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Introduction, Performance Analysis

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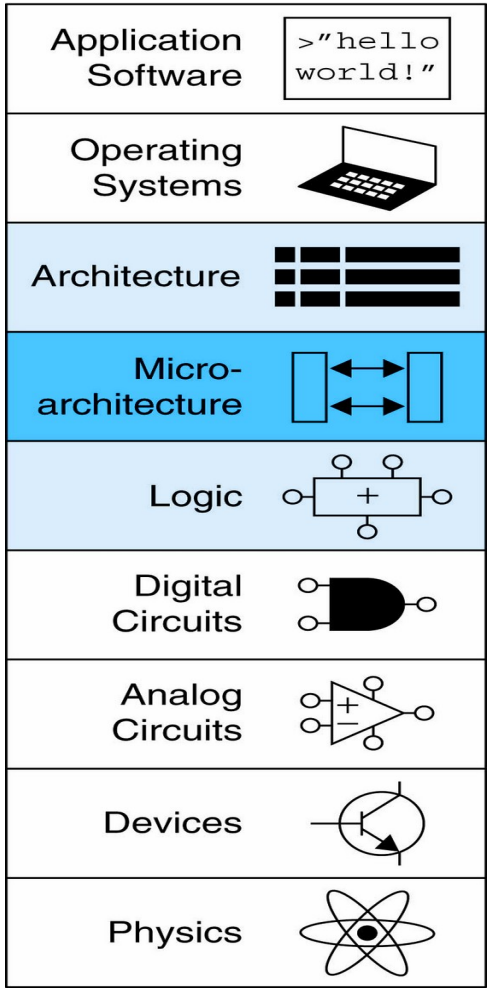
Outline

- **Introduction**
- **Performance Analysis**
- **Multicycle Processor Datapath**
- **Multicycle Processor Control Logic**

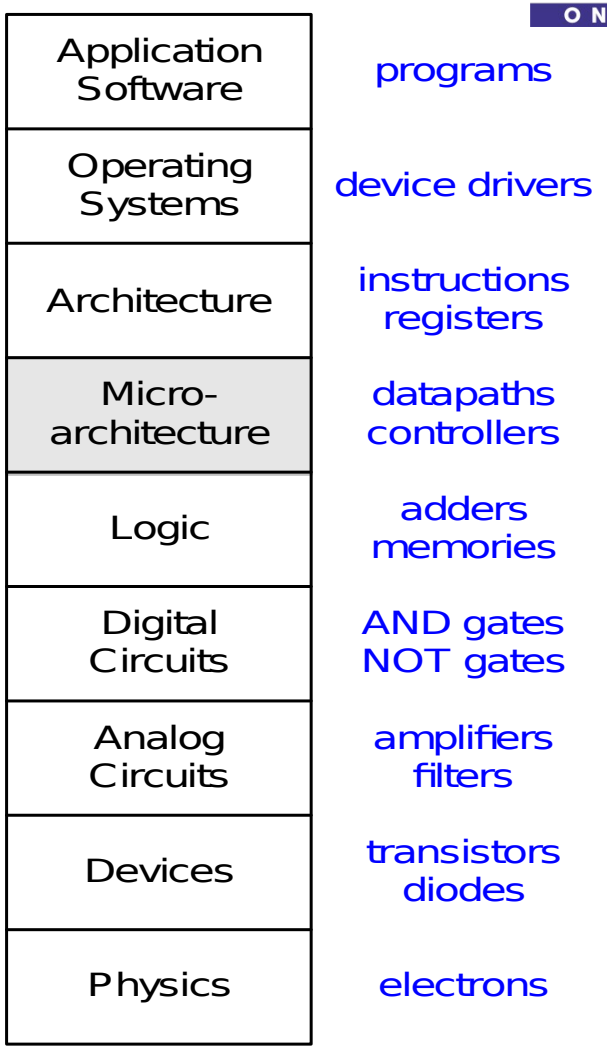


Architecture

- Architectural State:
  - PC
  - 32 registers
  - Memory
- Architecture:
  - Instruction set specification
  - Architectural state

Introduction

- **Microarchitecture:** how to implement an architecture in hardware
- Processor:
  - **Datapath:** functional blocks
  - **Control:** control signals



Microarchitecture

- Multiple implementations for a single architecture:
  - **Single-cycle:** Each instruction executes in a single cycle
  - **Multicycle:** Each instruction is broken into series of shorter steps
  - **Pipelined:** Each instruction broken up into series of steps & multiple instructions execute at once

Processor Performance

- Program execution time

Execution Time = (#instructions)(cycles/instruction)(seconds/cycle)

- Definitions:
  - CPI: Cycles/instruction
  - clock period: seconds/cycle
  - IPC: instructions/cycle = IPC
- Challenge is to satisfy constraints of:
  - Cost
  - Power
  - Performance

MIPS Processor

- Consider subset of MIPS instructions:
  - R-type instructions: `and`, `or`, `add`, `sub`, `slt`
  - Memory instructions: `lw`, `sw`
  - Branch instructions: `beq`

Think About It

Intel and Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) both sell compatible microprocessors conforming to the x86 architecture. Intel Pentium III and Pentium 4 microprocessors were largely advertised according to clock frequency in the late 1990s and early 2000s, because Intel offered higher clock frequencies than its competitors. However, Intel's main competitor, AMD, sold Athlon microprocessors that executed programs faster than Intel's chips at the same clock frequency. Why?