

Pipelining Notes

Key understandings

- Forwarding has several ways to forward (forwarding to non branches can go straight to EX, skipping ID; forwarding to branches must go to ID)
 - Non lw -> non branch dependency: EX to EX, MEM to EX
 - Lw -> non branch dependency: MEM to EX
 - Non lw -> branch dependency: EX to ID, MEM to ID
 - Lw -> branch dependency: MEM to ID
- Branch prediction depends on whether early branching is used
 - Early branching used: +1 delay at most
 - No early branching used: +3 delay at most
- Branching decision information available after ID or MEM stage
- Branch prediction information available at ID or MEM stage so if branch taken then ditch everything until (including) the ID/MEM
- Non lw instructions have information ready at end of EX stage, but requires WB stage to occur before written to register
- Lw instructions have information ready at end of MEM stage, but requires WB stage to occur before written to register

Data Dependency

Load word?	Before Branch?	Forwarding	
		No	Yes
N	N	2	0
Y	N	2	1
N	Y	2	1
Y	Y	2	2

Control Dependency

Branch Prediction (Not Taken)	Prediction Right?	Early Branching	
		No	Yes
N	—	3	1
Y	N	3	1
Y	Y	0	0

Non-LW without Forwarding (+2)								
add	F	D	E	M	W			
sub		F			D	E	M	W
Non-LW with Forwarding (+0)								
add	F	D	E	M	W			
sub		F	D	E	M	W		
sub			F	D	E	M	W	
LW without Forwarding (+2)								
lw	F	D	E	M	W			
sub		F			D	E	M	W
LW with Forwarding (+1)								
lw	F	D	E	M	W			
sub		F		D	E	M	W	
sub				F	D	E	M	W
Non-LW without Forwarding before Branch (+2)								
add	F	D	E	M	W			
beq		F			D	E	M	W
Non-LW with Forwarding before Branch (+1)								
add	F	D	E	M	W			
beq		F		D	E	M	W	
LW without Forwarding before Branch (+2)								
lw	F	D	E	M	W			
beq		F			D	E	M	W
LW with Forwarding before Branch (+2)								
lw	F	D	E	M	W			
beq		F			D	E	M	W
Branch without Early Branching (+3)								

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beq	F	D	E	M	W				
add					F	D	E	M	W
Branch with Early Branching (+1)									
beq	F	D	E	M	W				
add			F	D	E	M	W		
Branch without Early Branching With Branch Prediction (Taken) (+3)									
beq	F	D	E	M	W				
add		F	D	E	M	W			
sub			F	D	E	M	W		
add				F	D	E	M	W	
add					F	D	E	M	
Branch with Early Branching With Branch Prediction (Taken) (+1)									
beq	F	D	E	M	W				
add		F	D	E	M	W			
sub			F	D	E	M	W		
Branch with(out) Early Branching With Branch Prediction (Not Taken) (+0)									
beq	F	D	E	M	W				
add		F	D	E	M	W			