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Laboratory 1

Expected delivery of lab_01.zip including:

- program_1.s
- lab_01.pdf (fill and export this file to pdf)

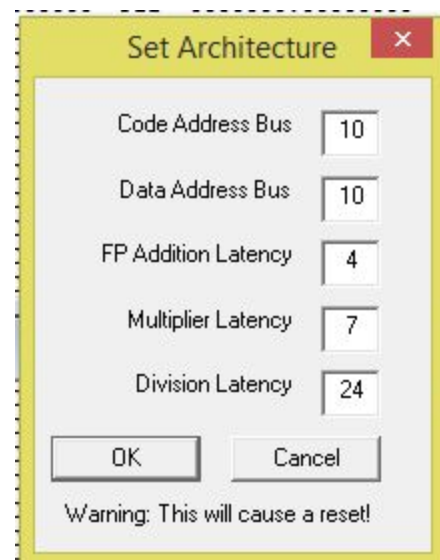
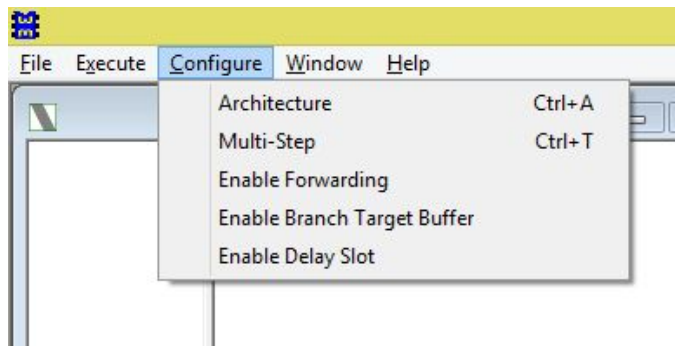
Please, configure the winMIPS64 processor architecture with the *Base Configuration* provided in the following:

- Integer ALU: 1 clock cycle
- Data memory: 1 clock cycle
- Branch delay slot: 1 clock cycle
- Code address bus: 12
- Data address bus: 12
- Pipelined FP arithmetic unit (latency): 6 stages
- Pipelined FP multiplier unit (latency): 8 stages
- FP divider unit (latency): not pipelined unit, 28 clock cycles
- Forwarding optimization is disabled
- Branch prediction is disabled
- Branch delay slot optimization is disabled.

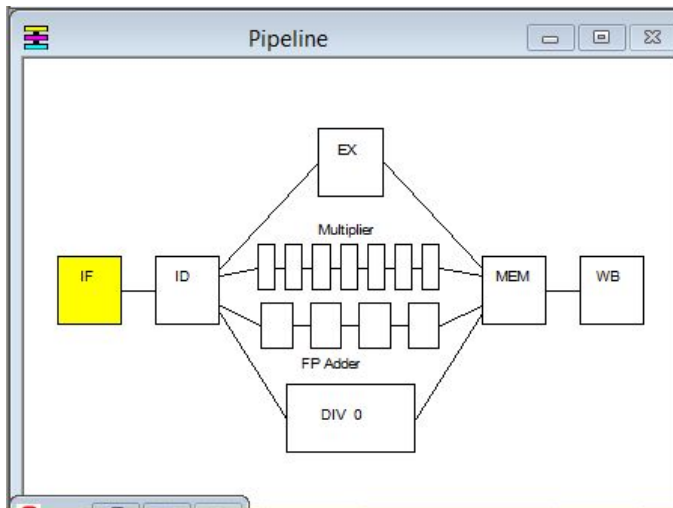
Use the Configure menu:

- remove the flags (where activating Enable options)
- Browse the Architecture menu ☐

Modify the defaults Architectural parameters (where needed)



- ☐ Verify in the Pipeline window that the configuration is effective



1) Exercise your assembly skills and learn by example about pipeline optimizations.
To write an assembly program called **program_1.s (to be delivered)** for the *MIPS64* architecture and to execute it.

The program must:

1. Given 2 arrays (a and b), compute their sum and store each result in a third array (i.e., $c[i] = a[i] + b[i]$). Each array contains 50 8-bit integer numbers.
2. Search for **both** the maximum and minimum in the array c. The program saves the obtained value in two variables allocated in memory, called max and min respectively.

Identify and use the main components of the simulator:

a. Running the *WinMIPS* simulator

- Launch the graphic interface

...\winMIPS64\winmips64.exe

b. Assembly and check your program:

- Load the program from the **File** ☐ **Open** menu (*CTRL-O*). In the case the of errors, you may use the following command in the command line to compile the program and check the errors:

...\winMIPS64\asm program_1.s

c. Run your program step by step (*F7*), identifying the whole processor behavior in the six simulator windows:

Pipeline, Code, Data, Register, Cycles and Statistics

- d. Enable one at a time the optimization features that were initially disabled and collect statistics to fill the following table **(fill all required data in the table before exporting this file to pdf format to be delivered)**.

Table 1: **Program performance for different processor configurations**

	Number of clock cycles			
Program	No optimization	Forwarding	Branch Target Buffer	Delay Slot
program 1	1196	897	1058	1196

2) Perform execution time measurements.

Search in the winMIPS64 folder the following benchmark programs:

- a. `isort.s`
- b. `mult.s`
- c. `series.s`
- d. `program_1.s` (your program)

Starting from the basic configuration with no optimizations, compute by simulation the number of cycles required to execute these programs; in this initial scenario, it is assumed that the programs weight is the same (25%) for everyone. Assume a processor frequency of 1MHz.

Then, change processor configuration and vary the programs weights as following. Compute again the performance for every case and fill the table below **(fill all required data in the table before exporting this file to pdf format to be delivered)**.

- 1) Configuration 1
 - a. Enable Forwarding
 - b. Disable branch target buffer
 - c. Disable Delay Slot

Assume that the weight of all programs is the same (25%).

- 2) Configuration 2
 - a. Enable Forwarding
 - b. Enable branch target buffer
 - c. Disable Delay Slot

Assume that the weight of all programs is the same (25%).

3) Configuration 3

Configuration 1, but assume that the weight of the program *your program* is 50%.

4) Configuration 4

Configuration 1, but assume that the weight of the program *series.s* is 50%.

Table 2: **Processor performance for different weighted programs**

Program	No opt (s)	Conf. 1	Conf. 2	Conf. 3	Conf. 4
isort.s	46039*0.25	33277*0.25	31037*0.25	33277/6	33277/6
mult.s	1877*0.25	979*0.25	921*0.25	979/6	979/6
series.s	549*0.25	227*0.25	230*0.25	227/6	227/2
program 1.s	1196*0.25	897*0.25	769*0.25	897/2	897/6
TOTAL TIME	12415.25	8845.00	8239.25	6195.67	5972.33

For time computations, use a clock frequency of 1MHz.

Appendix: winMIPS64 Instruction Set

WinMIPS64

The following assembler directives are supported

.data - start of data segment
 .text - start of code segment
 .code - start of code segment (same as .text)
 .org <n> - start address
 .space <n> - leave n empty bytes
 .ascii <s> - enters zero terminated ascii string
 .ascii <s> - enter ascii string
 .align <n> - align to n-byte boundary
 .word <n1>,<n2>.. - enters word(s) of data (64-bits)
 .byte <n1>,<n2>.. - enter bytes
 .word32 <n1>,<n2>.. - enters 32 bit number(s)
 .word16 <n1>,<n2>.. - enters 16 bit number(s)
 .double <n1>,<n2>.. - enters floating-point number(s)

where <n> denotes a number like 24, <s> denotes a string like "fred", and
 <n1>,<n2>.. denotes numbers seperated by commas.

The following instructions are supported

lb - load byte
 lbu - load byte unsigned
 sb - store byte
 lh - load 16-bit half-word
 lhu - load 16-bit half word unsigned
 sh - store 16-bit half-word
 lw - load 32-bit word
 lwu - load 32-bit word unsigned
 sw - store 32-bit word

ld - load 64-bit double-word
 sd - store 64-bit double-word
 ld - load 64-bit floating-point
 sd - store 64-bit floating-point
 halt - stops the program
 daddi - add immediate
 daddui - add immediate unsigned
 andi - logical and immediate
 ori - logical or immediate
 xori - exclusive or immediate
 lui - load upper half of register immediate
 slti - set if less than or equal immediate
 sltiu - set if less than or equal immediate unsigned
 beq - branch if pair of registers are equal
 bne - branch if pair of registers are not equal
 beqz - branch if register is equal to zero
 bnez - branch if register is not equal to zero

j - jump to address
 jr - jump to address in register
 jal - jump and link to address (call subroutine)
 jalr - jump and link to address in register (call subroutine)
 dsll - shift left logical
 dsrl - shift right logical
 dsra - shift right arithmetic
 dsllv - shift left logical by variable amount

dsrlv - shift right logical by variable amount
dsrav - shift right arithmetic by variable amount
movz - move if register equals zero
movn - move if register not equal to zero
nop - no operation
and - logical and
or - logical or
xor - logical xor
slt - set if less than
sltu - set if less than unsigned
dadd - add integers
daddu - add integers unsigned
dsub - subtract integers
dsubu - subtract integers unsigned

add.d - add floating-point

sub.d - subtract floating-point
mul.d - multiply floating-point
div.d - divide floating-point
mov.d - move floating-point
cvt.d.l - convert 64-bit integer to a double FP format
cvt.l.d - convert double FP to a 64-bit integer format
c.lt.d - set FP flag if less than
c.le.d - set FP flag if less than or equal to
c.eq.d - set FP flag if equal to
bc1f - branch to address if FP flag is FALSE
bc1t - branch to address if FP flag is TRUE
mtc1 - move data from integer register to FP register
mfc1 - move data from FP register to integer register