Introduction to Computational Science and Basics of Computer Programming (CDSC 601)

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Introduction to computer system

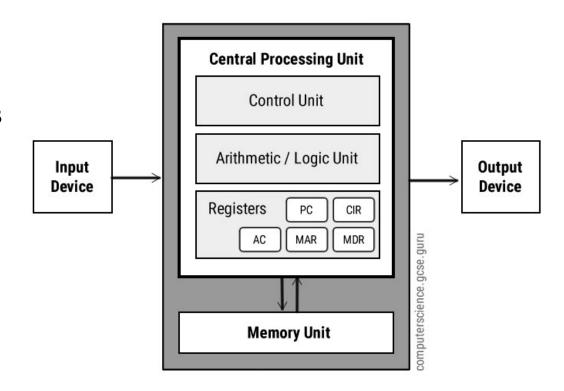
- Computer is a machine capable of storing and executing sets of instructions, called *programs*, in order to solve specific problems.
- Computer system is a generic term that may refer to wider scope in various sectors.
- ➤ However in this course, we refer a computer system as a system that integrates hardware and software to solve specific problem of our interest.
- The hardware is the physical device that does the actual task by getting all the necessary instruction from the software component.

Introduction to computer system

- The main components of the computer hardware includes:
 - Secondary storage device like hard disk, floppy disk, flash disk, magnetic tape, etc
 - ► Primary memory which is also called RAM
 - Central processing unit (ALU, CU, and Registers)
 - ➤ Output and input devices
 - **▶**Communication system
 - > etc

The Von Neumann Architecture

- The Von Neumann Architecture is the state of art computer system architecture that has been in use for several decades (since invention of modern computers)
- The von Neumann architecture is a computer design model that uses a processing unit and a single separate storage structure to hold both instructions and data.
- The term "stored-program computer" is generally used to mean a computer of this design



- ➤ Use of operating system started since 1950s.
- Older computers doesn't have operating systems
- ➤ OS have two basic services
 - it offers *services* to application programs (such as hiding the technical details of disk access to applications)
 - it *coordinates* system resources if more than one program is started simultaneously.
- Some of the applications are
 - controlling and allocating memory and CPU time
 - Prioritizing system request
 - Controlling input and output devices
 - Facilitating networking and managing file system
 - manage sharing of peripheral devices like printers, scanners, etc.

➤OS can be multi-user, multi-tasking, multi-processing, Multi-threading

► Multi-user

- A multi-user Operating System allows for multiple users to use the same computer at the same time and/or different times.
- Each user require independent terminals that requiest action from central device
- Examples of multi-user Operating Systems.
 - Linux
 - >Unix
 - ➤Windows 2000

> Multi-processor

- An Operating System capable of supporting and utilizing more than one computer processor.
- ➤ Below are some examples of multiprocessing Operating Systems.
 - Linux
 - >Unix
 - ➤Windows 2000

Multi-tasking

- An Operating system that is capable of allowing multiple software processes to run at the same time.
- ➤ Below are some examples of multitasking Operating Systems.
 - Linux
 - >Unix
 - ➤Windows 2000

> Multithreading

- ➤ Operating systems that allow different parts of a software program to run concurrently.
- ➤ Operating systems that would fall into this category are:
 - Linux
 - >Unix
 - ➤Windows 2000

- ➤ Programming language is a software designed to translate the procedures/steps one should follow to solve a given problem using computers
- ➤ Programming language is the key for success for development of software that solves various problems of organizations and institutions
- Programming languages can be broadly classified into three as
 - ➤ Machine language:
 - ► Assembly language
 - ➤ High-level language

➤ Machine language:

represented in the form of zeros and ones which is directly understandable by the machine.

>Assembly language

- An assembly language is a **low level language** for programming computers.
- It implements a symbolic representation of the numeric **machine codes** and other constants needed to program a particular **CPU** architecture.
- They are also called **mnemonic**
- First developed in the 1950s

► High-level language

- A high-level programming language is a programming language that, in comparison to low level programming language, may be more abstract, easier to use, or more portable across platforms.
- Such languages often abstract how CPU operations are performed such as memory access models and management of scope of a variable.

- To execute program written in high level programming language, it has to be in machine understandable form and the execution has to be made in a logical way
- Codes written in machine language can be executed without any problem only on the machine that understands its instruction set
- ➤ But if two or more machine language modules should get combined to solve a given problem, it may require a linker for that integration

- Source code of assembly language should be translated into machine executable form using the software called **assembler**.
- The assembler translates the assembly instruction **mnemonic** into **opcodes**
- This translation require resolving *symbolic names* for memory location

- ➤ In order to execute High level programming language source code, it should also be translated into machine code
- There are two ways of translating the human readable and less-machine dependent source into executable source code.
- These are compiler and interpreter

- A compiler is a program that translates a source program written in some high-level programming language into machine code for some computer architecture (such as the Intel Pentium architecture).
- The compiler can get relevant information about the computer architecture before starting the translation process
- The generated machine code can later be executed many times against different data without requiring recompilation of the source code.

- An *interpreter* reads an executable source program written in a high-level programming language as well as data for this program, and it runs the program against the data to produce some results.
- Note that both interpreters and compilers (like any other program) are written in some programming language (usually high level programming languages)

- The interpreter source program is machine independent since it does not generate machine code. Hence interpreter is much better than compiler
- ➤ However, an interpreter is generally slower than a compiler because it processes and interprets each statement in a program as many times as the number of the evaluations of this statement.
- ➤ Hence it is weaker than compiler

- ➤ It is up you to choose your preference on the translator
- ➤ But your choice is also depends on the programming language of your preference
- The following are some of the high level programming languages with their mode of translation

PL	Translation	PL	Translation
С	compiler	Perl	Both (interpreter & compiler)
Java	compiler	Python	both
Fortran	compiler	Java script	both
Java	compiler	PHP	both
C++	compiler	Basic	both
C#	compiler	Ada	compiler
Pascal	compile		

- In high level programming language, in order to generate the final executable program code, the source program object code must be integrated with various other object codes called libraries.
- This process is called **linking** libraries together.
- The program that does this is called linker
- Linker is important for both interpreted and compiled languages

➤ Most programming language has a special editor to write the source program.

The program should be compiled and linked after its source code is generated. If there is an error, it has to be fixed

➤ In this course we will use the FTN95/2003 compiler

- Programming error can be classified as
 - >Syntax error
 - **►** Run time error
 - >Logical error

> Syntax error

- ➤ Is an error which is due to invalid grammar usage while writing the source code
- Such program couldn't be translated into machine language code (easily detected by the compiler or the interpreter)\
- Example in the language of mathematic
 - $> \{ \} > 0$

> Run time error

- ➤ Which is an error encountered at the time of executing the program.
- For example, in the language of mathematic (Assuming Domain of interest is the set of real numbers)
 - ightharpoonup SQRT(X-Y) results a run time error if Y > X because it can not be computed
- This error usually terminates the program abnormally.

>Logical error

- ➤ Which is an error in the computational logic to solve a given problem
- This is an error from the view of the user but not from view the system
- For example in the language of mathematics if you want to know the result of adding 4 on to 10 and multiplying by 5 and if you write this as
 - >4+10*5
 - This gives an output but not what you desire
 - The output is 54 but what you were expecting 280

- ➤ Programming error can be avoided by **debugging**
- Debugging is the most time consuming activity in the programming life cycle
- ➤ Debugging syntax error is very simple compared to other types of errors
 - because the translator gives all the necessary information that needs to be fixed
- ➤ Debugging run time and logical error is very difficult to detect. Why?

Algorithm Design

In the process of solving a problem, one of the most important aspect is understanding the problem and design a solution for it.

This can be made in various ways.

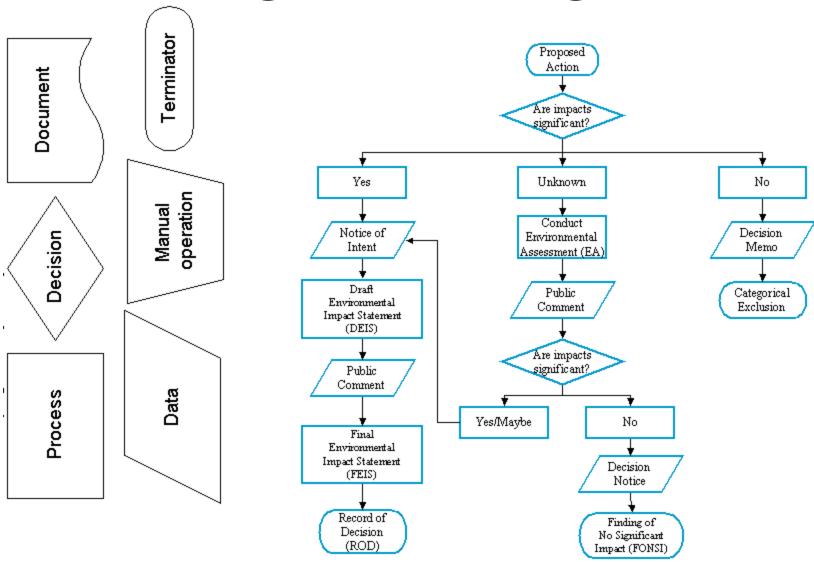
The simplest one is by using Flow chart and pseudo-code technique

Examples on Designing Algorithm Using Flow chart

- Design a flow char to determine the maximum of a given three numbers X, Y, and Z
- Design a flow char to determine the square root of a given number X

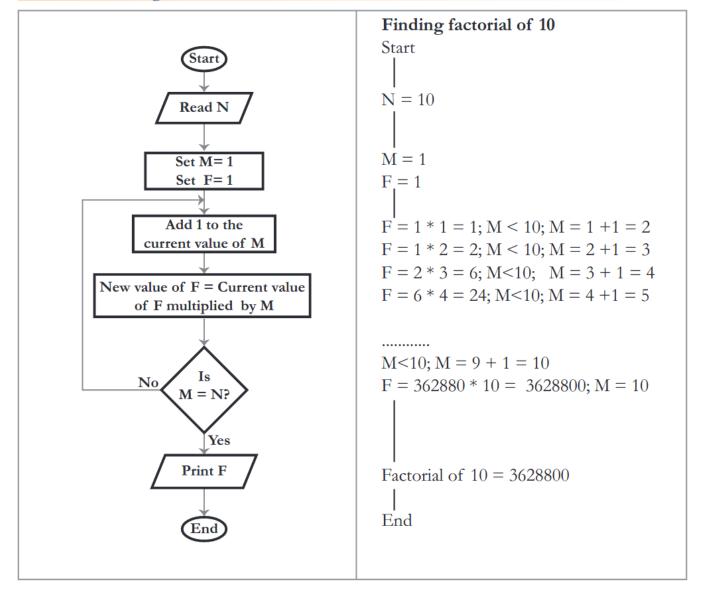
- Design a flow char to determine weather a given number is prime or not
- Design a flow char to determine the Nth prime number

Algorithm Design



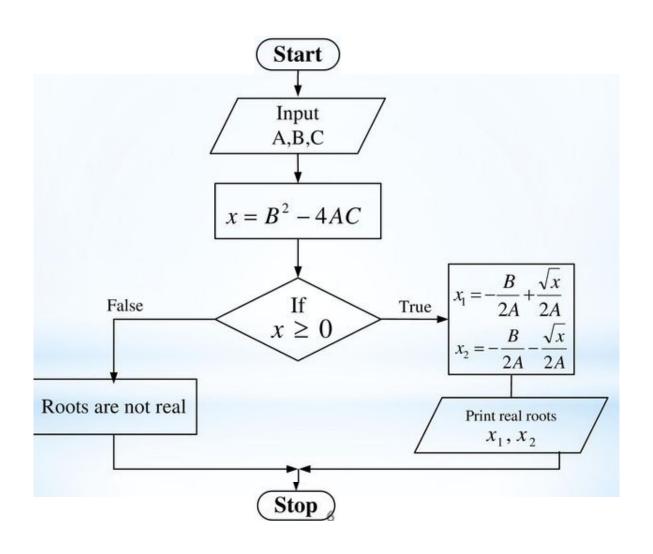
Designing Algorithm Using Flow chart

Find factorial of a given number N



Designing Algorithm Using Flow chart

Finding a real roots of quadratic equation



Assignment Two Designing Algorithm Using Flow chart

- Develop a pseudo-code and corresponding flowchart for the following problem
 - 1. A program that compute the inverse of a given NxM matrix
 - 2. A program that compute molecular weight of a given chemical equation
 - 3. A program that balance a given molecular equation
 - 4. A program that compute the total molecular weight of a reactant in a balanced chemical equation

Fortran programming language History

Fortran (FORmula TRANslation) was the first high-level programming language.

- ► It was devised by John Bachus in 1953.
- The first compiler was produced in 1957.
- Fortran is highly standardized, making it extremely portable (able to run under a wide range of computers and operating systems).

Fortran programming language

- ➤ It is an evolving language, passing through a sequence of international standards:
 - Fortran I is released in 1957
 - Fortran II is released in 1958
 - Fortran 66 (Fortran IV) the original ANSI standard (accepted 1972)
 - **Fortran 77** − ANSI X3.9-1978
 - introduced structured programming
 - Fortran 90 ISO/IEC 1539:1991 major revision, making Fortran into a modern computer language
 - modularity, use of virtual memory
 - **Fortran 95** − ISO/IEC 1539-1: 1997
 - improvements for parallel processing
 - Fortran 2003 ISO/IEC 1539-1:2004(E)
 - adds object-oriented support and interoperability with C

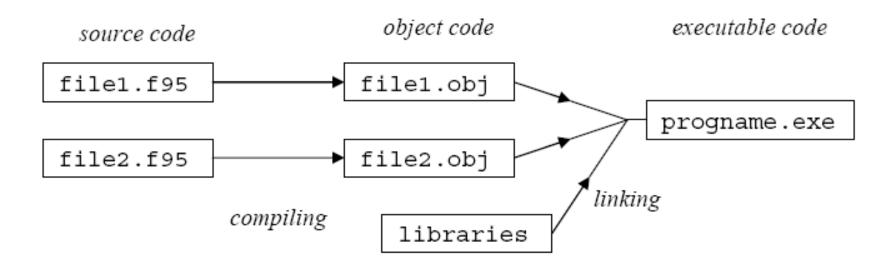
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- Many Fortran compilers exist
- Silverfrost FTN95
 - http://www.silverfrost.com/
 - This is essentially an upgraded version of the compiler and is available free for personal use only. It can also be downloaded from cnet (http://www.download.com/).

► Gnu Fortran

- http://gcc.gnu.org/wiki/GFortran
- > **G95**
 - http://www.g95.org/
- The particular compiler which we shall use is FTN95, originally provided by Salford Software1, which is a Fortran 95 compiler.
- Like many Fortran implementations it comes with additional library routines for producing, for example, graphical output or Windows application

Process of Creating executable code



What's good about FORTRAN?

FORTRAN is very natural language for expressing numerical computations

- FORTRAN handles arrays really very well (extremely important for numerical computing)
 - Think of arrays as enumerated lists of data until we learn about them in a few weeks or as a vector, matrix or complex structure)
- It has natural syntax for handling subsets or parts of a an array of data

What's good about FORTRAN?

- ➤ Produces extremely fast code.
 - The language has a very restricted set of operations that allows the compiler to find, in many cases, an optimal order in which to execute those operations
 - C++ code can sometimes be made to run as fast as FORTRAN but it can take some work on the part of the programmer
 - ➤ Usually the language recommended by most vendors of supercomputing systems
- ➤ Highly standardized language
 - ➤ Makes porting code to a new computer easy

What's bad about FORTRAN?

- ➤ Not flexible for input/output of data compared to C++
 - Fixed in FORTRAN 2003
- Not good for system level programming
 - Can be done in some cases but it is not easy
 - ➤ Don't try to write an editor in FORTRAN!
- Expressing modern programming concepts can be difficult in earlier versions of FORTRAN
 - FORTRAN 90 lessens this problem
 - FORTRAN 2003 fully resolves this problem