Hardware-Software Interfaces

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Processor System Block Diagram
Simple Bus Timing

Read Cycle

Write Cycle
Strobe vs. Handshake

**Strobe**
- Req
- Data

**Handshake**
- Req
- Ack
- Data
1982: The IBM PC/XT
The ISA Bus: Memory Read
The ISA Bus: Memory Write

![The ISA Bus: Memory Write Diagram](image-url)
The PC/104 Form Factor: ISA Lives

Embedded System Legos. Stack ‘em and go.
Memory-Mapped I/O

- To a processor, everything is memory.
- Peripherals appear as magical memory locations.
- Status registers: when read, report state of peripheral
- Control registers: when written, change state of peripheral
## Typical Peripheral: PC Parallel Port

### At Standard TTL Levels

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<td>Acknowledge</td>
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<td>+Busy</td>
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<td>-Auto Feed</td>
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<td>-Error</td>
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<td>-Initialize</td>
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<td>-Select Input</td>
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![Parallel Port Diagram](image)
## Parallel Port Registers

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1. Write Data
2. Assert Strobe
3. Wait for Busy to clear
4. Wait for Acknowledge
A Parallel Port Driver

```
#define DATA 0x378
#define STATUS 0x379
#define CONTROL 0x37A

#define NBSY 0x80
#define NACK 0x40
#define OUT 0x20
#define SEL 0x10
#define NERR 0x08
#define STROBE 0x01

#define INVERT (NBSY | NACK | SEL | NERR)
#define MASK (NBSY | NACK | OUT | SEL | NERR)
#define NOT_READY(x) ((inb(x)^INVERT)&MASK)

void write_single_character(char c) {
    while (NOT_READY(STATUS)) ;
    outb(DATA, c);
    outb(CONTROL, control | STROBE); /* Assert STROBE */
    outb(CONTROL, control ); /* Clear STROBE */
}
```
The Parallel Port Schematic
Interrupts and Polling

Two ways to get data from a peripheral:

▶ Polling: “Are we there yet?”
▶ Interrupts: Ringing Telephone
Interrupts

Basic idea:
1. Peripheral asserts a processor’s interrupt input
2. Processor temporarily transfers control to interrupt service routine
3. ISR gathers data from peripheral and acknowledges interrupt
4. ISR returns control to previously-executing program
Many Different Interrupts

What’s a processor to do?
Many Different Interrupts

What’s a processor to do?
ISR polls all potential interrupt sources, then dispatches handler.
Prioritizes incoming requests & notifies processor
ISR reads 8-bit interrupt vector number of winner
IBM PC/AT: two 8259s—became standard