

Members & Team work

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Work: testbench.v, ALU.v, pipeline registers: modify the faults in project1
dcache_top.v: implement the cache controller

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Work: CPU.v: connection between modules
testbench.v: initialize variables in modules
pipeline registers add cache stall
minor change(syntax) on dcache_top.v

How we implement this project

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- Modified the codes of project1.
 - Initialized pipeline register
 - Modified ALU: deleting the conditions dealing with unknown data
 - Modified regs in some components to wires for avoiding registers having unknown
- Implement dcache_top.

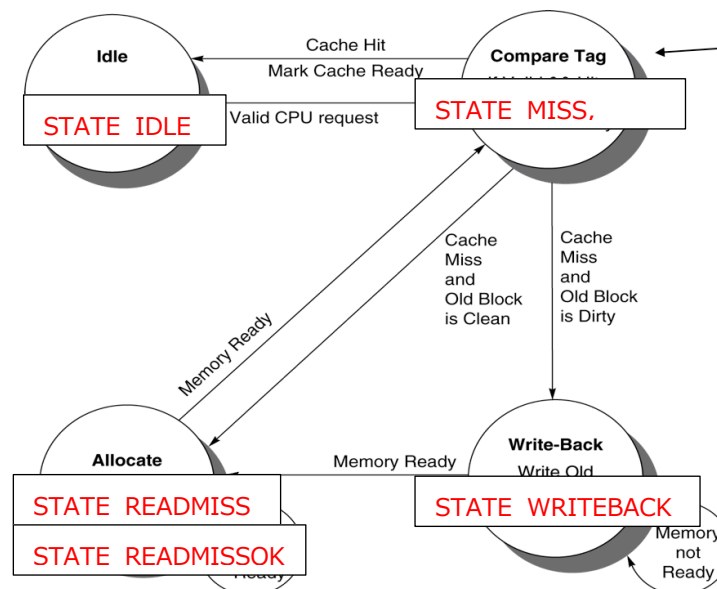
[Ryan]

- 這次山下把主要的部份(dcache_top.v)寫掉了，所以我大概就是看懂架構之後，就山下改好的 project 1 為基礎，把要改的部分 (pipeline register 加上 data cache stall 的 input 和判斷) 改好，CPU 串起來。

Implementation of dcache_top.v

[Yamashita]

- p1_data
The value of p1_data is for returning CPU The offset*c indicates the place in 'r_hit_data' and extract the continuous 32bits data. r_hit_data is 256 bits, p1_data is 32 bits and p1_offset is 5 bits. Then $256/8 = 32$. So c of offset*c is 8. It let p1_data have the continuous 32bits data from r_hit_data.
- w_hit_data
The value of w_hit_data is used in case of write data in cache through the wire below.
assign cache_sram_data = (hit) ? w_hit_data : mem_data_i;
There are 2 case: 1) when write data in cache from memory. 2) when write data in cache from CPU. In case 1, w_hit_data gets the 256 bits data. In case 2, w_hit_data gets the data converted to 256 bits from the 32 bits data from CPU.
- Controller
 - Each state is corresponding to the graph like below.



- The parameter of mem_enable is used for accessing the memory whichever to read data from the memory or to write data into the memory.
- The parameter of mem_write is used for writing data into the memory.
- The parameter of cache_we is used for writing data into the cache.
- The parameter of write_back is used for writing data into the memory when the data is dirty.
- In STATE_READMISS, STATE_WRITEBACK, the value which will not be used in next state needs to be set as 0 in 10th cycle.
- In STATE_READMISSOK, the parameter of cache_we needs to be set as 0 because it was set as 1 and the data was written into the cache in STATE_READMISS.

Difficulties and solutions

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- p1_data

Difficulty:

Do not know how to convert 256bits data to 32bits data

Solution:

offset*8

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- w_hit_data

Difficulty:

Not easy to understand how w_hit_data works

Not easy to distinguish between how w_hit_data and r_hit_data

Solution:

r_hit_data and p1_data_i is needed as input of w_hit_data because there are 2 case which w_hit_data is used in.

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[Ryan]

- 最開始串完 CPU 之後發現 register 和 data memory 的值都不會變，後來把那些值印出來後發現原來是沒有初始化，就在 testbench.v 裡面加了初始化
- output.txt 的 final state 跟助教的 reference 不相同，好像在 cycle 100 左右開始 cache 內的值會有出入，後面就都不一樣了，不知道是不是 project 1 的部分沒做好造成的(unsolved)