

# Laboratory 1

Expected delivery of lab\_01.zip including:

- Program\_0.s
- Program\_1.s
- lab\_01.pdf (fill and export this file to pdf)

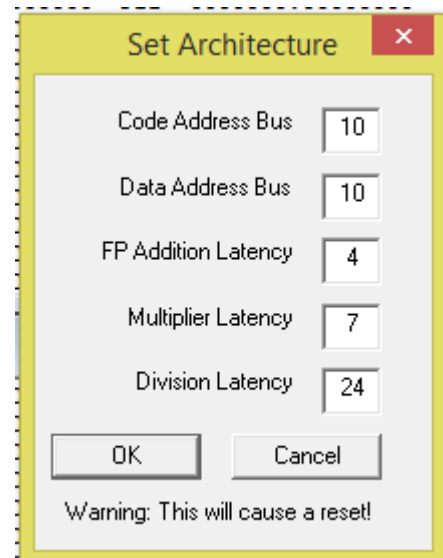
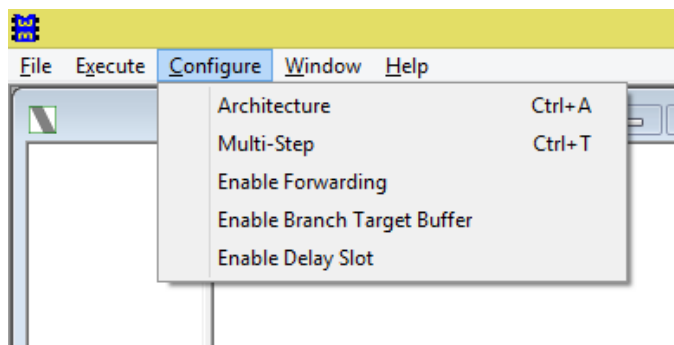
Please, configure the winMIPS64 processor architecture with the *Base Configuration* provided in the following:

- *Integer ALU: 1 clock cycle*
- *Data memory: 1 clock cycle*
- *Branch delay slot: 1 clock cycle*
- Code address bus: 12
- Data address bus: 12
- Pipelined FP arithmetic unit (latency): 6 stages
- Pipelined FP multiplier unit (latency): 8 stages
- FP divider unit (latency): not pipelined unit, 28 clock cycles
- Forwarding optimization is disabled
- Branch prediction is disabled
- Branch delay slot optimization is disabled.

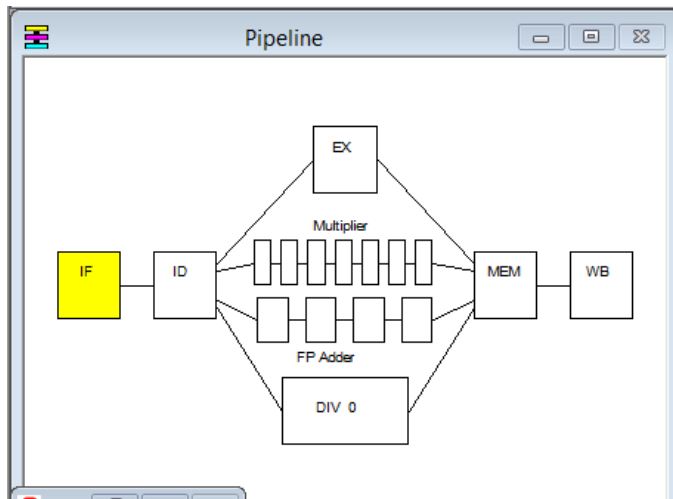
Use the Configure menu:

- remove the flags (where activating Enable options)
- Browse the Architecture menu →

Modify the defaults Architectural parameters (where needed)



← Verify in the Pipeline window that the configuration is effective



1) Exercise your assembly skills.

To write an assembly program called **program\_0.s (to be delivered)** for the *MIPS64* architecture and to execute it.

The program must:

- Given one array (a), find how many times the 8-bit unsigned value `val=0x2f` is included in it. The array contains 100 unsigned 16-bit integer numbers. Looks for the occurrence in both the most significant **byte** and the least significant **byte** of the 16-bit integer numbers. Store the result in a 8-bit variable (`res`).

Example (with only 10 elements):

`a = 5, 0x01a1, 0x2f, 17, 0x2fe0, 1, 0x96a4, 0x2f, 3, 0x2f`  
`res = 4`

2) Exercise your assembly skills and use the main components of the simulator:

To write an assembly program called **program\_1.s (to be delivered)** for the *MIPS64* architecture and to execute it.

The program must:

- Given 2 arrays (a and b), compute their signed sum and store each result in a third array (i.e., `c[i] = a[i] + b[i]`). Each array contains 30 8-bit integer numbers.
- Create two variables allocated in memory: `threshold_high` and `threshold_low`. For each element `c[i]`, check whether it is greater or lesser than a fixed threshold: if it is greater, increase `threshold_high`, else increase `threshold_low`. Assume the threshold is equal to 0x0. Note that `0x00` belongs to `threshold_high`.
- Search for **both** the maximum and minimum in the array `c`. The program saves the obtained value in two variables allocated in memory, called `max` and `min` respectively.

Identify and use the main components of the simulator:

- Running the *WinMIPS* simulator
  - Launch the graphic interface

...\winMIPS64\winmips64.exe

b. Assembly and check your program:

- Load the program from the **File**→**Open** menu (*CTRL-O*). In the case the of errors, you may use the following command in the command line to compile the program and check the errors:  
...\winMIPS64\asm program\_1.s

c. Run your program step by step (*F7*), identifying the whole processor behavior in the six simulator windows:

**Pipeline, Code, Data, Register, Cycles and Statistics**

d. Repeat the process (a-b-c) for program\_0.S

Table 1: **Programs performance for the processor's base configurations**

	Number of clock cycles
program_0.S	1610
program_1.S	616

3) Perform execution time measurements.

Search in the winMIPS64 folder the following benchmark programs:

- a. isort.s
- b. mult.s
- c. program\_0.s (your program)
- d. program\_1.s (your program)

Starting from the basic configuration with no optimizations, compute by simulation the number of cycles required to execute these programs (and then the weighted arithmetic mean). Assume a processor frequency of 5MHz. Then, vary the program weights as specified by the following Configurations. Compute the weighted arithmetic mean for every case and fill the table below **(fill all required data in the table before exporting this file to pdf format to be delivered)**:

1) Configuration 1

Assume that the weight of all programs is the same (25%).

2) Configuration 2

Assume that the weight of the program program\_0.s is 55%.

3) Configuration 3

Assume that the weight of the program isort.s is 40%.

Table 2: **Processor performance for different weighted programs**

Program	Conf. 1	Conf. 2	Conf. 3
isort.s (46041)	2302us	1381.23us	3683.28us
mult.s (1880)	94us	56.4us	75.2us
program_0.s (1610)	81us	177.2us	64.4us
program_1.s (616)	30.8us	18.48us	24.64us
<b>TOTAL TIME</b>	<b>2507.8us</b>	<b>1633.21us</b>	<b>3847.52us</b>

For time computations, use a clock frequency of 5MHz(clock= $2 \cdot 10^{-7}$ s=0.2us).

## Appendix: winMIPS64 Instruction Set

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### WinMIPS64

The following assembler directives are supported

.data - start of data segment  
.text - start of code segment  
.code - start of code segment (same as .text)  
.org <n> - start address  
.space <n> - leave n empty bytes  
.ascii <s> - enters zero terminated ascii string  
.ascii <s> - enter ascii string  
.align <n> - align to n-byte boundary  
.word <n1>,<n2>.. - enters word(s) of data (64-bits)  
.byte <n1>,<n2>.. - enter bytes  
.word32 <n1>,<n2>.. - enters 32 bit number(s)  
.word16 <n1>,<n2>.. - enters 16 bit number(s)  
.double <n1>,<n2>.. - enters floating-point number(s)

where <n> denotes a number like 24, <s> denotes a string like "fred", and

<n1>,<n2>.. denotes numbers separated by commas.

The following instructions are supported

lb - load byte  
lbu - load byte unsigned  
sb - store byte  
lh - load 16-bit half-word  
lhu - load 16-bit half word unsigned  
sh - store 16-bit half-word  
lw - load 32-bit word  
lwu - load 32-bit word unsigned  
sw - store 32-bit word  
ld - load 64-bit double-word  
sd - store 64-bit double-word  
ld - load 64-bit floating-point  
sd - store 64-bit floating-point  
halt - stops the program  
  
daddi - add immediate  
daddui - add immediate unsigned  
andi - logical and immediate  
ori - logical or immediate  
xori - exclusive or immediate  
lui - load upper half of register immediate  
slti - set if less than or equal immediate  
sltiu - set if less than or equal immediate unsigned

beq - branch if pair of registers are equal  
bne - branch if pair of registers are not equal  
beqz - branch if register is equal to zero  
bnez - branch if register is not equal to zero  
  
j - jump to address  
jr - jump to address in register  
jal - jump and link to address (call subroutine)  
jalr - jump and link to address in register (call subroutine)

dsl - shift left logical  
dsrl - shift right logical  
dsra - shift right arithmetic  
dslv - shift left logical by variable amount  
dsrlv - shift right logical by variable amount  
dsrav - shift right arithmetic by variable amount

movz - move if register equals zero  
movn - move if register not equal to zero  
nop - no operation  
and - logical and  
or - logical or  
xor - logical xor  
slt - set if less than  
sltu - set if less than unsigned  
dadd - add integers  
daddu - add integers unsigned  
dsub - subtract integers  
dsubu - subtract integers unsigned

add.d - add floating-point  
sub.d - subtract floating-point  
mul.d - multiply floating-point  
div.d - divide floating-point  
mov.d - move floating-point  
cvt.d.l - convert 64-bit integer to a double FP format  
cvt.l.d - convert double FP to a 64-bit integer format  
c.lt.d - set FP flag if less than  
c.le.d - set FP flag if less than or equal to  
c.eq.d - set FP flag if equal to  
bc1f - branch to address if FP flag is FALSE  
bc1t - branch to address if FP flag is TRUE  
mtc1 - move data from integer register to FP register  
mfc1 - move data from FP register to integer register