9.4.4 Option 4: Multimedia Systems

Multimedia systems are information systems that combine the different types of media. Professional multimedia systems, especially when being created, involve many participants with a wide breadth of experience. Multimedia systems encompass the entire information process. This topic emphasises the information process of displaying.

Outcomes

A student:

- H1.1 applies and explains an understanding of the nature and function of information technologies to a specific practical situation
- H1.2 explains and justifies the way in which information systems relate to information processes in a specific context
- H2.1 analyses and describes a system in terms of the information processes involved
- H2.2 develops and explains solutions for an identified need which address all of the information processes
- H3.1 evaluates and discusses the effect of information systems on the individual, society and the environment
- H3.2 demonstrates and explains ethical practice in the use of information systems, technologies and processes
- H4.1 proposes and justifies ways in which information systems will meet emerging needs
- H5.1 justifies the selection and use of appropriate resources and tools to effectively develop and manage projects
- H5.2 assesses the ethical implications of selecting and using specific resources and tools, recommends and justifies the choices
- H6.1 analyses situations, identifies needs, proposes and then develops solutions
- H6.2 selects, justifies and applies methodical approaches to planning, designing or implementing solutions
- H7.1 implements and explains effective management techniques
- H7.2 uses methods to thoroughly document the development of individual and team projects.

1. Characteristics of multimedia sy	stems	
udents learn about: Notes:		
 multimedia systems – information systems that include combinations of the following media, including: text and numbers audio images and/or animations video hyperlinks distortion and warpping tweening and morphing 	 Multi - Many Media - Medium → the in-between of telecommunication or any communication system. Text and Numbers: Alphabetical data, containing a meaningful string. Usually made of 7 bits from the ASCII. A=65 Numbers uses binary and are represented as integers. [Whole numbers] Numbers can also represent currency, Boolean, real numbers. Texts and Numbers are displayed as images using fonts. Maintaining consist formatting, such as font, size, colour is important in maintain a nice multimedia. Serif fonts have curls [Time New Roman] San-serif are plain straight line fonts [Arial] Audio: Audio is sound that has been digitised. They are represented as waveforms, determined by its wavelength and amplitude. Usually stored as MP3, WAV. Uses software like MIDI. They can be music, speech, sound effects and beep. Sample Audio: Analogy sounds that is converted in digital signals. Individual Notes: Individual Notes: 	
	 Images and/or animation: Images are visual data for analysis and for clearly understanding than other media like text. In forms of picture, graphs, drawing, photographs. Can be displayed on a monitor, screen or a printed carbon copy. Images are constructed by pixels that create a dimension known as the resolution. Images can be stored as PNG, JPEG, GIF, BMP. Bitmap: Bitmap images are represented by dots known as pixels. Within each pixel, are its colours with their binary colour. 	

	 Resolution is a major factor, as an enlargement of the image also enlarges the pixel hence providing a jagged effect where the image is now pixelated [Alias]. There are software that can anti-alias.
	 To calculate Bitmap storage size:
	Horizontal pixels \times Vertical pixels \times Bit depth = File size
	Resolution \times Bit depth = File size
	– Vector:
	The image is represented by shapes rather than pixels.
	 Enlargement of those images will remain the same without loss of quality and file size.
	 Those vector images require less storage; it take more processing power then bitmap.
	Animation is done by connecting sequences of images. [cells or frames]
	Animation can be stored as GIF or SWF [Flash].
	This connecting of frame creates continuous movements.
	 Cell based: A sequence of cells [images] with small changes between each of them. When played the illusion of
	movement is created.
	 Path based: The cell [image] follows a drawn path or line. When played, the image move along the line in front of the
	background. On the way, it can be transformed, twisted, flipped or even rotate.
	– Video
	 Video images [as well as image] are used to appeal and interest the system in a multimedia.
	It is a combination of both sound and images to form a film.
	 Buffering is the cause or delay of a video.
	 Videos are mainly stored as MP4, MOV, AVI.
	 To calculate storage size:
	Total Frame = Amount of frames/second \times Seconds
	Size of frame = Resolution \times Bit depth
	Total Frame \times Size of frame = Total storage
	– Hyperlinks
	 Hyperlinks are piece of text that allow individual to connect to another page.
	 Usually denote based of HTML tag: Google Site
	 Anchor: Links the user to another site within the webpage.
	 Link: Links the user to a new webpage.
• the differences between print and	Print [Static] usually is defined as a hard copy of the information, whereas multimedia [Dynamic] contains the same purpose but is
multimedia, including:	more interactive and appealing to use.

 different modes of display interactivity and involvement of participants in multimedia systems ease of distribution authority of document 	 Different modes of display: Print Uses paper base like books, magazines, paper. Multimedia Uses a screen, monitor or project to display its data. Interactivity and involvement of participants in multimedia systems: Print Lacks interactivity as the printed copy can only provide images and text for individuals to interact. A change within a printed version require money to replace the whole thing. Wutimedia Very interactive, as multimedia can be displayed on screens that have unlimited navigation of information. Have the ability to run videos and hyperlink pages to further information. Have the ability to run videos and hyperlink pages to further information. Touch screen in multimedia allows user to physically interactive with system. Also, the information can be updated, changed with ease. Ease of distribution: Print Require a printer, lots of paper and ink. Harder to distribute to large audience as it is expensive. Multimedia Require a device, hardware, software, internet and basic interaction skill. Easier to distribute as sending things online to large audience is more theaper and faster. Authority of document: Print Professionally printed book and government print information is more trustworthy and easier to store from other unauthorised access than multimedia. Multimedia Storing information on a multimedia, allows to data to be hacked or stolen by hackers
 the demands placed on hardware	 Since multimedia requires the use of videos and images, the main hardware component is the CPU to process those high-quality data
by multimedia systems, including:	types.

_	primary and secondary storage
	requirements as a result of:

- bit depth and the representation of colour data
- sampling rates for audio data
- processing as a result of:
 - video data and frame rates
 - image processing, including morphing and distorting
 - animation processing, including tweening
- display devices as a result of:
 - pixels and resolution

- Primary and secondary storage requirements as a result of:
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 - Sampling rates for audio data
 - Primary Storage: Volatile, internal storage
 - RAM [Random Access Memory] is used to as colours are represented on images as pixels.
 - It allows for the image and memory of colours to be temporary stored and displayed.
 - It acts as a frame buffer to load images.
 - Along with this requires a **hard disk** where the images and audio are stored.
 - ROM [Read Only Memory]
 - It allows for instruction and protocols to be **permanently stored**.
 - Cache Memory
 - Caching speed up the process of data.
 - As **frequency** and **regular** use of the information is stored to speed up future access.
 - Secondary Storage: Non-volatile, external storage
 - Floppy Disk
 - HDD [Hard Disk Drive]
 - USB [Universal Serial Bus]
 - CD [Compact Disc]
 - SSD [Solid State Drive]
- Processing as a result of:
 - Video data and frame rates
 - Video chip or processing cards are used to lift the heavy process of the CPU, for a smoother viewing.
 - Image processing, including morphing and distorting
 - More on software having the ability to morph and distort multimedia data types.
 - Morphing: The smooth and progressively change of one image to another. Transitioning the shape, size and colour.
 - Distorting: The physical change in appearance of an image by bending, twisting, stretching, wrapping.
 - Animation processing, including tweening
 - Tweening: The process of an object moving between key frames.
- Display devices as a result of:
 - Pixels and resolution
 - Cathode ray tube screens were an old fashion display device, which provided less pixel hence a low-resolution image.
 - LCD, flat screen, 4K display have the ability to capture images where even the human eye cannot comprehend the pixels.

	The more pixels == High Resolution == More expensive high resolution screen.
 the variety of fields of expertise required in the development of multimedia applications, including: content providers system designers and project managers those skilled in the collection and editing of each of the media types those skilled in design and layout those with technical skills to support the use of the information technology being used 	 Jobs and applications that allow for a highly advance multimedia system. Content providers Organisations that provide ready to use content for a fee (stock photographs, animations, video and text) Individuals who can create original content to meet a specific need System designers Identify purpose of the system, decide feasibility, determine hardware and software and overall design Leadership skills Project mangers Develop the project plan and ensure it is followed on time and on budget Communication and negotiation skills needed Those skilled in the collection and editing of: Text – writers selected on ability and knowledge of subject matter Graphics – illustrators and animators who use software to create figures Audio – need technical skills to mix different digital audio clips and creativity to create sound effects Video – camera operator, sound engineer, actors and director (who approves set design, costumes, camera angles, lighting, editing) Those skilled in design and layout Graphic designers improve the readability of multimedia by organising layout of screen, adjusting colour and size. Those with technical skills to support the use of information technology being used Multimedia delivered over internet relies on internet speed. Different levels of compression, lower resolution and streaming can ensure presentation delivered quickly Data distributed on CD-ROM is compressed. Must ensure required codec is present on user computers For databases, need person skilled in creating sc

Students learn to:	Notes:
 use multimedia systems in an interactive way and to identify how they control the presentation of information 	

 identify multimedia software appropriate to manipulating particular types of data 		
 compare and contrast printed and multimedia versions with similar content 	 Printed Limited information can be given Requires a printer More privacy Lacks interactivity 	Multimedia Image: Unlimited amount of information can be given Requires a screen and speakers to function Less secure and lacks privacy More interactivity. Can be linked to more information, contain videos and audio.

Students learn about:	Notes:
 the major areas of multimedia use, including: education and training leisure and entertainment information provision, such as information kiosk virtual reality and simulations such as flight simulator combined areas such as educational games 	 Education and Training / Combined areas such as educational games Multimedia systems can be used in preschool and infant school, as visually appealing and interactive educational games can be introduced reading and writing. Multimedia system, with large buttons, bright colour and a touch screen and mouse input, allow young individual to understand the function around them. Online software or Learning Management System can allow any person complete activity and learn new skills that can be harmful and dangerous in life. Businesses can use multimedia system, to train staff about their economy, pilots can train trainees on flight simulators. Leisure and Entertainment The Worldwide Web has allowed for online multimedia systems to assist in long distance communication and provide games and virtual experience with thousands of other individuals. MMO games and Skype has made people interact with human from around the world. Virtual Reality and Simulations such as flight simulator Virtual Reality and Simulations such as flight simulator Virtuality Reality (VR) is an advanced trend in society, enabling a person to interact with an artificial environment. Hardware demands require, VR goggles, Head up display, Motion sense equipment, Surround sound speakers, and Gloves. They can provide near real experience in games or can treat patient with extreme phobias. Flight Simulator can also be a VR application Also, trending is Argument Reality (AR) where a simulated environment acts co-existing with the real world. These enable new advance interacting and 3D walkthroughs, but are high expensive and technical.

 advances in technology which are 	 Worldwide Web
influencing multimedia	 The internet allows for a large amount of interactivity.
development	 High Resolution capture screen
	 Fast and more powerful CPU

Students learn to:	Notes:
 identify participants, data/information and information technology for one example of a multimedia system from each of the major areas 	
 describe the relationships between participants, data/information and information technology for one example of a multimedia system from each of the major areas 	
 discuss environmental factors that will influence the design of a multimedia system for a given context, and recommend ways of addressing them 	
 critically evaluate the effectiveness of a multimedia package within the context for which it has been designed 	

	interpret developments that have led to multimedia on the World Wide Web	
•	discuss multimedia systems that address new technological developments	
•	compare and contrast multimedia presentations	

3. displaying in multimedia systems	
Students learn about:	Notes:
 hardware for creating and displaying multimedia 	 Fast processor and large storage High Resolution Screen (CRT, Plasma, LCD, Touch Screen) Head-up displays Audio Display (Head Set, Speaker) Projection Device
 software for creating and displaying multimedia 	 Presentation Software Used to create high quality presentation to display. Microsoft's PowerPoint, Apple's Keynote Application for Video and Audio Processing Word Processing Authoring Software Used to create the multimedia system. Quizmaker, Adobe Flash CS3 Animation Software Used to create cartoons and animation

 GIF Animator, Toon Boom Animation. Web Browser and HTML Editor Allows the interaction and interface of the create multimedia system worldwide. Google Chrome, Internet Explorer

Students learn to:	Notes:
 describe how relevant hardware devices display multimedia and use a variety of devices 	 Embedding and Linking
 implement features in software that support the displaying of multimedia and explain their use 	
 use available hardware and software to display multimedia and interact with it 	
 summarise the techniques for collecting, storing and displaying different forms of media and implement these in practical work 	
 create samples of the different media types suitable for use in a multimedia display 	

4. other information processes in multimedia systems	
Students learn about:	Notes:
 processing: the integration of text and/or number, audio, image and/or video compression and decompression of audio, video and images hypermedia – the linking of different media to one another 	 Processing The process where data is manipulated The integration of text and/or number, audio, image and/or video The starting point of multimedia system where content is imported and embedded on the created screens and pages. It is then displayed and distributed. Compression and decompression of audio, video and images CODEC (Compression Decompression) This is the methods used to compress data and revert into its original form. End users can decompress the format of multimedia, by reducing the bits and hence reduced the file size. Hypermedia – the linking of different media to one another Involves the linking of other different type of media and relate the materials and source file. Usually done online or on the web. Hypermedia is made accessible for everyone and linking together the information makes for easier navigation.
 organising presentations using different storyboard layouts, including: linear hierarchical non-linear a combination of these 	 Storyboards Storyboards are used mainly for designing user interface software. They are interactive and will bring upon another board upon interacting with the current board. They are laid out with screens and connected to one another, using navigational links. There are three types: Linear, Hierarchical [common for webpages], Combination. User interface → When designing a user interface, it is important to know the statistic of users and their consistency of knowledge with the software, having recorded actions and reactions of what they are doing. The UI must show all possible function that are operational and an end/way out on potential threats.
 storing and retrieving: the different file formats used to store different types of data compression and decompression 	 Storing and retrieving Images JPEG: lossy compressed, for photographic images (large bit depth) GIF: lossless compressed, for banners and logos (small bit depth) PNG: lossless BMP: lossless uncompressed Audio

	 WAV: lossless uncompressed MP3: lossy compressed WMA: lossy compressed WID: lossly compressed (for musical notes) Video and animations MPG: lossy compressed QuickTime: lossy AVI: lossy AVI: lossy SWF: lossy (also stores vector images and animation with sound; need Flash Player) Compression and decompression – too much compression and the quality deteriorates, not enough and the file size is too large. Images JPEG converts the 8 bit red, 8 bit blue and 8 bit green component to YCbCr (brightness, chrominance blue and chrominance red). The image is then altered so that Cb and Cr values are heavily compressed. Audio The Digital Signal Processor on sound cards removes part of the sound that will not be noticed by most listeners (frequencies outside the human hearing range) Video The frame is split into blocks and then compared to the past frame. If there is a close match then presumably no motion has taken place and the block only needs to be stored once. If <i>no</i> match is found, the block must be stored as a bitmap. Each frame is represented up traveivers that represent the store of the sound head for the past frame to frame the present the present of the past frame to the past frame the present of the past frame to the past fr
	If <i>no</i> match is found, the block must be stored as a bitmap. Each frame is represented separately but requires that past frames be known before display. Therefore, there is no need to decompress the <i>entire</i> video before playback
 collecting: text and numbers in digital 	 Collecting The process data is entered into an information system.
format	 Text and numbers in digital format
 audio, video and images in 	 Can be input into a digit format, via keyboard
 analog format methods for digitising analog data 	 Can be handwritten and used to convert into a digit format, via using an OCR (Optical Character Recognition) software Audio, video and images in analogy format
	 Scanners Input device that electronically capture images and page base copies.

 Collecting tool that captures sound waves and converts the audio into analogy digitised waves. VCR (Video cassettes player) Capture Video on a videotape. Methods for digitising analogy data Sample Data The method for converting analogy data through, repeatedly sampling the magnitude of the incoming electrical current. The samples are then converted into binary. 	 VCR (Video cassettes player) Capture Video on a videotape. Methods for digitising analogy data Sample Data The method for converting analogy data through, repeatedly sampling the magnitude of the incoming electrical current. 	The
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Students learn to:	Notes:
 describe the process of analog to digital conversion 	
 plan a multimedia presentation using a storyboard 	
 diagrammatically represent an existing multimedia presentation with a storyboard 	
 design and create a multimedia presentation 	
 combine different media types in authoring software 	 Author Software Used to create and design a multimedia system by combining the input of videos, texts, numbers, audio all in one multimedia system. They create actions, relationships and increases interactivity. Examples:

 design and create a multimedia World Wide Web site that includes text and numbers, hypertext, images, audio and video 	E-book Interactive movies Quizzes • World Wide Web (www) - Includes HTML
 identify standard file formats for various data types 	 Bitmap Images: JPEG, GIF, PNG, TIF Vector Images: WMF, SWF, PDF Audio: WAV, MP3, MIDI Video and Animation: MPEG, MP4, AVI, WMV, FLV
 recommend an appropriate file type for a specific purpose 	 MPG: lossy compressed QuickTime: lossy AVI: lossy WMV: lossy SWF: lossy (also stores vector images and animation with sound; need Flash Player)
 describe the compression of audio, image and video data and information 	 Lossy Compression (Audio, Video and Images) Quality is reducing by removing several data byte from the file. Lossy compression is done to audio and video, cause the feeling of compressed video is no different from the original file. Some images can be lossy, as a HD image isn't required, JPEG. Lossless Compression (Text and Number) The file is kept in it full file size. Data is no lost due to compression. Lossless in audio and video would be inappropriate as it takes a lot of space. However, text and images and numbers, are should be lossless as repeated words can be repeated with a value that take less room, PNG.
 decide when data compression is required and choose an appropriate technique to compress data and later retrieve it 	 Calculation Usually a compression ratio is given. Example, 3:1 where 3 is the compressed / 1 is the compressed. For Video File Total Frame = Number of Frame per second (FPS) * length in seconds (sec)

	Data Per Frame = Resolution (pixel) * bit depth (byte) File Size = Total Frames * Data Per Frame With compression rate 25:1 Total File Size = File size / 25
 capture and digitise analog data such as audio or video 	

5. issues related to multimedia systems	
Students learn about:	Notes:

• copyright: the acknowledgment of source data and the ease with which digital data can be modified	 Copyright Issue According Copyright Act, it is a copyright infringement if, a original work is illegally distributed and used without the author's consent. Duplication and reverse engineering of the software and cracked file can also be considered as copyright.
 appropriate use of the Internet and the widespread application of new developments 	 Internet Lack of privacy as information and stolen detail are intercepted. Offensive language in forums and demotivate individuals. Skype with strangers and online communication with other can be at risk
 the merging of radio, television, communications and the Internet with the increase and improvements in digitisation 	 RSS Feeds Content providers update new fees on regular basis on device with internet connection and interactivity. Applications on Technology Stores Apps can be purchased and used to increase the understanding and improvement of digitalisation, like eBooks, Flight Simulator Pocket Edition.
 the integrity of the original source data in educational and other multimedia systems 	 Data Integrity Describes the reliability of data, accuracy, and currency. In educational content and helpful source, the multimedia information provided may be cross reference and can obtain false and misleading information, lowing it Data integrity.
 current and emerging trends in multimedia systems 	 Virtual Reality and Argument Reality Users can enter new virtual experiences with online simulated environment that has hands on interactivity. This can be used for entertainment purpose or important assist disability escape the real world.

Students learn to:	Notes:

 evaluate and acknowledge all source material in practical work 	
 use Internet based multimedia presentations in a responsible way 	
 predict and debate new technological developments based on advancements in multimedia systems 	 Virtual Reality VR, is expensive and very difficult to maintain, but it allows for advance realism in information system. VR maximises its interactivity. Argument Reality AR, is another trend that creates real world scenario and co-exists with the simulated world.
 cross-reference material supplied in multimedia presentations to support its integrity 	