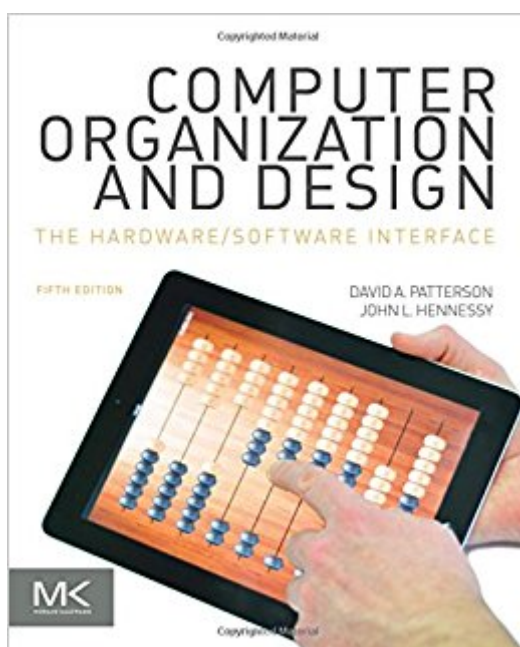


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Synopsis

Computer Organization and Design, Fifth Edition, is the latest update to the classic introduction to computer organization. The text now contains new examples and material highlighting the emergence of mobile computing and the cloud. It explores this generational change with updated content featuring tablet computers, cloud infrastructure, and the ARM (mobile computing devices) and x86 (cloud computing) architectures. The book uses a MIPS processor core to present the fundamentals of hardware technologies, assembly language, computer arithmetic, pipelining, memory hierarchies and I/O. Because an understanding of modern hardware is essential to achieving good performance and energy efficiency, this edition adds a new concrete example, Going Faster, used throughout the text to demonstrate extremely effective optimization techniques. There is also a new discussion of the Eight Great Ideas of computer architecture. Parallelism is examined in depth with examples and content highlighting parallel hardware and software topics. The book features the Intel Core i7, ARM Cortex-A8 and NVIDIA Fermi GPU as real-world examples, along with a full set of updated and improved exercises. This new edition is an ideal resource for professional digital system designers, programmers, application developers, and system software developers. It will also be of interest to undergraduate students in Computer Science, Computer Engineering and Electrical Engineering courses in Computer Organization, Computer Design, ranging from Sophomore required courses to Senior Electives. Winner of a 2014 Texty Award from the Text and Academic Authors Association. Includes new examples, exercises, and material highlighting the emergence of mobile computing and the cloud. Covers parallelism in depth with examples and content highlighting parallel hardware and software topics. Features the Intel Core i7, ARM Cortex-A8 and NVIDIA Fermi GPU as real-world examples throughout the book. Adds a new concrete example, "Going Faster," to demonstrate how understanding hardware can inspire software optimizations that improve performance by 200 times. Discusses and highlights the "Eight Great Ideas" of computer architecture: Performance via Parallelism; Performance via Pipelining; Performance via Prediction; Design for Moore's Law; Hierarchy of Memories; Abstraction to Simplify Design; Make the Common Case Fast; and Dependability via Redundancy. Includes a full set of updated and improved exercises.

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"...the fundamental computer organization book, both as an introduction for readers with no experience in computer architecture topics, and as an up-to-date reference for computer architects."--Computing Reviews, July 22 2014

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This book is very useful for beginners who want to understand the software design of hardware as I am a computer science major. However, as I read through the book, there are many errors, typos, and inconsistencies in the book. As well, I think the book should provide more examples because one example is not enough especially if the user is dealing with multiple scenarios. The readability is good as font and size are easy on the eyes. One thing to be cautious is that a friend of mine bought this same new book from too, but her's page unravel from the book bindings as she kept flipping the book. I was very careful when I flipped the pages, so it was intact.

This is a wide-ranging and well organized introductory textbook, clearly written by real experts. I especially appreciate the extra sections on the history of the development of computers, and computer software, found on the website. However there are a few too many errors, several of which are not listed in the errata on the website, which hasn't been updated between September 2014 and May 2015. Also some parts are explained too quickly, or not at all, making it quite hard to understand, and the answers to the exercises are only available to registered instructors, so that it's easy for them to set homework/create assessments, but hard for someone who wants to study for their self.

I'm in the middle of homework, and went to reference the IEEE 754 double precision floating point format. The first mention of this in the book is wrong, on page 198 it says that the exponent field is 11 bits, and not two centimetres away has a diagram showing the field with 12 bits. On a previous chapter, page 69, the first introduction the book gives to arrays of words in memory is wrong, with the 'lw' address being calculated incorrectly. Unacceptable on a book in its fifth revision.

It was written by the developers of the MIPS processor so some of the details aren't there. They know the processor so well they leave out some of the details the newbies need. I purchased it for a college course so the Prof. was able to fill in the blanks.

This book is hard to follow, specially the exercises. I would encourage professors to find better

books on the subject matter. Also, these books fall apart. I had to glue pages back onto the binding when they fell out.

This is a crappy set up. I have several text books on Kindle but this one is pretty crappy. No real page numbers. It functions as in you can read it but if your professor says to go to a specific page your screwed. You spend more time trying to figure out where something is. Its just not set up well. I did not return it only because I don't want to carry around the actual book. For \$75.00 I expected more.

The book I ordered started falling apart a month after I received it. I realize it was a paperback item but I expect a book I purchase to last longer than a month from the very light use I put it through. Opened it twice a week during the days I had the class that used the book and now the spin is already torn from within. I can't even return the item because it has been a month.

This textbook was required for one of my classes and it was horrible! Explanations in this book just aren't helpful, examples aren't very useful, and the end of chapter questions seem to almost come out of nowhere! With not even odd numbered solutions in the back of the book, it makes it very difficult to figure out if you know any of it. There are many typos and errors throughout the book as well. Just stay away, you are better off googling for everything in this book!

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