## 1. Bus arbitration

- a. How to arbitrate a bus
  - i. Who gets the bus when?
- b. Methods of bus arbitration
  - i. Centralized bus controller allocates time on bus
    - 1. Bus Request Line OR all requests from devices on bus
    - 2. Bus Grant Line daisy chain across all devices
      - a. Order of devices on line determines priority
  - ii. Distributed each module contains logic to access bus, work together to share bus
    - 1. Arbitration Line bus is being granted right now
    - 2. Busy Line bus is being used
    - 3. Bus Request if another device wants to use the bus
      - a. Conflicts settled by priority or random back-off
      - b. Random back-off each device waits a random amount of time before requesting again
- c. Timing mechanisms
  - i. Synchronous
    - Actions take place at specific clock cycles
    - 2. Simpler to implement and test, but less flexible
  - ii. Asynchronous
    - 1. Occurrence of an event follows and depends on occurrence of previous event
      - a. CPU waits for ACK from memory before sending next command
    - 2. Allows for both slow and fast devices
      - a. Easier to upgrade, but means more logic

## 2. Interrupts

- a. Will be covered again in ECS 150
- b. Why do we need interrupts?
  - i. OS handles the interface between internal and external portions of machine
  - ii. Large speed disparity between CPU and other I/O devices
    - 1. Keyboard 100 ms
    - 2. Disk drive 10 ms
    - 3. CPU 1 ns
- c. How can we deal with I/O?
  - i. Busy waiting OS sits in loop, waiting for key to be pressed
    - 1. Instant response, but must keep checking all the time
  - ii. Polling OS checks with device every now and then
    - 1. Less wasted CPU time, but less responsive
  - iii. Interrupt change in program flow generated by external or internal event
    - 1. Imagine getting a notification on your phone
    - 2. Type of notification determines how you respond to it
- d. What do we need to implement an interrupt?
  - i. Must preserve current state
    - 1. Need to come back to this place later
  - ii. Jump to the correct interrupt service routine / subroutine (ISR) based on the interrupt type
    - 1. ISR handles the interrupt
  - iii. Interrupt needs to be invisible, so current state can be restored correctly
    - 1. Like the interrupt never happened



- e. Changes we need to make to support interrupts (incomplete list)
  - i. Modify our original program order of Fetch, Decode, Execute
    - 1. Add Check for interrupts to the beginning or end (CFDE or FDEC)
  - ii. Add a place in memory to store the ISR code / instructions
    - 1. Need to protect this place in memory from being modified by any user processes
    - 2. ISRs tend to be privileged to handle data from hard drive, caches, so on
      - a. If not protected, malicious programs can modify ISR
      - b. Modified code would run any time interrupt is handled by OS
  - iii. Support different types of interrupts
    - 1. Have different interrupts for keyboard versus hard drive
  - iv. Need to be able to enable and disable interrupts
    - 1. What happens if we keep getting interrupted when handling an interrupt?
    - 2. Would never get anything done, would keep getting interrupted
  - v. Need to know what to load into PC
    - 1. Interrupt changes program flow, as mentioned earlier
  - vi. Need to add an Interrupt Service Routine (ISR)
    - 1. Routine is the address that gets loaded into the PC
    - 2. Handles the interrupt
  - vii. Need a Return from Interrupt (RTI) instruction
    - 1. Once ISR is done, restore original state and go back to where we left off

