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Von Neuman Model and Machine Codes

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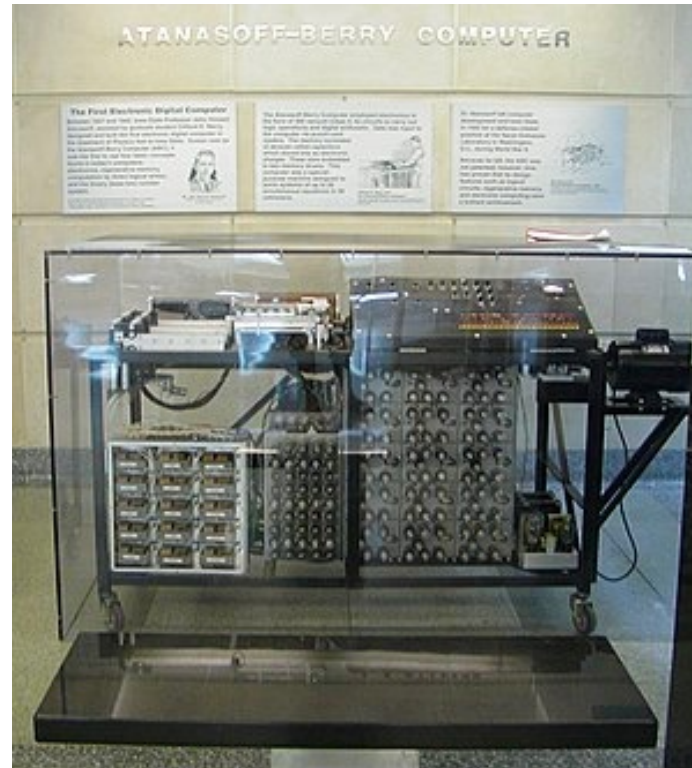
Von Neuman Model

- **Overview**
- Each component

*Once upon a time, there was no software.
Of course, no concept of installing or removing software!*

*Those days, a computer was a machine that has electronic
circuits designed for one specific program*

So... A program was simply a hard-wired circuit...



*It was **super annoying** to build a different computer
for every single program...*

*People wanted to have a computer that can run multiple
programs without changing its circuit!*

*The programs run in this way is called “**soft**”ware*

So... A software program looked like this... 😊



A software program was
NOT electronically stored in a computer
but **physically stored** on a set of **punchcards**

The software program was **separate** from the
computer hardware

The software program was given to
the computer as an **input** when it needs to run

*Although more portable than a circuit program,
it is still **NOT** a happy experience to make and manage
so many groups of punchcards. ☹*



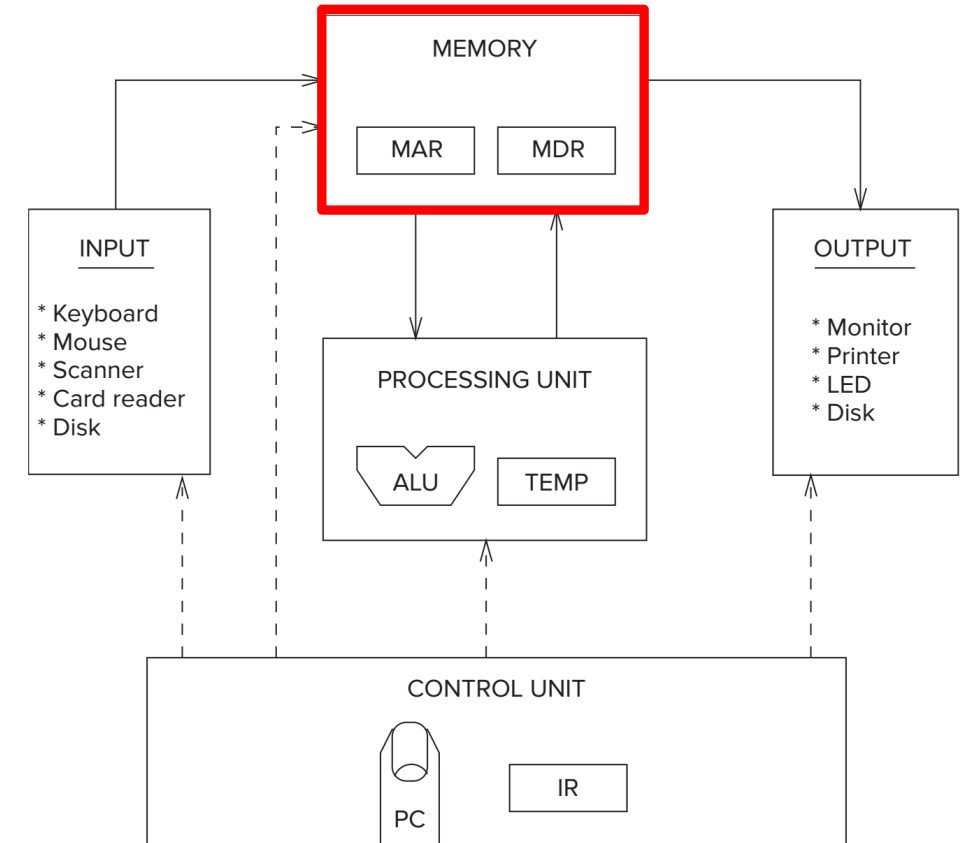
Can we **store** software programs
electronically in a computer,
instead of **punchcards**?

Stored program concept!

John von Neumann (1903 – 1957)

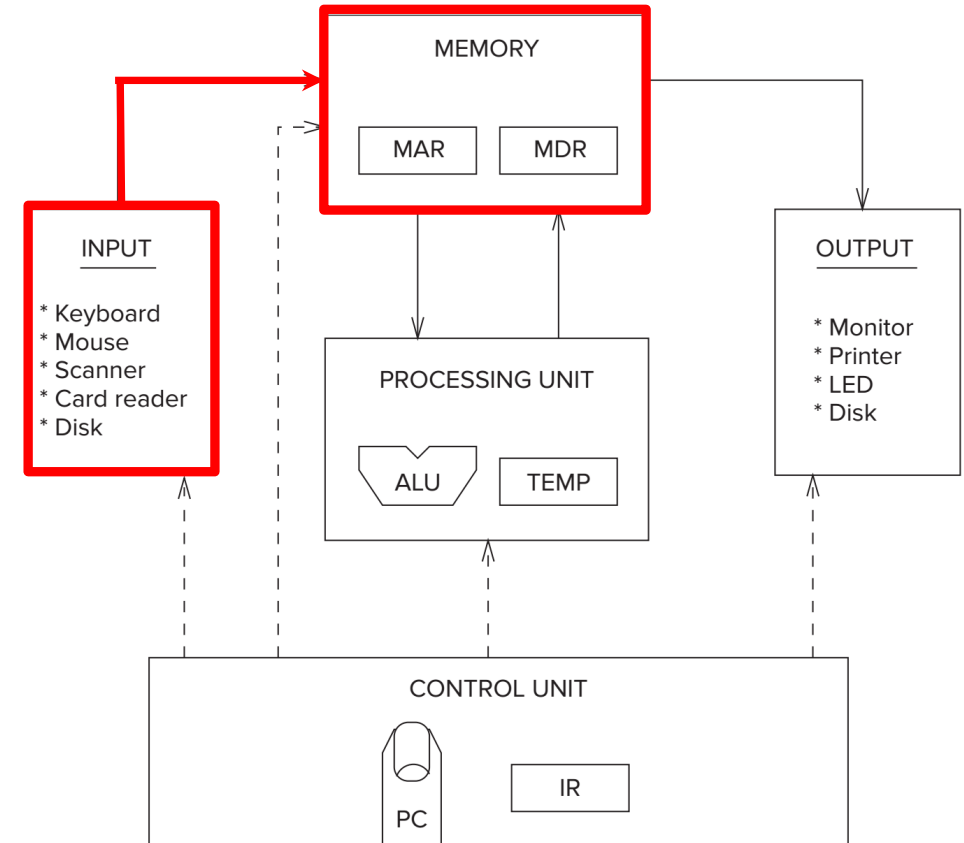
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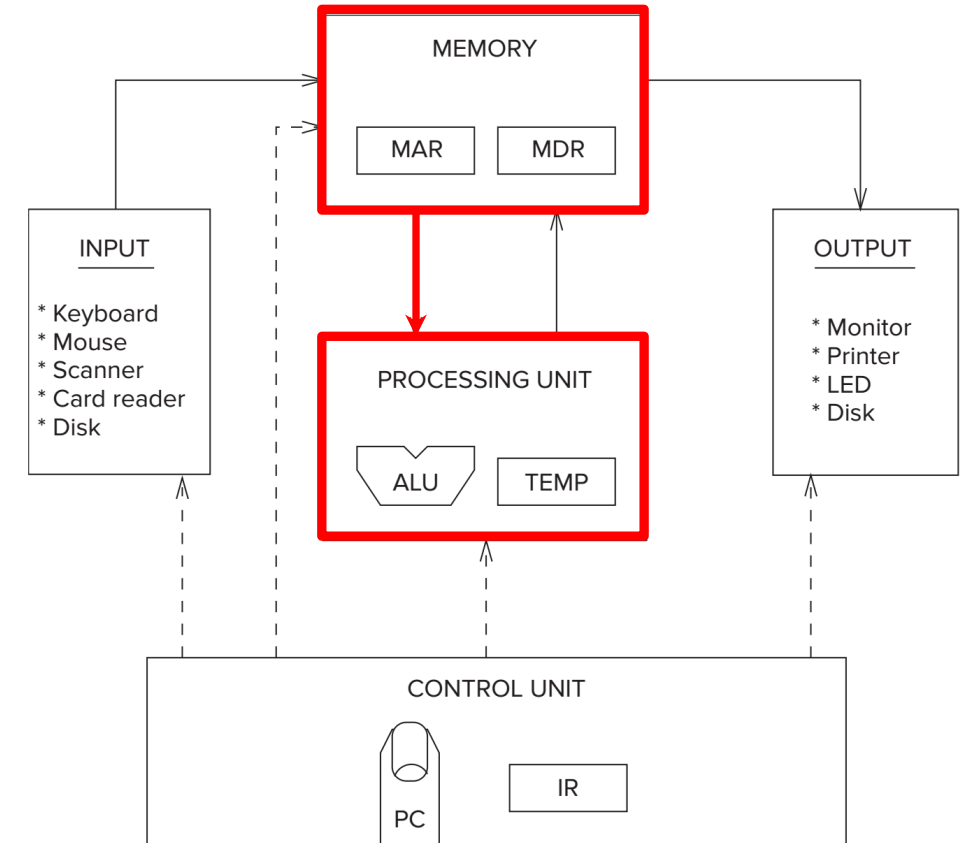
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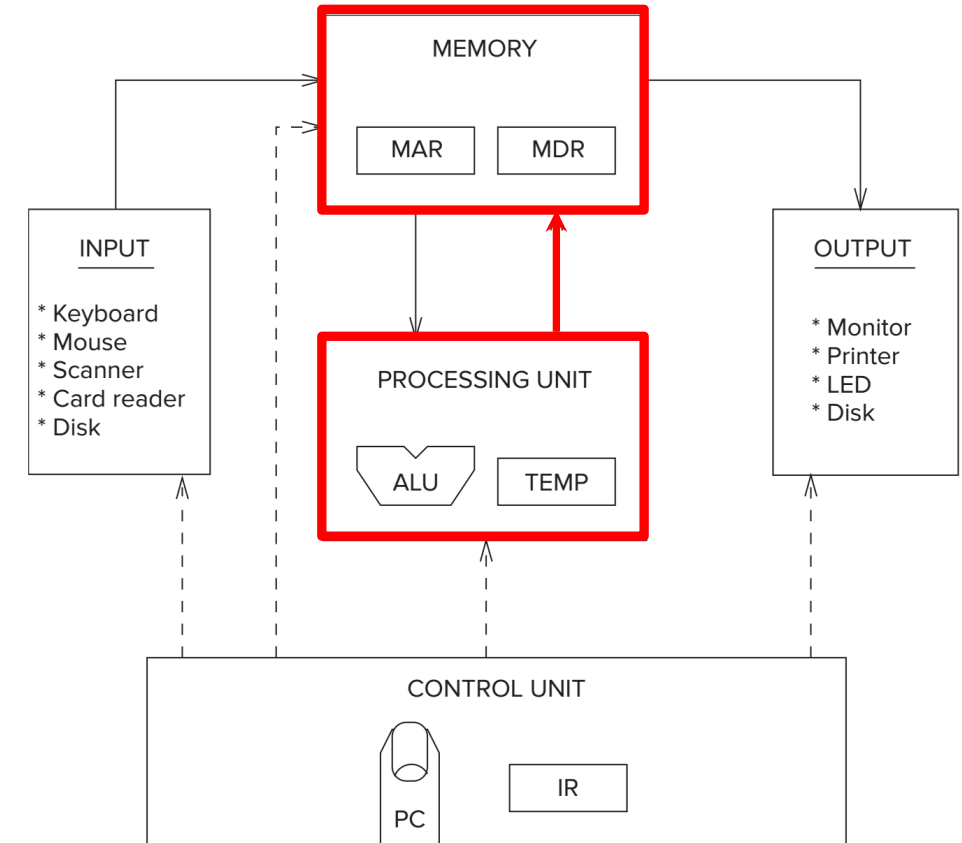
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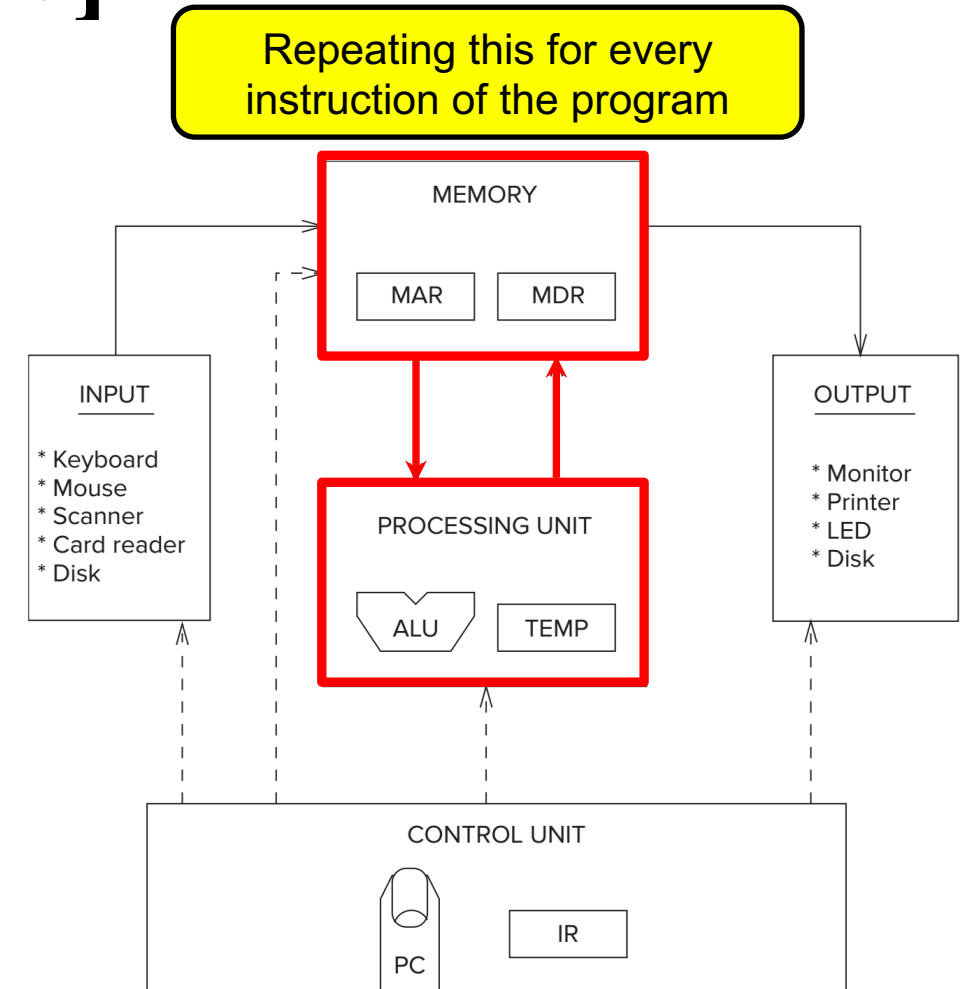
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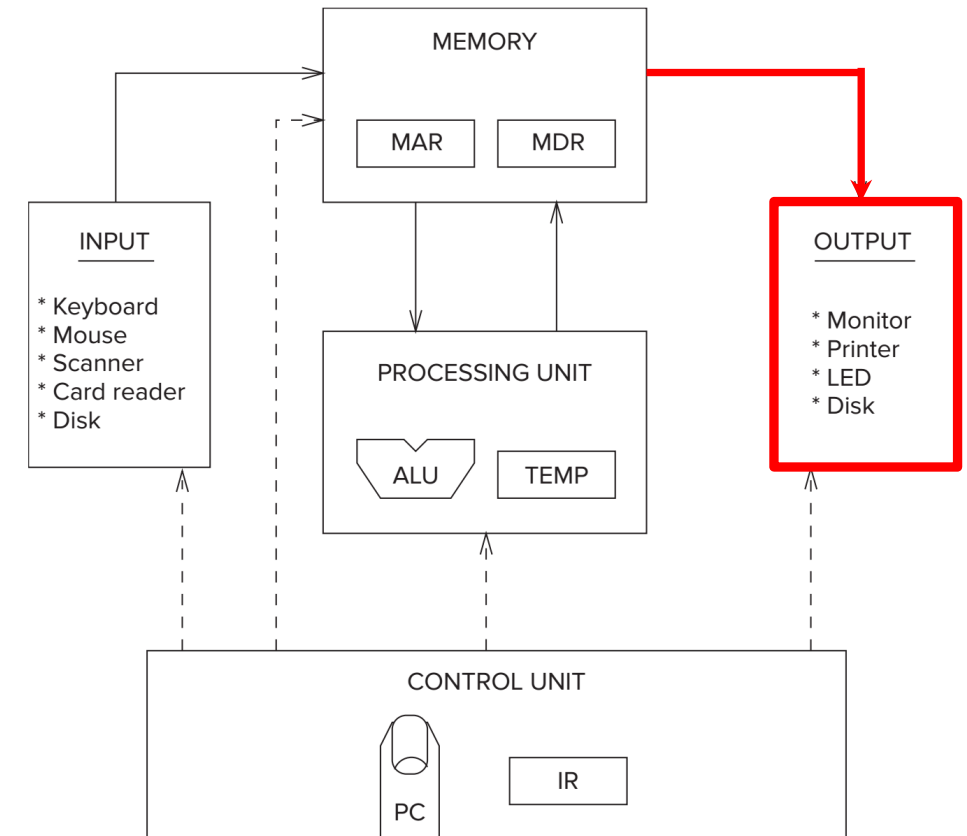
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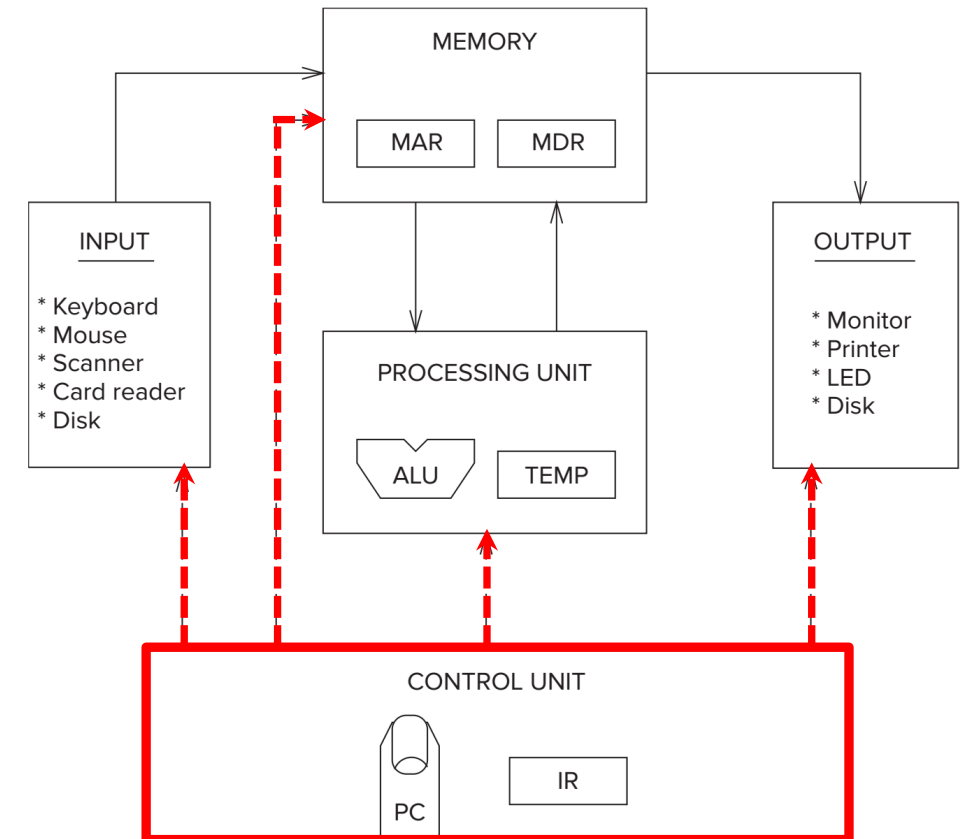
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- The entire procedure is managed by the **control unit**, which should make sure that everything is OK

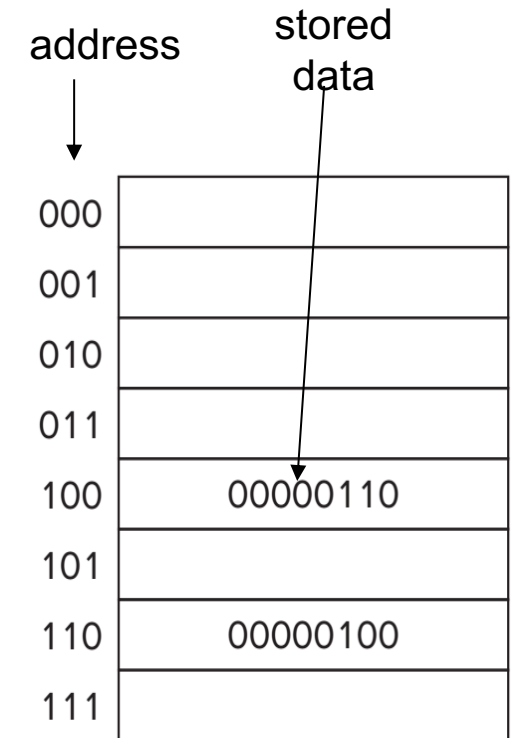


Von Neuman Model

- Overview
- **Each component**

Von Neumann Model – Memory

- Memory has many memory **locations**, each of which has its **address** and scan/store **data**
- Memory size depends on how many locations it has and how many bits each location stores
 - One location usually stores 8 bits (1 byte)
- For example, if memory has 2^{34} distinct locations, each of which stores 8 bits (1 byte) of information...
 - 16 GB memory (16 giga locations x 1 byte)
 - It needs 34 bits to represent memory addresses

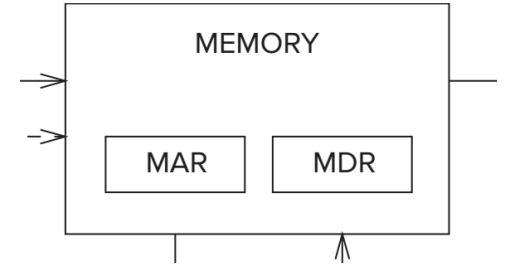


The diagram illustrates a memory structure with 8 locations. Each location is represented by a row in a table. The first column contains the address for each location, ranging from 000 to 111. The second column contains the data stored at each location. An arrow labeled 'address' points to the first column, and an arrow labeled 'stored data' points to the second column. The data stored at address 100 is 00000110, and at address 110 is 00000100.

address	stored data
000	
001	
010	
011	
100	00000110
101	
110	00000100
111	

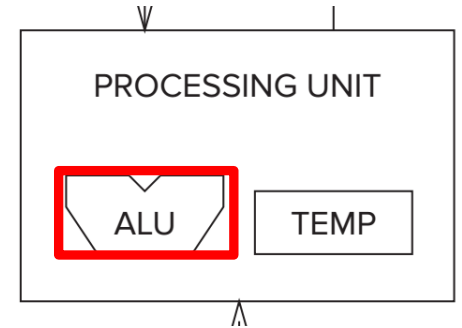
Von Neumann Model – Memory

- Two registers for memory operation (writing and reading)
 - MAR: memory's address register
 - MDR: memory's data register
 - **Register:** a small amount of fast storage that the processor can quickly access
- Example 1: Storing a value A to a memory location B
 - Write location B to MAR, write value A to MDR, and execute storing operation
 - Information contained in the MDR will be written into the memory location B (indicated by the MAR)
- Example 2: Loading a value A from a memory location B
 - Write location B to MAR and execute loading operation
 - Information contained in the memory location B (indicated by the MAR) will be written to MDR

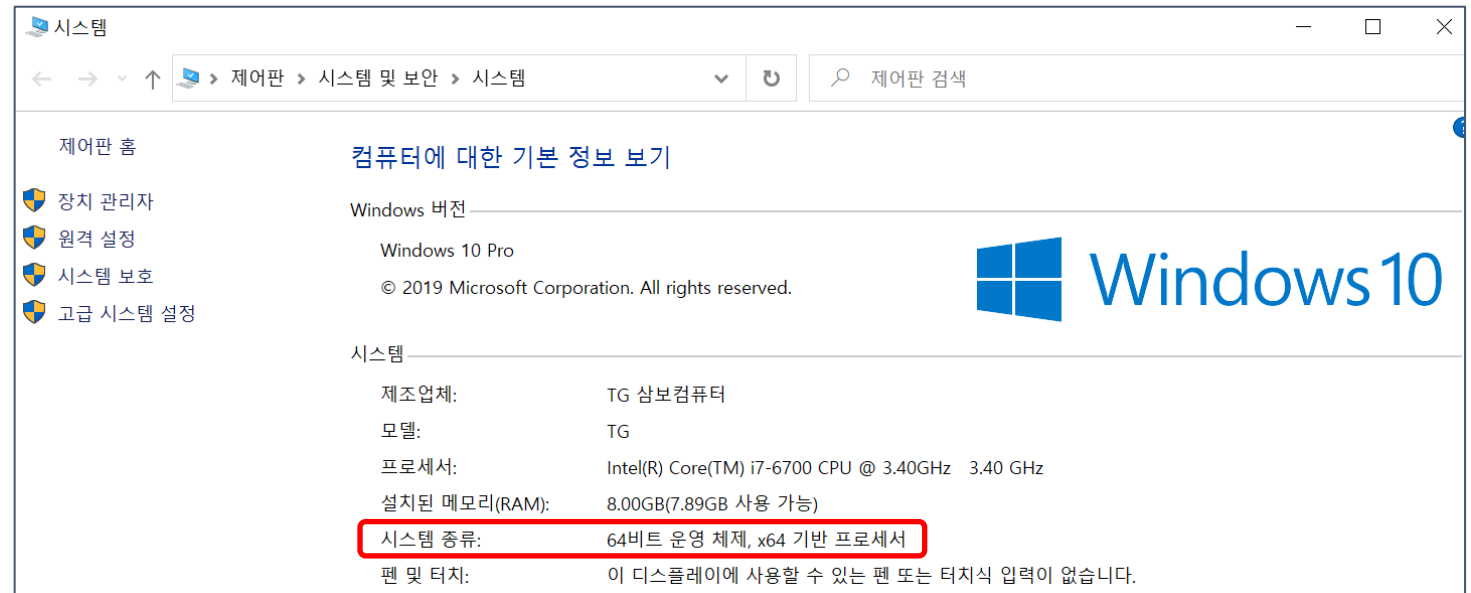
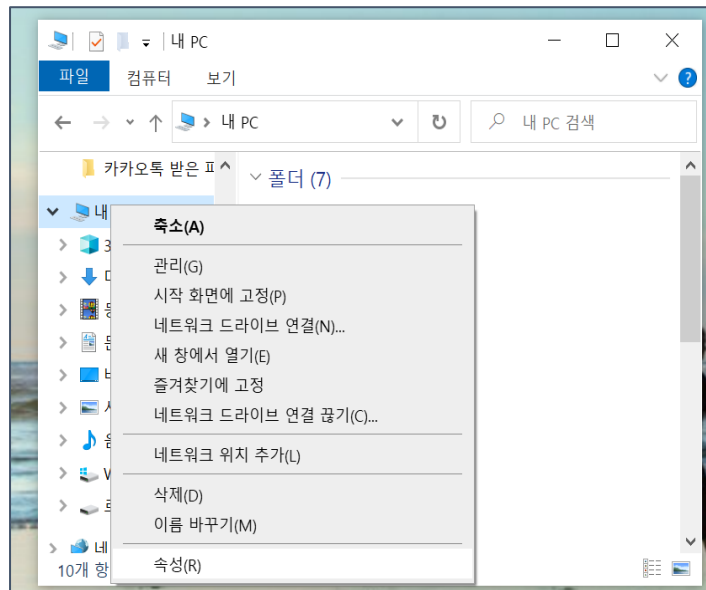


Von Neumann Model – Processing Unit

- A modern computer's processing unit consists of many complex functional units (division, square root ...)
- The simplest processing unit is the **ALU** (arithmetic and logic unit)
 - Basic arithmetic functions (e.g., ADD and SUBTRACT)
 - Basic logic operations (e.g., bit-wise AND, OR, and NOT)
- ALU normally processes data elements of a **fixed size**
 - The data elements are called **words**
 - For example, to perform ADD operation, ALU receives two words as inputs and produces a single word (the sum) as output
 - Most microprocessors in modern computers have a word length of **64 bits** or **32 bits**



Von Neumann Model – Processing Unit



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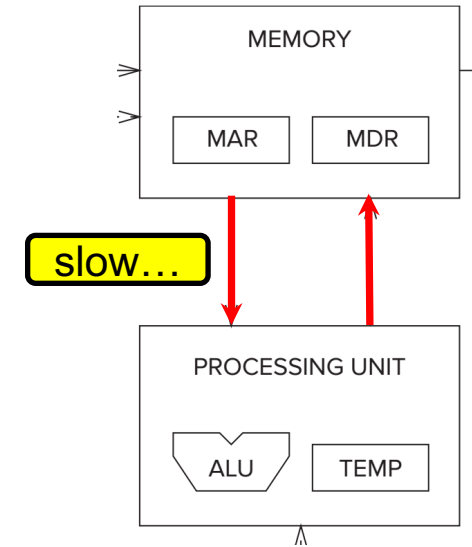
- Word size is like the number of lanes on a road



Von Neumann Model – Processing Unit

- When ALU performs multiple operations...

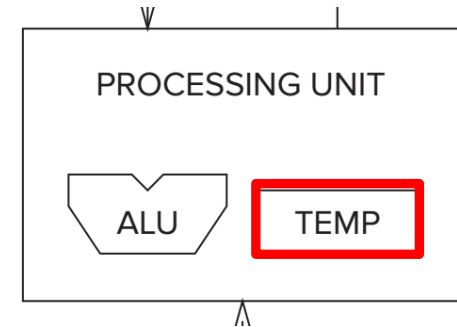
- $(A+B) \times C$
- (1) Get inputs A and B from memory
- (2) Process $A+B$ and produce the result T
- (3) Store the result T in a memory location
- (4) Get inputs T and C from memory
- (5) Process $T \times C$ and produce the result R
- (6) Store the result R in a memory location



- It takes longer to access memory than perform ADD or MULTIPLY
- We want to **minimize memory access** in the middle of operations!

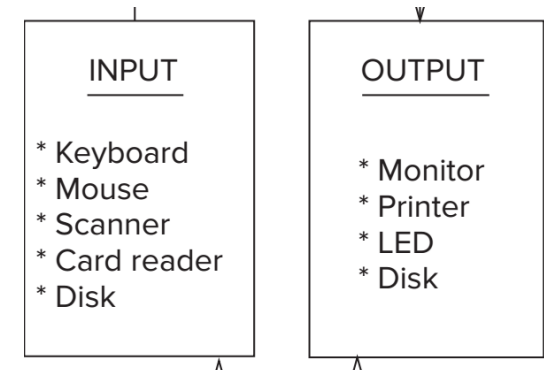
Von Neumann Model – Processing Unit

- Almost all computers have small amount of storage very close to the ALU to allow results to be **temporarily stored** if they will be needed to produce additional results in the near future
- The temporary storage comprises a set of **registers**
 - Again, a register is a small amount of fast storage
- The size of information stored in each register is **identical** to that of information processed in the ALU
 - A 64-bit processor's register stores 64-bit of information



Von Neumann Model – Input and Output

- Devices for getting data into and out of computer memory
- Each device has its own interface, usually a set of registers like the memory's MAR and MDR
 - Keyboard
 - Data register (KBDR) holding ASCII code of a key struck
 - Status register (KBSR) holding status information about the keys struck
 - Monitor
 - Data register (DDR)
 - Status register (DSR)



Von Neumann Model – Control Unit

- The control unit is like the conductor of an orchestra
 - In charge of making all the other parts play together harmonically
- To this end, it should keep track of which instruction is being executed
- Instruction register (IR)
 - A register that contains the **instruction** currently being executed
- Program counter (PC)
 - A register that contains the memory **address** where the next instruction is stored



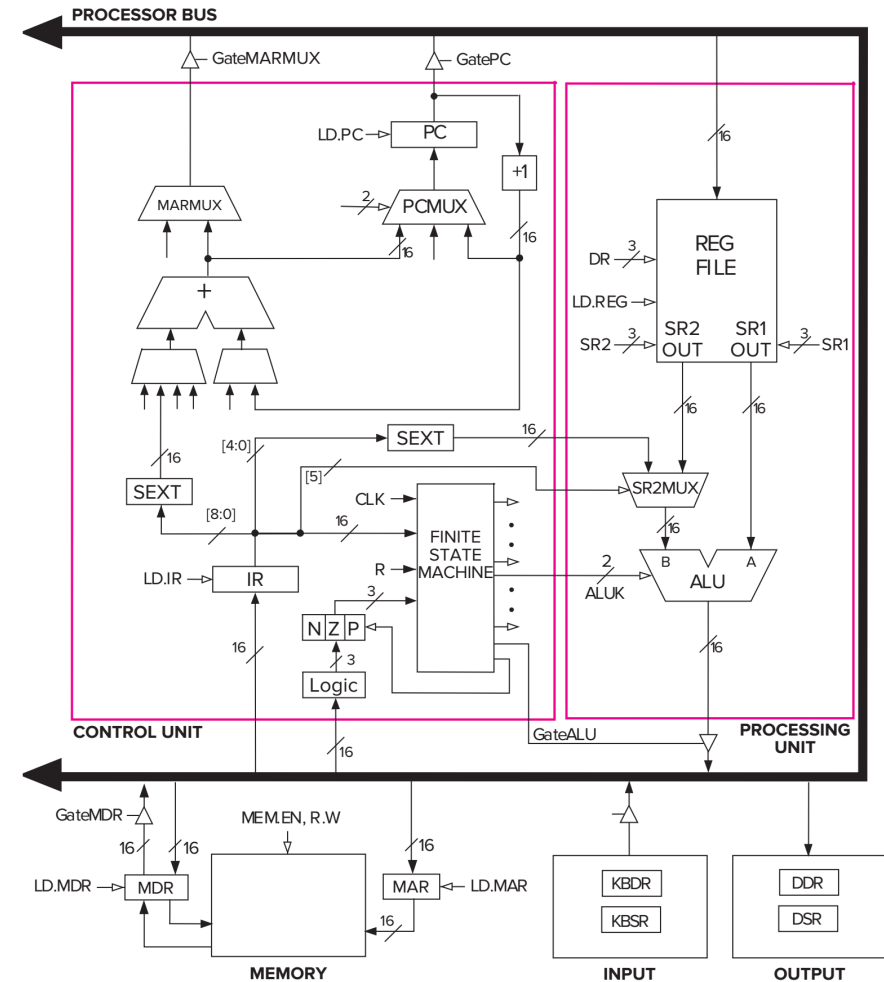
Von Neumann model

The program and data are both electronically stored in the computer's memory, as sequences of bits

*The program is executed in the processing unit,
one instruction at a time,
under the direction of the control unit*

Von Neumann Model – LC-3

- LC-3 (Little Computer 3)
 - An example von Neumann computer
 - Used for teaching
 - 16-bit word size
 - 8 registers in the processing unit



How does it represent an instruction as a bit sequence?

How does it process an instruction?

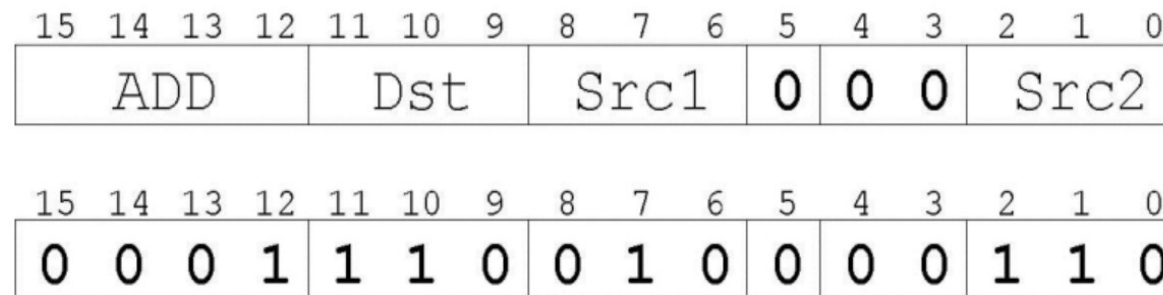
Instruction processing (Machine codes)

Instruction

- **Instruction** is the most basic unit of computer processing
 - Opcode: operation to be performed
 - Operands: data/locations to be used for operation
- Instruction Set Architecture (ISA)
 - A computer's instructions and their formats (bit sequences) / semantics
- **LC-3** (little computer 3): An example von Neumann machine
 - Its processing unit has temporary storage comprising **8 registers (R0~R7)**, each of which contains **16 bits**
 - An instruction of LC-3 consists of **16 bits** (i.e., one word)
 - Bits [15:12]: opcode
 - Bits [0:11]: operands

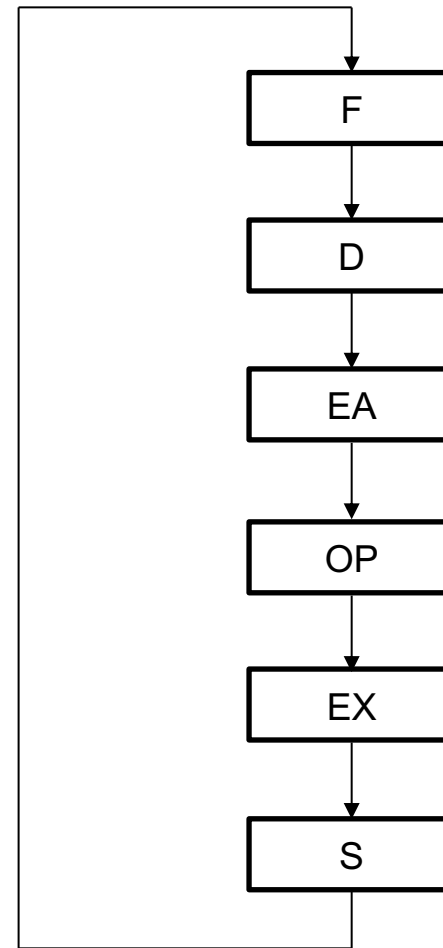
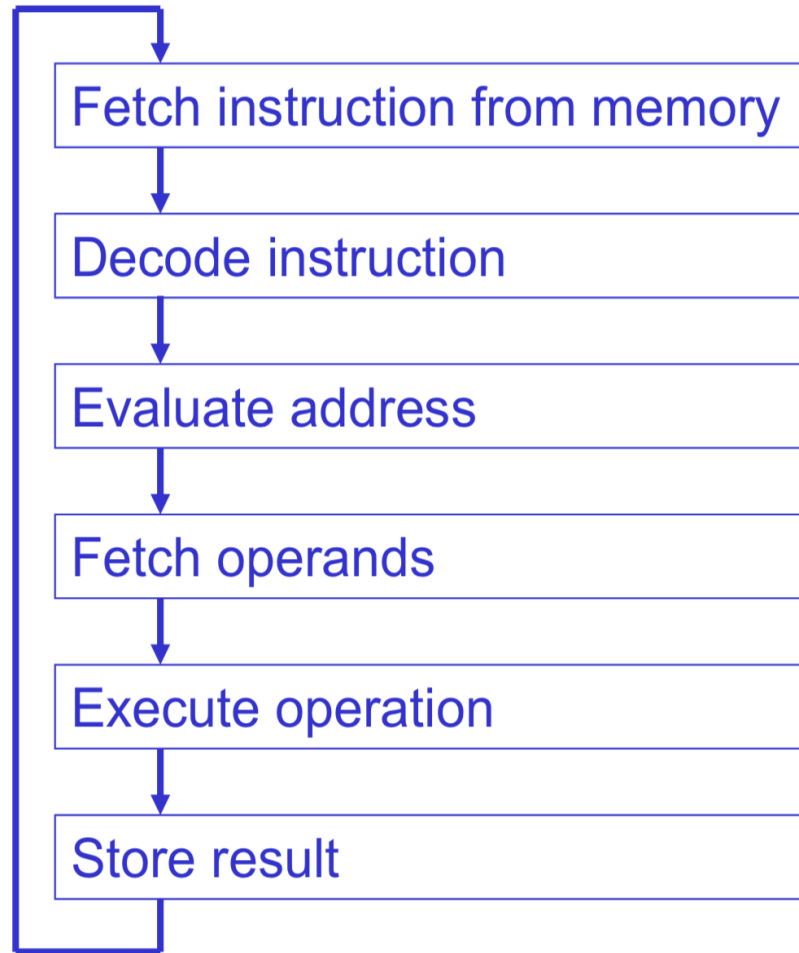
Instruction – ADD

- Bit [15:12]: Opcode
- Bit [9:11]: Register where the result will be stored
- Bit [6:8]: Register where the input 1 (source 1) is stored
- Bit [0:2]: Register where the input 2 (source 2) is stored



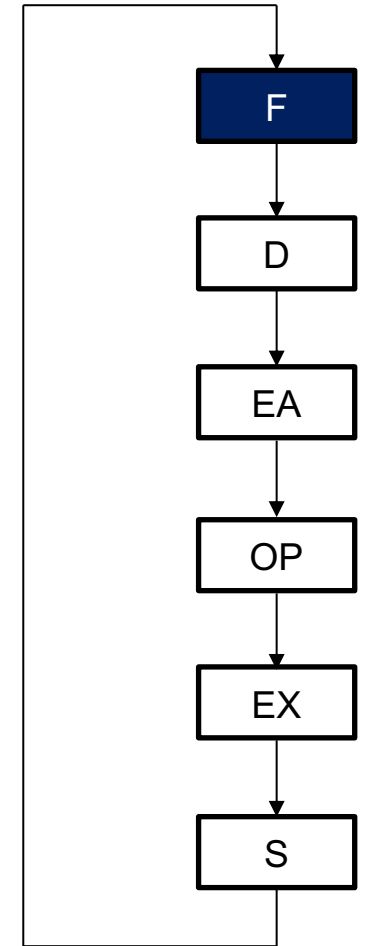
“Add the value in R2 to the value of R6, and store the result in R6

Instruction Processing



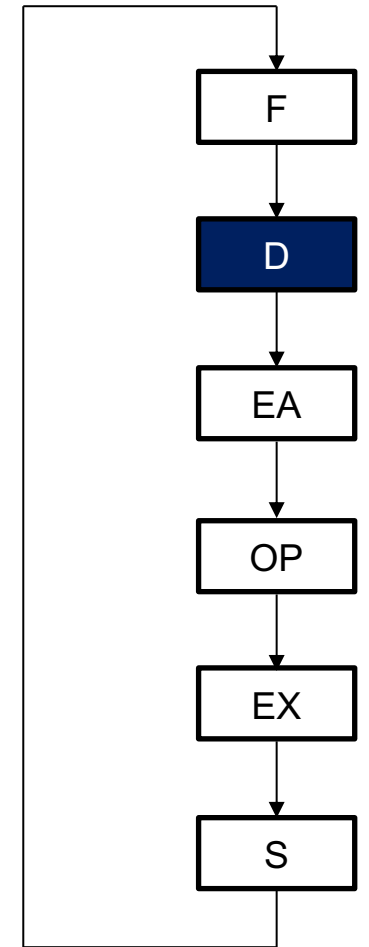
Instruction Processing – Fetch

- Load the instruction in the memory location (indicated by **PC**) into **IR**
 - Copy the value in **PC** (control unit) into **MAR** (memory)
 - Send “read” signal to memory
 - Now the instruction is stored in **MDR** (memory)
 - Copy the value in **MDR** into **IR** (control unit)
- Now **IR** stores the instruction represented as a sequence of 16 bits
- Increment **PC**, so that it points to the memory location where the next instruction is stored



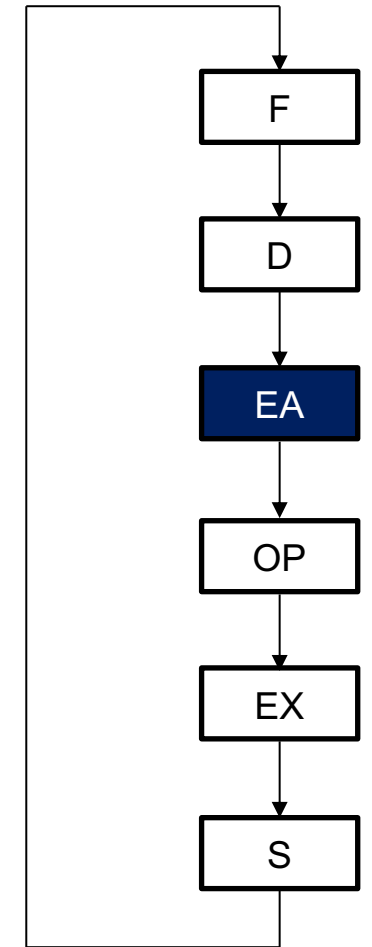
Instruction Processing – Decode

- Identify the opcode (first 4 bits) – operation ID (ADD, SUBTRACT...)
- Depending on opcode, identify other operands from the remaining 12 bits
 - For ADD,
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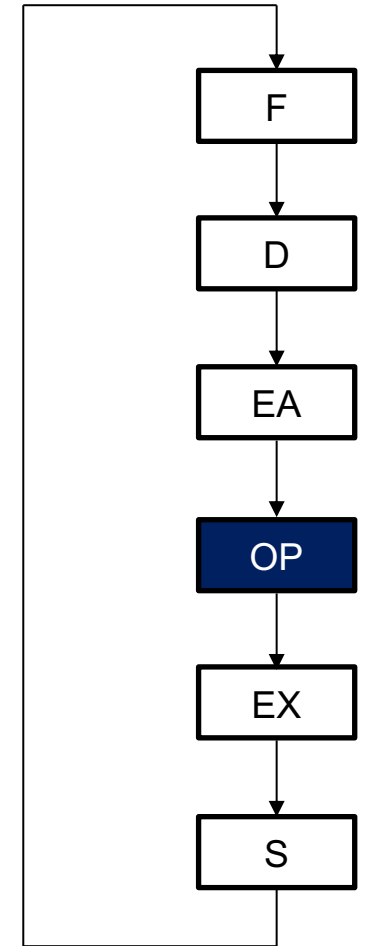
Instruction Processing – Evaluation Address

- For instructions that require memory access, compute address used for access



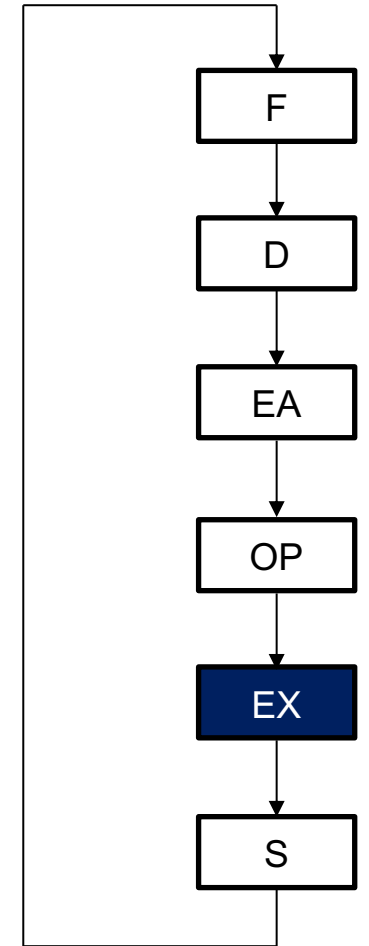
Instruction Processing – Fetch Operands

- For instructions that require memory access, compute address used for access
- Obtain source operands needed to perform operation
 - From registers in ALU



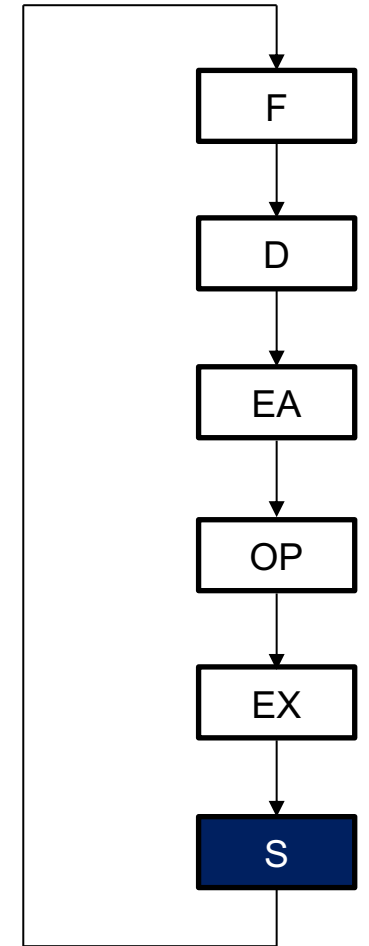
Instruction Processing – Execute

- For instructions that require memory access, compute address used for access
- Obtain source operands needed to perform operation
 - From registers in ALU
- Perform the operation (indicated by opcode) using the source operands



Instruction Processing – Store Result

- For instructions that require memory access, compute address used for access
- Obtain source operands needed to perform operation
 - From registers in ALU
- Perform the operation (indicated by opcode) using the source operands
- Write results to destination register (or memory)





Summary

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- Von Neumann model
 - Main concept
 - Memory
 - Processing unit
 - Input & Output
 - Control unit
- Instruction processing
 - Fetch instruction from memory – Decode instruction – Evaluate address – Fetch operands – Execute operation – Store result

Q&A

Any questions?

Thanks!