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Computer Science, Computer Application and Information Technology
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Unit I: Computer Fundamentals, Programming in C, Python and Object Oriented Programming (40 Questions)

Computer Basics and Practices:

Parts of a Computer – Input/Output Devices, Processors, Network Devices, Tools for Basic Software Applications – Word Processors – Presentation tools – Spread sheet – Email tools – Database Processor tools(SQL, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle Database, MS-Access) – Online Meeting Platform.

C Programming:

Introduction to IT – Problem Solving – C Programming – Constants – Variables – Data Types – Expressions – Input/Output Operations – Decision Making and Branching Statements – Looping Statements – Arrays – Initialization – Declaration – One dimensional and Two dimensional arrays. String – string operations – String Arrays. Simple programs – sorting – searching – matrix operations – Function – Definition of function – Declaration of function – Pass by value – Pass by reference – Recursion – Pointers – Definition – Initialization – Pointers arithmetic - Pointers and arrays – Function Pointer - S tructure date type – structure definition – Structure declaration – Structure within a structure – Union – Programs using structures and Unions – Storage classes, Pre-processor directives - File Handling

Python Programming:

Python Interpreter and Interactive Mode-Data types-Statements- Expressions-Boolean Values and Operators-Strings-Arrays of Numbers- Lists-Tuples-Dictionaries-Functions-File Reading and Writing.

Object Oriented Programming:

C++ Programming features – Data Abstraction – Encapsulation – Class – Object – constructors – static members – constant members – member functions – pointers – references – Role of this pointer – Storage classes – function as arguments – String Handling – Copy Constructor – Polymorphism – compile time and run time polymorphisms – Function overloading – operators overloading – dynamic memory allocation – Nested classes – Inheritance – virtual functions. Abstract class – Exception handling – Standard libraries – Generic Programming – templates – class template – function template – Standard Template Library (STL) - containers – iterators – function adaptors – allocators – Parameterizing the class – File handling concepts.

Unit II: Data Structures and Algorithms (20 Questions)

Linear Data Structures – Abstract Data Types (ADTs) – List ADT – array based implementation – linked list implementation – singly linked lists – circularly linked lists – doubly-linked lists – applications of lists – Polynomial Manipulation – All operation (Insertion, Deletion, Merge, Traversal) – Stack ADT – Evaluating arithmetic expressions – other applications – Queue ADT – circular queue implementation – Double ended Queues – Priority Queues - application of queues – Trees: Binary Tree - Binary Search Tree-Tree Traversals –Operations- AVL Tree-Splay Tree-Red Black Tree- Binary Heap- Skew Heap- Leftist Heap - Binomial Heap-Fibonacci Heap- Sorting algorithms: Insertion sort – Selection sort – Shell sort – Bubble sort – Quick sort – Merge sort – Radix sort – Heap Sort - Searching: Linear search – Binary Search - Hashing: Hash Functions – Separate Chaining – Open Addressing – Rehashing – Extendible Hashing – Graph Algorithms: Minimum Spanning Tree – Shortest Path Algorithms - Graph Traversals -Directed Acyclic Graph- Topological Ordering-All Pair Shortest Path Algorithms-Floyd Warshall algorithm- Bellman Ford Algorithm-Network Flow Algorithms- Ford Fulkerson Algorithm-Amortized Analysis of Algorithms - Algorithm Analysis: Asymptotic Analysis-Solving Recurrence Equations-Algorithm Design Techniques-Greedy Algorithms-Dynamic Programming-Divide and Conquer- Back Tracking-Complexity classes – P, NP, NP Complete, NP Hard.

Unit III: Digital Principles, Computer Organization and IoT Concepts (20 Questions)

BOOLEAN ALGEBRA AND LOGIC GATES – Review of Number Systems – Arithmetic Operations – Binary Codes – Boolean Algebra and Theorems – Boolean Functions – Simplification of Boolean Functions using Karnaugh Map and Tabulation Methods – Logic Gates – NAND and NOR Implementations. COMBINATIONAL LOGIC – Combinational Circuits – Analysis and Design Procedures – Circuits for Arithmetic Operations, Code Conversion – Decoders and Encoders – Multiplexers and Demultiplexers – Introduction to Hardware Description Language (HDL) – HDL Models of combinational circuits – SEQUENTIAL LOGIC - Sequential Circuits – Latches and Flips Flops – Analysis and Design Procedures – State Reduction and State Assignment – Shift Registers – Counters – HDL for Sequential Logic Circuits – Computer Organization – Components of a computer system – Technology – Performance – Power Wall - Uniprocessors to multiprocessors; Instructions – operations and operands – representing instructions – Logical operations – control operations – Addressing and addressing modes – ALU – Addition and subtraction – Multiplication – Division – Floating Point operations – PROCESSOR AND CONTROL UNIT – Basic MIPS Implementation – Building datapath – Control Implementation scheme – Pipelining – Pipelined datapath and control – Handling Data hazards & Control hazards – Exceptions – MEMORY AND I/O SYSTEMS – Memory hierarchy – Memory technologies – Cache basics – Measuring and improving cache performance – Virtual memory, Translation Lookaside Buffer (TLBs) – Input/ output system, programmed I/O, Direct Memory Access (DMA) and interrupts, I/O processors.

8-Bit Embedded Processor - IoT Devices – Arduino - Sensors and Actuators - IoT Communication Models and API - Communication Protocols - Programming and Interfacing - Connecting to the Cloud.

Unit IV: Probability and Queueing Theory (5 Questions)

RANDOM VARIABLES – Discrete and continuous random variables – Moments – Moment generating functions – Binomial, Poisson, Geometric, Uniform, Exponential, Gamma and Normal distributions – TWO – DIMENSIONAL RANDOM VARIABLES – Joint distributions – Marginal and conditional distributions – Covariance – Correlation and Linear regression – Transformation of random variables – RANDOM PROCESSES – Classification – Stationary process – Markov process – Poisson process – Discrete parameter Markov chain – Chapman Kolmogorov equations – Limiting distributions – QUEUEING MODELS – Markovian queues – Birth and Death processes – Single and multiple server queueing models – Little's formula – Queues with finite waiting rooms – Queues with impatient customers: Balking and reneging.

Unit V: Database Management Systems (20 Questions)

INTRODUCTION TO DBMS – File Systems Organization – Sequential, Pointer, Indexed, Direct – Purpose of Database System – Database System Terminologies – Database Characteristics – Data models – Types of data models – Components of DBMS – Relational Algebra. LOGICAL DATABASE DESIGN: Relational DBMS – Codd's Rule – Entity – Relationship model – Extended ER Normalization – Functional Dependencies, Anomaly – 1 NF to 5 NF – Domain Key Normal Form – Denomalization. SQL & QUERY OPTIMIZATION – SQL Standards – Data types – Database Objects – DDL – DML – DCL – TCL – Embedded SQL – Static vs Dynamic SQL – QUERY OPTIMIZATION: Query Processing and Optimization – Heuristics and Cost Estimates in Query Optimization – TRANSACTION PROCESSING AND CONCURRENCY CONTROL – Introduction – Properties of Transaction – Serializability – Concurrency Control – Locking Mechanisms – Two Phase Commit Protocol – Dead lock – TRENDS IN DATABASE TECHNOLOGY – RAID – File Organization – Organization of Records in Files – Indexing and Hashing – Ordered Indices – B+ tree Index Files – B tree Index Files – Static Hashing – Dynamic Hashing – Object Oriented Database Management Systems-Object Oriented Relational Database management Systems

Introduction to Distributed Databases – Multidimensional and Parallel databases – Spatial and Multimedia databases – Mobile and web databases – Data Warehouse – Mining – Data marts - NoSQL Database-CAP Theorem - Document Based Systems-Key Value Stores-Column Based Database-Graph Database-Database Security-Access Control Mechanisms-Big Data-Big Data Analytics-Big Data Tools

Unit VI: Operating Systems and Cloud Technologies (20 Questions)

OPERATING SYSTEMS OVERVIEW – Computer System Overview – Basic Elements, Instruction Execution, Interrupts, Memory Hierarchy, Cache Memory, Direct Memory Access, Multiprocessor and Multicore Organization. Operating system overview – objectives and functions, Evolution of Operating System – Computer System Organization – Operating System Structure and Operations –System Calls, System Programs, OS Generation and System Boot – PROCESS MANAGEMENT – Processes – Process Concepts, Process Scheduling, Operations on Processes, Interprocess Communication; Threads – Overview, Multicore Programming, Multithreading Models; Thread and SMP Management. Process Synchonization – Critical Section Problem, Mutex Locks, Semaphores, Monitors; CPU Scheduling and Deadlocks – STORAGE MANAGEMENT – Main Memory – Contiguous Memory – Allocation, Segmentation, Paging, 32 and 64 bit architecture Examples; Virtual Memory – Demand Paging, Page Replacement, Allocation, Thrashing; Allocating Kernel Memory, OS Examples – I/O SYSTEMS – Mass Storage Structure – Overview, Disk Scheduling and Management; File System Storage – File Concepts, Directory and Disk Structure, Sharing and Protection; File System Implementation – File System Structure, Directory Structure, Allocation Methods, Free space Management; I/O Systems.

Distributed Systems: Distributed System Models-Distributed Communications-Global States-Causal Ordering of Events-Distributed Mutual Exclusion Algorithms-Deadlock detection in Distributed Systems- Consensus and Agreement Algorithms

Cloud Technologies: Cloud Characteristics-Cloud Service and Deployment Models-Virtualization-Virtual Machines-Server, Network and Storage Virtualization-Hypervisor-Cloud Security Requirements-Threats: Malicious Attacks-Events and Alerts- Security Information and Event Management - Hadoop –Map Reduce Technique.

Unit VII: Software Engineering (15 Questions)

SOFTWARE PROCESS AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT: Introduction to Software Engineering, Software Process, Perspective and Specialized Process Models - Software Project Management: Estimation – LOC and FP Based Estimation, COCOMO Model – Project Scheduling – Scheduling, Earned Value Analysis – Risk Management – Introduction to Agility - Agile Process - Extreme Programming - XP Process - REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS AND SPECIFICAION – Software Requirement: Functional and Non – functional, User requirements, System requirement, Software Requirements - Document – Requirement Engineering Process : feasibility Studies, Requirements elicitation and analysis, requirements validation, requirements management – Classical analysis: Structured system Analysis, Petri Nets – Data Dictionary - SOFTWARE DESIGN –Design process design Concepts – Design Model – Design Heuristic – Architectural Design – Architectural styles, architectural Design, Architectural mapping using dataflow – User Interface Design: Interface Analysis, Interface design – Component level Design: Designing Class based components, Traditional Components –TESTING AND IMPLEMENTATION –Software testing fundamental – Internal and external views of Testing – white box testing – basis path testing - control structure testing – black box testing – Regression Testing – Unit Testing – Integration Testing – Validation Testing – System Testing and Debugging – Software Implementation Techniques : Coding practices – Refactoring – PROJECT MANAGEMENT –Cost Estimation – FP Based, LOC Based, Make /Buy Decision, COCOMO II – Planning – Project Plan, Planning Process, RFP Risk Management – Identification, Projection, RMMM – Scheduling and Tracking – Relationship between people and effort, Task Set & Network, Scheduling, EVA – Process and Project Metrics - DEVOPS Essentials - Build Model Using MAVEN - Building DEVOPS using Azure.

Unit VIII: Web Technology and Mobile Application Development (20 Questions)

SCRIPTING LANGUAGES – Web page designing using HTML, Scripting basics – Client side and server side scripting. Java Script – Object, names, literals, operators and expressions – statements and features – events – windows –documents – frames – date types – built-in functions – Browser object model – Verifying forms – HTML5 – CSS3 – HTML 5 canvas – Web site creation using tools – Event Handling- PhP Scripting - JAVA PROGRAMMING – Features of java – Data types, variables and arrays – Operators – Control statements – Classes and Methods – Inheritance. Packages and Interfaces – Exception Handling – Multithreaded Programming – Input / Output – files – Utility Classes – String Handling – JDBC – JDBC Overview –JDBC implementation – Connection class – Statements – Catching Database

Results, handling database Queries. Networking – Inet Address class – URL class – TCP sockets – UDP sockets, Java Beans –RMI. Introducing AWT and Swing: Working with Windows Graphics and Text. Using Controls, Layout Managers and Menus – Event Handling. Servlet – life cycle of a servlet. The Servlet API, Handling HTTP Request and Response, Using Cookies, Session Tracking - MVC Architecture – Nodejs - Events – Listeners – Timers - Callbacks – Handling Data - Implementing HTTP Service in Nodejs – NOSQL – MongoDB – Frameworks – SPRING – MERN – MEAN – Flutter.

Mobile Application Development – J2ME Architecture – Configurations and Profiles – Mobile Information Device Profile (MIDP) – MIDlets.

Unit IX: Computer Networks and Security (20 Questions)

NETWORKING FUNDAMENTALS & LINK LAYER – Building a network- requirements – Layering and protocols – Internet Architecture – Network software – Performance; Link layer Services – Framing – Error Detection – Flow control – MEDIA ACCESS & INTERNETWORKING – Media access control- Ethernet (802.3) – wireless LANs - 802.11 – Bluetooth – switching and bridging – Basic Internetworking (IP, CIDR, ARP, DHCP, ICMP)- ROUTING – Routing (RIP, OSPF, metrics) – Switch basics – Global Internet (Areas, BGP, IPv6), Multicast – addresses – multicast routing (DVMRP, PIM) - TRANSPORT LAYER – Overview of Transport layer – UDP- Reliable byte stream (TCP) – Connection management – Flow control – Retransmission – TCP Congestion control – Congestion avoidance (DECbit, RED) – QoS – Application requirements – APPLICATION LAYER - Traditional applications - Electronic Mail (SMTP, POP3, IMAP,MIME) HTTP –Web Services - DNS –SNMP – Mobile Computing – Mobile Computing Vs. wireless Networking – Mobile Computing Application – Characteristics of Mobile Computing – Structure of Mobile Computing Applications. MAC Protocols – Wireless MAC Issues – Fixed Assignment Schemes – Random Assignment Schemes – Reservation Based Schemes – MOBILE INTERNET PROTOCOL AND TRANSPORT LAYER – Overview of Mobile IP- Features of Mobile IP- Key Mechanism in Mobile IP – Route Optimization. Overview of TCP/ IP – Architecture of TCP/ IP – adaptation of TCP Window – Improvement in TCP Performance – MOBILE AD-HOC NETWORKS – Ad- Hoc Basic Concepts – Characteristics – Applications – Design Issues – Routing – Essential of Traditional Routing Protocols – Popular Routing Protocols – Vehicular AdHoc networks (VANET)- MANET Vs VANET – Security – Cryptographic Algorithms – Caesar Cipher – Hill Cipher – Vignere cipher – LFSR Sequences – Number Theory –GCD –Chinese Remainder Theorem – Fermat's Theorem and Euler's Theorem – Symmetric key Cryptography – DES – AES Algorithms – Public key algorithms – RSA – Diffe – Hellman Algorithm – ElGamal System – Elliptic Key Cryptography – Digital Signatures – Digital Certificates – Hashing – MD5 – SHA1 – Key Management – Kerberos –PKI –IP Security – Email Security – SSL – SET –OS Security – Database Security.

Unit X: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Data Science (20 Questions)

Artificial Intelligence: Problem Solving Agents-Search Algorithms- Uninformed Search strategies - Heuristics Search Strategies-Local Search and Optimization Problems-Adversarial Search – Constraint Satisfaction Problem(CSP)-Logics-Propositional Logic-First Order Logic- Reasoning: Probabilistic Reasoning

Machine Learning: Types of Learning-Linear Regression Models and Types - Logistic Regression-Bayesian Linear Regression - Gradient Descent- Linear Classification Models - Discriminant Functions - Probabilistic Discriminative Models-Probabilistic Generative Models-SVM - Decision Tree - Naïve Bayes-Bayesian Modelling - Ensembling-Bagging and Boosting – Stacking - Random Forest - Clustering-Gaussian Mixture Models - Expectation Maximization Algorithm - K Means - Probabilistic Graphical Models – HMM - Bayesian Inference - Neural Network - Multi Layer Perceptron - Feed forward Neural Networks - Back Propagation - Regularization

Data Science: Types of Data and Variables - Describing Data - Describing Relationships – Statistical Testing-Python Libraries for Data Wrangling – NumPY – Pandas – SciPy – Scikit-learn - Data Visualization – Matplotlib – Seaborn – Keras - Tensor Flow.

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