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- One instruction may request the control unit to jump to some previous or following instruction, but this does not mean that the instructions are not executed sequentially.

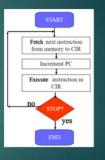


Figure 1.7 Fetches Execute cycle

1-3 COMPUTER COMPONENTS

We can think of a computer as being made up of three components: computer hardware, data, and computer software.

1.3.1 Computer hardware

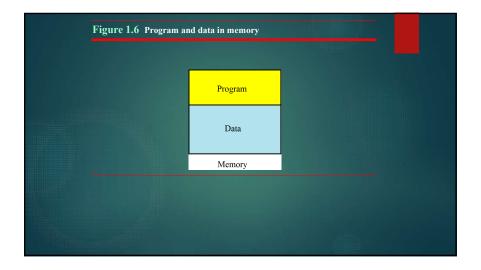
Computer hardware today has four components under the von Neumann model, although we can have different types of memory, different types of input/output subsystems, and so on. We discuss computer hardware in more detail in Chapter 5.

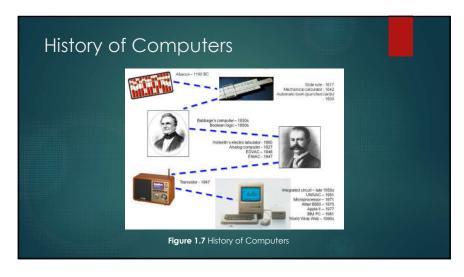
1.3.2 Data

The von Neumann model clearly defines a computer as a data processing machine that accepts the input data, processes it, and outputs the result.

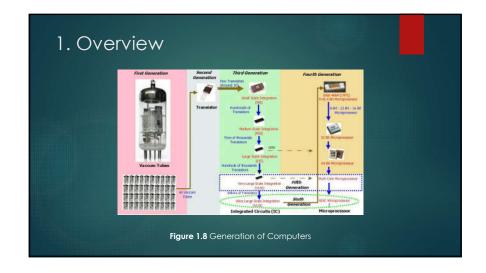
1.3.3 Computer software

- The main feature of the Turing or von Neumann models is the concept of the program.
- Although early computers did not store the program in the computer's memory, they did use the concept of programs.
- Programming those early computers meant changing the wiring systems or turning a set of switches on or off.
- Programming was therefore a task done by an operator or engineer before the actual data processing began.





3 - Computer generations



2. First Generation (1945-1956)

- First Generation Computers were working during the 1940-1956 with proper maintenance of Vacuum Tubes on those computers. Vacuum Tubes most useful to process the data in memory.
- ► First generation computers use more power from electricity and that produce high heat.
- ► Those devices vulnerable to the attacks and get malfunctions.



Figure 1.9 First Generation Computers

3. Second Generation Computers (1959-1965)

- Second-generation computers (roughly 1959-1965) used transistors instead of vacuum tubes. This reduced the size of computers, as well as their cost, and made them affordable to small and medium-size corporations.
- Two high-level programming languages, FORTRAN and COBOL (see Chapter 9), were invented and made programming easier.



Figure 1.10 Second Generation Computers

4. Third Generation Computers (1965-1975)

- ▶ The invention of the integrated circuit (transistors, wiring, and other components on a single chip) reduced the cost and size of computers even further.
- Minicomputers appeared on the market. Canned programs, popularly known as software packages, became available.
- A small corporation could buy a package, for example for accounting, instead of writing its own program.



Figure 1.11 Third Generation Computers

5. The fourth generation (1975–1985)

- The fourth generation (approximately 1975–1985) saw the appearance of microcomputers.
- ➤ The first desktop calculator, the Altair 8800, became available in 1975.
- Advances in the electronics industry allowed whole computer subsystems to fit on a single circuit board.

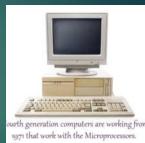


Figure 1.12 The fourth Generation Computers

