

What is an operating system?

→ An operating system (OS) is a software program that acts as an intermediary between computer hardware & software applications. It is a fundamental component of any computer system & provides a set of essential services & functions to manage computer resources & facilitate the execution of software programs.

Some key functions & features of an operating system:

- \* process management
- \* memory management
- \* file system management
- \* device management
- \* user interface
- \* security & access control
- \* networking

List & briefly define the key services provided by an OS.

→ process management:

The OS manages the execution of processes by allocating system resources such as CPU time, memory & I/O devices. It handles process creation, termination, scheduling, & synchronization.

Memory management:

This service is responsible for managing the computer's primary memory (RAM). It allocates & deallocates memory space for processes & handles virtual memory management.

File system management:

The OS provides a file system that organizes & manages files on storage devices such as hard-disk / solid-state drives.

Device management:

The OS manages the computer's hardware devices including I/O devices.

### User Interface

The OS provides a user interface that enables users to interact with the computer system.

### Networking

The OS supports network protocols, manages network connections, and provides services such as file sharing, printing over a network, and internet connectivity.

### Security

The OS implements various security measures to protect the system and user data, including user authentication mechanisms.

### Error Handling

The OS monitors system activities, detects errors, and provides error handling mechanisms to prevent system crashes and data corruption.

Q3. List & briefly define the major types of OS.

→ The major types of OS are:

\* Windows: Developed by Microsoft.

\* Mac OS: Developed by Apple.

\* Linux: An open-source OS Kernel.

\* Android: Developed by Google.

\* iOS: Developed by Apple.

\* Unix: powerful, multi-user & multi-tasking OS.

\* Chrome OS: Developed by Google.

\* FreeBSD: free & open-source OS derived from Berkeley Software Distribution.

\* Solaris: Unix-based OS developed by Oracle.

Describe the work of OS as Resource Manager.

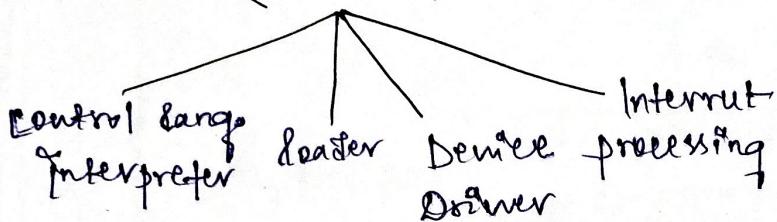
### → Operating System As A Resource Manager

OS allows multiple programs to be in memory & run at the same time.  
Resource management includes multiplexing / sharing resource in  
two different ways & in time & in space.

As a resource manager, OS provides controlled allocation of the  
processors, memory & I/O devices among various programs.

Explain the memory layout for a resident monitor?

### → Resident Monitors

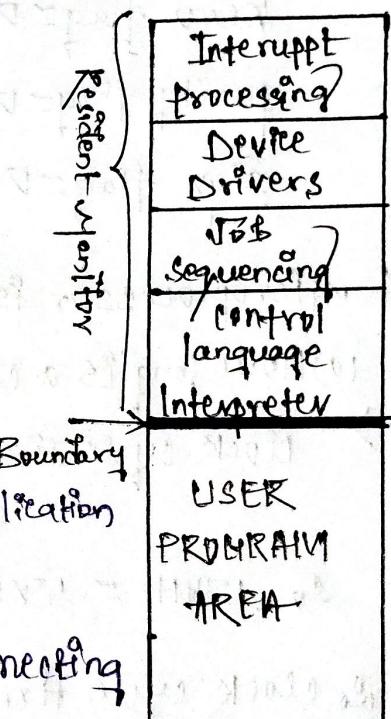


\* Control Language Interpreter : Used to read &  
carry out the instruction from one level to the  
next level.

\* Loader : loads all necessary system & application  
programs into main memory.

\* Device Driver : Used to manage the connecting  
input-output devices to system.

\* Interrupt processing : processes all occurred interrupt to  
the system.



Explain the difference between uniprogramming & multiprogramming.

→ Uniprogramming refers to computer operating systems that use  
one thread at a time. Multiprogramming uses more than one thread  
at a time & involves multicore processors.

Q7. If the last operation performed on a computer with an 8-bit was an addition in which the two operands were 00000010 & 00001 what would be the value of the following flags?

- carry
- zero
- parity
- sign

→ The addition of the two operands is as follows

$$\begin{array}{r} 00000010 \\ + 00000011 \\ \hline 00000101 \end{array}$$

∴ carry flag = 0

zero flag = 0

parity flag = 0

sign flag = 0

Q8. A microprocessor is clocked at a rate of 5 GHz.

(a) How long is a clock cycle?

$$\rightarrow \text{Clock cycle time} = 1 / \text{clock frequency}$$

$$= 1 / 5 \times 10^9 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\therefore 5 \text{ GHz} = 5 \times 10^9 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\therefore \text{clock cycle time} = 1 / (5 \times 10^9) \text{ Hz}$$

$$= 0.2 \text{ nanoseconds (ns)}$$

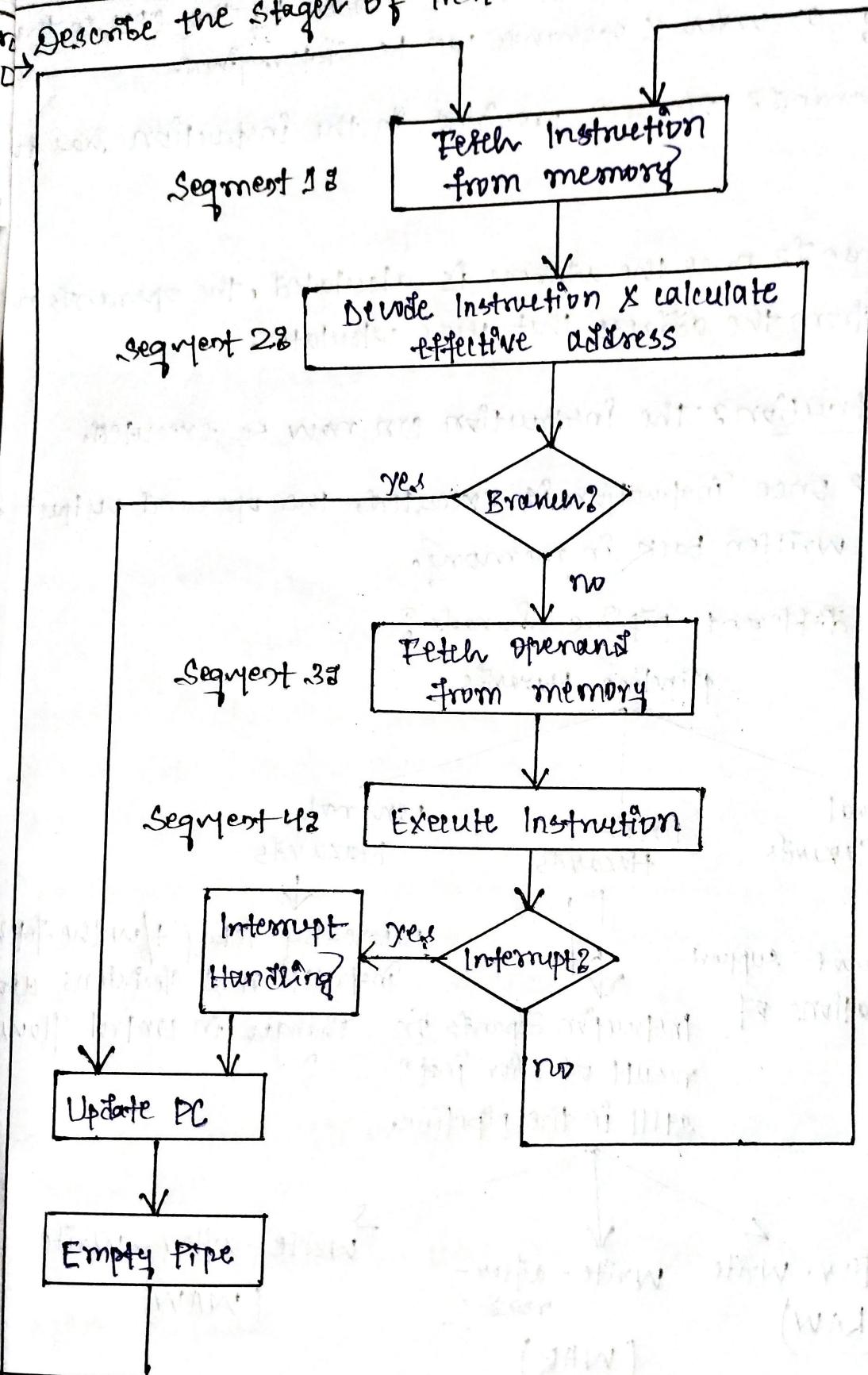
(b) What's the duration of a particular type of machine instruction consisting of three clock cycles?

$$\rightarrow \text{Instruction Duration} = \text{clock cycle time} \times \text{No. of cycles}$$

$$= (0.2 \text{ ns/cycle}) \times (3 \text{ cycles})$$

$$= 0.6 \text{ ns}$$

Describe the stages of instruction pipeline 2



Write the flowchart for six-stage CPU instruction pipeline?

Same as question 9.

Fetch Instructions instruction are fetched from the memory to a temporary buffer before it gets executed.

Decode Instruction & Instruction is decoded by the CPU so that the necessary op codes & operands can be determined.

Calculate Operands & Operands provided in the instruction has to be calculated.

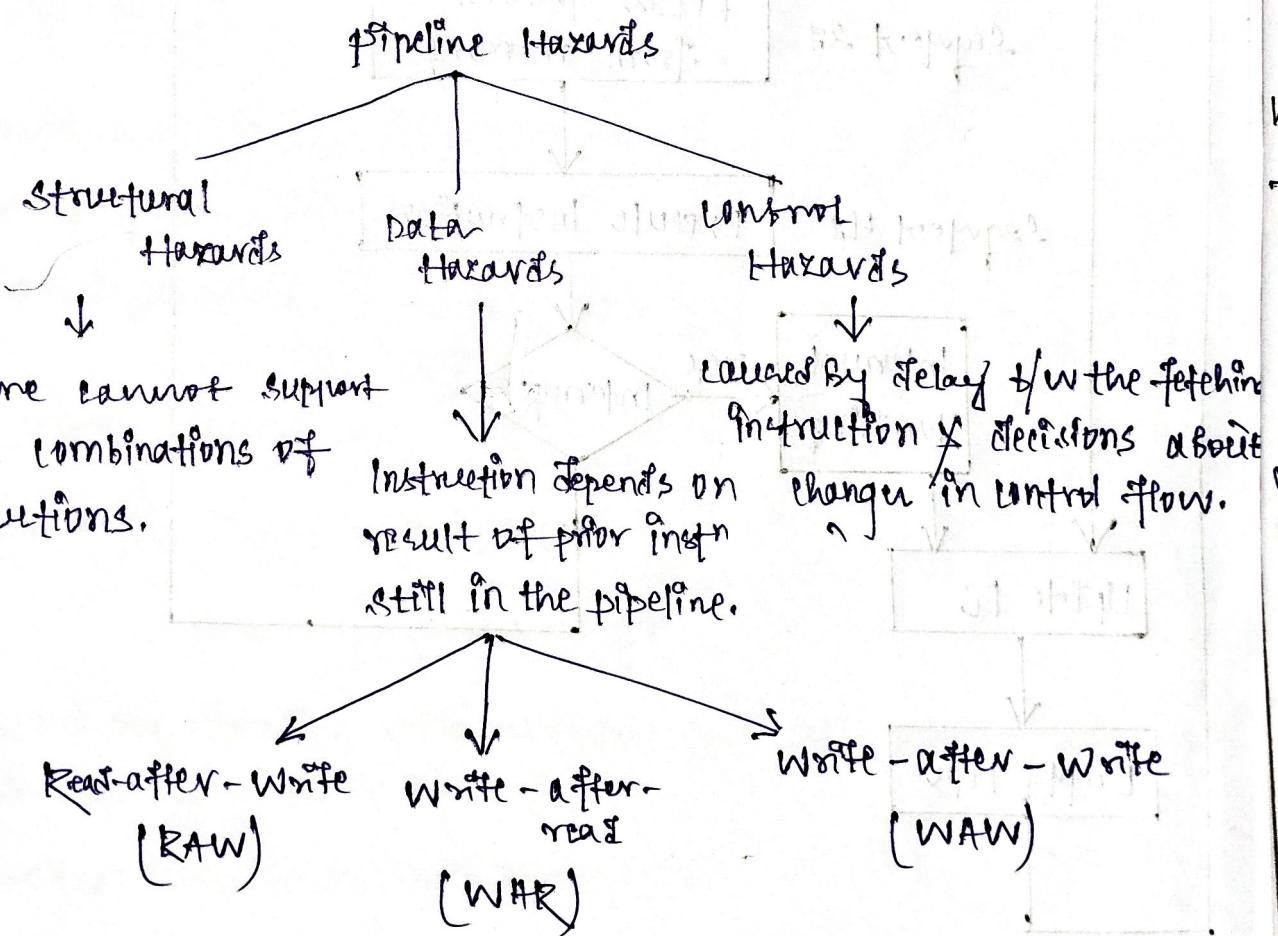
Fetch Operands & Once the address is calculated, the operands need to be fetched from the address that was calculated.

Execute Instruction & The instruction can now be executed.

Write Operand & Once instruction is executed, the operand output is stored or written back in memory.

Q11.

Describe the different pipeline hazards?



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Describe the characteristics of Reduced Instruction Set architecture.

The characteristics of Reduced Instruction Set architecture are as follows:

- \* Simplicity
- \* Fixed instruction length
- \* Load/Store Architecture
- \* Register-based operations
- \* Pipelining
- \* Single-cycle Execution
- \* Compiler-friendly
- \* Reduced complexity & power consumption

What is the difference between RISC & CISC?

→ \* RISC includes simple instructions & takes one cycle while the CISC includes complex instructions & takes multiple cycles.

\* RISC architecture can be used with high-end applications like telecommunication, image processing, video processing etc. CISC architecture can be used with low-end applications like home automation, security system, etc.

For a pipelined CPU with a single ALU, consider the following situations:

1. The  $i+1$  instruction uses the result of the  $i$ th instruction as an operand.
  2. The execution of a conditional jump instruction.
  3. The  $i$ th &  $i+1$  instruction require the ALU at the same time.
- All of the above

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Q15. Comparing the time  $T_1$  taken for a single instruction on a pipelined CPU with time  $T_2$  taken on a non-pipelined but identical CPU, we say that

$$\rightarrow \text{option (b)} T_1 \leq T_2$$

In pipelined CPU, there will be buffer delay & stage delay. So for 1 instruction nonpipelined CPU takes less time compared to pipelined CPU.