

CSE 2600

Intro. To Digital Logic & Computer Design

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This week

- Homework 6B posted - Due Sunday, April 5th by 11:59pm

Studio 6A

Basic Model

- Machine is basically 2-3 memories + CPU
 - Registers (small, easy to use; temporary/ephemeral)
 - Ex: You have 31, 32-bit data registers = 124 Bytes
 - RAM: Place for most data (Gigabytes!)
 - Program Memory: Possible in RAM or some additional “program memory”

**Program -> Assembly Language ->
Machine Code -> Memory**

Problem: Find x such that $2^x = 128$

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// determines the power
// of x such that 2^x = 128
// pow is 2^x; Start at 2^0 = 1
int pow = 1;
int x = 0;

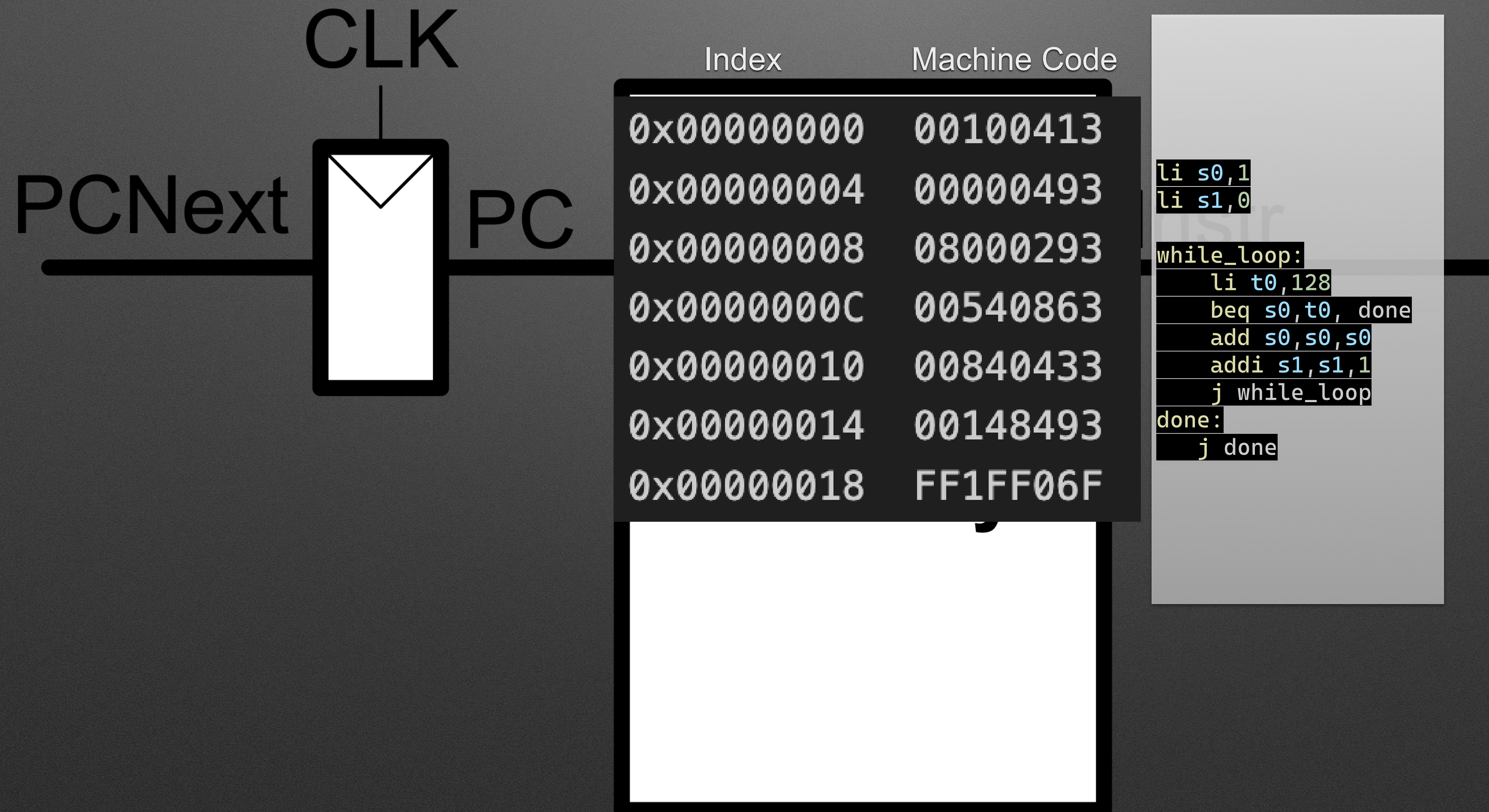
while (pow  $\neq$  128) {
    pow = pow * 2;
    x = x + 1;
}
```

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}

// .text
// main:
//     li s0, 1
//     li s1, 0
// while_loop:
//     li t0, 128
//     beq s0, t0, done
//     add s0, s0, s0
//     addi s1, s1, 1
//     j while_loop
// done:
```


Behavior: Parts of CPU Model

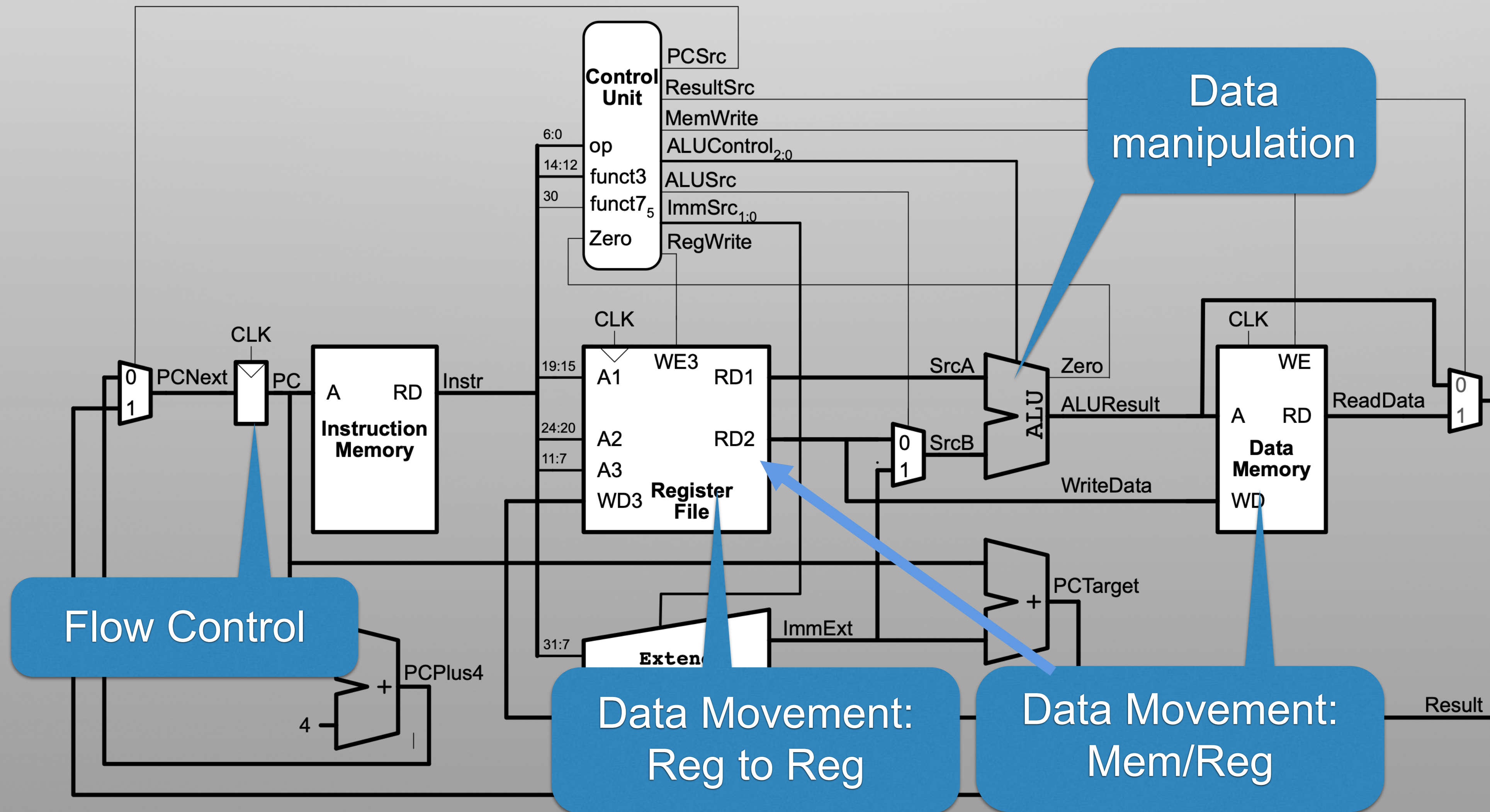


Chapter 6

Instruction Sets: Basic Categories

- Machine has small primitive set of “commands” in a few rough categories:
 - Data Manipulation: “Computation” (typically uses an ALU)
add t0,t1,t2
 - Data Movement: Move data between registers and RAM or initializing values
lw t0, 8(sp)
li t1,5
 - Flow Control: Controlling what instruction happens next (loops, if/else, functions)
beq t0,t1, done

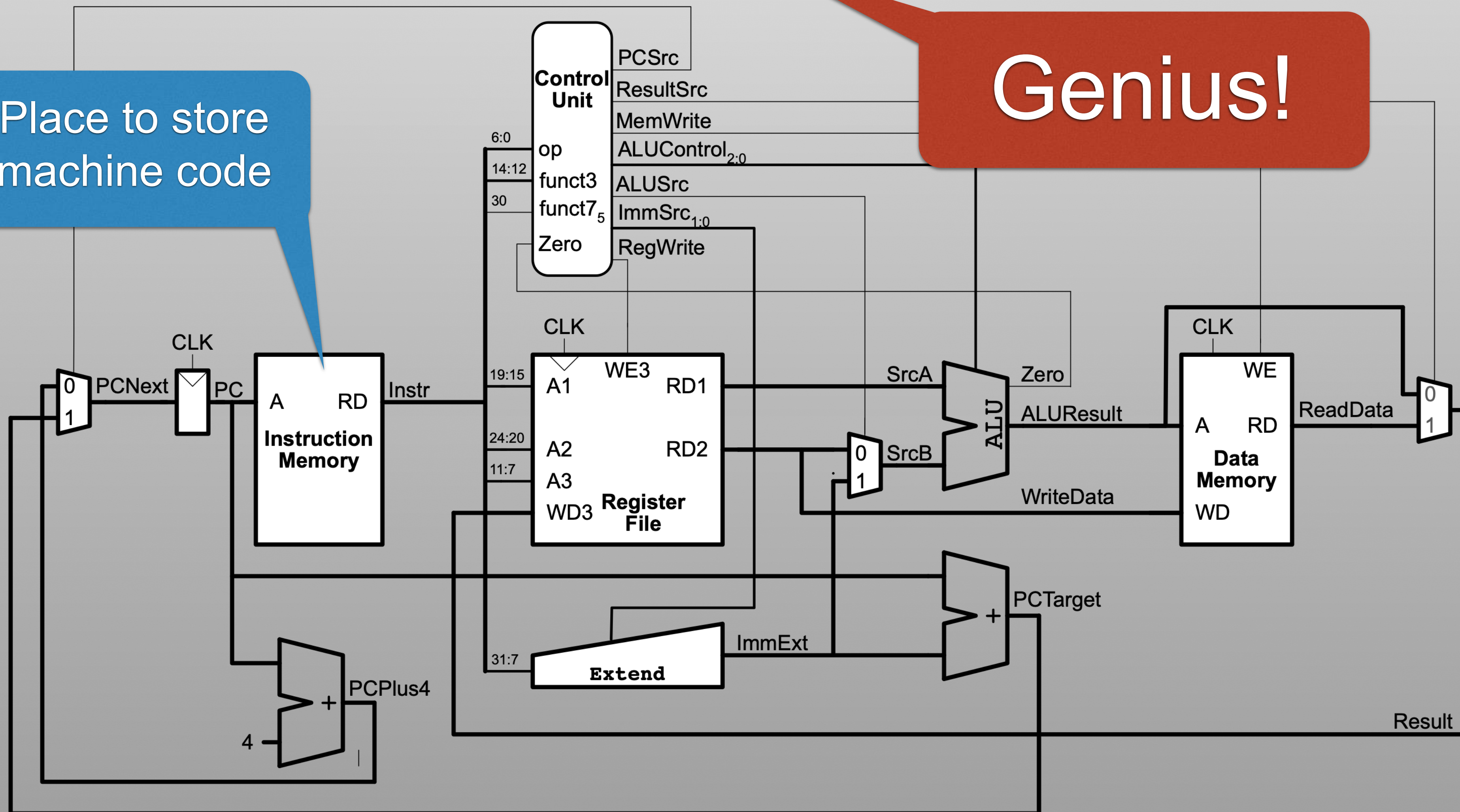
Foreshadowing: Simple RISC-V Computer



“Stored Program” Concept

Place to store machine code

Genius!



2600 Prereq: Intro to Programming

Programming Languages

- Prereq: Intro to Programming
 - Consider large programs and how you manage info.
 - Ex: A program/function that computes an average of three integers
 - Java vs. Python vs. C
- Examples
- “Types”

Programming Langs: History & Motivation

1. Efficiency: Allow more people to create programs

Compilers “compile” a high-level language (HLL) representation to a list of simpler assembly language instructions

(Compilers are used obviously/explicitly in many languages, like Java & C; Often behind-the-scenes in others, like Python)

2. Manage complexity / avoid problems (increasing focus)

Variables and Data Type rules are a large part of that

Registers

- Just 31, 32-bit registers (124 bytes)
 - Used for all data operations!
 - Very very different than HLL
- No types
- Meaning may change with time

Name	Number	Usage
zero	x0	Constant value 0
ra	x1	Return address
sp	x2	Stack pointer
gp	x3	Global pointer
tp	x4	Thread pointer
t0-2	x5-7	Temporaries
s0 / fp	x8	Saved register / Frame pointer
s1	x9	Saved register
a0-1	x10-11	Function arguments / return values
a2-7	x12-17	Function arguments
s2-11	x18-27	Saved registers
t3-6	x28-31	Temporaries

```
#include <stdio.h>

float mean(int a, int b, int c) {
    int sum = a+b+c;
    return sum/3.0;
}

void main() {
    float average;
    average = mean(1, 3, 5);
    printf("Average: %f\n", average);
}
```

a0: int (a)

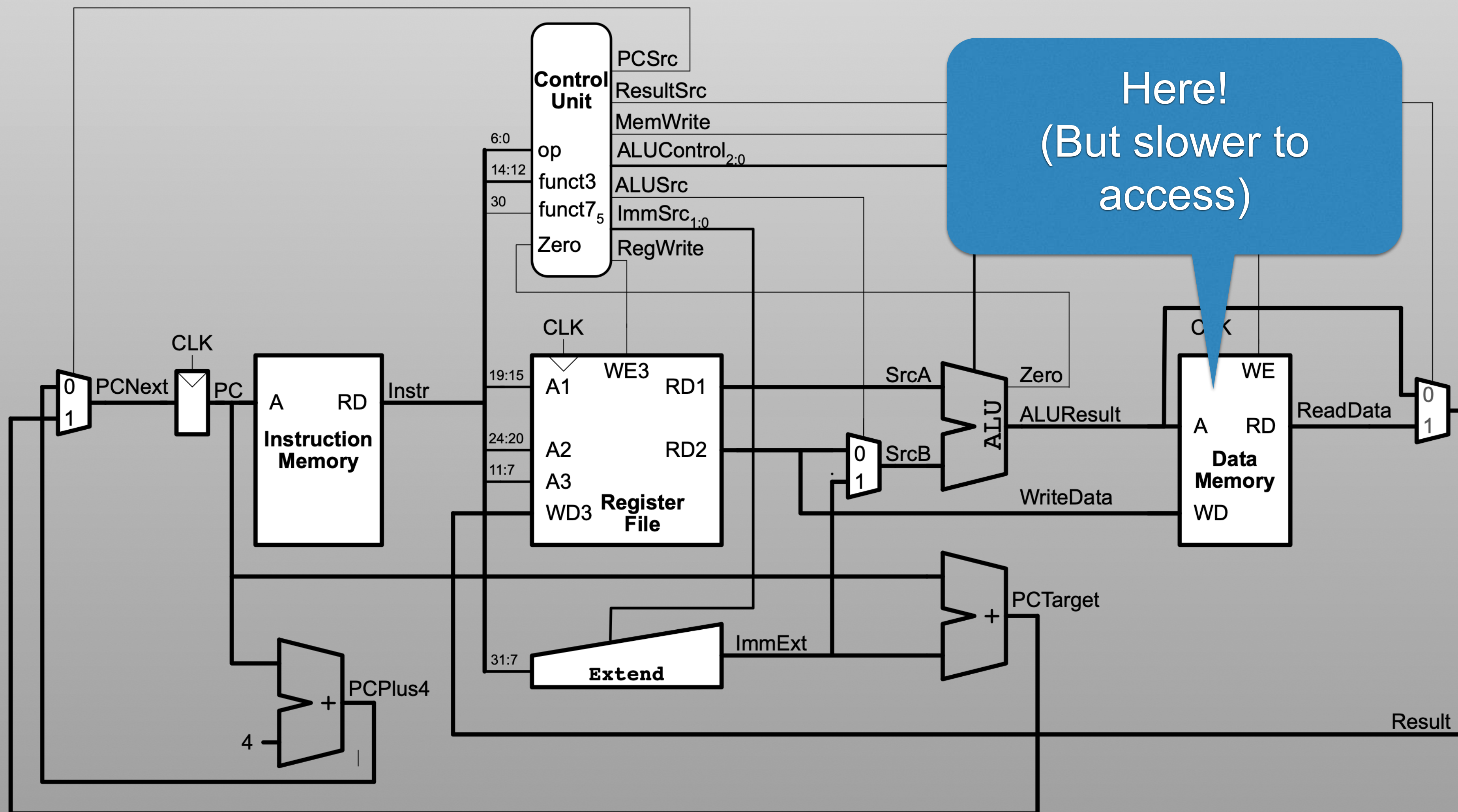
a1: int (b)

a0: float (result)

a0: string (char *)

a1: float (copy of average's value)

More Data!



Sharing Resources

- Examples:
 - **Kitchen** – Can use dishes, utensils, and ingredients, but must clean up and put things back where they belong
 - **Books in a library** – Can borrow books but must return them to the same place so that others can find them later
 - **Lab Instrument** – Can borrow an oscilloscope or FPGA board, but return it in the same condition, settings, and cable connections as before

The Rules

- **Sharing Registers / Memory:** You can do almost anything as long as you put things back how you found them before finishing (but how?)



The Rules

- Register Conventions:
 - “Convention” (agreement about use) for how registers will be shared
- & Beyond — Memory & the “Stack Discipline”
 - Rules for how to use memory for additional info
 - And to use as the “copy” to restore to original condition

The Rules

- Memory
 - Use part for the “run time stack”
 - Create a “stack”: Like stack data structure (CSE 247 / 2407)
 - Last-in-first-out

LIFO



Why a stack

- main()
 - run_game()
 - update()
 - update_character()
 - update_life()

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LIFO with an array

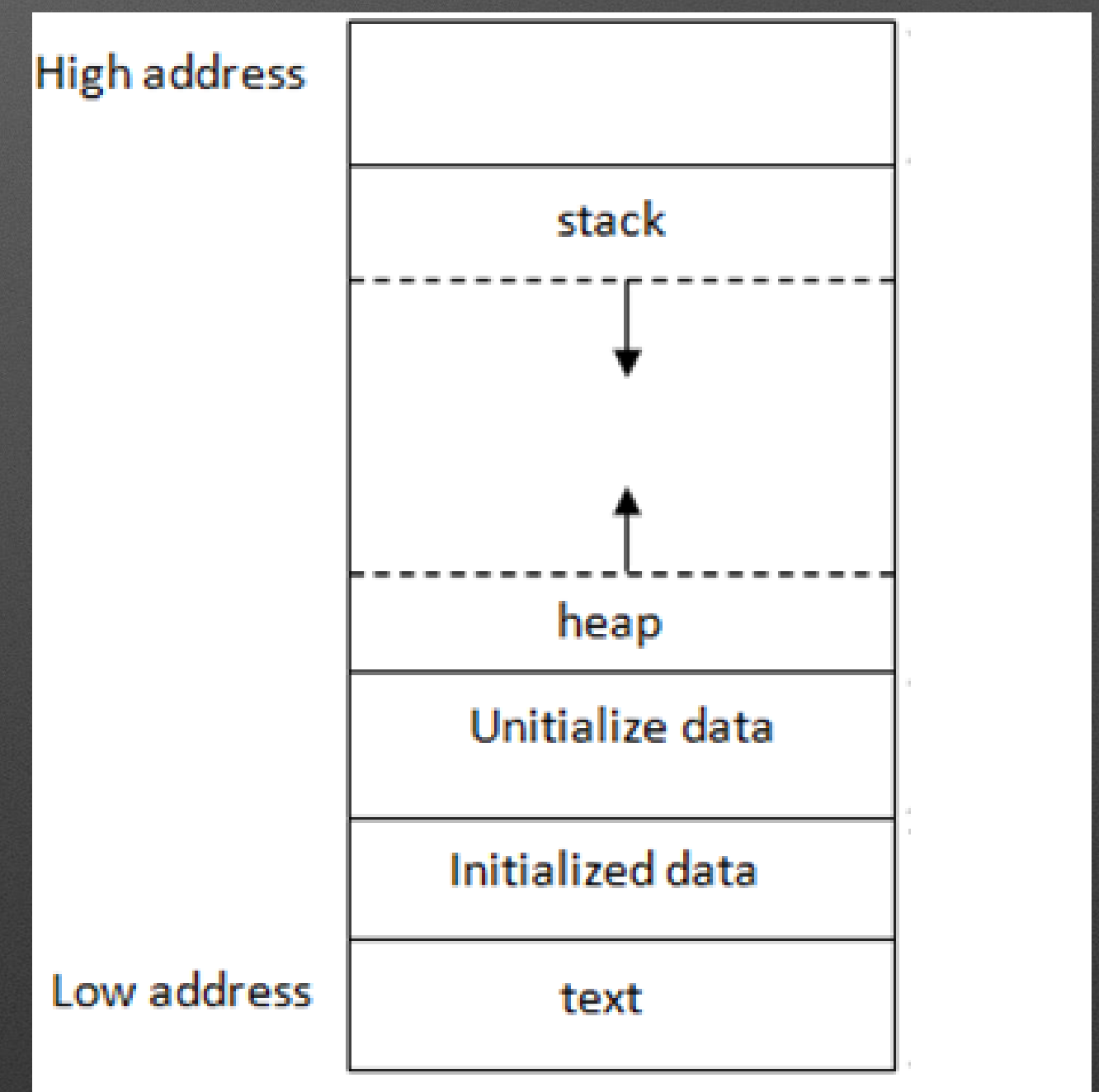
- Use an array
 - Keep track of index of “last item”
 - Add / (push)
 - Remove (pop)

Data / RAM

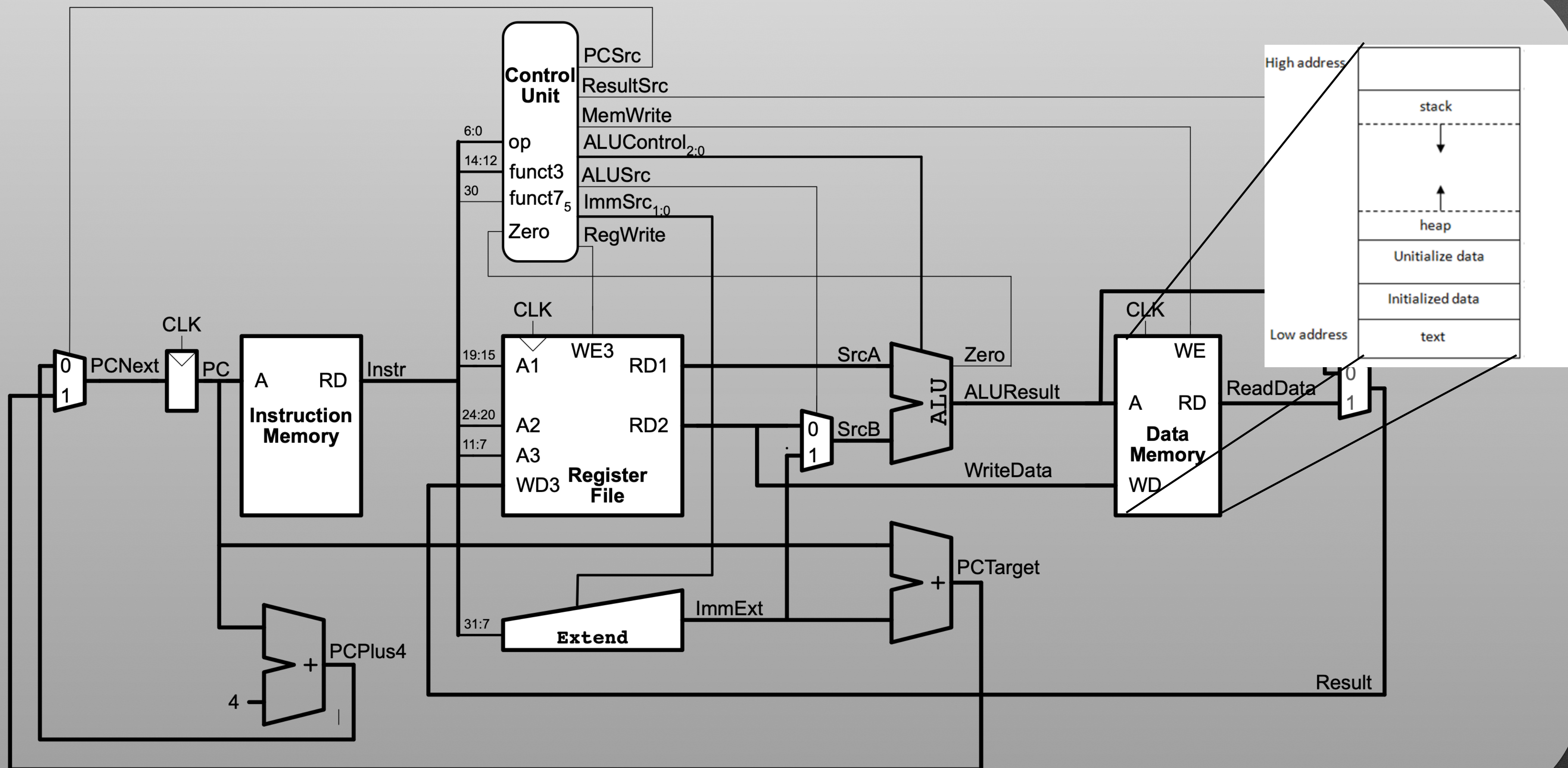
- Arrays (in programming languages) are just a representation of a segment of RAM
 - So, RAM works like arrays — index based
 - There's a “base”: The index that it starts at
 - However, RAM is an array of BYTES
 - Data types like an `int` are 4 bytes

Data / RAM

- Split it into regions to serve different purposes
 - Stack
 - Of records for all the currently running functions
 - Heap: A giant heap 'o memory
 - For *dynamic* memory (`new` / `malloc`).
like in Java: `Thing newThing = new Thing()`



More Data!



Studio 6A, Function Fun, & RA

Questions

- What are the main advantages of RISC-V compared to x86? Is there anything that one can do that the other cannot?
- How does the processor decide which exception to handle first if multiple exceptions happen at the same time?
- I am still a little confused about how the memory addressing works, especially how addresses relate to data size (byte vs. word).
- I don't really understand what 'machine code' really is.
- Instead of having a separate assembler and linker, why don't we have a single tool that looks at all the files simultaneously and produces the final machine code?

Arrays

```
int i;           // use s1
int scores[200]; // use s0 for the base of scores
for (i = 0; i < 200; i = i + 1)
    scores[i] = scores[i] + 10;
```

Next Time

- Studio