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Memory System :-

- To store the data mechanism available in the computer system is the memory system.
- Data can be stored in many ways like primary memory and secondary memory.

Characteristics of Memory System :-

Location :-

- i) CPU
- ii) Internal
- iii) External

i) CPU :- Data is stored in CPU registers and in its Cache memory, approximately 16 KB.

ii) Internal Memory or Main Memory :- It can be accessed directly by the system.

iii) External Memory :- It is in the form of secondary memory to which the CPU can access with the help of I/O controllers.

e.g. → Magnetic disk, magnetic tape etc.

ii) Capacity - It is expressed using two terms

- i) Word size
- ii) Number of words

i) Word size :- It is expressed in bytes (8 bits). Word size can be 8 bit, 16 bit, 32 bit.

ii) Number of words :- The number of words can be in a particular device.

e.g. → If memory capacity is $4K \times 8$. Here, the word size & 4K means $4 \times 1 \text{ KB} = 4096$.

iii) Unit of transfer :- It specifies the maximum number of bits that can be read or written into the memory at a time. In main memory it is in the form of word size.

→ In secondary memory it is in the form of block (large set of data).

Access Method :-

Methods :-

1) Sequential

2) Random

3) Direct

4) Memory is organised

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e.g. → Magnetic tape

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- methods.
- i) Sequential access
 - ii) Random access
 - iii) Direct access

i) Memory is organised into units of data i.e. records.
Data retrieval of physical records in order from 1, 2, ..., n refers to sequential access.

e.g. Magnetic tapes.

ii) In digital systems, each addressable location in memory has a unique address; when random any location chosen to store data is referred as random access.

iii) Directly any address location chosen to store data is referred as direct access.

e.g. Hard disk

v) Performance :- performance of a memory system can be measured using 3 parameters.

i) Access time ii) Memory cycle time iii) Transfer rate

i) In RAM the time taken by read or write operations to be performed is referred as access time. In non-RAM it is referred as the time taken by read, write, head to be positioned at the desired location.

ii) In RAM it specifies the sum of access time and addition of time required before a second access is performed.

iii) It is defined as the rate at which data can be transferred into or out of a memory unit.

vi) Physical type of a Memory System :-

It is of 2 types.

- i) Semiconductor memory
- ii) Magnetic surface memory

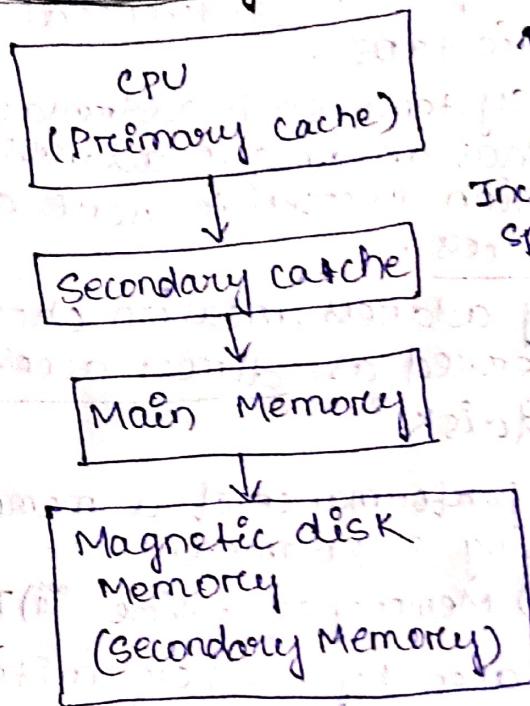
vii) Physical Characteristics :-

i) Volatile or Non-volatile - If memory can hold data if power is off then it is called as Non-volatile else volatile.

ii) Erasable / Non-erasable data is once programmed can't be erased called as non-erasable memory otherwise data in the memory is erasable then it is called as erasable memory.

Memory Hierarchy

Increasing size



Increasing speed

10 memory locations
8 bits in each

Each row of cells
all cells of a row
line (Word line)
to drive the address present

The cells in each row
(bit line).
These bit lines
and data output
circuit.

→ During a read
helps to enable
cell and send
data.

→ During write
store in

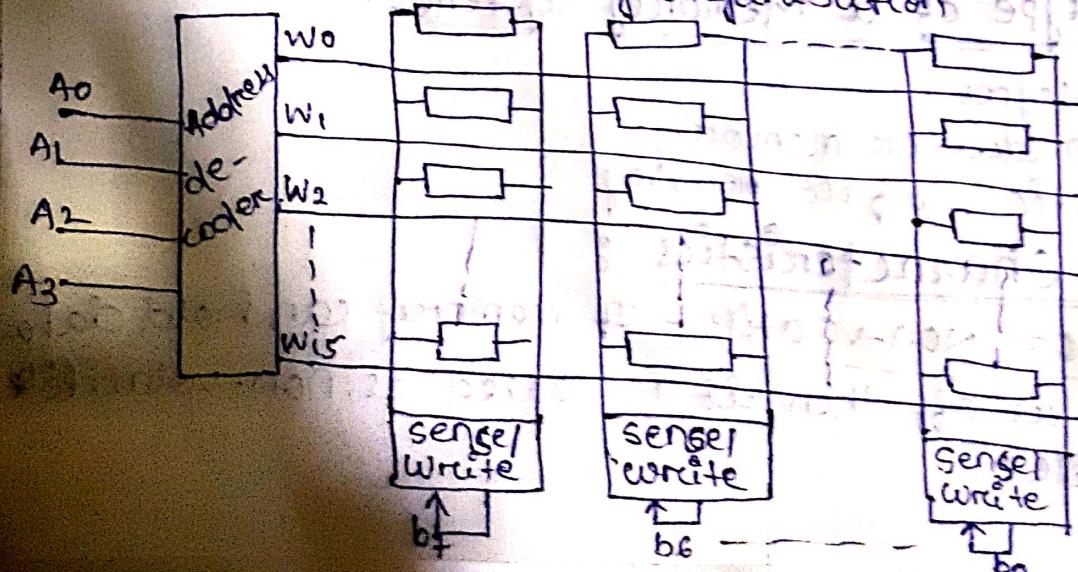
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16x8 Memory organisation



10 memory locations are available from (w_0 - w_{15})
8 bits in each memory location (b_0 - b_7)

- Each row of cells constitute a memory word and all cell of a row are connected to a common line (Word line) and address decoder is used to drive the word line which is depending on the address present in the address bus.
- The cells in each column are connected by a line (bit line).
- These bit lines are connected to data input line and data output line through a "Sense / write" circuit.
- During a read operation the sense / write circuit helps to ~~and transmit~~ to the output dateline, sense or read the information stored in the cell and transmit to the output dateline.
- During write it receives the information and store in the cell of the selected word.

Semiconductor Memory :-

- For storing digital information the integrated circuit device utilised is known as semiconductor memory, it can be also referred as integrated circuit memory or large scale integrated memory or memory chip or semiconductor storage or transistor memory.

Definition :-

- A semiconductor memory is a main memory element of a micro computer based system which is used to store program and data.
- It stores code and information permanently.
- It is directly accessible by the microprocessor.



Semiconductor Memory

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Read only Memory
(ROM)

Masked ROM

PROM

EPROM

EEPROM

Random Access Memory
(RAM)

Static RAM

Dynamic RAM

EPROM : (Erasable Programmable ROM)
Hence data in a ROM can be written or erased rapidly and can be erased later on later, but the data can be erased from the device through an ultraviolet light by uncovering the label.

EEPROM : (Electrically Erasable programmable ROM)
In EEPROM data can be written to and erased from it using electrical voltage broader to the durability of the device.

It contains an eraser pin or it to erase using the electrical signal.

EEPROM is a better ROM but not faster.

RAM :- (Random Access Memory)

RAM is used for reading and writing in order as required by the processor.

It may be used as the computer memory where variables and other storage required on a random basis.

Data is stored and read several times from RAM for several years.

RAM memory is temporary in nature.

It is more durable.

It has 2 types - DRAM & SRAM

DRAM :- (Dynamic RAM)

It uses a capacitor to store charge and the level of charge on each determines if it's 1 or 0.

But these capacitors do not hold indefinitely, hence data need to be refreshed periodically. Hence it is called RAM.

DRAM is used in personal computers as the main RAM.

ROM :-

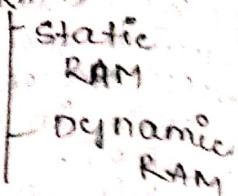
- ROM is the semiconductor memory where data once written doesn't change.
- It is used where data is to be stored permanently even if the power is removed.
- It is used for the semiconductor memory type where the data & programs are still needed after the power is down.
- e.g. BIOS data of a computer are stored in ROM.
- Writing data in ROM is not easy, it requires special technology and special hardware.
- If required the data in the ROM may be erased and re-written using some specific technology only.

PROM :- (Programmable Read Only Memory)

- PROM is the semiconductor memory where data once written can't be erased and stored permanently.
- It is programmed using special PROM Programmer.
- PROM stores data as a charge on a capacitor with charge storage capacitor.
- Here data can be written rapidly.
- Data can be leak away and lost after some year when the charge is discharged.
- It stores data of small quantity and in systems that has low capacity and durability.

Memory

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(RAM)



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- In EEPROM data can be written to it and erased from it using electrical voltage. It is used to maintain the durability of the device.
- It contains an erase pin or it is erased using the electrical signal.
- EEPROM is a better ROM but not faster as RAM.

RAM :- (Random Access Memory)

- RAM is used for reading and writing data in any order as required by the processor.
- It may be used as the computer or processor memory where variables and other storage data are required on a random basis.
- Data is stored and read several times to and from RAM for several years.
- RAM memory is temporarily in nature.
- It is more durable.
- It has 2 types - DRAM & SRAM

DRAM :- (Dynamic RAM)

- It uses a capacitor to store each bit of data and the level of charge on each capacitor determines if it is 1 or 0.
- But these capacitors do not hold their charge indefinitely, hence data needs to be refreshed periodically. Hence it is referred as dynamic RAM.
- DRAM is used in personal computers, work station computers as the main RAM.

disadvantages :-

- Its manufacturing process is complex.
- Data requires frequent refreshing.
- More complex external circuitry is required, b/c of it's high cost.
- It is a volatile memory.
- It is costly in nature.
- Works in a relatively slow operational speed.

S-RAM : (Static RAM)

- It is static in nature and doesn't require frequent refreshing.
- It allows faster read and write of item than D-RAM.
- Its cycle time is more shorter as it doesn't require pause between accesses.

disadvantage :-

- It consumes more power.
- They are more expensive than D-RAM.
- * S-RAM is used for cache memory whereas D-RAM is used for main semiconductor memory.

Types of D-RAM :-

- 1) synchronous D-RAM 2) Asynchronous D-RAM

Synchronous D-RAM (SDRAM)

- It is a semiconductor memory that runs at further speed than normal D-RAM.
- It is synchronised to the clock of the processor.
- It is capable of keeping 2 sets of memory addresses simultaneously opened.
- It transfers data from one set of addresses to the other basing upon the clock pulse.
- SDRAM cuts down on the delays associated with non-synchronous RAM which closes the address bank before opening the next address.
- Several types of SDRAM memory technologies are available.
- The most recently used is the DDR-4 (Double Data Rate SDRAM).
- With some latest improvements DDR5 is going to replace DDR4.

Types of SDRAM :-

- 1) Single Data Rate SDRAM (SDR-SDRAM) :- It makes a single transfer of data per clock cycle.
- 2) Double Data Rate SDRAM (DDR SDRAM) :- It almost doubles the bandwidth of data rate of SDRAM by using double-pumping process. This process allows for data to transfer on rising and falling edges of a clock signal.
- 3) Rambus SDRAM (RDRAM) :- These were most widely used in early 2000 for graphics cards. It provides a very high speed data transfer rate over a narrow CPU memory bus. It uses various speed of mechanism like a synchronous memory interface, catching, pipeline and R-RAM chips and very fast signal time.

Asynchronous DRAM (ADRAM) :-

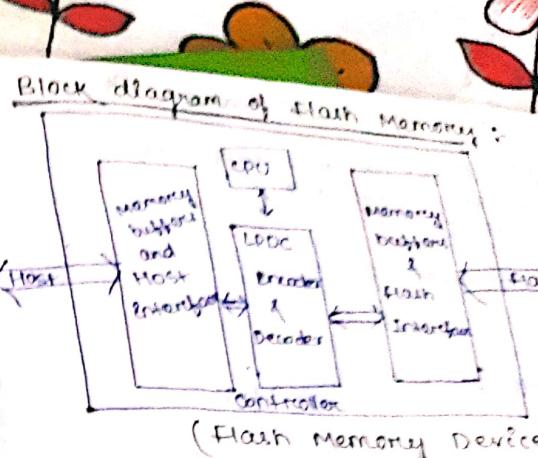
- The memory access was not synchronised with the system.
- Hence, it is called asynchronous DRAM.
- It was the older version of D-RAM, which became replaced by SD-RAM.

Types of AD-RAM :-

- 1) RAS only Refresh (ROR) AD-RAM - It is a classic AD-RAM which is refreshed while opening each row. It uses external counters to refresh the rows.
- 2) CAS before RAS Refresh (CBR) - It is used to reduce the external circuitary. Here, the counter is used inside the memory chip for refresh without using the external counter. It is also beneficial for development of SDRAM.
- 3) Fast page Mode D-RAM (FPM D-RAM) - It was designed to work faster than other AD-RAMs. It is used in personal computers.

Flash Memory :

- Flash memory is a long life and non-volatile chip which is widely used in embedded systems.
- It can help to store data even when power is off.
- It can be electrically erased and reprogrammed.
- Flash memory developed from EEPROM +
- It must be erased before it can be re-written with new data.
- The erase is performed in blocks (256 KB to 20 MB block size).
- It is of 2 types-
 - ⇒ NOR Flash
 - ⇒ NAND Flash



(Flash Memory Device)

i) NOR Flash : It allows quick random access to

any location in the memory array.

If stores boot code and executable information.

as a replacement of EEPROM.

It performs the role of ROM applications in different

embedded systems.

ii) NAND FLASH : It allows a long initial read access to the memory array as compared to NOR flash.

NAND costs less per bit than the NOR flash.

It is used in memory cards, USB flash drives,

Solid State Drives SSD(SSD).

Both of the types of flash memory are used in personal computers and all types of embedded systems like digital audio-players, digital cameras, mobile phones, video games, scientific instruments, industrial robotics etc.

Flash Memory Cards :-

Flash memory cards and sticks are storing and transferring different

It has the capacity from 8 MB to 1

USB drives, solid state drives, car

are examples of it.

It can store photos, programs, do

ocket PCs and Palm OS devices.

Types of flash memory cards

i) secured Digital Memory Card

ii) compact Flash (CF) Memory

iii) Memory stick (MS) Memory

iv) Multimedia memory card

v) smart media (sm) memory

vi) XD Picture Card

Secondary Storage :-

→ Secondary storage refers amount of data.

→ It is a non-volatile memory

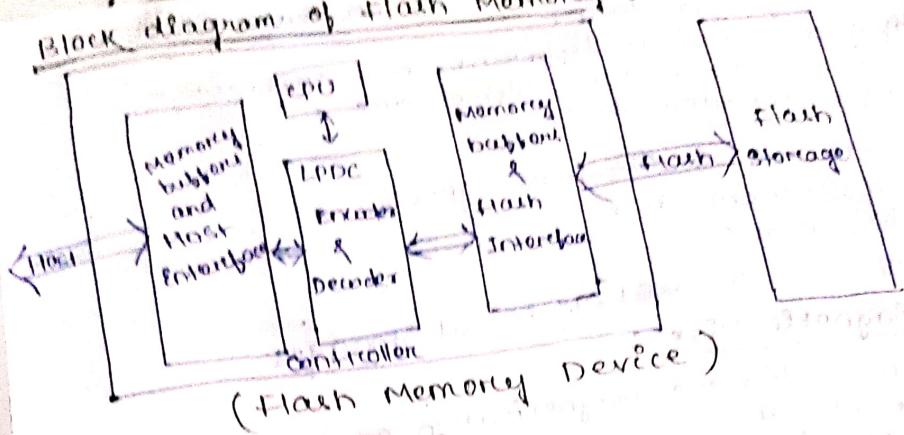
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flash memory are used in all types of embedded players, digital cameras, scientific instruments,

Block diagram of Flash Memory :-



Flash Memory card :-

- Flash memory cards and sticks are a popular medium for storing and transferring different amount of data.
- It has the capacity from 8 MB to 1 TB.
- USB drives, solid state drives, camera memory cards are examples of it.
- It can store photos, programs, data etc in different pocket PCs and palm OS devices.

Types of flash memory cards :-

- i) Secured Digital Memory Card (SD memory card)
- ii) Compact Flash (CF) Memory card
- iii) Memory Stick (MS) Memory card
- iv) Multimedia Memory card
- v) Smart media (SM) memory card
- vi) XD Picture card

Secondary storage :-

- Secondary storage refers to any device bulk/large amount of data.
- It is a non-volatile memory.
- These devices are of high capacity and also able to transfer data from one location to other.

- Secondary storage devices can store with them quickly access data.
- It comes with different cost criterias.
- How durable the device are?
- How portable is it?

These are of different types

- Magnetic disk
- Optical Disk
- SSD or solid electrical storages

Magnetic Disk :-

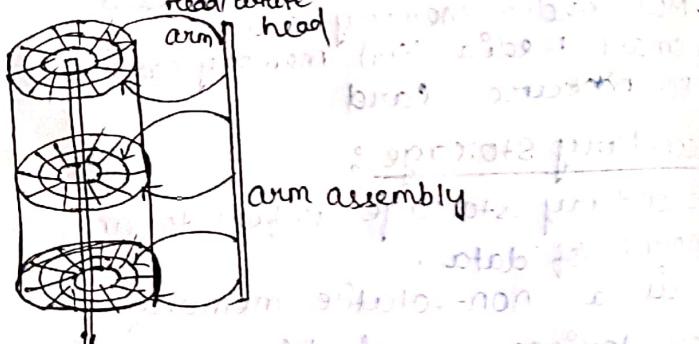
Magnetic disk use magnetisation process to store data into it.

We can read, write, re-write, access data in it.

Architecture :-



- The magnetic disk is a collection of platters.
- Each platter has several tracks.
- Each track is further divided into sectors.
- A cylinder is formed by combining the tracks at a given radius of disk pack.



- The read-write arm of the read write allows to read and write data on the platters.
- The head rotates at a particular track to write data with the rotation of the platters.
- Each platter has two surface areas to store data with individual read/write heads.
- To complete an I/O request the disk has time.
- The parameters that effect its performance are:
 - Seek Time
 - Rotational Latency
 - Data Transfer Rate
 - Controller overhead
 - Executing delay

The storage capacity of magnetic disk is the bits located per unit area of platters.

The capacity can be measured as

$$\text{Storage capacity} = \text{no. of recording surfaces} \times \text{track density} \times \text{sector density}$$

No. of sectors

No. of bytes

The highest capacity of storage device is measured in Yottabytes.

$$1 \text{ Yottabyte} = 1024 \text{ TB}$$

It is the main storage device.

It is cheap per unit of storage.

It provides faster access to data.

Optical Disk :-

An optical disk is a flat circular objects.

It stores information in the form of variations on its surface with the aid of a beam of light.

Optical disk can store more data than a standard magnetic disk.

- The "read/write" coil of the read write head allows to read and write data on the disk.
- The head reaches at a particular track and reads/write data with the rotation of the platters.
- Each platter has two surface areas top and bottom.
to store data with individual read-write heads.
- To complete an I/O request, the disk has disk access time.

- The parameters that effect its performance are
 - Seek time → Data transfer rate
 - Rotation Latency → controller, arm, head
 - Data → executing delay

- The storage capacity of magnetic disk is based on the bits located per unit area of the disk surface.
 - The capacity can be measured as:
- $$\text{Storage capacity} = \text{no. of recording surfaces} \times \text{number of tracks per surface} \times \text{number of sectors per track} \times \text{no. of bytes per sector}$$

- The highest capacity of ss (secondary storage) device is measured in Yottabytes.
- 1 Yottabyte = 1024 TB
- It is the main storage device in computers.
- It is cheap per unit of storage.
- It provides faster access too.

- ii) Optical Disk :-
- An optical disk is a flat and usual disk shaped circular objects.
- It stores information in the form of physical variations on its surface that can be read with the aid of a beam of light or laser light.
- Optical disk can be a blue ray disk which can hold more data than a standard DVD.

- It can store movies with high sound quality.
- It is more expensive than DVDS.
- It requires a blue ray player.
- It allows to store HD movies and other recordings with the help of laser.

iii) Solid state Drive :-

- It is an electrical storage device.
- It is used in computers to store data.
- It is also a non-volatile storage media.
- SSD is faster than traditional HDDS (Hard Disk Drive).
- With SSD the operating system also boot up more rapidly, programs will load quicker and files can be saved faster.
- As it is compact in size, it is very portable, data transfer speed becomes higher, consumes low power.
- It is more expensive than magnetic storage mediums.
- Now a days the impact of flash memory drives, SSDs are more useful & convenient storage medium with portable and removable characteristics.

Q) Write a brief note on the following:-
i) Hard disk drive
ii) Floppy disk
iii) Optical disk
iv) Solid state drive



D-RAM

- ⇒ Dynamic RAM.
- ⇒ D-RAM can do byte level writing and multiple byte level reading.
- ⇒ D-RAM needs refreshing as it operates on the principle of charging the capacitor.
- ⇒ It is less expensive than S-RAM.
- ⇒ D-RAM is slower.
- ⇒ It is used in main memory.
- vii) The structure of DRAM module needs a transistor and a capacitor before storing every bit of data.

S-RAM

- ⇒ Static RAM.
- ⇒ S-RAM can do byte level read and write.
- ⇒ Hence there is no need for refreshing, as it operates on switching the current.
- ⇒ It is more expensive.
- ⇒ It is faster.
- ⇒ It is used in cache memory.
- vii) The structure of SRAM chip needs a lot of transistors.