Dynamic instruction scheduling using

Tomasulo's Algorithm

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Review: Three Parts of the Scoreboard

- 1. Instruction status—which of 4 steps the instruction is in
- 2. Functional unit status—Indicates the state of the functional unit (FU). 9 fields for each functional unit

Busy—Indicates whether the unit is busy or not

Op—Operation to perform in the unit (e.g., + or -)

Fi—Destination register

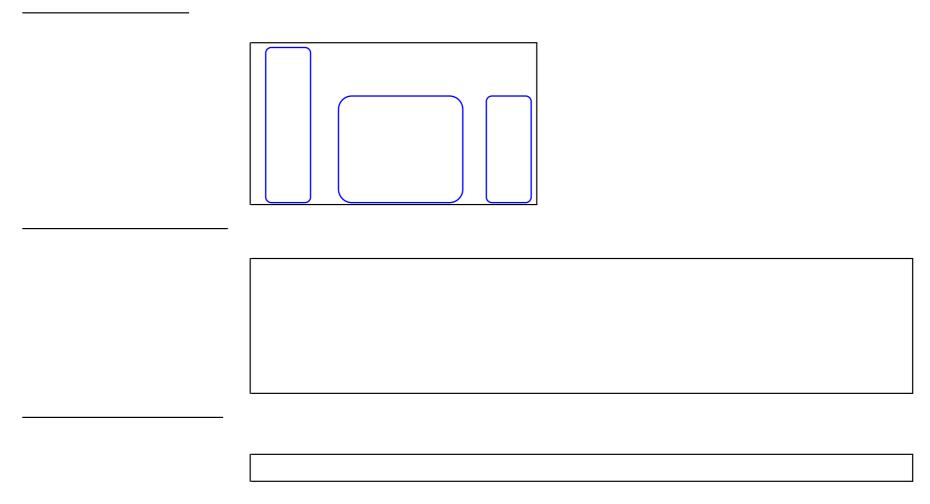
Fj, Fk—Source-register numbers

Qj, Qk—Functional units producing source registers Fj, Fk

Rj, Rk—Flags indicating when Fj, Fk are ready

3. Register result status—Indicates which functional unit will write each register, if one exists. Blank when no pending instructions will write that register

Review: Scoreboard Example Cycle 62



In-order issue; out-of-order execute & commit

Review: Scoreboard Summary

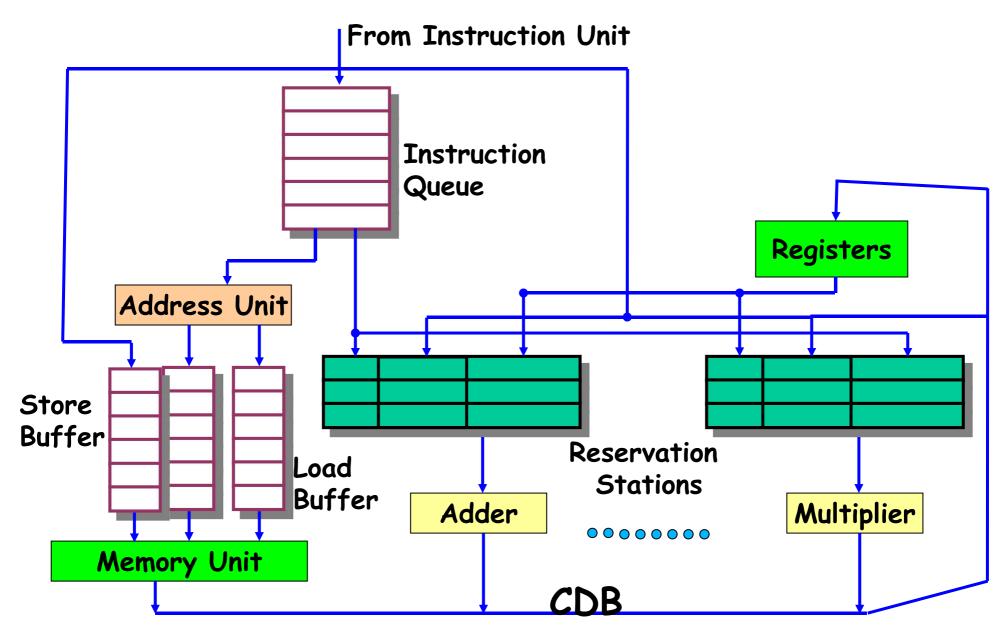
- Limitations of MIPS scoreboard
 - No forwarding (First write register then read it)
 - Limited to instructions in basic block (small window)
 - Number of functional units(structural hazards)
 - Wait for WAR hazards
 - Prevent WAW hazards

Tomasulo's algorithm

Tomasulo's algorithm is a computer architecture hardware algorithm for dynamic scheduling of instructions that allows out-of-order execution and enables more efficient use of multiple execution units. It was developed by Robert Tomasulo at IBM in 1967 and was first implemented in the IBM System/360 Model 91's floating point unit.

The major innovations of Tomasulo's algorithm include register renaming in hardware, reservation stations for all execution units, and a common data bus (CDB) on which computed values broadcast to all reservation stations that may need them. These developments allow for improved parallel execution of instructions that would otherwise stall under the use of scoreboarding or other earlier algorithms.

Tomasulo's Scheme



Example

- MUL.D F0,F1,F2
- ADD.D F3,F0,F2
- SUB.D F0,F1,F2

A More Sophisticated Approach: Tomasulo's Algorithm

- Developed for IBM 360/91:
 - Goal: To keep the floating point pipeline as busy as possible.
 - This led Tomasulo to try to figure out how to achieve renaming in hardware!
- The descendants of this have flourished!
 - Alpha 21264, HP 8000, MIPS 10000, Pentium III, PowerPC 604, Pentium 4...

Key Innovations in Dynamic Instruction Scheduling

• Reservation stations:

- Single entry buffer at the head of each functional unit has been replaced by a multiple entry buffer.

Common Data Bus (CDB):

- Connects the output of the functional units to the reservation stations as well as registers.

Register Tags:

 Tag corresponds to the reservation station entry number for the instruction producing the result.

Reservation Stations

• The basic idea:

- An instruction waits in the reservation station, until its operands become available.
 - Helps overcome RAW hazards.
- A reservation station fetches and buffers an operand as soon as it is available:
 - •Eliminates the need to get operands from registers.

Tomasulo's Algorithm

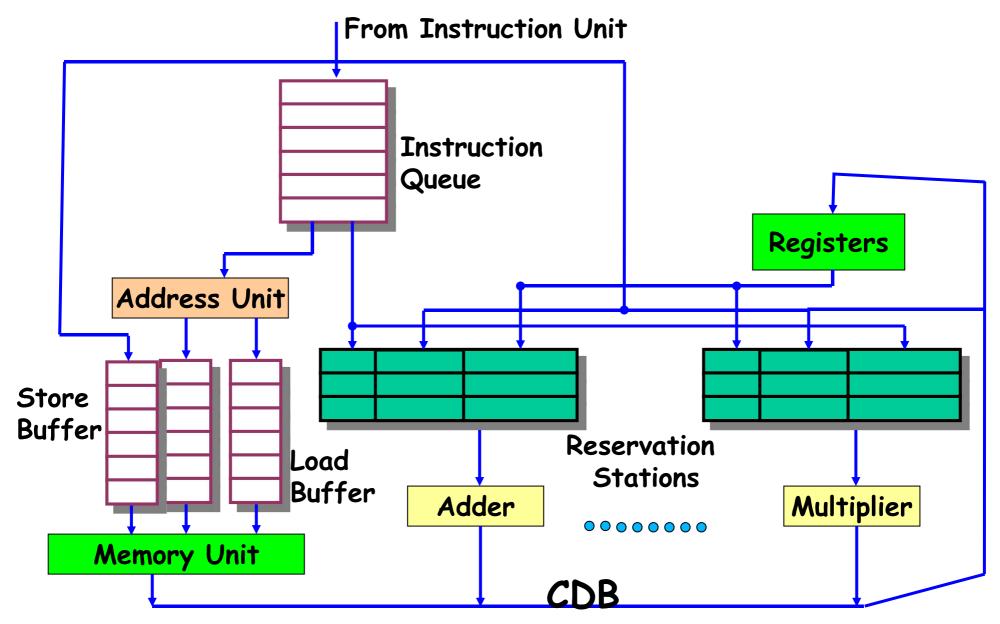
- Control & buffers distributed with Function Units (FU)
 - In the form of "reservation stations" associated with every function unit.
 - Store operands for issued but pending instructions.
- Registers in instructions replaced by values and others with pointers to reservation stations (RS):
 - Achieves register renaming.
 - Avoids WAR, WAW hazards without stalling.

Tomasulo's Algorithm

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- Results passed to FUs from RSs,
 - Not through registers, therefore similar to forwarding.
 - Over Common Data Bus (CDB) that broadcasts results to all FUs.
- Load and Stores:
 - Treated as FUs with RSs as well.
- Integer instructions can go past branches:
 - Allows FP ops beyond basic block in FP queue.

Tomasulo's Scheme



Implementation concepts

Common data bus

- The Common Data Bus (CDB) connects reservation stations directly to functional units.
- Functional units can access the result of any operation without involving a floating-point-register, allowing multiple units waiting on a result to proceed without waiting to resolve contention for access to register file read ports.
- Hazard Detection and control execution are distributed. The reservation stations control when an instruction can execute, rather than a single dedicated hazard unit.

Register renaming

Tomasulo's algorithm uses register renaming to correctly perform out-of-order execution. All general-purpose and reservation station registers hold either a real value or a placeholder value. If a real value is unavailable to a destination register during the issue stage, a placeholder value is initially used. The placeholder value is a tag indicating which reservation station will produce the real value. When the unit finishes and broadcasts the result on the CDB, the placeholder will be replaced with the real value.

Each functional unit has a single reservation station. Reservation stations hold information needed to execute a single instruction, including the operation and the operands. The functional unit begins processing when it is free and when all source operands needed for an instruction are real.

Instruction lifecycle

The three stages listed below are the stages through which each instruction passes from the time it is issued to the time its execution is complete.

Stage 1: issue

Stage 2 : Execute

Stage 1: write results

Three Stages of Tomasulo Algorithm

- 1. Issue: Get instruction from Instr Queue
 - Issue instruction only if a matching reservation station is free (no structural hazard).
 - Send registers or the functional unit that would produce the result (achieves renaming).
- 2. Execute: Operate on operands (EX)
 - When both operands ready then execute; if not ready, watch Common Data Bus for result
- 3. Write result: Finish execution (WB)
 - Write on CDB to all awaiting units;
 mark reservation station available.

Data fields for reservation stations

- Op:operation to perform on source operands S1 and S2
 - Busy: indicates occupied functional units/reservation stations
- $\cdot Q_j$, Q_k : reservation stations producing the operands
- $\cdot V_j$, V_k : value for each operand

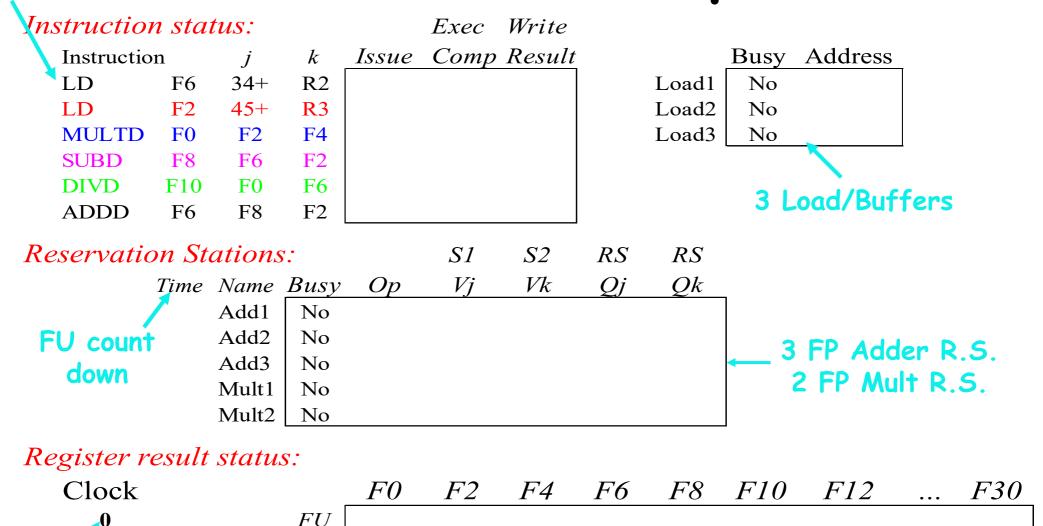
Write the steps of execution using Tomasulo's algorithm. Assume we have 3 loader, 3 adder and 2 multiplier. The following set of MIPS instructions is going to be executed in a pipeline system

LD F6, 34(R2) LD F2, 45(R3) MUL FO, F2, F4 SUB F8, F6, F2 DIV F10, F0, F6 ADD F6, F8, F2

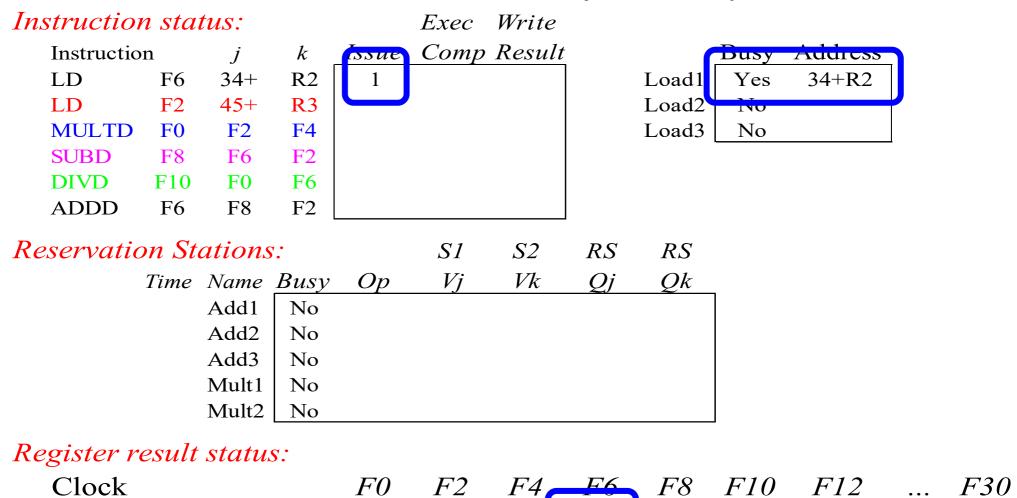
The latencies of - Load instruction is 2 cycle
Add instruction is 2 cycle
Multiply instruction is 10 cycle
Divide instruction is 40 cycles

Instruction stream

Tomasulo Example

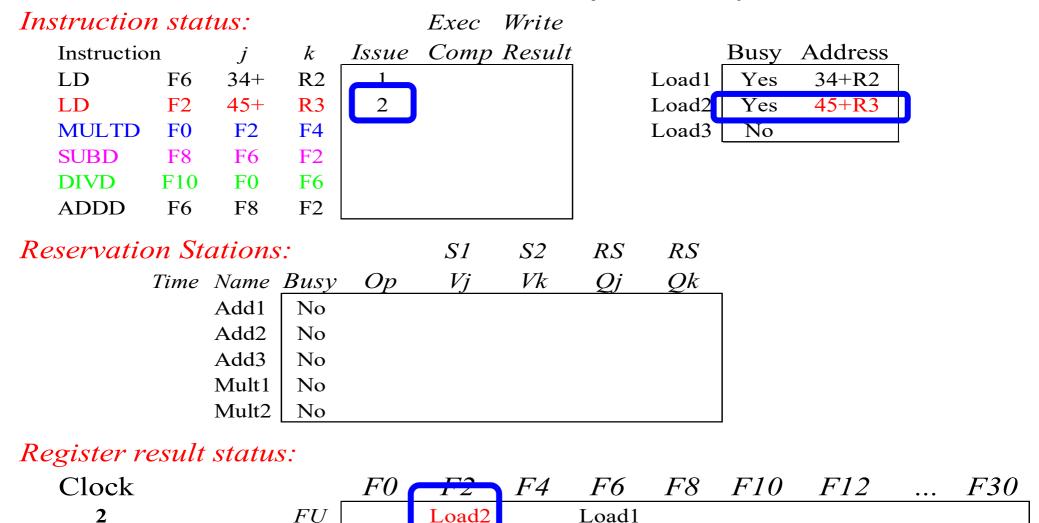


Clock cycle counter



Load1

FU



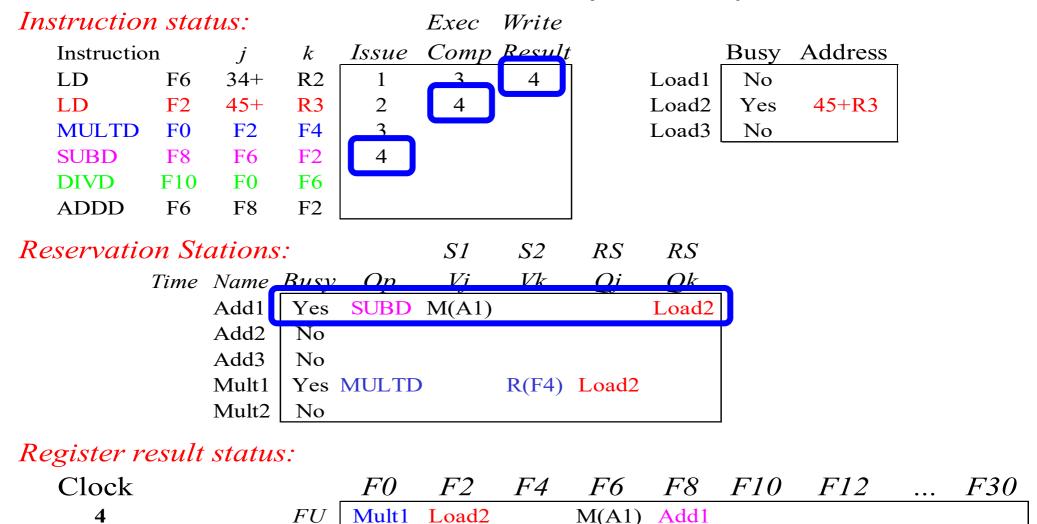
Note: Can have multiple loads outstanding

```
Instruction status:
                                   Exec
                                          Write
                                    Comp Result
                                                                    Address
   Instruction
                         k
                             Issue
                                                              Busy
                                                                      34 + R2
   LD
             F6
                  34 +
                        R2
                                                               Yes
                               1
                                                       Load1
            F2
                  45+
                        R3
                                                                      45+R3
   LD
                                                       Load2
                                                               Yes
   МІЛЛО
            FO
                  F2
                        F4
                                                       Load3
                                                               No
   SUBD
            F8
                        F2
   DIVD
            F10
                   FO
                        F6
   ADDD
            F6
                  F8
                        F2
Reservation Stations:
                                     SI
                                            S2
                                                  RS
                                                         RS
                                            Vk
           Time Name Busy
                                                         Ok
                              Op
                 Add1
                        No
                 Add2
                        No
                 Add3
                        Yes MULTD
                                           R(F4) Load2
                 Mult1
                 Mult2
```

Register result status:

Clock F2F4*F6* F8 *F10* F12 F30 Load2 Load₁

- Note: registers names are removed ("renamed") in Reservation Stations: MULT issued
- Load1 completing; what is waiting for Load1?



· Load2 completing; what is waiting for Load2?

```
Instruction status:
                                    Exec
                                           Write
                                    Comp Result
                                                                    Address
   Instruction
                         k
                             Issue
                                                               Busy
                                      3
   LD
             F6
                  34 +
                        R2
                                             4
                                                                No
                                1
                                                        Load1
             F2
                  45+
                        R3
                                      4
                                             5
   LD
                                                        Load2
                                                                No
   MULTD
             FO
                  F2
                         F4
                                                                No
                                                        Load3
   SUBD
             F8
                        F2
   DIVD
            F10
                   F<sub>0</sub>
                        F6
   ADDD
             F6
                   F8
                        F2
Reservation Stations:
                                     SI
                                            S2
                                                   RS
                                                         RS
            Time Name Busy
                              Op
                                                         Ok
                 Add1
                        Yes
                             SUBD
                                    M(A1)
                 Add2
                        No
                 Add3
                        No
                        Yes MULTD M(A2)
                                           R(F4)
                 Mult1
                                           M(A1) Mult1
                 Mult2
                       Yes
                             DIVD
```

Register result status:

· Timer starts down for Add1, Mult1

```
Instruction status:
                                         Write
                                   Exec
                                   Comp Result
                                                             Busy
                                                                   Address
   Instruction
                        k
                            Issue
   LD
                                     3
            F6
                 34 +
                        R2
                                            4
                                                               No
                               1
                                                      Load1
            F2
                 45+
                        R3
                                     4
                                            5
   LD
                                                      Load2
                                                               No
   MULTD
                        F4
            FO
                  F2
                                                               No
                                                      Load3
   SUBD
            F8
                  F6
                        F2
   DIVD
            F10
                  F<sub>0</sub>
                        F6
                        F2
   ADDD
            F6
                  F8
Reservation Stations:
                                     SI
                                           S2
                                                 RS
                                                        RS
                                           Vk
                                                        Ok
           Time Name Busy
                       Yes SURD M(A1) M(A2)
               1 Add1
                Add2
                       Yes ADDD
                                          M(A2) Add1
                Add3
                       No
                       Yes MULTD M(A2) R(F4)
               9 Mult1
                Mult2
                       Yes
                             DIVD
                                          M(A1) Mult1
Register result status:
```

F2

F0

Clock

6

F6

F8

F4

F12

```
Instruction status:
                                   Exec
                                          Write
                                   Comp Result
                                                                   Address
   Instruction
                        k
                             Issue
                                                              Busy
   LD
            F6
                  34 +
                        R2
                                      3
                                            4
                                                               No
                               1
                                                       Load1
            F2
                  45+
                                             5
   LD
                        R3
                                                       Load2
                                                               No
   МІЛЛО
            FO
                  F2
                        F4
                                                       Load3
                                                               No
   SUBD
            F8
                        F2
                               4
                  F6
                               5
   DIVD
            F10
                  F<sub>0</sub>
                        F6
   ADDD
            F6
                  F8
                        F2
Reservation Stations:
                                     SI
                                           S2
                                                  RS
                                                         RS
                                            Vk
                                                         Ok
           Time Name Busy
                              Op
                                                  Oi
               0 Add1
                        Yes
                             SUBD M(A1) M(A2)
                 Add2
                        Yes ADDD
                                          M(A2) Add1
                 Add3
                        No
                       Yes MULTD M(A2) R(F4)
               8 Mult1
                 Mult2
                             DIVD
                                          M(A1) Mult1
                       Yes
```

Register result status:

 Clock
 F0
 F2
 F4
 F6
 F8
 F10
 F12
 ...
 F30

 7
 Mult1
 M(A2)
 Add2
 Add1
 Mult2
 ...
 F30

· Add1 (SUBD) completing; what is waiting for it?

Exec Write

Instruction status:

Instruction	on	j	k	Issue	Comp	Result			Busy	Address	_	
LD	F6	34+	R2	1	3	4		Load1	No			
LD	F2	45+	R3	2	4	5		Load2	No			
MULTD	F0	F2	F4	3				Load3	No			
SUBD	F8	F6	F2	4	7	8						
DIVD	F10	$\mathbf{F0}$	F6	5								
ADDD	F6	F8	F2	6								
Reservation	on St	ations	·:		S1	<i>S2</i>	RS	RS				
	Time	Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	_			
		Add1	No									
	2	Add2	Yes	ADDD	(M-M)	M(A2)						
		Add3	No									
	7	Mult1	Yes	MULTE	M(A2)	R(F4)						
		Mult2	Yes	DIVD		M(A1)	Mult1					
Register result status:												
Clock				F0	F2	F4	<i>F6</i>	F8	F10	<i>F12</i>	• • •	<i>F30</i>
8			FU	Mult1	M(A2)		Add2	(M-M)	Mult2			

```
Instruction status:
                                         Write
                                   Exec
                                   Comp Result
                                                             Busy Address
   Instruction
                        k
                             Issue
   LD
                        R2
                                      3
            F6
                  34 +
                                            4
                                                               No
                               1
                                                       Load1
            F2
                  45+
                        R3
                                      4
                                            5
   LD
                                                       Load2
                                                               No
   MULTD
                        F4
            F0
                  F2
                                                               No
                                                       Load3
   SUBD
                               4
                                      7
                                            8
            F8
                  F6
                        F2
   DIVD
            F10
                  F<sub>0</sub>
                        F6
   ADDD
            F6
                  F8
                        F2
Reservation Stations:
                                     SI
                                           S2
                                                  RS
                                                        RS
           Time Name Busy
                                     Vi
                                            Vk
                                                        Ok
                                                  Oi
                              Op
                 Add1
                        No
               1 Add2
                       Yes ADDD (M-M) M(A2)
                 Add3
                        No
                       Yes MULTD M(A2) R(F4)
               6 Mult1
```

Register result status:

Mult2

Yes

DIVD

Clock		F0	F2	<i>F4</i>	<i>F6</i>	F8	F10	F12	• • •	F30
9	FU	Mult1	M(A2)		Add2	(M-M)	Mult2			

M(A1) Mult1

```
Instruction status:
                                     Exec
                                           Write
                                    Comp Result
                                                                      Address
   Instruction
                         k
                              Issue
                                                                Busy
   LD
             F6
                  34 +
                         R2
                                       3
                                              4
                                                                 No
                                1
                                                         Load1
             F2
                  45+
                                       4
                                              5
   LD
                         R3
                                                         Load2
                                                                 No
   МІЛЛО
             FO
                   F2
                         F4
                                                         Load3
                                                                 No
                                              8
   SUBD
             F8
                         F2
                                       7
                  F6
   DIVD
            F10
                   F<sub>0</sub>
                         F6
   ADDD
             F6
                   F8
                         F2
                                       10
Reservation Stations:
                                      SI
                                             S2
                                                    RS
                                                          RS
                                             Vk
                                                          Ok
            Time Name Busy
                               Op
                                                    Oi
                 Add1
                         No
               0 \text{ Add} 2
                        Yes ADDD (M-M) M(A2)
                 Add3
                         No
                        Yes MULTD M(A2) R(F4)
               5 Mult1
                 Mult2
                              DIVD
                                           M(A1) Mult1
                        Yes
```

Register result status:

Clock

10 F0 F2 F4 F6 F8 F10 F12 ... F30

FU Mult1 M(A2) Add2 (M-M) Mult2

· Add2 (ADDD) completing; what is waiting for it?

```
Instruction status:
                                   Exec
                                         Write
                                   Comp Result
                                                                   Address
   Instruction
                        k
                             Issue
                                                             Busy
   LD
            F6
                  34 +
                        R2
                                      3
                                            4
                                                               No
                               1
                                                       Load1
            F2
                  45+
                        R3
                                      4
                                            5
   LD
                                                       Load2
                                                               No
   MULTD
                        F4
            FO
                  F2
                                                               No
                                                       Load3
                                      7
                                            8
   SUBD
            F8
                  F6
                        F2
   DIVD
            F10
                  F<sub>0</sub>
                        F6
   ADDD
            F6
                  F8
                        F2
                                     10
                                            11
Reservation Stations:
                                     SI
                                           S2
                                                  RS
                                                        RS
                                     Vi
                                            Vk
                                                        Ok
           Time Name Busy
                                                  Oi
                              Op
                 Add1
                        No
                 Add2
                        No
                 Add3
                        No
                       Yes MULTD M(A2) R(F4)
               4 Mult1
                Mult2
                       Yes
                             DIVD
                                          M(A1) Mult1
Register result status:
                                                 F6
   Clock
                              F0
                                    F2
                                           F4
                                                        F8
                                                              F10
                                                                      F12
                                                                                   F30
```

M-M)

Mult2

· Write result of ADDD here?

11

Mult1

M(A2)

Write

Exec

Instruction status:

12

```
Comp Result
                                                               Busy
                                                                    Address
   Instruction
                         k
                             Issue
   LD
                        R2
                                      3
             F6
                  34 +
                                             4
                                                                No
                               1
                                                        Load1
   LD
             F2
                  45+
                        R3
                                      4
                                             5
                                                                No
                                                        Load2
   MULTD
                        F4
             FO
                  F2
                                                        Load3
                                                                No
   SUBD
                               4
                                      7
                                             8
             F8
                  F6
                        F2
   DIVD
            F10
                   F<sub>0</sub>
                        F6
   ADDD
             F6
                   F8
                        F2
                                      10
                                             11
Reservation Stations:
                                      SI
                                            S2
                                                   RS
                                                         RS
           Time Name Busy
                                      Vi
                                             Vk
                                                         Ok
                                                   Oi
                              Op
                 Add1
                        No
                 Add2
                        No
                 Add3
                        No
                        Yes MULTD M(A2) R(F4)
               3 Mult1
                 Mult2
                       Yes
                             DIVD
                                           M(A1) Mult1
Register result status:
   Clock
                              F0
                                                                                    F30
```

F2

M(A2)

Mult1

F4

F6

(M-M+N(M-M))

F8

F10

Mult2

F12

```
Instruction status:
                                   Exec
                                         Write
                                                                   Address
                                   Comp Result
                                                              Busy
   Instruction
                        k
                             Issue
   LD
                        R2
                                      3
            F6
                  34 +
                                            4
                                                                No
                               1
                                                       Load1
   LD
            F2
                  45+
                        R3
                                      4
                                             5
                                                                No
                                                       Load2
   MULTD
                        F4
            F0
                  F2
                                                       Load3
                                                                No
   SUBD
                               4
                                      7
                                             8
            F8
                  F6
                        F2
   DIVD
            F10
                  F<sub>0</sub>
                        F6
   ADDD
            F6
                  F8
                        F2
                                      10
                                            11
Reservation Stations:
                                     SI
                                            S2
                                                  RS
                                                         RS
           Time Name Busy
                                      Vi
                                            Vk
                                                         Ok
                                                  Oi
                              Op
                 Add1
                        No
                 Add2
                        No
                 Add3
                        No
                       Yes MULTD M(A2) R(F4)
               2 Mult1
                 Mult2
                       Yes
                             DIVD
                                          M(A1) Mult1
```

Register result status:

Clock		F0	<i>F2</i>	F4	<i>F6</i>	F8	F10	<i>F12</i>	•••	F30
13	FU	Mult1	M(A2)	((M-M+N)	(M-M)	Mult2			

```
Instruction status:
                                   Exec
                                         Write
                                   Comp Result
                                                                    Address
                                                              Busy
   Instruction
                         k
                             Issue
   LD
                        R2
                                      3
            F6
                  34 +
                                             4
                                                                No
                               1
                                                       Load1
   LD
            F2
                  45+
                        R3
                                      4
                                             5
                                                                No
                                                       Load2
   MULTD
                        F4
            F0
                  F2
                                                       Load3
                                                                No
   SUBD
                               4
                                      7
                                             8
            F8
                  F6
                        F2
   DIVD
            F10
                  F<sub>0</sub>
                        F6
   ADDD
            F6
                  F8
                        F2
                                      10
                                            11
Reservation Stations:
                                     SI
                                            S2
                                                  RS
                                                         RS
           Time Name Busy
                                      Vi
                                            Vk
                                                  Oi
                                                         Ok
                              Op
                 Add1
                        No
                 Add2
                        No
                 Add3
                        No
                        Yes MULTD M(A2) R(F4)
               1 Mult1
                 Mult2
                       Yes
                             DIVD
                                          M(A1) Mult1
```

Register result status:

Clock		F0	<i>F2</i>	F4	<i>F6</i>	F8	F10	F12	•••	F30
14	FU	Mult1	M(A2)	(M-M+N	(M-M)	Mult2			

```
Instruction status:
                                     Exec
                                           Write
                                    Comp Result
                                                                      Address
   Instruction
                         k
                              Issue
                                                                Busy
   LD
             F6
                  34 +
                         R2
                                       3
                                              4
                                                                 No
                                1
                                                         Load1
             F2
                  45+
                                              5
   LD
                         R3
                                       4
                                                         Load2
                                                                 No
   МІЛЛО
             FO
                   F2
                         F4
                                       15
                                                         Load3
                                                                 No
   SUBD
             F8
                         F2
                                              8
                  F6
   DIVD
            F10
                   F<sub>0</sub>
                         F6
   ADDD
             F6
                   F8
                         F2
                                       10
                                             11
Reservation Stations:
                                      SI
                                             S2
                                                    RS
                                                          RS
                                       Vi
                                             Vk
            Time Name Busy
                                                          Ok
                               Op
                                                    Oi
                 Add1
                         No
                 Add2
                         No
                 Add3
                         No
                        Yes MULTD M(A2) R(F4)
               0 Mult1
                 Mult2
                        Yes
                              DIVD
                                           M(A1) Mult1
```

Register result status:

Clock F0 F2 F4 F6 F8 F10 F12 ... F30 15 FU Mult1 M(A2) (M-M+V(M-M)) Mult2

· Mult1 (MULTD) completing; what is waiting for it?

```
Instruction status:
                                    Exec
                                           Write
                                    Comp Result
                                                                     Address
   Instruction
                         k
                             Issue
                                                               Busy
   LD
             F6
                  34 +
                        R2
                                       3
                                             4
                                                                No
                                1
                                                        Load1
             F2
                  45+
                        R3
                                             5
   LD
                                      4
                                                        Load2
                                                                No
   МІЛЛО
             FO
                  F2
                         F4
                                      15
                                             16
                                                        Load3
                                                                No
   SUBD
             F8
                        F2
                  F6
   DIVD
            F10
                   F<sub>0</sub>
                        F6
   ADDD
             F6
                   F8
                        F2
                                      10
                                             11
Reservation Stations:
                                      SI
                                            S2
                                                   RS
                                                          RS
                                      Vi
                                             Vk
                                                          Ok
           Time Name Busy
                              Op
                                                   Oi
                 Add1
                        No
                 Add2
                        No
                 Add3
                        No
                 Mult1
                        No
                                           M(A1)
              40 Mult2
                       Yes
Register result status:
   Clock
                                     F2
                                            F4
                                                   F6
                                                         F8
                                                               F10
                                                                       F12
                                                                                    F30
                              F0
      16
                                    M(A2)
                                                (M-M+N(M-M))
                                                               Mult2
```

· Just waiting for Mult2 (DIVD) to complete

(skip a couple of cycles)

```
Instruction status:
                                          Write
                                    Exec
                                    Comp Result
                                                               Busy
                                                                     Address
   Instruction
                         k
                             Issue
   LD
                         R2
                                       3
             F6
                  34 +
                                             4
                                                                 No
                                1
                                                        Load1
   LD
             F2
                  45+
                         R3
                                              5
                                                                 No
                                       4
                                                        Load2
   MULTD
                         F4
             FO
                   F2
                                      15
                                                        Load3
                                                                 No
                                             16
   SUBD
             F8
                  F6
                         F2
   DIVD
            F10
                   F<sub>0</sub>
                         F6
   ADDD
             F6
                   F8
                         F2
                                      10
                                             11
Reservation Stations:
                                      SI
                                             S2
                                                   RS
                                                          RS
           Time Name Busy
                                      Vi
                                             Vk
                                                          Ok
                                                   Oi
                               Op
                 Add1
                        No
                 Add2
                        No
                 Add3
                        No
                 Mult1
                        No
               1 Mult2
                        Yes
                                    M*F4 M(A1)
                              DIVD
```

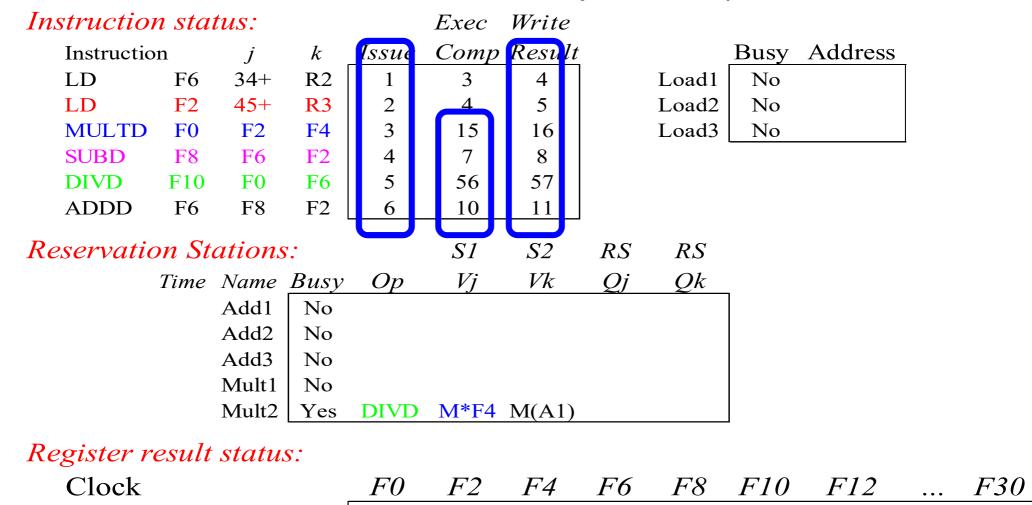
Register result status:



```
Instruction status:
                                     Exec
                                            Write
                                     Comp Result
                                                                      Address
   Instruction
                          k
                              Issue
                                                                Busy
   LD
             F6
                  34 +
                         R2
                                        3
                                              4
                                                                  No
                                1
                                                         Load1
             F2
                  45+
   LD
                         R3
                                       4
                                               5
                                                         Load2
                                                                  No
   МІЛЛО
             FO
                   F2
                         F4
                                       15
                                              16
                                                         Load3
                                                                  No
   SUBD
             F8
                   F6
                         F2
   DIVD
             F10
                   F<sub>0</sub>
                         F6
                                       56
   ADDD
             F6
                   F8
                         F2
                                       10
                                              11
Reservation Stations:
                                       SI
                                             S2
                                                    RS
                                                           RS
                                       Vi
                                              Vk
            Time Name Busy
                                                           Ok
                               Op
                                                    Oi
                 Add1
                         No
                 Add2
                         No
                 Add3
                         No
                 Mult1
                         No
                0 Mult2
                        Yes
                              DIVD
                                     M*F4 M(A1)
```

Register result status:

Mult2 (DIVD) is completing; what is waiting for it?



 Once again: In-order issue, out-of-order execution and out-of-order completion.

(M-M+N(M-M))

Result

M(A2)

M*F4

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Tomasulo's Scheme: Drawbacks

- Performance is limited by CDB:
 - CDB connects to multiple functional units ⇒high capacitance, high wiring density
 - Number of functional units that can complete per cycle limited to one!
 - ullet Multiple CDBs \Rightarrow more FU logic for parallel stores.

Tomasulo's Scheme Offers Three Major Advantages

- 1. Distribution of hazard detection logic:
 - Distributed reservation stations.
 - If multiple instructions wait on a single result,
 - Instructions can be passed simultaneously by broadcast on CDB.
 - If a centralized register file were used,
 - Units would have to read their results from registers.
- 2. Elimination of stalls for WAW and WAR hazards.
- 3. Possible to have superscalar execution:
 - Because results directly available to FUs, rather than from registers.