Ch.3 Input and Output

Topics

- Introduction: input and output (I/O)
  - Gaming industry devices
- 3.1.1: I/O device – system interface
- 3.1.2: Program-controlled I/O (Polling)
- 3.2: Interrupt-based I/O
- 3.2.6: Exceptions

2 ways to interact with I/O

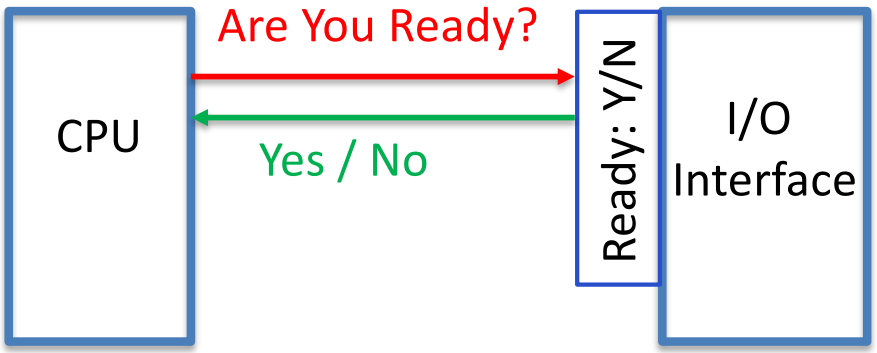
3.1.2 Program-Controlled I/O (polling)

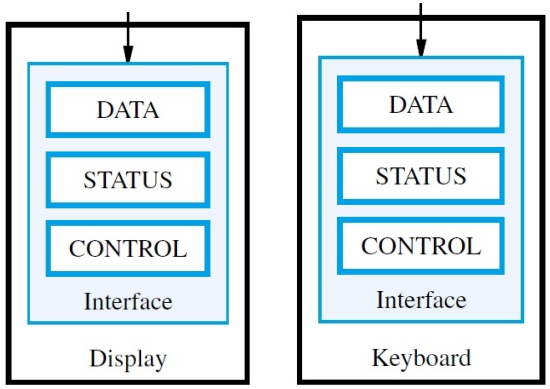
1. CPU checks I/O readiness in regular interval (continuously or every ***X*** msec)
2. A key is pressed on the keyboard
3. I/O (interface) indicates its readiness
4. When the CPU sees this readiness:
   a. Inputs keyboard character
      i. Stores readable character in memory

      or

      ii. Reacts to control function (e.g., ESC, ctrl Q, etc.)
   b. Displays character on screen (i.e., 'Keyboard Echo' by the host system)

Signaling Protocol for I/O



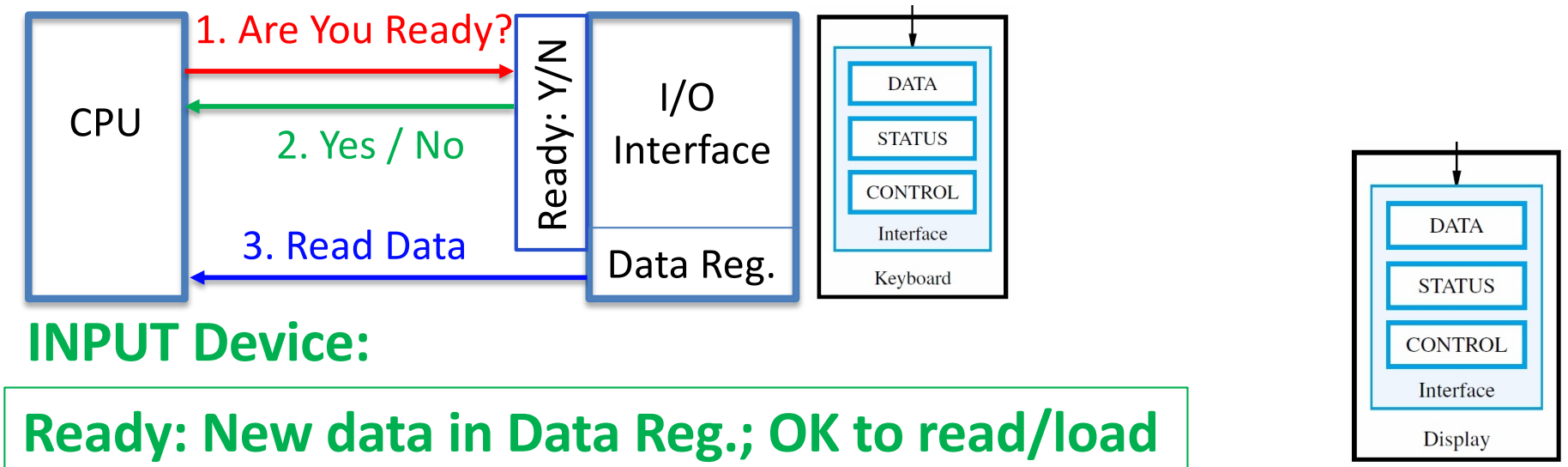


- CPU polls the I/O device '**Are You Ready**?'
- I/O indicates '**Ready**' status: yes or no
- '**Ready**' is a
  - A **flag (bit)** in the **I/O status register**

What are Yes and No ?

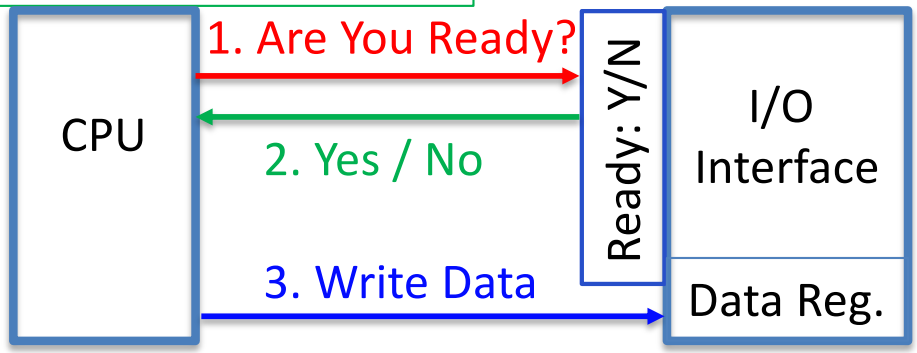
1 and 0; On and Off; +5v and 0v

Signaling Protocol: Read/Write



INPUT Device:

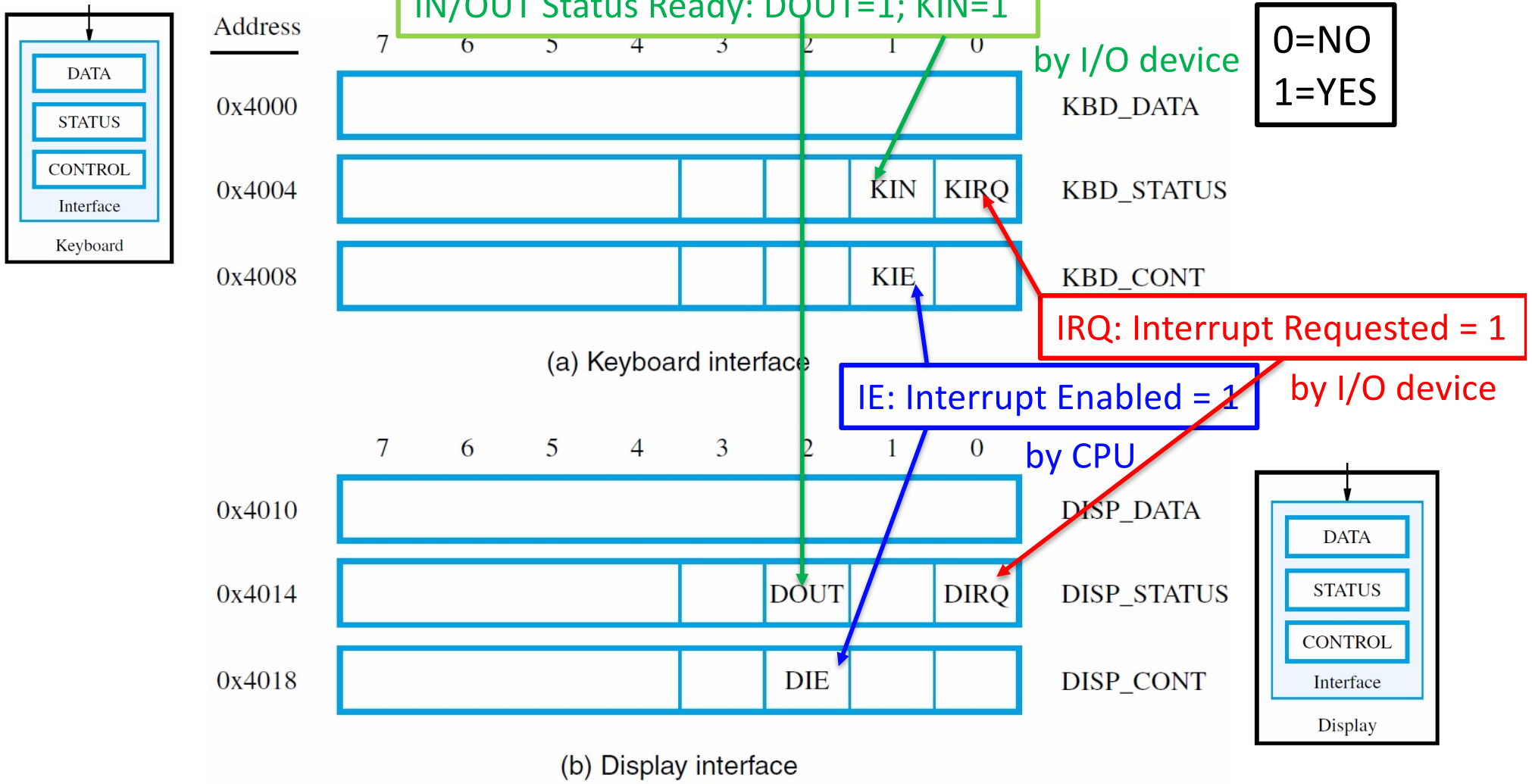
Ready: New data in Data Reg.; OK to read/load



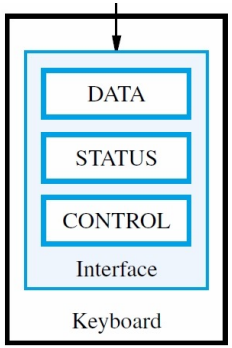
OUTPUT Device:

Ready: Data Reg. available; OK to write/store

Fig. 3.3: Example I/O Registers Layout



Keyboard and Keyboard-I/O Register Interaction



- When a key is pressed, the **keyboard** circuit:
  1) Places the character in KBD_DATA register
  2) Then sets KIN flag (0→1) in KBD_STATUS register; indicating data is ready for input to CPU
  3) Waits for CPU to read character

  ……. time passes

  4) CPU reads character
  5) When KBD_DATA is read, clears KIN flag (1 → 0); indicating no char to input; wait for typing input

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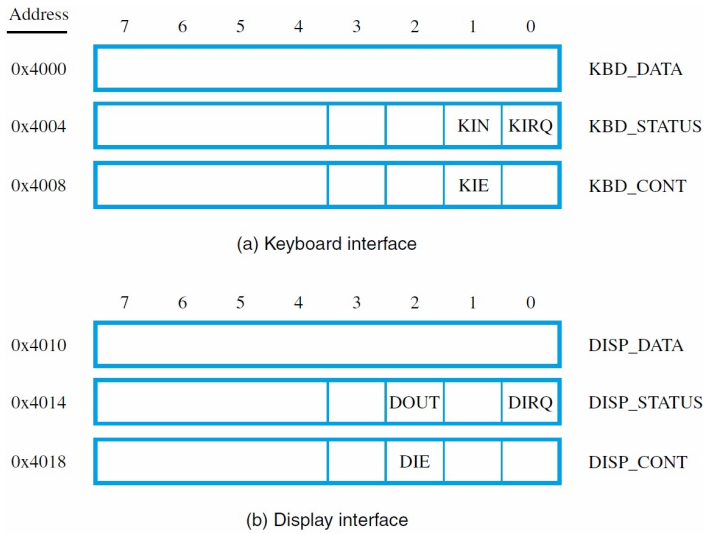

Loading Byte ? Not Word?

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READWAIT:   LoadByte          R4, KBD_STATUS; 0x4004
            And               R4, R4, #2; 00000010 and XXXX XX?X
            Branch_if_[R4]=0  READWAIT; branch if ? = 0
            LoadByte          R5, KBD_DATA; 0x4000
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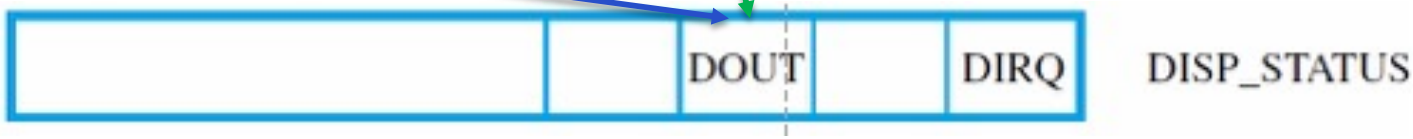
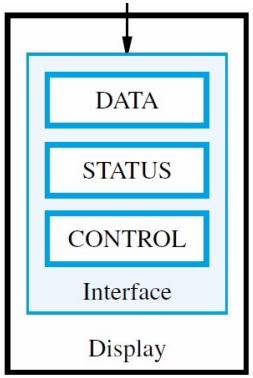
Display and Display-I/O Register Interaction

- **Display** circuit:
  1) Displays a character on screen
  2) Then sets DOUT flag (0→1) in DISP_STATUS; indicating ready for next char
  3) Waits for CPU to send character

  .....time passes
  4) CPU sends character
  5) When DISP_DATA register is written into, clears DOUT flag (1→0); indicating busy and not ready for next char





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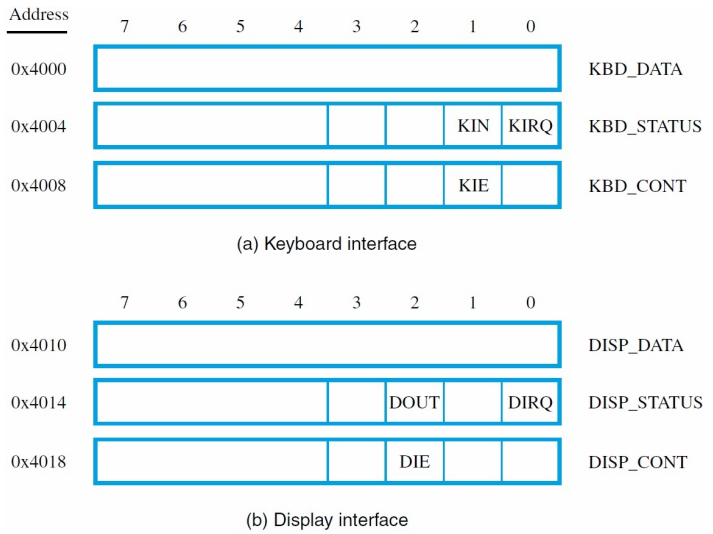
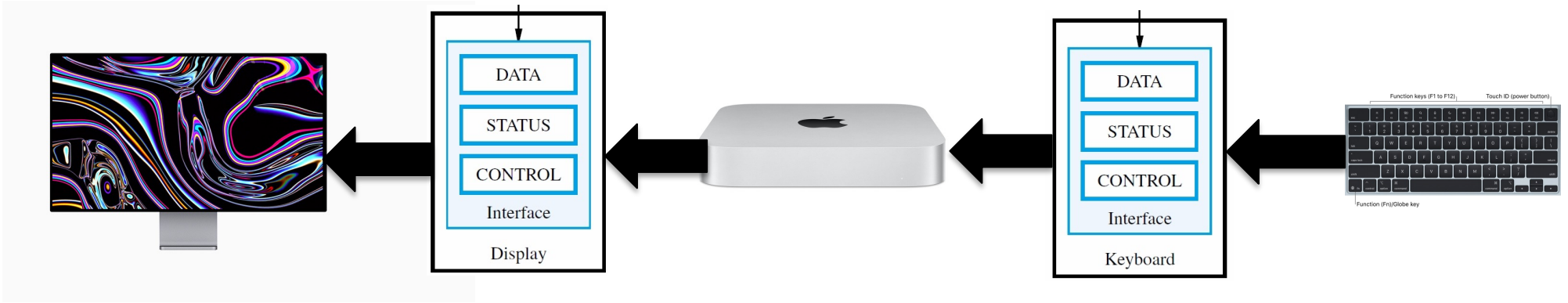


WRITEWAIT:	LoadByte	R4, DISP_STATUS; 0x4014
	And	R4, R4, #4; 00000100 and XXXX X?XX
	Branch_if_[R4]=0	**WRITEWAIT**
	StoreByte	R5, DISP_DATA; 0x4018

Keyboard CPU Display Layout



3.1.3 Keyboard-CPU-Display Interaction

- Uses polling to read, store, and display a line of characters
- Echoes each keyed-in character to Display
- Exits Program when carriage return (CR) is entered and detected

Fig. 3.4 Sample Program

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        1 Move          R2, #LOC
                                        Initialize pointer register R2 to point to the
                                          address of the first location in main memory
                                          where the characters are to be stored.
        2 MoveByte      R3, #CR         Load ASCII code for Carriage Return into R3.
READ:   3 LoadByte      R4, KBD_STATUS  Wait for a character to be entered.
        4 And           R4, R4, #2      Check the KIN flag.
        5 Branch_if_[R4]=0  READ
        6 LoadByte      R5, KBD_DATA    Read the character from KBD_DATA
                                          (this clears KIN to 0).
        7 StoreByte     R5, (R2)        Write the character into the main memory and
        8 Add           R2, R2, #1        increment the pointer to main memory.
ECHO:   9 LoadByte      R4, DISP_STATUS Wait for the display to become ready.
       10 And           R4, R4, #4      Check the DOUT flag.
       11 Branch_if_[R4]=0  ECHO
       12 StoreByte     R5, DISP_DATA   Move the character just read to the display
                                          buffer register (this clears DOUT to 0).
       13 Branch_if_[R5]≠[R3]  READ     Check if the character just read is the
                                          Carriage Return. If it is not, then
                                          branch back and read another character.
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Issues with Polling

- Wait loop is simple (Software)
- Under program control

BUT

- Processor checks status at regular interval
  - Processor is not able to do anything else
- When will I/O device becomes ready?
  - **Non-deterministic delay**
- Not using resources efficiently
- Solution: De-centralized
  - Let I/O device alerts the processor
  - By an **interrupt-request signal** (Hardware)