1) What is a program.

Ans. The Program.

A **program** is set of **instructions** written in a programming language that a computer follows to accomplish a specific task

LAB EXERCISE:

Write a simple "Hello World" program in two different programming languages of your choice. Compare the structure and syntax.

Ans. "Hello World" in HTML

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<Html lang='en'>
<head>
<title>Hello World</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>Hello World</h1>
</body>
</html>
```

"Hello World" in C

```
#include<stdio.h>
    int main(){
        printf("Hello World");
}
```

In C language code is small but HTML code bigger than C.

In C language code is not human readable but HTML code is easier to read by humans.

Theory Exercise

Explain in your own words what a program is and how it functions.

Ans. A program is a code written by developers that can computer read and perform given task.

2) What is Programming?

Ans. Programing:

It's how you tell a computer what to do. Lets Example it:

Let's say you want your computer to add two numbers. In a programming language like Python, you could write:

Python

```
print(3+5)
```

Computer read that instruction and print 8.

THEORY EXERCISE:

What are the key steps involved in the programming process?

Ans. These are the key steps involved in programing:

1. Define the Problem
2. Plan the Solution (Design)
3. Write the Code (Implementation)
4. Test the Code
5. Debug and Refine
6. Document the Program
7. Deploy and Maintain

3) **Types of Programming Languages**

1) High Level Programing Language

2) Low Level Programing Language

THEORY EXERCISE:

What are the main differences between high-level and low-level programming languages?

Ans> Difference between low level and high level programing languages:

Feature	High-Level Language	Low-Level Language
Abstraction	High (easier for humans)	Low (closer to machine)
Ease of use	Easy	Hard
Speed	Slower	Fast
Portability	High	Low
Control Over Hardware	Limited	Full

4) World Wide Web & How Internet Works

Ans>

World Wide Web

The World Wide Web (WWW) is a vast network of interconnected resources and documents that are accessed via the internet. It's essentially the part of the internet we interact with daily, consisting of websites, web pages, multimedia, and online services.

How Internet Works

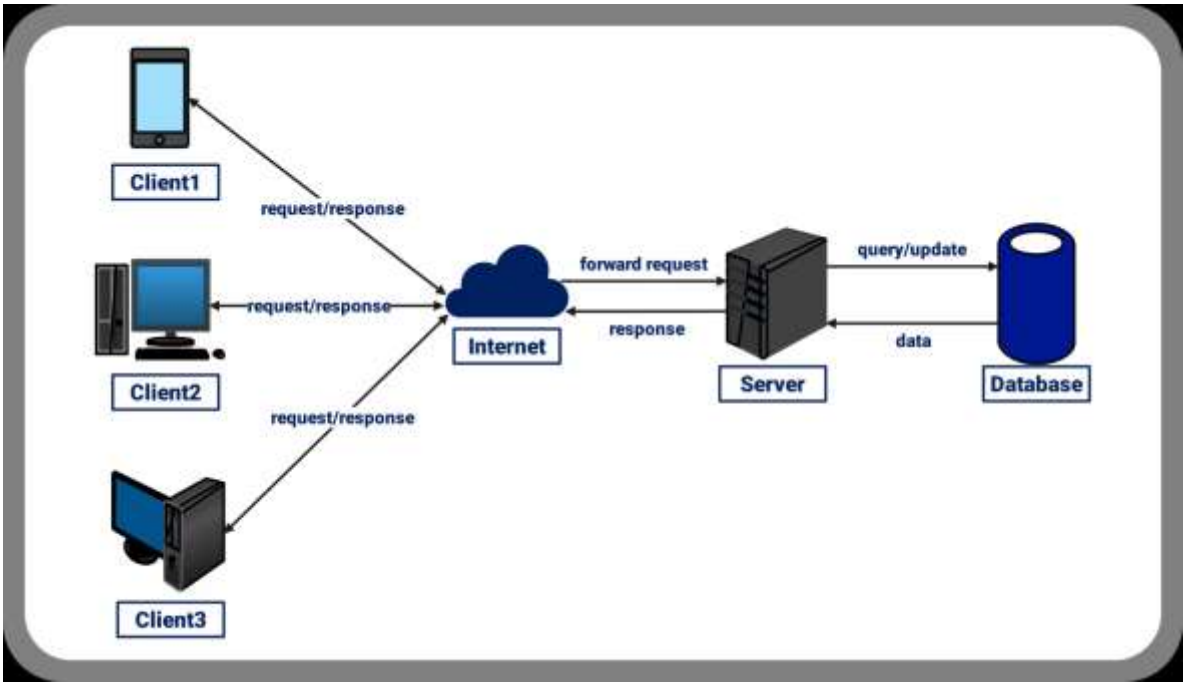
The internet is a global network of interconnected computers and devices that communicate using standardized protocols to share data and resources WWW is a subset of internet.

LAB EXERCISE:

Research and create a diagram of how data is transmitted from a client to a server over the internet.

Ans>

Diagram of data transmmittion between Client and Server



THEORY EXERCISE:

Describe the roles of the client and server in web communication.

Ans>

Roles of Client: Requests data, handles user interactions, and displays content.

Roles of Server: Processes client requests, retrieves and sends data back to the client, manages security, and stores resources.

4) Network Layers on Client and Server

LAB EXERCISE:

Design a simple HTTP client-server communication in any language.

Ans>

Client - Server communication

GET /index.html HTTP/1.1

Host: www.example.com

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0

Accept: text/html

THEORY EXERCISE:

Explain the function of the TCP/IP model and its layers.

Ans>

TCP/IP Model

The TCP/IP model (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol) is a fundamental framework used for communication over the internet. It defines how data is transmitted between computers and other devices in a network.

TCP have four layers:

1)application layer

2)Transport layer

3)Internet layer

4)Network access layer

6) Client and Servers

THEORY EXERCISE: Explain Client Server Communication?

Ans>

1. Client "sometimes on"

• Initiates a request to the server when interested

- E.g. Web Browser on your laptop or cell phone
- Doesn't communicate directly with other clients
- Needs to know the server's address

2. Server is "always on"

- Services requests from many client hosts
- E.g.Web Server for the www.example.com
- Doesn't initiate contract with the clients
- Needs a fixed, well-known address

web sit

7)Types of Internet Connections

Ans>

Types of internet connection given below:

1. Digital subscriber line(DSL)
2. Cable Internet
3. Fiber Optic
4. Satellite Internet
5. Wireless
6. Broadband over Power lines(BPL**)**

LAB EXERCISE: Research different types of internet connections (e.g., broadband, fiber, satellite) and list their pros and cons.

Ans>

1. Dial-up Connection

Technology: Uses a telephone line to connect to the internet.

Speed: Very slow (up to 56 Kbps).

Reliability: Often unreliable, as it shares the phone line with voice calls.

Use Case: Obsolete for most uses today, but still found in rural areas.

2. DSL (Digital Subscriber Line)

Technology: Uses existing telephone lines but allows simultaneous internet and phone use.

Speed: Moderate (up to 100 Mbps, but varies with distance from the exchange).

Reliability: Generally stable, but speed decreases with distance from the service provider's equipment.

Use Case: Common for home internet in urban and suburban areas.

3. Cable Internet

Technology: Uses the same coaxial cables as cable TV.

Speed: Faster than DSL (up to 1 Gbps in some areas).

Reliability: Can be affected by network congestion (many users sharing the same cable).

Use Case: Popular for homes and small businesses in cities.

4. Fiber-Optic Internet

Technology: Uses glass or plastic fibers to transmit data via light signals.

Speed: Extremely fast (up to 10 Gbps or more).

Reliability: Very reliable with minimal signal loss.

Use Case: Available in urban areas and expanding to suburban/rural areas.

5. Satellite Internet

Technology: Sends data via satellites orbiting Earth.

Speed: Moderate (up to 100 Mbps).

Reliability: Can have higher latency and may be affected by weather.

Use Case: Best for rural and remote areas where other types of connections aren't available.

6. Wi-Fi

Technology: A wireless local area network (WLAN) that allows devices to connect to the internet via a router.

Speed: Varies (up to 10 Gbps with Wi-Fi 6).

Reliability: Reliable within range, but may suffer from interference and distance issues.

Use Case: Most common way to connect devices in homes, offices, and public spaces.

7. Mobile Internet (3G, 4G, 5G)

Technology: Cellular networks for mobile devices and hotspots.

Speed: 4G (up to 1 Gbps), 5G (up to 10 Gbps).

Reliability: Depends on network coverage and congestion.

Use Case: Used for smartphones, mobile hotspots, and IoT devices.

8. Fixed Wireless Internet

Technology: Uses radio signals to provide internet access to a fixed location.

Speed: Moderate (up to 100 Mbps).

Reliability: Stable but can be affected by weather or obstacles.

Use Case: Common in rural areas or places without wired infrastructure.

9. Ethernet (Wired)

Technology: Direct wired connection through an Ethernet cable.

Speed: Fast (up to 10 Gbps).

Reliability: Very reliable with low latency.

Use Case: Common for wired office setups or homes requiring high-speed connections.

THEORY EXERCISE:

How does broadband differ from fiber-optic internet?

Ans>

Broadband is a general term for high-speed internet using cables like DSL or coaxial.

Fiber-optic internet is a type of broadband that uses light signals through glass fibers, offering faster speeds, better reliability, and lower latency.

8) **Protocols**

Ans>

A protocol is a set of rules or standards that define how data is transmitted and communicated between devices or software components in a network.

HTTP/HTTPS (HyperText Transfer Protocol / Secure)

Used for communication between clients (browsers/apps) and web servers.

HTTPS adds encryption for security.

TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol)

Foundation of internet communication; ensures reliable data transmission between devices.

FTP (File Transfer Protocol)

Transfers files between systems over a network.

Often used for uploading/downloading files to servers.

SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol)

Used to send emails from client to server or between servers.

IMAP/POP3

IMAP: Accesses and manages emails on the server.

POP3: Downloads emails to local device and often deletes from server.

WebSocket

Enables two-way, real-time communication between client and server.

Common in chat apps, gaming, and live updates.

REST (Representational State Transfer)

An architectural style using HTTP for APIs.

Stateless, scalable, and widely used in web apps.

SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol)

XML-based messaging protocol used in enterprise systems for structured data exchange.

gRPC (Google Remote Procedure Call)

High-performance RPC framework using HTTP/2.

Efficient for microservices and internal APIs.

MQTT (Message Queuing Telemetry Transport)

Lightweight protocol for IoT communication.

Efficient for low-bandwidth, high-latency networks.

LAB EXERCISE:

Simulate HTTP and FTP requests using command line tools (e.g., curl).

Ans>

1. HTTP Simulation (Using curl)

Task	Command Example
Get a webpage	curl http://example.com
Send POST data	curl -X POST http://example.com -d "name=John&email=john@example.com"
Add header	curl -H "User-Agent: MyAgent" http://example.com
Save response to file	curl -o page.html http://example.com
Get status code	curl -I http://example.com

2. FTP Simulation (Using ftp)

Task	Command Example
Connect to FTP	ftp ftp.example.com
List files	ls
Download file	get filename.txt
Upload file	put localfile.txt
Exit FTP	quit

THEORY EXERCISE:

What are the differences between HTTP and HTTPS protocols?

Ans>

Difference Between HTTP and HTTPS

Feature	HTTP	HTTPS
Full Form	HyperText Transfer Protocol	HyperText Transfer Protocol Secure
Security	✗ Not secure	✓ Secure (uses SSL/TLS encryption)
Data Encryption	✗ Data sent in plain text	✓ Data is encrypted
Port Used	80	443
URL Prefix	http://	https://
Used For	Basic websites or internal networks	Secure websites (e.g., banking, shopping)
SEO Advantage	✗ No	✓ Yes, Google ranks HTTPS sites higher

9) Application Security

Application security is the practice of protecting software applications from threats by identifying, fixing, and preventing security vulnerabilities.

LAB EXERCISE:

Identify and explain three common application security vulnerabilities. Suggest possible solutions.

Ans>

Application security velnerabilities

1)SQL Injection

– Fix: Use prepared statements, validate input.

2)XSS (Cross-Site Scripting)

– Fix: Escape output, sanitize input, use CSP.

3)Broken Authentication

– Fix: Use MFA, strong passwords, secure sessions.

THEORY EXERCISE:

What is the role of encryption in securing applications?

Ans>

Encryption protects sensitive data in security applications by converting it into unreadable code, so only authorized users with the correct key can access or understand it.

10)Software Applications and Its Types

Ans>

A software application is a program or group of programs designed to help users perform specific tasks on a computer or device (e.g., writing documents, browsing the web, editing photos).

Types of Software Applications

Productivity Software – Word, Excel

Web Browsers – Chrome, FirefoxMultimedia Software – VLC, Photoshop

Communication Software – Zoom, WhatsApp

Utility Software – Antivirus, Disk Cleaner

Business Software – Tally, SAP

Educational Software – Duolingo, Khan Academy

LAB EXERCISE:

Identify and classify 5 applications you use daily as either system software or application software.

Ans>Here are applications and their software

App Name	Application Software Type	System Software
WhatsApp	Communication/Messaging App	Android, iOS (Mobile OS)
Facebook	Social Networking App	Android, iOS, Web Browsers
Play Store	App Marketplace	Android OS
YouTube	Video Streaming App	Android, iOS, Web Browsers
Flipkart	E-commerce/Shopping App	Android, iOS

THEORY EXERCISE:

What is the difference between system software and application software?

Ans>

Difference Between System Software and Application Software

Feature	System Software	Application Software
Purpose	Runs and manages the computer hardware	Helps users perform specific tasks
Examples	Operating System (Windows, Linux), Drivers	MS Word, WhatsApp, Chrome, VLC
User Interaction	Works in background	Directly used by users
Dependency	Needed for system to run	Needs system software to function
Installation Time	Installed when OS is set up	Installed as per user need

11)Software Architecture

Ans>

Software architecture is the high-level structure and organization of a software system, defining its components, their responsibilities, and how they interact. It serves as a blueprint that guides the development process, addresses key system qualities like scalability, performance, and maintainability, and ensures alignment with business goals. A

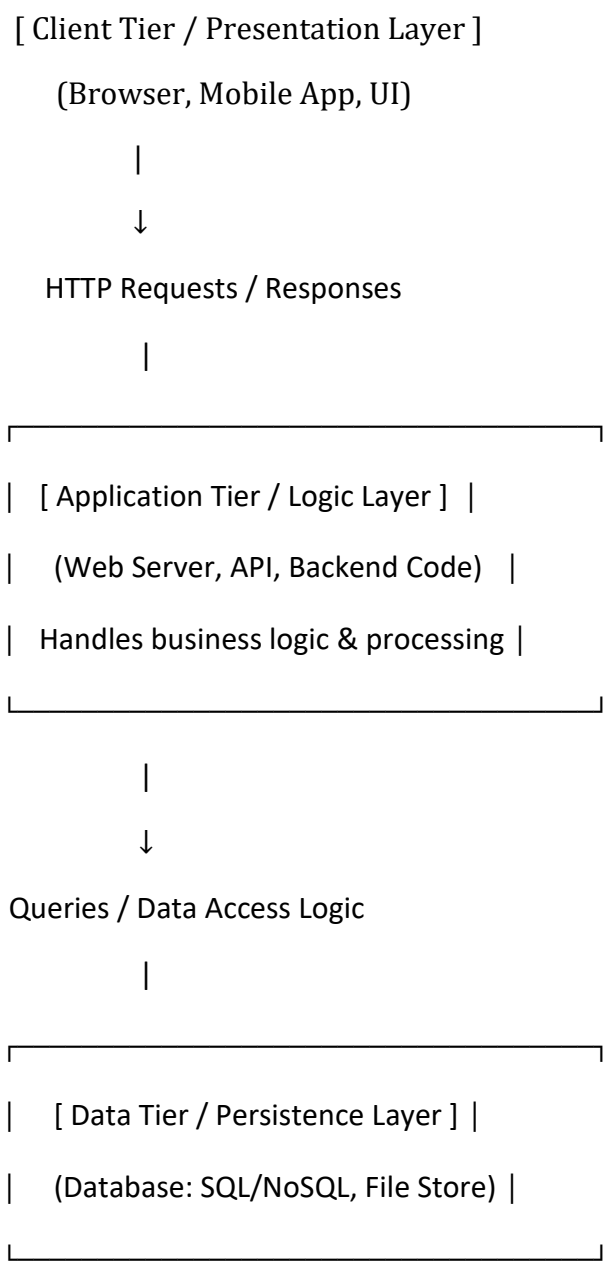
good architecture balances technical constraints, stakeholder needs, and long-term evolution of the system.

LAB EXERCISE:

Design a basic three-tier software architecture diagram for a web application.

Ans>

Diagram of three-tier Software Architecture



THEORY EXERCISE:

What is the significance of modularity in software architecture?

Ans>

Modularity means breaking a system into independent, interchangeable parts (modules), each with a specific responsibility. Its significance includes:

- Maintainability – Easier to update or fix parts of the system independently.
- Scalability – Individual modules can scale without affecting the whole system.
- Testability – Modules are easier to test in isolation.
- Reusability – Code can be reused across projects or modules.
- Team Collaboration – Teams can work on separate modules simultaneously.
- Flexibility – Easier to switch technologies or replace parts.
- Improved Debugging – Bugs are easier to locate and fix within a module.
- Faster Development – Parallel development speeds up delivery.

12) Layers in Software Architecture

Ans>

Typical Layers in Software Architecture:

- Presentation Layer

User interface and user interaction (UI/UX).

2. Application Layer (Service Layer)

Coordinates application activity; handles logic flow.

3. Business Logic Layer

Implements business rules and processes.

4. Data Access Layer

Manages communication with the database.

5. Database Layer (Persistence Layer)

Stores and retrieves data (SQL, NoSQL, etc.).

LAB EXERCISE:

Create a case study on the functionality of the presentation, business logic, and data access layers of a given software system.

Ans>

🛒 Case Study: Online Food Delivery System

🧱 **1. Presentation Layer**

What it does: User interface (app/web).

Example: User searches for pizza, adds it to the cart.

Tech: React, Flutter, HTML/CSS.

⚙️ **2. Business Logic Layer**

What it does: Applies rules, processes requests.

Example: Checks if restaurant is open, applies discount, confirms order.

Tech: Node.js, Django, Java (APIs, services).

🗄️ **3. Data Access Layer**

What it does: Talks to the database.

Example: Saves the order, fetches restaurants, updates delivery status.

Tech: PostgreSQL, MongoDB, ORM (Sequelize, Hibernate).

THEORY EXERCISE:

Why are layers important in software architecture?

Ans>

Importance of Layers in Software Architecture:

Separation of Concerns: Each layer handles a specific responsibility (UI, logic, data), making the system easier to manage and understand.

Maintainability: Changes can be made in one layer without affecting others, simplifying bug fixes and updates.

Scalability: Each layer can be scaled independently based on demand, improving system performance and resource use.

Reusability: Components within a layer (like authentication or logging) can be reused across different projects or modules.

Testability: Layers can be tested in isolation, making debugging and quality assurance more efficient.

Team Collaboration: Different teams can work on separate layers simultaneously without conflict, improving development speed.

Security: Sensitive operations (like authentication and data handling) can be isolated in secure backend layers.

Flexibility: Technologies can be swapped within layers (e.g., React to Vue in UI) without changing the entire system.

13)Software Environments

Ans>

A software environment refers to the complete setup — including hardware, software, operating system, libraries, tools, and configurations — that supports the development, testing, deployment, and running of a software application.

LAB EXERCISE:

Explore different types of software environments (development, testing, production).

Ans>

Types of Software Environments:

- 1. Development Environment

Where developers write and test code locally.

Includes IDEs, compilers, SDKs.

- 2. Testing/QA Environment

Isolated space for testing new features before release.

Mirrors production setup for accurate results.

- 3. Staging Environment

Pre-production environment for final checks.

Used for integration and performance testing.

- 4. Production Environment

Live environment where the actual users interact with the application.

Requires high stability, security, and monitoring.

Set up a basic environment in a virtual machine.

Ans>

Set Up a Basic Software Environment in a Virtual Machine

Objective:

Create a basic development environment inside a virtual machine (VM) using Ubuntu Linux.

Requirements:

VirtualBox (Free virtualization software)

Ubuntu ISO (download from https://ubuntu.com/download)

Stable internet connection

Steps to Set Up the Environment:

1. Install VirtualBox

Download and install VirtualBox from https://www.virtualbox.org

2. Create a New Virtual Machine

Open VirtualBox and click "New"

Name: Dev-VM

Type: Linux, Version: Ubuntu (64-bit)

Assign 2–4 GB RAM

Create a virtual hard disk (20–30 GB, dynamically allocated)

3. Attach Ubuntu ISO

Go to Settings → Storage → Click on empty CD icon

Choose the Ubuntu ISO file you downloaded

4. Install Ubuntu

Start the VM

Follow installation steps: language, keyboard, timezone

Create a user and password

Choose minimal or full installation

Complete setup and restart

5. Update the System

Open the Terminal in Ubuntu and run:

bash

sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y

6. Install Development Tools

Basic Tools:

bash

sudo apt install -y git curl vim build-essential

Node.js + npm:

bash

curl -fsSL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup_ HYPERLINK "https://deb.nodesource.com/setup_18.x"18 HYPERLINK "https://deb.nodesource.com/setup_18.x".x | sudo -E bash -

sudo apt install -y nodejs

Python 3 + pip:

bash

sudo apt install -y python3 python3-pip

Optional – Databases:

bash

sudo apt install -y mysql-server postgresql sqlite3

Optional – Code Editor (VS Code):

bash

sudo snap install code --classic

THEORY EXERCISE:

Explain the importance of a development environment in software production.

Ans>

Importance of Development Environment because of Following reason

Safe Space for Coding: Developers can write and test code without affecting the live application or users.

Faster Development: Pre-installed tools like code editors, compilers, and debuggers speed up the coding process.

Error Detection Early: Bugs can be found and fixed before the code moves to testing or production.

Version Control Integration:Easily connects with Git and other tools to manage code changes and track progress.

Consistent Setup: Ensures all developers work with the same software versions and dependencies.

Improved Collaboration: Multiple developers can work on the same project in a shared and structured environment.

Supports Automation: Helps run scripts for builds, tests, and deployments right from the local machine.

14) Source Code

Ans>

Source code is the human-readable set of instructions written in a programming language (like Python, Java, C++) that defines what a software program does.

Key Points:

Written by programmers using text editors or IDEs.

It needs to be compiled or interpreted to run on a computer.

It contains logic, rules, and instructions that control software behavior.

Examples: main.py, index.html, App.java

LAB EXERCISE:

Write and upload your first source code file to Github.

CODE **#include<stdio.h>**

```
int main() {
    int a = 5 ;
    int b = 6;
    printf("%d",a+b)
}
```

THEORY EXERCISE:

What is the difference between source code and machine code?

Ans>

Difference between source code and machine code in following lines:

Source code is written by humans in a high-level programming language—readable, editable, and full of comments—while **machine code** is the binary (0s and 1s) that a computer's CPU executes directly.

Source code is translated into **machine code** via compilers, assemblers, or interpreters, making it understandable by hardware and optimized for speed.

The former gives control and clarity to developers; the latter gives raw executable instructions to the machine.

Example:

Source Code

```
int main() { return 42; }
```

Machine Code

```
b8 2a 00 00 00   ; mov eax, 42
c3               ; ret
```

15) Github and Introductions

Ans>

GitHub is a web-based hosting service built around Git, the open-source distributed version control system created in 2005

. It enables individuals and teams to store, manage, and share code in repositories—each with full version history—making it easier to track changes, revert updates, and maintain structured collaboration through branching and merging

Beyond just version control, GitHub offers a suite of developer tools including issue tracking, project planning, wikis, CI/CD workflows (via GitHub Actions), and cloud-based development environments (Codespaces)

. Founded in 2008 by Tom Preston-Werner, Chris Wanstrath, PJ Hyett, and Scott Chacon, GitHub was later acquired by Microsoft in 2018 for $7.5 billion

Today it hosts hundreds of millions of repositories and is used by over 100 million developers worldwide, serving both open-source communities and enterprise teams, including a majority of Fortune 100 companies

LAB EXERCISE:

Create a Github repository and document how to commit and push code changes.

Ans>

GitHub Commit & Push

1. Create Repo

Go to https://github.com/new

Name it: my-first-repo → Create Repository

2. Clone

git clone https://github.com/<your-username>/my-first-repo.git

cd my-first-repo

3. Add File

echo "print('Hello GitHub!')" > hello.py

4. Commit & Push

git add hello.py

git commit -m "first commit"

git push origin main

Here is complited the process

THEORY EXERCISE:

Why is version control important in software development?

Ans>

Benefits of Version Control Systems (VCS)

1. Collaboration

Multiple developers can work on the same codebase simultaneously without overwriting each other's changes. Branching and merging make it seamless to integrate individual contributions.

2. History Tracking & Accountability

Every change is recorded—who made it, when, and why—creating a transparent log. This is invaluable for debugging, audits, or onboarding new team members.

3. Safe Experimentation & Rollbacks

If something goes wrong, you can quickly revert to a stable version. Branches let you experiment freely without risking the main codebase's stability.

4. Backup & Disaster Recovery

With a VCS, you automatically retain full project history. You're protected from accidental deletions, overwriting, or data loss.

5. Supports CI/CD & Automation

Version control integrates with continuous integration (CI) and deployment systems. This ensures every commit can trigger builds, tests, and deployments automatically.

16) Student Account in Github

Ans>

A GitHub Student Account is available through the GitHub Student Developer Pack, which gives students free access to premium developer tools and resources. 🎓

With a student account, you can:

Get free private repositories (normally part of paid plans).

Access free or discounted tools from GitHub partners (like cloud hosting, code editors, and learning platforms).

Showcase your projects publicly and collaborate with classmates or open-source communities.

Build a professional developer portfolio while still in school.

☞ To apply, students need to sign up at GitHub Education, verify their student status (usually with a school email or ID), and then gain access to the full pack of benefits.

LAB EXERCISE:

Create a student account on Github and collaborate on a small project with a classmate.

Ans>

◆ Step 1: Create Student Account

Go to ☞ https://github.com/join

Sign up using your student email.

Apply for Student Pack ☞ https://education.github.com/pack.

◆ Step 2: Create Repository

After login

Click ✚ (top-right) → New repository

Name: student-project

Check "Add a README"

Click Create Repository

◆ Step 3: Add Collaborator

Go to repository → Settings → Collaborators

Click "Add people"

Enter your classmate's GitHub username → Send invite

◆ Step 4: Clone & Work

Both of you run:

git clone https://github.com/<your-username>/student-project.git

cd student-project

◆ Step 5: Create Branch, Commit, Push

git checkout -b feature-1

echo "Hello Project" > hello.txt

git add .

git commit -m "Added hello.txt"

git push origin feature-1

◆ Step 6: Pull Request & Merge

On GitHub website:

Open your repo → Pull Requests → New Pull Request

Select branch → Create Pull Request → Merge

THEORY EXERCISE:

What are the benefits of using Github for students?

Ans>

Key Benefits of GitHub for Students

1. Free Premium Access: Student Developer Pack

GitHub offers the Student Developer Pack, which grants verified students free access to an impressive suite of premium developer tools while enrolled

GitHub Pro: Unlimited private repositories, GitHub Actions automation, Codespaces, issue tracking, and advanced collaboration features

Cloud credits: $100+ Azure credit, DigitalOcean, Heroku and other hosting services include

Free domain and hosting: One-year .me domain via Namecheap and GitHub Pages hosting to build your personal portfolio site

2. Access to Industry Tools & Services

Students can explore premium software like:

JetBrains IDEs (PyCharm, IntelliJ, WebStorm, etc.)

GitHub Copilot (AI coding assistant)

Design tools: Canva Pro, Figma, Iconscout

Security & monitoring: Snyk, DataDog, MongoDB Atlas, Algolia APIs

Team & collaboration platforms: Slack, Trello, GitKraken, Bootstrap Studio, Unity, Unreal Engine, and many more

3. Learning & Education Resources

Free access to learning platforms such as:

Educative, Frontend Masters, DataCamp, StackSkills, Scrimba, AlgoExpert

Courses covering web development, data science, machine learning, coding interviews, and more

4. Build Real Projects & Portfolios

Deploy full-stack applications with cloud credits.

Showcase work online via a custom domain and GitHub Pages.

Collaborate on open-source projects and internships.

Create a public profile that employers can review for technical skills and consistency

5. Collaborate & Learn Real-World Skills

GitHub uses Git version control, enabling you to manage history, revert changes, and work in branches safely.

Features like pull requests and code reviews mirror professional development workflows.

Actively contributing to open-source projects helps you learn collaboration and gain community feedback

6. Networking & Community Engagement

Students can join GitHub's global community, contribute to open-source code, and learn from others.

Opportunities to participate in hackathons, Campus Expert programs, and technical events.

Build connections with peers and professionals in the tech ecosystem

7. Save Money & Increase Employability

Access professional tools and services worth hundreds or thousands of dollars at no cost.

Resume-ready experience: GitHub, cloud services, tools like JetBrains and Copilot, and real project contributions impress employers and internship recruiters

Many students report that the free access to tools like Azure, DigitalOcean, Namecheap, JetBrains, and Frontend Masters was invaluable in their learning journey

17) Types of Software

Ans>

Here's a simple breakdown of the **types of software** 👇

System Software – Manages computer hardware and provides a platform for applications (e.g., Operating Systems like Windows, Linux, macOS).

Application Software – Programs designed for end-users to perform tasks (e.g., MS Word, browsers, games).

Programming Software – Tools for developers to write, test, and debug code (e.g., compilers, IDEs like Visual Studio).

Utility Software – Provides system maintenance and optimization (e.g., antivirus, disk cleaners, backup tools).

☞ These categories together make computing efficient and user-friendly.

LAB EXERCISE:

Create a list of software you use regularly and classify them into the following categories: system, application, and utility software.

Ans>

Classification of Regularly Used Software

System Software:

- Windows OS
- Linux
- macOS

Application Software:

- MS Word
- Google Chrome
- WhatsApp
- Zoom

Utility Software:

- Antivirus (Quick Heal)
- WinRAR
- CCleaner

THEORY EXERCISE:

What are the differences between open-source and proprietary software?

Ans>

18) GIT and GITHUB Training

Ans>

Here's a short **introduction to Git and GitHub training**:

Git is a distributed version control system that helps developers track changes in source code, collaborate on projects, and maintain version history. GitHub is a cloud-based platform built on Git, providing additional features like remote repositories, collaboration tools, issue tracking, and project management.

Git and GitHub training usually covers:

Basics of version control and Git commands (init, clone, commit, push, pull, branch, merge).

Working with repositories (local & remote).

Collaboration workflows (forks, pull requests, code reviews).

Using GitHub features like issues, wikis, GitHub Actions, and project boards.

☞ Such training equips students and professionals to manage code efficiently, collaborate in teams, and contribute to open-source projects.

LAB EXERCISE:

Follow a GIT tutorial to practice cloning, branching, and merging repositories.

Ans>

Tutorial of GitHub Practical

1. Clone a repo

git clone <repo-url>

cd repo-name

2. Create & switch to a branch

git checkout -b feature-branch

3. Make changes & commit

echo "Hello Git" > file.txt

git add file.txt

git commit -m "Add file.txt"

4. Merge branch into main

git checkout main

git merge feature-branch

5. Push changes

git push origin main

That's the basic flow: Clone → Branch → Commit → Merge → Push.

THEORY EXERCISE:

How does GIT improve collaboration in a software development team?

Ans>

Git enhances collaboration by empowering developers to work independently yet cohesively. Its distributed architecture ensures that each team member has a full local copy of the repository—including full history—letting them commit, inspect, or revert changes even while offline

. With lightweight branching and merging, teams can work on features or bug fixes in isolation, then merge back to the main codebase cleanly, minimizing conflicts

. Collaboration tools like pull requests facilitate peer review and discussion before integration, improving code quality and knowledge sharing

. Git tracks who changed what and when, providing transparency, traceability, and accountability across the team

. All of this combined leads to parallel development without interference, faster development cycles, and scalable workflows that support modern agile teams

19) Application Software

Ans>

Application Software is a type of computer program designed to help users perform specific tasks. Unlike system software, which manages the hardware, application software focuses on end-user needs such as word processing, web browsing, gaming, multimedia editing, or communication. Examples include MS Word, Google Chrome, VLC Media Player, Photoshop, and WhatsApp.

☞ In short, application software makes computers useful for everyday personal, educational, and business purposes.

LAB EXERCISE:

Write a report on the various types of application software and how they improve productivity.

Ans>

Report: Types of Application Software & Productivity

1. Introduction

Application software helps users perform specific tasks efficiently, boosting productivity in work, study, and daily life.

2. Types of Application Software

Word Processing (MS Word, Google Docs) – Create/edit documents → faster writing & collaboration.

Spreadsheets (Excel, Google Sheets) – Data analysis & automation → reduces manual effort.

Presentations (PowerPoint, Slides) – Visual communication → clearer, engaging delivery.

DBMS (MySQL, Access) – Manage large data → accuracy & easy retrieval.

Communication Tools (Zoom, Teams, Gmail) – Real-time messaging & video calls → saves time.

Graphics/Multimedia (Photoshop, Canva) – Creative content → enhances marketing & learning.

Enterprise Software (SAP, Salesforce) – Automates business processes → improves decisions.

Web Browsers (Chrome, Firefox) – Internet access → research & cloud apps.

Educational Apps (Moodle, Duolingo) – Online learning → accessible & cost-effective.

3. Conclusion

Application software increases productivity through automation, collaboration, accuracy, accessibility, and visualization—making tasks easier, faster, and more reliable.

THEORY EXERCISE:

What is the role of application software in businesses?

Ans>

Application software plays a central role in businesses by automating routine tasks—such as invoicing, scheduling, inventory tracking, and payroll—to drive efficiency and reduce manual errors

. It also consolidates data from across departments into centralized systems like ERP and CRM, enabling unified reporting, real-time insights, and more informed decision-making

. Collaboration improves dramatically as cloud-based tools, messaging platforms, and project management suites allow teams to communicate and share documents seamlessly, regardless of location

. Businesses benefit from scalability and cost savings by using modular, scalable software—especially cloud-based—that adapts to growth without constant hardware investment or license fees

. Finally, many applications support compliance, security, and customer engagement—through audit logs, access controls, and CRM integration—enhancing trust and satisfaction while maintaining regulatory alignment

20) Software Development Process

Ans>

****Software Development Process**** is a structured approach used to design, develop, test, and maintain software applications. It ensures that software is built efficiently, meets user requirements, and is of high quality.

Key phases include:

1. **Requirement Analysis** – Gathering and understanding user needs.

2. **Design** – Creating system architecture and models.

3. **Implementation (Coding)** – Writing the actual program.

4. **Testing** – Checking for errors and ensuring functionality.

5. **Deployment** – Releasing the software for use.

6. **Maintenance** – Updating and fixing issues after release.

☞ This step-by-step process is often guided by models like **Waterfall, Agile, or Spiral**

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LAB EXERCISE:

Create a flowchart representing the Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC).

Ans>

The Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) in simple terms using Mermaid:

flowchart TD

A[Requirement Gathering] --> B[System Design]

B --> C[Implementation / Coding]

C --> D[Testing]

D --> E[Deployment]

E --> F[Maintenance]

F --> A

Explanation (in simple words):

Requirement Gathering – Understand what the software should do (from client or user).

System Design – Plan the structure, architecture, and user interfaces.

Implementation / Coding – Developers write the actual source code.

Testing – Check for bugs, fix issues before release.

Deployment – Make the software live (to users).

Maintenance – Fix bugs, update features after deployment.

The flow returns to Requirement Gathering for updates or improvements ➡️ continuous development.

THEORY EXERCISE:

What are the main stages of the software development process?

Ans>

Here are the main stages of the software development process, summarized in four concise lines:

1. Planning & Requirements Gathering:

Define project goals, scope, and stakeholder needs; create requirement documents to guide development

2. Design:

Translate requirements into technical architecture, interface layouts, and design specifications

3. Coding & Testing:

Develop the software based on design, then rigorously test (unit, integration, system, acceptance) and fix defects

4. Deployment & Maintenance:

Release the software to users and continuously support and update it with bug fixes, enhancements, and user feedback

21) Software Requirement

Ans>

Software Requirement refers to the detailed description of a software system's functions, features, and constraints that must be fulfilled for it to work as expected. It acts as a blueprint for developers, testers, and clients, ensuring everyone understands what the software should do.

Types of software requirements:

Functional Requirements – Define what the system should do (e.g., login feature, report generation).

Non-Functional Requirements – Define system qualities like performance, security, reliability, and usability.

☞ In short, software requirements are the foundation of the development process, guiding design, coding, and testing.

LAB EXERCISE:

Write a requirement specification for a simple library management system.

Ans>

Here's a simple practical DFD in Mermaid:

```
flowchart LR
  Member[Library Member]
  Librarian[Librarian]
  Admin[Admin]
  System[Library Management System]

  Member -->|Search, Borrow, Return, Reserve| System
  System -->|Borrowed Books, Due Dates, Notifications| Member

  Librarian -->|Add/Edit Books, Approve Returns| System
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System -->|Catalog, Overdue Reports| Librarian

Admin -->|Manage Users, Configure Rules| System

System -->|Reports, System Data| Admin

Explanation :

External Entities: Member, Librarian, Admin

Central Process: Library Management System

Data Flows: Requests (borrow/return/search) and responses (confirmations, reports)

THEORY EXERCISE:

Why is the requirement analysis phase critical in software development?

Ans>

The requirement analysis phase is critical in software development because it ensures that the software's goals are clearly understood and aligned with user and stakeholder expectations from the very beginning. It helps define precise functional and non-functional requirements, preventing ambiguity and scope creep as the project progresses

By validating and prioritizing these requirements early on, teams can avoid costly rework, deliver more reliable estimates, and improve resource planning

. Clear requirements also serve as the foundation for design, development, and testing, ensuring consistency and traceability throughout the SDLC

. Ultimately, a robust requirement analysis phase enhances stakeholder communication, reduces risk, and increases both product quality and user satisfaction

22)Software Analysis

Ans>

Software Analysis is the process of studying and understanding a software system or project before development begins. It focuses on identifying user needs, system requirements, and possible solutions to ensure the software meets its goals.

Main activities in software analysis:

1. Requirement Gathering – Collecting information from users and stakeholders.

2. Feasibility Study – Checking if the project is technically and economically possible.

3. System Modeling – Using tools like DFDs, flowcharts, and UML diagrams to represent the system.

4. Requirement Specification – Documenting functional and non-functional requirements clearly.

LAB EXERCISE:

Perform a functional analysis for an online shopping system.

Ans>

Functional Analysis: Online Shopping System

Main Goal

Allow users to browse products, place orders, make payments, and receive deliveries.

Users

Customer

Admin

Delivery Agent

Core Functional Requirements

1. User Registration & Login

Sign up with email/password

Log in / Log out

Password reset

2. Product Browsing & Search

View product categories

Search by name, price, brand

View product details (image, price, description)

3. Shopping Cart

Add/remove items

Update quantity

View cart total

4. Order Management

Place order from cart

View order history

Cancel or return order (if applicable)

5. Payment Processing

Choose payment method (card, UPI, COD)

Payment confirmation

Generate receipt

6. Delivery Tracking

Track order status (confirmed → shipped → delivered)

View estimated delivery time

7. Admin Panel

Add/edit/delete products

Manage inventory

View all orders and user data

8. Reviews & Ratings

Leave product reviews

View average ratings

Outputs

Order confirmation message

Receipt / invoice

Delivery updates

Review acknowledgment

Error Handling

Out of stock messages

Payment failure alerts

Login/authentication errors

THEORY EXERCISE:

What is the role of software analysis in the development process?

Ans>

Software analysis serves as a crucial bridge between project planning and actual development by deeply understanding what the software must achieve and how it should operate. During this phase, teams gather and validate stakeholder needs—both functional and non-functional—and translate them into detailed, measurable requirements using techniques such as use cases, data flow diagrams (DFDs), and entity-relationship diagrams (ERDs) to model system behavior and relationships

. This work clarifies ambiguities, prioritizes features, assesses feasibility, and minimizes scope creep, helping to avoid costly rework or delays later on

. With clear requirements in place, design and development teams have a solid “blueprint” to follow—ensuring consistent implementation, traceability, and alignment across the project

. Additionally, involving stakeholders early fosters communication, builds shared understanding, and lays a foundation for smoother decision making, better risk management, and higher-quality delivery

23) System Design

Ans>

System Design is the process of defining the architecture, components, interfaces, and data flow of a software system based on the requirements gathered during analysis. It provides a blueprint that guides developers in building the system.

Types of system design:

1. High-Level Design (HLD) – Focuses on system architecture, modules, and overall structure.

2. Low-Level Design (LLD) – Deals with detailed logic, database design, and module specifications.

LAB EXERCISE:

Design a basic system architecture for a food delivery app.

Ans>

Here's a very short beginner-level food delivery app architecture 👇

1. Clients: Customer app, Restaurant app, Delivery app

2. Server: Single backend (handles users, menus, orders, delivery, payments)

3. Database: One relational DB (stores users, restaurants, menus, orders, deliveries)

Flow:

Customer → **places order → Server → Restaurant → Delivery Partner → Customer**

Simple Diagram:

graph LR

Customer --> Server

Restaurant --> Server

Delivery --> Server

Server --> DB[(Database)]

THEORY EXERCISE:

What are the key elements of system design?

Ans>

1. Requirements & Problem Understanding

Clarify business and user needs, including functional and non-functional requirements, constraints, and use cases. This foundation ensures the design is aligned with stakeholder expectations.

2. Architectural Design

Define the high-level structure—choosing a suitable architecture such as monolithic, layered, or microservices—and outline major components and their interactions.

3. Data & Communication Design

Plan data storage, schemas, caching, messaging queues, APIs, and communication protocols to support performance, consistency, and scalability.

4. Scalability, Performance & Resilience

Ensure the system can handle increasing load, deliver low latency, maintain reliability, and recover gracefully using techniques like load balancing, replication, and fault tolerance.

5. Security & Fault Tolerance

Embed security throughout: authentication/authorization, encryption, secure communication, and redundancy to safeguard against failures and threats.

6. Modularity & Design Principles

Design with modular, loosely coupled components adhering to principles like separation of concerns, abstraction, and extensibility for maintainability and reusability.

7. Documentation & Design Rationale

Produce clear design specifications—including diagrams, APIs, and justifications for choices—supporting traceability, future maintenance, and consistent implementation.

24) Software Testing

Ans>

Software Testing is the process of evaluating a software application to find and fix errors, ensuring it works correctly and meets requirements. It helps maintain quality, reliability, and performance before the software is released.

Types of software testing:

1. Manual Testing – Performed by testers without automation tools.

2. Automation Testing – Uses tools/scripts to speed up testing.

3. Functional Testing – Checks if features work as expected.

4. Non-Functional Testing – Ensures performance, security, and usability.

LAB EXERCISE:

Develop test cases for a simple calculator program.

Ans>

Here are practical test cases for a simple calculator (the one using eval with basic sanitation).

1. Test Case Table

#	Input Expression	Expected Output	Description
1	1+1	2	Simple addition
2	5-3	2	Simple subtraction
3	4*7	28	Multiplication
4	20/5	4.0	Division
5	2+3*4	14	Precedence (multiplication before addition)

THEORY EXERCISE:

Why is software testing important?

Ans>

Software testing is essential because it ensures software quality, helps reduce costs, boosts user satisfaction, and minimizes business risk.

Detects defects early: Catching bugs, security flaws, or performance issues during development is far cheaper and less disruptive than fixing them post-launch

Improves reliability and user experience: Well-tested software performs consistently, delivers an intuitive interface, and meets user expectations, increasing satisfaction and trust

Supports CI/CD and faster delivery: Continuous testing ensures that changes integrate smoothly, enabling automated pipelines and speeding up development cycles

Mitigates critical risk: By uncovering vulnerabilities and functional flaws early, testing protects against financial loss, regulatory penalties, and reputational damage

In short, testing provides confidence, ensures functionality aligns with requirements, and safeguards both the software and the business behind it.

25) Maintenance

Ans>

Software Maintenance is the process of modifying and updating software after its release to ensure it continues to perform well and meet user needs. It is the longest phase of the software development life cycle (SDLC).

Types of maintenance:

1. Corrective Maintenance – Fixing bugs or errors found by users.

2. Adaptive Maintenance – Updating software to work in new environments (e.g., new OS or hardware).

3. Perfective Maintenance – Improving performance or adding new features.

4. Preventive Maintenance – Making changes to prevent future issues.

LAB EXERCISE:

Document a real-world case where a software application required critical maintenance.

Ans>

Case: WannaCry Ransomware & Microsoft Windows Patch (2017)

Background

In May 2017, the WannaCry ransomware attack spread globally, affecting hospitals, banks, transport, and government systems.

The malware exploited a vulnerability in Microsoft Windows (SMB protocol).

Critical Maintenance Required

Microsoft had already released a security patch (MS17-010) in March 2017.

Many organizations failed to apply the maintenance update in time.

As a result, their systems were left vulnerable and got encrypted by WannaCry.

Impact

NHS (UK health service): Over 70,000 devices (including MRI scanners and blood-storage refrigerators) were affected.

Appointments and surgeries were cancelled; patients faced delays.

Financial damage was estimated at hundreds of millions of dollars worldwide.

Maintenance Response

Microsoft issued emergency patches, even for out-of-support systems like Windows XP.

Organizations had to urgently apply updates and improve patch-management policies.

This case highlighted that software maintenance is not optional—it is critical to security and operations.

✓ Practical Lesson:

Failing to perform regular software maintenance (patching & updates) can cause massive real-world disruption. Applying critical security updates on time is essential for reliability and safety.

THEORY EXERCISE:

What types of software maintenance are there?

Ans>

Software maintenance is divided into four key types, each serving a distinct purpose to keep software functional, up to date, and aligned with evolving needs:

Corrective Maintenance – Reactive fixes to defects, bugs, or errors discovered during operation to restore intended behavior and ensure reliability. It addresses issues reported by users or automated systems

Adaptive Maintenance – Updates to accommodate changes in the software's external environment—such as new operating systems, hardware, APIs, or regulatory policies—to maintain compatibility and usability

Perfective Maintenance – Enhancements to improve software performance, usability, or functionality based on evolving user feedback or business needs. This includes feature additions and interface refinements

Preventive Maintenance – Proactive restructuring or optimization of code, documentation, and system components to reduce future faults, technical debt, and performance degradation before issues arise

26) Development

Ans>

Software Development is the phase of the Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) where the actual coding and implementation of the system takes place. Based on the design documents, developers write programs using suitable programming languages, tools, and frameworks.

Key aspects of development:

1. Translating system design into source code.

2. Following coding standards and best practices.

3. Using version control tools like Git/GitHub for collaboration.

4. Performing unit tests to check modules during coding.

THEORY EXERCISE:

What are the key differences between web and desktop applications?

Ans>

Here are the key differences between web applications and desktop applications, summarized in lines:

Access & Installation: Web apps run in a browser and require no installation, whereas desktop apps must be installed locally on a specific device

Connectivity & Updates: Web apps need internet access and update automatically on the server; desktop apps often work fully offline but require manual updates

Performance & Feature Set: Desktop apps typically deliver higher performance, richer integration with hardware, and more advanced features than web apps

Compatibility & Collaboration: Web apps offer cross-platform accessibility via any device with a browser and real-time collaboration, while desktop apps are OS-specific and less suited for multi-user syncing

27) Web Application

Ans>

Web Application is a type of software application that runs on a web server and is accessed through a web browser over the internet, instead of being installed on a local computer.

Examples: Gmail, Facebook, Google Docs, Amazon.

Key features:

1. Platform-independent (works on Windows, Mac, Linux, etc. via browsers).

2. Requires only an internet connection and browser.

3. Easy to update and maintain since changes are made on the server.

THEORY EXERCISE:

What are the advantages of using web applications over desktop applications?

Ans>

Here are the **advantages of web applications** over desktop applications, summarized in four concise lines:

No installation or device-specific setup: Users access web apps instantly via a browser, saving storage and onboarding hassle.

Cross-platform compatibility: Web apps work across Windows, macOS, Linux, tablets, and smartphones with a consistent experience.

Automatic updates and centralized maintenance: All users receive the latest version without manual updates; maintenance is simplified.

Scalable, collaborative, and low resource usage: Web apps support real-time multi-user access, efficiently scale via cloud infrastructure, and run even on low-end devices.

28) Designing

Ans>

Designing in software development is the process of planning and structuring a system before actual coding begins. It transforms requirements into a clear blueprint that guides developers.

Types of designing:

1. High-Level Design (HLD) – Defines the overall system architecture, modules, and data flow.

2. Low-Level Design (LLD) – Provides detailed logic of each module, database structures, and interfaces.

THEORY EXERCISE:

What role does UI/UX design play in application development?

Ans>

The UI/UX design phase is critical in application development because it shapes how users interact with and perceive the software. Here's why it's indispensable:

User-centered foundation: Through research, wireframes, prototyping, and testing, UI/UX ensures that designs align with user needs and real-world workflows—boosting usability and satisfaction.

Efficiency, engagement & retention: Intuitive interfaces reduce cognitive load, guide users smoothly through tasks, and keep them engaged—leading to increased retention, conversions, and brand loyalty.

Competitive advantage & cost savings: Well-executed design differentiates your product in crowded markets and helps avoid costly rework—good UX can significantly reduce maintenance and support expenses.

Quality, inclusivity & accessibility: Human-centered design practices ensure software is easy to use, accessible to diverse users, and adaptable over time—supporting long-term relevance and compliance.

In short: UI/UX design improves user experience, aligns with business objectives, lowers costs, and sets the foundation for scalable, user-centric software success.

29) Mobile Application

Ans>

Mobile Application (or Mobile App) is a type of software application designed to run on smartphones and tablets. These apps are built for mobile operating systems like Android, iOS, or Windows.

Types of mobile applications:

1. Native Apps – Built specifically for one platform (e.g., Android or iOS).

2. Hybrid Apps – Combine web and native features, using frameworks like Flutter or React Native.

3. Web Apps – Mobile-optimized websites that act like apps through browsers.

THEORY EXERCISE:

What are the differences between native and hybrid mobile apps?

Ans>

Here are the key differences between native and hybrid mobile apps, summarized in a clear, structured way:

Development & Costs

Native apps require separate codebases for each platform (e.g. Swift/Objective-C for iOS, Kotlin/Java for Android), which increases development time and cost.

Hybrid apps use a single codebase (HTML, CSS, JavaScript) across platforms, reducing development and maintenance effort

Hybrid apps, while capable, typically rely on WebViews and plugins, which can result in moderate performance and less fluid UI experience

Feature Access & Integration

Native apps have unrestricted access to OS APIs and hardware features, ensuring full functionality and deep integration.

Hybrid apps access device features via plugins or frameworks (e.g. Cordova), which may limit new or specialized capabilities

Native apps take longer to build and maintain due to multiple codebases and OS-specific tooling.

Hybrid apps enable faster market entry and easier scaling with a single codebase that works across multiple platforms with simpler updates and maintenance

Choose native when you need peak performance, a polished user experience, and full hardware integration.

Choose hybrid if budget or time is limited, you want to support multiple platforms quickly, and your app doesn't need high-end performance.

30) DFD (Data Flow Diagram)

Ans>

DFD (Data Flow Diagram) is a graphical representation of how data flows through a system. It shows the movement of data between processes, data stores, and external entities without focusing on technical details.

Key components of a DFD:

1. Processes – Activities where data is processed (circles/ovals).

2. Data Stores – Where data is stored (open-ended rectangles).

3. Data Flows – Movement of data (arrows).

4. External Entities – Sources or destinations of data (rectangles).

LAB EXERCISE:

Create a DFD for a hospital management system.

Ans>

here is a DFD for hospital management system

flowchart TD

%% External Entities

PAT[Patient]

DOC[Doctor]

LAB[Lab Technician]

PHAR[Pharmacy]

INS[Insurance Company]

ADM[Admin]

PG[Payment Gateway]

%% Processes

P1[1. Registration & Patient Management]

P2[2. Appointment Scheduling]

P3[3. Consultation & Medical Records]

P4[4. Lab Testing]

P5[5. Pharmacy Fulfillment]

P6[6. Billing & Insurance]

P7[7. Reporting & Admin]

%% Data Stores

D1[(Patient DB)]

D2[(Appointment Records)]

D3[(Medical Records)]

D4[(Prescriptions)]

D5[(Lab Results)]

D6[(Drug Inventory)]

D7[(Billing Records)]

D8[(Insurance Claims)]

D9[(Reports Archive)]

%% Flows

PAT -->|Provide personal & insurance info| P1

P1 -->|Store/Update profile| D1

PAT -->|Request appointment| P2

P2 -->|Save schedule| D2

P2 -->|Confirm appointment| PAT

P2 -->|Notify doctor| DOC

DOC -->|Start consultation / input diagnosis & prescription| P3

P3 -->|Update history| D3

P3 -->|Generate prescription| D4

P3 -->|Send test request| P4

P4 -->|Return results| P3

P4 -->|Store results| D5

D4 -->|Prescription order| P5

P5 -->|Check & update stock| D6

P5 -->|Dispense meds| PAT

P5 -->|Notify billing| P6

P3 -->|Service details| P6

P5 -->|Medication charges| P6

P4 -->|Test charges| P6

P6 -->|Generate invoice| D7

P6 -->|Submit claim| INS

INS -->|Approval / rejection| P6

P6 -->|Payment processing| PG

PG -->|Payment confirmation| P6

P6 -->|Send final bill| PAT

P6 -->|Billing summary| D7

P6 -->|Claims records| D8

ADM -->|Request reports| P7

P7 -->|Aggregate data from| D1 & D2 & D3 & D5 & D7

P7 -->|Store reports| D9

P7 -->|Deliver reports| ADM

%% Cross-links (optional clarity)

DOC --> P2

PAT --> P6

THEORY EXERCISE:

What is the significance of DFDs in system analysis?

Ans>

System analysts use Data Flow Diagrams (DFDs) as a foundational tool in system analysis for several important reasons:

Visual Clarity & Shared Understanding

DFDs graphically map how data flows through a system—between external entities, processes, and data stores—making complex systems easier to understand for both technical and non-technical stakeholders

Problem Discovery & Process Optimization

By tracing data movements, analysts can spot bottlenecks, redundancies, or inefficiencies—enabling improvements like removing duplicate steps or reengineering workflows for better performance

Hierarchical Decomposition & Modular Analysis

DFDs allow users to break down systems using context (level 0) diagrams into progressively detailed levels (level 1, 2, etc.), supporting both big-picture overview and deep-dive analysis

Enhanced Communication & Documentation

Providing a consistent visual language improves collaboration among analysts, designers, developers, and stakeholders—and serves as valuable documentation during development and future maintenance

Validation & Requirement Alignment

DFDs make it easier to validate proposed functionality with users before coding begins, reducing misalignment, scope creep, and rework down the line

31) Desktop Application

Ans>

Desktop Application is a type of software that is installed and runs directly on a personal computer or laptop rather than through a web browser.

Examples: MS Office, Photoshop, VLC Media Player, Notepad++.

Key features:

1. Works offline without needing the internet.

2. Provides fast performance since it runs on local hardware.

3.Needs installation and updates on each device separately.

LAB EXERCISE:

Build a simple desktop calculator application using a GUI library.

Ans>

Code of basic Calculater in Python

```
import tkinter as tk
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```
from tkinter import font


class Calculator(tk.Tk):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        self.title("Simple Calculator")
        self.resizable(False, False)
        self.configure(padx=10, pady=10)
        self._build_ui()
        self.bind_all("<Key>", self._on_key)


    def _build_ui(self):
        self.display_var = tk.StringVar()
        self.entry = tk.Entry(self, textvariable=self.display_var, justify="right",
font=font.Font(size=20), bd=5, relief="ridge")
        self.entry.grid(row=0, column=0, columnspan=4, sticky="we", pady=(0, 10))
        self.entry.focus_set()


        btn_specs = [
            ("C", 1, 0, self._clear),
            ("⌫", 1, 1, self._backspace),
              ("(", 1, 2, lambda: self._append("(")),
              (")", 1, 3, lambda: self._append(")")),


              ("7", 2, 0, lambda: self._append("7")),
              ("8", 2, 1, lambda: self._append("8")),
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            ("9", 2, 2, lambda: self._append("9")),
            ("/", 2, 3, lambda: self._append("/")),

            ("4", 3, 0, lambda: self._append("4")),
            ("5", 3, 1, lambda: self._append("5")),
            ("6", 3, 2, lambda: self._append("6")),
            ("*", 3, 3, lambda: self._append("*")),

            ("1", 4, 0, lambda: self._append("1")),
            ("2", 4, 1, lambda: self._append("2")),
            ("3", 4, 2, lambda: self._append("3")),
            ("-", 4, 3, lambda: self._append("-")),

            ("0", 5, 0, lambda: self._append("0")),
            (".", 5, 1, lambda: self._append(".")),
            ("=", 5, 2, self._calculate),
            ("+", 5, 3, lambda: self._append("+")),
        ]

        for (text, r, c, cmd) in btn_specs:
            b = tk.Button(self, text=text, width=5, height=2, font=font.Font(size=16),
command=cmd)
            b.grid(row=r, column=c, padx=3, pady=3, sticky="nsew")

        # make grid expand evenly (optional)
```

```
    for i in range(6):
        self.grid_rowconfigure(i, weight=1)
    for j in range(4):
        self.grid_columnconfigure(j, weight=1)

def _append(self, char: str):
    current = self.display_var.get()
    self.display_var.set(current + char)

def _clear(self):
    self.display_var.set("")

def _backspace(self):
    current = self.display_var.get()
    self.display_var.set(current[:-1])

def _calculate(self):
    expr = self.display_var.get()
    try:
        # Basic sanitation: allow only digits, operators, parentheses, dot, spaces
        allowed = "0123456789+-*/(). "
        if any(ch not in allowed for ch in expr):
            raise ValueError("Invalid character")
```

```
            # Evaluate safely
            result = eval(expr, {"__builtins__": None}, {})
            self.display_var.set(str(result))
        except Exception:
            self.display_var.set("Error")

    def _on_key(self, event):
        key = event.keysym
        if key in ("Return", "equal"):
            self._calculate()
        elif key == "BackSpace":
            self._backspace()
        elif key == "Escape":
            self._clear()
        else:
            char = event.char
            if char in "0123456789+-*/().":
                self._append(char)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    app = Calculator()
    app.mainloop()
```

How to run

Save the above to a file named calculator.py.

Make sure you have Python 3 installed.

Run in terminal or command prompt:

The GUI window will appear; you can click buttons or type on your keyboard.

THEORY EXERCISE:

What are the pros and cons of desktop applications compared to web applications?

Ans>

Here are the pros and cons of desktop applications compared to web applications, summarized clearly and concisely based on current industry insights:

Desktop Application Advantages (vs. Web)

1.High Performance & Speed

Runs locally using device hardware—ideal for resource-intensive tasks like video editing, CAD, or gaming

2.Full Offline Capability

Doesn't require internet access—usable in remote or offline environments

3.Stronger Control Over Security & Privacy

Data stored locally reduces exposure to internet-based threats and third-party access

4.Lower Long-Term Costs & Ownership Control

One-time purchase offers ownership; no dependence on subscription renewals or vendor-hosted services

Desktop Application Disadvantages (compared to Web)

1.Platform Lock-In & Installation Overhead

Separate builds per operating system; each installation and update must be handled manually

2.Less Scalability & Collaboration

Not designed for real-time multi-user access or collaboration across platforms—data stays local unless sync tools are added

3.Greater Device Resource Usage

Requires significant local storage and computing power; heavier on system resources

4.Update & Maintenance Responsibility

Users and IT teams must manage version control, patching, and deployment manually

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32) Flow Chart

Ans>

Flow Chart is a diagrammatic representation of an algorithm, process, or workflow using different symbols to show the sequence of steps. It helps in visualizing logic and understanding how a system works.

Common symbols:

Oval → Start/End

Rectangle → Process/Task

Diamond → Decision/Condition

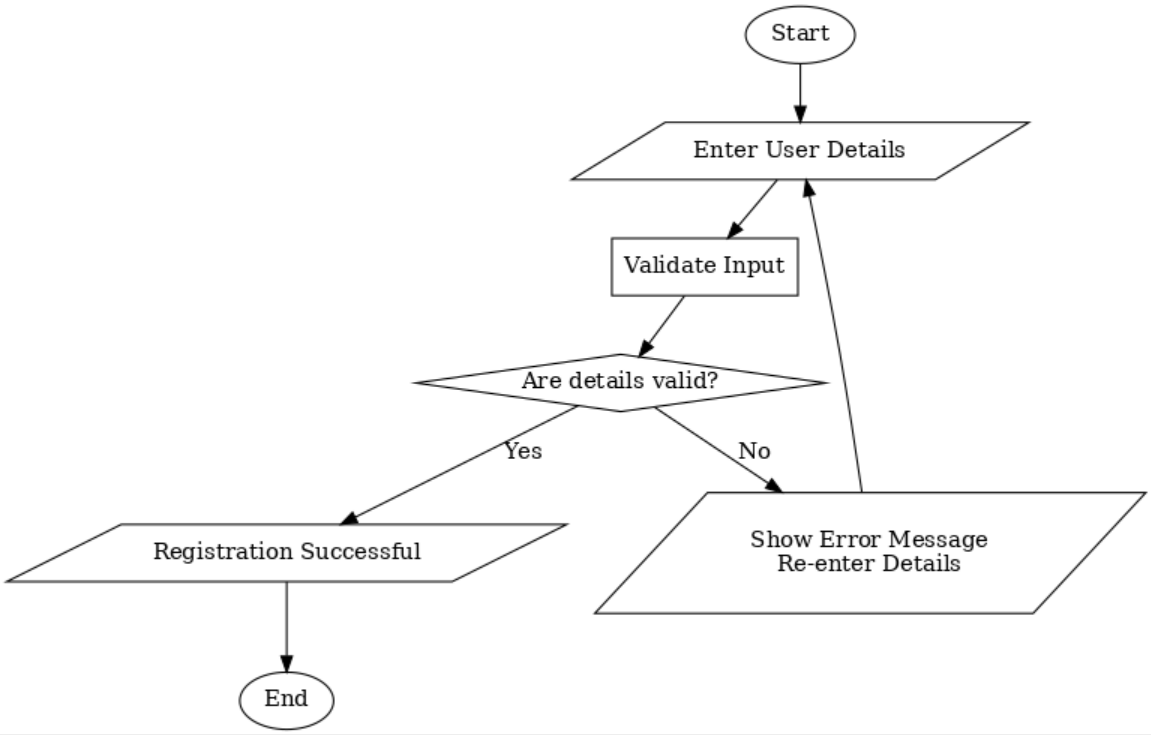
Arrow → Flow of control

LAB EXERCISE:

Draw a flowchart representing the logic of a basic online registration system.

Ans>

Here's the flowchart of a **basic online registration system**:



It shows the process from entering user details, validating them, handling errors, and confirming successful registration.

THEORY EXERCISE:

How do flowcharts help in programming and system design?

Ans>

Flowcharts play a vital role in programming and system design by visually mapping out processes and logic. Here's how they help:

Clarify Complex Logic: Flowcharts break down algorithms into step-by-step visual flows, making decision points and loops easier to understand. This helps detect errors or inefficiencies before writing any code

Enhance Planning and Coding Efficiency: Serving as a blueprint, flowcharts allow developers to plan modular code, reduce redundancies, and streamline both coding and debugging

Improve Team Communication & Documentation: Flowcharts provide a common visual language for both technical and non-technical stakeholders, aiding collaboration and serving as lasting documentation

Aid Maintenance & Knowledge Sharing: Clear flow diagrams make it easier for future developers to understand a system's logic, speeding up onboarding and modifications

"Flowcharts are useful when you have data flowing through several different systems… box and line diagrams to understand or explain how the components of a system fit together"

In summary, flowcharts support better analysis, design, coding, debugging, collaboration, and documentation—making them an essential tool in system planning and programming.