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Computer Science CompSci 111SC: Exam Revision Notes
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What do I Need to Study?

- All of the lecture notes and overheads up are examinable. You should focus on the overheads when studying. The lecture notes will help you fill in the gaps.
- All of the material covered in laboratories is examinable. It is a good idea to review your labs.
- If we stressed something in lecture or spent more time on it, then this is a good indication we think it is important and you will find a question about it on the exam.
- You will not see the exact questions as were on the test, but there could be some similar ones. Therefore reviewing the test is also good idea.

Review of Topics we have covered(Myra's part)

Hardware:

- Categories of Hardware:
- Processing
 - o Input
 - o Output
 - Storage
 - \circ Communication
- Components of the System Unit
 - CPU (brain)

- Speed measured in instructions per second (Mhz – millions of
- instructions/second)
- Clock synchronized
- Moore's Law
- Memory Chips
 - Random Access Memory (RAM)
 - Read Only Memory (ROM)
- Sockets and Bus
- Measuring Information
 - Bits and bytes, powers of 2
- Input Devices
- Output Device
- Secondary Storage

Representing Information:

- Flow of Information
 - User-> Application->Operating System -> Hardware
- Representing information using electricity
 - 2 states of digital information: off/on (0/1)
- Number Systems
 - o Decimal
 - o Binary
 - Converting Binary to Decimal
 - Converting Decimal to Binary
 - Adding binary numbers
- Analog vs. Digital
 - Digitizing mapping from binary source to digital
- Standards

Software:

- Types of Software
 - System Software –Manages computer resources, helps applications use the computer
 - Application Software Tools for the end user
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- Operating Systems: Supervisor, I/O Controller, Memory Manager, File manager, User Interface

History of Personal Computers

Before Computers:

- Wilhelm Schickard (1592 1635) mechanical calculating clock
- Blaise Pascal (1623 1662) mechanical calculator
- Gottfried Wilhelm von Leibniz (1646 1716) digital calculating machine
- Joseph Jacquard (1752 1834) weaving loom using punch cards
- Charles Babbage (1792 1872) difference engine/analytical engine
- Ada Augusta (Countess of Lovelace) (1816-1852)
 documentation for analytical engine
- Dr. Herman Hollerith (1860 1929) mechanical punch card tabulator for census (Tabulating Machine Company)
- Early Computing Players:
 - □ IBM
 - Intel
 - Xerox
 - Altair
 - Microsoft
 - Apple

- Market Forces that Changed Computing:
 - VISICALC
 - □ IBM

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- Microsoft DOS
- Clones
- Macintosh
- AdobeCompaq's 386
- Compaqis d
 Windows
- vvincows
 Computers Today

Data communications and the Internet:

- Data Transmission
- Channels
- Transfer Rates
- Modem
- Traditional Networks vs. packet switched networks
- How the Internet evolved
- Protocols standard methods of communicating
 - TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/ Internet Protocol)
- Internet Growth
- Network Categories
 - LAN, WAN, an internet, the Internet
- Client/Server
- Connecting to the Internet
- Email and Plain Text (mime)
- Interpreting Addresses
- Forums
- Reading the News
- Working with Usenet
- Terminology
- Netiquette

World Wide Web:

- Vannevar Bush idea of hyptertext (1945)
- Ted Nelson first hypertext system(1960) Xanadu
- □ Tim Berners-Lee Started www project (1989)
- Multimedia The integration of many forms of media
- Hypermedia The combination of Hypertext and Multimedia
- □ The WWW project
 - HTTP
 - \circ WWW
 - o Domain Names
 - o IP addresses
 - o DNS (Domain Name Server)
 - Cyberspace Addresses
 - Uniform Resource Locators (URL)
 - Protocol
 - o Domain
- Terms
 - \circ Web Site
 - Web Page
 - Web Browser
 - o Plug-in
 - o Cache
 - o Proxy
 - Firewall
- Navigating
 - Search Engines
 - Directory services
- Problems with the structure of the WWW
- Current Uses of the WWW

Social Issues and the WWW:

- Speed of Change
- General Social Issues of Technology
- Web Anonymity
- Email and Society
- Censorship
- Cyber Porn
- Other "dangerous" material
- Concerns for the public
- NZ's attempt to find a solution
- USA Solution?
- Internet Community Solution

Spreadsheets (Excel):

- Changing appearance of Cells
- Formulae
- Using Cell References
- Filling Down and Filling Right
- Relative References
- Cell references that don't change
- Mixing Relative and Absolute references
- Using built-in functions
- Range of Cells
- Boolean Logic
- IF functions
- Nested IF function
- Looking up values in a table
- VLOOKUP, HLOOKUP
- Sorting
- Drawing a Graph

Word Processing:

Basic Features of a Word Processor

- Setting Preferences
- Viewing the Page
- Find and Replace
- Spelling and Grammar
- Formatting
- Font
- Paragraph
- Indenting Paragraphs
- Format Document
- Borders and Shading
- Columns
- Using Breaks
- Header and Footer
- Footnote/ Endnote
- Styles

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Computer Graphics:

- Bitmap Graphics
- Storing pictures digitally
- Black and White pictures vs. Colour bitmaps
- How much memory is required?
- Displaying Images
- Printing Bitmaps
- Compressing Images
 - Compression Algorithms
 - Graphics Interchange Format (GIF)
 - Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG)
 - Lossy vs. Lossless
- Vector Graphics
- Drawing Tools
 - Palettes
 - Working with Objects
 - o Grouping Objects
 - o Layers
 - Text Boxes/ Text Frame
- Creating Three-Dimensional Graphics
 - Modelling and Simulation
 - Image Rendering
 - Difficulties
 - Coordinates
 - o Ray Tracing

HTML:

- Markup Languages
- Hypertext Markup Language (HTML)
- Overview of commands
- Container Tags (begin and ending tag,)
- Separator Tags (single tag used to separate <hr>)

- Essential HTML Tags
 - o <HTML>
 - <HEAD> </HEAD>
 - <BODY>
 - </BODY>
 - </HTML>
- Title tag <TITLE> </TITLE> goes inside of the header tag
- Header tags (H1, H2...H6)
- Know your common tags
- Tables, ordered, and unordered lists
- Adding inline images
- Adding hyperlinks
- Style sheets