Microprocessor and Microcontroller Fundamentals

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- Course materials available online
- http://ece.citadel.edu/hayne/
 - Students are encouraged to print lecture slides in advance and use them to take notes in class

Microcontrollers

- Embedded Systems
 - Operations managed behind the scenes by a microcontroller
- Microcontroller (MCU)
 - Integrated electronic computing device that includes three major components on a single chip
 - Microprocessor (MPU)
 - Memory
 - I/O (Input/Output) ports

Microcontrollers

- Support Devices
 - Timers
 - A/D converter
 - Serial I/O
- Common communication lines
 - System Bus

Block Diagram



Microprocessor (MPU)



• MPU (CPU)

- Read instructions
- Process binary data

Memory

Binary Addresses



- Storage Device
 - Addresses
 - Registers
- Major Categories
 - Read/Write Memory (R/W)
 - Read-only-Memory (ROM)

Input/Output (I/O)

Input Devices

- Switches and Keypads
- Provide binary information to the MPU
- Output devices
 - LEDs and LCDs
 - Receive binary information from the MPU

Microprocessor-Based Systems



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Microprocessor Architecture

- MPU communicates with Memory and I/O using the System Bus
 - Address bus
 - Unidirectional
 - Memory and I/O Addresses
 - Data bus
 - Bidirectional
 - Transfers Binary Data and Instructions
 - Control lines
 - Read and Write timing signals

Microprocessor-Based System



Example Microprocessor System



Software

- Machine Language
 - Binary Instructions
 - Difficult to decipher and write
 - Error-prone
 - All programs converted into machine language for execution

Instruction	Hex	Mnemonic	Description	Processor
1000000	80	ADD B	Add reg B to Acc	Intel 8085
00101000	28	ADD A, R0	Add Reg R0 to Acc	Intel 8051
00011011	1 B	ABA	Add Acc A and B	Motorola 6811

Software

Assembly Language

- Machine instructions represented in mnemonics
- One-to-one correspondence
- Efficient execution and use of memory
- Machine-specific

Software

- High-Level Languages
 - BASIC, C, and C++
 - Written in statements of spoken languages
 - Machine independent
 - Easy to write and troubleshoot
 - Larger memory and less efficient execution

- Unsigned Integers
 - All eight bits represent the magnitude of a number
 - Bit7 to Bit0
 - Range $00_{\rm H}$ to $FF_{\rm H}$ (0_{10} to 255_{10})

- Signed Integers
 - 2's Complement
 - Bit7 is sign bit
 - Positive numbers: $00_{\rm H}$ to $7F_{\rm H}$ (0_{10} to 127_{10})
 - Negative numbers: $80_{\rm H}$ to $FF_{\rm H}$ (-1₁₀ to -128₁₀)

- Binary Coded Decimal Numbers (BCD)
 - 8-bit number divided into two groups of four
 - Each group represents a decimal digit from 0 to 9
 - A_H through F_H are invalid
 - Example: $0010\ 0101_{BCD} = 25_{10}$

- American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII)
 - 7-bit alphanumeric code with 128 combinations $(00_{\rm H} \text{ to } 7F_{\rm H})$
 - Represents English alphabet, decimal digits from 0 to 9, symbols, and commands

MPU-Based Systems

- System hardware
 - Discrete components
 - Microprocessor, Memory, and I/O
 - Components connected by buses
 - Address, Data, and Control
- System software
 - Group of programs that monitors the functions of the entire system

MPU-Based System



MCU-Based Systems

- Microprocessor, memory, I/O ports, and support devices on a single chip
- Buses generally not available to a system designer
- I/O ports generally multiplexed and can be programmed to perform different functions

MCU-Based System

Microcontroller



Computer Architectures

- Princeton versus Harvard Architecture
- CISC versus RISC processors
- Microprocessors and Microcontrollers