Lecture Note 1.
What is System Programming

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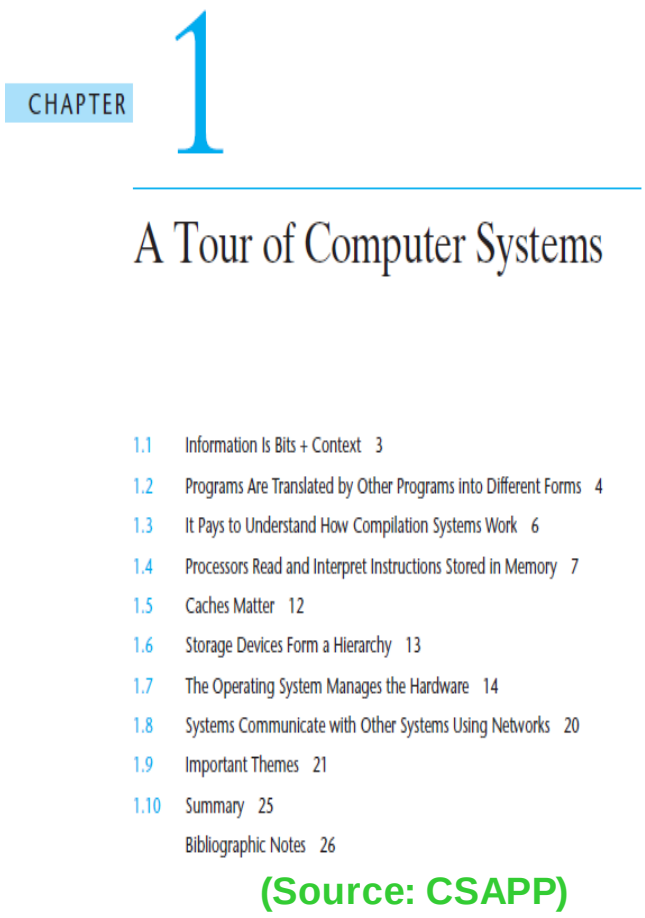
Contents

- Understand what is system program
- Identify three types of system program
  - ✓ Compilation system
  - ✓ Operating system
  - ✓ Runtime system
- Discuss Hardware consideration
- Grasp the abstraction concept

- Reference: Chapter 1 in the CSAPP


CHAPTER 1

A Tour of Computer Systems

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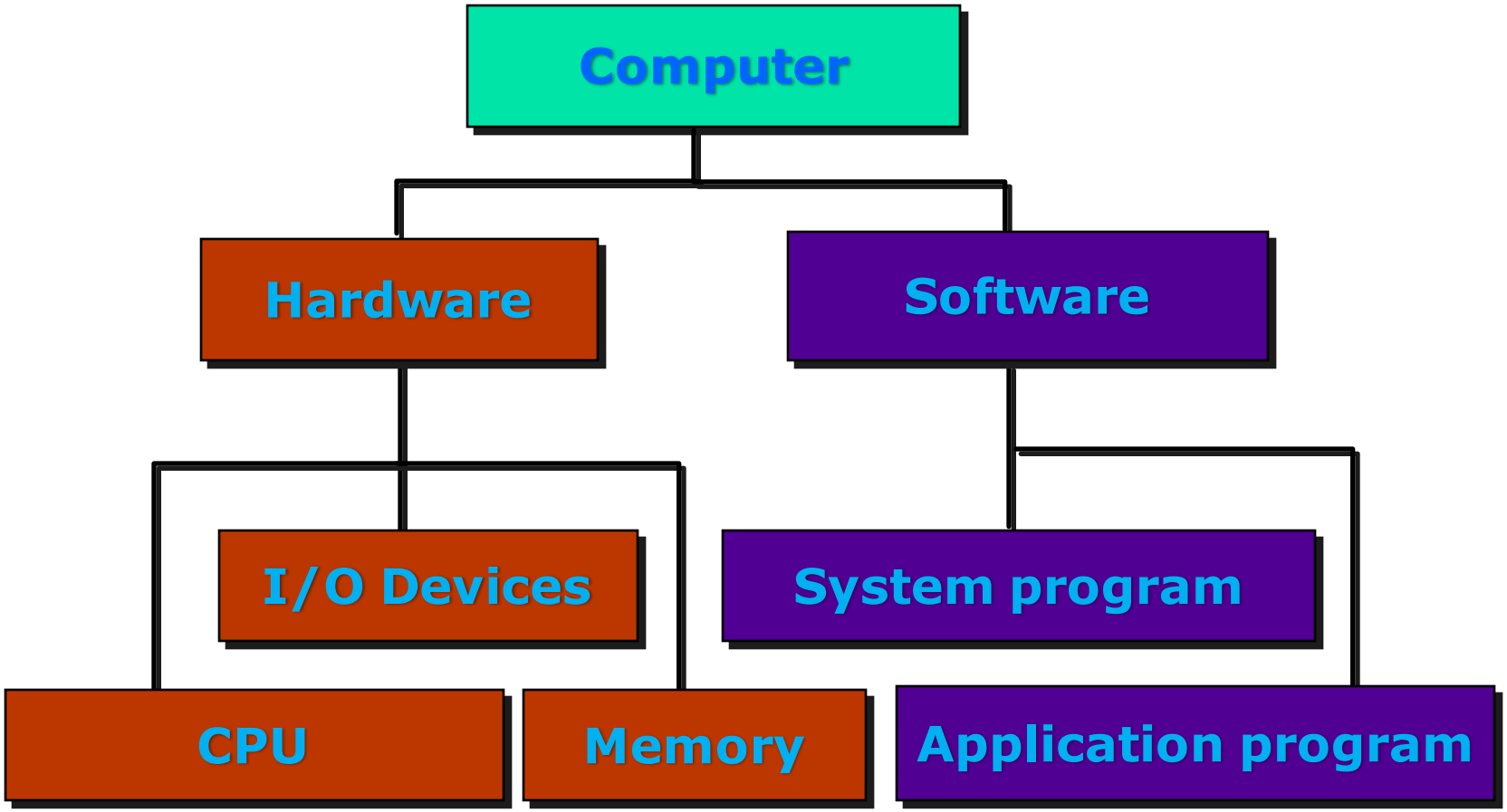
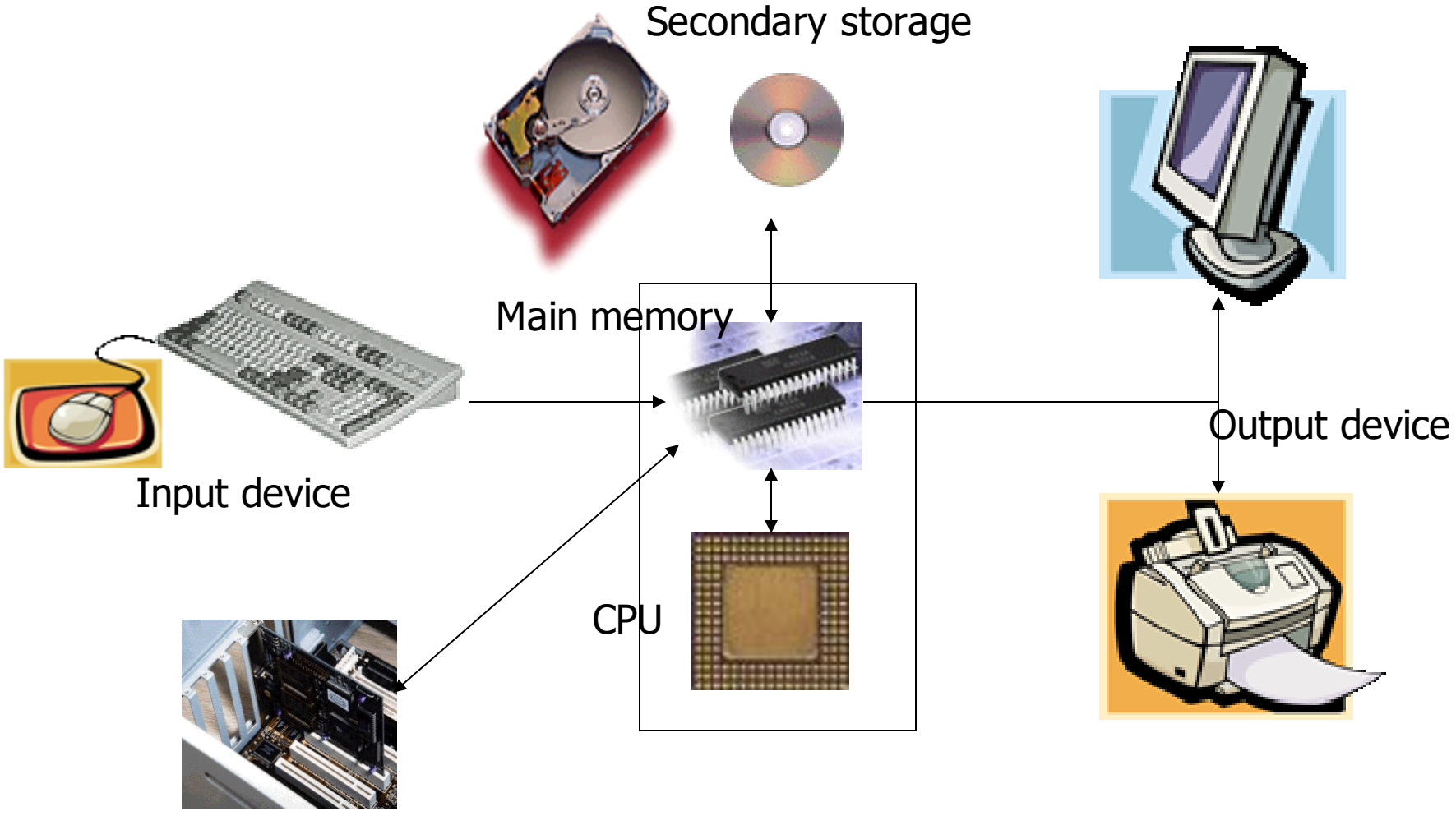
Definition of System Program (1/8)

- Computer organization



Definition of System Program (2/8)

- Hardware components: PC



Definition of System Program (3/8)

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

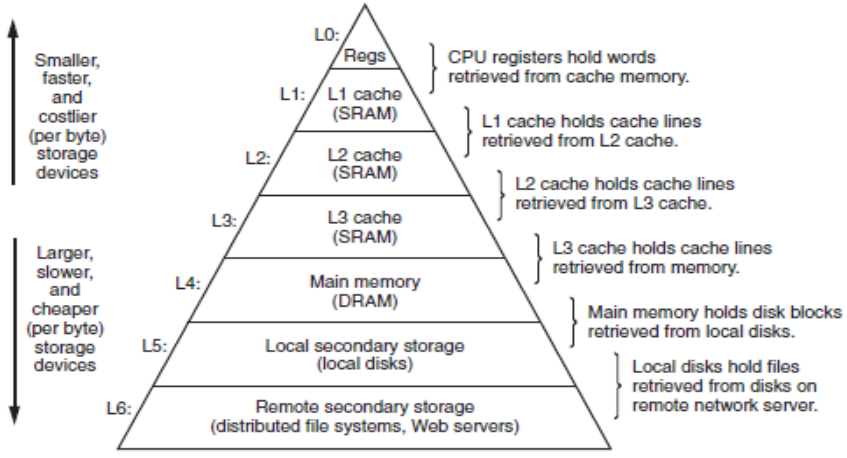


Figure 1.9 **An example of a memory hierarchy.**

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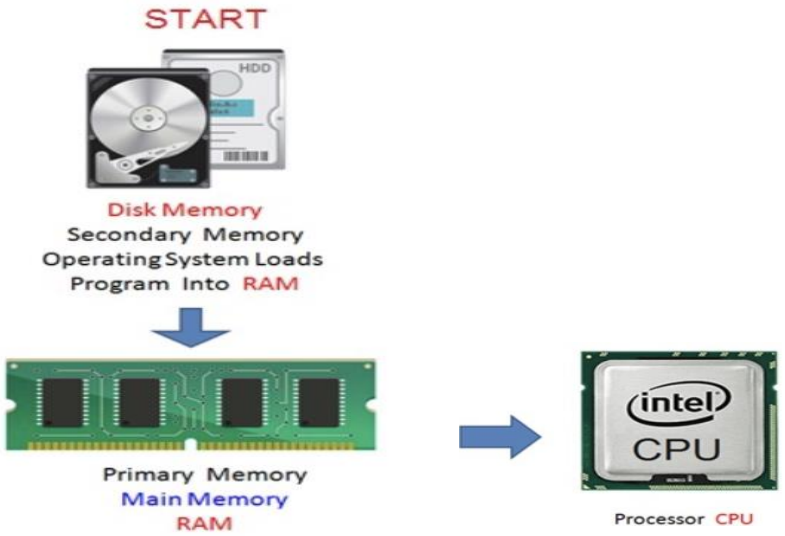

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Definition of System Program (4/8)

- 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: PC vs. Mobile
  - ✓ Differ according to the 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");
}
```

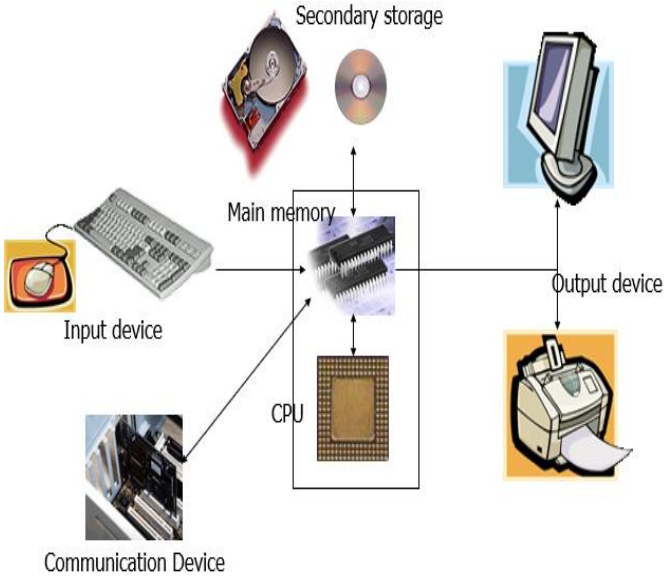
    - System program: address the following issues
      - How to run this application program on CPU?
      - What is the role of printf()?
      - How the string is displayed on Monitor?
      - How this program can be executed with other programs concurrently?
      - What are the differences between 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), …

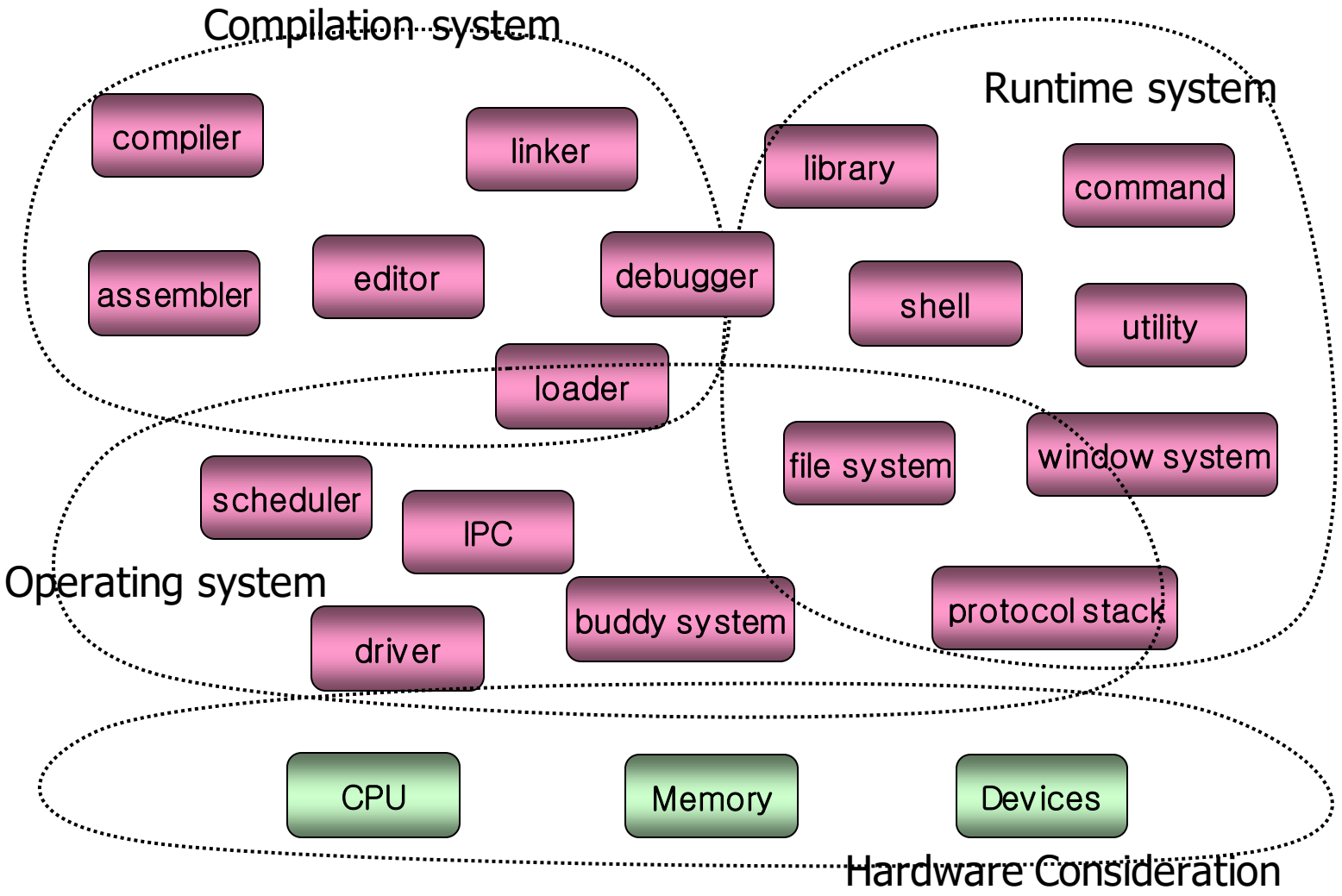
Definition of System Program (8/8)

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



Types of System Program

- Classification



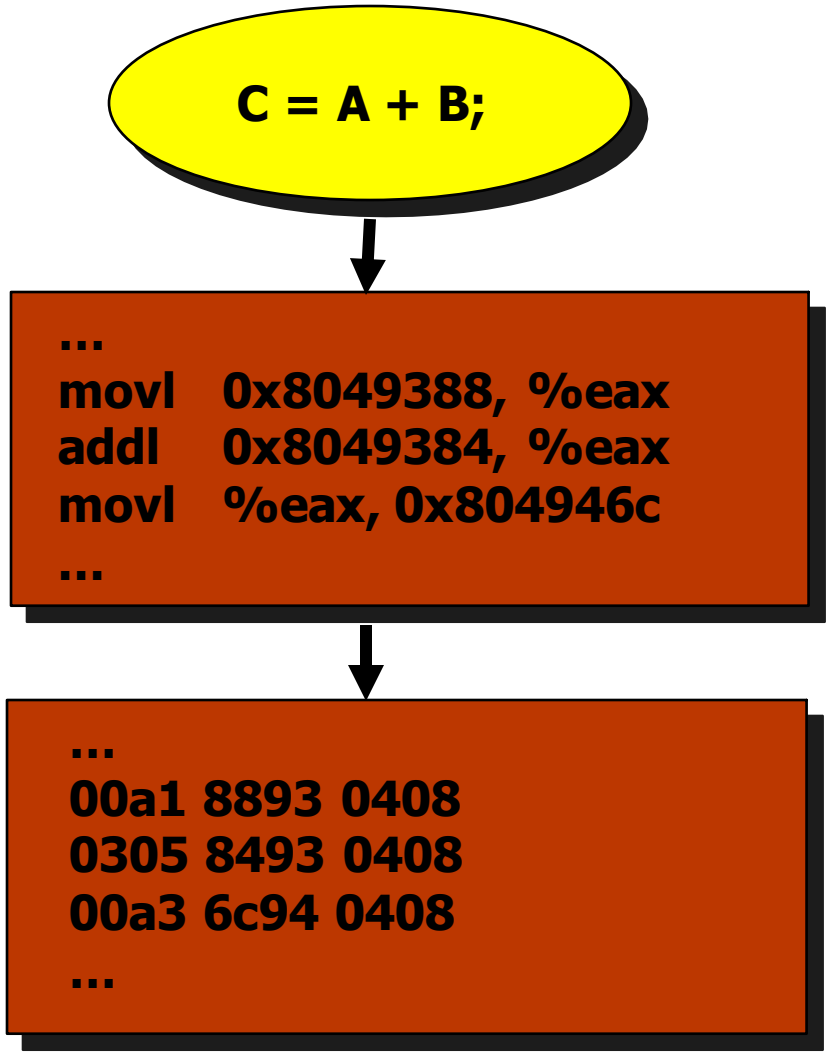
Compilation System (1/5)

- Concept: Language Hierarchy

High-level Language

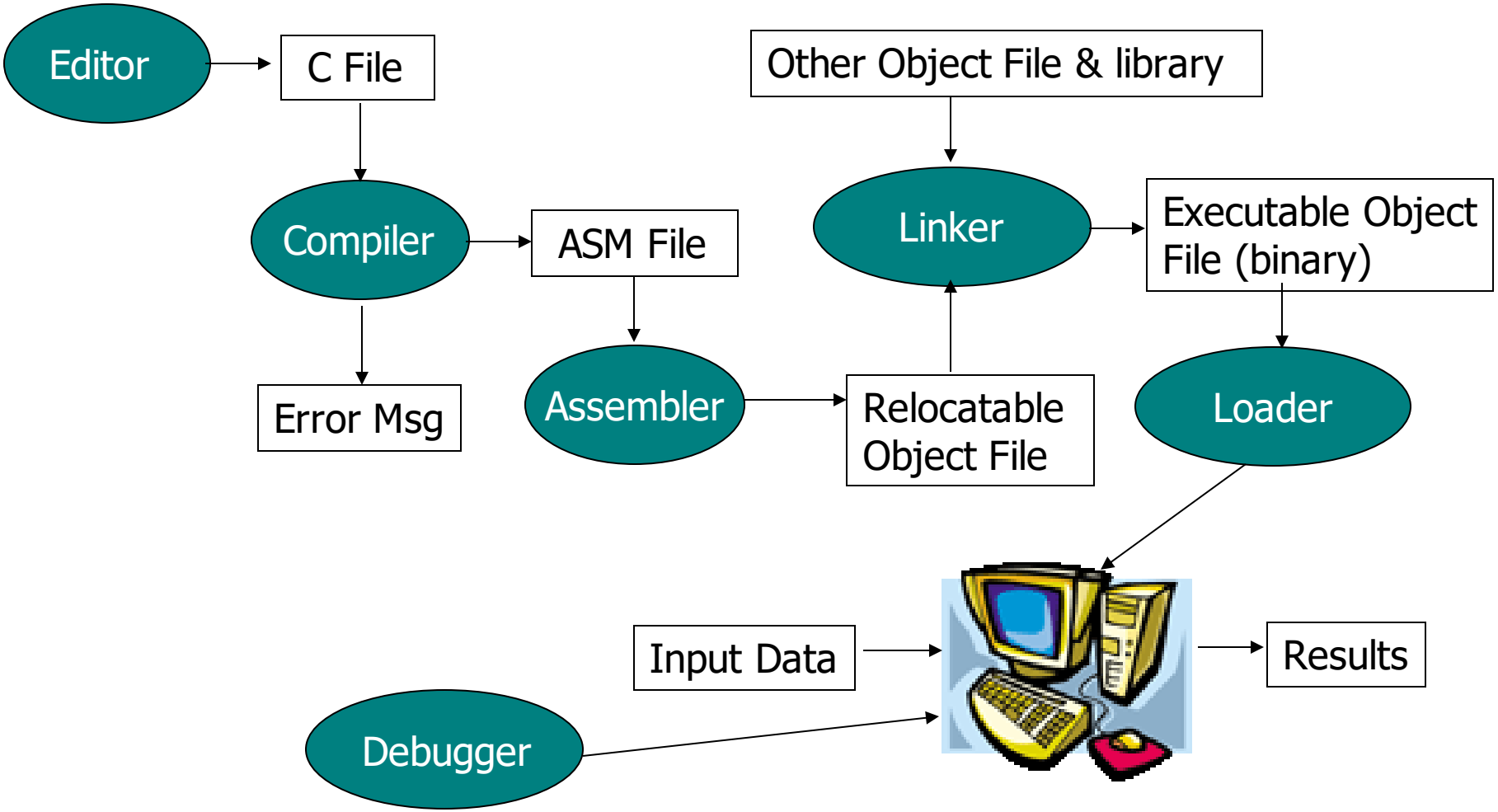
Assembly Language

Machine Language (Binary code)



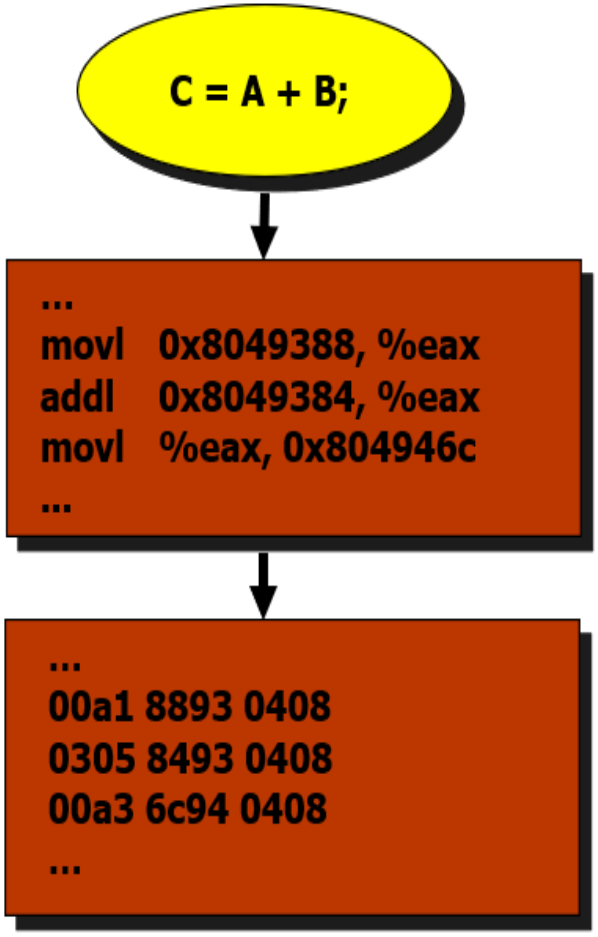
Compilation System (2/5)

- Overall structure
  - ✓ 6 key components

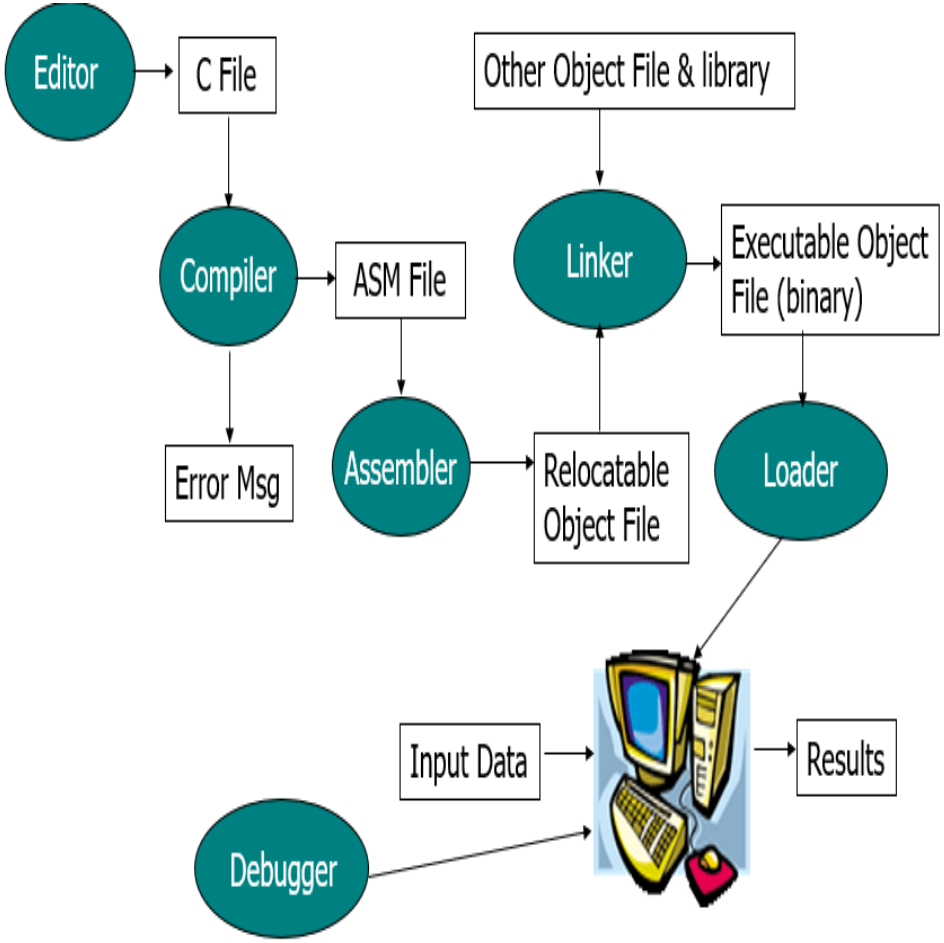


Compilation System (3/5)

- Relation between Language Hierarchy and Overall Structure



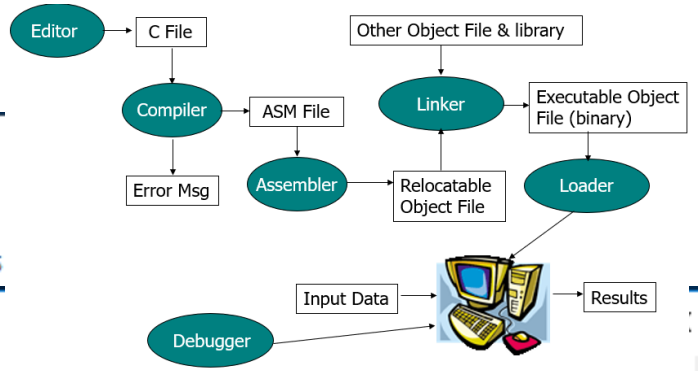
(Language hierarchy)



(Compilation system)

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 GN
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/cha
choijm@embedded:~/syspro/cha
enp0s25   Link encap:Etherne
          inet addr:220.149.
          inet6 addr: fe80::
          UP BROADCAST RUNNI
          RX packets:8576625
          TX packets:174094
          collisions:0 txque
          RX bytes:106117918
          Interrupt:16 Memor

lo        Link encap:Local L
          inet addr:127.0.0.
          inet6 addr: ::1/12
          UP LOOPBACK RUNNIN
          RX packets:820 err
          TX packets:820 err
          collisions:0 txque
          RX bytes:70246 (70

choijm@embedded:~/syspro/cha
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choijm@embedded: ~/syspro/chap1
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choijm@embedded:~/syspro/chap1$ ls
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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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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 version

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choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap1$ gcc -S hello.c
choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap1$ ls
hello.c  hello.s
choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap1$
choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap1$ as -o hello.o hello.s
choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap1$ ls
hello.c  hello.o  hello.s
choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap1$
choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap1$ /usr/lib/gcc/i486-linux-gnu/3.4.6/collect2 /usr/
lib/i386-linux-gnu/crt1.o /usr/lib/i386-linux-gnu/crti.o /usr/lib/i386-linux-gnu
/crtn.o /usr/lib/gcc/i486-linux-gnu/3.4.6/crtbegin.o /usr/lib/gcc/i486-linux-gnu
/3.4.6/crtend.o hello.o -lc -dynamic-linker /lib/ld-linux.so.2
choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap1$ ls
a.out  hello.c  hello.o  hello.s
choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap1$
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choijm@embedded:~/Syspro/chap1$
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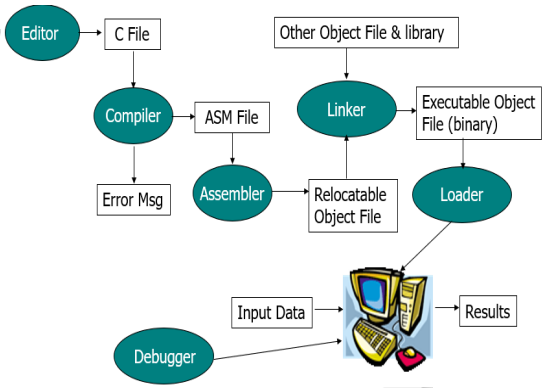
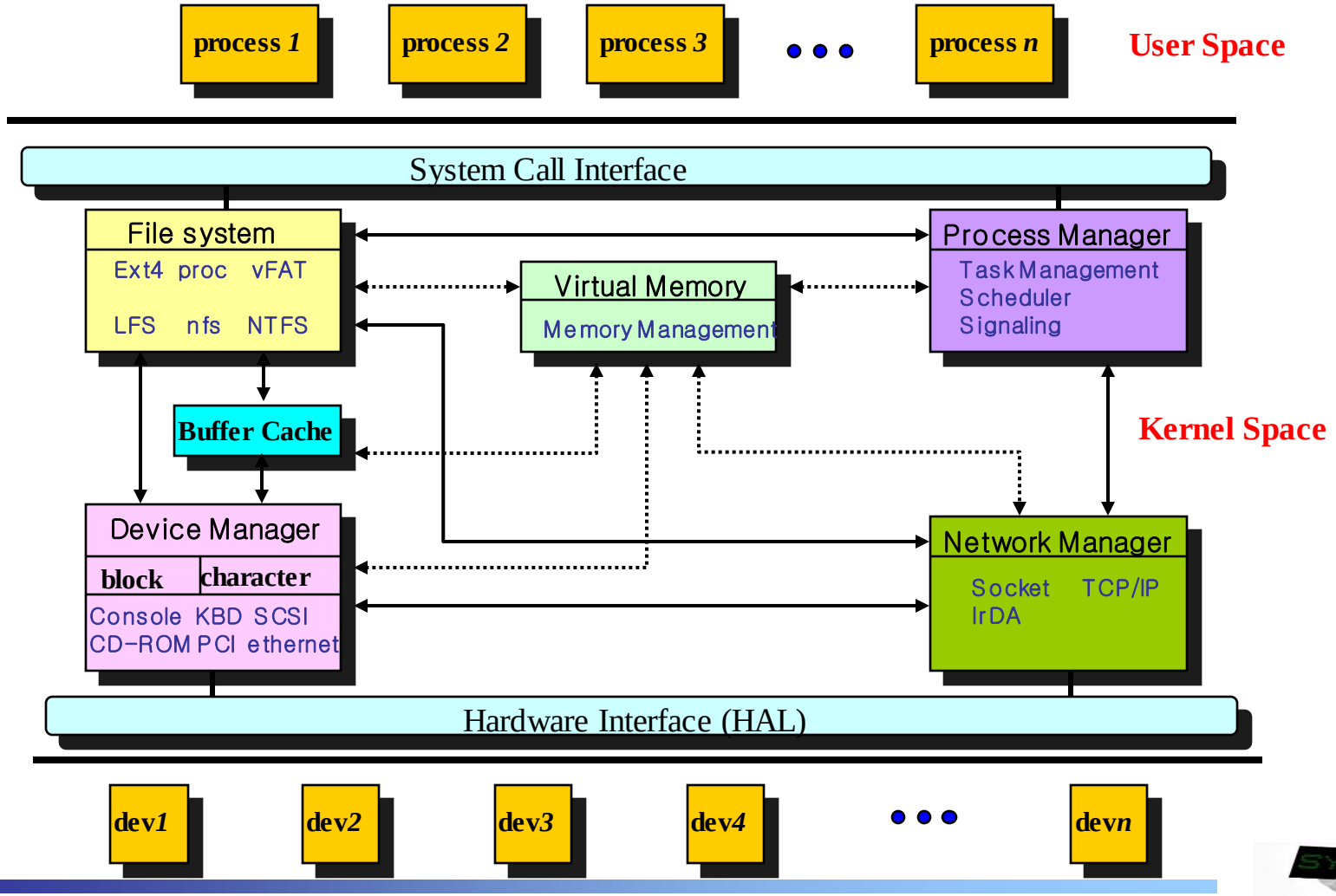


- ☞ What are the differences btw hello.c and hello.s?
- ☞ What are the differences btw hello.o and a.out?

Operating System (1/15)

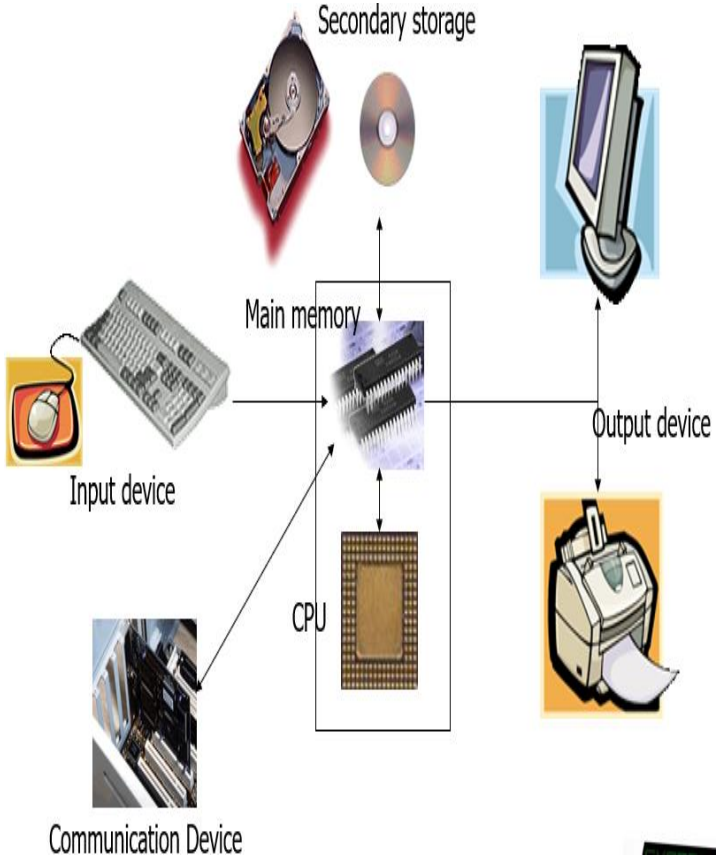
- Overall structure
  - ✓ 7 key components



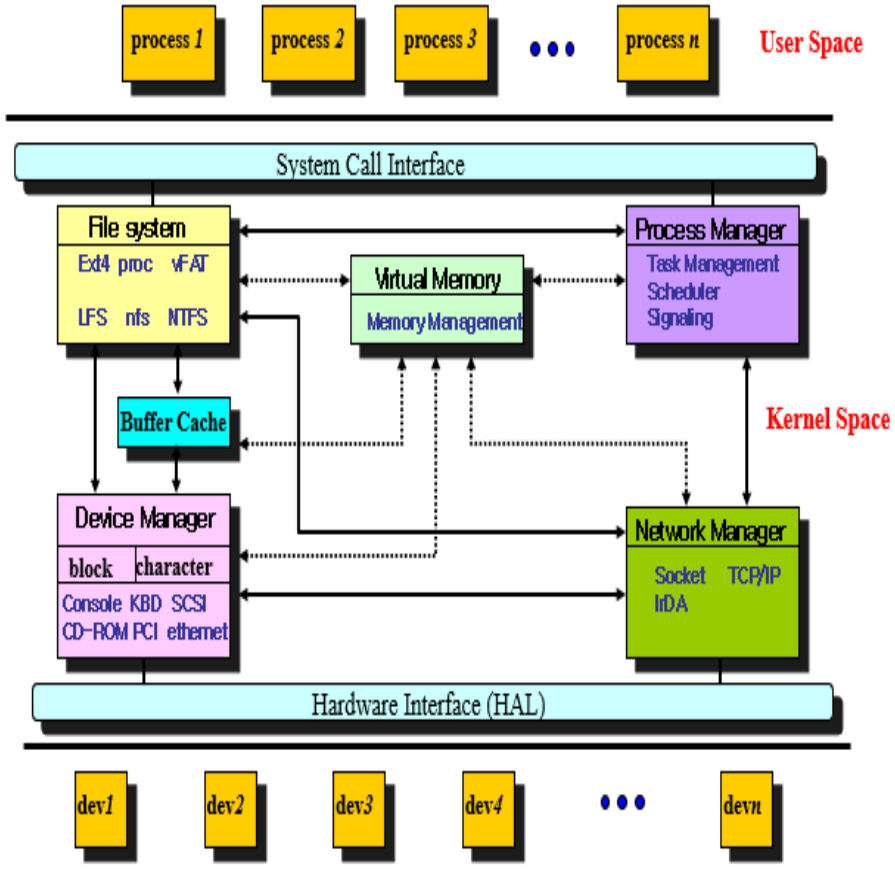
(Source: Linux Kernel Internals)

Operating System (2/15)

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



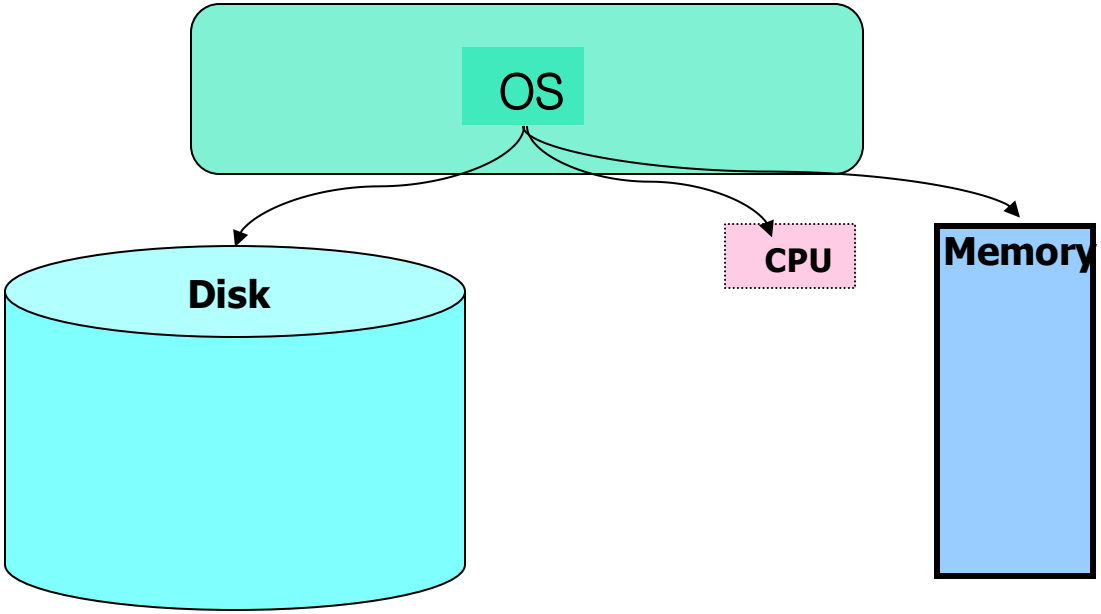
(Physical resources)



(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

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#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
        printf("Hello world₩n");
}
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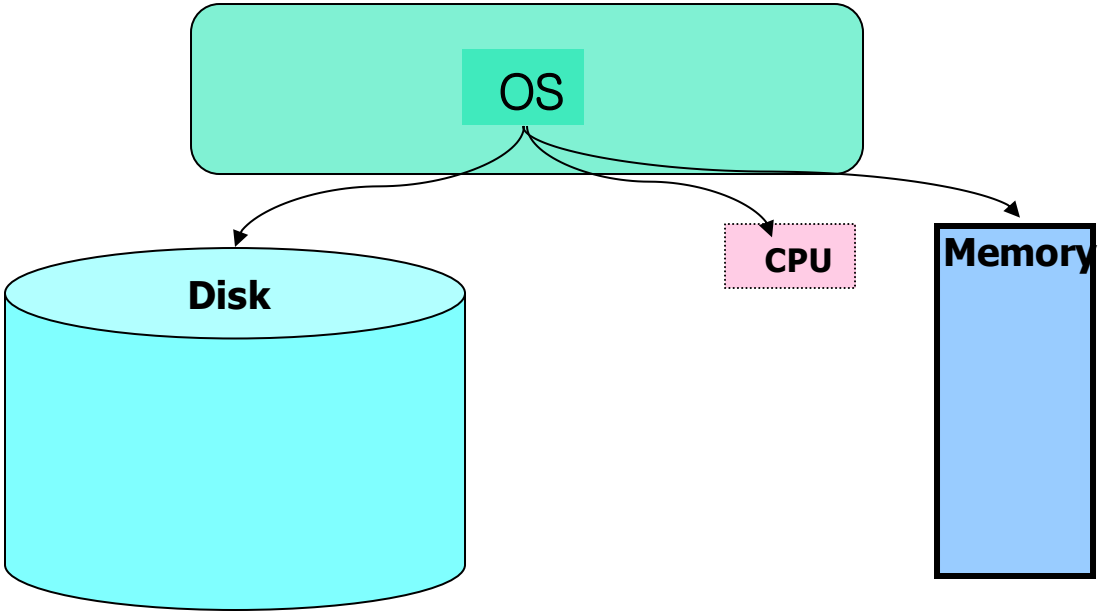

Operating System (5/15)

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

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}
```

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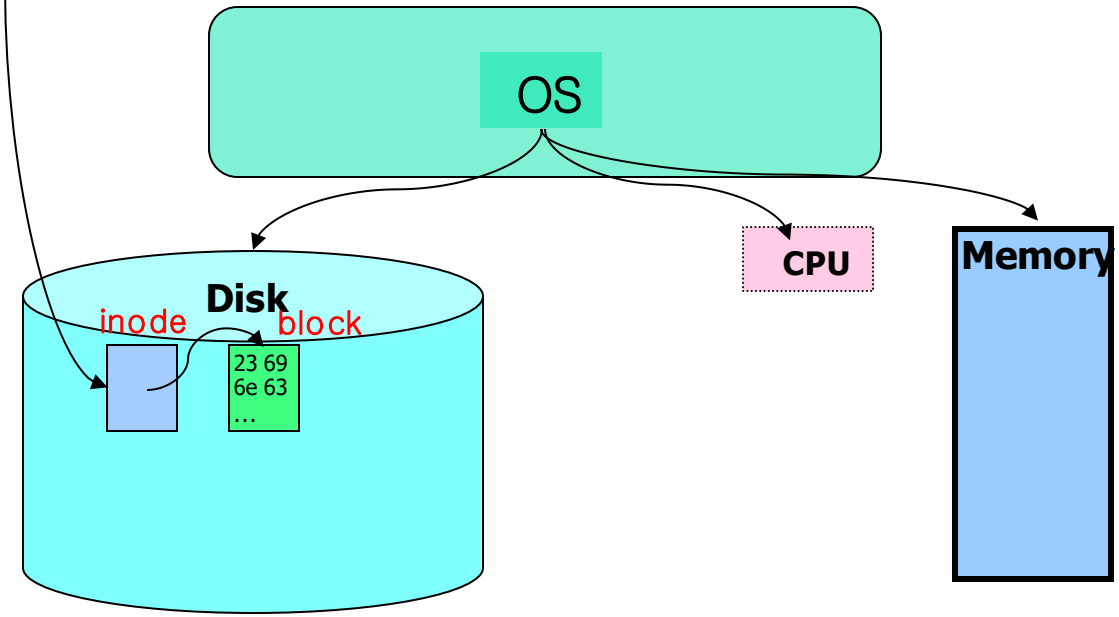
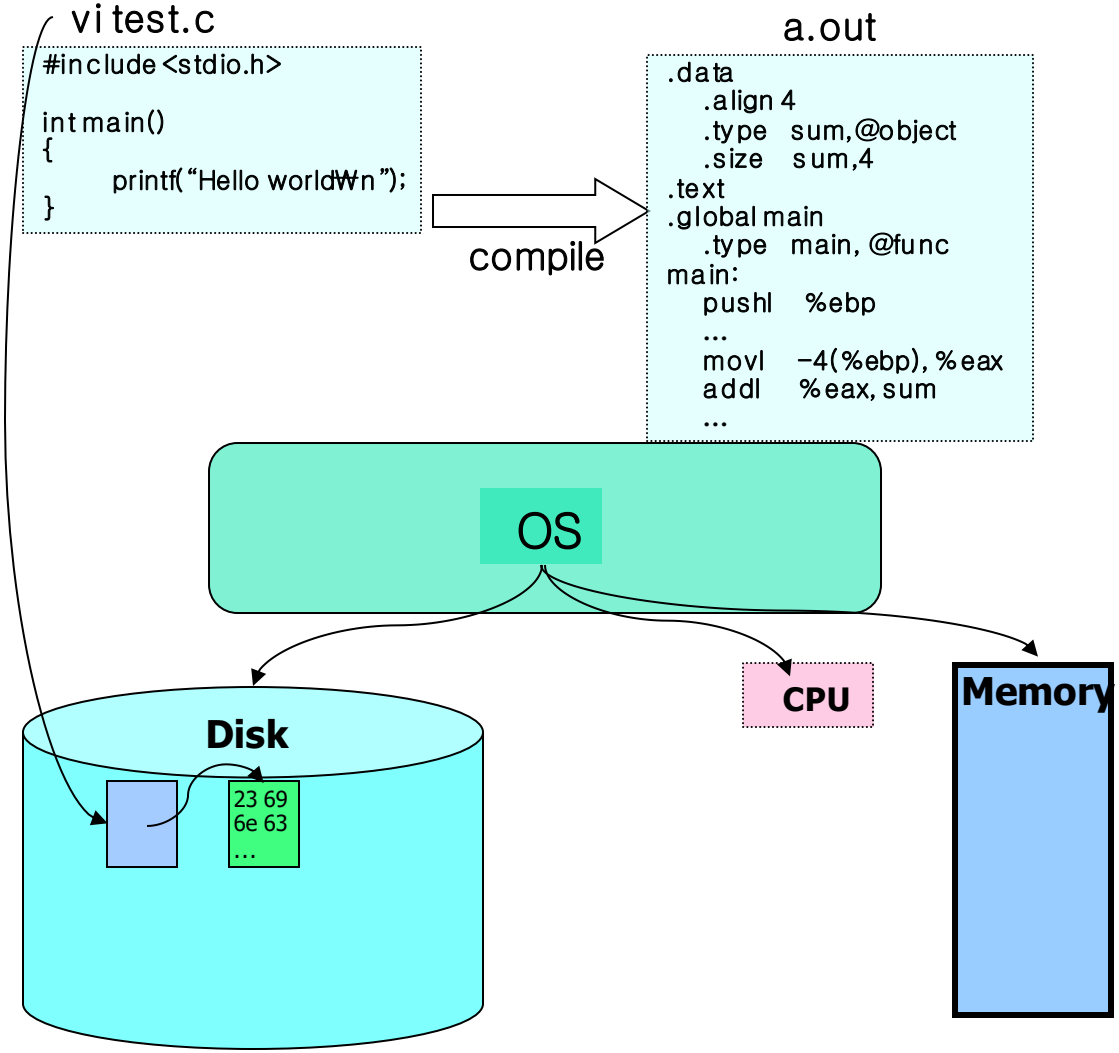
Figure 1.2 The ASCII text representation of `hello.c`.

(Source: CSAPP)



Operating System (6/15)

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



Operating System (7/15)

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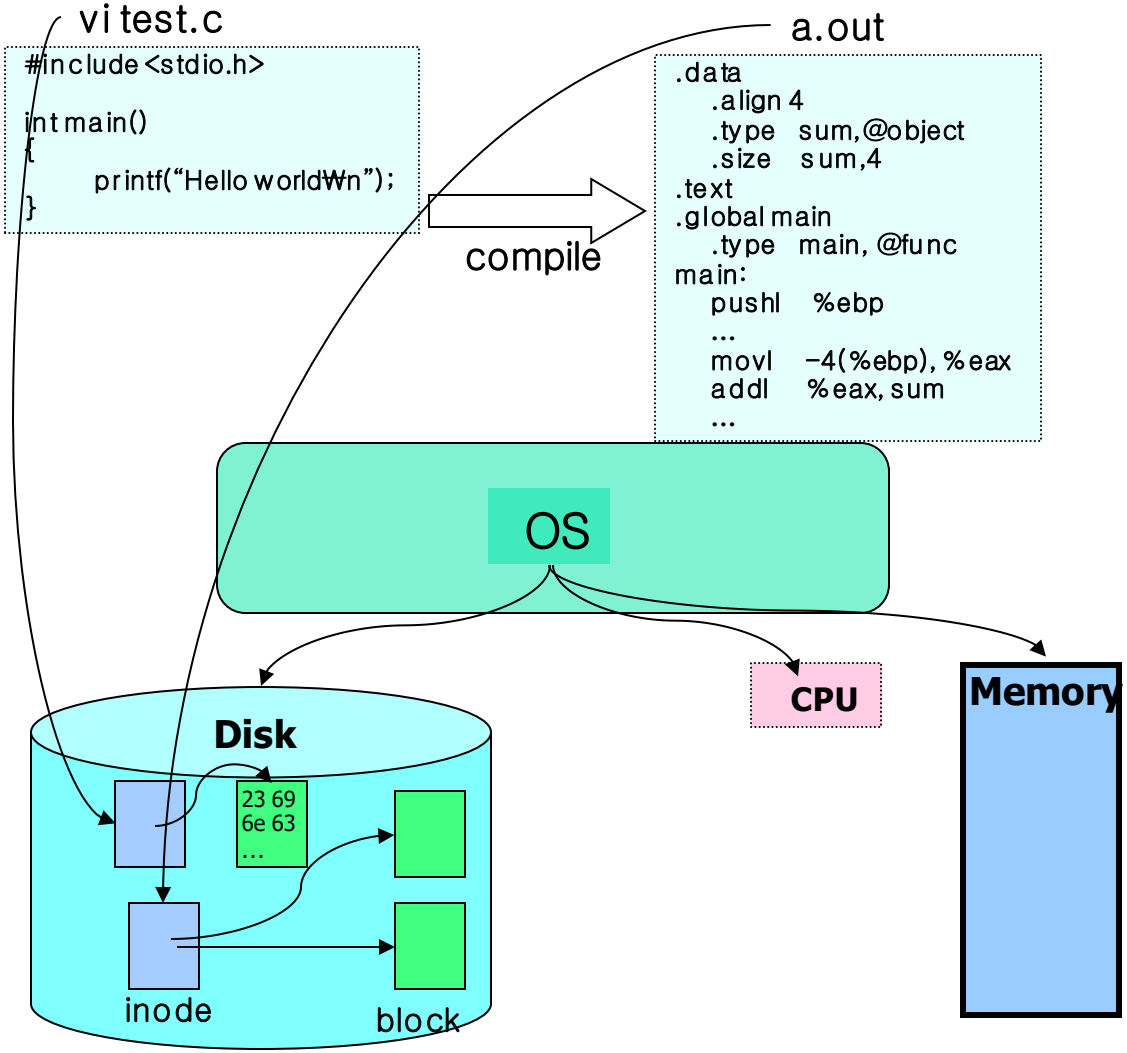
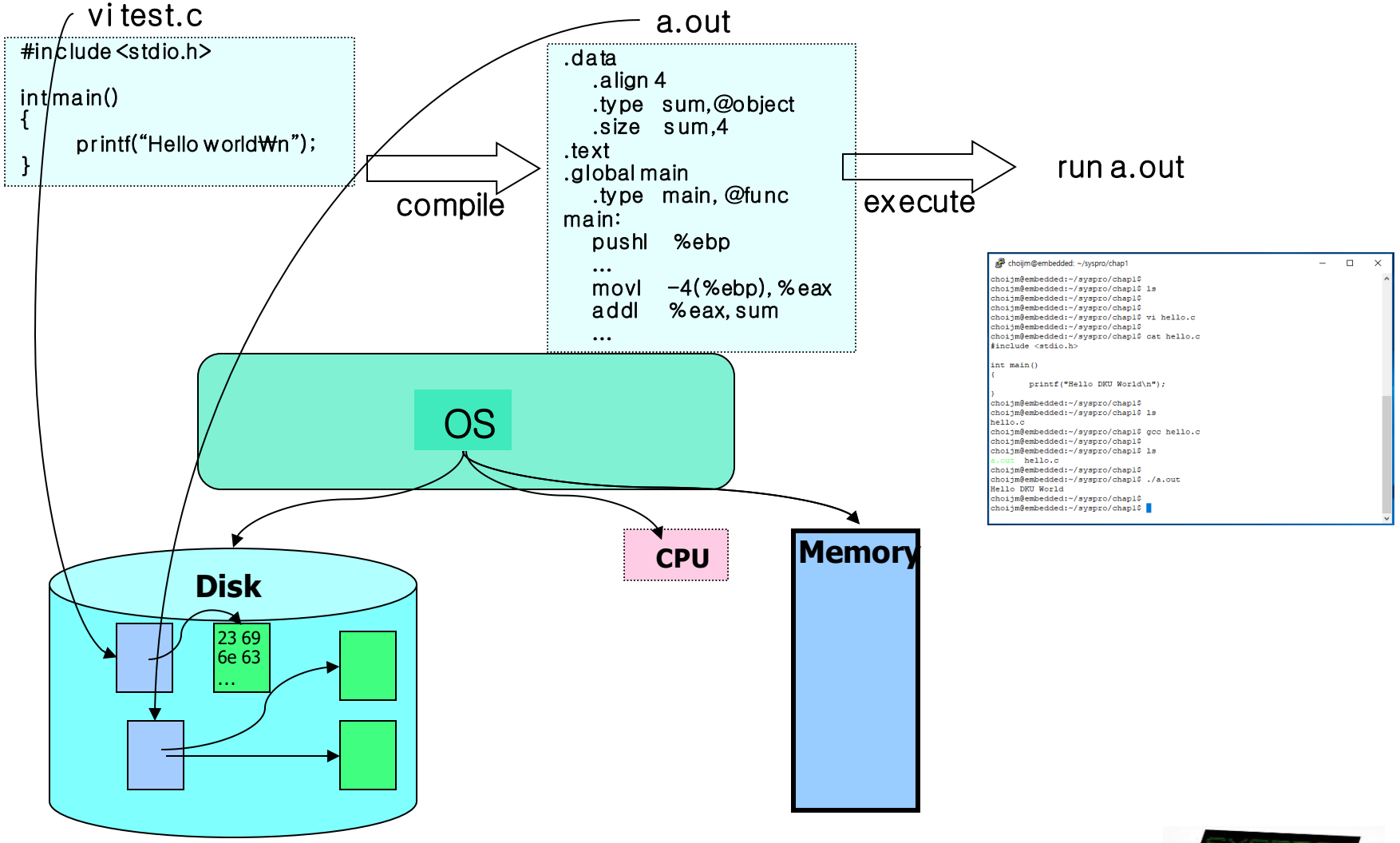


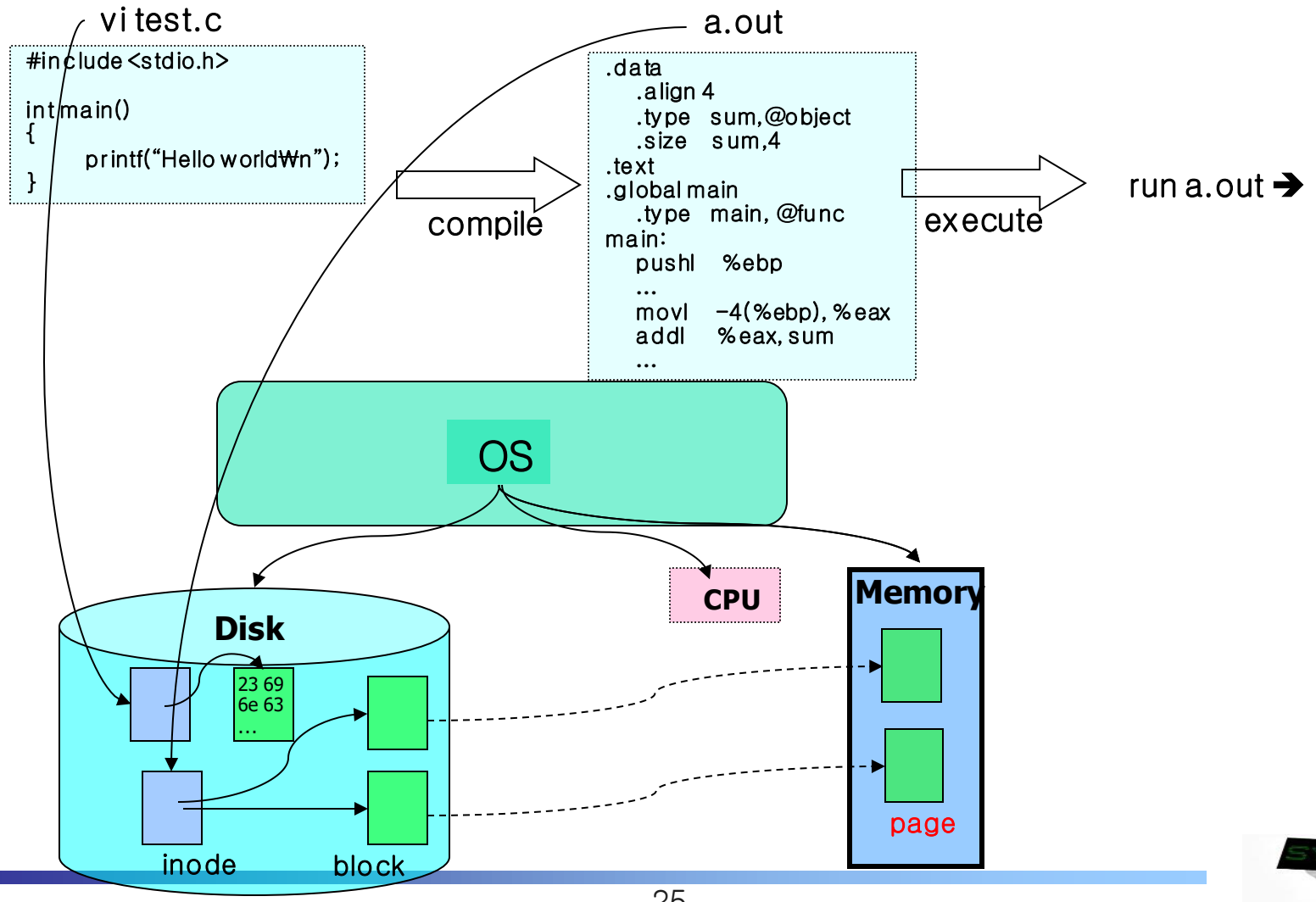
Operating System (8/15)

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



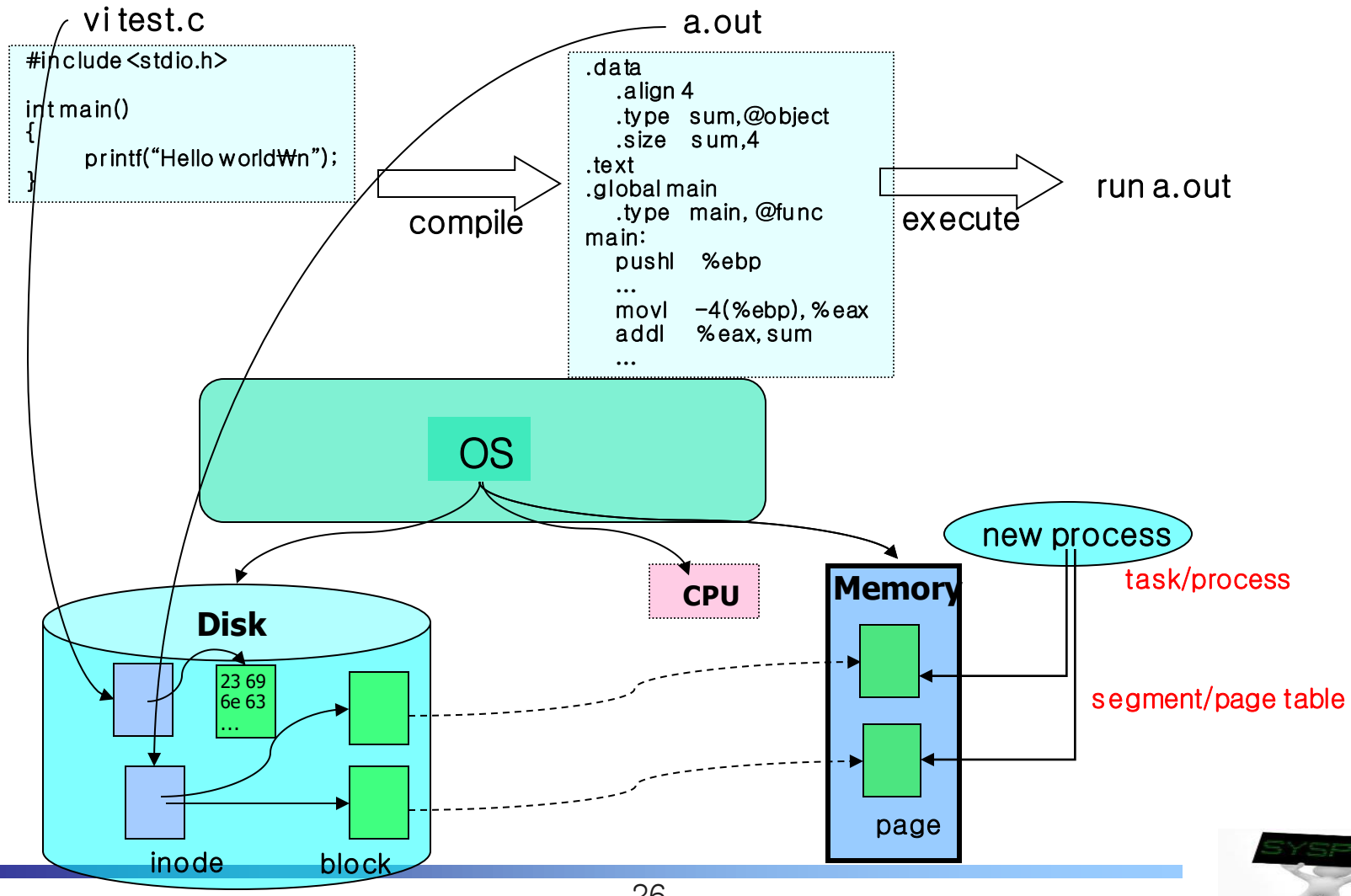
Operating System (9/13)

- Behaviors: 4) execute the a.out (system's viewpoint)
  - ✓ To run a.out, OS first loads it into memory



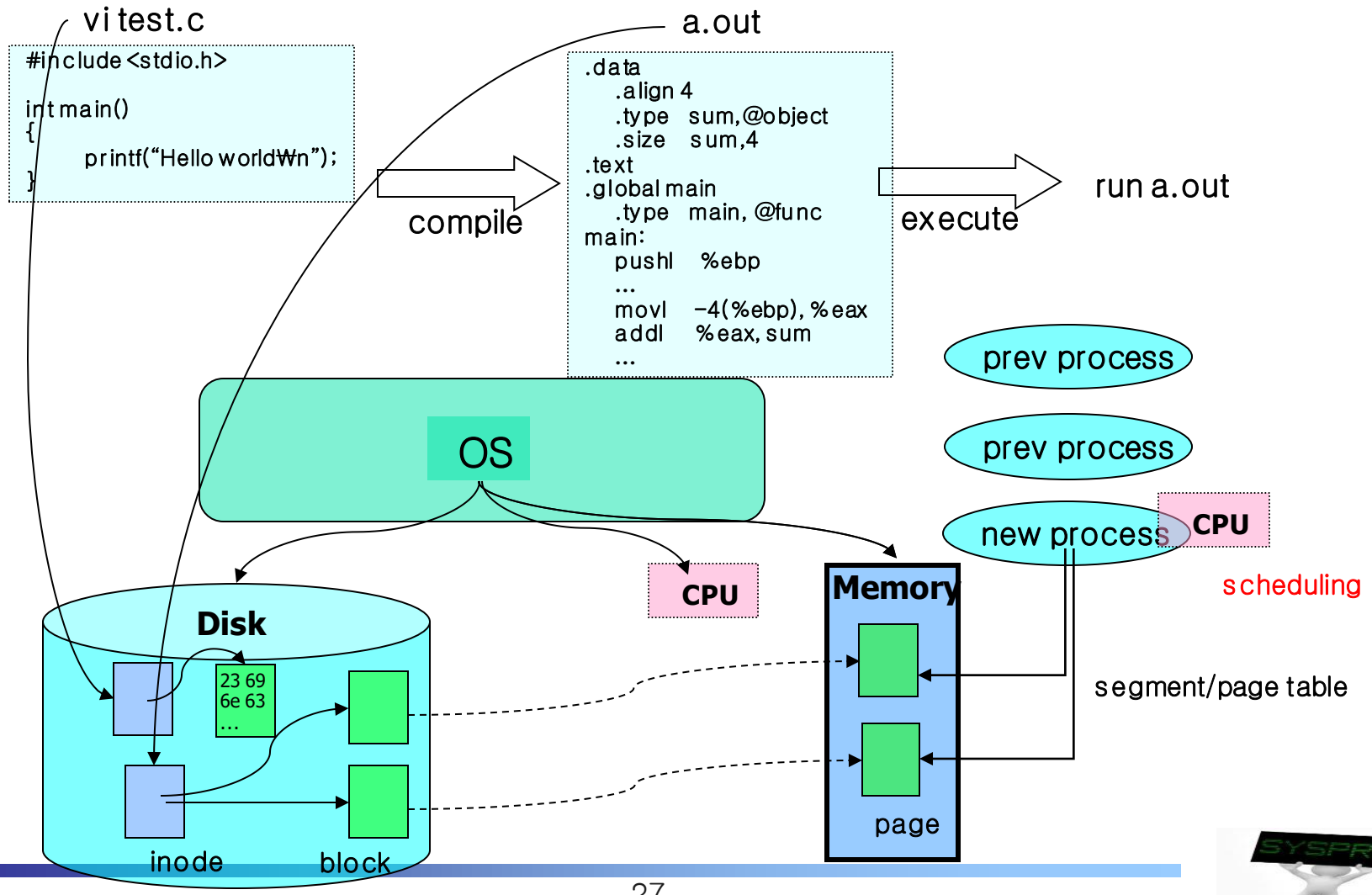
Operating System (10/13)

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



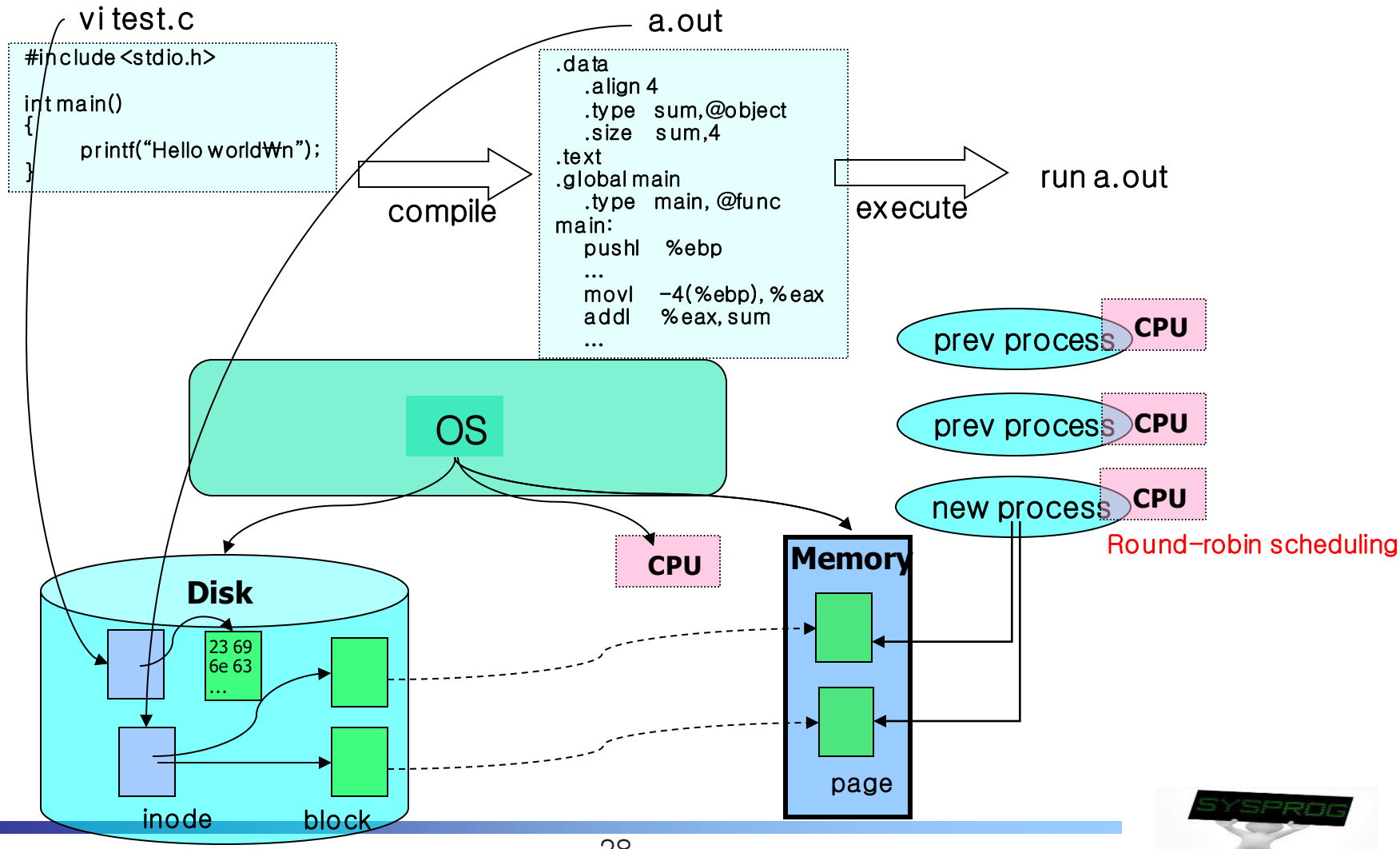
Operating System (11/13)

- Behaviors: 4) execute the a.out (system's viewpoint)
  - ✓ Then, OS makes a new process & schedule it



Operating System (12/13)

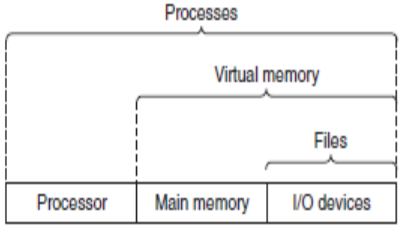
- Behaviors: 4) execute the a.out (system's viewpoint)
  - ✓ Then, OS makes a new process & schedule it with time-sharing



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.



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

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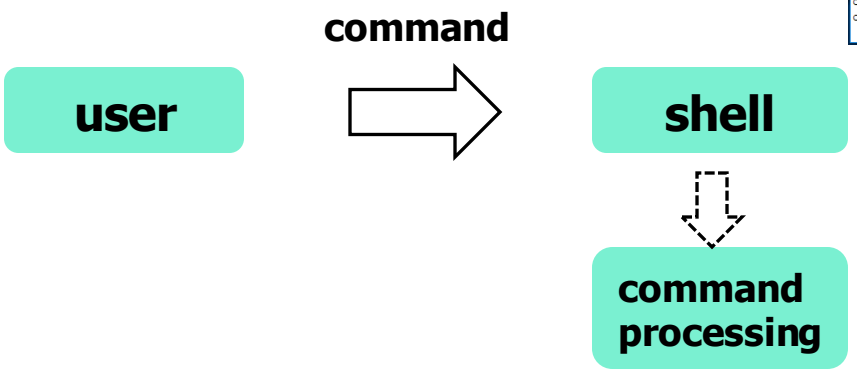
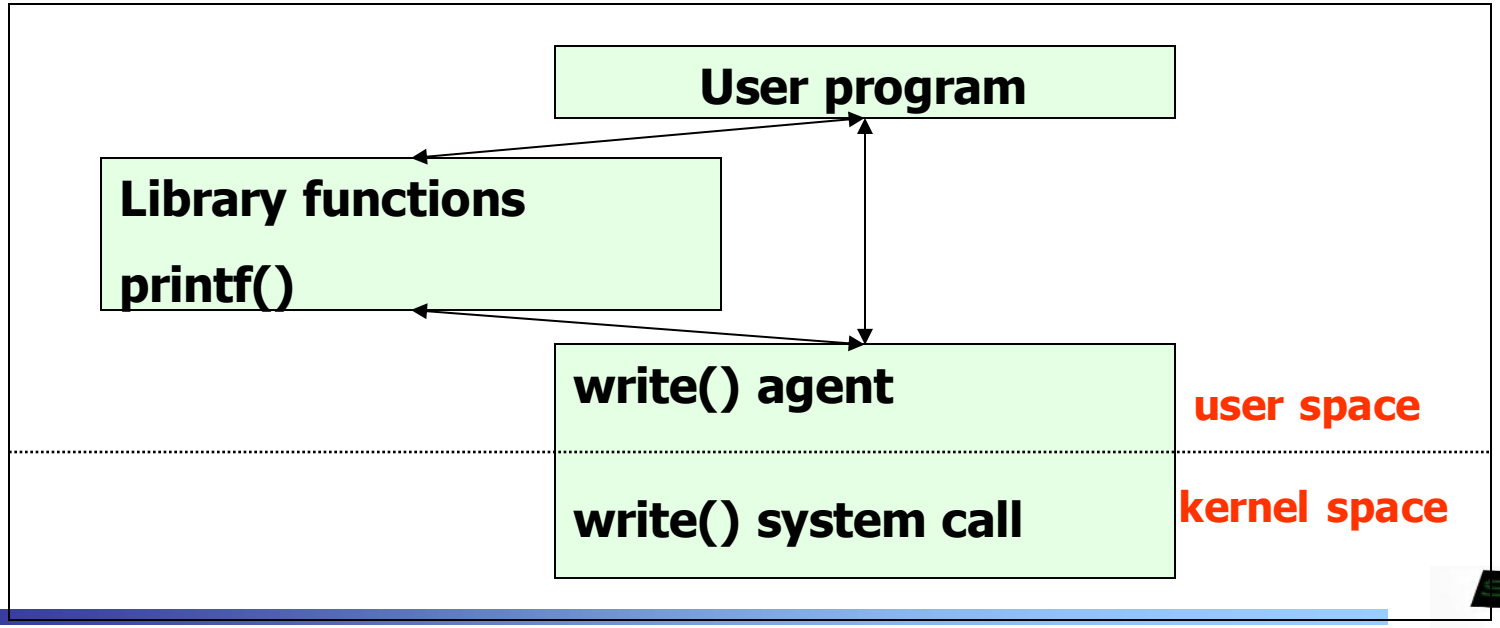


Runtime System (2/5)

- 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.)
  - ✓ Categories
    - 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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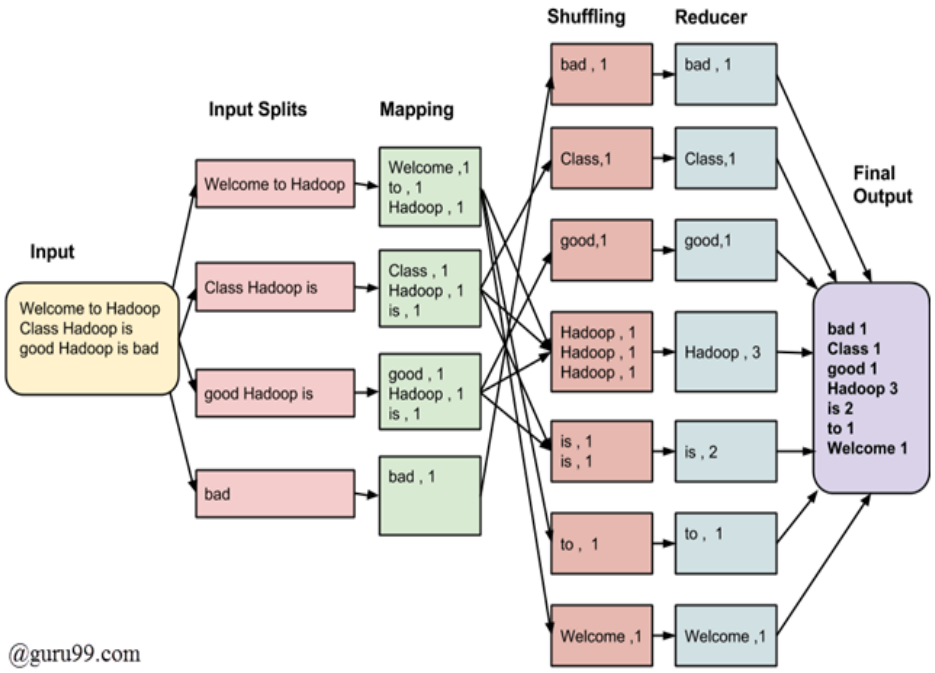
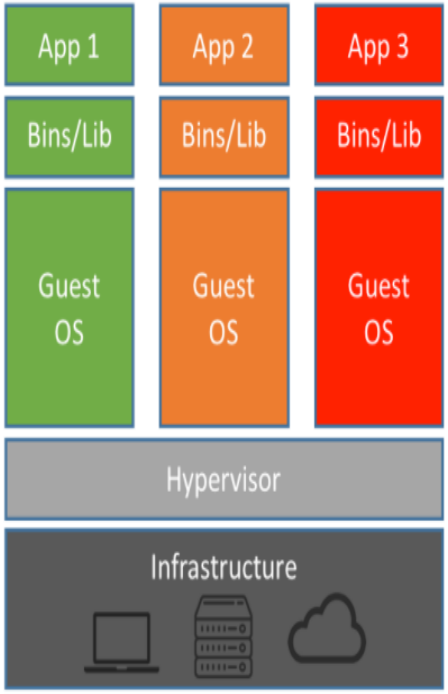


MapReduce Architecture

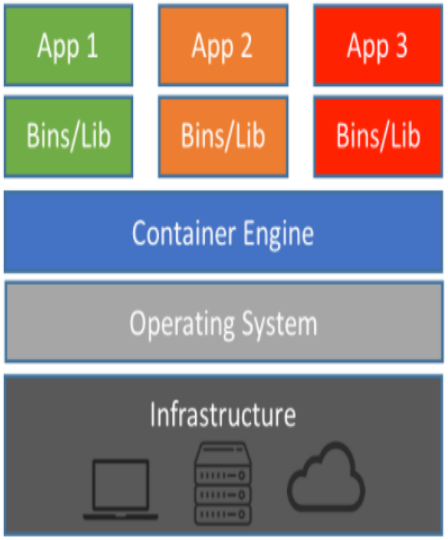
(Source: https://www.guru99.com/introduction-to-mapreduce.html)

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



Machine Virtualization



Containers

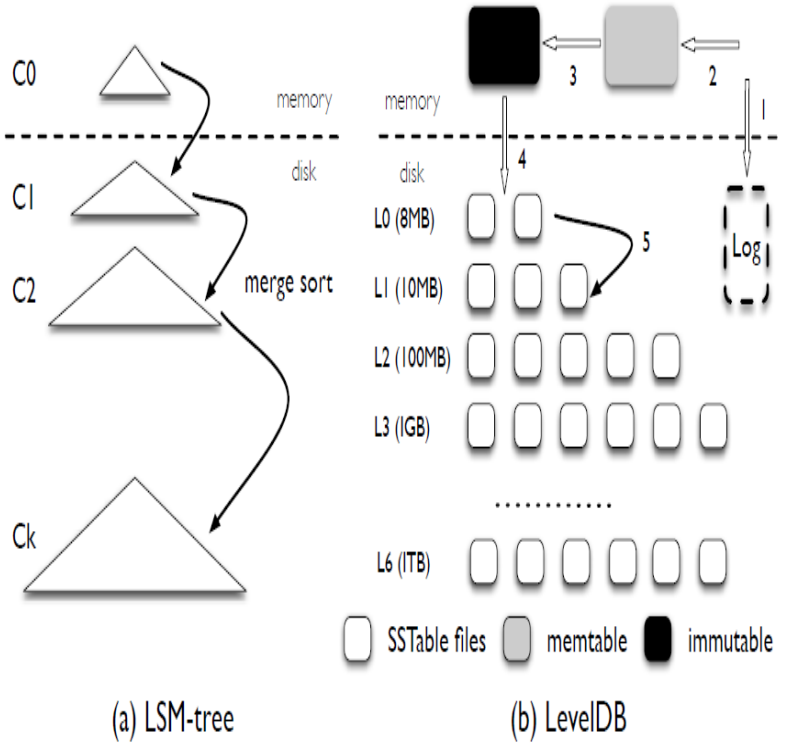
```
[root@docker ~]# docker images
REPOSITORY              TAG             IMAGE ID        CREATED         SIZE
wordpress               latest          ca96afcfa242    2 weeks ago     406 MB
xibosignage/xibo-xmr    release_1.8.1   223afb5ecffe    2 weeks ago     269 MB
ubuntu                  16.04           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)

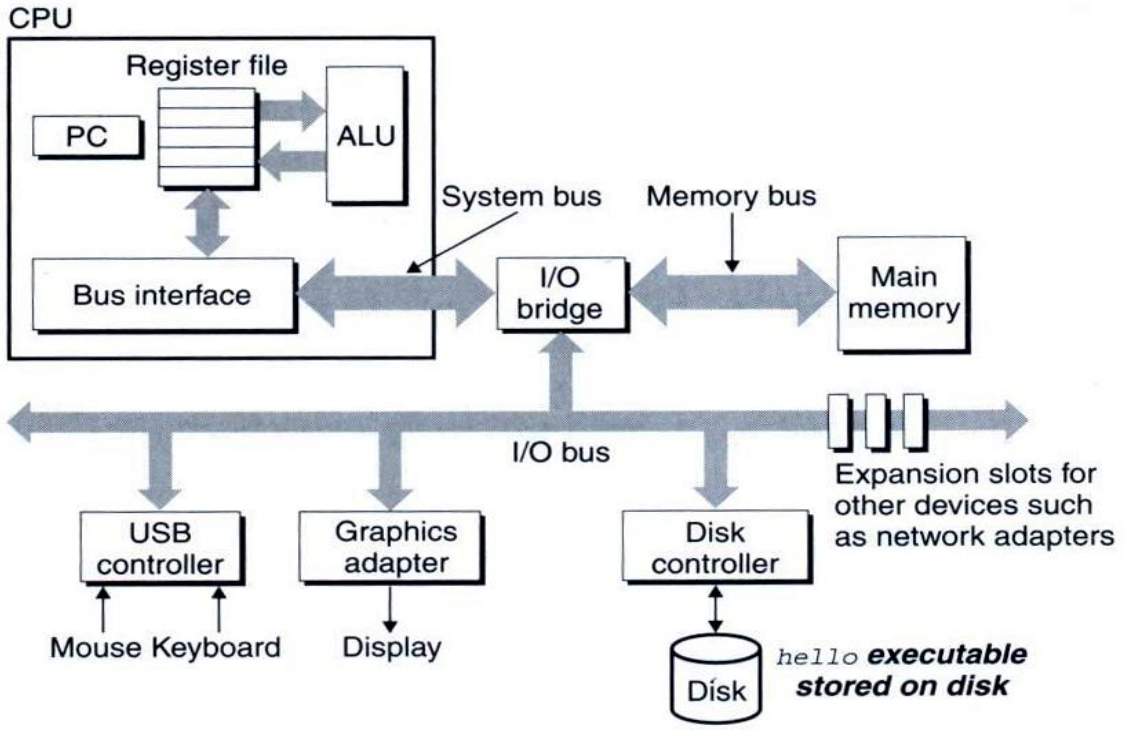
- Key-Value Store
  - ✓ Bigdata ➔ un-structured ➔ need new database ➔ Key-value store (or Document store or Graph store)
    - E.g. Google's LevelDB, Meta's RocksDB, Amazon's Dynamo, …
  - ✓ Key data structure: LSM-tree, Skipped-list, Bloom filter, …



Hardware consideration (1/6)

- Computer organization
  - ✓ CPU: registers (include PC), ALU, cache, …
  - ✓ Memory: “address, content” pair
  - ✓ Device: controller + device itself
  - ✓ Bus: path for data flow, 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
  - ✓ Revisit the a.out compiled from hello.c
    - When is it loaded,

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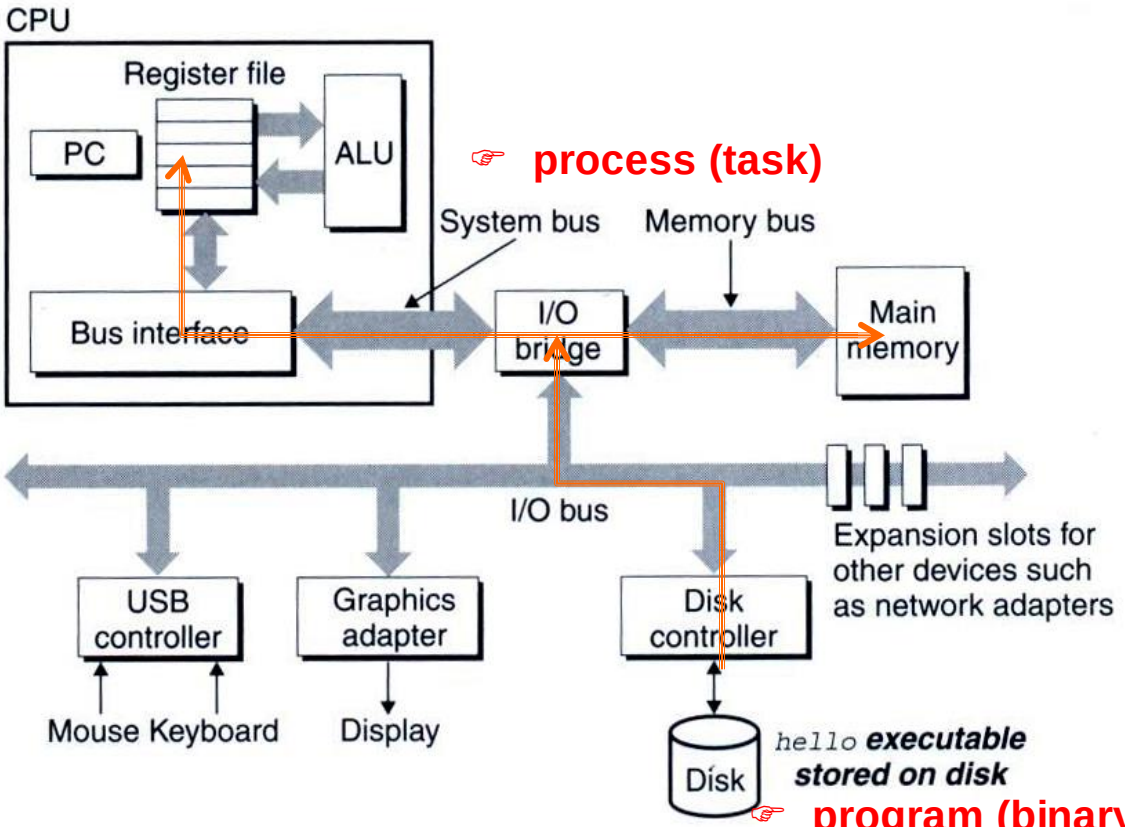

Hardware consideration (3/6)

- Computer organization
  - ✓ Revisit the a.out compiled from hello.c
    - When printf("Hello World\n") is invoked

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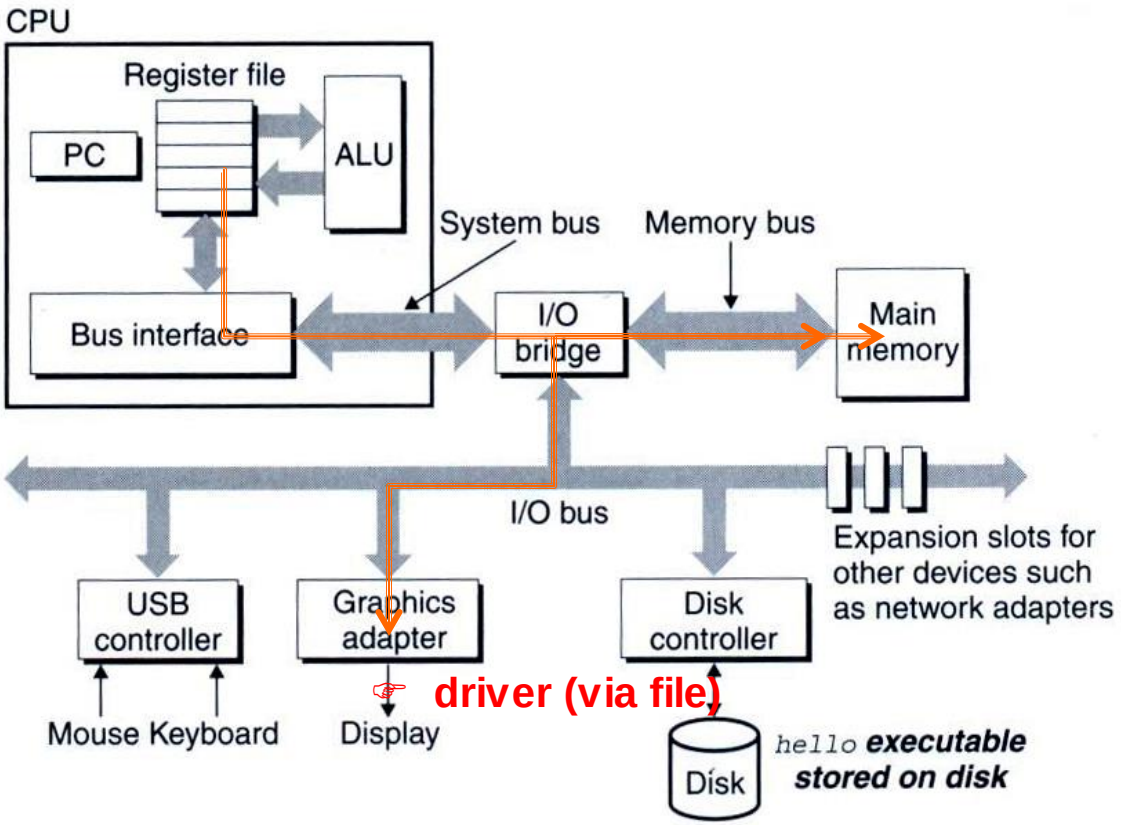


Hardware consideration (4/6)

- 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] ++;
```

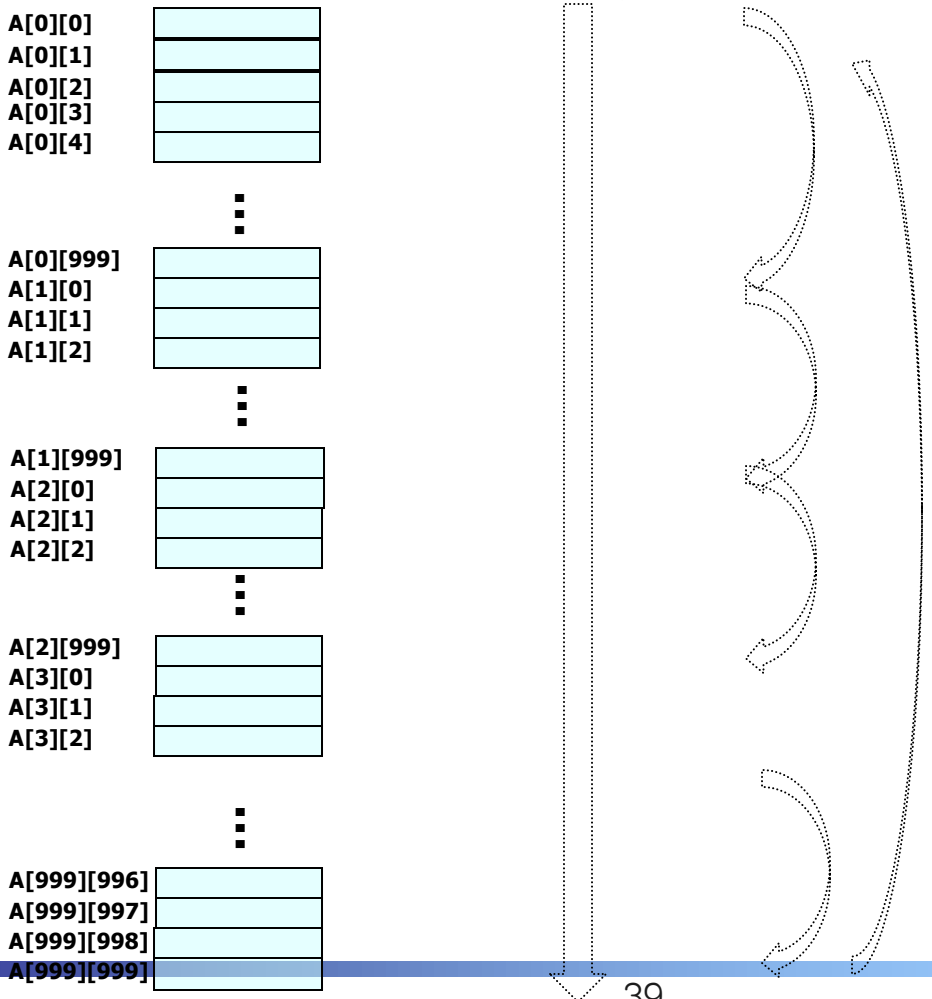
VS

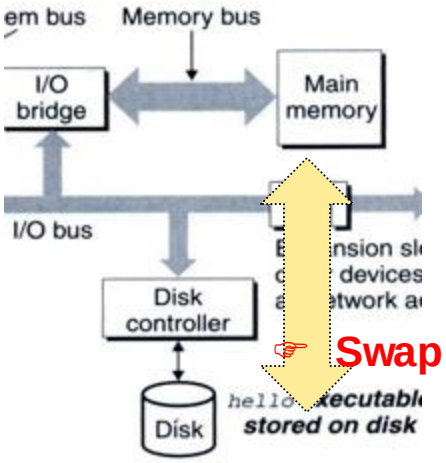
```
/* program B */
int a[1000][1000];
int i, j;
....

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)

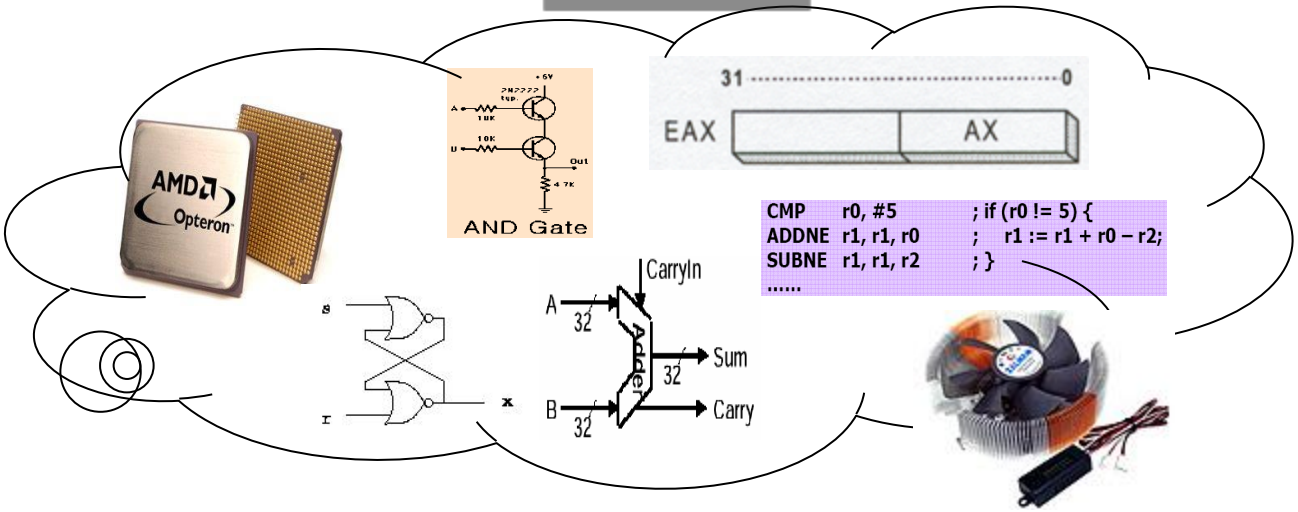
- Key of System Program: Abstraction
  - ✓ **Abstraction** is the process of generalization by reducing the information content of a concept or an observable phenomenon, typically in order to retain only information which is relevant for a particular purpose.
  - ✓ In computer science, abstraction tries 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

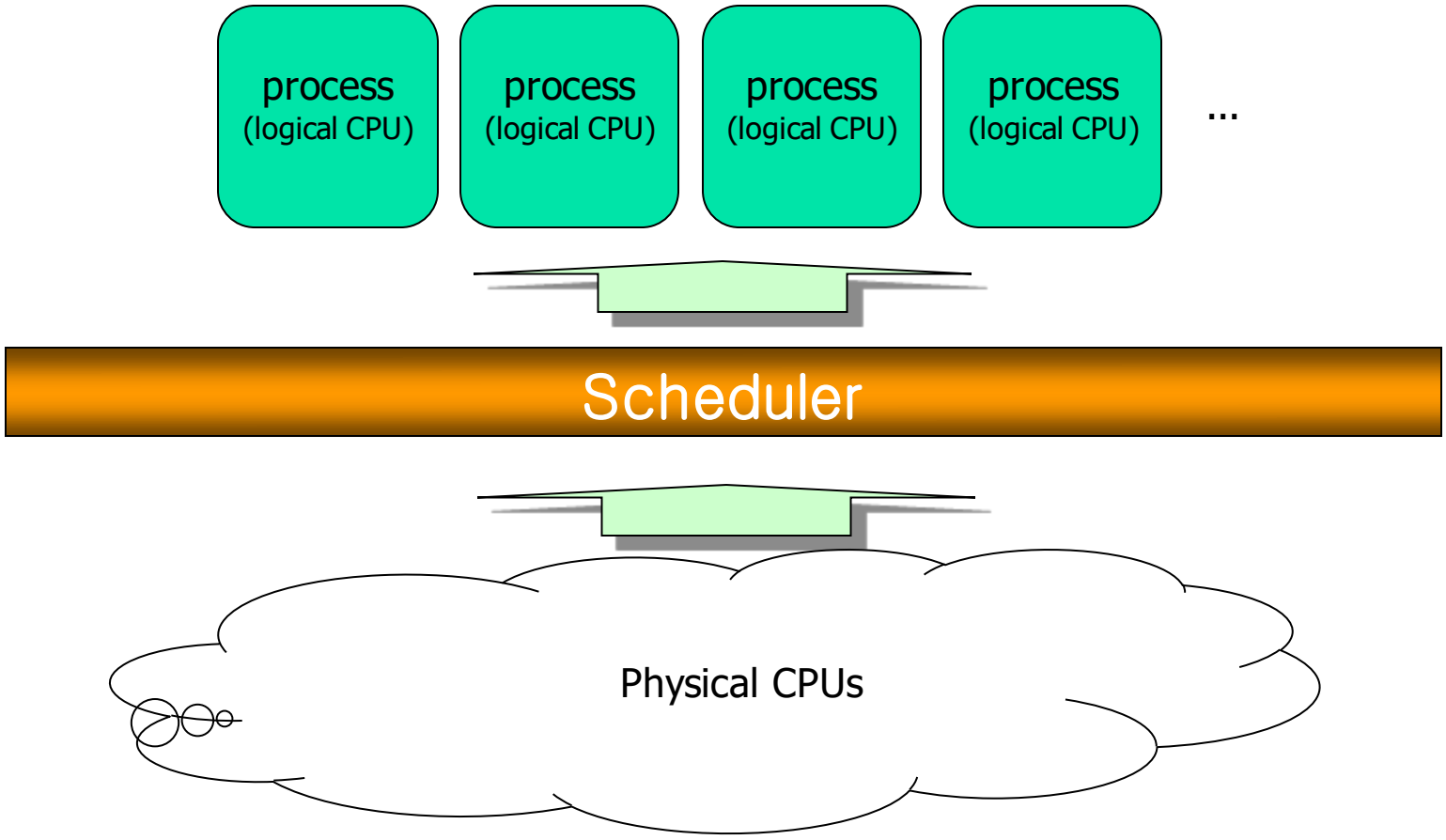
Human-Friendly High Level Language
(ISA: Instruction Set Architecture)

Compilation system



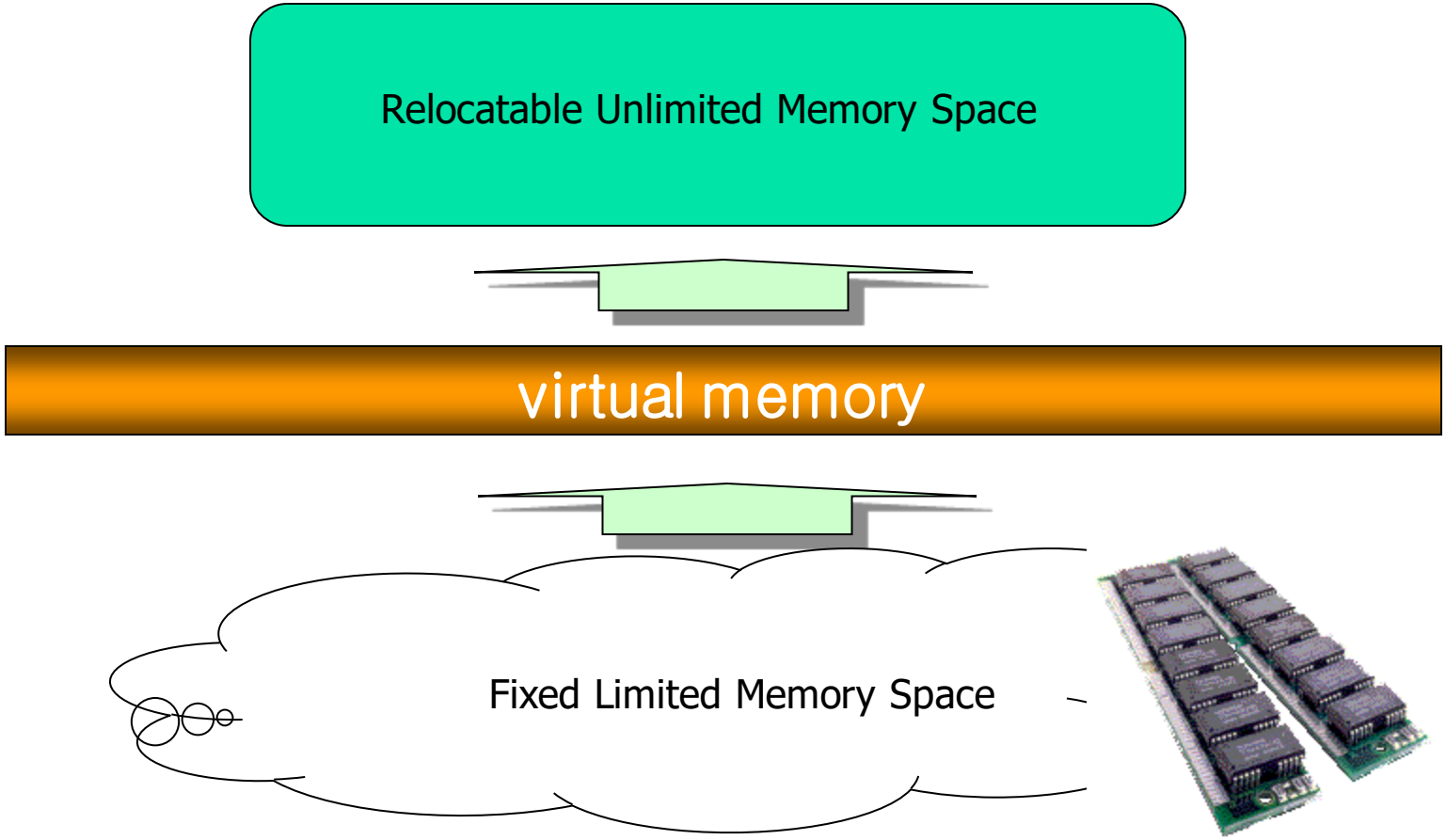
Abstraction (3/9)

- Multitasking



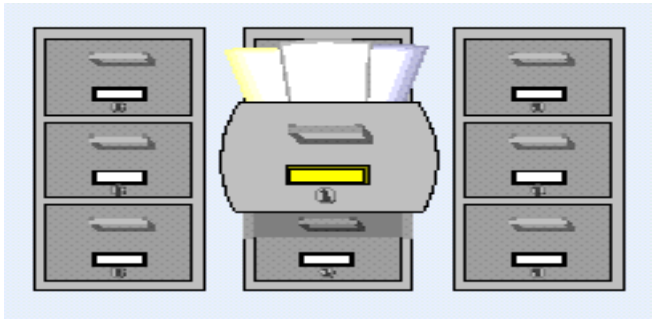
Abstraction (4/9)

- Memory management



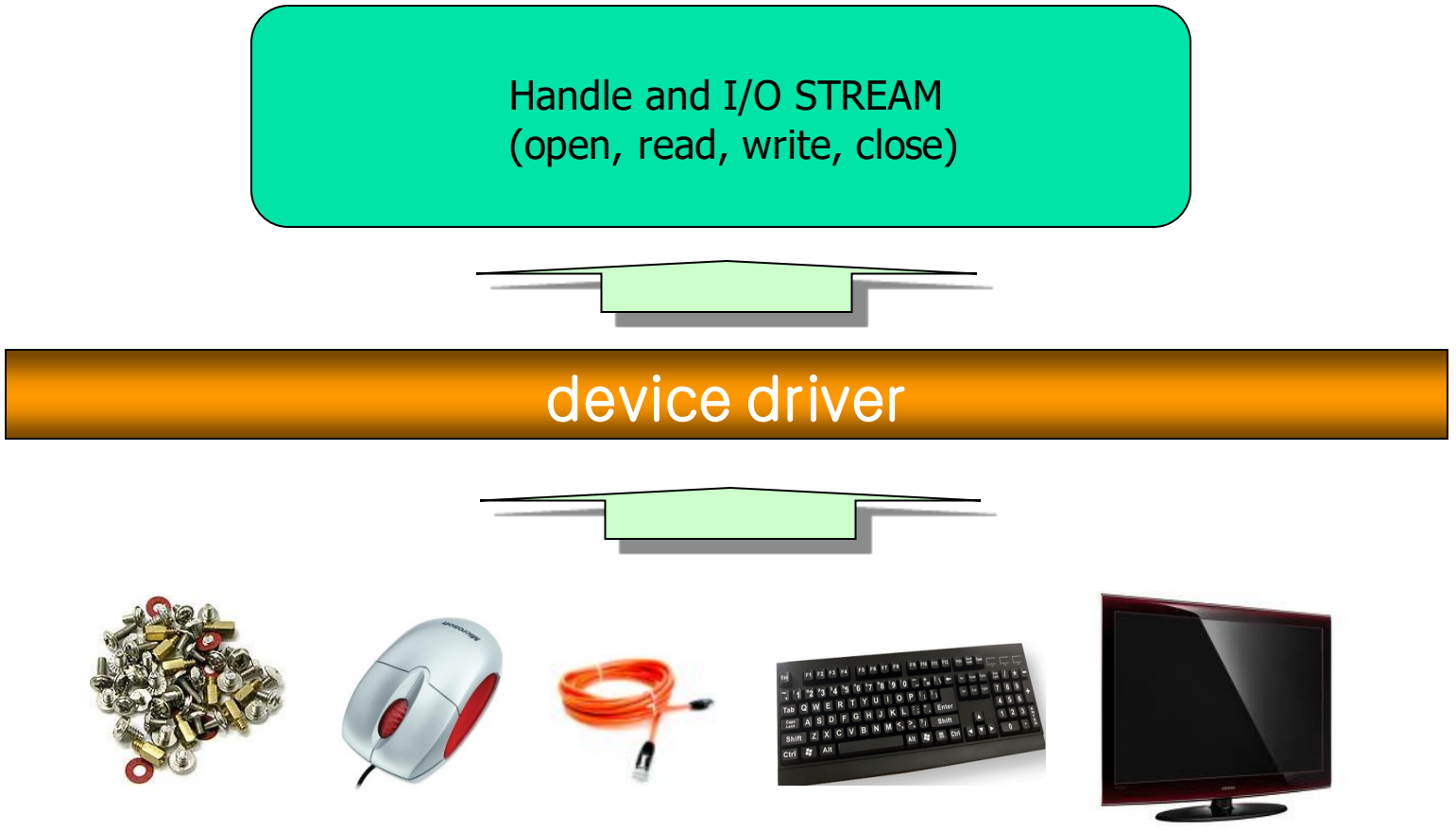
Abstraction (5/9)

- File system



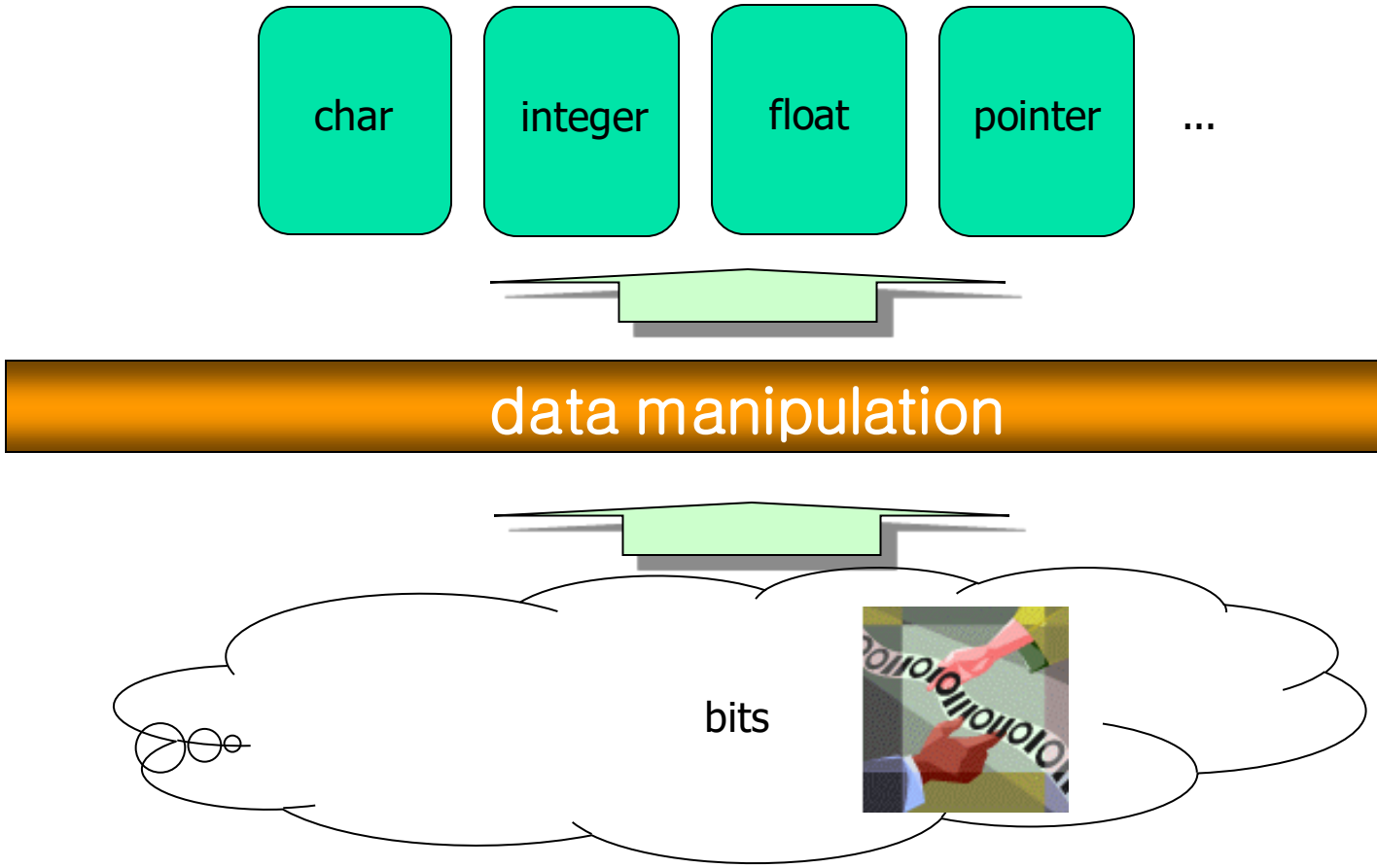
Abstraction (6/9)

- Device driver



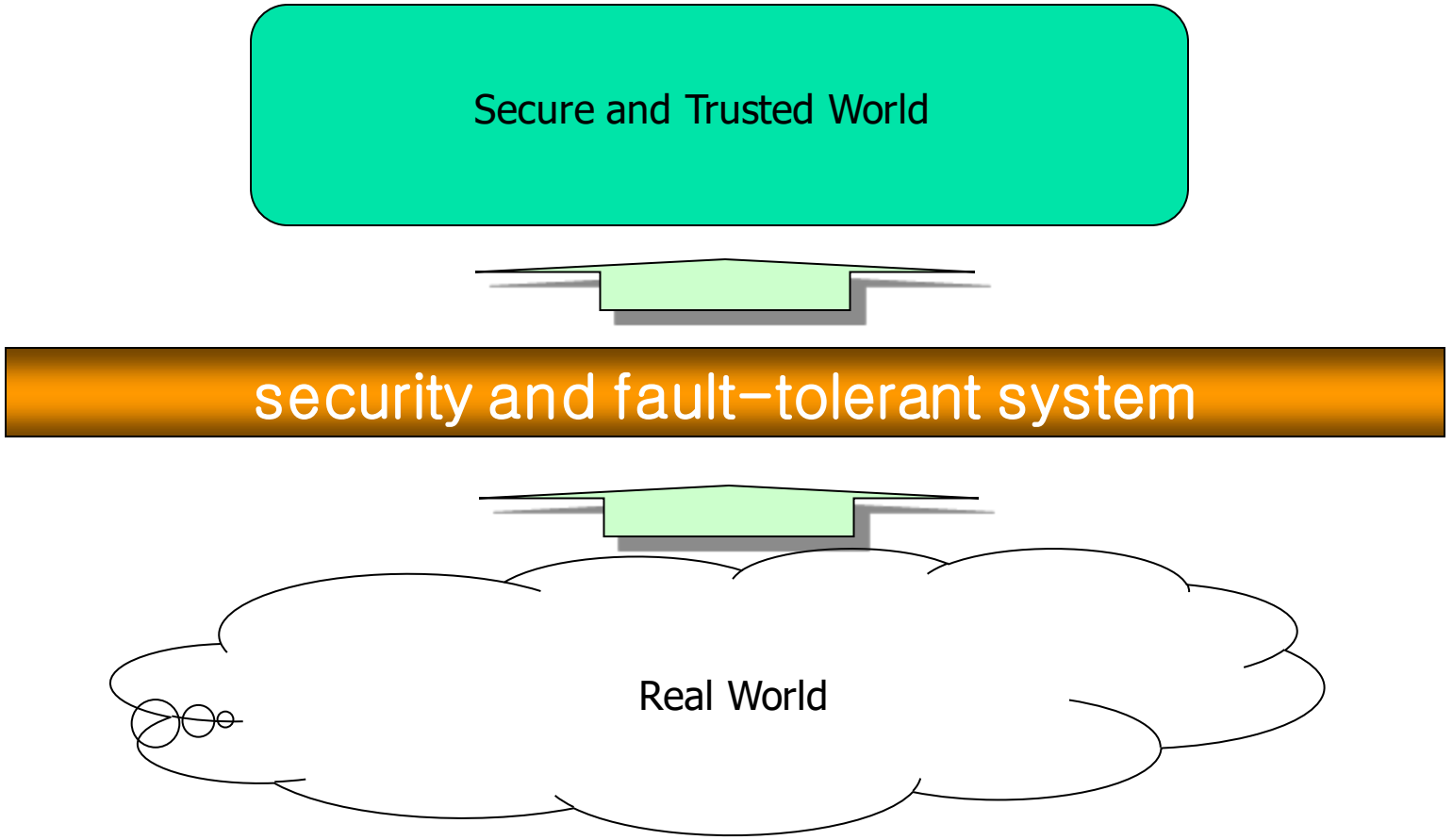
Abstraction (7/9)

- Data representation



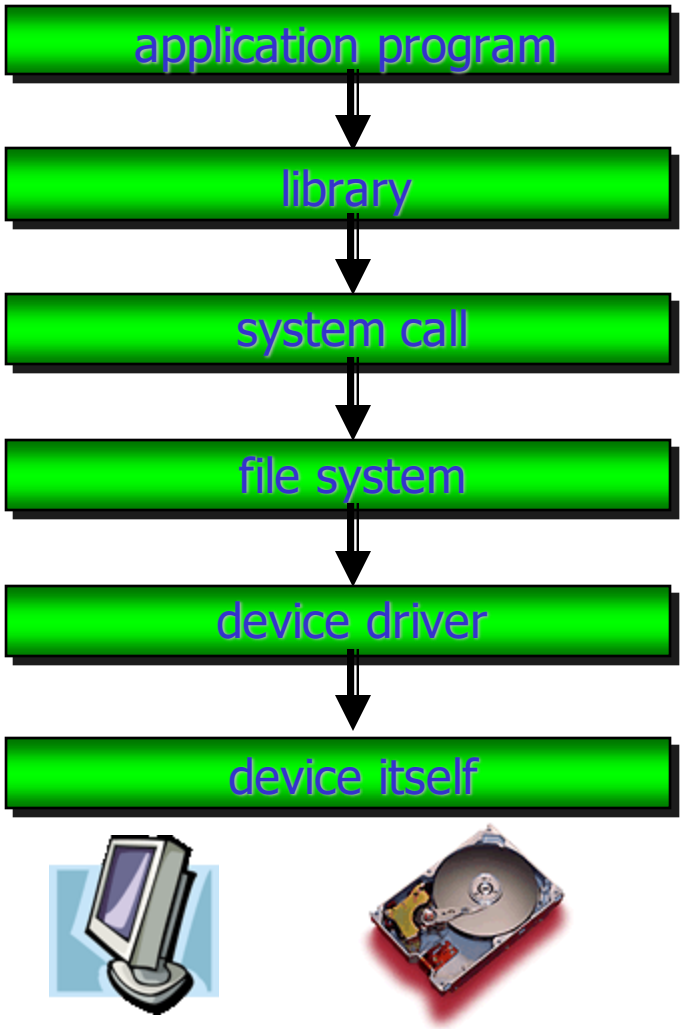
Abstraction (8/9)

- Security and reliability



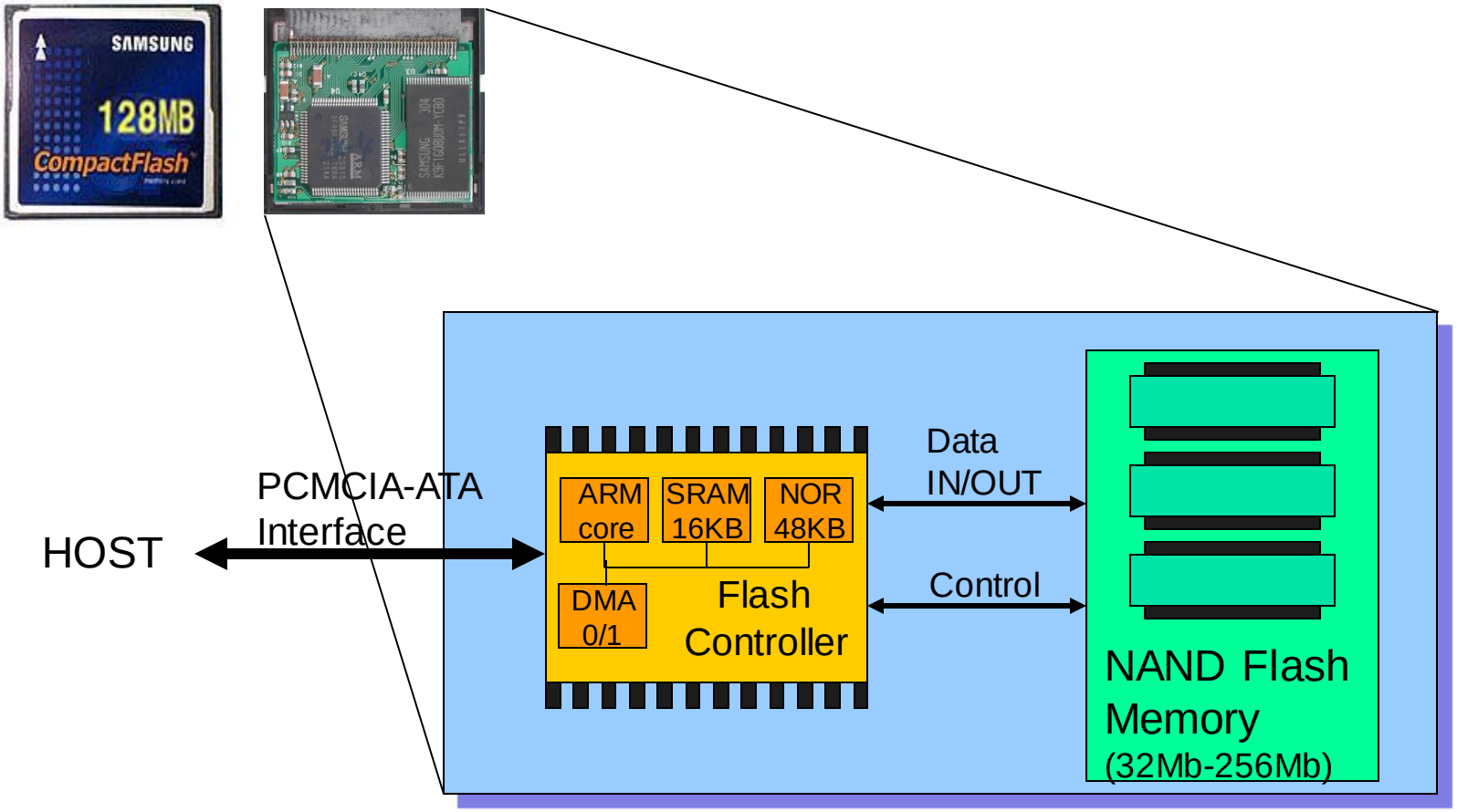
Abstraction (9/9)

- 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)**

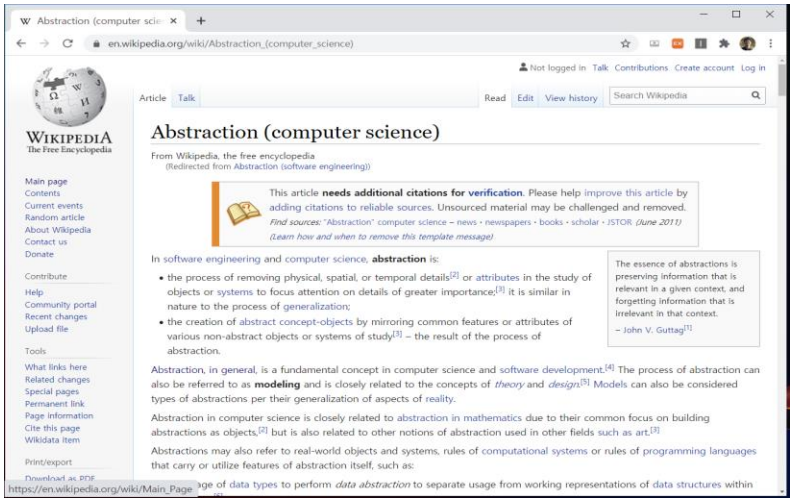
Summary

- 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: Summarize Chapter 1, "A Tour of Computer Systems" in CSAPP.**
- ✓ **Requirement: 1) From the beginning to the Section 1.7 (not include 1.8, 1.9 and 1.10), 2) What is the purpose of studying System Programming?**
- ✓ **Pages: 1) 1~10 pages, 2) 1~2 pages**
- ✓ **Deadline: Two weeks later**
- ✓ **Caution: Do not copy!!**

Quiz for this Lecture

- 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).
- 3. What are the names of Linux command for editor, compiler, assembler, linker and loader (5 names).
- 4. 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).



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

Appendix

- RISC vs. CISC
  - ✓ assembly language example: look RISC takes longer
    - a = b + c;

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

VS

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

  - ✓ Instruction execution: but, they can be pipelined

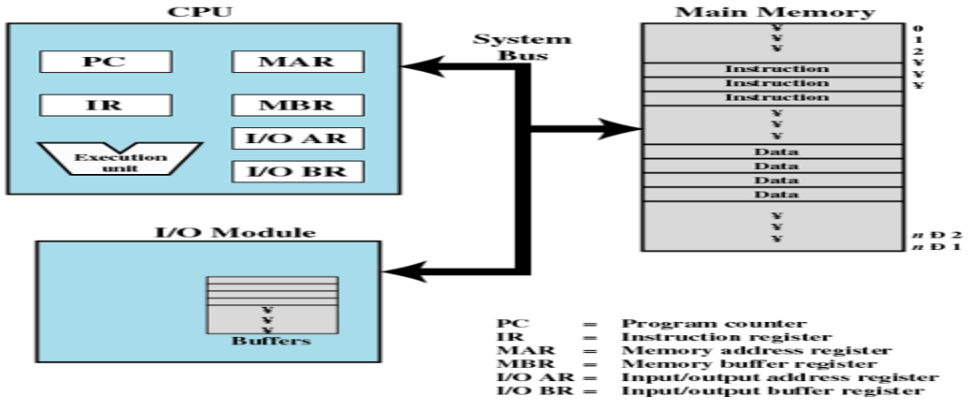


Figure 1.1 Computer Components: Top-Level View

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