

Lecture 07: Arithmetic and Logic Unit – 2

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Multiplication & Division

Multiplication



- More complicated than addition
- Can be accomplished via shifting and adding



- Double precision product produced
- More time and more area to compute





Add and Right Shift Multiplier Hardware







• Multiply (mult and multu) produces a double precision product

mul \$rd, \$s0, \$s1 # hi//lo = \$s0 * \$s1

- Low-order word of the product is left in processor register 10 and the high-order word is left in register hi
- Instructions mfhi rd and mflo rd are provided to move the product to (user accessible) registers in the register file
- Multiplies are usually done by fast, dedicated hardware and are much more complex (and slower) than adders





• Division is just a bunch of quotient digit guesses and left shifts and subtracts





Question: Division

Dividing 1001010 by 1000



• Divide generates the reminder in hi and the quotient in lo

div \$rd, \$s0, \$s1 # lo = \$s0 / \$s1
hi = \$s0 mod \$s1

op rs	rt	rd	shamt	funct
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- Instructions mflo rd and mfhi rd are provided to move the quotient and reminder to (user accessible) registers in the register file
- As with multiply, divide ignores overflow so software must determine if the quotient is too large.
- Software must also check the divisor to avoid division by 0.



Shift



• Shifts move all the bits in a word left or right

sll	\$t2,	\$s0,	8	#\$t2	=	\$s0	<<	8	bits
srl	\$t2,	\$s0,	8	#\$t2	=	\$s0	>>	8	bits
sra	\$t2,	\$s0,	8	#\$t2	=	\$s0	>>	8	bits



- Notice that a 5-bit shamt field is enough to shift a 32-bit value $2^5 1$ or 31 bit positions
- Logical shifts fill with zeros, arithmetic left shifts fill with the sign bit

The shift operation is implemented by hardware separate from the ALU

Using a barrel shifter, which would takes lots of gates in discrete logic, but is pretty easy to implement in VLSI

A Simple Shifter





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0,1 shifts







shifts shifts



Sh₀ !Sh₀ Sh₁ !Sh₁ Sh₂ !Sh₂









Data Out





Logarithmic Shifter Structure



