

Microelectronic Systems Final Project  
**Design and Development of DLX Microprocessors**

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# Chapter 1

## DLX Structure: Hint and Recall

In this project you will refining your small DLX processor from RTL down to physical design. Your DLX version will be fully pipelined.

The project consists of completing the control unit partially given and based on the same structures analysed in lab4 for a subset of the instruction set and designing the whole data path. The design should start from the VHDL level and go down to the synthesis and physical design phase.

The specifications will be organized in two items. The first, which we will call **DLX-basic** is due. The second **DLX-pro** is optional. If you choose this type of project and decide to go besides the first step (DLXbasic), you can fulfill from one to all the specifications of the DLX-pro version.

### Attention:

**The DLX-basic VS DLX-pro choice is individual. You can split and recombine the lab groups in project teams if you have different ideas... The Project Team should have the same target (Basic or Pro) and can be composed of 1 or 2 students**

The specifications from point 1 to point 6 **ARE MANDATORY** for every DLX (Basic and Pro) model.

From point 7 to 14 you can find a list of possible specifications for improving your **DLX-PRO** design. You can choose from one to all as you prefer.

### DLX-basic Specifications:

1. **Pipeline (BASIC)** The architecture and control must be organized following the five stages pipeline. You have three ways: go further with microcontrolled CU, or change to a clever FSM or hardwired CU. Choose meaningful assembler programs so that pipeline and pipeline stall are underlined.
2. **Instructions subset (BASIC)** You should extend the control unit execution so that the following instructions can be executed:

add  
addi  
and  
andi

beqz  
bnez  
j  
jal  
lw  
nop  
or  
ori  
sge  
sgei  
sle  
slei  
sll  
slli  
sne  
snei  
srl  
srli  
sub  
subi  
sw  
xor  
xori

Design modify and COMMENT one (or more) intelligent assembler programs so that these instructions can be meaningfully checked. Change the ALU OP CODE so that an enumeration type can be used (see appendices [A](#) and [B](#)).

3. **Data path (MANDATORY)** You should describe in VHDL (or Verilog) at RT level all the data path components necessary to fulfill the instruction subset defined at previous points. Of course you can reuse the blocks you already described in previous labs. Describe one or more intelligent assembler programs (COMMENTED) so that these instructions can be meaningfully checked.
4. **Synthesis (BASIC)** Both the data path and the control unit must be synthesized. Different synthesis results can be reported. A final optimization for frequency must be performed. The scripts you use for the synthesis step must be reported and commented (memory should not be synthesized).
5. **Physical design (BASIC)** The synthesized design must be placed and routed. Post physical design performance must be reported: delay, EM, thermal informations, power... before and after optimization steps. (Follow what you learn in the labs.)
6. **Report (MANDATORY)** A final report describing your design, your code, your scripts, results and reports is due together with all the code. Remember that a report is an important aspect of a project: it let one know how detailed was your work and how to use it. This will be evaluated as well.

**DLX-pro** Hints:

7. **Instructions subset (RECOMMENDED)** The following instructions (a subset or all of them) could be added in order to achieve pro functionality:  
addu, addui, jalr, jr, lb, lbu, lhi, lhu, sb, seq, seqi, sgeu, sgeui, sgt, sgti, sgtu, sgtui, slt, slti, sltu, sltui, sra, srai, subu, subui, mult (using integer registers: something should be modified).
8. **Data path (OPTIONAL)** The data path can be extended for each of the instruction you choose to add. Furthermore, independently from the instruction, try to optimize the microarchitecture so that the critical path is reduced (e.g. for the ALU you can choose one or more of the arithmetical structures analysed during lectures or suggested by the teacher).
9. **Windowing (OPTIONAL)** Use the windowed register file to support routine context switching and complete the control unit to support it.
10. **Control hazard (OPTIONAL)** Implement one or more of the techniques to prevent stall as mentioned during classes as instruction queue for jump (IQ), branch prediction using a small branch history table.
11. **Optimize power consumption from an architectural point of view (OPTIONAL)** Improve performance using: Parallelizing, pipelining, Feedback, Clock Gating, Isolation...
12. **Caching (OPTIONAL)** Add a small data cache (RTL) between the main memory and the CPU; define type of association, a coherency policy and a replacement strategy. (Of course the CU must be updated accordingly)
13. **Advanced synthesis (OPTIONAL)** Force further optimization to the design: try to reduce power consumption, perform a post synthesis VHDL simulation, so that realistic timing and power simulation with a real test bench can be performed (you will ask suggestions on this points).
14. **Physical design (OPTIONAL)** Post physical design simulations, clock tree synthesis and even crosstalk analysis would be appreciated in the final report.
15. **Whatever you want not mentioned before... (FUNDAMENTAL)** Feel you **FREE** to add features to your personal DLX!

The final grade for the **DLX-basic** project will be in the best case stopped at **27/30**, Instead for the **DLX-pro** the final grade can saturate up to **33/30 (30 with Honor)**! Of course, depending on the quality and quantity of your work.

Anyway the course final grade will be a combination of the lab works, of the project and of the oral exam.

## Chapter 2

# How To Manage and Submit the Project

In order to simplify the project start we provide you:

- Top Levels Implementation
- Files organization structures: the files very important in order to work efficiently, without wasting time to search and rename files at the end of the project (when the number bursts).
- Testing Tools and BenchMark Methods

### 2.1 Project Set Up

We provide you the top level component interface and some other example of Control Unit and Test Bench to modify and complete. Let's have a look with a top-bottom order. The test bench, sketched in figure 2.1, just instances the DLX, sets clock, reset and a few parameters. The file is DLX\_Project.Files/vhd/test\_benc/TB\_DLX.vhd.

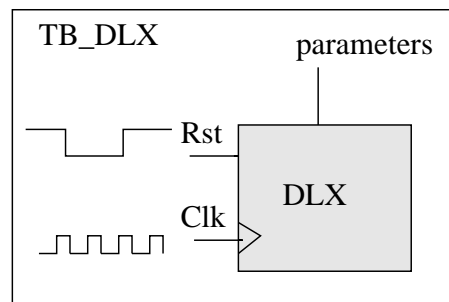


Figure 2.1: this structure is NOT REALISTIC, but is easy to use, if you want improve, migrating towards more realistic, CONSULT THE REFERENTS.

The inner block is then the DLX (file a-DLX.vhd) in figure 2.2, where some blocks are already defined, as the program counter PC, the instruction register IR and the instruction RAM (THAT

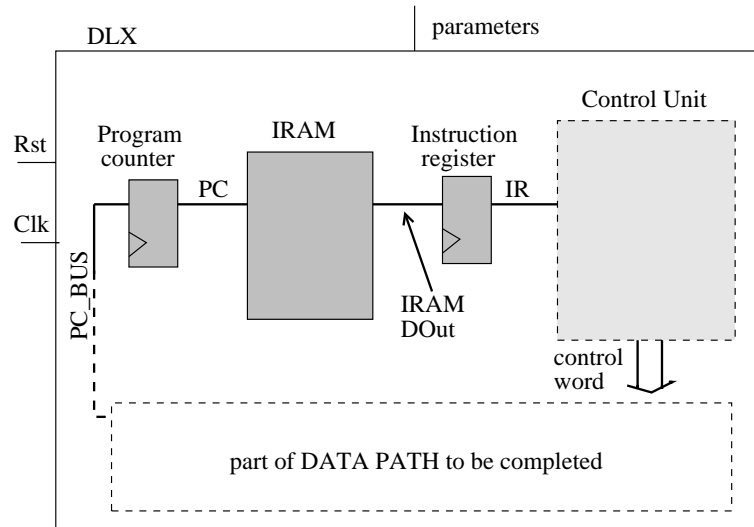


Figure 2.2: DLX\_Project\_Files/vhd/a-DLX.vhd

IS PLACED HERE FOR SIMPLICITY), while the data path is still missing (TO BE IMPLEMENTED).

You can read the instruction memory file (DLX\_Project\_Files/vhd/a.c-IRAM.vhd): the important actions derive from a process which reads (at the beginning) file test.asm.mem. What happens after this? Try to figure out by accurately reading file IRAMs.vhd.

For as regard the Control Unit we propose you three different prototype of the control unit (to complete): the hardwired (CU\_HW.vhd), the FSM (CU\_FSM.vhd) and the microprogrammed (CU\_UP.vhd), you can find these files in DLX\_Project\_Files/vhd/ with thw prefix a.a-, they will be well explained in section 4.2.

## 2.2 Files organization structures

The files organization is very important in order to work efficiently, without wasting time to search and rename files at the end of the project (when the number bursts).

In order to help us to correct and **EVALUATE** your project YOU MUST name the file with this format:

orderingPrefixLevel0.subLevel.subSubLevel-nameOfComponent\_v#OfVersion.vhd

example: **a.b.c-booth\_multiplier\_v2.vhd**

If the components of a sub part are too much create a folder in order to group all sub components! but follow the same rules that we use for the name, for example:

**a.b-DataPath.core**

Take all the Test Bench in the folder test\_bench with the prefix *TB-*, and the common component at the begin of the folder with numeric prefix, define all the custom type in the file *000-globals.vhd*.

The final result would be something like the figure below (fig. 2.3):

Name	Size	Type
000-globals.vhd	144 bytes	VHDL source code
01-generic_register-ToDo.vhd	2,0 kB	VHDL source code
01-generic_shifter.vhd	1,4 kB	VHDL source code
a.a-CU_FSM.vhd	6,8 kB	VHDL source code
a.a-CU_FSM_v2.vhd	6,8 kB	VHDL source code
a.a-CU_HW.vhd	6,6 kB	VHDL source code
a.a-CU_UP.vhd	17,9 kB	VHDL source code
a.b-DataPath.core	0 items	folder
a.b-DataPath.vhd	0 bytes	VHDL source code
a.c-IRAM.vhd	1,5 kB	VHDL source code
a-DLX.vhd	6,6 kB	VHDL source code
test_bench	2 items	folder
TB_DLX.vhd	1,2 kB	VHDL source code
TB_fsm1.vhd	878 bytes	VHDL source code

Figure 2.3: File organization structure

### *that's Why?*

*Because keep ordered the file ordered is useful in phase of simulation and synthesis, and HELP US to APPRECIATE YOUR WORK.*

## 2.3 Testing Tools and BenchMark Methods

From the methodology point of view we are NOT going to write each instruction code MANUALLY in the instruction memory, starting from our assembler program. On the contrary we:

1. Chose the assembler program to be executed:
  - MANY examples are given **DLX\_Project\_files/asm\_example/** in order to start we recommend you to use the simplest one: **test.asm**.
  - a list with asm mnemonics and their syntax and coding is given in table [A](#) and in appendix [B](#)
2. Compile it and convert to a readable format:
  - a compiler written in Perl is given; in a terminal type:

```
prompt> ./assembler.bin/dlxasm.pl test.asm
```

- the compiler generates a binary file with “exe” extension (test.asm.exe)
- (you can give a look at it using the **hexedit** editor if installed)
- convert the file format so that it can be easily read by the VHDL control unit:

```
prompt> ./assembler.bin/conv2memory test.asm.exe > test.asm.mem
```

which can be now read using **more** or **emacs** or any text editor.



Or if you prefer you can use and/or improve the **assembler.sh** script that fuse all previous step.

***ACHTUNG ACHTUNG!!!***

*MANY asm code examples are given in **DLX\_Project\_files/asm\_example/** folder BUT may be that they doesn't works!!! In order to benchmark your code you have to:*

- *Select a subset of those examples.*
- *Verify and adjust them (make it compatible with your architecture).*
- *Comment each .asm file that you want to use for bench marking.*
- *Report It accurately: explain witch operation use, what is the proven property, comment the output result, time output or optionally document it with a memory dump COMMENTED.*

## Chapter 3

# How To Document the Project

In this chapter you will find some guidelines on how to write a well documented project report. The advices that we want to give you are of two types:

1. how to organize the report in such a way that it is clear, neither too synthetic nor too long and wordy;
2. some tips on how to use  $\text{\LaTeX}$  to generate the report.

### 3.1 How the documentation should be like

It is not easy to write a good report that documents in a clear and concise way the work that you have done. Sometimes you are too synthetic, you don't justify the choices that you have made or your documentation is messy. In other words the reader doesn't understand what you have done, how and why.

In other cases you describe too many particulars or you include not relevant part or descriptions. That's a lot of 'bla bla bla' that makes the reader sleep.

So, here is a short list of advices:

- Outline always, as first thing, the **overall situation** giving the main points but not the details; only after having described the general picture delineate the **relevant details**. As an example, let's suppose that you have to describe the ALU of your microprocessor. You create a section called ALU and in it you give the overall description of this unit:

*The Arithmetic Logic Unit designed consists of the following components:*

1. *an adder;*
2. *a multiplier;*
3. *a logical unit;*
4. ....

Then you add a subsection for each component of the ALU to describe them more in details;

- **Justify every choice** you made because it is the only way to let the reader understand your design;
- Make use of **lists** since they improve the text readability;

- Use **explanatory images/graphs/schemes** since they are an effective way to explain something that can be complex to describe using only words. Use “**hierarchical**” images that means: draw first a generic block scheme and then depict the details of what’s inside each block (see as example figure 3.1). Choose the image size in such a way that every

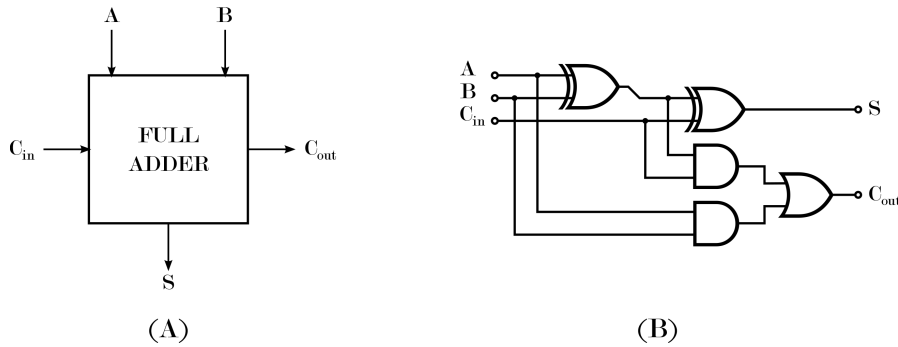


Figure 3.1: (A) Full Adder block representation. (B) Implementation details of the full adder.

**detail** can be seen clearly and indicate every **signal name** in a readable way.

Please, try to **avoid hand-drawn images** (there are a lot of simple tools, e.g. **Inkscape**, that you can use to draw beautiful images)!!!

- Use **tables** to organize data.

Are you a  $\text{\LaTeX}$  beginner? No problem! In the next section you can find some useful tips that will help you to compose the document. In addition, you have at your disposal a **template to generate the report**: download and unzip the file **DLX\_report\_template.zip** that you find within the DLX material on Portale della Didattica.

## 3.2 $\text{\LaTeX}$ tips

Here you will find some guidelines on how to do basic things with  $\text{\LaTeX}$ . For more information we suggest to see the **on-line documentation** (e.g.,  [\$\text{\LaTeX}\$  Wikibooks](#)).

The official “place” where you can find everything about  $\text{\LaTeX}$  is [CTAN](#) (Comprehensive  $\text{\TeX}$  Archive Network).

First of all, you need an **editor** to write  $\text{\LaTeX}$  documents. There exist a lot of editors, for example:

- Texmaker which is a multi-platform program;
- TeXShop which is Mac OS X native;
- Kile which is Linux native.

Download and install the editor that you prefer.

Now, take a look at what’s inside the folder `DLX_report_template`. There are:

- A file `homebook.tex`. You don’t have to modify it except for two things: your group ID and your names. Open this file and you will find indications about where to make these changes.

- A subfolder named *chapters* in which you can put the tex files of the chapters that will make up your report; put all the images that you will use in the folder *figures* and all the external files that you may need to include in the text in the folder *files*.
- A subfolder named *appendices* in which you can put the tex files of the appendices; you may need an appendix if, for example, you want to include a piece of code. This subfolder is organized in the same way as the folder *chapters*.

You can see that in the folders *chapters* and *appendices* there are two sample files called *chap1.tex* and *appendix1.tex*, respectively.

Now open the file *homebook.tex* with the editor you chose, change the group ID and your names and then go through it.

At the end you will find a part that says **HERE IS WHERE YOU INCLUDE YOUR CHAPTERS**. In that point, using the command `\input{./path-to-file/file_name}` you can include your chapter files.

In the point that says **HERE IS WHERE YOU INCLUDE YOUR APPENDICES (IF ANY)**, using the same command shown above you can include the appendix files.

Compile the file and see what happens... If there are no errors in compile time you should see the resulting pdf file.

Now open the file *chap1.tex*. Here you can find some examples of how to insert images, create tables, write equations, insert code and so on.

**Images** If you want to insert an image in your document you have to use the following piece of code:

```
\begin{figure}[position_options]
\centering
\includegraphics[size_options]{path-to-figure/figure_name}
\caption{figure_caption}
\label{fig:figure_label}
\end{figure}
```

Editable parameters:

- **position\_options**<sup>1</sup>: modify these options to change the position of the image in the document;
- **size\_options**<sup>1</sup>: modify these options to change the size of the image;
- **path-to-figure/figure\_name**: insert the correct path to the figure and its name (it is not necessary to add the file extension);
- **figure\_caption**: write here the caption of the figure;
- **figure\_label**: insert here the label of the figure (useful if you want to refer to the figure within the tex document).

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<sup>1</sup>Please search on the Internet all the option possibilities and the supported image formats.

**Tables** Below you can find an example of table.

```
\begin{table}[position_options]
\centering
\begin{tabular}{column_text_options}
\toprule
A B Cin & S & Cout\\
\midrule
0 0 0 & 0 & 0\\
1 0 0 & 1 & 0\\
0 1 0 & 1 & 0\\
1 1 0 & 0 & 1\\
0 0 1 & 1 & 0\\
1 0 1 & 0 & 1\\
0 1 1 & 0 & 1\\
1 1 1 & 1 & 1\\
\bottomrule
\end{tabular}
\caption{table_caption Truth table of a 1-bit full adder.}
\label{tab:table_label}
\end{table}
```

Editable parameters:

- `&`: column separator;
- `\\`: start a new row;
- `\toprule`: uppermost horizontal line of the table;
- `\midrule`: middle horizontal line of the table (you can add different midrules if you want lines that separate each row of the table);
- `\bottomrule`: lowermost horizontal line of the table;
- `position_options`<sup>2</sup>: modify these options to change the position of the table in the document;
- `column_text_options`<sup>2</sup>: modify these options to change the text alignment (centred, left justified, right justified) in the cells;
- `table_caption`: write here the caption of the table;
- `table_label`: insert here the label of the table (useful if you want to refer to the table within the tex document).

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<sup>2</sup>Please search on the Internet all the option possibilities.

**Lists** Here is how you write a bulleted list:

```
\begin{itemize}
\item first element;
\item second element;
...
\item last element.
\end{itemize}
```

Here is how you write a numbered list:

```
\begin{enumerate}
\item first element;
\item second element;
...
\item last element.
\end{enumerate}
```

**Equations** Here is how you write an equation that appears to be separate from the main text:

```
Text text text text ...
\begin{equation}
- write the equation here -
\label{eq:eq_label}
\end{equation}
Text continues here ...
```

You can also write in-line equations which appear to be within the text where they are declared:

Text text ... \$write the equation between dollar symbols\$ text continues ...

**NOTE:** please find on-line how you can write mathematical symbols, operators, Greek letters and much more.

**Source code inclusion** If you want to include some source code in your document you can do it in two ways:

1. `\begin{lstlisting}[style=MyC++Style]`  
- put your code here -  
`\end{lstlisting}`
2. `\lstinputlisting[options]{/path-to-file/source_filename}`

In the second case you directly import the source file so you have to specify the path to the file. Regarding the options, here you can set, for example, the language (VHDL, Assembler, ...). If you specify the language the code keywords will appear highlighted on the output pdf. Please, check on-line the languages supported and all the other useful options (i.e., line numbering, formatting options, ...) that you can set.

There is another way to set the options which is the use of the following command:

```
\lstset{options}
```

This command can be put anywhere in the tex file and the parameters set using `\lstset` will be valid globally (for all source codes included).

## Chapter 4

# Microelectronics Systems final project specifications

In this chapter you will:

1. First recall the DLX behavior
2. Analyse the DLX test bench given
3. Debug the preliminary hardwired version of the control unit with some control signals generation capability.
4. Learn how to add other instructions (example the addition of an immediate). This will be one of the possible implementation of the control unit for your final project.
5. You also start from a partially developed FSM control unit, that you should complete for one instruction of your choice. This will be one of the possible implementation of the control unit for your final project.
6. Debug and understand a microprogrammed control unit version already prepared for a jump instruction and add another instruction of your choice.
7. Using details on DLX instruction set (given in appendix B).
8. A few details on how to implement a FSM are given in the last section (4.2).

The given structure is the starting point for the control unit of your final DLX project. You are given a set of starting programs and examples. Copy them from the usual directory: `/home/-mariagrazia.graziano/ms/teamB/cap4/..`.

### 4.1 DLX instruction set and basic operations

Remember that the DLX processor (see cap.2 and 3 of Hennessy-Patterson) is a simple *load-store* architecture with 32 32-bit general-purpose registers (GPRs), named  $R0, R1, \dots, R31$ . A sketch of the datapath is in figure 4.1. The addressing modes are *immediate* and *displacement* with 16-bit fields. Register deferred is accomplished by placing 0 in the 16-bit displacement field, and absolute addressing with a 16-bit field is accomplished by using register  $R0$  (its value is always zero): four effective modes are available.

DLX memory is byte addressable in Big Endian mode with a 32-bit address; all memory references are through loads or stores between memory and the GPRs (RF).

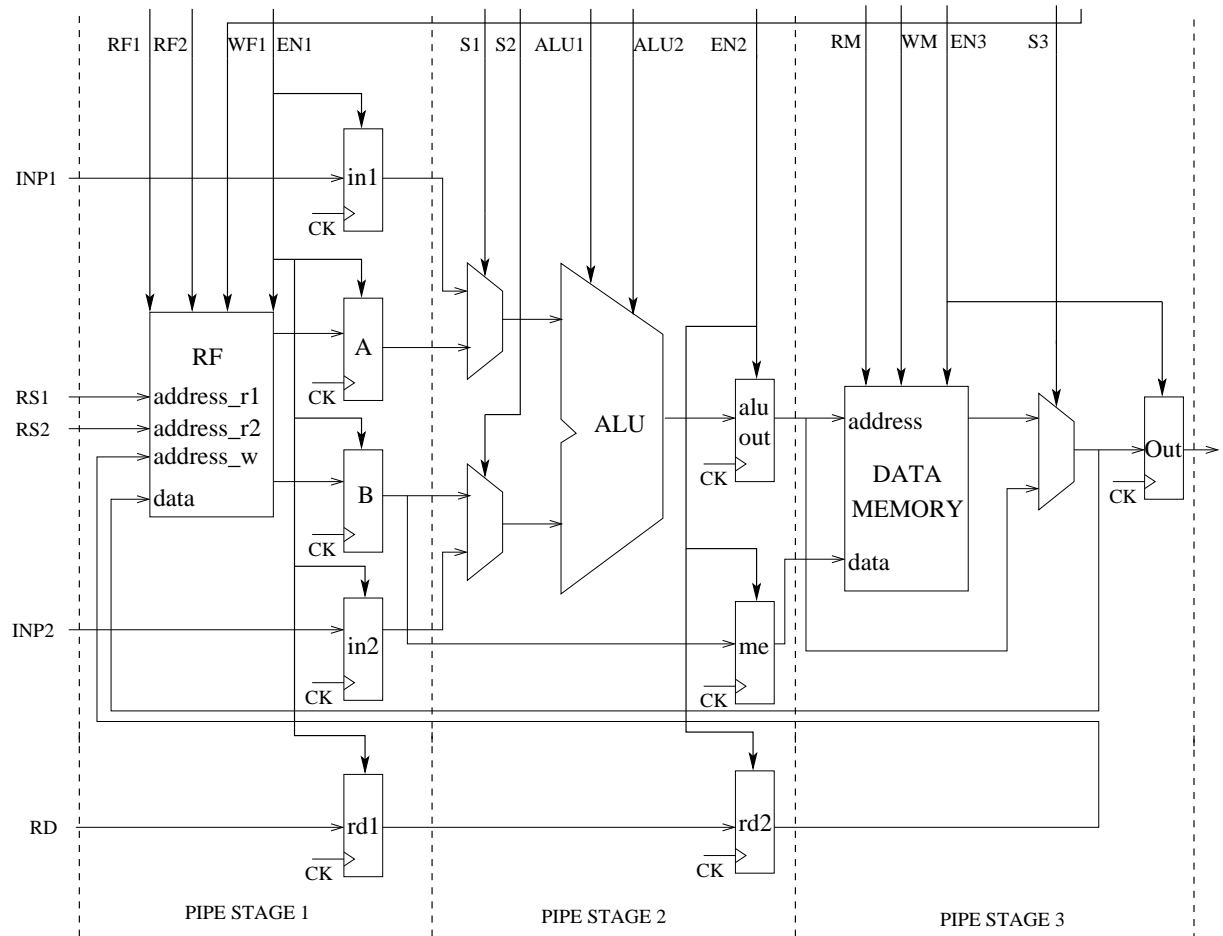


Figure 4.1:

DLX Instructions are grouped into 3 main types :

- *I-type*: Loads/Stores and conditional branch instructions.
- *R-type*: Register-register ALU operations. ALU operation is defined in the extra 11-bit field *func*.
- *J-types*: Jump and jump link instructions

In all these three types, the 6-bit *opcode* field is always present. Depending on the instruction type, the remaining 26 bits assume different meanings (fig. 4.3).

#### Examples of load and store instructions:

Load Word: LW R1, 30(R2) (Meaning:  $R1 \leftarrow \text{Mem}[30+R2]$ )

Store Word: SW R3, 500(R4) (Meaning:  $\text{Mem}[500+R4] \leftarrow R3$ )



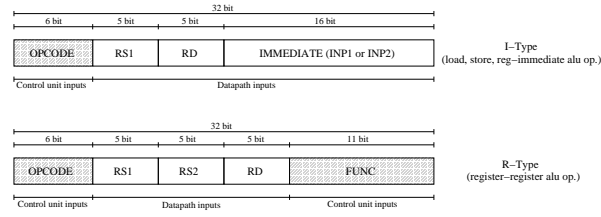


Figure 4.2:

### Example of ALU instructions:

Add: ADD R1,R2,R3 (Meaning:  $R1 \leftarrow R2 + R3$ )

Add Immediate: ADDI R1,R2,\#3 (Meaning:  $R1 \leftarrow R2 + 3$ )

### Example of control-flow instructions:

Jump: J name (Meaning:  $PC \leftarrow \text{name}$ )

Branch equal zero: BEQZ R4,name (Meaning: if ( $R4 == 0$ )  $PC \leftarrow \text{name}$ )

Every DLX instruction can be implemented in at most five clock cycles:

- *Instruction fetch (IF)* cycle: Send out the PC and fetch the instruction from memory into the instruction register (IR) and increment the PC by 4 to address the next sequential instruction. The NPC register is used to hold the next sequential PC.

$$\begin{aligned} IR &\leftarrow \text{MEM}[PC] \\ NPC &\leftarrow PC + 4 \end{aligned}$$

- *Instruction decode/register fetch (ID)* cycle: Decode the instruction and access the register file (RF) to read the registers. The outputs of the general-purpose registers are read into two temporary registers (A and B).

$$\begin{aligned} A &\leftarrow \text{regF}[IR6...IR10] \\ B &\leftarrow \text{regF}[IR11...IR15] \\ C &\leftarrow \text{regF}[IR16...IR31] \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

- *Execution/effective address cycle (EX)*: The ALU operates on the operands (A and B) prepared in the previous cycle and the result is stored in the ALUOutput register.

$$\begin{aligned} ALU - OUT &\leftarrow A + IMM && \text{Memory reference} \\ ALU - OUT &\leftarrow A \text{ func } B && \text{Alu Operation} \\ ALU - OUT &\leftarrow A \text{ op } IMM && \text{Register-Immediate ALU} \\ ALU - OUT &\leftarrow NPC + IMM && \text{Address del Branch} \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

- *Memory access/branch completion(MEM)* cycle : Access memory if needed. If instruction is a load, data return from memory and is placed in the LMD (Load Memory Data) register. If it is a store, the data from the B register is written into memory. In either case the address used is the one computed in the prior cycle and stored in the ALUOutput register.

$$\begin{aligned} LMD &< - MEM[ALU - OUT] \\ MEM &< - [ALU - OUT] < - B \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

- *Write-back(WB)* cycle: Write the result into the register file, whether it comes from the memory system or from ALU; the register destination field is also in one of the two positions depending on the function code.

$$\begin{aligned} regF[IR6...IR10] &< -ALU - OUT \\ regF[IR11...IR15] &< -ALU - OUT \\ regF[IR16...IR31] &< -ALU - OUT \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

This data path is composed of simple blocks which you have already described in previous labs. Collecting them will be your final project job. But now, let's concentrate on how control signals can be generated and delivered to the data path.

#### 4.1.1 Instruction encoding

As our aim is implementing the control unit, we must be aware of the instruction coding. This is typically a designer choice. Here we maintain the Hennessy-Patterson coding reported in table A (appendix A).

It is now important that you understand the meaning of the assembler output (see section 2.3 hexadecimal numbers in order to proceed with the work. In the following a graphical example for the first two instructions in our test.asm.mem program is given.

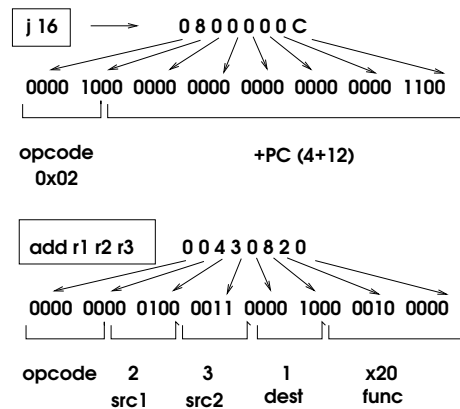


Figure 4.3:

Be sure you understand and try to figure out the same thing for the other two instructions.

## 4.2 DLX Control Unit

Recalling section 2.1 we provide you three preliminary versions of the control unit: the hardwired (CU\_HW.vhd), the FSM (CU\_FSM.vhd) and the microprogrammed (CU\_UP.vhd).

In all the cases the control unit assumes that each stage in the DLX has a register (as in figure 4.1). Anyway still it does not really manage the pipeline: this is a step that you are going to fulfill for the final project.

In all the cases the CU organization is as in figure 4.4, where the essential control signals (control word) are defined and ordered according to the activity in the five stages (clearly, as soon as your project becomes a PRO one, these signals can increase in number).

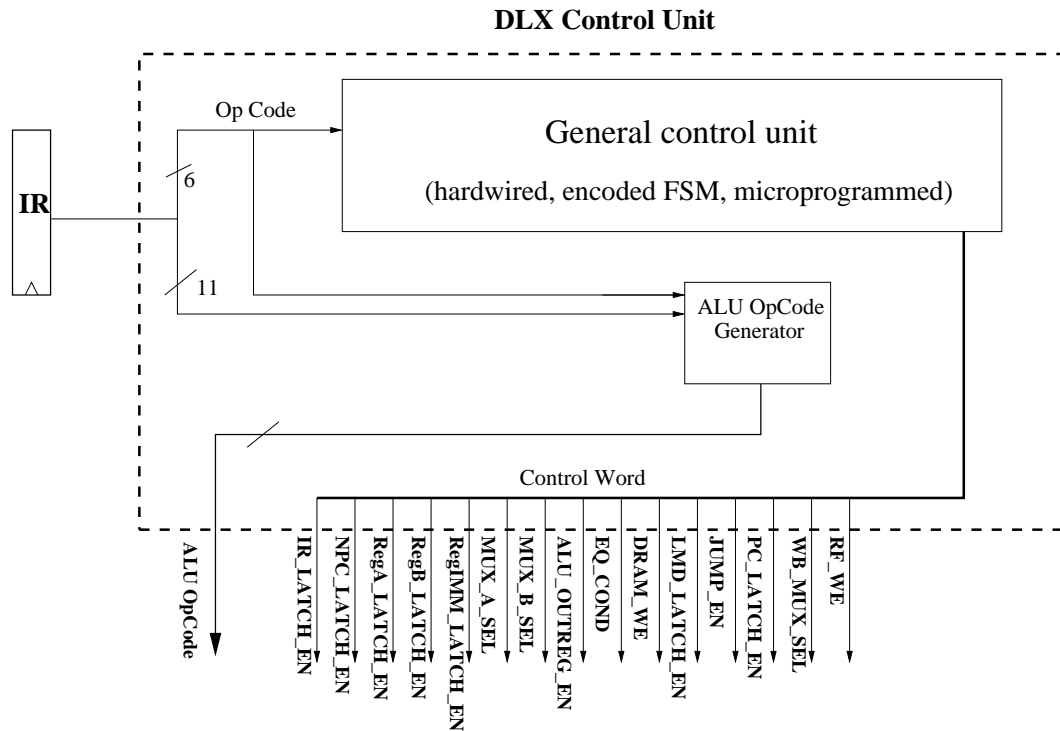


Figure 4.4:

It is important that you now associate these signals to the datapath previously recalled in figure 4.1. Notice that the control unit has a separate block for the ALU opcode generation (distributed control).

### 4.2.1 HARDWIRED control unit

Start from the hardwired version: CU\_HW.vhd. It is not complete, but can be simulated at least in an initial condition. As you see in the code the control word is delayed to correctly synchronize control signals and stages in which they must be active. An idea is in figure 4.5.

NOW YOU ARE READY TO START:

1. Set up the simulation:

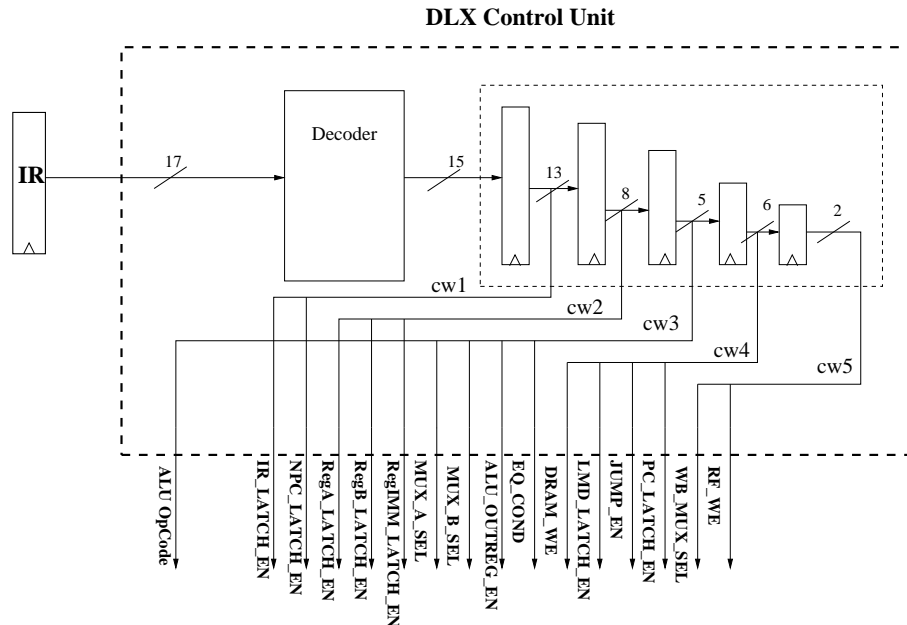


Figure 4.5:

- Set-up the modelsim environment variable **setmentor**
  - create the work library (vlib work)
  - compile the five vhd files *mytypes.vhd*, *IRAM.vhd*, *CU\_HW.vhd*, *DLX.vhd*, *TB\_DLX.vhd*.
2. Simulate for a few clock cycles (around 40ns).

Now it's important that you debug the whole behavior, in order to be ready to:

1. analyze if control signals are correctly set to manage the first instruction in the example (a jump)
2. implement what is necessary in order to generate the control signals for the other instructions in the example (only the control signals! Assume you have already the data path).

***in Summary:***

*Hardwired control unit executing the JUMP, the ADD and the ADDI instructions: VHDL netlist (well commented!) and meaningful waveforms.*

## 4.2.2 FSM control unit

Using the same environment you can now work with the FSM version. You are given a preliminary version in file *CU\_FSM.vhd*. Clearly, to complete it, we assume you know how to describe a FSM in vhd. If not, a small example of a two state FSM is given (*fsm1.vhd* and test bench *tb\_fsm.vhd* to simulate it, a few details are in section ??). As soon as you have clear how to describe it in vhd, complete the given FSM version in order to manage the jump and the two add instructions.

*in Summary:*

*FSM control unit executing the JUMP, the ADD and the ADDI instructions: VHDL netlist (well commented!) and meaningful waveforms.*

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*FSM control unit executing the JUMP, the ADD and the ADDI instructions: VHDL netlist (well commented!) and meaningful waveforms.*

### 4.2.3 Micro programmed control unit

The Control Unit (CU) is supposed to generate all the required output control signals (latch enables/muxes selections/ALU OpCode) for the datapath on the basis of the operation type.

An example of *microprogrammed* control unit is provided for this lab (fig. 4.6). The **CU\_UP.vhd** reflects the diagram in figure.

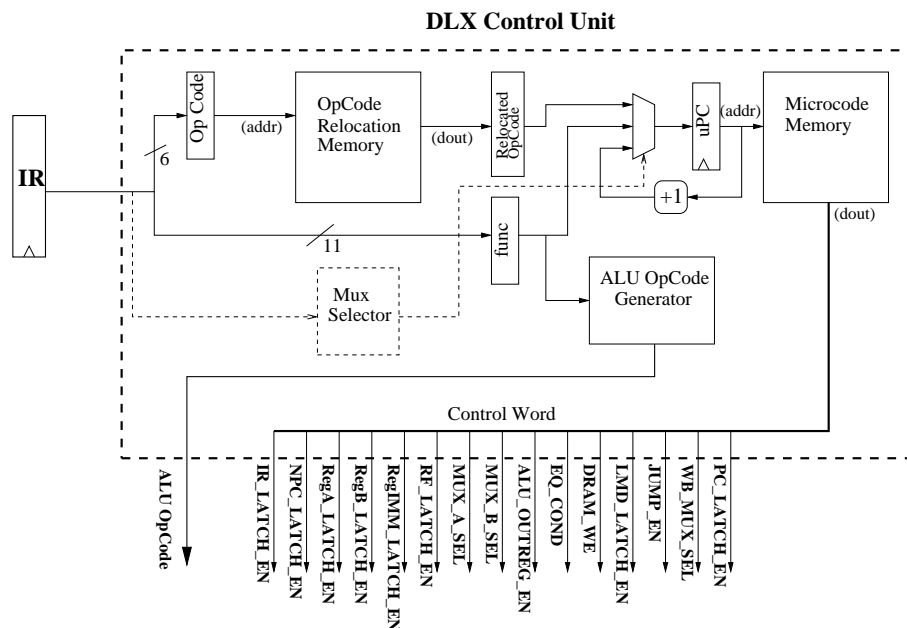


Figure 4.6:

The microcode memory stores the appropriate control signals depending on the instruction and on the stage(IF,ID,EX,MEM,WB) of the instruction, thus implementing the FSM for the given instruction. The OpCode of the instruction is used as a *starting-address* for the microcode memory and it is stored in the uPC register. In a normal five clock-cycle instruction, the basic address stored in the uPC is incremented five times in order to generate the subsequent control signals for all the datapath stages. In case of *R-type* instructions, an extra opcode is used to specify instruction behaviour using the 11-bit field *func*. This means that in this case the value of the func field is stored in the uPC instead of the normal opcode field.

Since the OpCode is used as an address to map the control in the five different stages, the value of each OpCode must differ of at least five values. In the DLX architecture some OpCodes (reported at the end of this chapter) differ by less then five values, as this is thought for a simpler FSM control. Thus, in this exercise, a *OpCode Relocation Memory* has been used. The relocation

memory simply remaps a given value to another value. In this case, OpCodes which are too close will be remapped with a new address giving the possibility to implement the required five stages.

In the **dlxasm.pl** assembler, so as at paragraph ?? opcodes (end of section) for all the instructions can be find.

### Now it's up to you

Once you have clearly understood the CU behavior in the JUMP case (from assembler to hexadecimal code, from instruction memory to relocation memory, from microcodes to control world), try to program the CU so that the ADD instruction can be executed by the control unit as well, simulate it and check the correct CU output behavior (**attention you should not include the ALU here, but just check that the ALU control signals are managed correctly by the control unit**).

#### *in Summary:*

*Microprogrammed Control unit executing the ADD instruction: VHDL netlist and meaningful waveform.*

## Appendix A

# DLX Assembler Instruction Code

Codes are in hexadecimal numbers in this table. A full explanation of the instruction meaning is at this file ([appendix B](#)).

Table A.1: DLX instructions coding

Instruction set coding					
General instructions		Register-register instructions		Floating-point instruction	
Mnemonic	Coding	Mnemonic	Coding	Mnemonic	Coding
j	j,0x02	sll	r,0x04	addf	f,0x00
jal	j,0x03	srl	r,0x06	subf	f,0x01
beqz	b,0x04	sra	r,0x07	multf	f,0x02
bnez	b,0x05	add	r,0x20	divf	f,0x03
bfpt	b0,0x06	addu	r,0x21	addd	f,0x04
bfpf	b0,0x07	sub	r,0x22	subd	f,0x05
addi	i,0x08	subu	r,0x23	multd	f,0x06
addui	i,0x09	and	r,0x24	divd	f,0x07
subi	i,0x0a	or	r,0x25	cvtf2d	fd,0x08
subui	i,0x0b	xor	r,0x26	cvtf2i	fd,0x09
andi	i,0x0c	seq	r,0x28	cvt2d2f	fd,0x0a
ori	i,0x0d	sne	r,0x29	cvt2d2i	fd,0x0b
xori	i,0x0e	slt	r,0x2a	cvti2f	fd,0x0c
lhi	il,0x0f	sgt	r,0x2b	cvti2d	fd,0x0d
rfe	n,0x10	sle	r,0x2c	mult	f,0x0e
trap	t,0x11	sge	r,0x2d	div	f,0x0f
jr	jr,0x12	movi2s	r2,0x30	eqf	f2,0x10
jalr	jr,0x13	movs2i	r2,0x31	nef	f2,0x11
slli	i,0x14	movf	r2,0x32	ltf	f2,0x12
nop	n,0x15	movd	r2,0x33	gtf	f2,0x13
srli	i,0x16	movfp2i	r2,0x34	lef	f2,0x14
srai	i,0x17	movi2fp	r2,0x35	gef	f2,0x15
seqi	i,0x18	movi2t	r,0x36	multu	f,0x16
snei	i,0x19	movt2i	r,0x37	divu	f,0x17
slti	i,0x1a	sltu	r,0x3a	eqd	f2,0x18
sgti	i,0x1b	sgtu	r,0x3b	ned	f2,0x19
slei	i,0x1c	sleu	r,0x3c	ltd	f2,0x1a
sgei	i,0x1d	sgeu	r,0x3d	gtd	f2,0x1b
lb	l,0x20			led	f2,0x1c
lh	l,0x21			ged	f2,0x1d
lw	l,0x23				
lbu	l,0x24				
lhu	l,0x25				
lf	l,0x26				
ld	l,0x27				
sb	s,0x28				
sh	s,0x29				
sw	s,0x2b				
sf	s,0x2e				
sd	s,0x2f				
itlb	n,0x38				
sltui	i,0x3a				
sgtui	i,0x3b				
sleui	i,0x3c				
sgeui	i,0x3d				



## Appendix B

# DLX Structure: Hint and Recall

This is useful for the lab4 homebook requisites and for the VHDL project. A few points:

- Bits are numbered from 0 (the most significant bit) to 31 (the least significant bit).
- All transfers are 32 bits unless otherwise specified, with the exception of double precision fp operations which are 64 bit transfers unless otherwise noted.
- All integer operations are on 32-bit integers.
- All assignments to integer register[x] are conditional on x not being zero. Register 0 has a hardwired *zero* value and cannot be modified.
- Double register[x] is a 64 bit quantity that represents the same storage as fp register[x] and fp register[x+1]. Only even values of x are allowed (double register addresses are aligned).
- Single precision floating point is 32 bits and double precision floating point is 64 bits. The exact floating point format used is that of the machine on which the simulator is running.
- Memory will be stored in big endian format and all effective addresses must be aligned with the data type.

### B.0.1 Mnemonics

Notation Symbol	Meaning
x <sub>y</sub>	bit y of x
x <sub>y..z</sub>	bits y to z of x (right justified)
x <sup>y</sup>	xx...x (x repeated y times)
x\#\#y	xy (x concatenated with y)
IR	instruction <b>register</b>
IAR	interrupt address <b>register</b>
PC	program counter
R[rega]	integer <b>register</b> [IR_6..10]
R[regb]	integer <b>register</b> [IR_11..15]
R[regc]	integer <b>register</b> [IR_16..20]
F[frega]	fp <b>register</b> [IR_6..10]
F[fregb]	fp <b>register</b> [IR_11..15]
F[fregc]	fp <b>register</b> [IR_16..20]
D[drega]	double <b>register</b> [IR_6..10]
D[dregb]	double <b>register</b> [IR_11..15]
D[dregc]	double <b>register</b> [IR_16..20]
imm16	value of (IR_16)^16 ## IR_16..31

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uimm16      value of 0~16 ## IR_16..31
imm26       value of (IR_6)^6 ## IR_6..0
fps         floating point status bit
<--        a 32-bit transfer
<--n       an n-bit transfer

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add
Ex: add r1,r2,r3
R[regc] <-- R[rega] + R[regb]
All are signed integers.

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addd
Ex: addd f4,f4,f6
D[dregc] <-- D[drega] + D[dregb]
All are double precision floating point numbers.

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addf
Ex: addf f3,f4,f5
F[fregc] <-- F[frega] + F[fregb]
All are single precision floating point numbers.

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addi
Ex: addi r5,r2,#5
R[regb] <-- R[rega] + imm16
All are signed integers.

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addu
Ex: addu r2,r3,r4
R[regc] <-- R[rega] + R[regb]
All are unsigned integers.

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addui
Ex: addui r2,r3,#28
R[regb] <-- R[rega] + uimm16
All are unsigned integers.

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and
Ex: and r2,r3,r4
R[regc] <-- R[rega] & R[regb]
All are unsigned integers. Logical 'and' is performed on a bitwise basis.

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andi
Ex: andi r3,r4,#5
R[regb] <-- R[rega] & uimm16
All are unsigned integers. Logical 'and' is performed on a bitwise basis.

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beqz
Ex: beqz r1,label
if (R[rega] == 0) PC <-- PC + imm16 + 4

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bfpf
Ex: bfpf label
if (fps == 0) PC <-- PC + imm16 + 4
fps is the floating point status bit.

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bfpt
Ex: bfpt label
if (fps == 1) PC <-- PC + imm16 + 4
fps is the floating point status bit.

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bnez

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Ex: bnez r1,label
if (R[rega] != 0) PC <-- PC + imm16 + 4

cvtd2f
Ex: cvtd2f f1,f4
F[fregc] <-- (float) D[drega]
Converts double precision floating point value to single precision floating point
value.

cvtd2i
Ex: cvtd2i f1,f0
F[fregc] <-- (int) D[drega]
Converts double precision floating point value to integer.

cvtf2d
Ex: cvtf2d f4,f9
D[dregc] <-- (double) F[frega]
Converts single precision float to double.

cvtf2i
Ex: cvtf2i f3,f4
F[fregc] <-- (int) F[frega]
Converts single precision float to integer.

cvti2d
Ex: cvti2d f2,f9
D[dregc] <-- (double) F[frega]
Converts a signed integer to double precision float.

cvti2f
Ex: cvti2f f2,f5
F[fregc] <-- (float) F[frega]
Converts a signed integer to single precision float.

div
Ex: div f2,f2,f3
F[fregc] <-- F[frega] / F[fregb]
All are signed integers.

divd
Ex: divd f4,f4,f6
D[dregc] <-- D[drega] / D[dregb]
All are double precision floats.

divf
Ex: divf f2,f3,f6
F[fregc] <-- F[frega] / F[fregb]
All are single precision floats.

divu
Ex: divu f2,f3,f4
F[fregc] <-- F[frega] / F[fregb]
All are unsigned integers.

eqd
Ex: eqd f2,f4
if (D[drega] == D[dregb]) fps = 1 else fps = 0
Both are double precision floats.

eqf
Ex: eqf f3,f5

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if (F[frega] == F[fregb]) fps = 1 else fps = 0
Both are single precision floats.

ged
Ex: ged f8,f6
if (D[drega] >= D[dregb]) fps = 1 else fps = 0
Both are double precision floats.

gef
Ex: gef f3,f6
if (F[frega] >= F[fregb]) fps = 1 else fps = 0
Both are single precision floats.

gtd
Ex: gtd f8,f6
if (D[drega] > D[dregb]) fps = 1 else fps = 0
Both are double precision floats.

gtf
Ex: gtf f3,f6
if (F[frega] > F[fregb]) fps = 1 else fps = 0
Both are single precision floats.

j
Ex: j label
PC <-- PC + imm26 + 4
Unconditionally jumps relative to the PC of the next instruction. imm26 is a
26-bit signed integer.

jal
Ex: jal label
R31 <-- PC + 8; PC <-- PC + imm26 + 4
Saves a return address in register 31 and jumps relative to the PC of the next
instruction. imm26 is a 26-bit signed integer.

jalr
Ex: jalr r2
R31 <-- PC + 8; PC <-- R[rega]
Saves a return address in register 31 and does an absolute jump to the target
address contained in R[rega].

jr
Ex: jr r3
PC <-- R[rega]
R[rega] is treated as an unsigned integer. Does an absolute jump to the target
address contained in R[rega].

lb
Ex: lb r1,40-4(r2)
R[regb] <-- (sign extended) M[imm16 + R[rega]]
One byte of data is read from the effective address computed by adding signed
integer imm16 and signed integer R[rega]. The byte from memory is then sign
extended to 32-bits and stored in register R[regb].

lbu
Ex: lbu r2,label-786+4(r3)
R[regb] <-- 0^24 ## M[imm16 + R[rega]]
One byte of data is read from the effective address computed by adding signed
integer imm16 and signed integer R[rega]. The byte from memory is then zero
extended to 32 bits and stored in register R[regb].

ld

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Ex: ld f2,240(r1)
D[dregb] <--64 M[imm16 + R[rega]]
Two words of data are read from the effective address computed by adding signed
integer imm16 and unsigned integer R[rega] and stored in double register
D[dregb]. This is equivalent to two lf instructions:

F[fregb] <-- M[imm16 + R[rega]]
F[freg(b+1)] <-- M[imm16 + R[rega] + 4]
where F[freg(b+1)] is the next fp register after F[fregb] in sequence, and all
values are simply copied and not converted.

led
Ex: led f8,f6
if (D[drega] <= D[dregb]) fps = 1 else fps = 0
Both are double precision floats.

lef
Ex: lef f3,f6
if (F[frega] <= F[fregb]) fps = 1 else fps = 0
Both are single precision floats.

lf
Ex: lf f6,76(r4)
F[fregb] <-- M[imm16 + R[rega]]
One word of data is read from the effective address computed by adding signed
integer imm16 and signed integer R[rega] and stored in fp register F[fregb].

lh
Ex: lh r1,32(r3)
R[regb] <-- (sign extended) M[imm16 + R[rega]]
Two bytes of data are read from the effective address computed by adding signed
integer imm16 and signed integer R[rega]. The address must be half-word
aligned. The half-word from memory is then sign extended to 32 bits and stored
in register R[regb].

lhi
Ex: lhi r3,#-40
R[regb] <-- imm16 ## 0^16
Loads the 16 bit immediate value imm16 into the most significant half of an
integer register and clears the least significant half.

lhu
Ex: lhu r2,-40+4(r3)
R[regb] <-- 0^16 ## M[imm16 + R[rega]]
Two bytes of data are read from the effective address computed by adding signed
integer imm16 and signed integer R[rega]. The address must be half-word
aligned. The half-word from memory is then zero extended to 32 bits and stored
in register R[regb].

ltd
Ex: ltd f8,f6
if (D[drega] < D[dregb]) fps = 1 else fps = 0
Both are double precision floats.

ltf
Ex: ltf f3,f6
if (F[frega] < F[fregb]) fps = 1 else fps = 0
Both are single precision floats.

lw
Ex: lw r19,label+63(r8)
R[regb] <-- M[imm16 + R[rega]]
One word is read from the effective address computed by adding signed integer
imm16 and unsigned integer R[rega] and is stored in R[regb].

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movd
Ex: movd f2,f4
D[dregc] <-- D[drega]
Copies two words from double register D[drega] to double register D[dregc].

movf
Ex: movf f1,f2
F[fregc] <-- F[frega]
Copies one word from fp register F[frega] to fp register F[fregc].

movfp2i
Ex: movfp2i r3,f0
R[regc] <-- F[frega]
Copies one word from fp register F[frega] to integer register R[regc].

movi2fp
Ex: movi2fp f0,r3
F[fregc] <-- R[rega]
Copies one word from integer register R[rega] to fp register F[fregc].

movi2s
Ex: movi2s r1
Unspecified
Copies one word from integer register R[rega] to a special register.

movs2i
Ex: movs2i r2
Unspecified
Copies one word from a special register to integer register R[rega].

mult
Ex: mult f2,f3,f4
F[fregc] <-- F[frega] * F[fregb]
All are signed integers.

multd
Ex: multd f2,f4,f6
D[dregc] <-- D[drega] * D[dregb]
All are double precision floats.

multf
Ex: multf f3,f4,f5
F[fregc] <-- F[frega] * F[fregb]
All are single precision floats.

multu
Ex: multu f2,f3,f4
F[fregc] <-- F[frega] * F[fregb]
All are unsigned integers.

ned
Ex: ned f8,f6
if (D[drega] != D[dregb]) fps = 1 else fps = 0
Both are double precision floats.

nef
Ex: nef f3,f6
if (F[frega] != F[fregb]) fps = 1 else fps = 0
Both are single precision floats.

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nop
Ex: nop
Idles one cycle.

or
Ex: or r2,r3,r4
R[regc] <-- R[rega] | R[regb]
All are unsigned integers. Logical 'or' is performed on a bitwise basis.

ori
Ex: ori r3,r4,#5
R[regb] <-- R[rega] | uimm16
All are unsigned integers. Logical 'or' is performed on a bitwise basis.

rfe
Ex: rfe
Unspecified
Return from exception.

sb
Ex: sb label-41(r3),r2
M[imm16 + R[rega]] <--8 R[regb]_24..31
One byte of data from the least significant byte of register R[regb] is written to
the effective address computed by adding signed integer imm16 and signed
integer R[rega].

sd
Ex: sd 200(r4),f6
M[imm16 + R[rega]] <--64 D[dregb]
Two words from double register D[dregb] are written to the effective address
computed by adding signed integer imm16 and signed integer R[rega].

seq
Ex: seq r1,r2,r3
if (R[rega] == R[regb]) R[regc] <-- 1 else R[regc] <-- 0
All are signed integers.

seqi
Ex: seqi r14,r3,#3
if (R[rega] == imm16) R[regb] <-- 1 else R[regb] <-- 0
All are signed integers.

sf
Ex: sf 121(r3),f1
M[imm16 + R[rega]] <-- F[fregb]
One word from fp register F[fregb] is written to the effective address computed by
adding signed integer imm16 and signed integer R[rega].

sge
Ex: sge r1,r3,r4
if (R[rega] >= R[regb]) R[regc] <-- 1 else R[regc] <-- 0
All are signed integers.

sgei
Ex: sgei r2,r1,#6
if (R[rega] >= imm16) R[regb] <-- 1 else R[regb] <-- 0
All are signed integers.

sgeu
Ex: sgeu r1,r3,r4
if (R[rega] >= R[regb]) R[regc] <-- 1 else R[regc] <-- 0

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All are **unsigned** integers.

sgeui

Ex: sgeui r2,r1,#6

**if** (R[rega] >= uimm16) R[regb] <-- 1 **else** R[regb] <-- 0

All are **unsigned** integers.

sgt

Ex: sgt r4,r5,r6

**if** (R[rega] > R[regb]) R[regc] <-- 1 **else** R[regc] <-- 0

All are **signed** integers.

sgti

Ex: sgti r1,r2,#-3000

**if** (R[rega] > imm16) R[regb] <-- 1 **else** R[regb] <-- 0

All are **signed** integers.

sgtu

Ex: sgtu r4,r5,r6

**if** (R[rega] > R[regb]) R[regc] <-- 1 **else** R[regc] <-- 0

All are **unsigned** integers.

sgtui

Ex: sgtui r1,r2,#3000

**if** (R[rega] > uimm16) R[regb] <-- 1 **else** R[regb] <-- 0

All are **unsigned** integers.

sh

Ex: sh 421(r3),r5

M[imm16 + R[rega]] <--16 R[regb]\_16..31

Two bytes of data from the least significant half of **register** R[regb] are written to the effective address computed by adding **signed** integer imm16 and **unsigned** integer R[rega]. The effective address must be halfword aligned.

sle

Ex: sle r1,r2,r3

**if** (R[rega] <= R[regb]) R[regc] <-- 1 **else** R[regc] <-- 0

All are **signed** integers.

slei

Ex: slei r8,r5,#345

**if** (R[rega] <= imm16) R[regb] <-- 1 **else** R[regb] <-- 0

All are **signed** integers.

sleu

Ex: sleu r1,r2,r3

**if** (R[rega] <= R[regb]) R[regc] <-- 1 **else** R[regc] <-- 0

All are **unsigned** integers.

sleui

Ex: sleui r8,r5,#345

**if** (R[rega] <= uimm16) R[regb] <-- 1 **else** R[regb] <-- 0

All are **unsigned** integers.

sll

Ex: sll r6,r7,r11

R[regc] <-- R[rega] << R[regb]\_27..31

All are **unsigned** integers. R[rega] is logically shifted left by the low five bits of R[regb]. Zeros are shifted into the least-significant bit.

slli



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Ex: slli r1,r2,#3
R[regb] <-- R[rega] << uimm16_27..31
All are unsigned integers. R[rega] is logically shifted left by the low five bits
of uimm16. Zeros are shifted into the least-significant bit. (Actually only
the bottom five bits of R[regb] are used.)

slt
Ex: slt r3,r4,r5
if (R[rega] < R[regb]) R[regc] <-- 1 else R[regc] <-- 0
All are signed integers.

slti
Ex: slti r1,r2,#22
if (R[rega] < imm16) R[regb] <-- 1 else R[regb] <-- 0
All are signed integers.

sltu
Ex: sltu r3,r4,r5
if (R[rega] < R[regb]) R[regc] <-- 1 else R[regc] <-- 0
All are unsigned integers.

sltui
Ex: sltui r1,r2,#22
if (R[rega] < uimm16) R[regb] <-- 1 else R[regb] <-- 0
All are unsigned integers.

sne
Ex: sne r1,r2,r3
if (R[rega] != R[regb]) R[regc] <-- 1 else R[regc] <-- 0
All are signed integers.

snei
Ex: snei r4,r5,#89
if (R[rega] != imm16) R[regb] <-- 1 else R[regb] <-- 0
All are signed integers.

sra
Ex: sra r1,r2,r3
R[regc] <-- (R[rega]_0)^R[regb] ## (R[rega]>>R[regb])_R[regb]..31
R[rega] and R[regc] are signed integers. R[regb] is an unsigned integer. R[rega]
is arithmetically shifted right by R[regb]. The sign bit is shifted into the
most-significant bit. (Actually uses only the five low order bits of R[regb].)

srai
Ex: srai r2,r3,#5
R[regb] <-- (R[rega]_31)^uimm16 ## (R[rega]>>uimm16)_uimm16..31
R[rega] and R[regc] are signed integers. uimm16 is an unsigned integer. R[rega]
is arithmetically shifted right by R[regb]. The sign bit is shifted into the
most-significant bit. (Actually uses only the five low order bits of uimm16.)

srl
Ex: srl r15,r2,r3
R[regc] <-- R[rega] >> R[regb]_27..31
All are unsigned integers. R[rega] is arithmetically shifted right by R[regb].
Zeros are shifted into the most significant bit.

srli
Ex: srli r1,r2,#5
R[regb] <-- R[rega] >> uimm16_27..31
All are unsigned integers. R[rega] is arithmetically shifted right by uimm16.
Zeros are shifted into the most significant bit.

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sub
Ex: sub r3,r2,r1
Ex: R[regc] <-- R[rega] - R[regb]
All are signed integers.

subd
Ex: subd f2,f4,f6
D[dregc] <-- D[drega] - D[dregb]
All are double precision floats.

subf
Ex: subf f3,f4,f6
F[fregc] <-- F[frega] - F[fregb]
All are single precision floats.

subi
Ex: subi r15,r16,#964
R[regb] <-- R[rega] - imm16
All are signed integers.

subu
Ex: subu r3,r2,r1
R[regc] <-- R[rega] - R[regb]
All are unsigned integers.

subui
Ex: subui r1,r2,#53
R[regb] <-- R[rega] - uimm16
All are unsigned integers.

sw
Ex: sw 21(r13),r6
M[imm16 + R[rega]] <-- R[regb]
One word from integer register R[regb] is written to the effective address
    computed by adding signed integer imm16 and unsigned integer R[rega].

trap
Ex: trap #3
Execute trap with number in immediate field.
Saves state and jumps to an operating system procedure located at an address in
    the interrupt vector table. In our systems, this is simulated by calling the
    procedure corresponding to the trap number.

xor
Ex: xor r2,r3,r4
R[regc] <-- F[rega] XOR R[regb]
All are unsigned integers. Logical 'xor' is performed on a bitwise basis.

xori
Ex: xori r3,r4,#5
R[regb] <-- R[rega] XOR uimm16
All are unsigned integers. Logical 'xor' is performed on a bitwise basis.

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