Applications of Computer Science

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5.1 Introduction to Internet of Things (IoT)

SLO	Students should be able to	Cognitive Level
5.1.1	describe Internet of Things (IoT) and its importance in connecting physical devices;	U
5.1.2	explain the following components of an IoT system: a. sensors, b. processors, c. connectivity, d. user interface;	U
5.1.3	examine IoT's role in improving operations and addressing real-world challenges in manufacturing, agriculture, and healthcare sectors;	An

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describe Internet of Things (IoT) and its importance in connecting physical devices;

Describe Internet of Things (IoT)

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- The Internet of Things (IoT) refers to the network of physical devices—such as sensors, appliances, vehicles, and other everyday objects—that are embedded with software, sensors, and connectivity to collect and exchange data over the internet. These connected devices can communicate with each other and with centralized systems, enabling automated processes, real-time monitoring, and smarter decision-making.

Importance of IoT in Connecting Physical Devices

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- Seamless Communication: IoT allows physical devices to connect and communicate without human intervention, creating an interconnected ecosystem.
- Data Collection & Analysis: It enables continuous collection of real-world data, providing valuable insights for improving efficiency, safety, and user experience.
- Automation & Control: IoT facilitates remote monitoring and control of devices, enhancing convenience and operational efficiency across industries.
- Innovation & Smart Solutions: By connecting diverse devices, IoT drives innovations like smart homes, smart cities, industrial automation, healthcare monitoring, and more.
- Resource Optimization: IoT helps optimize resource use (energy, water, etc.) by providing precise control based on real-time data, reducing waste and costs.

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explain the following components of an IoT system:

a. sensors,
b. processors,
c. connectivity,
d. user interface;

Key Components of an IoT System

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a. Sensors: Sensors are physical devices that detect and measure changes in the environment or system, such as temperature, humidity, motion, light, pressure, or proximity. They gather real-world data and convert it into digital signals that can be processed and analyzed. Sensors are the primary input mechanism in an IoT system, providing the essential data needed for decision-making and automation.

b. Processors: Processors (also called microcontrollers or microprocessors) are the computing units within an IoT device that receive sensor data, perform computations, and execute instructions. They process the collected data locally or prepare it for transmission to other devices or cloud services. Processors manage device operations, control actuators if present, and can run algorithms for tasks like filtering, analyzing, or triggering actions based on sensor input.

Key Components of an IoT System

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c. Connectivity: Connectivity refers to the communication technologies and protocols that enable IoT devices to transmit data to other devices, gateways, or cloud platforms. This includes wired and wireless options such as Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Zigbee, cellular networks (3G, 4G, 5G), LoRaWAN, and Ethernet. Connectivity is crucial for linking distributed devices into a cohesive network where data can be shared and accessed remotely.

d. User Interface: The user interface (UI) is the means by which users interact with the IoT system. It can be a mobile app, web dashboard, voice assistant, or physical control panel that allows users to monitor data, configure device settings, receive alerts, or control IoT devices. A well-designed UI provides clear, real-time information and easy control to enhance user experience and system usability.

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examine IoT's role in improving operations and addressing real-world challenges in manufacturing, agriculture, and healthcare sectors;

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IoT's role in improving operations and addressing real-world challenges

1. Manufacturing
   - Role of IoT:
     - Predictive Maintenance: IoT sensors monitor equipment conditions (vibration, temperature, etc.) in real time, predicting failures before they occur. This reduces downtime and maintenance costs.
     - Process Optimization: IoT devices collect data from production lines to analyze and optimize workflows, improving efficiency and reducing waste.
     - Supply Chain Transparency: Connected devices track inventory levels, shipment status, and equipment performance, enhancing supply chain visibility and responsiveness.
     - Quality Control: Sensors detect defects or deviations early in the manufacturing process, ensuring consistent product quality.
   - Real-World Challenges Addressed:
     - Reduces unplanned downtime
     - Increases production efficiency and throughput
     - Enhances product quality and consistency
     - Improves worker safety through real-time monitoring

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IoT's role in improving operations and addressing real-world challenges

2. Agriculture
   - Role of IoT:
     - Precision Farming: Soil sensors, weather stations, and drones provide detailed data on soil moisture, nutrient levels, and crop health, allowing farmers to apply water, fertilizers, and pesticides precisely where needed.
     - Livestock Monitoring: Wearable IoT devices track animal health, location, and behavior, helping detect illnesses early and improve livestock management.
     - Automated Irrigation: IoT-enabled irrigation systems adjust watering schedules based on real-time environmental data, conserving water and improving crop yields.
     - Supply Chain Management: IoT tracks produce from farm to market, improving traceability and reducing spoilage.
   - Real-World Challenges Addressed:
     - Enhances resource efficiency (water, fertilizer)Increases crop productivity and sustainability
     - Reduces environmental impact
     - Improves animal health and farm management

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IoT's role in improving operations and addressing real-world challenges

3. Healthcare
   - Role of IoT:
     - Remote Patient Monitoring: IoT devices monitor vital signs (heart rate, blood pressure, glucose levels) remotely, enabling continuous care outside hospitals.
     - Chronic Disease Management: Real-time data helps manage diseases such as diabetes, asthma, or cardiovascular conditions through timely interventions.
     - Asset Tracking: IoT tracks medical equipment and supplies within healthcare facilities, optimizing resource allocation.
     - Improved Diagnostics: Connected devices collect and share data that assist doctors in more accurate and faster diagnoses.
   - Real-World Challenges Addressed:
     - Improves patient outcomes through timely monitoring and intervention
     - Reduces hospital visits and healthcare costs
     - Enhances operational efficiency in hospitals
     - Enables personalized and proactive care

5.2 Core Technologies Powering IoT

SLO	Students should be able to	Cognitive Level
5.2.1	describe key technologies that enable Internet of Things (IoT);	U
5.2.2	describe big data analytics (BDA) and its applications in different fields;	U
5.2.3	describe communication protocols that facilitate data exchange between Internet of Things (IoT) devices;	U
5.2.4	explain embedded systems and their application;	U
5.2.5	explain Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN) and their applications in the Internet of Things (IoT);	U

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describe key technologies that enable Internet of Things (IoT);

Key Technologies that enable IoT

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1. Sensors and Actuators
   - Sensors detect physical conditions like temperature, humidity, motion, light, or pressure and convert them into digital data.
   - Actuators perform actions based on commands, such as opening a valve or turning on a motor, enabling IoT devices to interact with the physical world.
2. Connectivity Technologies
   - Wi-Fi: Common for short-range, high-speed internet access.
   - Bluetooth and BLE (Bluetooth Low Energy): Used for short-range, low-power communication.
   - Zigbee and Z-Wave: Low-power wireless protocols suited for smart home and industrial IoT.
   - Cellular Networks (3G, 4G, 5G): Provide wide-area connectivity, ideal for mobile or remote IoT devices.
   - LPWAN (Low Power Wide Area Networks): Such as LoRaWAN and NB-IoT, designed for low-power devices needing long-range coverage.
   - Ethernet: Wired connectivity used in industrial or fixed settings.

Key Technologies that enable IoT

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3. Edge Computing
   - Processes data near the source (on the device or local gateway) rather than sending everything to the cloud, reducing latency and bandwidth use.
   - Enables faster decision-making and real-time responsiveness.
4. Cloud Computing
   - Centralized platforms store, manage, and analyze the large volumes of IoT data.
   - Offers scalability, remote access, and integration with advanced analytics and AI services.
5. Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence (AI)
   - Analyze collected IoT data to identify patterns, make predictions, and automate responses.
   - Machine learning models improve system efficiency and enable smart automation.

Key Technologies that enable IoT

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6. Security Technologies
   - Encryption, authentication, and secure protocols protect IoT devices and data from unauthorized access and cyber threats.
   - Technologies like blockchain are also emerging for secure, decentralized IoT ecosystems.
7. IoT Platforms and Middleware
   - Software frameworks that connect devices, manage data flows, and provide APIs for integration with applications.
   - Facilitate device management, data visualization, and application development.

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describe big data analytics (BDA) and its applications in different fields;

Big Data Analytics (BDA)

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- Big Data Analytics (BDA) refers to the process of examining large, complex datasets—often from diverse sources—to uncover hidden patterns, correlations, trends, and insights that support better decision-making. It involves advanced techniques such as data mining, machine learning, statistical analysis, and predictive modeling to extract meaningful information from vast volumes of structured and unstructured data.

Applications of Big Data Analytics (BDA)

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1. **Healthcare**
   - Predict patient outcomes and disease outbreaks using real-time data.
   - Personalize treatment plans based on patient history and genetic information.
   - Optimize hospital operations and resource allocation.
   - Detect fraud and improve healthcare compliance.
2. **Finance**
   - Detect fraudulent transactions through pattern recognition.
   - Assess credit risk and automate loan approvals.
   - Analyze market trends for investment strategies.
   - Enhance customer segmentation for targeted marketing.

Applications of Big Data Analytics (BDA)

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3. **Retail and E-commerce**
   - Understand customer behavior and preferences to personalize recommendations.
   - Optimize inventory management and supply chains.
   - Analyze sales trends for dynamic pricing strategies.
   - Improve customer service using sentiment analysis.
4. **Manufacturing**
   - Monitor equipment for predictive maintenance to prevent breakdowns.
   - Streamline production processes through real-time data analysis.
   - Ensure quality control by detecting anomalies.
   - Manage supply chain efficiency and reduce operational costs.

Applications of Big Data Analytics (BDA)

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5. **Agriculture**
    - Analyze soil, weather, and crop data for precision farming.
    - Predict yield and optimize resource use (water, fertilizers).
    - Monitor livestock health and automate farm management.
    - Improve supply chain and reduce food waste.
6. **Transportation and Logistics**
    - Optimize route planning and fleet management.
    - Monitor vehicle health and fuel consumption.
    - Improve safety through driver behavior analytics.
    - Enhance real-time tracking and delivery predictions.

Applications of Big Data Analytics (BDA)

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7. **Telecommunications**
   - Manage network traffic and improve service quality.
   - Detect network faults and optimize infrastructure investments.
   - Personalize customer offerings and reduce churn.
   - Analyze call data records for security and marketing insights.

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describe communication protocols that facilitate data exchange between Internet of Things (IoT) devices;

Communication Protocols of IoT

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1. MQTT (Message Queuing Telemetry Transport)
   - A lightweight, publish-subscribe messaging protocol designed for low-bandwidth, high-latency, or unreliable networks.
   - Ideal for IoT devices with limited resources.
   - Enables devices to send data to a broker, which distributes messages to subscribers efficiently.
2. HTTP/HTTPS (Hypertext Transfer Protocol / Secure)
   - Common web protocol used for communication between IoT devices and web servers or cloud platforms.
   - Simple and widely supported but heavier compared to specialized IoT protocols.
   - HTTPS adds encryption for secure data transmission.
3. CoAP (Constrained Application Protocol)
   - A lightweight RESTful protocol designed specifically for constrained devices and networks.
   - Uses UDP for lower overhead and supports methods similar to HTTP (GET, POST, PUT, DELETE).
   - Suitable for resource-constrained IoT environments.

Communication Protocols of IoT

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4. Bluetooth and Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE)
   - Wireless protocols for short-range communication between devices.
   - BLE is optimized for low power consumption, making it popular for wearable and smart home devices. vity is critical.
5. Zigbee
   - A low-power, low-data-rate wireless mesh networking protocol.
   - Often used in home automation, smart lighting, and industrial sensor networks.
   - Supports secure, reliable communication over moderate distances.
6. Z-Wave
   - Similar to Zigbee, Z-Wave is a low-power mesh network protocol mainly for home automation.
   - Operates in sub-GHz frequency bands, reducing interference.

Communication Protocols of IoT

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7. LoRaWAN (Long Range Wide Area Network)
   - Designed for long-range, low-power communication between battery-operated IoT devices.
   - Ideal for smart city and agriculture applications requiring wide-area coverage with minimal energy use.
8. NB-IoT (Narrowband IoT)
   - Cellular-based low power wide area network (LPWAN) protocol.
   - Provides secure, wide coverage for devices needing low data rates but long battery life, such as meters and trackers.
9. Ethernet
   - Wired protocol offering high-speed, reliable communication.
   - Used in industrial IoT and settings where stable, continuous connectivity is critical.

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explain embedded systems and their application;

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Embedded Systems

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Embedded Systems are specialized computing systems designed to perform dedicated functions or tasks within larger mechanical or electronic systems. Unlike general-purpose computers, embedded systems are built to execute specific control, monitoring, or processing functions, often with real-time computing constraints.

- Characteristics of Embedded Systems:
  - Dedicated Functionality: Designed for a particular application or task.
  - Real-time Operation: Often require timely and deterministic responses.
  - Resource Constraints: Limited memory, processing power, and energy consumption.
  - Integration: Embedded within larger devices or machinery.
  - Reliability and Stability: Must operate continuously and reliably, often in critical environments.

Embedded Systems

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- Components of Embedded Systems:
  - Microcontroller/Microprocessor: The core processing unit.
  - Memory: For program and data storage (RAM, ROM, flash).
  - Input/Output Interfaces: Sensors, actuators, communication ports.
  - Software/Firmware: Specialized code that runs the embedded system.

Applications of Embedded Systems

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1. Consumer Electronics:
   - Smartphones, smart TVs, digital cameras, washing machines, microwaves.
   - Provide user-friendly control and enhanced functionality.
2. Automotive:
   - Engine control units (ECUs), anti-lock braking systems (ABS), airbag controllers, infotainment systems.
   - Improve safety, performance, and comfort.
3. Industrial Automation:
   - Robotics, programmable logic controllers (PLCs), process control systems.
   - Enable precise and automated manufacturing processes.

Applications of Embedded Systems

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4. Healthcare:
   - Medical devices like pacemakers, infusion pumps, diagnostic imaging machines.
   - Provide critical monitoring and therapeutic functions.
5. Telecommunications:
   - Routers, modems, base stations.
   - Manage data transmission and network operations.
6. Home Automation:
   - Smart thermostats, security systems, lighting control.
   - Enhance convenience and energy efficiency.
7. Aerospace and Defense:
   - Flight control systems, navigation, missile guidance.
   - Ensure mission-critical operations with high reliability.

SLO 5.2.5 U

explain Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN) and their applications in the Internet of Things (IoT);

Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN)

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Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN) are networks composed of spatially distributed, autonomous sensor nodes that communicate wirelessly to monitor physical or environmental conditions such as temperature, humidity, pressure, motion, or pollutants. Each sensor node typically contains a sensor, a microcontroller, a radio transceiver, and a power source (usually a battery).

- Key Features of WSN:
  - Wireless Communication: Nodes communicate without physical cables.
  - Distributed Sensing: Multiple sensors collect data over a wide area.
  - Self-Organizing: Nodes dynamically form a network and route data.
  - Energy-Constrained: Nodes are usually battery-powered, so energy efficiency is critical.
  - Data Aggregation: Data from multiple sensors can be combined to reduce redundancy and improve accuracy.
- Role of WSN in IoT:
  - WSNs serve as a foundational technology for IoT by providing the sensory data required for intelligent applications. They enable IoT systems to collect real-time, fine-grained information from the environment without manual intervention.

Applications of WSN in IoT:

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1. Smart Agriculture
   - Monitor soil moisture, temperature, and crop health.
   - Optimize irrigation and fertilizer use for better yields.
2. Environmental Monitoring
   - Track air and water quality.
   - Detect natural disasters like forest fires, floods, or earthquakes early.
3. Industrial Automation
   - Monitor machinery health and factory conditions.
   - Enable predictive maintenance and safety alerts.
4. Smart Cities
   - Manage traffic flow and parking availability.
   - Control street lighting and waste management efficiently.

Applications of WSN in IoT:

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5. Healthcare
   - Remote patient monitoring with wearable sensors.
   - Track vital signs and alert medical staff in emergencies.
6. Home Automation
   - Monitor security systems, temperature, and energy usage.
   - Control lighting, HVAC, and appliances remotely.
7. Military and Security
   - Surveillance and battlefield monitoring.
   - Detect chemical or biological threats.

5.3 Blockchain and Blockchain Networks

SLO	Students should be able to	Cognitive Level
5.3.1	define blockchain technology;	R
5.3.2	list the technologies that enable blockchain;	R
5.3.3	explain blockchain networks and the following types: a. public blockchain network, b. private blockchain network, c. permissioned blockchain network, d. consortium blockchain network;	U
5.3.4	explain the integration of blockchain and IoT;	U

SLO 5.3.1 R

define blockchain technology;

Blockchain Technology

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- Blockchain technology is a decentralized, distributed digital ledger that records transactions across a network of computers in a way that ensures transparency, security, and immutability.
- Each record, called a block, contains a group of transactions, and these blocks are linked together in chronological order to form a chain.

SLO 5.3.2 R

list the technologies that enable blockchain;

List the Technologies that enable Blockchain

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1. Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT): A decentralized database that is shared and synchronized across multiple nodes, ensuring all participants have the same data copy.
2. Cryptography: Uses hashing algorithms (e.g., SHA-256) to secure data integrity and digital signatures to verify identity and authorize transactions.
3. Consensus Algorithms: Protocols that allow distributed nodes to agree on the validity of transactions and the state of the blockchain.
4. Smart Contracts: Self-executing contracts with rules encoded on the blockchain, enabling automatic enforcement of agreements without intermediaries.
5. Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Network: Network architecture that allows nodes to communicate directly without centralized servers, supporting decentralization.
6. Data Structures (Merkle Trees): Efficient data structures that allow secure and quick verification of large data sets and transaction integrity within blocks.
7. Public and Private Keys (Asymmetric Cryptography): Key pairs used for secure identity verification and transaction signing in blockchain networks.

SLO 5.3.3 U

explain blockchain networks and the following types:

a. public blockchain network,
b. private blockchain network,
c. permissioned blockchain network,
d. consortium blockchain network;

Blockchain Network

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- A blockchain network is a decentralized digital system where multiple participants (nodes) maintain and update a shared ledger of transactions. These nodes validate and record transactions collectively, ensuring transparency, security, and trust without relying on a central authority.

Types of Blockchain Networks

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a. Public Blockchain Network

- Definition: A fully open and permissionless blockchain where anyone can join, participate, validate transactions, and view the ledger.
- Examples: Bitcoin, Ethereum.
- Characteristics:
  - Decentralized and highly transparent.
  - Consensus achieved via mechanisms like Proof of Work.
  - Anyone can read, write, or audit the blockchain.
  - Usually slower due to the need to achieve broad consensus.

Types of Blockchain Networks

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b. Private Blockchain Network

- Definition: A restricted blockchain controlled by a single organization that decides who can participate in the network.
- Examples: Internal company blockchains for supply chain management or record-keeping.
- Characteristics:
  - Access and permissions are tightly controlled.
  - Faster transaction processing due to fewer nodes.L
  - imited transparency, only authorized users can read or write data.
  - Suitable for businesses requiring privacy and control.

Types of Blockchain Networks

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c. Permissioned Blockchain Network

- Definition: A hybrid model where participants need permission to join the network and perform certain actions, but the blockchain may be managed by one or multiple organizations.
- Examples: Hyperledger Fabric, R3 Corda.
- Characteristics:
  - Access control for both reading and writing transactions.
  - Combines decentralization with controlled participation.
  - Supports privacy between participants with selective data sharing.
  - Consensus mechanisms can be more efficient than public blockchains.

Types of Blockchain Networks

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d. Consortium Blockchain Network

- Definition: A partially decentralized blockchain where the consensus process is controlled by a group of pre-selected organizations rather than a single entity or the public.
- Examples: Banking consortiums, supply chain alliances.
- Characteristics:
  - Shared control among trusted members.
  - Faster and more scalable than public blockchains.
  - Provides transparency and security within the consortium.
  - Suitable for collaborative business environments requiring trust but not full decentralization.

SLO 5.3.4 U

explain the integration of blockchain and IoT;

Integration of Blockchain and IoT

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The integration of blockchain technology with the Internet of Things (IoT) combines the strengths of both technologies to create more secure, transparent, and efficient IoT ecosystems.

How Blockchain Supports IoT Systems

- Secure Device Identity and Authentication: Blockchain registers and verifies device identities, preventing unauthorized devices from joining the network.
- Data Sharing and Privacy: Enables controlled, transparent data sharing among IoT devices and stakeholders while protecting user privacy through cryptographic techniques.
- Decentralized Data Storage: Instead of relying solely on cloud servers, blockchain can store critical data across the network, reducing dependency on central points.
- Smart Contracts for Automation: Automates device-to-device interactions, payments, and service-level agreements based on real-time IoT data.

Integration of Blockchain and IoT

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Example Use Cases

- Supply Chain Management: IoT sensors track goods' condition and location, while blockchain ensures transparent, immutable records shared among manufacturers, suppliers, and retailers.
- Smart Homes: IoT devices in a home can securely communicate and automate tasks (like energy management) using blockchain-based rules and access control.
- Healthcare: Medical IoT devices securely record patient data on blockchain, ensuring data integrity and privacy while enabling authorized access by healthcare providers.
- Automotive: Connected vehicles share data with service providers and authorities, with blockchain ensuring secure and trustworthy records of maintenance, accidents, or ownership.

5.4 Stakeholders in AI Systems

SLO	Students should be able to	Cognitive Level
5.4.1	describe the stakeholders involved in an Artificial Intelligence (AI) system;	U
5.4.2	evaluate the benefits and challenges of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in healthcare, education, and industry.	E

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describe the stakeholders involved in an Artificial Intelligence (AI) system;

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Stakeholders involved in an Artificial Intelligence (AI) system

1. Data Providers
   - Entities or individuals who supply the raw data used to train and test AI models.
   - This can include organizations collecting user data, sensors generating real-time data, or third-party data vendors.
2. AI Developers and Engineers
   - Professionals who design, build, train, and optimize AI algorithms and models.
   - They handle data preprocessing, model selection, coding, and system integration.
3. End Users
   - Individuals or organizations that use the AI system to perform tasks, make decisions, or gain insights.
   - End users interact with AI-powered applications, tools, or services.

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Stakeholders involved in an Artificial Intelligence (AI) system

4. Business Owners / Sponsors
   - Organizations or individuals funding and deploying AI systems to achieve strategic goals like automation, efficiency, or innovation.
   - They define the objectives, allocate resources, and assess AI system impact on business.
5. Regulators and Policymakers
   - Government bodies and regulatory agencies that set legal and ethical guidelines for AI development and use.
   - They ensure compliance with data protection, fairness, transparency, and accountability standards.
6. Ethicists and Legal Experts
   - Specialists who evaluate the ethical, societal, and legal implications of AI systems.
   - They help address issues like bias, privacy, accountability, and the broader impact on society.

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Stakeholders involved in an Artificial Intelligence (AI) system

7. AI Trainers and Annotators
   - Personnel who label and curate datasets, providing the supervised learning input AI models require.
   - Their work directly influences AI model accuracy and fairness.
8. Infrastructure Providers
   - Companies that provide hardware, cloud platforms, and tools needed to develop, deploy, and run AI systems efficiently.
   - Examples include cloud service providers and chip manufacturers.
9. Maintenance and Support Teams
   - Professionals responsible for monitoring AI system performance, updating models, and fixing issues post-deployment.

SLO 5.4.2 E

evaluate the benefits and challenges of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in healthcare, education, and industry.

Benefits and Challenges of AI in Healthcare

SLO 5.4.2 E

1. Healthcare

- Benefits:
  - Improved Diagnostics: AI algorithms analyze medical images and data to detect diseases earlier and more accurately.
  - Personalized Treatment: AI enables tailored treatment plans based on patient genetics, history, and lifestyle.
  - Remote Monitoring: Wearable AI-powered devices allow continuous patient monitoring outside hospitals, reducing admissions.
  - Operational Efficiency: AI automates administrative tasks, scheduling, and resource allocation, lowering costs.
  - Drug Discovery: Accelerates research by analyzing vast biomedical data to identify potential drug candidates.

Benefits and Challenges of AI in Healthcare

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1. Healthcare

- Challenges:
  - Data Privacy: Sensitive health data requires strict protection, raising concerns about security breaches.
  - Bias and Fairness: AI models trained on biased data can lead to unequal healthcare outcomes.
  - Regulatory Hurdles: Compliance with healthcare regulations slows AI adoption.
  - Trust and Acceptance: Clinicians and patients may hesitate to rely on AI for critical decisions.
  - High Costs: Developing and deploying AI systems in healthcare can be expensive.

Benefits and Challenges of AI in Education

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2. Education

- Benefits:
  - Personalized Learning: AI adapts content and pace to individual student needs, improving engagement and outcomes.
  - Automated Grading: AI reduces teachers' workload by grading assignments and exams efficiently.
  - Accessibility: AI-powered tools help students with disabilities through speech recognition, translation, and other aids.
  - Data-Driven Insights: Provides educators with analytics on student performance and learning gaps.
  - 24/7 Learning: AI tutors and chatbots offer support anytime, extending learning beyond classrooms.

Benefits and Challenges of AI in Education

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2. Education

- Challenges:
  - Digital Divide: Unequal access to AI-enabled technology can widen educational gaps.
  - Privacy Concerns: Student data collection raises ethical and legal issues.
  - Over-reliance on Technology: May reduce human interaction and critical thinking development.
  - Quality and Bias: AI tools may reflect biases in training data, affecting fairness.
  - Teacher Training: Educators need skills to effectively integrate AI tools.

Benefits and Challenges of AI in Industry

SLO 5.4.2 E

3. Industry (Manufacturing, Logistics, etc.)

- Benefits:
  - Increased Efficiency: AI optimizes production processes, supply chains, and resource management.
  - Predictive Maintenance: Reduces downtime by forecasting equipment failures.
  - Quality Control: AI detects defects and inconsistencies faster and more accurately.
  - Automation: Replaces repetitive tasks, freeing human workers for complex roles.
  - Safety: AI-powered monitoring improves workplace safety by predicting hazards.

Benefits and Challenges of AI in Industry

SLO 5.4.2 E

3. Industry (Manufacturing, Logistics, etc.)

- Challenges:
  - Job Displacement: Automation may lead to loss of low-skill jobs, requiring workforce reskilling.
  - Implementation Costs: High upfront investment for AI integration and infrastructure.
  - Data Quality: Industry AI depends on accurate, real-time data which can be difficult to ensure.
  - Cybersecurity Risks: Increased connectivity raises vulnerability to cyber-attacks.
  - Resistance to Change: Organizational culture and employee apprehension can slow AI adoption.

Any Questions?


Thank You!