

## 1. Choosing an Architecture

### b) Harvard architecture with a RISC CPU.

- ↳ separate instruction and data memory → increased throughput → more ideal for real time systems
- ↳ RISC (Simple instructions → executes faster → ideal for ARM based chips (eg. Drones))

## 2. CISC vs RISC in Modern CPUs

### a) RISC's fixed length instructions simplify pipelining.

## 3. System bottlenecks Identification

### c) Improve memory hierarchy with larger L1 and L2 caches.

- ↳ will improve cache hit rate → more data can be served quickly without waiting.

## 4. Matching Workload to a CPU Type

### b) Complex database queries involving multiple memory accesses.

CISC CPUs are designed for complex logic workflows → memory access operations

so above workload will benefit the most from it.

## 5. Memory Hierarchy & Cache

(b) Prefetch data into L1

∴ L3 and L2 cache misses are minimal  
⇒ L1 cache is missing due to latency.

## 6. Improving Multithreaded Performance.

(b) optimize the program to allow parallel execution.

∴ one core is being fully utilized ⇒ architecture is not the problem but the way software is programmed.

## 7. Storage system Decision

(b) Maximize IOPS (Input/output ops per second)

## 8. Virtual memory & TLB

(a) Increase page size from 4KB to 2MB



## 9 Texton Basic Linux Commands

9.1 (a) chmod

9.2 (b) text searching inside file

9.3 (c) ls -a

10. (b) Replace SATA SSD with NVMe SSD over PCIe interface

11. Interface speed

(b) Higher sequential read/write speeds and IOPS.

12. RAID config. Choice

(c) RAID 10

It provides both fast performance and fault tolerance.

13 Virtualization vs. Containers

(b) Containers (like Docker)

↳ It shares OS → takes less starting time.

14 Networking Model understanding

(c) Application layer

∴ TLS/SSL (operates b/w Application & transport layer)

↳ part of application layer for HTTPS.

15 Different Protocols

(b) UDP (User datagram protocols)

It is used in streaming (e.g. youtube), occasional data loss is acceptable but real-time speed is critical.

16 HTTP and HTTPS usage.

(b) HTTPS adds a layer of SSL/TLS encryption over HTTP.

17. OSI & TCP/IP Models

(c) Layer 4 (Congestion / MTU mismatch)

18. Storage Interfaces & Devices

(d) PCI 3.0 x4 NVMe SSD + PCIe 3.0 x4 NVMe SSD in RAID0