

1. Buses
  - a. Key characteristic of bus
  - b. Functional groups
    - i. Data lines
    - ii. Address lines
    - iii. Control lines
  - c. Types of buses
    - i. Dedicated
    - ii. Time multiplexed
2. Bus hierarchies
  - a. Remember, shared transmission medium
  - b. Multiple bus hierarchies
    - i. Traditional
    - ii. High performance
    - iii. For high performance, place important devices closer to CPU

- 3. Bus specifics
  - a. Bus width

- b. Bus clock time

- i. Example below, want to determine throughput (bits / second) of a bus
      - 1. 32-bit bus, 1 GHz input clock
      - 2. Bus cycle takes at least 100 input cycles

c. How to arbitrate a bus

d. Methods of bus arbitration

i. Centralized

ii. Distributed

e. Timing mechanisms

i. Synchronous

ii. Asynchronous