Chapter 04: Instruction Sets and the Processor organizations

> Lesson 02 **Register transfers**

Objective

• Learn a stack organised computer and a GPRs based computer

Register transfer

Register transfer or register move or load

- Register transfer or register move— sending the information bits to a register from other register
- Register load— means sending the information bits to a register from memory

Representing an instruction for register transfer

- MOV r1, r2
- The r2 and r1 are called the operands
- The r1 and r2 are the registers that store the bytes required for the operation
- The registers r1 and r2 are the source and destination operands, respectively

Steps in an instruction execution execution steps



Register Move (transfer) Instructions

Operation	Code	Function
Move (transfer)	MOV	Move the input operand at a register to the second by a word copy

MOV rj, ri in three steps



- r1 ← r2. The arrow shows the direction (right to left) of transfer from r2 to r1
- $r1 \rightarrow r2$. The arrow shows the direction (right to left) of transfer from r1 to r2

- Data bus ← r1 means from r1 the data bits are placed at the data bus
- Address bus ← PC means from program counter register the data bits are placed at the data bus

- MOV: r1 ← r2 or T: r1 ← r2 means register to register transfer from r2 to r1 on the control signal activation for instruction MOV execution or control signal T
- LD: r1 ← Maddr means load r1 by data bits transfer from memory Maddr on the control signal activation for instruction LD
- ST: Maddr ← r1 means store data bits at memory by transfer from r1 on the control signal activation for instruction ST

Destination first

- Certain processors, for example, INTELprocessor instructions, are represented with destination operand first after the opcode and source operand next
- MOV r1, r2 is when the bits from a register r2 are transferred (copied) into r1
- It means r1 ← r2. The arrow shows the direction (right to left) of transfer from r2 to r1

Destination last

- Other processors, for example, Motorolaprocessor instructions represent with source operand first after the opcode and destination operand next
- MOV r2, r1 is when bits from a register r2 are transferred (copied) into r1
- It means r2 → r1 arrow shows the direction of transfer from r2 to r1

Assumed convention

• In future discussions let us use the convention that unless otherwise stated the destination operand is written first after the opcode and then next source operand

Summary

We Learnt

- Register transfer
- Register transfer shown by left directed or write directed arrow
- Control signal or Instruction prefixed arr

End of Lesson 02 on **Register transfers**