Input/Output Systems and Peripheral Devices

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IOSPD Discipline Information (1)

- General objective
  - Knowledge of operation and performance parameters for I/O interfaces and peripheral devices
- Theoretical objectives
  - Knowledge of the methods for performing I/O transfers
  - Knowledge of various I/O buses
  - Knowledge of the operating principle for various types of displays

IOSPD Discipline Information (2)

- Knowledge of graphics adapters and digital interfaces for displays
- Knowledge of the recording principle on optical discs and of various types of discs
- Practical objectives
  - Implementing in software protocols for communication with I/O controllers of peripheral devices
  - Implementing applications for controlling I/O interfaces

IOSPD Discipline Information (3)

- Grading
  - 10% Quizzes at the lectures
  - 40% Laboratory → evaluation during the semester, laboratory colloquy
  - 50% Exam
  - Minimum grade for each activity: 5
- Web pages
  - http://users.utcluj.ro/~baruch/en/
    Teaching → Input/Output Systems
- Teams: *General* channel, *Files* → *Class Materials* → *Lecture*

IOSPD Discipline Information (4)

- Lecture
  - Quizzes for testing attention → Teams app
  - The average grade of lecture quizzes is used for computing the final grade
- Exam
  - Conditions to be accepted:
    - Minimum average grade of 5 for the quizzes
    - Passing grade for the laboratory
  - Schematics and diagrams must be explained

IOSPD Discipline Information (5)

- Laboratory
  - Assessment:
    - Quizzes with theoretical questions (20%)
    - Colloquy: written test during the semester (20%), written test at the end of semester (60%)
  - Laboratory colloquy in the summer recovery session for students who did not pass
  - Recovery: maximum four labs
    - Maximum two labs during the semester
    - Maximum two labs at the end of semester

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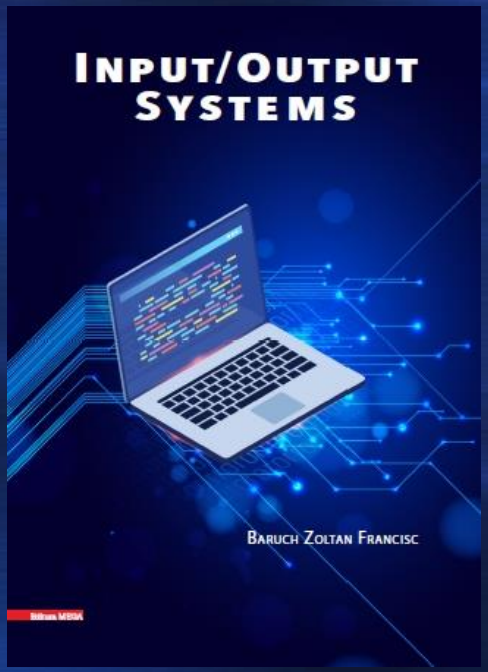

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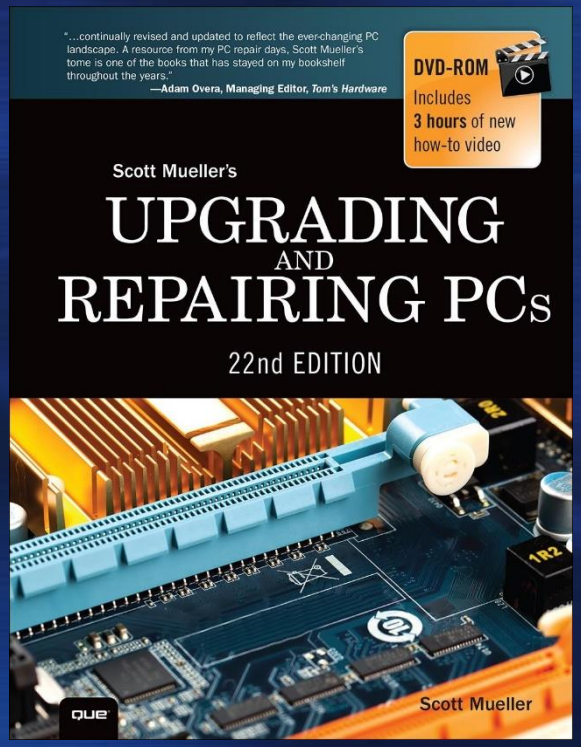

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Contents of the Lecture

- 1. Introduction
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- 3. Computer Buses
- 4. Expansion Modules for Embedded Systems
- 5. Computer Displays
- 6. Graphics Adapters
- 7. Optical Discs

1. Introduction

- I/O Systems
- Structure of an I/O System
- I/O Modules

I/O Systems (1)

- I/O System (IOS): performs the transfer of information between the main memory and the external environment of the computer system
  - External information media
  - Other computer systems
- The computer system's performance depends on the relationship between:
  - Processor and memory
  - Processor and I/O devices

I/O Systems (2)

- The *access time* and *transfer rate* of I/O devices affect the overall performance of the system
- *CPU execution time* – does not include the time waiting for I/O operations or running other tasks
  - Ignores I/O operations
- A more appropriate performance metric: *response time*

I/O Systems (3)

- Ignoring the IOS reduces the system's global performance
- Example:
  - Assume a difference of 10% between the CPU execution time and response time
  - The CPU speed increases by a factor of 10, neglecting the I/O system
  - Amdahl's Law: a speedup of only 5 times is achieved

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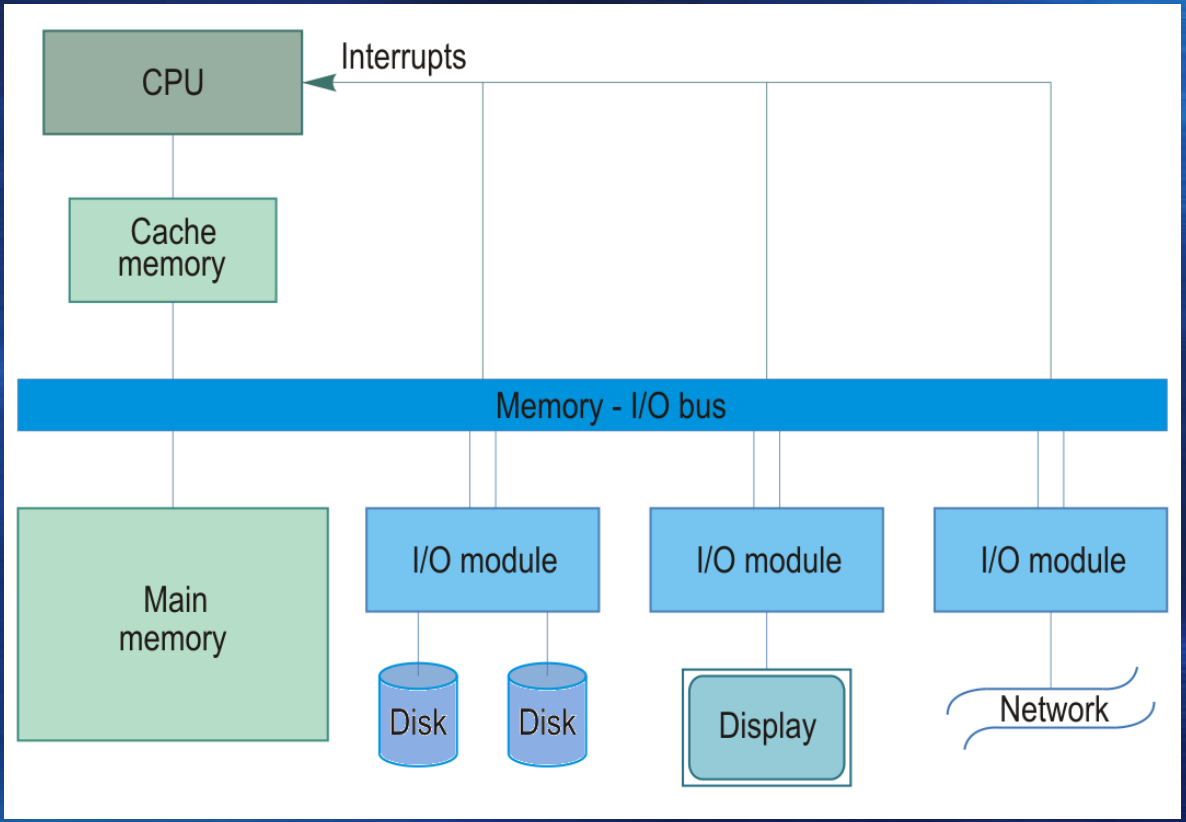
Structure of an I/O System (1)



Structure of a computer system and a typical I/O system

Structure of an I/O System (2)

- Peripheral devices are not connected directly to the system bus for the following reasons:
  - There are many types of peripherals, with various methods of operation
  - The data transfer rate of peripherals can be much lower than that of memory and CPU
  - Peripherals use different data formats and word lengths than the CPU

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I/O Modules (1)

- An I/O module (I/O controller) performs the following:
  - Controls the external devices
  - Transfers data between those devices and main memory and/or CPU registers
- An internal interface: to the CPU and main memory
- An external interface: to the peripheral device

I/O Modules (2)

- Functions and main requirements for an I/O module:
  - Control and timing
  - Communication with the CPU
  - Communication with the external devices
  - Data buffering
  - Error detection

I/O Modules (3)

- Control and timing
  - During any period of time, the CPU may communicate with one or more external devices
  - Internal resources must be shared among several activities
  - Function to coordinate the flow of data between internal resources and external devices

I/O Modules (4)

- Communication with the CPU includes:
  - Command decoding
    - Commands → signals on the control bus
    - Parameters → on the data bus
  - Data transfer between the CPU and the I/O module over the data bus
  - Status reporting
    - An I/O module may be busy with the execution of the previous command → *BUSY* signal
  - Address recognition for each peripheral

I/O Modules (5)

- Communication with the external devices
  - Performed using control, status, and data signals
- Data buffering
  - For most peripheral devices, the transfer rate is low compared to that between main memory and CPU
  - Data transferred from main memory are buffered by the I/O module and sent to the peripheral device at its data rate

I/O Modules (6)

- Error detection
  - Errors should be reported to the CPU
  - Mechanical and electrical malfunctions
  - Accidental changes of the data transmitted between the device and I/O module
  - Error-detecting and error-correcting codes
    - Parity bit
    - CRC (*Cyclic Redundancy Check*)
    - ECC (*Error Correcting Code*)

Summary

- For users, response time is a more appropriate performance metric than CPU execution time
- The performance of IOS significantly affects the global performance of the computer system
- Peripheral devices are connected to the system bus via I/O modules

Concepts, Knowledge

- Input/output system
- CPU execution time
- Response time
- I/O module (I/O controller)
- Functions of an I/O module
- CRC, ECC codes