

Mips Processor Functional Description

This hardware component is a Mips R3000 processor core. This is only an ISS, which should be wrapped with an [IssWrapper](#).

The simulation model is actually an instruction set simulator, organised as a three-stage pipeline:

- First stage: instruction fetch, with access to the external instruction cache.
- Second stage: instruction is executed with a possible access to the external data cache.
- Third stage: read memory access is written back to registers

The main functional specifications are the following:

- LWL/LWR instructions are not yet implemented even if patent expired on 2006-12-23 ([?source](#))
- The floating point instructions are not supported
- There is no TLB, and no hardware support for virtual memory, as a generic MMU is implemented in the VciVcacheWrapper? component.
- All Mips R3000 exceptions are handled, including the memory addressing X_IBE and X_DBE, but the write errors are not precise, due to the posted write buffer in the cache controller.
- A data cache line invalidation mechanism is supported: when a *LW* instruction is executed with the GPR[0] destination register, a cache line invalidation request is sent to the data cache.

It exists in Big-endian and Little-endian forms.

Component definition

Available in `source:trunk/soclib/soclib/lib/metadata/mipsel.sd` and `source:trunk/soclib/soclib/lib/metadata/mipseb.sd`

Usage

Mips has no parameters.

```
Uses ( 'mipsel' )
```

or

```
Uses ( 'mipseb' )
```

Mips Processor ISS Implementation

The implementation is in

- `source:trunk/soclib/lib/include/iss/mips.h`
- `source:trunk/soclib/lib/src/iss/mips.cpp`
- `source:trunk/soclib/lib/src/iss/mips_instructions.cpp`

Template parameters

This component has no template parameters.

Constructor parameters

```
MipsElIss(  
    sc_module_name name,    // Instance Name  
    int ident);            // processor id
```

or

```
MipsEbIss( name, ident);
```

Visible registers

The following internal registers define the processor internal state, and can be inspected:

- `r_pc` : Program counter
- `m_ins` : Instruction register
- `r_gpr[i]` : General registers ($0 < i < 32$)
- `r_hi` & `r_lo` : Intermediate registers for multiply / divide instructions
- `r_cp0[i]` : Coprocessor 0 registers ($0 \leq i < 32$). Implemented values:
 - ◆ 8: BAR : Bad address register
 - ◆ 12: SR : Status register
 - ◆ 13: CR : Cause register
 - ◆ 14: EPC : Exception PC register
 - ◆ 15: INFOS : CPU identification number on bits [9:0]

Interrupts

Mips defines 6 interrupts lines. ~~The lowest number has the highest priority.~~ The handling and prioritization of the interrupts is deferred to software.

Ports

None, it is to the wrapper to provide them.