

Unit 5

• Peripheral Devices

- connected to comp & controlled by processor Eg. Keyboard, Printer
- under direct control of computer
- designed to read info into or out of the memory unit
- part of total computer system
- Types (i) Input (ii) Output (iii) Input-Output

• Input / Output Interface

- provides method for transferring information b/w internal storage and external I/O devices
- A hardware unit that plays an imp role b/w CPU and peripheral devices to supervise ^{and synchronise} input and output data or tasks.

→ Why we need it?

- Data transfer rate of peripheral are usually slower than CPU
- Data codes and formats of peripheral devices differ from the word format of CPU & memory
- The operating modes of peripheral are different from other peripheral and each peripherals must be controlled such that others do not connected to CPU do not get disturbed.

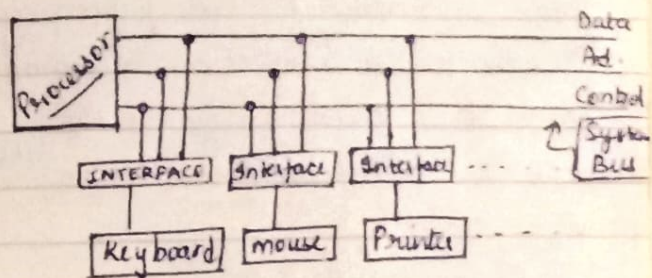
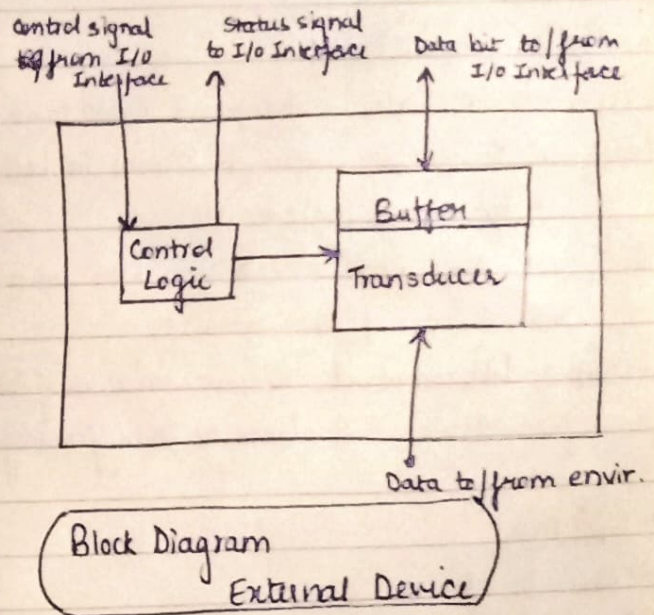


Fig. Connection of I/O bus to I/O Device
or
General model of I/O Interface



→ Functions of I/O Interface

- Control and timing
- Processor communication
- Device communication
- Data buffering
- Error Detection

• During period of time, the processor may communicate with one/more devices in unpredictable pattern, depending on program's I/O needs.

• Modes of Data Transfer

- Binary Info received from a device is stored in memory for later processing
- CPU executes the instructions and may accept data temporarily, but the ultimate destination of data is memory^{unit}.

→ Types

- Programmed I/O
- Interrupt initiated I/O
- DMA (Direct Memory access)

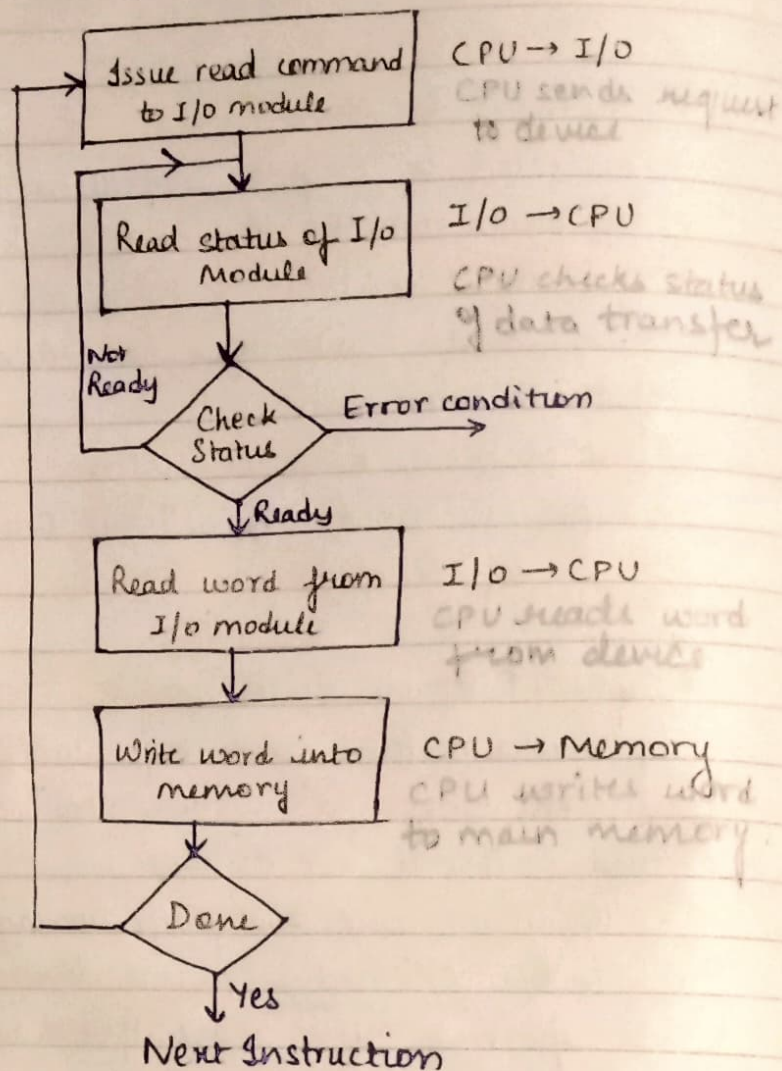
• I/O Command

- Control: Activates and informs what to do
- Status: Test various status conditions in both interface and peripherals
- Output data Command: Transfer data from bus to one of its registers
- Input data command: receives an item of data from device and places it in buffer reg.

• I/O Bus

- Consists of
 - Data lines
 - Address lines
 - Control lines
- communication link b/w processor & device
- I/O bus from processor is attached to all peripheral interface.
- Comprises of mag. tapes, disks, printers & terminals.

(i) Programmed I/O



• Used when data is to be transferred b/w CPU and I/O.

- Explanation → I/O devices: no direct access^{to memory}
 - In Programmed I/O, CPU makes a request and then CPU stays in program loop (called Polling) until the I/O device indicates that it is ready for data transfer.
 - Since, I/O device takes no further action to alert CPU (i.e. it doesn't interrupt CPU) to tell that data transfer can now be done.
 - Thus, transferring data under program

control requires constant monitoring of I/O device by the CPU.

→ This is a time consuming process & keeps the processor busy needlessly.

⊛ Programmed I/O operations are subset of I/O instructions written in ^{form of} computer program. Each data transfer is initiated by an I/O instruction in the program (to access register or memory on a device)

→ The instructions written in program basically initiates the data transfer to & from CPU register & I/O devices

→ Prog. I/O requires that all I/O ops to be executed under direct control of CPU.

→ Useful in small, low speed systems where hardware cost is minimized.

(ii) Interrupted - Initiated I/O

• Why → Prog. I/O: The processor had to wait a long time for I/O Module of concern to be ready for data transfer.

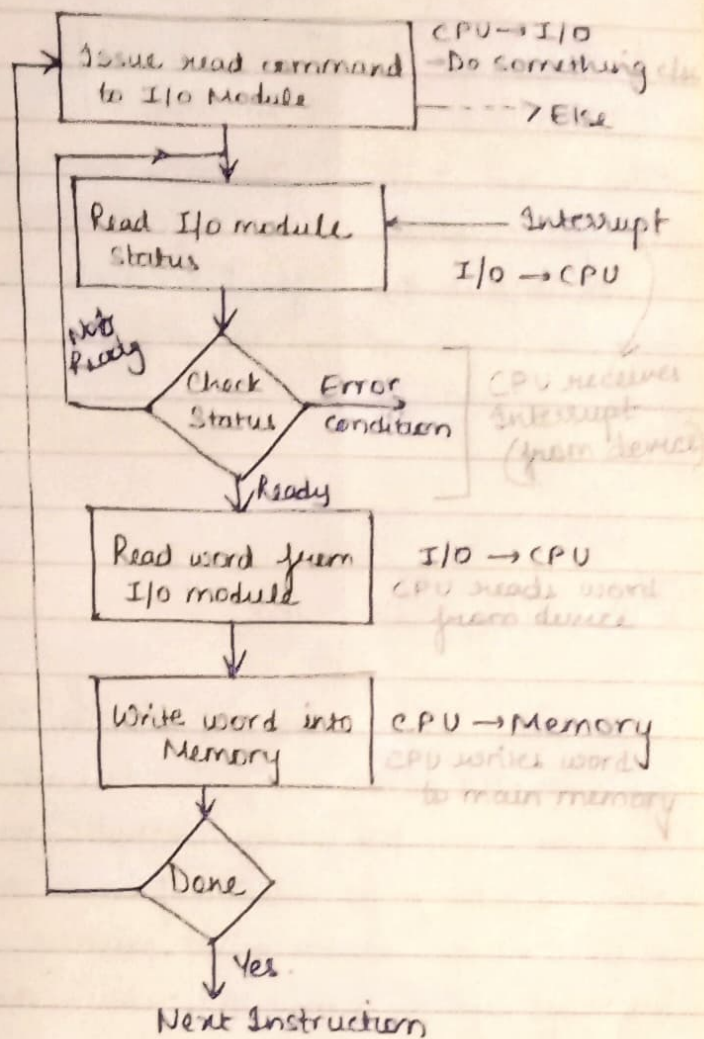
→ The processor also had to wait & had to repeatedly interrogate the status of data transfer.

→ This degraded the performance of entire system.

Thus, we use Interrupted-Initiated I/O as it eliminates needless waiting.

• Drawback: still consumes a lot of processor time as every word from I/O to memory or from memory to I/O must pass through processor.

• Flowchart



Explanation

• In Interrupted I/O, instead of continuous monitoring of CPU, interface will be informed to issue an Interrupt request signal, when data are available from device.

• Meanwhile CPU proceeds to execute another program & interface keeps monitoring ^{the} device.

• When device is ready for data transfer it generates interrupt signal/request.

• Upon detecting the external interrupt signal, CPU stops the task it is performing, processes the I/O data-transfer & then resumes the original task it was performing.

• Types of Interrupt

Vector
Interrupt

Non Vector
Interrupt

→ The source that interrupts, supplies the branch info to the computer. This info is called interrupt Vector.

→ The branch address is assigned to a fixed location in memory.

⑧ Priority Interrupt

→ Since, there are number of I/O device that are connected to the computer. And all are capable of producing interrupt signal.

→ When the interrupt is generated from more than 1 device simultaneously, priority interrupt system is used to determine which device is to be serviced first.

"A priority interrupt is a system that establishes a priority over various sources to determining which condition ^(interrupt) is to be serviced first when 2 or more requests arrives simultaneously."

→ Device with high speed → high priority

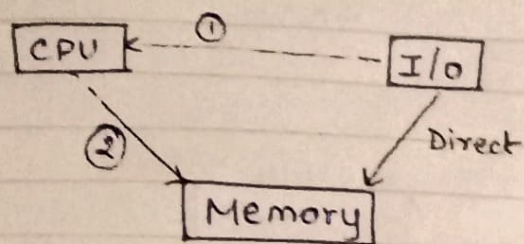
Eg. Hard disks

(Slow device)

→ Device with low speed → low priority

Eg. Keyboard.

11) DMA (Direct Memory Access)



- for I/O device to access memory
→ 2 cycles ① I/O to CPU
② CPU to memory.

- To make it less time consuming
→ I/O to Memory

we use DMA

So to transfer large blocks of data at high speed b/w I/O device & main-memory we use DMA approach.

DMA allows data transfer directly b/w I/O device & main memory with minimal intervention of CPU.

- CPU grants I/O interface authority to read from or write to memory without CPU's involvement.

- DMA itself controls data transfer b/w main memory & I/O device.

- CPU is only involved in beginning & end of data transfer b/w main memory & I/O device, and interrupted only after the entire block has been transferred.

- ① Transfer of data b/w a fast storage device such as mag. tapes and memory is limited by speed of CPU

- ② Removing CPU from the path the device manage the memory bus directly, thus increase data transfer speed. This technique is DMA.

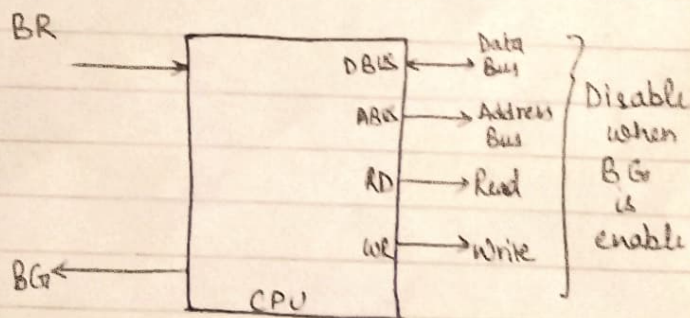
- ③ During DMA transfer, CPU is idle & has no control of memory bus. A DMA ^{controller} takes over the buses to manage the transfer directly b/w the I/O device & memory.

- ④ CPU disable the bus by some special signal.

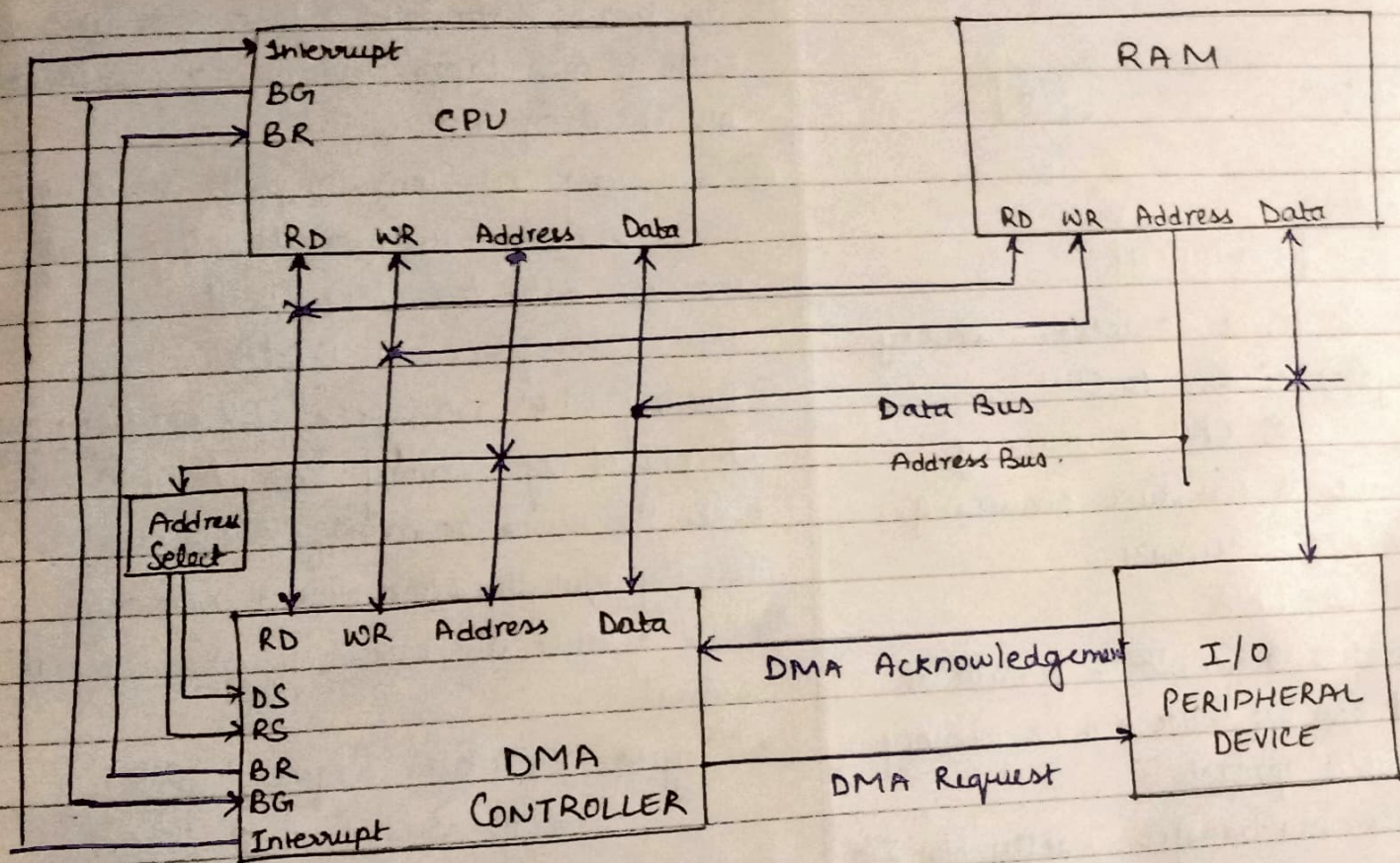
- 2 types → (i) Bus Request (BR)

→ (ii) Bus Grant (BG)

- ⑤ Bus Request signal is input by DMA Controller to request CPU to disable control of buses. When BR is active CPU is ~~the~~ terminates the execution of current instruction & places address bus, data bus, read & write line in high impedance (disable) and CPU activates Bus Grant (BG) signal to inform DMA that buses are disabled.



(CPU bus Signal for DMA Transfer)



DMA Transfer in Computer System.

• Serial Communication

- refers to device that ~~cannot~~ cannot handle more than 1 bit of data at a given time.
 - requires only 1 wire and is very slow
 - Usually CPU use parallel communication
 - If device is serial then data is converted to use parallel communication, by attaching more than one wire parallelly.
- ## • Types

① Synchronous serial communication

- 2 units share a common clock frequency
- Bits are transmitted continuously at a rate dictated by the clock pulse
- Long distance → each unit is driven by separate clock of same frequency.
- Sync. signals are transmitted periodically b/w the two units to keep their clocks in step with each other
- Data transfer takes place in blocks.

② Asynchronous Serial Communication

- Transmitter & receiver are not sync. by clock i.e. frequency differs.
- Bits are transmitted at a constant rate
- Data transfer is character oriented.
- A special bit is transmitted ^{at} both ends.

1) Start bit → always 0

↳ Indicates beginning of character

2) Character bit → Stores data

3) End bit → always 1

↳ Indicates ending of character