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Introduction to Computers and Office Automation

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MODULE II: WORD PROCESSING AND DOCUMENT AUTOMATION

1. Document Architecture and Advanced Automation

Professional document engineering utilizes structured paragraph styles, master documents, cross-referencing, XML-based packaging (DOCX/ODT), and automated Mail Merge pipelines.

2. Illustrative Computational Working: Step-by-Step Numerical Example

Worked Example: Mail Merge Batch Processing Throughput and Spool Size Estimation

Problem Statement:

An educational registrar issues automated degree certificates to $4,500$ students using Mail Merge. The master template document is 85 KB with an embedded vector crest of 120 KB. The dynamic student record database contains 12 text fields totaling 450 bytes per record.

Calculate: (a) Total raw uncompressed memory required to generate the print spool, and (b) Total processing duration on a server processing 15 merged documents per second.

Solution & Step-by-Step Working:

1. Single Document Memory Footprint:

Template + Graphics + Data = $85 \text{ KB} + 120 \text{ KB} + 0.45 \text{ KB} = 205.45 \text{ KB}$.

Total Batch Spool Memory:

$$4,500 \times 205.45 \text{ KB} = 924,525 \text{ KB} approx \mathbf{902.86} \text{ MB}$$

2. Processing Time:

$$\text{Duration} = \frac{4,500 \text{ documents}}{15 \text{ docs/sec}} = 300 \text{ seconds} = \mathbf{5} \text{ minutes}$$

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