

PROCESSOR COMPONENTS



PROGRAM COUNTER (PC)

- KEEPS CHECK OF WHEREABOUTS THE NEXT PROGRAM IS IN THE MEMORY.
- AFTER ONE INSTRUCTION HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT, THE PC WILL BE ABLE TO TELL THE PROCESSOR WHERE ABOUTS THE NEXT INSTRUCTION IS.
- THE INSTRUCTIONS ARE ALWAYS STORED IN ORDER IN THE PC.

MEMORY ADDRESS REGISTER (MAR)

- THIS IS WHERE THE ADDRESS THAT WAS READ FROM THE PC IS SENT.
- STORED HERE SO THAT THE PROCESSOR KNOWS WHERE ABOUTS IN THE MEMORY THE INSTRUCTION IS.

MEMORY DATA REGISTER (MDR)

- THE MEMORY IS SEARCHED TO FIND THE ADDRESS BEING HELD IN THE MAR, AND WHAT EVER IS UNDER THAT ADDRESS, MUST BE THE INSTRUCTION.
- THE INSTRUCTION IS THEN COPIED, INTO THE MDR.

CURRENT INSTRUCTION REGISTER (CIR)

- THE INSTRUCTION THAT IS NOW IN THE MDR IS COPIED INTO THE CIR.
- IT WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS:
 - ONE PART WILL BE SENT TO THE COMPUTER TO BE DECODED SO THAT THE PROCESSOR KNOWS WHAT SORT OF INSTRUCTION IT IS, AND CAN SEND SIGNALS TO THE RELEVANT PARTS.
 - THE OTHER PART TELLS THE PROCESSOR WHERE ABOUTS IN THE MEMORY THE DATA THAT NEEDS TO BE USED IS.

THE ACCUMALATOR (ACC)

- THE ACCUMALATOR IS USED TO ACCUMALATE RESULTS, IT IS WHERE THE RESULTS FROM OTHER OPERSAIONS ARE STORED TEMPORARILY BEFORE BEING USED BY OTHER PROCESS' S.