

# Compiler Construction 2010/2011

## MIPS

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- Simple but serious RISC architecture
- Used in workstations (SGI), PDAs, routers, . . .
- Simulator `SPIM` available
  - easier to debug assembly code than on host
- Today: Just a taste – more in exercise 6

- Load-Store architecture
- Three-Address instructions
- Word size: 32 bits (in MIPS32)
- 32 registers
- one addressing mode: register+immediate

# Some instructions

- Arithmetic

```
add    rd,rs,rt    # [rd] := [rs] + [rt]
addi   rt,rs,imm   # [rt] := [rs] + imm
```

- Comparison

```
slt    rd,rs,rt    # [rd] := 1 if [rs]<[rt]
                               # [rd] := 0 otherwise
sltu   rd,rs,rt    # (same in unsigned)
```

- Jump and Branch

```
beq    rs,rt,L     # ->label if [rs]=[rt]
j      L           # unconditional jump
jal    L           # saving next addr in $ra
```

# Registers

Registername	Number	Usage
\$zero	0	constant 0
\$at	1	assembler temporary (reserved)
\$v0– \$v1	2,3	function result
\$a0– \$a3	4–7	function arguments
\$t0– \$t9	8–15,24,25	temporary (caller-save)
\$s0 – \$s7	16–23	saved temporary (callee-save)
\$k0, \$k1	26,27	OS kernel (reserved)
\$gp	28	pointer to global area
\$sp	29	stack pointer
\$fp	30	frame pointer
\$ra	31	return address