

Lecture Note 1.

What is System Programming

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Objectives

- Understand the definition of system program
- Describe the types of system program
 - ✓ Compilation system
 - ✓ Operating system
 - ✓ Runtime system
- Hardware consideration
- Realize the concept of abstraction

- Reference: Chapter 1 in the CSAPP

CHAPTER 1

A Tour of Computer Systems

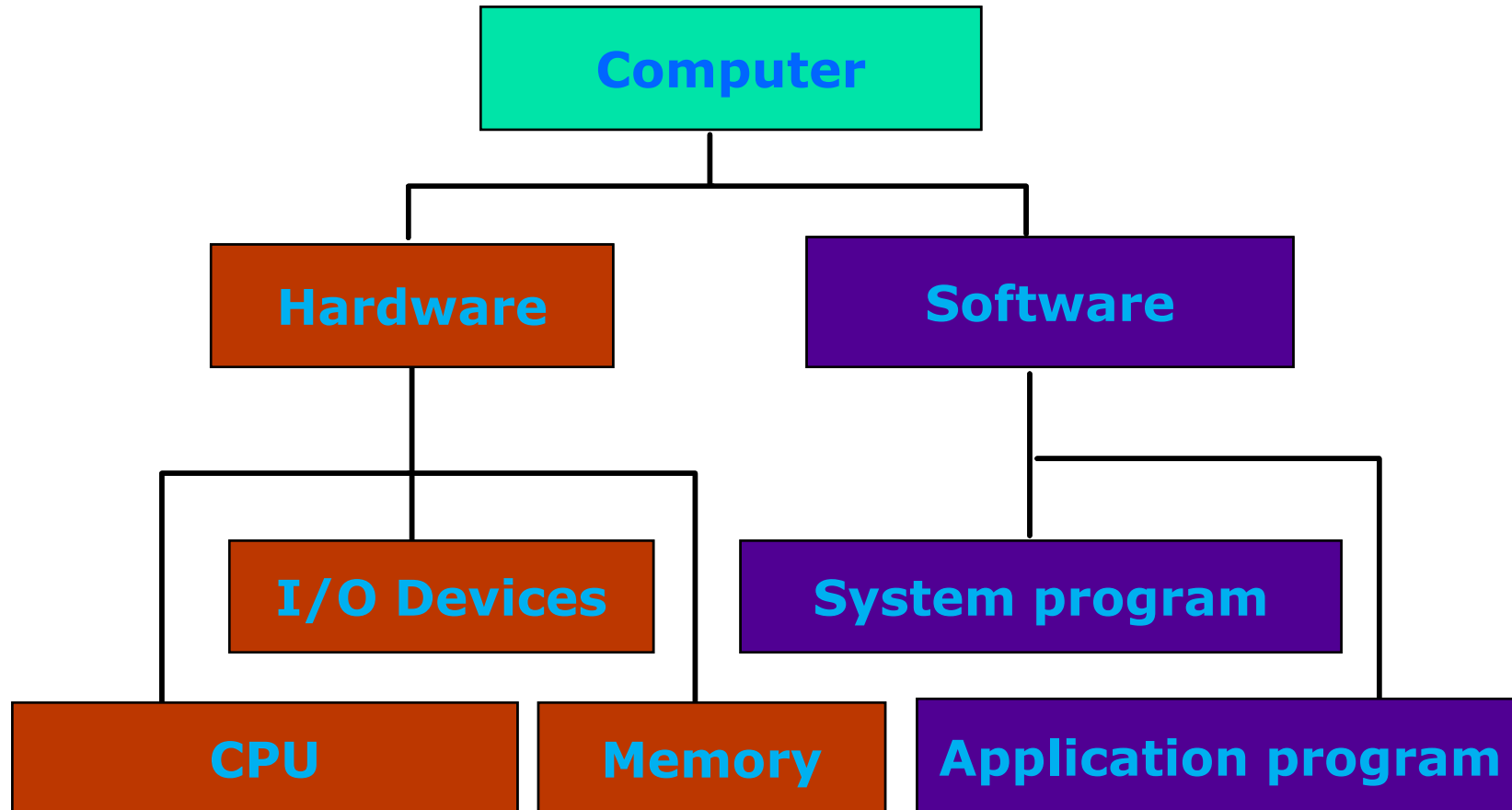
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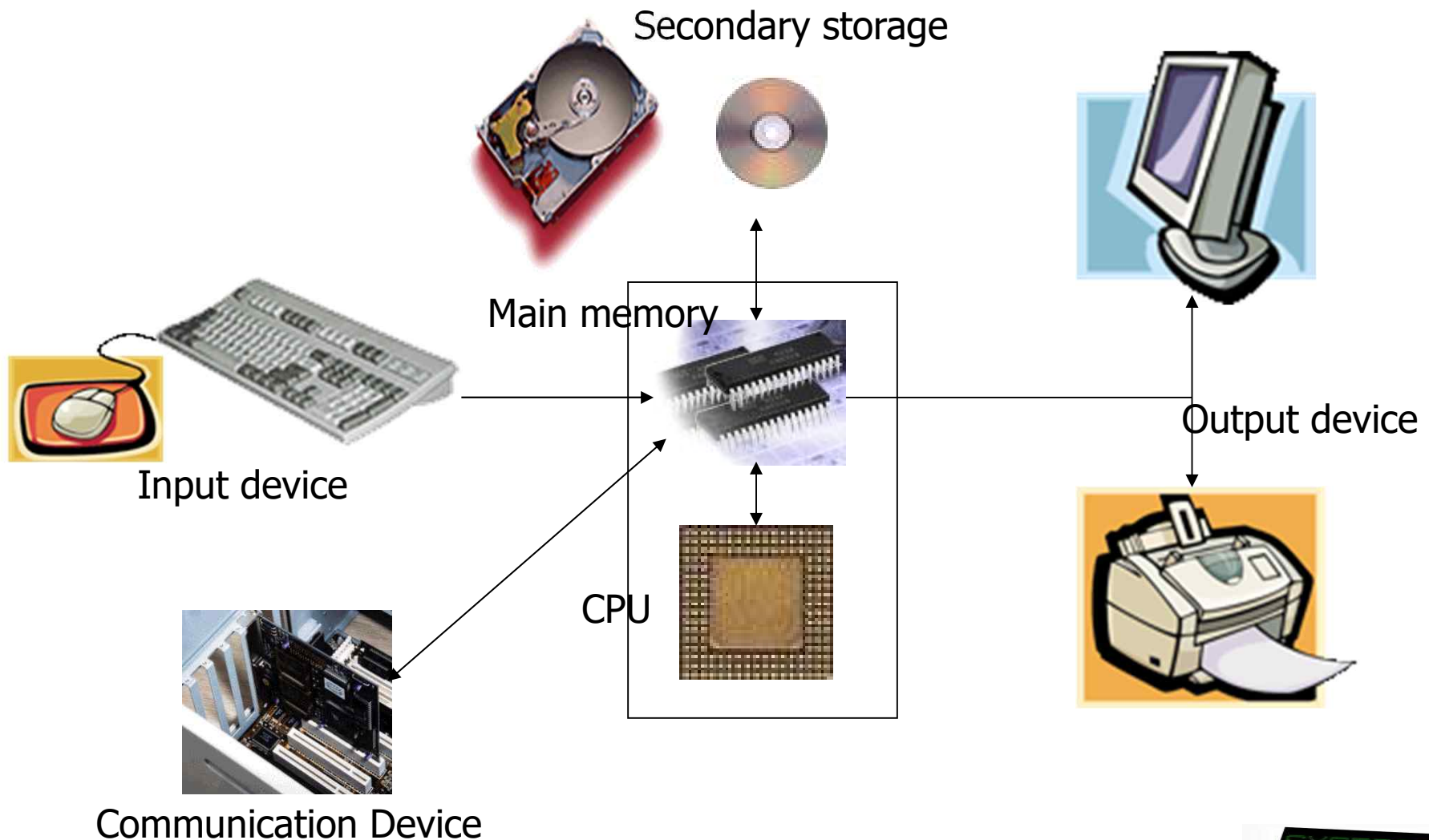
Definition of System Program (1/8)

- Computer organization



Definition of System Program (2/8)

- Hardware components: PC



Definition of System Program (3/8)

- Hardware components: DRAM vs. Disk
 - ✓ 1. Speed
 - ✓ 2. Capacity
 - Memory Hierarchy
 - ✓ 3. Volatility: Volatile vs. Non-volatile
 - Need to write data into disk explicitly for persistency (file I/O)
 - ✓ 4. Interface: Byte-unit interface vs. Sector-unit interface
 - Need to load a program from disk to RAM before execution (loading)

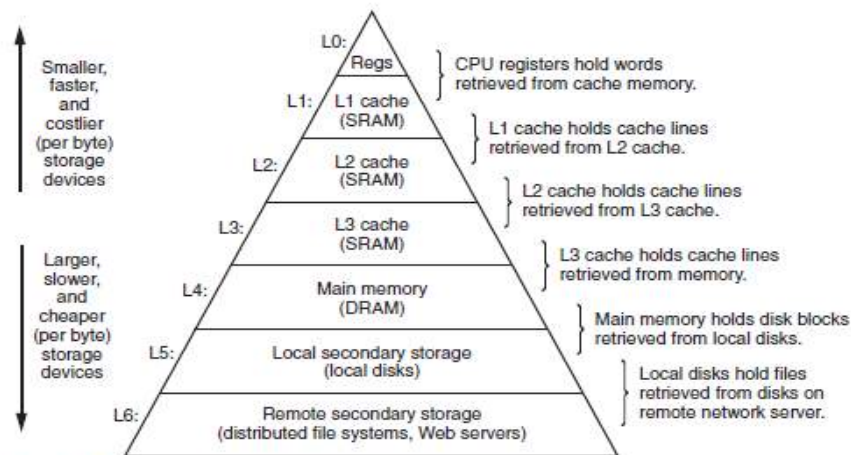
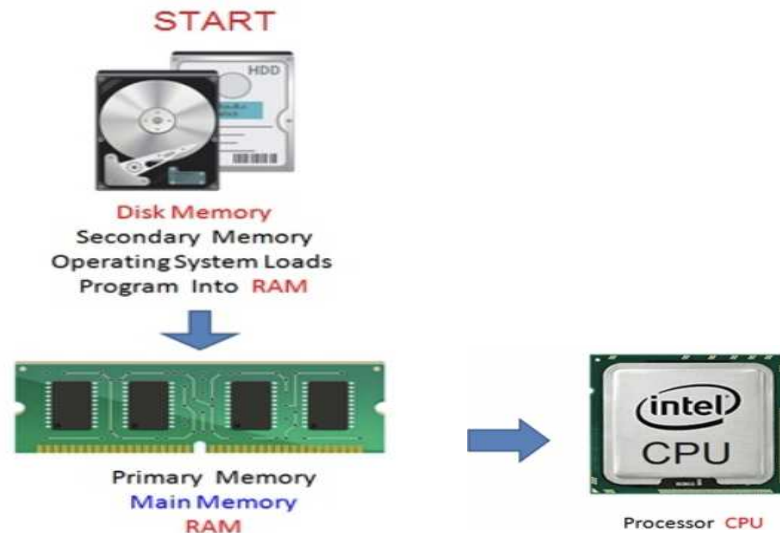


Figure 1.9 An example of a memory hierarchy.



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Definition of System Program (4/8)

■ Hardware components: Smart Phone

- ✓ CPU: ARM based Multicore
- ✓ Memory: LPDDR, SRAM
- ✓ Storage: NAND flash
- ✓ Input: Touch Screen, Sensors, Voice, Iris, ...
- ✓ Output: LCD, LED, Sound, Buzzer, ...
- ✓ Communication
 - WLAN
 - LTE, CDMA, GSM
 - IrDA, Bluetooth, NFC
 - UART, USB
 - ...



(Source: Google Image)



Definition of System Program (5/8)

■ Hardware components: Requirements for Mobile devices

✓ Power Saving

- Make use of RICS CPU instead of CISC CPU
 - RISC: Reduced Instruction Set Computing → Small Instructions → Compact CPU internal → Consume less Power
- Make use of LPDDR (Low-Power DDR) instead of General DRAM
 - LPDDR: Reduce power by using lower voltage and less refreshing

✓ Portability

- Make use of Flash memory instead of Disk
 - Lightweight, Shock resistance

✓ User friendliness

- Make use of diverse input, output and communication devices

	DDR3/DDR3L	LPDDR3
전원 전압	1.5V/1.35V	1.2V
Configurations	x4, x8, x16	x16, x32
Address/Command 신호	SDR Command 와 Address pin이 분리되어 있음.	DDR Command/Address pin을 공유
Data 1 pin당 최대 전송 속도 (Mbps)	2133	1866* (spec.은 2133까지 정의)
메모리 내부 온도 센서	없음	있음
Refresh를 각 bank 에 개별적으로 적용 (PASR)	지원가능 (optional)	지원
Deep Power Down 모드	없음	있음

(Source: <http://egloos.zum.com/donghyun53/v/4125772>)



Definition of System Program (6/8)

■ Software components

- ✓ Application program vs. System program
 - Application program: how to do a specific job

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    printf("hello, world\n");
}
```

- System program: address the following issues
 - How to run this application program on CPU?
 - What is the role of printf()?
 - How the string is displayed on Monitor?
 - How this program can be executed with other programs concurrently?
 - What are the differences between local and global variables?
 - What kinds of techniques can be applied to enhance the performance of this program?



Definition of System Program (7/8)

- Software components: System program
 - ✓ How to run a program on CPU?
 - object, binary, compiler, assembler, loader, ...
 - ✓ What is the role of printf()?
 - library, linker, ...
 - ✓ How the string is displayed on Monitor?
 - device driver, file system, ...
 - ✓ How a program can be executed with other programs concurrently?
 - process, scheduler, context switch, IPC (Inter process communication), ...
 - ✓ What are the differences between local and global memory?
 - data, stack, heap, virtual memory, buddy system, ...
 - ✓ What kind of techniques can be applied to enhance the performance of a program?
 - compiler optimization (loop unrolling, reordering), CPU optimization (pipeline, superscalar, out-of-order execution), ...



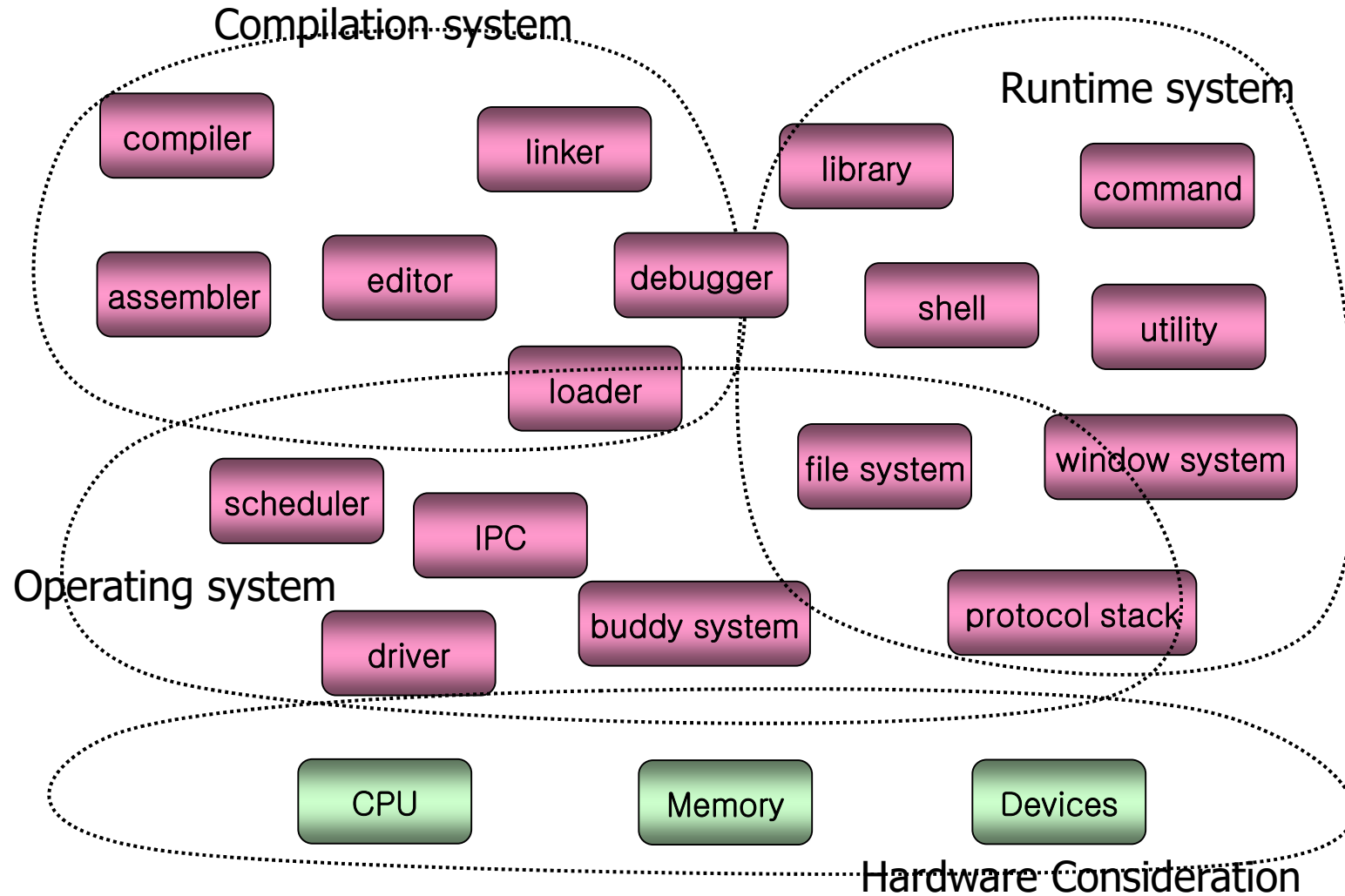
Definition of System Program (8/8)

- Software components: System program
 - ✓ Supporting computing environments for application programs (Support Interfaces such as commands, library functions and system calls)
 - ✓ Strongly related to hardware (hardware management)
 - ✓ **Abstraction**
 - CPU and Task (Process)
 - DRAM and Virtual memory
 - Disk and File
 - Device and Driver
 - Machine level language and High level language
 - Untrusted and Trusted Domain
 - ...



Types of System Program

■ Classification



Compilation System (1/5)

- Concept: Language Hierarchy

High-level Language

C = A + B;

Assembly Language

```
...  
movl 0x8049388, %eax  
addl 0x8049384, %eax  
movl %eax, 0x804946c  
...
```

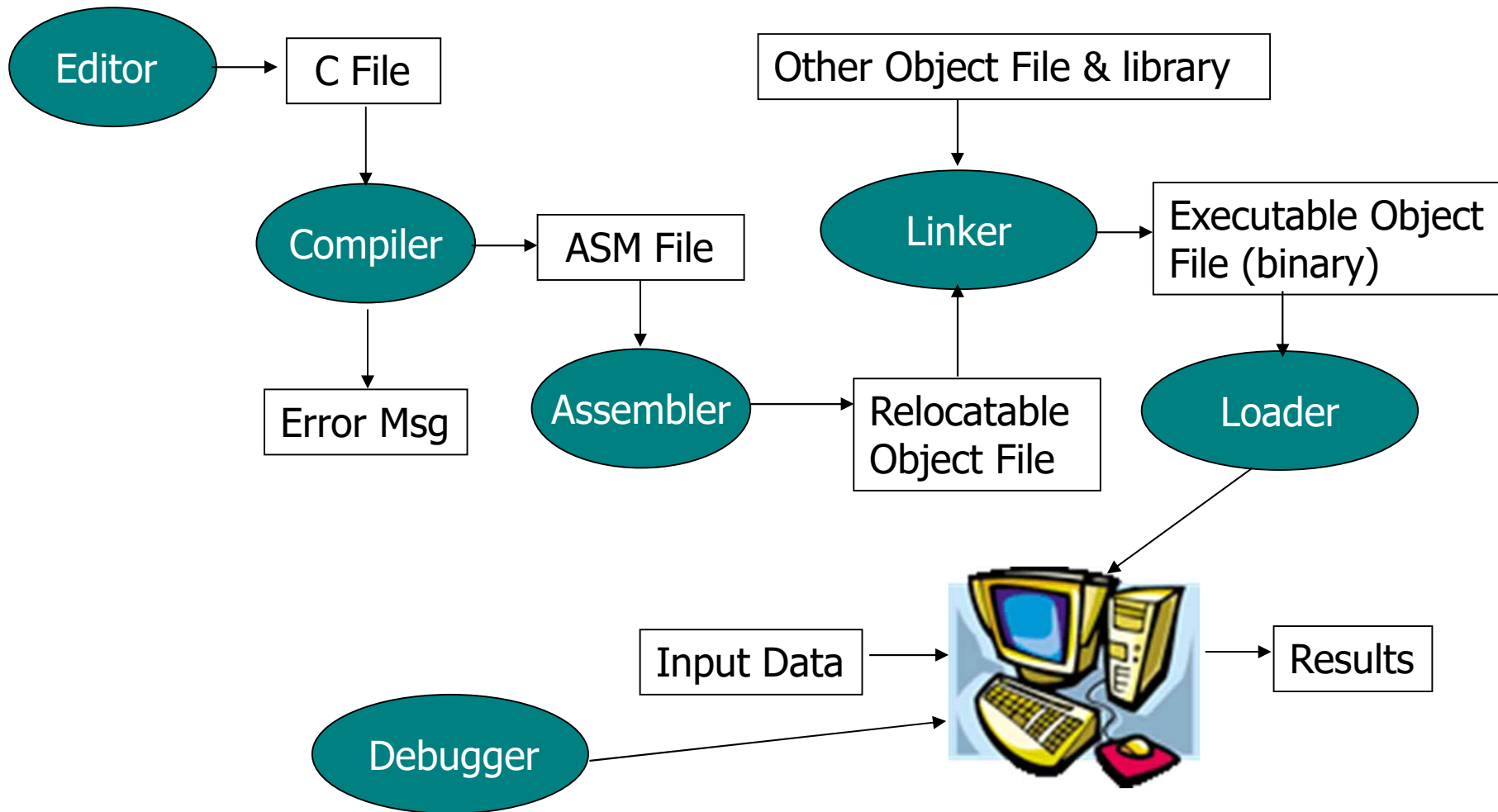
Machine Language
(Binary code)

```
...  
00a1 8893 0408  
0305 8493 0408  
00a3 6c94 0408  
...
```



Compilation System (2/5)

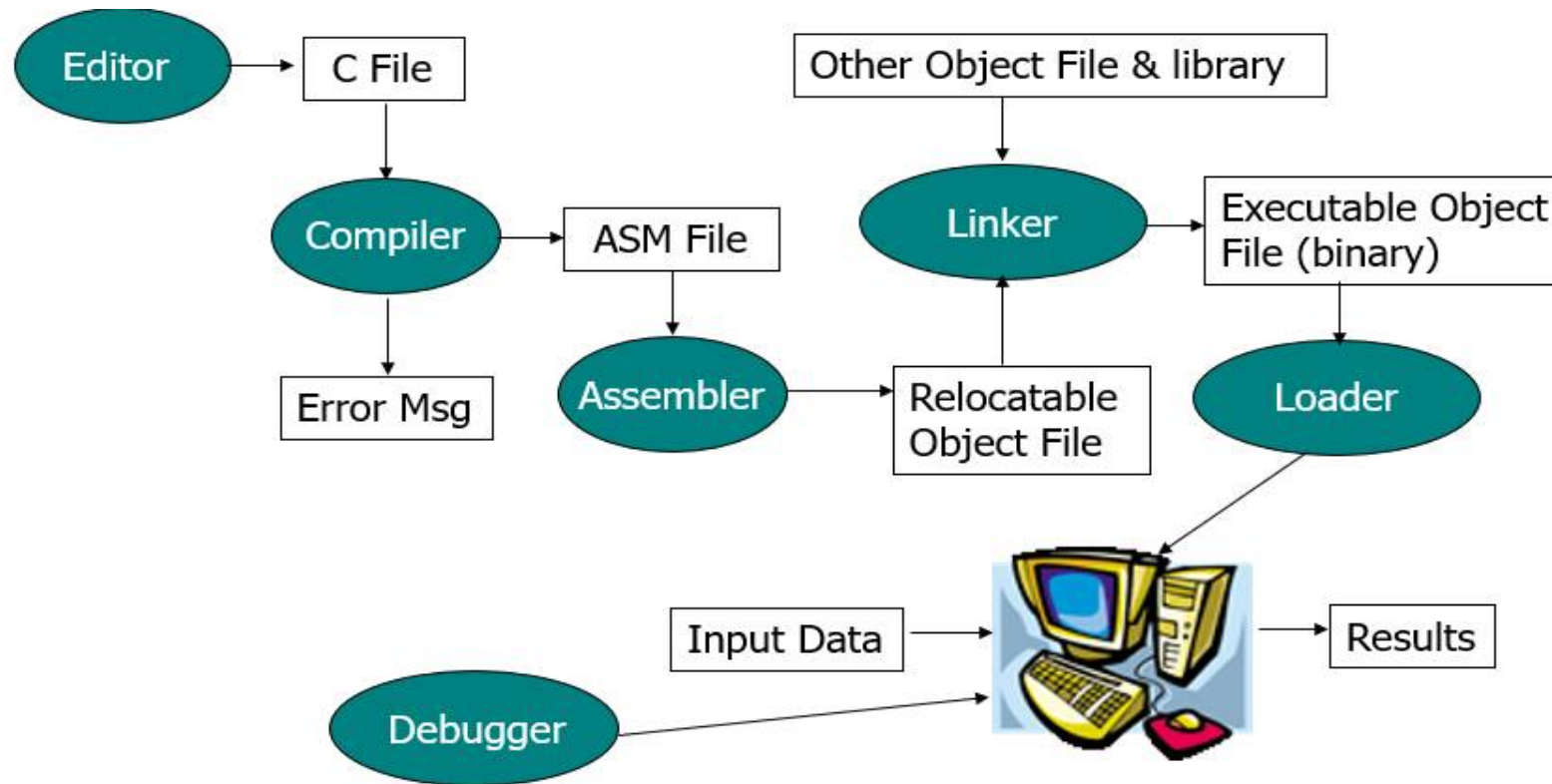
- Overall structure and 6 key components



Quiz for 1st-Week 2nd-Lesson

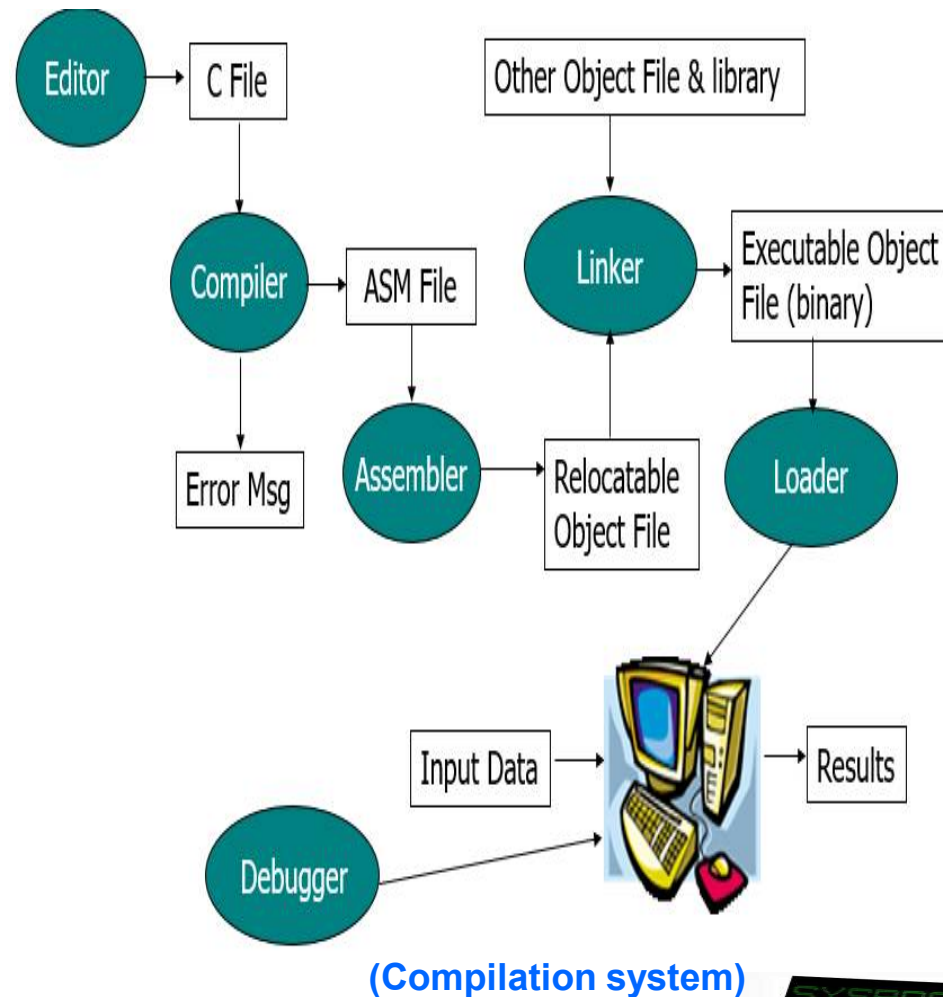
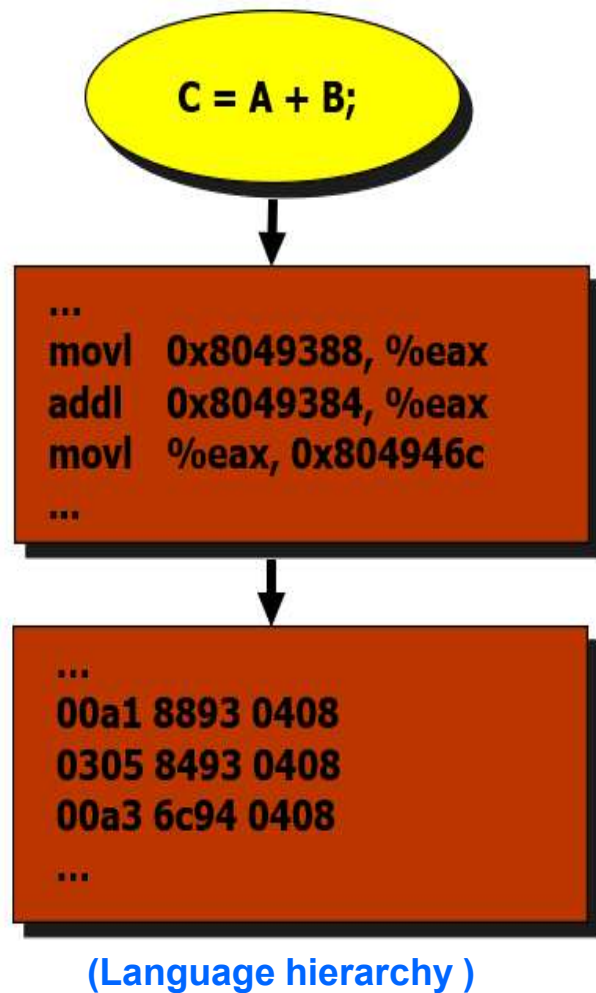
■ Quiz

- ✓ Explain why loader is required in a computer system. (hint: using the difference between Disk and DRAM)
- ✓ Due: until 6 PM Friday of this week(4th, September)



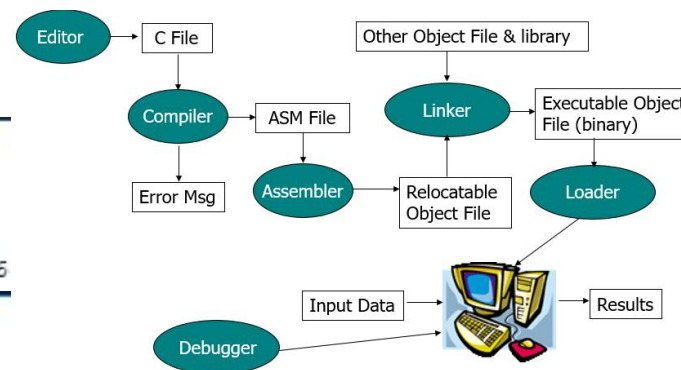
Compilation System (3/5)

- Relation between Language Hierarchy and Overall Structure



Compilation System (4/5)

■ Example in Linux



```

choijm@embedded: ~/syspro/chap1
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$ uname -a
Linux embedded 4.13.0-36-generic #40~16.04.1-Ubuntu SMP Fri Feb 16
2018 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
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choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$ cat /etc/passwd | grep choijm
choijm:x:1000:1000:choijm:/home/choijm:/bin/bash
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$
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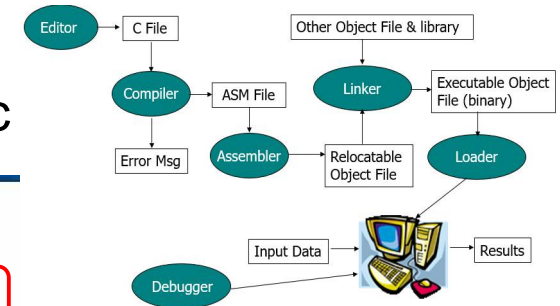
int main()
{
    printf("Hello DKU World\n");
}
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choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$ ls
a.out hello.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$ ./a.out
Hello DKU World
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$
    
```


Compilation System (5/5)

■ Example in Linux: details

- ✓ Location of collect2, crt1.o, ... depend on gcc

```
choijm@embedded: ~/syspro/chap2
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap2$ vi hello.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap2$ ls
hello.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap2$ gcc -S hello.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap2$ ls
hello.c hello.s
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap2$ as -o hello.o hello.s
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap2$ ls
hello.c hello.o hello.s
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap2$ /usr/lib/gcc/i486-linux-gnu/3.4.6/collect2 /usr/lib/i
86-linux-gnu/crt1.o /usr/lib/i386-linux-gnu/crti.o /usr/lib/i386-linux-gnu/crtn.o /us
/lib/gcc/i486-linux-gnu/3.4.6/crtbegin.o /usr/lib/gcc/i486-linux-gnu/3.4.6/crtend.o h
llo.o -lc -dynamic-linker /lib/ld-linux.so.2
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap2$ ls
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choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap2$ ./a.out
Hello DKU World
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap2$
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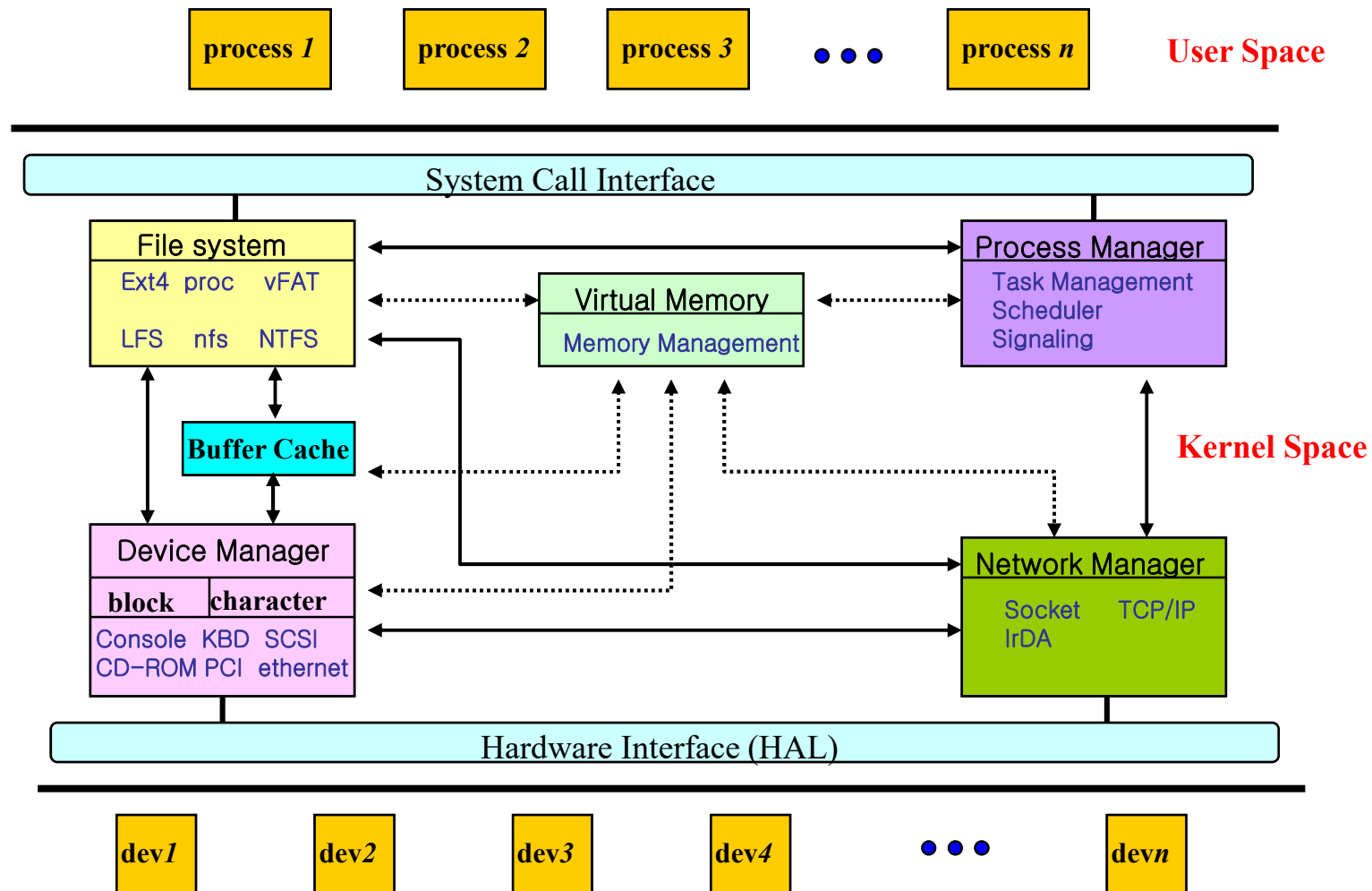
☞ What are the differences btw hello.c and hello.s?

☞ What are the differences btw hello.o and a.out?



Operating System (1/15)

- Overall structure and 7 key components

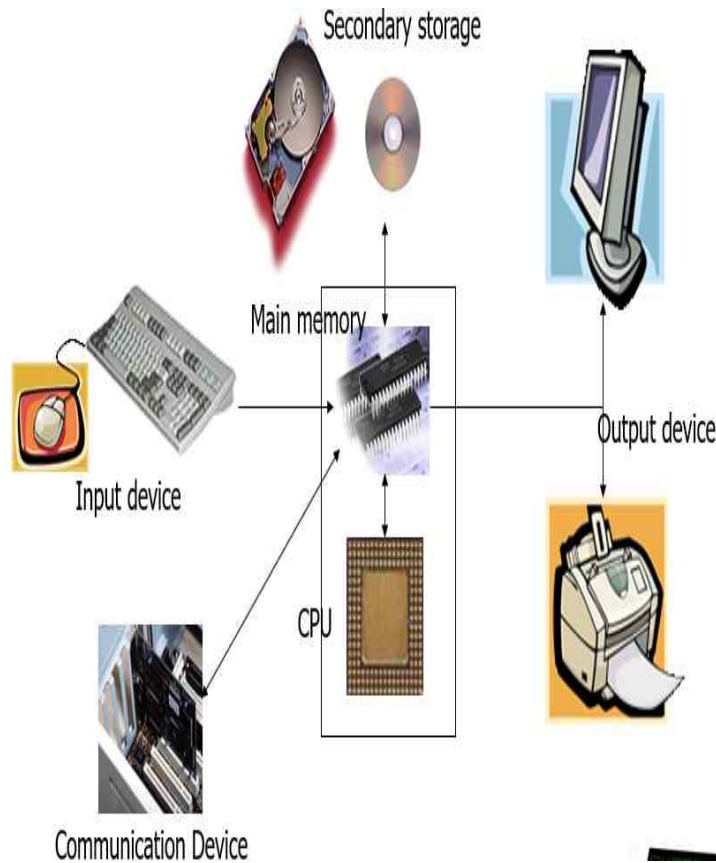


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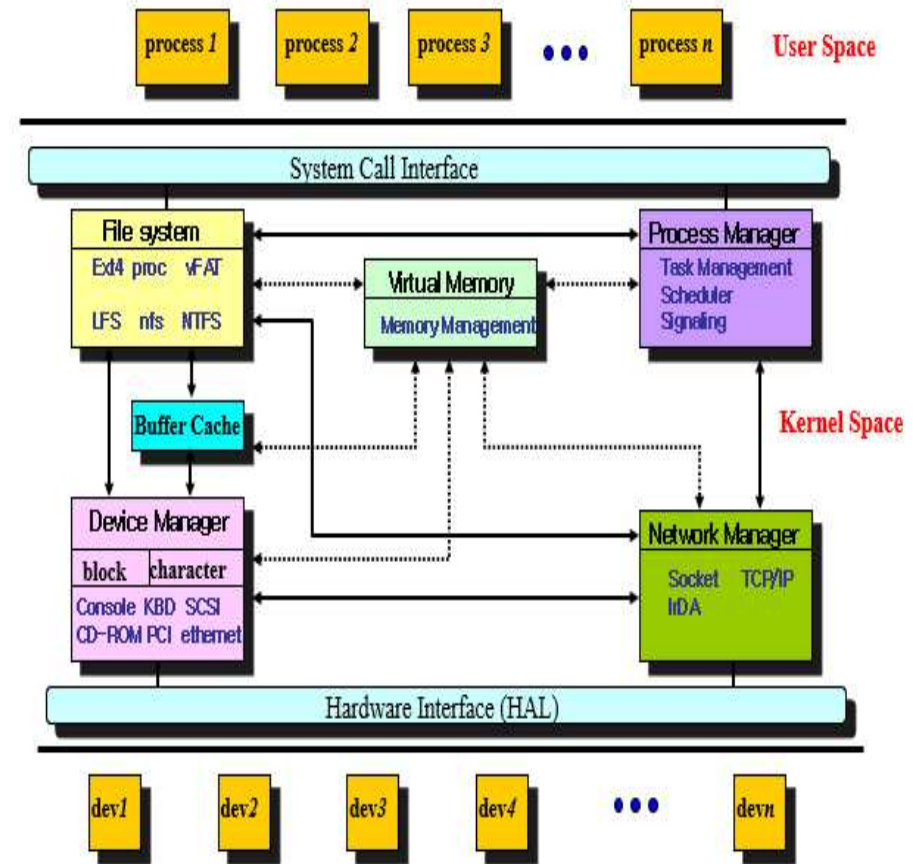


Operating System (2/15)

- Relation between hardware component and overall structure
 - ✓ OS: a resource manager → abstract HW resources into logical ones



(Physical resources)

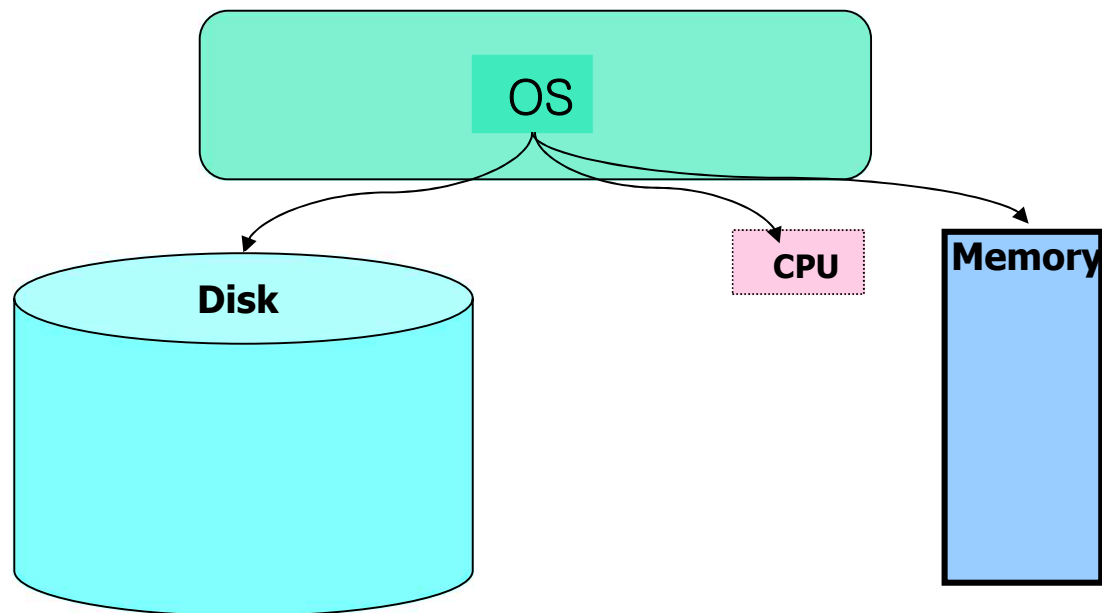


(Logical resources)



Operating System (3/15)

- Behaviors: 1) initial state



Operating System (4/15)

- Behaviors: 2) create a file (user's viewpoint)

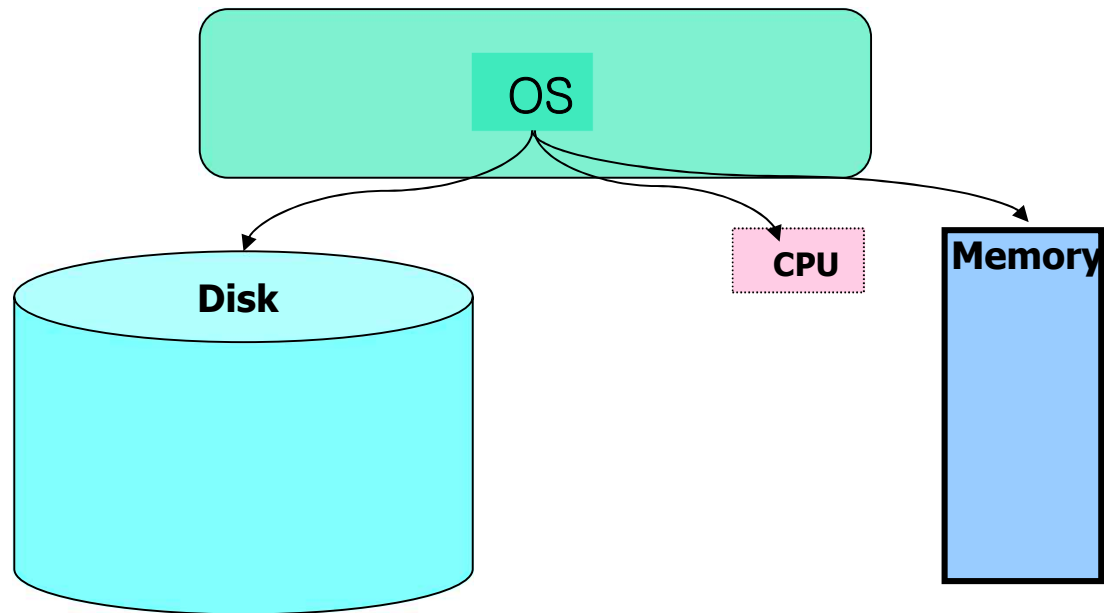
vi test.c

```
int sum = 0;

int main()
{
    int i;

    for (i=0; i<10;i++)
        sum += i;

    printf("%d", sum);
}
```



Operating System (5/15)

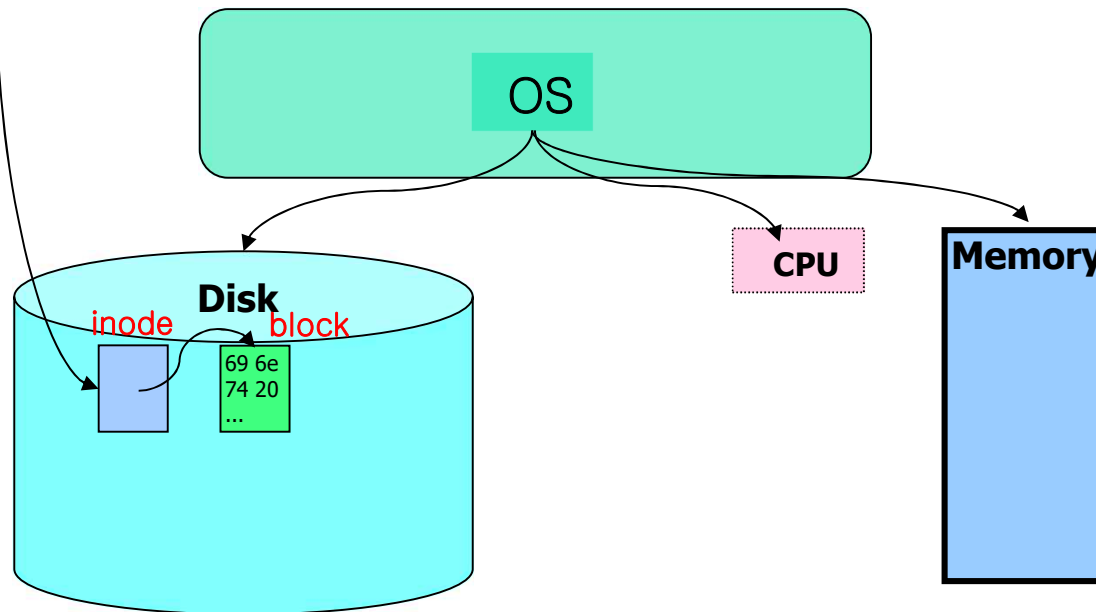
- Behaviors: 2) create a file (system's viewpoint)

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}
```

```
# i n c l u d e <sp> < s t d i o .
35 105 110 99 108 117 100 101 32 60 115 116 100 105 111 46
h > \n \n i n t <sp> m a i n ( ) \n {
104 62 10 10 105 110 116 32 109 97 105 110 40 41 10 123
\n <sp> <sp> <sp> <sp> p r i n t f ( " h e l
10 32 32 32 32 112 114 105 110 116 102 40 34 104 101 108
l o , <sp> w o r l d \n " ) ; \n }
108 111 44 32 119 111 114 108 100 92 110 34 41 59 10 125
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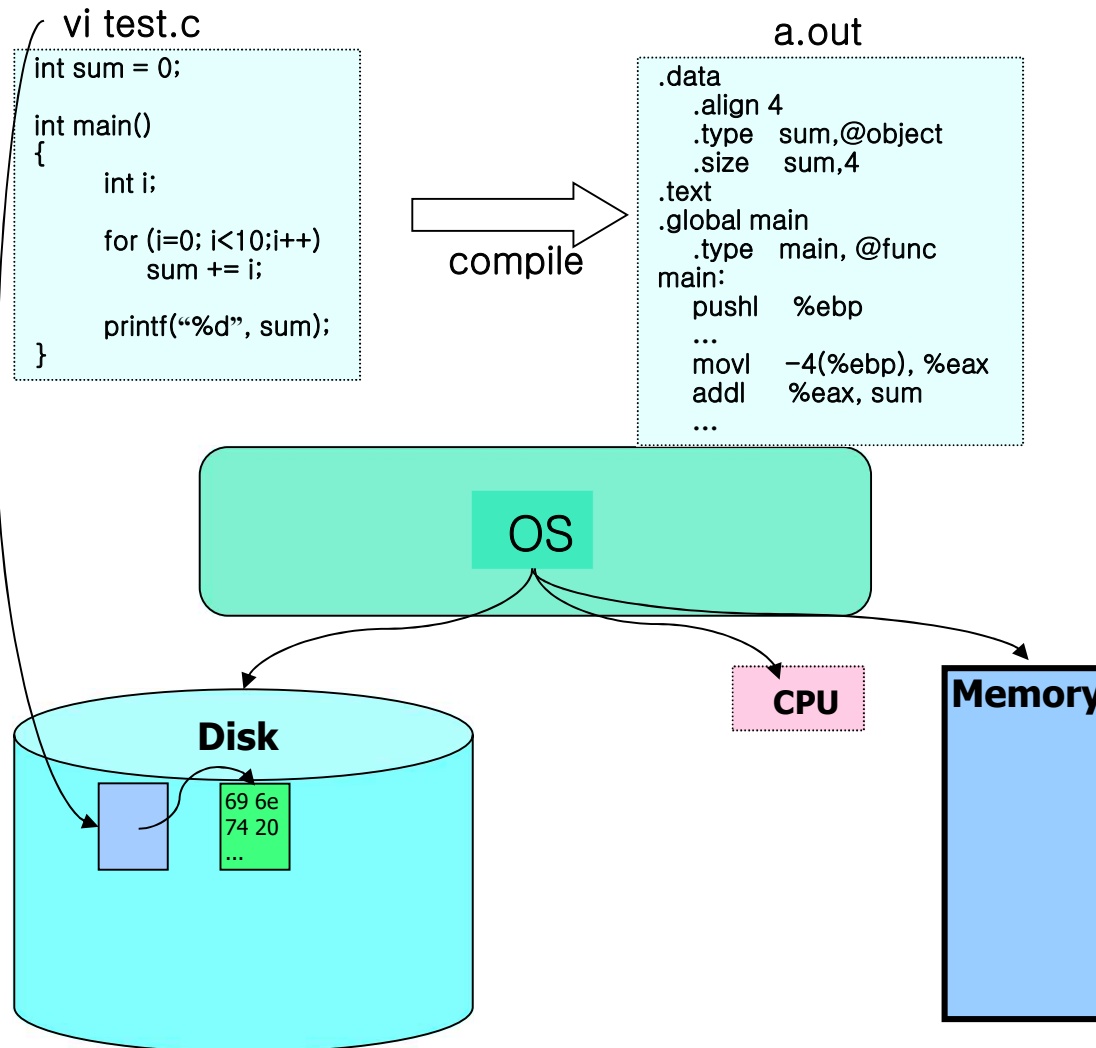
Figure 1.2 The ASCII text representation of hello.c.

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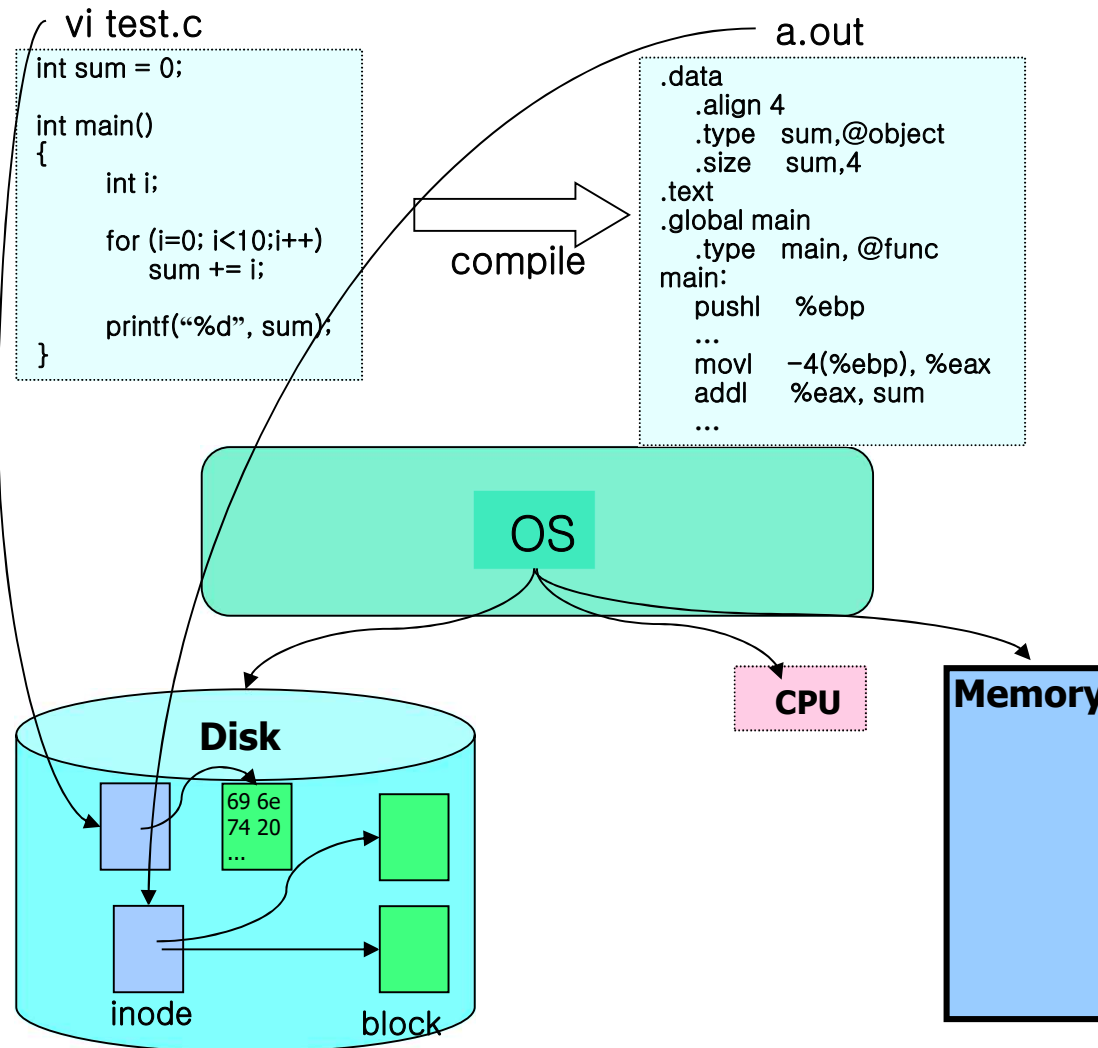
Operating System (6/15)

- Behaviors: 3) compile the file (user's viewpoint)



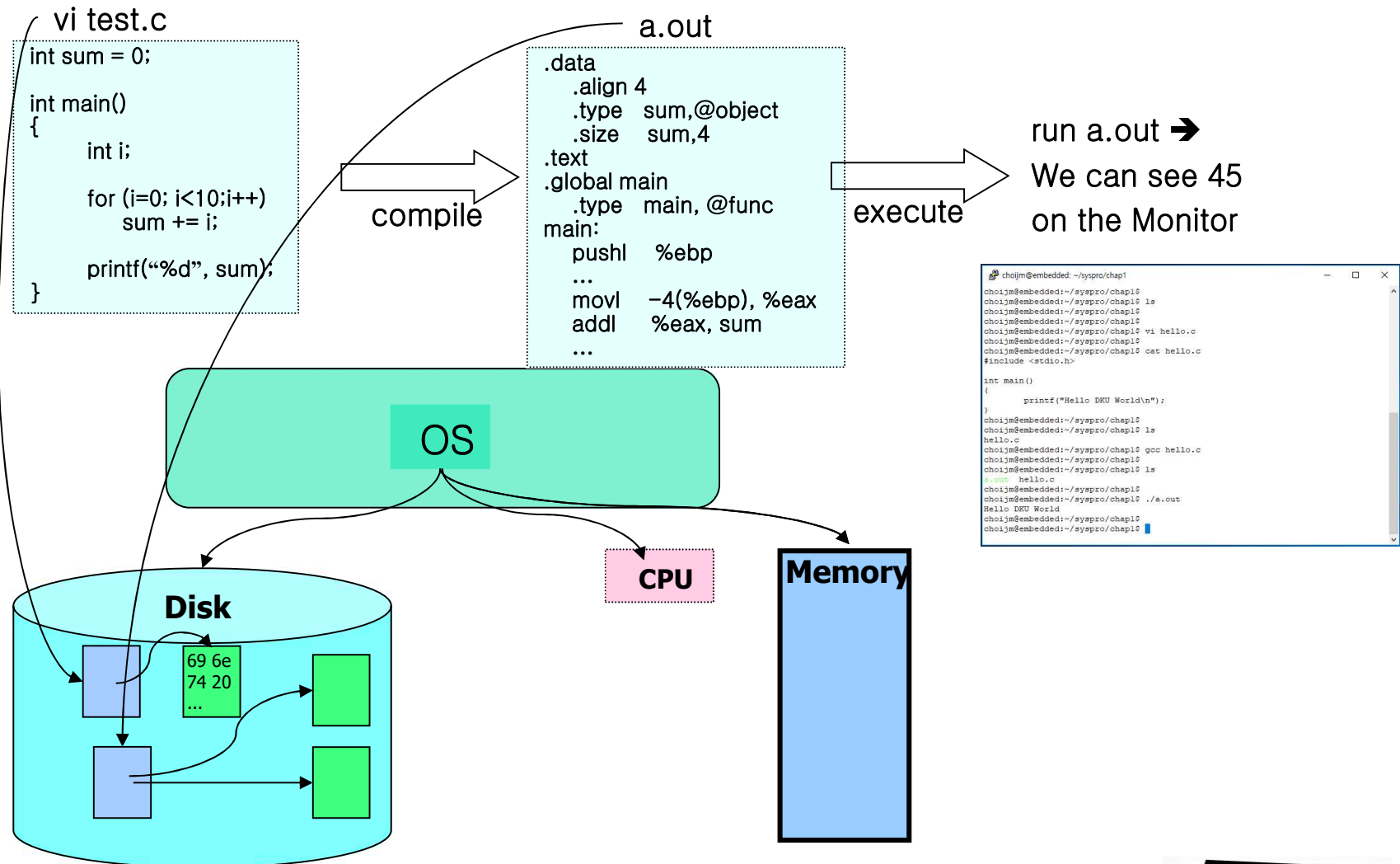
Operating System (7/15)

- Behaviors: 3) compile the file (system's viewpoint)



Operating System (8/15)

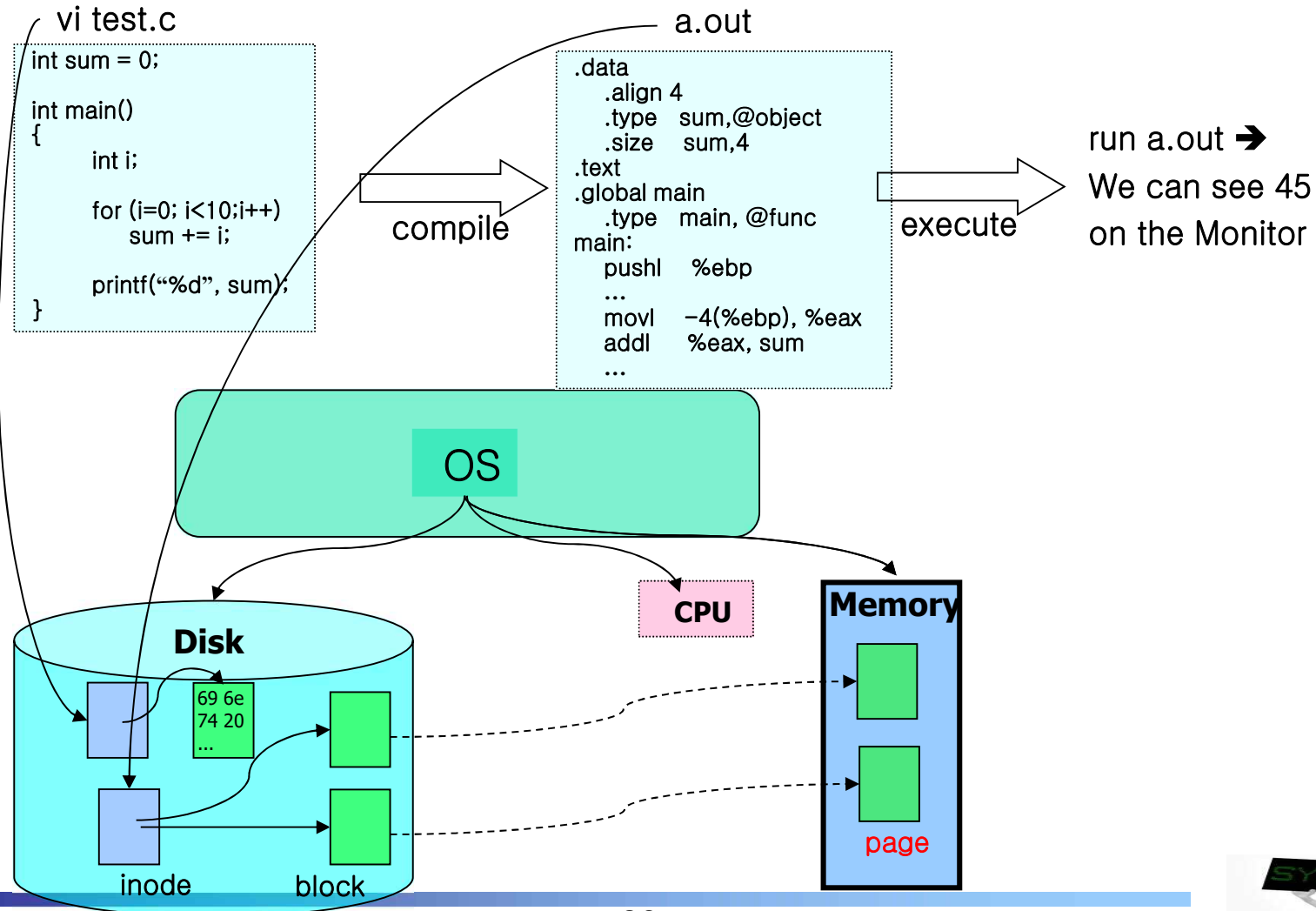
- Behaviors: 4) execute the a.out (user's viewpoint)



Operating System (9/13)

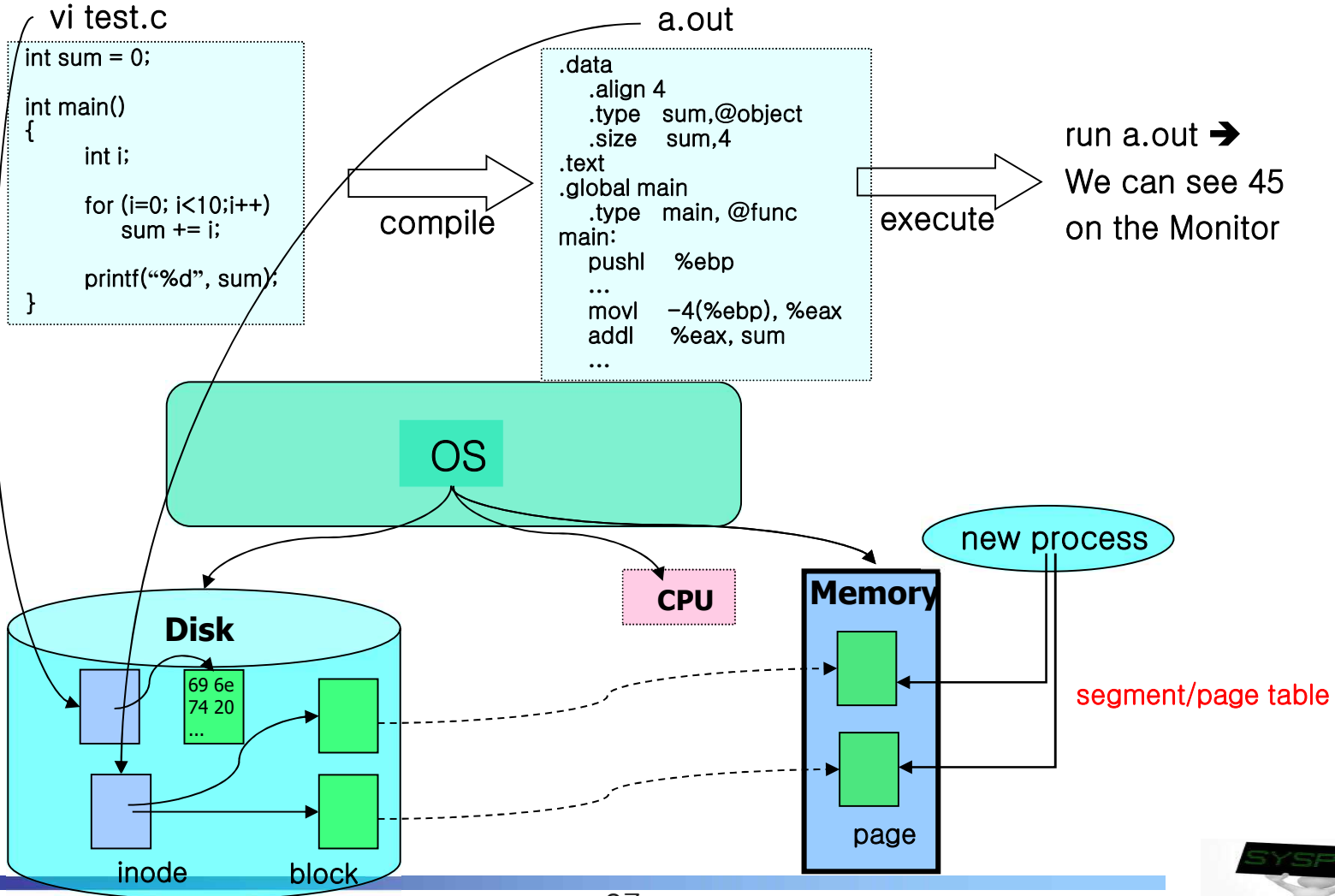
- Behaviors: 4) execute the a.out (system's viewpoint)

- ✓ To run a.out, OS first loads it into memory



Operating System (10/13)

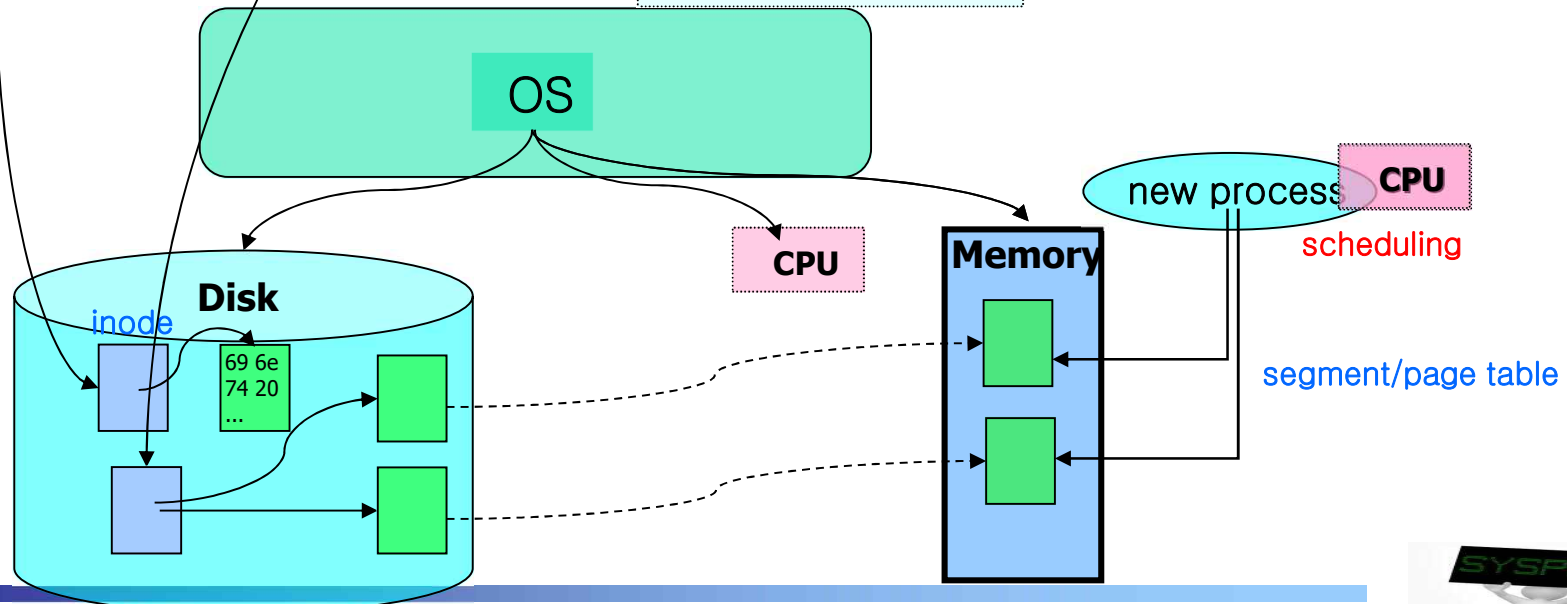
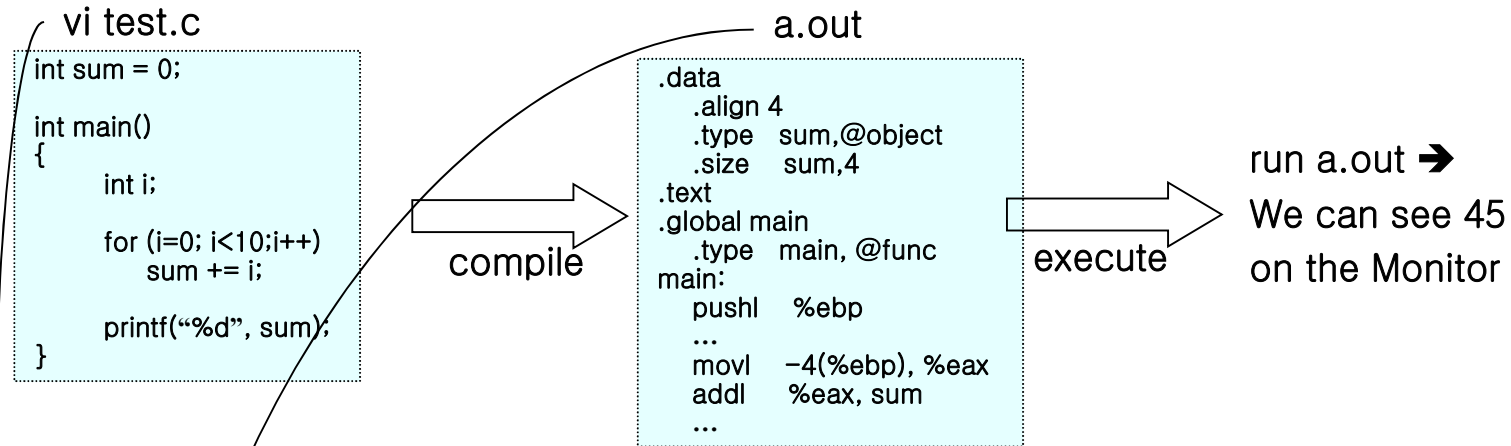
- Behaviors: 4) execute the a.out (system's viewpoint)
 - Then, OS makes a new process (active object)



Operating System (11/13)

- Behaviors: 4) execute the a.out (system's viewpoint)

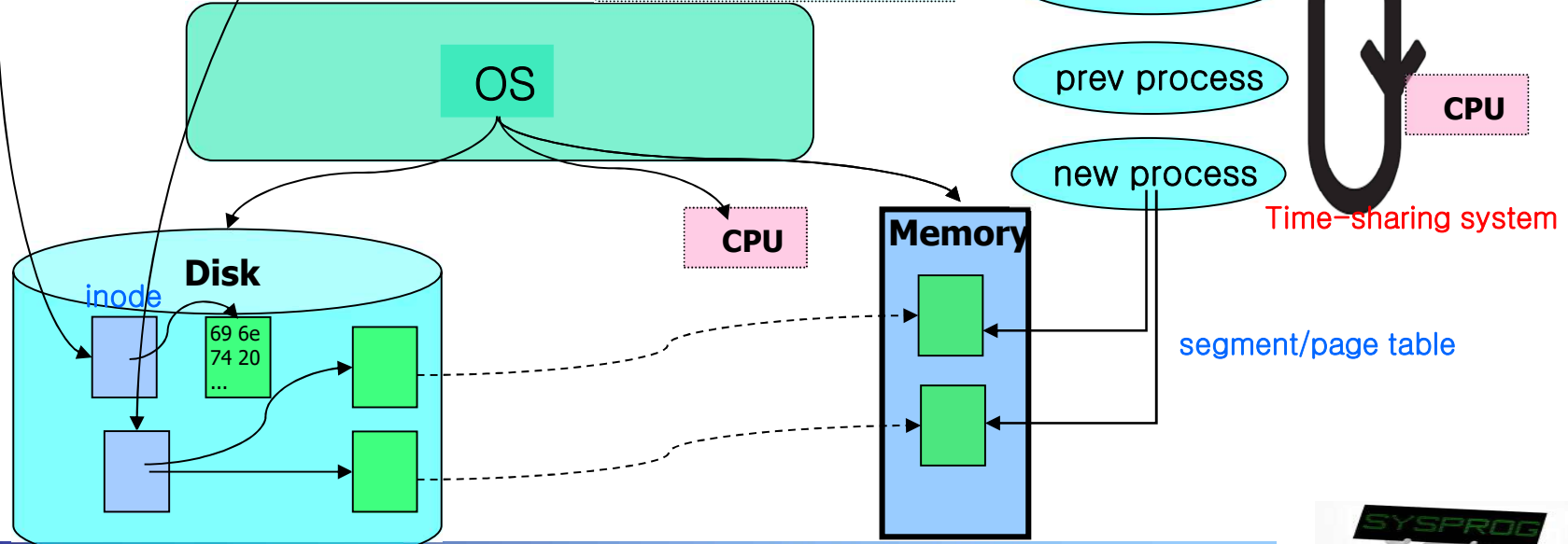
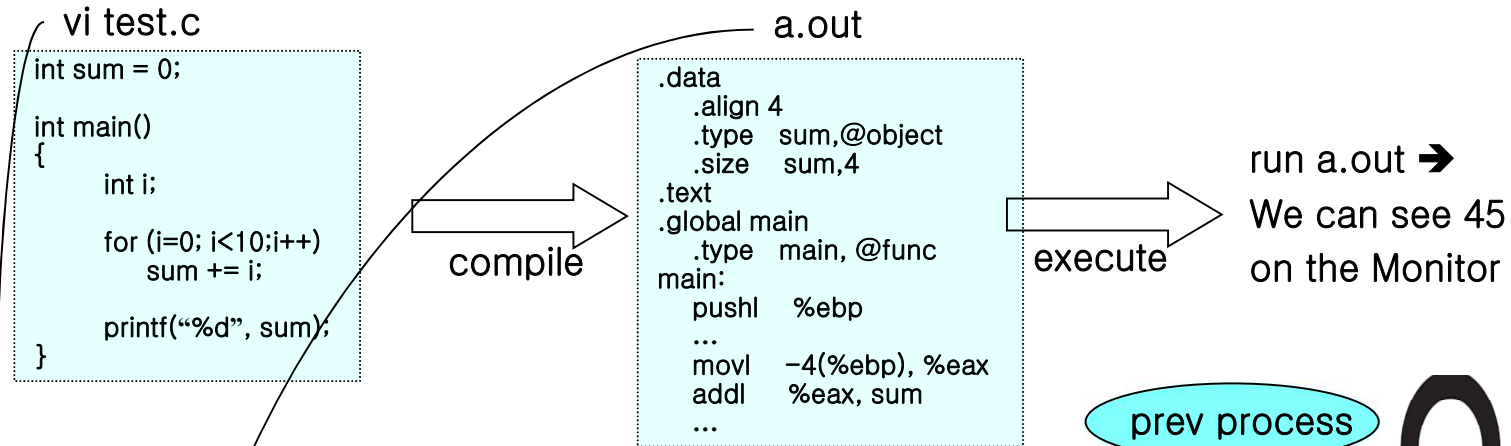
- Then, OS schedule the process



Operating System (12/13)

- Behaviors: 4) execute the a.out (system's viewpoint)

- ✓ Actually there are multiple processes

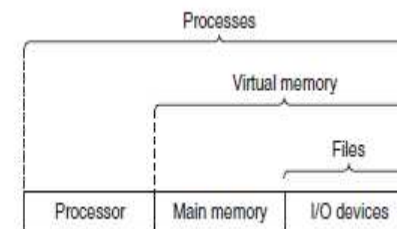


Operating System (13/13)

■ Operating system: summary

- ✓ Process manager (Task manager): **CPU**
 - process manipulation, schedule, IPC, signal, context switch
 - fork, exec, wait, getpid, (pthread_create) , ...
- ✓ Virtual Memory: **Main memory**
 - page, segment, address translation, buddy, LRU
 - brk, (malloc, free), ...
- ✓ File system: **Storage**
 - file, directory, disk scheduling, FAT
 - open, read, write, mknod, pipe, (fopen, fwrite, printf), ...
- ✓ Device driver: **Device**
 - IO port management, interrupt, DMA
 - open, read, write, ioctl, module, ...
- ✓ Network protocol: **Network**
 - connection, routing, fragmentation
 - socket, bind, listen, send, receive, ...

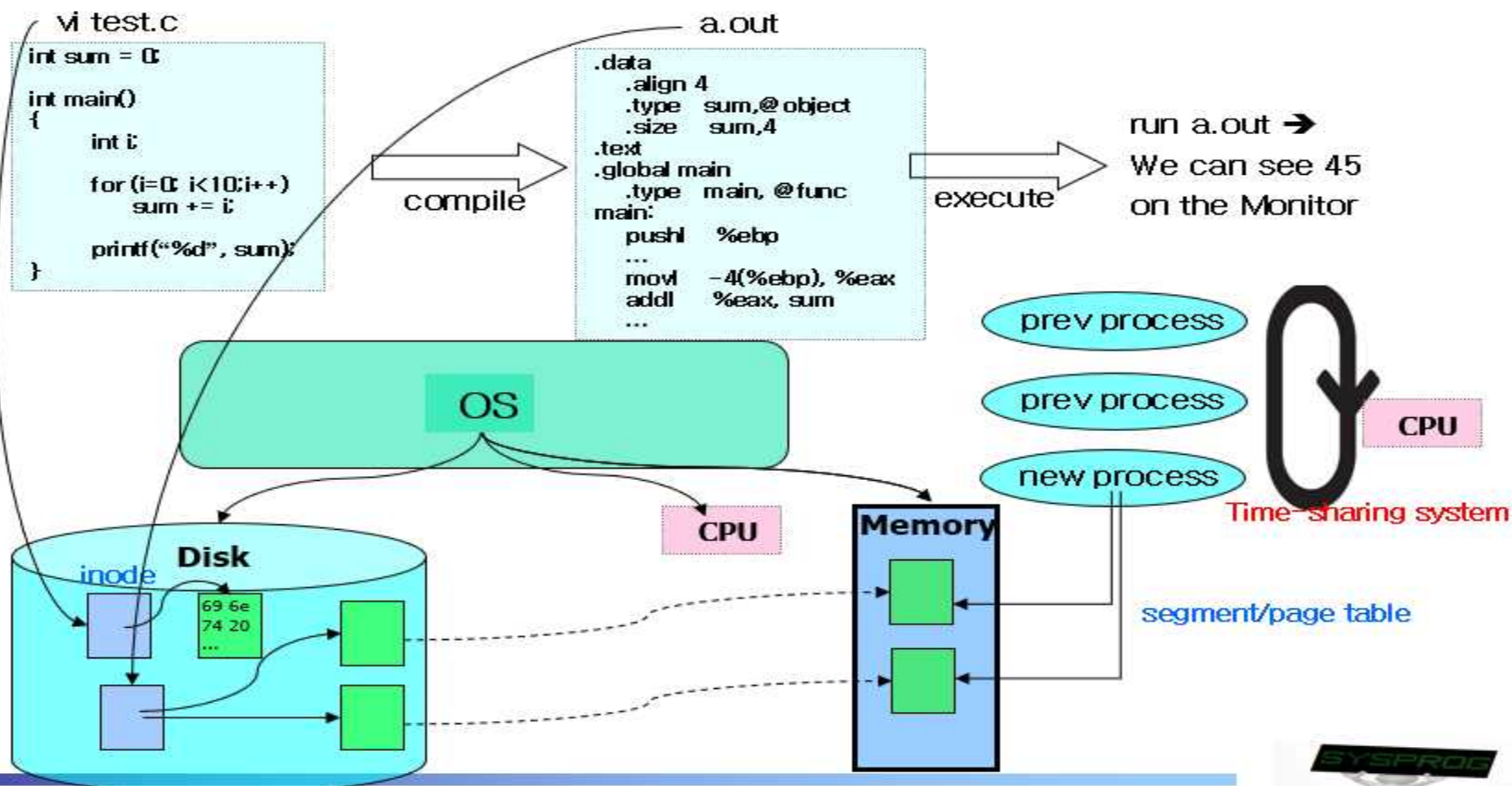
Figure 1.11
Abstractions provided by
an operating system.



Quiz for 2nd-Week 1st-Lesson

■ Quiz

- ✓ Discuss the role of inode and page table. What are the similarity and differences between page table and inode?
- ✓ Due: until 6 PM Friday of this week(11th, September)



Runtime System (1/5)

■ Command

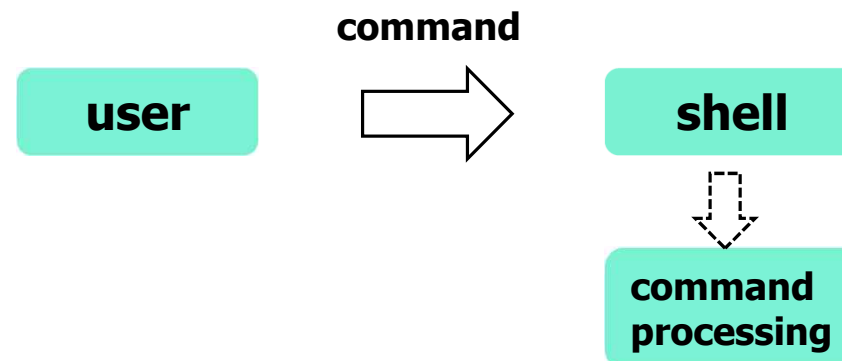
- ✓ file related: ls, cat, more, cp, mkdir, cd, ...
- ✓ task related: ps, kill, jobs, ...
- ✓ utility: vi, gcc, as, make, tar, patch, debugger, ..
- ✓ management: adduser, passwd, ifconfig, mount, fsck, shutdown, ..
- ✓ others: man, file, readelf, grep, wc, ...

■ shell

- ✓ command interpreter
- ✓ pipe, redirection, background processing,
- ✓ shell script programming

```
choijm@embedded: ~/syspro/chap1
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$ ls
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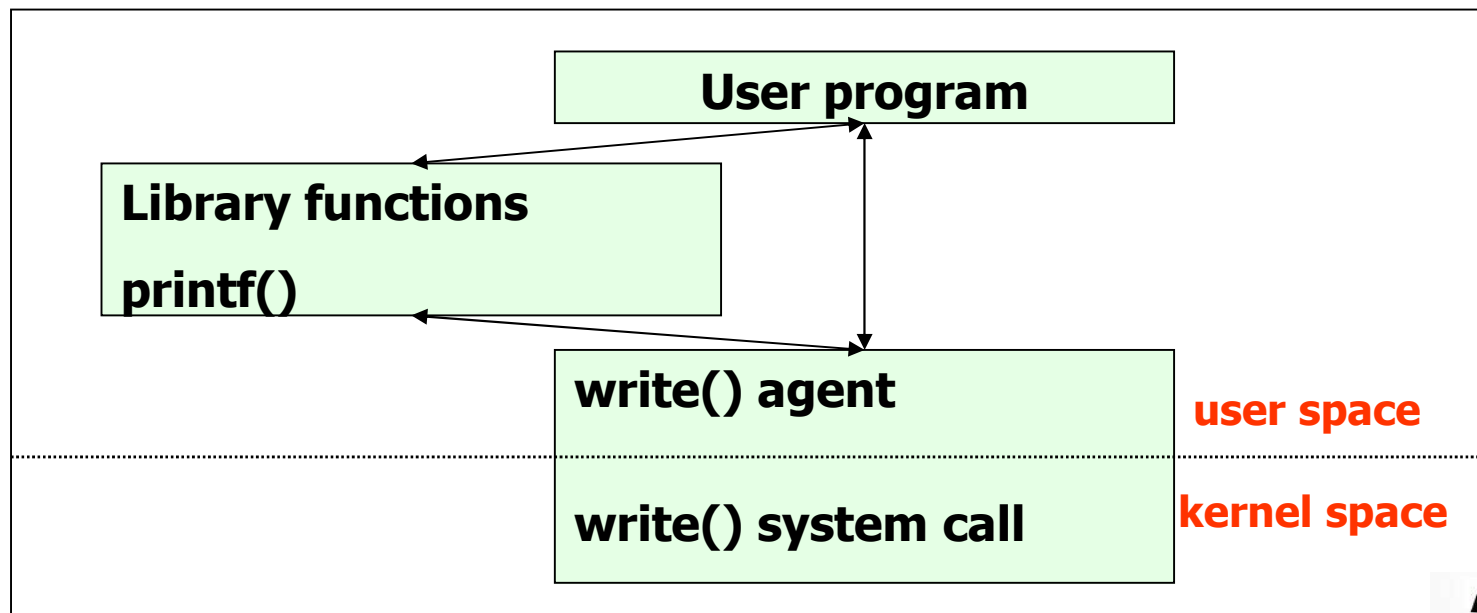
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choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$ ls
*.out hello.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$ ./a.out
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```



Runtime System (2/5)

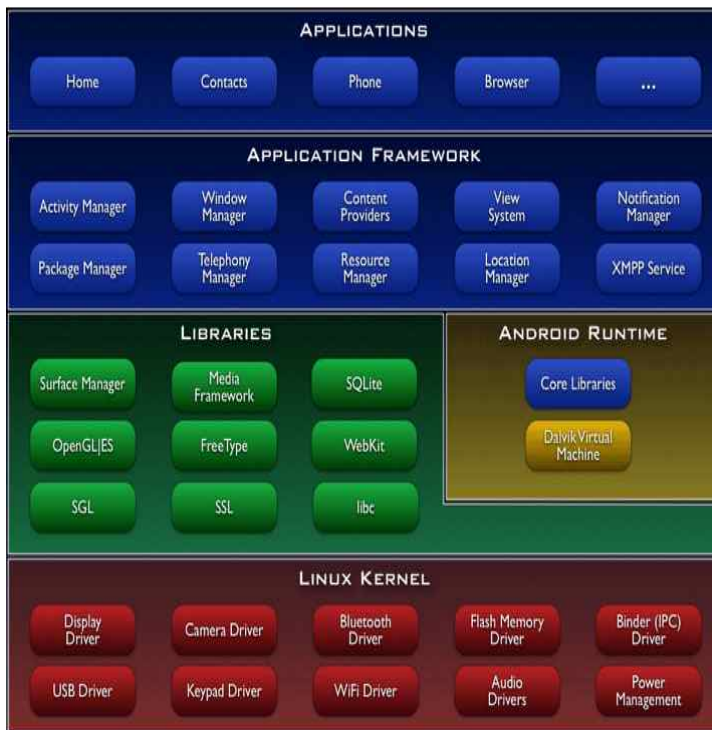
■ library

- ✓ A collection of functions, invoked frequently by a lot of users
 - Relocatable objects
 - Most languages have standard libraries (also programmers can make their own custom libraries using ar, ranlib and libtool.)
- ✓ Type
 - Static: 1) .a, 2) statically linked (compile time), 3) simple
 - Shared: 1) .so, 2) dynamically linked (runtime), 3) memory efficient

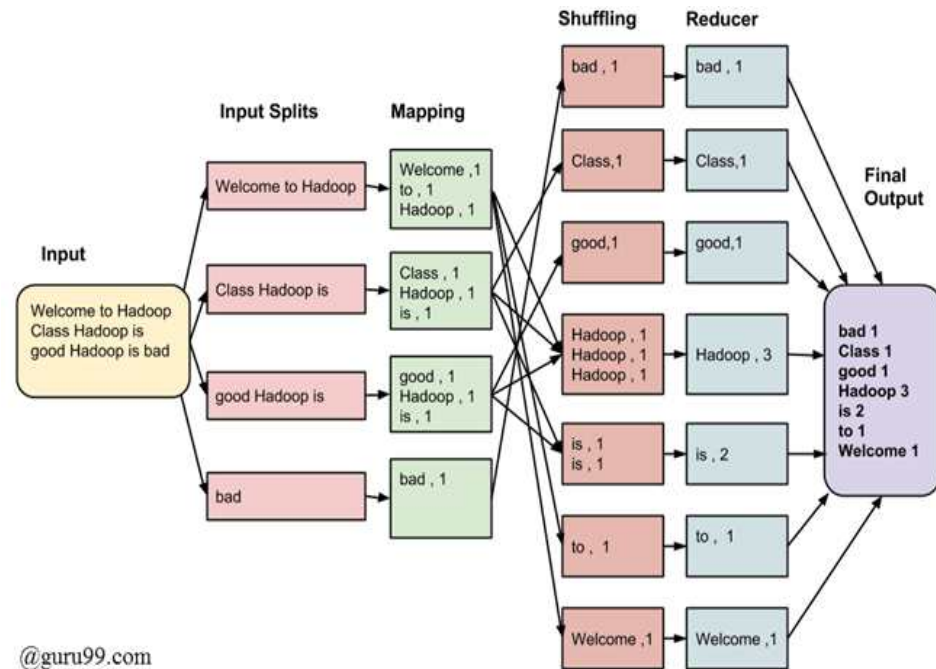


Runtime System (3/5)

- Framework (also called as Platform)
 - ✓ A set of functionalities such as windows, database, graphics, multimedia, web, RPC, protocol, ...
 - ✓ Mobile framework (e.g. Android), machine learning (e.g. Tensorflow) and bigdata framework (e.g. MapReduce or Hadoop)



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MapReduce Architecture

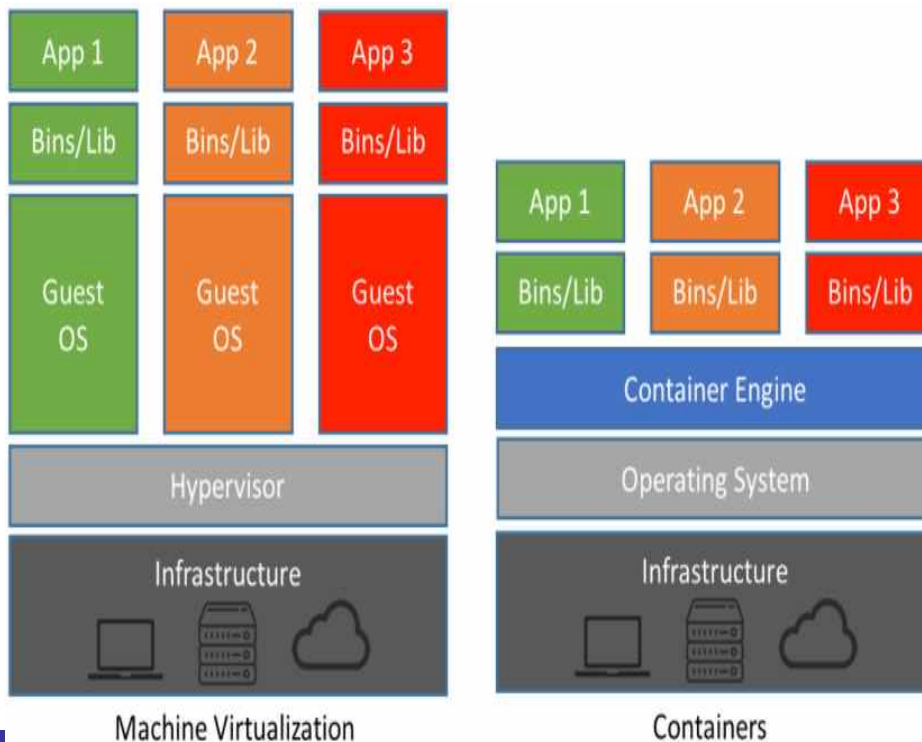
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Runtime System (4/5)

■ Virtual machine and Docker

- ✓ Virtual machine: make virtual devices from hypervisor (or host OS)
 - Run GuestOS on the virtual devices
- ✓ Docker: make a container (an isolated environment) using namespace and cgroup
 - Docker commands are quite similar to Linux (UNIX) command



```
[root@docker ~]# docker images
REPOSITORY          TAG                 IMAGE ID            CREATED             SIZE
wordpress           latest              ca96afcf242        2 weeks ago       406 MB
xibosignage/xibo-xmr release_1.8.1      223afb5ecffe       2 weeks ago       269 MB
ubuntu              16.04              ebc9d9d4fca80     2 weeks ago       118 MB
ubuntu              14.04              2ff3b426bbaa     2 weeks ago       188 MB
centos               7                  8140d0c64310     2 weeks ago       193 MB
mysql                5.6                ed7b6c642b9d     3 weeks ago       299 MB
mysql                5.7                e799c7f9ae9c     3 weeks ago       407 MB
debian               latest              3e83c23dba6a     3 weeks ago       124 MB
xibosignage/xibo-cms latest              9678c5299918     5 weeks ago       511 MB
xibosignage/xibo-cms release_1.8.1      c2767fdc7262     5 weeks ago       511 MB
[root@docker ~]#
```

```
[root@docker ~]# docker run -it -p 9000:80 --name=debian_container1 debian
root@9254e01fadad:/#
```

```
[root@docker ~]# docker ps
```



Runtime System (5/5)

■ Key-Value Store

- ✓ Bigdata → un-structured → need new database → Key-value store (or document store or graph store)
 - E.g. Google's LevelDB, Facebook's RocksDB, Amazon's Dynamo, ...
- ✓ Key data structure: LSM-tree, Skipped-list, Bloom filter, ...

Google
 - Bigtable, Level DB, Hbase
 - For Web indexing and messaging

Amazon
 - Dynamo, SimpleDB
 - For E-commerce

ORACLE
 Oracle
 - NoSQL, Berkeley DB
 - For Configurable

Microsoft
 - Azure, Cosmos DB
 - For E-commerce

Facebook
 - Haystack, RocksDB, Cassandra
 - For social network and photo store

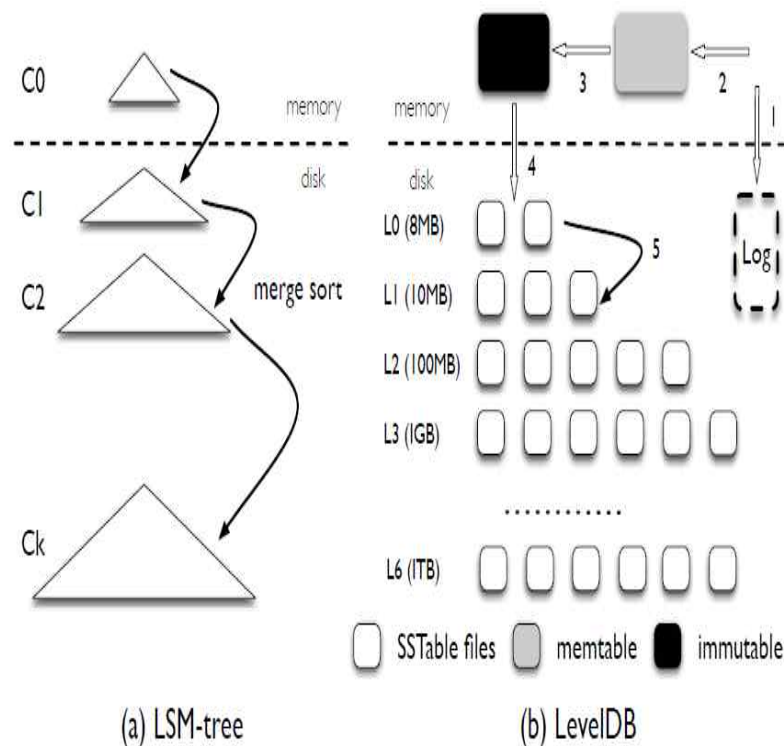
Baidu
 - Atlas
 - For Cloud data

Basho
 - Riak
 - For distributed KV

Yahoo
 - PNUTS
 - For Advertising

Open source
 - Redis, Memcached
 - For in-memory DB, cache

LinkedIn
 - Voldemort
 - For Scalability



Hardware consideration (1/6)

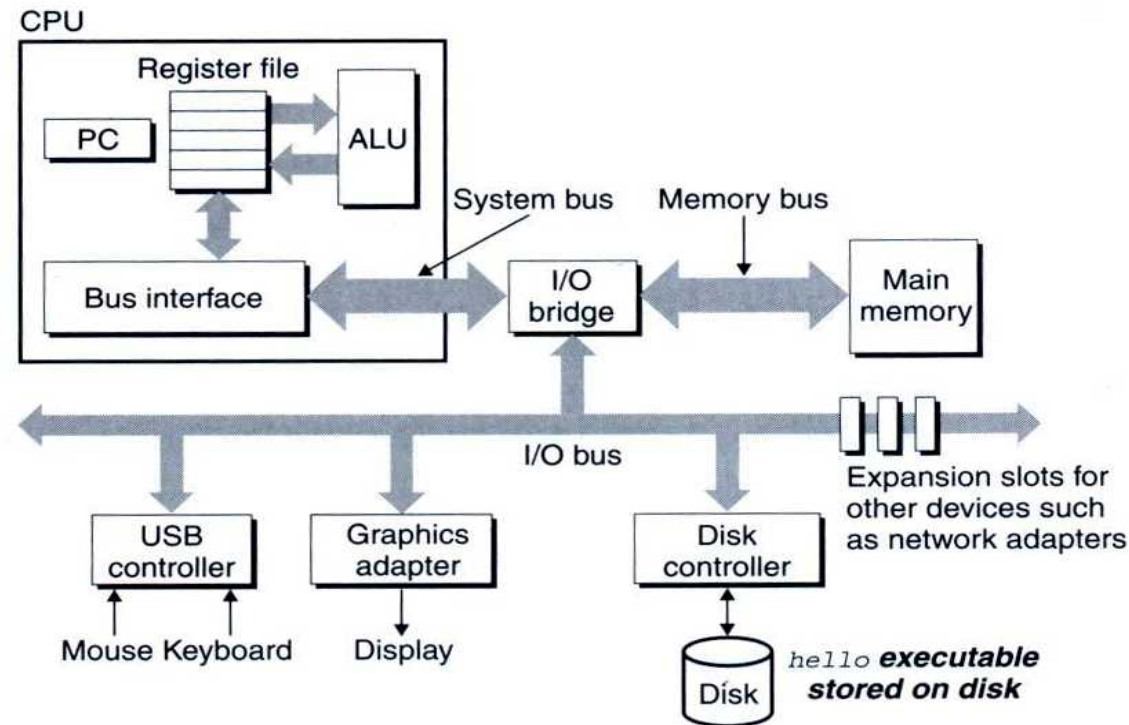
■ Computer organization

- ✓ CPU: registers (include PC), ALU, cache, ...
- ✓ Memory: “address, content” pair
- ✓ Device: controller + device itself
- ✓ Bus: hierarchical

Figure 1.4

Hardware organization of a typical system.

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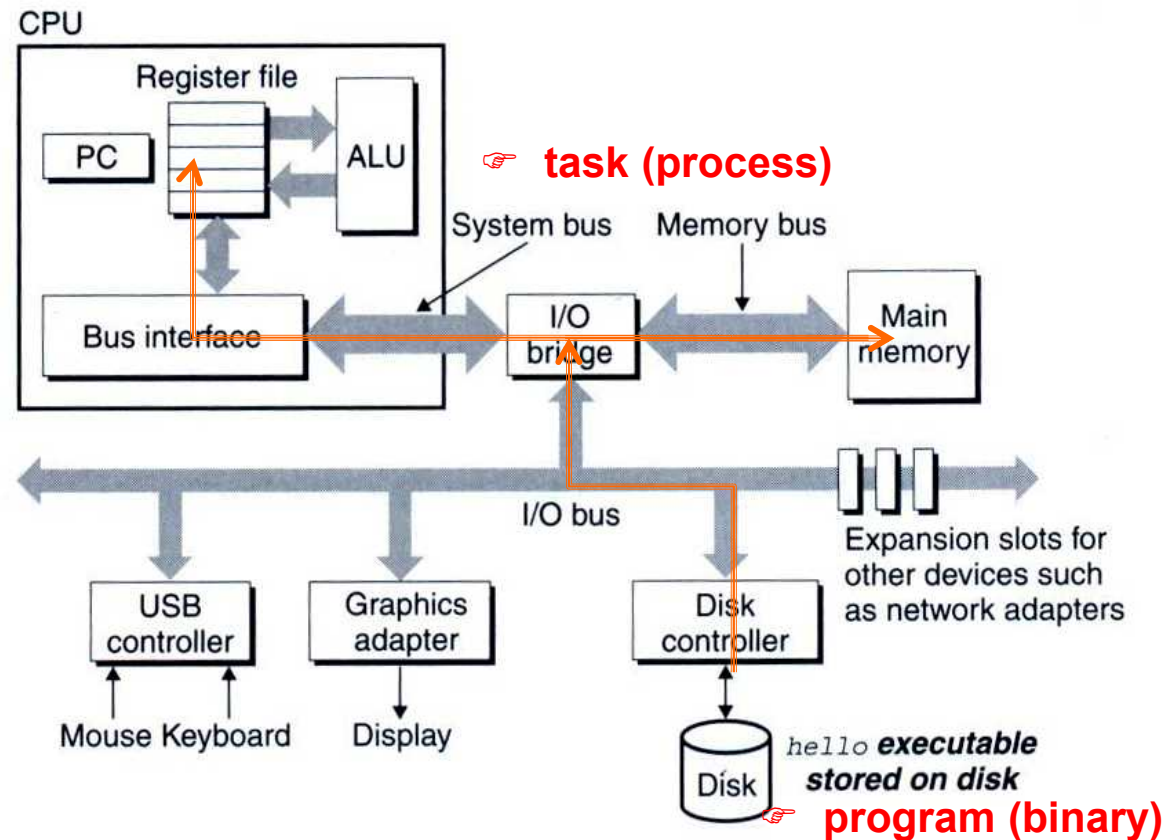
Hardware consideration (2/6)

- Computer organization
 - ✓ When a program load

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Hardware consideration (3/6)

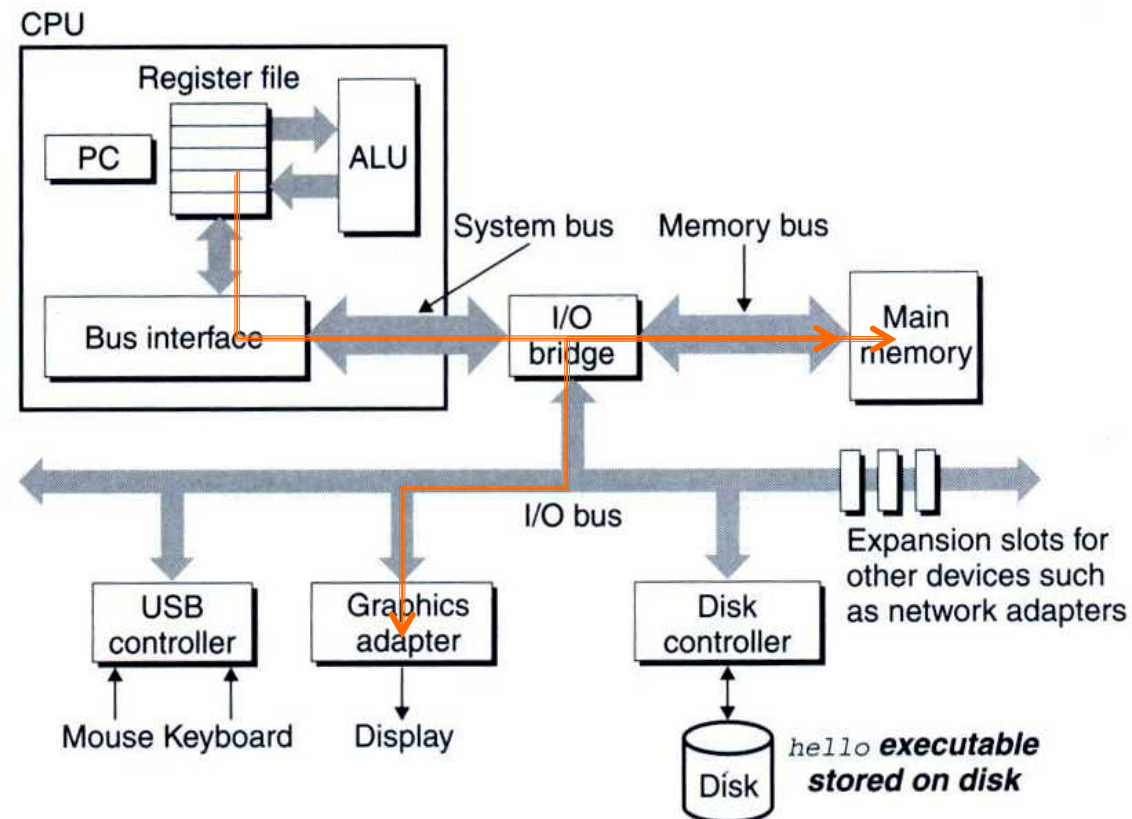
■ Computer organization

- ✓ When printf("Hello World\n") is conducted

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Hardware consideration (4/6)

■ Memory matters

- ✓ array programming example

```
/* program A */  
int a[1000][1000];  
int i, j;  
....  
  
for (i=0; i<1000; i++)  
  for (j=0; j<1000; j++)  
    a[i][j] ++;
```

VS

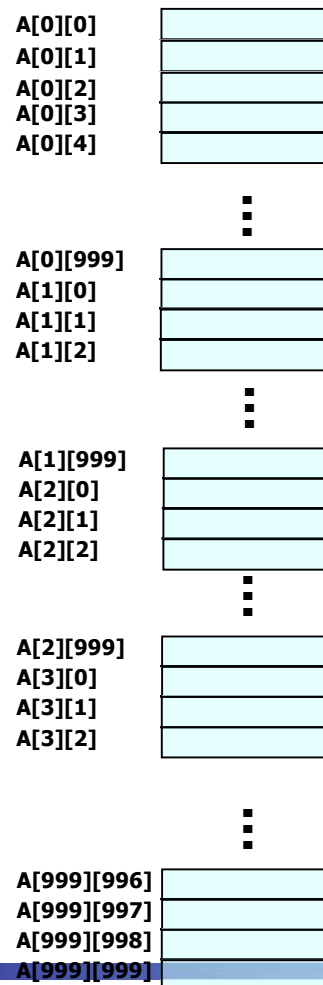
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/* program B */  
int a[1000][1000];  
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for (i=0; i<1000; i++)  
  for (j=0; j<1000; j++)  
    a[j][i] ++;
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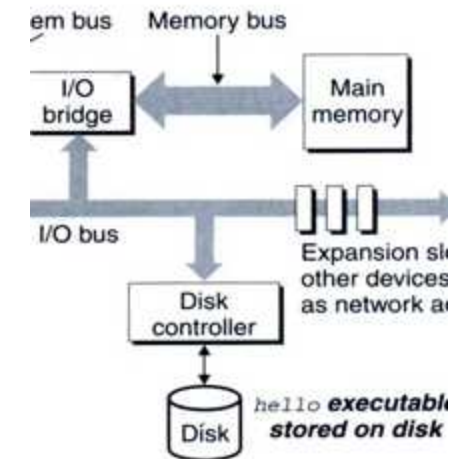
Hardware consideration (5/6)

■ Memory matters

- ✓ Memory layout of the array programming example
- ✓ Note that, in limited memory, some data are swapped out and in



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Hardware consideration (6/6)

■ CPU also matters

✓ Loop unrolling example

- Two programs show different resource utilization in CPU (→ See Chapter 5 in CSAPP)

```
void combine4(vec_ptr v, data_t *dest)
{
    int i;
    int length = vec_length(v);
    data_t *data = get_vec_start(v);
    data_t x = 0;

    for (i = 0; i < length; i++) {
        x = x + data[i];
    }
    *dest = x;
}
```

VS

```
void combine5(vec_ptr v, data_t *dest)
{
    int i;
    int length = vec_length(v);
    data_t *data = get_vec_start(v);
    data_t x = 0;
    int limit = length - 2;

    for (i = 0; i < limit; i += 3) {
        x = x + data[i] + data[i+1] + data[i+2];
    }

    for (; i < length; i++) {
        x = x + data[i];
    }
    *dest = x;
}
```

(Source: Chapter 5 in CSAPP)



Abstraction (1/9)

- Key of System Program: Abstraction
 - ✓ **Abstraction** is the **process of generalization** by reducing the information content of a concept or an observable phenomenon, typically in order to retain only information which is relevant for a particular purpose.
 - ✓ In computer science, abstraction tries **to reduce and factor out details** so that the **programmer can focus on a few concepts at a time**. A system can have **several abstraction layers** whereby different meanings and amounts of detail are exposed to the programmer.



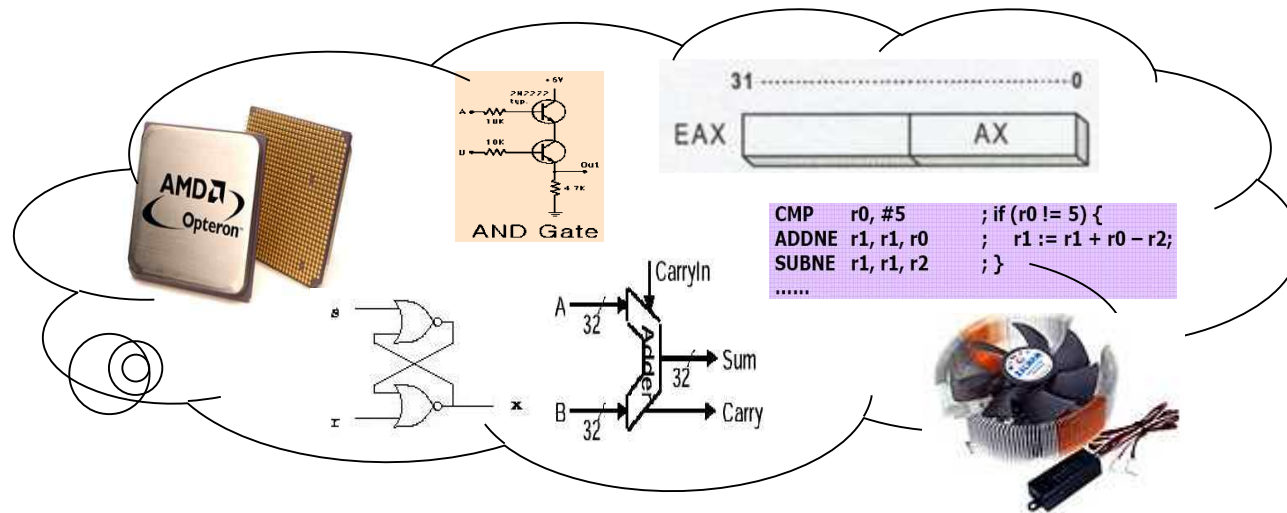
Abstraction (2/9)

■ CPU

Human-Friendly High Level Language
(ISA: Instruction Set Architecture)

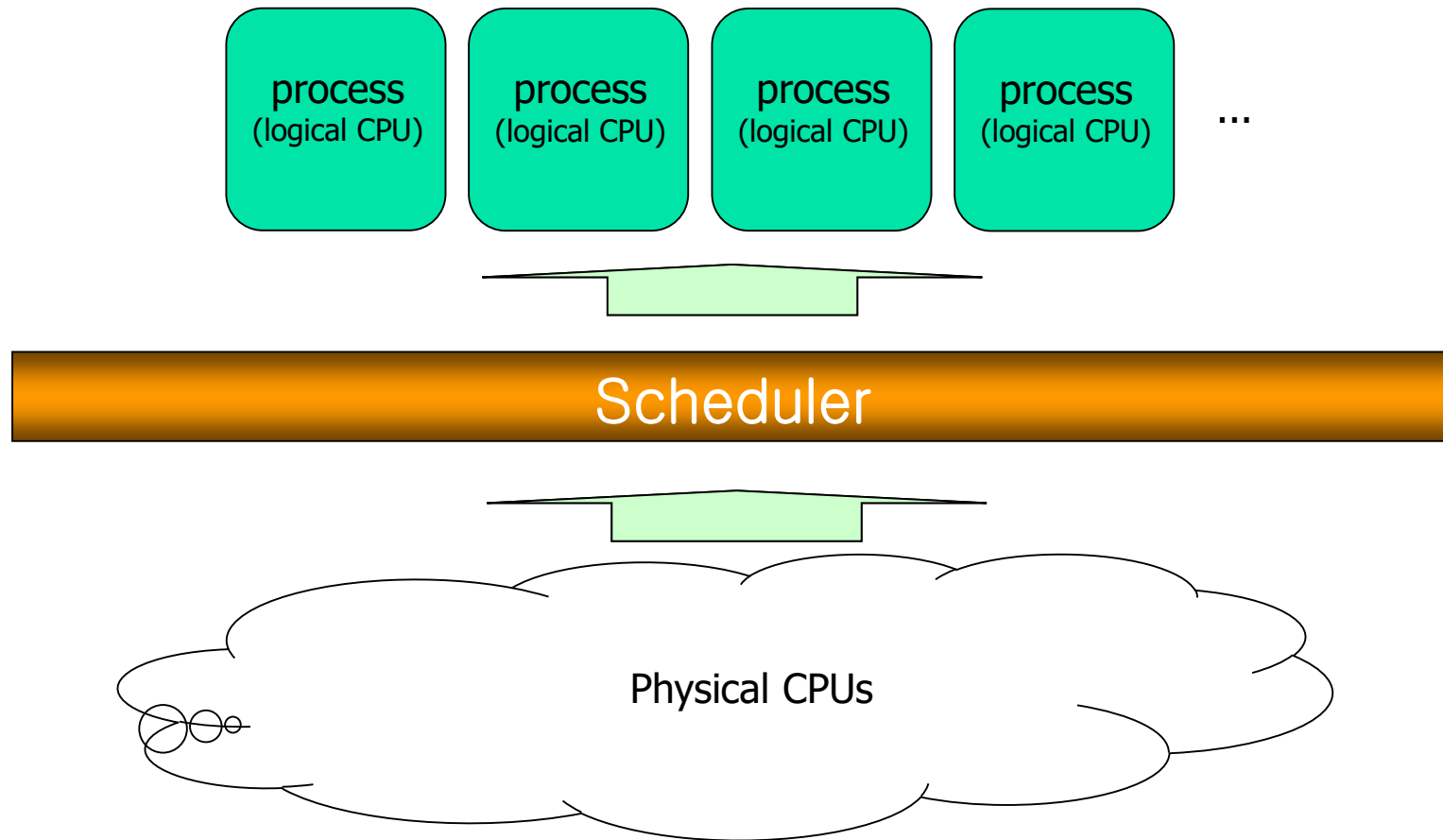


Compilation system



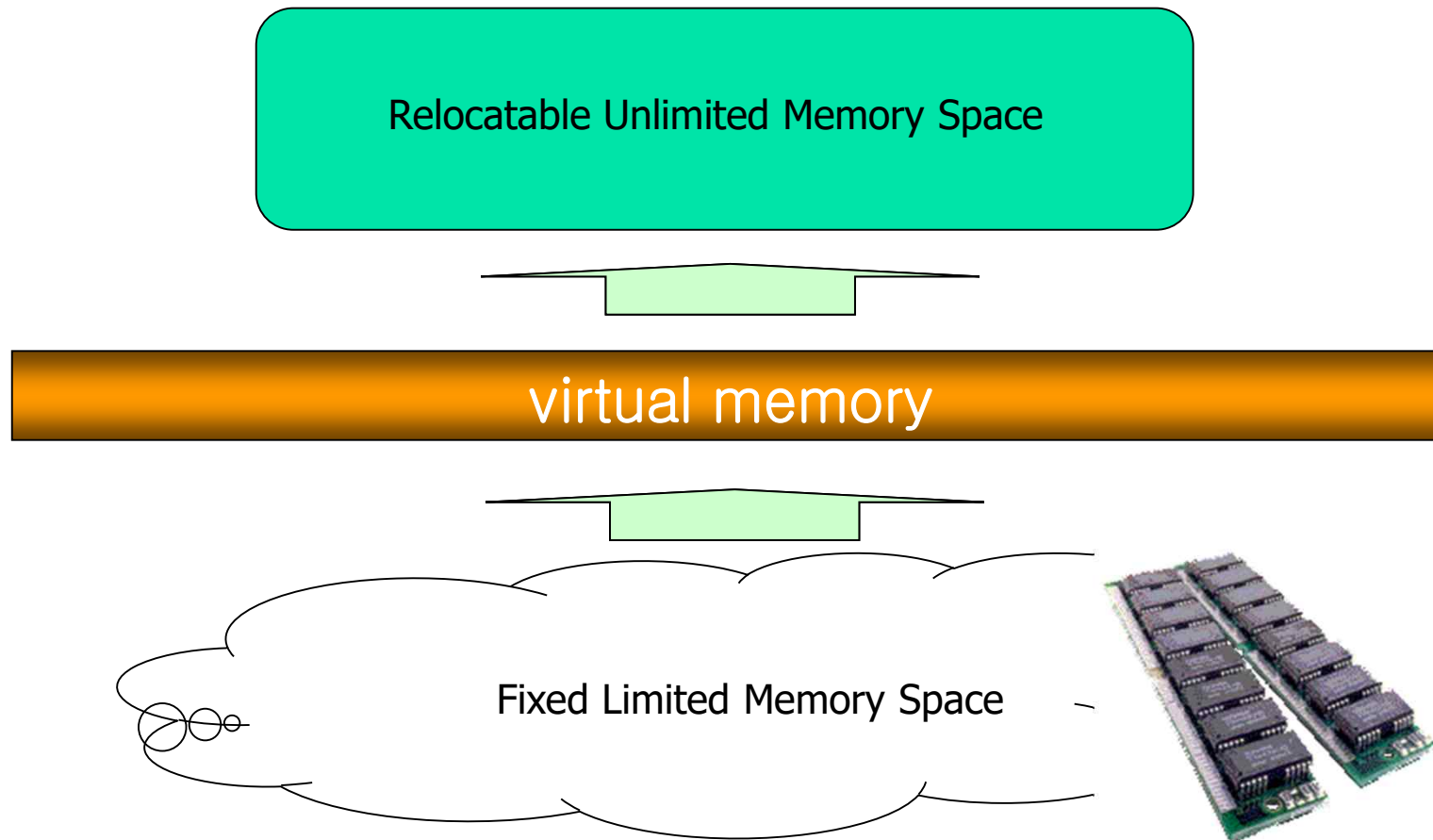
Abstraction (3/9)

- Multitasking



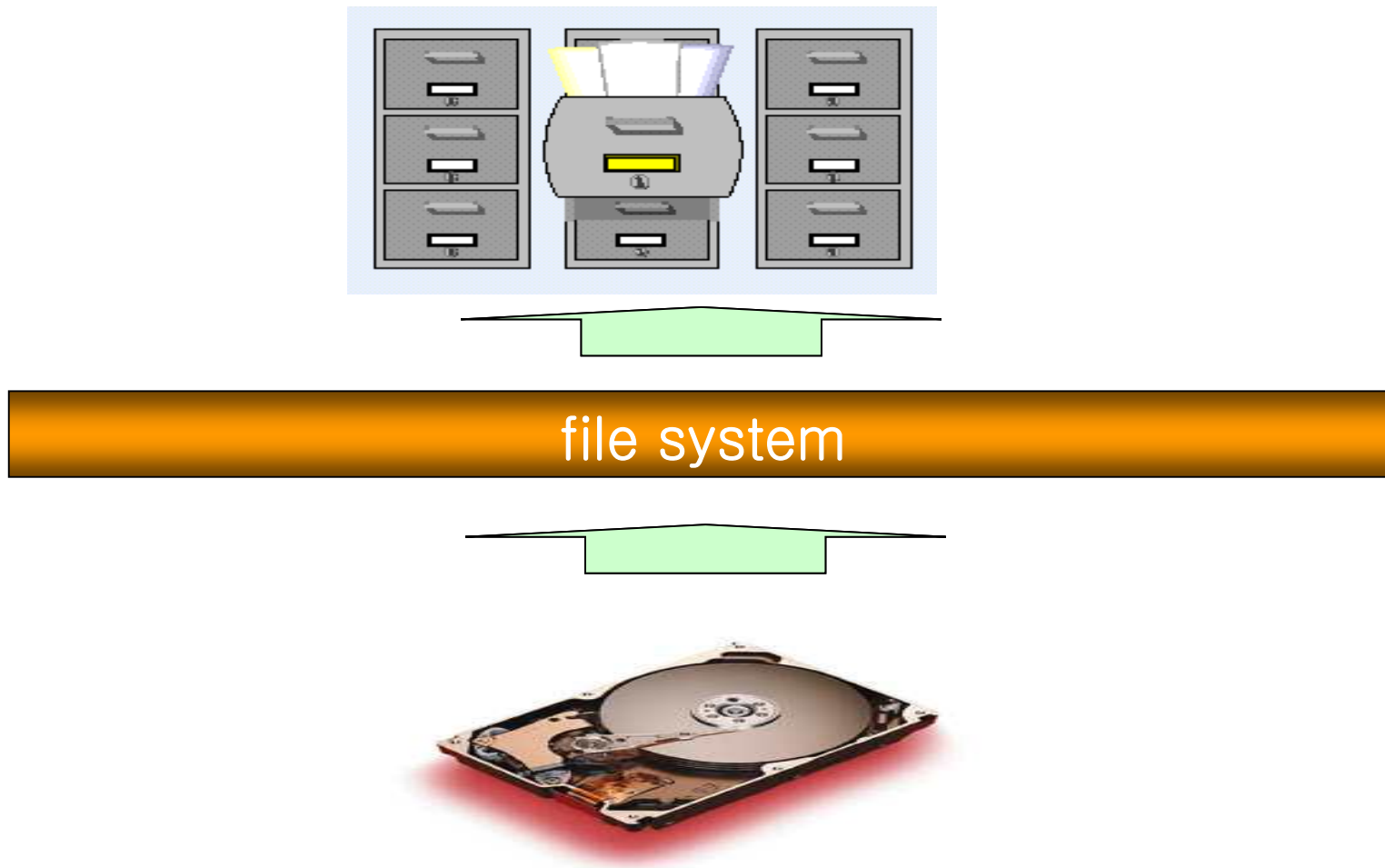
Abstraction (4/9)

- Memory management



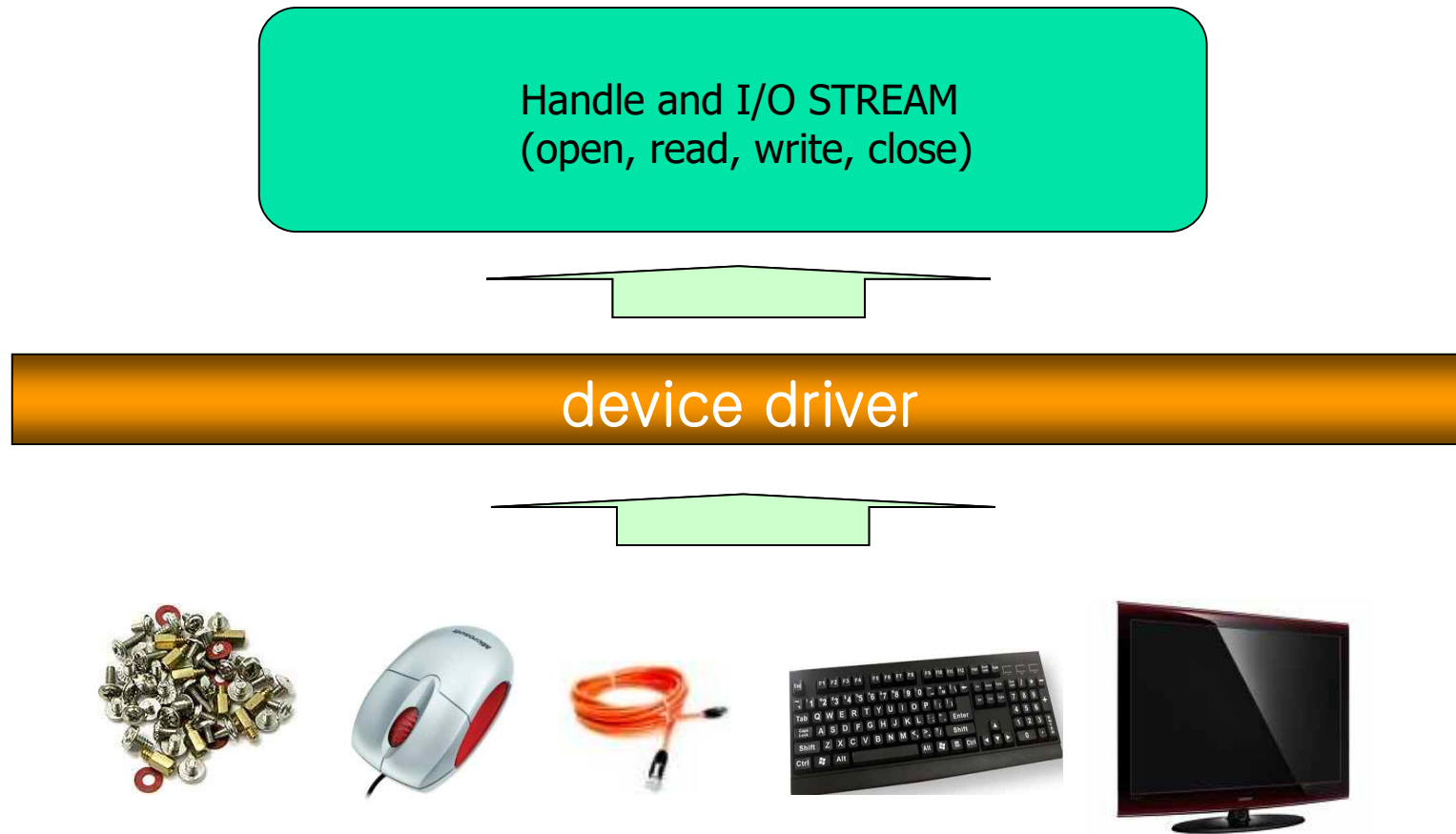
Abstraction (5/9)

- File system



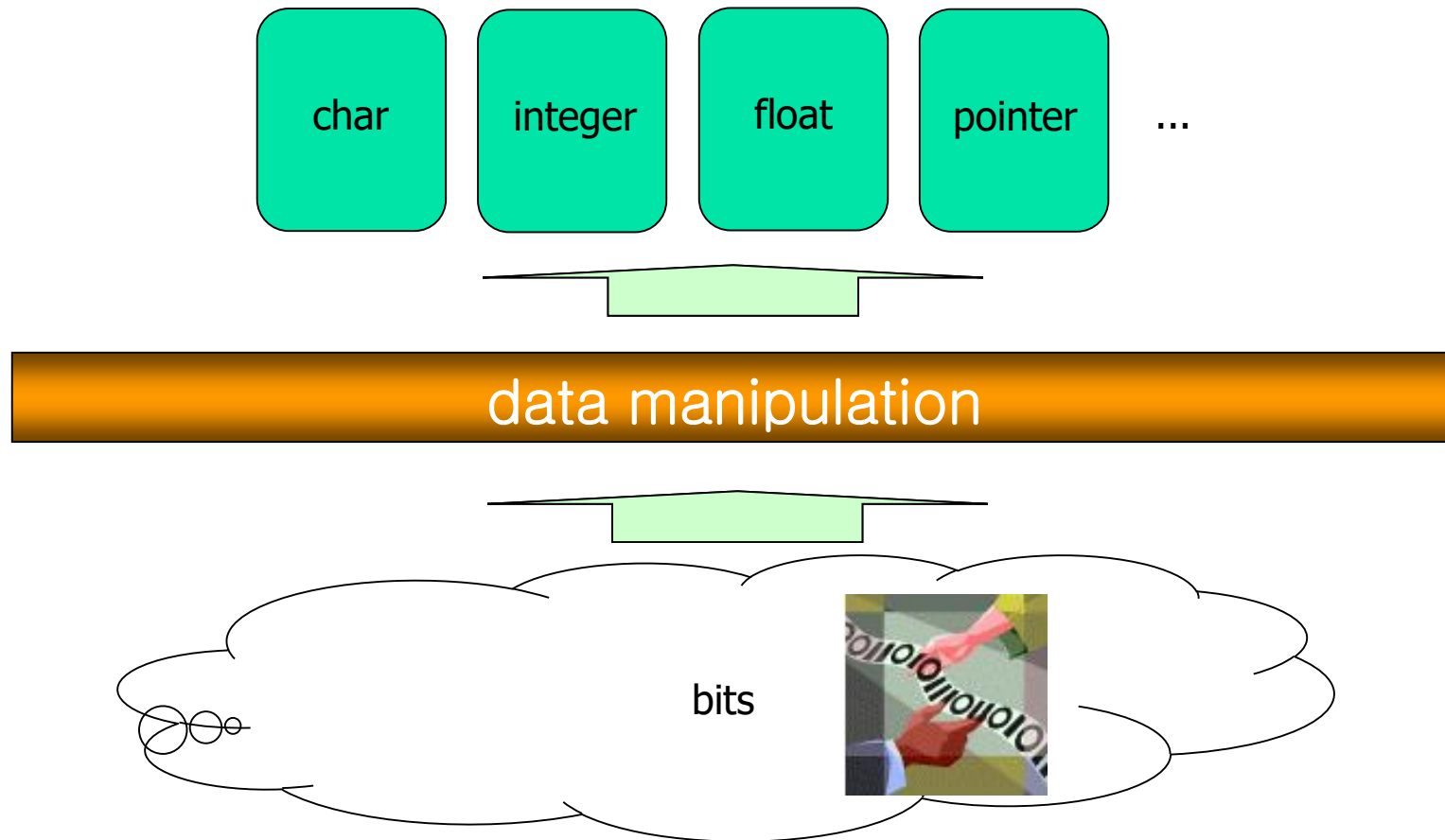
Abstraction (6/9)

- Device driver



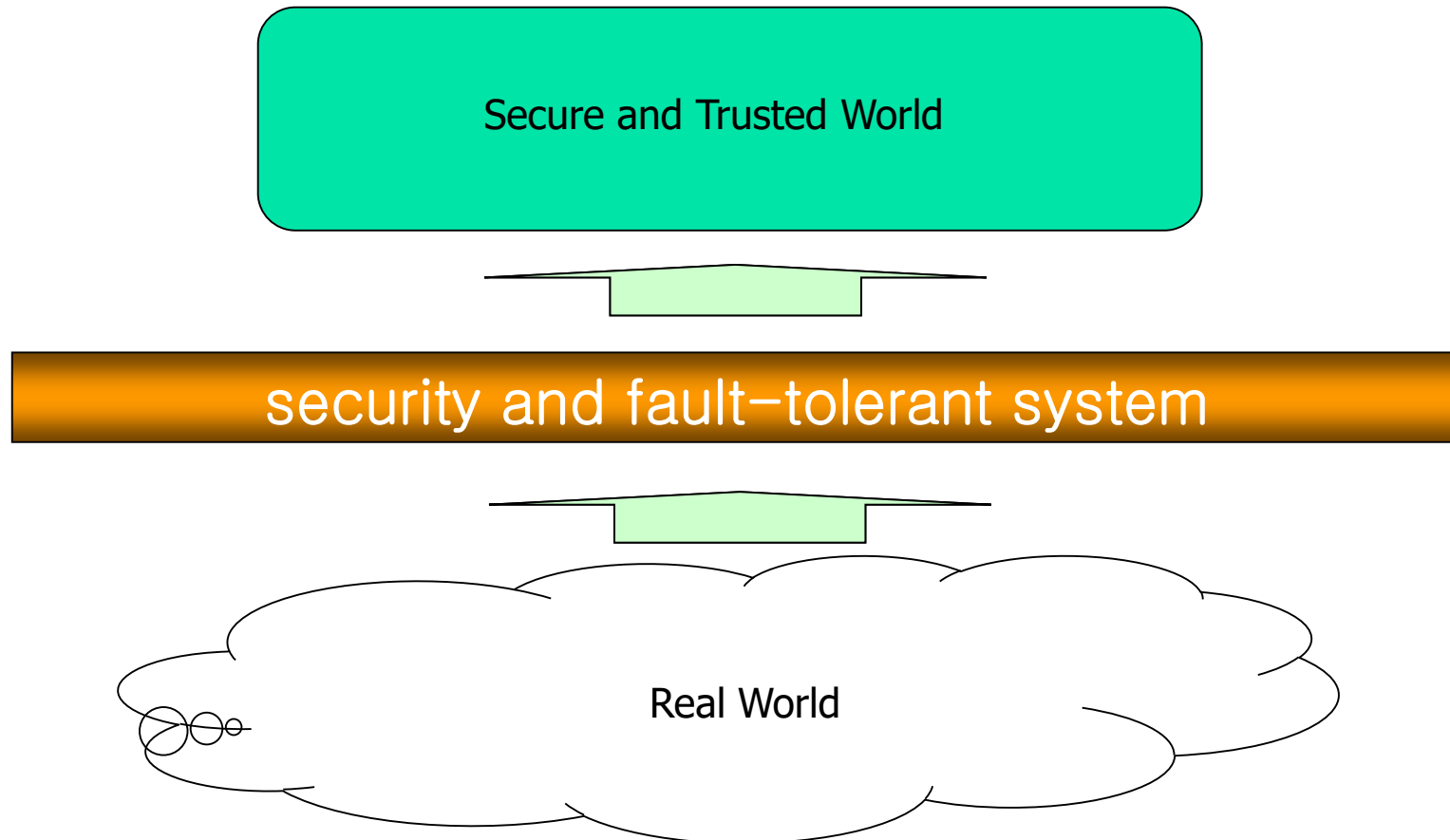
Abstraction (7/9)

- Data representation



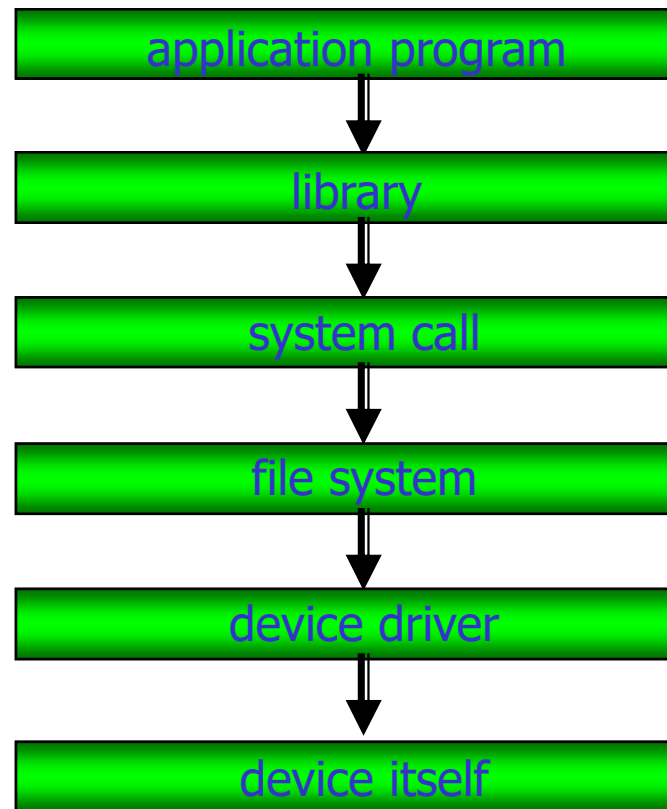
Abstraction (8/9)

- Security and reliability



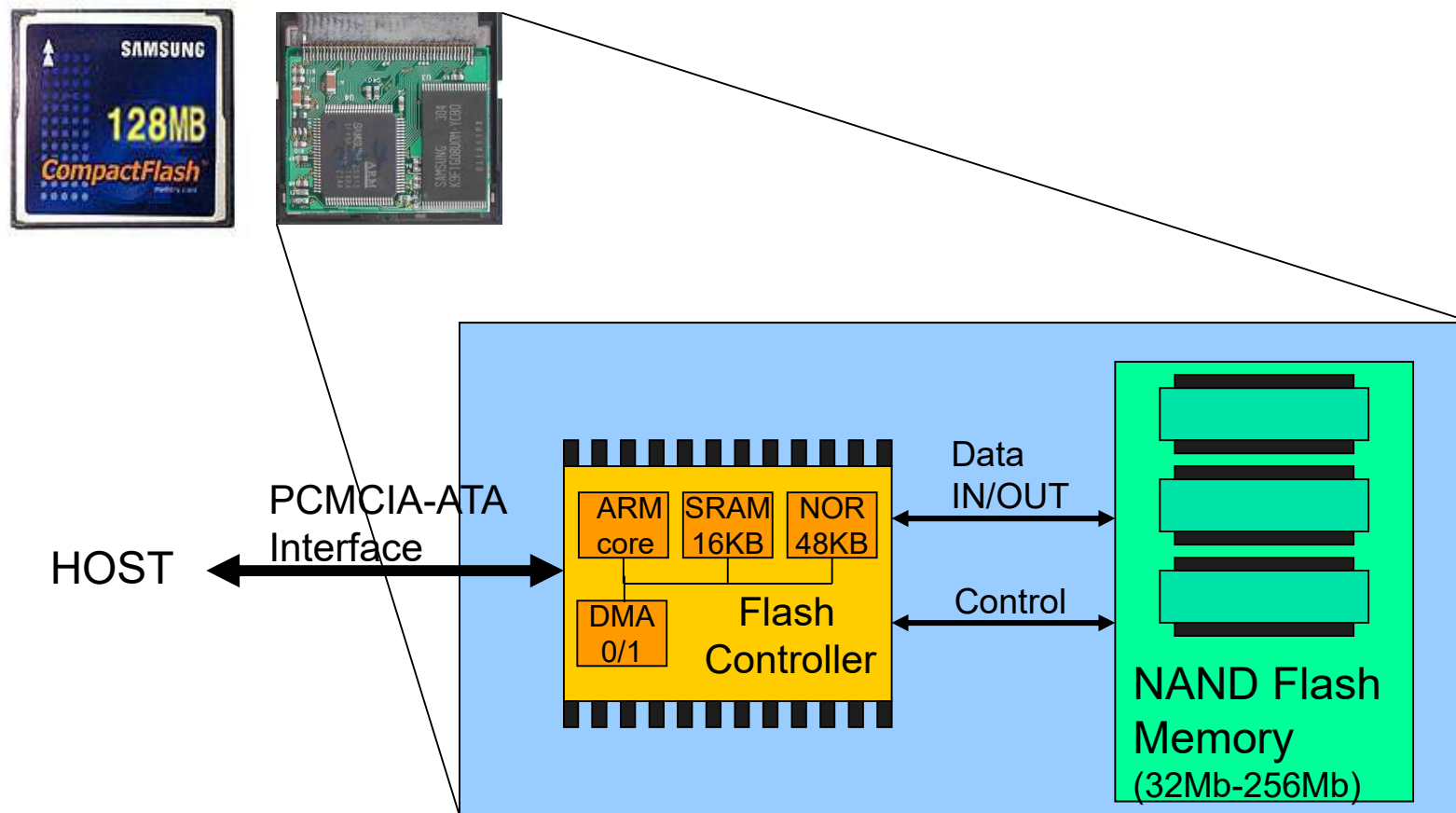
Abstraction (9/9)

- Software layers (Layered architecture)



Importance of System Program

■ Compact Flash Storage Card Internals



☞ Knowledge about how HW and SW are cooperated becomes indispensable in recent computing industry (HW/SW Co-design)



Summary

■ Definition of System Program

- ✓ Supporting computing environments
- ✓ Managing hardware directly

■ 3 Types of System Program

- ✓ Compilation system, operating system, runtime system
- ✓ Hardware consideration

■ Concept of Abstraction

- ✓ Information hiding
- ✓ Layered architecture

👉 **Homework 1: Read the Chapter 1, “A Tour of Computer Systems” and summarize it.**

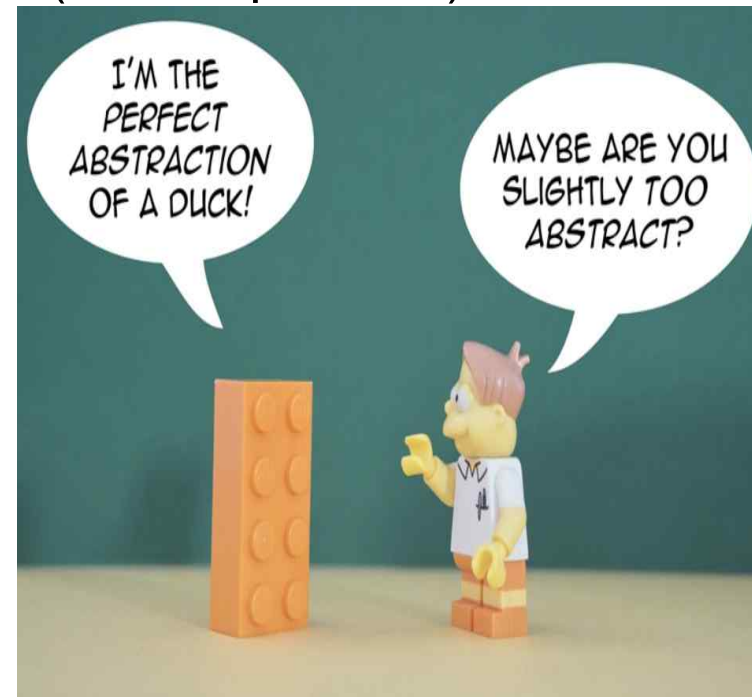
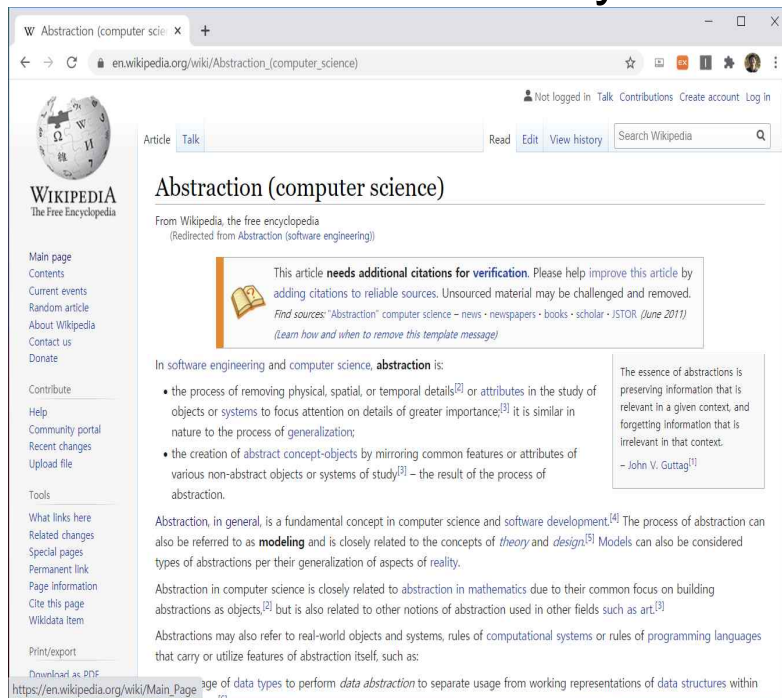
- ✓ **Requirement: 1) From the beginning to the Section 1.4 (at most 4 pages, 10 font (can be larger for section or subsection title)), 2) What is the purpose of studying System Programming? (1 page), 3) Section 1.7 (2 pages, discuss about “process, thread, virtual memory and file”)**
- ✓ **Deadline: 6 PM Friday of the next week (18th, September)**
- ✓ **Caution: Do not copy!! Send your report as a “pdf” file!!**



Quiz for 2nd-Week 2nd-Lesson

■ Quiz

- ✓ Describe an example of abstraction in your life and discuss the features of abstraction in the example (e.g. information hiding, focusing on what you are interested in).
 - If it is funny, better grade :-)
- ✓ Due: until 6 PM Friday of this week (11th, September)



(Source: <https://thevaluable.dev/abstraction-type-software-example/>)



Appendix

■ RISC vs. CISC

✓ assembly language example

▪ $a = b + c;$

```
load    b, eax
add     c, eax
store   eax, a
```

VS

```
add    b, c, a
```

✓ Instruction execution

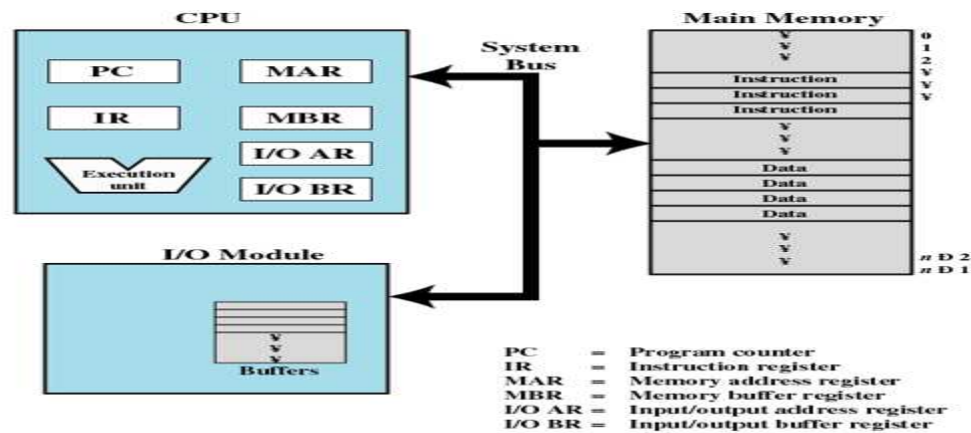


Figure 1.1 Computer Components: Top-Level View

(Source: W. Stalling, "Operating Systems: Internals and Design Principles")

