Conditional Execution

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1 Administrivia

Announcements

Assignment

Nothing new.

From Last Time

Operands and instruction formats.

Outline

- 1. Immediate operands.
- 2. Branch and jump instructions.
- 3. Compiling HLL control structures.
- 4. Class teamwork assignment.

Coming Up

Procedure invocation I.

2 Immediate Operands

- 1. Operand types (addressing modes) we've seen so far: registers, memory.
- 2. What about constants? Where have we already seen immediates? Arithmetic example:

addi \$t0, \$s0, 8 # An immediate operand.

Why no subi?

- 3. Immediate operand: found within the instruction itself.
- 4. Small immediates occur frequently, so...
- 5. Design principle 4: Make the common case fast.
- 6. But, how do I load a 32-bit immediate? lui followed by addi (whoops, sign extension) or ori:

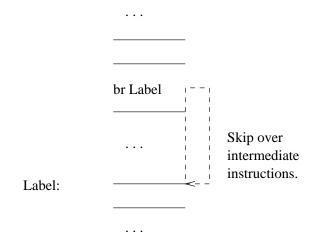
lui \$s0, 0x5555 ori \$s0, \$s0, 0xaaaa

- 7. How does the assembler manufacture 32-bit immediates for us? Register \$at.
- 8. Programmer conventions. "Enhanced" assembly language. Simplicity.

3 Branch and Jump Instructions

1. I-format instructions.

2. The idea behind a branch or jump:



3. Branch forward or backward 2^{15} words.

The complete set, all synthesized from beg, bne, and slt.

Branch instructions use a signed 16-bit offset field; hence they can jump $2^{15} - 1$ instructions (not bytes) forward or 2^{15} instructions backwards. The *jump* instruction contains a 26 bit address field (the third instruction format).

b label Unconditionally branch to the instruction at the label.

beq Rsrc1, Src2, label Branch on Equal Conditionally branch to the instruction at the label if the contents of register Rsrc1 equals Src2.

begz Rsrc, label Branch on Equal Zero Conditionally branch to the instruction at the label if the contents of **Rsrc** equals 0.

bge Rsrc1, Src2, label Branch on Greater Than Equal bgeu Rsrc1, Src2, label Branch on GTE Unsigned Conditionally branch to the instruction at the label if the contents of register Rsrc1 are greater than or equal to Src2.

Branch instruction

bgez Rsrc, label Branch on Greater Than Equal Zero Conditionally branch to the instruction at the label if the contents of Rsrc are greater than or equal to 0.

bgt Rsrc1, Src2, labelBranch on Greater Thanbgtu Rsrc1, Src2, labelBranch on Greater Than UnsignedConditionally branch to the instruction at the label if the contents of register Rsrc1 are
greater than Src2.

bgtz Rsrc, label Branch on Greater Than Zero Conditionally branch to the instruction at the label if the contents of Rsrc are greater than 0.

ble Rsrc1, Src2, labelBranch on Less Than Equalbleu Rsrc1, Src2, labelBranch on LTE UnsignedConditionally branch to the instruction at the label if the contents of register Rsrc1 are lessthan or equal to Src2.

blez Rsrc, label Branch on Less Than Equal Zero Conditionally branch to the instruction at the label if the contents of Rsrc are less than or equal to 0.

blt Rsrc1, Src2, labelBranch on Less Thanbltu Rsrc1, Src2, labelBranch on Less Than UnsignedConditionally branch to the instruction at the label if the contents of register Rsrc1 are lessthan Src2.

bltz Rsrc, label Branch on Less Than Zero Conditionally branch to the instruction at the label if the contents of Rsrc are less than 0.

bne Rsrc1, Src2, label Branch on Not Equal Conditionally branch to the instruction at the label if the contents of register Rsrc1 are not equal to Src2.

bnez Rsrc, label Branch on Not Equal Zero Conditionally branch to the instruction at the label if the contents of Rsrc are not equal to 0. j label Unconditionally jump to the instruction at the label.

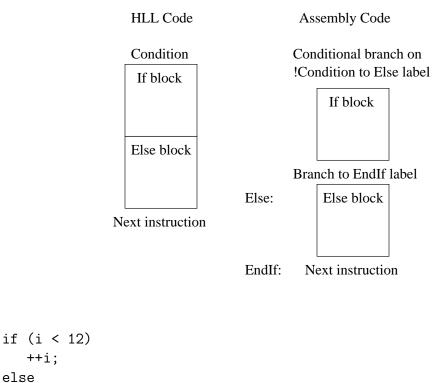
jal labelJump and Linkjalr RsrcJump and Link RegisterUnconditionally jump to the instruction at the label or whose address is in register Rsrc.Save the address of the next instruction in register 31.

jr Rsrc Jump Register Unconditionally jump to the instruction whose address is in register Rsrc.

4 Compiling HLL Control Structures

Write MIPS code fragments corresponding to the following:

1. Compiling an if:

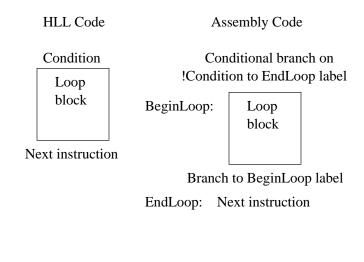


else --j;

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Jump

2. Compiling a loop:



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i = 1;
j = 0;
while (i < 200)
{
    j += i;
    i *= i;
}
```

5 Class Teamwork Assignment

Working in groups of 2–3, solve as many of the following as possible. Turn in your solutions.

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1. j = 0;
for (i = 0; i < 10; ++i)
j += i;
2. j = 0;
for (i = 0; i < 10; ++i)
if (i > 5)
j += i;
3. while (i > 0 && i < 10)
++i;
4. if (i < 12 && j > 3 || k != 0)
++i;
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else if (i == 33)
   --j;
else
   k += 2;
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5. (3.9 from the text) The naive way of compiling

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while (save[i] == k)
    i += k;
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requires execution of both a conditional branch and an unconditional jump each time through the loop. Produce the naive code.

Optimize the naive code so that only a conditional branch is executed each time through the loop.

- 6. (3.24 from the text, a variation) Write a code segment which takes two "parameters:"
 - (a) An ASCII character in \$a0.
 - (b) A pointer to a NULL-terminated string in \$a1.

and "returns" a count of the number of occurrences of the character in the string in v0.