Lecture 24: Case Study: Intel Processors
Outline

- Evolution of Intel Microprocessors
  - Scaling from 4004 to Core i7
  - Courtesy of Intel Museum
4004

- First microprocessor (1971)
  - For Busicom calculator
- Characteristics
  - 10 μm process
  - 2300 transistors
  - 400 – 800 kHz
  - 4-bit word size
  - 16-pin DIP package
- Masks hand cut from Rubylith
  - Drawn with color pencils
  - 1 metal, 1 poly (jumpers)
  - Diagonal lines (!)
8008

- 8-bit follow-on (1972)
  - Dumb terminals
- Characteristics
  - 10 µm process
  - 3500 transistors
  - 500 – 800 kHz
  - 8-bit word size
  - 18-pin DIP package
- Note 8-bit datapaths
  - Individual transistors visible
8080

- 16-bit address bus (1974)
  - Used in Altair computer
    - (early hobbyist PC)
- Characteristics
  - 6 μm process
  - 4500 transistors
  - 2 MHz
  - 8-bit word size
  - 40-pin DIP package
8086 / 8088

- 16-bit processor (1978-9)
  - IBM PC and PC XT
  - Revolutionary products
  - Introduced x86 ISA
- Characteristics
  - 3 μm process
  - 29k transistors
  - 5-10 MHz
  - 16-bit word size
  - 40-pin DIP package
- Microcode ROM
Virtual memory (1982)
- IBM PC AT

Characteristics
- 1.5 μm process
- 134k transistors
- 6-12 MHz
- 16-bit word size
- 68-pin PGA

Regular datapaths and ROMs
Bitslices clearly visible
80386

- 32-bit processor (1985)
  - Modern x86 ISA
- Characteristics
  - 1.5-1 μm process
  - 275k transistors
  - 16-33 MHz
  - 32-bit word size
  - 100-pin PGA
- 32-bit datapath, microcode ROM, synthesized control
80486

- Pipelining (1989)
  - Floating point unit
  - 8 KB cache
- Characteristics
  - 1-0.6 μm process
  - 1.2M transistors
  - 25-100 MHz
  - 32-bit word size
  - 168-pin PGA
- Cache, Integer datapath, FPU, microcode, synthesized control
Pentium

- Superscalar (1993)
  - 2 instructions per cycle
  - Separate 8KB I$ & D$

- Characteristics
  - 0.8-0.35 \( \mu \)m process
  - 3.2M transistors
  - 60-300 MHz
  - 32-bit word size
  - 296-pin PGA

- Caches, datapath, FPU, control
Pentium Pro / II / III

- Dynamic execution (1995-9)
  - 3 micro-ops / cycle
  - Out of order execution
  - 16-32 KB I$ & D$
  - Multimedia instructions
  - PIII adds 256+ KB L2$

- Characteristics
  - 0.6-0.18 μm process
  - 5.5M-28M transistors
  - 166-1000 MHz
  - 32-bit word size
  - MCM / SECC
Pentium 4

- Deep pipeline (2001)
  - Very fast clock
  - 256-1024 KB L2 cache
- Characteristics
  - 180 – 65 nm process
  - 42-125M transistors
  - 1.4-3.4 GHz
  - Up to 160 W
  - 32/64-bit word size
  - 478-pin PGA
- Units start to become invisible on this scale
Pentium M

- Pentium III derivative
  - Better power efficiency
  - 1-2 MB L2$
- Characteristics
  - 130 – 90 nm process
  - 140M transistors
  - 0.9-2.3 GHz
  - 6-25 W
  - 32-bit word size
  - 478-pin PGA
- Cache dominates chip area
Core2 Duo

- Dual core (2006)
  - 1-2 MB L2® / core
- Characteristics
  - 65-45 nm process
  - 291M transistors
  - 1.6-3+ GHz
  - 65 W
  - 32/64 bit word size
  - 775 pin LGA
- Much better performance/power efficiency
Core i7

- Quad core (& more)
  - Pentium-style architecture
  - 2 MB L3$ / core
- Characteristics
  - 45-32 nm process
  - 731M transistors
  - 2.66-3.33+ GHz
  - Up to 130 W
  - 32/64 bit word size
  - 1366-pin LGA
  - Multithreading
- On-die memory controller
Atom

- Low power CPU for netbooks
  - Pentium-style architecture
  - 512KB+ L2$

- Characteristics
  - 45-32 nm process
  - 47M transistors
  - 0.8-1.8+ GHz
  - 1.4-13 W
  - 32/64-bit word size
  - 441-pin FCBGA

- Low voltage (0.7 – 1.1 V) operation
  - Excellent performance/power
# Summary

$10^4$ increase in transistor count, clock frequency over 3 decades!

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Processor</th>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Feature Size (μm)</th>
<th>Transistors</th>
<th>Frequency (MHz)</th>
<th>Word Size</th>
<th>Power (W)</th>
<th>Cache (L1 / L2 / L3)</th>
<th>Package</th>
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<td>4004</td>
<td>1971</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>25–100</td>
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<td>166–200</td>
<td>32</td>
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