

CS 6354: Tomasulo

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To read more...

This day's paper:

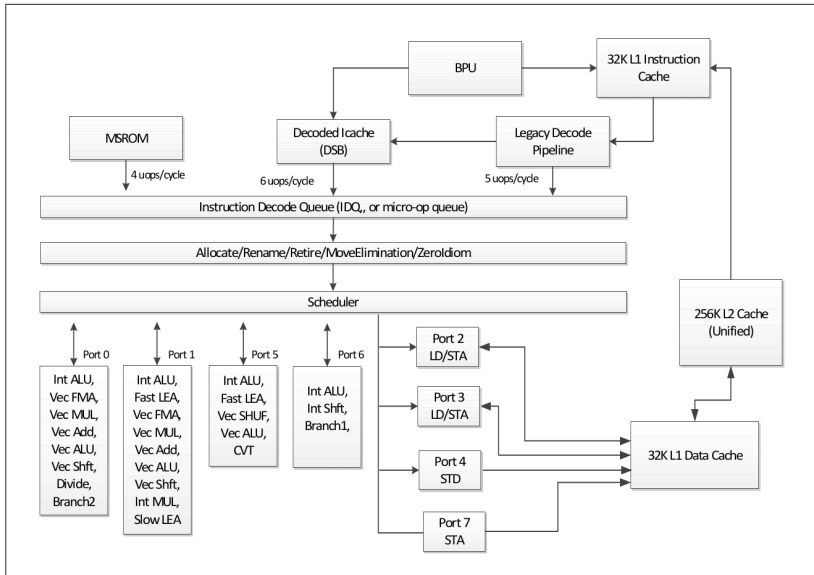
Tomasulo, "An Efficient Algorithm for Exploiting Multiple Arithmetic Units"

Supplementary readings:

Hennessy and Patterson, *Computer Architecture: A Quantitative Approach*, section 3.4-5

Shin and Lipatsi, *Modern Processor Design*, section 5.2

Intel Skylake



Scheduling

How can we reorder instructions?

Without changing the answer

Recall: Data hazards

Instructions had **wrong data**

... because they weren't executed one-at-a-time

Example: reading old value of register

Recall: Read-after-Write

$r1 \leftarrow r2 + r3$

$r5 \leftarrow r1 - r5$

	$r1 \leftarrow r2 + r3$	$r4 \leftarrow r1 - r5$
1	<i>IF</i>	
2	<i>ID:</i> read $r2, r3$	<i>IF</i>
3	<i>EX:</i> $\text{temp1} \leftarrow r2 + r3$	<i>ID:</i> read $r1, r5$
4	<i>MEM</i>	<i>EX:</i> $\text{temp2} \leftarrow r1 - r5$
5	<i>WB:</i> $r1 \leftarrow \text{temp}$	<i>MEM</i>
6		<i>WB:</i> $r4 \leftarrow \text{temp2}$

Recall: Read-after-Write

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2	<i>ID</i> : read r2, r3	<i>IF</i>
3	<i>EX</i> : $\text{temp1} \leftarrow r2 + r3$	<i>ID</i> : read r1 , r5
4	<i>MEM</i>	<i>EX</i> : $\text{temp2} \leftarrow r1 - r5$
5	<i>WB</i> : r1 $\leftarrow$ temp	<i>MEM</i>
6		<i>WB</i> : $r4 \leftarrow \text{temp2}$

Write-after-Write

$r1 \leftarrow r2 + r3$; (1)

...

$r1 \leftarrow r6 + r7$; (2)

$r4 \leftarrow r2 + r1$; (3)

time	$r1 \leftarrow r2 + r3$	$r1 \leftarrow r6 + r7$	$r4 \leftarrow r2 + r1$
1		read r6, r7	
2	read r2, r3	compute	
3	compute	write r1	
4	write r1		
5			
6			read r1, r2
7			compute

Write-after-Write

$r1 \leftarrow r2 + r3 ; (1)$

...

$r1 \leftarrow r6 + r7 ; (2)$

$r4 \leftarrow r2 + r1 ; (3)$

time	$r1 \leftarrow r2 + r3$	$r1 \leftarrow r6 + r7$	$r4 \leftarrow r2 + r1$
1		read r6, r7	
2	read r2, r3	compute	
3	compute	write r1	
4	write r1		
5			
6			read r1, r2
7			compute

value read

desired value

Write-after-Read

$r1 \leftarrow r2 + r3 ; (1)$

$r3 \leftarrow r4 + r5 ; (2)$

time	$r1 \leftarrow r2 + r3$	$r3 \leftarrow r4 + r5$
1		read r4, r5
2		compute
3		write r3
4	read r2, r3	
5	compute	
6	write r1	

Types of Data Hazards

Read-after-Write (RAW)

also called: true dependence

Write-after-Write (WAW)

also called: output dependence

Write-after-Read (WAR)

also called: anti-dependence

a problem with names

write-after-write

$r1 \leftarrow r2 + r3 \quad ; (1)$

$r1\times \leftarrow r6 + r7 \quad ; (2)$

$r4 \leftarrow r2 + r1\times \quad ; (3)$

write-after-read

$r1 \leftarrow r2 + r3 \quad ; (1)$

$r3\times \leftarrow r4 + r5 \quad ; (2)$

no problem if we used a different name each write

register renaming

original code	with renaming
$r1 \leftarrow r2 + r3$	$\text{new1} \leftarrow r2 + r3 \quad ; (1)$
$r7 \leftarrow r1 + r3$	$\text{new2} \leftarrow \text{new1} + r3 \quad ; (2)$
$r1 \leftarrow r6 + r7$	$\text{new3} \leftarrow r6 + r7 \quad ; (3)$
$r4 \leftarrow r2 + r1$	$\text{new4} \leftarrow r2 + \text{new3} \quad ; (4)$
$r2 \leftarrow r4 + r5$	$\text{new5} \leftarrow r4 + r5 \quad ; (5)$

new name	old name	from	up to
new1	r1	(1)	(2)
new2	r7	(2)	—
new3	r1	(3)	—
new4	r4	(4)	—
new5	r2	(5)	—

scheduling with renaming

different architectural (external) and internal register names

new internal name on **each write**

register renaming state

original code	with renaming
$r1 \leftarrow r2 + r3$	
$r7 \leftarrow r1 + r3$	
$r1 \leftarrow r6 + r7$	
$r4 \leftarrow r2 + r1$	
$r2 \leftarrow r4 + r5$	

external name	internal name
r1	x01
r2	x02
r3	x03
r4	x04
r5	x05
r6	x06
r7	x07
r8	x08

register renaming state

original code	with renaming
$r1 \leftarrow r2 + r3$	$x09 \leftarrow x02 + x03$
$r7 \leftarrow r1 + r3$	
$r1 \leftarrow r6 + r7$	
$r4 \leftarrow r2 + r1$	
$r2 \leftarrow r4 + r5$	

external name	internal name
r1	x01 x09
r2	x02
r3	x03
r4	x04
r5	x05
r6	x06
r7	x07
r8	x08

register renaming state

original code	with renaming
$r1 \leftarrow r2 + r3$	$x09 \leftarrow x02 + x03$
$r7 \leftarrow r1 + r3$	$x10 \leftarrow x09 + x03$
$r1 \leftarrow r6 + r7$	
$r4 \leftarrow r2 + r1$	
$r2 \leftarrow r4 + r5$	

external name	internal name
r1	x01 x09
r2	x02
r3	x03
r4	x04
r5	x05
r6	x06
r7	x07 x10
r8	x08

register renaming state

original code	with renaming
$r1 \leftarrow r2 + r3$	$x09 \leftarrow x02 + x03$
$r7 \leftarrow r1 + r3$	$x10 \leftarrow x09 + x03$
$r1 \leftarrow r6 + r7$	$x11 \leftarrow x06 + x10$
$r4 \leftarrow r2 + r1$	
$r2 \leftarrow r4 + r5$	

external name	internal name
r1	x01 x09 x11
r2	x02
r3	x03
r4	x04
r5	x05
r6	x06
r7	x07 x10
r8	x08

register renaming state

original code	with renaming
$r1 \leftarrow r2 + r3$	$x09 \leftarrow x02 + x03$
$r7 \leftarrow r1 + r3$	$x10 \leftarrow x09 + x03$
$r1 \leftarrow r6 + r7$	$x11 \leftarrow x06 + x10$
$r4 \leftarrow r2 + r1$	
$r2 \leftarrow r4 + r5$	

external name	internal name
r1	x01 x09 x11
r2	x02
r3	x03
r4	x04
r5	x05
r6	x06
r7	x07 x10
r8	x08

register renaming state

original code	with renaming
$r1 \leftarrow r2 + r3$	$x09 \leftarrow x02 + x03$
$r7 \leftarrow r1 + r3$	$x10 \leftarrow x09 + x03$
$r1 \leftarrow r6 + r7$	$x11 \leftarrow x06 + x10$
$r4 \leftarrow r2 + r1$	$x12 \leftarrow x02 + x11$
$r2 \leftarrow r4 + r5$	

external name	internal name
r1	x01 x09 x11
r2	x02
r3	x03
r4	x04 x12
r5	x05
r6	x06
r7	x07 x10
r8	x08

register renaming state

original code	with renaming
$r1 \leftarrow r2 + r3$	$x09 \leftarrow x02 + x03$
$r7 \leftarrow r1 + r3$	$x10 \leftarrow x09 + x03$
$r1 \leftarrow r6 + r7$	$x11 \leftarrow x06 + x10$
$r4 \leftarrow r2 + r1$	$x12 \leftarrow x02 + x11$
$r2 \leftarrow r4 + r5$	$x13 \leftarrow x12 + x05$

external name	internal name
r1	x01 x09 x11
r2	x02 x13
r3	x03
r4	x04 x12
r5	x05
r6	x06
r7	x07 x10
r8	x08

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$r2 \leftarrow r4 + r5$	$x13 \leftarrow x12 + x05$

external name	internal name
r1	x01 x09 x11
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r3	x03
r4	x04 x12
r5	x05
r6	x06
r7	x07 x10
r8	x08

Diversion: SSA

compiler technique: static single-assignment (SSA) form

rewrite code as code with immutable variables only

makes optimization easier

if you know it — this will seem familiar

scheduling with renaming

#	(renamed) instructions	run on	done?
(1)	$x05 \leftarrow \text{Mem}[x03]$		
(2)	$x06 \leftarrow x01 + x02$		
(3)	$x07 \leftarrow x01 \times x02$		
(4)	$x08 \leftarrow x05 \times x04$		
(5)	$x09 \leftarrow x05 + x04$		
(6)	$x10 \leftarrow x07 + x06$		

time	Add1	Add2	Mult	Load
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int. name	ready?
x01	yes
x02	yes
x03	yes
x04	yes
x05	no
x06	no
x07	no
x08	no
x09	no
x10	no

scheduling with renaming

#	(renamed) instructions	run on	done?
(1)	$x05 \leftarrow \text{Mem}[x03]$	Load	
(2)	$x06 \leftarrow x01 + x02$	Add1	
(3)	$x07 \leftarrow x01 \times x02$	Mult	
(4)	$x08 \leftarrow x05 \times x04$		
(5)	$x09 \leftarrow x05 + x04$		
(6)	$x10 \leftarrow x07 + x06$		

time	Add1	Add2	Mult	Load
0	(2) start	—	(3) start	(1) start
1	(2)	—	(3)	(1)
2	(2) done	—	(3)	(1)

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x01	yes
x02	yes
x03	yes
x04	yes
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x07	no
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scheduling with renaming

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(4)	$x08 \leftarrow x05 \times x04$		
(5)	$x09 \leftarrow x05 + x04$		
(6)	$x10 \leftarrow x07 + x06$		

int. name	ready?
x01	yes
x02	yes
x03	yes
x04	yes
x05	no

Might have second adder, but x5 is not ready.

time				
0	(2) start	—	(3) start	(1) start
1	(2)	—	(3)	(1)
2	(2) done	—	(3)	(1)

x08	no
x09	no
x10	no

scheduling with renaming

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(1)	$x05 \leftarrow \text{Mem}[x03]$	Load	
(2)	$x06 \leftarrow x01 + x02$	Add1	yes
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(4)	$x08 \leftarrow x05 \times x04$		
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scheduling with renaming

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2	(2) done	—	(3)	(1)
3	—	—	(3)	(1)
4	—	—	(3) done	(1)

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2	(2) done	—	(3)	(1)
3	—	—	(3)	(1)
4	—	—	(3) done	(1)
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scheduling with renaming

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(3)	$x07 \leftarrow x01 \times x02$	Mult	yes
(4)	$x08 \leftarrow x05 \times x04$	Mult	
(5)	$x09 \leftarrow x05 + x04$	Add2	
(6)	$x10 \leftarrow x07 + x06$	Add1	

time	Add1	Add2	Mult	Load
0	(2) start	—	(3) start	(1) start
1	(2)	—	(3)	(1)
2	(2) done	—	(3)	(1)
3	—	—	(3)	(1)
4	—	—	(3) done	(1)
5	(6) start	—	—	(1) done
6	(6)	(5) start	(4) start	—

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1	(2)	—	(3)	(1)
2	(2) done	—	(3)	(1)
3	—	—	(3)	(1)
4	—	—	(3) done	(1)
5	(6) start	—	—	(1) done
6	(6)	(5) start	(4) start	—
7	(6) done	(5)	(4)	—

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3	—	—	(3)	(1)
4	—	—	(3) done	(1)
5	(6) start	—	—	(1) done
6	(6)	(5) start	(4) start	—
7	(6) done	(5)	(4)	—
8	—	(5) done	(4)	—

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scheduling with renaming

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3	—	—	(3)	(1)
4	—	—	(3) done	(1)
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6	(6)	(5) start	(4) start	—
7	(6) done	(5)	(4)	—
8	—	(5) done	(4)	—
9	—	—	(4)	—
10	—	—	(4) done	—

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x03	yes
x04	yes
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x06	yes
x07	yes
x08	yes
x09	yes
x10	yes

handling variable times

scheduling is **reactive**

Load took longer? Doesn't matter.

Don't try to start things until ready.

Running out of register names?

recycle names with no operations, external name
still out of names? don't issue more instructions

reservation stations vs registers

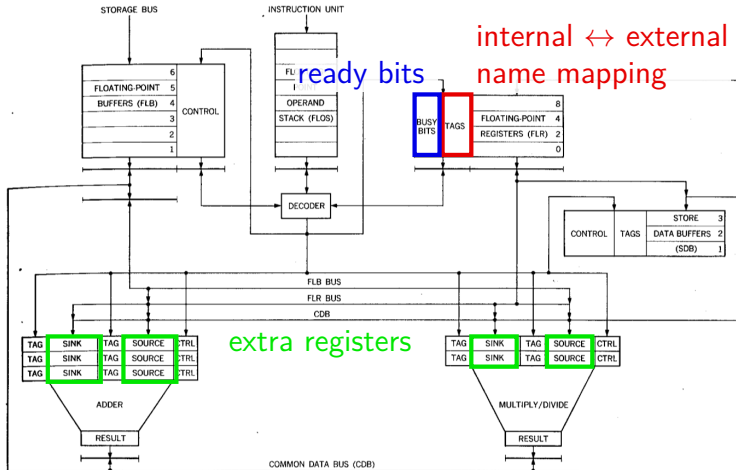
Tomasulo paper doesn't seem to have extra registers

But has reservation stations

... with tags

these are extra registers and their names

pieces in Tomasulo



scheduling with reservation buffers

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(2)	$x06 \leftarrow x01 + x02$		
(3)	$x07 \leftarrow x01 \times x02$		
(4)	$x08 \leftarrow x05 \times x04$		
(5)	$x09 \leftarrow x05 + x04$		
(6)	$x10 \leftarrow x07 + x06$		

	Add1	Add2	Mult	Load
source 1 tag				
source 1 ready?				
source 2 tag				
source 2 ready?				
sink tag				

scheduling with reservation buffers

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(5)	$x09 \leftarrow x05 + x04$	Add2	
(6)	$x10 \leftarrow x07 + x06$		

	Add1	Add2	Mult	Load
source 1 tag	x01	x05	x01	x03
source 1 ready?	yes	no	yes	yes
source 2 tag	x02	x04	x02	
source 2 ready?	yes	yes	yes	
sink tag	x06	x09	x07	x05

scheduling with reservation buffers

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(5)	$x09 \leftarrow x05 + x04$	Add2	
(6)	$x10 \leftarrow x07 + x06$		

dispatching transmits
register values

	Add1	Add2	Mult	Load
source 1 tag	x01	x05	x01	x03
source 1 ready?	yes	no	yes	yes
source 2 tag	x02	x04	x02	
source 2 ready?	yes	yes	yes	
sink tag	x06	x09	x07	x05

scheduling with reservation buffers

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	Add1	Add2	Mult	Load
source 1 tag	x01	x05	x01	x03
source 1 ready?	yes	no	yes	yes
source 2 tag	x02	x04	x02	
source 2 ready?	yes	yes	yes	
sink tag	x06	x09	x07	x05

scheduling with reservation buffers

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	Add1	Add2	Mult	Load
source 1 tag	x07	x05	x01	x03
source 1 ready?	no	no	yes	yes
source 2 tag	x06	x04	x02	
source 2 ready?	yes	yes	yes	
sink tag	x10	x09	x07	x05

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source 1 tag	x07	x05	x01	x03
source 1 ready?	yes	yes	yes	yes
source 2 tag	x06	x04	x02	
source 2 ready?	yes	yes	yes	
sink tag	x10	x09	x07	x05

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source 1 tag	x07	x05	x05	x03
source 1 ready?	yes	yes	no	yes
source 2 tag	x06	x04	x04	
source 2 ready?	yes	yes	yes	
sink tag	x10	x09	x08	x05

scheduling with reservation buffers

#	(renamed) instructions	run on	done?
(1)	$x05 \leftarrow \text{Mem}[x03]$	Load	yes
(2)	$x06 \leftarrow x01 + x02$	Add1	yes
(3)	$x07 \leftarrow x01 \times x02$	Mult	yes
(4)	$x08 \leftarrow x05 \times x04$	Mult	
(5)	$x09 \leftarrow x05 + x04$	Add2	
(6)	$x10 \leftarrow x07 + x06$	Add1	yes

	Add1	Add2	Mult	Load
source 1 tag	x07	x05	x05	x03
source 1 ready?	yes	yes	yes	yes
source 2 tag	x06	x04	x04	
source 2 ready?	yes	yes	yes	
sink tag	x10	x09	x08	x05

common data bus

results are broadcast here

tag $\approx$ internal register name

reservation stations listen for operands

register file listens for register values

keeps register file from being bottleneck

fancy buses: multiple value+tags per clock cycle

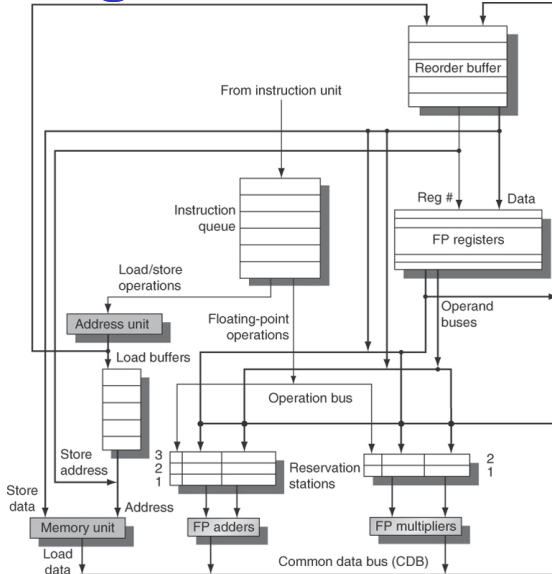
issuing instructions

assign tags for operands

instruction will execute when operands are ready

handles variable length operations (e.g. loads)

integrating with reorder buffer



integrating with reorder buffer (2)

reorder buffer just another thing listening on bus

multiple entries in reservation stations

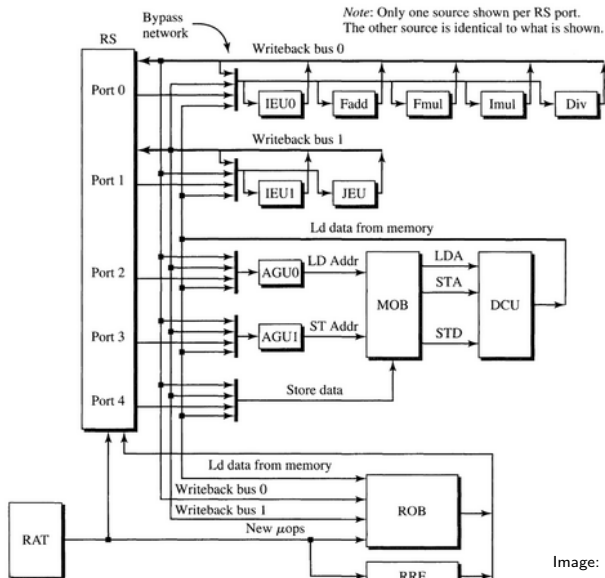
instead of dispatching one instruction, issue a list
reservation station starts whichever one gets
operands first

variations on reservation stations

Intel P6: shared reservation station for all types of operations

MIPS R10000 (next Monday's paper): read from shared register file (with renaming)

Intel P6 execution unit datapaths



summary

register renaming to avoid data hazards

otherwise even write-after-write, write-after-read a problem

shared bus to communicate results

register file, reservation buffers listen on bus

can dispatch to buffer before value ready