**ndustry Standard Architecture** (**ISA**) is the [16-bit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/16-bit) internal [bus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bus_(computing)) of [IBM PC/AT](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IBM_Personal_Computer/AT) and similar computers based on the [Intel 80286](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intel_80286) and its immediate successors during the 1980s. The bus was (largely) [backward compatible](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Backward_compatible) with the 8-bit bus of the [8088](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intel_8088)-based [IBM PC](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IBM_Personal_Computer), including the [IBM PC/XT](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IBM_PC/XT) as well as [IBM PC compatibles](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IBM_PC_compatible).