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(A)

Give answer to each of the following?

what are the four main functions of a computer?

Ans

1) Data Processing :- Data may be take a wide variety of forms and the range of processing requirements is broad.

2) Data Storage :- The computer perform a long term data storage function. Files of data are stored on the computer for subsequent retrieval and update.

(3) Data Movement

when data are moved over longer distance to or from a remote device. The process is known as data communication.

(u) Control is within the computer a control unit manages the computer's resource and orchestrates the performance of its functional parts in response to instructions.

(B) Figure 1.1 shows the IBM Enterprise ECL Core layout. Briefly explain the function of each sub-area.

Ans: ISU (Instruction Sequence Unit)
 Determine the sequence in which instructions are executed in what is referred to as a superscalar architecture.

* IFU (Instruction Fetch Unit)
 Logic for fetching instructions.

* IDU (Instruction Decode Unit)

The IDU is fed from IFU buffer and is responsible

* LSU (Load-Store Unit) it is responsible for handling all types of operand access of all lengths modes and formats as defined in the Architecture.

- * **TU (Translation unit)** The unit translates logical addresses from instructions into physical addresses in main memory. It also contains TLB used to speed up memory access.
- * **FPU (Fixed-point-Unit)** The FPU executes fixed point arithmetic operations.
- * **BFU (Binary floating-point unit)** The BPU handles all binary and base decimal floating point operations as well as fixed-point multiplication operation.
- * **DFU (Decimal floating-point unit)** The DFU handles both fixed point and floating point operation on number that are stored as decimal digits.
- * **RU (Recovery unit)** The RU keep a copy of the complete state of the system. This includes all registers, collect hardware fault signals.
- * **COP (Decoded co-processor)** The COP is responsible for data compression and encryption function for each core.
- * **I-cache** as this is a 64-KB L1 instruction cache - allowing the IFU to prefetch instruction before they are needed.

Control unit diagram (4)

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* L2 control is This is the control logic that manages the traffic through the two L2 caches.

* Data L2 is A 1-MB cache for all memory traffic other than instructions.

* instr-L2 is A 1-MB L2 instruction cache

(c) Discuss the IAS operation using the flowchart in.

Ans is The IAS operation by respectively performing an instruction cycle. Each instruction cycle consists of two sub-cycles.

1) Fetch cycle is The operand of next instruction is loaded into the IR and the address portion is loaded into the MAR. This instruction perhaps taken from the IIR.

2) Execute cycle is The control circuitry interprets the op code & executes the instruction by sending out the appropriate control & signal to cause data to be moved or an operation to be performed by the ALU.

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(a) For each of the following examples determine whether this is an embedded system, explaining why or why not.

(a) Are programs that understand physics and/or hardware embedded? For example one that uses finite-element methods to predict panel flow over airplane wings?

Ans is No. These programs are never considered to be embedded because they are not an integral component of a larger system.

(b) Is the internal microprocessor controlling a disk drive an example of an embedded system?

Ans is Yes regardless of what the disk drive is used for. The software (firmware actually) within the disk drive controls the HDA (hard disk assembly) hardware and is used time as well.

(c) I/O drivers control hardware on a computer. The presence of I/O driver imply that the computer executing the driver is embedded?

Ans is No, input output drivers alone do not represent embedded system.

(d) Is a PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) an embedded system.

Ans is Yes PDA is an embedded system because it is just like a personal computer in hand.

(e) Is the microprocessor controlling a cell phone an embedded system?

Ans is Yes the firmware in the cell phone is controlling the radio hardware.

(f) Is a traditional flight management system (FMS) built into an airplane.

Ans is if the FMS is not connected to the avionics and is used only for logistic computerization or function readily performed on a laptop then the FMS is clearly not embedded.

(g) Are the computers in a hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) simulator embedded?

Ans is Yes both in the simulator and in the thing being tested the HIL simulator.

Hardware is being controlled on both sides.

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Ans a

Main structural component of a computer.

There are four main structural components.

- 1) CPU or controls the operation of computer and perform its data processing functions; often simply referred to as processor.
- 2) Main memory or stores data.
- 3) I/O: Moves data b/w the computer and external environment.
- 4) system interconnection or some mechanism that provides for communication among CPU, main memory and I/O.

Ans b

The characteristics of a family are as follow

- * Similar or identical instruction ^{set} In some cases the lower ~~end~~ end of family has an instruction set that is a subset of that of the top end of the family. This means that program can move up but not down.
- * Similar or identical operating system or The same ^{members} basic operating system is available for all family.
- * Increasing speed or The rate of instruction execution increase in going from lower to higher family members.
- * Increasing I/O ports or The number of I/O ports increase in going from lower to higher family member.
- * Increasing memory size or The size of memory increase in going lower to higher family member.
- * Increasing cost or At a given point time, cost of a system increase in going lower to higher family member.

Ans 2

Stored Program Computer -

A fundamental design approach first implemented in the IAS computer is known as the stored program concept. This idea is usually attributed to the mathematician John von Neuman.

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- A main memory which stores both data and instructions.
- An arithmetic and logical unit (ALU) capable of operating on binary data.

Ans 3

Moore's Law

The famous Moore's law which was propounded by Gordon Moore (founder of Intel in 1965 [MOOR65]). Moore observed that the number of transistors that could be put on a single chip was doubling every year. The pace slowed to a doubling every 18 months in the 1970s but has sustained that rate ever since.

Moore's law are profunct.

- 1) The cost of computer logic and memory circuitry has fallen at a dramatic rate.
- 2) Because logic and memory elements are placed closer together on more densely packed chips the electrical path length is shorter increasing operating speed.
- 3) The computer becomes smaller making it more convenient to place in a variety of applications.
- 4) There is a reduction in power requirement.
- 5) With more circuitry on each chip, there are fewer interchip connections.

Ans A,

Computer organization and Architecture.

- * Computer Architecture refer to those attributes of a system visible to a programmer or, put another way, those attributes that have a direct impact on the logical execution of a program. A term that is often used interchangeably with computer architecture is instruction set architecture (ISA).

- * Computer organization refer to the operational units and their interconnection that realize the architectural specification. Examples of architectural attributes include the instruction set, the no. of bits used to represent various data types (e.g., number characters), I/O mechanism and techniques for addressing memory.

Ans B,

RISC and CISC

- * The current x86 offering represent the result of decade of design effort on complex instruction set computer (CISC). The x86 incorporates the sophisticated design principles once found only on mainframes and supercomputer and serves as an excellent example of CISC design.
- * An alternative approach to processor design is the reduced instruction set computer (RISC). The ARM architecture is used in a wide variety of embedded system and is one of the most powerful and best designed RISC-based system on the market. In the section on the next we provide a brief overview of these two systems.