



CS61C: Design Problems

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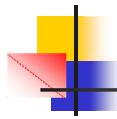
Problems & Rules

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 - MultiProcessor Locking
 - Stump the TA
- Rules
 - Previous spokespeople: one group
 - Anyone should be able to explain your solution

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FSMs/Basic

- Basic Problem
 - Expand your FSM from HW8 to a 5bit output
 - 00001, 00010, 00100, 01000, 10000, 01000...
 - Add an input to reverse the direction
- Results
 - State encoding/State transition diagram
 - Timing Diagram
 - Schematic/Block Diagram
- Advanced
 - Write some Verilog
 - Consider the FSMs/FIFO Design problem

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FSMs/FIFO Design

- Basic Problem
 - Design the control logic for a FIFO

```
module FIFOControl(Clock, Reset, WriteEnableIn,
  WriteEnableOut, WriteAddress, WriteAck,
  ReadEnableIn, ReadEnableOut, ReadAddress, ReadAck);
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 - Stores the elements in a memory:

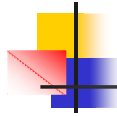
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module RAM(WriteAddress, WriteData, WriteEnable,
  ReadAddress, ReadData, ReadEnable)
```

 - Implements a circular buffer (head: first empty, tail: last full slot)
 - Corner Cases
 - Read & Write on same cycle
 - Full & Empty
- Results
 - Schematic
 - Timing Diagram
 - Proof/argument of corner case handling

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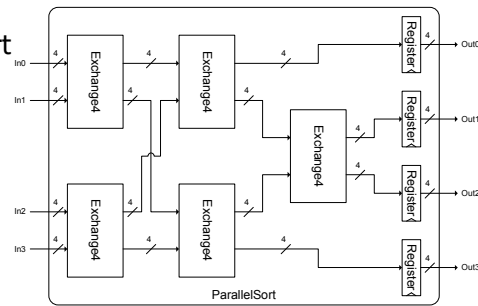
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Non-CPU SDS

- Basic Problems
 - Pipeline ParallelSort
 - Design SequentialSort
 - Use only a single exchange module!
 - You'll need FSM for control...
- Results
 - Schematics
 - Timing diagrams
- Advanced
 - Code some Verilog
 - Testbench Design?



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Memory-To-Memory Processor

- Basic Problem
 - No register file
 - All operands must be stored in data memory
- Results
 - Instruction format
 - Block Diagram/Schematic
 - Timing diagram
- Advanced
 - Pipelining

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Microcode

- Basic Problem
 - Add support for microcoded instructions to figure 5.17/5.24/proj4
 - Microcode uses multiple small (perhaps non-MIPS) instructions to implement one large instruction
 - Any string operation
 - GCD
- Results
 - Schematic
 - Microcode instruction format
 - Timing Diagram
 - Controller & State
- Advanced
 - Try and implement a second instruction using microcode

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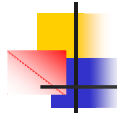
Out Of Order

- Basic Problem
 - Design an out-of-order processor
 - Run short instructions while waiting for long ones
 - Assume memory access & shift take ~10 cycles
 - Account for dependencies (RAW, WAW, WAR)
- Results
 - Schematic (use hierarchy)
 - Timing diagram, showing a simple program
 - Proof/argument that it works properly
- Advanced
 - Execute multiple instructions at once

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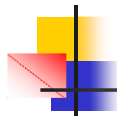
No-Branch Processor

- Basic Problem
 - Design a processor without a standard branch instruction
 - Still need to support control flow changes
 - Could optimize 1 instruction branch bodies?
- Results
 - ISA
 - Instruction Set
 - Register File characteristics
 - Performance estimates/arguments
- Advanced
 - Schematic, Timing Diagram
 - Read about IA64/Itanium

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MultiProcessor Locking

- Basic Problem
 - A shared memory system is one in which two CPUs share the same memory, but they execute different code
 - We'd like to be able ensure that only one of them has access to e.g. the CD-RW drive at once
 - Implement support for locking which allows us to guarantee this
- Results
 - ISA (New Instructions)
 - Block Diagram
 - Coherent argument/proof of operation
- Advanced
 - Make it efficient!

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Stump the TA

- Basic Problem
 - Any CS61C-related problem You have ~45min to write it, I get ~5min to solve Should cover the material we've talked about so far
 - You don't need to know the answer
- Results
 - A clear description of the problem
 - A list of the results you expect for a correct solution
- Advanced
 - Figure out the solution
 - Make sure I can't just make something up