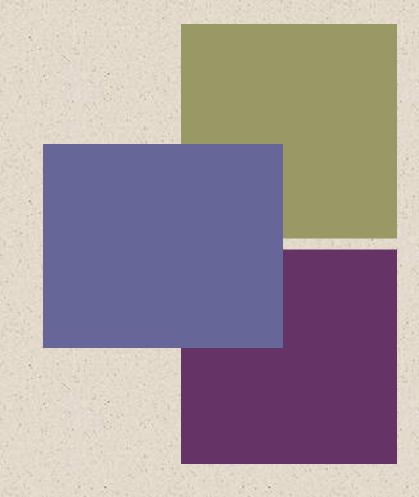


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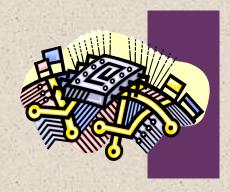
# + Chapter 14

**Processor Structure and Function** 

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### **Processor Organization**

### **Processor Requirements:**



- Fetch instruction
  - The processor reads an instruction from memory (register, cache, main memory)
- Interpret instruction
  - The instruction is decoded to determine what action is required
- Fetch data
  - The execution of an instruction may require reading data from memory or an I/O module
- Process data
  - The execution of an instruction may require performing some arithmetic or logical operation on data
- Write data
  - The results of an execution may require writing data to memory or an I/O module
- In order to do these things the processor needs to store some data temporarily and therefore needs a small internal memory

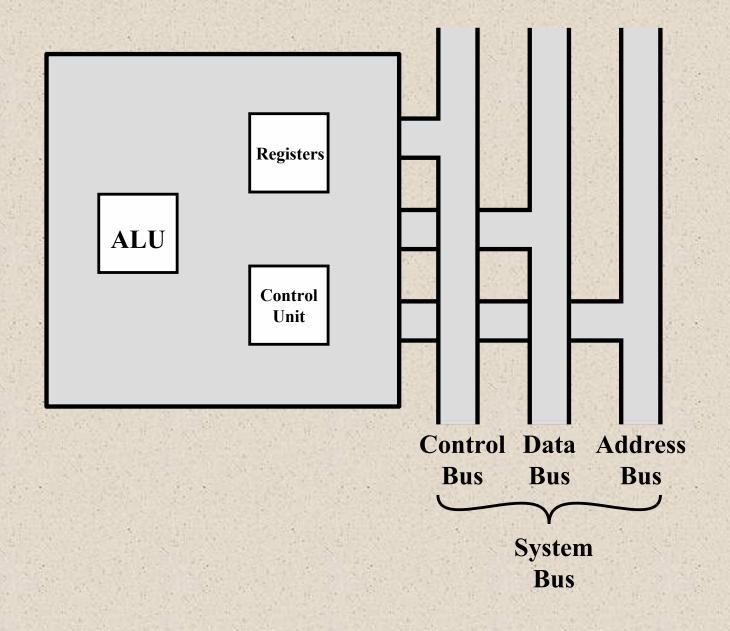


Figure 14.1 The CPU with the System Bus

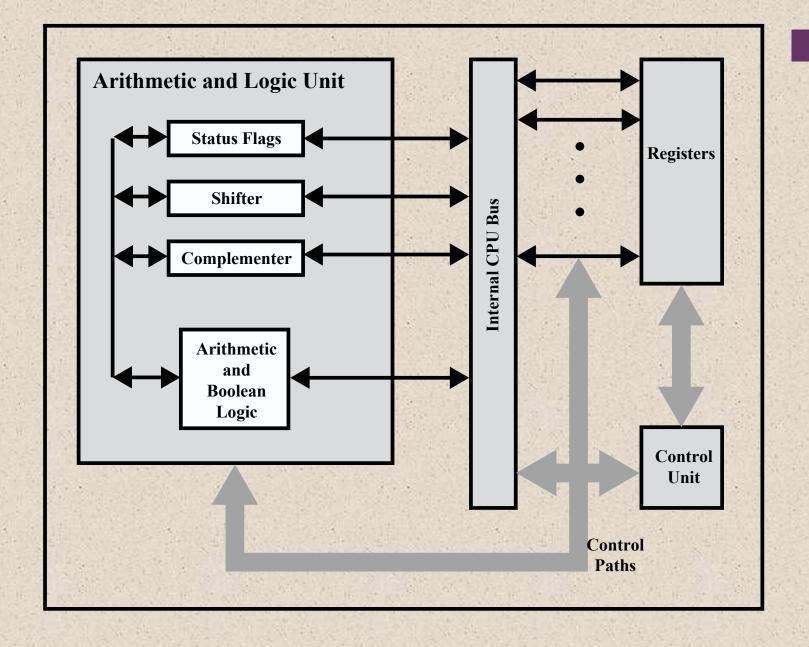


Figure 14.2 Internal Structure of the CPU

# Register Organization

- Within the processor there is a set of registers that function as a level of memory above main memory and cache in the hierarchy
- The registers in the processor perform two roles:

#### User-Visible Registers

 Enable the machine or assembly language programmer to minimize main memory references by optimizing use of registers

#### Control and Status Registers

 Used by the control unit to control the operation of the processor and by privileged operating system programs to control the execution of programs

## **User-Visible Registers**

Referenced by means of the machine language that the processor executes

### Categories:

#### General purpose

Can be assigned to a variety of functions by the programmer

#### • Data

 May be used only to hold data and cannot be employed in the calculation of an operand address

#### Address

- May be somewhat general purpose or may be devoted to a particular addressing mode
- Examples: segment pointers, index registers, stack pointer

#### Condition codes

- Also referred to as flags
- Bits set by the processor hardware as the result of operations

# Table 14.1 Condition Codes

	Advantages		Disadvantages				
1.	Because condition codes are set by normal	1.	Condition codes add complexity, both to				
1	arithmetic and data movement instructions,		the hardware and software. Condition code				
	they should reduce the number of		bits are often modified in different ways				
	COMPARE and TEST instructions needed.		by different instructions, making life more				
2.	Conditional instructions, such as BRANCH		difficult for both the microprogrammer				
	are simplified relative to composite		and compiler writer.				
	instructions, such as TEST AND	2.	$\mathcal{C}$				
	BRANCH.		typically not part of the main data path, so				
3.	Condition codes facilitate multiway		they require extra hardware connections.				
	branches. For example, a TEST instruction	3.	Often condition code machines must add				
	can be followed by two branches, one on		special non-condition-code instructions for				
	less than or equal to zero and one on		special situations anyway, such as bit				
	greater than zero.		checking, loop control, and atomic				
			semaphore operations.				
4.	Condition codes can be saved on the stack	4.	In a pipelined implementation, condition				
	during subroutine calls along with other		codes require special synchronization to				
	register information.		avoid conflicts.				

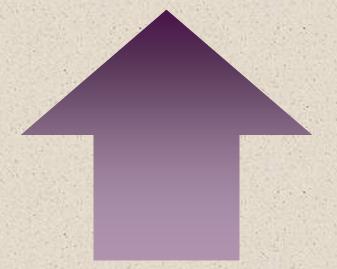
# Control and Status Registers

### Four registers are essential to instruction execution:

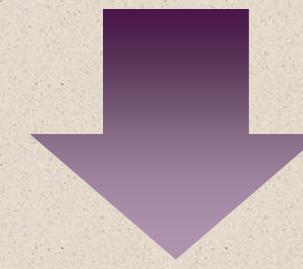
- Program counter (PC)
  - Contains the address of an instruction to be fetched
- Instruction register (IR)
  - Contains the instruction most recently fetched
- Memory address register (MAR)
  - Contains the address of a location in memory
- Memory buffer register (MBR)
  - Contains a word of data to be written to memory or the word most recently read



# <sup>+</sup> Program Status Word (PSW)



Register or set of registers that contain status information



#### Common fields or flags include:

- Sign
- · Zero
- Carry
- Equal
- Overflow
- Interrupt Enable/Disable
- Supervisor

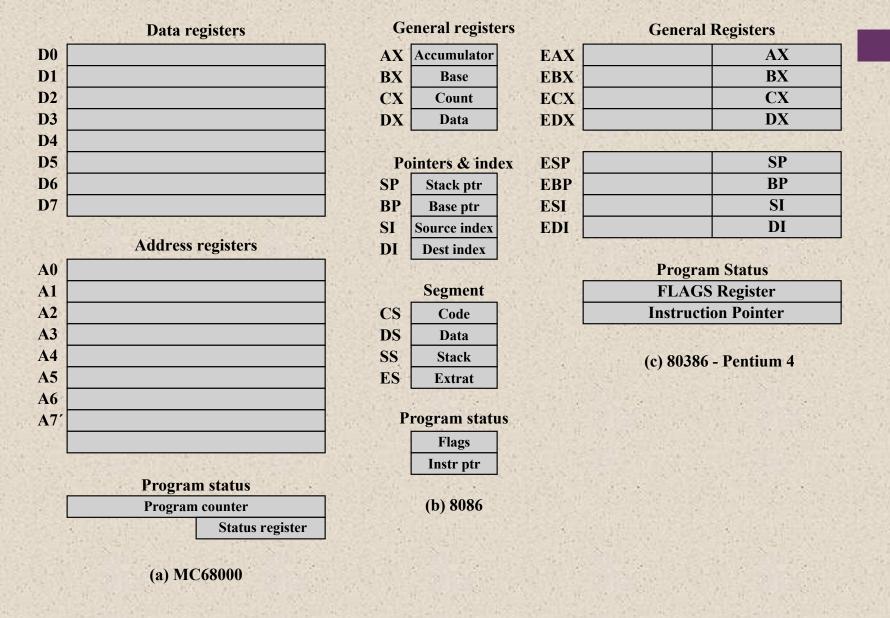
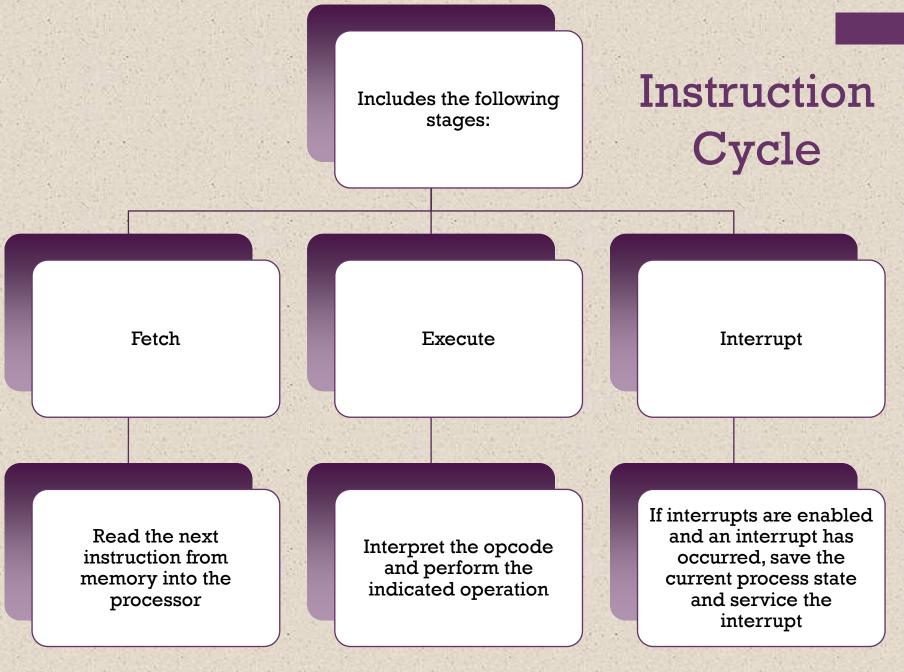


Figure 14.3 Example Microprocessor Register Organizations



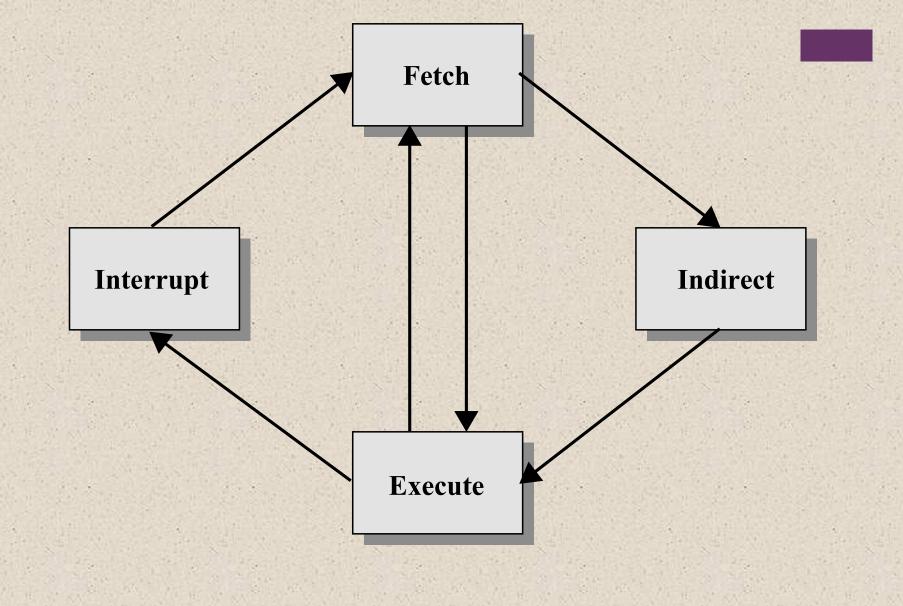


Figure 14.4 The Instruction Cycle

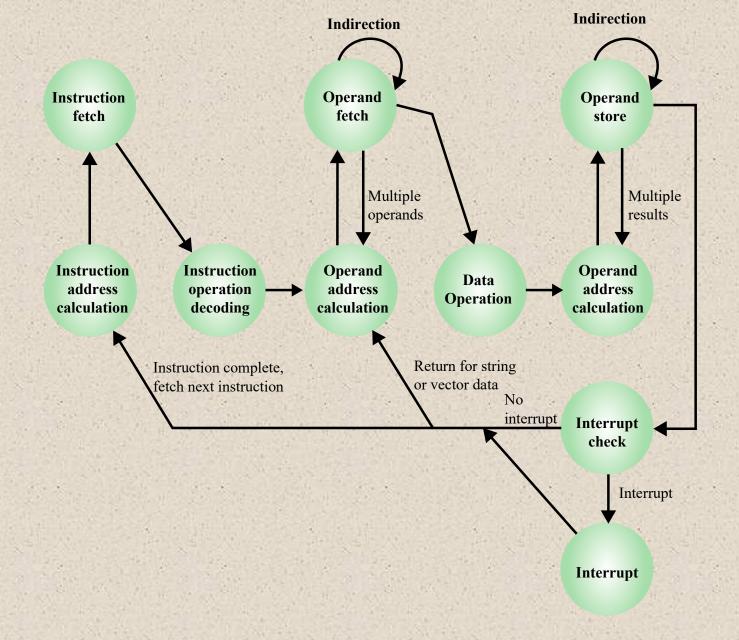
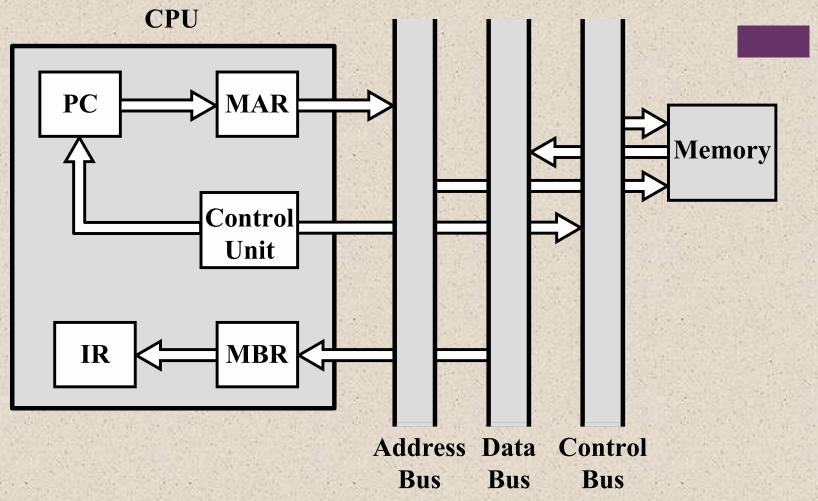


Figure 14.5 Instruction Cycle State Diagram



MBR = Memory buffer register

MAR = Memory address register

IR = Instruction register

PC = Program counter

Figure 14.6 Data Flow, Fetch Cycle

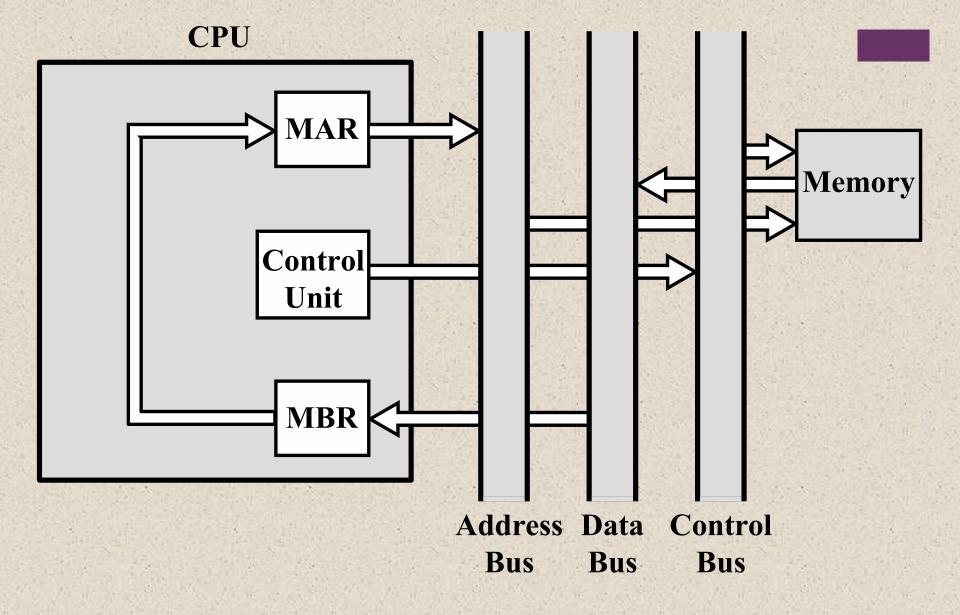


Figure 14.7 Data Flow, Indirect Cycle

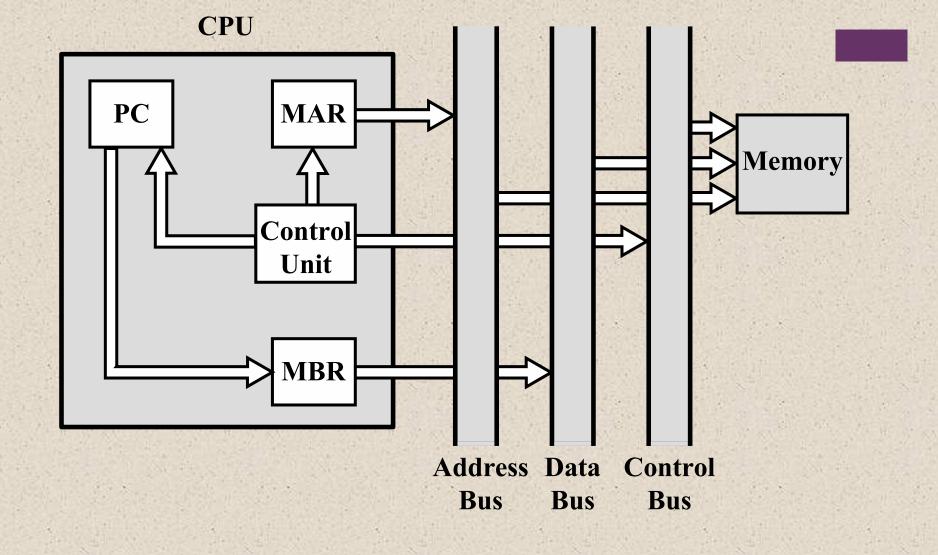
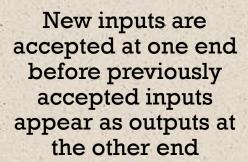
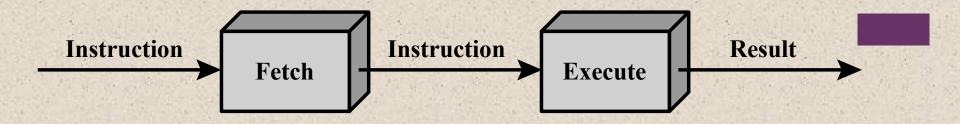


Figure 14.8 Data Flow, Interrupt Cycle

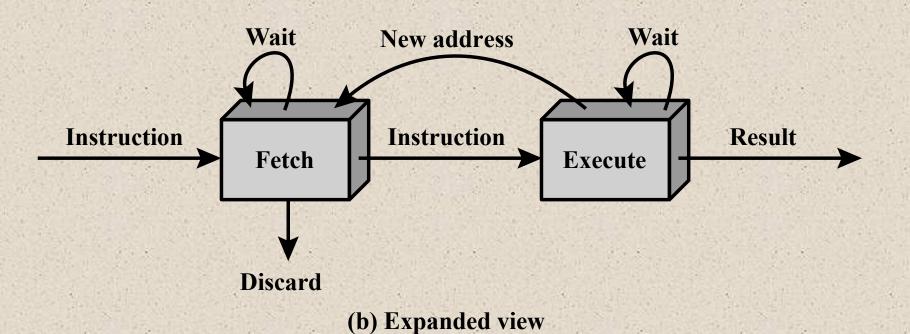
### Pipelining Strategy

Similar to the use of an assembly line in a manufacturing plant To apply this concept to instruction execution we must recognize that an instruction has a number of stages





(a) Simplified view



### Figure 14.9 Two-Stage Instruction Pipeline

# + Additional Stages

- Fetch instruction (FI)
  - Read the next expected instruction into a buffer
- Decode instruction (DI)
  - Determine the opcode and the operand specifiers
- Calculate operands (CO)
  - Calculate the effective address of each source operand
  - This may involve displacement, register indirect, indirect, or other forms of address calculation

- Fetch operands (FO)
  - Fetch each operand from memory
  - Operands in registers need not be fetched
- Execute instruction (EI)
  - Perform the indicated operation and store the result, if any, in the specified destination operand location
- Write operand (WO)
  - Store the result in memory

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>Instruction 1</b>	FI	DI	СО	FO	EI	wo								
<b>Instruction 2</b>		FI	DI	СО	FO	EI	wo							
<b>Instruction 3</b>			FI	DI	СО	FO	EI	wo						
<b>Instruction 4</b>				FI	DI	СО	FO	EI	wo					
<b>Instruction 5</b>					FI	DI	СО	FO	EI	wo				
<b>Instruction 6</b>						FI	DI	СО	FO	EI	wo			
Instruction 7							FI	DI	CO	FO	EI	wo		
<b>Instruction 8</b>								FI	DI	СО	FO	EI	wo	
Instruction 9									FI	DI	СО	FO	EI	wo

Time

Figure 14.10 Timing Diagram for Instruction Pipeline Operation

	Time					Branch Penalty								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>Instruction 1</b>	FI	DI	СО	FO	EI	wo								
<b>Instruction 2</b>		FI	DI	СО	FO	EI	wo							
<b>Instruction 3</b>			FI	DI	СО	FO	EI	wo						
<b>Instruction 4</b>				FI	DI	СО	FO							
<b>Instruction 5</b>					FI	DI	СО							
<b>Instruction 6</b>						FI	DI							
Instruction 7							FI							
<b>Instruction 15</b>								FI	DI	СО	FO	EI	wo	
<b>Instruction 16</b>									FI	DI	СО	FO	EI	wo

Figure 14.11 The Effect of a Conditional Branch on Instruction Pipeline Operation

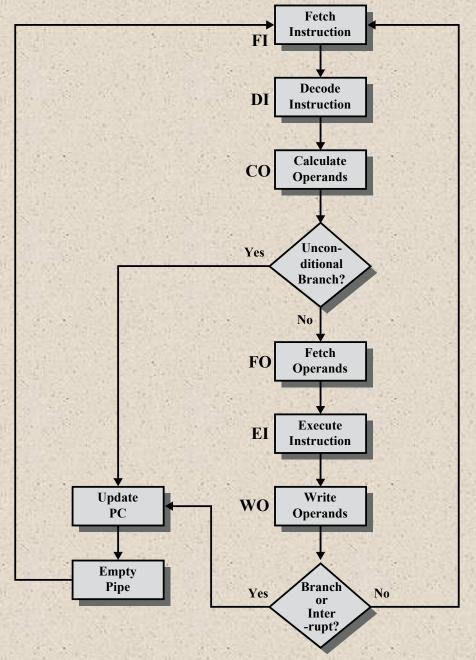


Figure 14.12 Six-Stage Instruction Pipeline

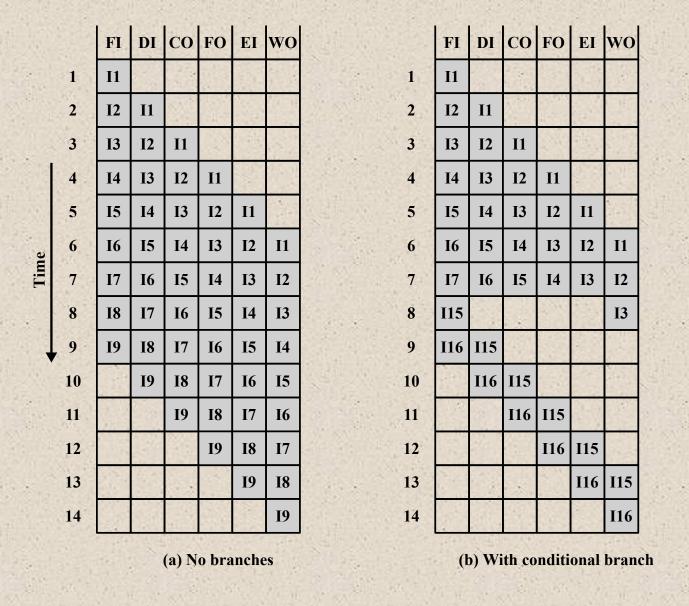


Figure 14.13 An Alternative Pipeline Depiction

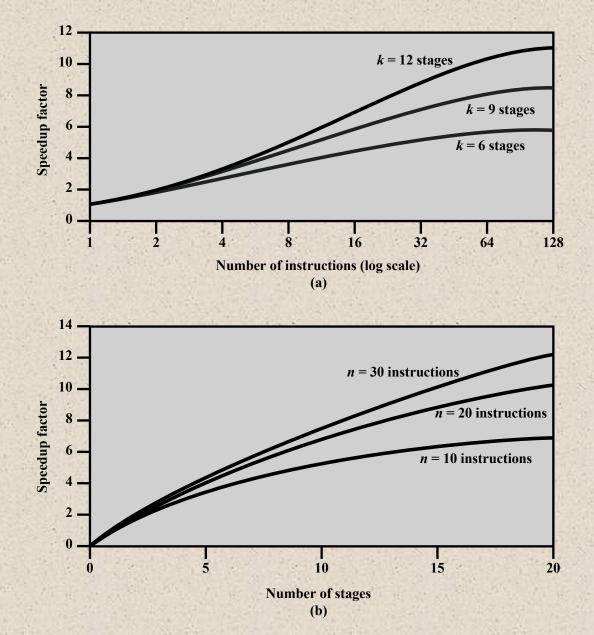


Figure 14.14 Speedup Factors with Instruction Pipelining

# Pipeline Hazards

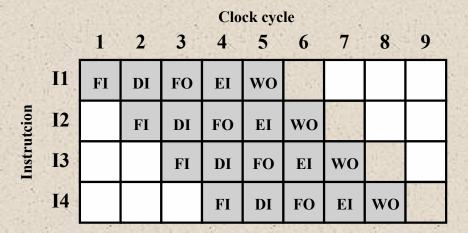
Occur when the pipeline, or some portion of the pipeline, must stall because conditions do not permit continued execution

There are three types of hazards:

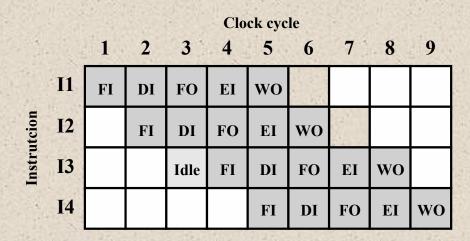
- · Resource
- Data
- Control

Also referred to as a pipeline bubble



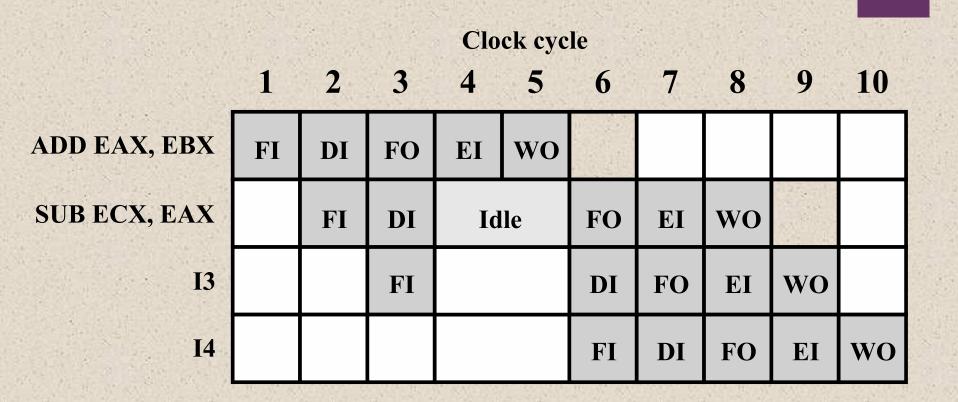


(a) Five-stage pipeline, ideal case



(b) I1 source operand in memory

Figure 14.15 Example of Resource Hazard



### Figure 14.16 Example of Data Hazard

# Types of Data Hazard

- Read after write (RAW), or true dependency
  - An instruction modifies a register or memory location
  - Succeeding instruction reads data in memory or register location
  - Hazard occurs if the read takes place before write operation is complete
- Write after read (WAR), or antidependency
  - An instruction reads a register or memory location
  - Succeeding instruction writes to the location
  - Hazard occurs if the write operation completes before the read operation takes place
- Write after write (WAW), or output dependency
  - Two instructions both write to the same location
  - Hazard occurs if the write operations take place in the reverse order of the intended sequence

# **Control Hazard**

- Also known as a branch hazard
- Occurs when the pipeline makes the wrong decision on a branch prediction
- Brings instructions into the pipeline that must subsequently be discarded
- Dealing with Branches:
  - Multiple streams
  - Prefetch branch target
  - Loop buffer
  - Branch prediction
  - Delayed branch



### Multiple Streams

A simple pipeline suffers a penalty for a branch instruction because it must choose one of two instructions to fetch next and may make the wrong choice

A brute-force approach is to replicate the initial portions of the pipeline and allow the pipeline to fetch both instructions, making use of two streams

#### Drawbacks:

- With multiple pipelines there are contention delays for access to the registers and to memory
- Additional branch instructions may enter the pipeline before the original branch decision is resolved

### **Prefetch Branch Target**

- When a conditional branch is recognized, the target of the branch is prefetched, in addition to the instruction following the branch
- Target is then saved until the branch instruction is executed
- If the branch is taken, the target has already been prefetched
- IBM 360/91 uses this approach



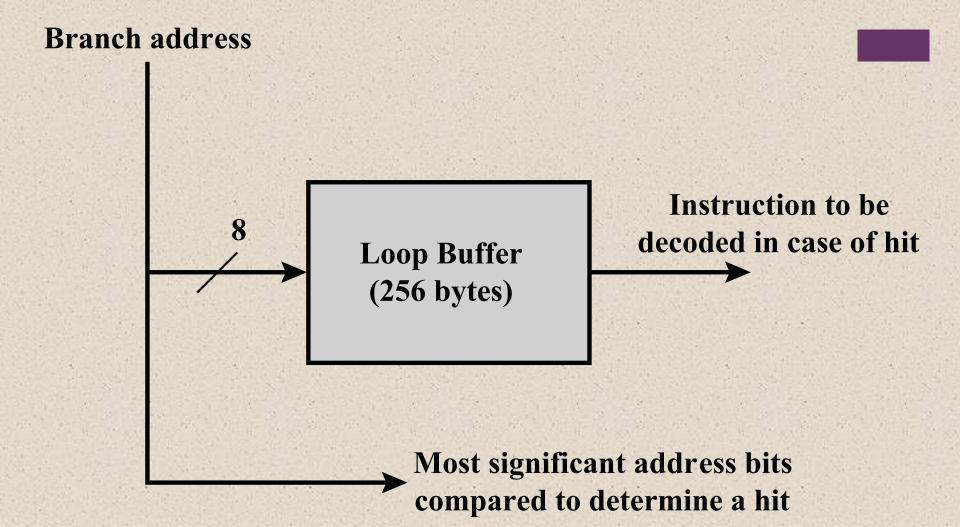


# Loop Buffer

■ Small, very-high speed memory maintained by the instruction fetch stage of the pipeline and containing the *n* most recently fetched instructions, in sequence

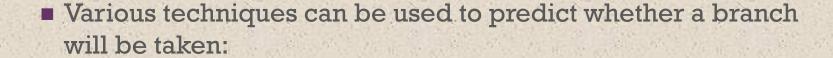
#### ■ Benefits:

- Instructions fetched in sequence will be available without the usual memory access time
- If a branch occurs to a target just a few locations ahead of the address of the branch instruction, the target will already be in the buffer
- This strategy is particularly well suited to dealing with loops
- Similar in principle to a cache dedicated to instructions
  - Differences:
    - The loop buffer only retains instructions in sequence
    - Is much smaller in size and hence lower in cost



### Figure 14.17 Loop Buffer

### **Branch Prediction**



- 1. Predict never taken
- 2. Predict always taken
- 3. Predict by opcode
- 1. Taken/not taken switch
- 2. Branch history table

- These approaches are static
- They do not depend on the execution history up to the time of the conditional branch instruction
  - These approaches are dynamic
- They depend on the execution history

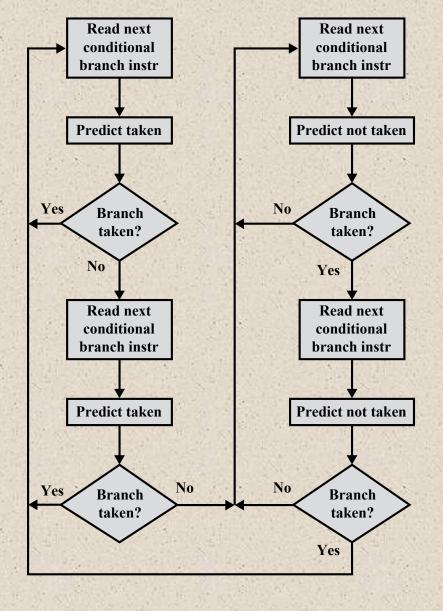


Figure 14.18 Branch Prediction Flow Chart

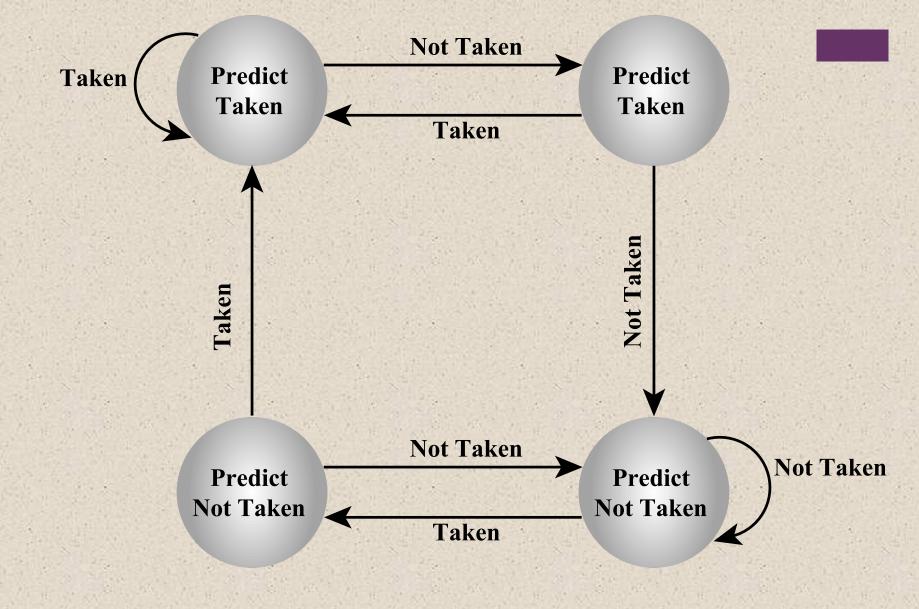
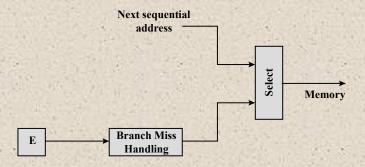
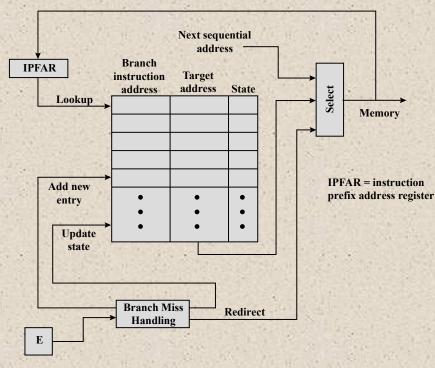


Figure 14.19 Branch Prediction State Diagram



(a) Predict never taken strategy



(b) Branch history table strategy

Figure 14.20 Dealing with Branches

## Intel 80486 Pipelining



#### Fetch

Objective is to fill the prefetch buffers with new data as soon as the old data have been consumed by the instruction decoder Operates independently of the other stages to keep the prefetch buffers full



#### Decode stage 1

All opcode and addressing-mode information is decoded in the D1 stage

3 bytes of instruction are passed to the D1 stage from the prefetch buffers

D1 decoder can then direct the D2 stage to capture the rest of the instruction



#### Decode stage 2

Expands each opcode into control signals for the ALU

Also controls the computation of the more complex addressing modes



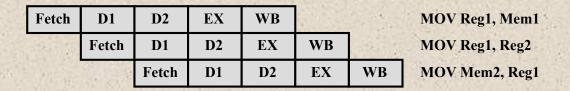
#### Execute

Stage includes ALU operations, cache access, and register update



#### Write back

Updates registers and status flags modified during the preceding execute stage



#### (a) No Data Load Delay in the Pipeline

Fetch	D1	D2	EX	WB	176	MOV Reg1, Mem1
	Fetch	D1		D2	EX	MOV Reg2, (Reg1)

#### (b) Pointer Load Delay

Fetch	D1	D2	EX	WB			CMP Reg1, Imm			
	Fetch	D1	D2	EX				Jcc Target		
				Fetch	D1	D2	EX	Target		

#### (c) Branch Instruction Timing

**Figure 14.21 80486 Instruction Pipeline Examples** 

#### (a) Integer Unit in 32-bit Mode

Туре	Number	Length (bits)	Purpose
General	8	32	General-purpose user registers
Segment	6	16	Contain segment selectors
EFLAGS	1	32	Status and control bits
Instruction Pointer	1	32	Instruction pointer

#### (b) Integer Unit in 64-bit Mode

Туре	Number	Length (bits)	Purpose
General	16	32	General-purpose user registers
Segment	6	16	Contain segment selectors
RFLAGS	1	64	Status and control bits
Instruction Pointer	1	64	Instruction pointer

#### (c) Floating-Point Unit

Type	Number	Length (bits)	Purpose
Numeric	8	80	Hold floating-point numbers
Control	1	16	Control bits
Status	1	16	Status bits
Tag Word	1	16	Specifies contents of numeric registers
Instruction Pointer	1	48	Points to instruction interrupted by exception
Data Pointer	1	48	Points to operand interrupted by exception

## Table 14.2

## x86 Processor Registers

3	1	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13 12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
(	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	I D	V I P	V I F	A C	V M	R F	0	N T	I O P L	O F	D F	I F		S F	Z F	0	A F	0	P F	1	C F	

X ID = Identification flag

X VIP = Virtual interrupt pending

X VIF = Virtual interrupt flag

X AC = Alignment check

X VM = Virtual 8086 mode

X RF = Resume flag

X NT = Nested task flag

X IOPL = I/O privilege level

S OF = Overflow flag

S Indicates a Status Flag

C Indicates a Control Flag

X Indicates a System Flag

Shaded bits are reserved

C DF = Direction flag

X IF = Interrupt enable flag

X TF = Trap flag

S SF = Sign flag

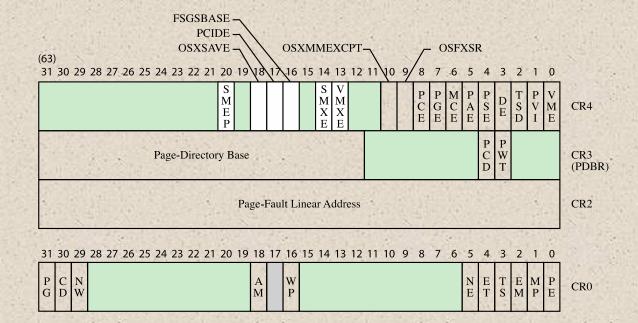
SZF = Zero flag

S AF = Auxiliary carry flag

S PF = Parity flag

S CF = Carry flag

#### Figure 14.22 x86 EFLAGS Register



#### shaded area indicates reserved bits

	OSXSAVE	۲.	XSAVE enable bit	VME	=	Virtual 8086 Mode Extensions	
	PCIDE	=	Enables process-context identifiers	PCD	=	Page-level Cache Disable	
	FSGSBASE	=	Enables segment base instructions	PWT	=	Page-level Writes Transparent	
	SMXE		Enable Safer mode extensions	PG	=	Paging	-
	VMXE	= )	Enable virtual machine extensions	CD	=	Cache Disable	
g	OSXMMEXCPT	=	Support unmasked SIMD FP exceptions	NW	=	Not Write Through	
ŝ	OSFXSR	=	Support FXSAVE, FXSTOR	AM	=	Alignment Mask	
	PCE	È.	Performance Counter Enable	WP	=	Write Protect	
8	PGE	=	Page Global Enable	NE	=	Numeric Error	
	MCE	=	Machine Check Enable	ET	=	Extension Type	
	PAE		Physical Address Extension	TS	=	Task Switched	
	PSE	=	Page Size Extensions	EM	=	Emulation	
	DE	= :	Debug Extensions	MP	=	Monitor Coprocessor	
	TSD	=	Time Stamp Disable	PE	=	Protection Enable	
	PVI	=	Protected Mode Virtual Interrupt				

Figure 14.23 x86 Control Registers

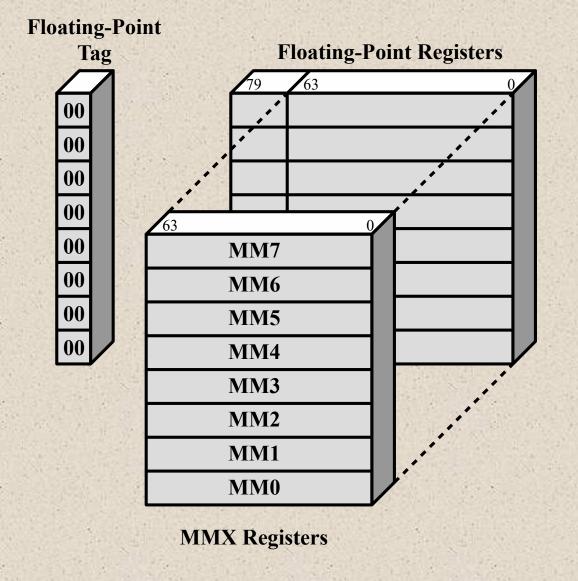


Figure 14.24 Mapping of MMX Registers to Floating-Point Registers

## Interrupt Processing

### Interrupts and Exceptions

#### ■ Interrupts

- Generated by a signal from hardware and it may occur at random times during the execution of a program
- Maskable
- Nonmaskable

#### ■ Exceptions

- Generated from software and is provoked by the execution of an instruction
- Processor detected
- Programmed
- Interrupt vector table
  - Every type of interrupt is assigned a number
  - Number is used to index into the interrupt vector table

<b>Vector Number</b>	Description								
0	Divide error; division overflow or division by zero								
1	Debug exception; includes various faults and traps related to debugging								
2	NMI pin interrupt; signal on NMI pin								
3	Breakpoint; caused by INT 3 instruction, which is a 1-byte instruction useful for debugging								
4	INTO-detected overflow; occurs when the processor executes INTO with the OF flag set								
5	BOUND range exceeded; the BOUND instruction compares a register with boundaries stored in memory and generates an interrupt if the contents of the register is out of bounds.								
6	Undefined opcode								
7	Device not available; attempt to use ESC or WAIT instruction fails due to lack of external device								
8	Double fault; two interrupts occur during the same instruction and cannot be handled serially								
9	Reserved								
10	Invalid task state segment; segment describing a requested task is not initialized or not valid								
11	Segment not present; required segment not present								
12	Stack fault; limit of stack segment exceeded or stack segment not present								
13	General protection; protection violation that does not cause another exception (e.g., writing to a read-only segment)								
14	Page fault								
15	Reserved								
16	Floating-point error; generated by a floating-point arithmetic instruction								
17	Alignment check; access to a word stored at an odd byte address or a doubleword stored at an address not a multiple of 4								
18	Machine check; model specific								
19-31	Reserved								
32-255	User interrupt vectors; provided when INTR signal is activated								

Table 14.3

x86

Exception

and

Interrupt

**Vector Table** 

Unshaded: exceptions Shaded: interrupts

## The ARM Processor

# ARM is primarily a RISC system with the following attributes:

- Moderate array of uniform registers
- A load/store model of data processing in which operations only perform on operands in registers and not directly in memory
- A uniform fixed-length instruction of 32 bits for the standard set and 16 bits for the Thumb instruction set
- Separate arithmetic logic unit (ALU) and shifter units
- A small number of addressing modes with all load/store addresses determined from registers and instruction fields
- Auto-increment and auto-decrement addressing modes are used to improve the operation of program loops
- Conditional execution of instructions minimizes the need for conditional branch instructions, thereby improving pipeline efficiency, because pipeline flushing is reduced

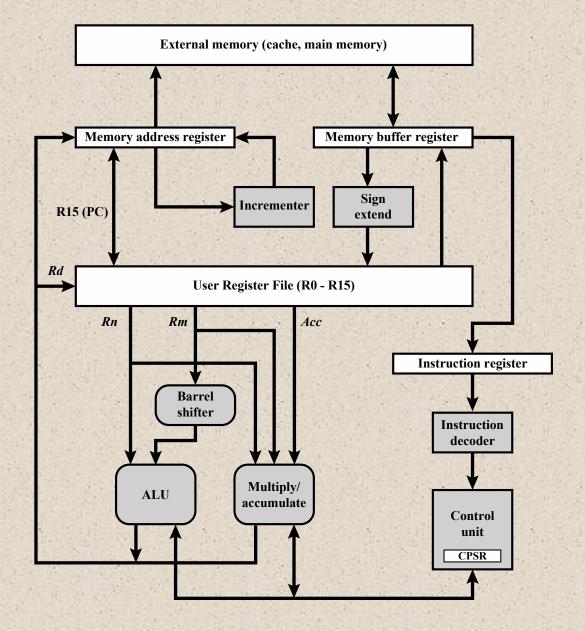


Figure 14.25 Simplified ARM Organization

## **Processor Modes**

ARM
architecture
supports seven
execution
modes

# Most application programs execute in user mode

 While the processor is in user mode the program being executed is unable to access protected system resources or to change mode, other than by causing an exception to occur

#### Remaining six execution modes are referred to as privileged modes

 These modes are used to run system software

# Advantages to defining so many different privileged modes

- •The OS can tailor the use of system software to a variety of circumstances
- Certain registers are dedicated for use for each of the privileged modes, allows swifter changes in context

## **Exception Modes**

Have full access
to system
resources and can
change modes
freely

Entered when specific exceptions occur

#### Exception modes:

- Supervisor mode
- Abort mode
- Undefined mode
- Fast interrupt mode
- Interrupt mode

#### System mode:

- Not entered by any exception and uses the same registers available in User mode
- Is used for running certain privileged operating system tasks
- May be interrupted by any of the five exception categories

			Modes			
Jan College		E ALTERIA	Privilege	d modes		
		the state of the s	E	xception mod	es	
User	System	Supervisor	Abort	Undefined	Interrupt	Fast Interrupt
R0	R0	R0	R0	R0	R0	R0
R1	R1	R1	R1	R1	R1	R1
R2	R2	R2	R2	R2	R2	R2
R3	R3	R3	R3	R3	R3	R3
R4	R4	R4	R4	R4	R4	R4
R5	R5	R5	R5	R5	R5	R5
R6	R6	R6	R6	R6	R6	R6
R7	R7	R7	R7	R7	R7	R7
R8	R8	R8	R8	R8	R8	R8_fiq
R9	R9	R9	R9	R9	R9	R9_fiq
R10	R10	R10	R10	R10	R10	R10_fiq
R11	R11	R11	R11	R11	R11	R11_fiq
R12	R12	R12	R12	R12	R12	R12_fiq
R13 (SP)	R13 (SP)	R13_svc	R13_abt	R13_und	R13_irq	R13_fiq
R14 (LR)	R14 (LR)	R14_svc	R14_abt	R14_und	R14_irq	R14_fiq
R15 (PC)	R15 (PC)	R15 (PC)	R15 (PC)	R15 (PC)	R15 (PC)	R15 (PC)

CPSR	CPSR	CPSR	CPSR	CPSR	CPSR	CPSR
A. F. J.		SPSR_svc	SPSR_abt	SPSR_und	SPSR_irq	SPSR_fiq

Shading indicates that the normal register used by User or System mode has been replaced by an alternative register specific to the exception mode.

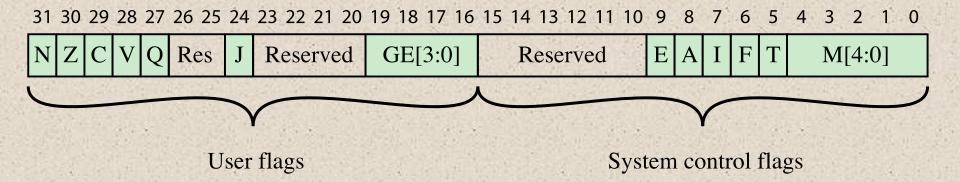
SP = stack pointer C LR = link register Si

CPSR = current program status register

PC = program counter

SPSR = saved program status register

Figure 14.26 ARM Register Organization



## Figure 14.27 Format of ARM CPSR AND SPSR

Exception type	Mode	Normal	Description					
		entry						
		address						
Reset	Supervisor	0x00000000	Occurs when the system is initialized.					
Data abort	Abort	0x00000010	Occurs when an invalid memory address has been accessed, such as if there is no physical memory for an address or the correct access permission is lacking.					
FIQ (fast interrupt)	FIQ	0x0000001C	Occurs when an external device asserts the FIQ pin on the processor. An interrupt cannot be interrupted except by an FIQ. FIQ is designed to support a data transfer or channel process, and has sufficient private registers to remove the need for register saving in such applications, therefore minimizing the overhead of context switching. A fast interrupt cannot be interrupted.					
IRQ (interrupt)	IRQ	0x00000018	Occurs when an external device asserts the IRQ pin on the processor. An interrupt cannot be interrupted except by an FIQ.					
Prefetch abort	Abort	0x0000000C	Occurs when an attempt to fetch an instruction results in a memory fault. The exception is raised when the instruction enters the execute stage of the pipeline.					
Undefined instructions	Undefined	0x00000004	Occurs when an instruction not in the instruction set reaches the execute stage of the pipeline.					
Software interrupt	Supervisor	0x00000008	Generally used to allow user mode programs to call the OS. The user program executes a SWI instruction with an argument that identifies the function the user wishes to perform.					

## Table 14.4

# ARM Interrupt Vector

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