Assignments on Computer Organization and Architecture
CS-350: Computer Organization

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Textbooks:

(1a)   NULL, LINDA; & LOBUR, JULIA (2006a). *The Essentials of Computer Organization and Architecture. Second Edition.* Sudbury, MA: Jones & Bartlett Publishers, Inc. QA76.9.C643 N85 2006; 004.2'2—dc22; 2005032106; ISBN 0-7637-3769-0.

(1b)   NULL, LINDA; & LOBUR, JULIA (2006b). *An Introduction to Intel Assembly Language.* Sudbury, MA: Jones & Bartlett Publishers, Inc. ISBN 0-7637-3585-X.

(2)   MAXFIELD, CLIVE RICHARD (2002). *Bebop to the Boolean Boogie. An Unconventional Guide to Electronics Fundamentals, Second Edition.* Boston, MA: Newnes (Elsevier). TK7868.D5 M323 2003; 821.39'5—dc20; 2002038930; ISBN 0750675438.

NOTE on Your Reading Assignments: You would be well-advised, as you do your reading for the course, to make up a glossary of new and unfamiliar technical terms that you encounter. This glossary can serve as an aid to you subsequently, when you are studying or reviewing the course material. Similarly, maintain a list of acronyms, and whenever you encounter a new and unfamiliar one, add it to your list along with the definition of what it stands for. You **will** be responsible for knowing the correct meaning of all technical terms and of all acronyms that appear anywhere in your assigned readings.

Assignment 1:

Introduction, and Representation of Data in Computer Systems:

READING:
1.   Null and Lobur's (2006a) Preface: *To the Student*. Pages v–vii.
2.   Null and Lobur's (2006a) Chapter 1: *Introduction.* Pages 1-37, including *Review of Essential Terms and Concepts* on pp. 36-37.

Assignment 1 continues on the next page.

DELIVERABLE: Exercises 2, 3, 7, 13, and 14 on pages 37-38.

Assignment 2:

READING:
3. Null and Lobur's (2006a) Chapter 2, *Data Representation in Computer System,*. sections 2.1 through 2.4 (pages 39-63). Skip page 48 and the top of page 49, through example 2.15 on page 51.
4. Maxfield's Chapter 7, *Alternative Numbering Systems*, pages 52-66.
5. Tutorial on the Representation of Numbers in Digital Computers, and on Digital Integer Arithmetic, pages 1-13.

REVIEW & STUDY:
Review Questions on Digital Number Representation (access the document from the course web page)**,** particularly questions 5, 10, and 11. Try answering each of these questions by yourself, without looking at the answers that appear later in the document. Afterwards, check in the second part of the document to see if your answers are correct.

DELIVERABLE:
Null & Lobur's (2006a) Chapter 2: Exercises 5-9 and 11-12 on pages 94-95. Hand in your answers to these questions in hardcopy form on the due date for Assignment 2. A good-faith effort to solve each of these problems is required for you to receive full credit for this assignment, regardless of whether your answers are right or wrong.

Assignment 3:

READING:
6. Null and Lobur's (2006a) Chapter 2, *Data Representation in Computer System,*. sections 2.5-2.6 (pages 63-81).
7. Maxfield's Chapter 8: *Binary Arithmetic,* pages 67-79.
8. Tutorial on the Representation of Numbers in Digital Computers, and on Digital Integer Arithmetic, pages 14-end.

DELIVERABLE:
Null & Lobur's (2006a) Chapter 2: Exercises 19, 21**a**, 25-26, and 30 on pages 96-98. Hand in your answers to these questions in hardcopy form on the due date for Assignment 3. A good-faith effort to solve each of these problems is required for you to receive full credit for this assignment, regardless of whether your answers are right or wrong.

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Assignment 4:

Digital Logic Circuits, Part I :

READING:
9. Null and Lobur's (2006a) Chapter 3: *Boolean Algebra and Digital Logic,*. Sections 3.1 through 3.5 (pages 109-131).
10. Maxfield's Chapter 1: *Analog versus Digital*; Chapter 2: *Atoms, Molecules, and Crystals*; Chapter 3: *Conductors and Insulators; Voltage, Current, Resistance, Capacitance, and Inductance*; and Chapter 4: *semiconductors: Diodes and Transistors.* Pages 1-35.

REVIEW & STUDY:
Null & Lobur's (2006a) Chapter 3: Review of Essential Terms and Concepts: #s 2-10. on pages 154-155.

DELIVERABLE:
Null & Lobur's (2006a) Chapter 3: Exercises 1-5, 7, 8a, 9a, 14 using truth tables, 18, and 19 on pages 155-157.

Assignment 5:

Digital Logic Circuits, Part II:

READING:
11. Null and Lobur's Chapter 3: *Boolean Algebra and Digital Logic,* Section 3.6 (through 3.6.5 only) and Section 3.7 (pages 131-145 and 151-153).
12. Maxfield's Chapter 5: *Primitive Logic Functions* (pages 36-44); and Chapter 6: *Using Transistors to Build Primitive Logic Functions* (pages 45-51).

REVIEW & STUDY:
Null & Lobur's (2006a) Chapter 3: Review of Essential Terms and Concepts: #s 11-22 on page 155.

DELIVERABLE: Null & Lobur's (2006a) Chapter 3: Exercises 25, 32, 33, 36, 39, and 41 on pages 158-161.

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Assignment 6:

Digital Logic Circuits, Part III:

READING:
13. Maxfield's Chapter 9: *Boolean Algebra* (pages 80-96); Chapter 10: *Karnaugh Maps* (pages 97-104); Chapter 11: *Using Primitive Logic Functions to Build More Complex Functions* (pages 105-130) and Chapter 12: *State Diagrams, State Tables, and State Machines* (pages 131-139). Chapter 14: *Integrated Circuits* (*ICs*),

REVIEW & STUDY:
Review Questions on Binary Integer Arithmetic. Try answering each of these questions by yourself, without looking at the answers that appear later in the document. Afterwards, check in the second part of the document to see if your answers are correct.

DELIVERABLE:
Using the principles demonstrated in class, design two versions of the encoder for each of the seven segments of a digital numeric display: one based upon NAND-NAND, and the other based upon NOR-NOR. You need to produce only **one** Truth Table for each of the seven display segments. However, you must write **two** Boolean equations, one in "Sum of Products" form and the other in the "Product of Sums" form. For each logical circuit, indicate the number of transistors in the circuit (do **not** include in your count the transistors in the NOT gates.

You should, in summary, produce seven Truth Tables (one for each segment of the display), fourteen Boolean equations (two for each segment), fourteen logic diagrams (two for each segment), and fourteen transistor counts.

Please note that there is no international standard on the labeling of the seven segments of the display. Please assign a lower-case letter to each segment, and be sure to include a diagram showing the seven segments with your labels, so that it will be apparent to the reader what you have done.

Assignment 7:

Basic Computer Organization and Architecture I:

READING:
14. Null and Lobur's (2006a) Chapter 4: *MARIE: An Introduction to a Simple Computer*: Sections 4.1 through 4.9 (pages 177 through 203).
15. Maxfield's Chapter 14: *Integrated Circuits* (*ICs*), pages 143-161.

REVIEW & STUDY:
Null & Lobur's (2006a) Chapter 4: Review of Essential Terms and Concepts: #s 1 through 25 (pages 236-237).

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>None.

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