

Assignment 2

Moodle submission at the end of Week 6 (Friday 29 November):

- ➤ Part 1a: Weekly reflection activity (Weeks 4-6).
- >Part 1b: Analyse and describe the processes that are running on your computer.
- >Part 1c: Disassemble a MARIE program (see exercise in this week's applied classes).
- ➤ Part 1d: Solve a MARIE programming task, demonstrating concepts such as direct/indirect addressing, conditionals and loops, subroutines, and using memory-mapped input/output.
- ➤ Part 2: Interview: demonstrate Part 1d submission to your tutor and answer some questions.





Activity 1: MARIE Memory-Mapped Graphics

In MARIE:

- Click on the Display tab (next to Output log, RTL log etc)
- This simulates a display with 16 x 16 pixels
 - Each pixel is mapped to a memory location in the range F00-FFF
 - Writing to memory changes the colour of the pixel (0000 is black, FFFF is white)

Output log RTL log Watches Inputs Display 16x16 display, 0xF00-0xFFF:

Work in small group:

- Create a MARIE program that draws something on the graphics output display
- Share screenshots of your designs on the **Ed forum!**

Activity 1: MARIE Memory-Mapped Graphics

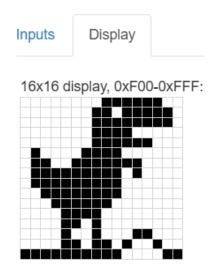
Complete a MARIE program that prints an image to the Display.

• Use loops and indirect addressing to move existing image data from the memory to the Display with 16 x 16 pixels.

Pseudocode

- 1. Initialize DisplayPt with the address of the first pixel (0F00) in Display, and ImagePt with the starting address of image to draw
- 2. If DisplayPt exceeds the last pixel (0FFF), jump to Step 5
- 3. Else, move one pixel from image (ImagePt) to the Display (DisplayPt)
- 4. Increase ImagePt and DisplayPt to the next pixel, then jump Step 2
- 5. Halt the program

You may use the MARIE template from Moodle: Template



```
// Variables
One, DEC 1
FirstPixel,
              HEX F00
                             / First pixel in Display
LastPixel,
              HEX FFF
                             / Last pixel in Display
DisplayPt,
              HEX 000
                             / Temporary Pointer for Display
              HEX 000
                             / Temporary Pointer for image
ImagePt,
DinoPt,
              ADR Dino
                             / Fixed Pointer for image
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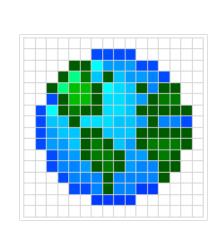
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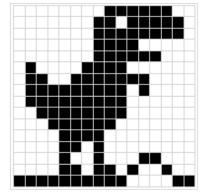
Complete a MARIE program that prints an image to the Display.

- Convert the working program to a subroutine DisplayImage.
- User can choose to draw any hardcoded image using this subroutine.

A well-designed subroutine should (<u>Ed Forum</u>):

- ➤ Has a clear purpose
- ➤ Isolated from other parts of the code
- ➤ Has minimal side effects on unrelated code components
- Ensure reusability and flexibility
 - ➤ via good arguments (variables, or parameters)





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The solution will not be provided!



Pre-Workshop Lecture Content

1. Input and output

2. I/O and CPU

Explain how I/O devices communicate with the CPU

3. Polling, interrupts and DMA

4. The boot process Ed Lesson

5. Operating systems

Understand how a single CPU execute multiple processes at once

6. Multi-processing Explain simple process scheduling algorithms

7. Virtual memory Applied Session



Learning Outcomes

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1. Explain how I/O devices communicate with the CPU

2. Understand how a single CPU can appear to execute multiple processes at once

3. Explain simple process scheduling algorithms

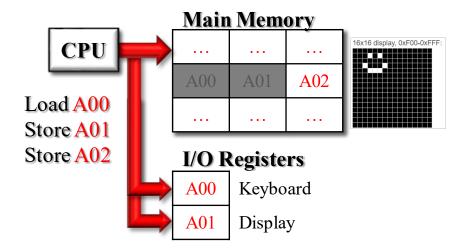


Activity 2: MMIO vs PMIO (Recap)

How does CPU access I/O devices?

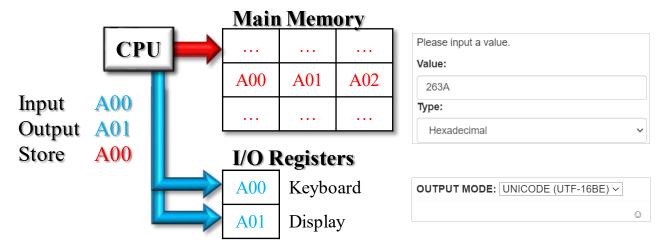
Central Processing Unit (CPU) Input/Output

Memory-mapped I/O (MMIO)



- Reserve memory address to (as) I/O registers
- ➤ Do not require new instruction (Load and Store)
- ✓ Simple ISA (do not need new instructions)
- ✓ Cheaper (e.g. shared buses)
- × Risk of unauthorized or unintended access between memory and I/O devices
- × Reduce usable memory space

Port-mapped I/O (PMIO)

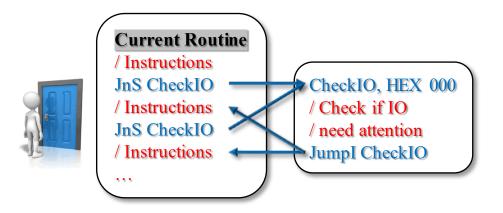


- Separate I/O registers from memory
- Require new instructions (Input and Output)
- ✓ Better isolation between memory and I/O devices
- ✓ Memory fully utilized
- × Complex ISA (new instructions)
- × Costly (extra instructions → extra hardware)



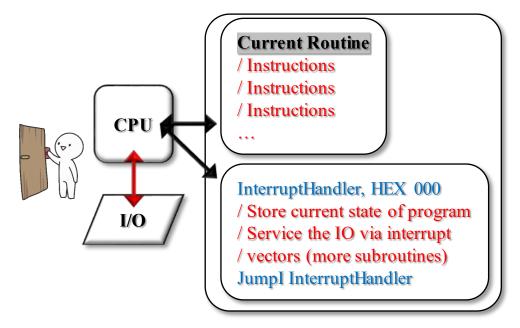
Activity 2: Programmed vs Interrupt-Based I/O (Recap)

When does CPU access I/O devices?



Programmed I/O (e.g. Polling)

- Codes periodically check I/O (software)
- > CPU pause the current routine & check I/O
 - ➤ If needed, service the I/O register before resume
- ✓ Efficient when many I/O access needed



Interrupt-based I/O

- > CPU is notified when it should service I/O (hardware)
- ➤ I/O sends interrupt signal to notify CPU
 - ➤ CPU pause the current routine and service I/O register through interrupt handler
- ✓ Efficient when less I/O interaction needed



Activity 2: Direct Memory Access (DMA) (Recap)

Briefly discuss the working principle of DMA.

Central
Processing Unit
(CPU)

Input/Output

I/O ↔ CPU ↔ Memory: Both I/O access need involvement of CPU

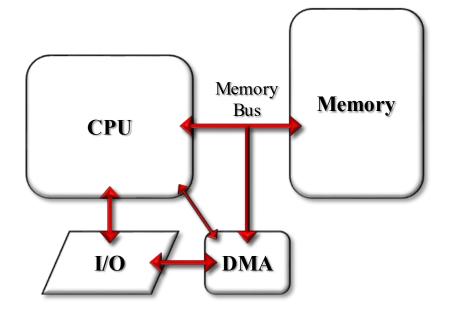
- × CPU stuck when dealing with large data transfer or slow I/O devices
 - > Image, audio, video, network data, etc.

DMA (hardware)

Controller to handle the transfer of data between memory and I/O registers

- 1. CPU initiates DMA for I/O services (programmed I/O)
- 2. DMA replaces CPU to handle data transfer
 - ✓ CPU can have more time to execute the main program
- 3. DMA interrupts CPU at the end of the service (interrupt-based I/O)

*CPU and DMA share same memory bus, need take turn to access memory



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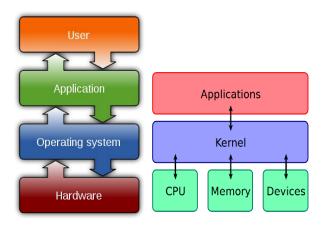
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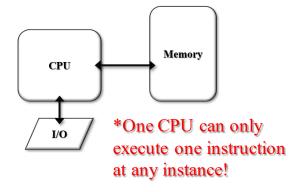


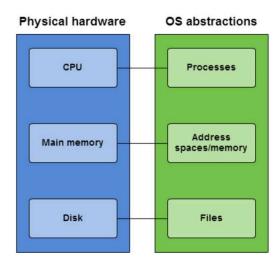
Activity 3: Operating System (OS)

What does OS do?

- A program that provides an abstraction layer between hardware and user
- Make the computer easier to be used by end users and programmers
- Create illusion of multiple processes running simultaneously
 - Process switching
- ➤ OS Kernel: Core functionality
 - Process management
 - Memory management
 - ➤ I/O management









Activity 3: OS Kernel

Explain how kernel works and how user processes access I/O.

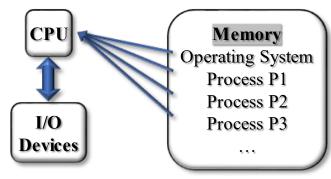
!! Dangerous if buggy or malicious process run in Kernel

Kernel Mode

- OS and most drivers
- Unrestricted code
- I/O access

User Mode

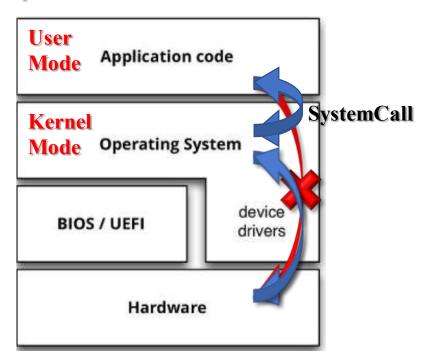
- Normal user processes
- ➤ Limited instruction set
- No I/O access



- One CPU can only run one process at any instance
- Switching of processes (including via System Call) will trigger context switch.

Context Switching:

A process of storing the state of a switched process (eg: AC, PC) so that it can be restored and resume execution at a later point.





Activity 4: State of Processes

Blocked state cannot revert back to running state

Explain the state of the processes and show how process switching can be done.

