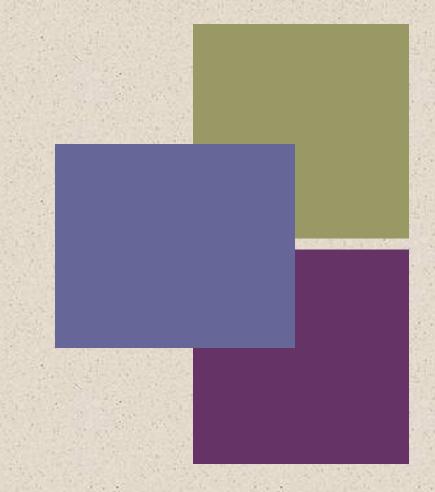


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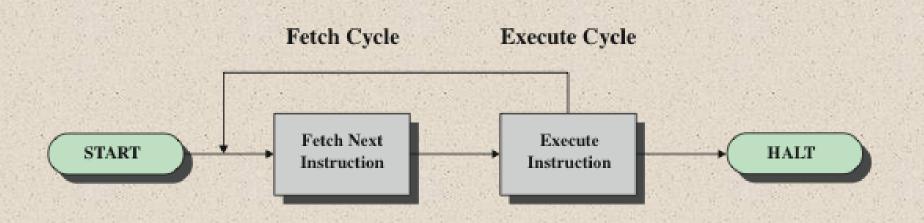
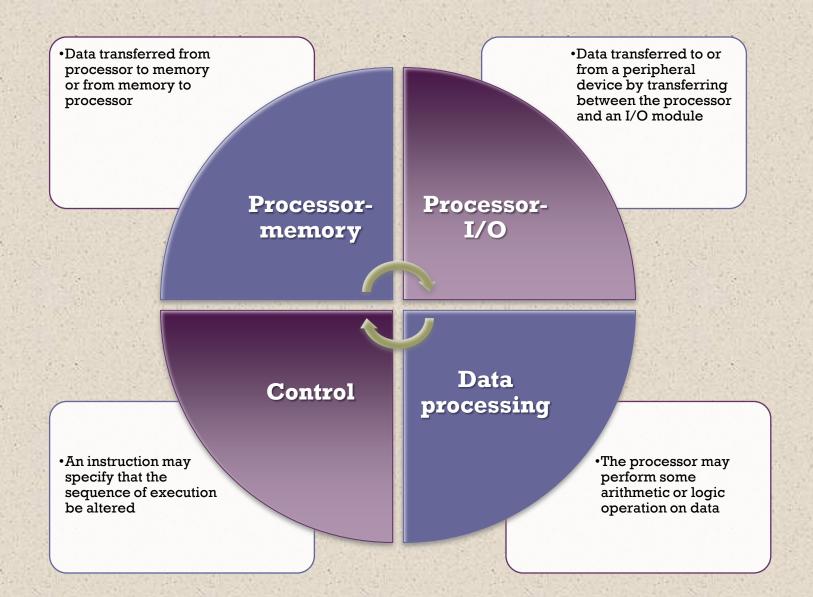


Figure 3.3 Basic Instruction Cycle

Fetch Cycle

- At the beginning of each instruction cycle the processor fetches an instruction from memory
- The program counter (PC) holds the address of the instruction to be fetched next
- The processor increments the PC after each instruction fetch so that it will fetch the next instruction in sequence
- The fetched instruction is loaded into the instruction register (IR)
- The processor interprets the instruction and performs the required action

Action Categories



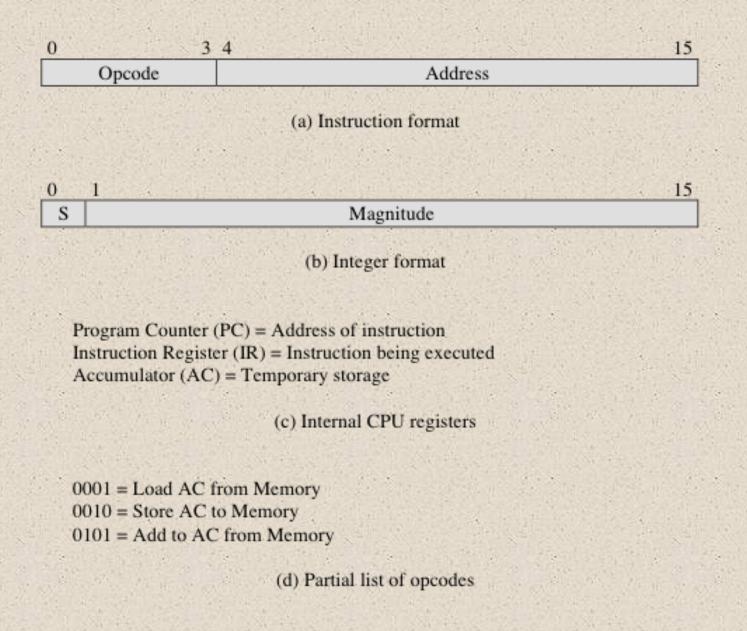


Figure 3.4 Characteristics of a Hypothetical Machine



Example of Program Execution

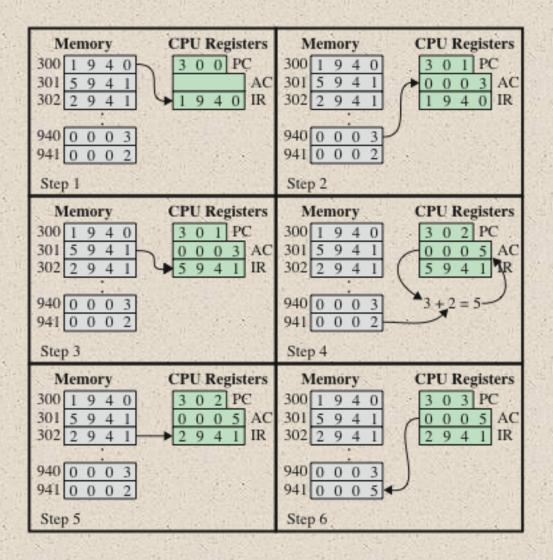


Figure 3.5 Example of Program Execution (contents of memory and registers in hexadecimal)

Instruction Cycle State Diagram

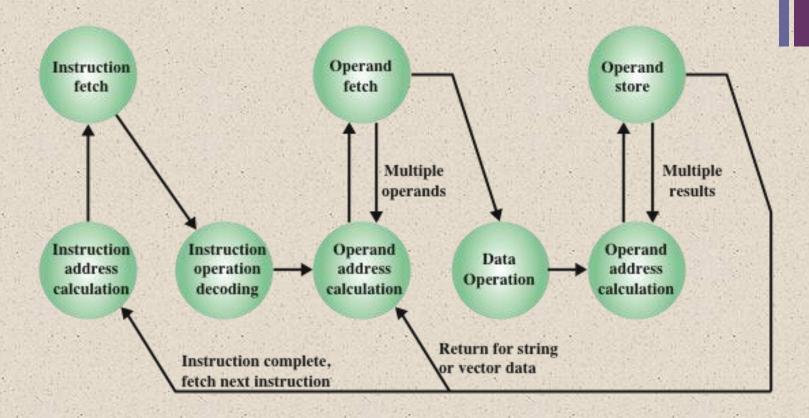


Figure 3.6 Instruction Cycle State Diagram