

Computer Architecture Assignment 4

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1. Abstract -

Abstract: In this assignment, we made significant improvements to our simulation function by implementing a loop structure. This loop operates as follows:

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while (not end of simulation)
{
performRW
performMA
performEX
performOF
performIF
increment clock by 1
}
```

Each stage processes the output generated by the preceding stage in the previous cycle. If the input data for a stage is invalid (for example, during the very first cycle when the MA-RW latch has no valid content), the stage takes no action.

2. Statistic Table

Table 1 below provides information on the number of cycles required for each benchmark program, the number of static instructions, number of branches locked due to branch instructions, number of data conflicts raised and the number of instructions fetched in IF stage.

ToyRISC Program File	Number of Static Instructions	Number of Cycles	Number of Branches locked	Number of Data Clashes	Number of Instructions Fetched
Prime.asm	16	65	5	12	36
Palindrome.asm	16	133	7	33	56
fibonacci.asm	21	158	16	23	88
evenorodd.asm	9	18	0	5	8
descending.asm	29	637	88	91	352

3. Interpretation and comments

Our observations reveal a significant reduction in the number of cycles required for each program when implementing the pipeline. Ideally it could reduce the number of cycles to one fifth of without pipeline implementation.

The data interlocks is implemented by firstly detecting the clashes in the latches and then removing the instructions in OF and IF and introducing the instruction in OF to IF later.

Whenever branch instructions are encountered, the instructions fetched after it will be destroyed and only when it is taking a branch the new instruction is fetched otherwise the next instruction is fetched after the halting.

We may note that in EvenOdd code we encountered no branch are locked and we see more number of cycles in descending code as there were more number of data and branch interlocks involved.