

## Lecture 6

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### Types of Software:

#### a) System Software

- Collection of programs written to service other programs.
- Heavy interaction with computer hardware.
- Heavy usage by multiple users.
- Concurrent operation that requires scheduling, resource sharing and sophisticated process management.
- Ex: compilers, operating systems

#### b) Real Time Software

- Monitors / analyzes / controls real world events as they occur.
- Real time response ranging from 1 millisecond to 1 second is maintained.

#### c) Business Software

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- Management Information System (MIS) software that accesses one or more large databases containing business information.
- Restructure existing data in a way that facilitates business operations
- Encompass interactive computing

#### d) Engineering and Scientific Software

- Characterized by "number crunching" algorithms.
- Ranges from astronomy to automated manufacturing, CAD, system simulation, etc.
- Need higher precision than that of 64 bits



### e) Embedded Software

- Resides in read-only memory and is used to control products and systems for the consumer and industrial markets.
- Can perform limit and esoteric functions or provide significant function and control capability
- Example: used in microwave oven, washing machines, IOT

### f) PC based software

- Word processing, spreadsheets, computer graphics, multimedia, entertainment, database management, personal business and financial applications are the examples of PC based software.

### g) Web-based software

- Software that incorporates executable instructions (eg, HTML, Perl, Java) and data (eg, hypertext, audio).
- Have substantial security concerns.
- Have specific protocols in the network.

### h) AI based software (Our professor's favourite)

- Software that makes use of nonnumerical algorithms to solve complex problems that are not amenable to computation or straightforward analysis.
- Knowledge-based systems, pattern recognition are used along with data like speech, image, etc.
- Systems learn from their mistakes and have a feedback model.