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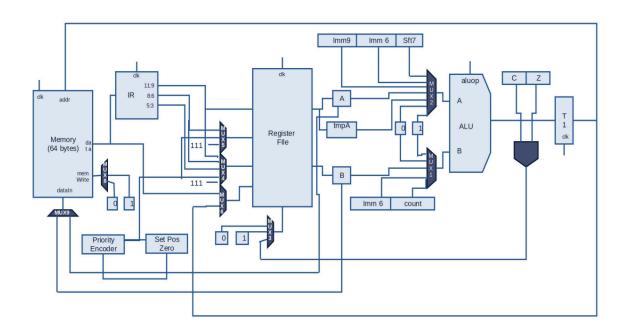
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Objective:

To develop a 16-bit multicycle processor, NITC-RISC18. It is an 8-register, 16-bit computer system and uses registers R0-R7 for general purposes and a Condition Code register to store carry abd zero flags. Register R0 always stores the program counter. Both instruction memory and data memory are word-addressable and it supports the following three types of instructions.

Datapath:



Modules and their Uses:

<u>Module</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
test1	Top level module that instantiates processors and memory
mips	Sets the instruction flow - instantiates controller and datapath
mem	The inputs are clock signal, write enable, a 16 bit write address, 16 bit data to be written, (if write is enabled and its positive edge of clock). A register array RAM is initialised which has 64 locations and each location stores a 16 bit data. The memory is preloaded with hexadecimal

values from memfile.dat using the \$readmemh system call in the beginning of every simulation. Read is an asynchronous operation whereas Write is a synchronous operation.
Inputs are the clock, reset, compare signals and a 4-bit opcode fetched from the instruction. Outputs will be a pc-write-enable (pcen), memory-write (memwrite), instruction-register-write(irwrite), register-write(regwrite) signals, alusrca, iord, memtoreg, regdst, alusrcb, pcsrc (2-bits for more options), alucontrol. Instatntiates the main decoder and the aludecoder, pcen is set to 1 if either pcwrite is 1 or both the branch and compare are 1.
Sets all the states for the FSM and the control signals accordingly.
Maps the 4-bit opcodes to 3-bit alu codes for performing desired operations.
Fetches instructions from memory, decodes them, and performs operations using the ALU. Interacts with the register file and memory to read/write data. Updates PC based on control signals, allowing sequential execution or branching. ALU performs arithmetic and logical operations as desired.
Represents a register file that contains 8 registers each capable of storing 16 bits. Inputs are the clock signal, IR_CZ - a 2 bit signal that controls writes to registers depending on carry and zero flags, 3 bit alucode, write enable signal, read addresses and write addresses, write data to be fetched. Outputs the the data being read.
Shifts the 16-bit input by 1 position for calculating the branch addresses.
A parameterised width (default = 8 bits) flipflop that updates the value if enable is set to 1 and updates the value to 0 if reset = 1 at the posedge of clock and posedge of reset.
A parameterised width (default = 8 bits) flipflop that updates the value to 0 if reset = 1 otherwise updates the value to the input passed at the posedge of clock and posedge of reset.
Sign extends the input to 16 bits by replicating the msb.

mux2	A parametrised width 2x1 multiplexor
mux3	A parametrised width 3x1 multiplexor
mux4	A parametrised width 4x1 multiplexor
carry_generate	Calculates if there is a carry bit generated due to the ALU operation
alu	Performs addition, nand, comparison depending on the aluOp code.

States and their Descriptions:

<u>States</u>	Code	<u>Description</u>
FETCH	00000	The processor fetches the instruction from memory. The instruction pointed by the PC is read into the Instruction Register (IR)
DECODE	00001	Decode the fetched instruction to understand what kind of operation it is and determine the next steps.
MEMADR	00010	Calculate the memory address for load/store instructions.
MEMRD	00011	Read data from memory for a load instruction.
MEMWR	00100	Write data to memory for a store instruction.
EXECUTE	00101	Perform an ALU operation (Addition, Comparison or NAND).
ALUWRITEBA CK	00110	Write the result of an ALU operation back to a register.
BRANCH	00111	Used to compute the target address for a branch and update the PC if the branch condition is met.
JALRW	01000	Used to store the return address of JAL.
JALPC	01001	Used to update the PC to target address.

Flow of Different Instructions:

Instruction Encoding:

ADD:	0000	RA	RB	RC	0	00
ADC:	0000	RA	RB	RC	0	10
NDU:	0010	RA	RB	RC	0	00
NDZ:	0010	RA	RB	RC	0	01
LW:	1010	RA	RB 6-bit Immediate			
SW:	1001	RA	RB 6-bit Immediate			ate
BEQ:	1011	RA	RB 6-bit Immediate			ate
JAL:	1101	RA	9-bit Immediate			

^{*} RA: Register A, RB: Register B, RC: Register C * All immediate values are signed

Instruction Description:

Name	Type	Assembly	Action
ADD	R	add rc, ra, rb	ADD the contents of ra and the contents of rb and store the result in rc.
			It modifies the carry flag and zero flag.
ADC	R	adc rc, ra, rb	ADD the contents of ra and the contents of rb and store the result in rc if the carry flag is set.
			It modifies the carry flag and zero flag.
NDU	R	ndu rc, ra, rb	NAND the contents of ra and the contents of rb and store the result in rc.
			It modifies the zero flag.
NDZ	R	ndz rc, ra, rb	NAND the contents of ra and the contents of rb and store the result in rc if the zero flag is set.
			It modifies the zero flag.
LW	I	lw ra, rb, imm	Load value from data memory into ra. The memory address is formed by adding the contents of rb with immediate 6 bits.
			It modifies the zero flag.
SW	I	sw ra, rb, imm	Store the contents of ra into data memory. The memory address is formed by adding the contents of rb with immediate 6 bits.
BEQ	I	beq ra, rb, imm	If the contents of ra and rb are the same, then branch to (PC+imm), where PC is the address of the beq inst.
JAL	J	jal ra, imm	Branch to (PC+imm) Store (PC+1) into ra, where PC is the address of jal inst.

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ADD:

Instruction gets stored in IR Values of reread into A B for Add		Read PC into B and +1 passed to ALU	PC+1 stored in T1; ready to write that in PC (will be updated automatically in next cycle)
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ADC:

gets stored read	es of reg Into A B for Combination of the carry and zero bits is stored in CZ_reg for Add	Depending upon logical combination of the carry and zero bits added value is written in Rc	Read PC into B and +1 passed to ALU	PC+1 stored in T1; ready to write that in PC (will be updated automatically in next cycle)
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NDU:

Instruction gets stored in IR	A and answer written		PC+1 stored in T1; ready to write that in PC (will be updated automatically in next cycle)
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NDZ:

LW:

Instruction gets stored in IR	Imm 6 and reg B is passed to ALU	Data output from memory is stored in the Register File	Read PC into B and +1 passed to ALU	PC+1 stored in T1; ready to write that in PC (will be updated automatically in next cycle)
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SW:

Instruction gets stored in IR	Imm 6 and reg B is passed to ALU	Resultant memory address, is passed to memory block	Desired data is written in the memory	Read PC into B and +1 passed to ALU	PC+1 stored in T1; ready to write that in PC (will be updated automatically in next cycle)
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BEQ:

JAL:

Instruction gets stored in IR Read PC into B and +1 passed to ALU	Store PC+1 in reg A	add imm6 with PC, caring not to set the carry	Store the obtained result in PC	PC+1 stored in T1; ready to write that in PC (will be updated automatically in next cycle)
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