

Intel 8086

The **8086**^[1] ("eighty-eighty-six", also called **iAPX 86**)^[2] is a 16-bit microprocessor chip designed by Intel between early 1976 and mid-1978, when it was released. The Intel 8088, released in 1979, was a slightly modified chip with an external 8-bit data bus (allowing the use of cheaper and fewer supporting ICs^[note 1]), and is notable as the processor used in the original IBM PC design, including the widespread version called IBM PC XT.

The 8086 gave rise to the x86 architecture which eventually turned out as Intel's most successful line of processors.

1 History

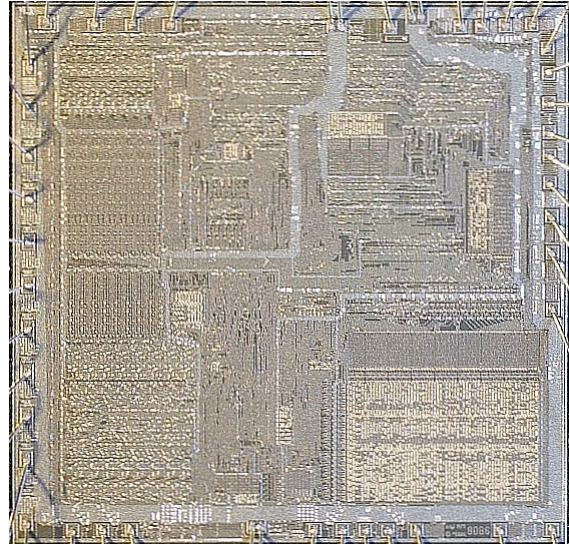
1.1 Background

In 1972, Intel launched the 8008, the first 8-bit microprocessor.^[note 2] It implemented an instruction set designed by Datapoint corporation with programmable CRT terminals in mind, that also proved to be fairly general purpose. The device needed several additional ICs to produce a functional computer, in part due to it being packaged in a small 18-pin "memory-package", which ruled out the use of a separate address bus (Intel was primarily a DRAM manufacturer at the time).

Two years later, Intel launched the 8080,^[note 3] employing the new 40-pin DIL packages originally developed for calculator ICs to enable a separate address bus. It had an extended instruction set that was source- (not binary-) compatible with the 8008 and also included some 16-bit instructions to make programming easier. The 8080 device, often described as the first truly useful microprocessor, was eventually replaced by the depletion-load based 8085 (1977) which could cope with a single 5V power supply instead of the three different operating voltages of earlier chips.^[note 4] Other well known 8-bit microprocessors that emerged during these years were Motorola 6800 (1974), General Instrument PIC16X (1975), MOS Technology 6502 (1975), Zilog Z80 (1976), and Motorola 6809 (1978).

1.2 The first x86 design

The 8086 project started in May 1976 and was originally intended as a temporary substitute for the ambitious and delayed iAPX 432 project. It was an attempt to draw attention from the less-delayed 16 and 32-bit processors



Intel 8086 CPU Die Image

of other manufacturers (such as Motorola, Zilog, and National Semiconductor) and at the same time to counter the threat from the Zilog Z80 (designed by former Intel employees), which became very successful. Both the architecture and the physical chip were therefore developed rather quickly by a small group of people, and using the same basic microarchitecture elements and physical implementation techniques as employed for the slightly older 8085 (and for which the 8086 also would function as a continuation).

Marketed as source compatible, the 8086 was designed to allow assembly language for the 8008, 8080, or 8085 to be automatically converted into equivalent (sub-optimal) 8086 source code, with little or no hand-editing. The programming model and instruction set was (loosely) based on the 8080 in order to make this possible. However, the 8086 design was expanded to support full 16-bit processing, instead of the fairly basic 16-bit capabilities of the 8080/8085.

New kinds of instructions were added as well; full support for signed integers, base+offset addressing, and self-repeating operations were akin to the Z80 design^[3] but were all made slightly more general in the 8086. Instructions directly supporting nested ALGOL-family languages such as Pascal and PL/M were also added. According to principal architect Stephen P. Morse, this was a result of a more software centric approach than in the design of earlier Intel processors (the designers had experience working with compiler implementations). Other

enhancements included **microcoded** multiply and divide instructions and a bus-structure better adapted to future co-processors (such as **8087** and **8089**) and multiprocessor systems.

The first revision of the instruction set and high level architecture was ready after about three months,^[note 5] and as almost no CAD-tools were used, four engineers and 12 layout people were simultaneously working on the chip.^[note 6] The 8086 took a little more than two years from idea to working product, which was considered rather fast for a complex design in 1976–1978.

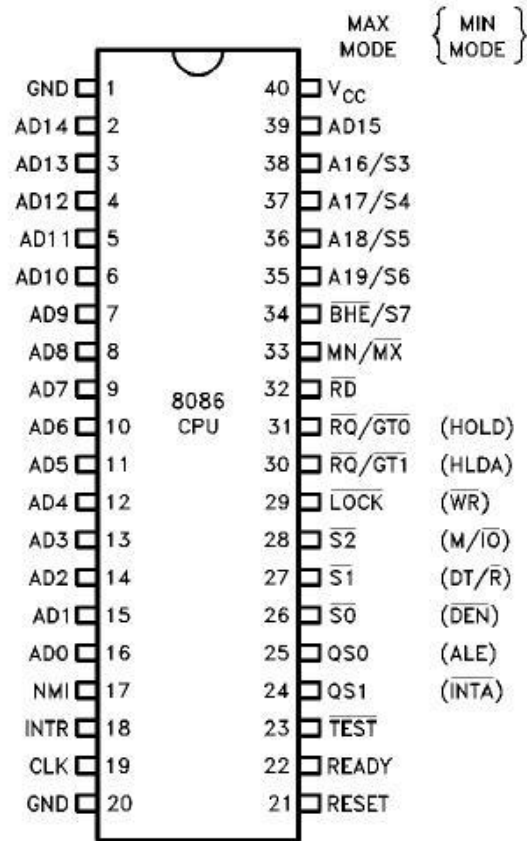
The 8086 was sequenced^[note 7] using a mixture of **random logic**^[4] and **microcode** and was implemented using depletion-load nMOS circuitry with approximately 20,000 active **transistors** (29,000 counting all **ROM** and **PLA** sites). It was soon moved to a new refined nMOS manufacturing process called **HMOS** (for High performance MOS) that Intel originally developed for manufacturing of fast static **RAM** products.^[note 8] This was followed by HMOS-II, HMOS-III versions, and, eventually, a fully static **CMOS** version for battery-powered devices, manufactured using Intel's **CHMOS** processes.^[note 9] The original chip measured 33 mm² and minimum feature size was 3.2 µm.

The architecture was defined by **Stephen P. Morse** with some help and assistance by Bruce Ravenel (the architect of the 8087) in refining the final revisions. Logic designer Jim McKevitt and John Bayliss were the lead engineers of the hardware-level development team^[note 10] and William Pohlman the manager for the project. The legacy of the 8086 is enduring in the basic instruction set of today's personal computers and servers; the 8086 also lent its last two digits to later extended versions of the design, such as the **Intel 286** and the **Intel 386**, all of which eventually became known as the **x86** family. (Another reference is that the **PCI Vendor ID** for Intel devices is 8086_h.)

2 Details

2.1 Buses and operation

All internal registers, as well as internal and external data buses, were 16 bits wide, firmly establishing the “16-bit microprocessor” identity of the 8086. A 20-bit external address bus gave a 1 **MB** physical address space ($2^{20} = 1,048,576$). This address space was addressed by means of internal ‘segmentation’. The data bus was **multiplexed** with the address bus in order to fit a standard 40-pin **dual in-line package**. 16-bit I/O addresses meant 64 KB of separate I/O space ($2^{16} = 65,536$). The maximum **linear** address space was limited to 64 KB, simply because internal registers were only 16 bits wide. Programming over 64 KB boundaries involved adjusting segment registers (see below) and remained so until the **80386** introduced wider (32 bits) main registers (the memory management



The 8086 pin-assignments in min and max mode

hardware in the **80286** did not help in this regard, as registers were still 16 bits).

Some of the control pins, which carry essential signals for all external operations, had more than one function depending upon whether the device was operated in *min* or *max* mode. The former was intended for small single processor systems while the latter was for medium or large systems, using more than one processor.

2.2 Registers and instructions

The 8086 has eight more or less general 16-bit **registers** (including the **stack pointer** but excluding the instruction pointer, flag register and segment registers). Four of them, AX, BX, CX, DX, could also be accessed as twice as many 8-bit registers (see figure) while the other four, BP, SI, DI, SP, were 16-bit only.

Due to a compact encoding inspired by 8-bit processors, most instructions were one-address or two-address operations which means that the result was stored in one of the operands. At most one of the operands could be in memory, but this memory operand could also be the *destination*, while the other operand, the *source*, could be either *register* or *immediate*. A single memory location could also often be used as both *source* and *destination* which,

among other factors, further contributed to a **code density** comparable to (and often better than) most eight bit machines.

The degree of generality of most registers were much greater than in the 8080 or 8085. However, 8086 registers were more specialized than in most contemporary **minicomputers** and also used implicitly by some instructions. While perfectly sensible for the assembly programmer, this made register allocation for compilers more complicated compared to more orthogonal 16- and 32-bit processors such as the **PDP-11**, **VAX**, **68000**, **32016** etc. On the other hand, being more regular than rather minimalistic but ubiquitous 8-bit microprocessors such as the **6502**, **6800**, **6809**, **8085**, **MCS-48**, **8051** and other contemporary accumulator based machines, it was significantly easier to construct an efficient **code generator** for the 8086 design.

Another factor for this was that the 8086 also introduced some new instructions (not present in the 8080 and 8085) to better support stack based high level programming languages such as Pascal and **PL/M**; some of the more useful ones were **push mem-op**, and **ret size**, supporting the “pascal calling convention” directly. (Several others, such as **push immmed** and **enter**, would be added in the subsequent 80186, 80286, and 80386 processors.)

The 8086 had a 64 KB of 8-bit (or alternatively 32 K-word of 16-bit) **I/O** space. A 64 KB (one segment) **stack** growing towards lower addresses is supported in **hardware**; 2-byte words are pushed to the stack and the stack top is pointed to by **SS:SP**. There are 256 **interrupts**, which can be invoked by both hardware and software. The interrupts can cascade, using the stack to store the **return addresses**.

2.3 Flags

8086 has a 16-bit **flags register**. Nine of these condition code flags are active, and indicate the current state of the processor: **Carry flag** (CF), **Parity flag** (PF), **Auxiliary carry flag** (AF), **Zero flag** (ZF), **Sign flag** (SF), **Trap flag** (TF), **Interrupt flag** (IF), **Direction flag** (DF), and **Overflow flag** (OF).

2.4 Segmentation

See also: **x86 memory segmentation**

There are also four 16-bit **segment** registers (see figure) that allow the 8086 CPU to access one **megabyte** of memory in an unusual way. Rather than concatenating the segment register with the address register, as in most processors whose address space exceeded their register size, the 8086 shifts the 16-bit segment only four bits left before adding it to the 16-bit offset ($16 \times \text{segment} + \text{offset}$), therefore producing a 20-bit external (or effective or physical)

address from the 32-bit segment:offset pair. As a result, each external address can be referred to by $2^{12} = 4096$ different segment:offset pairs.

Although considered complicated and cumbersome by many programmers, this scheme also has advantages; a small program (less than 64 KB) can be loaded starting at a fixed offset (such as 0000) in its own segment, avoiding the need for **relocation**, with at most 15 bytes of alignment waste.

Compilers for the 8086-family commonly support two types of **pointer**, *near* and *far*. Near pointers are 16-bit offsets implicitly associated with the program’s code or data segment and so can be used only within parts of a program small enough to fit in one segment. Far pointers are 32-bit segment:offset pairs resolving to 20-bit external addresses. Some compilers also support *huge* pointers, which are like far pointers except that **pointer arithmetic** on a huge pointer treats it as a linear 20-bit pointer, while pointer arithmetic on a far pointer **wraps around** within its 16-bit offset without touching the segment part of the address.

To avoid the need to specify *near* and *far* on numerous pointers, data structures, and functions, compilers also support “memory models” which specify default pointer sizes. The *tiny* (max 64K), *small* (max 128K), *compact* (data > 64K), *medium* (code > 64K), *large* (code, data > 64K), and *huge* (individual arrays > 64K) models cover practical combinations of near, far, and huge pointers for code and data. The *tiny* model means that code and data are shared in a single segment, just as in most 8-bit based processors, and can be used to build *.com*-files for instance. Precompiled libraries often came in several versions compiled for different memory models.

According to Morse et al., the designers actually contemplated using an 8-bit shift (instead of 4-bit), in order to create a 16 MB physical address space. However, as this would have forced segments to begin on 256-byte boundaries, and 1 MB was considered very large for a microprocessor around 1976, the idea was dismissed. Also, there were not enough pins available on a low-cost 40-pin package for the additional four address bus pins.^[5]

In principle, the address space of the x86 series *could* have been extended in later processors by increasing the shift value, as long as applications obtained their segments from the operating system and did not make assumptions about the equivalence of different segment:offset pairs.^[note 11] In practice the use of “huge” pointers and similar mechanisms was widespread and the flat 32-bit addressing made possible with the 32-bit offset registers in the 80386 eventually extended the limited addressing range in a more general way (see below).

Intel could have decided to implement memory in 16 bit words (which would have eliminated the BHE signal along with much of the address bus complexities already described). This would mean that all instruction object codes and data would have to be accessed in 16-bit units.

Users of the 8080 long ago realised, in hindsight, that the processor makes very efficient use of its memory. By having a large number of 8-bit object codes, the 8080 produces object code as compact as some of the most powerful minicomputers on the market at the time.^{[6]:5–26}

If the 8086 is to retain 8-bit object codes and hence the efficient memory use of the 8080, then it cannot guarantee that (16-bit) opcodes and data will lie on an even-odd byte address boundary. The first 8-bit opcode will shift the next 8-bit instruction to an odd byte or a 16-bit instruction to an odd-even byte boundary. By implementing the BHE signal and the extra logic needed, the 8086 has allowed instructions to exist as 1-byte, 3-byte or any other odd byte object codes.^{[6]:5–26}

Simply put: this is a trade off. If memory addressing is simplified so that memory is only accessed in 16-bit units, memory will be used less efficiently. Intel decided to make the logic more complicated, but memory use more efficient. This was at a time when memory size was considerably smaller, and at a premium, than that which users are used to today.^{[6]:5–26}

2.4.1 Porting older software

Small programs could ignore the segmentation and just use plain 16-bit addressing. This allowed 8-bit software to be quite easily ported to the 8086. The authors of MS-DOS took advantage of this by providing an **Application Programming Interface** very similar to CP/M as well as including the simple *.com* executable file format, identical to CP/M. This was important when the 8086 and MS-DOS were new, because it allowed many existing CP/M (and other) applications to be quickly made available, greatly easing acceptance of the new platform.

2.5 Example code

The following 8086/8088 **assembler** source code is for a subroutine named `_memcpy` that copies a block of data bytes of a given size from one location to another. The data block is copied one byte at a time, and the data movement and looping logic utilizes 16-bit operations.

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; _memcpy(dst, src, len) ; Copy a block of memory from
; one location to another. ; ; Entry stack parameters ;
; [BP+6] = len, Number of bytes to copy ; [BP+4] = src,
; Address of source data block ; [BP+2] = dst, Address
; of target data block ; ; Return registers ; AX = Zero
0000:1000 org 1000h ; Start at 0000:1000h 0000:1000
_memcpy proc 0000:1000 55 push bp ; Set up the call
frame 0000:1001 89 E5 mov bp,sp 0000:1003 06 push
es ; Save ES 0000:1004 8B 4E 06 mov cx,[bp+6] ;
Set CX = len 0000:1007 E3 11 jcxz done ; If len=0,
return 0000:1009 8B 76 04 mov si,[bp+4] ; Set SI =
src 0000:100C 8B 7E 02 mov di,[bp+2] ; Set DI = dst
0000:100F 1E push ds ; Set ES = DS 0000:1010 07 pop
es 0000:1011 8A 04 loop mov al,[si] ; Load AL from
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[src] 0000:1013 88 05 mov [di],al ; Store AL to [dst]
0000:1015 46 inc si ; Increment src 0000:1016 47 inc
di ; Increment dst 0000:1017 49 dec cx ; Decrement len
0000:1018 75 F7 jnz loop ; Repeat the loop 0000:101A
07 done pop es ; Restore ES 0000:101B 5D pop bp ;
Restore previous call frame 0000:101C 29 C0 sub ax,ax
; Set AX = 0 0000:101E C3 ret ; Return 0000:101F end
proc
```

The code above uses the BP (base pointer) register to establish a **call frame**, an area on the stack that contains all of the parameters and local variables for the execution of the subroutine. This kind of **calling convention** supports **reentrant** and **recursive** code, and has been used by most ALGOL-like languages since the late 1950s. The ES segment register is saved on the stack and replaced with the value of the DS segment register, so that the MOV AL instructions will operate within the same source and destination data segment. Before returning, the subroutine restores the previous value of the ES register.

The above routine is a rather cumbersome way to copy blocks of data. Provided the source and the destination blocks reside within single 65,536 byte segments (a requirement of the above routine), advantage can be taken of the 8086's block MOV instructions. The loop section of the above can be replaced by:

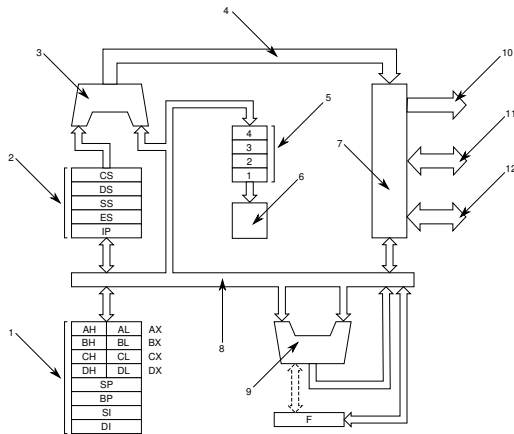
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0000:1011 F2 loop rep ; Repeat until CX=0 0000:1012
A5 movsw ; Move the data block
```

This copies the block of data one word at a time. The REP instruction causes the following MOVSW to repeat until CX=0, automatically incrementing SI and DI as it repeats. Alternatively the MOVSB or MOVSD instructions can be used to copy single bytes or double words at a time. Most assemblers will assemble correctly if the REP instruction is used as a prefix to MOVSW as in REP MOVSW.

This routine will operate correctly if interrupted, because the program counter will continue to point to the REP instruction until the block copy is completed. The copy will therefore continue from where it left off when the interrupt service routine returns control.

2.6 Performance

Although partly shadowed by other design choices in this particular chip, the **multiplexed** address and **data buses** limited performance slightly; transfers of 16-bit or 8-bit quantities were done in a four-clock memory access cycle, which was faster on 16-bit, although slower on 8-bit quantities, compared to many contemporary 8-bit based CPUs. As instructions varied from one to six bytes, fetch and execution were made **concurrent** and decoupled into separate units (as it remains in today's x86 processors): The *bus interface unit* fed the instruction stream to the



Simplified block diagram over Intel 8088 (a variant of 8086); 1=main registers; 2=segment registers and IP; 3=address adder; 4=internal address bus; 5=instruction queue; 6=control unit (very simplified!); 7=bus interface; 8=internal databus; 9=ALU; 10/11/12=external address/data/control bus.

execution unit through a 6-byte prefetch queue (a form of loosely coupled **pipelining**), speeding up operations on **registers** and **immediates**, while memory operations unfortunately became slower (four years later, this performance problem was fixed with the **80186** and **80286**). However, the full (instead of partial) 16-bit architecture with a full width **ALU** meant that 16-bit arithmetic instructions could now be performed with a single ALU cycle (instead of two, via internal carry, as in the 8080 and 8085), speeding up such instructions considerably. Combined with **orthogonalizations** of operations versus **operand-types** and **addressing modes**, as well as other enhancements, this made the performance gain over the 8080 or 8085 fairly significant, despite cases where the older chips may be faster (see below).

- EA = time to compute effective address, ranging from 5 to 12 cycles.
- Timings are best case, depending on prefetch status, instruction alignment, and other factors.

As can be seen from these tables, operations on registers and immediates were fast (between 2 and 4 cycles), while memory-operand instructions and jumps were quite slow; jumps took more cycles than on the simple **8080** and **8085**, and the 8088 (used in the IBM PC) was additionally hampered by its narrower bus. The reasons why most memory related instructions were slow were three-fold:

- Loosely coupled fetch and execution units are efficient for instruction prefetch, but not for jumps and random data access (without special measures).
- No dedicated address calculation adder was afforded; the microcode routines had to use the main

ALU for this (although there was a dedicated *segment + offset* adder).

- The address and data buses were **multiplexed**, forcing a slightly longer (33~50%) bus cycle than in typical contemporary 8-bit processors.

However, memory access performance was drastically enhanced with Intel's next generation chips. The **80186** and **80286** both had dedicated address calculation hardware, saving many cycles, and the 80286 also had separate (non-multiplexed) address and data buses.

2.7 Floating point

The 8086/8088 could be connected to a mathematical coprocessor to add hardware/microcode-based **floating point** performance. The **Intel 8087** was the standard math coprocessor for the 8086 and 8088, operating on 80-bit numbers. Manufacturers like **Cyrix** (8087-compatible) and **Weitek** (*non* 8087-compatible) eventually came up with high performance floating point co-processors that competed with the 8087 as well as with the subsequent, higher performing **Intel 80387**.

3 Chip versions

The clock frequency was originally limited to 5 MHz (IBM PC used 4.77 MHz, 4/3 the standard NTSC **color burst** frequency), but the last versions in **HMOS** were specified for 10 MHz. HMOS-III and **CMOS** versions were manufactured for a long time (at least a while into the 1990s) for **embedded systems**, although its successor, the **80186/80188** (which includes some on-chip peripherals), has been more popular for embedded use.

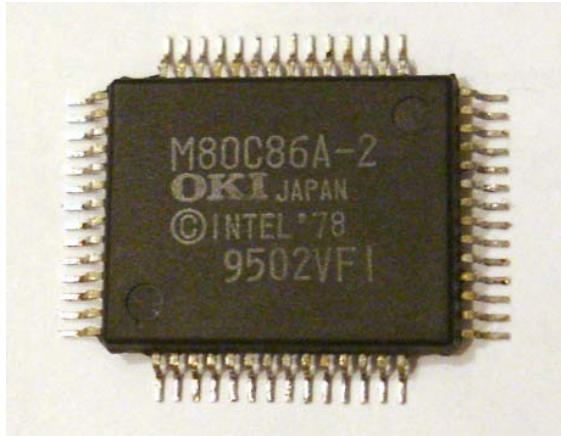
The 80C86, the CMOS version of the 8086, was used in the **GRiDPad**, Toshiba T1200, HP 110, and finally the 1998-1999 **Lunar Prospector**.

3.1 Derivatives and clones



Soviet clone KP1810BM86.

Compatible—and, in many cases, enhanced—versions were manufactured by **Fujitsu**, **Harris/Intersil**, **OKI**,



OKI M80C86A QFP-56.



NEC μ PD8086D-2 (8MHz) from 1984 year 19 week JAPAN (clone of Intel D8086-2)

Siemens AG, Texas Instruments, NEC, Mitsubishi, AMD. For example, the NEC V20 and NEC V30 pair were hardware compatible with the 8088 and 8086 even though NEC made original Intel clones μ PD8088D and μ PD8086D, respectively, but incorporated the instruction set of the 80186 along with some (but not all) of the 80186 speed enhancements, providing a drop-in capability to upgrade both instruction set and processing speed without manufacturers having to modify their designs. Such relatively simple and low-power 8086-compatible processors in CMOS are still used in embedded systems.

The electronics industry of the Soviet Union was able to replicate the 8086 through both industrial espionage and reverse engineering. The resulting chip, K1810BM86, was binary and pin-compatible with the 8086.

i8088 and i8086 were respectively the cores of the Soviet-made PC-compatible EC1831 and EC1832 desktops (EC1831 is the EC identification of IZOT 1037C and EC1832 is the EC identification of IZOT 1036C, developed and manufactured in Bulgaria). However, EC1832 computer (IZOT 1036C) had significant hardware differences from its authentic prototype, and the data/address bus circuitry was designed independently of Intel products. EC1832 was the first PC compatible computer with

dynamic bus sizing (US Pat. No 4,831,514). Later some of the ES1832 principles were adopted in PS/2 (US Pat. No 5,548,786) and some other machines (UK Patent Application, Publication No. GB-A-2211325, Published June. 28, 1989).

4 Hardware modes

The 8086 and 8088 support two hardware modes: maximum mode and minimum mode. Maximum mode is for large applications such as multiprocessing and is also required to support the 8087 coprocessor. The mode is usually hard-wired into the circuit and cannot be changed by software. Specifically, pin #33 (MN/MX) is either wired to voltage or to ground to determine the mode. Changing the state of pin #33 changes the function of certain other pins, most of which have to do with how the CPU handles the (local) bus. The IBM PC and PC/XT use an Intel 8088 running in maximum mode, which allows the CPU to work with an optional 8087 coprocessor installed in the math coprocessor socket on the PC or PC/XT mainboard. (The PC and PC/XT may require Max mode for other reasons, such as perhaps to support the DMA controller.)

5 Peripherals

- Intel 8237: direct memory access (DMA) controller
- Intel 8251: USART
- Intel 8253: programmable interval timer
- Intel 8255: programmable peripheral interface
- Intel 8259: programmable interrupt controller
- Intel 8279: keyboard/display controller
- Intel 8282/8283: 8-Bit latch
- Intel 8284: clock generator
- Intel 8286/8287: bidirectional 8-Bit driver
- Intel 8288: bus controller
- Intel 8289: bus arbiter

6 Microcomputers using the 8086

- The Xerox NoteTaker was one of the earliest portable computer designs in 1978 and used three 8086 chips (as CPU, graphics processor, and i/o processor), but never entered commercial production.

- **Seattle Computer Products** shipped **S-100 bus** based 8086 systems (SCP200B) as early as November 1979.
 - The Norwegian **Mycron 2000**, introduced in 1980.
 - One of the most influential microcomputers of all, the **IBM PC**, used the **Intel 8088**, a version of the 8086 with an eight-bit **data bus** (as mentioned above).
 - The first **Compaq Deskpro** used an 8086 running at 7.14 MHz, (?) but was capable of running add-in cards designed for the 4.77 MHz **IBM PC XT**.
 - An 8 MHz 8086 was used in the **AT&T 6300 PC** (built by **Olivetti**), an IBM PC-compatible desktop microcomputer. The M24 / PC 6300 has IBM PC/XT compatible 8-bit expansion slots, but some of them have a proprietary extension providing the full 16-bit data bus of the 8086 CPU (similar in concept to the 16-bit slots of the **IBM PC AT**, but different in the design details, and physically incompatible).
 - The **IBM PS/2** models 25 and 30 were built with an 8 MHz 8086.
 - The **Amstrad/Schneider PC1512**, **PC1640**, **PC2086**, **PC3086** and **PC5086** all used 8086 CPUs at 8 MHz.
 - The **NEC PC-9801**.
 - The **Tandy 1000 SL-series** and **RL machines** used 9.47 MHz 8086 CPUs.
 - The **IBM Displaywriter** word processing machine^[8] and the **Wang Professional Computer**, manufactured by **Wang Laboratories**, also used the 8086.
 - **NASA** used original 8086 CPUs on equipment for ground-based maintenance of the **Space Shuttle Discovery** until the end of the space shuttle program in 2011. This decision was made to prevent **software regression** that might result from upgrading or from switching to imperfect clones.^[9]
 - **KAMAN Process and Area Radiation Monitors**^[10]
- [3] using non-saturated enhancement load **NMOS logic** (demanding a higher gate voltage for the load transistor-gates)
 - [4] made possible with depletion load nMOS logic (the 8085 was later made using **HMOS** processing, just like the 8086)
 - [5] Rev.0 of the instruction set and architecture was ready in about three months, according to Morse.
 - [6] Using **rubylith**, light boards, rulers, electric erasers, and a **digitizer** (according to Jenny Hernandez, member of the 8086 design team, in a statement made on Intel's web-page for its 25th birthday).
 - [7] 8086 used less microcode than many competitors' designs, such as the MC68000 and others
 - [8] Fast static RAMs in MOS technology (as fast as bipolar RAMs) was an important product for Intel during this period.
 - [9] **CHMOS** is Intel's name for CMOS circuits manufactured using processing steps very similar to **HMOS**.
 - [10] Other members of the design team were Peter A. Stoll and Jenny Hernandez.
 - [11] Some 80186 clones did change the shift value, but were never commonly used in desktop computers.

7 Notes

- [1] Fewer TTL buffers, latches, multiplexers (although the amount of TTL logic was not drastically reduced). It also permitted the use of cheap 8080-family ICs, where the 8254 CTC, 8255 PIO, and 8259 PIC were used in the IBM PC design. In addition, it made PCB layout simpler and boards cheaper, as well as demanding fewer (1- or 4-bit wide) DRAM chips.
- [2] using enhancement load **PMOS logic** (demanding 14V, achieving TTL-compatibility by having VCC at +5V and VDD at -9V)

8 See also

- **Transistor count**
- **iAPX**, for the iAPX name

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