

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

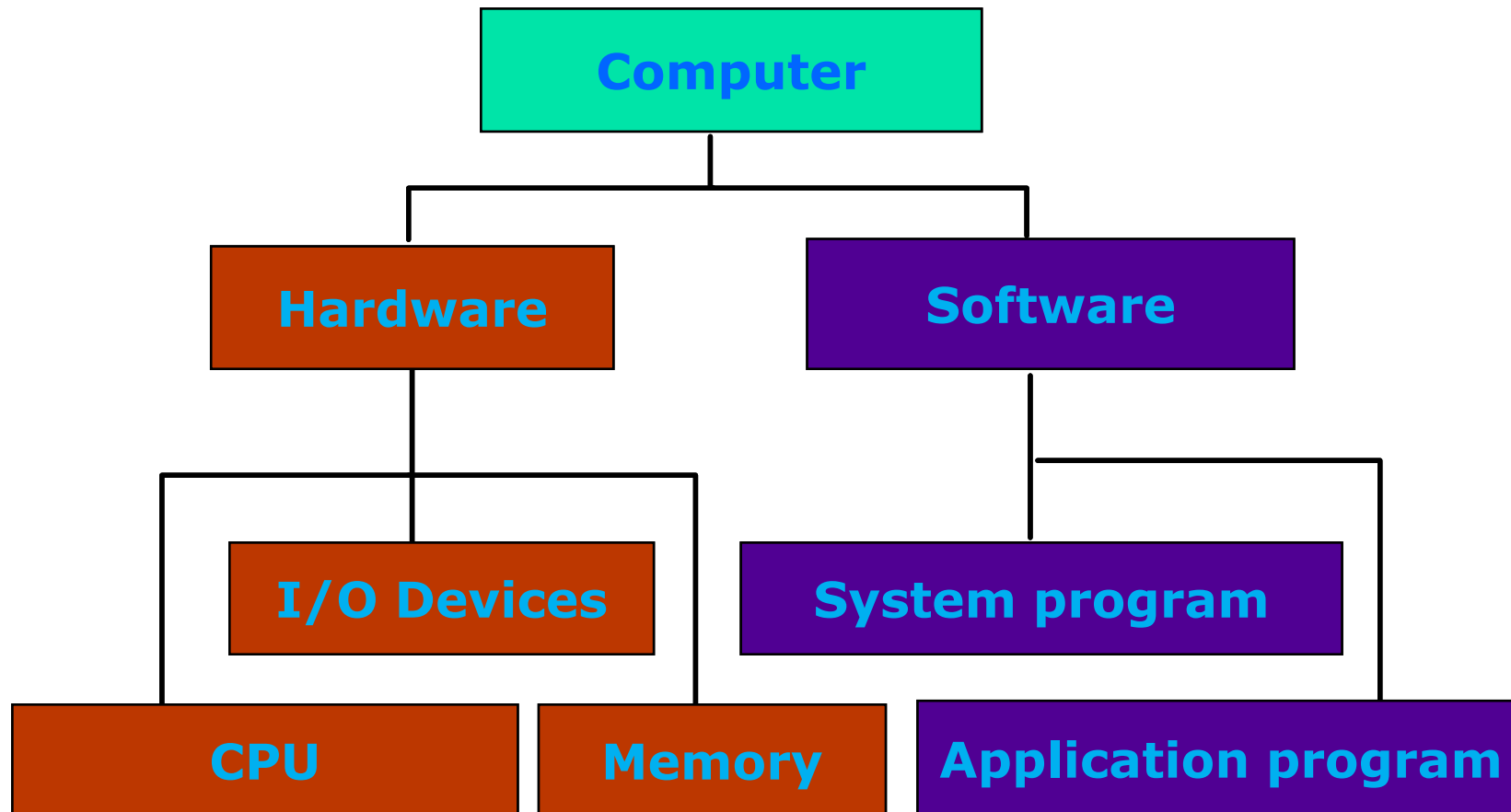
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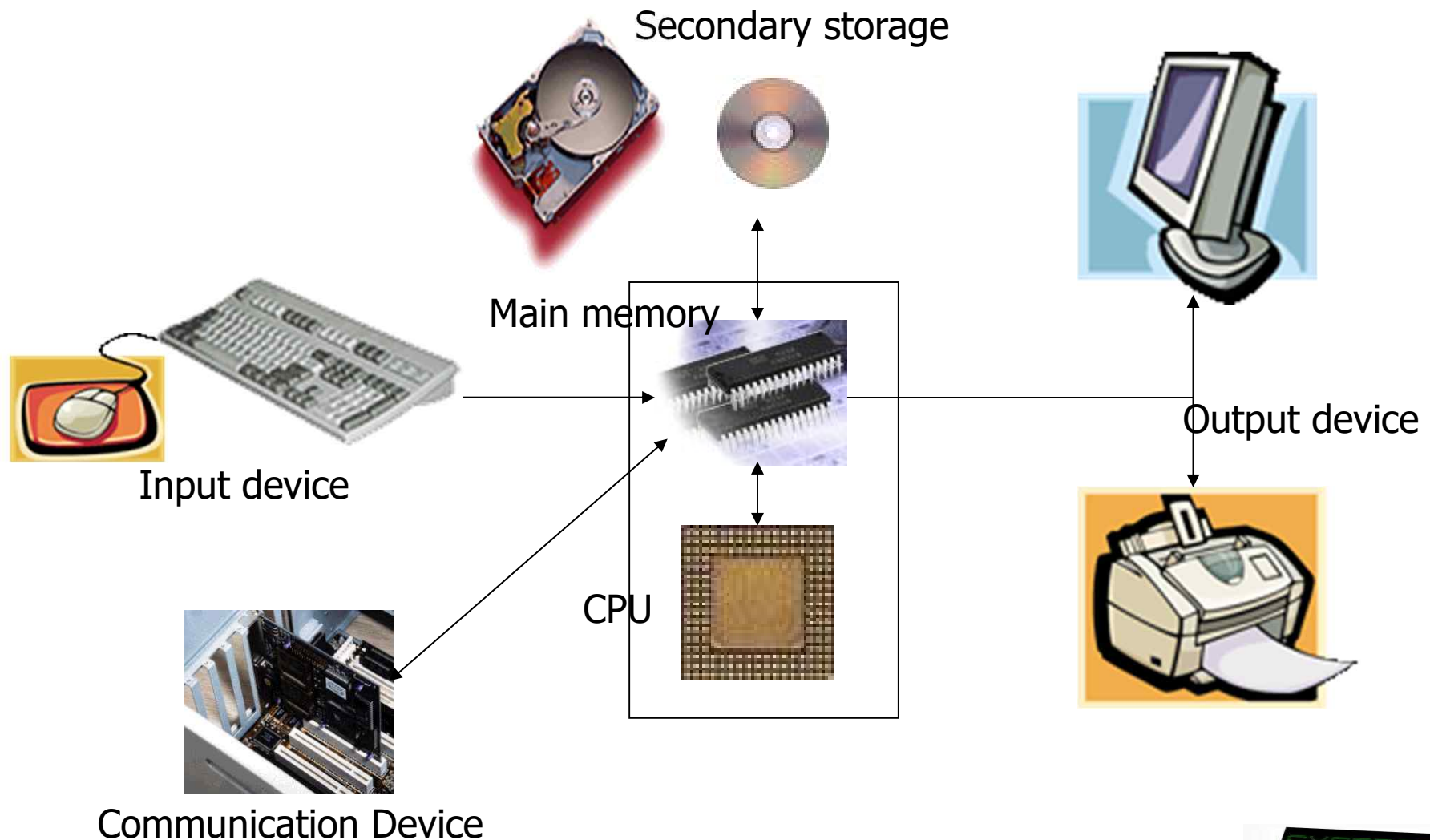
Definition of System Program (1/8)

- 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)

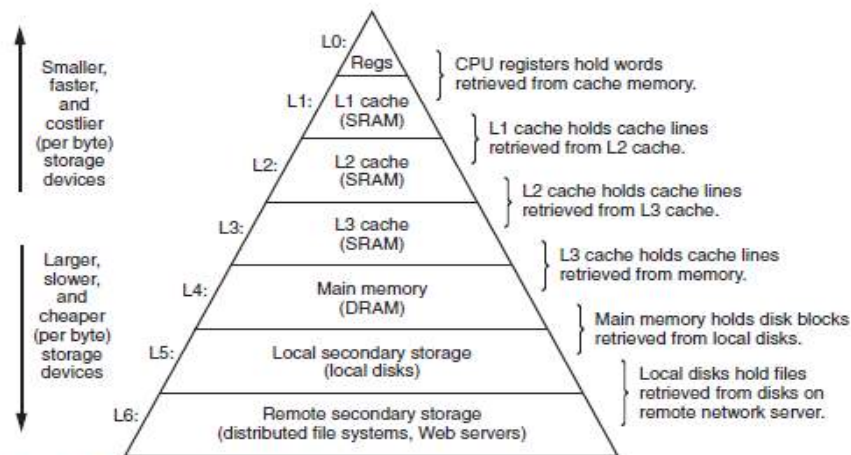
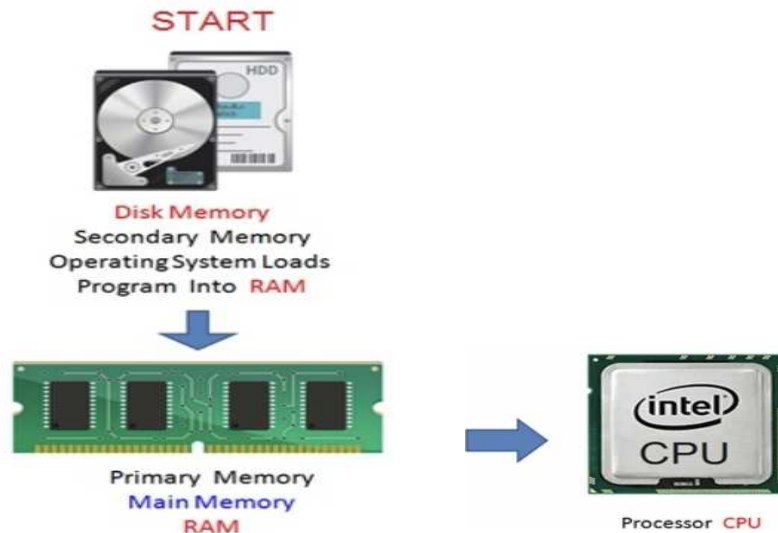


Figure 1.9 An example of a memory hierarchy.



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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
 - ...



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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), ...



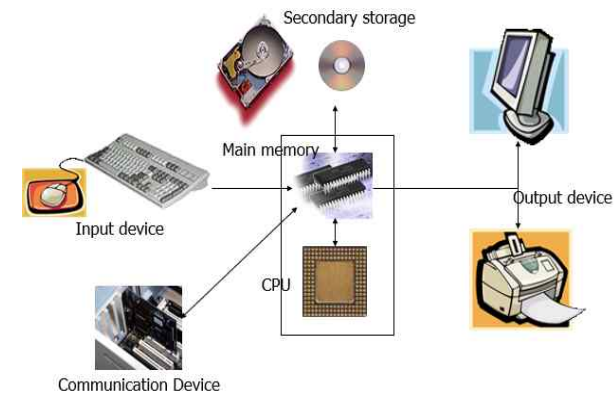
Definition of System Program (8/8)

■ 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)

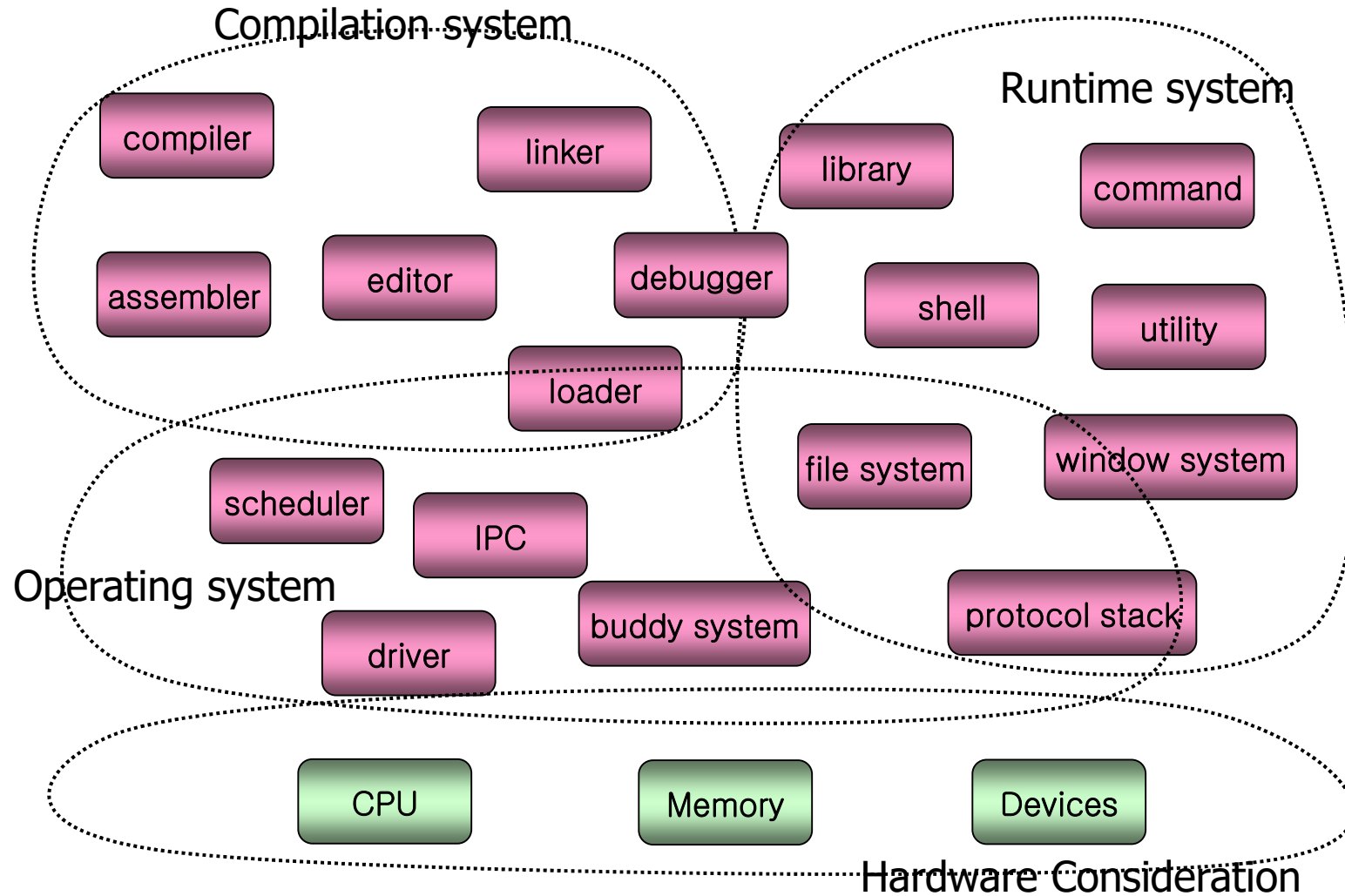
- ✓ **Abstraction**

- 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  
...
```

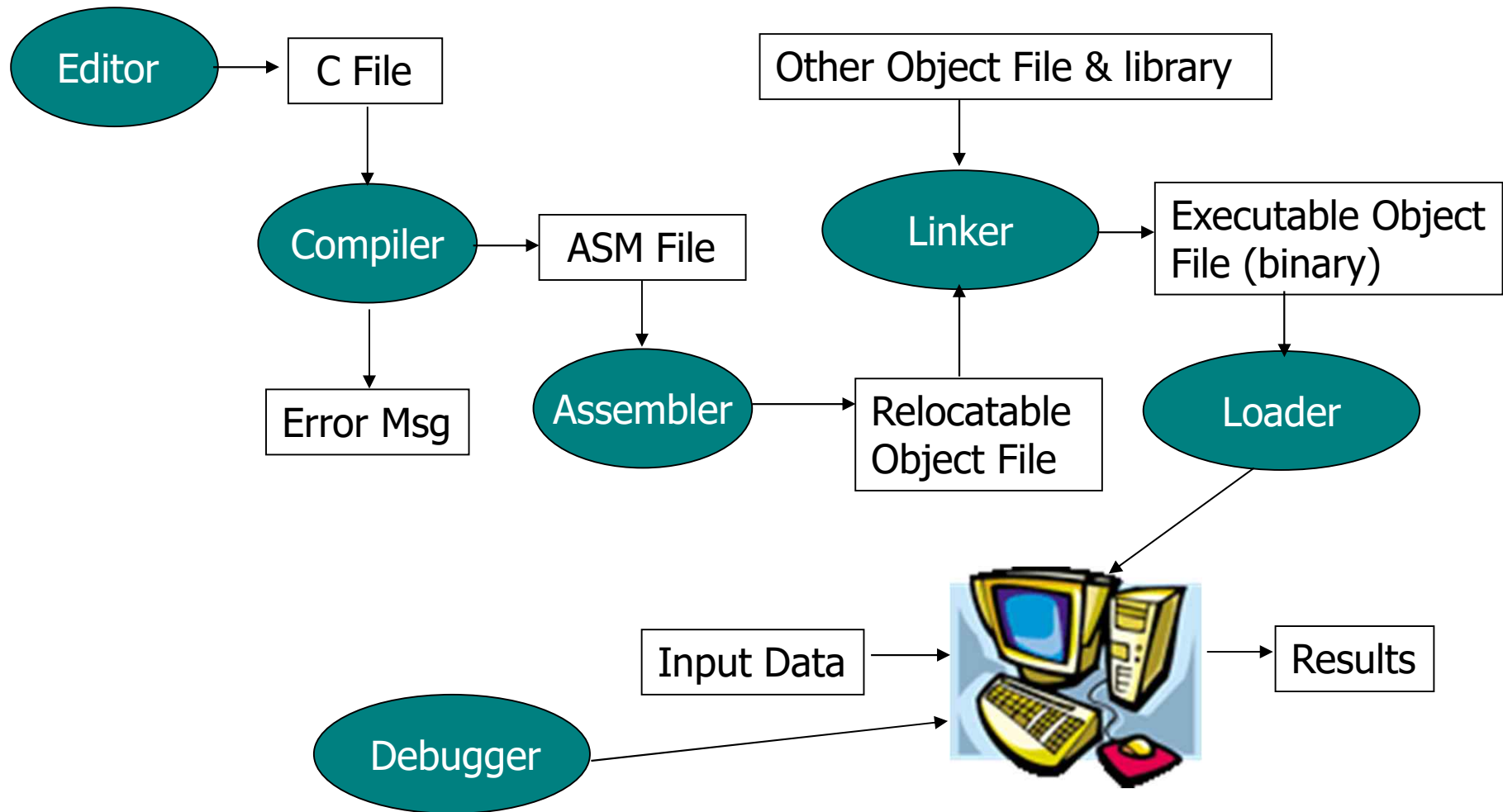
**Machine Language
(Binary code)**

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



Compilation System (2/5)

- Overall structure and 6 key components

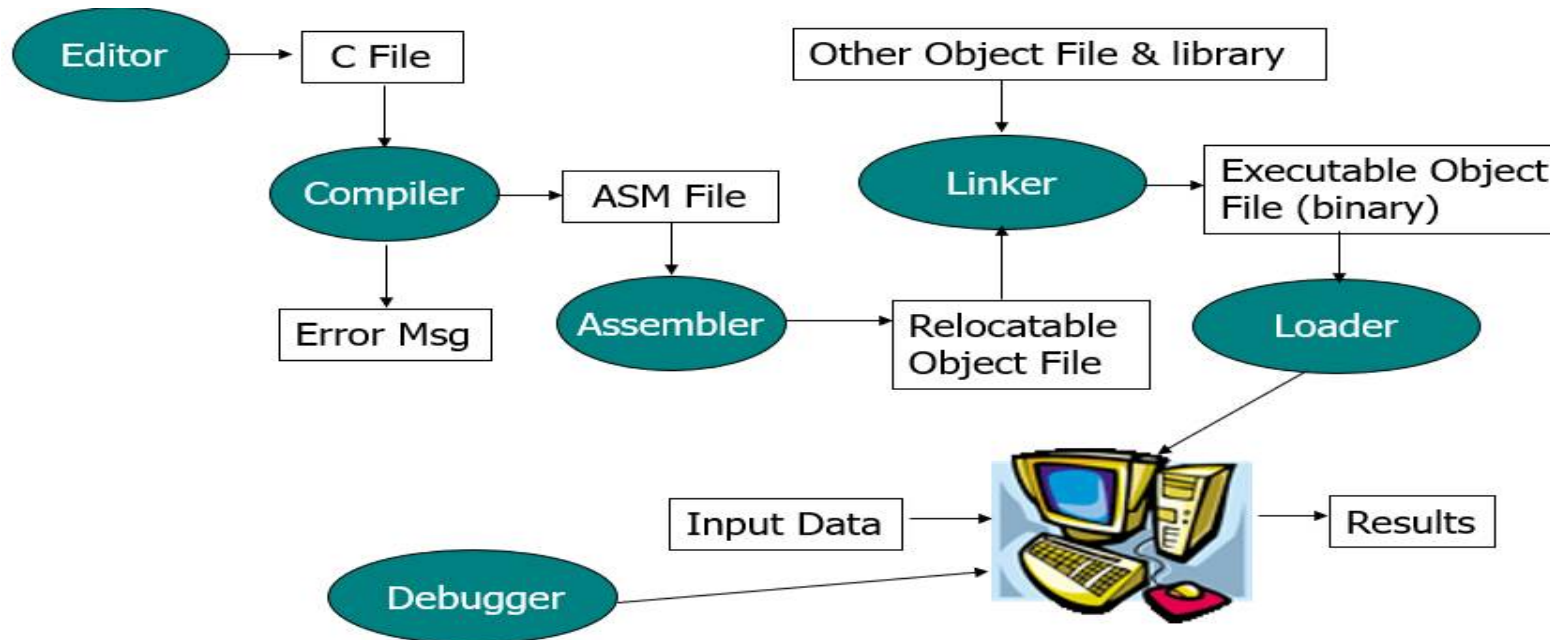




Quiz for 1st-Week 2nd-Lesson

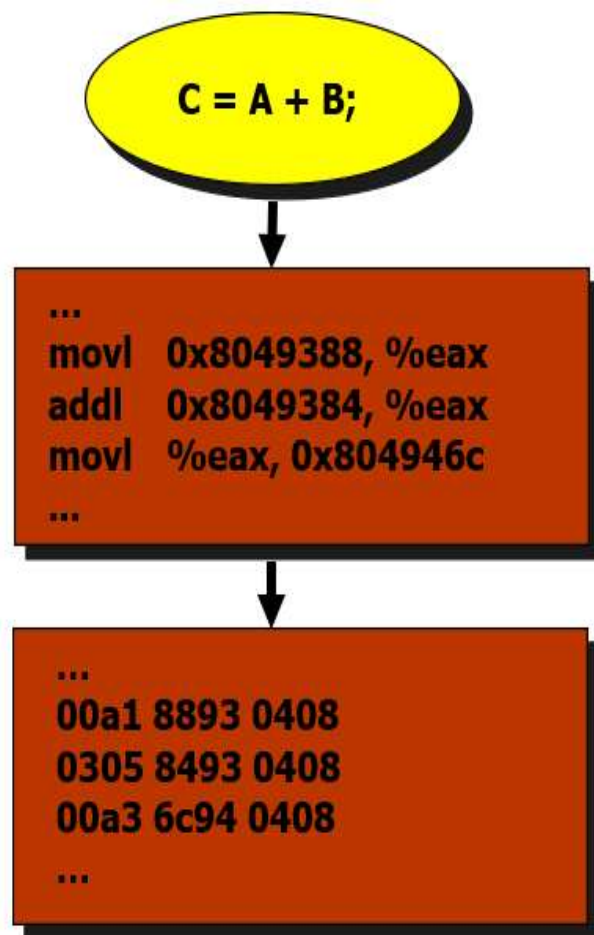
■ Quiz

- ✓ 1. Explain why loader is required in a computer system. (hint: using the difference between Disk and DRAM).
- ✓ 2. Discuss why the hardware components of Smartphone are different from those of PC even though they are same with the viewpoint of computer architecture (3 reasons).
- ✓ Due: until 6 PM Friday of this week(3rd, September)

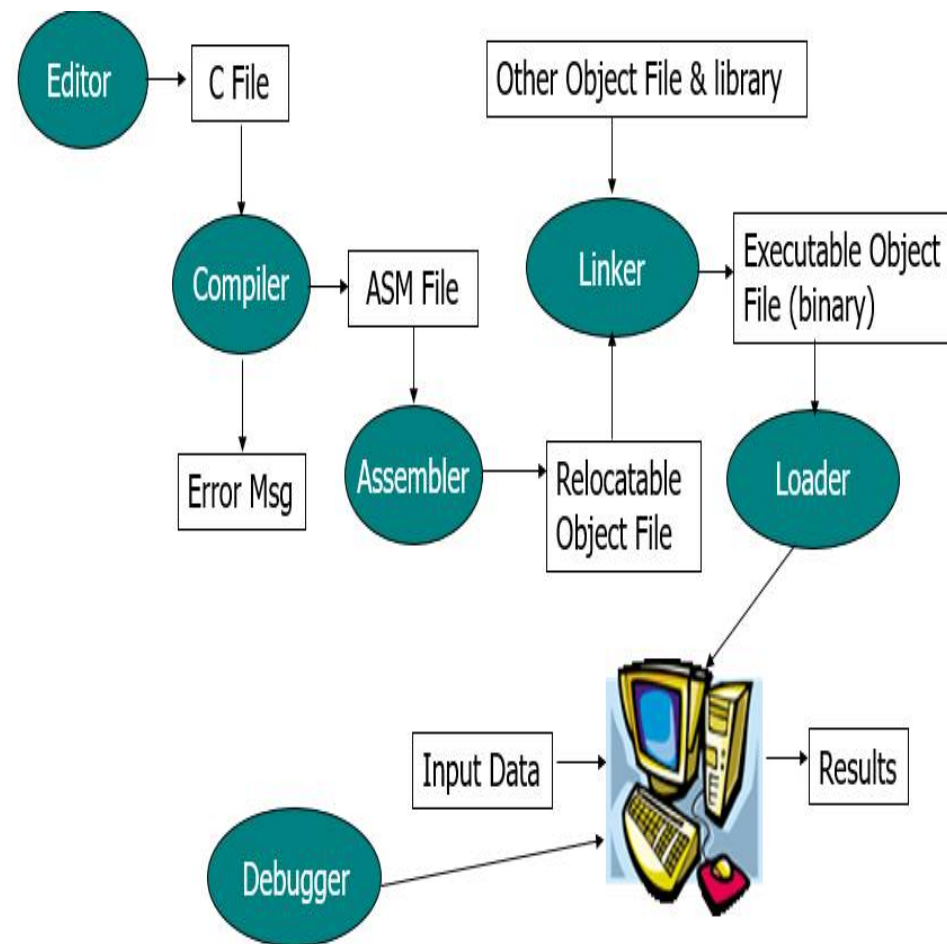


Compilation System (3/5)

■ Relation between Language Hierarchy and Overall Structure



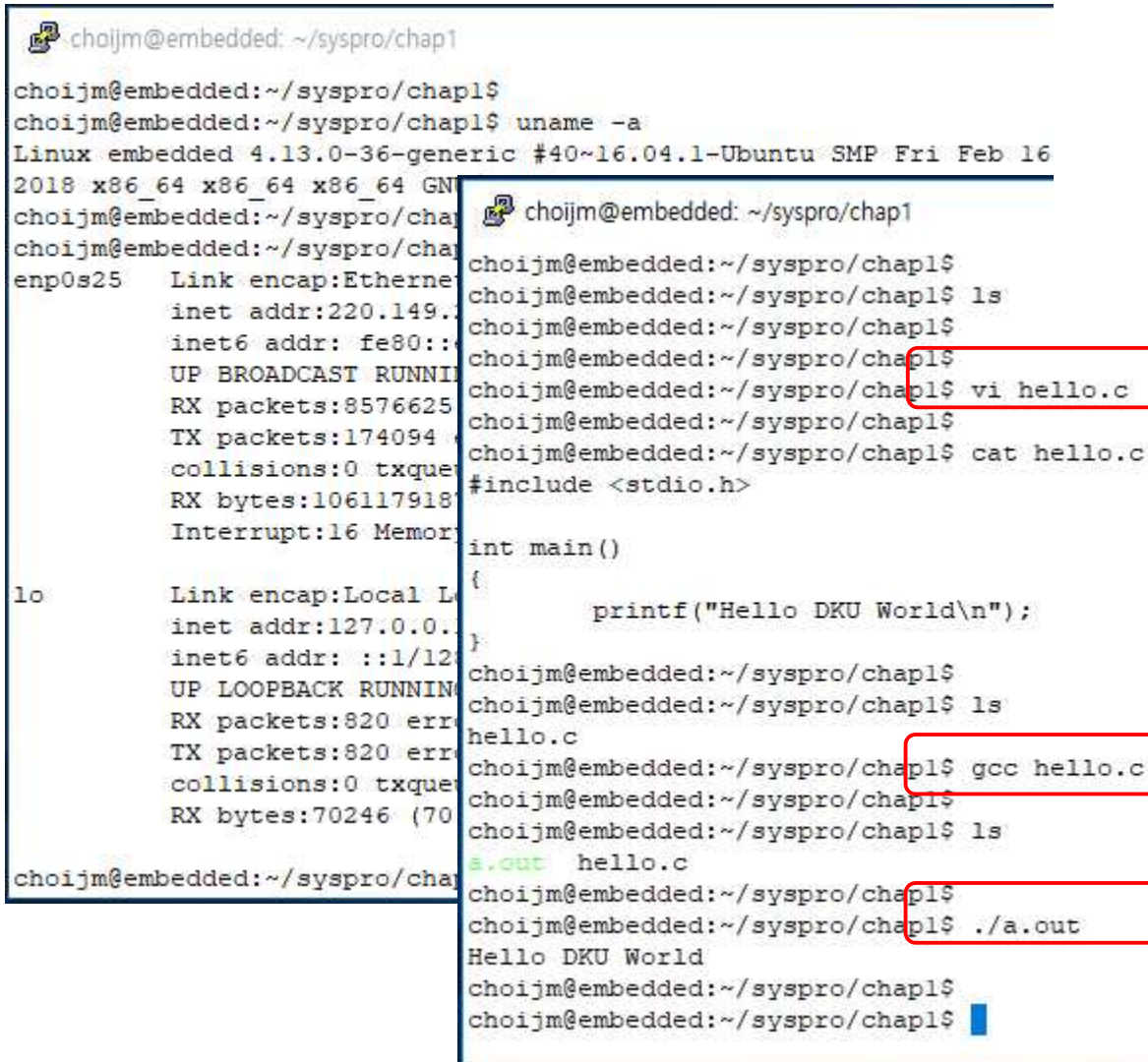
(Language hierarchy)



(Compilation system)



■ Example in Linux

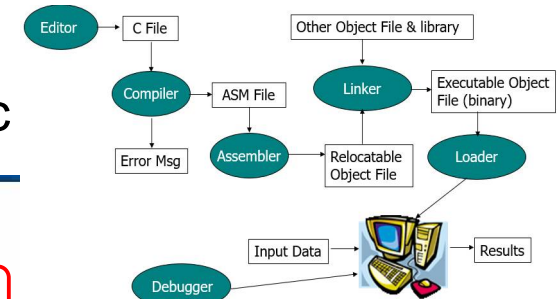


Compilation System (5/5)

■ 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
a.out hello.c hello.o hello.s
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap2$ ./a.out
Hello DKU World
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap2$
```



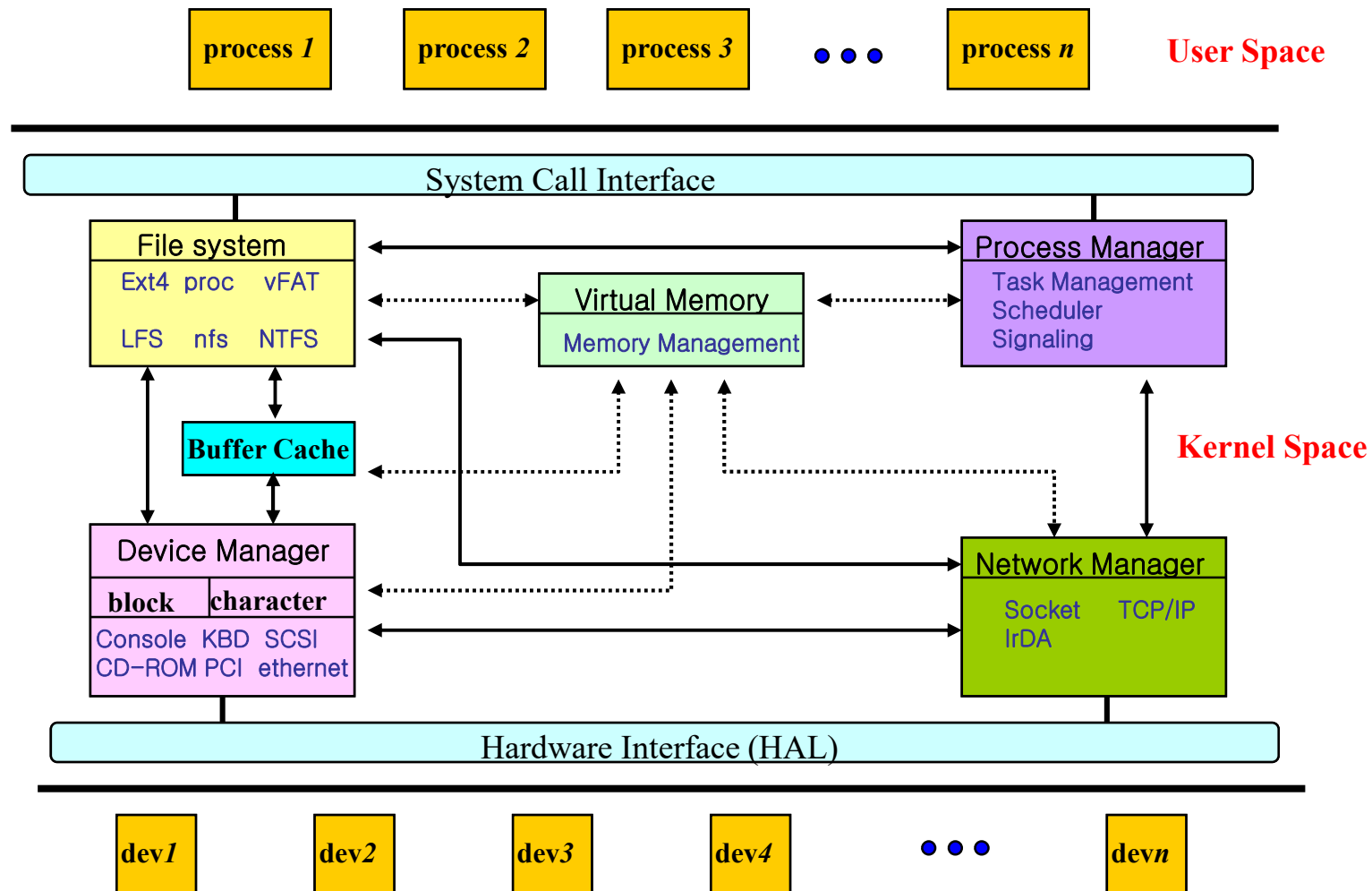
☞ What are the differences btw hello.c and hello.s?

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



Operating System (1/15)

■ Overall structure and 7 key components

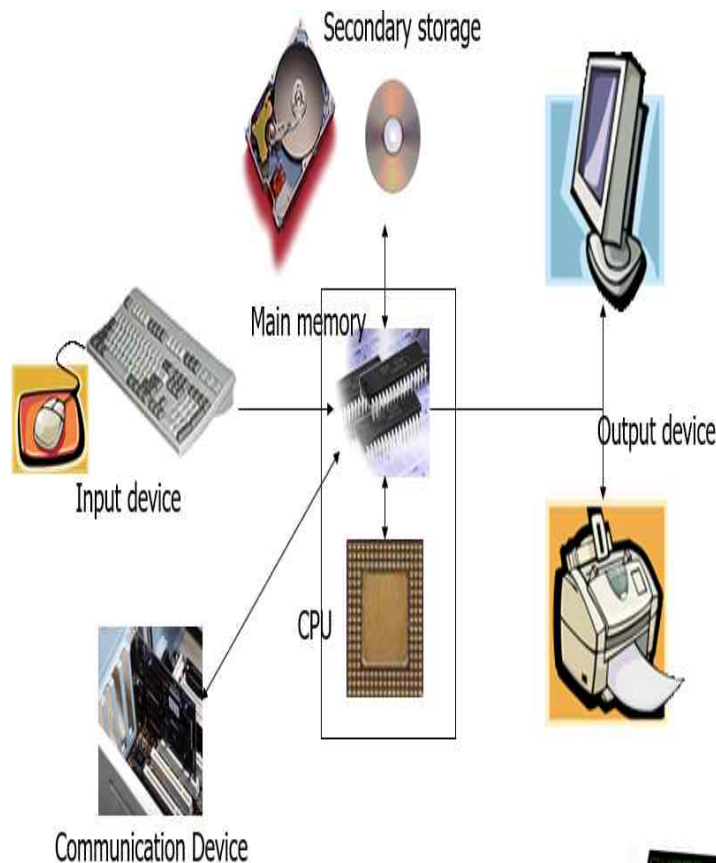


(Source: Linux Kernel Internals)

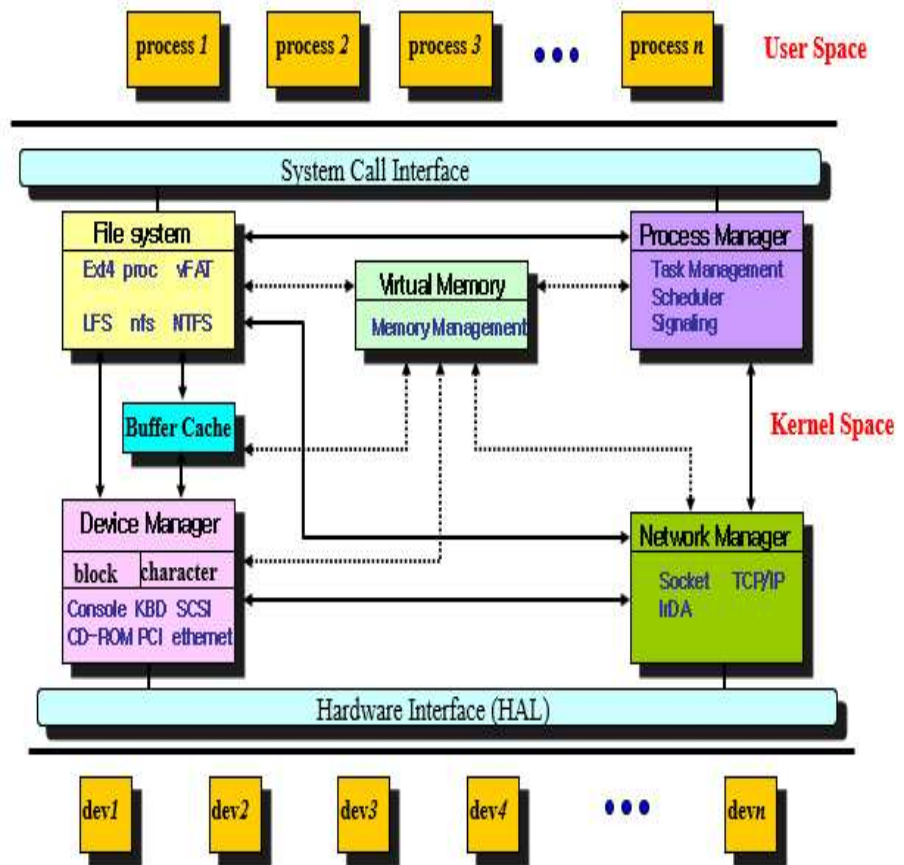


Operating System (2/15)

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



(Physical resources)

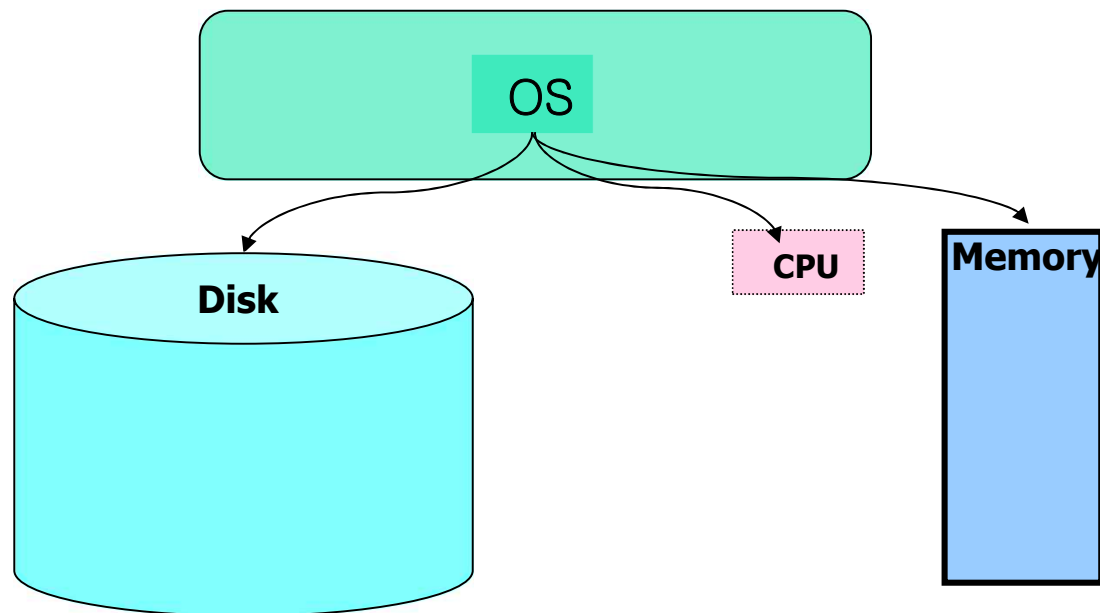


(Logical resources)



Operating System (3/15)

- Behaviors: 1) initial state



Operating System (4/15)

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

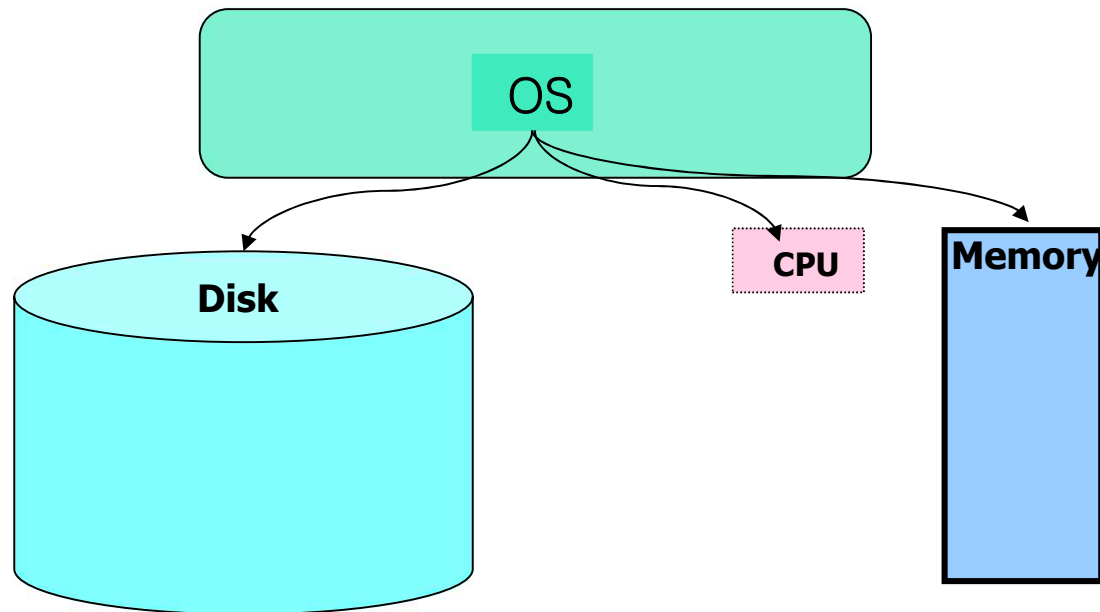
vi test.c

```
int sum = 0;

int main()
{
    int i;

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

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



Operating System (5/15)

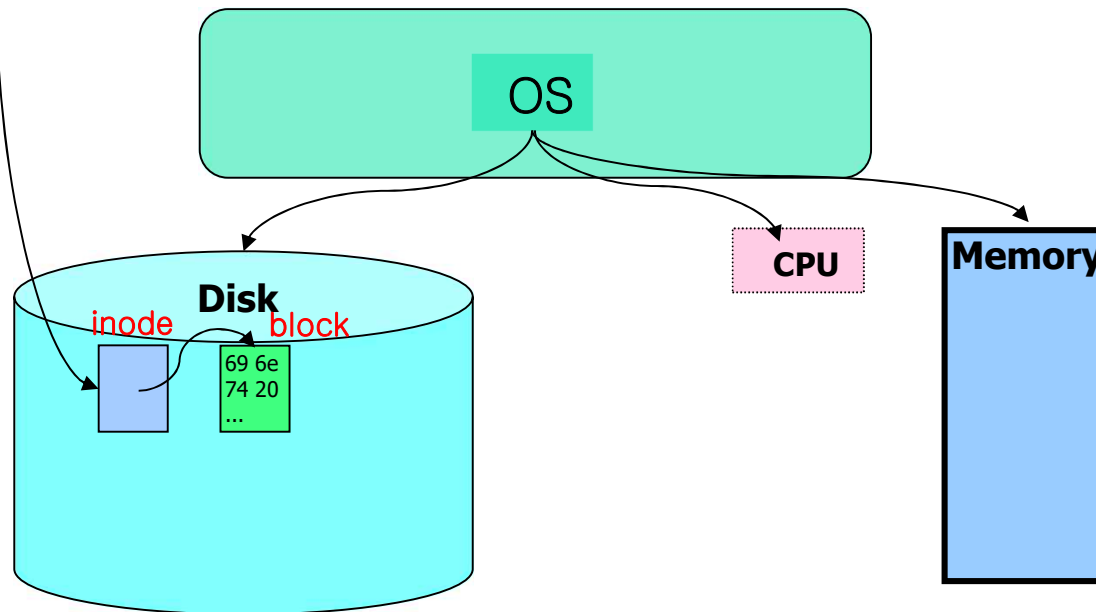
- Behaviors: 2) create a file (system's viewpoint)

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}
```

```
# i n c l u d e < s t d i o .
35 105 110 99 108 117 100 101 32 60 115 116 100 105 111 46
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104 62 10 10 105 110 116 32 109 97 105 110 40 41 10 123
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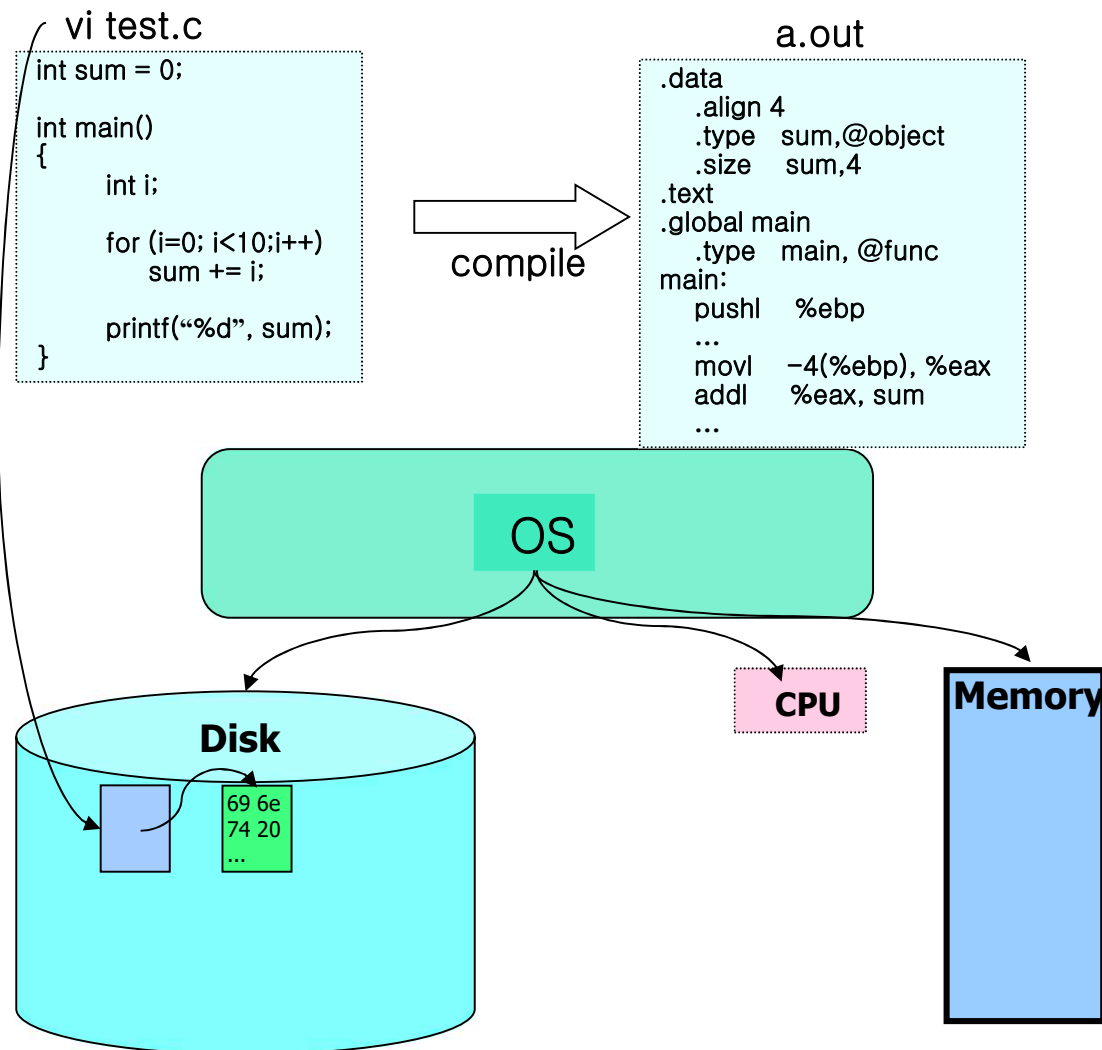
Figure 1.2 The ASCII text representation of hello.c.

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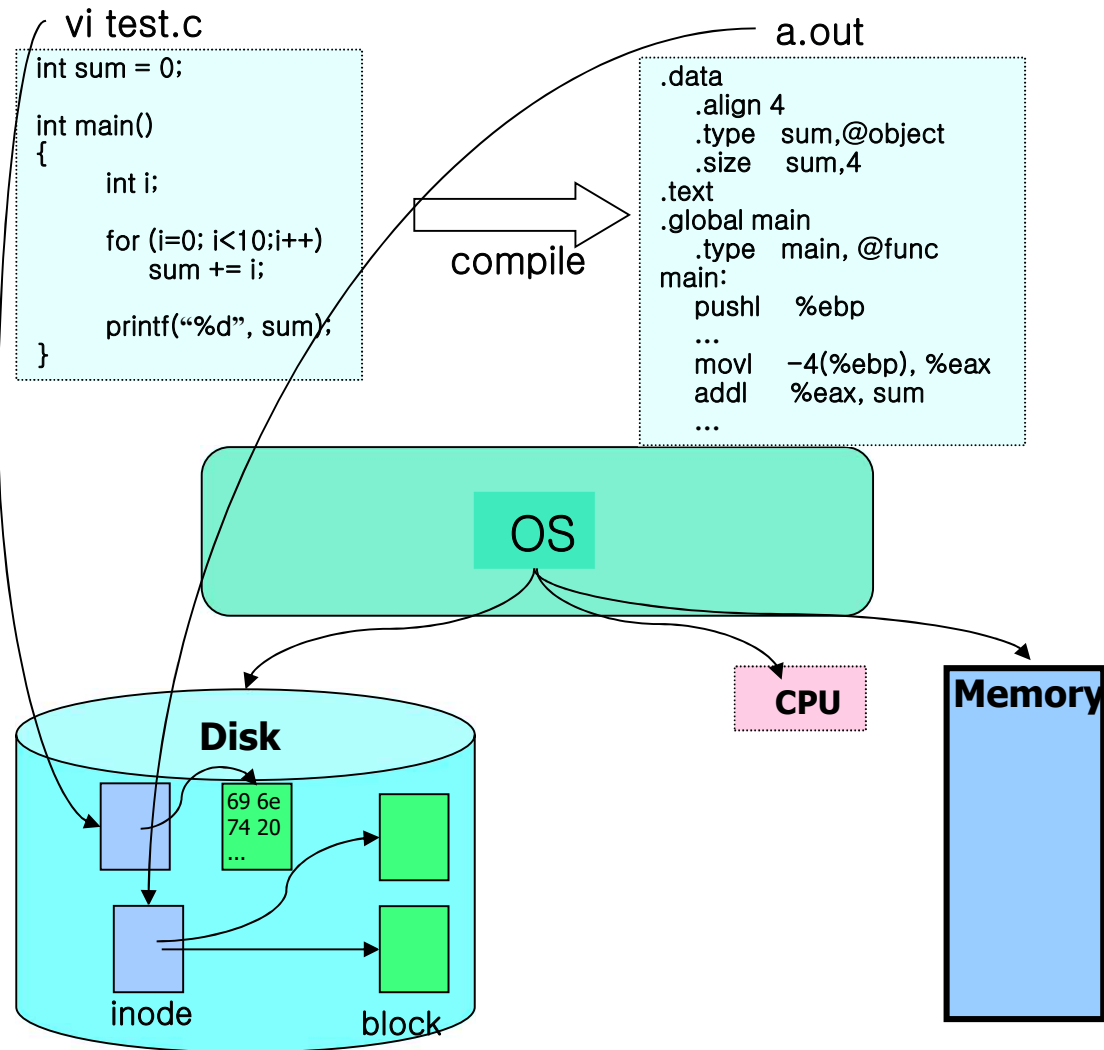
Operating System (6/15)

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



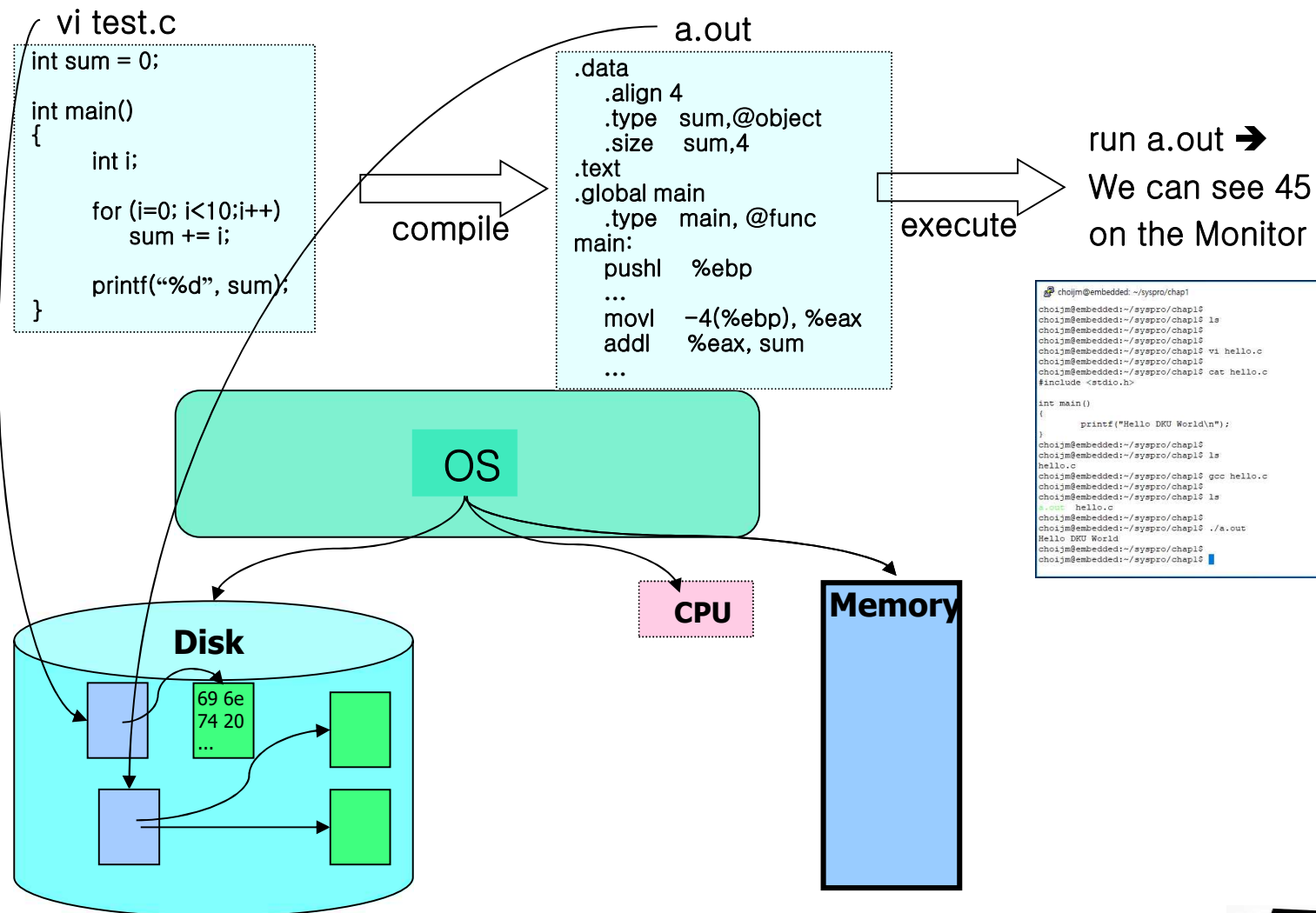
Operating System (7/15)

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



Operating System (8/15)

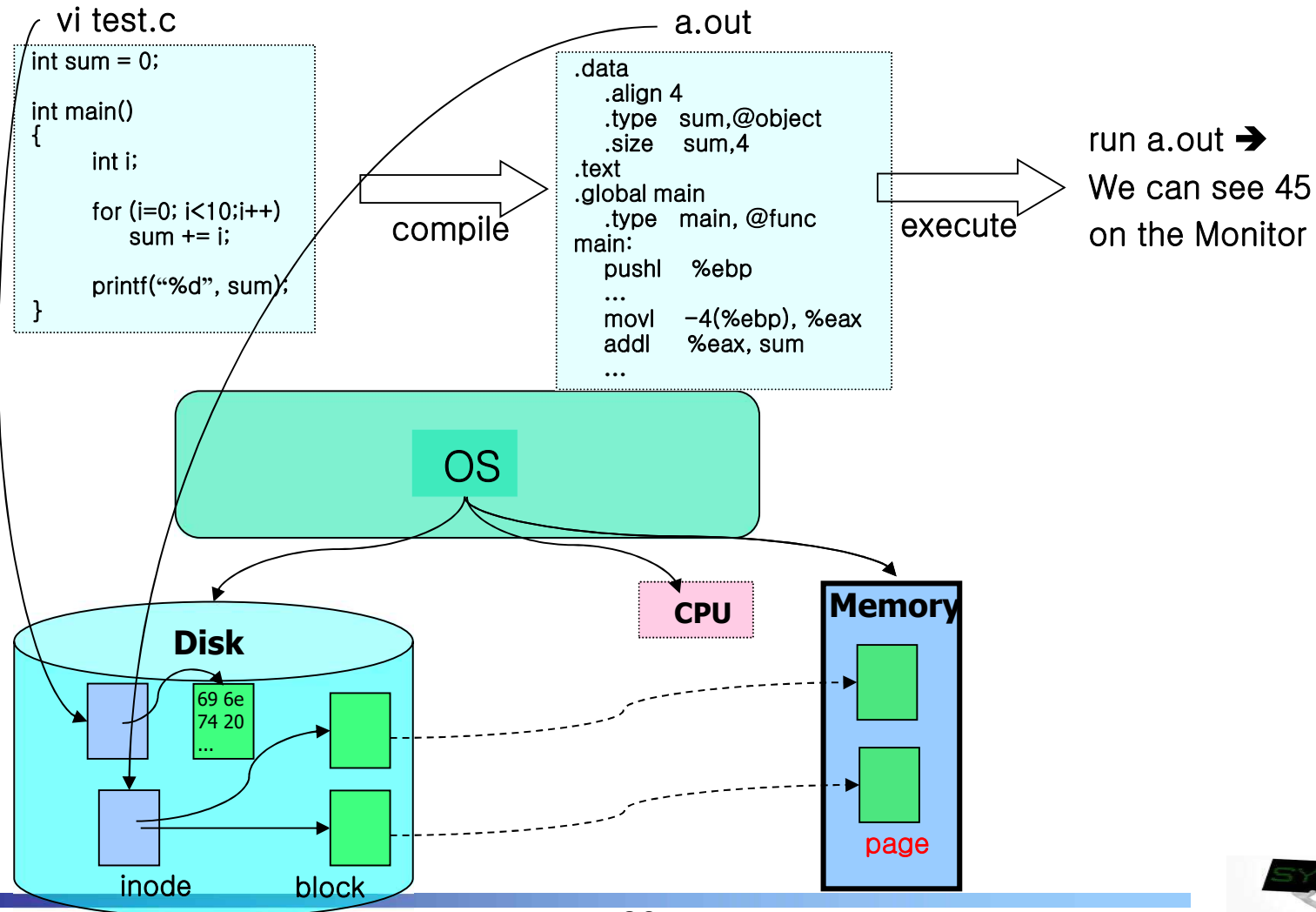
- Behaviors: 4) execute the a.out (user's viewpoint)



Operating System (9/13)

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

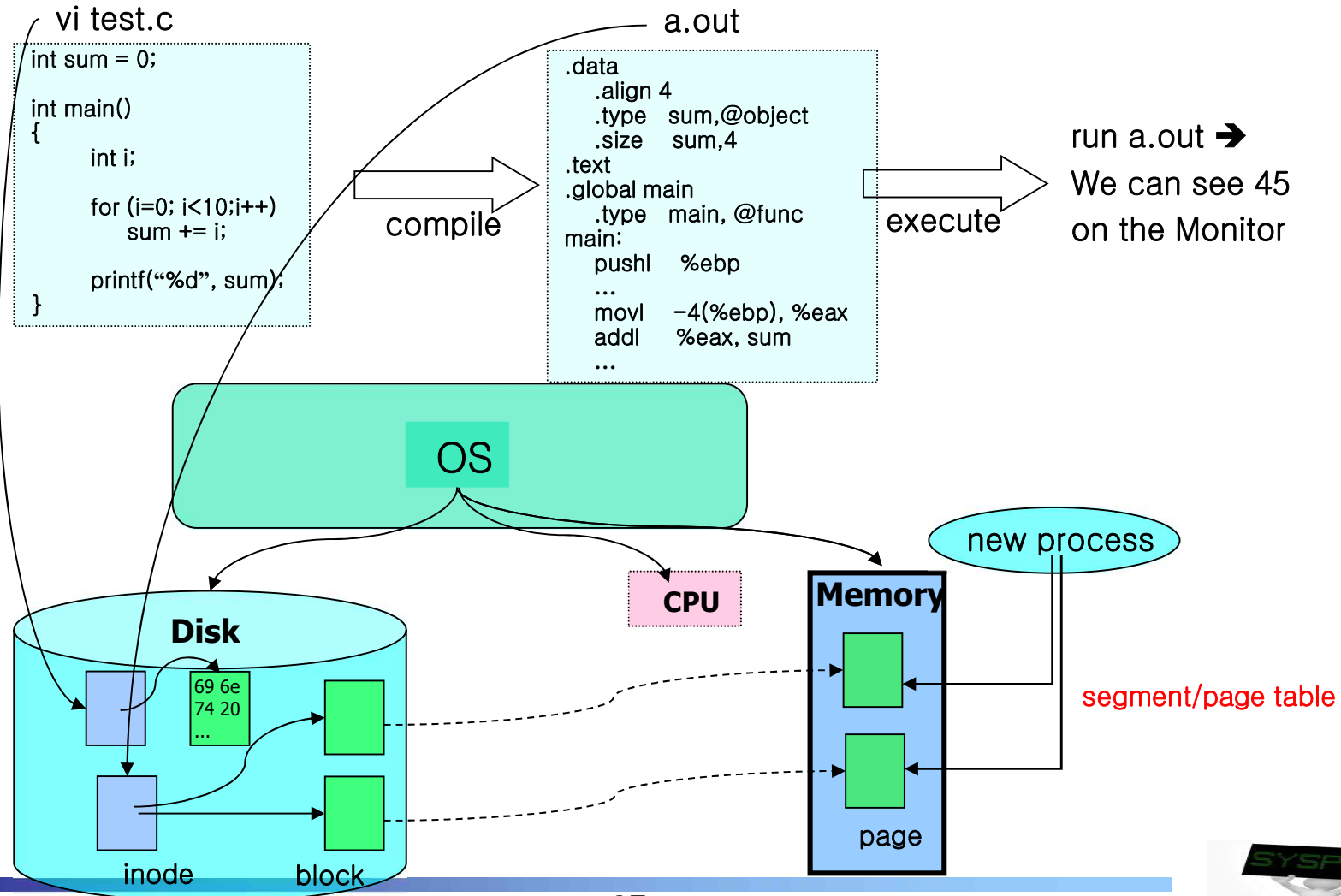
- ✓ To run a.out, OS first loads it into memory



Operating System (10/13)

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

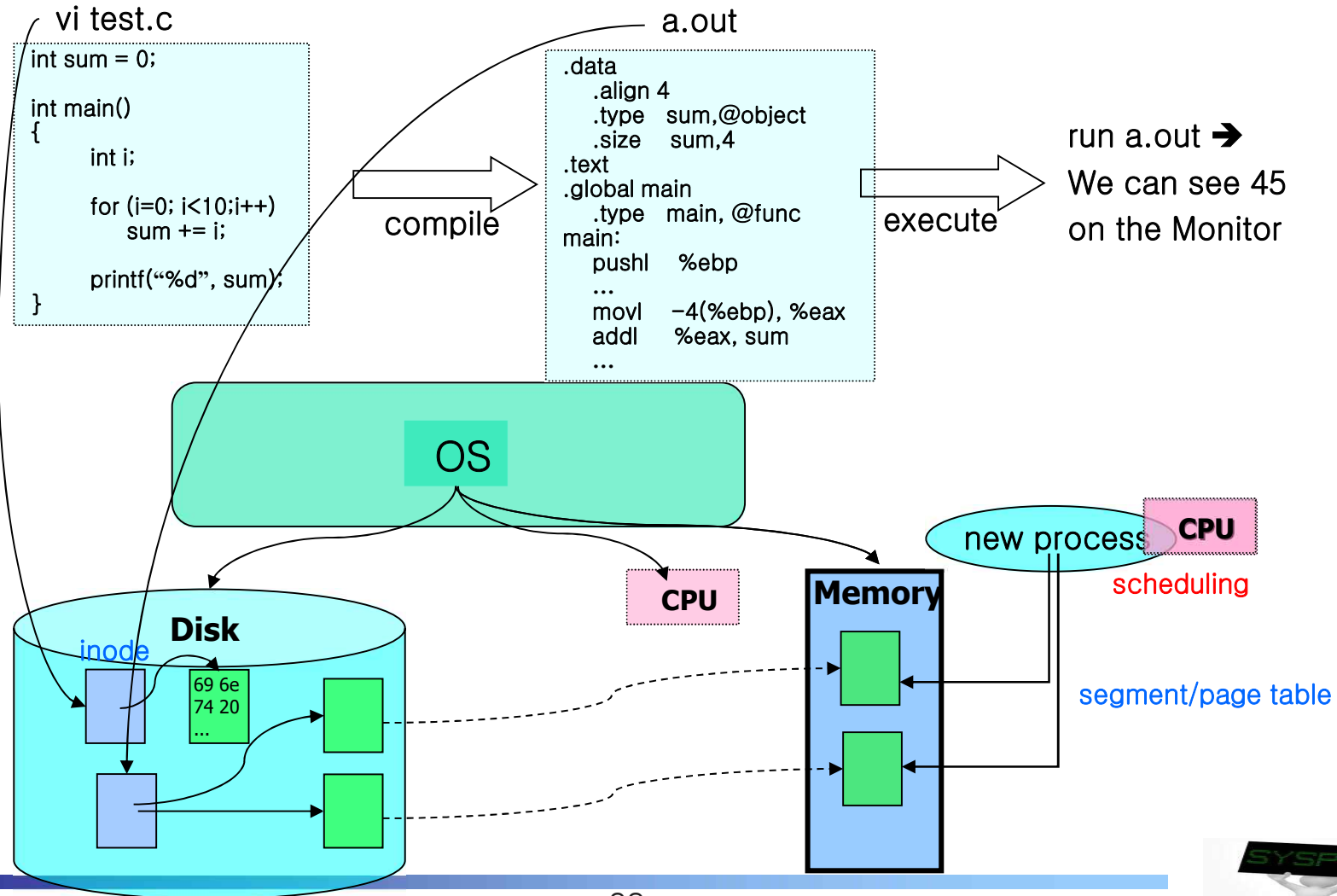
✓ Then, OS makes a new process (active object)



Operating System (11/13)

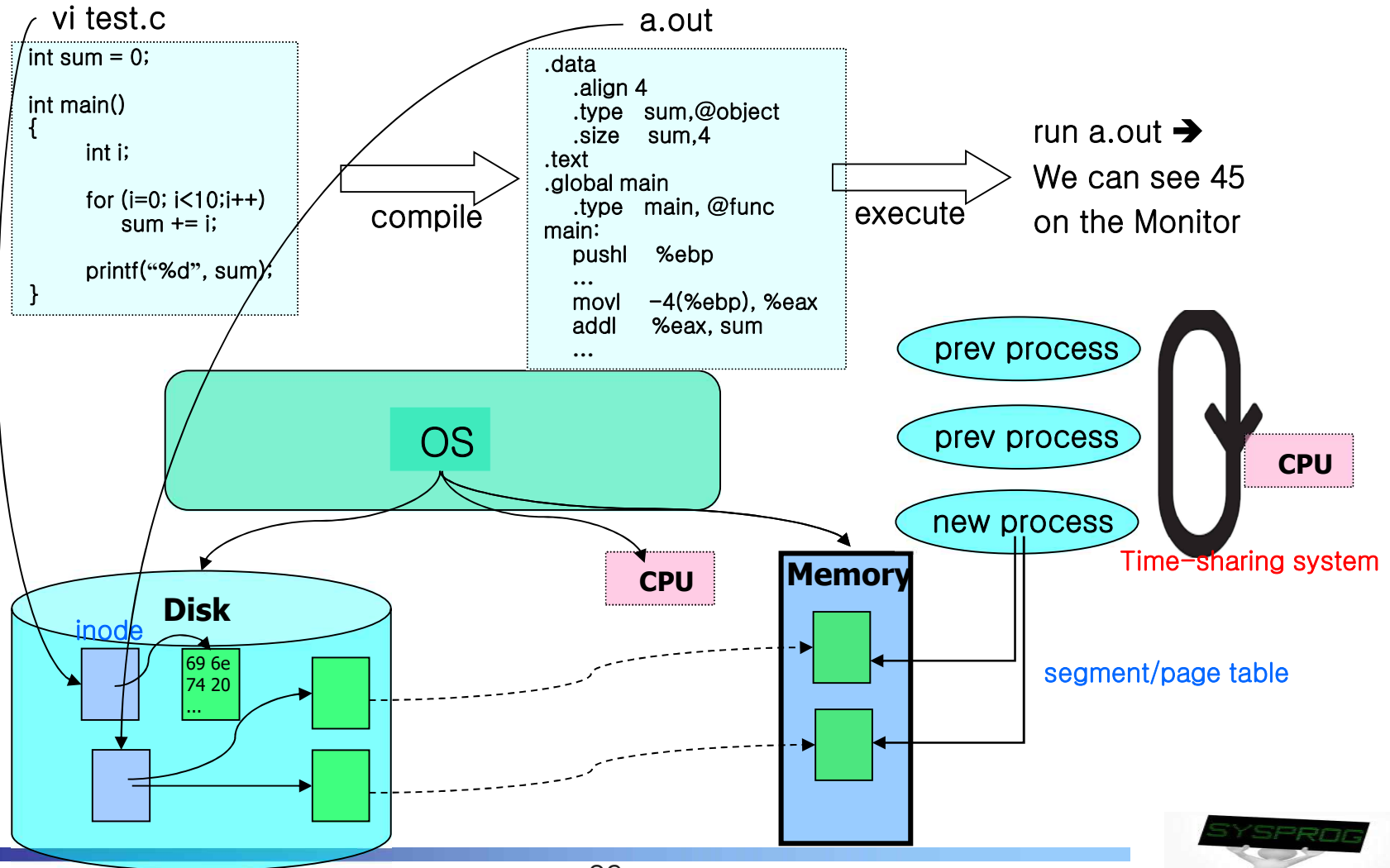
■ Behaviors: 4) execute the a.out (system's viewpoint)

✓ Then, OS schedule the process



Operating System (12/13)

- Behaviors: 4) execute the a.out (system's viewpoint)
 - ✓ Actually there are multiple processes managed by scheduler

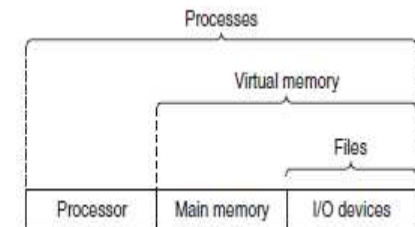


Operating System (13/13)

■ 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.

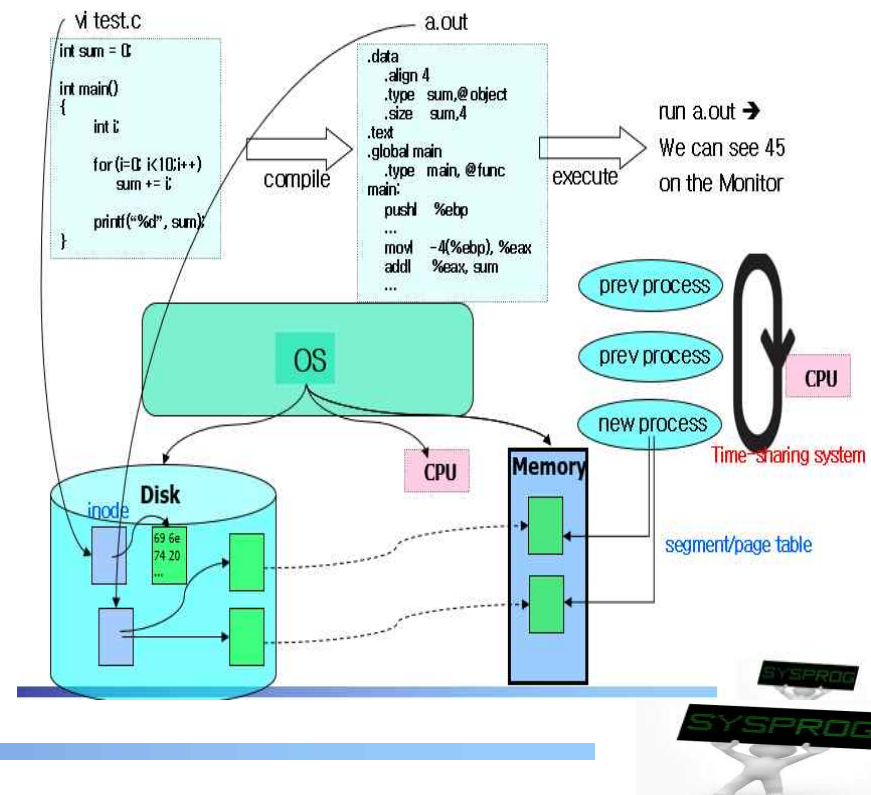
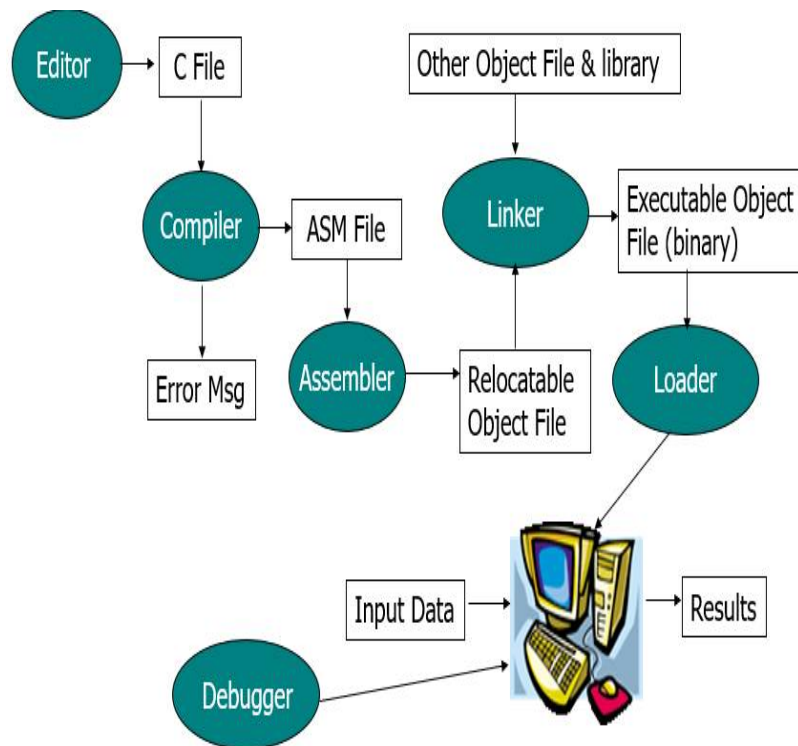




Quiz for 2nd-Week 1st-Lesson

■ Quiz

- ✓ 1. Describe the names of Linux command for editor, compiler, assembler, linker and loader (5 names).
- ✓ 2. Discuss the role of 1) inode, 2) page table and 3) scheduler.
- ✓ Due: until 6 PM Friday of this week (10th, September)



Runtime System (1/5)

■ Command

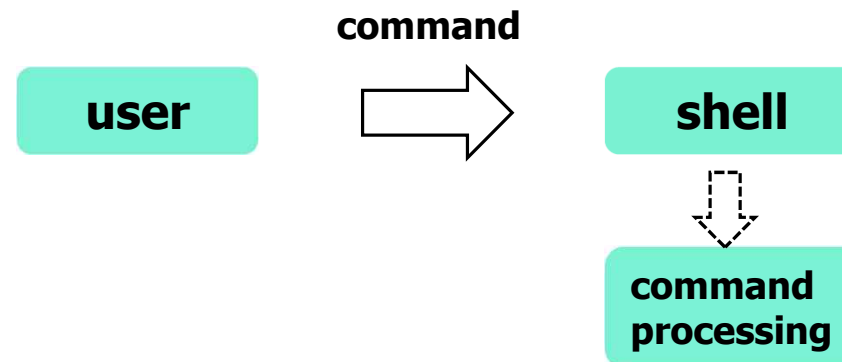
- ✓ file related: ls, cat, more, cp, mkdir, cd, ...
- ✓ task related: ps, kill, jobs, ...
- ✓ utility: vi, gcc, as, make, tar, patch, debugger, ..
- ✓ management: adduser, passwd, ifconfig, mount, fsck, shutdown, ..
- ✓ others: man, file, readelf, grep, wc, ...

■ shell

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

```
choijm@embedded: ~/syspro/chap1
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$ ls
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$ vi hello.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$ cat hello.c
#include <stdio.h>

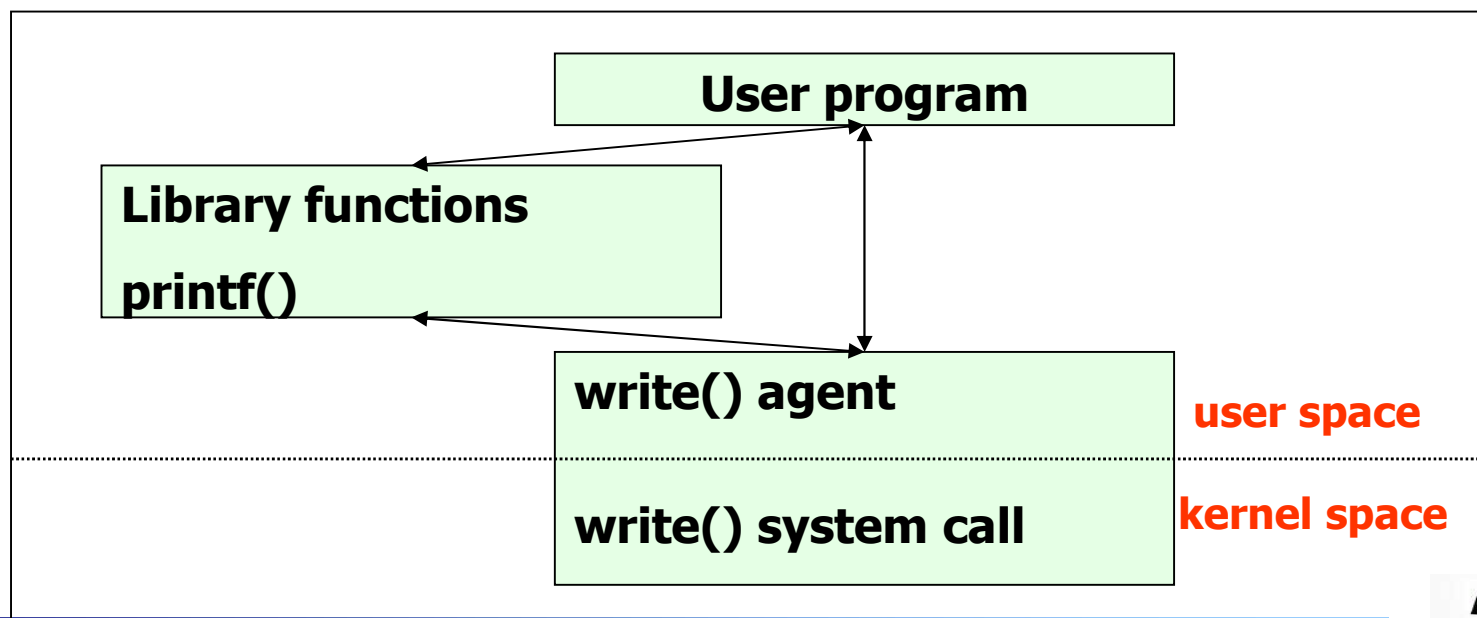
int main()
{
    printf("Hello DKU World\n");
}
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hello.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$ gcc hello.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$ ls
*.o    hello.c
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$ ./a.out
Hello DKU World
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$
```



Runtime System (2/5)

■ library

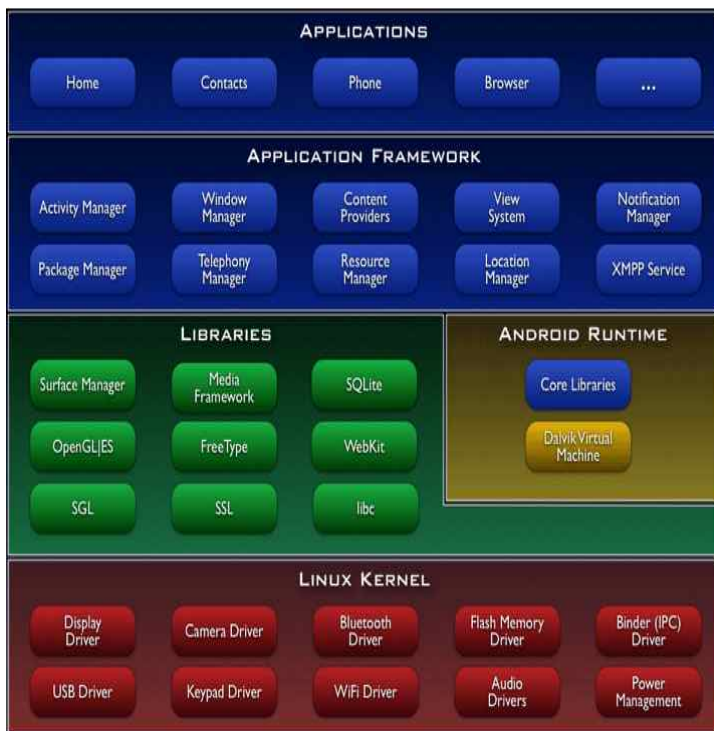
- ✓ A collection of functions, invoked frequently by a lot of users
 - Relocatable objects
 - Most languages have standard libraries (also programmers can make their own custom libraries using ar, ranlib and libtool.)
- ✓ Type
 - Static: 1).a, 2) statically linked (compile time), 3) simple
 - Shared: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



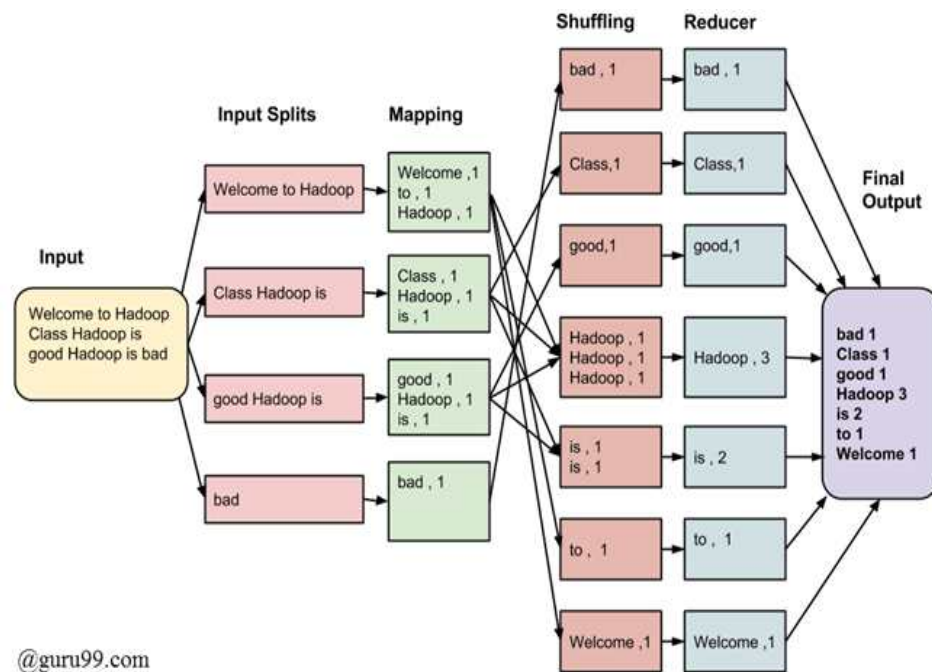
Runtime System (3/5)

■ 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)



(Source: google image)



MapReduce Architecture

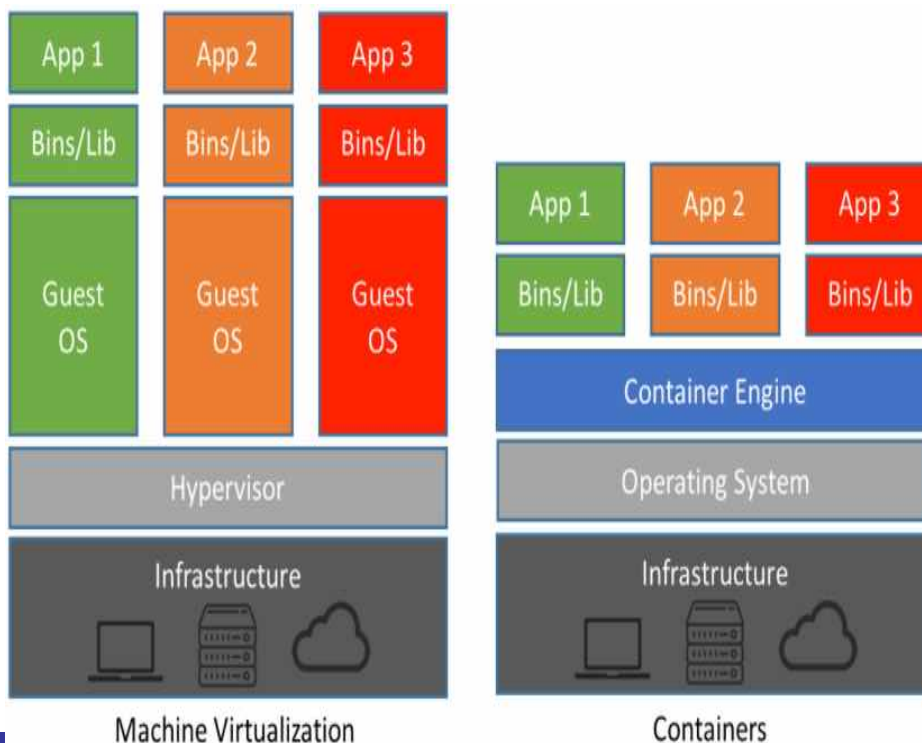
(Source: <https://www.guru99.com/introduction-to-mapreduce.html>)



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	ca96afafa242	2 weeks ago	406 MB
xibosignage/xibo-xmr	release_1.8.1	223afb5ecffe	2 weeks ago	269 MB
ubuntu	16.04	ebcd9d4fca80	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:/#
```

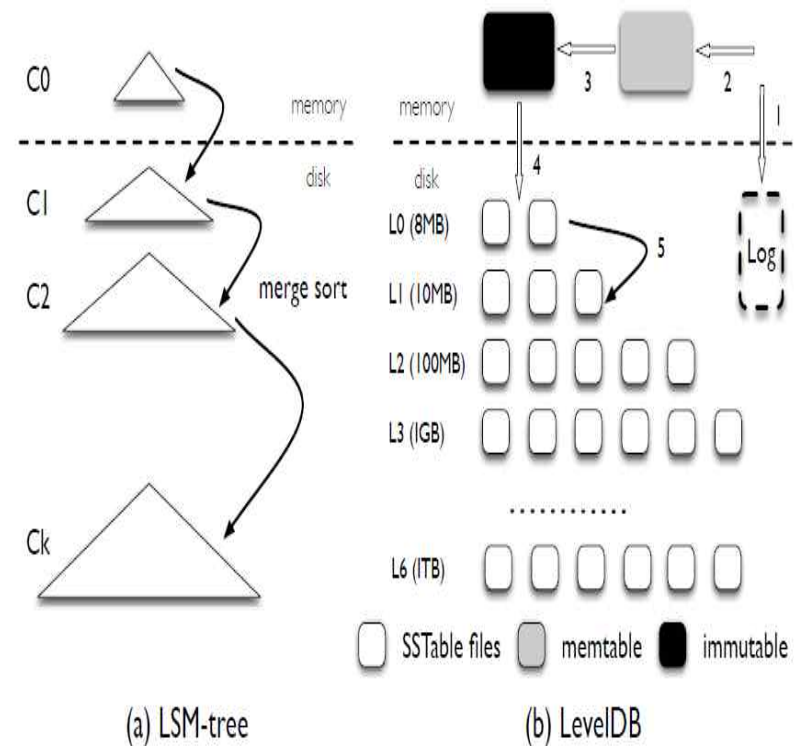
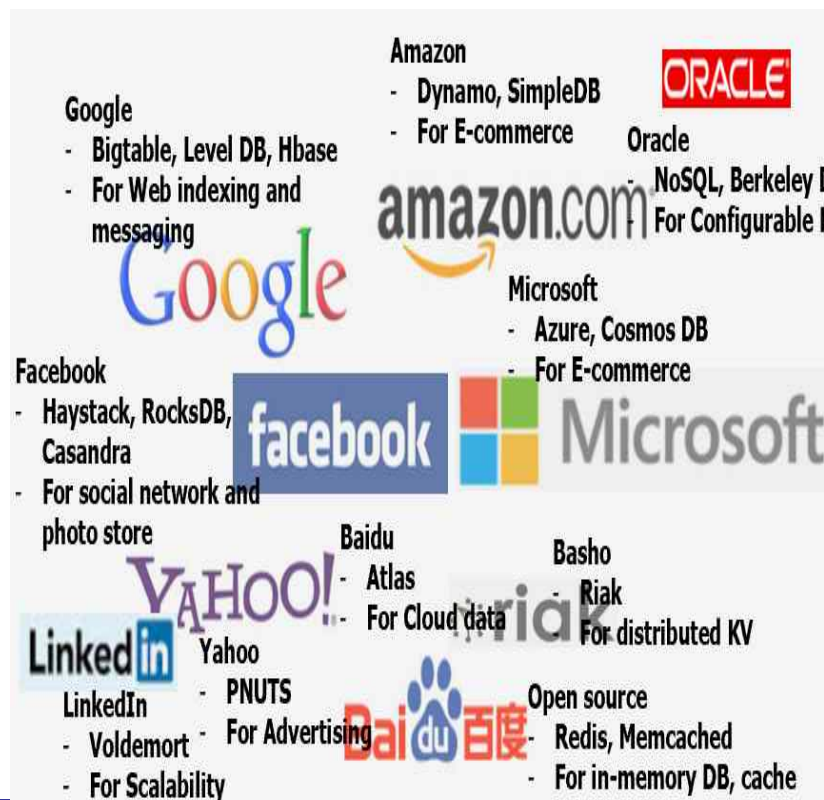
```
[root@docker ~]# docker ps
```



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, ...



Hardware consideration (1/6)

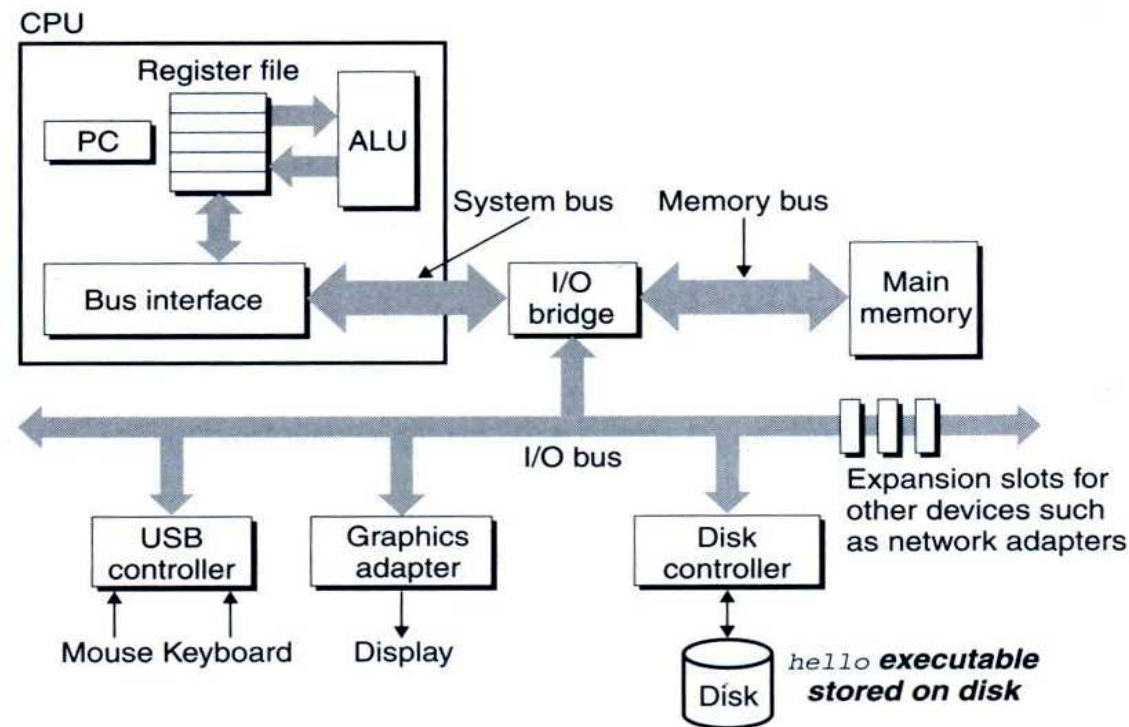
■ Computer organization

- ✓ 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.

CPU: Central Processing Unit, ALU: Arithmetic/Logic Unit, PC: Program Counter, USB: Universal Serial Bus.



(Source: CSAPP)



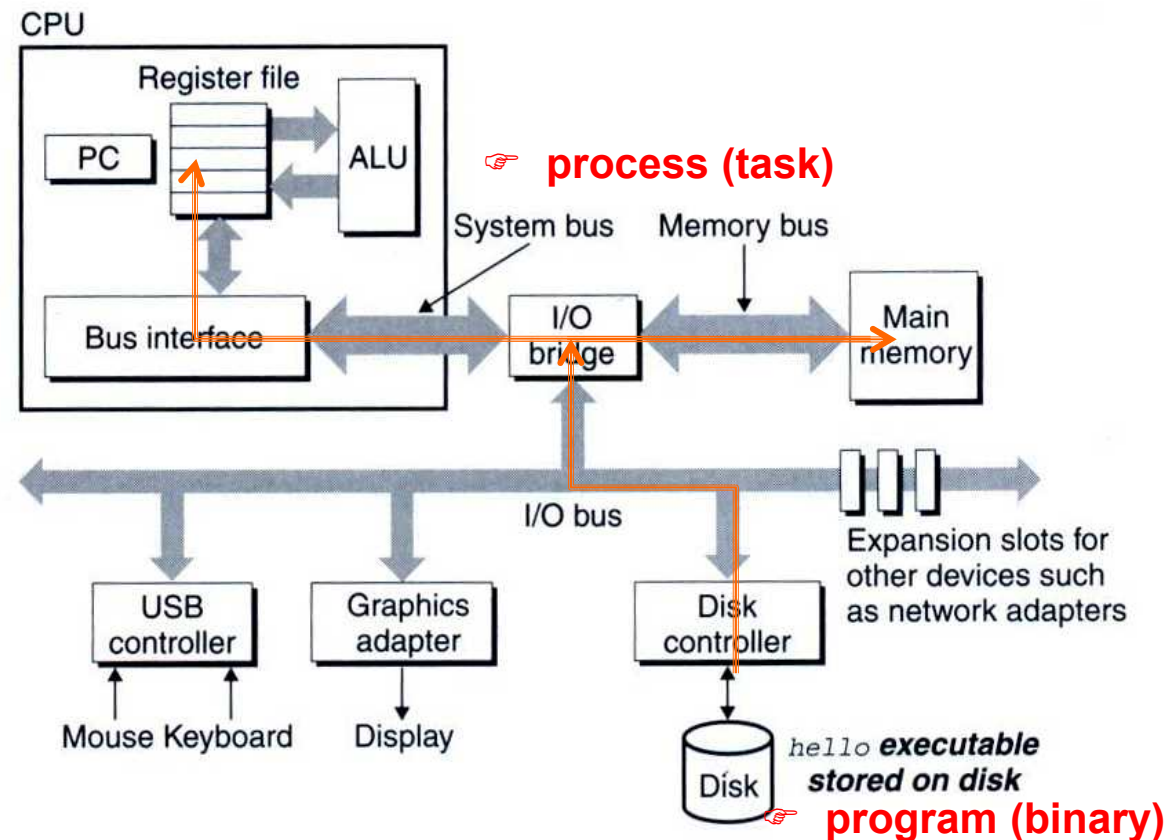
Hardware consideration (2/6)

- Computer organization
 - ✓ When a program load

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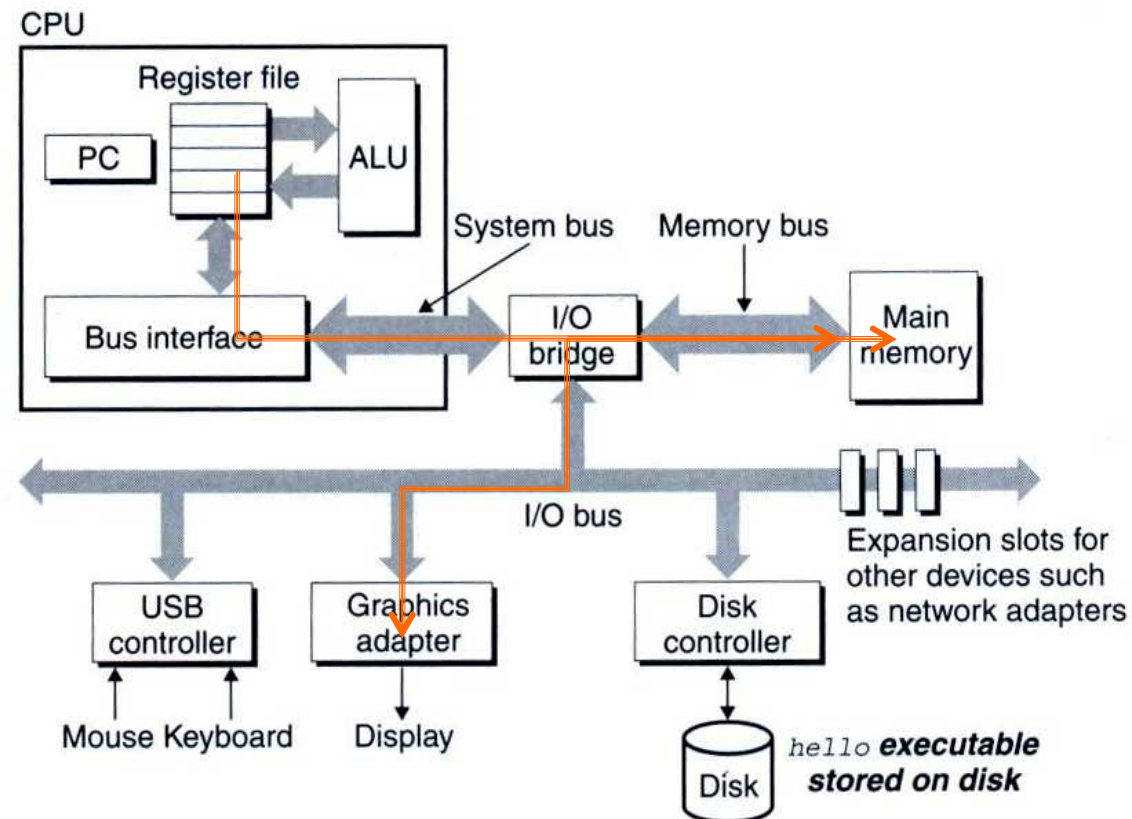
■ Computer organization

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

Figure 1.4

Hardware organization of a typical system.

CPU: Central Processing Unit, ALU: Arithmetic/Logic Unit, PC: Program Counter, USB: Universal Serial Bus.



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] ++;
```

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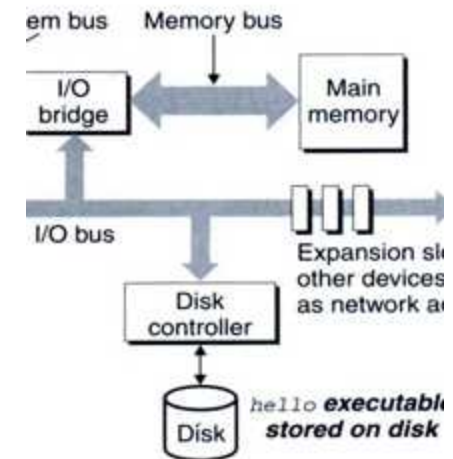
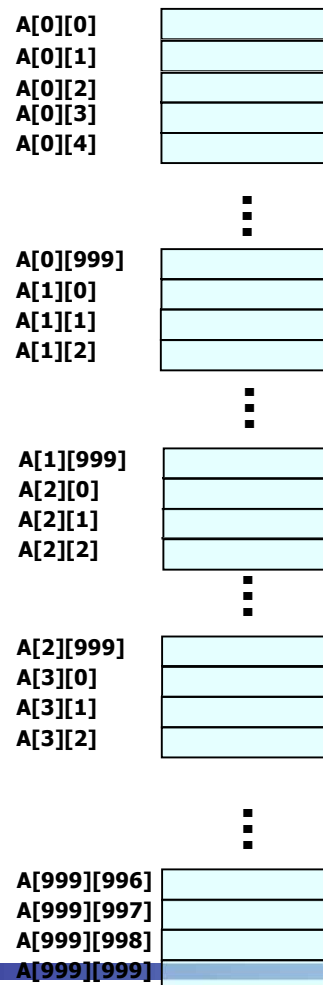
```
/* program B */  
int a[1000][1000];  
int i, j;  
....  
  
for (i=0; i<1000; i++)  
    for (j=0; j<1000; j++)  
        a[j][i] ++;
```



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



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.



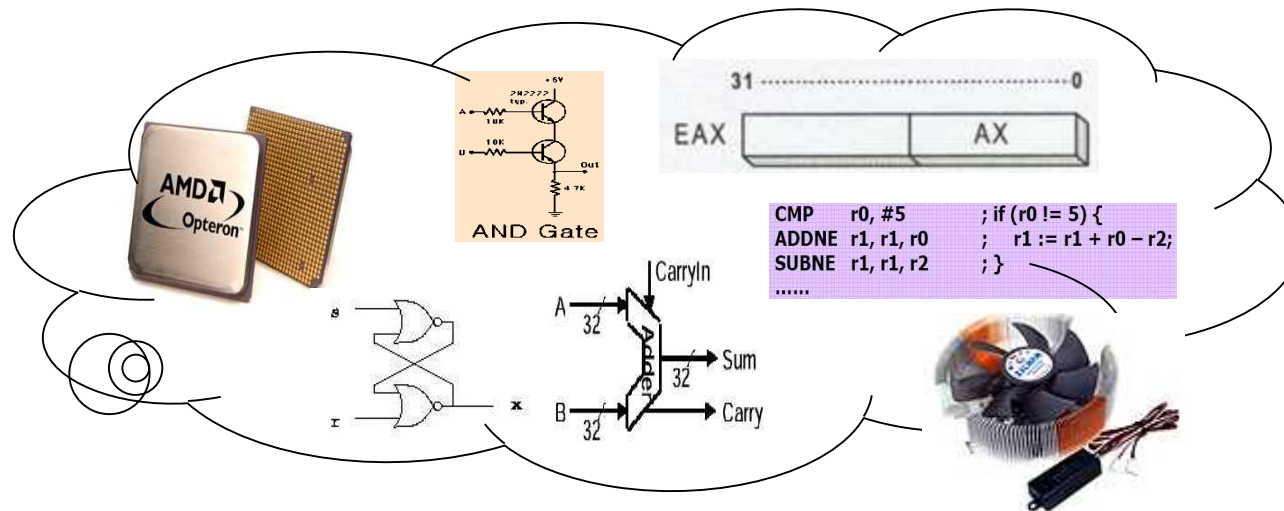
Abstraction (2/9)

■ CPU

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

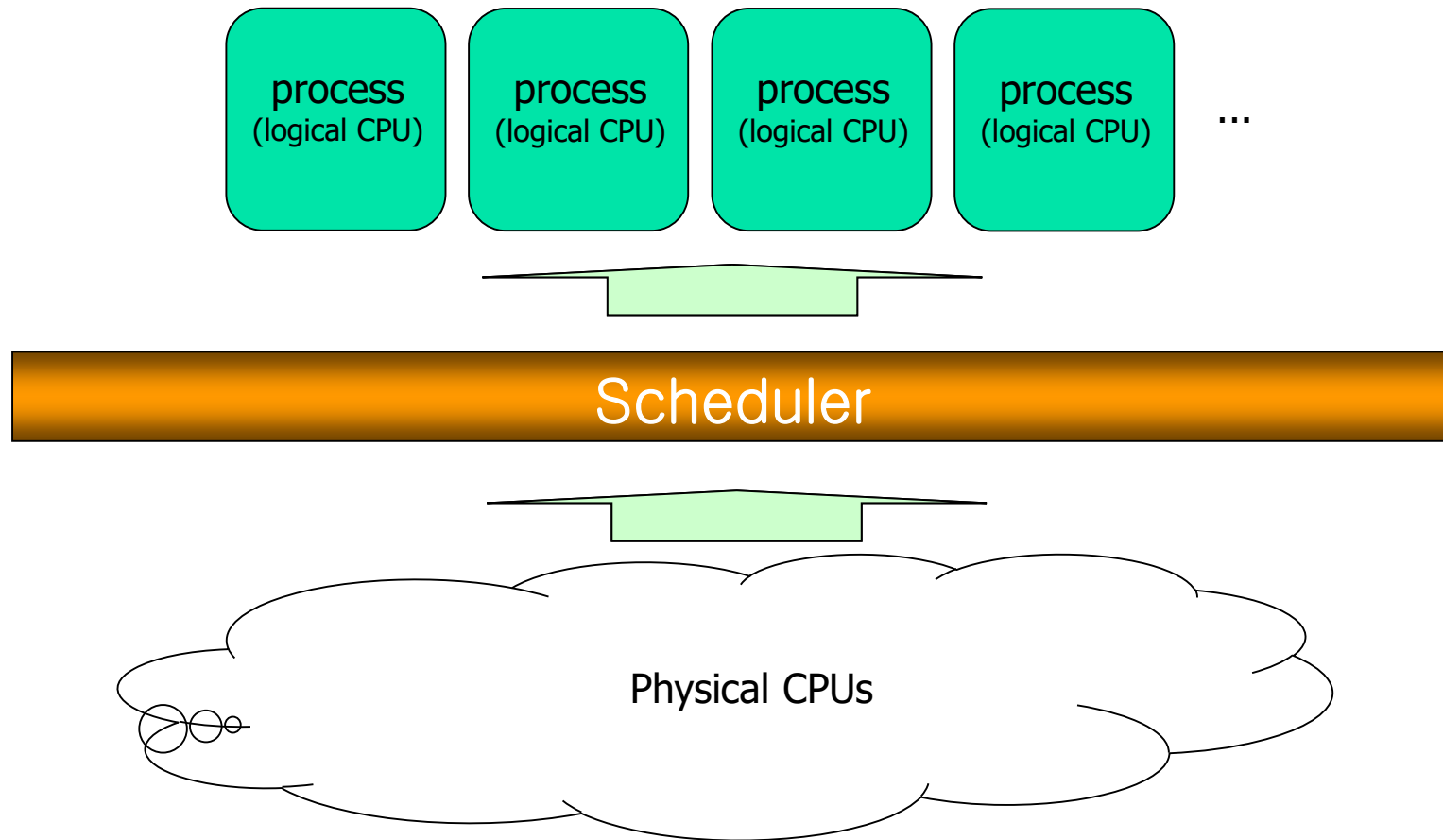


Compilation system



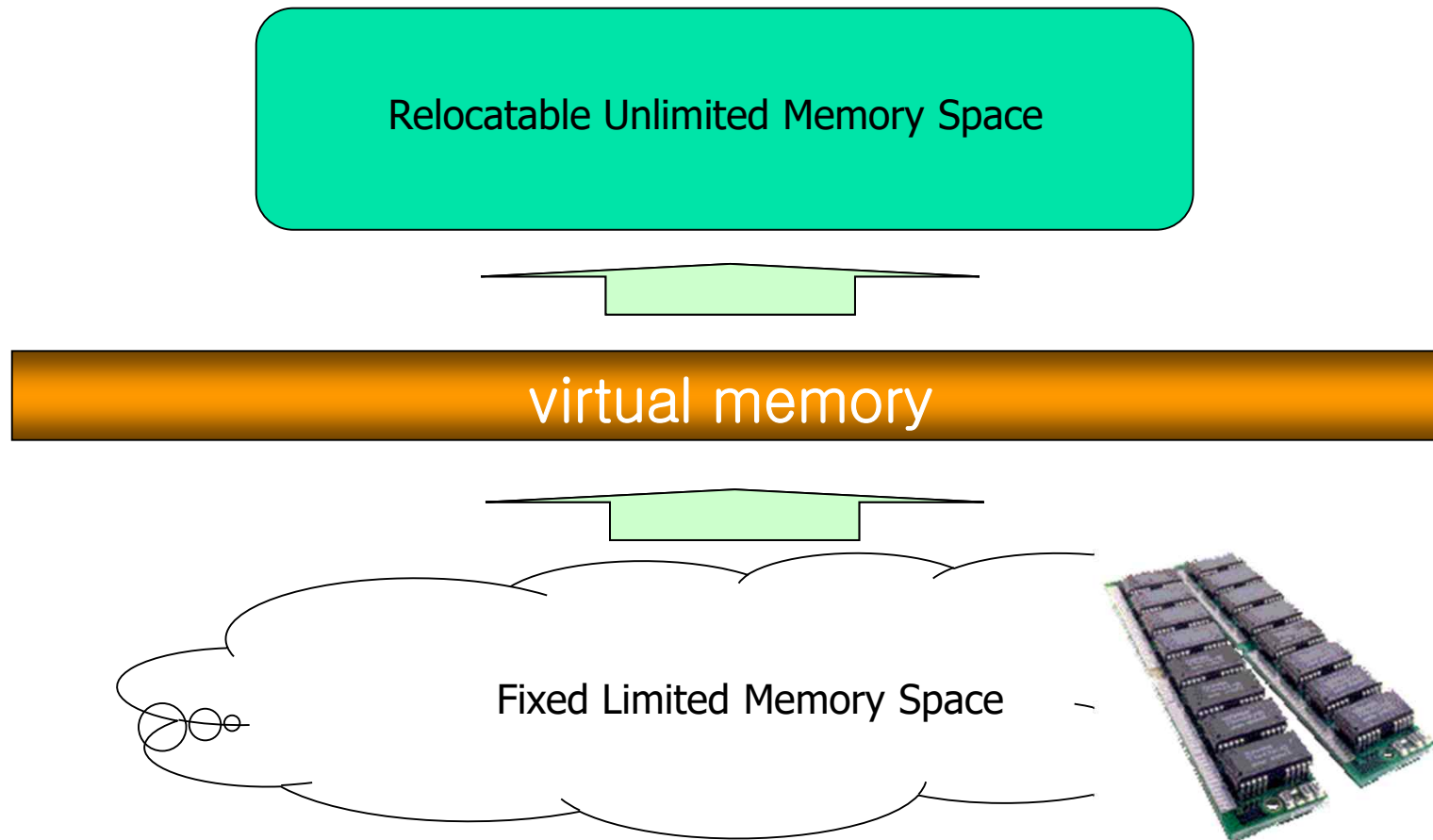
Abstraction (3/9)

■ Multitasking



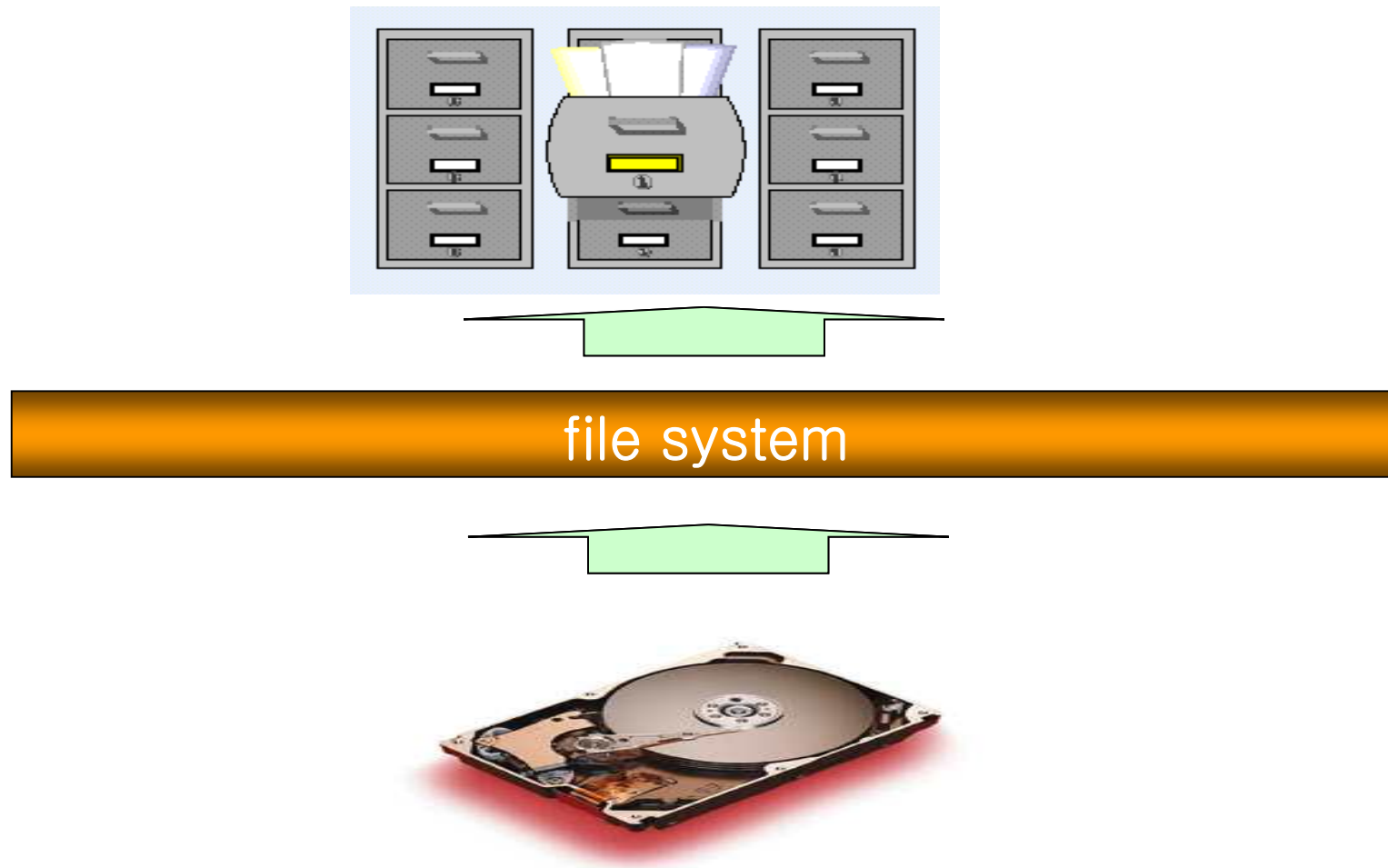
Abstraction (4/9)

- Memory management



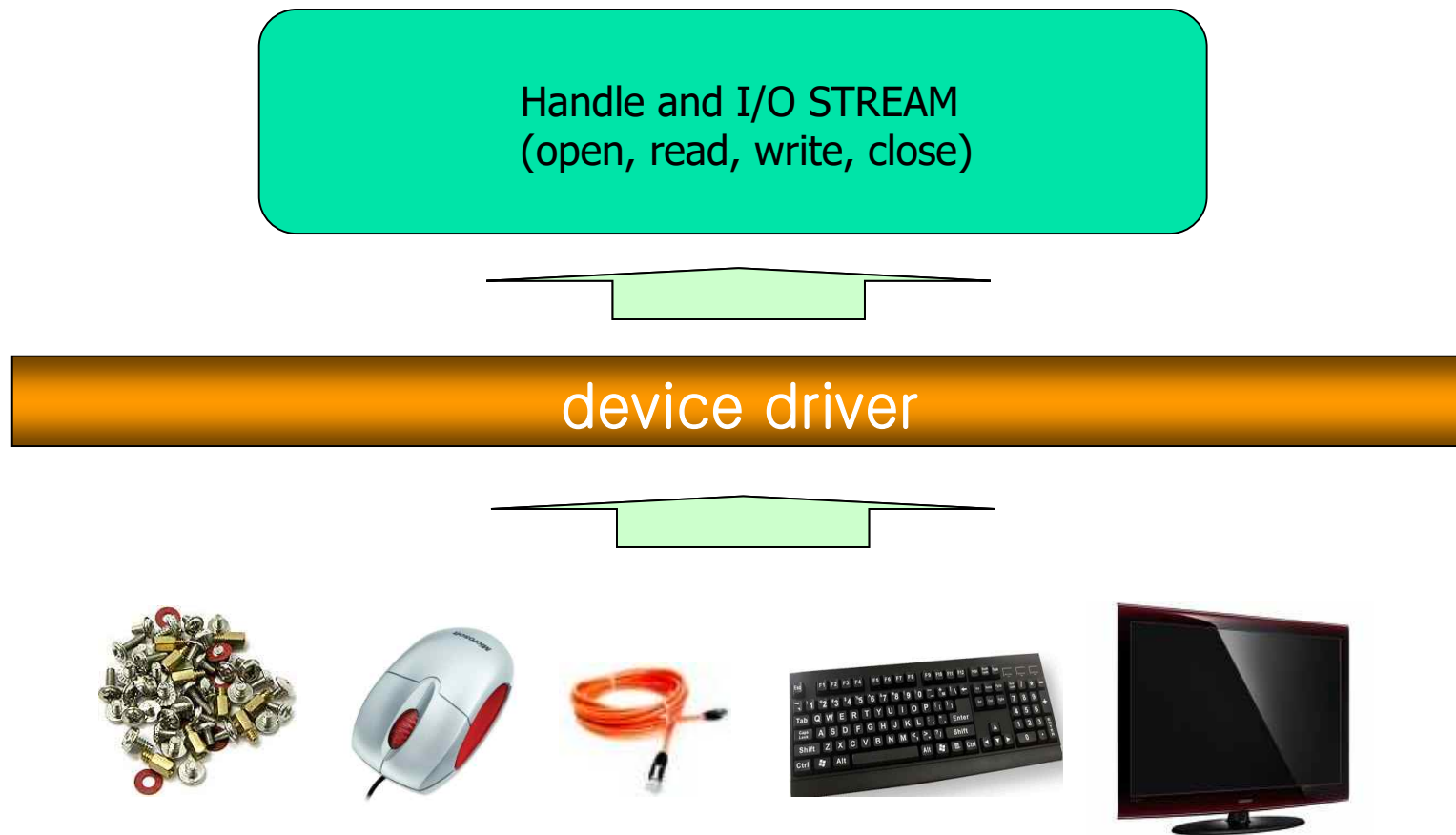
Abstraction (5/9)

- File system



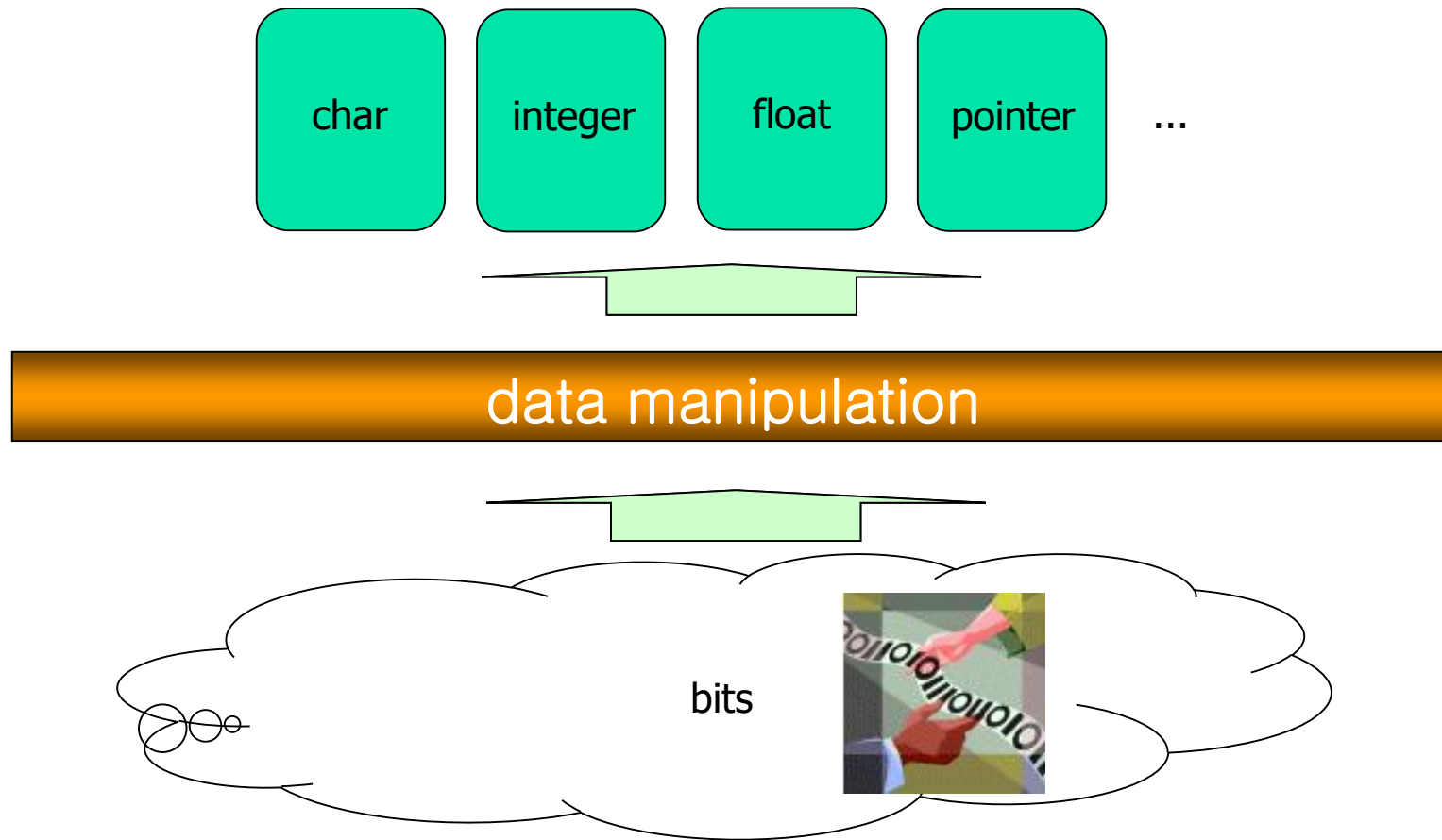
Abstraction (6/9)

- Device driver



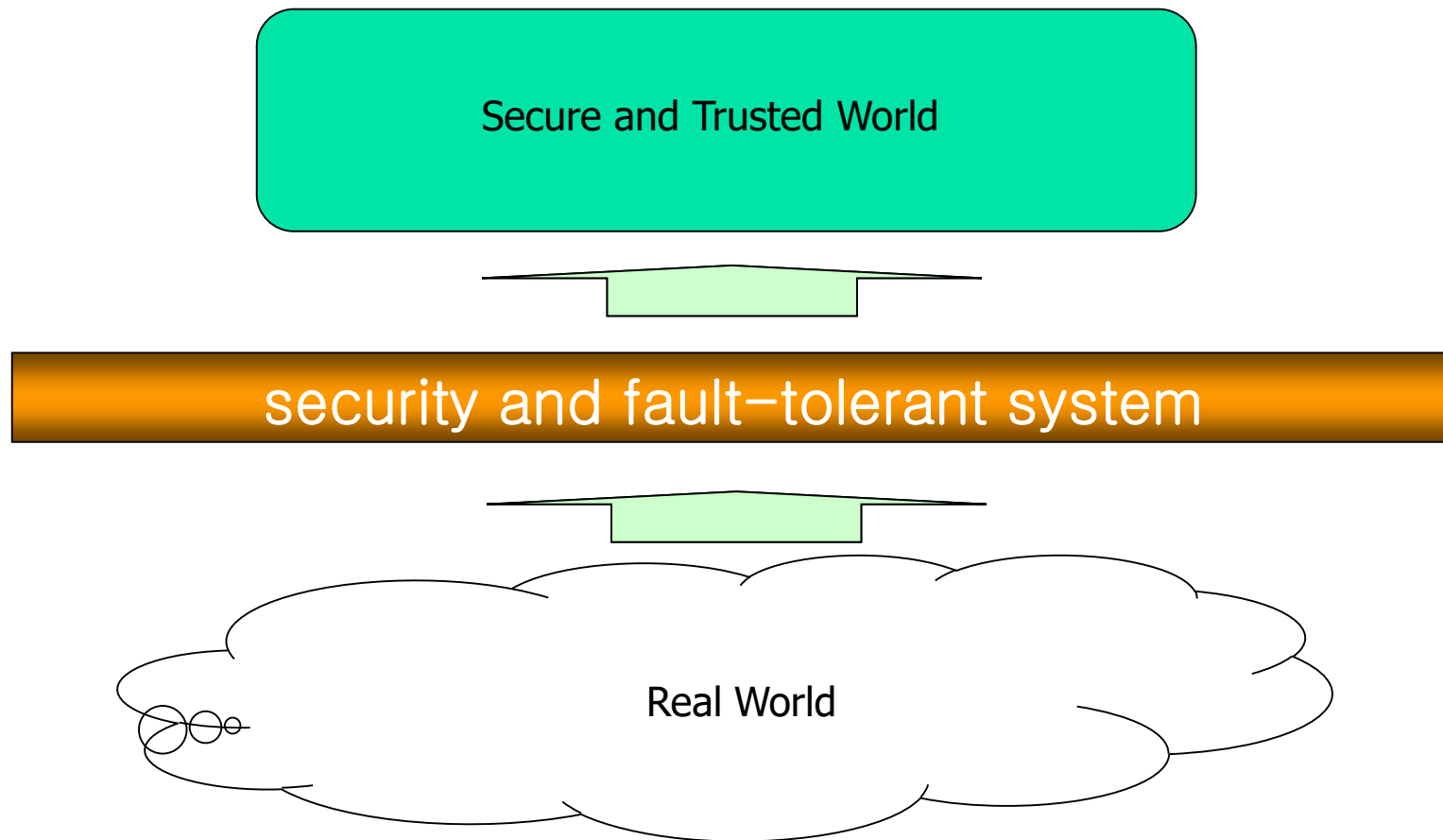
Abstraction (7/9)

- Data representation



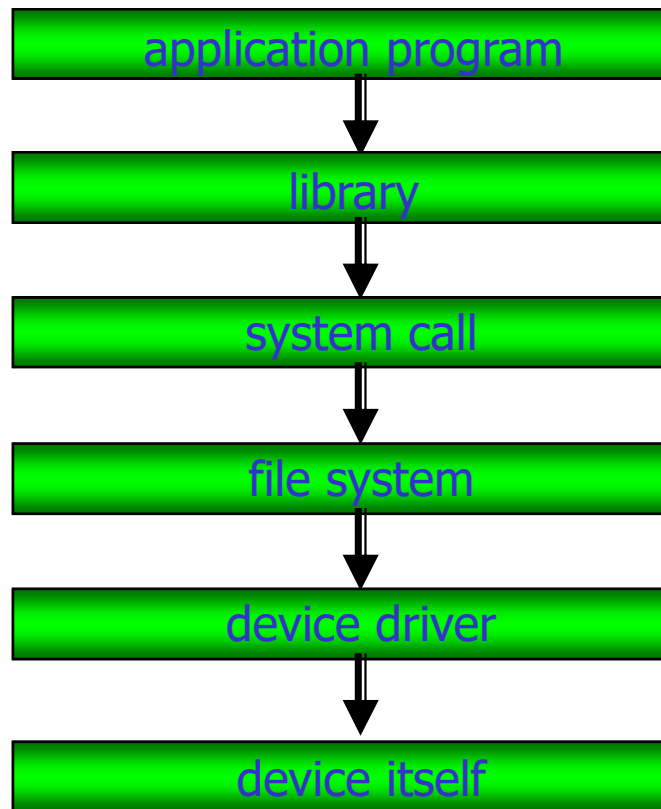
Abstraction (8/9)

- Security and reliability



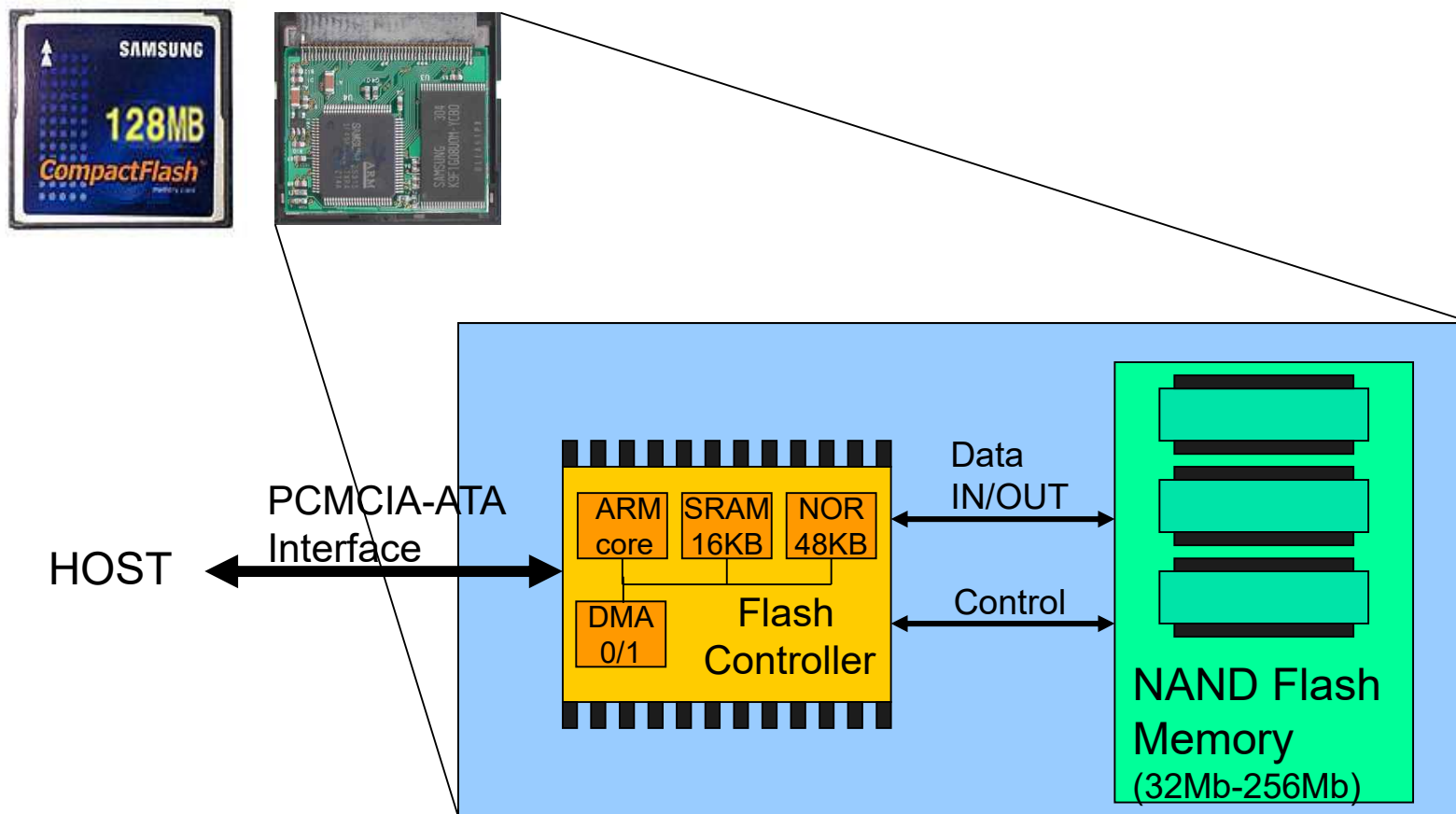
Abstraction (9/9)

- 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 1.7 (at most 9 pages, 10 font (can be larger for section or subsection title), discuss about “process, thread, virtual memory and file”), 2) What is the purpose of studying System Programming? (1~2 page)**
- ✓ **Deadline: 6 PM Friday of the next week (17th, September)**
- ✓ **Caution: Do not copy!!**

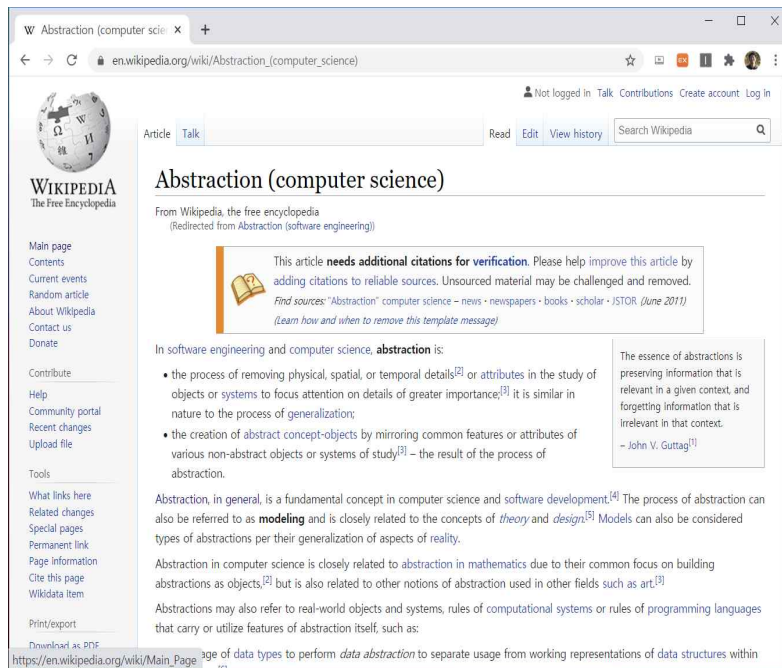




Quiz for 2nd-Week 2nd-Lesson

■ Quiz

- ✓ Describe an example of abstraction in your life and discuss the features of abstraction in your chosen 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 (10th, 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
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✓ Instruction execution

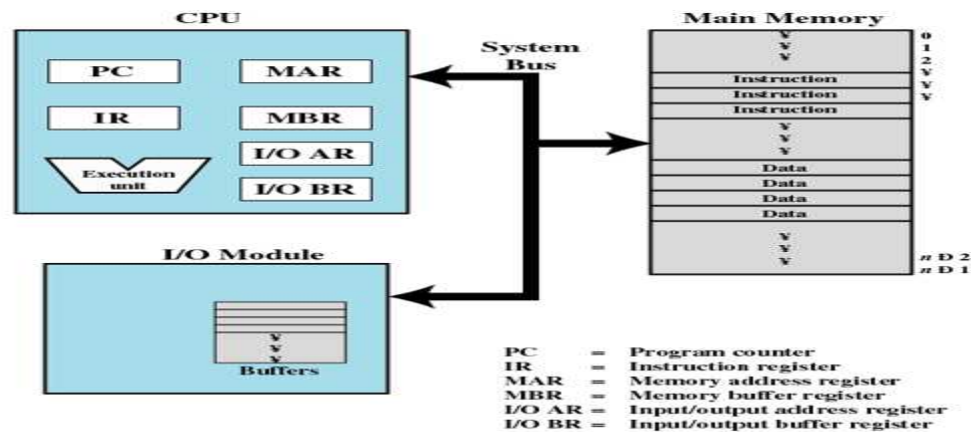


Figure 1.1 Computer Components: Top-Level View

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

