Single Cycle MIPS Processor

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Go ahead and download the assignment.

Required Tools for this lab

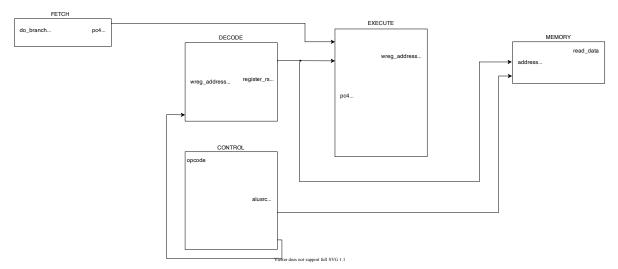
- Brew
- iverilog
- GTKwave or Scansion

Lab Assignment 1

 $30 \ points + 20 \ points \ extra-credit$

- 1. Simulate the verilog MIPS processor by running make in the RTL directory.
 - Take a screenshot of the resulting waveform
- 2. Browse through the codebase and connect the different modules in the diagram below. A few lines have already been filled in for you.

It might help to start by browsing mips.v.



3. Go ahead and modify the code base to support the MIPS slt instruction. Hint: you'll need to modify ${\tt execute.v}$

You can also refer to the truth table below.

4. How can you verify the slt instruction is now working? What might you have to change in fetch.v?

Go ahead and implement those changes.

Insert a screen capture of the waveform that shows that slt now works.

5. Extra Credit: modify the codebase to support the MIPS j, jal, lui and ori instructions. (5 points for each working instruction. You can implement any one, few or all of these).

What to Submit

You need to submit a zip folder of your updated "rtl" folder.

Some Notes

Here are some things to keep in mind as you do the assignment.

- The verilog codebase itself isn't very representative of well designed RTL. The codebase itself reflects the architecture presented in the slides, which was unfortunately designed from a circuit level.
- Technically in a real processor, you should be setting the value of a register before you use it if you haven't done so since the processor restarted. In the codebase, for simplicity from the student's perspective, each register is initialized to the value of its number index.
- A process block such as always executes anytime any of its arguments change state. If you have always(*), the process block executes anytime any inputs in the module change state which effectively implements combinational logic.
- You should become familiar with the concatenation and replication operators here
- control.v could technically be a part of decode.v

Truth Table

	Opcode	ALUOp	Operation	Function	ALU function	ALU control
0	lw	00	load word	XXXXXX	add	010
1	sw	00	store word	XXXXXX	add	010
2	beq	01	branch equal	XXXXXX	subtract	110
3	R-type	10	add	100000	add	010
4	R-type	10	subtract	100010	subtract	110
5	R-type	10	AND	100100	AND	000
6	R-type	10	OR	100101	OR	001
7	R-type	10	set-on-less-than	101010	set-on-less-than	111