**Computer Architecture**

**Course Description:**

This course explores how computers are built and how they work. We will cover three main areas:

1. **Instruction Set Architecture (ISA):** is the set of commands that a computer's CPU can understand and execute. It serves as a bridge between software and hardware. Think of ISA as the language of the computer, with its own vocabulary (the instructions) and grammar (the rules for writing those instructions). For example, an ISA might include commands like LOAD, ADD, and STORE, which tell the computer to move data, perform arithmetic, or save results. Each type of computer, such as Intel or ARM, has its own ISA, which means software written for one type may not work on another without modification. ISA is crucial for programmers because it defines how they can communicate with the computer. Understanding ISA allows developers to write efficient programs that can be executed by the hardware. Overall, ISA plays a fundamental role in the design and functionality of computer systems.
2. **Micro-architecture:** When the computer hardware (CPU, memory, buses) receives instructions defined by its **Instruction Set Architecture (ISA)**, the micro-architecture explain how those instructions will be executed by the hardware. It focuses on how different parts of the computer, like the CPU (the brain), memory (where data is stored), and other connections (buses), work together to perform tasks. For example, when the computer needs to add two numbers, micro-architecture decides how to fetch those numbers, perform the addition, and save the result.
3. **System Architecture:** System Architecture is about how all the parts of a computer are organized and how they work together. It looks at the main components, like the CPU (the brain), memory (where data is stored), hard drives (for long-term storage), and devices like keyboards and printers. You can think of it like a city where different buildings (components) are connected by roads (the ways they communicate). For example, when you save a file, the CPU tells the memory where to keep it, and system architecture decides how that information travels between them.

**Course Objectives:**

1. **Discuss Representation of Data and Algorithms:**

We will learn how data is represented in computers (like using 0s and 1s) and how different algorithms (step-by-step instructions) are used to perform tasks on this data. For example, how numbers are stored in memory or how text is encoded.

1. **Demonstrate Different Operations in Terms of Micro-operations:**

**Micro-operations** are the tiny steps that a computer takes to complete a single instruction. When you give the computer a command, it breaks that command down into smaller actions to make it easier to handle. For example, if you want the computer to add two numbers, the steps might include:

1. **Getting the first number** from memory and putting it in a temporary storage area (called a register).
2. **Getting the second number** and putting it in another register.
3. **Adding the two numbers** together using a special part of the computer called the arithmetic logic unit (ALU).
4. **Saving the result** back in memory or another register.

Each of these steps is a micro-operation. By breaking down tasks this way, the computer can manage complex operations more effectively. Understanding micro-operations helps us see how computers perform calculations and process data efficiently. Overall, they are the building blocks that allow computers to carry out larger instructions.

1. **Explain Architecture of Basic Computer and Micro-programmed Control Unit:**
   1. We will look at the basic building blocks of a computer (like the CPU, memory, and input/output systems) and how these parts work together. A micro-programmed control unit is like the manager of these parts, directing them on what to do based on the commands it receives.
2. **Understand Memory and I/O Organization of a Typical Computer System:**

In a typical computer, **memory** is divided into different types, mainly **RAM** (Random Access Memory) and **cache**.

* **RAM** is where the computer keeps the data and programs it is currently using, making it easy for the CPU (the brain of the computer) to access this information quickly.
* **Cache memory** is a smaller and faster type of memory that sits close to the CPU. It stores frequently used data, allowing even faster access when the CPU needs it.

**Input/Output (I/O) devices** are the tools we use to interact with the computer. For example, keyboards allow us to input information, mice help us navigate, and printers output documents. These devices connect to the computer to send and receive data, helping us communicate with the system.

Data moves in and out of the computer through **buses**, which are like pathways that carry information between the CPU, memory, and I/O devices. For instance, when you type on a keyboard, that information goes to the CPU, which processes it and then may send the result to the screen or a printer. Overall, understanding how memory and I/O devices work together helps us see how a computer handles information and interacts with users.

1. **Demonstrate Benefits of Pipelined Systems:**
   1. Pipelining is a technique that allows a computer to work on multiple instructions at the same time, similar to an assembly line in a factory. We will study how this improves performance and speeds up the execution of programs by overlapping different stages of instruction processing.

**Computer Architecture** is the study of how computers are built and work. It covers three main areas:

* **Instruction Set Architecture (ISA):** This is the language computers understand. It defines the commands (instructions) a CPU can execute.
* **Micro-architecture:** This explains how the hardware (CPU, memory, buses) carries out the instructions defined by the ISA.
* **System Architecture:** This focuses on how all the parts of a computer are organized and work together.

The course objectives include:

* Understanding how data is represented in computers and how algorithms are used to process it.
* Learning about micro-operations, the small steps a computer takes to execute instructions.
* Exploring the basic components of a computer and how they work together.
* Understanding memory and input/output (I/O) organization.
* Demonstrating the benefits of pipelining, a technique that allows computers to work on multiple instructions at once.

### Real-Life Example of Overlapping Register Windows

**Imagine a restaurant kitchen with multiple chefs working on different dishes.** Each chef has their own individual workspace, but they also have a shared pantry where they can store ingredients.

**Traditional Approach:**

* **Separate Workspaces:** Each chef has their own workspace with a limited number of ingredients.
* **Storing and Retrieving:** When a chef needs an ingredient that isn't in their workspace, they have to go to the pantry, retrieve it, bring it back to their workspace, and store it there. This takes time and effort.

**Using a Shared Workspace:**

* **Centralized Storage:** Instead of each chef having their own pantry, there's a central shared pantry.
* **Direct Access:** Chefs can directly access ingredients from the shared pantry without having to store them in their individual workspaces.
* **Reduced Overhead:** This eliminates the extra steps of storing and retrieving ingredients, making the chefs' work more efficient and faster.

**Relating this to Register Windows**

* **Individual Workspaces:** Each register window is like a separate workspace for a function.
* **Shared Pantry:** **The overlapping region** is the shared pantry between adjacent windows.
* **Data (arguments or return values)** can be placed directly in the overlapping region without needing to be saved to memory.
* **When a function is called**, the window pointer moves to the next window, but the overlapping region remains accessible to both windows.
* **Avoiding Extra Steps:** By using the overlapping region, functions can directly access and share data without needing to save and restore it in their own private registers. This avoids the overhead of saving and restoring data, making function calls more efficient.

**Efficient Function Calls**

Imagine you're at a restaurant where the chef is cooking multiple courses for a meal. Normally, after finishing one course, the chef would **completely clean and reset the kitchen** before starting to cook the next course. This would take a lot of time.

Instead, the chef decides to **keep some tools and ingredients** from the previous course already set up and ready to use. For example, if the knife and cutting board are still needed, they are left in place rather than being put away and taken out again.

By doing this, the chef can **start the next dish much faster** because everything isn’t being reset completely each time. Similarly, overlapping register windows in a computer allow for **efficient switching between tasks** without having to completely "clean up" after each one, making the whole process faster.

Flynn's Classification: A Real-World Analogy

**Imagine a busy restaurant kitchen.**

* Chef => Instruction stream
* Tasks => Data stream

1. SISD (Single Instruction, Single Data)
2. SIMD (Single Instruction, Multiple Data)
3. MISD (Multiple Instruction, Single Data)
4. MIMD (Multiple Instruction, Multiple Data)

**SISD (Single Instruction, Single Data)**

* **Chef:** A single chef preparing a single dish (One dish, one step at a time)
* **Tasks:** The ingredients for that particular dish.
* **Example:** A chef preparing a pasta dish, boiling the pasta, adding sauce, and then grating cheese.

**SIMD (Single Instruction, Multiple Data):**

* **Chef:** A single chef using a commercial oven to bake multiple cookies.
* **Tasks:** Multiple items being processed simultaneously with the same instruction.
* **Example:** A pastry chef baking a tray of cookies. All cookies are baked in the same oven at the same time.

**MISD (Multiple Instruction, Single Data):**

* **Chefs:** Multiple chefs working on the same dish, each with a different task.
* **Tasks:** A single item being processed by multiple instructions.
* **Example:** A team of chefs preparing a roast. One chef might sear the meat, another might prepare the gravy, and another might roast the vegetables.

**MIMD (Multiple Instruction, Multiple Data):**

* **Chefs:** Multiple chefs preparing different dishes, each following their own recipes
* **Tasks:** Multiple items being processed simultaneously with different instructions.
* **Example:** A busy kitchen with multiple chefs preparing a variety of dishes, each working independently.

**SISD** is like a single chef preparing a single dish.

**SIMD** is like a chef using a commercial oven to bake multiple cookies at once.

**MISD** is like multiple chefs working together on a single dish.

**MIMD** is like a busy kitchen with multiple chefs preparing different dishes.

A diagram of a simd

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**Instruction Pool (green box) =>** These are the program instructions that tell the computer what operations to perform.

**Data Pool (blue box) =>** This contains the data that the instructions will operate on.

**PU (Processing Unit, shown in pink) =>** This is the central component that:

* Fetches instructions from the instruction pool
* Retrieves data from the data pool
* Executes the instructions on the data

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**Instruction Pool (top):** There is a single instruction stream that broadcasts the same instruction to all Processing Units. This means all PUs will perform the same operation simultaneously.

**Data Pool (left):** Contains different data elements that need to be processed.

**Multiple Processing Units (PUs in pink):** There are multiple processing units (4 shown in this diagram) that:

* All receive the same instruction at once
* Each works on different data elements
* Execute in parallel

**Vector Unit (blue box containing the PUs):** This is the parallel processing component that contains all the PUs working together.

A diagram of a data pool

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**Instruction Pool (green box):** Contains multiple different instructions. Unlike SISD or SIMD, each Processing Unit receives different instructions to execute.

**Data Pool (blue box):** Contains a single stream of data that is shared between all Processing Units.

**Processing Units (PUs in pink):** Multiple PUs each:

* Receive different instructions
* Work on the same data
* Operate independently but on the same data stream

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**Instruction Pool (green box):** Contains multiple different instructions. Each Processing Unit can execute different instructions independently.

**Data Pool (blue box):** Contains multiple data streams. Each Processing Unit can work on different data independently.

**Processing Units (PUs in pink):** Multiple PUs (8 shown in this diagram) where each:

* Can execute different instructions
* Can work on different data
* Operates independently of other PUs
* Can coordinate with other PUs when needed

Real-Life Examples of Pipeline Hazards

**Structural Hazards: A Busy Restaurant**

* **Scenario:** Imagine a small restaurant with a single chef. If multiple customers order complex dishes simultaneously, the chef might be overwhelmed and unable to handle all orders at once.
* **Pipeline Hazard:** The limited resources (the single chef) can't handle the workload (multiple complex orders) simultaneously.
* **Solution 1: Hire more chefs:** Increase the number of chefs to handle multiple orders simultaneously.

**Data Hazards: Waiting for a Friend**

* **Scenario:** You're meeting a friend for lunch. You need to wait for your friend to arrive before ordering.
* **Pipeline Hazard:** The action of ordering (equivalent to an instruction) depends on the result of your friend arriving (a previous event). If your friend hasn't arrived yet, ordering would be premature.
* **Solution 2: Bring your own food:** If you're unsure about your friend's arrival, be prepared with your own food.

**Control Hazards: Changing Plans**

* **Scenario:** You're planning a trip to the beach. If the weather forecast predicts rain, you might decide to change your plans and go to a museum instead.
* **Imagine you're driving a car.** Control hazards are like coming to a fork in the road. You need to decide which way to go based on the signs or your navigation system. If you make the wrong decision, you might have to backtrack or take a detour.
* **Pipeline Hazard:** The decision to change plans (equivalent to a branch instruction) affects the subsequent actions (visiting the museum instead of the beach).
* **Solution 1: Check the weather forecast regularly:** Stay updated on weather conditions to make informed decisions.

Mitigation Techniques

Let's explore real-life scenarios that correspond to the mitigation techniques used to address pipeline hazards:

### Forwarding: Bypassing the Data

* **Scenario:** You're making a sandwich. You need to spread mayonnaise on the bread before adding cheese.
* **Mitigation:** Instead of waiting for the mayonnaise to fully spread, you start adding cheese while the mayonnaise is still being spread. This avoids a delay in the sandwich-making process.

### Branch Prediction: Predicting the Outcome

* **Scenario:** You're driving on a highway and approaching an exit. Based on your previous experience or navigation system, you predict that you'll take the exit.
* **Mitigation:** You start slowing down and preparing to exit even before you reach the exit sign. This avoids sudden braking or lane changes if your prediction is correct.

### Delayed Branches: Inserting a Nop

* **Scenario:** You're planning a trip and need to decide whether to go to the beach or the mountains. You know that checking the weather forecast will take a few minutes.
* **Mitigation:** You decide to wait a few minutes before making a decision to ensure you have the most accurate weather information.

### Pipeline Scheduling: Rearranging Instructions

* **Scenario:** You're assembling a piece of furniture. You realize that you can install the legs before attaching the top panel, which will save time.
* **Mitigation:** You rearrange the assembly steps to optimize the process and avoid unnecessary delays.

Understanding the Store-Program Concept: A Real-Life Analogy

**Imagine a cookbook.**

* **Instructions:** The recipes in the cookbook are like instructions for a computer.
* **Memory:** The cookbook itself is like the computer's memory. It stores the instructions (recipes).
* **Program Counter:** As the cook, you follow the steps in the recipe in order. Similarly, in a computer, a special register called the program counter keeps track of which instruction to execute next.
* **Fetch-Execute Cycle:** When you cook, you:
  + - **Fetch:** Look at the next step in the recipe.
    - **Decode:** Understand what the step means (e.g., "add 1 cup of flour").
    - **Execute:** Perform the action (add the flour).
    - **Increment PC:** Once you've completed a step, you move on to the next one.

**Real-Life Example:**

Let's say you want to bake a cake.

1. **Instructions:** You open your cookbook to the cake recipe.
2. **Fetch:** You read the first step: "Preheat oven to 350°F."
3. **Decode:** You understand that you need to set the oven temperature.
4. **Execute:** You go to the oven and adjust the temperature.
5. **Increment PC:** You move on to the next step in the recipe.

**In essence, a computer's store-program concept is like following a recipe, where the recipe is stored in memory and the computer follows the instructions step by step.** This flexibility allows computers to perform a wide range of tasks, from simple calculations to complex simulations, by simply changing the instructions (recipes) they are given.

**Understanding the Key Register in Associative Memory**

**Conventional Memory (Address-Based)**

Imagine you’re at a parking lot. If you want to find your car, you need to remember the exact parking spot number where you left it (say, spot A5). Without knowing that number, finding your car would be hard because you have to check every spot.

**Associative Memory (Content-Based)**

Now, think of a different kind of parking lot where you don’t need to remember the exact spot. Instead, each car is tagged with things like its color, model, or license plate number. If you’re looking for a red car, you can just tell the parking attendant to find all the red cars. You don’t need to know the exact spot; you just use what you know about the car itself.

**The Difference**

* **Conventional Memory:** You find things by their exact location (like remembering a parking spot number).
* **Associative Memory:** You find things based on what they are or what you know about them (like searching for a red car).

**Components:**

1. Argument Register
2. Key Register
3. Associative Memory Array
4. Matching Process
5. Match Register
6. Results

**Scenario: Searching for books by the author "J.K. Rowling."**

**Argument Register:** You enter "J.K. Rowling" into the argument register. This is the exact name of the author you're searching for.

**Key Register:** You set the key register to 11111111, which indicates that the entire name "J.K. Rowling" should be used for the search. In this case, all bits are set to 1 because you want to match the complete author’s name.

**Associative Memory Array:** This is the library's database containing information about all the books. The system will compare the entire "J.K. Rowling" string against each entry in the database, which might look like this:

* "J.K. Rowling", "Harry Potter", ISBN12345
* "John Rowe", "History of Art", ISBN67890
* "Jane Doe", "Gardening Tips", ISBN54321

**Matching Process:** During the matching process, the associative memory system compares the argument register ("J.K. Rowling") with each entry in the associative memory array. Because the key register is set to 11111111, it will look for an exact match for the full name "J.K. Rowling."

* **First Entry:** "J.K. Rowling", "Harry Potter", ISBN12345 matches exactly with the argument register.
* **Second Entry:** "John Rowe", "History of Art", ISBN67890 does NOT match because "John Rowe" is different from "J.K. Rowling."
* **Third Entry:** "Jane Doe", "Gardening Tips", ISBN54321 does NOT match because "Jane Doe" is different from "J.K. Rowling."

**Match Register:** The match register will only set the corresponding bit to 1 for the first entry, indicating that "J.K. Rowling" was found in the database.

**Results:** The results will show that only the book by "J.K. Rowling" matched the search criteria. The system will display "J.K. Rowling", "Harry Potter", ISBN12345 as the result.

**Scenario: Searching for Authors Whose Name Contains "Row"**

**Argument Register:** You enter "Row" into the argument register. This indicates you’re searching for any author whose name contains "Row."

**Key Register:** You set the key register to 11100000 (assuming an 8-bit system), where the first three bits are set to 1 because you want to search only for the first three letters, "Row". The remaining five bits are 0, indicating that those parts of the names will be ignored in the search.

**Associative Memory Array:** This is the library's database containing information about all the books. The system will compare the "Row" substring against each entry in the database:

* + "J.K. Rowling", "Harry Potter", ISBN12345
  + "John Rowe", "History of Art", ISBN67890
  + "Jane Doe", "Gardening Tips", ISBN54321

**Matching Process:** During the matching process, the associative memory system compares the first three letters of the argument register ("Row") with each entry in the associative memory array:

* + **First Entry:** "J.K. Rowling", "Harry Potter", ISBN12345 matches because the first three letters "Row" match with "Row" in "Rowling."
  + **Second Entry:** "John Rowe", "History of Art", ISBN67890 also matches because "Row" matches with "Row" in "Rowe."
  + **Third Entry:** "Jane Doe", "Gardening Tips", ISBN54321 does NOT match because "Doe" does not start with "Row".

**Match Register:** The match register will set the corresponding bits to 1 for the first two entries, indicating that both "J.K. Rowling" and "John Rowe" matched the criteria.

**Results:** The results will show that the search found two matches:

* + "J.K. Rowling", "Harry Potter", ISBN12345
  + "John Rowe", "History of Art", ISBN67890

These two books are displayed because their authors' names contain the substring "Row" in the first three letters, satisfying the search criteria.

**How does DMA controller work? Give an example of DMA data transfer**

**DMA Controller:**

* The heart of the DMA system.
* Manages the entire data transfer process.
* Takes over the bus control from the CPU.
* Transfers data directly between memory and I/O devices.
* Can handle multiple data transfers simultaneously.

**System Bus:**

* A collection of wires used to transmit data, addresses, and control signals.
* Includes:
  + **Data Bus:** Carries data to and from memory and I/O devices.
  + **Address Bus:** Specifies the memory location or I/O device address.
  + **Control Bus:** Transmits control signals to coordinate the data transfer.

**Main Memory:**

* Stores data to be transferred.
* Can be accessed by the DMA controller directly.

**I/O Device:**

* The peripheral device involved in the data transfer.
* Examples include disk drives, network cards, and sound cards.

**Traditional Approach (CPU-Driven)**

1. **Initiation**:
   * When you insert the USB drive and select a file to copy, the operating system (OS) sends a request to the CPU to begin the transfer process.
2. **Byte-by-Byte Transfer**:
   * The CPU starts reading data from the USB drive. It does this byte by byte:
     + It sends a command to the USB controller to read the first byte of data.
     + The USB controller retrieves the byte from the USB drive and sends it back to the CPU.
     + The CPU then writes that byte to the destination location on the hard drive.
     + CPU have to do perform for each byte fetch decode execute instruction
   * This process repeats for every byte in the file, which can be very time-consuming, especially for large files.
3. **Resource Consumption**:
   * During this transfer, the CPU is heavily involved in managing the data transfer. It has to keep track of each byte, manage interrupts from the USB and hard drive controllers, and ensure that data is correctly written to memory.
   * This can significantly slow down the system, especially if you are running multiple applications, as the CPU's resources are dedicated to this file transfer.

**DMA Approach**

1. **Request**:
   * When a file transfer is initiated (for example, copying a file from a USB drive to a hard drive), the operating system informs the CPU of the request.
   * The OS then sends a command to the DMA controller, specifying the source (USB drive), destination (hard drive), and the amount of data to be transferred.
2. **Grant**:
   * **CPU Authorization**: The DMA controller needs to gain permission from the CPU to take control of the system bus.
   * The CPU acknowledges the request from the DMA controller, allowing it to proceed. Once permission is granted, the CPU release control of the bus to the DMA controller for the duration of the data transfer.
3. **DMA Transfer**:
   * **Data Transfer**: After being granted access to the bus, the DMA controller takes charge of the (System Bus) data transfer:
     + It communicates directly with the USB controller to instruct it to send a block of data to the hard drive.
     + The DMA controller manages this process by moving multiple bytes at once, rather than handling each byte individually as the CPU would. This chunk-based approach significantly accelerates the transfer process.
4. **Notification/** **Interrupt**:
   * **Completion Signal**: Once the data transfer is complete, the DMA controller sends an interrupt signal to the CPU to notify it that the transfer has finished.
   * The CPU can then check the status of the transfer, process any error conditions if necessary, and continue with its other tasks, having been free to work on other processes while the data transfer occurred.

**Example of DMA Data Transfer**

**Scenario**: Copying a large file from a USB flash drive to the computer's memory (RAM).

**Process**:

1. **Initiation**: You insert a USB flash drive into your computer and select a large file to copy.
2. **Request**: The operating system (OS) sends a request to the DMA controller to begin the transfer, providing details about the source (USB drive), destination (RAM), and the size of the file.
3. **Grant**: The CPU acknowledges this request and gives permission for the DMA controller to access the system bus.
4. **Transfer**:
   * The DMA controller takes control and instructs the USB controller to send a block of data directly to RAM.
   * Instead of moving data byte by byte, the DMA controller transfers large blocks of data at once, significantly speeding up the process.
5. **Notification**: Once the transfer is complete, the DMA controller sends an interrupt signal to the CPU, notifying it that the operation is finished. The CPU can then check for errors and proceed with other tasks.

**Differentiate between hardwired control unit and a micro programmed control unit.**

Real-Life Example: A Vending Machine

**Hardwired Control Unit:**

Imagine a simple vending machine that only dispenses soda. Its control unit would be hardwired to perform a specific sequence of actions:

1. **Accept coin:** Check if the inserted coin is valid.
2. **Select product:** Determine the selected product based on the button pressed.
3. **Dispense product:** Release the soda can.
4. **Return change:** Calculate and dispense any remaining change.

This vending machine has a **fixed way of working**. If you wanted to add different products (like snacks or other drinks) or accept different types of coins, you would have to change the machine's hardware (its physical parts), which would be difficult.

**Microprogrammed Control Unit:**

Now imagine a fancier vending machine that sells all kinds of items, like snacks, drinks, and candy. It uses a microprogrammed control unit, which means its actions are controlled by small software programs (microinstructions) stored in memory.

1. **Microinstructions:** The machine’s software contains different steps for handling various tasks, like accepting coins, selecting products, and dispensing items. The microprogram can be easily updated to add new instructions.
2. **Flexibility:** This machine can be **easily updated** to sell new products or accept different currencies. You can change the software instructions to adjust the machine’s behavior without touching the hardware.

**Key Differences:**

**Hardwired Control Unit**: Like a basic machine with a set way of working. If you want to change something, you need to physically change the machine’s parts. It’s not easy to modify.

**Microprogrammed Control Unit**: Like a versatile machine that can be adjusted by updating the software. You can easily change how it works without changing the hardware, making it much more flexible.

### In Summary

A **hardwired control unit** is like a basic vending machine that’s designed to do a few specific tasks, while a **microprogrammed control unit** is like a more advanced machine that can be easily updated to do different things by changing its software. The hardwired one is less flexible, while the microprogrammed one can adapt to different tasks more easily.

Real-Life Example of Parallel Processing

**Imagine you're building a house.** If you do everything yourself, from laying the foundation to painting the walls, it would take a long time. But if you had a team of workers, each specializing in a different task (like carpenters, electricians, and plumbers), you could finish the house much faster.

**That's essentially what parallel processing does.** It's like having a team of workers (processors or cores) within your computer, each working on a different part of a task at the same time. This makes the task finish much quicker than if just one processor was doing everything.

**Real-Life Example of Parallel Processing: Video Rendering**

**Multi-core processor (parallel processing)**

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This means the computer has 8 separate central processing units (CPUs) working together to execute tasks. This is called multi-core processor.

**Imagine you're editing a video.** You've added effects, music, and transitions, and now it's time to render the final version. Rendering involves processing each frame of the video, applying the effects and creating the final image.

**With a single-core processor:**

* The computer would process each frame one by one. This could take a long time, especially for high-resolution videos with complex effects.

**With a multi-core processor (parallel processing):**

* The video is divided into smaller sections (perhaps frames or groups of frames).
* Each core of the processor works on a different section.
* For example, one core might handle the effects for a group of frames, while another core handles the audio.
* This significantly speeds up the rendering process, allowing you to create the final video much faster.

This is a common example of parallel processing in action. By dividing the complex task of video rendering into smaller, independent tasks, multi-core processors can achieve significant performance gains.

**Traditional Approach (Without Pipelining)**

* In the traditional, non-pipelined approach, tasks are executed one at a time in a step-by-step manner.
* Each step or stage of a process must be completed before the next one begins. For example, in a CPU instruction execution, the steps would be: **fetch** the instruction, **decode** it, **execute** it, and **write** back the results.
* Only one instruction is processed at a time. Once one instruction is completed, the next one begins.

**Example:**

1. Fetch Instruction 1
2. Decode Instruction 1
3. Execute Instruction 1
4. Write Back Instruction 1
5. Fetch Instruction 2  
   …and so on.

**Problem:** This approach results in lower performance because the system has to wait for each instruction to complete before starting the next one, leading to idle stages.

**Pipelining Approach**

* In pipelining, the process is divided into multiple stages, with each stage handling a different part of the task. Each stage operates concurrently, processing different instructions simultaneously.
* As one instruction is being fetched, another can be decoded, and yet another can be executed. This means multiple instructions are being worked on at different stages at the same time.
* This leads to better utilization of the hardware and increased instruction throughput.

**Example:**

1. Fetch Instruction 1, while simultaneously decoding Instruction 2, and executing Instruction 3.
2. Continue this process, with different stages working on different instructions concurrently.

### Pipeline Processing

Imagine you're making a sandwich. Instead of doing each step one by one (bread, meat, cheese, etc.), you could have different people working on different parts at the same time. One person could be getting the bread, another could be slicing the meat, and so on. This way, you can make multiple sandwiches faster.

Imagine you’re in a car wash. The car wash has six steps: washing, soaping, scrubbing, rinsing, drying, and polishing. Each of these steps happens in a different section, and the car moves from one section to the next.

**How It Works:**

1. **First Car (Car 1)**: It starts in the first section (washing).
   * While Car 1 is being washed, the other sections are empty.
2. **Second Car (Car 2)**: After Car 1 moves to the next section (soaping), Car 2 enters the first section (washing).
   * Now, two cars are in the car wash, each in a different section.
3. **Third Car (Car 3)**: When Car 1 moves to the third section (scrubbing), Car 2 moves to the second section (soaping), and Car 3 starts in the first section (washing).
4. **Eventually, All Sections Are Busy**: After six cars have entered, every section will be busy with a different car. Now, a new car can enter the car wash every time a car finishes, keeping the whole process moving smoothly.

**What’s Happening Here?**

* **Tasks Are Being Done in Parallel**: Multiple cars are being worked on at the same time, but at different stages.
* **Fast Output**: Once the car wash is filled, a car comes out clean every time a new car enters, making the process very efficient.

In computing, the same idea applies: tasks move through a series of stages in a pipeline, with each stage handling a different part of the work. This allows multiple tasks to be worked on at the same time, just like multiple cars in the car wash.

**Factory Assembly Line Explanation**

* **4 Workstations:** The assembly line has four workstations where tasks are done in sequence: assembling, painting, testing, and packaging.
* **Conveyor Belt Movement:** Items move from left to right along a conveyor belt, stopping at each station for a specific task.
* **Parallel Work:** Once the first item moves to the painting station, a new item can start at the assembling station. As a result, multiple items are being processed at the same time, just at different stages.
* **Continuous Flow:** After an initial setup period, the factory reaches a point where one item comes out fully packaged every time a new item enters the assembling station.

**Technical Pipeline Explanation**

* **4 Segments (S1, S2, S3, S4):** The technical pipeline has four stages where each segment performs a part of the processing task. For example, these stages could be labeled as fetch, decode, execute, and write-back.
* **Data Flow:** Just like the factory's conveyor belt, data moves from one segment to the next, starting from S1 (fetch) and progressing to S4 (write-back).
* **Parallel Execution:** When data moves from one segment to the next, new data can enter the first segment. This means multiple tasks are being processed simultaneously, but at different stages in the pipeline.
* **Pipelined Throughput:** After a few clock cycles (time steps), the pipeline is fully utilized. At this point, a result is produced every clock cycle, similar to how the factory continuously produces items after the line is filled.

**Comparing Both**

1. **Stages of Work:** In both cases, work is broken down into stages or segments, where each stage performs a specific task.
2. **Flow of Items or Data:** Whether it’s items on a conveyor belt or data in a technical pipeline, there is a flow from the first stage to the last.
3. **Parallel Processing:** Both the factory line and the pipeline process multiple tasks simultaneously, with different tasks being at different stages.
4. **Initial Fill Time:** It takes some time before results start coming out continuously, as the pipeline or assembly line fills up with tasks.
5. **Efficiency:** Once fully utilized, both systems operate at maximum efficiency, producing one output per cycle.

The analogy helps understand how pipelines allow multiple tasks to be executed simultaneously by breaking them into smaller, sequential steps, much like an assembly line in a factory.

Understanding Task Movement in a Pipeline

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In a pipeline, each stage processes a specific part of the task. Once a task completes its processing in one stage, it moves to the next stage, allowing the next task to enter the first stage.

Let's break down the example you provided:

**Clock Cycle 2:**

* **T1 moves to S2:** This means that task T1 has finished its processing in stage S1 and is now ready for the next stage, S2.
* **T2 enters S1:** Since T1 has vacated S1, the pipeline can now accept a new task. In this case, T2 is the next task in line, so it enters S1 to begin its processing.

**Clock Cycle 3:**

* **T1 moves to S3:** T1 has completed its processing in S2 and moves to the next stage, S3.
* **T2 moves to S2:** Similarly, T2 finishes its processing in S1 and moves to S2.
* **T3 enters S1:** As T2 has vacated S1, the pipeline is ready for the next task, which is T3.

**The key point to remember is that:**

* Each stage can only process one task at a time.
* Once a task finishes its processing in a stage, it moves to the next stage, making space for the next task.
* This continuous flow of tasks through the pipeline allows for efficient and concurrent processing.

Instruction pipeline

**Segment 1: Instruction Fetch (**FI**)**

* The computer **fetches** the instruction from memory.
* The fetched instruction is temporarily stored in a FIFO buffer

**Segment 2: Instruction Decode (**DA**)**

* The fetched instruction is taken from the FIFO buffer and **decoded**.
* The computer determines **what the instruction is asking for**, identifying the type of operation (e.g., addition, subtraction, etc.).
* The operands (data needed for the operation) are identified.
* If the instruction involves **memory addresses**, the **effective memory address is calculated**

**Segment 3: Operand Fetch (FO)**

* The computer **fetches the operand (data)** required for the instruction from **memory or registers**.

**Segment 4: Instruction Execute (EX)**

* The computer **executes** the instruction, means performing the operation specified by the instruction, like (**arithmetic calculations, logical comparisons, or memory access**.)
* Once the operation is complete, the result is stored in the appropriate location (e.g., a register or memory).

**Pipeline Operation (Four segment instruction pipeline)**

**Instruction 1:**

* **Starts at Step 1** (IF): The instruction is fetched from memory.
* **Progresses to Step 2** (DA): The instruction is decoded, and any necessary addresses are calculated.
* **Moves to Step 3** (FO): The operands required for execution are fetched.
* **Completes at Step 4** (EX): The instruction is executed, and the result is prepared for storage.

**Instruction 2:**

* **Starts at Step 2** (IF): While Instruction 1 is in the Decode stage, Instruction 2 is fetched from memory.
* **Progresses to Step 3** (DA): The fetched instruction is decoded.
* **Moves to Step 4** (FO): The operands are fetched for this instruction.
* **Completes at Step 5** (EX): The instruction is executed while Instruction 1 finishes.

**Instruction 3 (Branch):**

* **Starts at Step 3** (IF): The instruction is fetched while Instruction 2 is being executed.
* **Progresses to Step 4** (DA): The instruction is decoded, and the effective address is calculated.
* **Moves to Step 5** (FO): The required operands are fetched.
* **Completes at Step 6** (EX): The instruction is executed; this may involve branching, affecting the flow of subsequent instructions.

**How is performance of computer increased using pipeline?**

**OR ADVANTAGE**

**Parallel Execution**

* In a pipelined architecture, the execution of instructions is divided into several stages (such as fetching, decoding, executing, and writing back results).
* While one instruction is being executed, another can be decoded, and yet another can be fetched. This overlap means the CPU is always busy and reduces idle time.

### Higher Throughput

Pipelining helps the CPU finish more instructions in a shorter amount of time. In a regular (non-pipelined) CPU, each instruction has to be completed before the next one can start. This means there’s a wait after finishing one instruction.

In a pipelined CPU, however, new instructions can begin before the previous ones are completely finished. So, Increases the number of instructions processed per unit time.

### Improved Clock Rate

Pipelined CPUs can run at higher speeds than non-pipelined ones. This is because the execution process is divided into stages, and each stage can be completed more quickly. Since each instruction goes through these smaller stages, the CPU doesn't need to take as long to complete each one.

As a result, pipelined processors can handle more instructions in a shorter time, which means they can operate at a faster clock rate. This leads to better overall performance and quicker execution of tasks.

What is the Mapping Process?

### Understanding the Mapping Process with a Library Analogy

**Imagine this scenario:**

1. **Main Memory as a Library**:
   * Think of the **main memory** (RAM) as a large library filled with many books (data). Each book has a specific address on a shelf in the library.
2. **Cache Memory as a Small Bookshelf**:
   * Now, imagine your **cache memory** as a small bookshelf in your room where you keep your favorite or most frequently read books. It’s much smaller than the library, so it can't hold every book you might need.

### The Process of Getting a Book (Data)

Step 1: CPU Needs Data

* When the CPU wants a specific book (data), it generates an address that points to that book's location in the library (main memory).

Step 2: Check the Bookshelf (Cache)

* Before going to the library, the CPU checks its small bookshelf (cache) to see if the book is already there.
  + **If the book is there (cache hit)**:
    - The CPU quickly grabs the book from the bookshelf and uses it.
  + **If the book is not there (cache miss)**:
    - The CPU has to go to the library to find the book.

Step 3: Fetching from the Library

* When the CPU goes to the library, it uses the address to locate the book on the library's shelves. After finding the book, it takes a copy of it back to the small bookshelf (cache) for future reference.

### Understanding the Mapping Process

The Mapping Process Explained

* **Mapping** is like deciding where to place books on your small bookshelf. It determines how to organize and store books so you can find them quickly.
  + **Memory Address**: This is like the title of the book you want. It tells you exactly which book to find in the library.
  + **Cache Address**: This is the specific spot on your small bookshelf where you will place the book once you bring it home from the library.

**Understanding Direct Mapping with a Simple Example**

**Imagine you have a small parking lot:**

1. **Parking Lot**: Think of the parking lot as your cache memory.
2. **Parking Spaces**: There are only **4 parking spaces** in this lot. Each space is like a spot in your cache.
3. **Cars**: The cars represent the data you want to store.

**How Direct Mapping Works**

1. **Each Car Has a Number**:
   * Each car has a **number** on its license plate, which is like a block number from main memory. For example:
     + Car 1 has the number **1**
     + Car 2 has the number **2**
     + Car 3 has the number **3**
     + Car 4 has the number **4**
     + Car 5 has the number **5**
     + Car 6 has the number **6**
2. **How Cars Park**:
   * In direct mapping, each car can only park in a specific space based on its number. To figure out which space a car goes to, you use this simple rule:
     + **Space = (Car Number) mod (Number of Spaces)**
3. **Example Calculation**:

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What Happens If Another Car Comes?

Now, let’s say another car with **license plate number 2** tries to park:

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Since Parking Space 2 is already occupied by the car with license plate 6, it will need to move that car to park the new one. In a real cache, this would mean that the data associated with license plate 6 is removed or replaced.

What do you mean by pipeline? Explain with space time diagram for a six segmented pipeline showing the time it takes to process eight tasks.

Explain an instruction pipeline with an example.

What do you mean by pipelining concept? Discuss various pipeline hazards and their solutions in detail.