Assignment 4 - Code Generation

A few words about the MIPS architecture

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The MIPS Machine

Highlights:

- Word-addressable (word = 4 bytes)
- Has 32 general purpose registers: **\$0, \$1, ..., \$31**
- Each register also has a name, e.g.: \$29 = \$sp (stack pointer)
- Most instructions have the following form:

opcode destination, source1, source2

MIPS Registers

Provides 32 registers, but some are reserved or have a special meaning:

- **\$0:** Always 0
- **\$1:** Reserved for assembler
- **\$2:** Function return value
- **\$26-28:** Reserved for OS etc.
- **\$29:** Stack pointer
- **\$30:** Frame pointer
- **\$31:** Return address

MIPS Instructions

Examples of MIPS instructions:

add	\$2,	\$3,	\$4
sub	\$4,	\$4,	\$3
li	\$4,	123	
addi	\$4,	\$0,	123
beq	\$2,	\$3,	label
Iw	\$4,	X	

MIPS Addressing Modes

- MIPS is a load/store architecture: memory can be accessed only by load and store instructions.
- Data must be aligned properly.
- Main addressing modes:
 - Iw \$3, (\$2) Load memory (\$2) into register \$3
 - **Iw \$3, 4(\$2)** Load *memory*(**4+\$2**) into register **\$3**
 - Iw \$3, 200 Load *memory*(200) into register \$3
 - Iw \$3, x Load value of x into register \$3

MIPS - Floating point

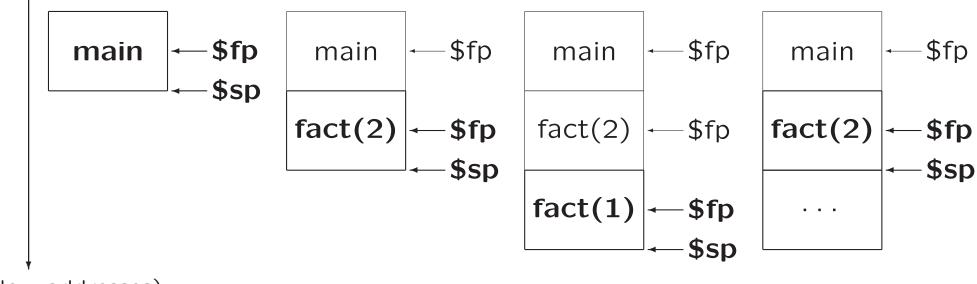
- The MIPS architecture has a separate coprocessor which deals with floating point arithmetic.
- Provides 32 new registes: **\$f0 \$f31**
- Single (32-bit) and double (64-bit) precision
- Examples:
 - li.s \$f2, 8.32
 - li.d \$f4, 3.14159265
 - add.d \$f6, \$f4, \$f4

Stack Frames

(also known as "Activation records")

```
unsigned fact(unsigned x) {
  if (x == 1)
    return 1;
  else
    return fact(x-1)*x;
}
```

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(high addresses)
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(low addresses)