




exit:
```

Issues

- Must translate HLL boolean expression into ISA-level branching condition

Computing Integer Division

Iterative C++ Version

Translate Code: Iteration (loops)

```
int a = 12;
int b = 4;
int result = 0;
main () {
  if (a >= b) {
    while (a > 0) {
      a = a - b;
      result ++;
    }
  }
}
```

C++
HLL

Easy-I
Assembly Language

```
0:        andi   0          # AC = 0
          addi   12
          storei 1000       # a = 12 (a stored @ 1000)
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main:     loadi  1004       # compute a - b in AC
          comp              # using 2's complement add
          addi   1
          add    1000
          brni   exit       # exit if AC negative
loop:     loadi  1000
          brni   endloop




          jump   loop
endloop:
exit:
```

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Computing Integer Division

Iterative C++ Version

Translate Code: Arithmetic Ops

```
int a = 12;
int b = 4;
int result = 0;
main () {
  if (a >= b) {
    while (a > 0) {
      a = a - b;
      result ++;
    }
  }
}
```

C++
HLL

Easy-I
Assembly Language

```
0:      andi   0          # AC = 0
        addi   12
        storei 1000       # a = 12 (a stored @ 1000)
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        comp              # using 2's complement add
        addi   1
        add    1000
        brni   exit       # exit if AC negative
loop:   loadi  1000
        brni   endloop
        loadi  1004       # compute a - b in AC
        comp              # using 2's complement add
        addi   1
        add    1000       # Uses indirect bit I = 1



        jumpi  loop
endloop:
exit:
```

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Iterative C++ Version

Translate Code: Assignments

```
int a = 12;
int b = 4;
int result = 0;
main () {
  if (a >= b) {
    while (a > 0) {
      a = a - b;
      result ++;
    }
  }
}
```

C++ HLL

Easy-I Assembly Language

```
0:      andi   0          # AC = 0
        addi   12
        storei 1000       # a = 12 (a stored @ 1000)
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        addi   1
        add    1000
        brni   exit       # exit if AC negative
loop:   loadi  1000
        brni   endloop
        loadi  1004       # compute a - b in AC
        comp              # using 2's complement add
        addi   1
        add    1000       # Uses indirect bit I = 1
        storei 1000



        jump loop
endloop:
exit:
```

Computing Integer Division

Iterative C++ Version

Translate Code: Increments

```
int a = 12;
int b = 4;
int result = 0;
main () {
  if (a >= b) {
    while (a > 0) {
      a = a - b;
      result ++;
    }
  }
}
```

C++
HLL

Easy-I
Assembly Language

```
0:        andi   0          # AC = 0
          addi   12
          storei 1000       # a = 12 (a stored @ 1000)
          andi   0          # AC = 0
          addi   4
          storei 1004       # b = 4  (b stored @ 1004)
          andi   0          # AC = 0
          storei 1008       # result = 0 (result @ 1008)
main:     loadi  1004       # compute a - b in AC
          comp              # using 2's complement add
          addi   1
          add    1000
          brni   exit       # exit if AC negative
loop:     loadi  1000
          brni   endloop
          loadi  1004       # compute a - b in AC
          comp              # using 2's complement add
          addi   1
          add    1000       # Uses indirect bit I = 1
          storei 1000
          loadi  1008       # result = result + 1
          addi   1
          storei 1008
          jumpi  loop
endloop:
exit:
```

Computing Integer Division

Easy I Machine Code

Data

Address	Contents
1000	a
1004	b
1008	result

Challenge

Make this program as small and fast as possible

Address	I Bit	Opcode (binary)	X (base 10)
0	0	00 110	0
2	0	00 111	12
4	0	00 100	1000
6	0	00 110	0
8	0	00 111	4
10	0	00 100	1004
12	0	00 110	0
14	0	00 100	1008
16	0	00 101	1004
18	0	00 000	unused
20	0	00 111	1
22	1	00 111	1000
24	0	00 010	46
26	0	00 101	1000
28	0	00 010	46
30	0	00 101	1004
32	0	00 000	unused
34	0	00 111	1
36	0	00 100	1000
38	0	00 101	1008
40	0	00 111	1
42	0	00 100	1008
44	0	00 011	26

Program

Computing Integer Division

Iterative C++ Version

Revised Version
Optimization at the HLL level

```
int a = 0;
int b = 4;
int result = 0;
main () {
  while (a >= b) {
    a = a - b;
    result ++;
  }
}
```

C++
HLL

Easy-I
Assembly Language

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          addi   1
          add    1000
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          addi   1
          add    1000       # Uses indirect bit I = 1
          storei 1000
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          addi   1
          storei 1008
          jumpi  loop
endloop:
exit:
```

Translating Conditional Expressions

```
int a = 0;
int b = 4;
int result = 0;
main () {
  while (a >= b) {
    a = a - b;
    result ++;
  }
}
```

Translating Logical Expressions

loop exit condition

~(a >= b) ⇔ ~((a - b) >= 0)

⇔ ((a - b) < 0)

What if Loop Exit Condition was:

~(a < b) ⇔

⇔

⇔

⇔

Computing Integer Division

Iterative C++ Version

Peephole Optimization
Optimization at Assembly level

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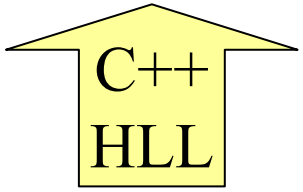

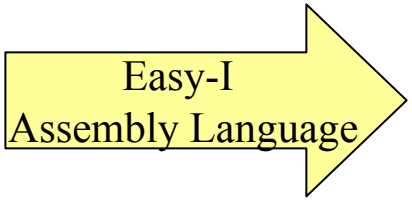


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          addi   1
          storei 1008
          jumpi  loop
endloop:
exit:
```

The MIPS Architecture
ISA at a Glance

- Reduced Instruction Set Computer (RISC)
- 32 general purpose 32-bit registers
- Load-store architecture: Operands in registers
- Byte Addressable
- 32-bit address space

The MIPS Architecture

32 Register Set (32-bit registers)

Register #	Reg Name	Function
r0	r0	Zero constant
r4-r7	a0-a3	Function arguments
r1	at	Reserved for Operating Systems
r30	fp	Frame pointer
r28	gp	Global memory pointer
r26-r27	k0-k1	Reserved for OS Kernel
r31	ra	Function return address
r16-r23	s0-s7	Callee saved registers
r29	sp	Stack pointer
r8-r15	t0-t7	Temporary variables
r24-r25	t8-t9	Temporary variables
r2-r3	v0-v1	Function return values

The MIPS Architecture
Main Instruction Formats

Simple and uniform 32-bit 3-operand instruction formats

–R Format: Arithmetic/Logic operations on registers

opcode	rs	rt	rd	shamt	funct
6 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	5 bits	6 bits

–I Format: Branches, loads and stores

opcode	rs	rt	Address/Immediate
6 bits	5 bits	5 bits	16 bits

–J Format: Jump Instruction

opcode	rs	rt	Address/Immediate
6 bits	5 bits	5 bits	16 bits

The MIPS Architecture

Examples of Native Instruction Set

Instruction Group	Instruction	Function
Arithmetic/ Logic	add $s1,$s2,$s3	$s1 = $s2 + $s3
	addi $s1,$s2,K	$s1 = $s2 + K
Load/Store	lw $s1,K($s2)	$s1 = MEM[$s2+K]
	sw $s1,K($s2)	MEM[$s2+K] = $s1
Jumps and Conditional Branches	beq $s1,$s2,K	if ($s1=$s2) goto PC + 4 + K
	slt $s1,$s2,$s3	if ($s2<$s3) $s1=1 else $s1=0
	j K	goto K
Procedures	jal K	$ra = PC + 4; goto K
	jr $ra	goto $ra

The SPIM Assembler

Examples of Pseudo-Instruction Set

Instruction Group	Syntax	Translates to:
Arithmetic/ Logic	neg $s1, $s2	sub $s1, $r0, $s2
	not $s1, $s2	nor $17, $18, $0
Load/Store	li $s1, K	ori $s1, $0, K
	la $s1, K	lui $at, 152 ori $s1, $at, -27008
	move $s1, $s2	
Jumps and Conditional Branches	bgt $s1, $s2, K	slt $at, $s1, $s2 bne $at, $0, K
	sge $s1, $s2, $s3	bne $s3, $s2, foo ori $s1, $0, 1 beq $0, $0, bar foo: slt $s1, $s3, $s2 bar:

Pseudo Instructions: translated to native instructions by Assembler

The SPIM Assembler

Examples of Assembler Directives

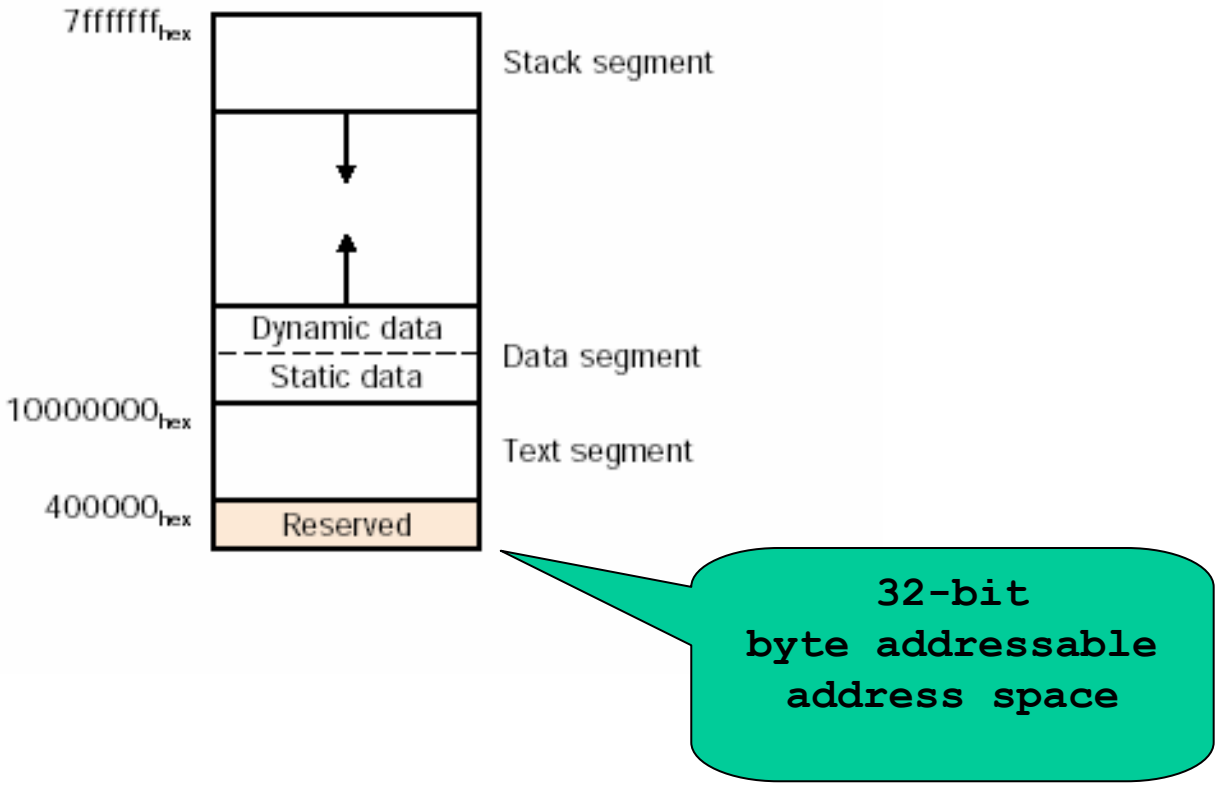
Group	Directive	Function
Memory Segmentation	.data <addr>	Data Segment starting at
	.text <addr>	Text (program) Segment
	.stack <addr>	Stack Segment
	.ktext <addr>	Kernel Text Segment
	.kdata <addr>	Kernel Data Segment
Data Allocation	x: .word <value>	Allocates 32-bit variable
	x: .byte <value>	Allocates 8-bit variable
	x: .ascii "hello"	Allocates 8-bit cell array
Other	.globl x	x is external symbol

Assembler Directives: Provide assembler additional info to generate machine code

Handy MIPS ISA References

- Appendix A: Patterson & Hennessy
- SPIM ISA Summary on class website
- Patterson & Hennessy Back Cover

The MIPS Architecture
Memory Model



Computing Integer Division
Iterative C++ Version

MIPS/SPIM Version

```
int a = 12;
int b = 4;
int result = 0;
main () {
    while (a >= b)
      a = a - b;
      result ++;
    }
  }
}
```

C++

MIPS Assembly Language

```
            .data                       # Use HLL program as a comment
x:          .word       12              # int x = 12;
y:          .word       4               # int y = 4;
res:        .word       0               # int res = 0;
            .globl      main
            .text
main:       la          $s0, x          # Allocate registers for globals
            lw          $s1, 0($s0)     #   x in $s1
            lw          $s2, 4($s0)     #   y in $s2
            lw          $s3, 8($s0)     #   res in $s3
while:      bgt         $s2, $s1, endwhile  # while (x >= y) {
            sub         $s1, $s1, $s2               #   x = x - y;
            addi        $s3, $s3, 1     #   res ++;
            j           while           # }
endwhile:
            la          $s0, x          # Update variables in memory
            sw          $s1, 0($s0)
            sw          $s2, 4($s0)
            sw          $s3, 8($s0)
```

Computing Integer Division
Iterative C++ Version

MIPS/SPIM Version
Input/Output in SPIM

```
int a = 12;
int b = 4;
int result = 0;
main () {
    while (a >= b) {
      a = a - b;
      result ++;
    }
  }
}
```

C++

MIPS
Assembly Language

```
                .data                           # Use HLL program as a comment
x:              .word   12                      # int x = 12;
y:              .word   4                       # int y = 4;
res:            .word   0                       # int res = 0;
pf1:            .asciiz "Result = "
                .globl  main
                .text
main:           la      $s0, x                  # Allocate registers for globals
                lw      $s1, 0($s0)             #   x in $s1
                lw      $s2, 4($s0)             #   y in $s2
                lw      $s3, 8($s0)             #   res in $s3
while:          bgt     $s2, $s1, endwhile      # while (x >= y) {
                sub     $s1, $s1, $s2           #   x = x - y;
                addi    $s3, $s3, 1             #   res ++;
                j       while                   # }
endwhile:
                la      $a0, pf1                # printf("Result = %d \n");
                li      $v0, 4                  # //system call to print_str
                syscall
                move    $a0, $s3
                li      $v0, 1                  # //system call to print_int
                syscall
                la      $s0, x                  # Update variables in memory
                sw      $s1, 0($s0)
                sw      $s2, 4($s0)
                sw      $s3, 8($s0)
```

SPIM Assembler Abstractions

- Symbolic Labels
  - Instruction addresses and memory locations
- Assembler Directives
  - Memory allocation
  - Memory segments
- Pseudo-Instructions
  - Extend native instruction set without complicating arquitecture
- Macros

Implementing Procedures

- Why procedures?
  - Abstraction
  - Modularity
  - Code re-use
- Initial Goal
  - Write segments of assembly code that can be re-used, or "called" from different points in the main program.
  - KISS: Keep It Simple Stupid:
    - no parameters, no recursion, no locals, no return values

Procedure Linkage Approach I

- Problem
  - procedure must determine where to return after servicing the call
- Solution: Architecture Support
  - Add a jump instruction that saves the return address in some place known to callee
    - MIPS: jal instruction saves return address in register $ra
  - Add an instruction that can jump to return address
    - MIPS: jr instruction jumps to the address contained in its argument register

Computing Integer Division (Procedure Version)

Iterative C++ Version

```
int a = 0;
int b = 0;
int res = 0;
main () {
  a = 12;
  b = 5;
  res = 0;
  div();
  printf("Res
}
void div(voic
  while (a >=
    a = a - b
    res ++;
  }
}
```

C++

```
            .data
x:          .word   0
y:          .word   0
res:        .word   0
pf1:        .asciiz "Result = "
pf2:        .asciiz "Remainder = "
            .globl      main
            .text
main:                                       # int main() {
                                            #   // assumes registers sx unused
            la          $s0, x
            li          $s1, 12
            sw          $s1, 0($s0)
            la          $s0, y
            li          $s2, 5
            sw          $s2, 0($s0)
            la          $s0, res            #   res = 0;
            li          $s3, 0
            sw          $s3, 0($s0)
            jal         d                   #   div();
            lw          $s3, 0($s0)
            la          $a0, pf1            #   printf("Result = %d \n");
            li          $v0, 4              #   //system call to print_str
            syscall
            move        $a0, $s3
            li          $v0, 1              #   //system call to print_int
            syscall
            la          $a0, pf2            #   printf("Remainder = %d \n");
            li          $v0, 4              #   //system call to print_str
            syscall
            move        $a0, $s1
            li          $v0, 1              #   //system call to print_int
            syscall
            jr          $ra                 #   return // TO Operating System
```

Function Call

MIPS Assembly Language

Computing Integer Division (Procedure Version)

Iterative C++ Version

```
int a = 0;
int b = 0;
int res = 0;
main () {
  a = 12;
  b = 5;
  res = 0;
  div();
  printf("Res = %d
}
void div(void) {
  while (a >= b) {
    a = a - b;
    res ++;
  }
}
```

C++

```
# div function
# PROBLEM: Must save args and registers before using them
d:                                                  # void d(void) {
                                                    #   // Allocate registers for globals
            la          $s0, x                      #   // x in $s1
            lw          $s1, 0($s0)
            la          $s0, y                      #   // y in $s2
            lw          $s2, 0($s0)
            la          $s0, res                    #   // res in $s3
            lw          $s3, 0($s0)
while:      bgt         $s2, $s1, ewhile            #   while (x <= y) {
            sub         $s1, $s1, $s2               #     x = x - y
            addi        $s3, $s3, 1                 #     res ++
            j           while                       #   }
ewhile:                                             #   // Update variables in memory
            la          $s0, x
            sw          $s1, 0($s0)
            la          $s0, y
            sw          $s2, 0($s0)
            la          $s0, res
            sw          $s3, 0($s0)
enddiv:     jr          $ra                         #   return;
                                                    # }
```

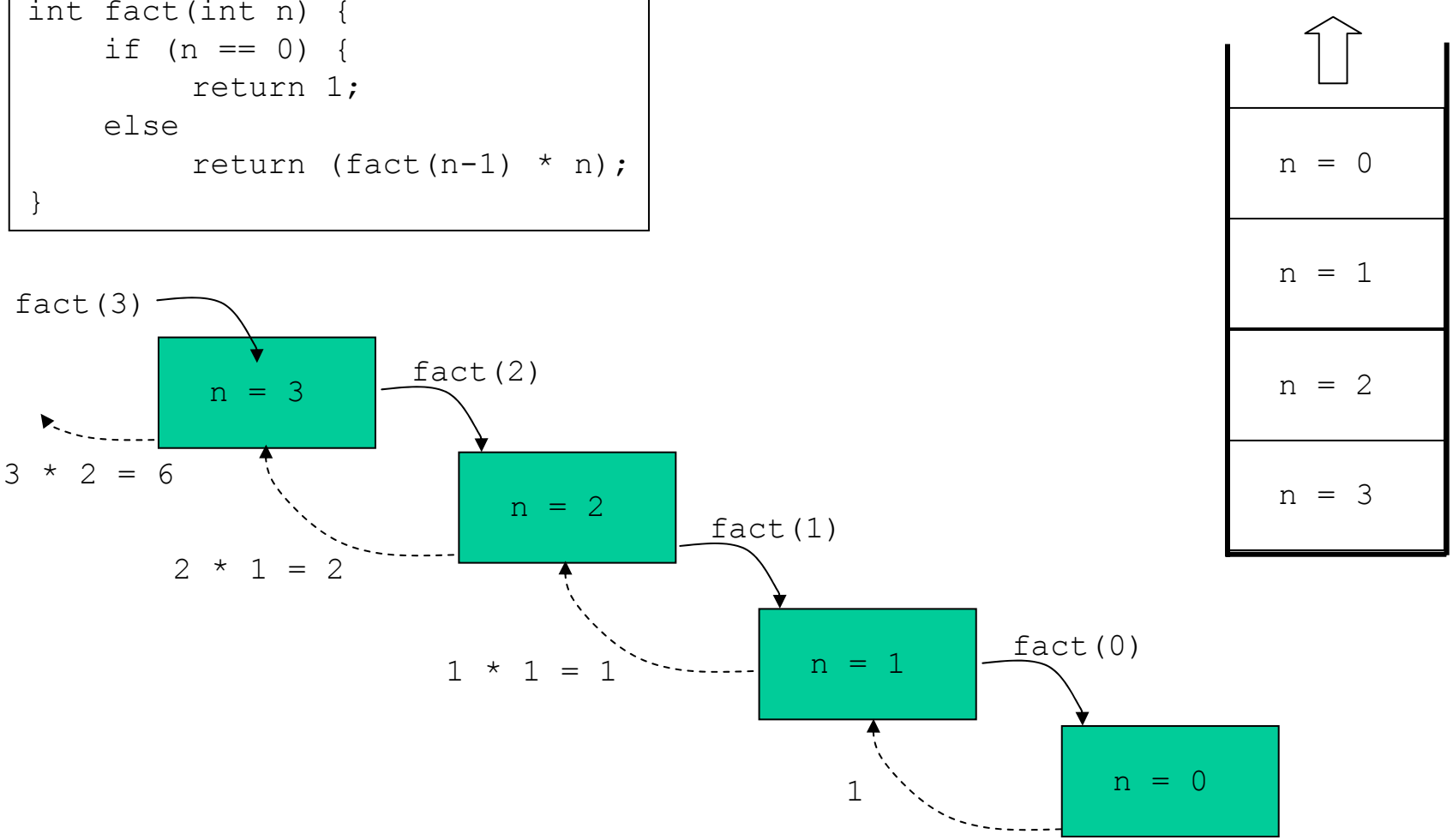
MIPS Assembly Language

Pending Problems With Linkage Approach I

- Registers shared by all procedures
  - procedures must save/restore registers (use stack)
- Procedures should be able to call other procedures
  - save multiple return addresses (use stack)
- Lack of parameters forces access to globals
  - pass parameters in registers
- Recursion requires multiple copies of local data
  - store multiple procedure activation records (use stack)
- Need a convention for returning function values
  - return values in registers

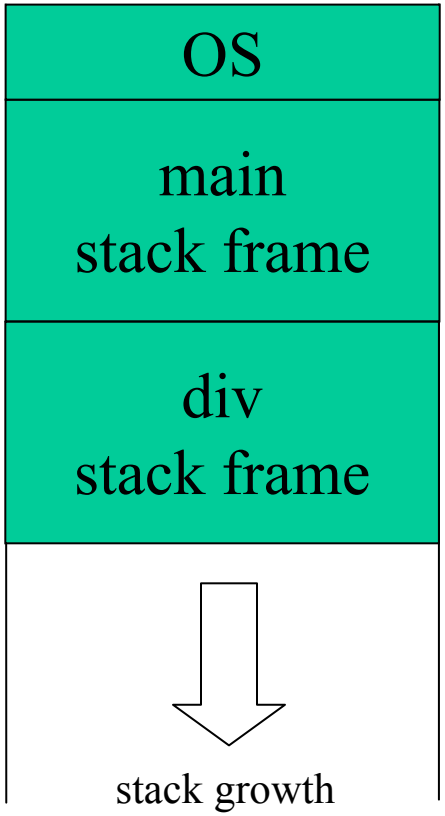
Recursion Basics

```
int fact(int n) {
    if (n == 0) {
        return 1;
    else
        return (fact(n-1) * n);
}
```

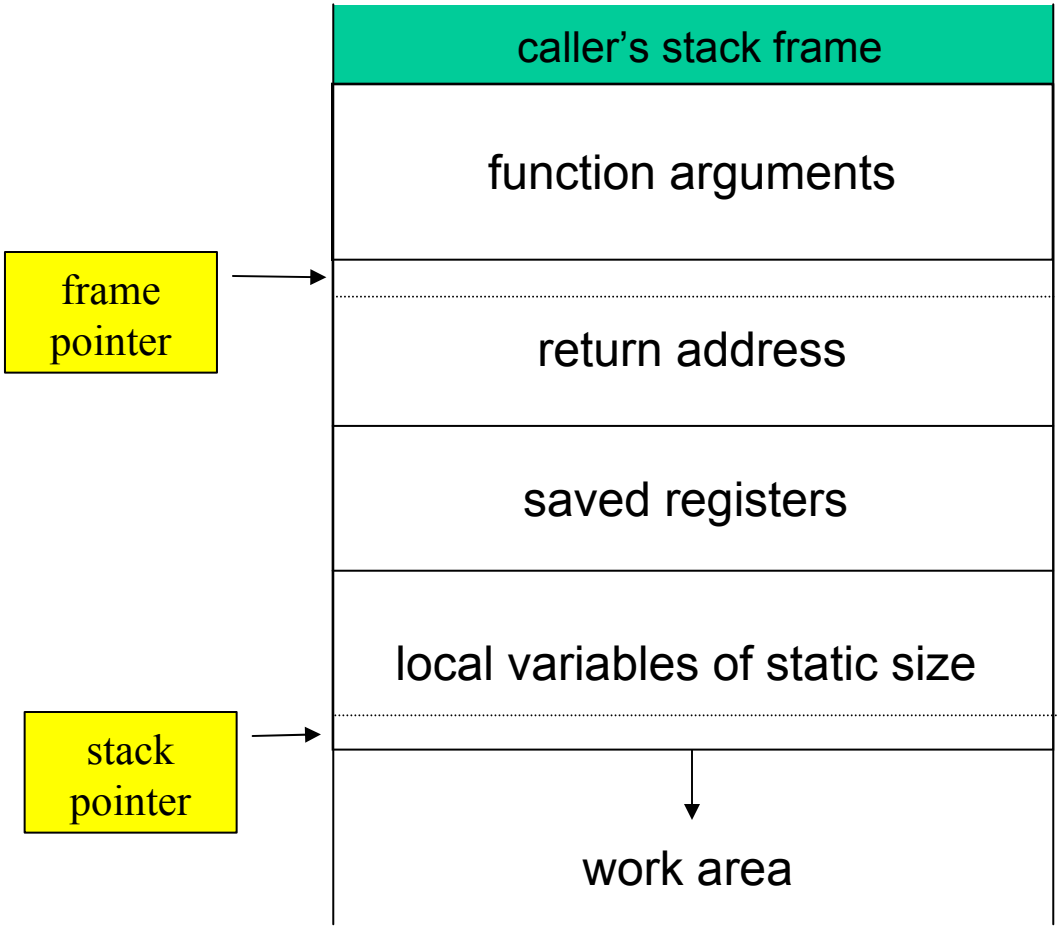


Solution: Use Stacks of Procedure Frames

- Stack frame contains:
  - Saved arguments
  - Saved registers
  - Return address
  - Local variables



Anatomy of a Stack Frame



Contract: Every function must leave the stack the way it found it

Example: Function Linkage using Stack Frames

```
int x = 0;
int y = 0;
int res = 0;
main () {
  x = 12;
  y = 5;
  res = div(x,y);
  printf("Res = %d",res);
}
int div(int a,int b) {
  int res = 0;
  if (a >= b) {
    res = div(a-b,b) + 1;
  }
  else {
    res = 0;
  }
  return res;
}
```

- Add return values
- Add parameters
- Add recursion
- Add local variables

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MIPS: Procedure Linkage Summary

- First 4 arguments passed in $a0-$a3
- Other arguments passed on the stack
- Return address passed in $ra
- Return value(s) returned in $v0-$v1
- Sx registers saved by callee
- Tx registers saved by caller