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Lesson 4 (I) The processor

Computer Structure Bachelor in Computer Science and Engineering



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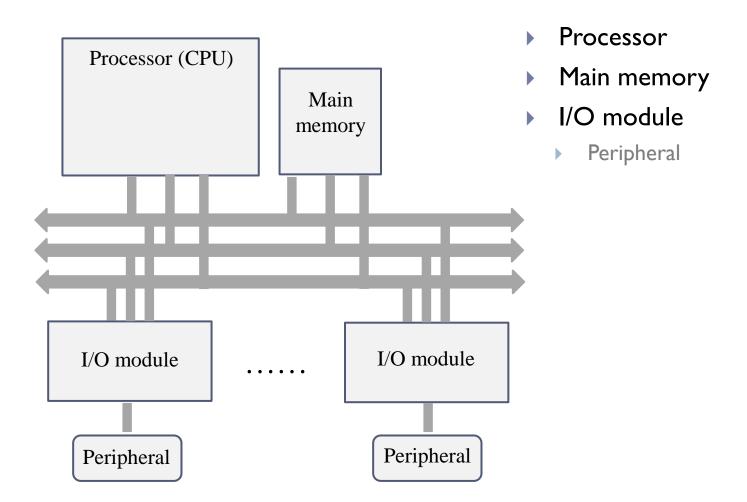
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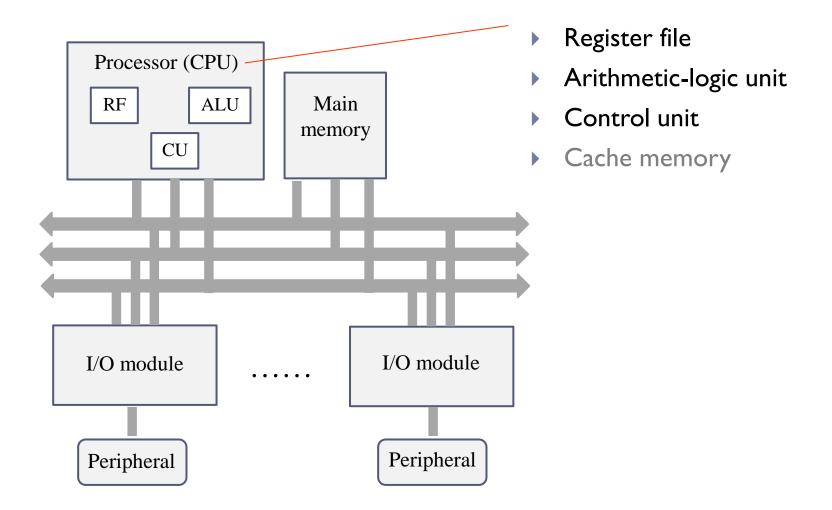
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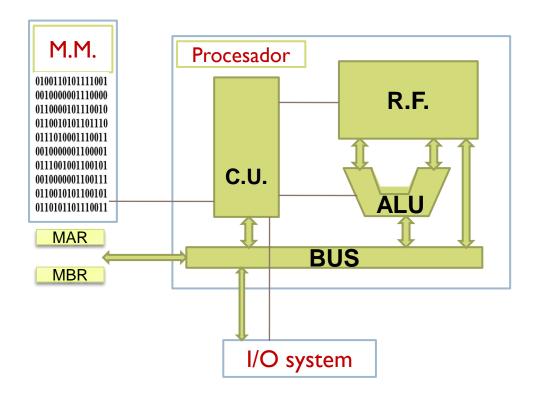


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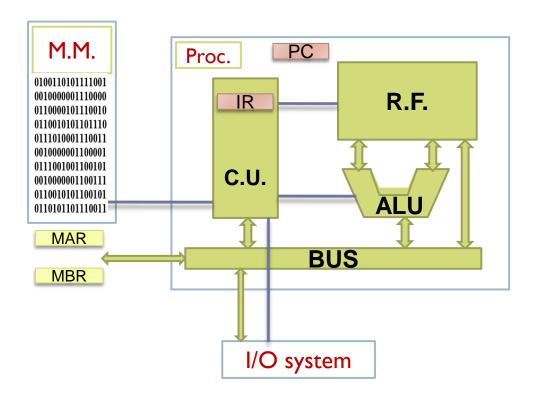
Main motivation



- In lesson 3, we studied what processor execute: assembly programming.
- In lesson 4 we are going to study **how** the instructions are executed in the computer.

How C.U. works:

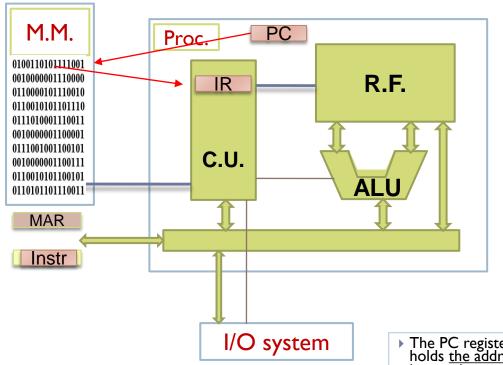
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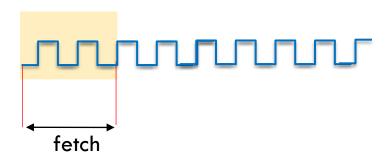


- Each element of the computer has inputs, outputs and control signals.
- At each clock cycle, the Control Unit (C.U.) sends the control signals via the control bus wires.
- Control signals indicate what value to output:
 - Move from an input to an output: S=Ex
 - Transform an input: S=f(E)

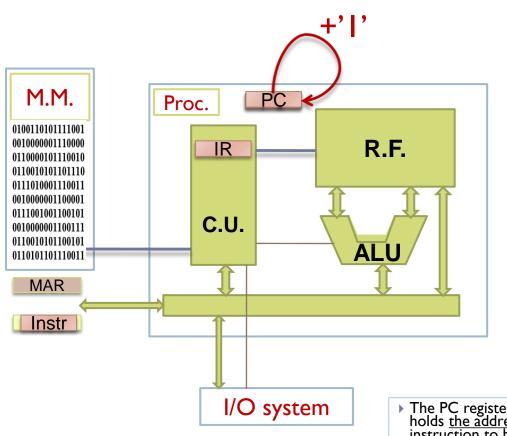
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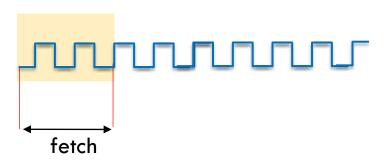
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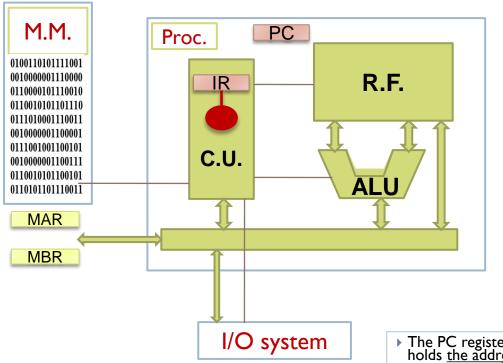


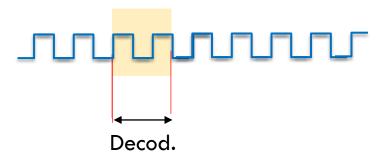
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- Decode instruction
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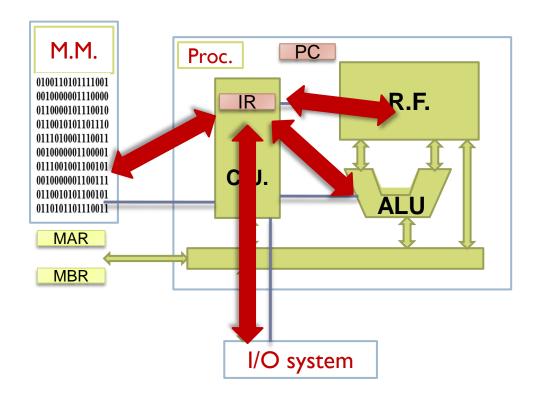


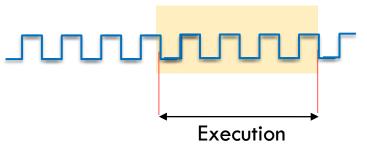
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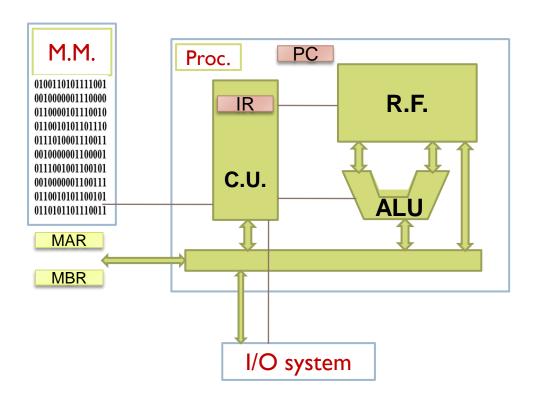
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Other functions of the C.U.



- Resolving anomalous situations
 - Illegal instructions
 - Illegal memory accesses
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- Attend to interruptions
- Control the communication with the peripherals.

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Register and bus



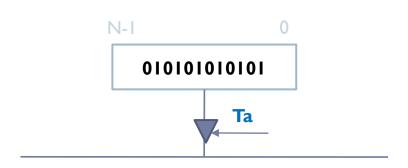
Register

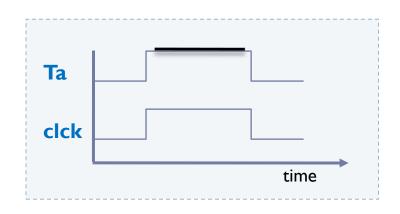
Let us store a list of bits

Bus

Let us to transfer a list of bit between two elements connected though the bus

Signals: output tristate





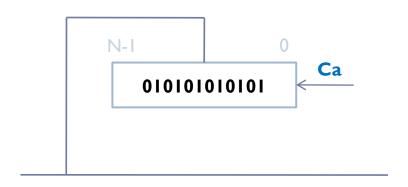
▶ Tri-state

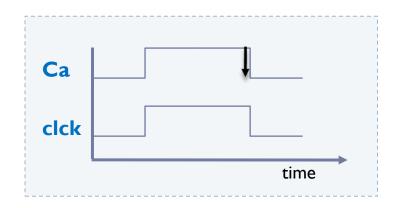
- In the middle of the elements and the bus.
- Allows to send data to the bus.

IMPORTANT

Two or more tri-states cannot be activated on the same bus at the same time.

Signals: load in register





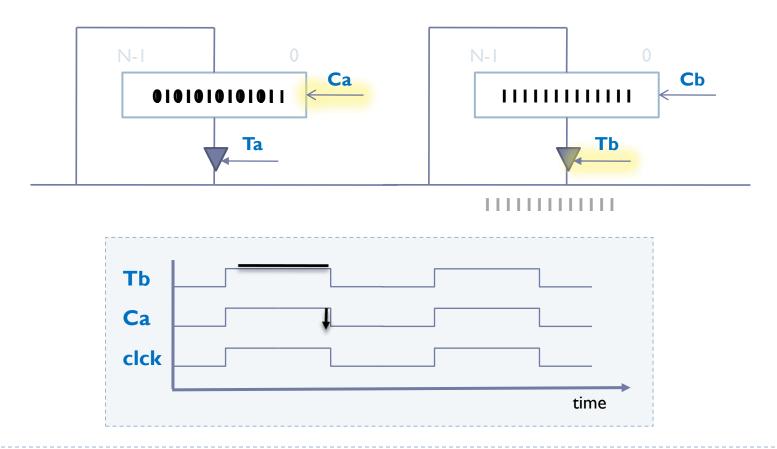
Load in register

- Let store the input value at the clock falling edge
 - During the clock level the register keeps the inner (old) value.
 - At the end of the clock cycle (falling edge) is when the inner value is updated

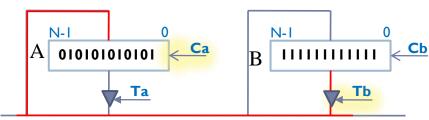
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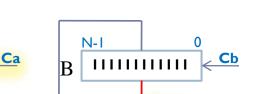
Therefore, in the following cycle, the new value will be seen at the output

Sequence of signals



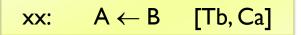
Example of *transfer* elemental operation

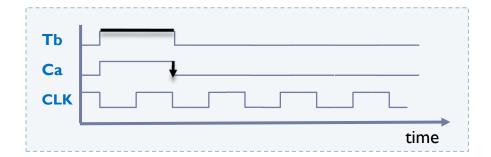




Elementary transfer operation:

- Source storage element
- Target storage element
- A path is established

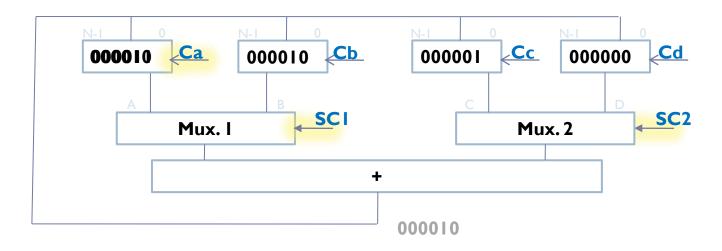


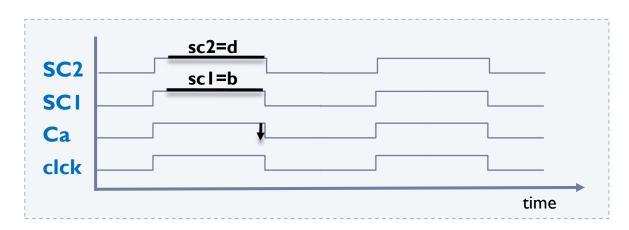


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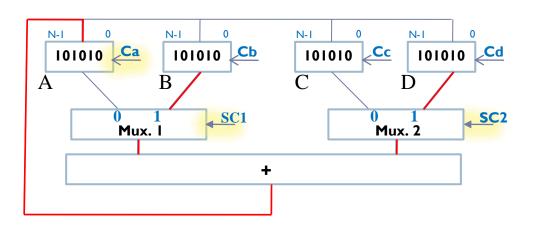
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- In the same cycle NOT:
 - ▶ Traverse a register
 - carry two values to a bus at the same time.

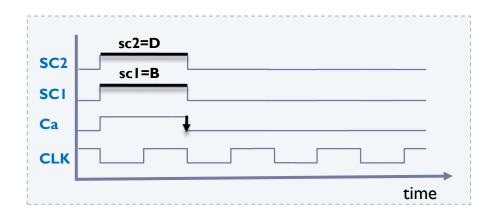
Sequence of signals





Example of *process* elemental operation





Elementary processing operation:

- Source element(s)
- Target element
- Transformation operation on the path

yy:
$$A \leftarrow B+D$$
 [SC1=b,SC2=d, Ca]

▶ IMPORTANT

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RT Language and Elementary Operations

▶ RT Language:

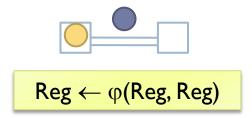
- Register transfer level language.
- It specifies what happens in the computer by elementary operations.

▶ Elementary operations:

- Transfer operations
 - MAR ← PC

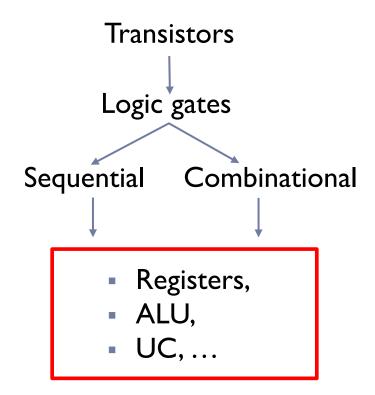


- Processing operations
 - \rightarrow RI \leftarrow R2 + RT2



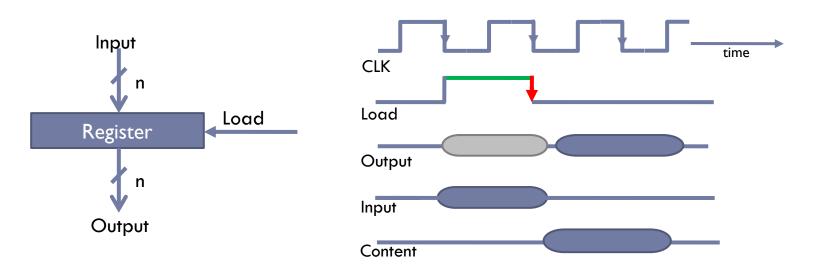
Review all components...

- Binary system based on 0 y I
- Building blocks:

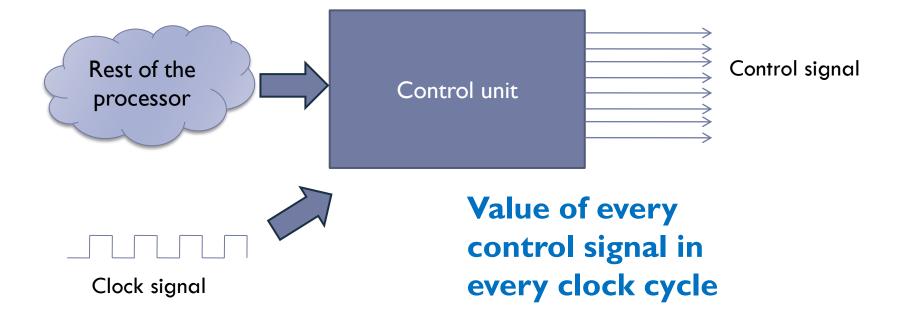


Review all components... Registers

- ▶ Element storing n bits at a time
 - Output: I
 - During the level, the output is the value stored in the register.
 - Input: I
 - Possible new value to be stored
 - Control: I or 2
 - Load: in the falling edge the possible new value is stored
 - Reset: there may be a signal to set the register to zero



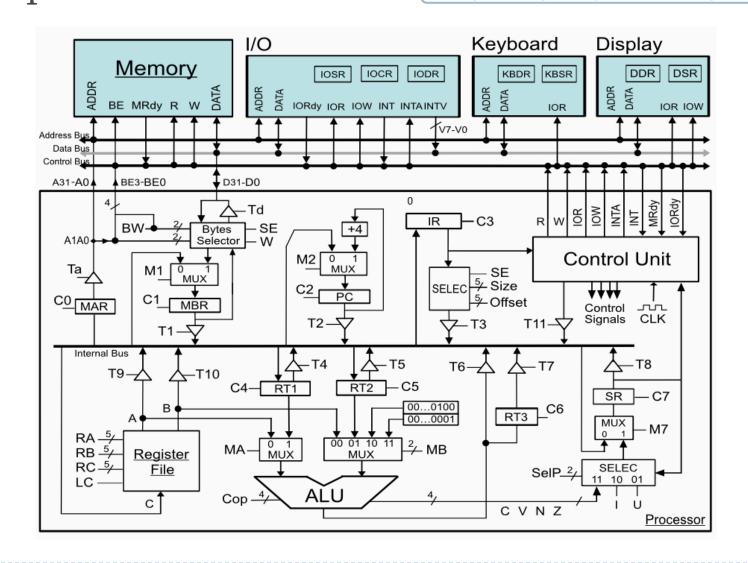
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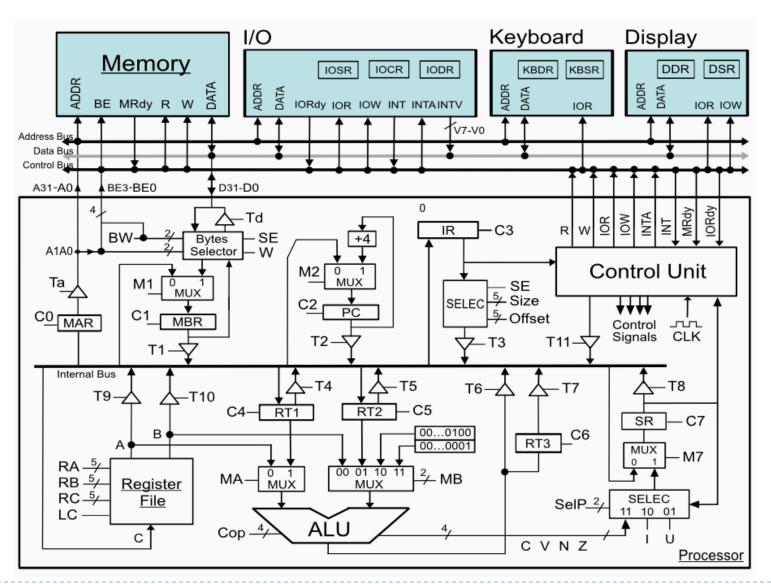
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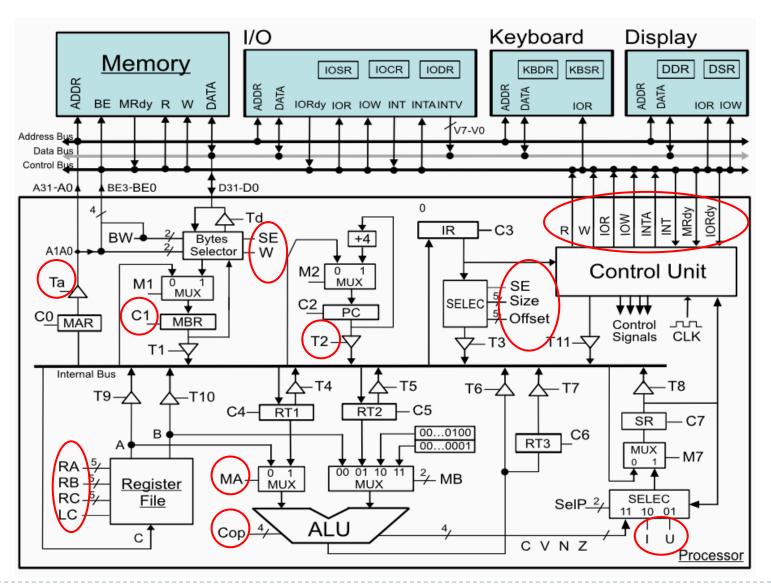
Main features

- Main features of the elemental processor (EP)
 - ▶ 32 bits computer
 - Main memory:
 - Addressed by bytes
 - A clock cycle for reading and writing operations
 - Different types of registers available:
 - ▶ Register file of 32 <u>registers visible to programmers (R0...R31)</u>
 - \square Similar to MIPS: R0 = 0 y SP = R29
 - Registers not visible to programmers (RTI, RT2 and RT3)
 - □ Possible use for intermediate calculations within an instruction
 - Control registers (PC, IR, MAR, MBR) and <u>state register</u> (SR)
 - ☐ MAR, MBR, PC, SR, IR
- WepSIM simulates the E.P.:
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Structure of an elementary computer

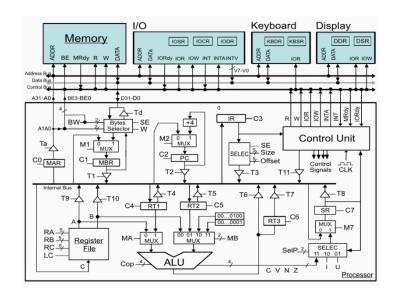


Control signals



Control signals

- Memory access signals
- Load signals in registers
- Tri-state gate control signals
- MUX selection signals
- Register file control signals
- Other selection signals

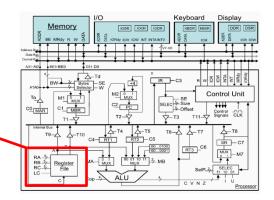


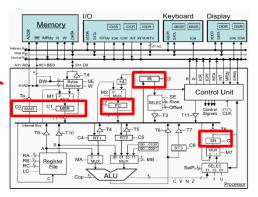
General nomenclature:

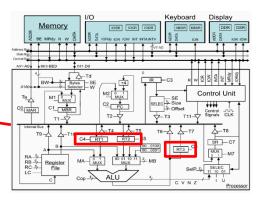
- Mx: Selection in <u>multiplexor</u>
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- Ry: Register file selection

Registers

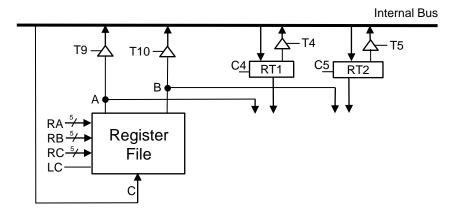
- Registers visible to programmers
 - Register file's registers (~MIPS: \$t0, \$t1, etc.)
- Control and status registers:
 - PC: program counter
 - ▶ IR: instruction register
 - SP: stack pointer (in the register file)
 - MAR: memory address register
 - ▶ MBR: memory data register
 - > SR: status register
- Registers not visible to the user:
 - RT1, RT2 and RT3 (internal temporal reg.)







Control signals



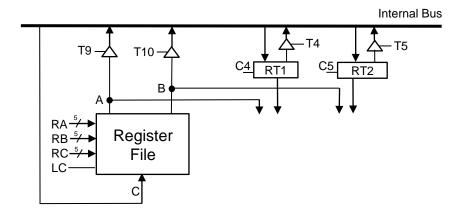
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Register file, RT1 and RT2

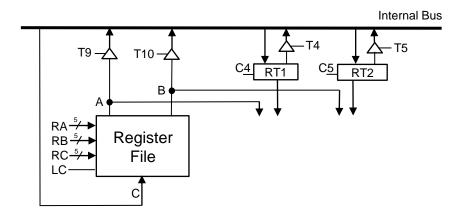
- ▶ RA register output by A
- ▶ RB register output by B
- ▶ RC input C to the RC register
- ▶ LC activates writing for RC
- ▶ T9 copy A to the internal bus
- ▶ TIO copy B to the internal bus
- C4 from the internal bus to RTI
- ▶ T4 RTI output to internal bus
- C5 from the internal bus to RT2
- ▶ T5 RT2 output to internal bus

Example elemental operations in registers



SWAP RI R2

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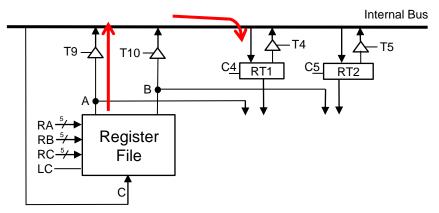


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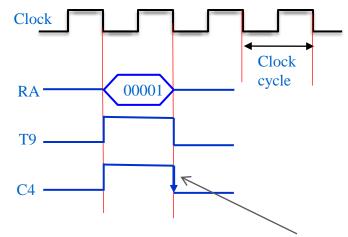
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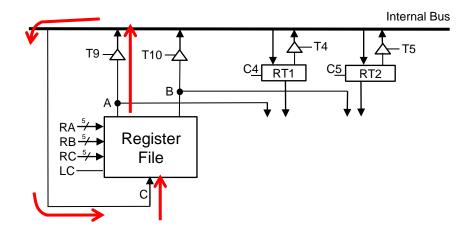
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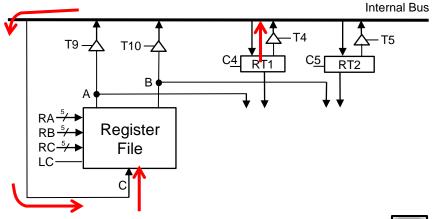
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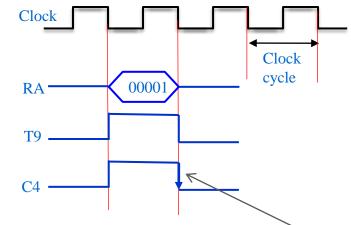
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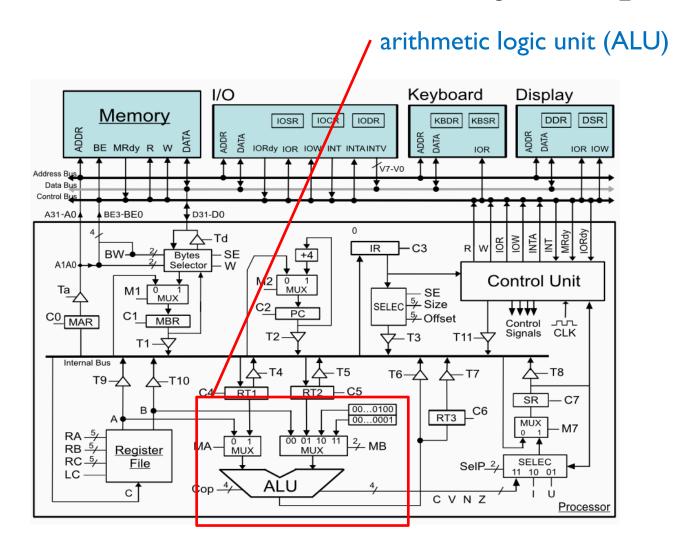
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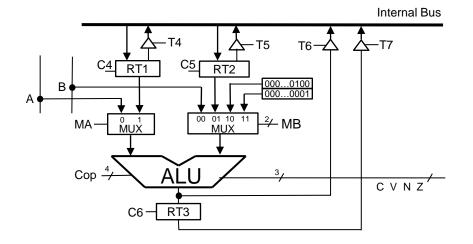
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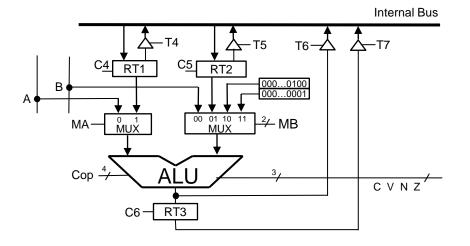


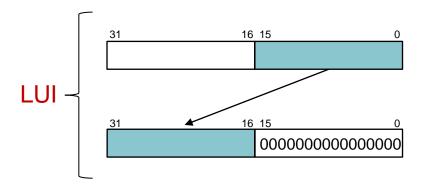


ALU

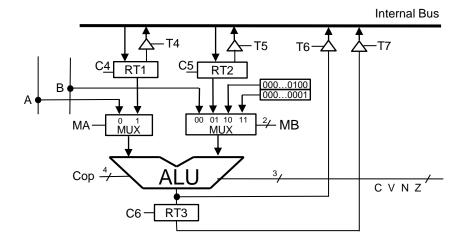
- MA selection of operand A
- MB selection of operand B
- Cop operation code

Cop (Cop ₃ -Cop ₀)	Operation
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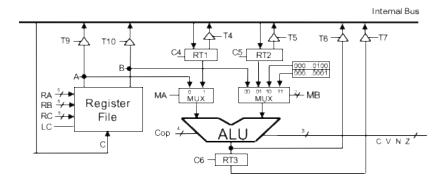
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Result	С	٧	N	Z
Positive result (0 is considered +)	0	0	0	0
Result == 0	0	0	0	1
Negative result	0	0	1	0
Overflow	0	1	0	0
Division by zero	0	1	0	1
Carrying at bit 32	1	0	0	0

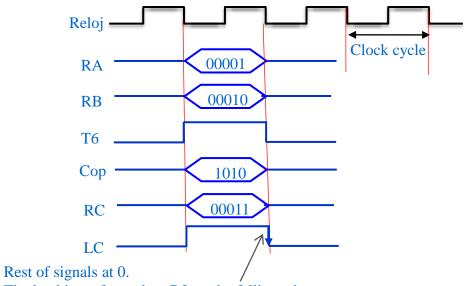
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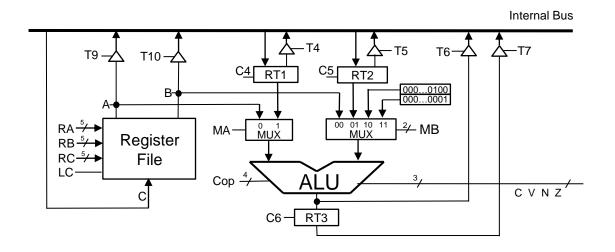
als
R1, RB=R2, =+, T6, R3, LC=1



The load is performed on R3 on the falling edge.

The data is available in register R3 for the next cycle.

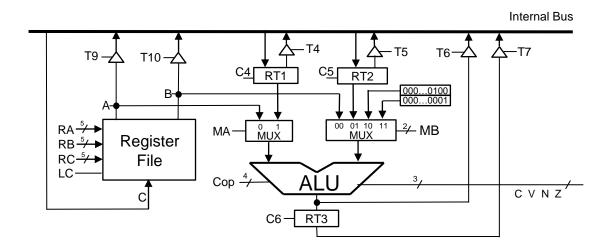
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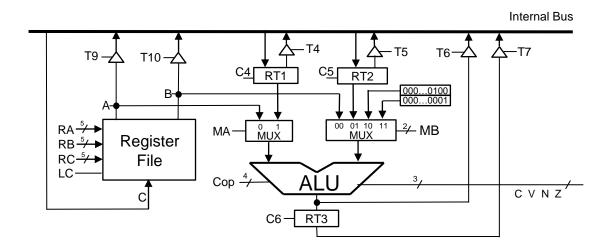


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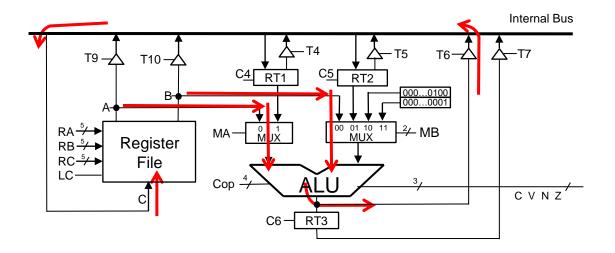


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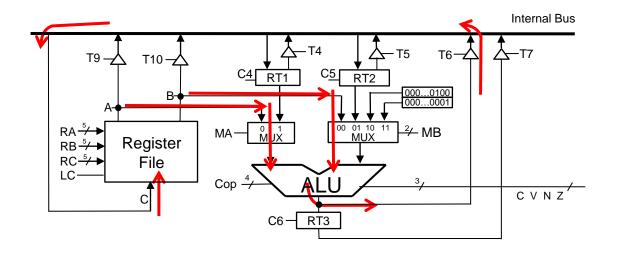


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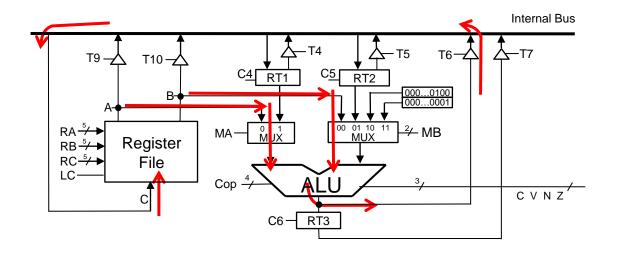


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Elem. Op.	Signals
R1←R1 ^ R2	RA=1, RB=2, Cop=^, T6, RC=1, LC
R2←R1 ^ R2	RA=1, RB=2, Cop=^, T6, RC=2, LC
R1←R1 ^ R2	RA=1, RB=2, Cop=^, T6, RC=1, LC

elemental operations in ALU



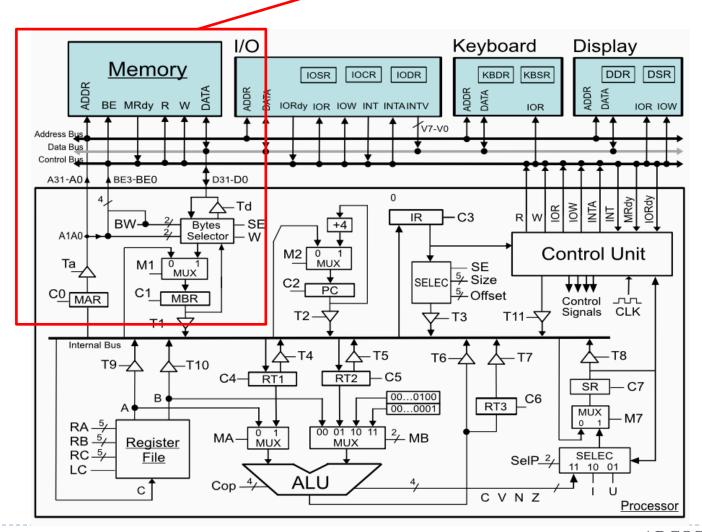
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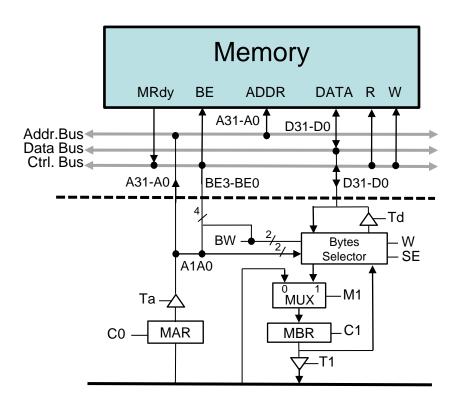
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Structure of an elementary computer Main memory,

address register and data register





Nomenclature:

- MAR -> Address register
- MBR -> Data register

Main Memory

- ▶ R Read
- ▶ W –Write
- ▶ BE3-BE0 = AIA0 + BW
 - Access size (byte, word, half word)
- ▶ C0 from internal bus to MAR
- ► CI from data bus to MBR
- Ta output of MAR to the address bus
- Td MBR output to data bus
- TI MBR output to internal bus
- MI- selection for MBR: memory or internal bus

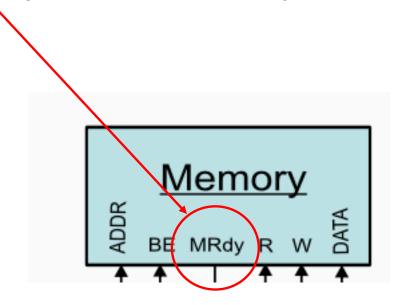
Memory access

Synchronous:

Memory requires a certain number of cycles for all operations.

Asynchronous:

- Non fixed number of clock cycles for memory operations.
- The memory indicates when the operation ends



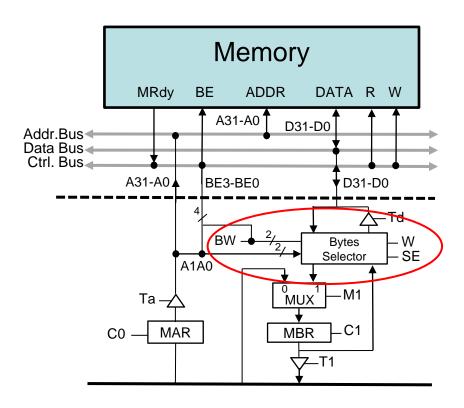
BE (Byte-Enable) signals for reading

Е	Bytes in memory				Bytes selection				Output t	o bus	
D31-D24	D23-D16	D15-D8	D7-D0	BE3	BE2	BEI	BE0	D31-D24	D23-D16	D15-D8	D7-D0
Byte 3	Byte 2	Byte I	Byte 0	0	0	0	0				Byte 0
Byte 3	Byte 2	Byte I	Byte 0	0	0	0	- 1			Byte I	
Byte 3	Byte 2	Byte I	Byte 0	0	0	I	0		Byte 2		
Byte 3	Byte 2	Byte I	Byte 0	0	0	I	I	Byte 3			
Byte 3	Byte 2	Byte I	Byte 0	0	I	0	X			Byte I	Byte 0
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BE (Byte-Enable) signals for writing

Е	Bytes in memory				Bytes selection				Output t	o bus	
D31-D24	D23-D16	D15-D8	D7-D0	BE3	BE2	BEI	BE0	D31-D24	D23-D16	D15-D8	D7-D0
Byte 3	Byte 2	Byte I	Byte 0	0	0	0	0				Byte 0
Byte 3	Byte 2	Byte I	Byte 0	0	0	0	1			Byte I	
Byte 3	Byte 2	Byte I	Byte 0	0	0	I	0		Byte 2		
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Memory Access size



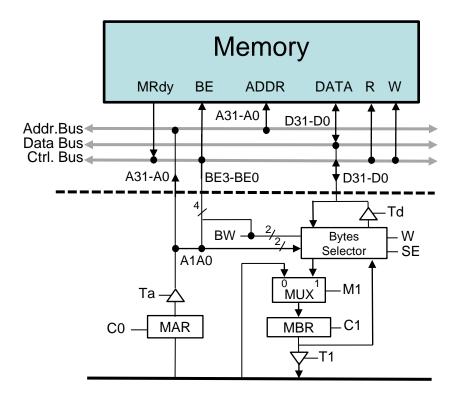
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- MAR -> Addresss register
- MBR -> Data register

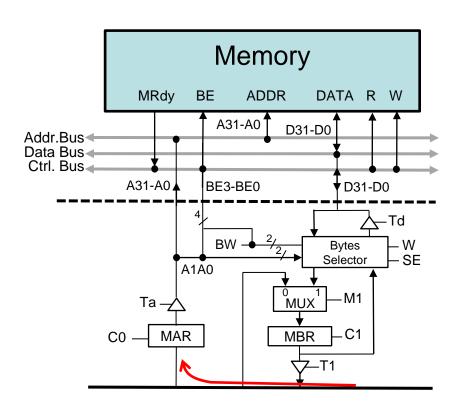
- Byte Selector: selects which bytes are stored in MBR while reading and copy to the bus on writes.
- ▶ BW=0: access to bytes
- BW=01: access to half a word
- BW = II: word access
- ▶ SE: sign extension
 - 0: does not extend the sign in smaller accesses of a word
 - I: extends the sign in smaller word accesses

elemental operations in main memory

Reading a word



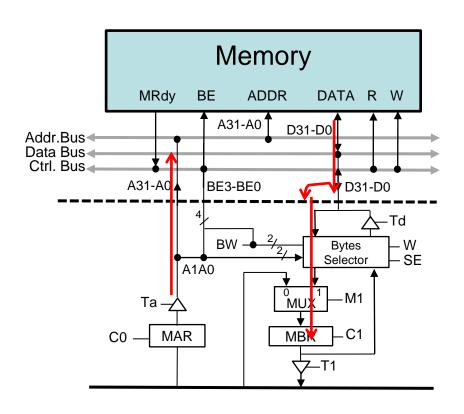
access to 1 cycle synchronous main memory



Read

Elem. Op.	Signals
MAR ← <address></address>	, C0

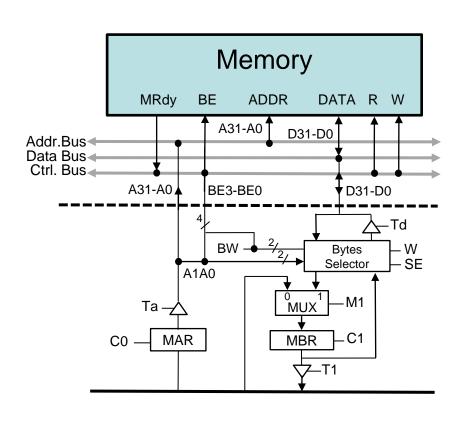
access to 1 cycle synchronous main memory



Read

Elem. Op.	Signals
MAR ← <address></address>	, C0
MBR ← MP[MAR]	Ta, R, M1, C1, BW=11

access to 1 cycle synchronous main memory

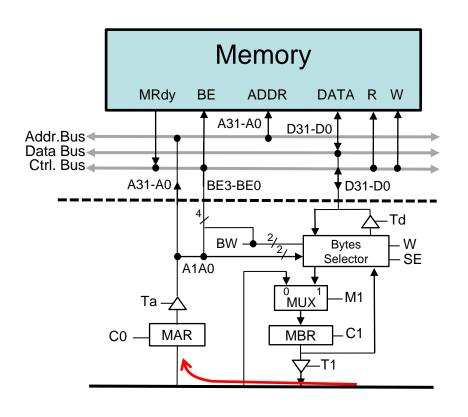


Read

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Writing a word

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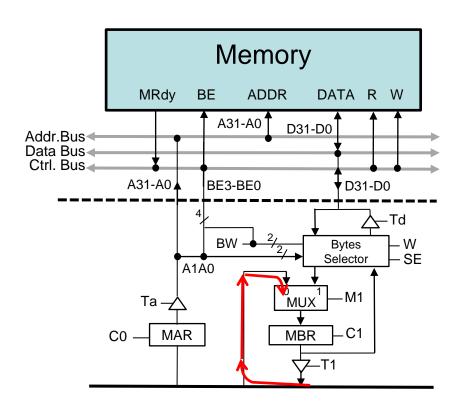


Read

Elem. Op.	Signals
MAR ← <address></address>	, C0
MBR ← MP[MAR]	Ta, R, M1, C1

Elem. Op.	Signals
MAR ← <address></address>	, CO

access to 1 cycle synchronous main memory

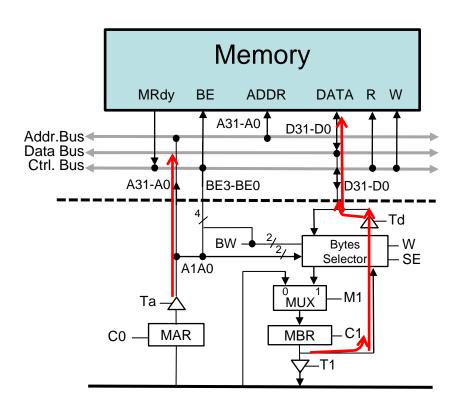


Read

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MBR ← MP[MAR]	Ta, R, M1, C1

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MBR ← <data></data>	, C1

access to 1 cycle synchronous main memory

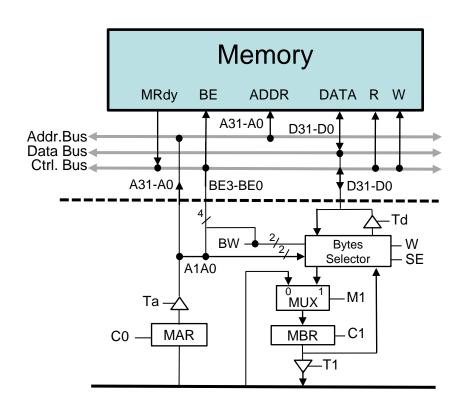


Read

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Writing cycle	Ta, Td, W, BW=11

access to 1 cycle synchronous main memory

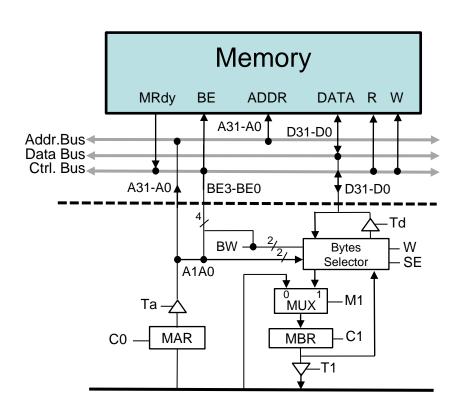


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MBR ← MP[MAR]	Ta, R, M1, C1

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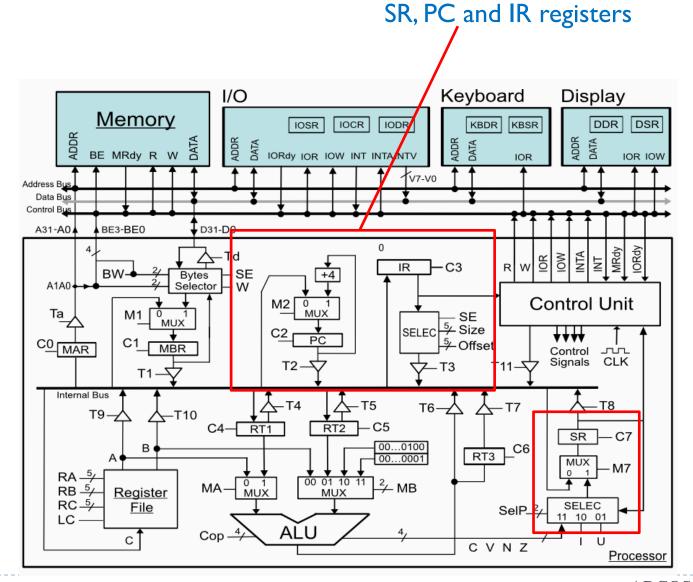
access to 2 cycle synchronous main memory



Reading a word

Elem. Op.	Signals
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Reading cycle	Ta, R,
Reading cycle MBR ← MP[MAR]	Ta, R, M1, C1, BW=11

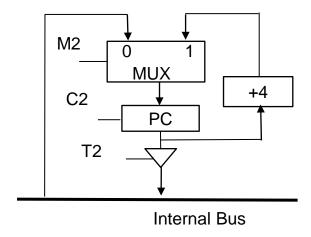
Structure of an elementary computer



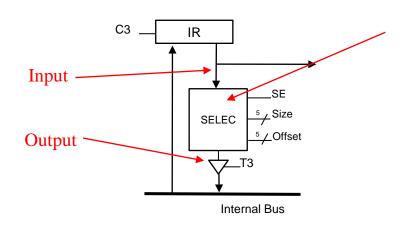
Program Counter

Program Counter (PC):

- ▶ C2, M2
 - PC ← PC + 4
- C2 from internal bus to PC
- ▶ T2 from PC to internal bus



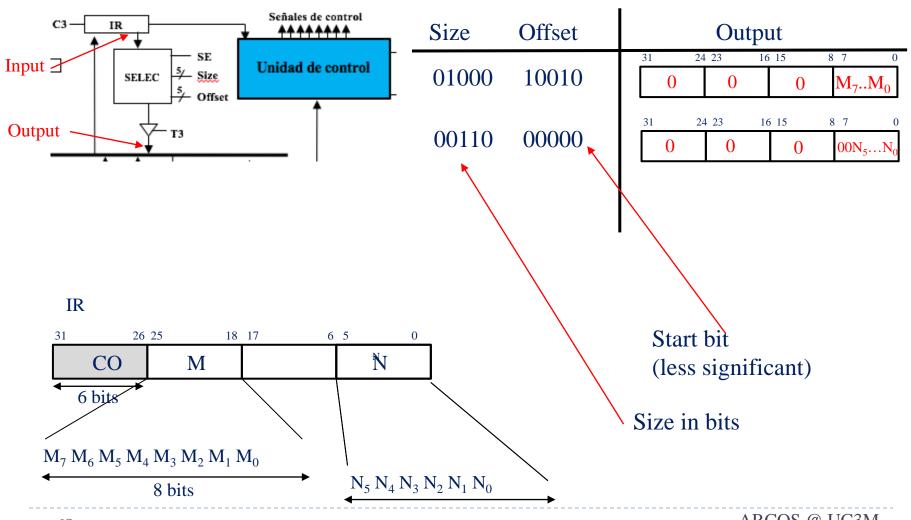
Instruction register



- ▶ C3 from internal bus to IR
- SELEC:Transfer IR content to the bus
 - ▶ Size: Size
 - Offset: displacement
 - Start bit (less significant)
 - ▶ SE: sign extension

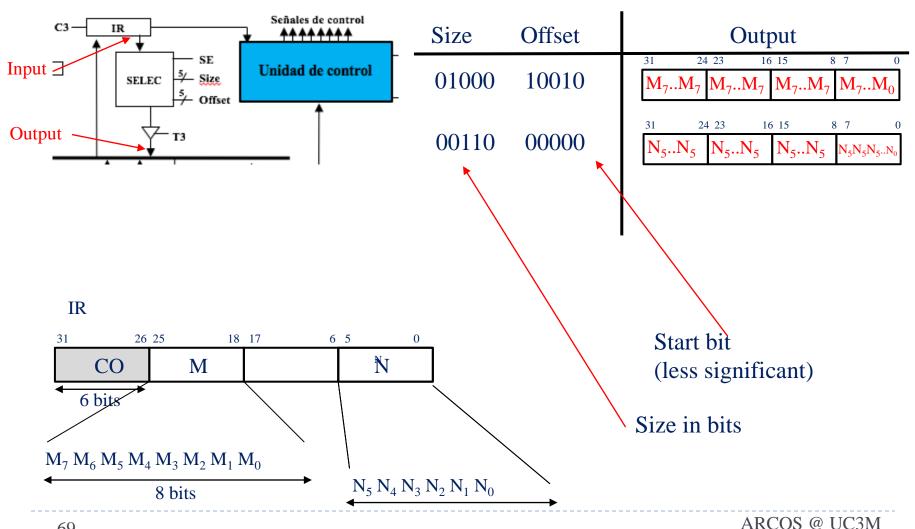
Selector circuit

Selection without sign extension(SE = 0)



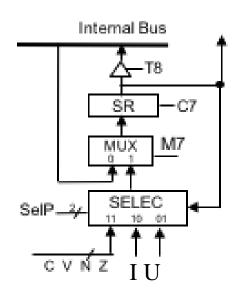
Selector circuit

Selection without sign extension(SE = 1)

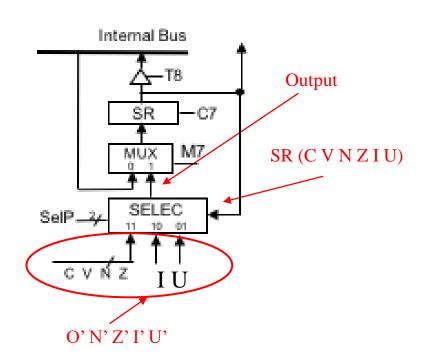


Status register

- Stores information (status bits) about the status of the program being executed on the processor:
 - Result of the last operation in the ALU: C,V, N, Z
 - If the processor is running in kernel mode or user mode (U)
 - Whether interruptions are enabled or not (I)
- Associated control signals:
 - C7 from internal bus to SR
 - SelP, M7 − flags from ALU, I, o U to SR
 - ► T8 from SR to internal bus



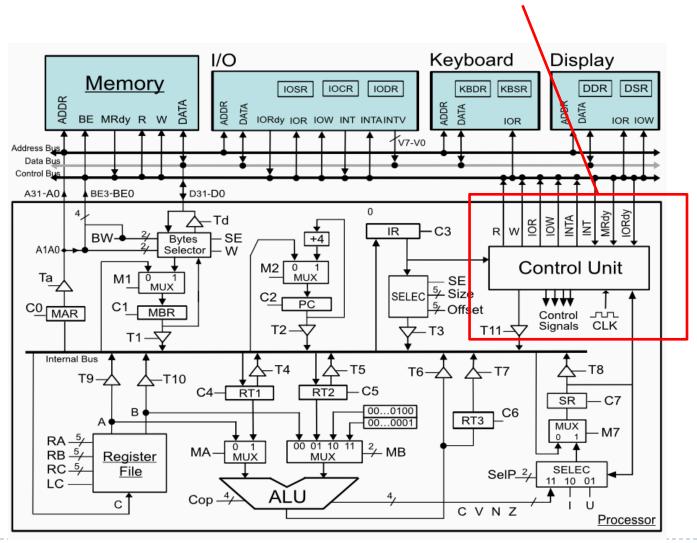
Status register



SELEC Operation:

Structure of an elementary computer

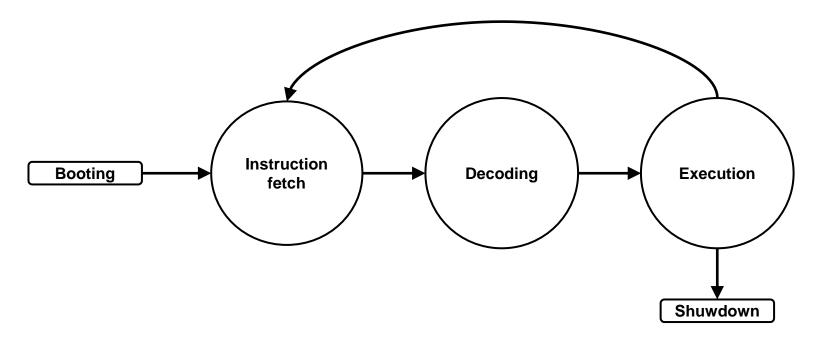




Control unit Phases of execution of an instruction

Basic functions:

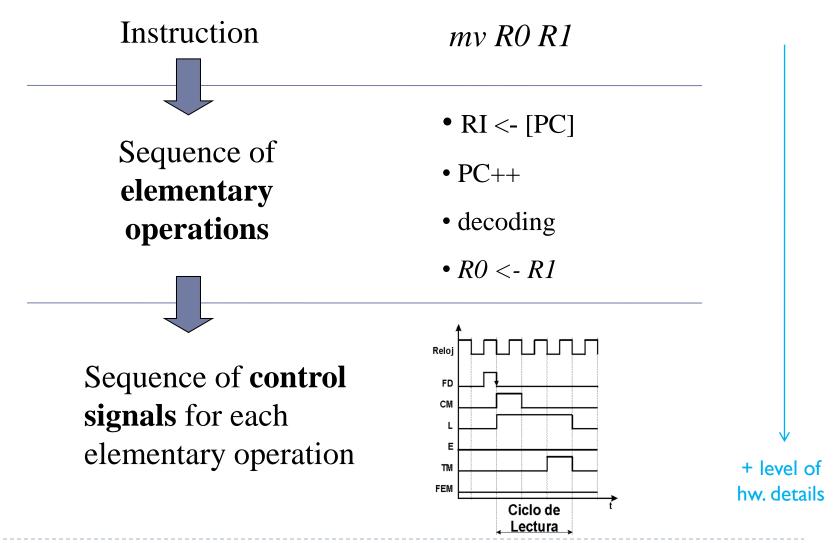
- Reading instructions from memory
- Decoding
- Execution of instructions



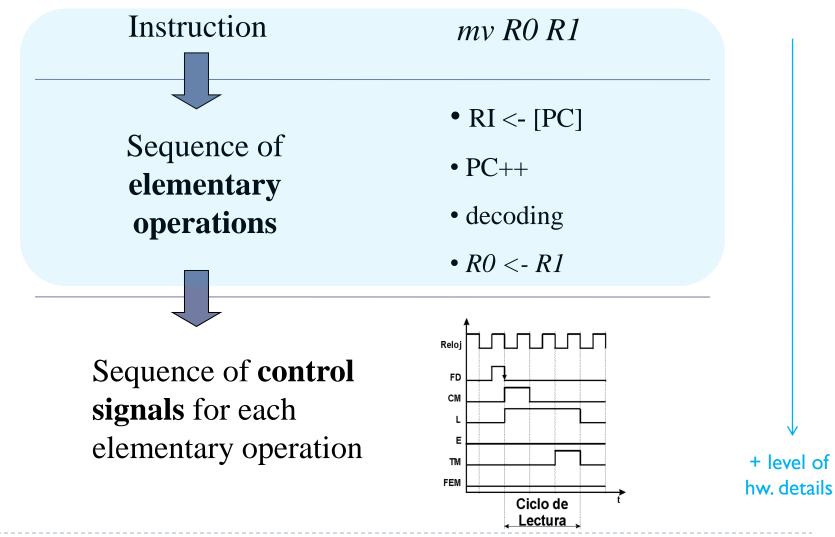
Clock

- element
- A computer is a synchronous element
- Controls the operation
- ▶ The clock times the operations:
 - In a clock cycle one or more elementary operations are executed as long as there is no conflict
 - The necessary control signals are kept active during the cycle
- In the same cycle you can perform
 - MAR ← PC y RT3 ← RT2 + RT1
- In the same cycle it is not possible to perform
 - ▶ MAR \leftarrow PC y RI \leftarrow RT3 why?

Description of the Control Unit activity



Description of the Control Unit activity



Instruction execution phases

Instruction Reading or fetch

- Read the instruction stored in the memory address indicated by PC and take it to IR.
- PC is updated to point to the next instruction

Decoding

- Analysis of the instruction in RI to determine:
 - ▶ The operation to be performed.
 - Address to be applied.
 - Control signals to be activated

Execution

Generation of the control signals in each clock cycle.

Fetch

Cycle	Elem. Op.
CI	MAR ← PC
C2	PC ← PC + 4
C3	MBR ← MP
C4	IR← MBR

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Possibility of simultaneous operations

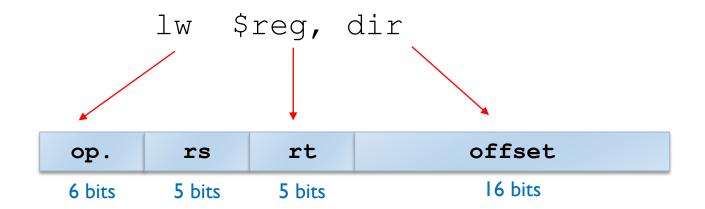
Fetch Cycle Control Signals

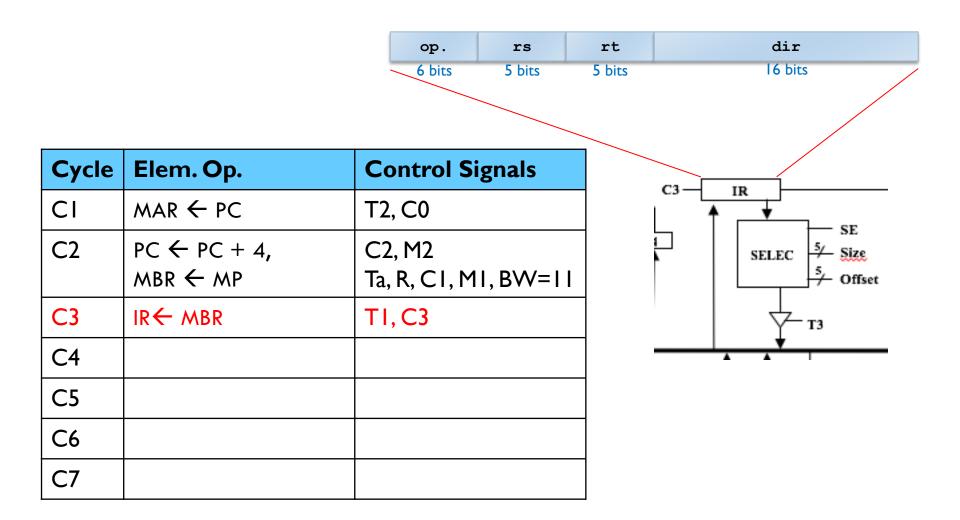
- Specification of the active control signals in each clock cycle
 - Can be generated from the RT level.

Cycle	Elem. Op.	Control Signals
CI	MAR ← PC	T2, C0
C2	$PC \leftarrow PC + 4$, $MBR \leftarrow MP$	C2, M2 Ta, R, C1, M1, BW=11
C3	IR← MBR	TI, C3

Example

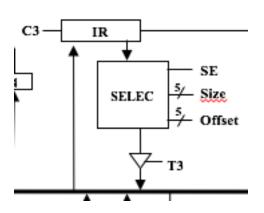
▶ lw \$reg, dir

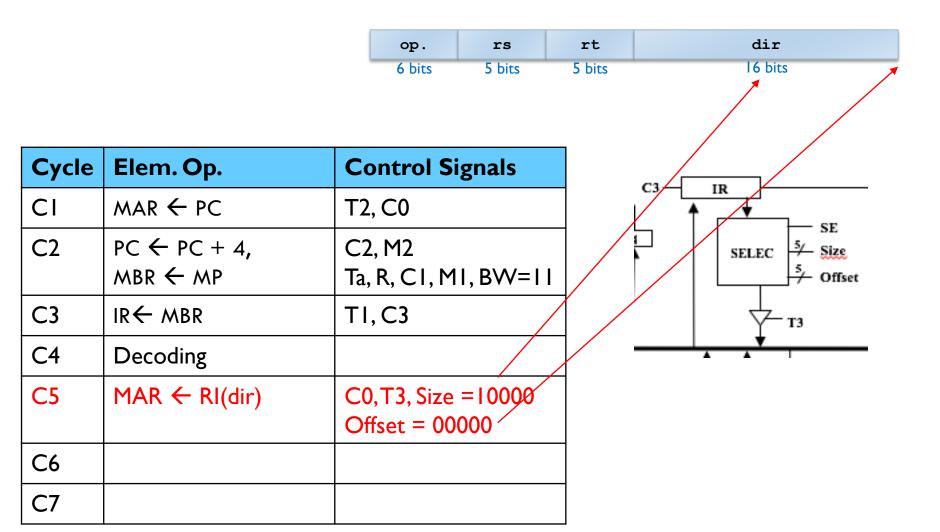




op.	rs	rt	dir
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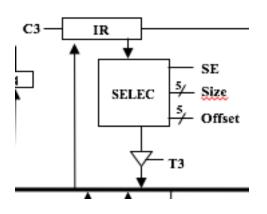
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СІ	MAR ← PC	T2, C0
C2	$PC \leftarrow PC + 4$, $MBR \leftarrow MP$	C2, M2 Ta, R, C1, M1, BW=11
C3	IR← MBR	TI, C3
C4	Decoding	
C5		
C6		
C7		





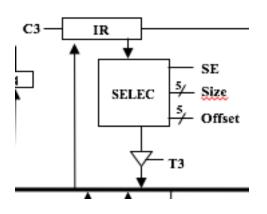
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C3	IR← MBR	TI, C3
C4	Decoding	
C5	MAR ← RI(dir)	C0,T3, Size = 10000 Offset = 00000
C6	MBR ← MP	Ta, R, CI, MI, BW=II
C7		

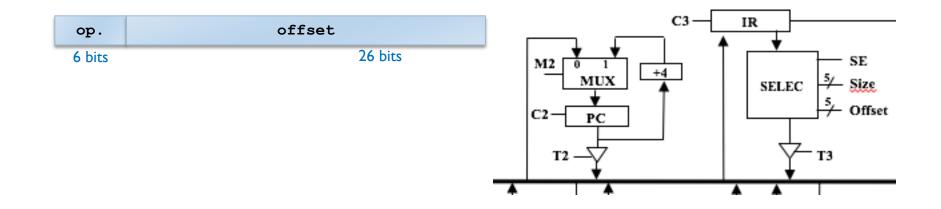


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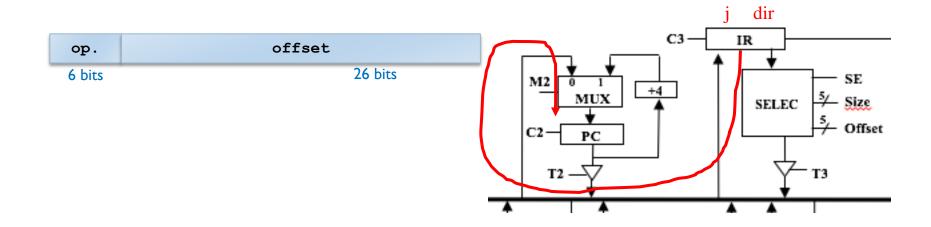
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Execution of j dir



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C4	Decoding	
C5	PC← RI(dir)	C2,T3, Size = 11010 (26) Offset = 00000

Exercises

Instructions that fit in one word:

- sw \$reg, dir
- add \$rd, \$ro1, \$ro2
- addi \$rd, \$ro1, inm
- lw \$reg1, desp(\$reg2)
- ▶ j dir
- jr \$reg
- beq \$ro1, \$ro2, desp

beqz \$reg, desplaz

Cycle	Elem. Op.	
CI	MAR ← PC	
C2	$PC \leftarrow PC + 4$, $MBR \leftarrow MP$	
C3	IR←MBR	
C4	Decoding	
C5	\$reg + \$0	
C6	Si SR.Z == 0 jump to fetch	
C7	RT2 ←PC	
C8	RTI ← IR(desplaz)	
С9	RTI ← RT1 * 4	
CI0	PC ← RT1 + RT2	

Si
$$$reg == 0$$

PC \leftarrow PC + desp*4

Instructions that take up several words

Example: addm R1, addr R1 \leftarrow R1 + MP[addr]

Format: addm R1 addr (address)

1^a word 2^a word

Cycle	Elem. Op.
CI	MAR ← PC
C2	$PC \leftarrow PC + 4$, $MBR \leftarrow MP$
C3	IR← MBR
C4	Decoding
C5	MAR← PC

Cycle	Elem. Op.
C6	MBR← MP, PC ← PC + 4
C7	MAR ← MBR
C8	MBR ← MP
С9	RTI ← MBR
CI0	RI ← RI + RTI

Example

ADD (R_2) R_3 (R_4)

A. Fetch + Decod.

I.- MAR ← PC

2.- RI ← Memory(MAR)

3.- PC ← PC + "4"

4.- Decoding

B. Fetch operands.

5.- MAR \leftarrow R₄

6.- MBR← Memory(MAR)

7.- RTI \leftarrow MBR

c. Execution

8.- MBR \leftarrow R₃ + RTI

D. Store results

9.- MAR \leftarrow R₂

10.- Memory(MAR) \leftarrow MBR

Warnings remember don'ts, everything else is yes...

- It is not possible to go through a register in the clock cycle
- 2. It is not possible to take two or more values to a bus at the same time
- 3. It is not possible to set a datapath if the circuitry does not enable it.

Contents

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Modes of execution

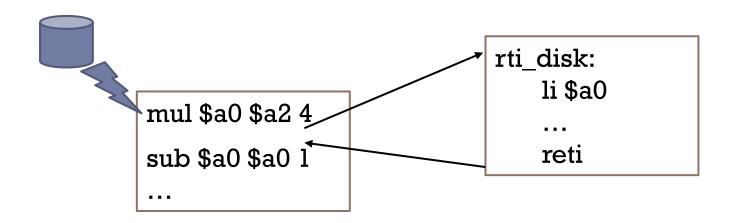
User Mode

- 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
- ▶ It 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, ...

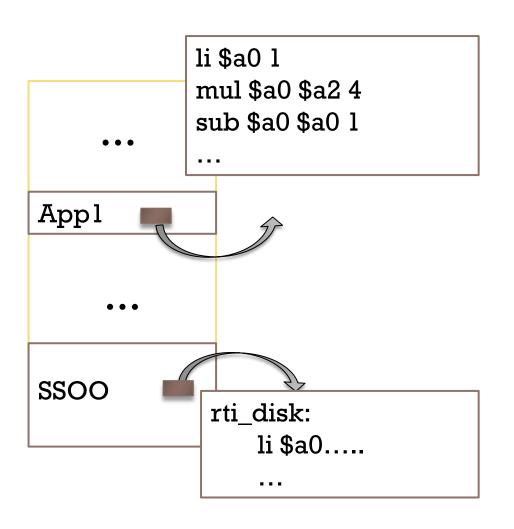
Interrupts

- 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

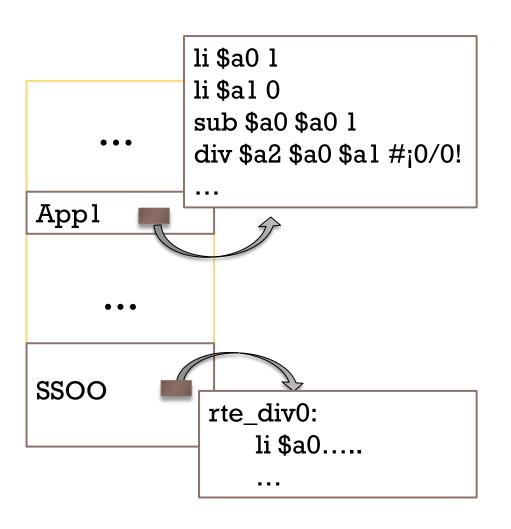
- Synchronous hardware exceptions
 - Division by zero, access to an illegal memory position,
- Asynchronous hardware exceptions
 - Faults or errors in the HW
- External interruptions
 - Peripherals, clock interruption
- Calls to the system
 - Special machine instructions that generate an interruption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

Asynchronous Hardware Exceptions and External Interrupts



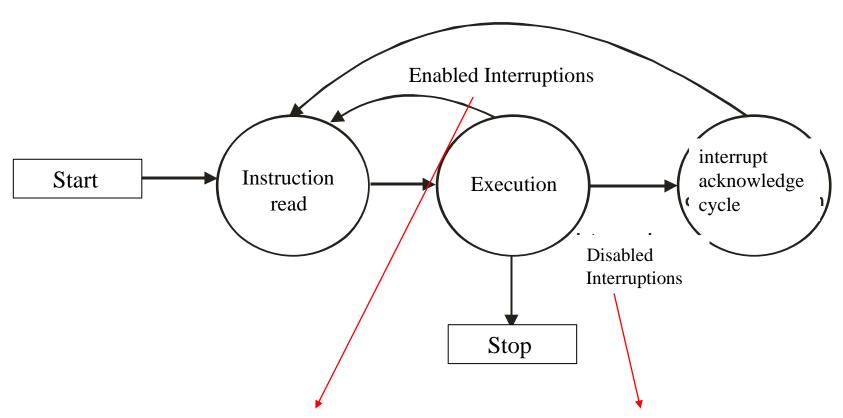
- They cause an unscheduled sequence break
 - At the end of the microprogram of the instruction in progress see if there is any pending interruption, and if so...
 - ...Bifurcation to subroutine of the O.S. that treats it
- It then restores the status and returns control to the interrupted program.
-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

Synchronous hardware exceptions



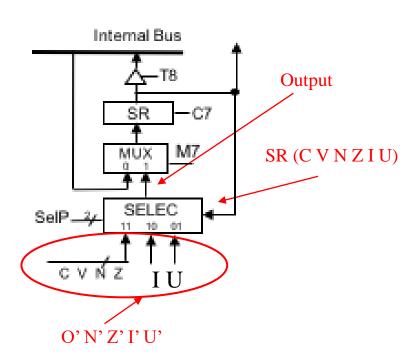
- They cause an unscheduled sequence break
 - Within the microprogram of the ongoing instruction...
 - ...Bifurcation to subroutine of the O.S. that treats it
- Subsequently, it restores the status and returns control to the interrupted program or ends its execution
- Synchronous cause to the execution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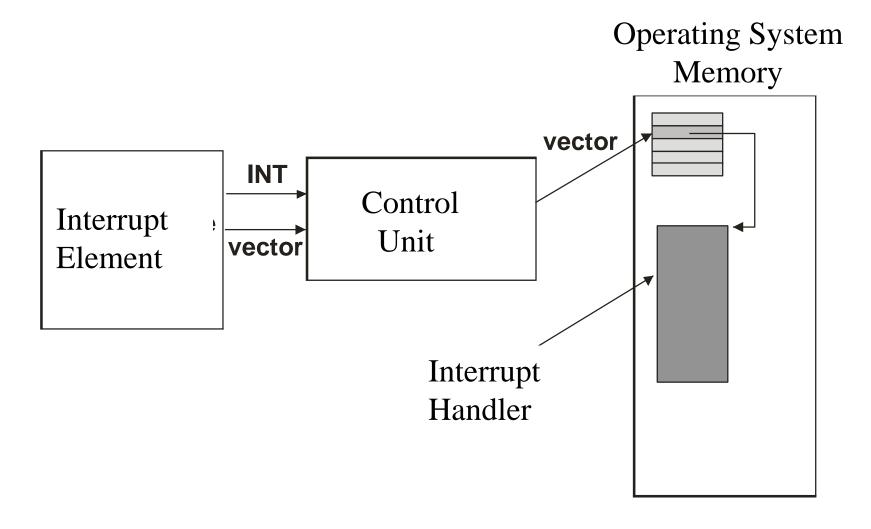
Interrupt acknowledge cycle

- 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).

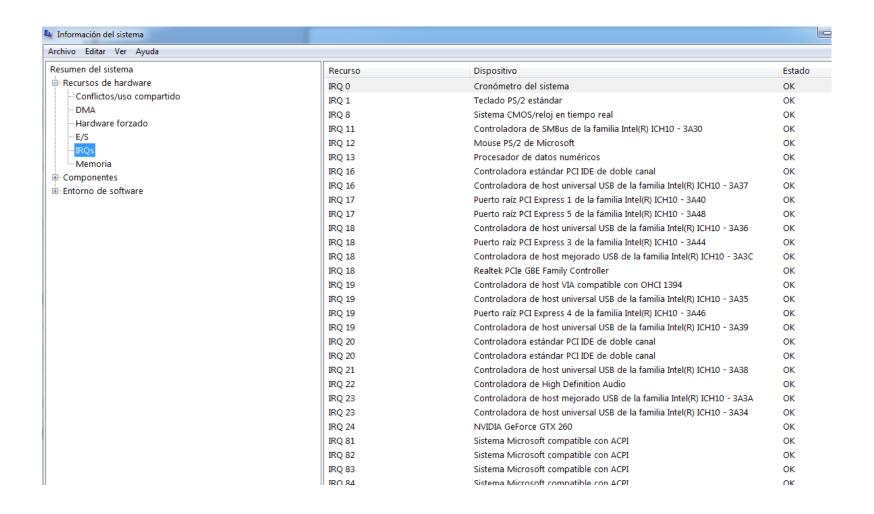
Vector interrupts



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.

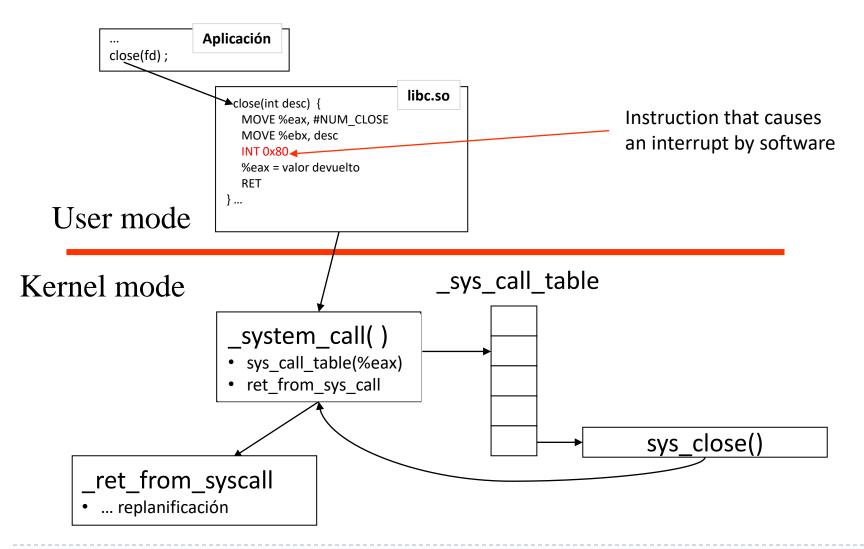
Interrupts in Windows



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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