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Lesson 4 (III) The processor

Computer Structure
Bachelor in Computer Science and Engineering



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Modes of execution

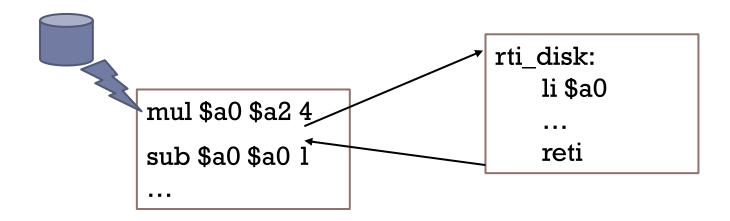
User Mode

- The processor cannot execute privileged instructions (e.g. I/O instructions, interrupt enable instructions, ...)
- If a user process executes a privileged instruction, an interruption (exception) occurs

Kernel Mode

- Reserved to the operating system
- The processor can execute the entire repertoire of instructions
- lt is indicated by a bit in the status register (U)

Interrupts



- Signal that arrives at the C.U. and breaks the normal execution sequence: the current program is stopped and another one is executed to attend the interruption.
- Example of causes:
 - When a peripheral requests the attention of the processor
 - When an error occurs in the execution of the instruction, ...

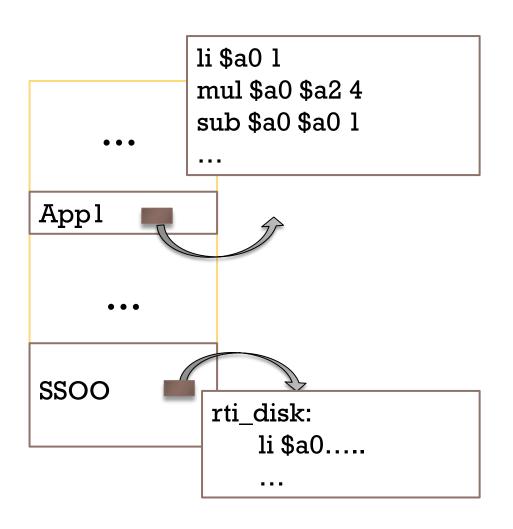
Interrupts

- Signal that reaches the control unit and breaks the normal execution sequence
- Causes:
 - When an error occurs in the execution of the instruction (division by zero, ...)
 - Execution of an illegal instruction
 - Accessing an illegal memory location
 - When a peripheral requests the attention of the processor
 - ▶ The clock. Clock Interruptions
- When an interruption is generated, the current program is stopped, and the execution is transferred to another program that serves the interruption

Classification of interruptions

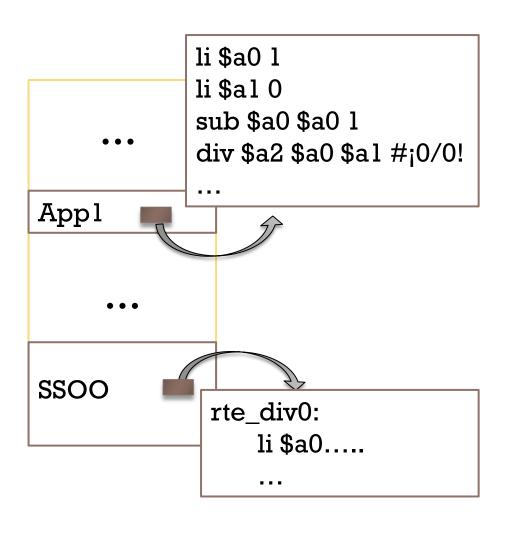
- Synchronous hardware exceptions
 - Division by zero, access to an illegal memory position,
- Asynchronous hardware exceptions
 - Faults or errors in the HW
- External interruptions
 - Peripherals, clock interruption
- Calls to the system
 - Special machine instructions that generate an interruption to activate the operating system

Asynchronous Hardware Exceptions and External Interrupts



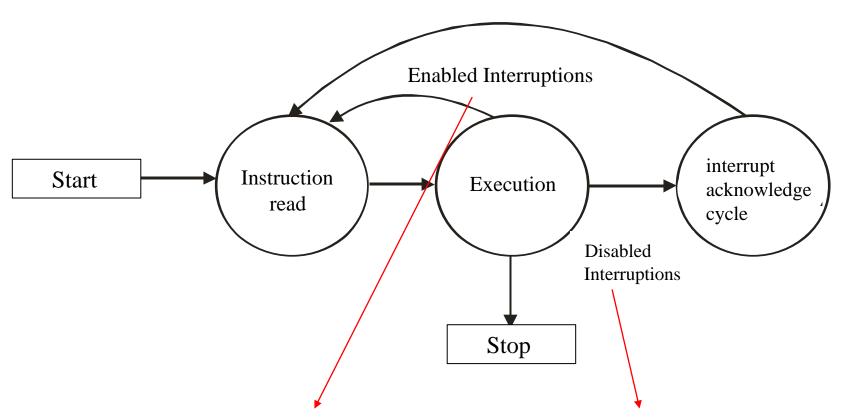
- They cause an unscheduled sequence break
 - At the end of the microprogram of the instruction in progress see if there is any pending interruption, and if so...
 - ...Bifurcation to subroutine of the O.S. that treats it
- It then restores the status and returns control to the interrupted program.
- Asynchronous cause to the execution of the current program
 - Peripheral care
 - Etc.

Synchronous hardware exceptions



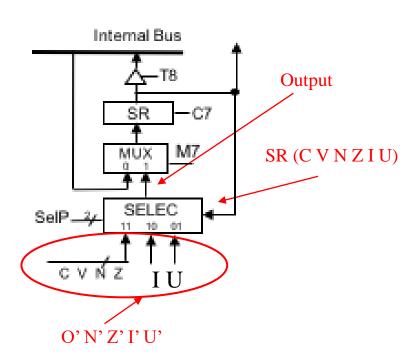
- They cause an unscheduled sequence break
 - Within the microprogram of the ongoing instruction...
 - ...Bifurcation to subroutine of the O.S. that treats it
- Subsequently, it restores the status and returns control to the interrupted program or ends its execution
- Synchronous cause to the execution of the current program
 - Division between zero
 - Etc.

Interrupt handle



It is indicated by a bit located in the status register (I)

Activation of the status register



SELEC operation:

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if (SelP1 = 1 AND SelP0 == 1)
Output = C' V' N' Z' I U
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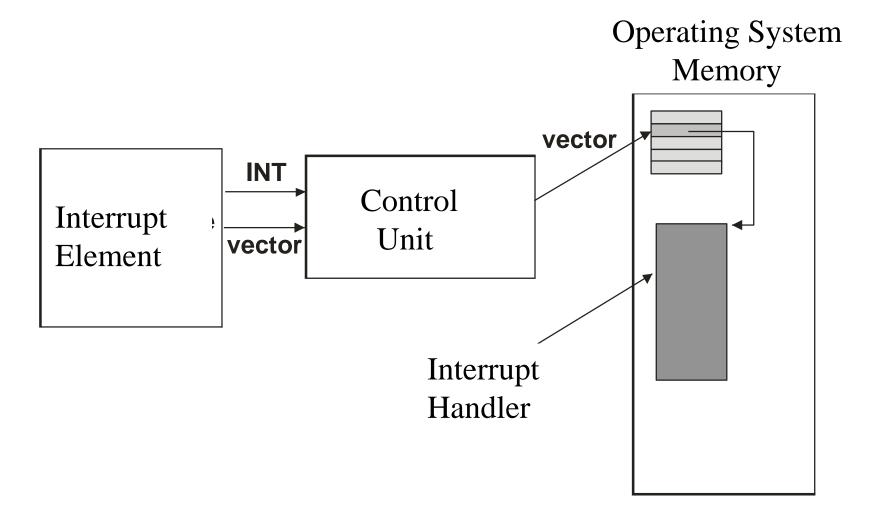
Interrupt acknowledge cycle

- During this cycle the Control Unit performs the following steps:
 - Checks if an interruption signal is activated.
 - If it is activated:
 - ▶ Saves the program counter and status register
 - Switches from user mode to core mode
 - Obtains the address of the interruption treatment routine
 - Store the address obtained in the program counter (this way the following instruction will be the one for the treatment routine)

Interrupt service routine (ISR)

- It is part of the operating system code
 - There is one ISR for each interruption that may occur
- General structure of the ISR:
 - 1. Saves the rest of the processor registers (if required)
 - 2. Service the interrupt
 - 3. Restores processor registers saved in (2)
 - 4. Executes a special machine instruction: RETI
 - Resets the status register of the interrupted program (by setting the processor mode back to user mode).
 - Resets the program counter (so that the next instruction is that of the interrupted program).

Vector interrupts



Vector interrupts

- ▶ The interrupting element supplies the interrupt vector
- This vector is an index in a table containing the address of the interrupt handdler routine.
- The Control Unit reads the content of this entry and loads the value into the PC
- Each operating system fills this table with the addresses of each of the treatment routines, which are dependent on each operating system.

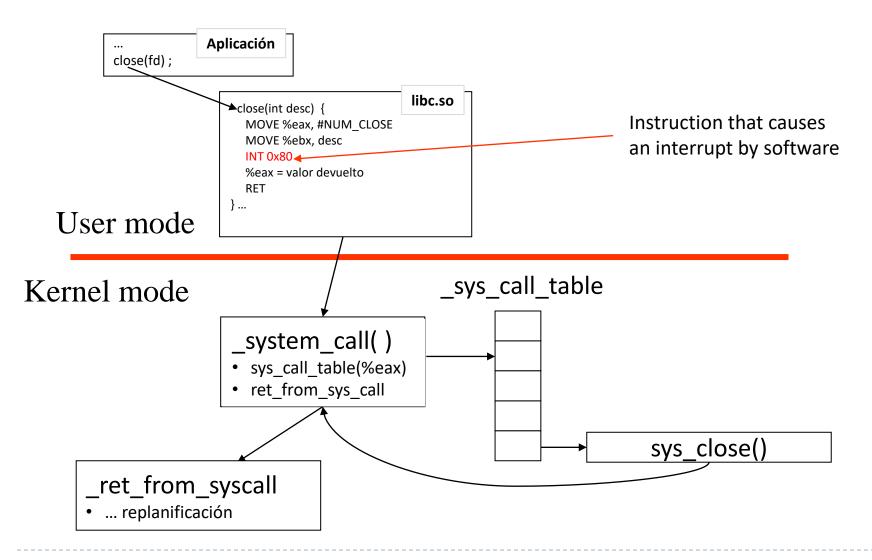
Interrupts in Windows

esumen del sistema	Recurso	Dispositivo	Estado	
Recursos de hardware Conflictos/uso compartido DMA Hardware forzado E/S Remoria Componentes Entorno de software	IRQ 0	Cronómetro del sistema		
	IRQ 1	Teclado PS/2 estándar		
	IRQ 1	Sistema CMOS/reloj en tiempo real	OK OK	
	IRQ 11	Controladora de SMBus de la familia Intel(R) ICH10 - 3A30 Mouse PS/2 de Microsoft		
	IRQ 12			
	IRQ 13	Procesador de datos numéricos		
	IRQ 16	Controladora estándar PCI IDE de doble canal		
	IRQ 16	Controladora de host universal USB de la familia Intel(R) ICH10 - 3A37	OK OK	
	IRQ 17	Puerto raíz PCI Express 1 de la familia Intel(R) ICH10 - 3A40	OK	
	IRQ 17	Puerto raíz PCI Express 5 de la familia Intel(R) ICH10 - 3A48	OK	
	IRQ 18	Controladora de host universal USB de la familia Intel(R) ICH10 - 3A36	OK	
	IRQ 18	Puerto raíz PCI Express 3 de la familia Intel(R) ICH10 - 3A44 Controladora de host mejorado USB de la familia Intel(R) ICH10 - 3A3 Realtek PCIe GBE Family Controller		
	IRQ 18			
	IRQ 18			
	IRQ 19	Controladora de host VIA compatible con OHCI 1394	OK OK	
	IRQ 19	Controladora de host universal USB de la familia Intel(R) ICH10 - 3A35	OK	
	IRQ 19	Puerto raíz PCI Express 4 de la familia Intel(R) ICH10 - 3A46	OK	
	IRQ 19	Controladora de host universal USB de la familia Intel(R) ICH10 - 3A39	OK	
	IRQ 20	Controladora estándar PCI IDE de doble canal	ОК	
	IRQ 20	Controladora estándar PCI IDE de doble canal	ОК	
	IRQ 21	Controladora de host universal USB de la familia Intel(R) ICH10 - 3A38	ОК	
	IRQ 22	Controladora de High Definition Audio	OK	
	IRQ 23	Controladora de host mejorado USB de la familia Intel(R) ICH10 - 3A3A	OK	
	IRQ 23	Controladora de host universal USB de la familia Intel(R) ICH10 - 3A34	OK	
	IRQ 24	NVIDIA GeForce GTX 260	OK	
	IRQ 81	Sistema Microsoft compatible con ACPI	OK	
	IRQ 82	Sistema Microsoft compatible con ACPI	OK	
	IRQ 83	Sistema Microsoft compatible con ACPI	OK	
	IRO 84	Sistema Microsoft compatible con ΔCPI	OK	

Software Interrupts. System calls and operating systems

- The system call mechanism is the one that allows user programs to request the services offered by the operating system
 - Load programs into memory for execution
 - Access to peripheral devices
 - Etc.
- Similar to the system calls offered by the CREATOR simulator
 - WepSIM examples show how system calls are internally implemented.

Software interrupts System calls (example: Linux)



Clock interrupts and operating system

- The signal that governs the execution of machine instructions is divided by a frequency divider to generate an external interruption every certain time interval (a few milliseconds)
- These clock interruptions or tics are periodic interruptions that allow the operating system to come in and run periodically, preventing a user program from monopolizing the CPU
 - Allows to alternate the execution of various programs on a system given the appearance of simultaneous execution
 - Each time a clock interruption arrives, the program is suspended and the operating system that runs the scheduler is skipped to decide the next program to run

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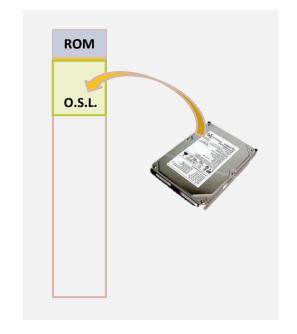


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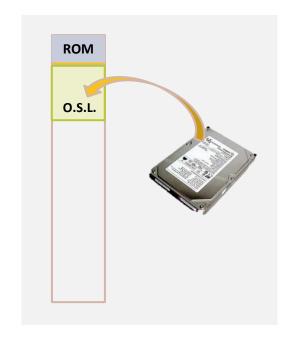
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Award Modular BIOS v6.00PG, An Energy Star Ally
  Copyright (C) 1984-2007, Award Software, Inc.
Intel X38 BIOS for X38-DQ6 F4
Main Processor : Intel(R) Core(TM)Z Extreme CPU X9650 @ 4.00GHz(333x12
CPUID:0676 Patch ID:0000>
Memory Testing : 2096064K OK
Memory Runs at Dual Channel Interleaved
IDE Channel 0 Slave ; WDC WD3200AAJS-00RYA0 12.01801
IDE Channel 1 Slave : WDC WD3Z00AAJS-00RYA0 12.01B01
Detecting IDE drives ....
IDE Channel 4 Master : Mone
IDE Channel 4 Slave : Mone
IDE Channel 5 Master : Mone
IDE Channel 5 Slave : None
<DEL>:BIOS Setup <F9>:XpressRecoveryZ <F1Z>:Boot Menu <End>:Qflash
 9/19/2007-X38-ICH9-6A790G0QC-00
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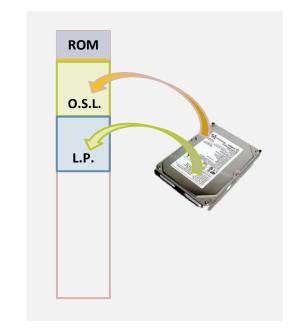
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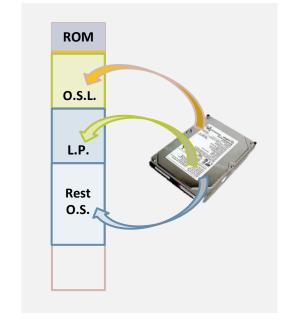




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 - Loads the loading program



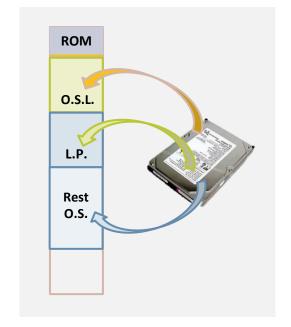
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 - Sets the initial state of the O.S.
 - Loads the O.S. and executed it.



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tting system time from the hardware clock (localtime).
      etc/random-seed to initialize /dev/urandom.
nitializing basic system settings ...
etting hostname: engpc23.murdoch.edu.au
IIT: Entering runlevel: 4
.M ==> Going multiuser..
nitialising advanced hardware
nitialising network
etting up localhost ...
etting up inet1 ...
etting up route ...
etting up fancy console and GUI
pading fc-cache
colinit ==> Going to runlevel 4
tarting services of runlevel 4
 ree86 Display Manager
 mebuffer /dev/fb0 is 307200 bytes
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Computer booting summary

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Program execution time

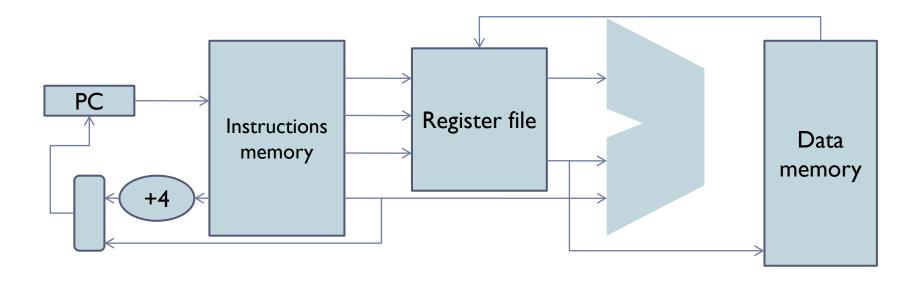
$$Time_{execution} = IN \times CPI \times t_{cycle_CPU} + IN \times AMI \times t_{cycle_mem}$$

- IN is the number of instructions of the program
- is the average number of clock cycles to execute an instruction
- t_{cycle CPI} is the cycle clock duration
- is the average number of memory access per instruction
- ▶ t_{cycle mem} is the time needed for a memory access

Factors affecting execution time

	IN	CPI	t _{cycle_CPI}	AMI	t _{cycle_mem}
Program	✓			✓	
Compiler	✓	√		✓	
Instruction set	✓	√	✓	√	
Organization		√	✓		✓
Technology			√		✓

Model of processor based on datapath (without internal bus)



Instruction level parallelism

- Concurrent execution of several machine instructions
- Combination of elements working in parallel:
 - Pipelined processor: use pipelines in which multiple instructions are overlapped in execution
 - Superscalar processor: multiple independent instruction pipelines are used. Each pipeline can handle multiple instructions at a time
 - Multicore processor: several processors or cores in the same chip

Segmentation of instructions



Stages in the execution of instructions:

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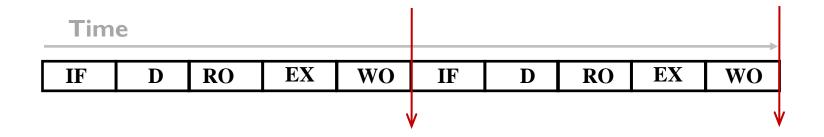
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RO: Read operands

EX: Execution

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Segmentation of instructions without pipeline



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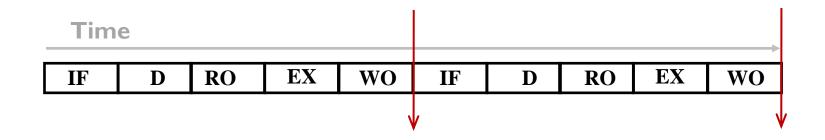
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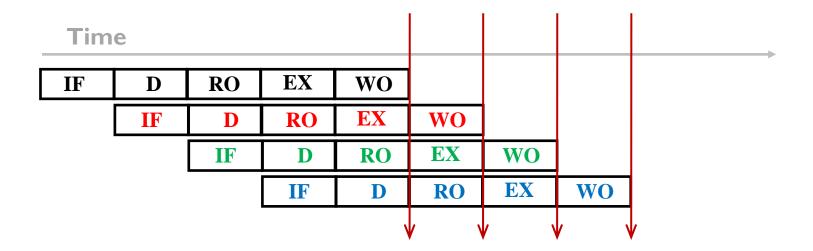
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Segmentation of instructions without pipeline



- If each phase takes N clock cycles, then:
 - One instruction takes 5*N clock cycles to be executed
 - ▶ 1/5 of instruction is issued every N clock cycles

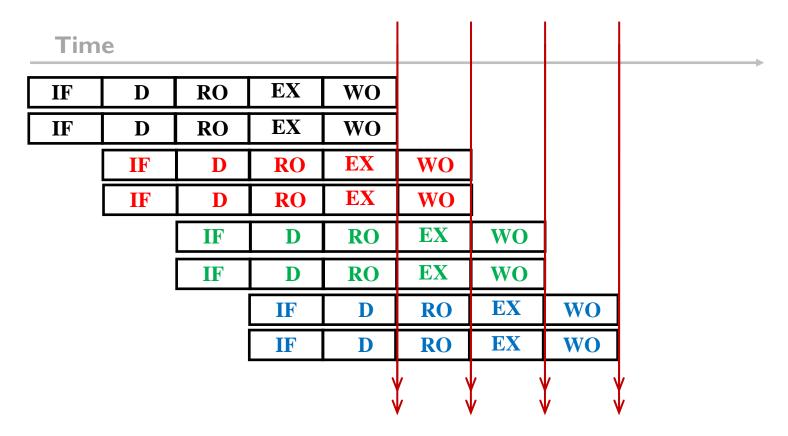
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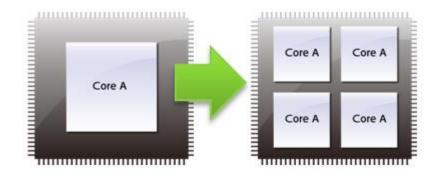
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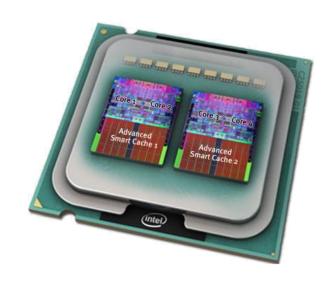


▶ Pipeline with several functional units in parallel

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