Your Microprocessor in Action...

Our Microprocessor (for today)

Components:

- Memory: 16 bytes (address: 0 ... 15)
- Arithmetic logical unit
- Status register
- General purpose registers: R0, R1, R2, R3
- Display
- Program counter
- Instruction decoder
- Compiler (not really part of the processor)

Memory

Operations:

- Store a register value into a memory location
- Read a memory location and give it to a register

Simplifications:

We will allow names for memory locations

General Purpose Registers

Purpose: temporary storage of values for immediate computation

Operations:

- Receive a byte
- Send a byte

Status Register (a special purpose register)

Individual bits:

- Zero: was the result of the last mathematical operation zero?
- Negative: was the result negative?
- Carry: was there a carry?

Operations:

COMPUTE STORE

• A: R1 + R3 -> R1 Add

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•	A':	R3 + R0	->	R3	Add	

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•	A:	R1 + R3	->	R1	Add
•	A':	R3 + R0	->	R3	Add
•	B:	R0 + R2 + carry	->	RO	Add with carry
•	B':	R1 + R3 + carry	->	R1	Add with carry

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•	C:	R1 x R3	->	[R0, R1]	Multiply
•	D:	R1 & R3	->	R1	Bit-wise AND
•	E:	R1 R3	->	R1	Bit-wise OR
•	F:	~R1	->	R1	Bit-wise NOT
•	G:	-R1	->	R1	2's Comp Neg
•	H(x, y):	У	->	Rx	Copy value y to Rx
•	J(x, y):	Ry	->	Rx	Copy Ry to Rx
•	T:	R1 – R3		XXXXXXXX	Compare
•	U:	R3 – R2		XXXXXXXX	Compare

Each operation can also update the status register:

SR[zero]: is the result zero?

• SR[negative]: is the result negative?

SR[carry]: was there a carry

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Program Memory

Stores our program

- We will start with C
- For each line of C, our compiler will translate into a sequence of "atomic" instructions

Program Counter (special purpose register)

Keeps track of which part of the program that we are currently executing

Operations:

- Jump to the next line
- Jump up or down multiple lines
- Conditional (on status bit): jump up or down multiple lines

Display

One operation:

Receive a byte

In response to this operation:

- Convert to written representation
- Write it

Instruction Decoder

Tells everyone what to do....

Sequence:

- Fetch the instruction that is currently indicated by the program counter
- For each operation in order: tell the relevant components what to do
- Repeat

Instruction Decoder

Must determine what is done by each component:

- Memory
- Registers
- Display
- ALU
- Program counter

```
uint8_t a;
a = 5;
display(a);
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```
uint8_t a;
a = 5;
a = a + 7;
display(a);
```

```
uint8_t a;
uint8_t b;
a = 5;
b = 17;
if (a < b) {
    a = a + b;
display(a);
```

```
uint8_t a;
uint8_t i;
a = 0;
for(i = 0; i < 4; ++i) {
    a = a + i;
}
display(a);</pre>
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int8_t a;
int8_t b;
a = 5;
b = a * 100;
display(b);
```

```
int8_t a;
int16_t b;
a = 5;
b = a * 100;
display(b);
```

```
uint8_t a;
uint8_t i;
a = 0;
for(i = 1; i > 0; i*=2) {
   a = a | i;
    display(a);
```

Take-Home Messages

- Many different components
- The components must be coordinated to execute the program properly
- Instructions are translated into a set of control signals for your microprocessor
- Be aware of variable sizes:
 - Small is good for efficiency
 - But the computations that you are performing must fit within these small spaces

Caveats

- Variable names are handled by the compiler (and disappear before execution)
- Many more registers
 - Variables are stored longer in registers if they are used in consecutive lines (efficiency, but with challenges)
- Many more instructions