

Introduction To Computers

Chapter No 1

Introduction



About the Course

- Course instructor
- Course policies
- Topics to be covered
- Course Website and Reference material
- Assignments and Projects

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers



About the Course

- Text Book:
 - Computer, Communications and Information.By Sarah Hutchinson and Stacey Sawyer.
- Reference Book:
 - Living With Computers
 By Patrick Mckeown.
- Course website
 - http://www.ssuet.edu.pk/courses/ce101

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers

2



Topics to be covered

- Introduction and Overview of Computers
- Input/Output
- Storage Hardware
- Processing Hardware
- Number Systems
- Logic Gates
- Boolean Algebra
- Introduction to Communications and Networks

- The Internet and uses of Communications Technology
- Introduction to Information Systems
- Information Systems Analysis and Design
- Introduction to Databases
- Ethics, Privacy and Security

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers



Exam and Grading

Assignments	5 Marks
∠ Class Quiz	10 Marks
∡ Mid-Term	10 Marks
∡ Lab Viva	10 Marks
Presentation	5 Marks
Final Examination	60 Marks

Class Participation
3 Marks (Bonus)

Attendance and Behaviour 2 Marks (Bonus)

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers

_



Final Project

- ∠ In form of Paper and Presentation
- ∠ Can be done in groups of 2 to 4 students
- ✓ Maximum limit of the paper is 20 pages
- ... about 5000 to 10,000 words for 20 pages
- ∠ Use diagrams as appropriate
- ∠ Properly cite references you use!

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers



Course Schedule

- Tentative course outline, day by day
- ∠ Dates for exams, midterm and final are fixed.
- ✓ Note:
 - ∠ Outline is subject to change

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers

7



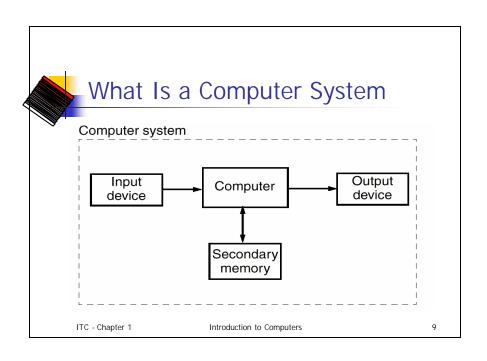
What Is a Computer

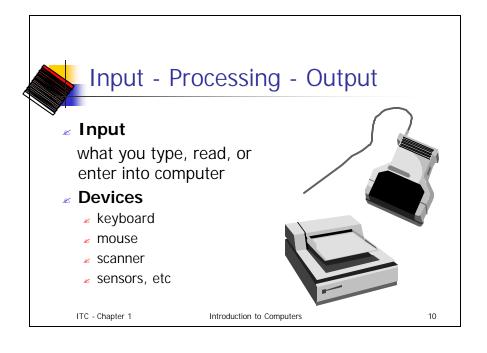
A data processing machine operated automatically under the control of a list of the instructions (called a program) stored in its main memory.



ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers







Input - Processing - Output

Processing changes the input data via formatting, sorting, and calculations

Devices

- Components on the motherboard
- CPU, ALU, Memory





ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers

11



Input - Processing - Output

✓ Output

results of computer processing

Devices

- ✓ printer
- ✓ plotter
- ✓ signals, etc.





ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers



Input - Processing - Output

Storage

save information for later processing

Devices

- memory
- diskette
- hard disk
- tape, etc.



ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers



Parts of a Computer System

∠ What is a Computer?

- ∠ A complete computer system includes 4 distinct parts:
 - Hardware
 - ∠ Software
 - ∠ Data
 - ∠ Users

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers

14

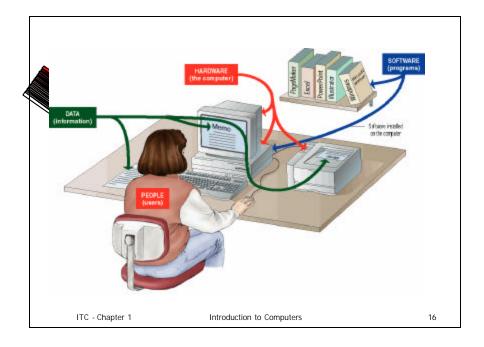


∠ What is a Computer?

- ∠ A computer is an electronic device used to process data.
- ∠ A computer can convert data into information that is useful to people.

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers



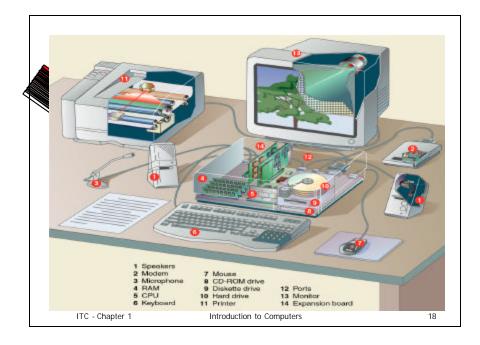


∠ Hardware

- ∠ A computer's hardware consists of electronic devices; the parts you can see and touch.
- The term "device" refers to any piece of hardware used by the computer, such as a keyboard, monitor, modem, mouse, etc.

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers





≤ Software

- ✓ Software also called Programs consists of organized sets of instructions for controlling the computer.
- Some programs exist for the computer's use, to help it manage its own tasks and devices.
- Other programs exist for the user, and enable the computer to perform tasks for you, such as creating documents.

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers

19



Parts of a Computer System

∡ Data

- Data consists of raw facts, which the computer can manipulate and process into information that is useful to people.
- Computerized data is digital, meaning that it has been reduced to digits, or numbers. The computer stores and reads all data as numbers.
- Although computers use data in digital form, they convert data into forms that people can understand, such as text, numerals, sounds, and images.

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers



∠ People

- ∠ People are the computer's operators, or users.
- Some types of computers can operate without much intervention from people, but personal computers are designed specifically for use by people.

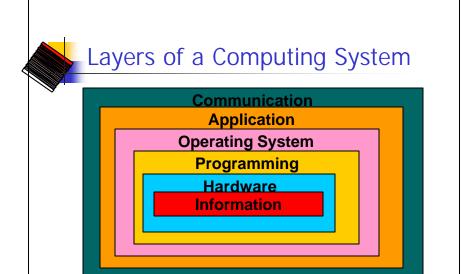
ITC - Chapter 1

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers

21

22



Introduction to Computers



Early History of Computing

∠ Abacus (16th century)

An early device to record numeric values

- Blaise Pascal (middle 17th century)
 Mechanical (gear driven) device to add, subtract, divide & multiply
- Joseph Jacquard (late 18th century)
 Jacquard's Loom, the punched card
- Charles Babbage (19th century)
 Analytical Engine, designed but never implemented

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers

22



Early History of Computing

Alan Turing

Turing Machine, Artificial Intelligence Testing

Harvard Mark I, ENIAC, UNIVAC I Early computers launch new era in mathematics, physics, engineering and economics

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers



Generations of Computer

✓ Vacuum tube - 1946-1957

✓ Small scale integration - 1965-1968

∠ up to 100 devices

Medium scale integration - 1968-1971

≥ 100-3,000 devices on a chip

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers

25



Generations of Computer

∠ Large scale integration - 1972-1977

≥ 3,000 - 100,000 devices on a chip

∠ Very large scale integration - 1978 to date

∠ Ultra large scale integration

∠ Over 100,000,000 devices on a chip

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers

Generations of Computer

Approximate Dates	Technology	Typical Speed (Operation / Second)
1946-1957	Vacuum Tube	40,000
1958-1964	Transistor	200,000
1965-1971	Small and Medium Scale Integration	1,000,000
1972-1977	Large Scale Integration	10,000,000
1978- Onwards	Very Large Scale Integration	100,000,000
	1946-1957 1958-1964 1965-1971 1972-1977 1978- Onwards	1946-1957 Vacuum Tube 1958-1964 Transistor 1965-1971 Small and Medium Scale Integration 1972-1977 Large Scale Integration 1978- Onwards Very Large Scale



Generations of Computer

- Transistor -
 - Replaced vacuum tubes
 - Smaller and Cheaper
 - ∠ Less heat dissipation
 - ✓ Solid State device
 - ∠ Made from Silicon (Sand)
 - ✓ Invented 1947 at Bell Labs

1958-1964



ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers



Benefits of Integration

- Increased speed (shorter electrical path)
- Smaller computers
- Reduced cooling
- More reliable interconnections (on chip)
- Cheaper

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers

ാറ



Types of Computers

- Computers are of four types:
 - Microcomputers
 - Minicomputers
 - Mainframes
 - Supercomputers

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers



Types of Computers

Microcomputers

- This most widely used computer generally employs a microprocessor, "computer on a chip" and are desktop sized or less
- Two main types
 - Desktop (PC's & Workstations)
 - Portable (Notebooks, Palmtops)

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers

31



Types of Computers

- Microcomputers
 - Desktop

(PC's & Workstations)

- Small enough for a desktop, but not easily portable
- Personal computers (PC's) run general purpose software and are employed by a wide spectrum of users



ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers



Types of Computers

- Microcomputers
 - Portable (Notebooks, Palmtops)
 - Easily transported from one place to another
 - Four categories
 - Laptops
 - Notebooks
 - Palmtops
 - Personal Digital Assistants (PDA)



ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers

33



Types of Computers

Minicomputers



- Desk-sized
- More processing speed and storage capacity than microcomputers
- General data processing needs at small companies
- Larger companies use them for specific purposes

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers



Types of Computers

Mainframes



- Larger machines with special wiring and environmental controls
- Faster processing and greater storage than minicomputers
- Typical machine in large organizations

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers

35



Types of Computers

Supercomputers



- The most powerful of the four categories
- Used by very large organizations, particularly for very math-intensive types of tasks

ITC - Chapter 1

Introduction to Computers