

Computer Organization & Assembly Language Programming



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Lecture # 13

Design of Counters



Slides of first half of the course are adapted from: <u>https://www.nand2tetris.org</u> Download s/w tools required for first half of the course from the following link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9c0BdDJz6XpZUh3X2dPR1o0MUE/view



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Today's Agenda

- Overview of Hack Computer Components
- Overview of Counters
- Why do we need Counter for our Hack Computer
- Concept of Program Counter
- Counter Simulation
- Design and Implementation of PC for Hack Computer
- Demo on H/W Simulator



Hack Computer System

Computer System





Counters



Overview of Counters

- A counter is a special type of register that goes through a pre-determined sequence of states upon the application of input pulses
- Counters are used for:
 - Counting the number of occurrences of an event
 - Keeping time or calculating amount of time between events
 - Baud rate generation
- A w-bit counter consists of two main elements:
 - A w-bit register to store a w-bit value
 - A combinational logic to
 - Compute the next value (according to a specific counting function)
 - Load a new value of user/programmer choice
 - Reset the counter to a default value
- Examples:
 - Simple Up/Down Binary Counters
 - BCD Counter(s)
 - Gray Code Counter
 - Ring Counter
 - Johnson Counter



Why we Need Counter Chip for Hack CPU

- Consider a counter chip designed to contain the address of the instruction that the computer should fetch and execute next
- In most cases, the counter has to simply increment itself by 1 in each clock cycle, thus causing the computer to fetch the next instruction in the program
- In other cases, we may want the program to *jump to an instruction at memory address n*, so the programmer want to set the counter to a value of *n*, rather than its default counting behavior with *n*+1, *n*+2, and so forth
- Finally, the program's execution can be restarted anytime by resetting the counter to 0, assuming that the address of the program's first instruction
- In short, we need a loadable and resettable counter

- Every computer has a special register called the Program Counter, normally called the PC, which keeps track of the instruction to be fetched and executed next
- The PC is designed to support three possible control operations:
 - **Reset:** Fetch the first instruction
 - Next: Fetch the next instruction
 - Goto: Fetch instruction at address **n**

PC = 0

$$PC = n$$



Program Counter Register



Counter Abstraction





Counter Simulation



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16 Bit Program Counter Implementation



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Program Counter Demo





Things To Do

• Perform testing of the chips designed in today's session on the h/w simulator. You can download the .hdl, .tst and .cmp files of above chips from the course bitbucket repository:

https://bitbucket.org/arifpucit/coal-repo/

• Interested students should also try to design, implement and simulate binary down counter, cascaded BCD counter, Gray Counter, Ring counter, and Johnson counter



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