Operating System and Virtual Memory

Computer Science 240

Laboratory 12

Operating System

Can execute an operating system loop and service 3 processes. Each process is allowed to execute for 16 instructions before it is moved to the tail of the queue.

Operating system always uses address 0 - 63, PID 1 uses 64 - 127, PID 2 uses 128 - 191, and PID 3 uses 191 - 255. The appropriate section of memory is accessed by using the PID as the two most significant bits of the address throughout the datapath.

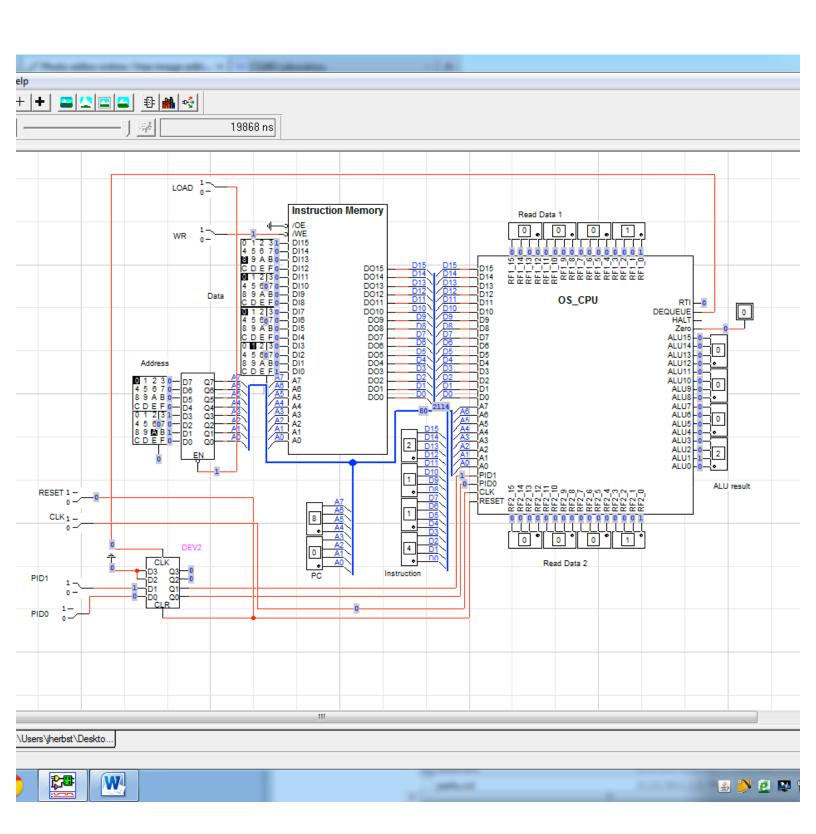
PC and the register file have been modified so that the state is saved in duplicate registers. The appropriate devices are selected by the PID.

New instructions:

HALT is actually a user instruction, but is an important addition to the basic instruction set, because it allows a graceful exit from a program.

DEQUEUE accepts a new PID from the process queue into the processor and stores the PID at address 0 in data memory.

RTI transfers control of the processor (PC, registers, and memory) to the process, through use of the PID.



Mini-MIPS Instructions

Opcode	Instructio	n Operands
0000	LW	Rs Rt offset
0001	SW	Rs Rt offset
0010	ADD	Rs Rt Rd
0011	SUB	Rs Rt Rd
0100	AND	Rs Rt Rd
0101	OR	Rs Rt Rd
0110	SLT	Rs Rt Rd
0111	BEQ	Rs Rt offset
1000	JMP	12-bit offset

JMP has extra bits which can be used to encode additional instructions:

1000	0000	JMP
1000	1000	DEQUEUE
1000	1100	RTI
1000	1111	HALT

JMP doesn't use the regular datapath, so addition of these instructions doesn't require too many modifications.

Operating System Code

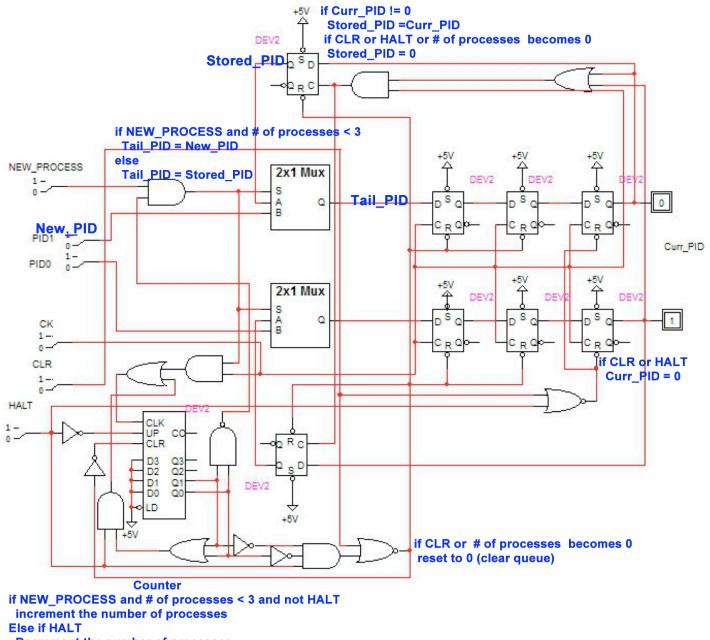
Loop which is always executing:

Addr Instruction

00	JMP 0 0 1	# loop actually starts at addr 2,
02	DEQUEUE	# get current PID and stores in address 0 of data memory
04	LW R0 R2 0	# test PID to see if it is non-zero
06	BEQ R0 R2 0	# if 0, no processes in queue, keep looping until one shows up
08	RTI	# transfer control of the processor to the process, using the PID
0A	JMP 0 0 1	# repeat the loop when the process has executed for 16 clock cycles

Process ID Queue

Allows up to three processes to be scheduled



Decrement the number of processes

Virtual Memory

The circuit will select a memory device based on the *process id*, or PID (which can be 1, 2, or 3), and will copy the contents of the device to the main memory, so that the process can be executed.

For simplicity, only 8 locations are copied from each device (although this could easily be extended to include the entire address space).

