

CSSE232

# Computer Architecture

Introduction

# Reading

- Better for you if done before class
- For today:
  - Ch 1 (esp 1.1-3, 10)
  - App. C
  - Sections 2.4, 3.1-2

# Outline

- Introductions
- Class details
  - Syllabus, website, schedule
- History of computing
- Moore's Law
- Class outline
  - Parts of a computer
  - Program processing
  - Introduction to MIPS
  - Project

# Introduction

- Introductions
  - Name/nickname
  - Location on campus
  - One thing you enjoy or are good at
- Student assistants
- Instructor

# Class details

- Syllabus on course webpage
  - <http://www.rose-hulman.edu/Class/csse/csse232/>
- Submit homework hardcopies in class
- Submit labs through SVN
  - You will be given a repository
  - `csse232-1314b-yourusername`
- Project submission will be discussed later

# Quick poll

- How many SE? CS? CPE?
- Anyone else?

# Five classic components of a computer

- Same components for all kinds of computers  
(Desktop, server, embedded)



# Five classic components of a computer

- Same components for all kinds of computers (Desktop, server, embedded)
  - Input
  - Output
  - Memory - stored program model (von Neumann)
  - Datapath – performs arithmetic operations
  - Control – tells the datapath, memory, and devices what to do



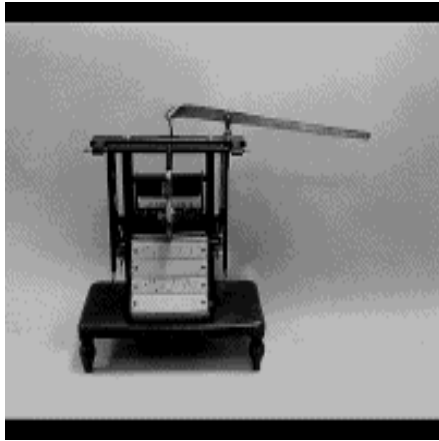


- Difference between hardware/software?
  - Both implement algorithms
- What is a computer?
  - Input, output, memory, processor
  - Processor : datapath, control
- How old is computing?
  - 1943, enigma, Alan Turing, Blechly Park, Colossus
  - 1830, Charles Babbage, Analytical engine
  - 1803, Jacquard loom
  - 1951, UNIVAC, 1<sup>st</sup> commercial computer

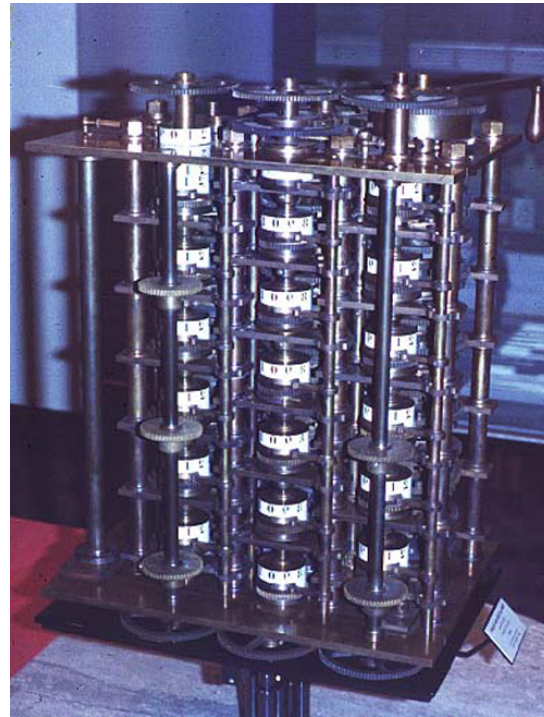
# History of Computers

- Mechanical / Electromechanical
- Vacuum tube
- Transistor
- Integrated circuit
- Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI) /  
Microprocessor
- Ultra Large Scale Integration (ULSI) /  
Microprocessor

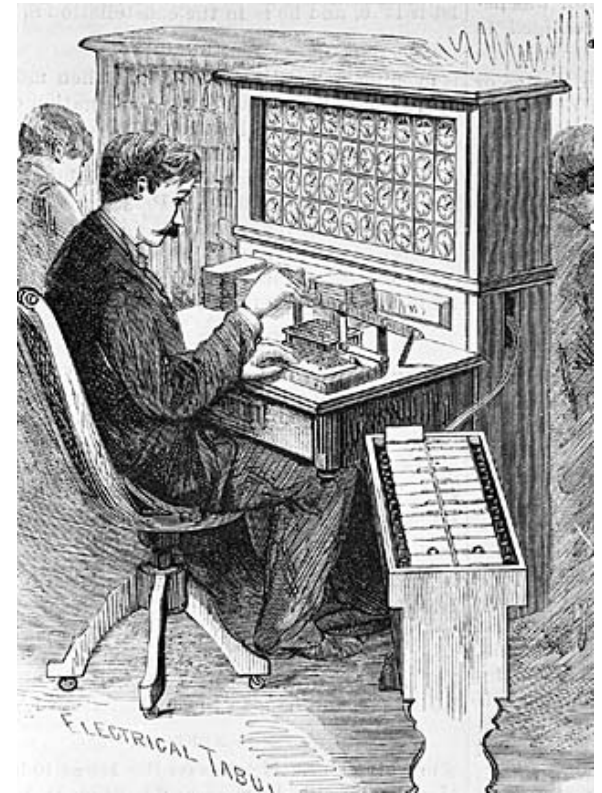
# Mechanical/Electromechanical



Jacquard's Loom  
1805

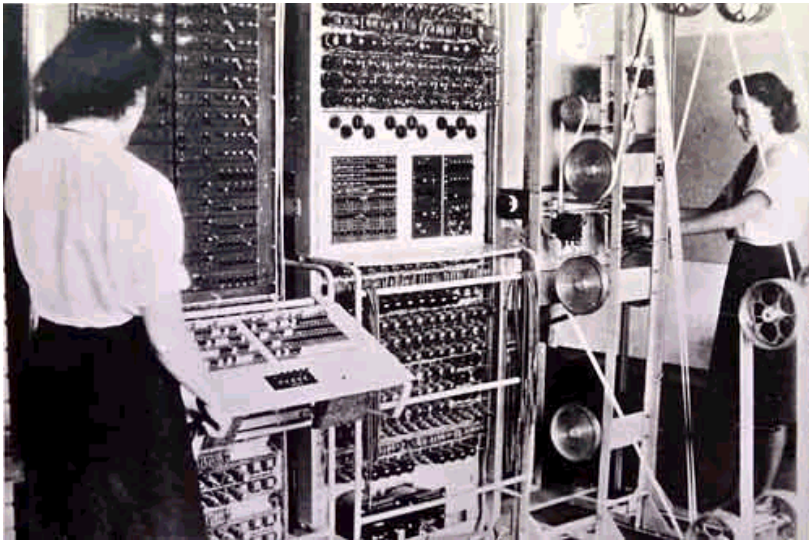


Babbage's engine  
1833, 1837, 1853

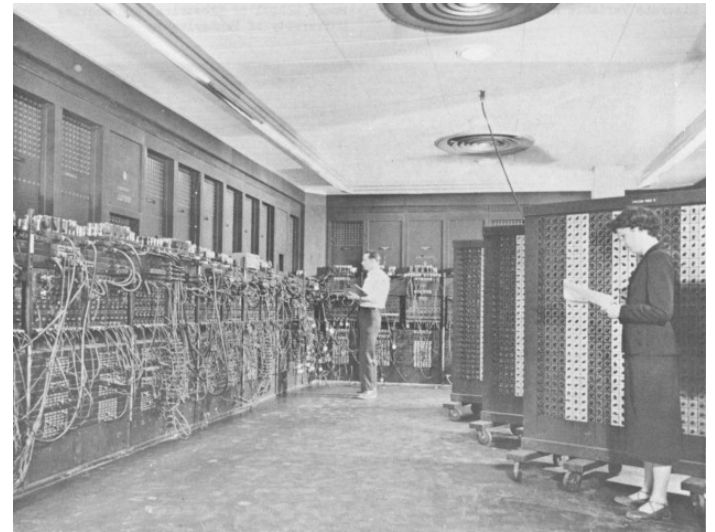


Hollerith's Census Tabulator  
1890

# Vacuum Tubes

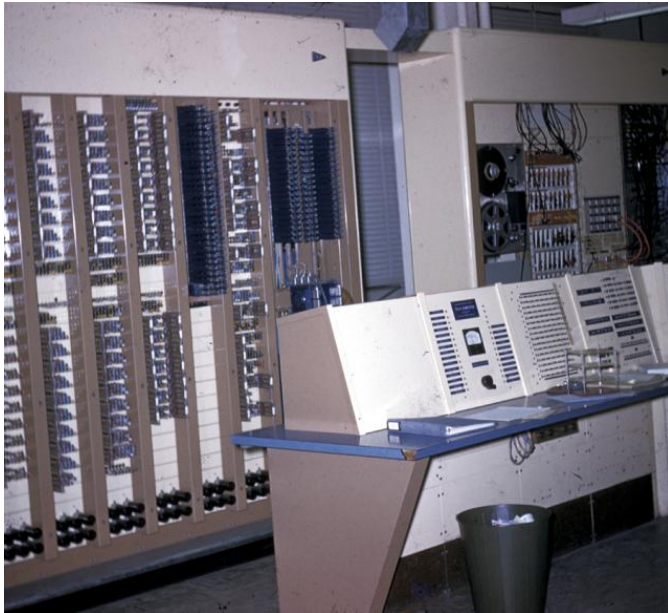


COLUSSUS  
1943



ENIAC  
1946

# Transistors



TX-0  
1955



CDC 1604  
1960

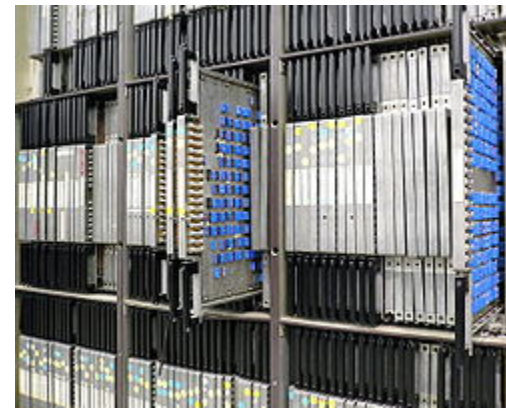


Replica of first working transistor

# Integrated Circuits



IBM 360  
1965



Illiac IV  
1976

# VLSI and ULSI

- Thousands of transistors on chip
- Entire system on chip
- Parallel processing

1982 vs 2010

28.75 lbs/ 0.3 lbs = ~100 times heavier

4MHz / 1 GHz = 250 times slower

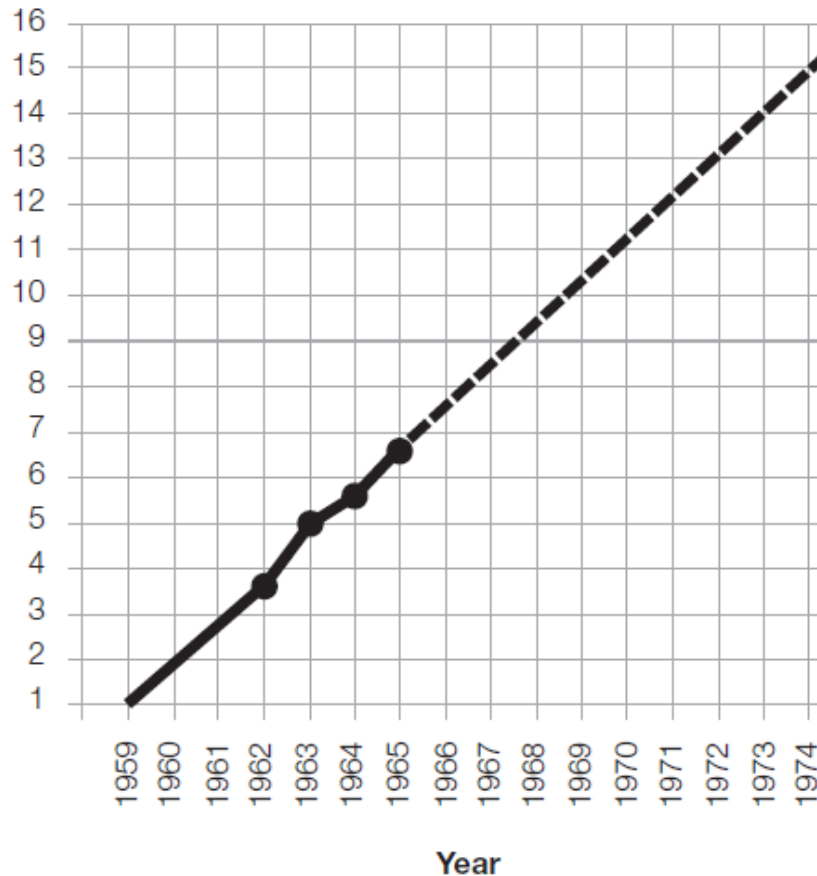
\$2500 / \$500 = 5 times more expensive

$(52\text{cm} \times 23\text{cm} \times 33\text{cm}) / (11.5\text{cm} \times 5.86\text{cm} \times 0.93\text{cm}) = 629$  times as large

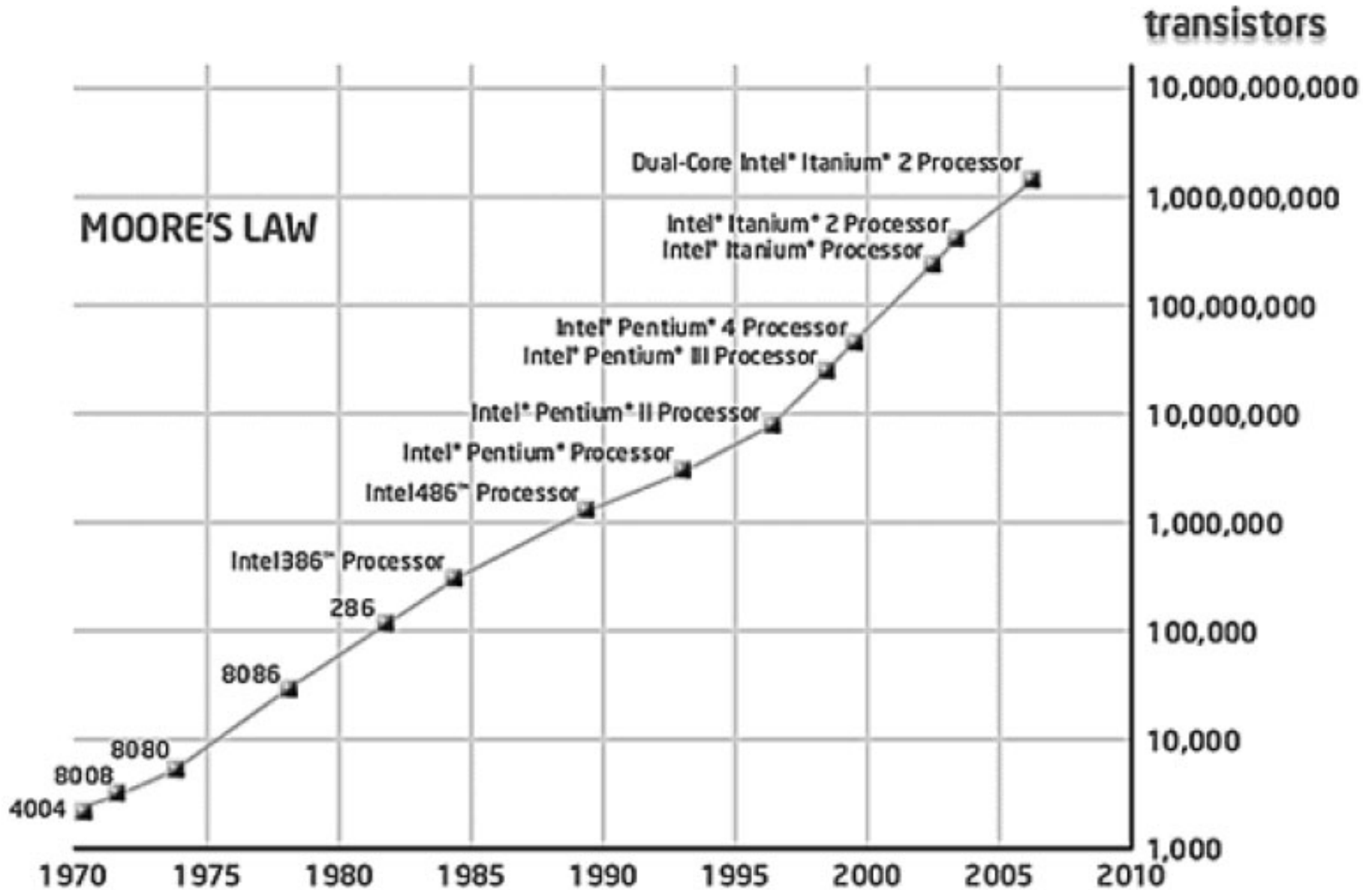




# Moore's Original Prediction



- Moore predicted that transistor counts would double every 2 years
- Not really a law, just an observation

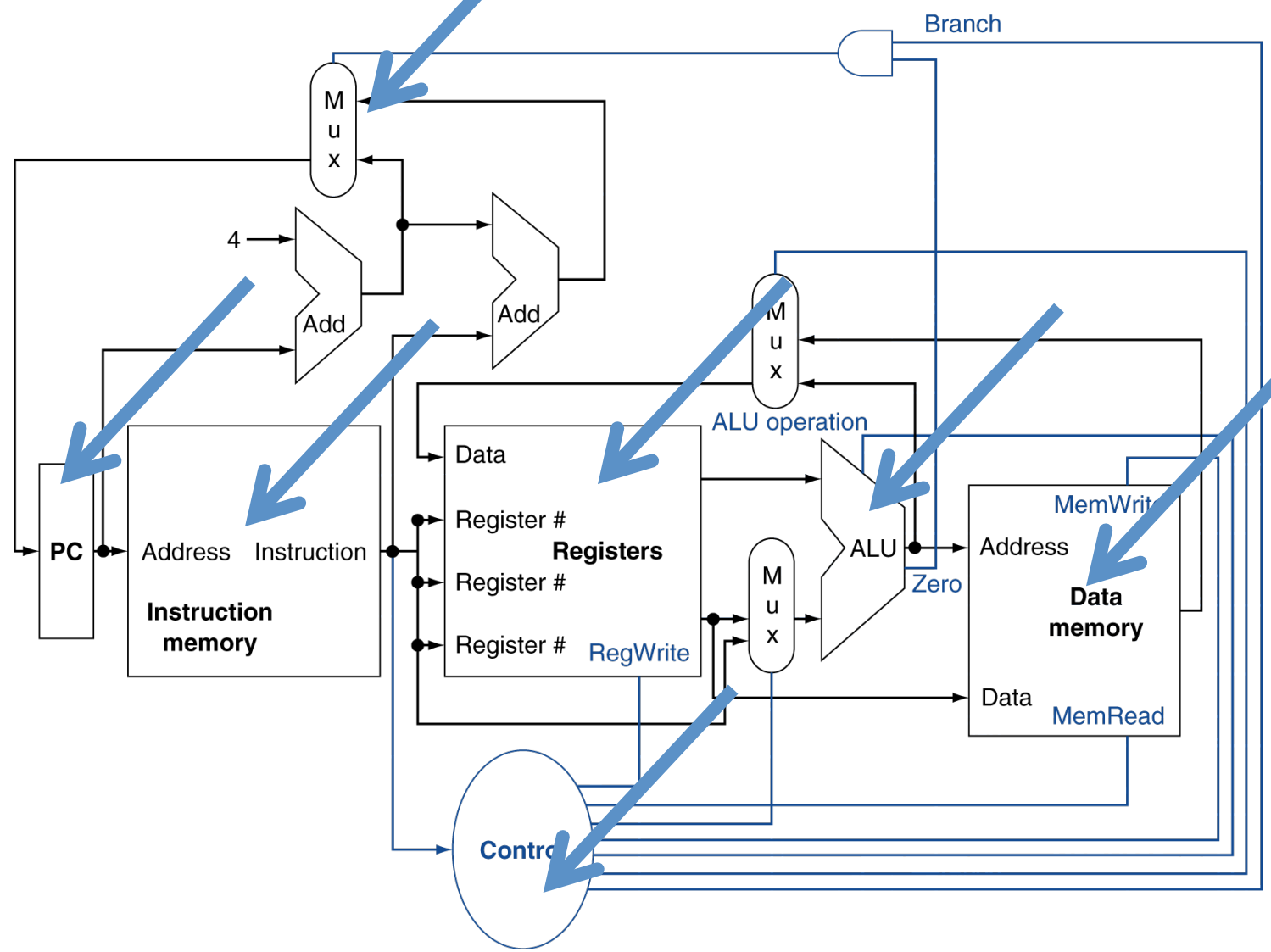




# Computers for us

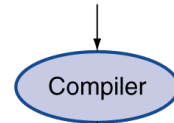
- Datapath + control
- I/O
- Memory
  
- Instructions to make drive the whole engine
  - Instruction set

# Datapath



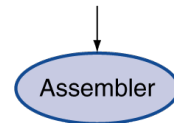
High-level  
language  
program  
(in C)

```
swap(int v[], int k)
{int temp;
  temp = v[k];
  v[k] = v[k+1];
  v[k+1] = temp;
}
```



Assembly  
language  
program  
(for MIPS)

```
swap:
  muli $2, $5,4
  add  $2, $4,$2
  lw   $15, 0($2)
  lw   $16, 4($2)
  sw   $16, 0($2)
  sw   $15, 4($2)
  jr   $31
```



Binary machine  
language  
program  
(for MIPS)

```
000000001010000100000000000011000
00000000000110000001100000100001
10001100011000100000000000000000
10001100111100100000000000000100
10101100111100100000000000000000
10101100011000100000000000000100
00000011111000000000000000001000
```

# Levels of Program Code

- High-level language
  - Level of abstraction closer to problem domain
  - Provides for productivity and portability
- Assembly language
  - Textual representation of instructions
- Hardware representation
  - Binary digits (bits)
  - Encoded instructions and data

# What is an Instruction Set?

To command a computer, you must speak its language.

The words of a computer are called instructions, and its vocabulary is an instruction set.



# The MIPS Instruction Set

- Used as the example throughout the book
- Stanford MIPS commercialized by MIPS Technologies ([www.mips.com](http://www.mips.com))
- Large share of embedded core market
  - Applications in consumer electronics, network/storage equipment, cameras, printers, ...
- Typical of many modern ISAs
  - See MIPS Reference Data tear-out card, and Appendixes B and E

# Android and MIPS



# MIPS Design Principles

## 1. **Simplicity favors regularity**

- All instructions single size
- Always requires three register operands in arithmetic instructions
- Register fields always in the same place

## 2. **Smaller is faster**

- Only 32 registers

## 3. **Make the common case fast**

- PC-relative addressing for conditional branches
- Immediate addressing for larger constant operands

## 4. **Good design demands good compromise**

- Compromise between providing for larger addresses and constants in instructions and keeping all instructions the same length

# Course outline

- We will learn
  - CPU performance metrics
  - MIPS instruction set architecture
  - Assembly language programs
  - CPU datapath design
    - Types
    - Components
  - Project – build CPU

# Project

- Teamwork (3 or 4)
- Design a “miniscule instruction set” general purpose processor that can execute programs stored in an external memory
- Model your design, test it, debug it, assess its performance, and possibly implement it on a Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) microchip
- Maintain current documentation
- Presentations

# Project (cont.)

- Your processor must be capable of executing programs stored in an external memory with which it communicates using:
  - A 16-bit address bus, and
  - A 16-bit data bus.
- Further, your processor should support:
  - Interrupts from two input devices,
  - Reading from a 4-bit input port,
  - Reading from and writing to a special 16-bit display register, and
  - Displaying the contents of the display register on the LCD display via a 16-bit output port.

# Project (cont.)

- Your instruction set:
  - Must be capable of performing general computations, and
  - Must support parameterized and nested procedures.

# Lab0 - ioBlockPart

- Install Xilinx Tools (ISE 13.4)
- Run ISE 13.4
- Test your installation
  - Boards are in F217
- Modify the project
- Due date on website



# HWO

- Review of CSSE132
- Material we will cover in the upcoming days
- Due date on website

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