Toy Instruction Set Architecture

CS 2130: Computer Systems and Organization 1

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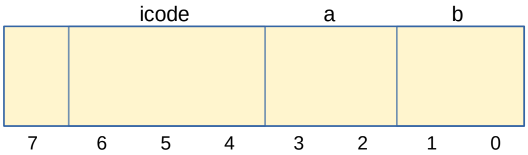
Announcements

- Homework 3 due next Monday at 11pm on Gradescope

Encoding Instructions

Encoding of Instructions

- 3-bit icode (which operation to perform)
    - Numeric mapping from icode to operation
- Which registers to use (2 bits each)
- Reserved bit for future expansion



High-level Instructions

In general, 3 kinds of instructions

- **moves** - move values around without doing “work”
- **math** - broadly doing “work”
- **jumps** - jump to a new place in the code

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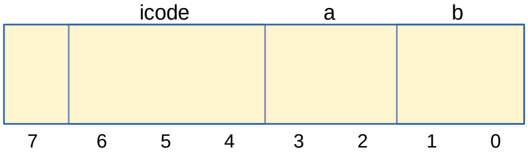

icode a b

7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

Toy ISA 3-bit icode

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5	0	`rA = ~rA`
	1	`rA = -rA`
	2	`rA = !rA`
	3	`rA = pc`

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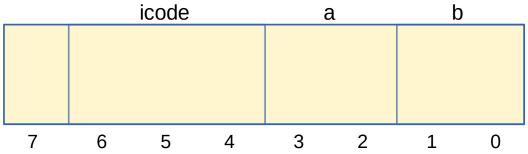

- Side effect: all bytes between 0 and 127 are valid instructions!
- As long as high-order bit is 0
- No syntax errors, any instruction given is valid

Immediate values

icode 6 provides literals, **immediate** values

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6	0	`rA` = read from memory at `pc + 1`
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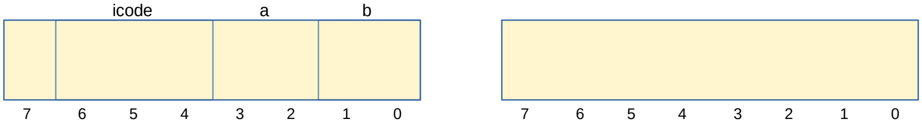

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Example 1: `r1 += 19`

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Ex 2: `M[0x82] += r3`

Read memory at address `0x82`, add `r3`,

write back to memory at same address

Jumps

- Moves and math are large portion of our code
- We also need **control constructs**
    - Change what we are going to do next
    - `if`, `while`, `for`, functions, …
- Jumps provide mechanism to perform these control constructs
- We jump by assigning a new value to the program counter PC

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For example, consider an `if`

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Instruction icode 7 provides a **conditional** jump

- Real code will also provide an **unconditional** jump, but a conditional jump is sufficient

Writing Code

We can now write any* program!

- When you run code, it is being turned into instructions like ours
- Modern computers use a larger pool of instructions than we have (we will get there)

*we do have some limitations, since we can only represent 8-bit values and some operations may be tedious.

Our code to this machine code

How do we turn our control constructs into jump statements?

if/else to jump

while to jump

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Ex 3: `if r0 < 9 jump to 0x42`

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Function Calls

Memory

What kinds of things do we put in memory?

- Code: binary code like instructions in our example ISA
    - Intel/AMD compatible: x86_64
    - Apple Mx and Ax, ARM: ARM
    - And others!
- Variables: we may have more variables that will fit in registers
- Data Structures: organized data, collection of data
    - Arrays, lists, heaps, stacks, queues, ...

Dealing with Variables and Memory

What if we have many variables? Compute: `x += y`