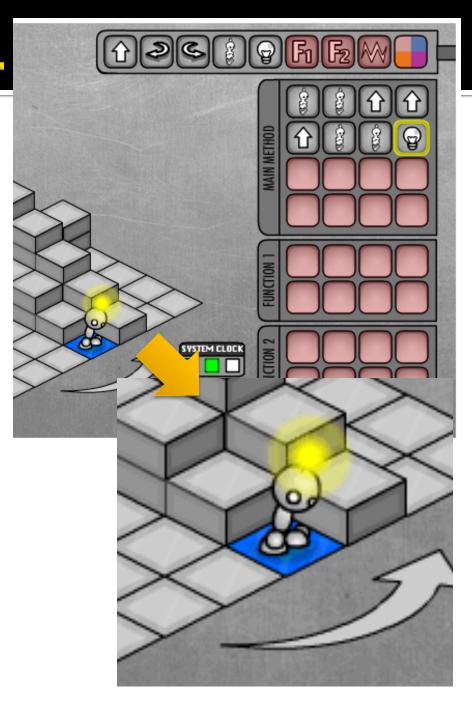
Remember Back To The Lightbot

Instruction Execution is ... So Simple Even A Computer Can Do It

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Recall Lightbot ...

- Our first discussion of Lightbot noted that the instructions were formed of composite operations ...
- Today ... we see that computer's instructions are, too



Computers ...

Deterministically execute instructions to process information

"Deterministically" means that when a computer chooses the next instruction to perform it is required by its construction to execute a specific instruction based only on the program and input it is given

Computers have no free will and they are not cruel

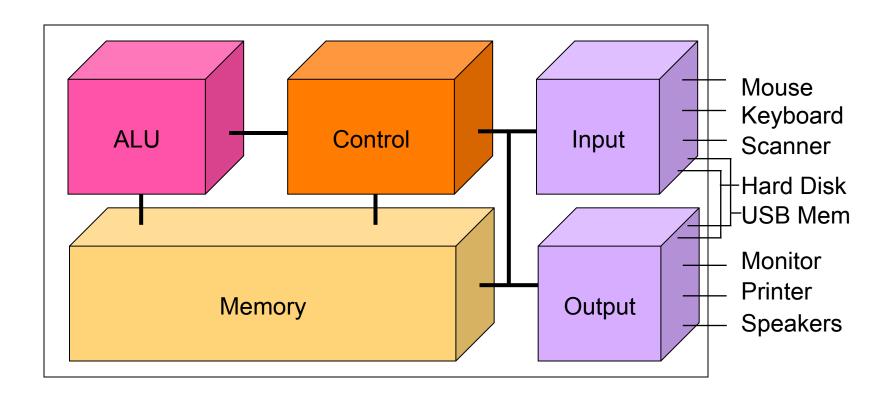
Fetch/Execute Cycle

- Computer = instruction execution engine
 - The fetch/execute cycle is the process that executes instructions

Instruction Fetch (IF)
Instruction Decode (ID)
Data Fetch (DF)
Instruction Execution (EX)
Result Return (RR)

The computer internal parts implement this cycle

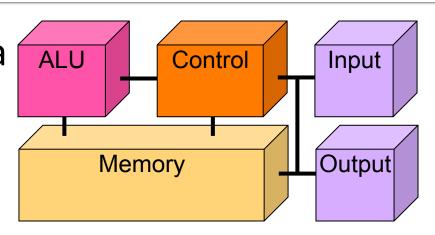
Anatomy of a Computer: The CPU

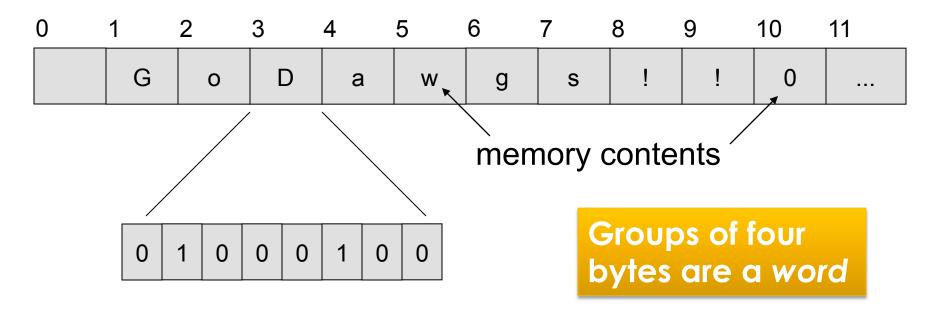


The Hard Disk is the α -device

Memory ...

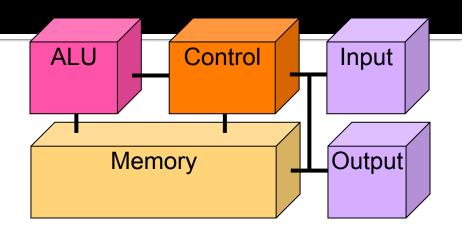
 Programs and their data must be in the memory while they are running





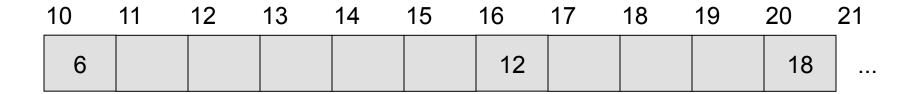
Control

 Fetch/Execute cycle is hardwired in computer's control; it's the "engine"



The instructions executed have the form ADDB 20, 10, 16

Put in memory location 20 the contents of memory location 10 + contents of memory location 16



Indirect Data Reference

 Instructions tell where the data is, not what the data is ... contents change

One instruction has many effects ADDB 20, 10, 16

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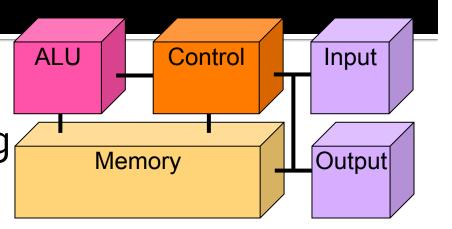
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ALU

 Arithmetic/Logic Unit does the actual computing

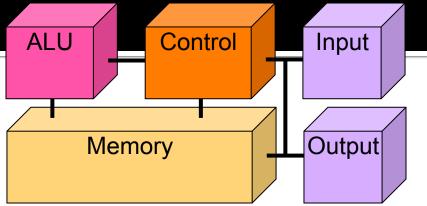


Each type of data has its own separate instructions

ADDS: add short decimal numbers ADDD: add long decimal numbers

Most computers have only about a 100-150 instructions hard wired

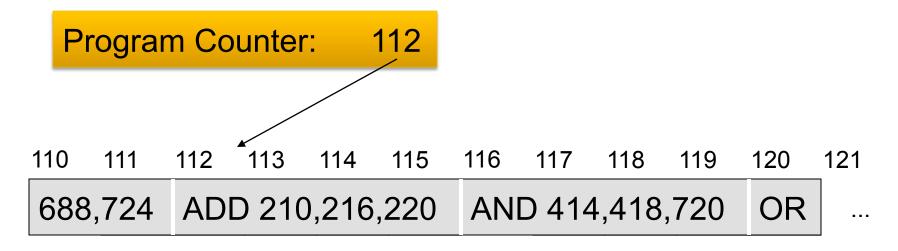
Input/Output



- Input units bring data to memory from outside world; output units send data to outside world from memory
 - Most peripheral devices are "dumb" meaning that the processor assists in their operation
 - Disks are memory devices because they can output information and input it back again

The PC's PC

- The program counter (PC) tells where the next instruction comes from
 - Instructions are a word long, so add 4 to the PC to find the next instruction

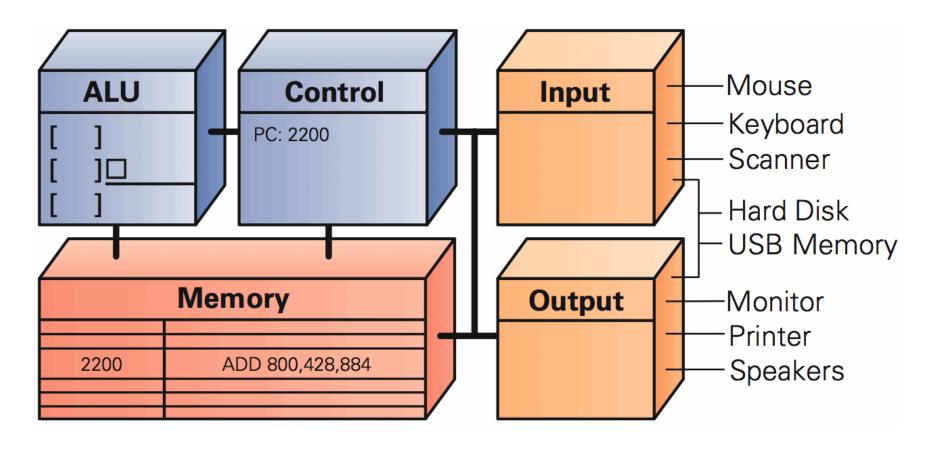


Suppose You Write a Program

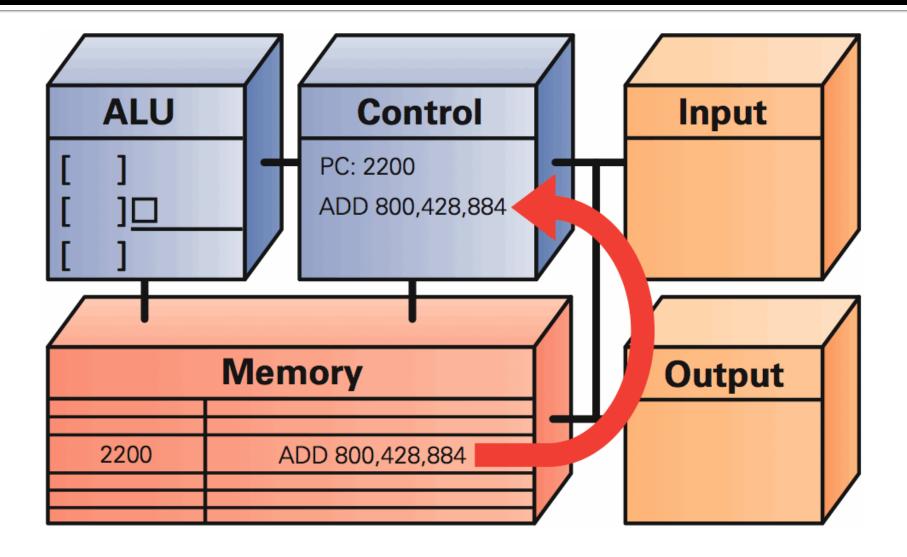
- In your program you write x = y + z;
- What happens?
 - A compiler translates the program written in the high level language (== Processing, Java, C, C#) into assembly language
 - Assembly language is a symbolic form of a computer's binary code
 - An assembler translates assembly code to binary
 - The OS places the binary code into the computer's memory, and begins performing the first instruction. Eventually, it gets to ADD 800,428,884

Instruction Execution: The Setup

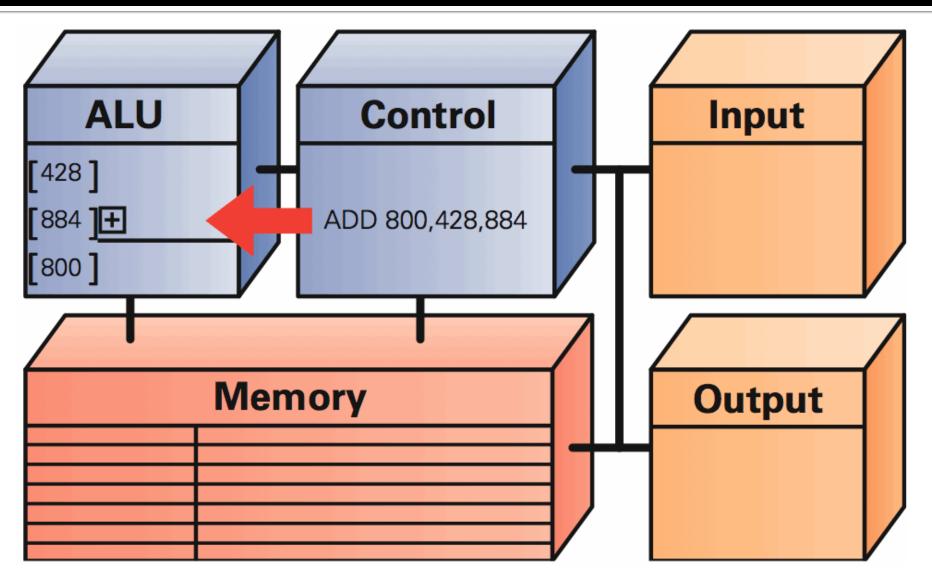
Run Instruction: 2200: Add 800, 428, 884



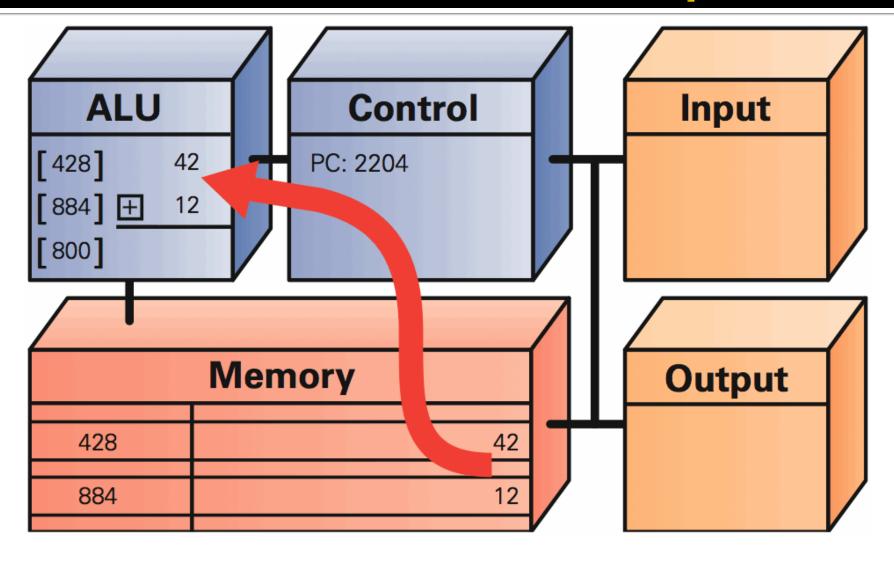
Instruction Fetch: Get Some Work



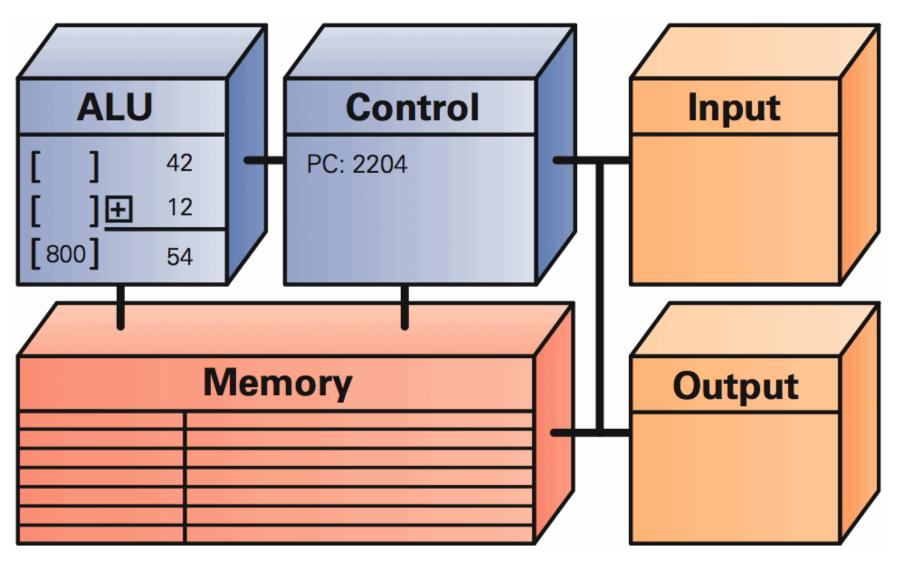
Instruction Decode: What To Do?



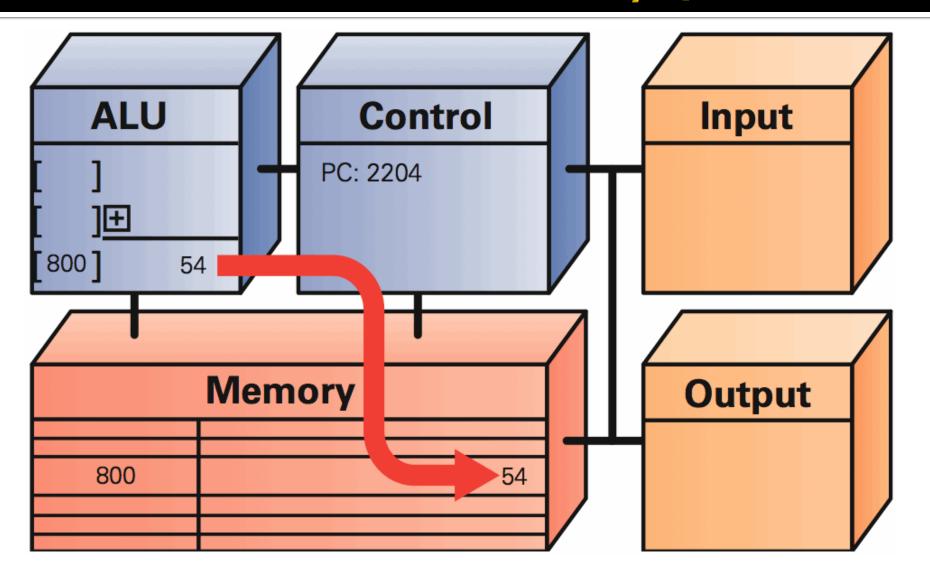
Data Fetch: What's The Input



Instruction Execution: Just Do It



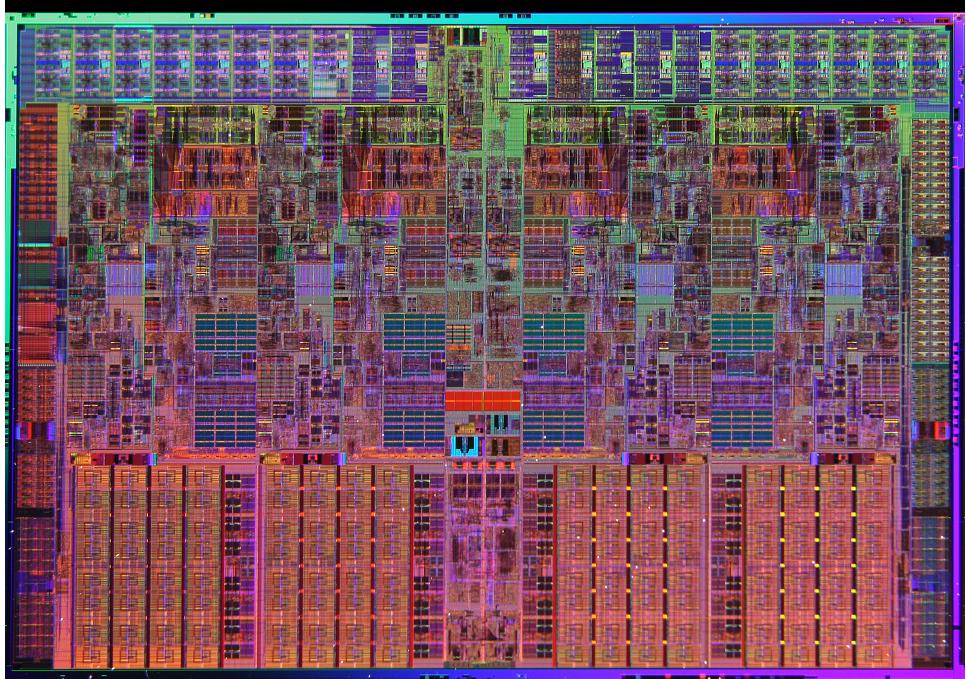
Result Return: Put It Away 4 Future



Clocks Run The Engine

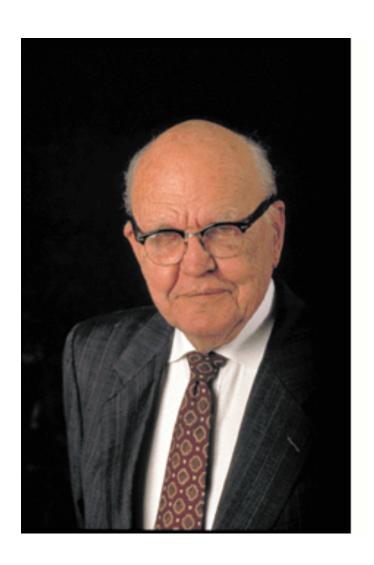
- The rate a computer "spins around" the Fetch/Execute cycle is controlled by it's clock
 - Current clocks run 2-3 GHz
 - In principle, the computer should do one instruction per cycle, but often it fails to
 - Modern processors try to do more than one instruction per cycle, and often succeed

Clock rate is not a good indicator of speed



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Semiconductors

- Silicon, a semiconductor -- sometimes it conducts and sometimes it doesn't
 - It's possible to control when semiconductors do and don't conduct

Compute by controlling conducting

Ex.: AND 428, 884, 800

Make semiconductor conduct if memory location 428 is true if memory location 884 is true

Send "yes" signal on wire

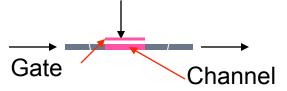
Detect presence/absence of "yes"

Field Effect

 Charged objects are familiar -- use a nylon comb on a dry day

A charged field can control whether

a semiconductor conducts or not



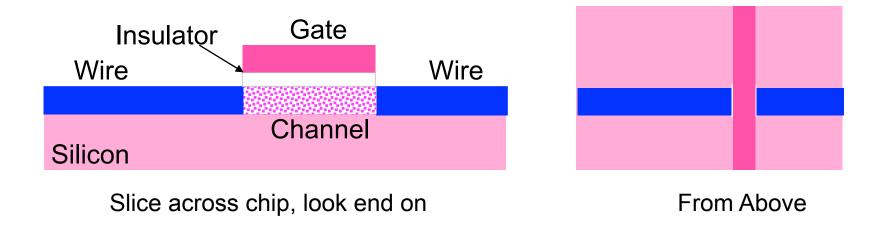
A transistor has 3 wires

The charge of the control wire (gate) is key

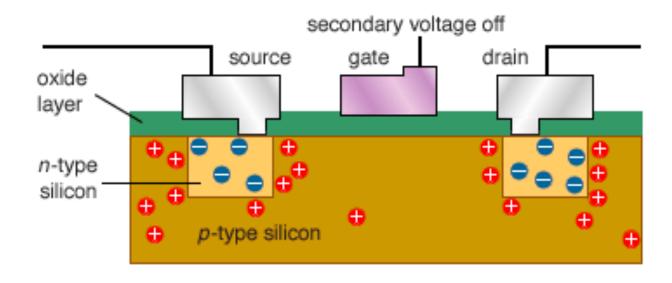
- Neutral gate, channel doesn't conduct
- Charged gate, channel conducts

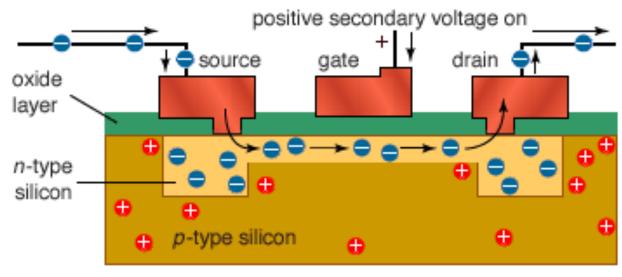
MOS Transistors

- The field-effect idea is implemented in metal-oxide-semiconductor transistors
- Schematic in Si



nMOS Transistor





Fabrication ...

- Check it out ...
 - http://umumble.com/blogs/company_intel/385/

Summary

- Fetch/execute cycle runs instructions
 - 5 steps to interpret machine instructions
 - Programs must be in the memory
 - Data is moved in and out of memory

Instructions, data are represented in binary