

# An Implementation of a Renesas H8/300 Microprocessor with a Cycle-Level Timing Extension

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## Abstract

We describe an implementation of the Renesas H8/300 16-bit processor in VHDL suitable for synthesis on an FPGA. We extended the ISA slightly to accommodate cycle-accurate timers accessible from the instruction set, designed to provide more precise real-time control.

We describe the architecture of our implementation in detail, describe our testing strategy, and finally show how to build a cross compilation toolchain under Linux.

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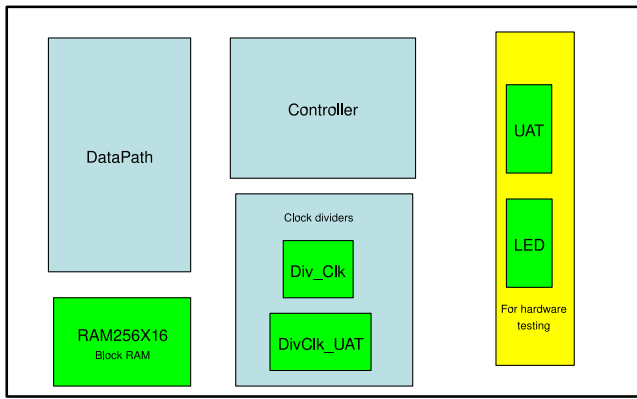


Figure 1: Block diagram

## 1 Introduction

We designed this sixteen-bit processor based on the Renesas<sup>1</sup> H8/300 to enable cycle-accurate real-time software. We implemented the H8 instruction set and added high-precision timers and added instructions to access them. Specifically, the new instruction waits for a timer to expire, reloads it, and terminates synchronously. This, coupled with the simple architecture of the processor (e.g., no pipeline, no cache) makes execution time predictable. We implemented this processor on an FPGA.

Figure 1 shows the block diagram of our implementation. The main components are the usual datapath and controller. We include an on-chip memory, two clock dividers that reduce the 50 MHz main clock to 25 MHz for the processor core and 9.6 kHz for the “UAT,” a RS-232-style asynchronous serial transmitter we use for debugging. We also include a memory-mapped controller for some LEDs, also for debugging.

## 2 The Datapath

Figure 2 illustrates the datapath of our processor, which corresponds to the `h8_datapath.vhd` file. The current program counter flows from the PC module, an instance of register16, which is reset to 0, to the `mem_interface` module.

The `mem_interface` receives the 16-bit instruction and sends it to the multiplexers. The instruction from the muxes goes to the ALU (for immediate data) and to the Bridge. The Bridge sends the instruction to the instruction register (IR), which holds it for the controller until the next instruction is fetched. The IR sends the current instruction to the controller, which decodes and executes the instruction.

Data flows in various ways depending on the instruction. Arithmetic and logical operations (add, sub, and, or, etc.) go through the arithmetic logic unit (ALU). The accumulator (ACC) handles shift operations (shift, rotate, etc.). Data transfer, branch, and system control instructions pass through the bridge to various other components.

<sup>1</sup>Renesas bought the semiconductor operations of Hitachi, the original developer of the H8, in 2003.

Instructions that use the ALU or ACC all follow a general pattern:

1. Source operands, which can be any general purpose register or the instruction register, flow through a multiplexer.
2. Data from the multiplexers flow to the ALU and ACC.
3. The output from the ALU and ACC flow to a destination register or to the memory data register (MD), which will write it out.

Data transfer, branch, and system control instructions are less regular. The branching or the destination address is stored either in the memory or the general purpose register. For example, for a MOV.B instruction instruction

1. The destination address from a register goes to a multiplexer.
2. The multiplexer output flows to the memory address (MA) multiplexer.
3. The address from the MA mux flows to the MA register.
4. Data from memory flows through the `mem_interface` (MI)
5. Data flows from MI to a multiplexer.
6. From the multiplexer, data is sent to the memory data (MD) register.
7. Data from the MD register is sent to the concatenator (`cnct`) register.
8. Data from Register low/high to a multiplexer.
9. Data from multiplexer to ALU.
10. Data from ALU to `cnct` register.
11. Data from `cnct` to MD register.
12. Data from MD to memory.

### 2.1 Datapath components

#### 2.1.1 Accumulator (*acc*)

The accumulator (Figure 3) takes the eight-bit `acc_in` input and performs one of the operations in Table 1 based on the `acc_op` input. The `mux_acc` mux selects the input based on `acc_sel`; Table 2 lists the codes, which select among the general-purpose registers. The output of the accumulator is sent to the registers. The accumulator result is also used to update the CCR.

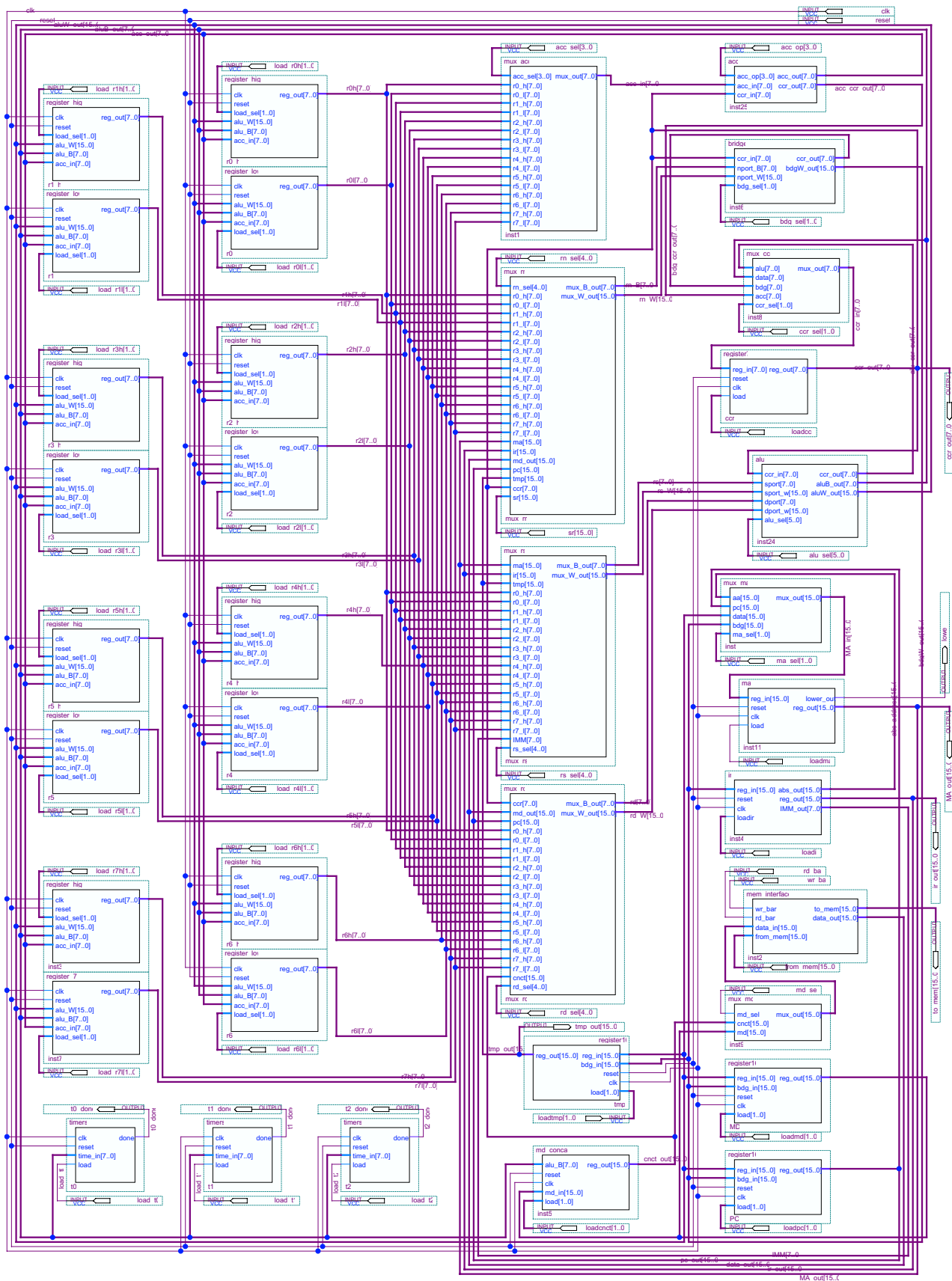


Figure 2: The data path

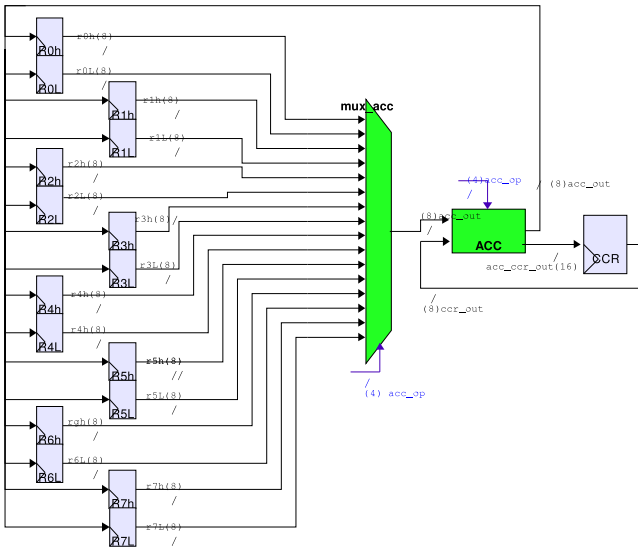


Figure 3: Accumulator schematic

| ACCumulator | acc_op  |          |
|-------------|---------|----------|
| "000"       | Rotate  | Left     |
| "001"       | Rotate  | Right    |
| "010"       | Rot Lft | Carry    |
| "011"       | Rot Rht | Carry    |
| "100"       | Shift   | Left     |
| "101"       | Shift   | Right    |
| "110"       | Shift   | Log Left |

Table 1: Accumulator operations

| Mux Acc        | acc_sel   |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| Byte Output <= | Reg0_high | "0000" |
|                | Reg0_low  | "0001" |
|                | Reg1_high | "0010" |
|                | Reg1_low  | "0011" |
|                | Reg2_high | "0100" |
|                | Reg2_low  | "0101" |
|                | Reg3_high | "0110" |
|                | Reg3_low  | "0111" |
|                | Reg4_high | "1000" |
|                | Reg4_low  | "1001" |
|                | Reg5_high | "1010" |
|                | Reg5_low  | "1011" |
|                | Reg6_high | "1100" |
| Reg6_low       | "1101"    |        |

Table 2: Accumulator input selection codes

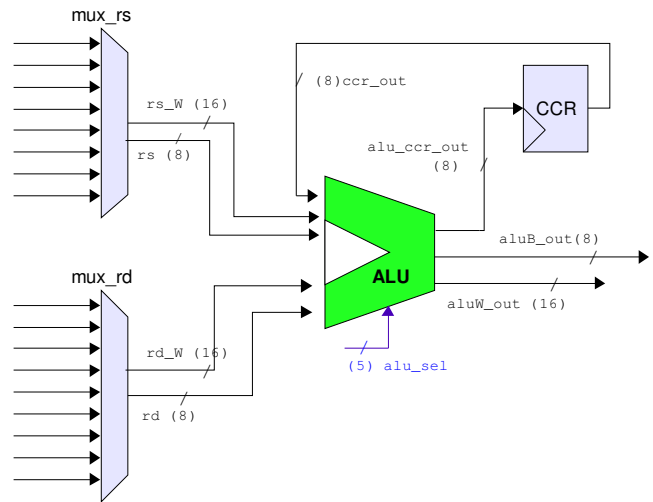


Figure 4: The arithmetic logic unit

### 2.1.2 Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU)

The arithmetic logic unit (Figure 4) supports all the 16-bit, 8-bit, and single bit mathematical operations in the processor's ISA. The ALU executes arithmetic operations such as addition, subtraction, and multiplication and logic operations such as AND, OR, and XOR. It also implements the bit modification instructions such as bit-clear and bit-set. Table 3 lists all the operation codes, which come from the controller through the alu\_sel signal. The mux\_rs and mux\_rd multiplexers select the inputs for the ALU. The ALU's output feed almost all the registers through the aluW\_out bus for 16-bit results and through the aluB\_out bus for 8-bit results. The ALU also modifies the overflow, carry out, zero and negative flags of the CCR. The ALU is also used in a pass-through mode for register-to-register transfers.

### 2.1.3 Bridge (bdg)

The bridge (Figure 5) routes data from mux\_rn to the 16-bit special-purpose registers. It can perform several modifications to the inputs, listed in Table 4, but is most commonly used to pass data from general-purpose registers to special-purpose registers. The mux\_bdg multiplexer selects the bridge input according to the codes in Table 4. The inputs of the multiplexer are either 8-bit or 16-bit data. The mux concatenates pairs of registers to form 16-bit output.

### 2.1.4 Concatenator (cnct)

The concatenator (Figure 6) takes the eight-bit output from the ALU and replaces either the low or high byte from the MD register to form a 16-bit result according to the codes in Table 5. The result is sent to memory.

### 2.1.5 Condition Code Register (ccr)

The 8-bit condition code register (Figure 7) holds flags such as overflow, carry, zero and negative. It is updated by the ALU, ACC, and Bridge, according to the codes in Table 6. It can also be loaded directly from data from the ALU, i.e., rather than from the results of a computation.

| alu_sel              |          | alu_sel |                                 |
|----------------------|----------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Byte Output <= Zeros | "000000" | 0       | reg Bit set "101110"            |
| Addition             | "000001" | 1       | reg Bit invert "101111"         |
| Subtract             | "000010" | 2       | reg Bit clear "110000"          |
| Add w/crry           | "000011" | 3       | reg Bit test "110001"           |
| Sub w/crry           | "000100" | 4       | 16 bits Bit set "110010"        |
| Increment            | "000101" | 5       | 16 bits Bit invert "110011"     |
| Decrement            | "000110" | 6       | 16 bits Bit clear "110100"      |
| Daa                  | "000111" | 7       | 16 bits B inv Str "110101"      |
| Das                  | "001000" | 8       | 16 bits Bit store "110110"      |
| Compare              | "001001" | 9       | 16 bits/reg Bit set "110111"    |
| Twos Cmpl            | "001010" | 10      | 16 bits/reg Bit invert "111000" |
| AND                  | "001011" | 11      | 16 bits/reg Bit clear "111001"  |
| OR                   | "001100" | 12      |                                 |
| XOR                  | "001101" | 13      |                                 |
| NOT                  | "001110" | 14      | Word Output Zeros "010000"      |
| ccr_in               | "001111" | 15      | Addition "010001"               |
| sport Byt            | "011100" | 28      | Subtract "010010"               |
| dport Byt            | "011110" | 30      | Increment "010011"              |
| Bit set              | "100000" | 32      | Decrement "010100"              |
| Bit invert           | "100001" | 33      | Inc by 2 "010101"               |
| Bit clear            | "100010" | 34      | Dec by 2 "010110"               |
| Bit test             | "100011" | 35      | Compare "010111"                |
| Bit inv or           | "100100" | 36      | Multipl "011000"                |
| Bit or               | "100101" | 37      | sport W "011101"                |
| B inv xor            | "100110" | 38      | dport W "011111"                |
| Bit xor              | "100111" | 39      |                                 |
| B inv and            | "101000" | 40      |                                 |

Table 3: ALU operations

| rn_sel      |                   | rn_sel  |    |
|-------------|-------------------|---------|----|
| Byte Output | Reg0_high "00000" | 0       |    |
|             | Reg0_low "00001"  | 1       |    |
|             | Reg1_high "00010" | 2       |    |
|             | Reg1_low "00011"  | 3       |    |
|             | Reg2_high "00100" | 4       |    |
|             | Reg2_low "00101"  | 5       |    |
|             | Reg3_high "00110" | 6       |    |
|             | Reg3_low "00111"  | 7       |    |
|             | Reg4_high "01000" | 8       |    |
|             | Reg4_low "01001"  | 9       |    |
|             | Reg5_high "01010" | 10      |    |
|             | Reg5_low "01011"  | 11      |    |
|             | Reg6_high "01100" | 12      |    |
|             | Reg6_low "01101"  | 13      |    |
|             | Reg7_high "01110" | 14      |    |
|             | Reg7_low "01111"  | 15      |    |
|             | ccr               | "11110" | 30 |
| Word Output | Reg 0             | "10000" | 16 |
|             | Reg 1             | "10001" | 17 |
|             | Reg 2             | "10010" | 18 |
|             | Reg 3             | "10011" | 19 |
|             | Reg 4             | "10100" | 20 |
|             | Reg 5             | "10101" | 21 |
|             | Reg 6             | "10110" | 22 |
|             | Reg 7             | "10111" | 23 |
|             | md                | "11000" | 24 |
|             | ma                | "11001" | 25 |
|             | bc                | "11010" | 26 |

Table 4: Bridge operations

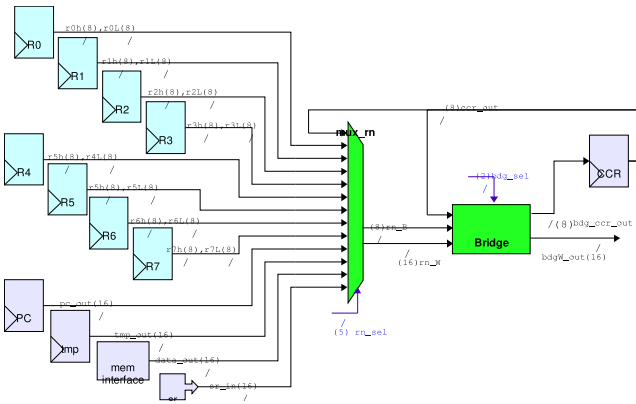


Figure 5: The bridge

| Concat      |                    | loadcnct |  |
|-------------|--------------------|----------|--|
| cnct_out => | aluB & MD(7 to 0)  | "10"     |  |
|             | MD(15 to 8) & aluB | "11"     |  |

Table 5: Concatenator operations

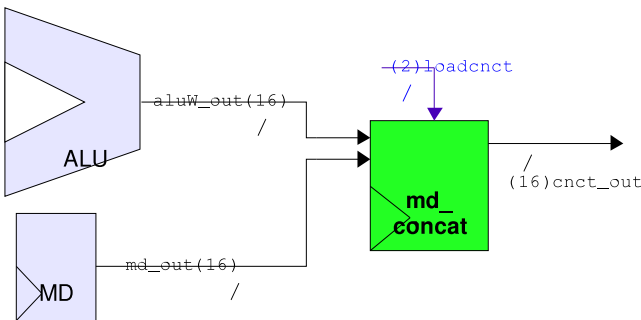


Figure 6: Concatenator schematic

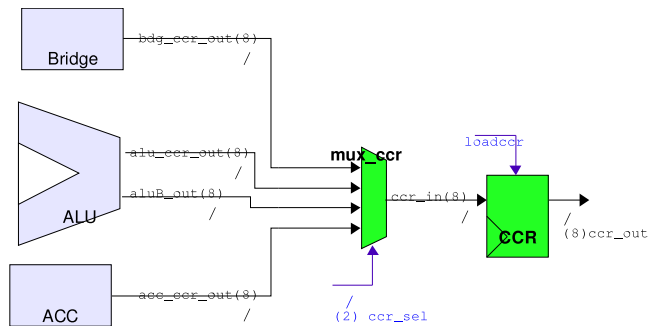


Figure 7: Condition code register schematic

| Mux CCR   |      | ccr_sel |  |
|-----------|------|---------|--|
| reg_in => | alu  | "00"    |  |
|           | bdg  | "01"    |  |
|           | acc  | "10"    |  |
|           | data | "11"    |  |

Table 6: Condition code register operations

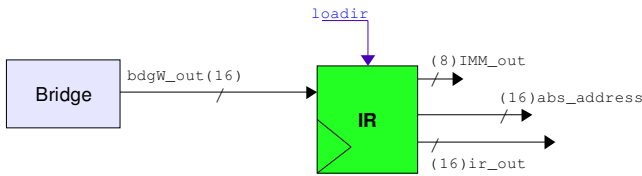


Figure 8: IR pin configuration

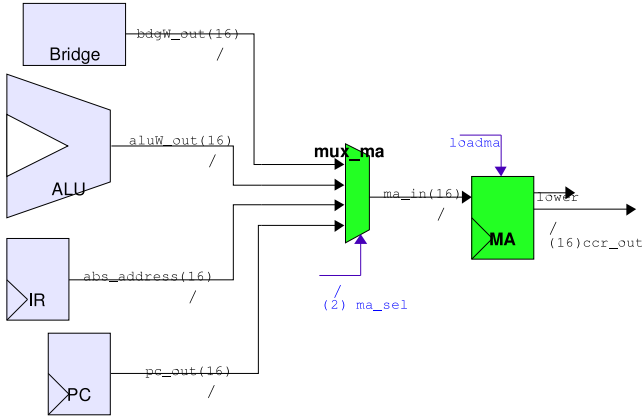


Figure 9: Memory address schematic

### 2.1.6 Instruction Register (IR)

The 16-bit instruction register (Figure 8) holds the instruction currently being executed and outputs three copies of it:

1. The high byte (bits 15 to 8)
2. The low byte (bits 7 to 0) used for immediate data
3. Absolute address, formed by zero-extending the low byte

### 2.1.7 Memory Address (MA)

Memory address (Figure 9) is a 16-bit register that is used to supply the read or write address to memory. A multiplexer on the input helps to select among the many addressing modes in the H8. Table 7 lists codes for the four different sources. As we explain at length in the memory section, the least significant bit of the memory address register is always 0.

| mux MA       |          | ma_sel |  |
|--------------|----------|--------|--|
| Mux W Out <= | pc       | "00"   |  |
|              | abs addr | "01"   |  |
|              | cnct     | "10"   |  |
|              | data     | "11"   |  |

Table 7: Memory address operations

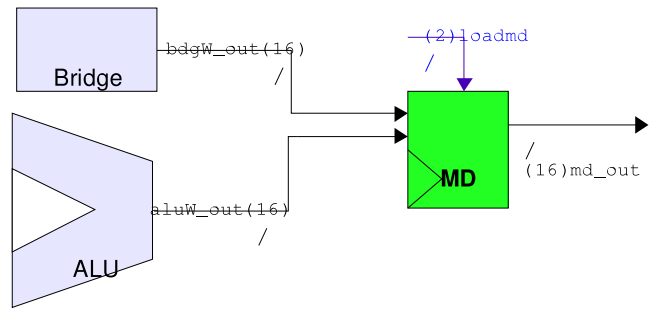


Figure 10: MD pin configuration

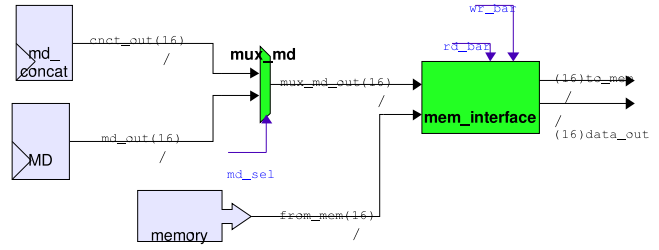


Figure 11: The memory interface unit

### 2.1.8 Memory Data (MD)

Memory data (Figure 10) is a 16-bit register that holds data to be written or read from memory. It has two inputs selected by the loadmd signal: the Bridge and the ALU. We implemented it with our general-purpose register16 component.

### 2.1.9 Memory Interface (mem\_interface)

The memory interface unit (Figure 11) routes data to and from memory. It operates in three ways:

1. For a write to memory, the data comes from either MD or the Concatenator. The mux\_md signal selects the source.
2. For a read from memory, data from memory is routed from the from\_mem signal out data\_out.
3. When data from MD or md\_concat is to be transferred to the data path, the memory interface routes data from mux\_md out data\_out. Like a memory write, mux\_md selects which source will be transferred.

| mem interface |         | write_bar read_bar |     | mux_md     |      |
|---------------|---------|--------------------|-----|------------|------|
| data_out <=   | mem     | w=1                | r=0 | mux_out <= | md   |
|               | data_in | w=1                | r=1 |            | cnct |
| mem <=        | data_in | w=0                | r=1 |            |      |
|               | zzzzz   | w=1                | r=0 |            |      |

Table 8: The memory interface unit operations

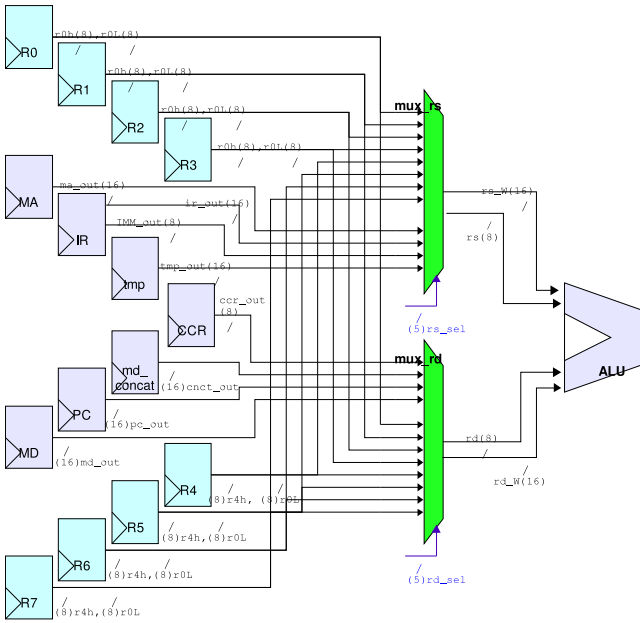


Figure 12: Multiplexer RS and RD schematic

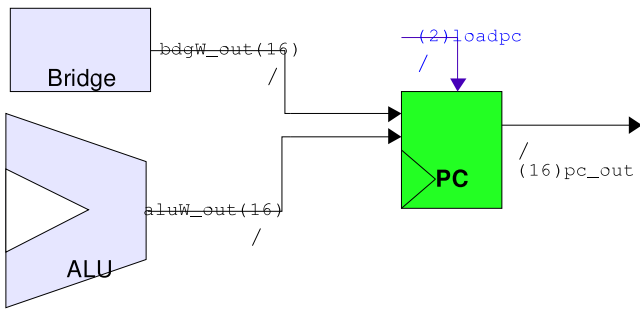


Figure 13: Program counter schematic

### 2.1.10 Multiplexers RD and RS (mux\_rd, mux\_rs)

These two multiplexers select the two inputs for the ALU. Figure 12 shows the connections; Table 9 lists the meaning of the control signals. The RS and RD names are taken from the H8/300 programming manual. The outputs are either 8- or 16-bit data—16-bit data comes from concatenating 8-bit register pairs. Note that for simplicity, only one connection from each register is shown in Figure 12.

### 2.1.11 Program Counter (PC)

The program counter (Figure 13) serves the usual purpose of holding the address of the next instruction. It is implemented using a generic 16-bit loadable register (register 16). The two inputs to this register are the ALU and the Bridge.

### 2.1.12 General Purpose Registers (R#)

The general purpose registers (Figure 14) are sixteen 8-bit registers grouped as eight 16-bit registers (R0L, R0H, R1L, ..., R8L, R8H). The load\_reg signal controls from where each register is loaded according to the codes in Table 10.

| mux_rd      |            |         | mux_rs   |             |         |         |
|-------------|------------|---------|----------|-------------|---------|---------|
|             | rd_sel     |         |          | rs_sel      |         |         |
| Byte Output | Reg0_high  | "00000" | 0        | Reg0_high   | "00000" |         |
|             | Reg0_low   | "00001" | 1        | Reg0_low    | "00001" |         |
|             | Reg1_high  | "00010" | 2        | Reg1_high   | "00010" |         |
|             | Reg1_low   | "00011" | 3        | Reg1_low    | "00011" |         |
|             | Reg2_high  | "00100" | 4        | Reg2_high   | "00100" |         |
|             | Reg2_low   | "00101" | 5        | Reg2_low    | "00101" |         |
|             | Reg3_high  | "00110" | 6        | Reg3_high   | "00110" |         |
|             | Reg3_low   | "00111" | 7        | Reg3_low    | "00111" |         |
|             | Reg4_high  | "01000" | 8        | Reg4_high   | "01000" |         |
|             | Reg4_low   | "01001" | 9        | Reg4_low    | "01001" |         |
|             | Reg5_high  | "01010" | 10       | Reg5_high   | "01010" |         |
|             | Reg5_low   | "01011" | 11       | Reg5_low    | "01011" |         |
|             | Reg6_high  | "01100" | 12       | Reg6_high   | "01100" |         |
|             | Reg6_low   | "01101" | 13       | Reg6_low    | "01101" |         |
|             | Reg7_high  | "01110" | 14       | Reg7_high   | "01110" |         |
| Reg7_low    | "01111"    | 15      | Reg7_low | "01111"     |         |         |
| Word Output | ccr        | "11011" | 27       | tmp_IMM     | "11010" |         |
|             | md High By | "11100" | 28       | IMM         | "11011" |         |
|             | md Low By  | "11101" | 29       |             |         |         |
|             | cnct_IMM   | "11110" | 30       |             |         |         |
|             |            |         |          | Word Output | Reg 0   | "10000" |
|             |            |         |          |             | Reg 1   | "10001" |
|             |            |         |          |             | Reg 2   | "10010" |
|             |            |         |          |             | Reg 3   | "10011" |
|             |            |         |          |             | Reg 4   | "10100" |
|             |            |         |          |             | Reg 5   | "10101" |
|             |            |         |          | Reg 6       | "10110" |         |
|             |            |         |          | Reg 7       | "10111" |         |
|             |            |         |          | ma          | "11000" |         |
|             |            |         |          | ir          | "11001" |         |
|             |            |         |          | md          | "11000" |         |
|             |            |         |          | "00"& IMM   | "11100" |         |

Table 9: Multiplexer RS and RD operations

As the H8/300 programming manual suggests, register 7 is typically used as the stack pointer.

### 2.1.13 Temporary Register (tmp)

The temporary register (Figure 15) can save temporary results from either the ALU or the Bridge. It is implemented using a generic register 16.

### 2.1.14 Timers

The three timers (Figure 16) are 8-bit registers that count down and are reloaded when they reach zero to implement our cycle-accurate timing extension.

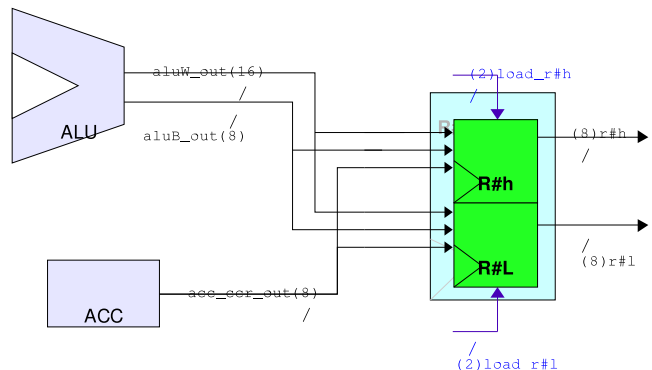


Figure 14: General purpose register schematic

| Registers High / Low |          | load_reg |  |
|----------------------|----------|----------|--|
| reg_in =>            | alu BYTE | "01"     |  |
|                      | alu WORD | "10"     |  |
|                      | acc      | "11"     |  |
|                      |          |          |  |

Table 10: General purpose register operations

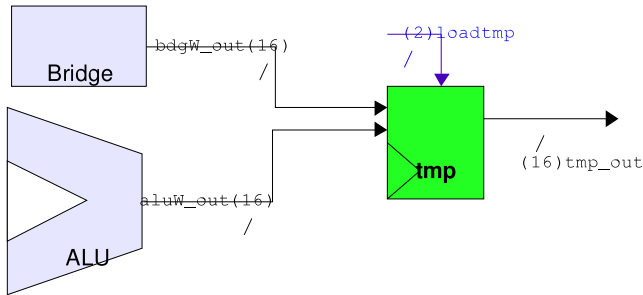


Figure 15: Temporary register schematic

## 2.2 Addressing modes

Our implementation supports the eight addressing modes of the H8/300, but their details differ slightly because we employ a 16-bit data bus instead of the 8-bit bus on an actual H8.

### 2.2.1 Register Direct, $Rn$

The register field of the instruction specifies an 8- or 16-bit general register containing the operand. The mux\_select signal comes from the instruction itself to select one or a pair of the general-purpose registers.

### 2.2.2 Register Indirect, $@Rn$

The register field of the instruction specifies from which 16-bit general register the address of the operand is to be taken. This address is passed to the MA. Data is fetched from the memory and sent to the ALU.

### 2.2.3 Register indirect with displacement, $@(d:16, Rn)$

This mode is like register indirect but adds the contents of a second instruction word to the contents of a 16-bit register to form the address.

The controller first fetches the offset from the word after the instruction by moving the contents of the PC to the MA. The offset is fetched into the mem\_interface, which forwards it to the MD.

Once the offset is in the MD, the ALU adds the two 16-bit operands (one general-purpose register and the MD) to generate the operand address, which is sent again to the MA to fetch the operand.

### 2.2.4 Register indirect with post-increment or pre-decrement, $@Rn+$ or $@-Rn$

Like register indirect, the register field of the instruction specifies which 16-bit general register holds the address of

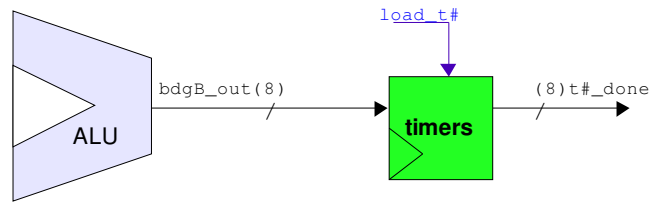


Figure 16: Timer schematic

the operand. The difference is that the address is either incremented after or decremented before being returned to the source register. Such modes conveniently implement a stack.

### 2.2.5 Absolute address, $@aa:8$ or $@aa:16$

The instruction specifies the absolute address of the operand in memory. The  $@aa:8$  mode zero-extends an 8-bit absolute address to access memory in the range H'0000 to H'00FF. Eight-bit absolute addresses are in the instruction itself, so the value is taken from the IR and passed through the mux\_ma.

A sixteen-bit absolute address appears after the instruction in memory, so the PC must be loaded into the MA, the address fetched from the instruction stream into the mem\_interface, and finally the result passed back to the MA.

### 2.2.6 Immediate, $#xx:8$ or $#xx:16$

Eight-bit immediate data is in the instruction itself, so it is taken from the IR. Sixteen-bit immediate data comes from the next word in the instruction stream, so the PC is loaded into the MA, the word fetched, and this becomes the immediate data.

### 2.2.7 PC-Relative, $@(d:8, PC)$

This mode is used to generate branch addresses. An 8-bit value in the lower byte of the instruction is sign-extended and added to the new program counter (i.e., beyond the current instruction). The ALU adds these values and passes them back to the PC.

### 2.2.8 Memory Indirect, $@@aa:8$

The lower byte of the instruction code specifies an 8-bit absolute address from H'0000 to H'00FF (0 to 255). A word is fetched from this address and becomes the target of the branch (this mode is only used by the JSR or JMP instructions).

## 2.3 Memory

We implemented a 16-bit wide memory system. Since the H8 has byte-addressable memory, we implemented a mask where the H8 sees the 16-bit RAM as individual bytes.

To implement such a behavior, the LSB of the memory address inside the data path is used to designate what part of the word the upper 8-bits or the lower 8-bits is been accessed. When the LSB is 1, the lower part (bit 7 to bit 0) of the word is accessed, with a 0 the higher part (bit 15 to bit 8) of the word is accessed. Because of this lower bit implementation the memory can only be accesses in the even



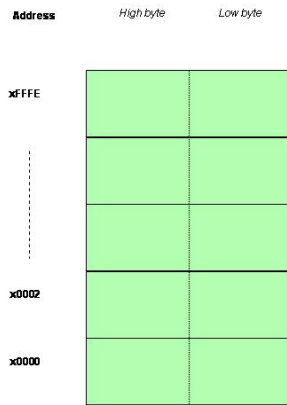


Figure 17: The concatenator

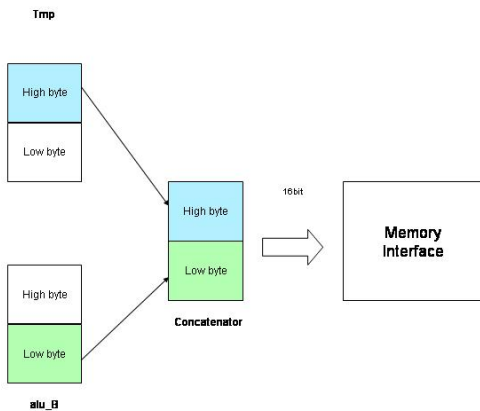


Figure 18: The memory interface

addresses reducing the available space for storage by half. Given the fact that all the accesses to memory must be done in words (16-bits) we created a component that concatenates two 8-bit data. This component is called the concatenator (CNCT, Figure 17).

The CNCT is responsible for creating proper data to be stored in memory and has a direct connection to the memory interface. Depending on the part of the 16-bit data (high byte or low byte) being modified, the CNCT combines the modified byte with the unmodified byte. If the lower part of the word (bit 7 to bit 0) is to be modified, we save the high part of the word (bit 15 to bit 8) in a temporary register (tmp). When the low byte is ready to be written back, it will be concatenated with the unchanged high part in the CNCT.

The memory is connected to the Datapath through a component called the memory interface (MI, Figure 18). This is a bidirectional component that routes data to and from memory. When the memory interface is receiving data from the

memory, the data\_out output is used for the data to be connected with the all the other components through the muxes. For a write, the data\_in input is sent to the memory output. The data that is feed into data\_in can be from the registers MD or the CNCT.

### 3 Synthesis on the FPGA

Our hardware platform, an XSB-300E board from XESS corporation, has a single Xilinx Spartan IIE FPGA containing 300K system gates. This FPGA has sixteen 4K-bit block RAMs. We only used one of the sixteen RAMs for testing. To configure a block RAM to work in “write-first” mode, we followed the specific coding style from the Xilinx manual.

Coding The combinational logic required another trick. Our design consists of many *case* statements. If we did not carefully include every case and a default, the synthesis tool would generate priority decoders and latches. Careful encoding of multiplexer controls and parallel condition checks also reduce any extraneous logic.

According to synthesis report generated by Xilinx ISE 6.3, the longest paths passed through register files and multiplexers with the highest fan-outs. Much could be done to improve the performance of our implementation.

### 4 Testing

We did extensive simulation to check each instruction is consistent with the specification in the H8 programmer’s manual. After testing each instruction in isolation, we started testing programs.

Initial testing was done with simulation; for testing on the FPGA, we implemented an LED module (Figure 19) to display the data bus and memory address. This was cumbersome and time consuming.

Finally, we implemented a serial transmitter, the UAT, which could be made to send program output through a serial port under program control.

#### 4.1 Hardware implementation for testing

A LED module and a UAT were implemented to provide debugging capabilities for our processor.

##### 4.1.1 LED Display Module

We used the LED display module (Figure 20) for hardware testing. This module controls three LED displays on the XSB board. Memory input/output busses, address, and control states are connected to this module. The data trigger is set in the controller and it is easy to modify trigger conditions. Two seven-segment LEDs display the memory address or data. Their role is set by the switches on the XSB board.

##### 4.1.2 UAT Module

UAT (Universal asynchronous transmitter), unlike UART, it only transmits data. A nine-bit shift register which operates at a clock frequency of 9600Hz provided by Clock Divider module fetches parallel data from memory data bus and outputs to serial port when controller issues the trigger with particular memory address.

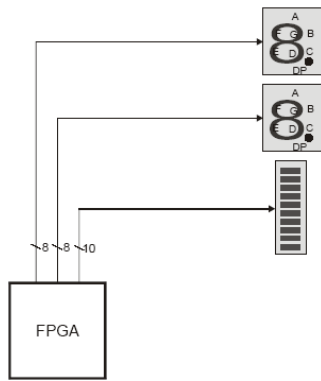


Figure 19: LEDs on the XSB board

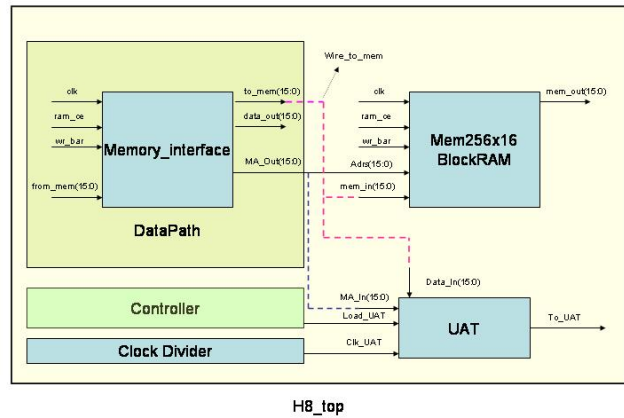


Figure 21: Block diagram of UAT

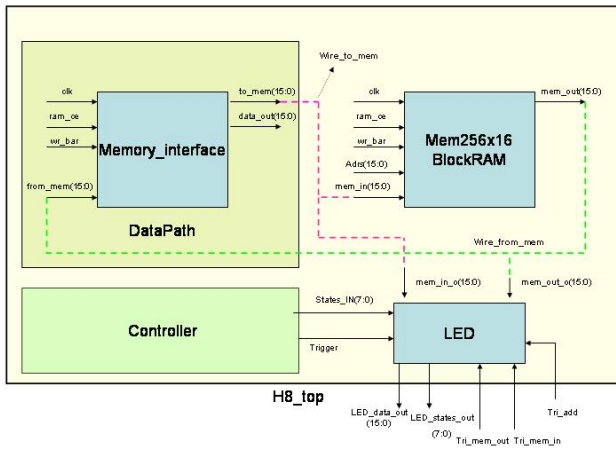


Figure 20: Block diagram of LED display module

## 4.2 Test programs

### 4.2.1 Bit Counter

This counts the number of 1s and 0s in data. It is easier to test the result in simulation; on the FPGA we had the program send its output out the serial port.

### 4.2.2 Hello Columbia

This test uses a number of arithmetic operations to set the ASCII equivalent of “Hello Columbia” in the registers. Once the values are set, the data is sent from the registers out the serial port to be displayed. If successful, we observe “Hello Columbia” on the terminal.

## 5 Building a cross compiler

We built a cross-compiler for the H8/300 using gcc. The main challenge was finding appropriate versions of the GNU binutils, gcc, and newlib packages that would handle the H8/300 environment. The steps to do this are

1. Create two directories in your home: cross-compiler and h8-compiler.

2. Download the following files to the cross-compiler directory:

```
binutils-2.17_sh_h8_mi6c_v0603.tar.bz2
gcc-4.2-20060812_sh_h8_m16c_v0603.tar.bz2
newlib-1.14.0_sh_h8_m16c_v0603.tar.bz2
```

3. Build binutils

```
cd cross-compiler
tar xjf binutils-2.17_sh_h8_mi6c_v0603.tar.bz2
# Unpacking creates a binutils-2.17/ directory
mkdir build-binutils
cd build-binutils
./binutils-2.17/configure \
  --prefix=/home/user/../../h8-compiler \
  --target=h8300-elf
gmake CFLAGS="-O2 -fomit-frame-pointer" all
gmake install
export PATH=$PATH:~/h8-compiler/bin
```

4. Build gcc with newlib

```
tar xjf gcc-4.2-20060812_sh_h8_m16c_v0603.tar.bz2
# Unpacking creates a gcc-4.2-20060812/ directory
tar xzf newlib-1.14.0_sh_h8_m16c_v0603.tar.bz2
# Unpacking creates a newlib-1.14.0/ directory
cd gcc-4.2-20060812
ln -s ~/cross-compiler/newlib-1.14.0/newlib .
mkdir build-gcc
cd build-gcc
~/cross-compiler/gcc-4.2/configure \
  --prefix=/home/user/../../h8-compiler \
  --target=h8300-elf \
  --enable-languages=c \
  --with-newlib
gmake CFLAGS="-O2 -fomit-frame-pointer" all
gmake install
```

The above steps will create h8 tool chain for the elf format in the h8-compiler directory.

## 6 Conclusions

We tested assembly programs for our H8/300. We synthesized the design on the Xilinx Spartan IIE FPGA, we were able to run the design at 25 MHz, the memory was a 256x16 bit BRAM (we used one of sixteen such RAMs

on the FPGA). We implemented a serial transmitter that displayed results on a 9600 baud terminal.

We were not able to test C programs on the H8 because we were not able to merge the ELF files generated by our compilation chain. This is the obvious next step.

## 7 Appendix

### 7.1 Signal list for VHDL modules

| <b>H8_Top.vhd</b> |        |                      |
|-------------------|--------|----------------------|
| Signal            | Type   | Description          |
| clk               | Input  | System clock (50MHz) |
| reset             | Input  | System reset         |
| LED_in            | Input  | Manual LED Trigger   |
| LED_out           | Input  | Manual LED Trigger   |
| LED_add           | Input  | Manual LED Trigger   |
| sr (15:0)         | Input  | TBD                  |
| Switches (3:0)    | Input  | TBD                  |
| UAT_out           | Output | To serial port       |
| data_out (15:0)   | Output | Data to LEDs         |
| state_out (7:0)   | Output | Data to LEDs         |
| DClk_UAT_OUT      | Output | Test output          |

| <b>ram256x16.vhd</b> |        |                       |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Signal               | Type   | Description           |
| clk                  | Input  | Divided clock (25MHz) |
| wr_bar               | Input  | Memory write          |
| ram_ce               | Input  | Memory chip enable    |
| adrs (15:0)          | Input  | Memory address        |
| mem_in (15:0)        | Input  | Data of memory write  |
| mem_out (15:0)       | Output | Data of memory read   |

| <b>register7.vhd</b> |        |                         |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Signal               | Type   | Description             |
| clk                  | Input  | Divided clock (25MHz)   |
| reset                | Input  | System reset            |
| Load                 | Input  | Register load selection |
| reg_in (7:0)         | Input  | Data from CCR           |
| reg_out (7:0)        | Output | Register output         |

| <b>register16.vhd (TMP)</b> |        |                         |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Signal                      | Type   | Description             |
| clk                         | Input  | Divided clock (25MHz)   |
| reset                       | Input  | System reset            |
| Load (1:0)                  | Input  | Register load selection |
| bdg_in (15:0)               | Input  | Load selection          |
| reg_in (15:0)               | Input  | Word data from ALU      |
| reg_out (15:0)              | Output | Register output         |

| <b>Div_Clk.vhd</b> |        |                       |
|--------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Signal             | Type   | Description           |
| clk                | Input  | System clock (50 MHz) |
| reset              | Input  | System reset          |
| DClk               | Output | Divided clock         |

| <b>H8_datapath.vhd</b> |        |                         |
|------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Signal                 | Type   | Description             |
| clk                    | Input  | Divided clock (25MHz)   |
| reset                  | Input  | System reset            |
| acc_op (3:0)           | Input  | ACC operation control   |
| alu_sel (5:0)          | Input  | ALU operation control   |
| bdg_sel (1:0)          | Input  | Bdg select control      |
| ma_sel (1:0)           | Input  | MA select control       |
| md_sel                 | Input  | MD select control       |
| ccr_sel (1:0)          | Input  | CCR select control      |
| loadccr                | Input  | Register7 load control  |
| loadtmp (1:0)          | Input  | Register16 load control |
| loadir                 | Input  | IR load control         |
| loadma                 | Input  | MA load control         |
| loadmd (1:0)           | Input  | Register16 load control |
| loadcnct (1:0)         | Input  | Md_concnct control      |
| loadpc (1:0)           | Input  | Register16 load control |
| rd_sel (4:0)           | Input  | Mux_rd select control   |
| rs_sel (4:0)           | Input  | Mux_rs select control   |
| rn_sel(4:0)            | Input  | Mux_rn select control   |
| load_r0h (1:0)         | Input  | Register load control   |
| load_r0l (1:0)         | Input  | Register load control   |
| load_r1h (1:0)         | Input  | Register load control   |
| load_r1l (1:0)         | Input  | Register load control   |
| load_r2h (1:0)         | Input  | Register load control   |
| load_r2l (1:0)         | Input  | Register load control   |
| load_r3h (1:0)         | Input  | Register load control   |
| load_r3l (1:0)         | Input  | Register load control   |
| load_r4h (1:0)         | Input  | Register load control   |
| load_r4l (1:0)         | Input  | Register load control   |
| load_r5h (1:0)         | Input  | Register load control   |
| load_r5l (1:0)         | Input  | Register load control   |
| load_r6h (1:0)         | Input  | Register load control   |
| load_r6l (1:0)         | Input  | Register load control   |
| load_r7h (1:0)         | Input  | Register load control   |
| load_r7l (1:0)         | Input  | Register load control   |
| load_t0                | Input  | Load timer0             |
| load_t1                | Input  | Load timer1             |
| load_t2                | Input  | Load timer2             |
| rd_bar                 | Input  | Memory read             |
| wr_bar                 | Input  | Memory write            |
| from_mem (15:0)        | Input  | Data from memory        |
| sr (15:0)              | Input  | TBD                     |
| ir_out (15:0)          | Output | IR to controller        |
| tmp_out (15:0)         | Output | TMP to controller       |
| ccr_out (7:0)          | Output | CCR to controller       |
| t0_done                | Output | Timer0 done             |
| t1_done                | Output | Timer1 done             |
| t2_done                | Output | Timer2 done             |
| lower                  | Output | LSB of memory address   |
| MA_out (15:0)          | Output | Memory address          |
| to_mem (15:0)          | Output | Data to memory          |

| <b>controller.vhd</b> |        |                         |
|-----------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Signal                | Type   | Description             |
| clk                   | Input  | Divided clock (25MHz)   |
| reset                 | Input  | System clock            |
| ir_out (15:0)         | Input  | IR from datapath        |
| tmp_out (15:0)        | Input  | TMP from datapath       |
| ccr_out (7:0)         | Input  | CCR from datapath       |
| t0_done               | Input  | Timer0 done             |
| t1_done               | Input  | Timer1 done             |
| t2_done               | Input  | Timer2 done             |
| halt_current          | Input  | Halt request            |
| int_request           | Input  | Interrupt request       |
| switches (3:0)        | Input  | TBD                     |
| c_state (7:0)         | Output | States output           |
| acc_op (3:0)          | Output | Acc control             |
| acc_sel (3:0)         | Output | Acc select control      |
| alu_sel (5:0)         | Output | Alu control             |
| bdg_sel (1:0)         | Output | Bdg control             |
| ma_sel (1:0)          | Output | Ma control              |
| md_sel                | Output | Mux_md control          |
| ccr_sel (1:0)         | Output | Mux_ccr control         |
| loadccr               | Output | Register7 load control  |
| loadtmp (1:0)         | Output | Register16 load control |
| loadir                | Output | IR load control         |
| loadma                | Output | MA load control         |
| loadmd (1:0)          | Output | Register16 load control |
| loadcnct (1:0)        | Output | Md_concnct control      |
| loadpc (1:0)          | Output | Register16 load control |
| rd_sel (4:0)          | Output | Mux_rd control          |
| rs_sel (4:0)          | Output | Mux_rs control          |
| rn_sel (4:0)          | Output | Mux_rn control          |
| load_r0h (1:0)        | Output | Register load control   |
| load_r0l (1:0)        | Output | Register load control   |
| load_r1h (1:0)        | Output | Register load control   |
| load_r1l (1:0)        | Output | Register load control   |
| load_r2h (1:0)        | Output | Register load control   |
| load_r2l (1:0)        | Output | Register load control   |
| load_r3h (1:0)        | Output | Register load control   |
| load_r3l (1:0)        | Output | Register load control   |
| load_r4h (1:0)        | Output | Register load control   |
| load_r4l (1:0)        | Output | Register load control   |
| load_r5h (1:0)        | Output | Register load control   |
| load_r5l (1:0)        | Output | Register load control   |
| load_r6h (1:0)        | Output | Register load control   |
| load_r6l (1:0)        | Output | Register load control   |
| load_r7h (1:0)        | Output | Register load control   |
| load_r7l (1:0)        | Output | Register load control   |
| load_t0               | Output | Load timer0             |
| load_t1               | Output | Load timer1             |
| load_t2               | Output | Load timer2             |
| rd_bar                | Output | Read memory             |
| wr_bar                | Output | Write memory            |
| ram_ce                | Output | Memory enable           |
| load_uat              | Output | Load UAT                |
| trigger_LED           | Output | State Trigger to LED    |

| <b>acc.vhd</b> |        |                         |
|----------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Signal         | Type   | Description             |
| clk            | Input  | System clock            |
| reset          | Input  | System reset            |
| acc_op (3:0)   | Input  | ACC operation selection |
| acc_in (7:0)   | Input  | Byte data from mux_acc  |
| ccr_in (7:0)   | Input  | CCR data from register7 |
| acc_out (7:0)  | Output | ACC output              |
| ccr_out (7:0)  | Output | Modified CCR output     |

| <b>alu.vhd</b>  |        |                         |
|-----------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Signal          | Type   | Description             |
| ccr_in (7:0)    | Input  | CCR data from register7 |
| sport (7:0)     | Input  | Byte data from mux_rd   |
| sport_w (15:0)  | Input  | Word data from mux_rd   |
| dport (7:0)     | Input  | Byte data from mux_rs   |
| dport_w (15:0)  | Input  | Word data from mux_rs   |
| alu_sel (5:0)   | Input  | ALU operation selection |
| ccr_out (7:0)   | Output | ALU CCR output          |
| aluB_out (7:0)  | Output | ALU byte output         |
| aluW_out (15:0) | Output | ALU word output         |

| <b>bridge.vhd</b> |        |                         |
|-------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Signal            | Type   | Description             |
| ccr_in (7:0)      | Input  | CCR data from register7 |
| nport_B (7:0)     | Input  | Byte data from mux_rn   |
| nport_W (15:0)    | Input  | Word data from mux_rn   |
| bdg_sel (1:0)     | Input  | Mux select control      |
| ccr_out (7:0)     | Output | Bridge CCR out          |
| bedW_out (15:0)   | Output | Bridge word output      |

| <b>ir.vhd</b>  |        |                       |
|----------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Signal         | Type   | Description           |
| clk            | Input  | Divided clock (25MHz) |
| reset          | Input  | System reset          |
| loadir         | Input  | Load selection        |
| reg_in (15:0)  | Input  | Word data from Bridge |
| abs_out (15:0) | Output | ABS address           |
| reg_out (15:0) | Output | IR output             |
| IMM_out (7:0)  | Output | Immediate data        |

| <b>LED.vhd</b>      |        |                         |
|---------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Signal              | Type   | Description             |
| clk                 | Input  | Divided clock (25MHz)   |
| reset               | Input  | System reset            |
| Trigger             | Input  | Trigger from controller |
| Tri_mem_in          | Input  | Manual trigger          |
| Tri_mem_out         | Input  | Manual trigger          |
| Tri_add             | Input  | Manual trigger          |
| States_IN (7:0)     | Input  | States from controller  |
| mem_in (15:0)       | Input  | Memory write data       |
| mem_out (15:0)      | Input  | Memory read data        |
| mem_add (15:0)      | Input  | Memory address          |
| LED_data_out (15:0) | Output | Data to LED display     |
| LED_state_out (7:0) | Output | Data to LED display     |

| <b>md_concat.vhd</b> |             |                       |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Signal</b>        | <b>Type</b> | <b>Description</b>    |
| clk                  | Input       | Divided clock (25MHz) |
| reset                | Input       | System reset          |
| alu_B (7:0)          | Input       | Byte data from ALU    |
| md_in (15:0)         | Input       | Memory data           |
| Load (1:0)           | Input       | Load selection        |
| reg_out (15:0)       | Output      | Concat output         |

| <b>mem_interface.vhd</b> |             |                    |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>Signal</b>            | <b>Type</b> | <b>Description</b> |
| wr_bar                   | Input       | Write memory       |
| rd_bar                   | Input       | Read memory        |
| data_in (15:0)           | Input       | Data to memory     |
| from_mem (15:0)          | Output      | Data from memory   |

| <b>mux_acc.vhd</b> |             |                        |
|--------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| <b>Signal</b>      | <b>Type</b> | <b>Description</b>     |
| acc_sel (3:0)      | Input       | Mux select control     |
| r0h (7:0)          | Input       | Low byte of register1  |
| r0l (7:0)          | Input       | High byte of register2 |
| r1h (7:0)          | Input       | Low byte of register2  |
| r1l (7:0)          | Input       | High byte of register3 |
| r2h (7:0)          | Input       | Low byte of register3  |
| r2l (7:0)          | Input       | High byte of register4 |
| r3h (7:0)          | Input       | Low byte of register4  |
| r3l (7:0)          | Input       | High byte of register5 |
| r4h (7:0)          | Input       | Low byte of register5  |
| r4l (7:0)          | Input       | High byte of register6 |
| r5h (7:0)          | Input       | Low byte of register6  |
| r5l (7:0)          | Input       | High byte of register7 |
| r6h (7:0)          | Input       | Low byte of register7  |
| r6l (7:0)          | Input       | Low byte of register1  |
| r7h (7:0)          | Input       | High byte of register2 |
| r7l (7:0)          | Input       | Low byte of register2  |
| mux_out (7:0)      | Output      | Mux output             |

| <b>mux_ccr.vhd</b> |             |                    |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>Signal</b>      | <b>Type</b> | <b>Description</b> |
| alu (7:0)          | Input       | CCR out from ALU   |
| data (7:0)         | Input       | Byte data from ALU |
| bdg (7:0)          | Input       | BDG out from ACC   |
| acc (7:0)          | Input       | CCR out from ACC   |
| ccr_sel (1:0)      | Input       | Mux select control |
| mux_out (7:0)      | Output      | Mux output         |

| <b>mux_ma.vhd</b> |             |                       |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Signal</b>     | <b>Type</b> | <b>Description</b>    |
| aa (15:0)         | Input       | ABS address from IR   |
| pc (15:0)         | Input       | PC value from TMP     |
| data (15:0)       | Input       | Word data from ALU    |
| bdg (15:0)        | Input       | Word data from BDG    |
| ma_sel (1:0)      | Input       | Mux select control    |
| ma_out (15:0)     | Output      | Memory address output |

| <b>mux_md.vhd</b> |             |                     |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| <b>Signal</b>     | <b>Type</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
| md_sel            | Input       | Mux select control  |
| cnct (15:0)       | Input       | Word data from CNCT |
| mux_out (15:0)    | Output      | Memory data output  |

| <b>mux_rd.vhd</b> |             |                         |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Signal</b>     | <b>Type</b> | <b>Description</b>      |
| ccr (7:0)         | Input       | CCR data from register7 |
| md_out (15:0)     | Input       | Memory data             |
| pc (15:0)         | input       | PC value from TMP       |
| r0h (7:0)         | Input       | Low byte of register1   |
| r0l (7:0)         | Input       | High byte of register2  |
| r1h (7:0)         | Input       | Low byte of register2   |
| r1l (7:0)         | Input       | High byte of register3  |
| r2h (7:0)         | Input       | Low byte of register3   |
| r2l (7:0)         | Input       | High byte of register4  |
| r3h (7:0)         | Input       | Low byte of register4   |
| r3l (7:0)         | Input       | High byte of register5  |
| r4h (7:0)         | Input       | Low byte of register5   |
| r4l (7:0)         | Input       | High byte of register6  |
| r5h (7:0)         | Input       | Low byte of register6   |
| r5l (7:0)         | Input       | High byte of register7  |
| r6h (7:0)         | Input       | Low byte of register7   |
| r6l (7:0)         | Input       | Low byte of register1   |
| r7h (7:0)         | Input       | High byte of register2  |
| r7l (7:0)         | Input       | Low byte of register2   |
| cnct (15:0)       | Input       | Word data from CNCT     |
| rd_sel (4:0)      | Input       | Mux select control      |
| mux_B_out (7:0)   | Output      | Byte output             |
| mux_W_out (15:0)  | Output      | Word output             |

| <b>mux_rn.vhd</b> |        |                         |
|-------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Signal            | Type   | Description             |
| rn_sel (4:0)      | Input  | Mux selection control   |
| r0h (7:0)         | Input  | Low byte of register1   |
| r0l (7:0)         | Input  | High byte of register2  |
| r1h (7:0)         | Input  | Low byte of register2   |
| r1l (7:0)         | Input  | High byte of register3  |
| r2h (7:0)         | Input  | Low byte of register3   |
| r2l (7:0)         | Input  | High byte of register4  |
| r3h (7:0)         | Input  | Low byte of register4   |
| r3l (7:0)         | Input  | High byte of register5  |
| r4h (7:0)         | Input  | Low byte of register5   |
| r4l (7:0)         | Input  | High byte of register6  |
| r5h (7:0)         | Input  | Low byte of register6   |
| r5l (7:0)         | Input  | High byte of register7  |
| r6h (7:0)         | Input  | Low byte of register7   |
| r6l (7:0)         | Input  | Low byte of register1   |
| r7h (7:0)         | Input  | High byte of register2  |
| r7l (7:0)         | Input  | Low byte of register2   |
| ma (15:0)         | Input  | Address from MA         |
| ir (15:0)         | Input  | Word data from IR       |
| md_out (15:0)     | Input  | Memory data             |
| pc (15:0)         | Input  | PC value from TMP       |
| tmp (15:0)        | Input  | Word data from TMP      |
| ccr (7:0)         | Input  | CCR data from register7 |
| sr (15:0)         | Input  | TBD                     |
| mux_B_out (7:0)   | Output | Byte output             |
| mux_W_out (15:0)  | Output | Word output             |

| <b>mux_rs.vhd</b> |        |                        |
|-------------------|--------|------------------------|
| Signal            | Type   | Description            |
| ma (15:0)         | Input  | Address from MA        |
| ir (15:0)         | Input  | Word data from IR      |
| tmp (15:0)        | Input  | Word data from TMP     |
| r0h (7:0)         | Input  | High byte of register0 |
| r0l (7:0)         | Input  | Low byte of register0  |
| r1h (7:0)         | Input  | High byte of register1 |
| r1l (7:0)         | Input  | Low byte of register1  |
| r2h (7:0)         | Input  | High byte of register2 |
| r2l (7:0)         | Input  | Low byte of register2  |
| r3h (7:0)         | Input  | High byte of register3 |
| r3l (7:0)         | Input  | Low byte of register3  |
| r4h (7:0)         | Input  | High byte of register4 |
| r4l (7:0)         | Input  | Low byte of register4  |
| r5h (7:0)         | Input  | High byte of register5 |
| r5l (7:0)         | Input  | Low byte of register5  |
| r6h (7:0)         | Input  | High byte of register6 |
| r6l (7:0)         | Input  | Low byte of register6  |
| r7h (7:0)         | Input  | High byte of register7 |
| r7l (7:0)         | Input  | Low byte of register7  |
| IMM (7:0)         | Input  | Immediate data from IR |
| rs_sel (4:0)      | Input  | MUX select control     |
| mux_B_out (7:0)   | Output | Byte output            |
| mux_W_out (15:0)  | Output | Word output            |

| <b>DivClk_UAT.vhd</b> |        |                         |
|-----------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Signal                | Type   | Description             |
| clk                   | Input  | System clock (50 MHz)   |
| reset                 | Input  | System reset            |
| DCI_UAT               | Output | Divided clock (9.6 kHz) |

| <b>register7L.vhd</b> |        |                         |
|-----------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Signal                | Type   | Description             |
| clk                   | Input  | Divided clock (25MHz)   |
| reset                 | Input  | System reset            |
| alu_W (15:0)          | Input  | Word output from ALU    |
| alu_B (7:0)           | Input  | Byte output from ALU    |
| acc_in (7:0)          | Input  | Data from ACC           |
| load_sel              | Input  | Register load selection |
| reg_out (7:0)         | Output | Register output         |

| <b>register_high.vhd</b> |        |                         |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Signal                   | Type   | Description             |
| clk                      | Input  | Divided clock (25MHz)   |
| reset                    | Input  | System reset            |
| load_sel (1:0)           | Input  | Register load selection |
| alu_W (15:0)             | Input  | Word output from ALU    |
| alu_B (7:0)              | Input  | Byte output from ALU    |
| acc_in (7:0)             | Input  | Data from ACC           |
| reg_out (7:0)            | Output | Register output         |

| <b>register_low.vhd</b> |        |                         |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Signal                  | Type   | Description             |
| clk                     | Input  | Divided clock (25MHz)   |
| reset                   | Input  | System reset            |
| load_sel (1:0)          | Input  | Register load selection |
| alu_W (15:0)            | Input  | Word output from ALU    |
| alu_B (7:0)             | Input  | Byte output from ALU    |
| acc_in (7:0)            | Input  | Data from ACC           |
| reg_out (7:0)           | Output | Register output         |

| <b>timer.vhd</b> |        |                        |
|------------------|--------|------------------------|
| Signal           | Type   | Description            |
| clk              | Input  | Divided clock (25MHz)  |
| reset            | Input  | System reset           |
| time_in (7:0)    | Input  | Initial value of timer |
| load             | Input  | Load initial value     |
| done             | Output | Done when timer = 0    |

| <b>UAT.vhd</b> |        |                         |
|----------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Signal         | Type   | Description             |
| clk            | Input  | Divided clock (25MHz)   |
| reset          | Input  | System reset            |
| Load_UAT       | Input  | Trigger from controller |
| clk_UAT        | Input  | Divided clock (9.6kHz)  |
| MA_In (15:0)   | Input  | Memory address          |
| Data_In (15:0) | Input  | Memory data             |
| To_UAT         | Output | Data to serial port     |

## 7.2 ASM chart for the controller

