

Performance

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1 How these things effect CPI, IC and Clock Rate

1.1 Written program

- **CPI:** Purely the written program does not affect the CPI **directly** (because CPI is determined by the hardware used in CPU,) but because the written program *directly* defines which instructions will be executed (not exact direct 'cause the compiler actually chooses the instructions), and **the overview of these instructions will define the average CPI**, we can say: *because the written program defines the instructions and overall instructions will define the average CPI*, written program will affect CPI. So better program, results in better compiled version, and the better the chosen instructions, the lower the CPI.
- **IC:** Written program directly affects IC; compiler reads and compiles *what the program actually is*, so the better code, the better compiled version and the better compiled code will result in the lower IC for the program.
- **Clock Rate:** Does NOT affected by the program, 'cause it is determined directly by the technology of the CPU

1.2 Compiler

- **CPI:** As discussed the CPI section of written program section, 'cause the compiler chooses the instructions to be executed and the overall instructions will affect the CPI so the compiler affects CPI in this manner.
- **IC:** Compiler directly determines and affects IC, the better and the more clever the compiler, the lower and the better the chosen instructions.
- **Clock Rate:** Does NOT affected by the compiler, 'cause it is determined directly by the technology of the CPU

1.3 ISA

- **CPI:** Different instructions may have different operations which should be done by CPU (hardware), and different operations may have different steps to be done, so ISA (the instructions) will determine the *average CPI*, 'cause the instruction are executed by the CPU. Feels natural :)
- **IC:** Imagine CPU a implements a hardware which can *multiply* two numbers, and CPU b cannot, and just have a module which can do *addition*.

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[1]: # Assume this program
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first = 10  
last = 20  
result = first * last
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CPU **a** can do this in one instruction and one clock cycle, but CPU **b** should do many additions to get the result.

- **Clock Rate:** Does NOT affected by the ISA, 'cause it is determined directly by the technology of the CPU

1.4 Hardware

- **CPI:** Hardware the part which affects CPI directly, the better the technology and design of the hardware, the lower the CPI.
- **IC:** Does NOT affect the IC
- **Clock Rate:** Directly affects **Clock Rate**, 'cause clock rate must synchronize the CPU, it should be calculated in a way that all modules inside the cpu could work together.