Chapter 0 Methods of Answering

When compare A against B, the drawback for A is the advantage for B.

When no more points to write, try to connect/relate to other chapters/components.

Giving an example sometimes worth 1 mark.

Use as many technical terms as possible.

建议:

Chapter 2 Bit Streaming, 好几年没考了,而且一考就是6分起步

Chapter 1 Vector Graphics, 一定要小心, 忘了就没分, 而且一般都有4分

Chapter 3 CSMA/CD 近几年的热点,一般都是4分起步,忘了也是没分

Chapter 5 Embedded system 一定要记住 build in microprocessor + solve a small and specific task (in a large system),一般是1分题但是估计很多人会错

HDD 的机理要背,6分题,其他的storage机理没出过背不背应该无所谓 (????)

实在不行就瞎编吧,围绕考试的syllabus编的合理一般都能拿很多分的

Recommend: https://haoran-jie.github.io/Notes/ 友情推荐,详细程度比这个高多了

Chapter 1 Information Representation

Run Length Encoding (an example of lossless)

Consecutive pixels with same value // Repeated characters Is stored as a single data value and a count

Vector Graphics vs. Bitmap Image

(file header) = metadata Always answer this in <u>any</u> header like components (data dictionary)
Bitmap is made up of pixels

Bitmap files take up more memory space

Enlarging a bitmap can mean the image is pixelate

Vector graphic can be enlarged without the image becoming pixelated

Bitmap images can be compressed

Vector graphic images do not compress well

Bitmaps are suitable for photographs

Vector graphics are suitable for more geometric shapes

Bitmap graphics use less processing power than vector graphics

A bitmap would be more difficult to edit because each pixel would need to be edited separately **Vector Graphics**

vector Grapines

(like CSS) Property is the data about the shapes

Black lines, white fill, font of letter

(like HTML) Drawing List A list that stores each separate object, each shape has its own drawing list

triangle, capital letter, rectangle, line, circle

Lossless vs. Lossy Compression

Data is loss and the decompressed file is not the /same as original/loss original details Smaller file size, informational will bot be noticed Discard certain information

ASCII

128 character for normal, 256 character for extended.

Each character has its own unique integer

The characters are **replaced** by that integer The codes are stored in the **order** in the word Only English language

Unicode

8/16/32 bits Many languages

Sound

To get an approximation of the sound wave more accurate representation of analogue sound

Compression Methods

Reduce sampling rate
Reduce sampling resolution
Reduce frame rate
Crop the image
Decrease bit depth
Reduce image resolution

Chapter 2 Communication

Network

The employee's computers are the clients
The server hosts the (shared) files
An employee can request a file from the server from any of the client computers
Several employee can access the same file at the same time.

LAN

Device connected over a small geographical area Uses a dedicated infrastructure// company-owned infrastructure

Public IP vs. Private IP Public IP

Assigned by ISP
Access by anyone using the internet
Get internet service
Unique

Private IP

Assigned by the router or gateway Address cannot be accessed by anyone only used within the local network Can be duplicated in other LAN

IPv4 vs. IPv6

IPv4

4 groups of 8 bits Range from 0 to 255

(.) separator Eg 114.5.1.4

IPv6

8 groups of 16 bits/4 hexadecimals Range from 0000 to FFFF Allow zero compression at most once (:) separator Eg 1145:1419:1981:00AA:AAAA::

Router vs. Gateway

Connect two or more networks
Connect a local network to WAN
Receive packets and send to detention
Assigned private IP address

Router: used in similar network// same protocol + Store a routing table

Gateway: used in dissimilar network// different protocol

Router Only

store/update/maintain a routing table find destination of packets using the IP address forward packets to the destination Find the most efficient path to destination Maintain a table of MAC and IP address

(W)NIC (Wireless) Network Interface Card

Is needed to allow a device to connect to a network

Part of the device hardware and frequently contains the MAC address generated at the
manufacturing stage

Ethernet

Is a protocol for wired LANs
Node, medium, and frame
IP address conflict problem -> restarting the router
Collision (broadcast transmission) -> CSMA/CD

CSMA/CD

//2021:

A node (wishing to transmit) listens to the communication channel ...data is only sent when the channel is free // ... if channel is free data is sent Because there is more than one computer connected to the same transmission medium ... two workstations can start to transmit at the same time, causing a collision If a collision happens, the workstations send a signal / abort transmission ...and each waits a random amount of time before attempting to resend //2022:

CSMA/CD is a protocol used to detect and prevent collisions in a bus topology before transmitting, a device checks if the channel is busy If the channel is busy the device waits // if the channel is free the data is sent because there is more than one computer connected to the same transmission medium ... two workstations may start to transmit at the same time, causing a collision If a collision is detected by the device, transmission is aborted / a jamming signal is transmitted

both devices wait a (different) random time and then try again

Client Side Model

Central security

Password and username to access network

Centralized backup

Centralized file/resources

The server holds the customer account data

and performs the requested tasks / processes.

The computers used by the clients that send requests to the server

Which returns the result of the request

Advantage

Refer to drawback of p2p

Peer to Peer Model

All computers are of equal status

data is distributed across each computer

Computers can communicate and share resources

Each computer is responsible for its own security

Each device both upload and download resources

Peers to participate as equal

Access data form other nodes

No authenticating

Suitable for small size

Drawbacks

Reduced security // no central management of security

- ... only as secure as the weakest computer on the network
- ... each computer is at risk from viruses from other computers

(BACKUP) No central management of backup

... if the data from one computer is not backed up it is lost to all of them

(FILE) No central management of files/software

- ... consistency may be difficult to maintain
- ... each computer may have different software from the others

Individual computers may respond slower

... because they are being accessed by other computers

In order to share files etc. all the computers involved need to be switched on

... so the files etc. may not be always available

Thin Client vs. Thick Client

Thick

√ more robust, clients have more control

x less secure, each client needs to update data and software

Do not connect to a server

Relies heavily on local resources

More tolerant on slow network connection

Thin

√ Less expensive to expand

V All devices are linked to a server

V Server can offer protection x high reliance on server x high start up cost Always relies on a connection Requires few local resources Relies on fast network

Data is stored on a remote server

Network Models

Star, Mesh, Bus, Hybrid

Wired vs. Wireless

Wired Connection (Copper/fiber optics)

Faster connection

More stable connection

More Secure connection

Signal does not degrade

Wireless Connection (Wi-Fi/Bluetooth)

The device is free to move

Easy to expand

Easy to set up

Multiple connections at the same time

Satellites

Suitable for long distance

Use a range of frequencies to prevent signal interference

Copper wire

Cheaper

Can travel in two directions

Can bend

Fibre Optics wire

Less interference

Faster transmission speed

More secure

Greater bandwidth

Less signal degrading

WWW vs. Internet

WWW is a collection of interlinked, hypertext documents/webpages/multimedia resources (accessed via the Internet)

WWW stores HTML pages

Internet is the global infrastructure of interconnected computer networks

The Internet uses TCP/IP protocol

WWW uses HTTP protocols

Cloud Computing

Advantage

Can be accessed anywhere with Internet access
Do not need to install security // security might be better
Do not need to perform backups
Do not need to buy specific software/hardware
Can easily share documents
Can have multiple people working on the same document

Disadvantage

You cannot access it if no internet access
Reliant on someone else to backup
Reliant on someone else for security // can have poorer security
Cannot access if server goes down

Bit streaming (Personally I think its similar to cloud computing, the same answering method can be applied)

sequence of digital signals / bits over a communication path / Internet transfer of data at high speed requires fast broadband connection requires some form of buffering bits arrive in the same order as sent

Advantage

no need to wait for a whole file to be downloaded no need to store large files on user's computer allows on demand playback no specialist software is required for playback in browser

Disadvantage

video stops / hangs if very slow Internet / broadband speed low video stops / hangs if inadequate buffering capacity loss of Internet means can't access films / files viruses can be downloaded from the websites

On demanding streaming vs. real time streaming (this is very unpopular topic, only once in 10 years)

On Demand

digital video tape is converted to bit streaming video files are then uploaded to a dedicated server a link for the encoded video is placed on a web site a user clicks on the link to download the encoded streaming video; the streamed video is then broadcast to the user as and when they require it can be paused / can go back and re-watch / fast-forward, etc

Real life

an event is captured live with a video camera the video camera is connected to a computer the video signal is converted to streaming media files (encoded) on the computer the encoded file is then uploaded from the computer to a dedicated streaming server

the server then sends the live images it to all users requesting it as real-time video streaming cannot be paused etc.

DNS

DNS = Domain name system // Domain name service // Domain name server the true domain name (e.g. cie_exams.co.uk) is resolved/turned into an IP address by DNS DNS server stores a database/list of URLs with matching IP address a DNS server may need to pass a request onto another DNS server DNS server adds returned IP address and URL to its cache/database DNS server may return an error message if requested domain name is invalid or does not exist DNS server returns IP address to browser

URL

Uniform resource locator
Reference address to a resource/website on the Internet
Includes protocol used /includes domain name
HTTP + domain name + file path

Chapter 3 Hardware

Buses

Control (two direction)
Address (one direction)
Data (two direction)

RAM vs. ROM

RAM is volatile ROM is permanent RAM can read and write ROM can only read RAM = running data ROM = boot up instructions (BIOS)

DRAM vs. SRAM

DRAM has to be refreshed SRAM do not has to be refreshed
DRAM use single transistor and capacitor SRAM use many transistor and capacitor
DRAM store bits with charge SRAM store bits with flip flop
DRAM more power < SRAM less power
DRAM cheap > SRAM expensive

DRAM slow access time < SRAM fast access time DRAM high storage > SRAM low storage

aHard drive

Alternative MS

Hard Drive

Large capacity...

to store videos / images / sound files with large file sizes

Reasonably fast access speed...

Users will not have to wait for videos to load

Inexpensive per unit storage...

If a large number of needed for different exhibits, the cost can be kept low

Does not need to be moved

So moving parts unlikely to be damaged

Slower degradation of data

So will last longer / be more reliable under heavy use

Solid state

Large capacity

To store videos/images/sound files with large file sizes

Fast access speed...

Users will not have to wait for videos to load

Reliable...

Can be dropped/damaged and will likely still work / no moving parts

Quiet...

No moving parts

Embedded System

Built in system that includes a microprocessor that performs one specific task

(Built in + microprocessor + one specific task)

- + small in size easy to fit in device
- + Cheap
- + Dedicated to one task
- + Consume less power
- difficult to upgrade
- Wasteful
- Not secure

Hard Disk Drive

Platter made of aluminum glass.

Platters rotate at high speed.

Electronic circuits control the movement of the arm and the head

The surface of the platter is divided into concentric tracks and sectors

One track in one sector is the basic unit of storage called **block**

Writing: variation in current (head) -> magnetic field (disk)

Reading: variation in magnetic field (disk) -> current (head)

Cheap per unit and large

Solid State Drive

No moving parts

Robust

Low latency

Less power

Run much cooler

Lighter

Flash memory (NAND)

EEPROM (NOR), EPROM, PROM

PROM can be set once, EPROM and EEPROM can be overwritten multiple times.

EPROM needs to be removed from device EEPROM can be erased in situ.

EPROM and can be erased using UV light, EEPROM can be erased using voltage (without removing it from the device)

EPROM must be entirely erased before rewriting, EEPROM does not have to be entirely erased before rewriting.

USB

A devices automatically detected and configured when first attached/plug and play it is nearly impossible to wrongly connect a device USB has become an industrial standard supported by many operating systems USB 3.0 allows full duplex data transfer later versions are backwards compatible with earlier USB systems allows power to be drawn to charge portable devices

Microphone

The microphone has a **diaphragm**The incoming sound wave cause vibration of the **diaphragm**Causing a magnet to move past a coil
An electric signal is produced

Speaker

The digital data pass trough a **digital to analogue converter**This is them passed through an **amplifier** to create a large current
This electric current is converted to sound by the **loudspeaker**Takes an electrical signal and translates it into physical vibrations to create sound waves
An electric current in the coil creates an electro-magnetic field
Changes in the audio signal causes the direction of the electric current to change
The direction of the current determines the polarity of the electromagnet
The electro-magnet is repelled by or attracted to the permanent magnet
Causing the coil to vibrate

The movement of the coil causes the cone/diaphragm to vibrate
That vibration is transmitted to the air in front of the cone

The amount of movement will determine the frequency and amplitude of the sound wave produced

Screen Comments

Cost, Visibility, Muti-touch, durable, stylus

Capacitive Screen

Made up of many layers of glass that act like capacitors creating a electric field Microprocessor determines the coordinate of where the screen was touched \forall cost, visibility, durability, multi touch x stylus

Resistive Screen

Upper layer polyester
Lower layer glass
<u>Microprocessor determines the coordinate of where the screen was touched</u>
V cost stylus
x visibility durability multi touch

Sensors

Sensors sends to microprocessor...

Converted by ADC (analogue to digital converter) ... Compare with set value If inside of range then ... If out side of range then ... This process is continuous

Laser Printer

Drum is given a positive charge
Drum rotates

Laser beam give negative charge on drum
The negative charge position is the text/file
Drum is coated with toner (positive)
Paper (negative) roll over the drum
Paper go through fuser to melt the ink
(Laser->toner->drum->fuser)

MS

The revolving drum is initially given an electrical charge
A laser beam (bounces off moving mirrors) scans back and forth across the drum
...discharging certain points (i.e. 'drawing' the letters and images to be
printed as a pattern of electrical charges)

printed as a pattern of electrical charges)
The drum is coated with oppositely charged toner
The drum rolls over electro-statically charged paper
The 'pattern' on the drum is transferred to the paper
The paper is passed through the fuser to seal the image
The electrical charge is removed from the drum
(经典的瞎编题) 直接写出 Laser Toner Drum Fuser 拿到四分然后剩下瞎编就行

Inkjet Printer

Printer head moves from side to side across the paper printing the text/image The paper is advanced very slightly to print next line

Thermo bubble (heat)/Piezoelectric (electricity)

Different methods to expand the bubble and eject ink on paper

Chapter 4 Processor Fundamentals

Address bus, Data bus, memory bus Register transfer notation

MAR <- [PC] MDR <- [[MAR]] CIR <- [MDR] PC <- [PC]+1

Answering technique, What's before? What's after? What's transferred? 1+1+(1) = 2+(1)pts

MAR

Stores the next addressed to be fetched Held in the PC, the data at this address is then retched (Before = PC, After = MDR, data = Address) = 2+1pts

MDR

Stores the data rom the address pointed to by the MAR The data in it is copied to the CIR (Before = MAR, After = CIR, data = Data) = 2+1pts

Control Unit

to <u>synchronise</u> the actions of other components in the CPU to <u>send / receive</u> control signals along the control bus to <u>manage</u> the execution of instructions (in sequence) to <u>control</u> the communication between the components of the CPU

Interrupts

At the end of each F-E cycle check interrupts
Processor check priority of interrupt
If the interrupt has high priority then
Save current content of registers in stacks
type of interrupt identified
call the appropriate Interrupt Service Routine
When ISR finished, restore registers from stacks
And check for further interrupts
Processor treat next F-E cycle

PSTN Public Switched Telephone Network

Uses multiple telephone lines

Data is transmitted in both directions at the same time

The communication passes through different switching centers

Assembler

Pass 1: Symbol table Pass 2: Object code

Assembly Language Instructions

Data Movement
Input and output instructions
Arithmetic operation instructions
Compare instructions
Conditional and Unconditional Jumps

Addressing Methods

Absolute, Direct, Indirect, Indexed, Immediate, Relative, Symbolic

System clock

Ensure synchronization

Each instruction is executed on a clock pulse // one F-E cycle is run on each clock pulse so the clock speed dictates the number of instructions that can be run per second

Clock Speed

Higher clock speed means more FE cycles per second

Determines the number of cycles the CPU can execute per second Increasing clock speed increases the number of operations/number of fetch-execute Cycles that can be carried out per unit of time

...however, there is a limit on clock speed because the heat generated by higher clock speeds cannot be removed fast enough

Cores

Each core processes one instruction per clock pulse More/multiple cores mean that sequences of instructions can be split between them

Bus width

allows the transfer of more data each time

the width of the data bus determines the number of bits that can be simultaneously transferred increasing the width of the data bus increases the number of bits/amount of data that can be moved at one time (or equivalent)

...hence improving processing speed as fewer transfers are needed

Cache

cache is fast access memory (close to the CPU) cache stores frequently used instructions / data

- ... more cache means more instructions / data can be transferred faster
- ... less swapping between RAM and cache prevents the CPU idling while waiting for data

Chapter 5 System Software

Operation System (记住首字母就很好背了)

File management

Storage space is divides into file allocation units

Space is allocated for particular files

Maintain directory structure

Provide file naming conventions (.txt .mp3 .jpeg)

Implement access rights

Read, Close, Delete files

Process management Chapter 16 Not covered

Multitasking

Hardware management

Communicating with all inputs and output devices

Using device drivers

Translating data from a file into a format that IO device can understand

Give priority to hardware resources

Handle interrupt and error messages

Memory management

Memory optimization, allocate **dynamically** memory for a number of running application.

Keep tract of free memory and allocated memory.

Memory organization, determine how much memory is allocated.

Memory protection, ensures that two competing applications cannot use same memory.

Through FENCE which defines the boundary for applications.

Security Management Chapter 6

Utility Software

Disk formatter - sets up a disk so it is ready to store files

Antivirus - put harmful programs into quarantine and remove them, make more space in RAM Defragmentation - make memory location of files continuous, less time taken to access files Disk repair - scan for errors in a disk, prevent bad sectors because it identifies Compression - reduce file size

Back up - create a copy of data in regular routine in case the original is lost

Dynamic Link Library <u>(注意DDL和Library Routine的区别)</u>

(main) memory requirements for program are reduced as dynamic link library is loaded only once / when required

the executable file size is smaller because the executable does not contain all the library routines maintenance not needed to be done by the programmer because the DLL is separate from program

no need to recompile the main program when changes are made to DLL because changes / improvements/ error correction to the DLL file code are done independently of the main program

Library Routines

Program libraries store pre-written functions and routines The program library can be referenced/imported The functions/routines can be called in her own program

Benefits

Saves programming time as code does not have to be written/re-written from scratch Code is already tested so it is more robust/likely to work

If there is an improvement in the library routine the program updates automatically can perform complex calculations that the programmer may be unable to do Remember the difference between library routines and ddl

Compiler (这里要看情况瞎编,没有万能的写法)

Translate as a whole
Generate exceptionable file
When program is complete
repeatedly test the same section do not need to recompile
Interpreter

Translate line by line
When writing the code
Aid debugging the partially completed program
Errors are identified one at a time

IDF

Source code editor
Compiler, interpreter
Auto documenter
Run time environment with debugger
Color coding
Auto complete
Auto correct

Context sensitive prompt Expand and collapse code blocks

IDE Debugging

Break point, Report window, Single stepping

(3pts!) if you don't know you loss it

Chapter 6 Data Security Privacy Integrity

Data Security Privacy Integrity

Security ensures that data is safe from loss
Privacy is prevent unauthorized access to data
Integrity ensures that data is accurate / consistent / up to date
(Privacy belongs to Security if not mentioned together)

Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS)

CCTV

User Accounts

Authentication

Access rights

Passwords

Firewall

Examine the traffic between the user's computer and a public network Checking whether incoming or outgoing data meets a given set of criteria

Blocking the traffic if the data fails to meet the criteria

Give the network manager a warning

Preventing access to certain undesirable sites

Preventing viruses or hackers entering the user's computer

Warning the user if some software on their system is trying to access an external data source.

Antivirus

Check software or files before they are run or leaded on a computer

Compare possible viruses

Heuristic checking

Quarantine files or grams which are infected

Delete viruses and alert the user

Encryption / Digital Signature

(email) message put through <u>hashing algorithm</u> (? This does not make sense at all because hashing <u>is irreversible but its from the fucking mark scheme so take it</u>) to produce a digest Digest encrypted with sender's private key (to create the digital signature) the (digital) signature can only be decrypted with matching sender's public key

Biometrics

Fingerprint scan Retina scans

Chapter 7 Ethnics and Ownership

Legal, morality, ethnics, and culture Intellectual property rights Privacy issues

Ethnics Company

What employees can do What employees cannot do Responsibilities of employees Identify company's values

To identify repercussions of employees performing activities they should not

Ethnics Team

To make sure the team members feel valued
To get the best work out of team
To enable them to work together
To enable them to create the best product for the client

(Ethnic题核心价值观,用这个编很好)

Ethnics Action /IEEE To the best interest of

PUBLIC / Software engineers shall act consistently with the public interest.

CLIENT AND EMPLOYER / Software engineers shall act in a manner that is in the best

interests of their client and employer (consistent with the public interest.)

PRODUCT / Software engineers shall ensure that their products and related modifications meet the highest professional standards possible.

JUDGEMENT / Software engineers shall maintain integrity and independence in their professional judgment.

MANAGEMENT / Software engineering managers and leaders shall subscribe to and promote an ethical approach to the management of software development and maintenance.

PROFESSION / Software engineers shall advance the integrity and reputation of the profession (consistent with the public interest).

COLLEAGUES / Software engineers shall be fair to and supportive of their colleagues.

SELF / Software engineers shall participate in lifelong learning regarding the practice of their profession and shall promote an ethical approach to the practice of the profession.

Ethnics Benefits [3]

Give guidelines to follow

So <u>client</u> know the standard being applied

So <u>he(self)</u> does not have to decide what is ethical, since its written down

Client know he is reputable

Recognition of his(self) skill and knowledge

Because there may be requirement for entry

They(colleagues) provide help and support

Such as legal service

They provide training courses

To keep skills up to date

Licence

Free Software Foundation, Open Source Initiative Commercial Software Freeware Shareware

Cost, Modification, Redistribution, Copyright

Risks to security

Hacking, Malware, Viruses, Worms, Logic bombs, Trojan horses, Bots, Spyware

Phishing

Legitimate looking email

With links or attachments

Fake website

Appears to come from a trusted source

Pharming

Malicious code installed on user's computer

Fake website

Leak to fraud or identity theft

Data Integrity

Validation

Check the data is reasonable

Verification

Correctness

Prevent errors when entering or transmission

Validation checks data is <u>reasonable</u>/within bounds it does not check that accurate data has been

entered

Verification checks if the data matches the data given (accurate) it does not check if the original

data is accurate

Visual Check

The user checks

Double Entry

The computer/system checks

Parity check

uses even or odd parity which is decided before data sent

each byte has a parity bit

parity bit is set to 0 or 1 to make parity for byte correct

after transmission, parity of each byte re-checked

if it is different, then an error is flagged

any reference to use of parity blocks/parity byte to (identify position of incorrect bit)

checksum

a calculation is carried out on the data to be sent (checksum)

the result is sent, along with data to recipient

checksum is re-calculated at receiving end

if both sums are the same, no error has occurred

if the sums are different, the data has been corrupted during transmission

request is sent to re-send data

Chapter 8 Database

Relational database [6]

Allow data independence: changes to the data do not require programs to be re-written

Reduce data <u>redundancy</u>: because each item of data is only stored once

Improve data consistency: changes in one table will automatically update in another

Improve data security: different views, composed of one or more tables

Data Dictionary [6]

Metadata of the database

Field - column

Entity - a value

Tuple - a row = record

Foreign key - a primary key from another table that is **linked** to this key

Access rights

Password

Data type

Table name

Security

Using usernames and passwords
Using access rights to manage actions
Encryption of the data stored
Chapter 6

Data Modelling/Logical Schema

the overview of a database structure models the problem / situation ... by using methods such as an ER diagram independent of any particular DBMS

SQL

SELECT <Field>
FROM <Table>
WHERE <Expression>
AND <Expression>

Alternative

SELECT COUNT(STAFF.StaffID)
FROM STAFF
INNER JOIN DEVICE
ON STAFF.StaffId = DEVICE.StaffID
WHERE STAFF.FirstName = "Ali"
AND STAFF.LastName = "Khan";

UPDATE <Table>
SET <Expression>
WHERE <Expression>

ALTER TABLE <Table>
ADD <Field> <Type>;

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PRIMARY KEY (<Field>),
FOREIGN KEY (<Field>) REFERENCE PRIMARY <Table>(<Field>)
);

INSERT INTO <Table>
VALUES(<Identifiers>);
```

Normal Forms

1NF no repeating groups of attributes
2NF no partial dependency
3NF no non key dependency/fully depending on primary key

Referential Integrity

Each foreign key value must have a matching value in the primary key of the linked table
No reference data not exist
Primary key cannot delete unless all dependent records delete
Foreign key value match corresponding primary key
Cascading update/delete