Computer Architecture: Y86-64 Sequential Implementation

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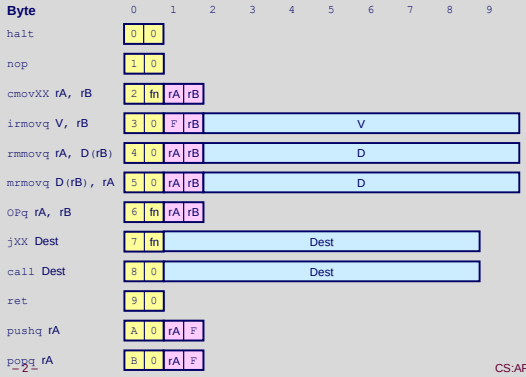
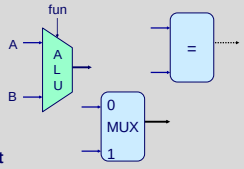
Y86-64 Instruction Set



Building Blocks

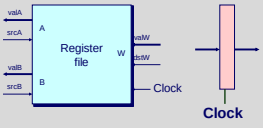
Combinational Logic

- Compute Boolean functions of inputs
- Continuously respond to input changes
- Operate on data and implement control



Storage Elements

- Store bits
- Addressable memories
- Non-addressable registers
- Loaded only as clock rises



Hardware Control Language

- Very simple hardware description language
- Can only express limited aspects of hardware operation
  - Parts we want to explore and modify

Data Types

- `bool`: Boolean
  - `a, b, c, ...`
- `int`: words
  - `A, B, C, ...`
  - Does not specify word size---bytes, 32-bit words, …

Statements

- `bool a = bool-expr ;`
- `int A = int-expr ;`

HCL Operations

- Classify by type of value returned

Boolean Expressions

- Logic Operations
  - `a && b, a || b, !a`
- Word Comparisons
  - `A == B, A != B, A < B, A <= B, A >= B, A > B`
- Set Membership
  - `A in { B, C, D }`
    - » Same as `A == B || A == C || A == D`

Word Expressions

- Case expressions
  - `[ a : A; b : B; c : C ]`
  - Evaluate test expressions `a, b, c, …` in sequence
  - Return word expression `A, B, C, …` for first successful test

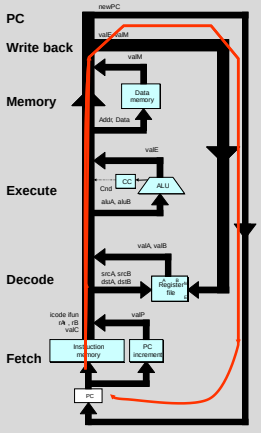
SEQ Hardware Structure

State

- Program counter register (PC)
- Condition code register (CC)
- Register File
- Memories
  - Access same memory space
  - Data: for reading/writing program data
  - Instruction: for reading instructions

Instruction Flow

- Read instruction at address specified by PC
- Process through stages
- Update program counter



SEQ Stages

Fetch
- Read instruction from instruction memory

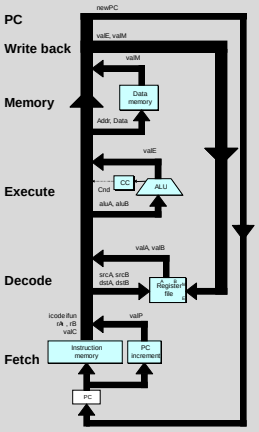
Decode
- Read program registers

Execute
- Compute value or address

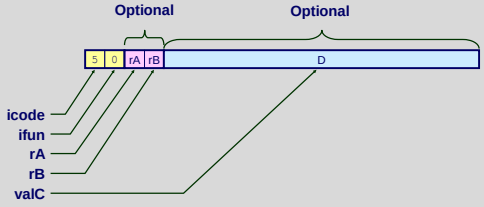
Memory
- Read or write data

Write Back
- Write program registers

PC
- Update program counter



Instruction Decoding



Instruction Format
- Instruction byte — icode:ifun
- Optional register byte — rA:rB
- Optional constant word — valC

Executing Arith./Logical Operation

Fetch
- Read 2 bytes

Decode
- Read operand registers

Execute
- Perform operation
- Set condition codes

Memory
- Do nothing

Write back
- Update register

PC Update
- Increment PC by 2

Stage Computation: Arith/Log. Ops

	OPq rA, rB	
Fetch	icode:ifun ← M_1[PC]	Read instruction byte
	rA:rB ← M_1[PC+1]	Read register byte
	valP ← PC+2	Compute next PC
Decode	valA ← R[rA]	Read operand A
	valB ← R[rB]	Read operand B
Execute	valE ← valB OP valA	Perform ALU operation
	Set CC	Set condition code register
Memory		
Write back	R[rB] ← valE	Write back result
PC update	PC ← valP	Update PC

- Formulate instruction execution as sequence of simple steps
- Use same general form for all instructions

Executing `rmmovq`

Fetch
- Read 10 bytes

Decode
- Read operand registers

Execute
- Compute effective address

Memory
- Write to memory

Write back
- Do nothing

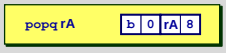
PC Update
- Increment PC by 10

Stage Computation: `rmmovq`

	rmmovq rA, D(rB)	
Fetch	icode:ifun ← M_1[PC]	Read instruction byte
	rA:rB ← M_1[PC+1]	Read register byte
	valC ← M_8[PC+2]	Read displacement D
	valP ← PC+10	Compute next PC
Decode	valA ← R[rA]	Read operand A
	valB ← R[rB]	Read operand B
Execute	valE ← valB + valC	Compute effective address
Memory	M_8[valE] ← valA	Write value to memory
Write back		
PC update	PC ← valP	Update PC

- Use ALU for address computation

Executing popq



Fetch
- Read 2 bytes

Decode
- Read stack pointer

Execute
- Increment stack pointer by 8

Memory
- Read from old stack pointer

Write back
- Update stack pointer
- Write result to register

PC Update
- Increment PC by 2

Stage Computation: popq

	popq rA	
Fetch	icode:ifun ← M_1[PC] rA:rB ← M_1[PC+1] valP ← PC+2	Read instruction byte Read register byte Compute next PC
Decode	valA ← R[%rsp] valB ← R[%rsp]	Read stack pointer Read stack pointer
Execute	valE ← valB + 8	Increment stack pointer
Memory	valM ← M_8[valA]	Read from stack
Write back	R[%rsp] ← valE R[rA] ← valM	Update stack pointer Write back result
PC update	PC ← valP	Update PC

- Use ALU to increment stack pointer
- Must update two registers
  - Popped value
  - New stack pointer

Executing Conditional Moves

Fetch
- Read 2 bytes

Decode
- Read operand registers

Execute
- If !cnd, then set destination register to 0xF

Memory
- Do nothing

Write back
- Update register (or not)

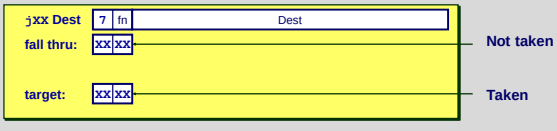
PC Update
- Increment PC by 2

Stage Computation: Cond. Move

	cmovXX rA, rB	
Fetch	icode:ifun ← M_1[PC] rA:rB ← M_1[PC+1] valP ← PC+2	Read instruction byte Read register byte Compute next PC
Decode	valA ← R[rA] valB ← 0	Read operand A
Execute	valE ← valB + valA If ! Cond(CC,ifun) rB ← 0xF	Pass valA through ALU (Disable register update)
Memory		
Write back	R[rB] ← valE	Write back result
PC update	PC ← valP	Update PC

- Read register rA and pass through ALU
- Cancel move by setting destination register to 0xF
  - If condition codes & move condition indicate no move

Executing Jumps



Fetch
- Read 9 bytes
- Increment PC by 9

Decode
- Do nothing

Execute
- Determine whether to take branch based on jump condition and condition codes

Memory
- Do nothing

Write back
- Do nothing

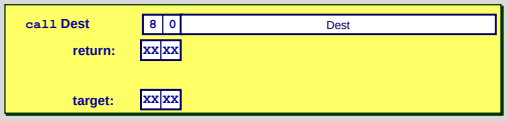
PC Update
- Set PC to Dest if branch taken or to incremented PC if not branch

Stage Computation: Jumps

	jXX Dest	
Fetch	icode:ifun ← M_1[PC] valC ← M_8[PC+1] valP ← PC+9	Read instruction byte Read destination address Fall through address
Decode		
Execute	Cnd ← Cond(CC,ifun)	Take branch?
Memory		
Write back		
PC update	PC ← Cnd ? valC : valP	Update PC

- Compute both addresses
- Choose based on setting of condition codes and branch condition

Executing `call`



Fetch
- Read 9 bytes
- Increment PC by 9

Decode
- Read stack pointer

Execute
- Decrement stack pointer by 8

Memory
- Write incremented PC to new value of stack pointer

Write back
- Update stack pointer

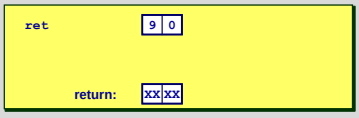
PC Update
- Set PC to Dest

Stage Computation: `call`

	`call` Dest	
Fetch	icode:ifun ← M_1[PC]	Read instruction byte
	valC ← M_8[PC+1]	Read destination address
	valP ← PC+9	Compute return point
Decode	valB ← R[`%rsp`]	Read stack pointer
Execute	valE ← valB + –8	Decrement stack pointer
Memory	M_8[valE] ← valP	Write return value on stack
Write back	R[`%rsp`] ← valE	Update stack pointer
PC update	PC ← valC	Set PC to destination

- Use ALU to decrement stack pointer
- Store incremented PC

Executing `ret`



Fetch
- Read 1 byte

Decode
- Read stack pointer

Execute
- Increment stack pointer by 8

Memory
- Read return address from old stack pointer

Write back
- Update stack pointer

PC Update
- Set PC to return address

Stage Computation: `ret`

	`ret`	
Fetch	icode:ifun ← M_1[PC]	Read instruction byte
Decode	valA ← R[`%rsp`]	Read operand stack pointer
	valB ← R[`%rsp`]	Read operand stack pointer
Execute	valE ← valB + 8	Increment stack pointer
Memory	valM ← M_8[valA]	Read return address
Write back	R[`%rsp`] ← valE	Update stack pointer
PC update	PC ← valM	Set PC to return address

- Use ALU to increment stack pointer
- Read return address from memory

Computation Steps

		OPq rA, rB	
Fetch	icode,ifun	icode:ifun ← M_1[PC]	Read instruction byte
	rA,rB	rA:rB ← M_1[PC+1]	Read register byte
	valC		[Read constant word]
	valP	valP ← PC+2	Compute next PC
Decode	valA, srcA	valA ← R[rA]	Read operand A
	valB, srcB	valB ← R[rB]	Read operand B
Execute	valE	valE ← valB OP valA	Perform ALU operation
	Cond code	Set CC	Set/use cond. code reg
Memory	valM		[Memory read/write]
Write back	dstE	R[rB] ← valE	Write back ALU result
	dstM		[Write back memory result]
PC update	PC	PC ← valP	Update PC

- All instructions follow same general pattern
- Differ in what gets computed on each step

Computation Steps

		`call` Dest	
Fetch	icode,ifun	icode:ifun ← M_1[PC]	Read instruction byte
	rA,rB		[Read register byte]
	valC	valC ← M_8[PC+1]	Read constant word
	valP	valP ← PC+9	Compute next PC
Decode	valA, srcA		[Read operand A]
	valB, srcB	valB ← R[`%rsp`]	Read operand B
Execute	valE	valE ← valB + –8	Perform ALU operation
	Cond code		[Set /use cond. code reg]
Memory	valM	M_8[valE] ← valP	Memory read/write
Write back	dstE	R[`%rsp`] ← valE	Write back ALU result
	dstM		[Write back memory result]
PC update	PC	PC ← valC	Update PC

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Computed Values

Fetch

icode	Instruction code
ifun	Instruction function
rA	Instr. Register A
rB	Instr. Register B
valC	Instruction constant
valP	Incremented PC

Decode

srcA	Register ID A
srcB	Register ID B
dstE	Destination Register E
dstM	Destination Register M
valA	Register value A
valB	Register value B

Execute

- valE ALU result
- Cnd Branch/move flag

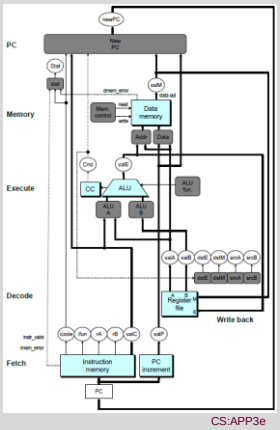
Memory

- valM Value from memory

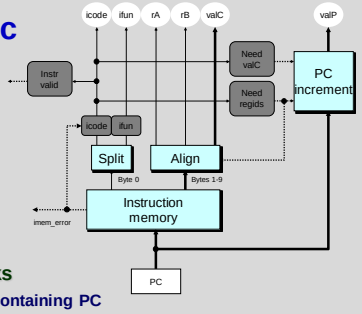
SEQ Hardware

Key

- Blue boxes: predesigned hardware blocks
  - E.g., memories, ALU
- Gray boxes: control logic
  - Describe in HCL
- White ovals: labels for signals
- Thick lines: 64-bit word values
- Thin lines: 4-8 bit values
- Dotted lines: 1-bit values



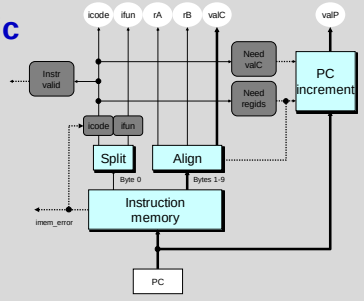
Fetch Logic



Predefined Blocks

- PC: Register containing PC
- Instruction memory: Read 10 bytes (PC to PC+9)
  - Signal invalid address
- Split: Divide instruction byte into icode and ifun
- Align: Get fields for rA, rB, and valC

Fetch Logic



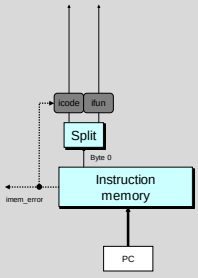
Control Logic

- Instr. Valid: Is this instruction valid?
- icode, ifun: Generate no-op if invalid address
- Need regids: Does this instruction have a register byte?
- Need valC: Does this instruction have a constant word?

Fetch Control Logic in HCL

```
# Determine instruction code
int icode = [
        imem_error: INOP;
        1: imem_icode;
];

# Determine instruction function
int ifun = [
        imem_error: FNONE;
        1: imem_ifun;
];
```



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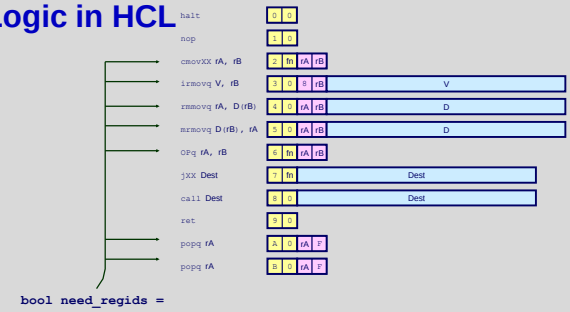



```
bool need_regids =
        icode in { IRRMOVQ, IOPQ, IPUSHQ, IPOPQ,
                   IIRMOVQ, IRMMOVQ, IMRMOVQ };

bool instr_valid = icode in
        { INOP, IHALT, IRRMOVQ, IIRMOVQ, IRMMOVQ, IMRMOVQ,
          IOPQ, IJXX, ICALL, IRET, IPUSHQ, IPOPQ };
```

Decode Logic

Register File

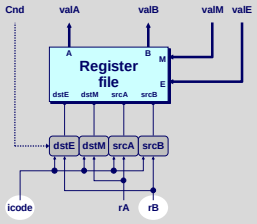
- Read ports A, B
- Write ports E, M
- Addresses are register IDs or 15 (0xF) (no access)

Control Logic

- srcA, srcB: read port addresses
- dstE, dstM: write port addresses

Signals

- Cnd: Indicate whether or not to perform conditional move
  - Computed in Execute stage



A Source

	OPq rA, rB	
Decode	valA ← R[rA]	Read operand A

	cmovXX rA, rB	
Decode	valA ← R[rA]	Read operand A

	rmmovq rA, D(rB)	
Decode	valA ← R[rA]	Read operand A

	popq rA	
Decode	valA ← R[%rsp]	Read stack pointer

	jXX Dest	
Decode		No operand

	call Dest	
Decode		No operand

	ret	
Decode	valA ← R[%rsp]	Read stack pointer

```
int srcA = [
        icode in { IRRMOVQ, IRMMOVQ, IOPQ, IPUSHQ  } : rA;
        icode in { IPOPQ, IRET } : RRSP;
        1 : RNONE; # Don't need register
    ];
```


E Destination

	OPq rA, rB	
Write-back	R[rB] ← valE	Write back result

	cmovXX rA, rB	
Write-back	R[rB] ← valE	Conditionally write back result

	rmmovq rA, D(rB)	
Write-back		None

	popq rA	
Write-back	R[%rsp] ← valE	Update stack pointer

	jXX Dest	
Write-back		None

	call Dest	
Write-back	R[%rsp] ← valE	Update stack pointer

	ret	
Write-back	R[%rsp] ← valE	Update stack pointer

```
int dstE = [
        icode in { IRRMOVQ } && Cnd : rB;
        icode in { IIRMOVQ, IOPQ} : rB;
        icode in { IPUSHQ, IPOPQ, ICALL, IRET } : RRSP;
        1 : RNONE;  # Don't write any register
    ];
```

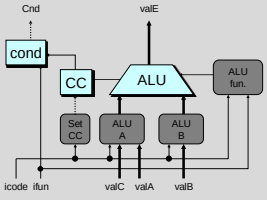

Execute Logic

Units

- ALU
  - Implements 4 required functions
  - Generates condition code values
- CC
  - Register with 3 condition code bits
- cond
  - Computes conditional jump/move flag

Control Logic

- Set CC: Should condition code register be loaded?
- ALU A: Input A to ALU
- ALU B: Input B to ALU
- ALU fun: What function should ALU compute?



ALU A Input

	OPq rA, rB	
Execute	valE ← valB OP valA	Perform ALU operation

	cmovXX rA, rB	
Execute	valE ← 0 + valA	Pass valA through ALU

	rmmovq rA, D(rB)	
Execute	valE ← valB + valC	Compute effective address

	popq rA	
Execute	valE ← valB + 8	Increment stack pointer

	jXX Dest	
Execute		No operation

	call Dest	
Execute	valE ← valB + –8	Decrement stack pointer

	ret	
Execute	valE ← valB + 8	Increment stack pointer

```
int aluA = [
        icode in { IRRMOVQ, IOPQ } : valA;
        icode in { IIRMOVQ, IRMMOVQ, IMRMOVQ } : valC;
        icode in { ICALL, IPUSHQ } : -8;
        icode in { IRET, IPOPQ } : 8;
        # Other instructions don't need ALU
    ];
```


ALU Operation

	OPl rA, rB	
Execute	valE ← valB OP valA	Perform ALU operation

	cmovXX rA, rB	
Execute	valE ← 0 + valA	Pass valA through ALU

	rmmovl rA, D(rB)	
Execute	valE ← valB + valC	Compute effective address

	popq rA	
Execute	valE ← valB + 8	Increment stack pointer

	jXX Dest	
Execute		No operation

	call Dest	
Execute	valE ← valB + –8	Decrement stack pointer

	ret	
Execute	valE ← valB + 8	Increment stack pointer

```
int alufun = [
        icode == IOPQ : ifun;
        1 : ALUADD;
    ];
```

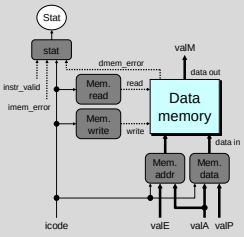
Memory Logic

Memory

- Reads or writes memory word

Control Logic

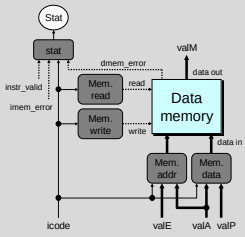
- stat: What is instruction status?
- Mem. read: should word be read?
- Mem. write: should word be written?
- Mem. addr.: Select address
- Mem. data.: Select data



Instruction Status

Control Logic

- stat: What is instruction status?




```
## Determine instruction status
int Stat = [
        imem_error || dmem_error : SADR;
        !instr_valid: SINS;
        icode == IHALT : SHLT;
        1 : SAOK;
];
```


Memory Address

	OPq rA, rB
Memory	

No operation

	rmmovq rA, D(rB)
Memory	M_8[valE] ← valA

Write value to memory

	popq rA
Memory	valM ← M_8[valA]

Read from stack

	jXX Dest
Memory	

No operation

	call Dest
Memory	M_8[valE] ← valP

Write return value on stack

	ret
Memory	valM ← M_8[valA]

Read return address

```
int mem_addr = [
        icode in { IRMMOVQ, IPUSHQ, ICALL, IMRMOVQ } : valE;
        icode in { IPOPQ, IRET } : valA;
        # Other instructions don't need address
];
```


Memory Read

	OPq rA, rB
Memory	

No operation

	rmmovq rA, D(rB)
Memory	M_8[valE] ← valA

Write value to memory

	popq rA
Memory	valM ← M_8[valA]

Read from stack

	jXX Dest
Memory	

No operation

	call Dest
Memory	M_8[valE] ← valP

Write return value on stack

	ret
Memory	valM ← M_8[valA]

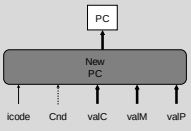
Read return address

```
bool mem_read = icode in { IMRMOVQ, IPOPQ, IRET };
```


PC Update Logic

New PC

- Select next value of PC



PC Update

	OPq rA, rB
PC update	PC ← valP

Update PC

	rmmovq rA, D(rB)
PC update	PC ← valP

Update PC

	popq rA
PC update	PC ← valP

Update PC

	jXX Dest
PC update	PC ← Cnd ? valC : valP

Update PC

	call Dest
PC update	PC ← valC

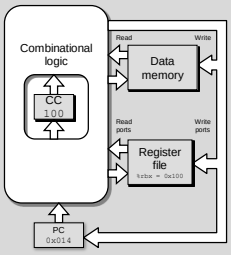
Set PC to destination

	ret
PC update	PC ← valM

Set PC to return address

```
int new_pc = [
        icode == ICALL : valC;
        icode == IJXX && Cnd : valC;
        icode == IRET : valM;
        1 : valP;
];
```

SEQ Operation



State

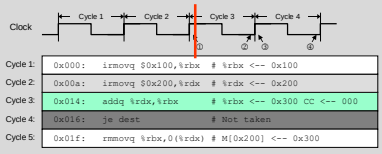
- PC register
- Cond. Code register
- Data memory
- Register file

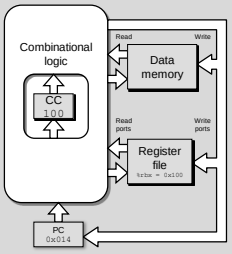
All updated as clock rises

Combinational Logic

- ALU
- Control logic
- Memory reads
  - Instruction memory
  - Register file
  - Data memory

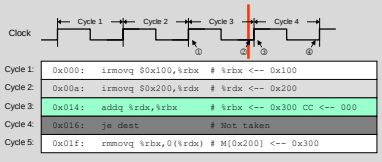
SEQ Operation #2

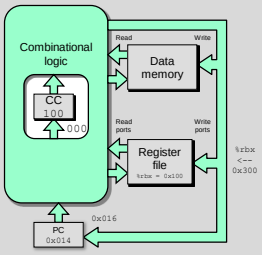




- state set according to second `irmovq` instruction
- combinational logic starting to react to state changes

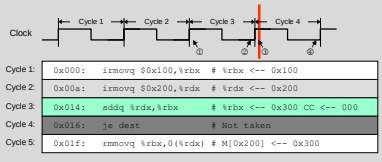
SEQ Operation #3

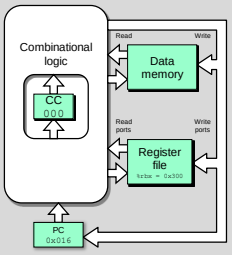




- state set according to second `irmovq` instruction
- combinational logic generates results for `addq` instruction

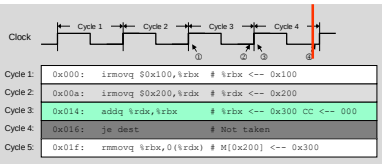
SEQ Operation #4

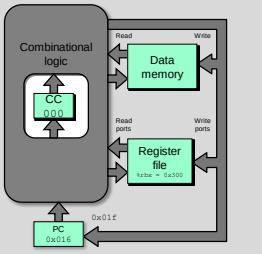




- state set according to `addq` instruction
- combinational logic starting to react to state changes

SEQ Operation #5





- state set according to `addq` instruction
- combinational logic generates results for `je` instruction

SEQ Summary

Implementation

- Express every instruction as series of simple steps
- Follow same general flow for each instruction type
- Assemble registers, memories, predesigned combinational blocks
- Connect with control logic

Limitations

- Too slow to be practical
- In one cycle, must propagate through instruction memory, register file, ALU, and data memory
- Would need to run clock very slowly
- Hardware units only active for fraction of clock cycle