CSCE 3953 System Synthesis and Modeling

Final Project : Simple RISC Microprocessor

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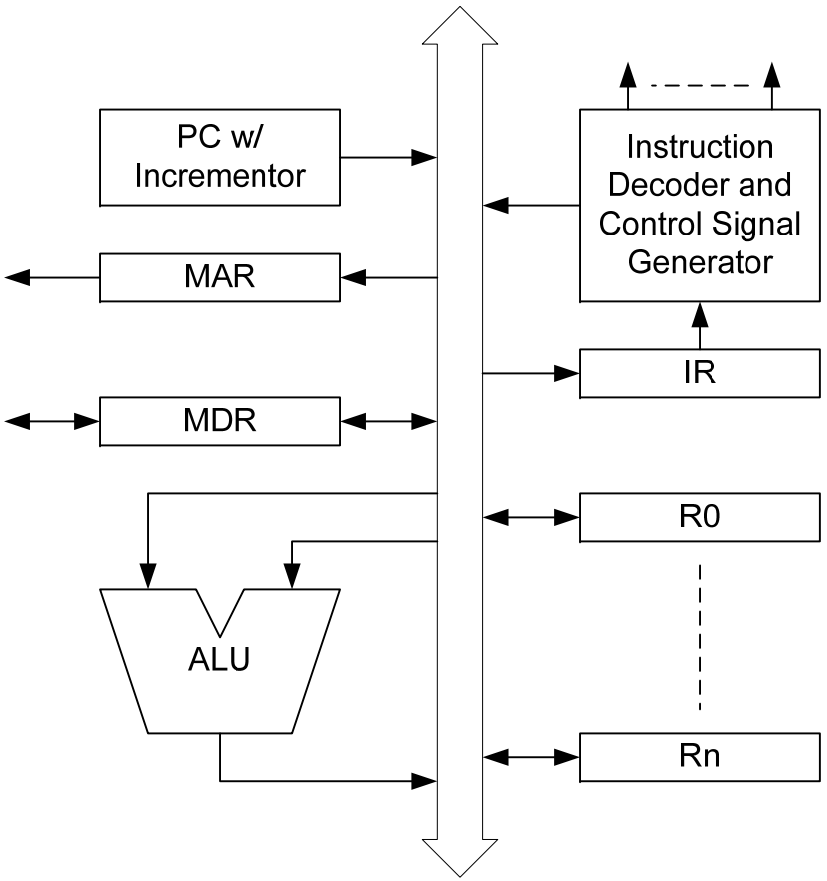
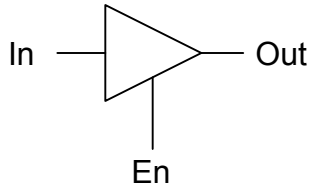
Project Overview

- Design, synthesize, and simulate a simple microprocessor in Verilog
- Combinational and sequential logic circuits
- Hardware and software
- Hardwired control
- Bus architecture

Overall Structure



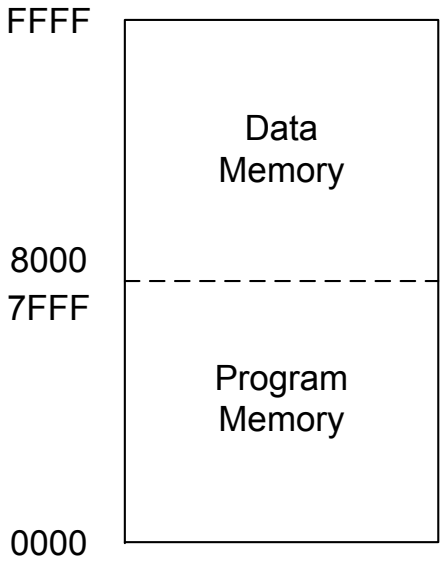
Tri-state buffers are needed for bus drivers



System Specification

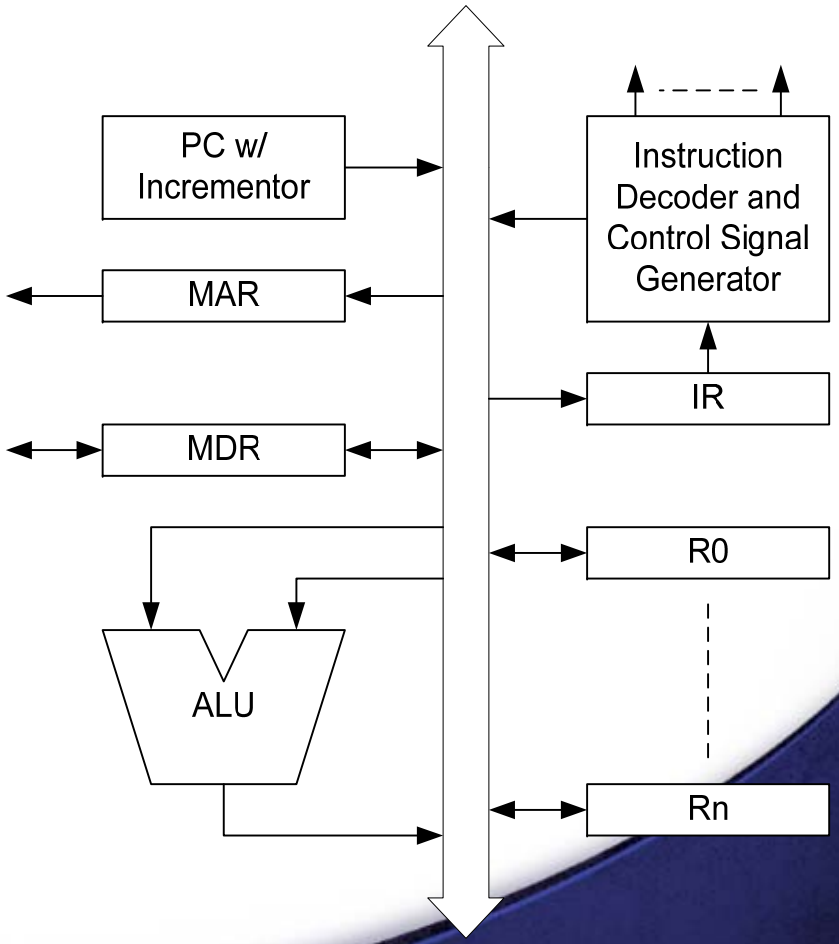
- Single thread
- 16-bit Data bus
- 16-bit Address bus
- Program memory and data memory are mapped into single address space
- Primary inputs: data (16-bit), clock, reset, MFC
- Primary outputs: data (16-bit), address (16-bit), R/$\overline{W}$, EN
- Virtual memory module

Virtual Memory Map



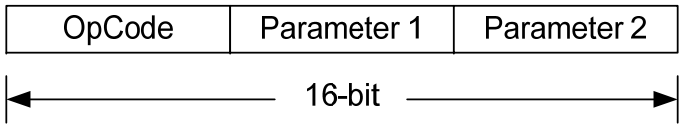
Components and Control Signals

- IR: 16-bit, “In”, “*Out*”
- GPR: 16-bit, “In”, “Out”
- PC: 16-bit, “Out”, “Inc”
- MAR: 16-bit, “In”, “Out”
- MDR: 16-bit, “In-uP”, “In-Mem”, “Out-uP”, “Out-Mem”
- ALU: “In1”, “In2”, “Out”, Add, Sub, Not, And, Or, Xor, Xnor



Instruction Set

- Mov Ri, Rj
- Add Ri, Rj
- Addi Ri, #
- Sub Ri, Rj
- Subi Ri, #
- Not Ri
- And Ri, Rj
- Or Ri, Rj
- Xor Ri, Rj
- Xnor Ri, Rj
- Movi #, Ri
- Load (Ri), Rj
- Store Ri, (Rj)

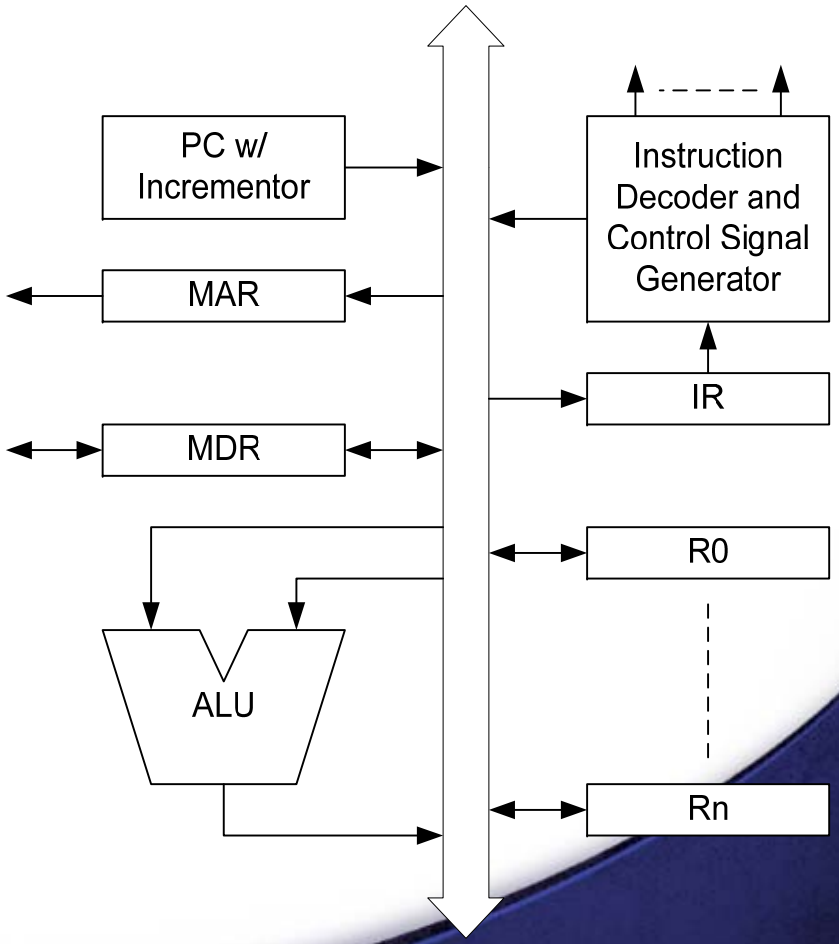


- OpCode: 4 bits
- Parameter 1: 6 bits
- Parameter 2: 6 bits

Hardwired Control Example

- Add R1, R2

1. PC Out, MAR In
2. MAR Out, R/$\overline{W}$ = 1, EN
3. Wait for MFC
4. MDR In-Mem
5. MDR Out-uP, IR In
6. R1 Out, ALU Input-Reg1 In, PC Inc
7. R2 Out, ALU Input-Reg2 In
8. Add, ALU Output-Reg In
9. ALU Output-Reg Out, R1 In

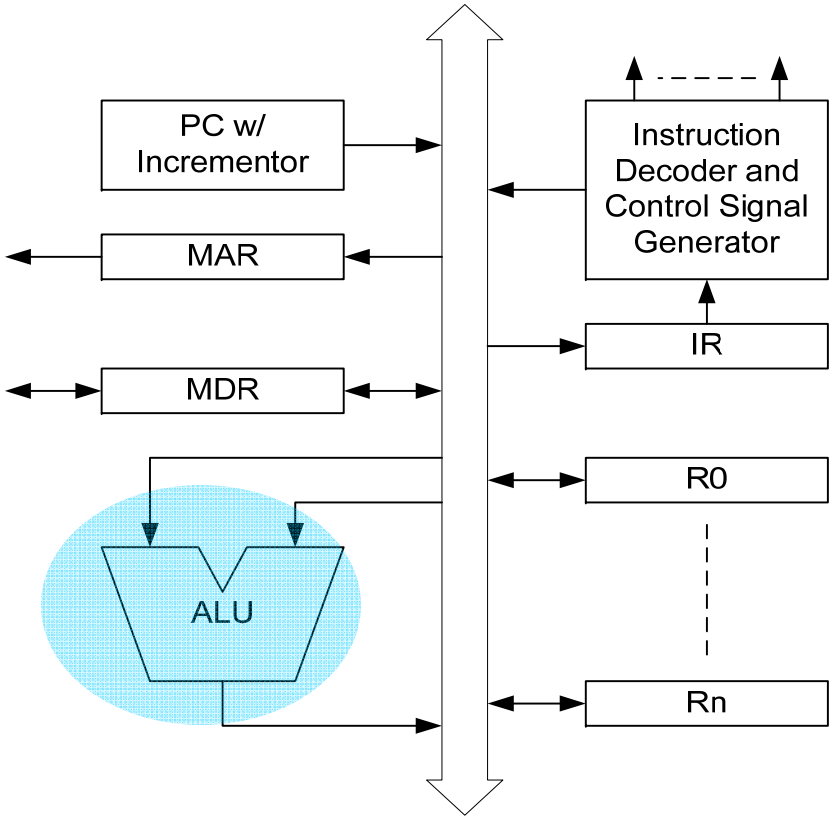


Flexibility

- Additional instructions/addressing modes
- Other hardware blocks
- # of registers
- # of clock cycles for each operation

Divide-and-Conquer #1

ALU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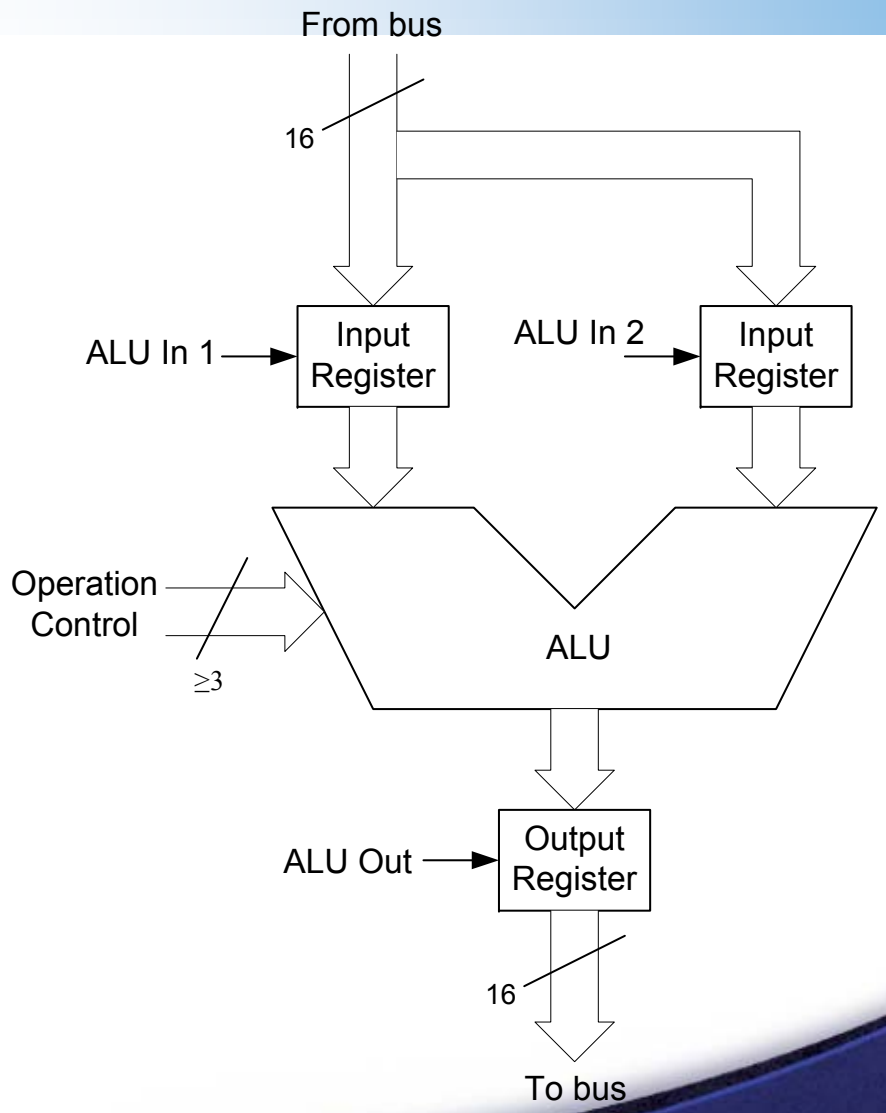
Unsigned binary
No overflow detection



Final Project Step #1: ALU

- Design an ALU following the specification
- Simulate in ModelSim to ensure the functionality using a testbench that covers everything
- Synthesize the designed ALU in Design Vision
- Simulate the synthesized netlist
- Write a simple project report (code, testbench, conclusion)

- Due date: Oct. 31