

Apple's Macintosh was described as a game-changer for the computer industry in 1980s. Justify the features and performance when compared to computers of earlier versions.

Apple's Macintosh, introduced in 1978, was indeed a game changer for computer industry due to several key features & performance enhancements compared to earlier computers. Here are some justifications for its revolutionary impact in 1980s.

1. GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE (GUI):

The Macintosh was the first mainstream computer to feature a GUI, which replaced earlier text based command-line interface. GUI made computers more accessible & user friendly by utilising icons, windows, menus allowing user to navigate and operate system easily. This innovation made computers more approachable for non-technical users and opened up whole new world of possibilities.

2. MOUSE INPUT: Macintosh popularised the use of mouse as primary input device. Prior to Macintosh, most computers relied on text based commands typed on a keyboard. The introduction of a mouse made it easier for user to interact point-and-click interaction that significantly improved user experience.

3. INTEGRATED HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE:

Macintosh computers were designed as integrated system with both hardware & software tightly coupled. This integration resulted in more consistent and stable experience compared to many earlier computers. The seamless integration of hardware and software improved performance & provided more reliable computing environment.

4. COMPACT DESIGN: Macintosh compact and all-in-one design with a built-in monitor, floppy disk drive and keyboard was a departure from the larger & often clunky design of earlier computers. This form factor

made Macintosh more appealing and approachable for home & office environments as it required less physical space.

5. DEVELOPER FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT:

Apple provided a comprehensive software development kit (SDK) for Macintosh, making it easier for developers to create applications for the platform. This led to a plethora of 3rd-party software, further expanding capabilities of Macintosh and creating a vibrant ecosystem for users.

These features combined with a developer-friendly environment, revolutionised user experience, empowered individuals and businesses and set new standards for computer industry, making it true game changer.

3) Classify computers based on functionality and computing power and identify their applications.

1. Based on operating principle:

* ANALOG COMPUTER: functions on continuously varying quantity.

APPLICATIONS: Electronic weighing scale, heartbeat, temperature.

* DIGITAL COMPUTER: functions on discrete numbers.

APPLICATION: Business

* HYBRID COMPUTER: combine qualities of both analog & digital number computers.

2. Based on applications:

* General Purpose: used for variety of tasks.

APPLICATIONS: Business & Scientific research.

* Special Purpose: used for particular tasks.

APPLICATION: aircraft control system.

3. Based on size & capability

* MICRO COMPUTER: MICROPROCESSOR

APPLICATIONS: Offices, homes, schools.

* MINI COMPUTER: Multiprocessor

APPLICATIONS: Large industries, banks.

* MAINFRAME COMPUTERS: Faster & larger.

APPLICATIONS: Large industries, banks.

* SUPER COMPUTERS: Powerfull computers.

APPLICATIONS: Atomic Research.

* PERSONAL COMPUTERS:

→ commonly used for general purpose computing tasks such as web browsing, email, word processing, multimedia

consumption.

→ can run a wide range of software applications including productivity tools, games and entertainment software.

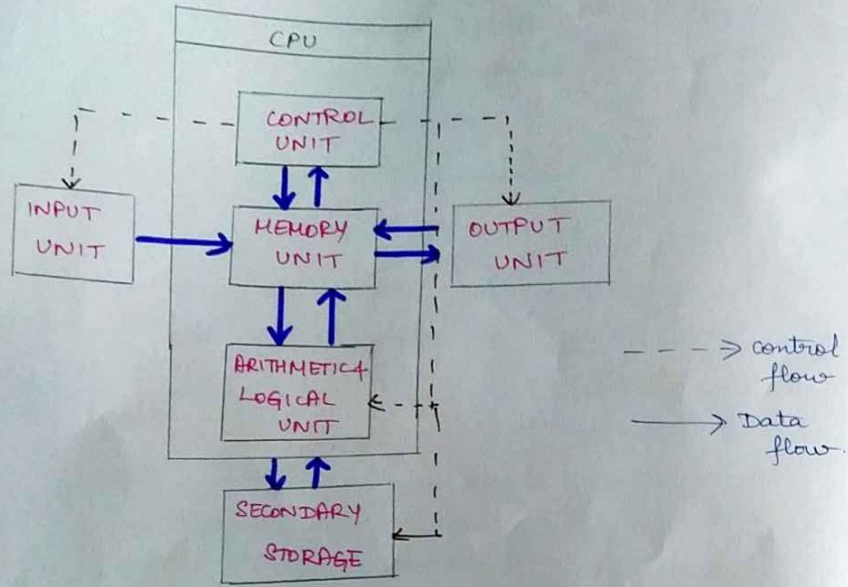
• Embedded systems.

• Specialised computer integrated within other devices or systems for specific functions.

• Found in various device such as smartphones, smart TV's, cars, medical equipment and industrial control system.

• Server specific purposes like automation, monitoring, control & connectivity.

3) Draw and explain CPU architecture in detail



The architecture of the computer have not changed since decades, but technology used to accomplish those operations may vary from 1 computer to another computer.

1) MEMORY OR STORAGE UNIT:

- stores Instruction, datas, Immediate results.
- Responsible for transferring information to other units.
- Its size affects speed, power, performance.

→ Data & instructions are stored here which are required for processing.
→ Also stores immediate results of any calculation or task when they're in process.

→ Final results of processing are stored in memory unit before these results are released to o/p device for giving output to user.

→ All sorts of i/p & o/p are transmitted through memory unit.

CONTROL UNIT:

- controlling of data & transfer of data is done among other parts of computer.
- Responsible for managing all units of computer.
- Main task is to obtain instruction or data which is input from memory unit, interprets & directs operations.

- Responsible for communication with i/p & o/p device.
- Not responsible for processing of data or storing data.

ALU (Arithmetic & Logical Unit)

2 subsections

- ① Arithmetic section
- ② Logic section.

Fetch: CPU gets the instruction. That means binary numbers that are passed from RAM to CPU.

Decode: When instruction is entered into CPU, it needs to decode the instructions.

Execute: After decode step the instructions are ready to execute.

Store: After execute step instructions are ready to store in memory.