

Introduction to Computer Science

CSCI 109

Readings

St. Amant, Ch. 3

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"Now that you have an overview of the system,
we're ready for a little more detail"

Lecture 2: Architecture

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Reminders

- ◆ Take the survey if you haven't already
(instructions on bytes.usc.edu/cs109/)
- ◆ Work on HW #1. It is due 9/11.
- ◆ Quiz #1 is on 9/25. It will cover material taught on 8/21 and 8/28.

Schedule

Date	Topic		Assigned	Due	Quizzes/Midterm/Final
21-Aug	Introduction	What is computing, how did computers come to be?			
28-Aug	Computer architecture	How is a modern computer built? Basic architecture and assembly	HW1		
4-Sep	Labor day				
11-Sep	Data structures	Why organize data? Basic structures for organizing data		HW1	
18-Sep	Last day to drop a Monday-only class without a mark of "W" and receive a refund or change to Pass/No Pass or Audit for Session 001				
25-Sep	Data structures	More structures for organizing data	HW2		Quiz 1 on material taught in class 8/21-8/28
2-Oct	Algorithms	Operating on data, the notion of efficiency, simple algorithms			Quiz 2 on material taught in class 9/11-9/25
6-Oct	Last day to drop a course without a mark of "W" on the transcript				
9-Oct	Algorithms and programming	(Somewhat) More complicated algorithms and simple programming constructs		HW2	Quiz 3 on material taught in class 10/2
16-Oct	Operating systems	What is an OS? Why do you need one?	HW3		Quiz 4 on material taught in class 10/9
23-Oct	Midterm	Midterm			Midterm on all material taught so far.
30-Oct	Computer networks	How are networks organized? How is the Internet organized?		HW3	
6-Nov	Artificial intelligence	What is AI? Search, planning and a quick introduction to machine learning	HW4		Quiz 5 on material taught in class 10/30
10-Nov	Last day to drop a class with a mark of "W" for Session 001				
13-Nov	The limits of computation	What can (and can't) be computed?			Quiz 6 on material taught in class 11/6
20-Nov	Robotics	Robotics: background and modern systems (e.g., self-driving cars)		HW4	Quiz 7 on material taught in class 11/13
27-Nov	Summary, recap, review	Summary, recap, review for final			Quiz 8 on material taught in class 11/20
8-Dec	Final exam 11 am - 1 pm in SAL 101				Final on all material covered in the semester

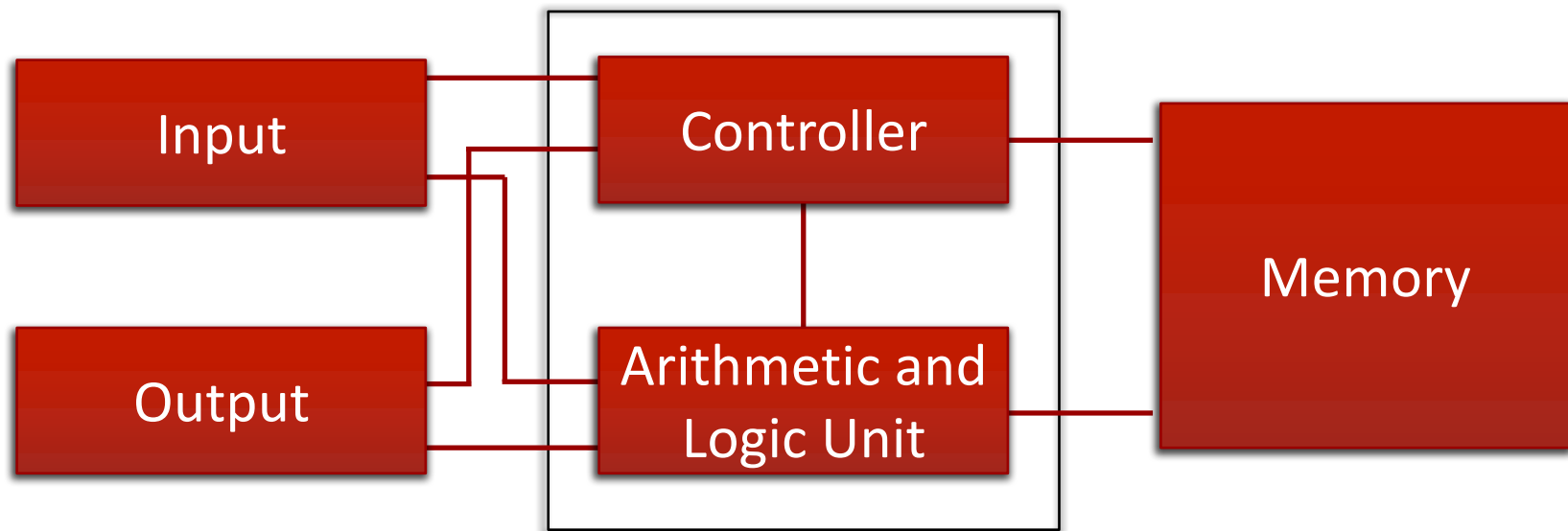


Computer Architecture

- ◆ The von Neumann architecture
- ◆ The Central Processing Unit (CPU)
- ◆ Storage
- ◆ Input and Output

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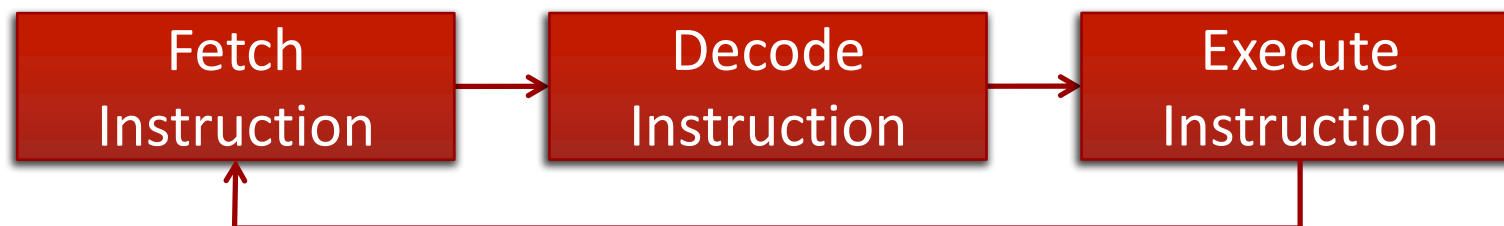
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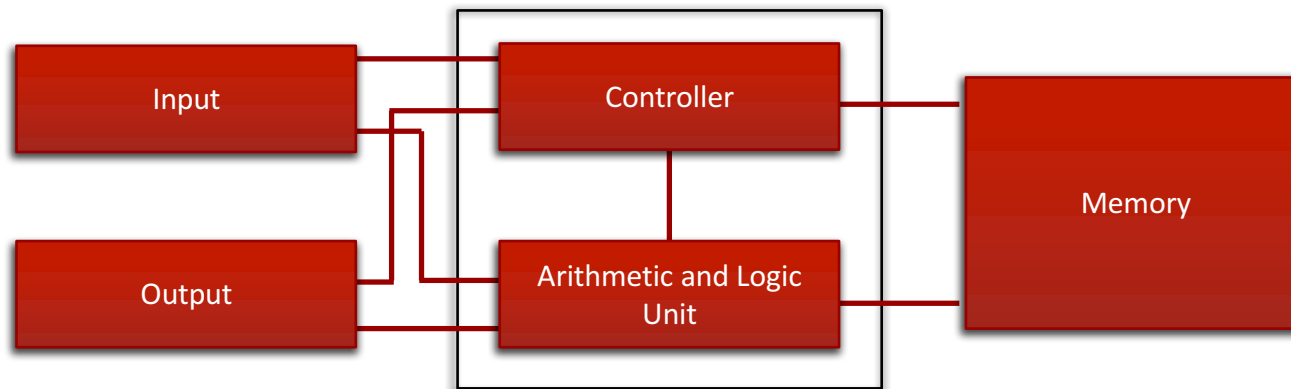
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The Central Processing Unit (CPU)

- ◆ Controller + ALU = Central Processing Unit (CPU)
- ◆ CPU has a small amount of temporary memory within it
 - ❖ Registers
 - ❖ A special register called the program counter (PC)
- ◆ CPU performs the following cycle repeatedly

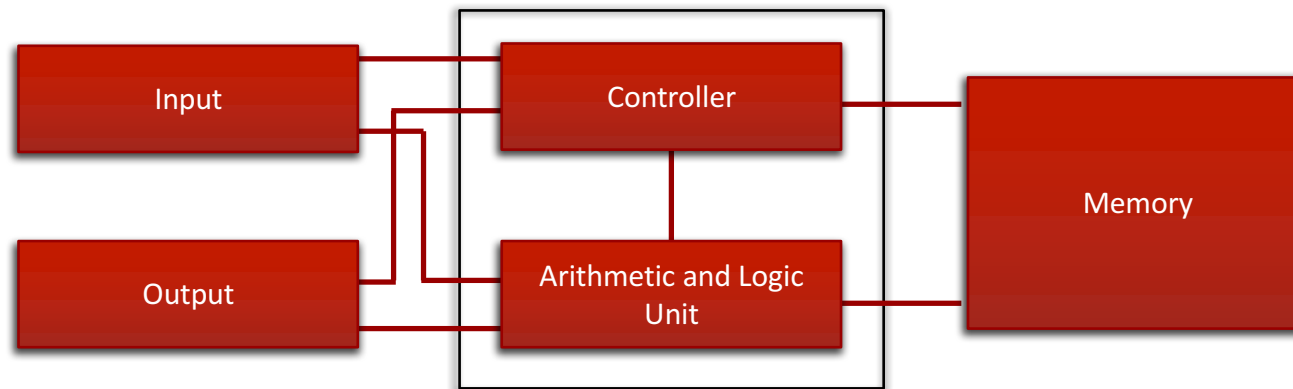


Typical Controller Tasks



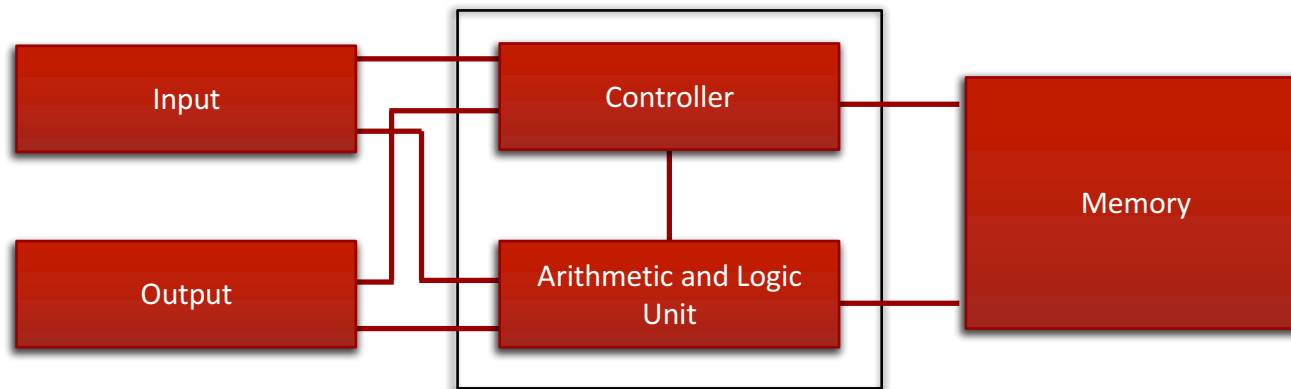
- ◆ Read an instruction from memory
- ◆ Direct ALU to do some arithmetic or logic operation
- ◆ Transfer data from one place to another
- ◆ Prepare for next instruction to be read
- ◆ Send a directive to input or output device

Typical ALU Tasks



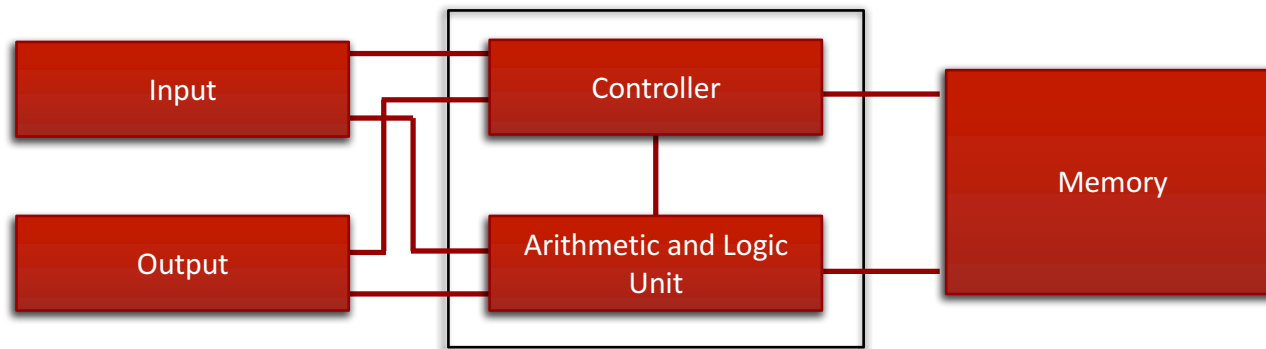
- ◆ Perform an arithmetic operation on the contents of registers e.g., add R1 and R2 and put the result in R1 ($R1 = R1 + R2$)
- ◆ Perform a logical operation on the contents of registers e.g., compare R1 and R2 ($R1 < R2$?)

Improving the CPU



- ◆ Faster clock (~GHz on modern computers)
- ◆ Specialized ALU (e.g., GPU) or more than one ALU
- ◆ Multiprocessing (more than one CPU)
- ◆ Streamlining Controller-ALU cooperation (pipelining)
- ◆ More complex ALU instructions ?

Storage: Addressing and Random Access



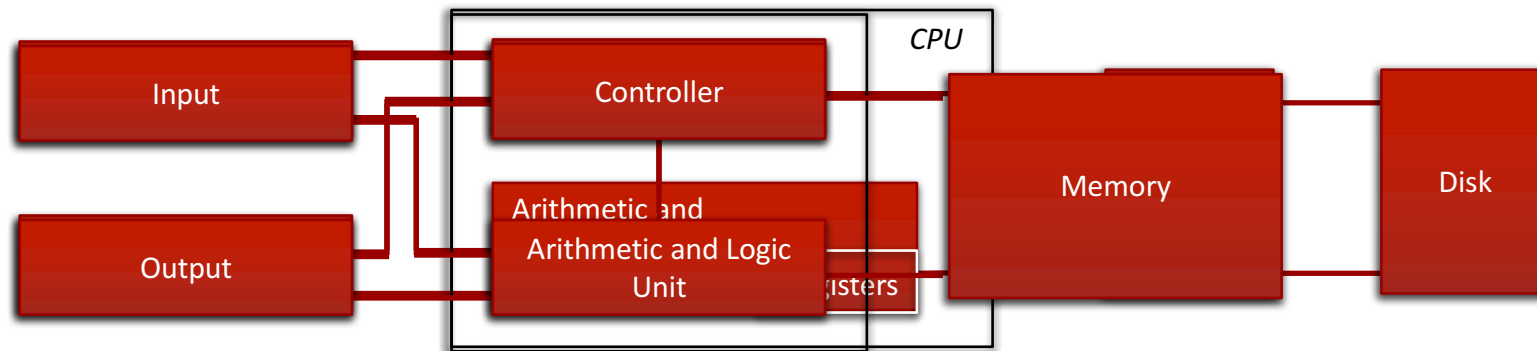
- ◆ How is storage organized ?
- ◆ Linear ordering
 - ❖ Each stored item has a number (an address)
 - ❖ To retrieve an item you have to know its number
 - ❖ Retrieval is by address

Storage: Modular and Hierarchical

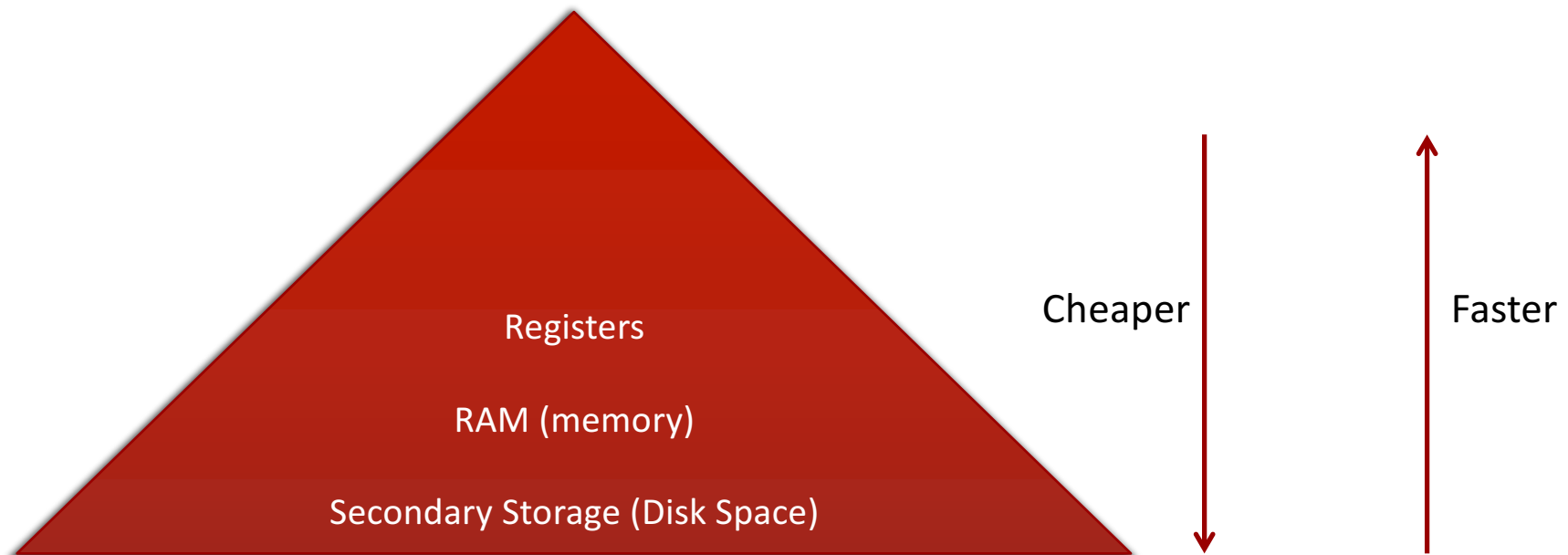
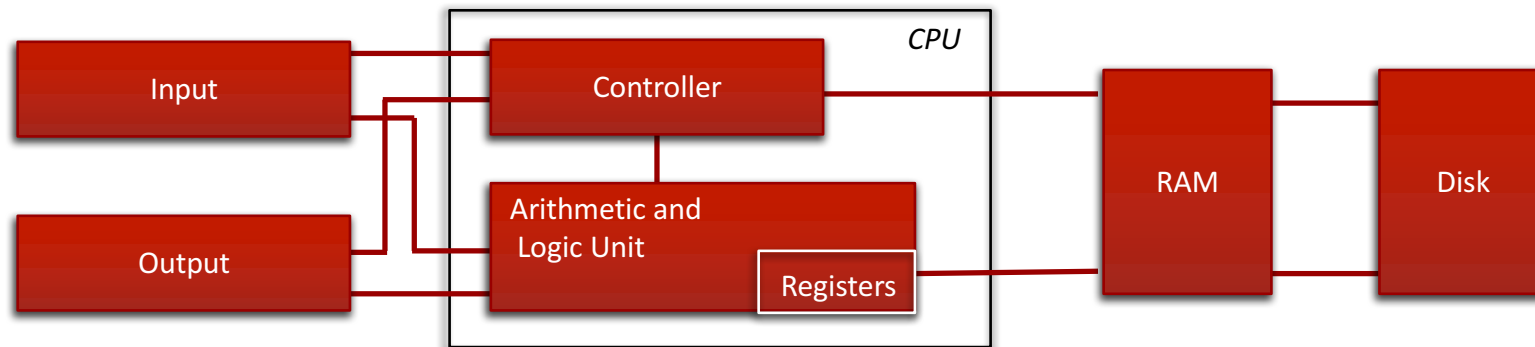
- ◆ Analogy with office files
 - ❖ Each (physical) file has a number
 - ❖ When a file is needed, you ask for it by number
 - ❖ In the office, files may be stored in shelves, on tables, in cabinets, etc.
- ◆ Storage is *modular*: as long as the person who wants the file knows its number and as long as the storekeeper can find the file, doesn't matter exactly how physical files are stored
- ◆ Or where they are stored: Files may be stored in a basement – not easy to reach

The Nature of Computer Storage

- ◆ Only one item can be stored at one memory location
- ◆ Random access (RAM) – all locations in memory are (on the average) equally slow (or fast) in terms of access speed
- ◆ Storage is hierarchical

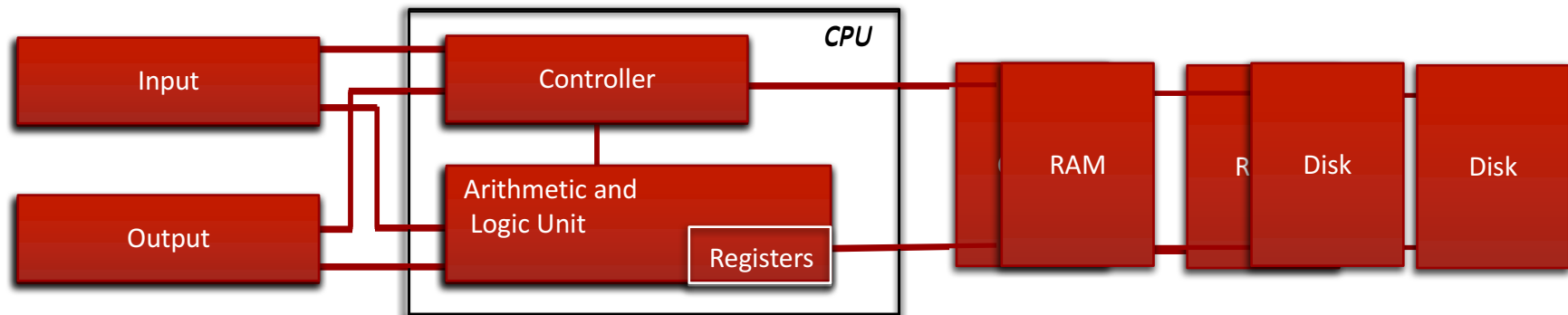


The Storage Hierarchy



Volatile Storage, Special Memory

- ◆ Volatile: memory is erased when power turned off
 - ❖ Registers, RAM (often called primary storage)
- ◆ Non-volatile: memory intact when power turned off
 - ❖ Secondary storage (disk)
- ◆ Booting and ROM (read-only memory)
- ◆ Cache: small, fast memory between registers and RAM

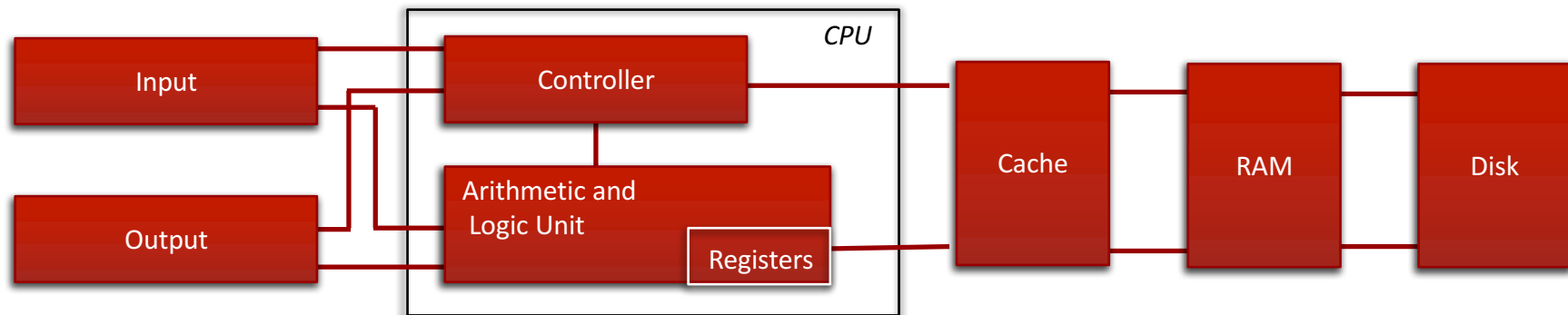


Cache

- ◆ Small (but bigger than registers)
- ◆ Volatile
- ◆ Fast (not as fast as registers, but faster than RAM)
- ◆ What to keep in the cache ?
 - ❖ Things that programs are likely to need in the future
 - ❖ Locality principle:
 - ◆ Look at what items in memory are being used
 - ◆ Keep items from nearby locations (spatial locality)
 - ◆ Keep items that were recently used (temporal locality)

Input and Output

- ◆ Input: Interrupt-driven
 - ❖ e.g., Key strokes are slow, CPU treats them like special events
- ◆ Output: Write to special memory (e.g., video memory)



Creating Assembly (Machine) Code

- ◆ Adding four numbers in C is easy

$a = b + c + d + e$

- ◆ Equivalent assembly code

add a, b, c	OR	add a, b, c
add a, a, d		add f, d, e
add a, a, e		add a, a, f

- ◆ Which one is better ? Are the two equivalent ?

Programs at Different Abstraction Levels

- ◆ C code $a = b + c$
- ◆ Assembly code `add a, b, c`
- ◆ Machine code `00000010001100100100000000100000`

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6 bits – opcode

5 bits: source register 1

5 bits: source register 2

5 bits: destination register

5 bits: shift amount

5 bits: functions

Typical Operations

◆ ADD Ri Rj Rk	Add contents of registers Ri and Rj and put result in register Rk
◆ SUBTRACT Ri Rj Rk	Subtract register Rj from register Ri and put result in register Rk
◆ AND Ri Rj Rk	Bitwise AND contents of registers Ri, Rj and put result in register Rk
◆ NOT Ri	Bitwise NOT the contents of register Ri
◆ OR Ri Rj Rk	Bitwise OR the contents of registers Ri, Rj and put result in register Rk
◆ SET Ri value	Set register Ri to given value
◆ SHIFT-LEFT Ri	Shift bits of register Ri left
◆ SHIFT-RIGHT Ri	Shift bits of register Ri right
◆ MOVE Ri Rj	Copy contents from register Ri to register Rj
◆ LOAD Mi Ri	Copy contents of memory location Mi to register Ri
◆ WRITE Ri Mi	Copy contents of register Ri to memory location Mi
◆ GOTO Mi	Jump to instruction stored in memory location Mi
◆ COND_GOTO Ri Rj Mi	If $R_i > R_j$ and R2, jump to instruction stored in memory location Mi

A Typical Day at PaniCorp

- ◆ Central processing: Connie and Alun
- ◆ The bus: Buster
- ◆ Storage (Memory): Mr. Lager
- ◆ Input and output

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Play out a typical instruction cycle with your friends

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What does this program do?

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M108	1	5	1	5	1	0	3	
M104	1	5	1	6	1	0	3	
M105	1	5	1	6	0	0	3	
M106	0	5	1	6	0	0	3	
M107	0	6	1	6	0	0	3	
M108	0	6	1	6	0	0	3	
M109	0	6	1	6	0	0	3	6
M110	0	6	1	6	0	0	3	6

What does this program do?

Input is a number (say n) stored in M1

Output is a number (say S) stored in M2

where $S = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 \dots + n$

Try it out beginning with other values stored in M1