Project Title: 16-bit Pipelined Processor Design

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# Register File

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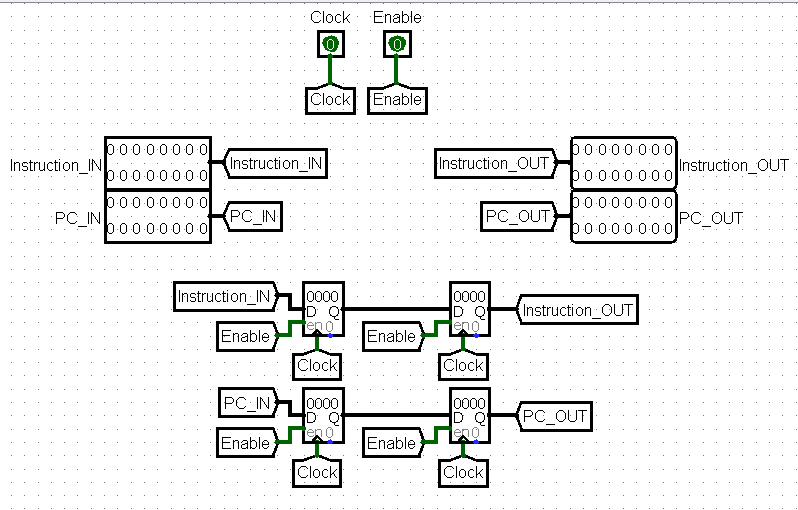
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# Appendix

## Final Circuit Overview

**Instruction Fetch/Instruction Decode Pipeline Register**





Description of I/O

Clock – 1-Bit input of Clock signal used to update the value in the intermediate registers.

Enable – 1-Bit input used to keep pipeline registers active for writing.

Instruction\_IN – 16-Bit input of the instruction retrieved from ROM in the instruction fetch stage.

PC\_IN – 16-Bit input of the program counter from the instruction fetch stage.

Instruction\_OUT – 16-Bit output of the instruction to be instruction decode stage.

PC\_OUT – 16-Bit output of the program counter to be passed to the instruction decode stage.

Summary of Circuit Functionality

The Instruction Fetch/Instruction Decode Pipeline Register is used to store the output of the previous stage, and to be read from in the next stage. This is to ensure that each stage can pass data onto the next stage before moving on to a new instruction.



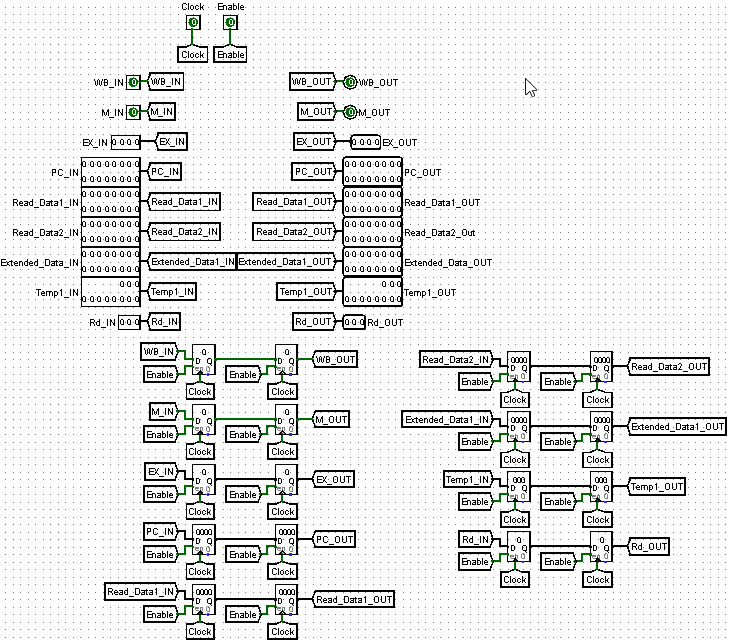
Writing Data to a Register

A write bit is enabled (with selection signal Enable) to allow the pipelined registers to store input data from the previous stage. This is accomplished by using a falling edge trigger to enable new data to be transferred into the input register (the one on the left). This ensures that the data from the stage is only saved when the clock is falling and the stage cycle completes.

Reading Data from a Register

A write bit is enabled (with selection signal Enable) to allow the pipelined registers to store input data from the previous register. This is accomplished by using a rising edge trigger to enable new data to be transferred from the input register (the one on the left) into the output register (the one on the right). By having a delay where the input register is written to on the falling edge, and the output register is written to on the rising edge, there is a period where the output register is able to contain the previous register’s values so that the previous register can save new data from the input stage and stored data can be read into the next stage. This ensures that the data from the previous stage is only read into the next stage when the clock is rising and the next stage cycle starts.

**Instruction Decode/Instruction Execute Pipeline Register**





Description of I/O

Clock – 1-Bit input of Clock signal used to update the value in the intermediate registers.

Enable – 1-Bit input used to keep pipeline registers active for writing.

WB\_IN – 1-Bit input used to save the RegWrite control signal value for a given instruction

M\_IN – 1-Bit input used to save the MemWrite control signal value for a given instruction

PC\_IN – 16-Bit input used to save the program counter for a given instruction

Read\_Data1\_IN – 16-Bit input used to store the data of Rs1

Read\_Data2\_IN – 16-Bit input used to store the data of Rs2

Extended\_Data\_IN – 16-Bit input of the offset value associated with a given instruction

Rd\_IN - 3-Bit input used to store the register number Rd

WB\_OUT – 1-Bit output used to output the RegWrite control signal value for a given instruction

M\_OUT – 1-Bit output used to output the MemWrite control signal value for a given instruction

PC\_OUT – 16-Bit output used to output the program counter for a given instruction

Read\_Data1\_OUT – 16-Bit output used to output the data of Rs1

Read\_Data2\_OUT – 16-Bit output used to output the data of Rs2

Extended\_Data\_OUT – 16-Bit output of the offset value associated with a given instruction

Rd\_OUT - 3-Bit output used to store the register number of Rd

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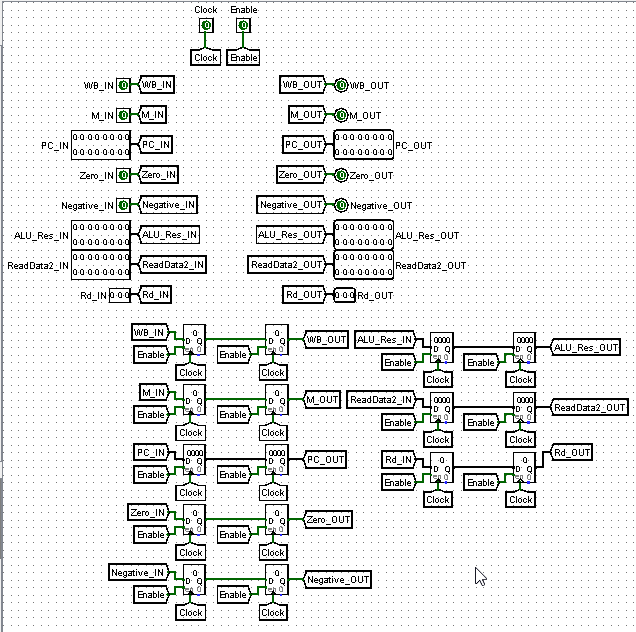
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**Instruction Execute/Memory Pipeline Register**





Description of I/O

Clock – 1-Bit input of Clock signal used to update the value in the intermediate registers.

Enable – 1-Bit input used to keep pipeline registers active for writing.

WB\_IN – 1-Bit input used to save the RegWrite control signal value for a given instruction

M\_IN – 1-Bit input used to save the MemWrite control signal value for a given instruction

PC\_IN – 16-Bit input used to save the program counter for a given instruction

Zero\_IN – 1-Bit input used to save the zero-bit output of the ALU for a given instruction

Negative\_IN – 1-Bit input used to save the negative-bit output of the ALU for a given instruction

Read\_Data2\_IN – 16-Bit input used to save the data of Rs2

Rd\_IN - 3-Bit input used to save the register number of Rd

WB\_OUT – 1-Bit output used to output the RegWrite control signal value for a given instruction

M\_OUT – 1-Bit output used to output the MemWrite control signal value for a given instruction

PC\_OUT – 16-Bit output used to output the program counter for a given instruction

Zero\_OUT – 1-Bit input used to output the zero-bit output of the ALU for a given instruction

Negative\_OUT – 1-Bit input used to output the negative-bit output of the ALU for a given instruction

Read\_Data2\_OUT – 16-Bit input used to output the data of Rs2

Rd\_OUT - 3-Bit input used to output the register number of Rd

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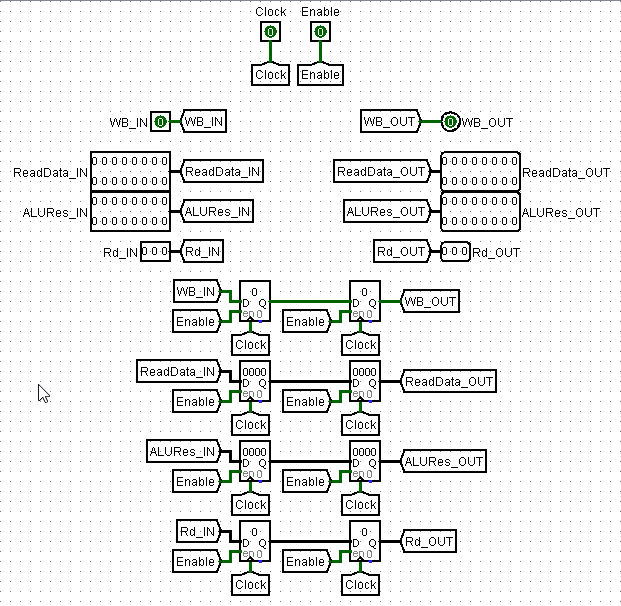
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**Memory/Write back Pipeline Register**





Description of I/O

Clock – 1-Bit input of Clock signal used to update the value in the intermediate registers.

Enable – 1-Bit input used to keep pipeline registers active for writing.

WB\_IN – 1-Bit input used to save the RegWrite control signal value for a given instruction

ReadData\_IN – 16-Bit input used to save the output value of the RAM for a given instruction

ALU\_Res\_IN – 16-Bit input used to save the output value of the ALU for a given instruction

Rd\_IN - 3-Bit input used to save the register number of Rd

WB\_OUT – 1-Bit input used to output the RegWrite control signal value for a given instruction

ReadData\_OUT – 16-Bit input used to output the output value of the RAM for a given instruction

ALU\_Res\_OUT – 16-Bit input used to output the output value of the ALU for a given instruction

Rd\_OUT - 3-Bit input used to output the register number of Rd

Summary of Circuit Functionality

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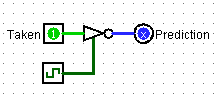
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**Branch Prediction**





Description of I/O

Clock – 1-Bit input of Clock signal used to update the value in the intermediate registers.

Taken – 1-Bit input used to keep pipeline registers active for writing.

Prediction – 1-Bit input used to keep pipeline registers active for writing.

Summary of Circuit Functionality

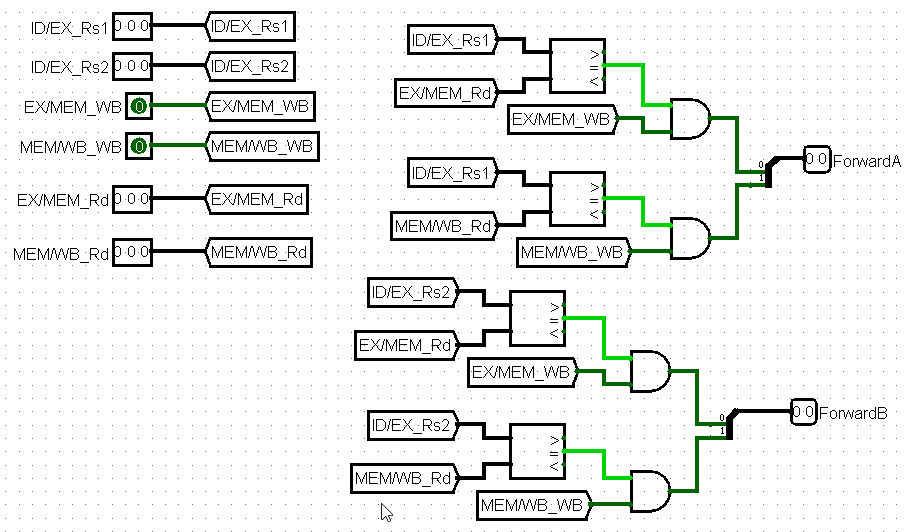
The Branch Prediction is used to reduce the amount of hazards encountered by reducing the time taken to flush stages when the branching instruction is taken.

Writing Data to a Register

Reading Data from a Register

**Optimization**

Data Forwarding Unit

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Description of I/O

ID/EX\_Rs1 – 3-Bit input of Rs1 from the ID/EX Pipeline Register

ID/EX\_Rs2 – 3-Bit input of Rs2 from the ID/EX Pipeline Register

EX/MEM\_WB – 1-Bit input of WB control bit from the EX/MEM Pipeline Register

MEM/WB\_WB – 1-Bit input of WB control bit from the MEM/WB Pipeline Register

EX/MEM\_Rd – 3-Bit input of Rd from the EX/MEM Pipeline Register

MEM/WB\_Rd – 3-Bit input of Rd from the MEM/WB Pipeline Register

ForwardA – 2-Bit output used to as a choose the default ALU operand 1 (00), the forwarded EX/MEM\_Rd value as operand 1 (01), or the forwarded MEM/WB\_Rd value as operand 1 (10)

ForwardB – 2-Bit output used to as a choose the default ALU operand 2 (00), the forwarded EX/MEM\_Rd value as operand 2 (01), or the forwarded MEM/WB\_Rd value as operand 2 (10)

Summary of Circuit Functionality

The data forwarding unit is used to address data hazards on the fly. Instead of stalling, it solves some data dependencies by forwarding data from one stage directly to the ALU.

Forwarding Data from The EX/MEM Pipeline Register to the ALU

When it is detected (via a comparator) that ID/EX\_Rs1 and EX/MEM\_Rd both point to the same register and EX/MEM\_WB is HIGH, the output ‘ForwardA’ will hold a binary value of 01. The ‘ForwardA’ value will be used as a multiplexer’s selector input on the outer circuit.

When it is detected (via a comparator) that ID/EX\_Rs2 and EX/MEM\_Rd both point to the same register and EX/MEM\_WB is HIGH, the output ‘ForwardB’ will hold a binary value of 01. The ‘ForwardB’ value will be used as a multiplexer’s selector input on the outer circuit.

Forwarding Data from The MEM/WB Pipeline Register to the ALU

When it is detected (via a comparator) that ID/EX\_Rs1 and MEM/WB\_Rd both point to the same register and MEM/WB \_WB is HIGH, the output ‘ForwardA’ will hold a binary value of 01. The ‘ForwardA’ value will be used as a multiplexer’s selector input on the outer circuit.

When it is detected (via a comparator) that ID/EX\_Rs2 and MEM/WB \_Rd both point to the same register and MEM/WB \_WB is HIGH, the output ‘ForwardB’ will hold a binary value of 10. The ‘ForwardB’ value will be used as a multiplexer’s selector input on the outer circuit.

**Appendix**

Final Circuit Overview

