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# Overview

The design problem was to implement a standard five-stage pipelined 32-bit MIPS processor. The proposed processor is able to implement a subset of 27 instructions of the MIPS instruction set architecture. In addition, the processor implements early branching meaning that branch instructions are resolved at the decoding stage rather than the execution stage. This optimization reduces delays imposed by each branch instruction and thereby reduces the performance loss.

# Procedure

## Design Approach

As this is a large project with five stages and several components per stage, we took a multi-step approach to design. First, we needed a complete block diagram detailing all the components needed for each stage, as in Figure 1. After verifying with the course material and online sources that we had all the necessary components and control signals, we wrote the descriptions of these components stage by stage. As we were a group of four, we could do the component design in parallel. Upon completion of the components of a stage, they were integrated together as a single block in a higher-level module. This module contained all the input and output signals of its respective stage and connected the ports of each component to the necessary signals. We should note that the latches dividing each of the five stages were written as modules of their own. Finally, after each stage had successfully integrated the components within them, a top-level module was designed for connecting the entire pipeline together. In this top-level module, inter-stage signals such as forwarding signals, write enabling and write back signals were implemented and connected to their required ports.

## Testing and Evaluation

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