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Computer Organization project

Project Expectations





FIND TEAMMATES

You should form teams of 4-6 students

ABOUT THE APP

How complex and what to include?

SUGGESTIONS

A brief overview of what you can do

DISCUSSIONS

NEXT WEEKS...



Weeks 3 - 4

**Intro and
requirements**



Weeks 9 - 10

**Analyzing and
visualizing scores**



Weeks 5 - 6

**Suggestions, starting the
project**



Weeks 11 - 12

Intermediary status



Weeks 7 - 8

**1st milestone and
documentation
guidelines**



Week 13

Final presentation



Teammates

- Discuss about responsibilities inside team and also what you intend to do for the project



Project

- Create a micro-benchmark app
- Test one or more functionalities of one or more **hardware component(s)** found in modern day PCs



You decide!

- **Component(s)** being tested (e.g. CPU, hard disk, graphics card)
- **Functionality(-ies)** being tested (e.g. fixed point arithmetics, sequential read speed)
- **Algorithm(s)** used for benchmarking
- Performance measurement **criteria**



Types of testing

(some of them)



- Testing is as important as any other part of the process!
- Black-box vs. white-box testing
 - Advantages/disadvantages for each one of them?
- **New!** Grey-box testing
- Testing levels
 - Unit testing
 - Integration testing
 - System testing
 - Acceptance testing

Types of testing

(some of them)



- Smoke testing
- Regression testing
- Alpha and Beta testing
- Continuous testing
- Destructive testing
- Performance testing



Automated tests



Exceptions, failures, worst case scenarios

Performance testing



- Load testing → Scalability
- Stress testing → Extreme workloads
- Endurance testing → Expected load for a long period of time
- Spike testing → Sudden large spikes

Suggestions of applications

CPU testing

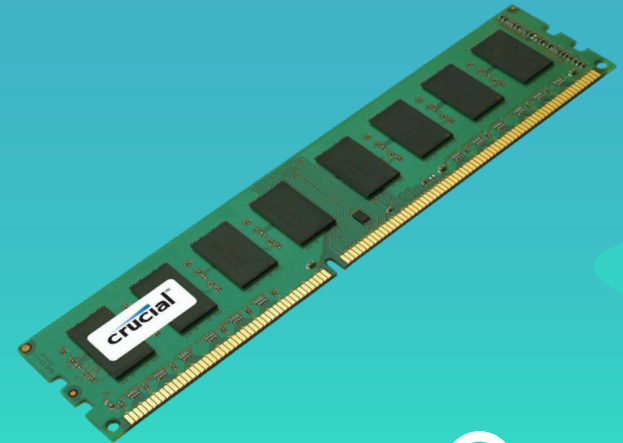


- Fixed point arithmetics: conditional branching, array operations, recursivity, function calls, dhrystone etc.
- Floating point arithmetics: encryption, digits of Pi, convolution, image processing, fast fourier transform, trigonometry, whetstone etc.
- Threading, clock, caches & interprocess communication: recursivity, square root estimation, producer-consumer, hashing, cryptography, data access.
- Prime 95, Intel Burn Test, Orthos, Mandelmark, SuperPi, wPrime, others

Suggestions of applications

RAM testing

- Integrity of written versus read data
- I/O Throughput
- MaxxMEM, MemTest, others



Suggestions of applications

HDD testing

- Read versus write speeds
- File size speeds
- Sequential versus random access
- Block size allocation
- HD Tune, ATTO Disk Benchmark, CrystalDiskMark, Anvil Storage Utilities



Suggestions of applications

GPU testing



- Solutions for testing GPUs
- OpenGL/CL/DirectX: 3D rendering, FPS measurement (using Unity, Unreal Engine)
- Memory: textures, CUDA access time
- Interprocess: CUDA multithreaded algorithms, hashing, cryptography
- 3D Mark 11 (DX11), 3D Mark Vantage (DX10), 3D Mark 06 (DX9), Unigine Benchmarks, FRAPS, GFXBench 3.0 (mobile)



Other IDEAS

- Android/iOS/WP10 phone benchmarking (like **Antutu**, **Geekbench**, **GFX**)
- Browser benchmarking (HTML5, WebGL, like **Basemark**)
- Operating system benchmarking (like **HBench**-OS)



Any programming language

Standalone and portable

Windows 8+ OS mandatory, other OS optional

Easy to run

Click, double click, command line

No other input parameters

Provide the code

You will send me the source code
(you'll receive a bonus if you use Git)



Idea

Originality or innovation of an existing idea

Application portability

Self explanatory

Software design

Code organization, algorithm correctness, efficient and unbiased implementation

Output presentation

User experience, ease of use, UI

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ATTENDANCE!

SEE YOU NEXT TIME!

