Static vs. Dynamic Scheduling

- Dynamic Scheduling
  - Fast
  - Requires complex hardware
  - More power consumption
  - May result in a slower clock
- Static Scheduling
  - Done in S/W (compiler)
  - Maybe not as fast
  - Simpler processor design (less complex)

Dynamic Scheduling

- In Simple pipelines, instructions are issued in order.
- If an instruction stalls, all instructions after it are stalled too (could be O.K. to execute).
- DIV.D F0,F2,F4
- ADD.D F10,F0,F8
- SUB.D F12,F8,F14 ←

Dynamic Scheduling

- Rearrange order of instructions to reduce stalls while maintaining data flow
- Advantages:
  - Compiler doesn't need to have knowledge of microarchitecture
  - Handles cases where dependencies are unknown at compile time
- Disadvantage:
  - Substantial increase in hardware complexity
  - Complicates exceptions

Dynamic Scheduling

Branch Prediction

- Rearrange order of instructions to reduce stalls while maintaining data flow
- Instructions are issued in program order
- But, the instruction begins execution as soon as its operand are ready
- Out of order execution → out of order completion
- DIV.D F0,F2,F4
- ADD.D F6,F0,F8
- SUB.D F8,F10,F14
- MUL.D F6,F10,F8

Antidependence

Output Dependence

Dynamic Scheduling

Branch Prediction

- To allow dynamic scheduling, split the ID stage in the simple MIPS pipeline into 2 stages
  - Issue: Decode and check for structural hazards
  - Read operand: wait for data hazard → read operand
- Instruction fetch stage before issue, and execution starts after read operand.
- Instructions pass through the issue stage in order, they can be delayed or pass each other at the read operand stage.

Dynamic Scheduling

Branch Prediction

- Major complication for exception handling.
- Must preserve the exception behavior as if the instructions are executed in the program order.
- May delay notification until the processor knows the instruction is the next one completed.
- Imprecise exception may occur
  - Later instructions (in program order) may have been completed already.
  - Earlier instructions may have not been completed

Register Renaming

- Example:

```
DIV.D F0,F2,F4
ADD.D F6,F0,F8
S.D F6,0(R1)
SUB.D F8,F10,F14
MUL.D F6,F10,F8
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antidependence

antidependence

+ name dependence with F6

Register Renaming

- Example:

```
DIV.D   F0,F2,F4            DIV.D   F0,F2,F4
ADD.D   F6,F0,F8            ADD.D   S,F0,F8
S.D     F6,0(R1)            S.D     S,0(R1)
SUB.D   F8,F10,F14          SUB.D   T,F10,F14
MUL.D   F6,F10,F8           MUL.D   F6,F10,T
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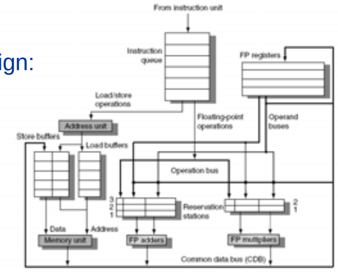
- Now only RAW hazards remain, which can be strictly ordered

Register Renaming

- Register renaming is provided by reservation stations (RS)
  - Contains:
    - The instruction
    - Buffered operand values (when available)
    - Reservation station number of instruction providing the operand values
  - RS fetches and buffers an operand as soon as it becomes available (not necessarily involving register file)
  - Pending instructions designate the RS to which they will send their output
    - Result values broadcast on a result bus, called the common data bus (CDB)
  - Only the last output updates the register file
  - As instructions are issued, the register specifiers are renamed with the reservation station
  - May be more reservation stations than registers

Tomasulo's Algorithm

- Load and store buffers
  - Contain data and addresses, act like reservation stations
- Top-level design:



Tomasulo's Algorithm

- Three Steps:
  - Issue
    - Get next instruction from FIFO queue
    - If available RS, issue the instruction to the RS with operand values if available
    - If no RS is available, stall the instruction issue
  - Execute
    - When operand becomes available, store it in any reservation stations waiting for it
    - When all operands are ready, issue the instruction
    - Loads and store maintained in program order through effective address
    - No instruction allowed to initiate execution until all branches that proceed it in program order have completed
  - Write result
    - Write result on CDB into reservation stations and store buffers
      - (Stores must wait until address and value are received)

Tomasulo's Algorithm

Op: Operation to perform in the unit (e.g., + or –)

Vj, Vk: Value of Source operands

- Store buffers has V field, result to be stored

Qj, Qk: Reservation stations producing source registers (value to be written)

- Note: Qj,Qk=0 → ready
- Store buffers only have Qj for RS producing result

A: Used to hold info for the load store (initially immediate, then effective address)

Busy: Indicates reservation station or FU is busy

Register result status— Qi indicates which functional unit will write each register, 0 means no write to this register

Example

Instruction		Issue	Execute	Write Result
L.D	F6,32(R2)	√	√	√
L.D	F2,44(R3)	√	√	
MUL.D	F0,F2,F4	√		
SUB.D	F8,F2,F6	√		
DIV.D	F10,F0,F6	√		
ADD.D	F6,F8,F2	√		

Reservation stations

Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	A
Load1	No						
Load2	Yes	Load					44 + Regs[R3]
Add1	Yes	SUB		Mem[32 + Regs[R2]]	Load2		
Add2	Yes	ADD			Add1	Load2	
Add3	No						
Mult1	Yes	MUL		Regs[F4]	Load2		
Mult2	Yes	DIV		Mem[32 + Regs[R2]]	Mult1		

Register status

Field	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
Qi	Mult1	Load2		Add2	Add1	Mult2			

Dealing with WAR

Instruction	
L.D	F6,32(R2)
L.D	F2,44(R3)
MUL.D	F0,F2,F4
SUB.D	F8,F2,F6
DIV.D	F10,F0,F6
ADD.D	F6,F8,F2

The processor issues both DIV and ADD although there is a WAR hazard.

If F6 is ready when DIV is issued, its value is read and stored in the RS (ADD may change it that is O.K.)

If not ready, RS will read it from the FU producing it, again ADD may change F6 since we will read it from the FU not F6

Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	A
Load1	No						
Load2	Yes	Load					
Add1	Yes	SUB					
Add2	Yes	ADD					
Add3	No						
Mult1	Yes	MUL		Regs[F4]	Load2		
Mult2	Yes	DIV		Mem[32 + Regs[R2]]	Mult1		

Register status

Field	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
Qi	Mult1	Load2		Add2	Add1	Mult2			

Instruction stream

Instruction status:

Instruction		j	k	Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD	F6	34+	R2			
LD	F2	45+	R3			
MULTD	F0	F2	F4			
SUBD	F8	F6	F2			
DIVD	F10	F0	F6			
ADDD	F6	F8	F2			

	Busy	Address
Load1	No	
Load2	No	
Load3	No	

3 Load/Buffers

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
	Add1	No					
	Add2	No					
	Add3	No					
	Mult1	No					
	Mult2	No					

FU count down

3 FP Adder R.S.
2 FP Mult R.S.

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
0	FU									

Clock cycle counter

Instruction status:

Instruction		j	k	Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD	F6	34+	R2	1		
LD	F2	45+	R3			
MULTD	F0	F2	F4			
SUBD	F8	F6	F2			
DIVD	F10	F0	F6			
ADDD	F6	F8	F2			

	Busy	Address
Load1	Yes	34+R2
Load2	No	
Load3	No	

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
	Add1	No					
	Add2	No					
	Add3	No					
	Mult1	No					
	Mult2	No					

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
1	FU				Load1					

Instruction status:

Instruction		j	k	Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD	F6	34+	R2	1		
LD	F2	45+	R3	2		
MULTD	F0	F2	F4			
SUBD	F8	F6	F2			
DIVD	F10	F0	F6			
ADDD	F6	F8	F2			

	Busy	Address
Load1	Yes	34+R2
Load2	Yes	45+R3
Load3	No	

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
	Add1	No					
	Add2	No					
	Add3	No					
	Mult1	No					
	Mult2	No					

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
2	FU		Load2		Load1					

Note: Can have multiple loads outstanding

Instruction status:

Instruction		j	k	Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD	F6	34+	R2	1	3	
LD	F2	45+	R3	2		
MULTD	F0	F2	F4	3		
SUBD	F8	F6	F2			
DIVD	F10	F0	F6			
ADDD	F6	F8	F2			

	Busy	Address
Load1	Yes	34+R2
Load2	Yes	45+R3
Load3	No	

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
	Add1	No					
	Add2	No					
	Add3	No					
	Mult1	Yes	MULTD		R(F4)	Load2	
	Mult2	No					

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
3	FU	Mult1	Load2		Load1					

- **Note: registers names are removed (“renamed”) in Reservation Stations; MULT issued**
- **Load1 completing; who is waiting for Load1?**

Instruction status:

Instruction	j	k		Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD	F6	34+	R2	1	3	4
LD	F2	45+	R3	2	4	
MULTD	F0	F2	F4	3		
SUBD	F8	F6	F2	4		
DIVD	F10	F0	F6			
ADDD	F6	F8	F2			

	Busy	Address
Load1	No	
Load2	Yes	45+R3
Load3	No	

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
	Add1	Yes	SUBD	M(A1)			Load2
	Add2	No					
	Add3	No					
	Mult1	Yes	MULTD		R(F4)	Load2	
	Mult2	No					

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
4	FU	Mult1	Load2		M(A1)	Add1				

- **Load2 completing; what is waiting for Load2?**

Instruction status:

Instruction	j	k		Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD	F6	34+	R2	1	3	4
LD	F2	45+	R3	2	4	5
MULTD	F0	F2	F4	3		
SUBD	F8	F6	F2	4		
DIVD	F10	F0	F6	5		
ADDD	F6	F8	F2			

	Busy	Address
Load1	No	
Load2	No	
Load3	No	

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
2	Add1	Yes	SUBD	M(A1)	M(A2)		
	Add2	No					
	Add3	No					
10	Mult1	Yes	MULTD	M(A2)	R(F4)		
	Mult2	Yes	DIVD		M(A1)	Mult1	

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
5	FU	Mult1	M(A2)		M(A1)	Add1	Mult2			

- **Timer starts down for Add1, Mult1**

Instruction status:

Instruction	j	k		Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD	F6	34+	R2	1	3	4
LD	F2	45+	R3	2	4	5
MULTD	F0	F2	F4	3		
SUBD	F8	F6	F2	4		
DIVD	F10	F0	F6	5		
ADDD	F6	F8	F2	6		

	Busy	Address
Load1	No	
Load2	No	
Load3	No	

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
1	Add1	Yes	SUBD	M(A1)	M(A2)		
	Add2	Yes	ADDD		M(A2)	Add1	
	Add3	No					
9	Mult1	Yes	MULTD	M(A2)	R(F4)		
	Mult2	Yes	DIVD		M(A1)	Mult1	

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
6	FU	Mult1	M(A2)		Add2	Add1	Mult2			

- **Issue ADDD here despite name dependency on F6?**

Instruction status:

Instruction	j	k	Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD	F6	34+	R2	1	3	4
LD	F2	45+	R3	2	4	5
MULTD	F0	F2	F4	3		
SUBD	F8	F6	F2	4	7	
DIVD	F10	F0	F6	5		
ADDD	F6	F8	F2	6		

	Busy	Address
Load1	No	
Load2	No	
Load3	No	

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
0	Add1	Yes	SUBD	M(A1)	M(A2)		
	Add2	Yes	ADDD		M(A2)	Add1	
	Add3	No					
8	Mult1	Yes	MULTD	M(A2)	R(F4)		
	Mult2	Yes	DIVD		M(A1)	Mult1	

waiting

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
7	FU	Mult1	M(A2)		Add2	Add1	Mult2			

- **Add1 (SUBD) completing; what is waiting for it?**

Instruction status:

Instruction	j	k	Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD	F6	34+	R2	1	3	4
LD	F2	45+	R3	2	4	5
MULTD	F0	F2	F4	3		
SUBD	F8	F6	F2	4	7	8
DIVD	F10	F0	F6	5		
ADDD	F6	F8	F2	6		

	Busy	Address
Load1	No	
Load2	No	
Load3	No	

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
	Add1	No					
2	Add2	Yes	ADDD	(M-M)	M(A2)		
	Add3	No					
7	Mult1	Yes	MULTD	M(A2)	R(F4)		
	Mult2	Yes	DIVD		M(A1)	Mult1	

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
8	FU	Mult1	M(A2)		Add2	(M-M)	Mult2			

Instruction status:

Instruction	j	k	Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD	F6	34+	R2	1	3	4
LD	F2	45+	R3	2	4	5
MULTD	F0	F2	F4	3		
SUBD	F8	F6	F2	4	7	8
DIVD	F10	F0	F6	5		
ADDD	F6	F8	F2	6		

	Busy	Address
Load1	No	
Load2	No	
Load3	No	

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
	Add1	No					
1	Add2	Yes	ADDD	(M-M)	M(A2)		
	Add3	No					
6	Mult1	Yes	MULTD	M(A2)	R(F4)		
	Mult2	Yes	DIVD		M(A1)	Mult1	

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
9	FU	Mult1	M(A2)		Add2	(M-M)	Mult2			

Instruction status:

Instruction	j	k	Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD F6	34+	R2	1	3	4
LD F2	45+	R3	2	4	5
MULTD F0	F2	F4	3		
SUBD F8	F6	F2	4	7	8
DIVD F10	F0	F6	5		
ADDD F6	F8	F2	6	10	

	Busy	Address
Load1	No	
Load2	No	
Load3	No	

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
	Add1	No					
0	Add2	Yes	ADDD	(M-M)	M(A2)		
	Add3	No					
5	Mult1	Yes	MULTD	M(A2)	R(F4)		
	Mult2	Yes	DIVD		M(A1)	Mult1	

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
10	FU	Mult1	M(A2)		Add2	(M-M)	Mult2			

- **Add2 (ADDD) completing; what is waiting for it?**

Instruction status:

Instruction	j	k	Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD F6	34+	R2	1	3	4
LD F2	45+	R3	2	4	5
MULTD F0	F2	F4	3		
SUBD F8	F6	F2	4	7	8
DIVD F10	F0	F6	5		
ADDD F6	F8	F2	6	10	11

	Busy	Address
Load1	No	
Load2	No	
Load3	No	

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
	Add1	No					
	Add2	No					
	Add3	No					
4	Mult1	Yes	MULTD	M(A2)	R(F4)		
	Mult2	Yes	DIVD		M(A1)	Mult1	

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
11	FU	Mult1	M(A2)		(M-M+M	(M-M)	Mult2			

- **Write result of ADDD here?**
- **All quick instructions complete in this cycle!**

Instruction status:

Instruction	j	k	Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD F6	34+	R2	1	3	4
LD F2	45+	R3	2	4	5
MULTD F0	F2	F4	3		
SUBD F8	F6	F2	4	7	8
DIVD F10	F0	F6	5		
ADDD F6	F8	F2	6	10	11

	Busy	Address
Load1	No	
Load2	No	
Load3	No	

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
	Add1	No					
	Add2	No					
	Add3	No					
3	Mult1	Yes	MULTD	M(A2)	R(F4)		
	Mult2	Yes	DIVD		M(A1)	Mult1	

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
12	FU	Mult1	M(A2)		(M-M+N	(M-M)	Mult2			

Instruction status:

Instruction	j	k	Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD F6	34+	R2	1	3	4
LD F2	45+	R3	2	4	5
MULTD F0	F2	F4	3		
SUBD F8	F6	F2	4	7	8
DIVD F10	F0	F6	5		
ADDD F6	F8	F2	6	10	11

	Busy	Address
Load1	No	
Load2	No	
Load3	No	

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
	Add1	No					
	Add2	No					
	Add3	No					
2	Mult1	Yes	MULTD	M(A2)	R(F4)		
	Mult2	Yes	DIVD		M(A1)	Mult1	

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
13	FU	Mult1	M(A2)		(M-M+M)	(M-M)	Mult2			

Instruction status:

Instruction	j	k	Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD F6	34+	R2	1	3	4
LD F2	45+	R3	2	4	5
MULTD F0	F2	F4	3		
SUBD F8	F6	F2	4	7	8
DIVD F10	F0	F6	5		
ADDD F6	F8	F2	6	10	11

	Busy	Address
Load1	No	
Load2	No	
Load3	No	

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
	Add1	No					
	Add2	No					
	Add3	No					
1	Mult1	Yes	MULTD	M(A2)	R(F4)		
	Mult2	Yes	DIVD		M(A1)	Mult1	

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
14	FU	Mult1	M(A2)		(M-M+M)	(M-M)	Mult2			

Instruction status:

Instruction	j	k	Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD F6	34+	R2	1	3	4
LD F2	45+	R3	2	4	5
MULTD F0	F2	F4	3	15	
SUBD F8	F6	F2	4	7	8
DIVD F10	F0	F6	5		
ADDD F6	F8	F2	6	10	11

	Busy	Address
Load1	No	
Load2	No	
Load3	No	

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
	Add1	No					
	Add2	No					
	Add3	No					
0	Mult1	Yes	MULTD	M(A2)	R(F4)		
	Mult2	Yes	DIVD		M(A1)	Mult1	

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
15	FU	Mult1	M(A2)		(M-M+M)	(M-M)	Mult2			

- **Mult1 (MULTD) completing; who is waiting for it?**

Instruction status:

Instruction	j	k	Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD	F6	34+	R2	1	3	4
LD	F2	45+	R3	2	4	5
MULTD	F0	F2	F4	3	15	16
SUBD	F8	F6	F2	4	7	8
DIVD	F10	F0	F6	5		
ADDD	F6	F8	F2	6	10	11

	Busy	Address
Load1	No	
Load2	No	
Load3	No	

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
	Add1	No					
	Add2	No					
	Add3	No					
	Mult1	No					
40	Mult2	Yes	DIVD	M*F4	M(A1)		

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
16	FU	M*F4	M(A2)		(M-M+M)	(M-M)	Mult2			

- Just waiting for Mult2 (DIVD) to complete

Instruction status:

Instruction	j	k	Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD	F6	34+	R2	1	3	4
LD	F2	45+	R3	2	4	5
MULTD	F0	F2	F4	3	15	16
SUBD	F8	F6	F2	4	7	8
DIVD	F10	F0	F6	5		
ADDD	F6	F8	F2	6	10	11

	Busy	Address
Load1	No	
Load2	No	
Load3	No	

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
	Add1	No					
	Add2	No					
	Add3	No					
	Mult1	No					
1	Mult2	Yes	DIVD	M*F4	M(A1)		

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
55	FU	M*F4	M(A2)		(M-M+M)	(M-M)	Mult2			

Instruction status:

Instruction	j	k	Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD F6	34+	R2	1	3	4
LD F2	45+	R3	2	4	5
MULTD F0	F2	F4	3	15	16
SUBD F8	F6	F2	4	7	8
DIVD F10	F0	F6	5	56	
ADDD F6	F8	F2	6	10	11

	Busy	Address
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	Add2	No					
	Add3	No					
	Mult1	No					
0	Mult2	Yes	DIVD	M*F4	M(A1)		

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
56	*FU*	M*F4	M(A2)		(M-M+M	(M-M)	Mult2			

Instruction status:

Instruction	j	k	Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD F6	34+	R2	1	3	4
LD F2	45+	R3	2	4	5
MULTD F0	F2	F4	3	15	16
SUBD F8	F6	F2	4	7	8
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- **Once again: In-order issue, out-of-order execution and out-of-order completion.**

Tomasulo's Algorithm

- Load and stores could be done out of order provided they access different memory locations.
- If they access same location, must preserve order (WAR, RAW, or WAW).
- If address calculation is done in program order, load/store can check if any uncompleted load/store share the same address
- Either wait or forward if possible.

Hardware-Based Speculation

- Execute instructions along predicted execution paths but only commit the results if prediction was correct
- Instruction commit: allowing an instruction to update the register file when instruction is no longer speculative
- Need an additional piece of hardware to prevent any irrevocable action until an instruction commits
- Need to separate executing the instruction to pass data to other instructions from completing (performing operations that can not be undone)

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Reorder Buffer

- Reorder buffer – holds the result of instruction between completion and commit (and supply them to any instruction who needs them just like the RS in Tomasulo's)
- Four fields:
  - Instruction type: branch/store/register
  - Destination field: register number or memory address
  - Value field: output value
  - Ready field: completed execution?
- Modify reservation stations:
  - Operand source is now reorder buffer instead of functional unit (results are tagged with ROB entry #)

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  - Execute
  - Write Result
  - Commit

Reorder Buffer

- Issue
  - If empty RS and ROB entry → Issue; else stall
  - Send operands to RS if available in registers or ROB
  - The number of the ROB entry allocated to instruction is sent to RS to tag the results with
  - If operands are not available yet, the ROB entry is sent to the RS to wait for results on the CDB

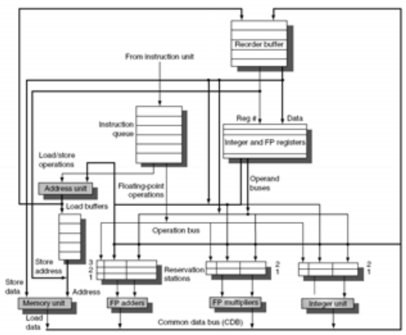
Reorder Buffer

- Execute
  - If one or more operands are not available, monitor the CDB.
  - When the result is broadcast on the CDB (we know that from the ROB entry tag) copy it
  - When all operands are ready, start execution
- Write Result
  - When execution is completed, broadcast the result on the CDB tagged with ROB entry #
  - Results are copied to ROB entry and all waiting RS
- Execute out of order, commit in order.

Reorder buffer

- When an instruction reaches the head of the ROB and the result is ready in the buffer,
  - If ALU op write it to the register file and remove instruction from ROB
  - If the instruction is a store, write it to the memory and remove the instruction from the ROB
  - If the instruction is a branch, if prediction is correct, remove it from the ROB. If misprediction flush the ROB and start from the correct successor.

Overview of Design



Multiple Issue and Static Scheduling

- To achieve CPI < 1, need to complete multiple instructions per clock
- Solutions:
  - Statically scheduled superscalar processors
  - VLIW (very long instruction word) processors
  - dynamically scheduled superscalar processors

Multiple Issue

Common name	Issue structure	Hazard detection	Scheduling	Distinguishing characteristic	Examples
Superscalar (static)	Dynamic	Hardware	Static	In-order execution	Mostly in the embedded space: MIPS and ARM, including the ARM Coretex A8
Superscalar (dynamic)	Dynamic	Hardware	Dynamic	Some out-of-order execution, but no speculation	None at the present
Superscalar (speculative)	Dynamic	Hardware	Dynamic with speculation	Out-of-order execution with speculation	Intel Core i3, i5, i7; AMD Phenom; IBM Power 7
VLIW/LIW	Static	Primarily software	Static	All hazards determined and indicated by compiler (often implicitly)	Most examples are in signal processing, such as the TI C6x
EPIC	Primarily static	Primarily software	Mostly static	All hazards determined and indicated explicitly by the compiler	Itanium

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VLIW Example

Source instruction	Instruction using result	Latency
FP ALU OP	FP ALU OP	3
FP ALU OP	Store double	2
Load double	FP ALU OP	1
Load Double	Store double	0

```
Loop: L.D       F0,0(R1)
      ADD.D     F4,F0,F2
      S.D       0(R1),F4
      DADDUI    R1,R1,#-8
      BNE R     1,R2,Loop
```

For (I=1000;I>0;I++)

x[I]=x[I]+s;

VLIW Example

- Assume that w can schedule 2 memory operations, 2 FP operations, and one integer or branch

Memory reference 1	*Memory reference 2*	*FP operation 1*	*FP op. 2*	*Int. op/ branch*	*Clock*
LD F0,0(R1)	LD F6,-8(R1)				1
LD F10,-16(R1)	LD F14,-24(R1)				2
LD F18,-32(R1)	LD F22,-40(R1)	ADDD F4,F0,F2	ADDD F8,F6,F2		3
LD F26,-48(R1)		ADDD F12,F10,F2	ADDD F16,F14,F2		4
		ADDD F20,F18,F2	ADDD F24,F22,F2		5
SD 0(R1),F4	SD -8(R1),F8	ADDD F28,F26,F2			6
SD -16(R1),F12	SD -24(R1),F16			DADD R1,R1,#-56	7
SD 24(R1),F20	SD 16(R1),F24				8
SD 8(R1),F28				BNEZ R1,LOOP	9

Dynamic Scheduling, Multiple Issue, and Speculation

- Modern microarchitectures:
  - Dynamic scheduling + multiple issue + speculation
- Two approaches:
  - Assign reservation stations and update pipeline control table in half clock cycles
    - Only supports 2 instructions/clock
  - Design logic to handle any possible dependencies between the instructions
  - Hybrid approaches
- Issue logic can become bottleneck

Multiple Issue

- Limit the number of instructions of a given class that can be issued in a “bundle”
  - I.e. on FP, one integer, one load, one store
- Examine all the dependencies amoung the instructions in the bundle
- If dependencies exist in bundle, encode them in reservation stations
- Also need multiple completion/commit

Example

```
Loop: LD R2,0(R1)          ;R2=array element
      DADDIU R2,R2,#1      ;increment R2
      SD R2,0(R1)          ;store result
      DADDIU R1,R1,#8      ;increment pointer
      BNE R2,R3,LOOP       ;branch if not last element
```


Example (No Speculation)

Iteration number	Instructions	Issues at clock cycle number	Executes at clock cycle number	Memory access at clock cycle number	Write CDB at clock cycle number	Comment
1	LD R2,0(R1)	1	2	3	4	First issue
1	DADDIU R2,R2,#1	1	5		6	Wait for LW
1	SD R2,0(R1)	2	3	7		Wait for DADDIU
1	DADDIU R1,R1,#8	2	3		4	Execute directly
1	BNE R2,R3,LOOP	3	7			Wait for DADDIU
2	LD R2,0(R1)	4	8	9	10	Wait for BNE
2	DADDIU R2,R2,#1	4	11		12	Wait for LW
2	SD R2,0(R1)	5	9	13		Wait for DADDIU
2	DADDIU R1,R1,#8	5	8		9	Wait for BNE
2	BNE R2,R3,LOOP	6	13			Wait for DADDIU
3	LD R2,0(R1)	7	14	15	16	Wait for BNE
3	DADDIU R2,R2,#1	7	17		18	Wait for LW
3	SD R2,0(R1)	8	15	19		Wait for DADDIU
3	DADDIU R1,R1,#8	8	14		15	Wait for BNE
3	BNE R2,R3,LOOP	9	19			Wait for DADDIU

Example

Iteration number	Instructions	Issues at clock number	Executes at clock number	Read access at clock number	Write CDB at clock number	Commits at clock number	Comment
1	LD R2,0(R1)	1	2	3	4	5	First issue
1	DADDIU R2,R2,#1	1	5		6	7	Wait for LW
1	SD R2,0(R1)	2	3			7	Wait for DADDIU
1	DADDIU R1,R1,#8	2	3		4	8	Commit in order
1	BNE R2,R3,LOOP	3	7			8	Wait for DADDIU
2	LD R2,0(R1)	4	5	6	7	9	No execute delay
2	DADDIU R2,R2,#1	4	8		9	10	Wait for LW
2	SD R2,0(R1)	5	6			10	Wait for DADDIU
2	DADDIU R1,R1,#8	5	6		7	11	Commit in order
2	BNE R2,R3,LOOP	6	10			11	Wait for DADDIU
3	LD R2,0(R1)	7	8	9	10	12	Earliest possible
3	DADDIU R2,R2,#1	7	11		12	13	Wait for LW
3	SD R2,0(R1)	8	9			13	Wait for DADDIU
3	DADDIU R1,R1,#8	8	9		10	14	Executes earlier
3	BNE R2,R3,LOOP	9	13			14	Wait for DADDIU

Branch-Target Buffer

- Need high instruction bandwidth!
  - Branch-Target buffers
    - Next PC prediction buffer, indexed by current PC