

# Exercise 03: The Arithmetical Logical Unit (ALU)

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## Goal of this Exercise

- Build an **A**rithmetical **L**ogical **U**nit (ALU)
- The *brain* of the processor
- Arithmetical operations: add, sub
- Logical operations: and, or, xor
- Selection between the operations: Multiplexer

## Recap: Last Exercise - Program Counter

Three components

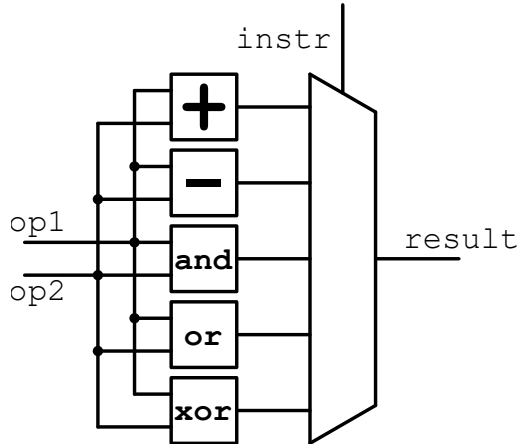
- Adder
- Flip Flop / Register
- Program Counter

Which parts **can be reused**?

Is the ALU **combinational** or **sequential** logic?

## Schematic

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## Packages

### Definition of

- Constants
- Data types
- Functions
  - Header
  - Body
- and much more...

### Package Structure

```
[<library and package declarations>]
package <PACKAGE_NAME> is
    <DECLARATIONS>
end <PACKAGE_NAME>;

-- package body
package body <PACKAGE_NAME> is
    <DEFINITIONS>
end <PACKAGE_NAME>;
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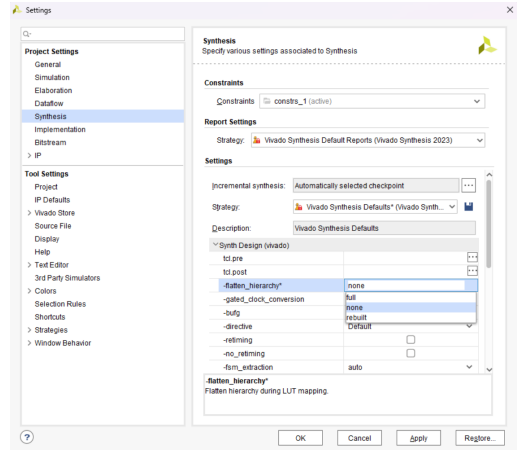
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### **This is non-trivial!**

- Instruction Set defines control logic overhead

How do we get the best Instruction Set?

- Infer it on our own → Digitale Systeme
- Let Vivado infer it?
- This lecture: RISC-V Instruction set

## Task 1: Arithmetical Unit

- Implement units for
  - Addition
  - Subtraction
- Implement Arithmetical Unit
- Three inputs
  - Two operands
  - Instruction Select
- One output (result)

### Analysis

- How to use packages
- Resource Sharing
- Mapping to FPGA resources

## Task 2: Logic Extension

- Extend design from Task 1
- Implement units for
  - AND
  - OR
  - XOR
- Three inputs
  - Two operands
  - Instruction Select
- One output (result)

### Analysis

- Simulation: Test your design
- Synthesis result: Mapping
- Demonstration: Execution on the FPGA

## Optional Task: Full RISC-V

- Does the ALU now cover the RISC-V base integer instruction set?
- No, there are more instructions
- Complete your ALU
- Verify the design functionally