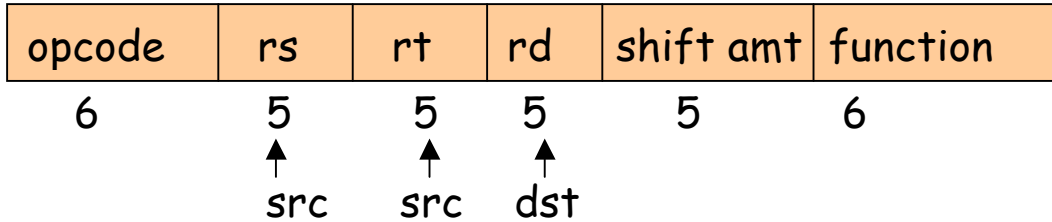


MIPS registers

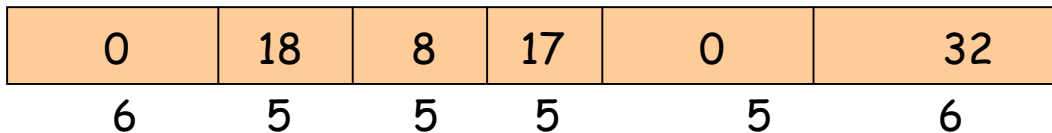
register	assembly name	Comment
r0	\$zero	Always 0
r1	\$at	Reserved for assembler
r2-r3	\$v0-\$v1	Stores results
r4-r7	\$a0-\$a3	Stores arguments
r8-r15	\$t0-\$t7	Temporaries, not saved
r16-r23	\$s0-\$s7	Contents saved for later use
r24-r25	\$t8-\$t9	More temporaries, not saved
r26-r27	\$k0-\$k1	Reserved by operating system
r28	\$gp	Global pointer
r29	\$sp	Stack pointer
r30	\$fp	Frame pointer
r31	\$ra	Return address

MIPS instruction formats

Instruction "add" belongs to the **R-type format**.



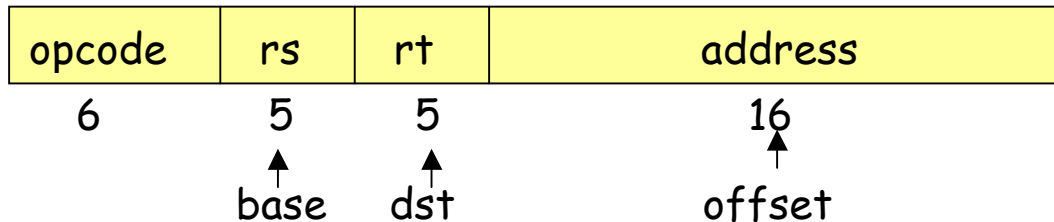
add \$s1, \$s2, \$t0 will be coded as



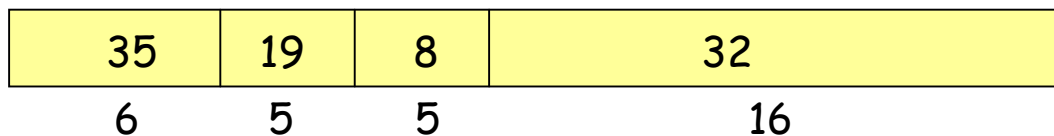
The "function" field is an extension of the opcode, and they together determine the operation.

Note that "sub" has a similar format.

Instruction "lw" (load word) belongs to **I-type format**.

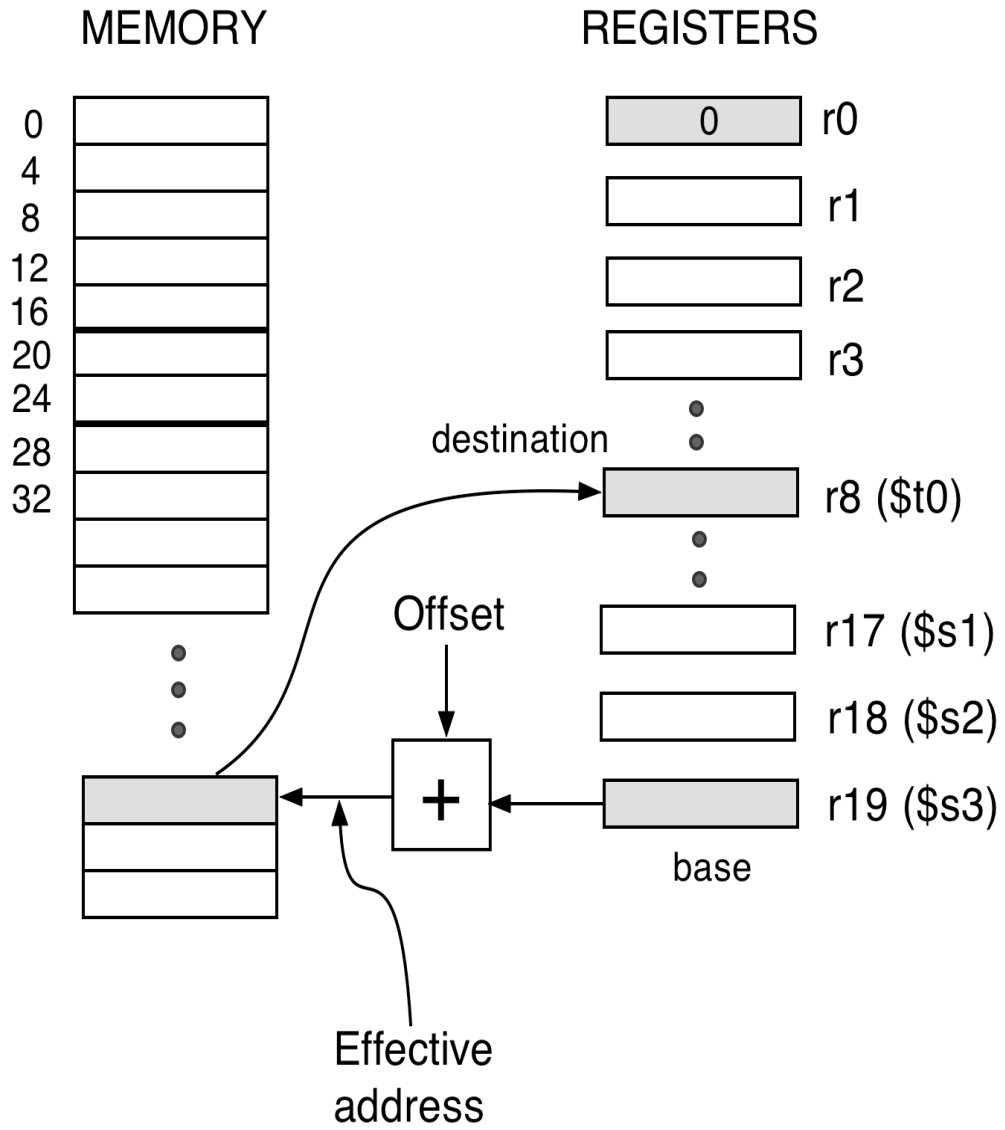


lw \$t0, 32(\$s3) will be coded as



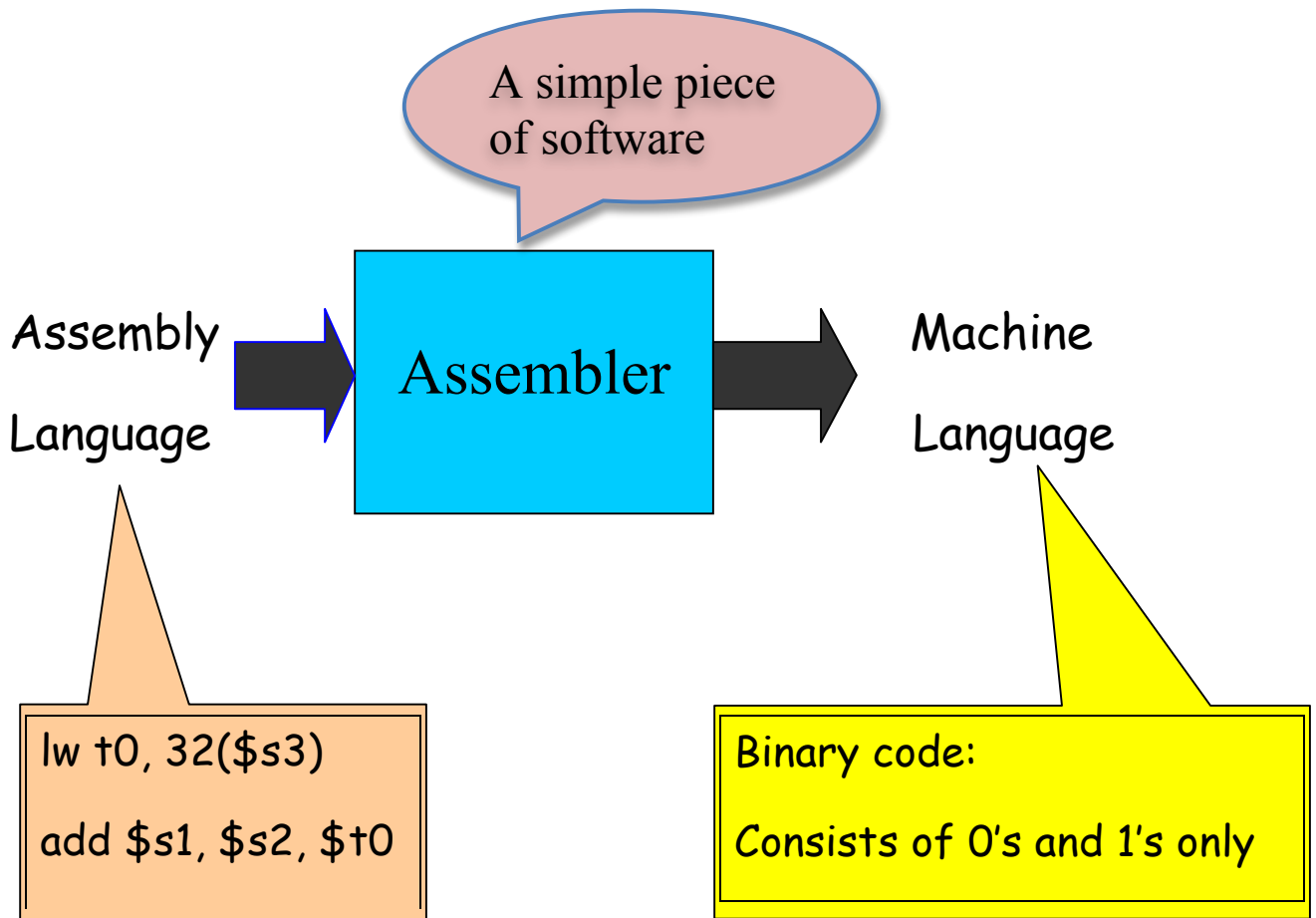
Both "lw" and "sw" (store word) belong to I-format.

MIPS has (fortunately) only three different instruction formats. The operation codes determine the format. This is how the control unit interprets the instructions.



(LW) LoadWord destination, offset(\$base register)

What is an Assembler?



If you know the instruction formats, then you can translate it. The machine language consists of 0's and 1's

Pseudo-instructions

(Makes your life a bit simpler)

These are simple assembly language instructions that do not have a direct machine language equivalent. During assembly, the **assembler** translates each **pseudo-instruction** into one or more machine language instructions.

Example

move \$t0, \$t1 # \$t0 ← \$t1

The **assembler** will translate it to

add \$t0, \$zer0, \$t1

We will see more of these soon.

Think about these

Q1. How will you load a constant into a memory location (i.e. consider implementing $x := 3$)?

(Need some immediate mode instructions, like `li` which is a **pseudo-instruction**)

Q2. How will you implement $x := x + 1$ in assembly language?

What do you think?

Q3. Why is the load (and store too) instruction so "crooked?"

Used for its flexibility, let us discuss it.

Q4. How will you load a constant (say 5) into a register?

(Need the immediate mode instructions, like `addi`)

Loading a 32-bit constant into a register

The pseudo-instruction "load immediate"

```
li $s0, 0x003A0012
```



hexadecimal

means "load the 32-bit constant into register \$s0."

Internally it is translated into

```
lui $s0, 42      # load upper-half immediate
```

```
ori $s0, $s0, 18 # (one can also use andi)
```


Logical Operations

Shift left (logical) sll

Shift right (logical) srl

Bit-by-bit AND and, andi (and immediate)

opcode	rs	rt	rd	shift amt	function
6	5	5	5	5	6
	↑	↑	↑		
	src	src	dst		

sll \$t2, \$s0, 4 means \$t2 = \$s0 << 4 bit position

(s0 = \$16, t2 = \$10)

0	0	16	10	4	0
6	5	5	5	5	6

s0 = 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1001

t2 = 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1001 0000

Why are these instructions useful?