

Influences on Language Design

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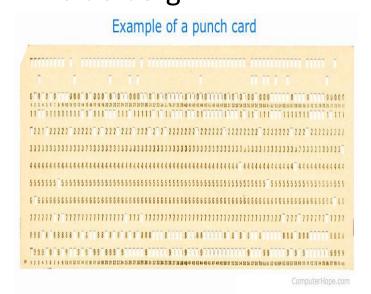
## **Influences on Language Design**

- Computer Architecture
- Programming Methodologies



#### **Influences on Language Design – von Neumann Architecture**

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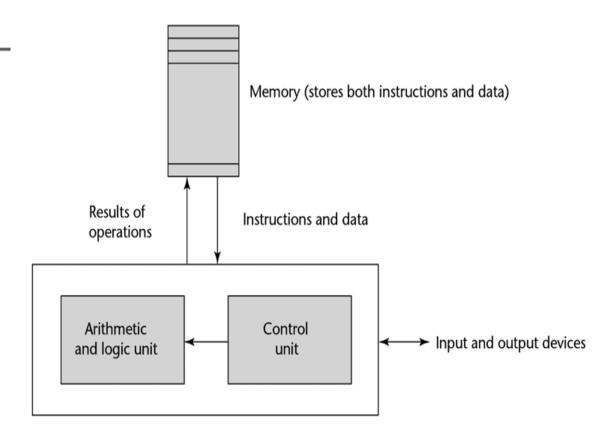
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## Influences on Language Design – von Neumann Architecture





The von Neumann computer architecture



Central processing unit

#### Influences on Language Design – programming methodologies

- 1950s and early 1960s: Simple applications; worry about machine efficiency
- Late 1960s: Efficiency of humans became important;
  - readability, better control structures
  - structured programming
  - top-down design and step-wise refinement
- Late 1970s: Process-oriented to dataoriented
  - data abstraction
- Middle 1980s: Object-oriented programming
  - Data abstraction + inheritance + polymorphism



## **Language Categories**

- Imperative (Procedure oriented) Programming
- Functional Programming
- Object Oriented Programming
- Logic Programming



#### **Language Design Trade-Offs**

- Reliability vs. cost of execution
- Readability vs. Writability
- Writability (flexibility) vs. reliability





## **THANK YOU**

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