

Chapter 4

The Processor



Instruction-Level Parallelism (ILP)

- Pipelining: executing multiple instructions in parallel
- To increase ILP
 - Deeper pipeline
 - Less work per stage \Rightarrow shorter clock cycle
 - Multiple issue
 - Replicate pipeline stages \Rightarrow multiple pipelines
 - Start multiple instructions per clock cycle
 - $CPI < 1$, so use Instructions Per Cycle (IPC)
 - E.g., 4GHz 4-way multiple-issue
 - 16 BIPS, peak $CPI = 0.25$, peak $IPC = 4$
 - But dependencies reduce this in practice



Multiple Issue

- Static multiple issue
 - Compiler groups instructions to be issued together
 - Packages them into “issue slots”
 - Compiler detects and avoids hazards
- Dynamic multiple issue
 - CPU examines instruction stream and chooses instructions to issue each cycle
 - Compiler can help by reordering instructions
 - CPU resolves hazards using advanced techniques at runtime

Speculation

- “Guess” what to do with an instruction
 - Start operation as soon as possible
 - Check whether guess was right
 - If so, complete the operation
 - If not, roll-back and do the right thing
- Common to static and dynamic multiple issue
- Examples
 - Speculate on branch outcome
 - Roll back if path taken is different
 - Speculate on load
 - Roll back if location is updated

Compiler/Hardware Speculation

- Compiler can reorder instructions
 - e.g., move load before branch
 - Can include “fix-up” instructions to recover from incorrect guess
- Hardware can look ahead for instructions to execute
 - Buffer results until it determines they are actually needed
 - Flush buffers on incorrect speculation

Speculation and Exceptions

- What if exception occurs on a speculatively executed instruction?
 - e.g., speculative load before null-pointer check
- Static speculation
 - Can add ISA support for deferring exceptions
- Dynamic speculation
 - Can buffer exceptions until instruction completion (which may not occur)

Static Multiple Issue

- Compiler groups instructions into “issue packets”
 - Group of instructions that can be issued on a single cycle
 - Determined by pipeline resources required
- Think of an issue packet as a very long instruction
 - Specifies multiple concurrent operations
 - \Rightarrow Very Long Instruction Word (VLIW)

Scheduling Static Multiple Issue

- Compiler must remove some/all hazards
 - Reorder instructions into issue packets
 - No dependencies within a packet
 - Possibly some dependencies between packets
 - Varies between ISAs; compiler must know!
 - Pad with nop if necessary

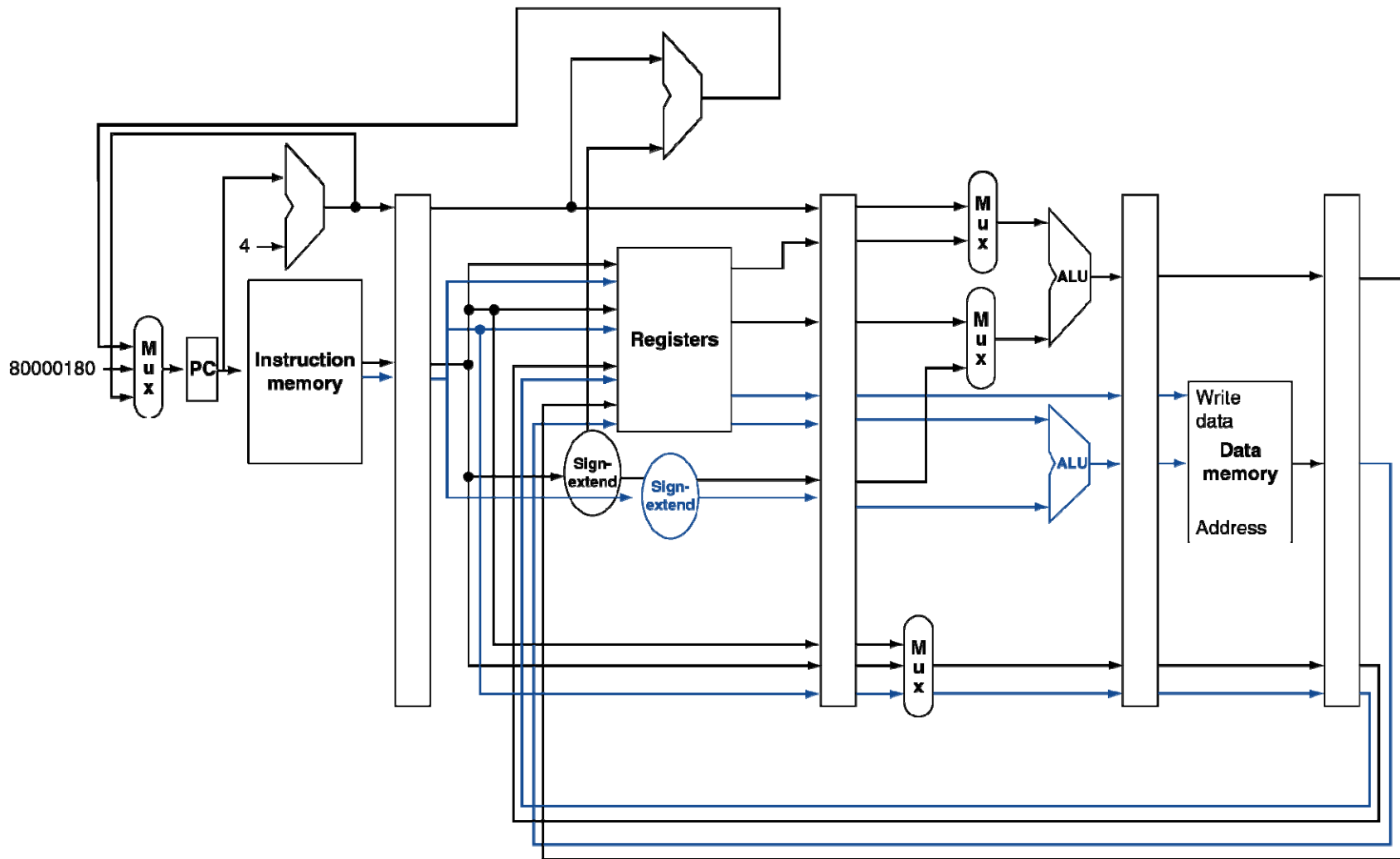
MIPS with Static Dual Issue

- Two-issue packets
 - One ALU/branch instruction
 - One load/store instruction
 - 64-bit aligned
 - ALU/branch, then load/store
 - Pad an unused instruction with nop

Address	Instruction type	Pipeline Stages						
n	ALU/branch	IF	ID	EX	MEM	WB		
n + 4	Load/store	IF	ID	EX	MEM	WB		
n + 8	ALU/branch		IF	ID	EX	MEM	WB	
n + 12	Load/store		IF	ID	EX	MEM	WB	
n + 16	ALU/branch			IF	ID	EX	MEM	WB
n + 20	Load/store			IF	ID	EX	MEM	WB



MIPS with Static Dual Issue



Hazards in the Dual-Issue MIPS

- More instructions executing in parallel
- EX data hazard
 - Forwarding avoided stalls with single-issue
 - Now can't use ALU result in load/store in same packet
 - `add $t0, $s0, $s1`
`load $s2, 0($t0)`
 - Split into two packets, effectively a stall
- Load-use hazard
 - Still one cycle use latency, but now two instructions
- More aggressive scheduling required

Scheduling Example

- Schedule this for dual-issue MIPS

```
Loop: lw    $t0, 0($s1)      # $t0=array element
      addu  $t0, $t0, $s2    # add scalar in $s2
      sw    $t0, 0($s1)      # store result
      addi  $s1, $s1, -4     # decrement pointer
      bne   $s1, $zero, Loop # branch $s1!=0
```

	ALU/branch	Load/store	cycle
Loop:	nop	lw \$t0, 0(\$s1)	1
	addi \$s1, \$s1, -4	nop	2
	addu \$t0, \$t0, \$s2	nop	3
	bne \$s1, \$zero, Loop	sw \$t0, 4(\$s1)	4

- $IPC = 5/4 = 1.25$ (c.f. peak $IPC = 2$)

Loop Unrolling

- Replicate loop body to expose more parallelism
 - Reduces loop-control overhead
- Use different registers per replication
 - Called “register renaming”
 - Avoid loop-carried “anti-dependencies”
 - Store followed by a load of the same register
 - Aka “name dependence”
 - Reuse of a register name

Loop Unrolling

Loop: lw \$t0, 0(\$s1)
 addu \$t0, \$t0, \$s2
 sw \$t0, 0(\$s1)
 addi \$s1, \$s1, -4
 bne \$s1, \$zero, Loop

Loop: lw \$t0, 0(\$s1)
 addu \$t0, \$t0, \$s2
 sw \$t0, 0(\$s1)
 addi \$s1, \$s1, -4
 lw \$t0, 0(\$s1)
 addu \$t0, \$t0, \$s2
 sw \$t0, 0(\$s1)
 addi \$s1, \$s1, -4
 lw \$t0, 0(\$s1)
 addu \$t0, \$t0, \$s2
 sw \$t0, 0(\$s1)
 addi \$s1, \$s1, -4
 bne \$s1, \$zero, Loop

	ALU or branch	Data transfer	Clock cycle
Loop:	nop	lw \$t0, 0(\$s1)	1
	addi \$s1, \$s1, -4	nop	2
	addu \$t0, \$t0, \$s2	nop	3
	bne \$s1, \$zero, Loop	sw \$t0, 4(\$s1)	4

Loop Unrolling (2)

```
Loop: lw    $t0, 0($s1)
      addu   $t0, $t0, $s2
      sw     $t0, 0($s1)
      addi   $s1, $s1, -4
      lw     $t0, 0($s1)
      addu   $t0, $t0, $s2
      sw     $t0, 0($s1)
      addi   $s1, $s1, -4
      lw     $t0, 0($s1)
      addu   $t0, $t0, $s2
      sw     $t0, 0($s1)
      addi   $s1, $s1, -4
      lw     $t0, 0($s1)
      addu   $t0, $t0, $s2
      sw     $t0, 0($s1)
      addi   $s1, $s1, -4
      bne    $s1, $zero, Loop
```

```
Loop: lw    $t0, 0($s1)
      addu   $t0, $t0, $s2
      sw     $t0, 0($s1)
      lw     $t0, -4($s1)
      addu   $t0, $t0, $s2
      sw     $t0, -4($s1)
      lw     $t0, -8($s1)
      addu   $t0, $t0, $s2
      sw     $t0, -8($s1)
      lw     $t0, -12($s1)
      addu   $t0, $t0, $s2
      sw     $t0, -12($s1)
      addi   $s1, $s1, -16
      bne    $s1, $zero, Loop
```

Loop Unrolling (3)

```
Loop: lw    $t0, 0($s1)
      addu  $t0, $t0, $s2
      sw    $t0, 0($s1)
      lw    $t0, -4($s1)
      addu  $t0, $t0, $s2
      sw    $t0, -4($s1)
      lw    $t0, -8($s1)
      addu  $t0, $t0, $s2
      sw    $t0, -8($s1)
      lw    $t0, -12($s1)
      addu  $t0, $t0, $s2
      sw    $t0, -12($s1)
      addi  $s1, $s1, -16
      bne   $s1, $zero, Loop
```

```
Loop: lw    $t0, 0($s1)
      addu  $t0, $t0, $s2
      sw    $t0, 0($s1)
      lw    $t1, -4($s1)
      addu  $t1, $t1, $s2
      sw    $t1, -4($s1)
      lw    $t2, -8($s1)
      addu  $t2, $t2, $s2
      sw    $t2, -8($s1)
      lw    $t3, -12($s1)
      addu  $t3, $t3, $s2
      sw    $t3, -12($s1)
      addi  $s1, $s1, -16
      bne   $s1, $zero, Loop
```


Loop Unrolling (4)

	ALU or branch	Data transfer	Clock cycle
Loop:	addi \$s1, \$s1, -16	lw \$t0, 0(\$s1)	1
	nop	lw \$t1, 12(\$s1)	2
	addu \$t0, \$t0, \$s2	lw \$t2, 8(\$s1)	3
	addu \$t1, \$t1, \$s2	lw \$t3, 4(\$s1)	4
	addu \$t2, \$t2, \$s2	sw \$t0, 16(\$s1)	5
	addu \$t3, \$t3, \$s2	sw \$t1, 12(\$s1)	6
	nop	sw \$t2, 8(\$s1)	7
	bne \$s1, \$zero, Loop	sw \$t3, 4(\$s1)	8

Loop: lw \$t0, 0(\$s1)
 addu \$t0, \$t0, \$s2
 sw \$t0, 0(\$s1)
 lw \$t1, -4(\$s1)
 addu \$t1, \$t1, \$s2
 sw \$t1, -4(\$s1)
 lw \$t2, -8(\$s1)
 addu \$t2, \$t2, \$s2
 sw \$t2, -8(\$s1)
 lw \$t3, -12(\$s1)
 addu \$t3, \$t3, \$s2
 sw \$t3, -12(\$s1)
 addi \$s1, \$s1, -16
 bne \$s1, \$zero, Loop

Loop Unrolling Example

	ALU/branch	Load/store	cycle
Loop:	addi \$s1 , \$s1, -16	lw \$t0 , 0(\$s1)	1
	nop	lw \$t1 , 12(\$s1)	2
	addu \$t0 , \$t0 , \$s2	lw \$t2 , 8(\$s1)	3
	addu \$t1 , \$t1 , \$s2	lw \$t3 , 4(\$s1)	4
	addu \$t2 , \$t2 , \$s2	sw \$t0 , 16(\$s1)	5
	addu \$t3 , \$t4 , \$s2	sw \$t1 , 12(\$s1)	6
	nop	sw \$t2 , 8(\$s1)	7
	bne \$s1 , \$zero, Loop	sw \$t3 , 4(\$s1)	8

- $IPC = 14/8 = 1.75$
 - Closer to 2, but at cost of registers and code size