Please, configure the winMIPS64 processor architecture with the *Base Configuration* provided in the following:

- *Integer ALU: 1 clock cycle*
- *Data memory: 1 clock cycle*
- *Branch delay slot: 1 clock cycle*
- Code address bus: 12
- Data address bus: 12
- Pipelined FP arithmetic unit (latency): 6 stages
- Pipelined FP multiplier unit (latency): 8 stages
- FP divider unit (latency): not pipelined unit, 28 clock cycles
- Forwarding optimization is disabled
- Branch prediction is disabled
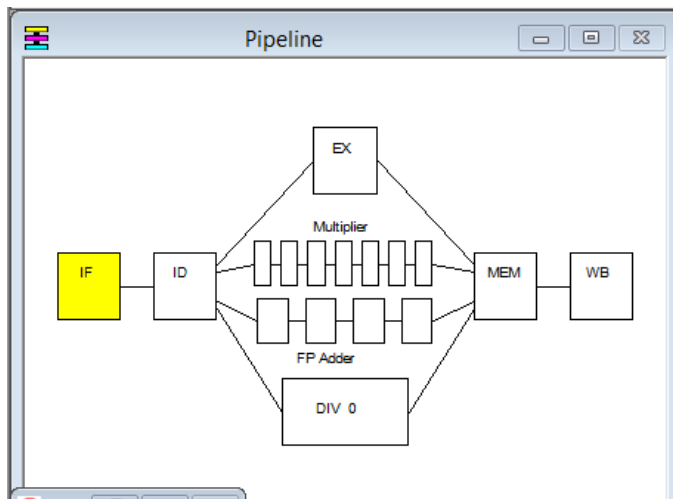- Branch delay slot optimization is disabled.

Use the Configure menu:
- remove the flags (where activating Enable options)
- Browse the Architecture menu →

Modify the defaults Architectural parameters (where needed)
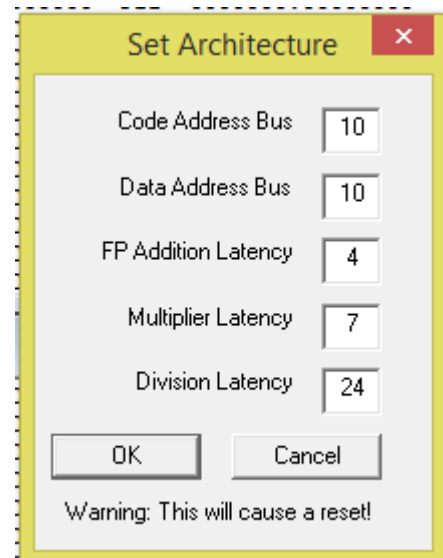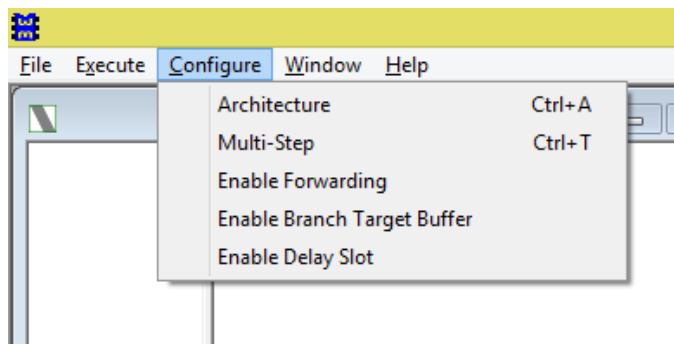
← Verify in the Pipeline window that the configuration is effective

1) Exercise your assembly skills.
   To write an assembly program called **program_0.s (to be delivered)** for the
   MIPS64 architecture and to execute it.

   The program must:

   1. Given one array (a), find how many times the 8-bit unsigned value `val=0x2f`
      is included in it. The array contains 100 unsigned 16-bit integer numbers. Looks
      for the occurrence in both the most significant **byte** and the least significant
      byte of the 16-bit integer numbers. Store the result in a 8-bit variable (`res`).

      Example (with only 10 elements):
      ```
      a = 5, 0x01a1,0x2f, 17, 0x2fe0, 1, 0x96a4, 0x2f, 3, 0x2f
      res = 4
      ```

2) Exercise your assembly skills and use the main components of the simulator:
   To write an assembly program called **program_1.s (to be delivered)** for the
   MIPS64 architecture and to execute it.

   The program must:
   1. Given 2 arrays (a and b), compute their signed sum and store each result
      in a third array (i.e., `c[i] = a[i] + b[i]`). Each array contains 30 8-
      bit integer numbers.
   2. Create two variables allocated in memory: `threshold_high` and
      `threshold_low`. For each element `c[i]`, check whether it is greater or
      lesser than a fixed threshold: if it is greater, increase `threshold_high`,
      else increase `threshold_low`. Assume the threshold is equal to 0x0.
      Note that 0x00 belongs to `threshold_high`.
   3. Search for **both** the maximum and minimum in the array c. The program
      saves the obtained value in two variables allocated in memory, called `max`
      and `min` respectively.

   Identify and use the main components of the simulator:
   a. Running the *WinMIPS* simulator
      • Launch the graphic interface

b. Assembly and check your program:
   - Load the program from the **File→Open** menu (*CTRL-O*). In the case the of errors, you may use the following command in the command line to compile the program and check the errors:
   `...\winMIPS64\asm program_1.s`

c. Run your program step by step (*F7*), identifying the whole processor behavior in the six simulator windows:
   Pipeline, **Code**, **Data**, **Register**, **Cycles** and **Statistics**

d. Repeat the process (a-b-c) for `program_0.S`

Table 1: **Programs performance for the processor's base configurations**

	Number of clock cycles
program_0.S	1511
program_1.S	1118

3) Perform execution time measurements.
   Search in the winMIPS64 folder the following benchmark programs:
   a. `isort.s`
   b. `mult.s`
   c. `program_0.s` (your program)
   d. `program_1.s` (your program)

Starting from the basic configuration with no optimizations, compute by simulation the number of cycles required to execute these programs (and then the weighted arithmetic mean). Assume a processor frequency of 5MHz. Then, vary the program weights as specified by the following Configurations. Compute the weighted arithmetic mean for every case and fill the table below **(fill all required data in the table before exporting this file to pdf format to be delivered)**:

1) Configuration 1
   Assume that the weight of all programs is the same (25%).
2) Configuration 2
   Assume that the weight of the program `program_0.s` is 55%.
3) Configuration 3
   Assume that the weight of the program `isort.s` is 40%.

Table 2: **Processor performance for different weighted programs**

Program	Conf. 1	Conf. 2	Conf. 3
`isort.s`	1663,83	998,32	2662,16
`mult.s`	49	29,4	39,2
`program_0.s`	75,55	166,21	60,44
`program_1.s`	56	33,54	44,72
TOTAL TIME (us)	1788,38	1061,25	2806,52

For time computations, use a clock frequency of 5MHz.

Appendix: *winMIPS64 Instruction Set*

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The following assembler directives are supported
.data   - start of data segment
.text   - start of code segment
.code - start of code segment (same as .text)
.org   <n> - start address
.space <n> - leave n empty bytes
.asciiz <s> - enters zero terminated ascii string
.ascii <s> - enter ascii string
.align <n> - align to n-byte boundary
.word   <n1>,<n2>.. - enters word(s) of data (64-bits)
.byte   <n1>,<n2>.. - enter bytes
.word32 <n1>,<n2>.. - enters 32 bit number(s)
.word16 <n1>,<n2>.. - enters 16 bit number(s)
.double <n1>,<n2>.. - enters floating-point number(s)

where <n> denotes a number like 24, <s> denotes a string like "fred", and
<n1>,<n2>.. denotes numbers seperated by commas.

The following instructions are supported
lb   - load byte
lbu   - load byte unsigned
sb   - store byte
lh   - load 16-bit half-word
lhu   - load 16-bit half word unsigned
sh   - store 16-bit half-word
lw   - load 32-bit word
lwu   - load 32-bit word unsigned
sw   - store 32-bit word
ld   - load 64-bit double-word
sd   - store 64-bit double-word
l.d   - load 64-bit floating-point
s.d   - store 64-bit floating-point
halt   - stops the program

daddi - add immediate
daddui - add immediate unsigned
andi   - logical and immediate
ori   - logical or immediate
xori   - exclusive or immediate
lui   - load upper half of register immediate
slti   - set if less than or equal immediate
sltiu - set if less than or equal immediate unsigned

beq   - branch if pair of registers are equal
bne   - branch if pair of registers are not equal
beqz   - branch if register is equal to zero
bnez   - branch if register is not equal to zero

j   - jump to address
jr   - jump to address in register
jal   - jump and link to address (call subroutine)
jalr   - jump and link to address in register (call subroutine)

dsll   - shift left logical
dsrl   - shift right logical
dsra   - shift right arithmetic
dsllv - shift left logical by variable amount
dsrlv - shift right logical by variable amount
dsrav - shift right arithmetic by variable amount
movz   - move if register equals zero
movn   - move if register not equal to zero
nop   - no operation
and   - logical and
or   - logical or
xor   - logical xor
slt   - set if less than
sltu   - set if less than unsigned
dadd   - add integers
daddu - add integers unsigned
dsub   - subtract integers
dsubu - subtract integers unsigned

add.d - add floating-point
sub.d - subtract floating-point
mul.d - multiply floating-point
div.d - divide floating-point
mov.d - move floating-point
cvt.d.l - convert 64-bit integer to a double FP format
cvt.l.d - convert double FP to a 64-bit integer format
c.lt.d - set FP flag if less than
c.le.d - set FP flag if less than or equal to
c.eq.d - set FP flag if equal to
bc1f - branch to address if FP flag is FALSE
bc1t - branch to address if FP flag is TRUE
mtc1 - move data from integer register to FP register
mfc1 - move data from FP register to integer register