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Computer Organization

First Stage Lecture -5

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Internal Hardware Computer Components

- In the previous lectures we explain the essential internal hardware that build the computer system , such as Motherboard , CPU, RAM , ROM ...etc.
- Internal computer components are designed to fit INSIDE the computer system and they all carry out important roles.
- In this lecture we will discuss extra hardware which are complete the computer system work :
 - Power supply.
 - Computer case.
 - Internal cables.

Power Supply

The power supply converts alternating-current (AC) power direct-current (DC) power, which is a lower voltage.

Must provide enough power for the installed components and future additions.





WARNING : Do not open a power supply. Electronic capacitors located inside of a power supply can hold a charge for extended periods of time.

Computer Case

- Provides protection and support for internal components.
- Helps to prevent damage from static electricity.
- Should be strong, easy to service, and have enough room for expansion.
- Typically made of plastic, steel, and aluminum.





Internal Cables

- There are two primary types of connectors found internally: Socket connectors and Power connectors.
 Socket connectors are designed for use with flat ribbon cable, and are generally used to transfer data among devices.
- Power connectors are used to supply and distribute power to internal devices inside the computer.



Internal Cables

- Data cables connect drives to the drive controller, which is located on an adapter card or on the motherboard.
- IDE, an acronym for <u>Integrated Drive Electronics</u>, is a standard type of connection for storage devices in a computer.
- Generally, IDE refers to the types of cables and ports used to connect some <u>hard drives</u> and <u>optical drives</u> to each other and to the <u>motherboard</u>.
- ▶ PATA (IDE) data cable (Parallel).
- ▶ PATA (EIDE) data cable.
- SATA data cable (Serial).



Computer Ports

- External devices are connected to a computer using cables and ports.
- Ports are slots on the motherboard into which a cable of external device is plugged in.
- Examples of external devices attached via ports are the mouse, keyboard, monitor, microphone, speakers, etc.



Computer Ports

Let us explain the important port.

1. Serial Port

- Used for external modems and older computer mouse
- Two versions: 9 pin, 25 pin model
- Data travels at 115 kilobits per second

2. Parallel Port

- Used for scanners and printers
- ✓ Also called printer port
- ✓ 25 pin model

3. PS/2 Port

- Used for old computer keyboard and mouse
- Also called mouse port
- Most of the old computers provide two PS/2 port, each for the mouse and keyboard





Computer Ports

4. Universal Serial Bus (or USB) Port

- It was introduced in 1997.
- Most of the computers provide two USB ports as minimum.
- Data travels at 12 megabits per seconds.

5. VGA Port

- Connects monitor to a computer's video card.
- It has 15 holes.
- Similar to the serial port connector. However, serial port connector has pins, VGA port has holes.

6. Ethernet Port

- Connects to a network and high speed Internet.
- Connects the network cable to a computer.
- Data travels at 10 megabits to 1000 megabits per seconds depending upon the network bandwidth.