

Computer Architectures
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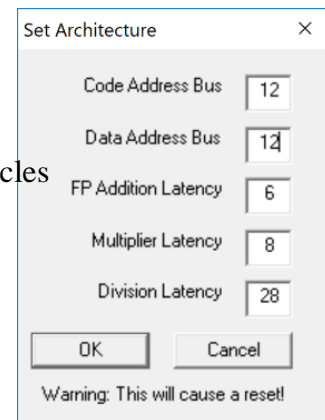
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Expected delivery of lab_02.zip must include:

- program_2.s and program_3.s
- This file, filled with information and possibly compiled in a pdf format.

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

- Code address bus: 12
- Data address bus: 12
- Pipelined FP arithmetic unit (latency): 6 stages
- Pipelined multiplier unit (latency): 8 stages
- divider unit (latency): not pipelined unit, 24 clock cycles
- Forwarding is enabled
- Branch prediction is disabled
- Branch delay slot is disabled
- *Integer ALU: 1 clock cycle*
- *Data memory: 1 clock cycle*
- *Branch delay slot: 1 clock cycle.*



- 1) Write an assembly program (**program_2.s**) for the *winMIPS64* architecture described before able to implement the following piece of code described at high-level:

```
for (i = 0; i < 30; i++) { /* it was 100, corrected */
    v5[i] = v1[i]*v2[i];
    v6[i] = v2[i]/v3[i];
    v7[i] = v1[i]+v4[i];
}
```

Assume that the vectors `v1[]`, `v2[]`, `v3[]`, and `v4[]` are allocated previously in memory and contains 100 double precision floating point values; assume also that `v3[]` does not contain 0 values. Additionally, the vectors `v5[]`, `v6[]`, and `v7[]` are empty vectors also allocated in memory.

- a. Using the simulator and the *Base Configuration*, compute how many clock cycles take the program to execute. No-opt: 1056, opt: 966
- 2) Using the WinMIPS64 simulator, validate experimentally the Amdahl's law, defined as follows:

$$\text{speedup}_{\text{overall}} = \frac{\text{execution time}_{\text{old}}}{\text{execution time}_{\text{new}}} = \frac{1}{(1 - \text{fraction}_{\text{enhanced}}) + \frac{\text{fraction}_{\text{enhanced}}}{\text{speedup}_{\text{enhanced}}}}$$

- a. Using the program developed before: **program_2.s**
- b. Modify the processor architectural parameters related with multicycle instructions (Menu→Configure→Architecture) in the following way:

- 1) Configuration 1
 - Starting from the *Base Configuration*, change only the FP addition latency to 3
- 2) Configuration 2
 - Starting from the *Base Configuration*, change only the Multiplier latency to 4
- 3) Configuration 1
 - Starting from the *Base Configuration*, change only the division latency to 12

Compute by hand (using the Amdahl's Law) and using the simulator the speed-up for any one of the previous processor configurations. Compare the obtained results and complete the following table.

Table 1: **program_2.s** speed-up computed by hand and by simulation

Proc. Config.	Base config. [c.c.]	Config. 1	Config. 2	Config. 3
Speed-up comp.				
By hand	1056 cycles	1056 cycles – speedup: 1	1056 cycles – speedup: 1	696 cycles – speedup: 1.517
By simulation	1056 cycles	1056 cycles – speedup: 1	1056 cycles – speedup: 1	696 cycles – speedup: 1.517

The performance of the program depends only on the division latency: the other two operations, in fact, always terminate before the division and therefore do not account for any extra clock cycle (the enhanced fraction is $0 * 30 / 1056 = 0$). For the division, instead, we have:

$$fraction_{enhanced} = \frac{24 \frac{cycles}{loop} * 30 loops}{1056 cycles} = 0.682$$

$$speedup_{enhanced} = \frac{24 cycles}{12 cycles} = 2$$

$$speedup_{overall} = \frac{1}{(1 - 0.682) + \frac{0.682}{2}} = \frac{696 cycles}{1056 cycles} = 1.517$$

- 3) Write an assembly program (**program_3.s**) for the winMIPS64 architecture able to set the parity bit of a data array **X[]** allocated in memory.
 - a. the data array **X[]** is composed of 100 elements
 - b. every element **X[i]** is one byte long divided as follows:
 - $X[i]_{0-6} \rightarrow$ data bits
 - $X[i]_7 \rightarrow$ parity bit
 - c. consider *even parity*: the parity bit is set to 1 if the number of ones in a given set of bits (not including the parity bit) is odd
 - d. the assembly program must be able to elaborate every data as presented by the following high level piece of code:


```
for (i = 0; i < 100; i++){
```

```

    if (parity_in [x[i]0..6])
        x[i]7 = 1;
    else
        x[i]7 = 0;
}

```

For example, if $x[i] = X001101$, then it becomes $x[i] = \underline{1}001101$; on the other side, if $x[i] = X011101$, then it becomes $x[i] = \underline{0}011101$.

4) Considering the following *winMIPS64* architecture:

- Code address bus: 12
- Data address bus: 12
- Pipelined FP arithmetic unit (latency): 4 stages
- Pipelined multiplier unit (latency): 8 stages
- divider unit (latency): not pipelined unit, 12 clock cycles
- Forwarding is enabled
- Branch prediction is disabled
- Branch delay slot is disabled
- *Integer ALU: 1 clock cycle*
- *Data memory: 1 clock cycle*
- *Branch delay slot: 1 clock cycle.*

and supposing that 50% of the data elements contain an odd number of ones in the data bits:

a. calculate by hand how many clock cycles take the program to execute.

Number of clock cycles:	$5255 = 5 + (5 + 6 * 6 + 5 + 3,5 + 2) * 100 + 99 + 1$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first instruction is 5 clock cycles long • The first five instructions of the loop take another 5 • The internal loop takes 6 clock cycles for 6 times (considering the fetched but not executed BEQZ) and 5 clock cycles for once • The odd case accounts for 4 clock cycles (BEQZ, ORI, J, and fetched ANDI) • The even case accounts for 3 clock cycles (BEQZ, fetched ORI, and ANDI) • The last two instructions take another 2 clock cycles, plus 1 in the first 99 repetitions (HALT is fetched but not executed) • HALT takes another clock cycle
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- b. compute the same calculation using the *winMIPS64* simulator.

Number of clock cycles:	5255
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Compare the results obtained in the points 4.a and 4.b, and provide some explanation in the case the results are different.

Eventual explanation: