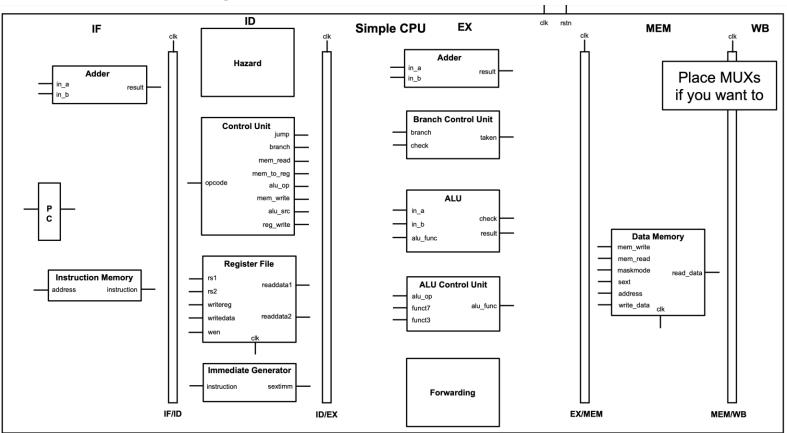
# Computer Architecture Lab 2: Pipelined CPU Implementation

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## Lab Overview (1/3)

- Goal: Implement pipelined CPU design with Verilog
  - Addition of pipeline registers for intermediate values
  - New units (forwarding unit, hazard detection unit)



## Lab Overview (2/3)

- There are total 6 tasks + task-fibo + task-sum that you need to pass
  - Task1: 1 & 2
  - Task2: 1 & 2
  - Task3: 1
  - Task4: 1 & 2
  - Task5: 1
  - Task6: 1 & 2
  - Task-fibo
  - Task-sum

# Lab Overview (3/3)

- Lab2 will be split into five parts, which you can implement step by step
- DO NOT modify any I/O ports in the modules
  - Except for forwarding / hazard detection unit + pipeline register modules
- 3 Steps
  - Part 0: Complete all the modules that you implemented in Lab1
  - Part 1: Add pipeline registers to single-cycle CPU
  - Part 2: Implement forwarding
  - Part 3: Implement hazard detection: 1. flush
  - Part 4: Implement hazard detection: 2. stall

## Part 0: Complete Lab1 Modules

- You first need to complete the modules below
  - module/control/alu control.v
  - module/control/branch control.v
  - module/control/control.v
  - module/memory/data\_memory.v
  - module/operation/alu.v
  - module/operation/immediate\_generator.v
  - Fortunately, you can use the modules that you have implemented in Lab1 ©
    - ▶ However, be careful to match the module name (e.g.  $Alu.v \rightarrow alu.v$ )!
  - In addition, you need to add some muxes in simple\_cpu.v as you did in Lab1
  - You do not have to care about branch instructions at this part (just go to next instruction)
    - ▶ This will be covered by hazard detection unit (Part 3)!

## Part 1: Add Pipeline Registers to 1-Cycle CPU

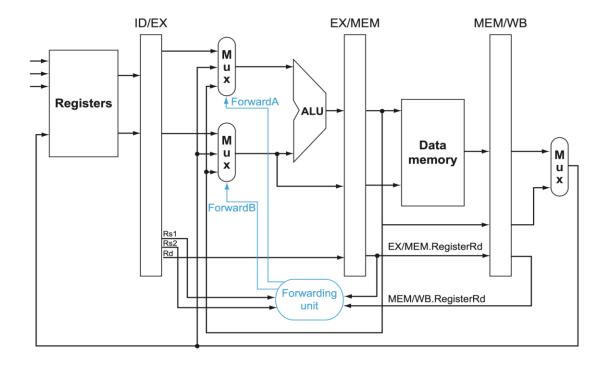
- The modules for the pipeline registers are already in the module/memory/ directory and are added to simple\_cpu.v
- You just need to ...
  - Declare & connect the wires in simple cpu.v
  - Implement the pipeline register modules

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> module/memory/idex_reg.v
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- > module/memory/exmem\_reg.v
- > module/memory/ifid\_reg.v
- > module/memory/memwb reg.v
- You do not need to care about flushes and stalls for now. Just ignore them.
- After completing Part 1, task1 ~ task3 should pass

## **Part 2: Implement Forwarding**

- Now implement module/control/forwarding.v to generate forwarding control signals
  - Method: Forward MEM / WB stages' results to Execute Stage (v2)
    - Refer to the lecture slides and textbook for how to create the signals
- After completing Part 2, task1 ~ task4/2 should pass



## Part 3: Implement Hazard Detection Unit (Flush)

### **Pipeline Flush on Branch Misprediction**

- In the case of a branch, the next instruction (PC + 4) will be executed through the pipeline before the resolution of the branch.
- Thus, we need to ...
  - 1. Flush the pipeline (instructions from the wrong path) if the branch is resolved as 'taken'
  - 2. Update PC with the branch target
- In module/control/hazard.v
  - Declare flush signals & assert them accordingly
  - Add a new control signal to update PC with the branch target (taken or jump)
    - Update your mux for PC accordingly!
- Add flush signals to the input of the pipeline register modules
  - Update the pipeline registers properly when the flush signal is asserted
- After completing Part 3, task1 ~ task5/1 should pass

## Part 4: Implement Hazard Detection Unit (Stall)

## Data Hazard on an immediately preceding LW instruction

- Even with forwarding, RAW dependence on an immediately preceding LW instruction leads to a hazard
- Thus, we need to stall the pipeline in those cases!
- In module/control/hazard.v
  - Declare the stall signal & assert it when needed
  - Hint: You need to compare signals between ID and EX stages
    - Refer to the docs/Pipelined-CPU-diagram.pdf
- Add the stall signal to the input of the pipeline register module
  - Update the pipeline registers properly when the stall signal is asserted
- After completing Part 4, task1 ~ task6/2 & task-fibo & task-sum should pass

## **Tips for Lab2**

- Before you start coding, draw the diagram (Pipelined-CPU-diagram) first!
  - You should instantiate additional modules and wires
- Complete implementing the modules that are used in Lab1
  - All the modules except for forwarding / hazard / pipeline register are the same as the ones in Lab1
- Think carefully how to implement forwarding & hazard detection units
- Use GTKWave for debugging!!
  - It is a very powerful debugging tool for Verilog coding
  - If you run ./simple\_cpu, it will output sim.vcd (value change dump file)
  - Run gtkwave sim.vcd → add wires to the waveform at the right side
  - → (-) & (+) buttons at the top left are for zoom-out & zoom-in (You should be able to see the clock after a few zoom-outs)

# **Another Way to Debug (1/2)**

- simple\_cpu works by reading inst.mem, register.mem, and data\_memory.mem in the /data directory
- Copy inst\_disassembled.mem (rename it to inst.mem), register.mem from the task you want to debug to the /data directory

```
6  input clk,
7  input mem_write,
8  input mem_read,
9  input [1:0] maskmode,
10  input sext,
11  input [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] address,
12  input [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] write_data,
13
  output reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] read_data
15 );
16
17  // memory
18  reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] mem_array [0:2**MEM_ADDR_SIZE-1]; // change memory size
19  initial $readmemh("data/data_memory.mem", mem_array);
20  // wire reg for writedata
21  wire [MEM_ADDR_SIZE-1:0] address_internal; // 256 = 8-bit address
22
23  assign address_internal = address[MEM_ADDR_SIZE+1:2]; // 256 = 8-bit address
24
25  // update at negative edge
26  always @(negedge clk) begin
27  if (mem_write == 1'b1) begin
28  -- VISUAL --
```

## **Another Way to Debug (2/2)**

- Use the "\$monitor" or "\$display" functions to inspect the variables you want
- Do "make" in the root directory
- Run ./simple\_cpu in the root directory (don't run python test.py)

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0 ** Start Simulation **
          0 Instruction Memory
VCD info: dumpfile sim.vcd opened for output.
          0 [PC] pc:
          5 [PC] pc:
          65 [PC] pc :
         4060 ** End Simulation **
         4060 REGISTER FILE
         4060 Rea[
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How to Compile, Run, and Test Your Code

## How to Compile, Run, and Test

- Do just same as what you did in Lab1
- Run: make & ./simple cpu
- Test: python test.py
- Please do "make clean" before zipping your code
  - It cleans up the directory (see Makefile)

### **Submission**

• Due: 5/5 (THU) 11:59 PM

#### Late Policy

- 10% discounted per day (5/6 12:00 AM is a late submission!)
- After 5/9 (TUE) 12:00 AM, you will get a **zero** score for the assignment

#### What to Submit?

- Your code that we can simulate and run
- Submit all the files/directories in Lab2 (Do make clean first!)
- 1-page document that describes your work

#### How to Submit?

- Upload your compressed file (zip) to eTL
- Format: Your student ID\_YOURLASTNAME\_lab#
  - e.g.,) 2023-12345\_KIM\_lab2.zip
- Please make sure you follow the format
  - ▶ 10% penalty for the wrong format