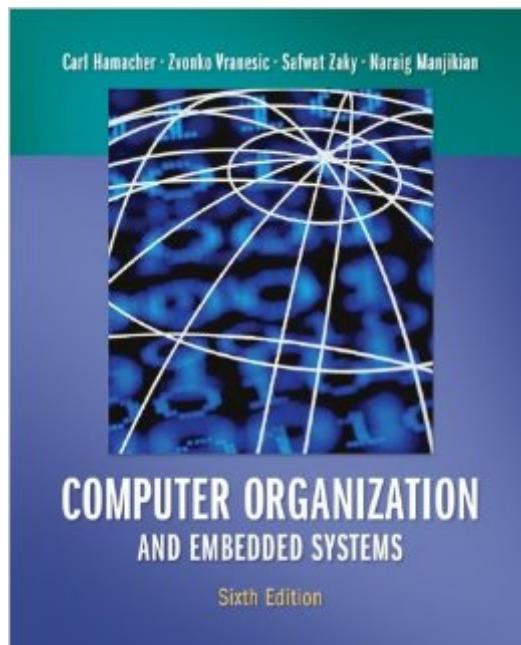


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An excellent book, very complete and very detailed. Mostly well written and clear. It explains MC68K and Power PC architectures. It is very indepth when it comes to microprogramming. A good overview of Assembly concepts. You will learn about microprocessors inside out, including Intel Pentium family with superscalar features and the importance of pipelining and compiler optimization. A great reference for professionals, a superb guide for undergrads.

This was the assigned text for my junior year computer engineering course on computer organization. I loved it. The explanations are clear, progress logically, and are clearly presented. I find myself picking it up from time to time, both to read the more advanced chapters out of personal interest and to look up details needed in more advanced coursework.

I have been teaching a course on computer organisation and architecture for the past 8 years. I have used different textbooks during this period. This is the best one. It is very complete and detailed. It is way better than most of the computer organisation/architecture textbooks in the market. In particular, it is better than Stallings' and Tanenbaum's books. It starts with architecture where it devotes 3 chapters about this topic. The chapters are great although I still prefer if they have used a specific assembly language (like MIPS) instead of something virtual. The next 4 chapters cover processor, I/O and memory. The explanation for the processor is great. The memory is also great but I did not like the I/O chapter. I feel it was not well written specially when it covers the I/O standards where the explanation is confusing. In a nutshell, I strongly recommend this textbook. However, in many cases you need to be patient and read the paragraphs few times to digest the material.==EDIT After carefully reading Tanenbaum's textbook, I have to revise the above review. I think Tanenbaum's textbook is also great. But I have to say that you need to read Chap. 4 (The Microarchitecture Level) several times to digest it. But if you understood it then you would fully understand how processors work. I have switched to Tanenbaum's textbook.

I know I purchased this book to learn, but does it have to be so dry and humorless? I end up just browsing around on the interwebs when I have trouble in this class instead of reading this book. That being said, it does contain a lot of good information, despite being rather outdated.

A clearly written book, which employs a simple language. Another beauty of the book is that all loose ends are tied up. As sentences unfold one will realize why a particular phrase was used earlier and so on. That makes a big difference for an engineering text book. It is the best book that I know for fundamentals. Hence, it will be useful for years to come. Must have for all embedded systems people.

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