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*Note:* The complete reference list is designed to span 15 pages in the final printed or PDF version of this project, ensuring thorough documentation of all sources that have informed the design, simulation, and analysis processes.

**Appendices**

*The appendices provide supplementary material that supports the core content of the project. The complete appendices span approximately 2–3 pages and include the following sections:*

**Appendix A: Schematic Diagrams**

* **Detailed Circuit Schematics:** Full-color diagrams of the microprocessor architecture are provided, showing the interconnection between the ALU, registers, control unit, and multiplexers. Each diagram is annotated with component values, signal flows, and wiring details.
* **Block-Level Layouts:** High-level block diagrams that summarize the overall system architecture and data routing paths. Special emphasis is placed on the placement of multiplexers and their impact on circuit modularity.

**Appendix B: Simulation Waveforms and Test Data**

* **Simulation Screenshots:** Representative screenshots of simulation outputs from tools like Logisim and ModelSim. These include timing diagrams, propagation delay measurements, and control signal synchronization.
* **Test Vectors and Calibration Data:** Detailed tables of input test vectors used in component-level and integration testing, along with corresponding output measurements. Graphs and plots illustrate performance metrics such as clock frequency stability and throughput rates.

**Appendix C: Code Listings and Hardware Notes**

* **HDL Source Code:** Annotated VHDL/Verilog code listings for the ALU, control unit, multiplexer modules, and overall microprocessor integration. These listings serve as a reference for replication and further development.
* **Hardware Assembly Documentation:** Photographs and notes from the hardware assembly process, including PCB layout images, component placement references, and debugging notes obtained during FPGA testing.

*The appendices are meant to provide a comprehensive resource for readers who wish to dive deeper into the technical details, offering both a visual and textual resource that complements the main chapters of the project.*

*This detailed References section and the accompanying Appendices represent an essential part of the final project documentation, ensuring full traceability of sources and providing all supplementary materials necessary for replicating or extending the work presented in this study.*