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Byte/Halfword Operations

- Could use bitwise operations
- MIPS byte/halfword load/store
 - String processing is a common case

`lb rt, offset(rs)` `lh rt, offset(rs)`

- Sign extend to 32 bits in `rt`

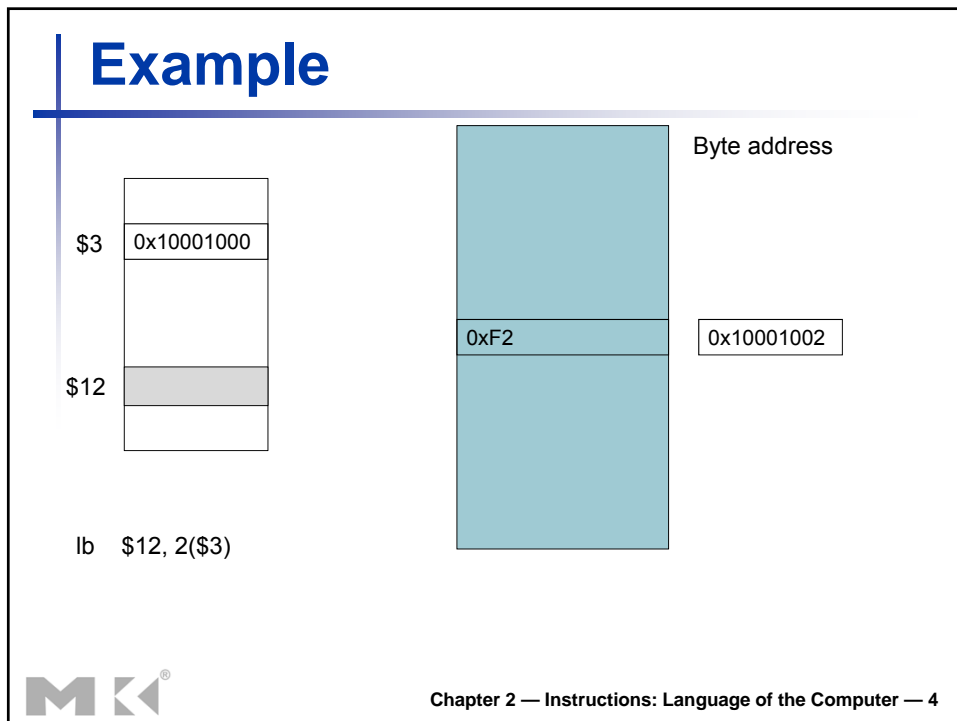
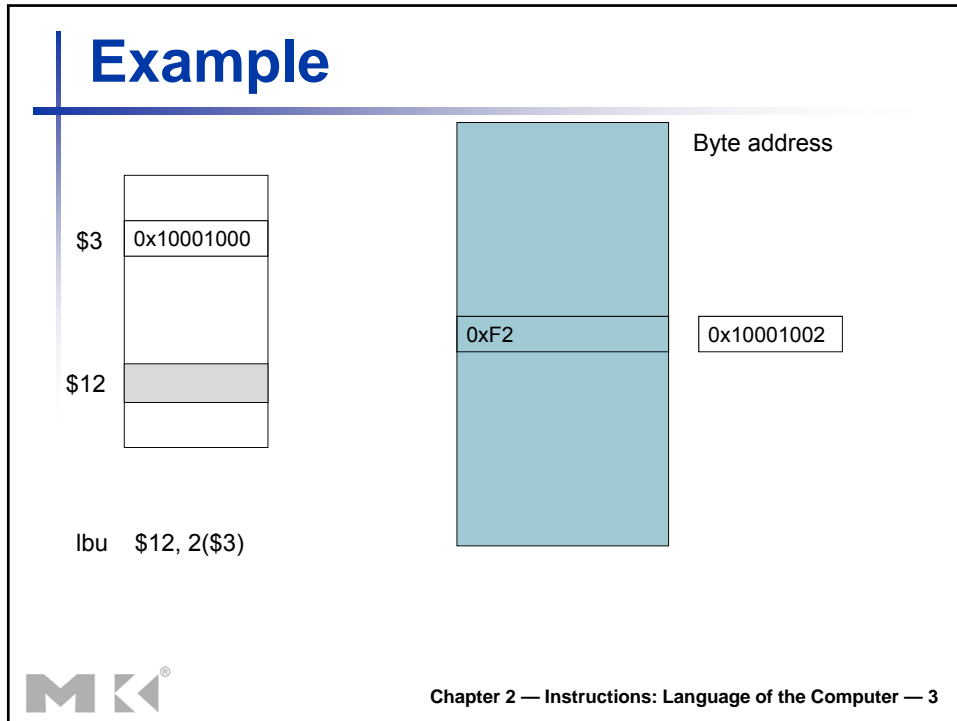
`lbu rt, offset(rs)` `lhu rt, offset(rs)`

- Zero extend to 32 bits in `rt`

`sb rt, offset(rs)` `sh rt, offset(rs)`

- Store just rightmost byte/halfword

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Example

\$3	0x10001000
\$11	
\$12	0xA011C1D1

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Byte address

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0x10001002

sb \$12, 2(\$3)

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Memory Operand Example 1

- C code:
 - g = h + A[8];
 - g in \$s1, h in \$s2, base address of A in \$s3
- Compiled MIPS code:
 - Index 8 requires offset of 32
 - 4 bytes per word

```
lw $t0, 32($s3) # load word
add $s1, $s2, $t0
```

offset

base register

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Memory Operand Example 2

- C code:
 - A[12] = h + A[8];
 - h in \$s2, base address of A in \$s3
- Compiled MIPS code:
 - Index 8 requires offset of 32

```
lw  $t0, 32($s3)    # load word
add $t0, $s2, $t0
sw  $t0, 48($s3)    # store word
```



Registers vs. Memory

- Registers are faster to access than memory
- Operating on memory data requires loads and stores
 - More instructions to be executed
- Compiler must use registers for variables as much as possible
 - Only spill to memory for less frequently used variables
 - Register optimization is important!



Immediate Operands

- Constant data specified in an instruction
`addi $s3, $s3, 4`
- No subtract immediate instruction
 - Just use a negative constant
`addi $s2, $s1, -1`
- **Design Principle 3: Make the common case fast**
 - Small constants are common
 - Immediate operand avoids a load instruction



The Constant Zero

- MIPS register 0 (`$zero`) is the constant 0
 - Cannot be overwritten
- Useful for common operations
 - E.g., move between registers
`add $t2, $s1, $zero`



Unsigned Binary Integers

- Given an n-bit number

$$x = x_{n-1}2^{n-1} + x_{n-2}2^{n-2} + \dots + x_12^1 + x_02^0$$

- Range: 0 to $+2^n - 1$
- Example
 - 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1011₂
 $= 0 + \dots + 1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$
 $= 0 + \dots + 8 + 0 + 2 + 1 = 11_{10}$
- Using 32 bits
 - 0 to +4,294,967,295



2s-Complement Signed Integers

- Given an n-bit number

$$x = -x_{n-1}2^{n-1} + x_{n-2}2^{n-2} + \dots + x_12^1 + x_02^0$$

- Range: -2^{n-1} to $+2^{n-1} - 1$
- Example
 - 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1100₂
 $= -1 \times 2^{31} + 1 \times 2^{30} + \dots + 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0$
 $= -2,147,483,648 + 2,147,483,644 = -4_{10}$
- Using 32 bits
 - 2,147,483,648 to +2,147,483,647



2s-Complement Signed Integers

- Bit 31 is sign bit
 - 1 for negative numbers
 - 0 for non-negative numbers
- $-(-2^n - 1)$ can't be represented
- Non-negative numbers have the same unsigned and 2s-complement representation
- Some specific numbers
 - 0: 0000 0000 ... 0000
 - -1: 1111 1111 ... 1111
 - Most-negative: 1000 0000 ... 0000
 - Most-positive: 0111 1111 ... 1111



Signed Negation

- Complement and add 1
 - Complement means $1 \rightarrow 0, 0 \rightarrow 1$

$$x + \bar{x} = 1111 \dots 111_2 = -1$$

$$\bar{x} + 1 = -x$$

- Example: negate +2
 - $+2 = 0000\ 0000 \dots 0010_2$
 - $-2 = 1111\ 1111 \dots 1101_2 + 1$
 $= 1111\ 1111 \dots 1110_2$



2's Complement

complement all the bits

0101
and add a 1

0110 (6)

$2^3 - 1 =$

2'sc binary	decimal
1000	-8
1001	-7
1010	-6
1011	-5
1100	-4
1101	-3
1110	-2
1111	-1
0000	0
0001	1
0010	2
0011	3
0100	4
0101	5
0110	6
0111	7

$-2^3 =$

$-(2^3 - 1) =$

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Sign Extension

- Representing a number using more bits
 - Preserve the numeric value
- In MIPS instruction set
 - addi : extend immediate value
 - l b, l h: extend loaded byte/halfword
 - beq, bne: extend the displacement
- Replicate the sign bit to the left
 - c.f. unsigned values: extend with 0s
- Examples: 8-bit to 16-bit
 - +2: 0000 0010 => 0000 0000 0000 0010
 - -2: 1111 1110 => 1111 1111 1111 1110

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