

Data Structures and MIPS

C data structures and their MIPS representations:

- char ... as byte in memory, or register
- int ... as 4 bytes in memory, or register
- double ... as 8 bytes in memory, or \$f? register
- arrays ... sequence of bytes in memory, elements accessed by index (calculated on MIPS)
- structs ... sequence of bytes in memory, accessed by fields (constant offsets on MIPS)

A char, int or double

- can be stored in register if local variable and no pointer to it
- otherwise stored on stack if local variable
- stored in data segment if global variable

Global/Static Variables

- global/static variables need appropriate number of bytes allocated in data segment using .space:

```
double val;           val: .space 8
char str[20];         str: .space 20
int vec[20];          vec: .space 80
```

initialized to 0 by default, other directives allow initialization to other values:

```
int val = 5;           val: ..double 5
int arr[4] = {9,8,7,6}; arr: .word 9, 8, 7, 6
char msg[7] = "Hello\n"; msg: .asciiz "Hello\n"
```

add: local variables in registers

C

```
int main(void) {
    int x, y, z;
    x = 17;
    y = 25;
    z = x + y;
}
```

MIPS

```
main:
    # x in $t0
    # y in $t1
    # z in $t2
    li    $t0, 17
    li    $t1, 25
    add   $t2, $t1, $t0

    // ...
```

add: variables in memory

C

```
int x, y, z;
int main(void) {
    x = 17;
    y = 25;
    z = x + y;
}
```

MIPS

```
main:
    li    $t0, 17
    sw    $t0, x
    li    $t0, 25
    sw    $t0, y
    lw    $t0, x
    lw    $t1, y
    add   $t2, $t1, $t0
    sw    $t2, z

.data
x:    .space 4
y:    .space 4
z:    .space 4
```

store value in array element - v1

C

```
int x[10];

int main(void) {
    // sizeof x[0] == 4
    x[3] = 17;
}
```

MIPS

```
main:
    li    $t0, 3
    # each array element
    # is 4 bytes
    mul   $t0, $t0, 4
    la    $t1, x
    add   $t2, $t1, $t0
    li    $t3, 17
    sw    $t3, ($t2)

.data
x: .space 40
```

store value in array element - v2

C

```
#include <stdint.h>

int16_t x[30];

int main(void) {
    // sizeof x[0] == 2
    x[13] = 23;
}
```

MIPS

```
main:
    li    $t0, 13
    # each array element
    # is 2 bytes
    mul   $t0, $t0, 2
    la    $t1, x
    add   $t2, $t1, $t0
    li    $t3, 23
    sw    $t3, ($t2)

.data
x: .space 60
```

1-d Arrays in MIPS

Can be named/initialised as noted above:

```
vec: .space 40
# could be either int vec[10] or char vec[40]

nums: .word 1, 3, 5, 7, 9
# int nums[6] = {1,3,5,7,9}
```

Can access elements via index or cursor (pointer)

- either approach needs to account for size of elements

Arrays passed to functions via pointer to first element

- must also pass array size, since not available elsewhere

See `sumOf()` exercise for an example of passing an array to a function

Printing 1-d Arrays in MIPS - v1

C

```
int vec[5]={0,1,2,3,4};
// ...
int i = 0
while (i < 5) {
    printf("%d", vec[i]);
    i++;
}
// ....
```

- i in \$s0

MIPS

```
li    $s0, 0
loop:
    bge   $s0, 5, end
    la    $t0, vec
    mul   $t1, $s0, 4
    add   $t2, $t1, $t0
    lw    $a0, ($t2)
    li    $v0, 1
    syscall
    addi  $s0, $s0, 1
    b     loop
end:
```

```
.data
vec: .word 0,1,2,3,4
```

Printing 1-d Array in MIPS -v2

C

```
int vec[5]={0,1,2,3,4};
// ...
int *p = &vec[0];
int *end = &vec[4];
while (p <= end) {
    int y = *p;
    printf("%d", y);
    p++;
}
// ....
```

- p in \$s0
- end in \$s1

MIPS

```
li    $s0, vec
la    $t0, vec
add   $s1, $t0, 16
loop:
    bgt $s0, $s1, end
    lw  $a0, ($s0)
    li  $v0, 1
    syscall
    addi $s0, $s0, 4
    b   loop
end:
```

```
.data
vec: .word 0,1,2,3,4
```

1-d Arrays in MIPS

Scanning across an array of N elements using cursor

```
# int vec[10] = {...};
# int *cur, *end = &vec[10];
# for (cur = vec; cur < end; cur++)
#     printf("%d\n", *cur);}}

la    $s0, vec           # cur = &vec[0]
la    $s1, vec+40         # end = &vec[10]
loop:
    bge $s0, $s1, end_loop # if (cur >= end) break
    lw  $a0, ($s0)         # a0 = *cur
    jal print              # print a0
    addi $s0, $s0, 4       # cur++
    j   loop
end_loop:
```

Assumes the existence of a print() function to do printf("%d n",x)

2-d Arrays in MIPS

Representations of int matrix[4][4] ...

```
matrix: .space 64
```

Now consider summing all elements

```
int i, j, sum = 0;
for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < 4; j++) {
        sum += matrix[i][j];
    }
}
```

2-d Arrays in MIPS

Computing sum of all elements in int matrix[6][5] in C

```
int row, col, sum = 0;

// row-by-row
for (row = 0; row < 6; row++) {
    // col-by-col within row
    for (col = 0; col < 5; row++) {
        sum += matrix[row][col];
    }
}
```

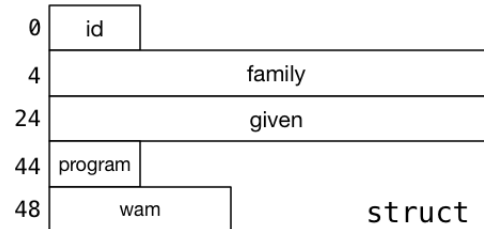
2-d Arrays in MIPS

Computing sum of all elements `int matrix[6][5]`

```
li $s0, 0           # sum = 0
li $s1, 6           # s1 = #rows
li $s2, 0           # row = 0
li $s3, 5           # s3 = #cols
li $s4, 0           # col = 0 // redundant
li $s5, 4           # intsize = sizeof(int)
mul $s6, $s3, $s5    # rowsize = #cols*intsize
loop1:
    bge $s2, $s1, end1 # if (row >= 6) break
    li $s4, 0          # col = 0
loop2:
    bge $s4, $s3, end2 # if (col >= 5) break
    mul $t0, $s2, $s6   # t0 = row*rowsize
    mul $t1, $s4, $s5   # t1 = col*intsize
    add $t0, $t0, $t1   # offset = t0+t1
    lw $t0, matrix($t0) # t0 = *(matrix+offset)
    add $s0, $s0, $t0   # sum += t0
    addi $s4, $s4, 1    # col++
    b loop2
end2:
    addi $s2, $s2, 1    # row++
    b loop1
end1:
```

Structs in MIPS

Offset



```
struct _student {
    int    id;
    char   family[20];
    char   given[20];
    int    program;
    double wam;
};
```

Structs in MIPS

C struct definitions effectively define a new type.

```
// new type called "struct student"
struct student {...};
// new type called student_t
typedef struct student student_t;
```

Instances of structures can be created by allocating space:

```
                # sizeof(Student) == 56
stu1:           # student_t stu1;
    .space 56
stu2:           # student_t stu2;
    .space 56
stu:            # student_t *stu;
    .space 4
```

Structs in MIPS

Accessing structure components is by offset, not name

```
stu1: .space 56      # student_t stu1;
stu2: .space 56      # student_t stu2;
# stu is $s1         # student_t *stu;

li $t0, 5012345
sw $t0, stu1+0       # stu1.id = 5012345;
li $t0, 3778
sw $t0, stu1+44      # stu1.program = 3778;

la $s1, stu2         # stu = &stu2;
li $t0, 3707
sw $t0, 44($s1)      # stu->program = 3707;
li $t0, 5034567
sw $t0, 0($s1)       # stu->id = 5034567;
```