



# The CPU The Central Presentation Unit

What is the CPU?

The Microprocessor

Structure of the CPU

Parts of the CPU

- **1.** Buses
- 2. The Control Unit
- **3.** The Arithmetic Logic Unit
- **4.** Program counter
- **5.** Instruction Register
- 6. Memory Data Register
- 7. Memory Address Register





#### What is the CPU?

• The CPU is short for the Central Processing Unit

It is the main part of the computer where instructions are processed

• The central processing unit includes the main memory

 Now a day's most computers have more than one CPU to provide better speed

#### Structure of the CPU

#### The CPU is made up of many components such as

- **1.** Registers (Program counter and Instruction Register)
- **2.** Arithmetic logic unit
- **3.** Control unit
- 4. Buses





Buses

- All data traffic with the CPU takes place across the computer's bus
- A computer bus is a set of parallel electrical tracks connecting components within a computer
- The width of the data bus determines the word length
- The width of the address bus determines how many addresses the computer can send at a time

## Control Unit (CU)

- The CU is considered the manager of the CPU
- The CU's jobs are:
  - **1.** decode instructions within a computer,
  - 2. Plan the reading and writing of data
  - 3. control the order in which instructions are executed
  - **4.** control the operations performed by the ALU.
- In the CU you will find two registers;
  - **1.** Instruction Register: stores a copy of the current instruction being performed
  - 2. Program Counter.

## The Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU)

- The ALU is a part in the CPU where arithmetic and logic operations are carried out; in other words all mathematical calculations. The result of the calculations are sent to the main memory
- The ALU is capable of performing:
  - **1.** Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division
  - Greater Than (>), Smaller Than (<)' Equal (=), Greater Than or Equal To (>=), Smaller Than or Equal To (<=), Not Equal (<>)
  - 3. AND, NOT, OR
- Within the ALU we will find the register known as the Accumulator. The accumulator stores the result of the current calculation.



## Program Counter (PC)

- The program counter is sometimes known as the instruction pointer
- The PC indicates where the computer is in its instruction set. If the instruction set has 5 steps the PC will point to which step the computer has arrived
- Depending on the device the PC could hold
  - **1.** The address of the instruction being executed, or
  - 2. The address of the next instruction to be executed.
- The program counter is automatically incremented (increased by 1) after each step (instruction cycle)

## Instruction Register (IR)

- The instruction register (IR) is also found with the control unit
- The IR is used to store a copy of the current instruction being performed
- This instruction is stored in the for of operator and operand (covered later on)
- Also known as CIR (Current Instruction Register)

#### Memory Data Register (MDR) Or Memory Buffer Register (MBR)

 The Memory Data Register in the central processor stores the data being transferred to and from the access store.

 It acts as a buffer allowing the central processor work independently without being affected by differences in operation.

## Memory Address Register (MAR)

- The Memory Address Register in the central processor stores the address of the memory location currently in use.
- When the CPU is fetching data the MAR would store the address of the instruction being loaded
- When the instruction is being executed the address of the data being used is stored.

# **Main Memory**

- The main memory is where most of the results are temporarily stored;
- Main memory is much faster than the hard disk this is why it is used
- Each result is stored in a location in the main memory and each location has an address, this way the CPU can store and retrieve information which is stored in the main memory easily and faster.
- When the CPU writes information to the main memory two things are supplied
  - **1.** the address section: passes through the address bus
  - 2. the data section: passes through the data bus

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