

I Year I Semester
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ADVANCED COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE
(ELECTIVE-I)

UNIT-I: Fundamentals of Computer Design:

Fundamentals of Computer design, Changing faces of computing and task of computer designer, Technology trends, Cost price and their trends, measuring and reporting performance, Quantitative principles of computer design, Amdahl's law.

Instruction set principles and examples- Introduction, classifying instruction set- memory addressing- type and size of operands, Operations in the instruction set.

UNIT-II:

Pipelines:

Introduction, basic RISC instruction set, Simple implementation of RISC instruction set, Classic five stage pipe lined RISC processor, Basic performance issues in pipelining, Pipeline hazards, Reducing pipeline branch penalties.

Memory Hierarchy Design:

Introduction, review of ABC of cache, Cache performance, Reducing cache miss penalty, Virtual memory.

UNIT-III:

Instruction Level Parallelism (ILP)-The Hardware Approach:

Instruction-Level parallelism, Dynamic scheduling, Dynamic scheduling using Tomasulo's approach, Branch prediction, High performance instruction delivery- Hardware based speculation.

ILP Software Approach:

Basic compiler level techniques, Static branch prediction, VLIW approach, Exploiting ILP, Parallelism at compile time, Cross cutting issues - Hardware verses Software.

UNIT-IV: Multi Processors and Thread Level Parallelism:

Multi Processors and Thread level Parallelism- Introduction, Characteristics of application domain, Systematic shared memory architecture, Distributed shared – Memory architecture, Synchronization.

UNIT-V:

Inter Connection and Networks:

Introduction, Interconnection network media, Practical issues in interconnecting networks, Examples of inter connection, Cluster, Designing of clusters.

Intel Architecture: Intel IA-64 ILP in embedded and mobile markets Fallacies and pit falls.

TEXT BOOKS:

1. John L. Hennessy, David A. Patterson - Computer Architecture: A Quantitative Approach, 3rd Edition, an Imprint of Elsevier.

REFERENCE BOOKS:

1. John P. Shen and Miikko H. Lipasti -, Modern Processor Design : Fundamentals of Super ScalarProcessors
2. Computer Architecture and Parallel Processing - Kai Hwang, Faye A.Brigs., MC Graw Hill.
3. Advanced Computer Architecture - A Design Space Approach, DezsóSima, Terence Fountain, Peter Kacsuk, PearsonEd.