MIPS Data Transfer Instructions

Opcode rt, immed (rs)

- rt: the loaded or stored value
- immed (rs): the memory address
 - rs: base address
 - immed: signed 16-bit offset value (displacement)
- full address = base + offset
 - allows a full 32 bit address
 - can address ± 32KB from base address

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Some examples:

lw \$8, 46(\$10) #\$8 = memory[\$10+46]

sw \$8, 46(\$10) # memory[\$10+46] = \$8

1b \$9, **-256(\$10)** # **\$**9=sign-extended(memory[\$10-256])

1bu \$9, -256(**\$10**)# **\$**9 = zero-extended(memory[**\$10-256**])

I-type Format

I-type format used for data transfer instructions

 31
 26
 20
 16

 [opcode][rs][rt][immed]
 25
 21
 15
 0

- opcode = operation
 - opcode = data transfer instruction
- rs = base address
- rt = register value that is loaded from or stored to memory
- immed = address offset in bytes, $\pm 2^{15}$
 - sign-extended when used (replicate msb)

lw \$14, 8(\$sp) [35][29][14][8]