

# Project Checkpoint 3

## Processor

### Logistics

This is the third Project Checkpoint for our processor.

- Due: **Tuesday, November 7, 2023 by 11:59AM (Beijing time)**.
- Late policy can be found on the course webpage/syllabus. **Be sure to start this assignment early.**

### Introduction

Design and simulate a single cycle 32-bit processor, as described in class, using Verilog. A skeleton has been built for you, including many of the essential components that make up the CPU. This skeleton module includes the top-level entity ("skeleton"), processor ("processor"), data memory ("dmem"), instruction memory ("imem"), and regfile ("regfile").

Your task is to generate the processor module. Please make sure that your design:

- Integrates the register file and ALU units
- Properly generates the dmem and imem files by generating Quartus syncram components

We will post clarifications, updates, etc. on Sakai if necessary. Please monitor the announcements there.

### Module Interface

*Designs that do not adhere to the following specification will incur significant penalties.*

Please follow the base code that we provide **and read through it**. The processor includes a skeleton file that serves as a wrapper around your code. **The skeleton is the top-level module** and it allows for integrating all of your required components together.

### Permitted and Banned Verilog

*Designs that do not adhere to the following specifications will incur significant penalties.*

No "megafunctions" or built-in modules.

Use only structural Verilog such as:

- `and and_gate(output_1, input_1, input_2 ... );`

In general, **do not use** syntactic sugar (behavioral Verilog) like:

- `if (some_condition)`
- `switch`

**except in constructing your DFFE or clock dividers** (i.e. you can use whatever verilog you need to construct a DFFE or clock divider).

However, **feel free to use** the following syntactic sugar and primitives:

- assign ternary\_output = condition ? if\_true : if\_false;
- for loops and genvars
- assign statements that simply assign one wire to another
  - assign x = y;
  - assign x[15:14] = y[9:8];
- &, &&, |, ||, <<, <<<, >>, >>>

## Other Specifications

*Designs that do not adhere to the following specifications will incur significant penalties.*

Your design must operate correctly with a **50 MHz clock**. You may use **clock dividers** as needed for your processor to function correctly. Please see the background by using the following web link as needed.

[http://referencedesigner.com/tutorials/verilogexamples/verilog\\_ex\\_02.php](http://referencedesigner.com/tutorials/verilogexamples/verilog_ex_02.php)

Also, please remember that we are ultimately deploying these modules on our FPGAs. Therefore, when setting up your project in Quartus, be sure to pick the correct device (check the tutorial if you are unsure).

1. Memory rules:
  - a. Memory is word-addressed (32-bits per read/write)
  - b. Instruction (imem) and data memory (dmem) are separate
  - c. Static data begins at data memory address 0
  - d. Stack data begins at data memory address  $2^{12}-1$  and grows downward
2. After a reset, all register values should be 0 and program execution begins from instruction memory address 0. Instruction and data memory is not reset.

## Register Naming

We use two conventions for naming registers:

- \$i or \$ri, e.g. \$r23 or \$23; this refers to the same register, i.e. register 23

## Special Registers

- \$r0 should always be zero
  - Protip: make sure your bypass logic handles this
- \$r30 is the status register, also called \$rstatus
  - It may be set and overwritten like a normal register; however, as indicated in the ISA, it can also be set when certain exceptions occur
  - **Exceptions take precedent** when writing to \$r30
- \$r31 or \$ra; is the return address register, used during a jal instruction
  - It may also be set and overwritten like normal register

## Submission Instructions

*Designs which do not adhere to the following specifications cannot receive a score.*

Be sure to include all of your code in this submission. This project checkpoint also **requires a design report**, for which a template is provided.

## Submission Requirements

- Your code
- A design report

## Submitting for Grading

- Put your code and design report into a ZIP file and upload your ZIP file to Sakai in the section of Assignments.

## Grading

Grading will be different from what it has been for the other project checkpoints. Your grade will consist of:

- A design report
- The correctness of your processor

## Design Report

- The design report should follow the template that is posted on Sakai
- The report will serve as a way to explain your processor design

## ISA

Instruction	Opcode (ALU op)	Type	Operation
add \$rd, \$rs, \$rt	00000 (00000)	R	\$rd = \$rs + \$rt \$rstatus = 1 if overflow
addi \$rd, \$rs, N	00101	I	\$rd = \$rs + N \$rstatus = 2 if overflow
sub \$rd, \$rs, \$rt	00000 (00001)	R	\$rd = \$rs - \$rt \$rstatus = 3 if overflow
and \$rd, \$rs, \$rt	00000 (00010)	R	\$rd = \$rs & \$rt
or \$rd, \$rs, \$rt	00000 (00011)	R	\$rd = \$rs   \$rt
sll \$rd, \$rs, shamt	00000 (00100)	R	\$rd = \$rs << shamt
sra \$rd, \$rs, shamt	00000 (00101)	R	\$rd = \$rs >>> shamt
sw \$rd, N(\$rs)	00111	I	MEM[\$rs + N] = \$rd
lw \$rd, N(\$rs)	01000	I	\$rd = MEM[\$rs + N]
j T	00001	JJ	PC = T
bne \$rd, \$rs, N	00010	I	if (\$rd != \$rs) PC = PC + 1 + N
jal T	00011	JJ	\$r31 = PC + 1, PC = T
jr \$rd	00100	JII	PC = \$rd

blt \$rd, \$rs, N	00110	I	if (\$rd < \$rs) PC = PC + 1 + N
bex T	10110	JI	if (\$rstatus != 0) PC = T
setx T	10101	JI	\$rstatus = T
custom_r \$rd, \$rs, \$rt	00000 (01000 - 11111)	R	\$rd = custom_r(\$rs, \$rt) (For use on Final Project - <b>not needed for this checkpoint</b> )
custom ...	xxxxx+	X	Whatever custom instructions you need for your Final Project - <b>not needed for this checkpoint</b>

## Instruction Machine Code Format

Instruction Type	Instruction Format						
R							
	Opcode [31:27]	\$rd [26:22]	\$rs [21:17]	\$rt [16:12]	shamt [11:7]	ALU op [6:2]	Zeroes [1:0]
I							
	Opcode [31:27]	\$rd [26:22]	\$rs [21:17]	Immediate (N) [16:0]			
JI							
	Opcode [31:27]	Target (T) [26:0]					
JII							
	Opcode [31:27]	\$rd [26:22]	Zeroes [21:0]				

## ISA Clarifications

1. I-type immediate field [16:0] (N) is signed and is sign-extended to a signed 32-bit integer
2. JII-type target field [26:0] (T) is unsigned. PC and STATUS registers' upper bits [31:27] are guaranteed to never be used

## Resources

**We will provide additional project files, including register file, ALU, testbench, etc.**