

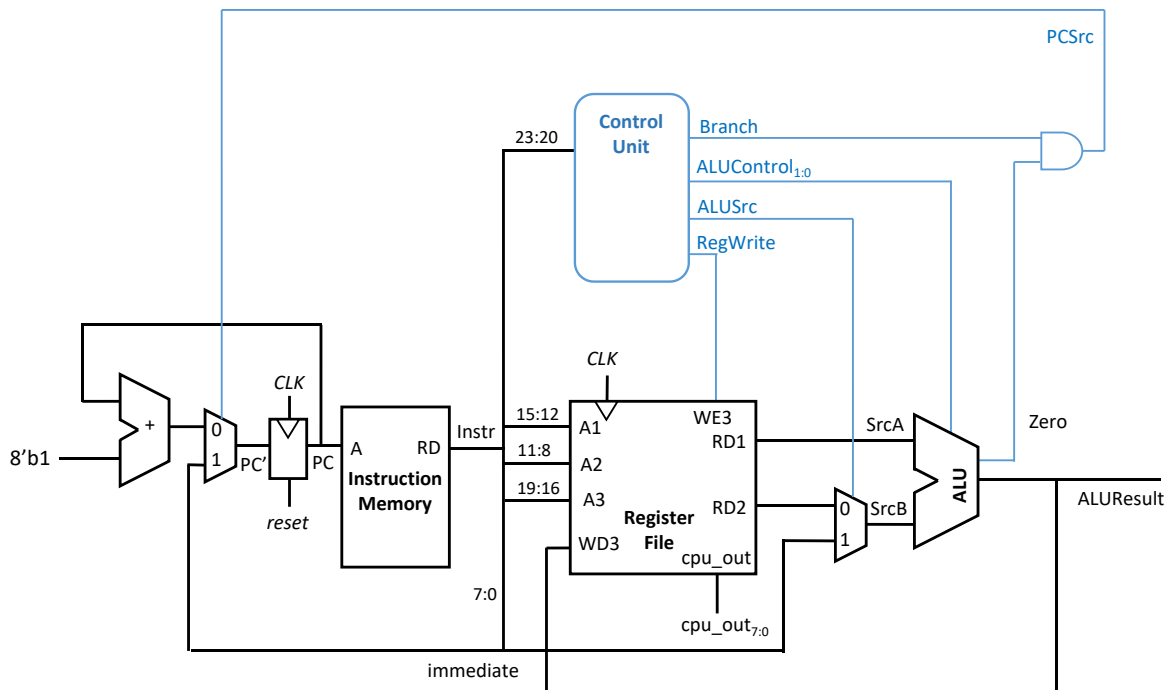
ELEC0010 Digital Design lab

Design and test activities:

1. Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU)
2. Register file
3. Combined ALU and register file
4. Read-only memory (ROM)
5. Program counter
6. Combining the ROM with program counter
7. Control unit
8. Complete CPU design

Introduction

In these lab activities, you will design and simulate the central processing unit (CPU) microarchitecture shown below. Read the accompanying notes on microprocessor architecture and implementation, before starting the design activities.



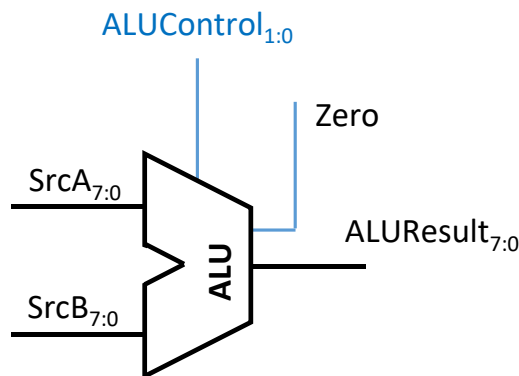
The components you will implement are: the arithmetic logic unit (ALU), the register file, the program memory, the program counter and the control unit. You will then combine these in a hierarchical design to implement the microprocessor, and program it with simple machine code

instructions. To assist you with your designs, you can refer to the document 'Example SystemVerilog modules' on Moodle.

The SystemVerilog code should be written in Visual Studio Code editor, simulated using Icarus Verilog and the simulation waveforms plotted using GTKWave. Refer to the guide to using these tools on Moodle.

Write a lab report, presenting the SystemVerilog code for each module, the associated testbench code, and the simulation results (input and output signal values and waveforms). The marks awarded for each activity are specified at the bottom of each page.

1. Arithmetic logic unit (ALU)



Module name	alu
Output ports	ALUResult[7:0], Zero
Input ports	SrcA[7:0], SrcB[7:0], ALUControl[1:0]

Write, as a SystemVerilog module with the name *alu*, a behavioural description of an arithmetic logic unit.

The data inputs, *SrcA* and *SrcB*, and the data output, *ALUResult*, are 8-bit vectors. The *ALUControl* input is a 2-bit vector.

The 1-bit output flag *Zero* = 1 if *ALUResult* == 0, else *Zero* = 0. The ALU carries out bitwise logical operations, and addition and subtraction operations, as specified in the table below.

ALUControl	Operation	Description
00	$a \& b$	Bitwise logical operation: a AND b
01	$a b$	Bitwise logical operation: a OR b
10	$a + b$	Arithmetic operation, addition: $a + b$
11	$a - b$	Arithmetic operation, subtraction: $a - b$

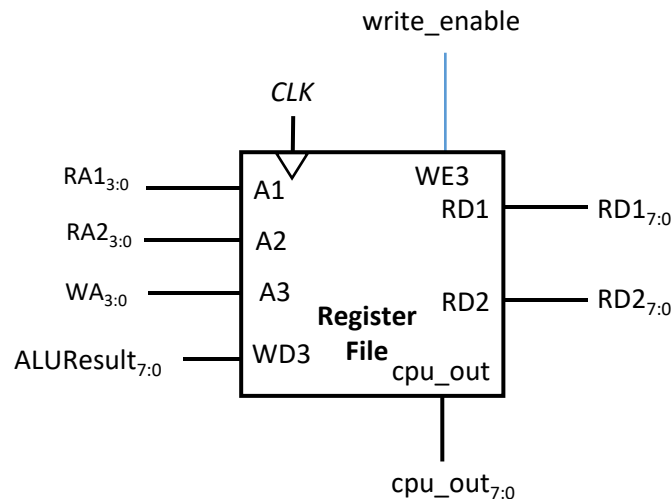
Note that, in SystemVerilog, negative values are represented in 2's-complement, so for example, $4_{10} - 7_{10} = -3_{10}$ would be implemented as:

$00000100_2 + 11111001_2 = 11111101_2$, or, expressed in hexadecimal: $0x04 + 0xF9 = 0xFD$

Write a testbench to test the ALU. Since it's infeasible to test your design with all possible input vectors (there are too many), it is sufficient to test each of the ALU operations using one set of test vectors (input values). Carry out the simulation using Icarus Verilog.

[10 marks]

2. Register file



Module name	reg_file
Output ports	RD1[7:0], RD2[7:0], cpu_out[7:0]
Input ports	RA1[3:0], RA2[3:0], WA[3:0], ALUResult[7:0], write_enable, CLK

The register file has sixteen 8-bit registers. The register with address 0 always contains the value 0. The other 15 registers can have values written into them through the *WD3* port.

The contents of any two of the registers (with addresses specified by the 4-bit inputs *RA1* and *RA2*) are continuously output as *RD1* and *RD2*. On the positive edge of the clock, if *write_enable* is asserted, and *A3* > 0, the input *ALUResult* is written into the register at address *A3* through the *WD3* port.

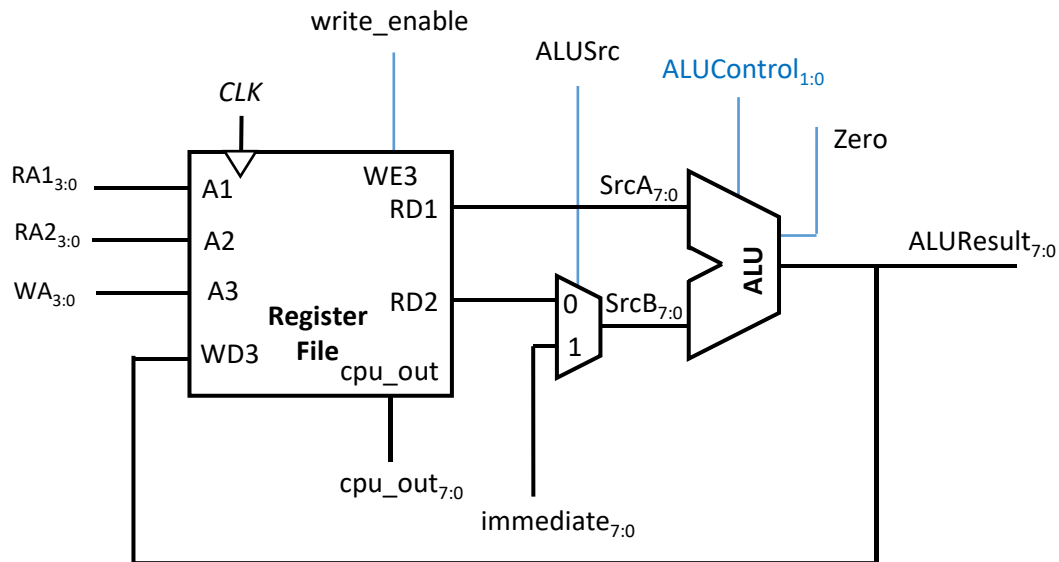
The module includes an output port *cpu_out*_{7:0}, which continuously outputs the contents of the register at address 15. This will form the main external output of the microprocessor.

Write a SystemVerilog module, with the name *reg_file*, implementing this register file.

Write a testbench to simulate your register. Test your design with at least 8 sets of test vectors.

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3. Combining the ALU and register file



Module name	reg_file_alu
Output ports	ALUResult[7:0], cpu_out[7:0], Zero
Input ports	RA1[3:0], RA2[3:0], WA[3:0], immediate[7:0], write_enable, ALUSrc, ALUControl[1:0], CLK

Write a SystemVerilog module with the name *reg_file_alu*, implementing the combined ALU and register file as shown above.

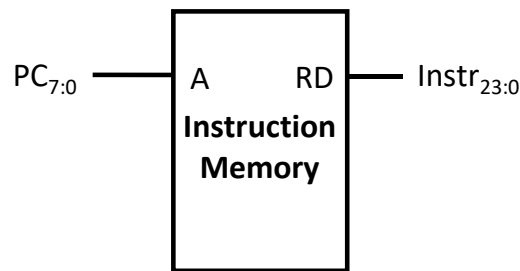
Include a 2-to-1 multiplexer, which selects either the *RD2* output from the register file, or an external input (*immediate*) to be input to the ALU input port *SrcB*.

Write a testbench to simulate the *reg_file_alu* module, and test it with at least 8 sets of test vectors.

Note that, when the simulation starts, all the registers except x0 will contain 8'hx. To write a value into a register, input the value through the *immediate* port (*ALUSrc* = 1), add it to the contents of the register x0 (*RA1* = 4'h0, *ALUControl* = 2'b10) and write the result into the register file (*write_enable* = 1).

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4. Instruction memory



Module name	instruction_memory
Output port	Instr[23:0]
Input port	PC[7:0]

Write a SystemVerilog module, with the name *instruction_memory*, implementing a read-only memory (ROM) array, storing 256 words of data, with each word being 24 bits wide. Use the example code for the ROM array in the 'Example SystemVerilog modules' document.

The output *Instr_{23:0}* is asynchronous (it updates instantly whenever the input address is changed). The machine code program to be stored in the ROM is read in from a text file (with the filename 'program.txt', saved in the same folder as the SystemVerilog modules) in a single pass behaviour (keyword **initial**), using the **\$readmemh** system task.

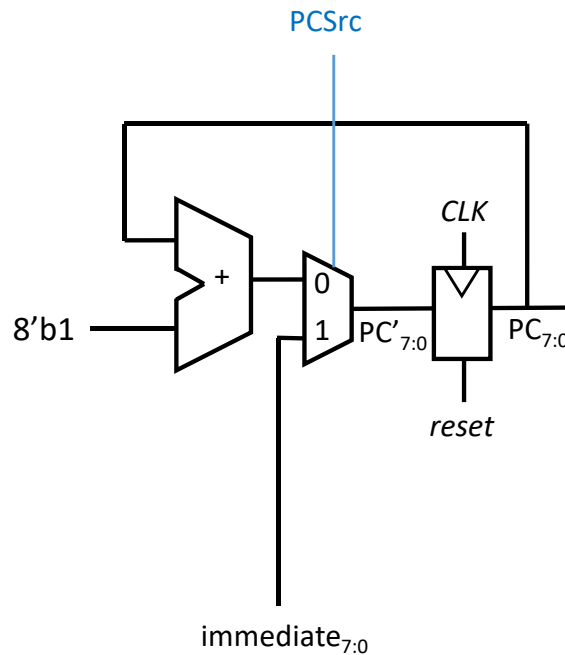
In the text file, list the eight 24-bit values (written as 6-digit hexadecimal numbers) listed in the 'Machine code program' column in the table below. This is a machine code program which finds the binary logarithm (\log_2) of the value stored in register x2, and stores the result in register x15:

Instruction memory address	Machine code program	Assembly program
00	610001	addi x1, x0, 1 # Write the value 1 into register x1
01	620020	addi x2, x0, 32 # Write the value 32 into x2
02	6F0000	addi x15, x0, 0 # Write the value 0 into x15
03	701207	beq x1, x2, 7 # Branch to instruction 7 if x1 == x2 == 32
04	211100	add x1, x1, x1 # x1 = 2 * x1
05	6FF001	addi x15, x15, 1 # Increment value in register x15
06	700003	beq x0, x0, 3 # Unconditional branch to instruction 3
07	700007	beq x0, x0, 7 # Unconditional branch to instruction 7

Write a testbench and test the operation of the ROM module, with 8 input test vectors: $PC[7:0] = 8h'00, 8h'01, 8h'02, 8h'03, \dots, 8h'07$. Check that each of the machine code instructions is output correctly.

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5. Program Counter



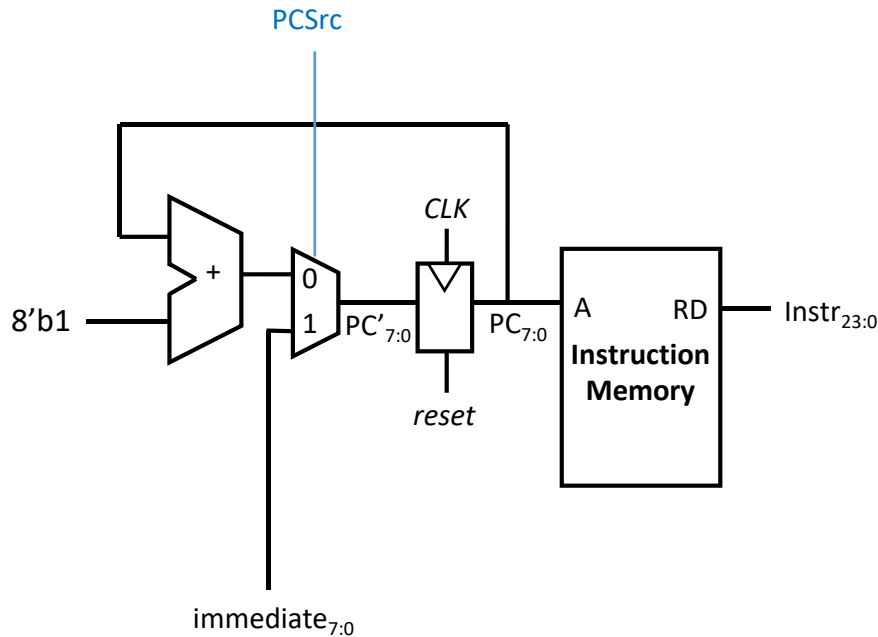
Module name	pc
Output ports	PC[7:0]
Input ports	immediate[7:0], PCSrc, CLK, reset

Implement the 8-bit program counter shown above, as a SystemVerilog module with the name *pc*. The register should be updated on the positive edges of the clock, and have an active high reset. The 2-to-1 multiplexer selects the next value of PC as either PC+1 (the next instruction in the program will be fetched) or the input *immediate* (the program branches to an instruction elsewhere).

Write a testbench to test the operation of your program counter module, with at least 8 sets of test vectors. Remember to assert the reset during the first part of the simulation to set the program counter to 0x00.

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6. Combining the ROM with program counter



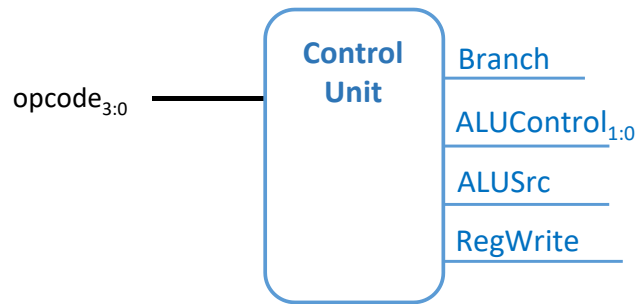
Module name	instruction_memory_pc
Output ports	Instr[23:0]
Input ports	immediate[7:0], PCSrc, CLK, reset

Implement the system shown above, as a SystemVerilog module with the name *instruction_memory_pc*, combining the ROM array and the counter you wrote in Activities 4 and 5.

Write a testbench to test the operation of the *instruction_memory_pc* module, ensuring that it correctly outputs all 7 instructions in the memory. Remember to apply a reset at the start of the simulation.

[10 marks]

7. Control unit



Module name	control_unit
Output ports	Branch, ALUControl[1:0], ALUSrc, RegWrite
Input ports	opcode[3:0]

Write a SystemVerilog module implementing the control unit, with the name *control_unit*. This is combinational logic, with the following truth table:

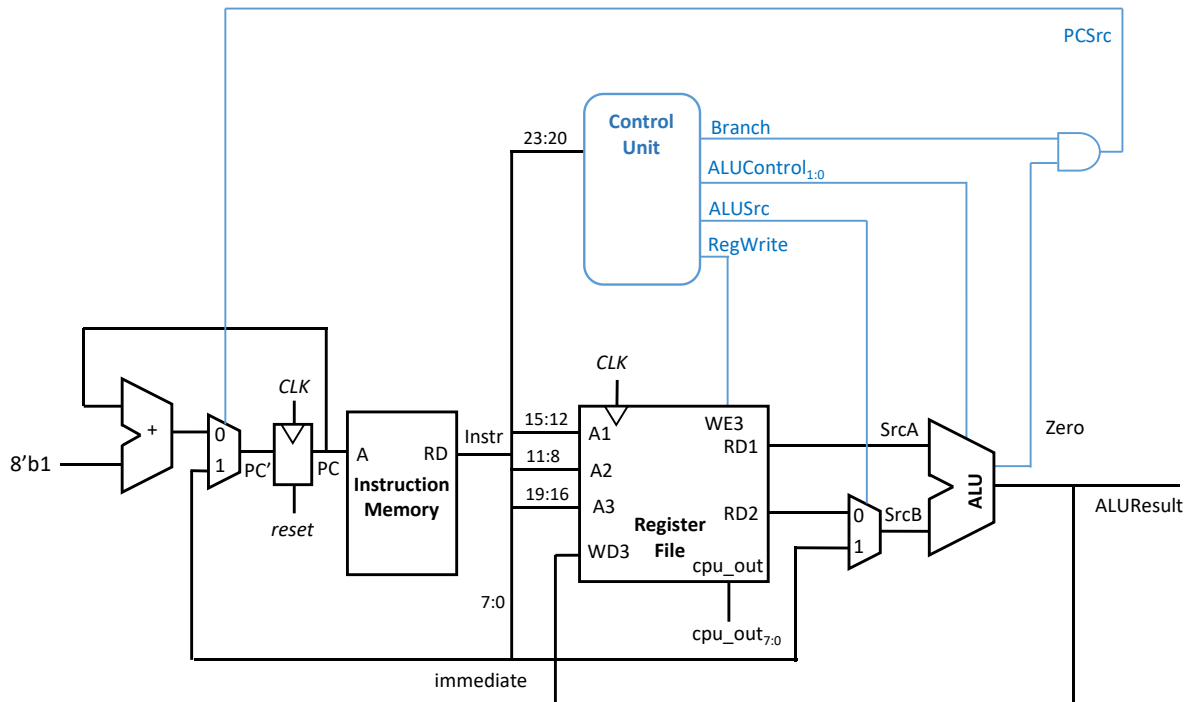
<i>Instruction</i>	<i>Op code</i>	<i>RegWrite</i>	<i>ALUSrc</i>	<i>ALUControl_{1:0}</i>	<i>Branch</i>
and	0000	1	0	00	0
or	0001	1	0	01	0
add	0010	1	0	10	0
sub	0011	1	0	11	0
andi	0100	1	1	00	0
ori	0101	1	1	01	0
addi	0110	1	1	10	0
beq	0111	0	0	11	1

The simplest approach is to write it using a **case** statement.

Write a testbench for the *control_unit* module, and test it with at least 8 test vectors.

[10 marks]

8. Complete CPU design



Module name	cpu
Output ports	ALUResult[7:0], cpu_out[7:0]
Input ports	CLK, reset

As the final step, write a top-level module with the name *cpu* which instantiates the lower-level modules (*reg_file_alu*, *instruction_memory_pc*, *control_unit*), and interconnects them, together with an AND gate, as shown in the microarchitecture schematic shown above.

Write a testbench to test that the program in the instruction memory is correctly executed by the microprocessor. Remember to apply a reset at the start of the simulations. The *cpu_output* should be $\log_2(32) = 5$ after the program has been executed.

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