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## Computer Generation

### ① First Generation (1942-1955)

The Early Computer where manufactured using vacuum tubes. A vacuum tubes is switching devices. A vacuum tubes a fragile glass device using filaments as a source of electronic. These vacuum tubes computers could perform calculations in millisecond ( $10^{-3}$ ) where first generation computers. example: Mark-I computer, ABC (Atanasoff Berry Computer), ENIAC (Electronic Numerical Integrator and Calculator), EDVAC (Electronic Discrete Variable Automatic Computer), EDSAC (Electronic Delay Storage automatic calculator)

### Characteristic of First Generation Computer

- They were very bulky in size, required large rooms.
- These computers were difficult to program and use.
- The vacuum tubes used more power and Generated heat.
- The vacuum tubes had filament which had limited life.

## ② Second Generation (1955-1964)

In second generation computers a new electronic switching device called transistors replaced vacuum tubes. The transistor were very small, used less power, cheap and 10 times faster than vacuum tubes. Magnetic tapes were uses as storage medium. after that magnetic disk was also develop.

### Characteristic of Second Generation Computer:

- They were smaller them First generation computers.
- They consumed less power and dissipated (gave out) less heat.
- They were more faster and had higher storage capacity.

## ③ Third Generation Computer (1964-1975)

In 1958, The first integrated ~~circuit~~ circuit was developed and Integrated circuit are those circuit consisting of several electronic components such as resistors, Indicator, capacitor, transistors grown on a single chip of silicon without necessity of wires. So IC technology is also known as micro electronic.

## Characteristics of Third Generation Computer

- They were more powerful than second generation computer. They were capable of performing one millions instructions.
- They had faster and larger storage.
- These machines were used for both scientific and commercial uses.
- These computers used less power and generated less heat.
- Earlier the IC used SSI technology (Small Scale Integration) and later MSI technology (Medium scale integration)

SSI (up to 1000 electronic components in a single chip)

MSI (1000 to 3000 electronic components in a single chip)

Example: IBM 360 series

First commercial Computer - PDP-8

First commercial application - DEC CT

## Fourth Generation Computer (1975- 1989)

Fourth Generation computer used LSI (Large Scale Integration)  
30000 electronic components in a single chip  
and followed by VLSI (Very Large Scale Integration)  
more than million components in a single chip

These progress led to the development of microprocessor.  
A micro-processor contains all circuits to perform arithmetic,  
logical & control functions.

During four Generation different software like  
windows, mac os, Linux, unix, developed, the computer  
became general purpose machine.

The semi-conductor technology replace magnetic core memories.

Graphical User Interface (GUI) was develop rapidly.

Example: Apple II (1978), IBM PC (1980)

## Fifth Generation Computers (1989- present)

In fifth generations computers the production of microprocessor  
having ten millions electronic component in a single  
chip using VLSI technology.

The microprocessors became more powerful and the  
development of multicore processor was introduce.

During fifth generation optical disk known as cd was portable

Storage media.

### Features:

- Portable PC's known as notebook or laptop are much smaller and handy than pc of fourth Generation.
- They consumed less power than previous generation.
- They are General ~~per~~ purpose machines
- The technology develop were www, Java and different programming languages.
- They are easy to used and learn.
- They have plug & play features

Use of ~~the~~ standard high level programming languages allow programs written for one computer to be easily used to another computer.

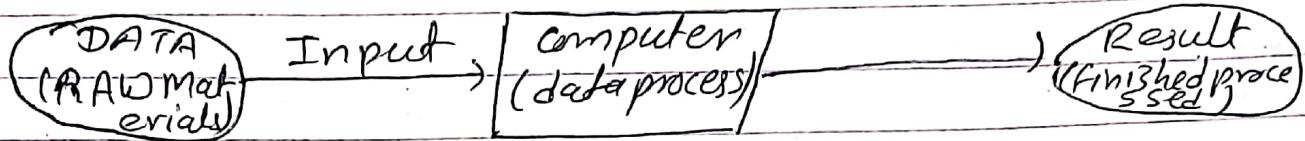


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## Introduction

### Computers

Computer is an electronic device that takes raw data as an input and process or calculates through different operations and provides the output.



### Characteristics of computers:

- ① Automatic: An automatic ~~computer~~ machine works by itself without human intervention. Computers are automatic machine because once they carry out the work, they can finish the task without any assistant.
- ② Speed - A computer is a very fast device in other words computer can do a task in few minutes that would take a man his entire life.
- ③ Accuracy - A computer performs every calculations accurately.
- ④ Memory - A computer can store huge amount of information that can be retrieved at any time.

\* Judgement (No feelings): A computer cannot do any task itself.

## Evolution of Computer

- Blaise Pascal invented first mechanical machine in 1642 A.D
- In 1671, Leibniz invented the first calculator for multiplication.
- In 1870's Herman Hollerith invented punch card as an input medium.
- Charles Babbage which also known as father of computer, design a ~~difference~~ engine in 1822, In 1842 babbage came out with his new idea of completely automatic analytical Engine for performing basic arithmetic operations.
- In 1940, Dr. John von Neumann introduce the stored program concept which is the basic idea of operations in modern digital computers.

# Types of computer

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SPECIFICATIONS

1.

PC (Personal Computer)

It is a single user computer system having moderately micro processors.

2.

Workstation

It is a single user computer system similar to PC. However has a more powerful CPU.

3. Mini Computer

It is a multiuser computer system capable of supporting 100 of user simultaneously.

4. Mainframe computer

It is a large size computer that supporting 1000 of users simultaneously.

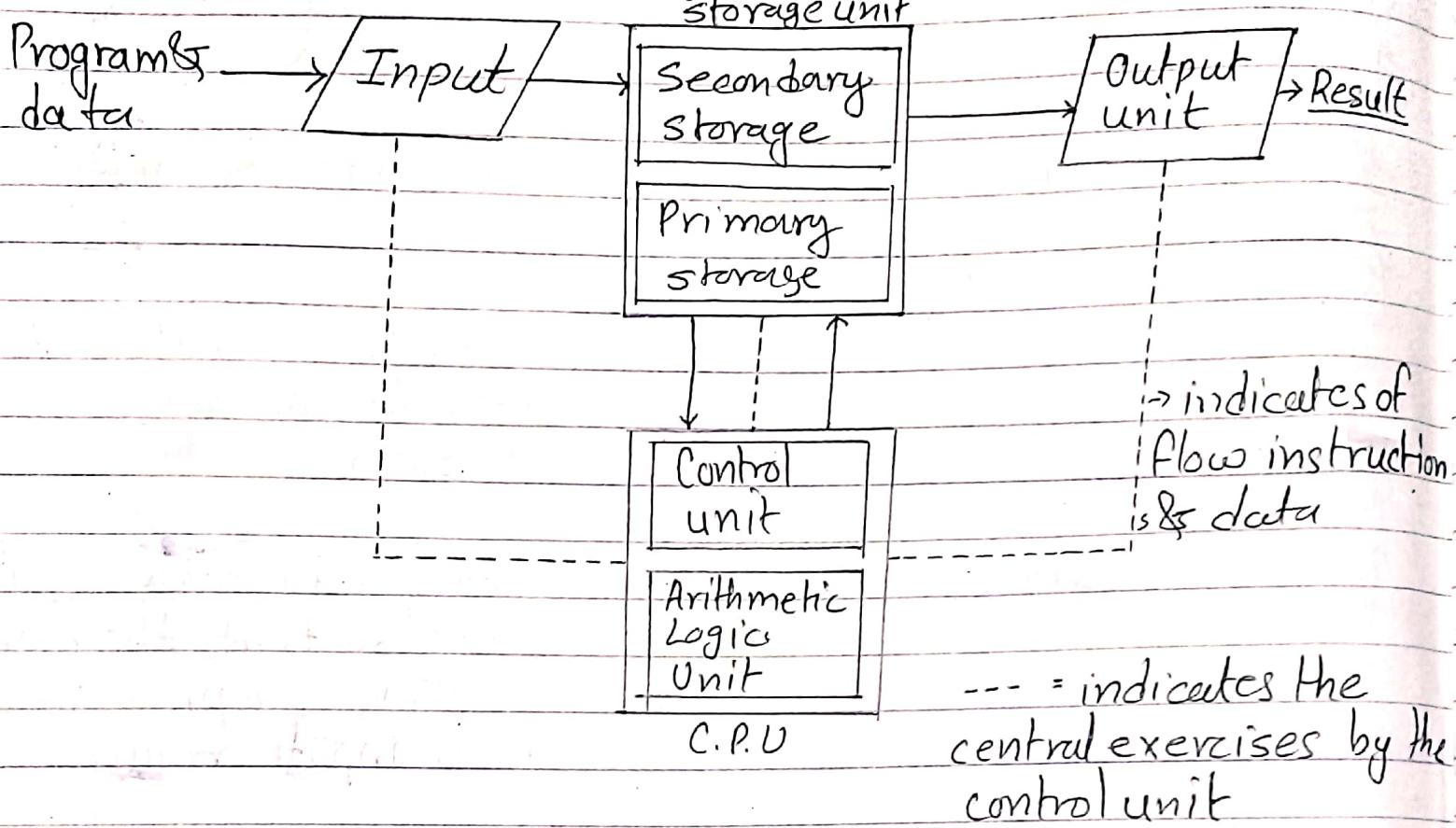
5. Super computer

Super computer are extremely fast computers that can execute 10<sup>9</sup> of million of instructions per second.

All types of computer follow the basic logical structure and perform of the following five basic operations given below:

S.N	<u>Operations</u>	<u>Descriptions</u>
1.	Take input	The processor of the entirely from the data into the computer system.
2.	Store data	Saving data and instructions so that they are available for processing as and when required.
3.	Processing data	Performing arithmetic and logical operations on data in order to convert them into useful information.
4.	Output information	The process of producing useful information for the user such as printed report or visual display.
5.	Control the work flow	The computer directs the manner and sequence in which all above operations are performed

## Basic Computer Organization



**Motherboard** - A motherboard is the main Printed Circuit Board (PCB) found in General purpose computers and other expendable system. It holds and allows communication between many of the important component of a system such as CPU, memory, and provides connectors for other peripherals.

Motherboards specially refers to a PCB with expansion capability and as the name suggest this board is often refers as "mother" of all component attached to it, which often include peripherals, sound card, video cards, network cards, harddrives etc.

## Power Supply Unit (PSU)

The power supply unit is the piece of hardware that is used to convert the power provided from the outlet into useable power for the many ports inside the computer case.

It converts the alternative current into a continuous form of power that the computers components need in order to run, normally called Direct Current (DC). The PSU is mounted just inside the back of the case. There is also a fan opening at the back of the power supply that send air out the back of the computer case. The side of the PSU has a power switch.

## BIOS (BASIC INPUT OUTPUT SYSTEM)

BIOS which stand for basic input output system, is a software storage on a small memory chip on the mother board. It is BIOS that is responsible for the computer operation and therefore makes it the very first software to run.

The BIOS Firmware is non-volatile meaning that its setting are saved and recoverable even after power has been remove.

\* What is BIOS used for?

→ BIOS instructed the computer on how to perform a number of basic functions such as booting and keyword control. It is also use to identify and configure the hardware

in a computer such as harddrive, optical drive, CPU, memory. BIOS is accessed and configured to the bios setup utility. All modern computers motherboard contain bios software. Some of the company develop BIOS:- Dell, IBM, Phoenix - Technologies, Gateway.

### (CPU Central Processing Unit)

CPU is just like the brain of the computer. It performs all the calculations and controls all the operation of the computer system. There are two basic component of a CPU. They are control unit (CU) & Arithmetic logic unit (ALU). The Control Unit selects and interprets program, instructions and then manages their execution. The CPU also has special purpose register and general purpose register. The registers are storage units that store program and data temporarily.

ALU	REGISTER
Control Unit	

Diagram of  
CPU

REGISTER

↓  
Special purpose register

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General purpose register

## Special purpose register (Example):

- Program counter (PC)
- Instruction Register (IR)
- Memory Address Register (MAR)

## General purpose register (Example):

- B
- C
- D
- E
- H
- L

## ALU (Arithmetic Logic Unit)

ALU is the place where the execution of instructions takes place like add, subtract, multiple, divide etc. The CPU is comprised of ALU that does arithmetic and logical operations. CPU is contained on a single tiny silicon chip known as microprocessor.

## What do you mean by instructions and instruction set?

Answer: The programs or operations that is given to a CPU is known as instruction and the list of instructions that

the CPU can perform is known as instruction set.

### Processor speed

The CPU performs at a very high speed. The speed of the processor is measured in megahertz, gigahertz.

$$\begin{aligned}1 \text{ megahertz} &= 10^6 \text{ hertz} \\1 \text{ gigahertz} &= 10^9 \text{ hertz}\end{aligned}$$

Normally, we measure the processing speed of a PC in MHZ or GHZ. But in case of workstations, minicomputer and mainframe computers. we measure the speed in MIPS (Millions of instructions per second) or BIPS (Billion of instructions per second). In super computers the speed measured in MFLOPS, GFLOPS and TFLOPS.

MFLOPS = Millions of floating point operation per second

GFLOPS = GIGA of floating point operation per second

TFLOPS = TERA of floating point operation per second

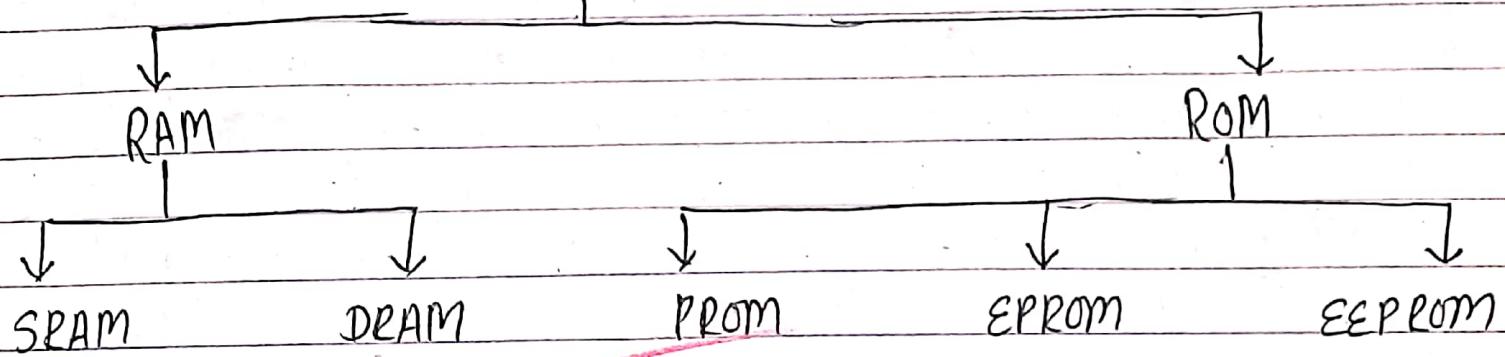
## MEMORY

The computer needs the storage capacity to store instructions, programs and data. Mainly there are 2 types of memory. They are

- i) Primary memory
- ii) Secondary memory

The performance of a computer also depend upon the speed and storage capacity of memory.

### Primary memory



### Primary memory (Main memory):

Primary memory holds those data/instructions on which the computer is currently working. It has a limited capacity and the data is lost when the power is switched off. They are generally made of semiconductor devices.

## Characterstices of main memory.

- i). It is the working memory of a computer.
- ii). These are faster than secondary memory.
- iii). A computer cannot run without primary memory.

There are two types of primary memory

- i) RAM
- ii) ROM

## RAM (Random Access Memory)

It is the random access memory which is volatile.  
It stores the data and program, and program result  
It is a read/write memory which store the data until the machine is working.

RAM is volatile that is the data stored in it is lost when we switch off the computer or if there any power failure. RAM chips are of two types:

- i) Static RAM (SRAM)
- ii) Dynamic RAM (DRAM)

## Static RAM (SRAM)

It is the static random access memory which does not need any special circuit to keep the stored data. It is made of transistors. The SRAM does not need to be refreshed regularly.

## SRAM Features:-

- i) It has long life.
- ii) No need to refresh.
- iii) It is faster than DRAM.
- iv) It consumed more power.
- v) It used as cache memory.

## DRAM (Dynamic Random Access Memory)

Unlike SRAM, Dynamic RAM must be refreshed in a continuous way in order to maintain the data. This is done by placing an extra circuit to refresh. DRAM is used for most system memory. As it is cheap and small.

## DRAM Features:

- i) It is slower than SRAM.
- ii) It is smaller in size but have larger capacity.
- iii) It is cheap.
- iv) It consumed less power.
- v) It need continuous refresh.

## ROM (Read Only Memory)

The ROM is non-volatile memory chip in which data is stored permanently. Usually, programs cannot change this data. A ROM chip does not loss its stored data in case

of power off. ROM is also known as field stores, permanent stores, dead stores. System designers use ROM mainly to store programs and data which do not change and are used frequently. The following are the types of ROM:-

- i) PROM (Programmable read only memory)
- ii) EEPROM (Erasable Programmable read only memory)
- iii) EEPROM (Electrically Erasable Programmable read only memory)

### i) PROM

= PROM is the read only memory that can be modified only once by the user. Once the user programs are stored in a PROM chip, the system can execute at a very high speed. A special device known as PROM programmer is used to program a PROM chip. The information recorded in PROM can only be read. It is non-volatile storage which means that the information stored in it remains even in case of power off.

### ii) EEPROM

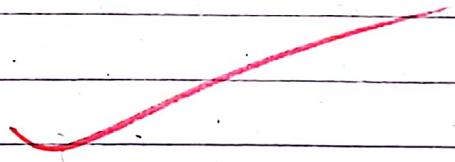
The erasable programmable read only memory can be programmed more than once by erasing the data in the ROM. EEPROM can be erased by exposing its to a ultra violet light for a duration of to 40 minutes.

### iii) EEPROM

The EEPROM is program and erased electrically. It can be erased and re-program about 10 thousand times. Both erasing and programming about 4-10 ms (millisecond). EEPROM is also known as flash memory. Many new storage devices like pendrive, music player use flash memory.

#### Advantages of ROM:

- Non-volatile
- Cheaper than RAM
- Easy to test
- Static so they do not need refresh.
- Cannot be accidentally changed.



## Magnetic tapes"

Magnetic tape medium is a plastic ribbon usually  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch or  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch wide and 50 to 2400 feet long. Its surface has a coating (like iron oxide  $Fe_2O_3$ ) that can record data by magnetization. Data is recorded on the coated surface as tiny, invisible magnetized and non-magnetized spots (representing 1 & 0 respectively) tape ribbon is stored in reel's or cassette.

The commonly used magnetic tapes are  $\frac{1}{2}$  reel tape,  $\frac{1}{4}$  reelstreamer tape,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tape cartridge, 4mm digital audio tape.

### Advantages:-

- ① Storage capacity of magnetic tape is very large.
- ② The cost is low for producing magnetic tapes.
- ③ The reel's and cassette are portable and light.

### Limitations:-

- ④ Magnetic tape are not suitable for storage of those data that we need to access randomly.
- ⑤ They must be kept in dust free environment.

## Direct Access Devices

### Magnetic disk

Magnetic disks are most popular direct access storage device. They are most popular for secondary storage devices.

A magnetic disk is a thin circular plate of metal or plastic. Its surfaces have a coating on both sides that can record data by magnetization. It uses a standard binary code usually 8-bit EBCDIC. The magnetic disk is protected in a steel container.

\* How does a magnetic disk stores the data?

Ans.: A magnetic disk's surface has many concentric circles which are invisible known as tracks. A magnetic disk's surface also has invisible pie shape segments known as sectors. Generally a sector contains 512 bytes. It is the smallest unit of data that a disk drive can have.

## Types of Magnetic disk

All magnetic disk are round platters. Their size can vary, uses different types of packaging and made of rigid metal or flexible plastic.

### Floppy disk:

A floppy disk is a fibre, circular piece of flexible plastic coated with magnetic oxide. It is cased in a square plastic cover. It was introduced by IBM in 1972 AD. There are two sizes of floppy disk. ( $3\frac{1}{2}$  inch,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inch). The floppy disk were portable that can store the data. The main disadvantage of this disk was that it had very limited and small storage capacity.

### Harddisk:

Harddisk are the main secondary storage device for almost all computer today. They are made of a rigid metal platters & come in many sizes. There are 3 types of harddisk depending upon the packaging.

#### ① Zipdisk (Bernoulli disk):

It consists of a single harddisk platter in a plastic cover. Depending upon size of the disk. The storage capacity varies from 8 GB to 500 GB or more. It can be

portable or fixed type.

### 2) Diskpack

It consists of two or more harddisk platters mounted on a single central shaft. All disk revolves together at same speed. All the disk have a separate read/write head for each usable disk. The whole disk system is encased in a plastic case. The number of disk in the diskpack can be added or removed hence the storage capacity of diskpack is vertically unlimited. The storage capacity of a diskpack varies from few 100 GB to thousand GB.

### 3) Winchester disk

Winchester disk consists of two or more harddisk platters mounted on a single central shaft. Winchester disk is a fixed type which means that all the disk platters and disk drive are sealed permanently. Due to the sealed environment there is better result in data storage than other types of harddisk. Storage capacity of winchester disk today vary from few Gigabytes to terabytes.

### Advantages of magnetic disk

- Magnetic disk support higher storage of data
- They can be used to store audios, videos, & Document for long

time.

They have low cost and can be used in all types of computers such as pc, workstations etc.

- They have compact size and are somewhat portable.
- They are superior than sequential devices.

### Limitations

- It is difficult for those disk to store sequential data that can be used for sequential applications.
- Magnetic disk must be stored in dust free environment.
- If a failure occurs or when there is a driver failure then we cannot access data.

### Optical disk

An optical disk storage system consists of a metallic or plastic disk coated with the highly reflected materials. It uses laser beam technology for reading and writing data from & to the disk. They are also known as laser disk

## Types of optical disk

All optical disk are round platters. They come in different size and capacity. Different optical disk are as follows:

### (i) CD-ROM (Compact disk- Read Only Memory)

CD-ROM is a shiny silver color metal or plastic disk. Usually, 12 cm in diameter. It has storage capacity 650 MB to 750 MB. This is read only disk which are pre-recorded and the user cannot change the information stored in it. Nowadays, CD-ROM is used for distribution of new software products and software upgrade, multimedia application (game, video, audio)

### (ii) CD-R / WORM Disk

WORM= Write Once Read Many

CD-R = Compact Disk- Recordable

WORM disk allow user to their own CD-ROM. WORM are available blank in the market. The information in WORM disk is recorded by CD-R drive. As the says, we can write data only ones in this disk but can read it many times. Since, the data is permanently recorded, This disk are use for data storage.

### (iii) CD-R/W (compact Disk Read write)

CD-R/W disk is very similar to worm but in this disk we can erase previous data and write on it many times. They are more expensive than CDROM

### DVD (Digital Versatile (Video) Disk)

It is the standard format for distribution and interchange of digital contain in both computer and other electronic devices. Physical both CD and DVD are identical. There are two types of DVD. They are single layer DVD and double layer DVD. Single layer disk has storage capacity of 4.7 GB whereas double layer disk has storage capacity of 8.5 GB.

The physical layer of DVD are following types-

- (i) DVD-ROM
- (ii) DVD-R
- (iii) DVD-RW

## DVD-ROM

User use it for ~~mass~~ mass distribution of pre-recorded software programs and multimedia.

## DVD-R

User use it for low cost write once read many recordable media.

## DVD-R/W

It is the re-writable.

## Uses of Optical disk

- For distributing large amounts of data at low cost
- For distribution of electronic version of conference proceedings journals, magazines, books, product catalogues, etc.
- For distribution of new or upgraded versions of software products by software vendors
- For storage and distribution of a wide variety of multimedia applications.

- For archiving of data, which are not used frequently, but which may be used once in a while
- WORM disks are often used by end-user companies to make permanent storage of their own proprietary information

## Memory storage devices

The memory storage devices are used to store different data. These devices are small in size & are portable. Some of these devices are as follows:

### ① Pen drive (flash drive)

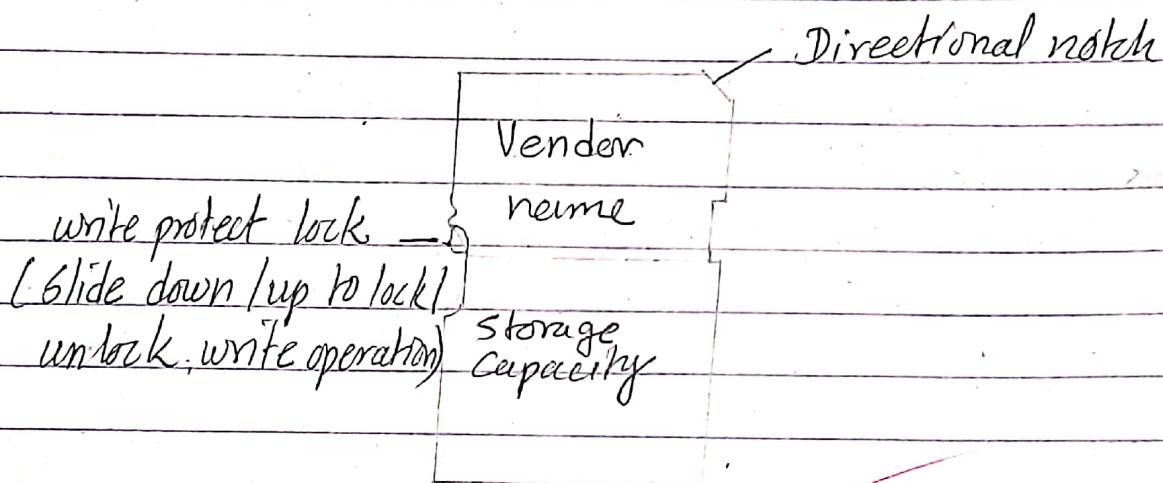
Flash drive also known as pendrive is a compact storage device. It come in different shapes and stylish design. It enables easy transport of data from one computer to another.

A user simple plugs it into usb (universal serial bus) port of a computer. The computer detects it automatically as a removable device or drive. Now the user can read, write, copy, delete and move the data from the computer harddisk drive to the flashdrive and vice-versa.

The name flash memory or drive is used because it uses Flash memory which is non volatile EEPROM. Storage Capacity, are 1 GB, 2 GB, 4 GB, 8 GB, 16 GB, 32 GB, 64 GB, ---, 1 TB etc.

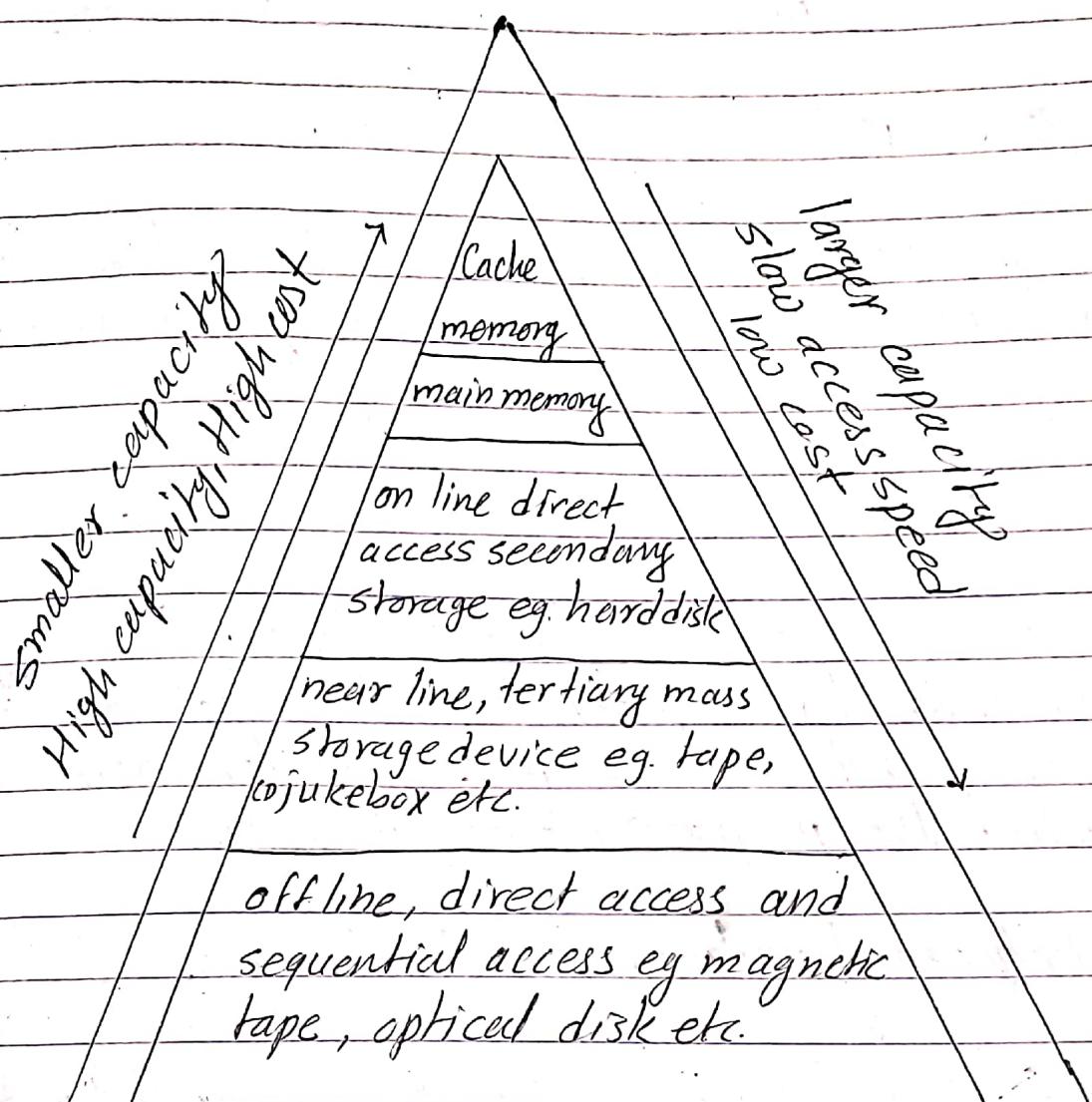
## Memory Card (SD card / MMC)

These are flash memory based cards which are available as removable storage device in different types of electronic equipment. Some of the most popular memory cards are secure digital card (SD card), multimedia card (MMC). They have storage capacity of 1 GB, ---, 32 GB etc.



## Memory Hierarchy [Hierarchical Storage System]

There are different type of storages which have different capacity, speed and cost to build a good computer with efficient memory, memory hierarchy is used. The following pyramid shows the typical storage hierarchy pyramid.



## Memory hierarchy

## Software

What is software?

The term "software" is a group of programs that solve a specific problem. A software is necessary to operate a computer.

## Program

The program of a sequence of instruction written in a language understood by computer. A program controls a computer processing activity and computer performs precisely what the program wants it to do.

Relation between hardware, and software.

1. Both hardware and software are necessary for computer to do useful job.
2. A software cannot be utilize without supporting hardware.
3. Hardware without set of programs to operate upon cannot be utilize and is useless.

## Types of Software

- ① System Software
- ② Application Software

### System Software

A system software is a collection of programs which controls the operation and the processing capability of a computer system. Programs included in a system software pack are called system programs and the programmer who prepare system software are known as system programmers.

### Features of System software

- This software is close to the system.
- Difficult to design
- Difficult to understand (generally written in low level language)

Some ~~example~~ of system software are:

- Operating System (OS): windows xp, windows 7, windows 10, osx (mountain lion), linux (fedora, kali, debian, redhat, ubuntu, manjaro, arch, pc linux os)

mobile os: Android os

Unix

BSD

- Programming language translator:

Compiler, interpreter, assembler

- Utility programs

Utility programs are set of programs that help users in system maintenance like: formatting, making backup etc

## ② Application Software

Application software is a set of one or more programs, which solves a specific problem or does a specific task. Program included in application programs and programmers who prepare application software are called application programmers

Some commonly known applications software are:-

## ① Word processing Software

This software enables us to make a use of a computer for creating, editing, reading, storing and printing documents. for example: Notepad, Ms-word, wordpad, libre office writer etc.

## ② Spreedsheet software

This software is a numeric data analysis tool that allows us to create a kind of computerized ledger. example: ms-excel, libre-office calc etc.

## ③ Database software

A database is a collection of related data stored. A database software is a set of programs that enable us to create database, maintain it, organize data. example:- SQL, MS-SQL, MS-Access, Oracle etc.

## ④ Graphics software

This software is use for creating, editing, viewing and printing of designs, drawing photos etc. Example:- Ms-paint, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe illustrator, GIMP, Corel Draw, Ink space Vector graphics etc.

## ⑤ Personal Assistant Software

This allows us to use computers for storing and retrieving (Get back information) personal information example:- calendar, alarm, google now, siri, to-do-list, google keep etc.

## ⑥ Education and multimedia software

Education software is used for educational purpose. example:- code blocks, typeshala etc.

Multimedia software is used for entertainment purpose like listening music, viewing video. example:- vlc media player, mx player, windows media player etc.

~~Chap 10~~

## The Internet

The internet is a networks of computers which links many different types of computer all over the world. It is the network of network sharing a common mechanism for identify computers.

## History of Internet

The first wide area network (WAN) was developed by ARPANET under US. Department of defence. The internet developed from this basic idea of inter-connecting computers.

## TCP/IP

TCP- Transmission Control Protocol

IP- Internet Protocol

TCP/IP is an the development of world wide web (WWW) invented by Tim Berner's Lee. Nowadays, The internet is easily available in the most of the places.

## Intranet

Intranet is the system in which multiple PC's are connected to each other. PCs in intranet are not available to the world outside the intranet. Usually, Each organization has its own intranet network and each members of that organization can access the computers in the intranet.

\* Write the difference between internet and intranet?

### Internet

1. Internet is general to computer's all over the world.
2. Internet provides a wider and better access to website to a longer population.
3. Internet is not safe.

### Intranet

1. Intranet is specific to few computers.
2. Intranet is restricted.
3. Intranet can be safely privatized as per the need

### Electronic Mail (Email)

Electronic mail service also known as Email. Email enables an Internet user to send message to another Internet user in any part of the world. An Email message takes a few second to several times to reach its destination because it travels from one network to another network until it reaches to its destination.

### FTP (File Transfer Protocol)

FTP service enables an internet user to move a file from one computer to another computer on the internet. A file may contain any type of digital information. like- text document, images, movies, sound, software etc.

Downloading is process of moving a file from a

remote computer to one's own computer.

Uploading is the process of moving a file from a one's own computer to a remote computer.

## Telnet

Telnet service enables an internet user to login into another computer on the internet from his/her local computer.

It means that a user can execute the telnet command on his/her local computer to start a login session on a remote computer this action is called remote login.

## WWW (World Wide Web)

The world wide web also called WWW or 'W3' is the most popular method of organizing and accessing information on the internet.

The main reason for its popularity is use of hypertext. WWW was developed by Tim Berners Lee. WWW uses client-server model and protocol called hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) for interaction between computers on the internet.

## Hypertext

WWW uses hyper-text is text that links to other information. A link is a special type of item in a hypertext document connecting the document to another documents that provides more information about the linked item. The

hypertext is used in webpages. Hypertext document are known as webpages.

## HTML (Hypertext Markup language)

HTML describe the structure of web pages using markup. HTML elements are represented by tags.

## HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol)

This protocol is used by WWW. Any computer in the internet using HTTP protocol is called web server. And any computer accessing that server is called web client. HTTP allows different kinds of computers on the internet to interact with each other.

Browser

WEB Browser (WWW Browser)

Browser

WWW Browser is a software application for accessing information on the world wide web. Each individual web pages image and video is defined by ~~disting~~ URL (Uniform Resource Locator) enabling browsers to retrieve and display them on users device. There are many types of web browsers. some of them are microsoft edge (previously known as Internet Explorer), Mozilla Firefox (by Netscape), Google chrome, Apple safari, Opera, Chromium etc.

## Search Engine

An internet search engine is an application which helps users locate websites containing useful information. The result that we get from the search engine helps to locate the requested information quickly from the vast ocean of information available on the internet. Some of the popular search engines are google ([www.google.com](http://www.google.com)), yahoo ([www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com)), Bing, DuckDuckGo etc.

## Computer virus

The computer virus is a malicious program that self-replicates by copying itself to another program.

In other words, the computer virus spreads by itself into either executable code or documents. The purpose of creating a computer virus is to infect vulnerable system, gain control and steal user sensitive data.

### History of computer viruses:

Robert Thomas developed the first known computer virus in 1971. This virus was named "Creeper virus".

But first original computer virus to be tracked down was "Elk Cloner". This virus infected Apple II operating system through floppy disk. The term computer virus was coined by Fred Cohen in 1983.

### Types of Computer virus

Computer's virus come in different form to infected the system in different ways by altering or by changing programs and applications. Some of the common viruses are:-

#### ① Boot sector virus:

This type of virus infect the Master boot record (MBR). It is challenging and a complex task to remove this virus. An

often requires the system to be formatted. It is spreads through removable media.

### (i) Macro virus:

The macro virus particularly target macro language command. In application like Ms-word. The macro viruses are design to add their malicious code to the genuine macro code in a workfile.

### (ii) Program Virus:

Program viruses can travel on media like CD, pendrive, across the internet by email. They hide in a useful program and then run when the program is open. They are often called trojan-horse viruses.

The most sophisticated (advanced) viruses are stealth viruses which encrypt their contain and try to avoid detection by antivirus. And polymorphic viruses which alter ~~to~~ their contain everytime they replicate.

### (+) How to be safe from viruses and worms?

- We should make sure that the computer ~~that~~ has updated anti-virus software.
- We should avoid downloading documents and software from untrusted websites in the internet.
- Do not trust fake message.
- Get knowledge about viruses.

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