

ECT 113 Information Technology

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Course Assessment



• The course assessment comprises the following:

Final Exam (40%)

➤ Midterm Exam (15%)

Tutorial Work (Quizzes, Assignments,..) (10%)

➤ Lab Work (Project, Assignments,..) (25%)

Final Course Project (10%)

References



Succeeding in information Technology: Tips and Strategies To Be An IT Superstar, Michael Leonardich.

Information Technology Essentials: Basic Foundations for Information Technology Professionals, by Eric Frick.



Course Outlines



- > Fundamentals of Computers Hardware and Software
- Problem-Solving and Program Design
- Program Implementation
- ➤ Information Processing & Data Representation

➤ Word Processing, Presentation, & Web Design



Lecture 1

Introduction to Information Technology

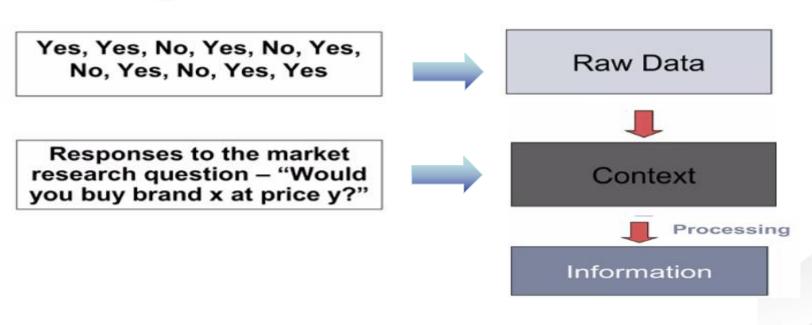


What is Information?



• Information is a processed and organized collection of data that conveys meaning and is useful for decision-making, ex: image, text, audio and video.

Example



What is Information Technology?



• *Information Technology (IT)* refers to the use of computers, networking, software, and communication systems to store, process, transmit, and retrieve information efficiently."



What is Computer?



- *Computer:* An electronic device that is programmed to accept data, process data into useful information and store it for later use.
- Computer consists of Hardware and Software.

• Software is a set of instructions that tells a computer what to do.

• *Hardware* is the physical part of a computer.

These hardware component includes:



- Input devices
- Output devices
- Centeral Processing Unit (CPU)
- Memories & Storage devices
- Communications devices

Input Devices



- An input device is any hardware component that allows you to enter data and instructions into a computer or control its operation.
 - > These **input devices** are:



Output Devices



- An **output device** is any hardware component that is used to display or output data which has been processed or has been stored on the computer.
 - The commonly used output devices are:









System Unit



• The **system unit** is a case that contains the electronic components of the computer that are used to process data.

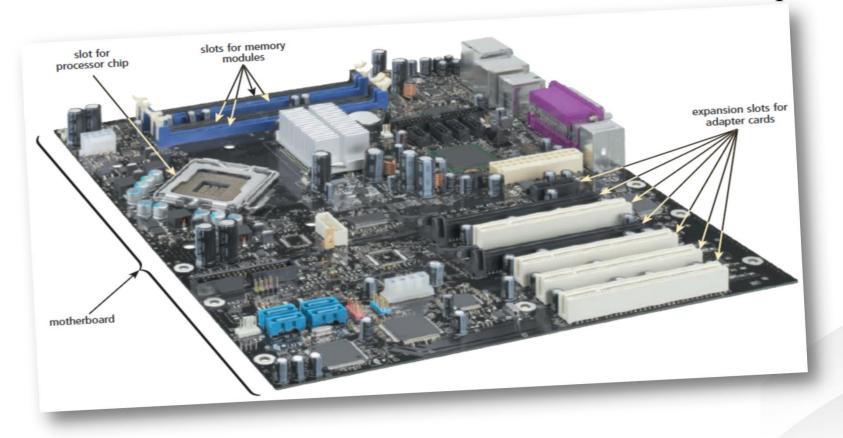




MotherBoard



• A **motherboard** is the main circuit board of a computer. It acts as a central hub that connects and allows communication between various components.



Central Processing Unit



- ➤ CPU (Central Processing Unit) The brain of the computer, responsible for processing data and it is the electronic circuitry that carries out the instructions of a computer program by performing the basic arithemtic, logical, control and input/output operations.
 - 1. It recieves data as input
 - 2. Follows instruction, and processes data accordingly
 - 3. Present the information as output to the user
 - 4. Its primary function is to execute programs

What is Memory?



> Computer Memory is the storage space in computer where data is to be processed and instructions required for processing are stored.

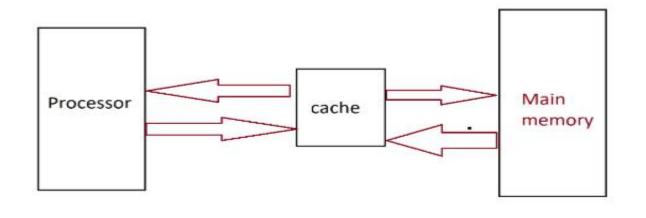
- **Memory** is of three types:
 - 1. Cache Memory
 - 2. Primary Memory/ Main Memory
 - 3. Secondary Memory



Cache Memory



- Computer Memory is a smaller, faster memory which stores copies of the data (instruction) from frequently used main memory locations (RAM).
 - It acts as a **buffer** between the CPU and main memory.
 - It is used to hold those parts of data and program which are mostly frequently used by CPU





Primary/ Main Memory



- ➤ It is divided into two subcategories **ROM** and **RAM**.
 - The computer has a **ROM** (Read Only Memory) which is used to store the boot program and other low-level information that enable the computer to start up and to recognize its hardware parts.
 - ROM is called non-volatile memory.

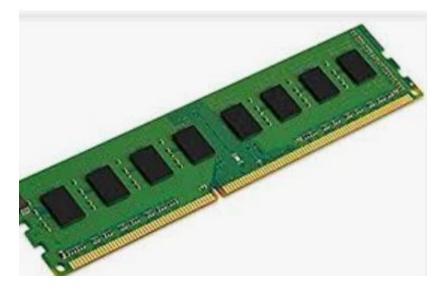




Primary/ Main Memory



- > RAM (Random Access Memory) is the area in a computer in which data is stored for quick access by the processor /(CPU).
 - Data is held in the RAM is erased when the computer is reset or the power is turned off.
 - RAM is also called read/write memory of auxillary memory.





Storage Devices



- A data **storage device** is a device for recording (storing) information/data.
 - The hardware used to store data for future use are called **storage devices**.
 - These devices may be found inside or outside the computer.





What is Computer Software?



> computer instructions or data, anything that can be stored electronically is software.

• Examples:

MS word, excel, power point, spread sheets, library management system (LMS), etc.





Types of Software



System Software.

- The **System Software** consist of the operating system and all the utilities that enables the computer to function.
- System Software actually controls the hardware so that application software can perform any action or task.

Examples:

Operating Systems, Compiler, Interpreter, utilities.



System Software



➤ Operating System is system software which manages computer harware and software resources. it also provides common services to computer programs (windows, Linux, MACos).

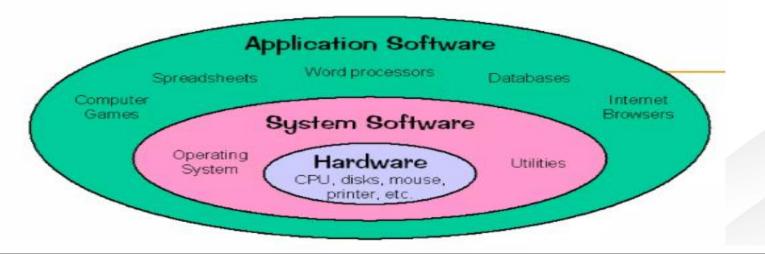
➤ Utilities software is system software which is manufactured to help, analyze, configure, optimize or to maintain a computer (virus-detection and recovery utilities, file-compression utilities, backup, and uninstall).

Types of Software



Application Software

- > Application Software consists of programs that are designed to make users more comfortable or productive to assist personal tasks.
- > Application Software is present on computer hard disk.
- ➤ Application Software can also be stored on CDs, DVDs, and flash or keychain storages devices.





Application Software



> Forms of Application Software

• A **Package Software** which is sold in a bundle due to similar function of programs (Microsoft office, windows CD)

• A Custom Software which is specially made for an organization as per their requirement (Attendance system, Security code system).







Microsoft

Application Software



• A **Web Application** is any application uses a web browser (Google docs, Drop box).





• A Free ware is the software that is freely available to public but author has a copy right, means that you can only use it, not sell it (Antivirus).







THANK YOU

