

MODULE 1: INTRODUCTION TO OPERATING SYSTEM

SYLLABUS

Introduction, System Components, Open-Source Operating Systems, Operating System Services, System Calls, Process Management- Process Structure, Process states, Types of Schedulers, Scheduling Criteria, Scheduling algorithms. Deadlock and Starvation- Principles of Deadlock, Deadlock Prevention, Deadlock Avoidance, Deadlock Detection and Recovery. Linux Environment, Fundamental Commands. System Shell and User Shells.

WHAT IS AN OPERATING SYSTEM?

A program that acts as an intermediary between a user of a computer and the computer hardware

Operating system goals:

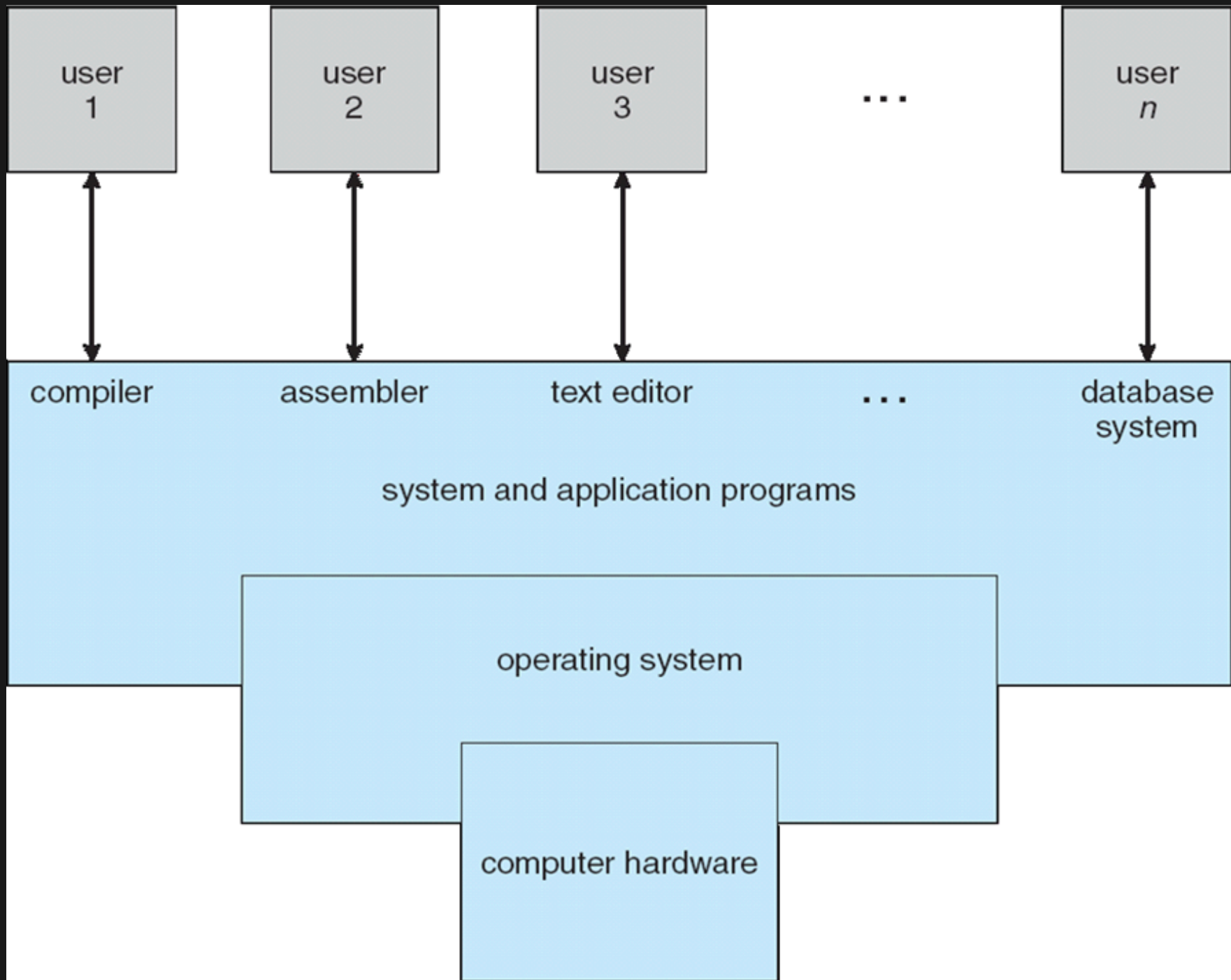
- Execute user programs and make solving user problems easier
- Make the computer system convenient to use
- Use the computer hardware in an efficient manner

Computer system can be divided into four components:

- **Hardware** – provides basic computing resources: CPU, memory, I/O devices
- **Operating system** - Controls and coordinates use of hardware among various applications and users
- **Application programs** – define the ways in which the system resources are used to solve the computing problems of the users: Word

processors, compilers, web browsers, database systems, video games

- **Users:** People, machines, other computers



WHAT OPERATING SYSTEMS DO

- Users want convenience, ease of use and good performance
 - Don't care about resource utilization
- But shared computer such as mainframe or minicomputer must keep all users happy



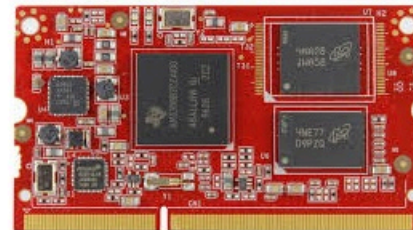
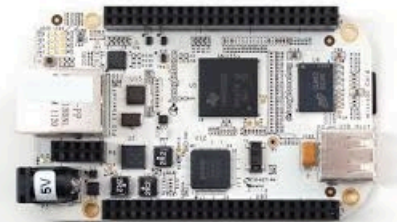
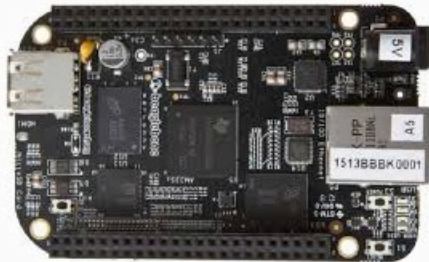


- Users of dedicated systems such as **workstations** have dedicated resources but frequently use **shared resources** from servers.
- **Handheld computers** are resource-poor, optimized for **usability** and **battery life**.
- Some computers have **little or no user interface**, such as **embedded computers** in devices and automobiles.





What is Embedded Computer ???



DEFINITION OF OS

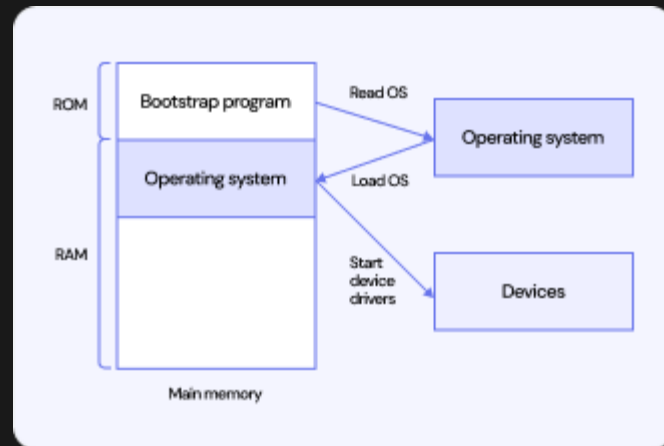
- OS is a resource allocator
- OS is a control program

**“THE ONE PROGRAM RUNNING AT ALL
TIMES ON THE COMPUTER” IS THE
KERNEL.**

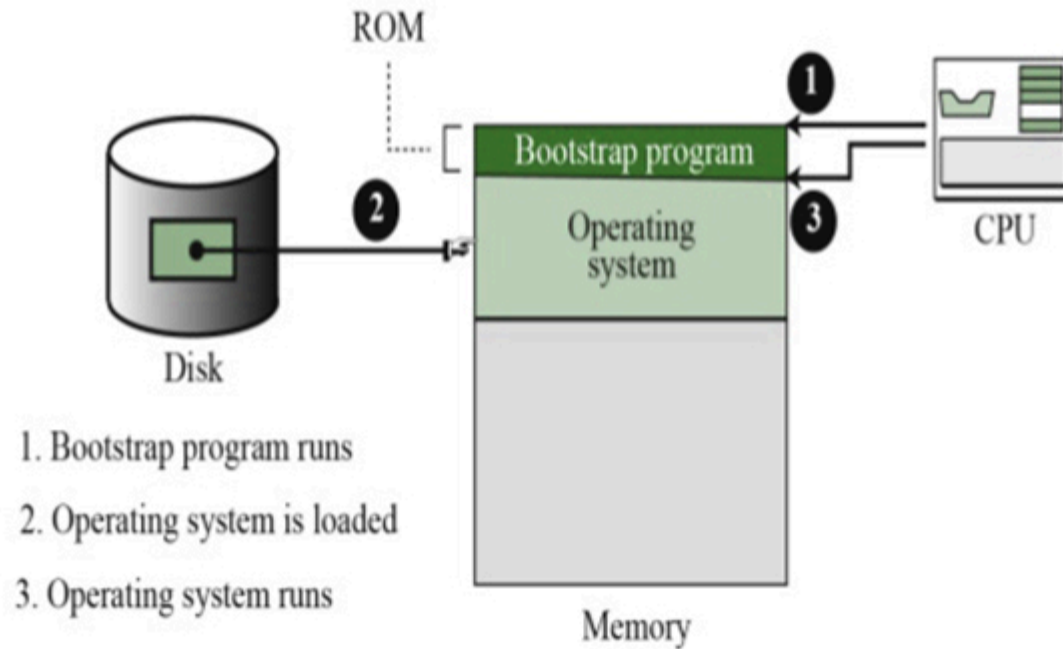
Everything else is either a system program (ships with the operating system) , or an application program.

COMPUTER STARTUP

- **Bootstrap program** is loaded at power-up or reboot.
- Typically stored in **ROM** or **EPROM**, generally known as **firmware**.
- **Initializes** all aspects of the system.
- **Loads the operating system kernel** and starts execution.

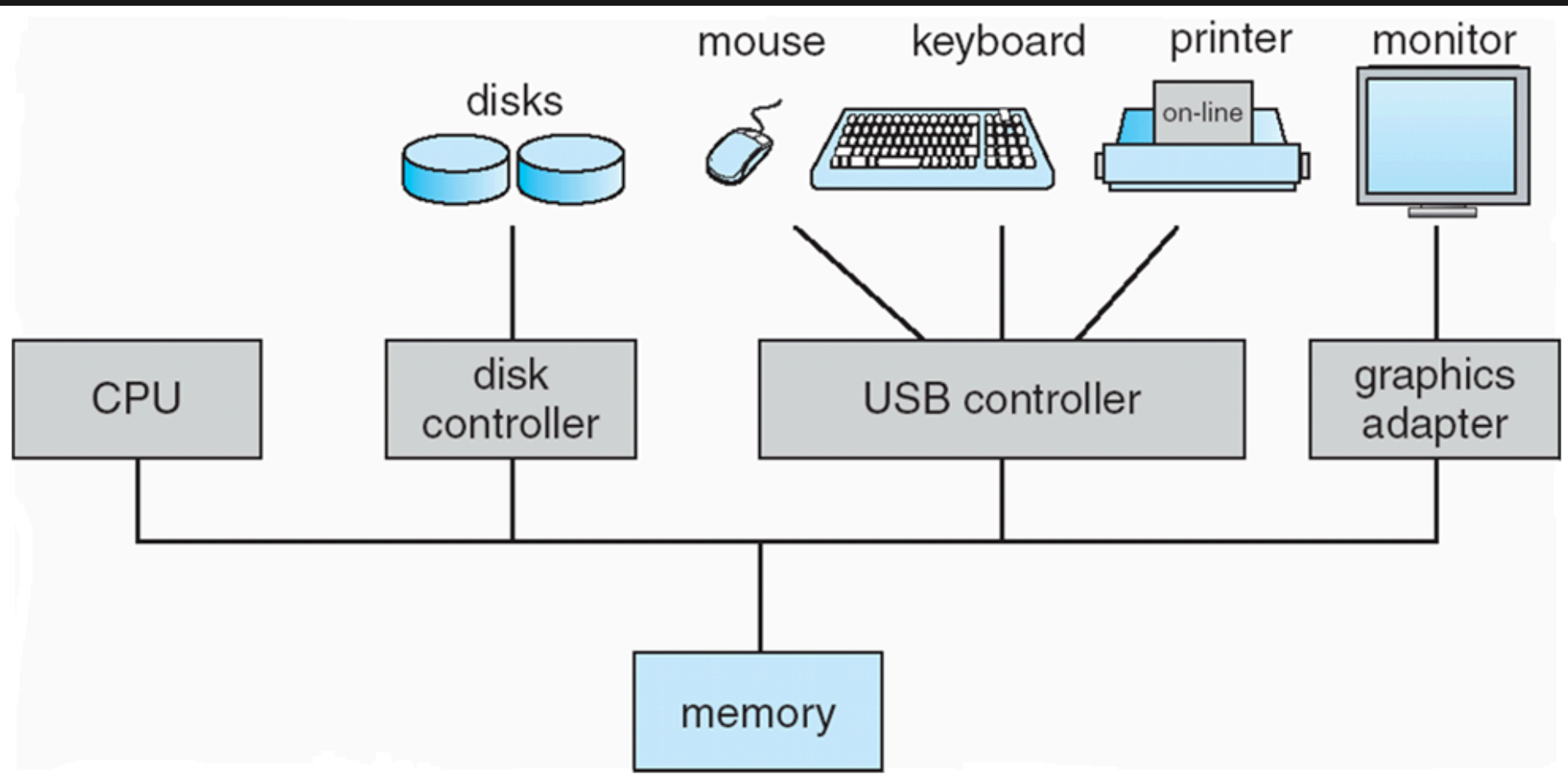


Bootstrap process

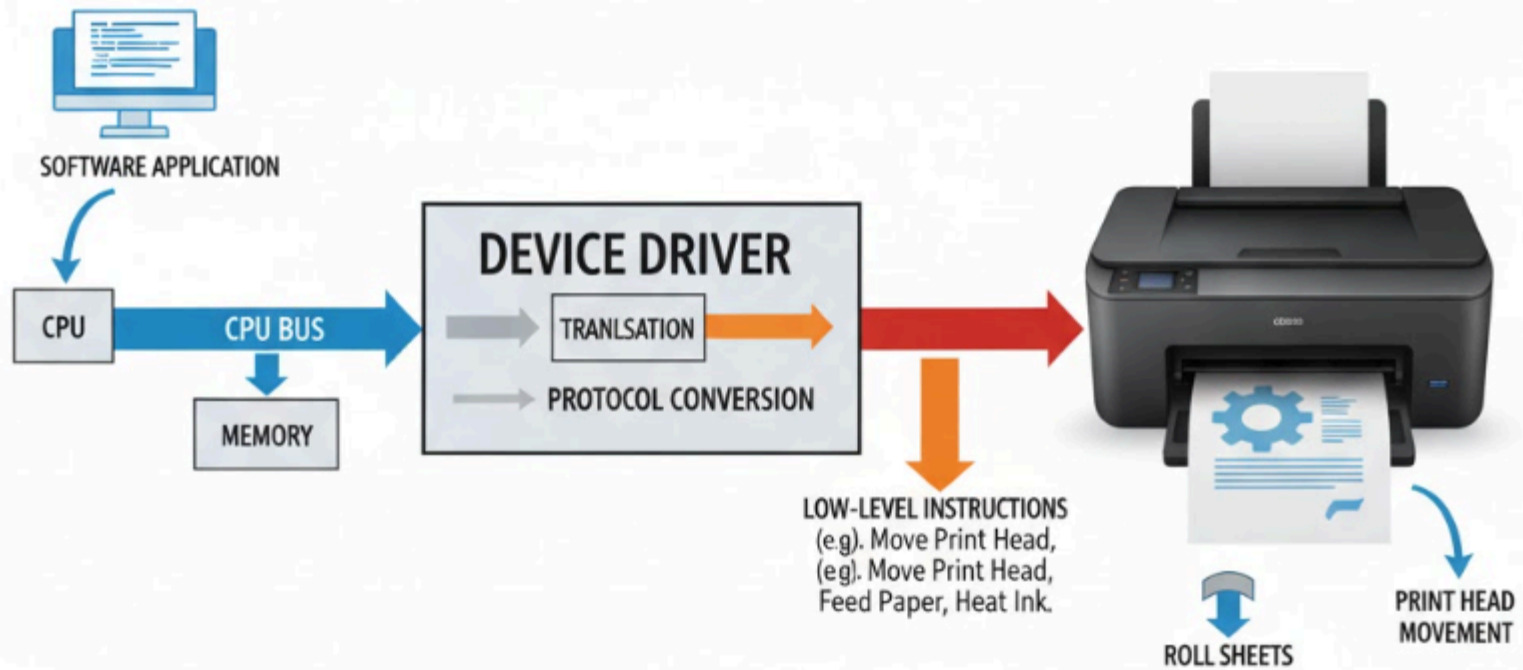


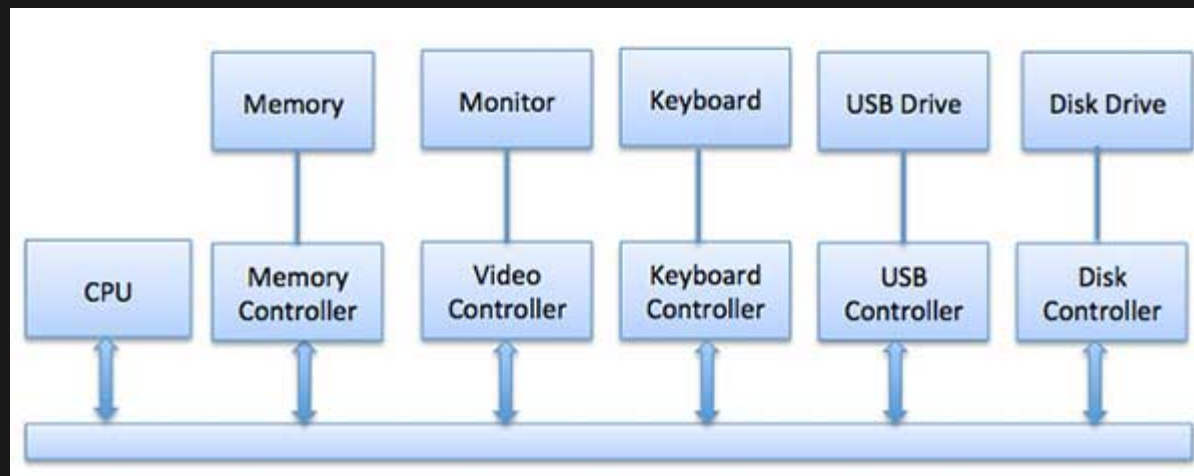
COMPUTER SYSTEM ORGANIZATION

- **Computer-system operation:**
 - One or more CPUs and device controllers connect through a common bus, providing access to shared memory.
 - Concurrent execution of CPUs and devices occurs, competing for memory cycles.



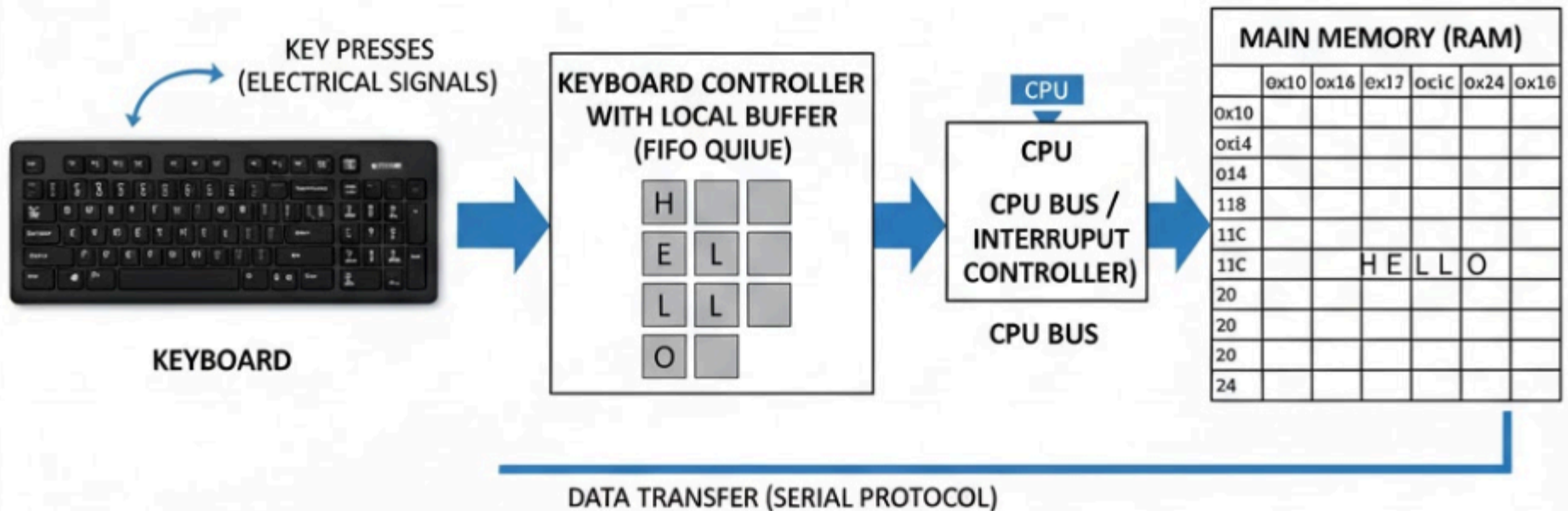
- I/O devices and the CPU can execute concurrently.
- Each device controller is responsible for a particular device type.
- Each device controller has a local buffer.
- CPU moves data from/to main memory to/from local buffers.
- I/O occurs from the device to the local buffer of the controller.
- The device controller informs the CPU that it has finished its operation by causing an interrupt.





1. CONTROLLER STORES DATA
TEMPORARILY IN BUFFER

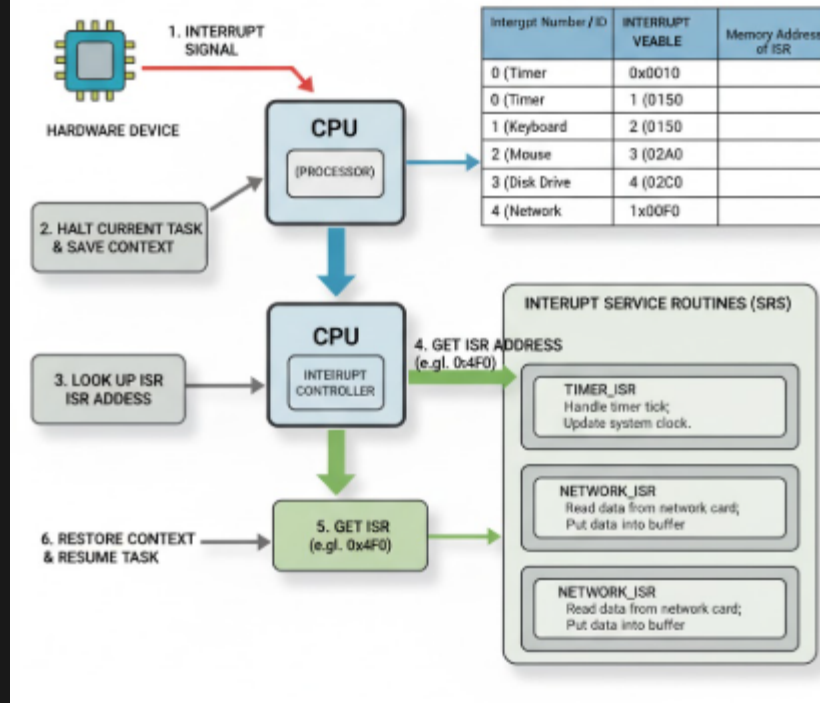
3. CONTROLLER REQUESTS CPU ATTENTION
TO DUMP BUFFER INTO MAIN (INTERRUPT

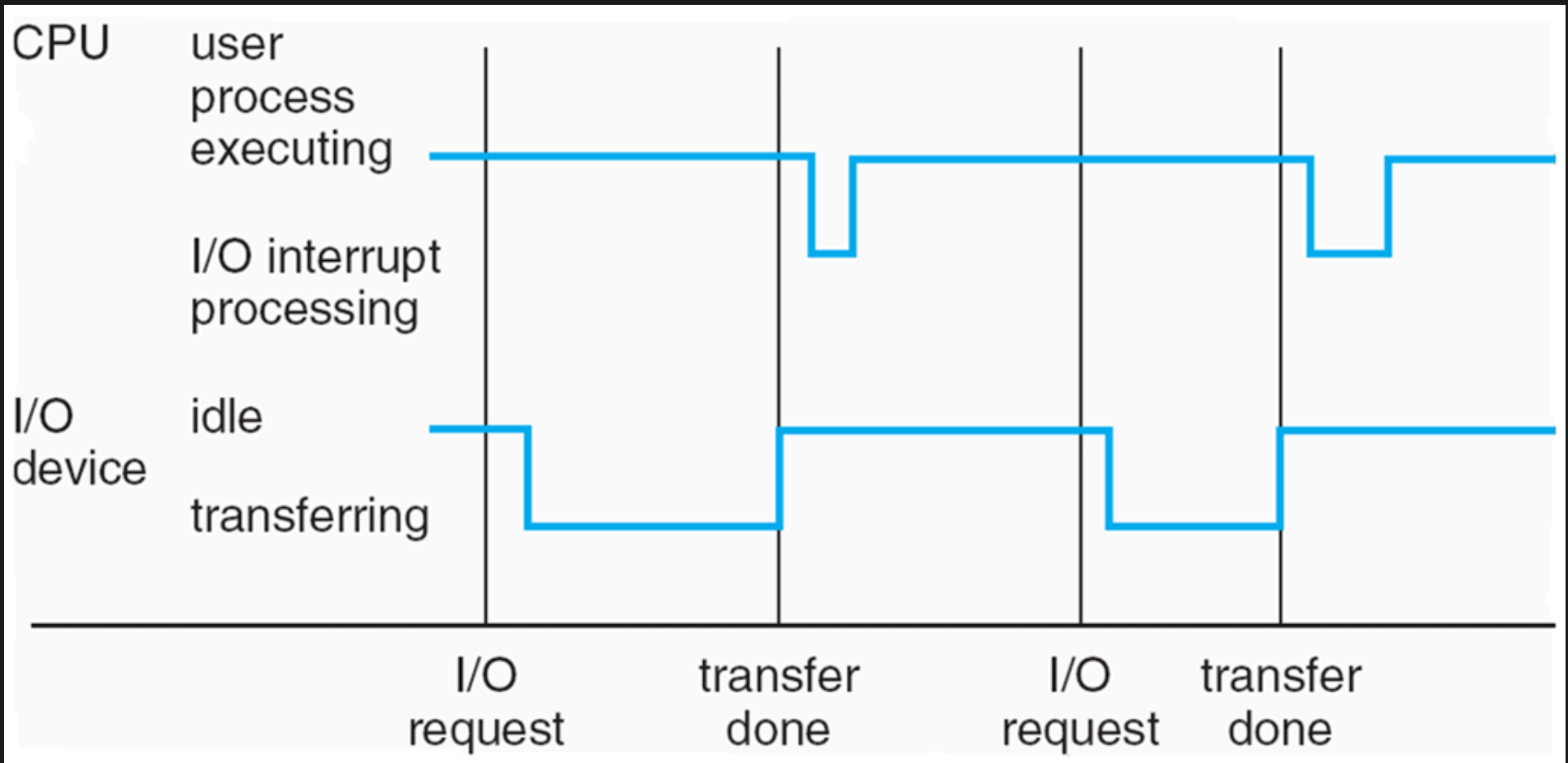


INTERRUPTS

- **Interrupt** transfers control to the **interrupt service routine (ISR)**, generally through the **interrupt vector**, which contains the addresses of all service routines.
- **Interrupt architecture** must save the address of the interrupted instruction.
- A **trap** or **exception** is a **software-generated interrupt** caused either by an error or a user request.
- An **operating system** is **interrupt-driven**.

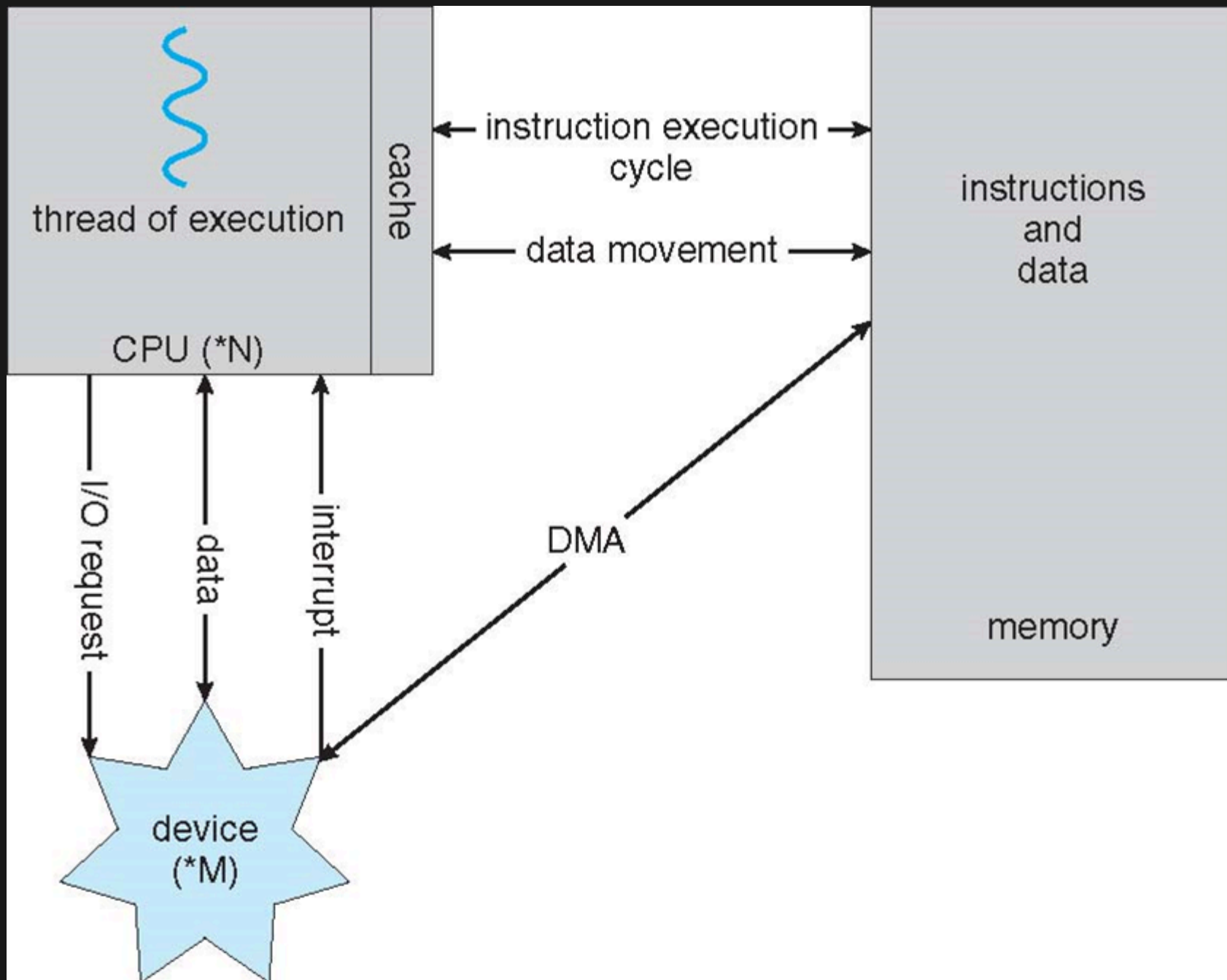
Interrupt Service Routine (ISR) & Interrupt Vector





DIRECT MEMORY ACCESS (DMA)

- Used for high-speed I/O devices able to transmit information at close to memory speeds
- Device controller transfers blocks of data from buffer storage directly to main memory without CPU intervention
- Only one interrupt is generated per block, rather than the one interrupt per byte



COMPUTER-SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

- Most systems use a single general-purpose processor.
- Most systems also have special-purpose processors.
- Multiprocessor systems are growing in use and importance.
- Also known as parallel systems or tightly-coupled systems.

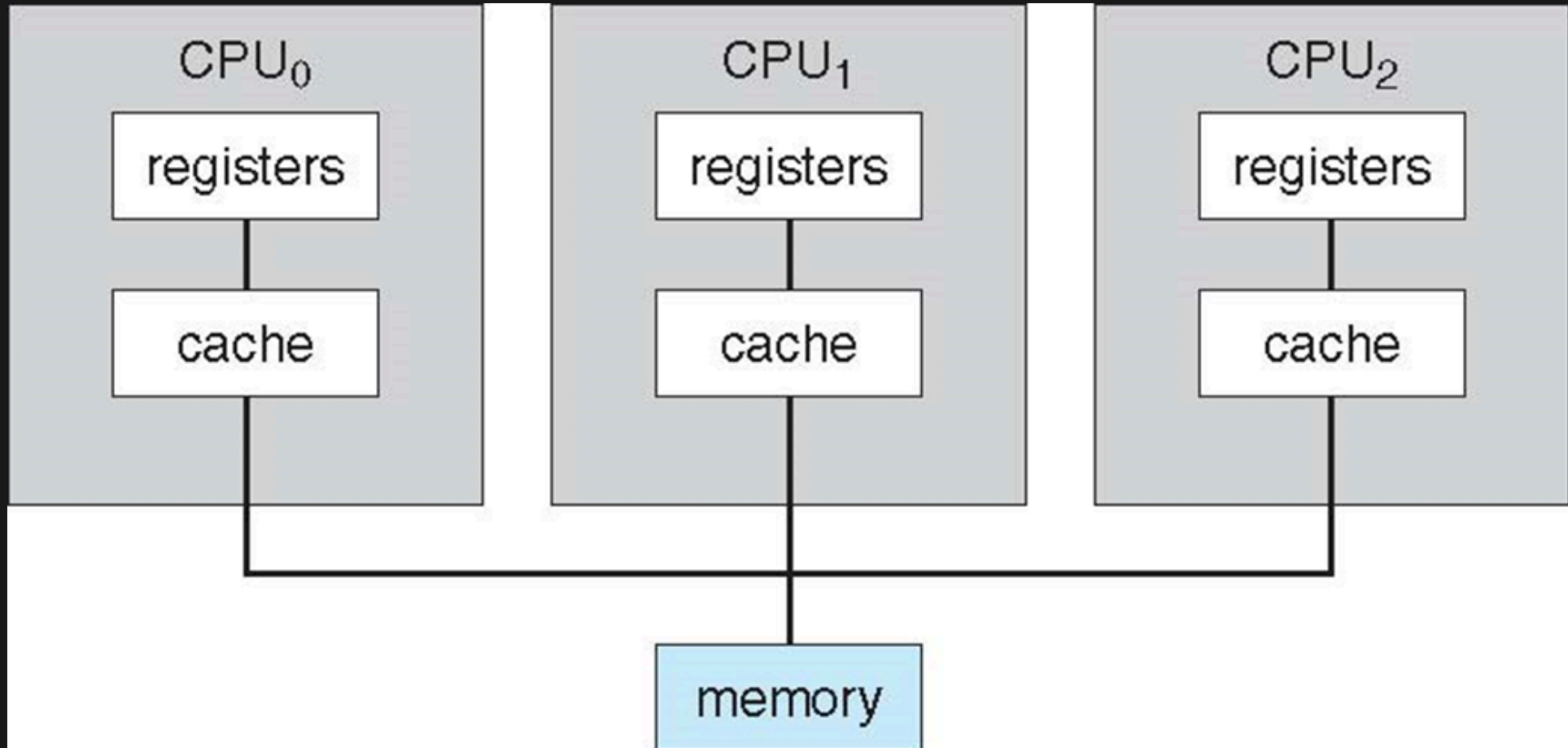
Advantages include:

- Increased throughput
- Economy of scale
- Increased reliability – graceful degradation or fault tolerance

Two types:

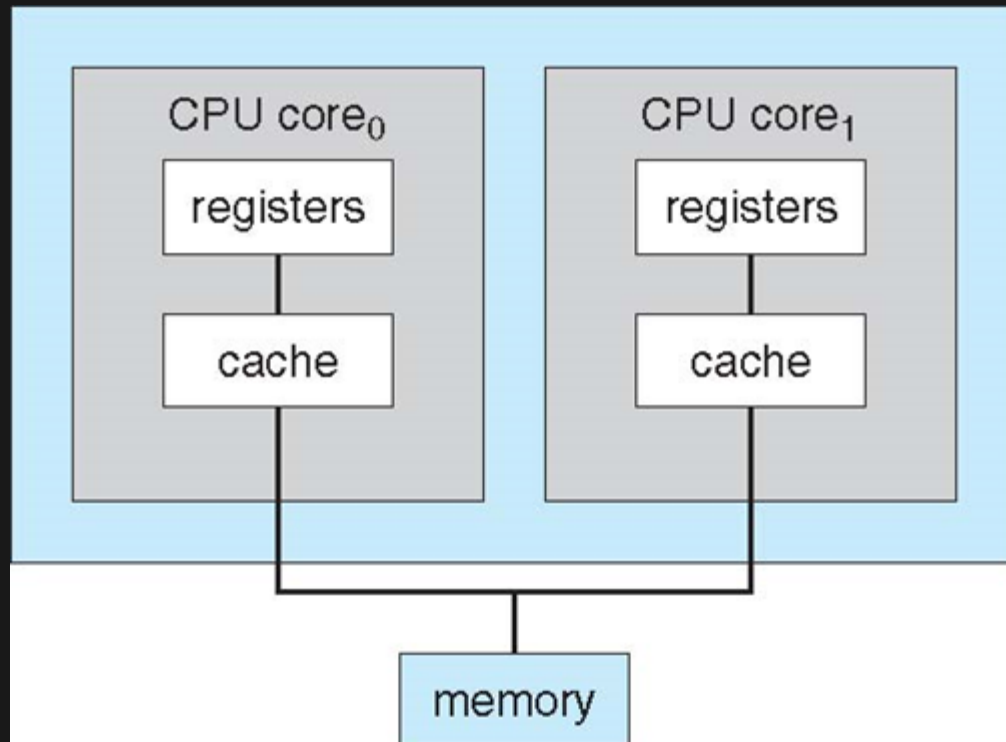
- **Asymmetric Multiprocessing (AMP):** Each processor is assigned a specific task.
- **Symmetric Multiprocessing (SMP):** Each processor performs all tasks.

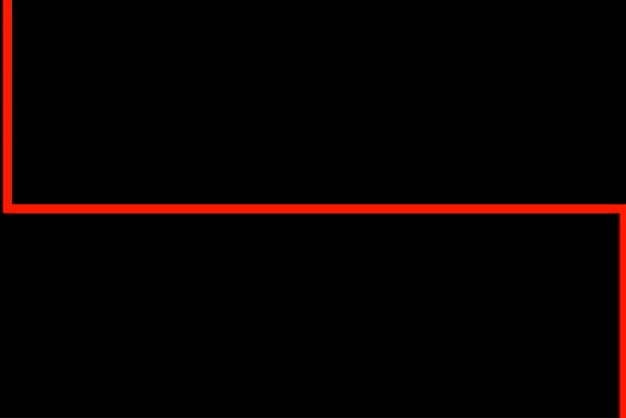
SYMMETRIC MULTIPROCESSING ARCHITECTURE



A DUAL-CORE DESIGN

- Multi-chip and multicore
- Systems containing all chips
- Chassis containing multiple separate systems



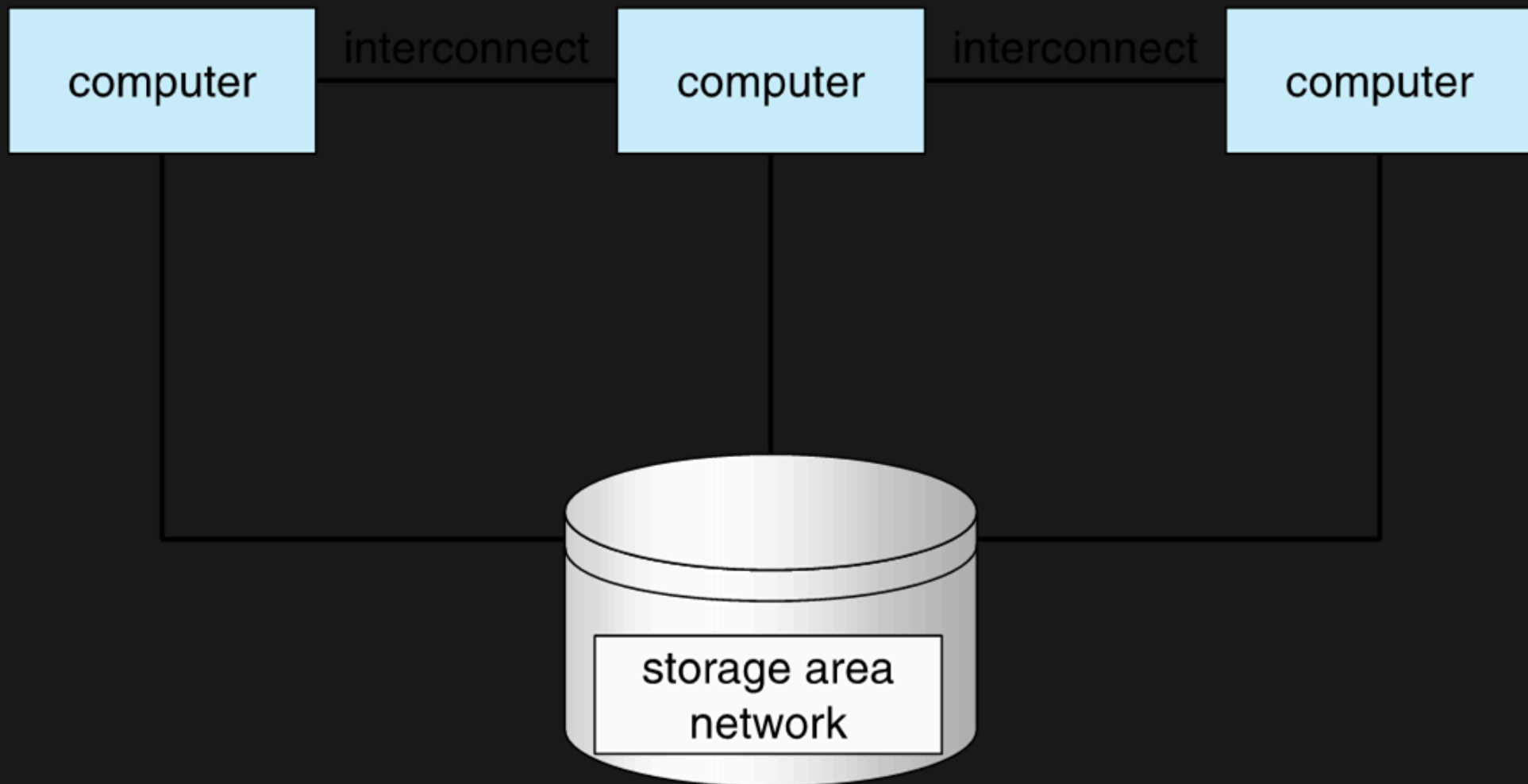


OS scheduler



CLUSTERED SYSTEMS

- Multiple systems working together
- Usually share storage via a **Storage-Area Network (SAN)**



- Provide **high availability** and survive failures

- **Asymmetric clustering:** one machine in hot-standby mode (monitors all)
- **Symmetric clustering:** multiple active nodes monitoring each other

- Some clusters are for **High-Performance Computing (HPC)**
- Applications must support **parallelization**

- Use **Distributed Lock Manager (DLM)** to prevent conflicting operations

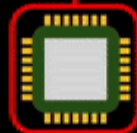
MULTIPROGRAMMING (BATCH SYSTEM)

- Needed for **efficiency**
- A **single user** cannot keep CPU and I/O devices busy at all times
- **Multiprogramming** organizes jobs so CPU always has one to execute

- A subset of jobs is kept in memory
- Job scheduling selects and runs one job at a time
- When a job waits (e.g., for I/O), OS switches to another job



OPERATING SYSTEM



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operating system

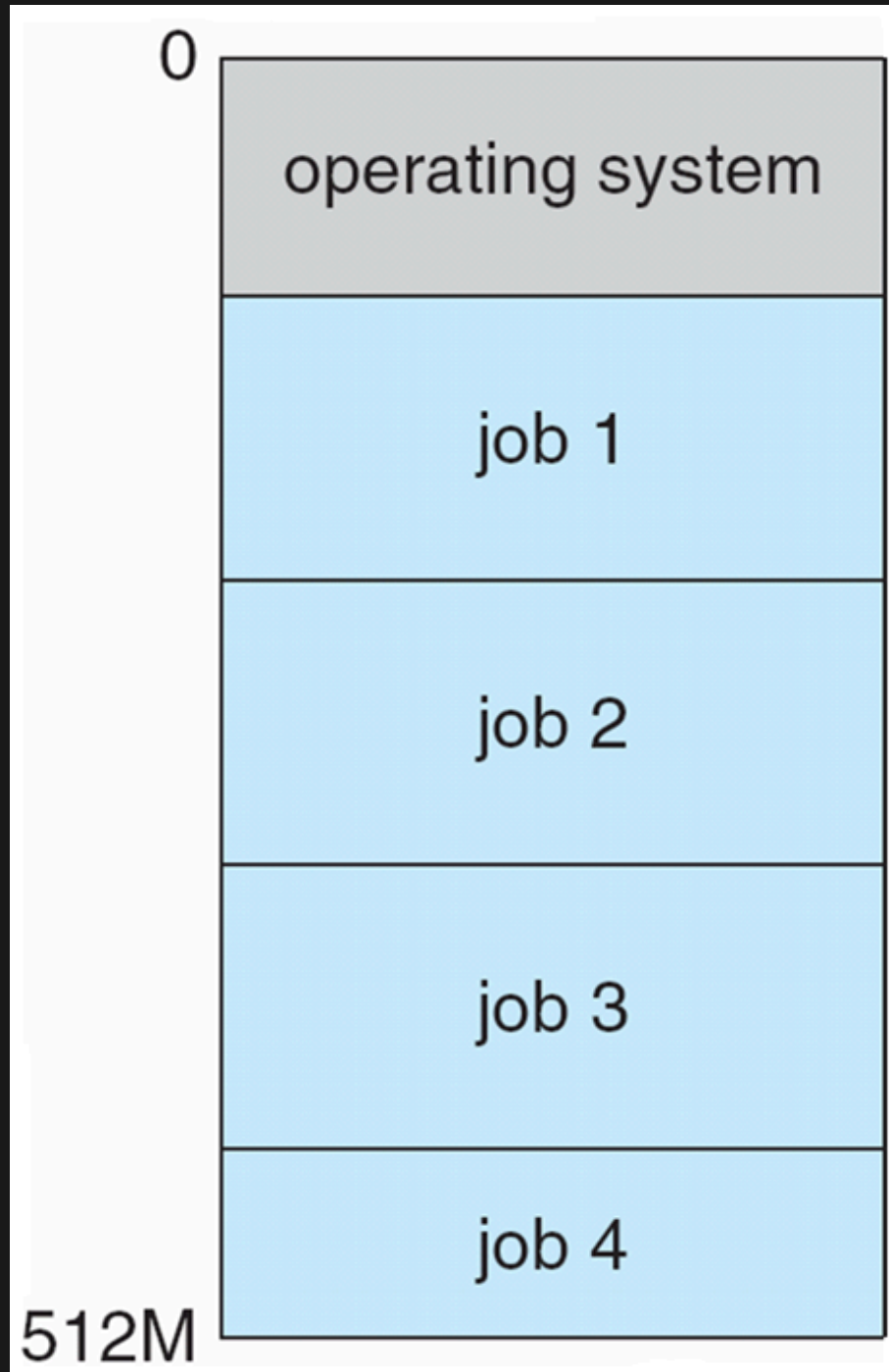
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job 2

job 3

job 4

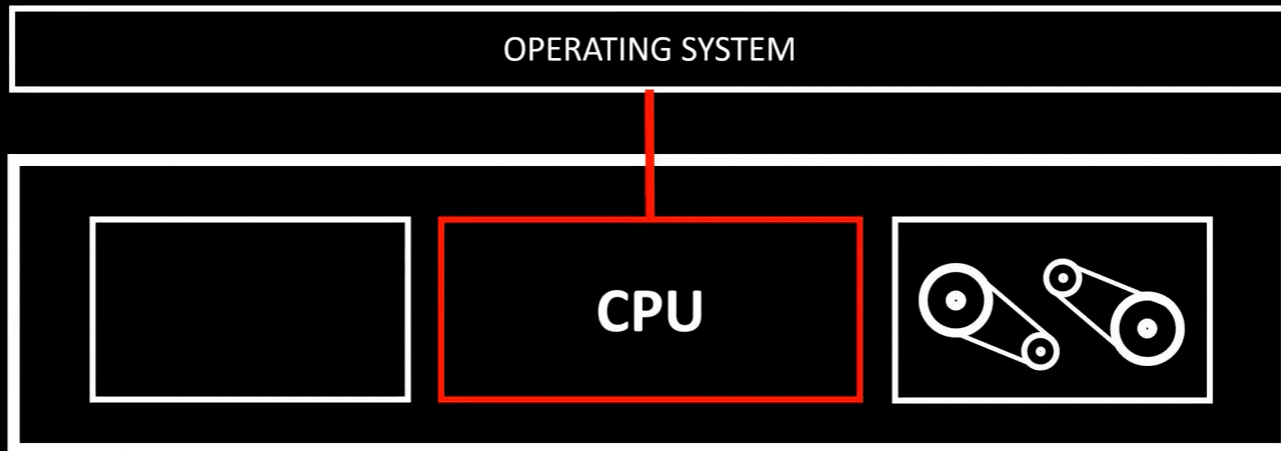
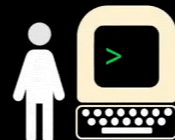
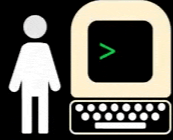
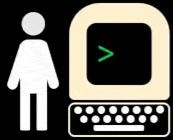
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TIME SHARING (MULTITASKING)

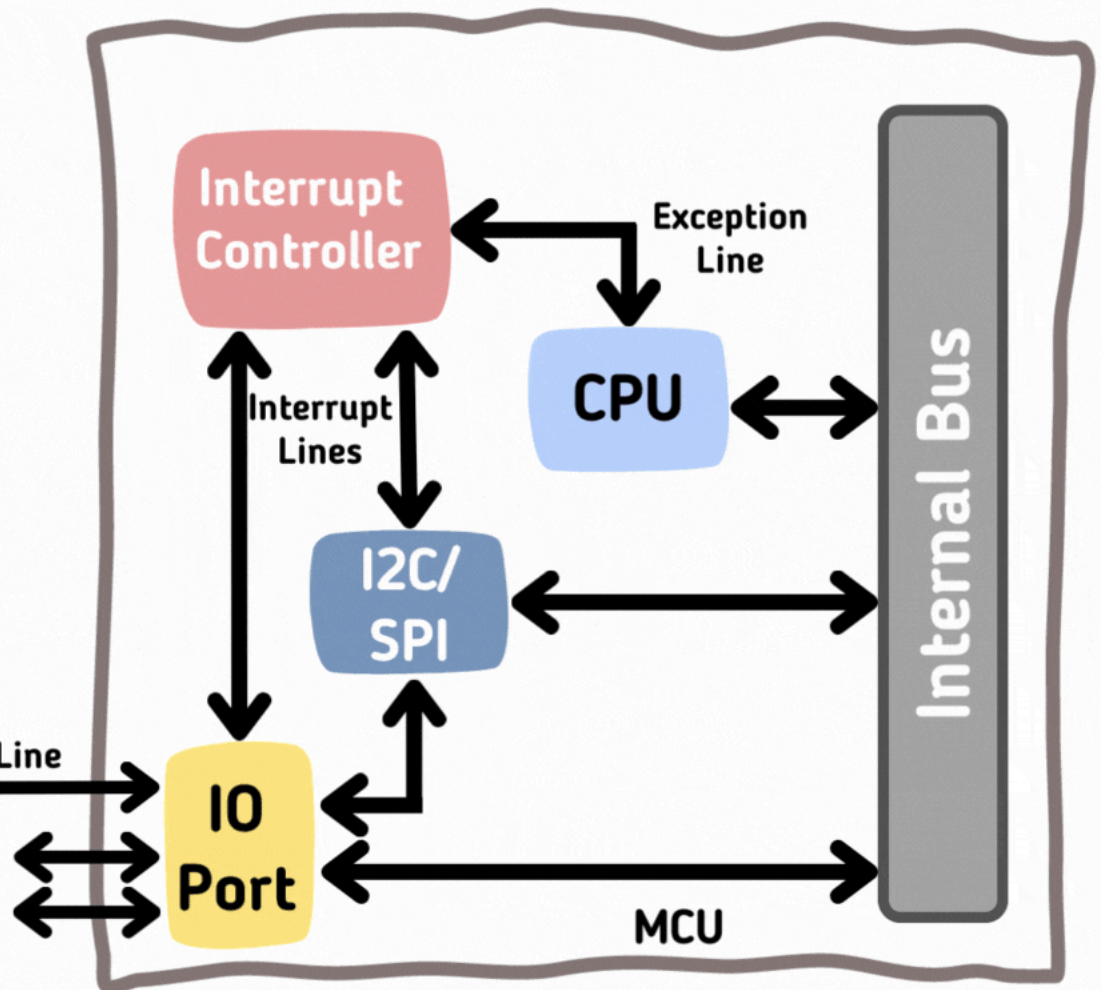
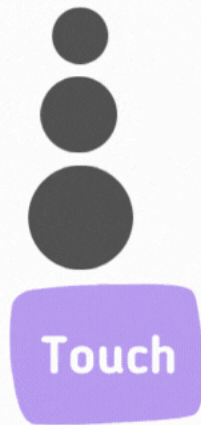
- Logical extension in which CPU switches jobs so frequently that users can interact with each job while it is running, creating **interactive computing**
- **Response time should be < 1 second**
- Each user has at least one program executing in memory \rightarrow **process**

- If several jobs ready to run at the same time → **CPU scheduling**
- If processes don't fit in memory, **swapping** moves them in and out to run
- **Virtual memory** allows execution of processes not completely in memory



OPERATING-SYSTEM OPERATIONS

- **Interrupt-driven:** hardware and software
- **Hardware interrupt:** generated by devices
- **Software interrupt (exception/trap):**
 - Software errors (e.g., division by zero)
 - Requests for OS services
- **Other process issues:** infinite loops, processes modifying each other or the OS

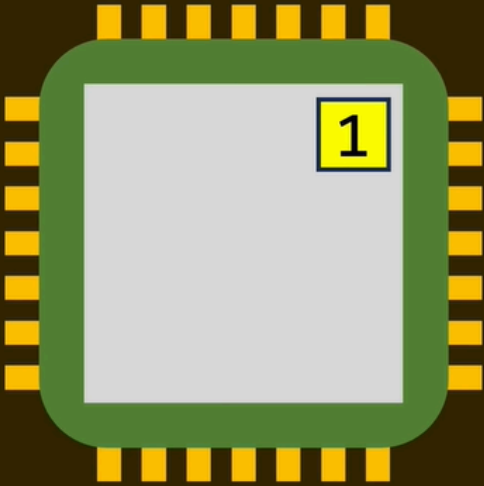


DUAL-MODE OPERATION

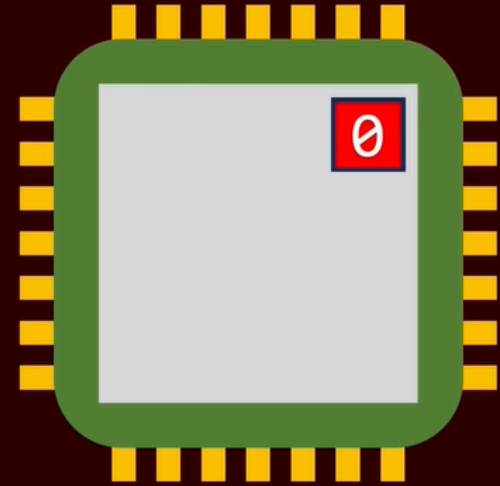
- Allows OS to **protect itself** and other system components
- Two modes: **User mode** and **Kernel mode**
- **Mode bit** provided by hardware to distinguish user vs. kernel execution
- Some instructions are **privileged**, only executable in kernel mode

- **System call** switches mode to kernel; return resets to user
- Modern CPUs support **multi-mode operations**
- Example: **Virtual Machine Manager (VMM) mode** for guest VMs

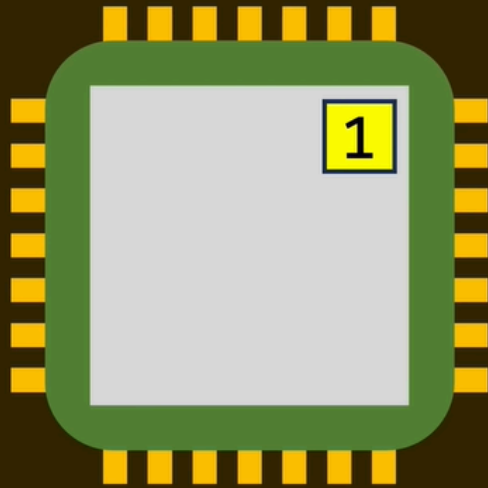
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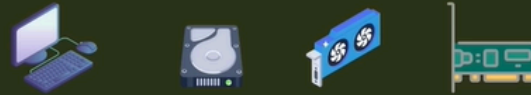
USER MODE



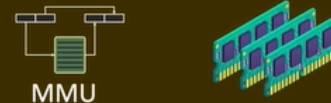
KERNEL MODE



I/O devices



Memory

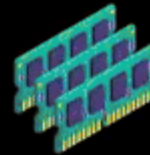
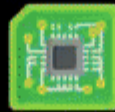
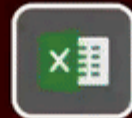


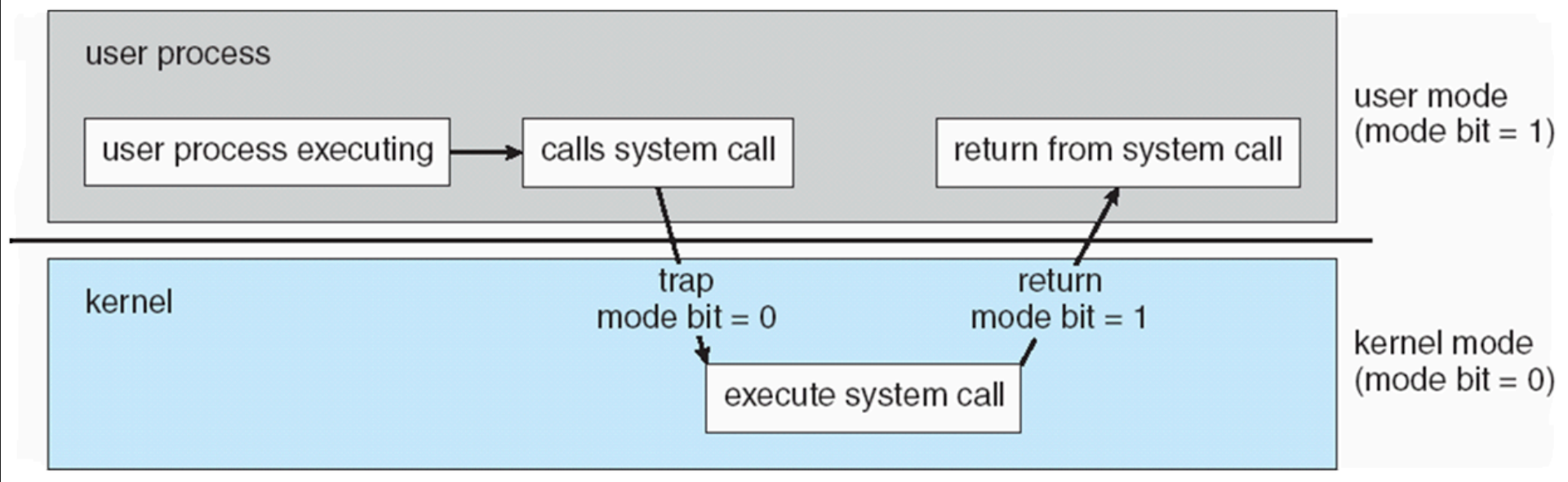
Interrupts



User mode

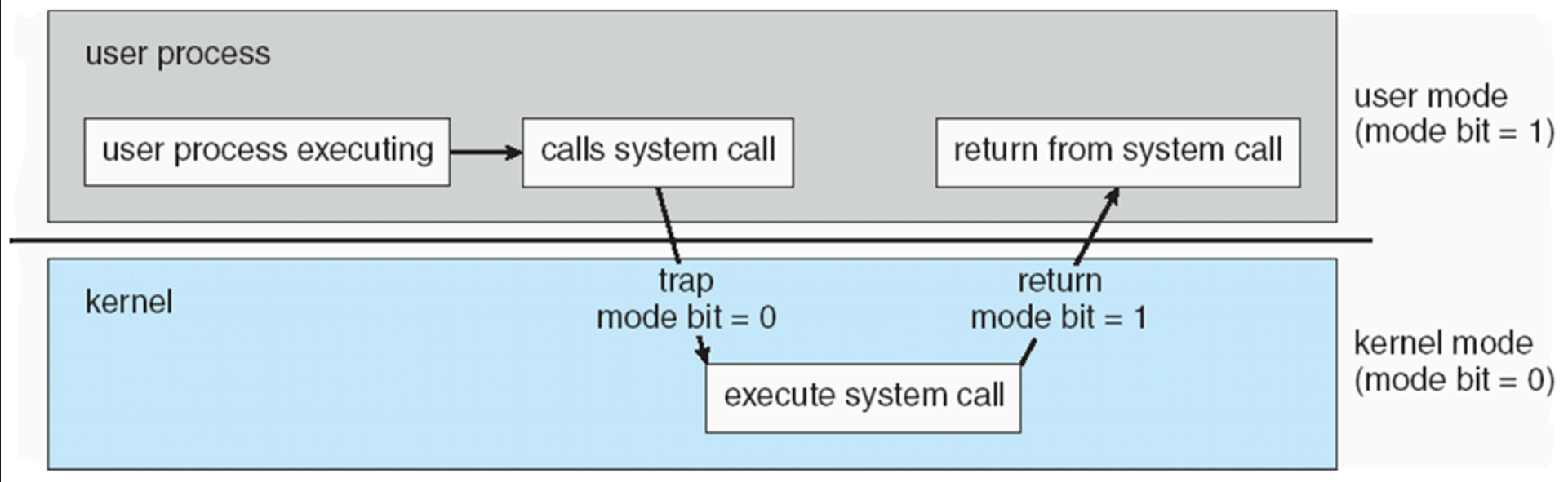
Kernel mode





TIMER IN OPERATING SYSTEMS

- Prevents **infinite loops** and processes hogging resources
- Timer set to interrupt after a defined time period
- Uses a **counter decremented by the physical clock**
- OS sets the counter (privileged instruction)
- When counter reaches zero → **interrupt generated**
- Ensures OS can **regain control** or terminate long-running processes



COMPUTING ENVIRONMENTS

TRADITIONAL COMPUTING

- Single-user or batch systems
- Centralized processing on mainframes or PCs
- Jobs executed sequentially, often non-interactive

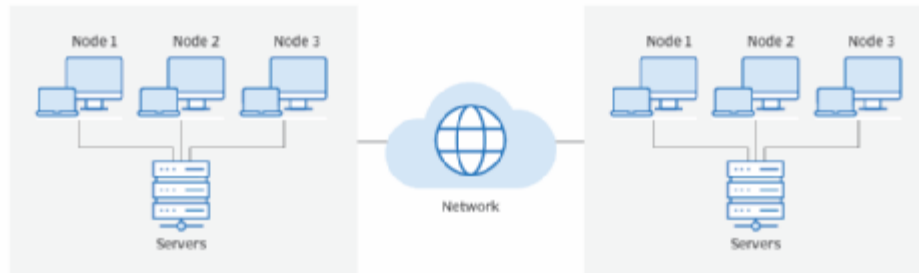
MOBILE COMPUTING

- Supports computing on handheld or portable devices
- Enables **wireless connectivity**, mobility, and anytime access
- Applications optimized for battery and resource constraints

DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING

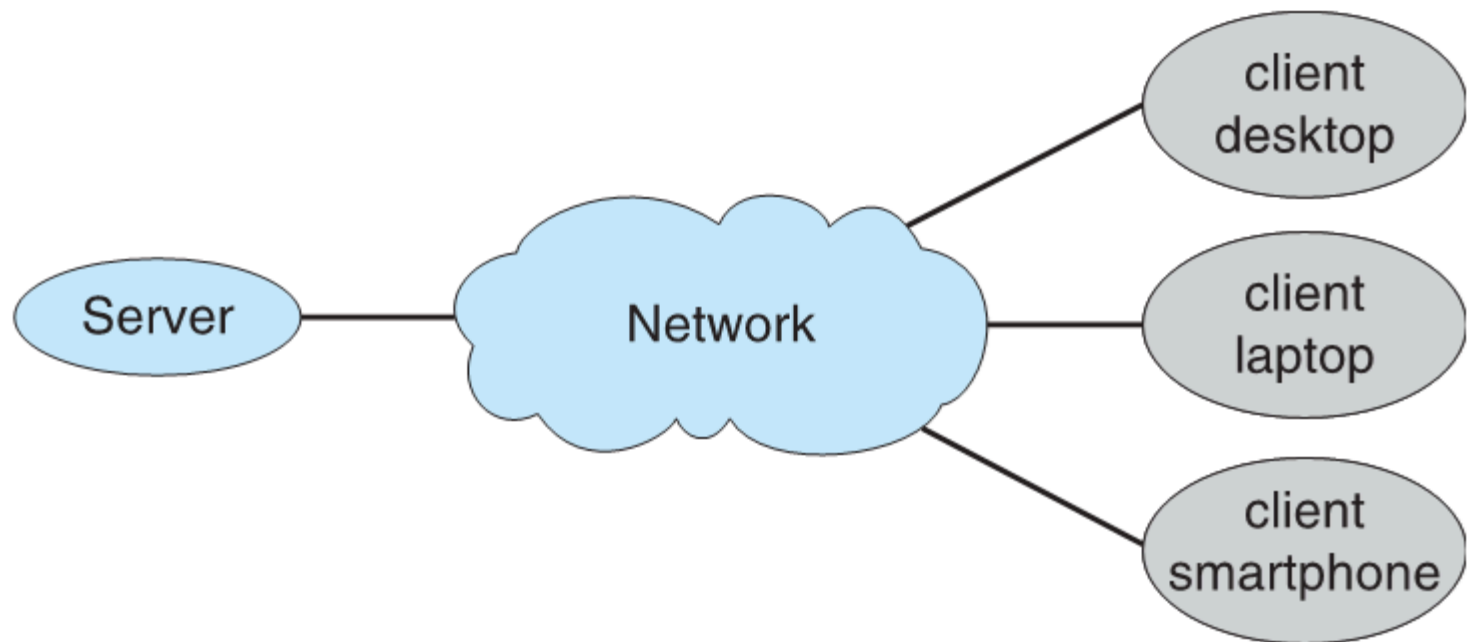
- Multiple systems work together over a network
- Share resources and collaborate on tasks
- Provides **scalability, fault tolerance, and parallel processing**

The distributed computing process



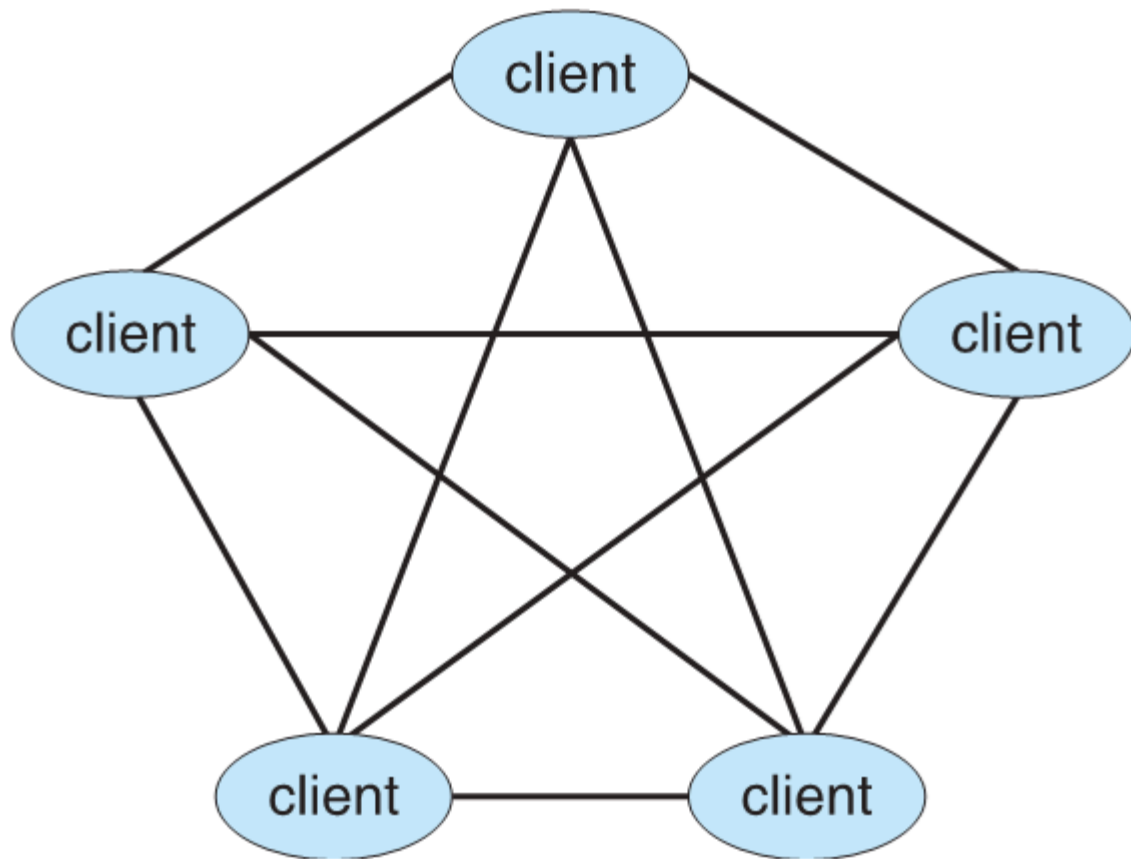
CLIENT-SERVER COMPUTING

- **Clients** request services; **servers** provide them
- Centralized control with multiple clients accessing shared resources
- Common in business applications and web services



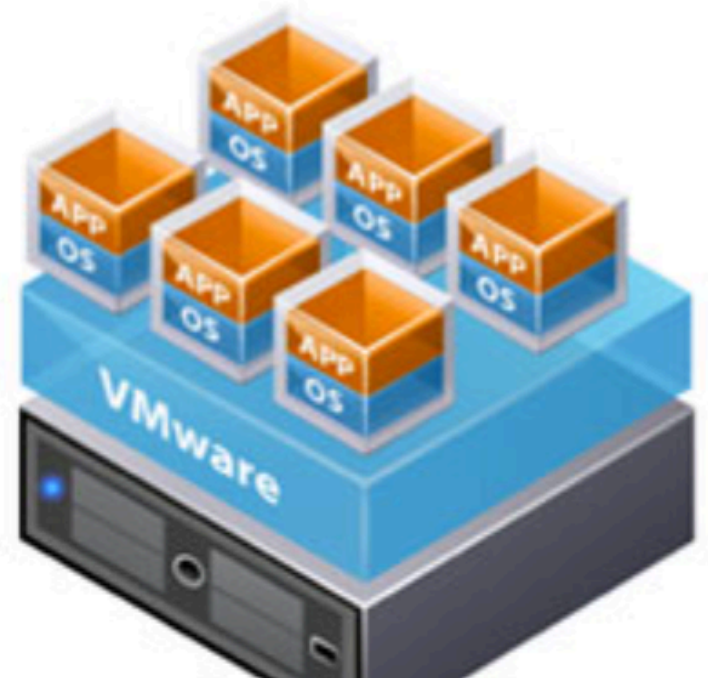
PEER-TO-PEER (P2P) COMPUTING

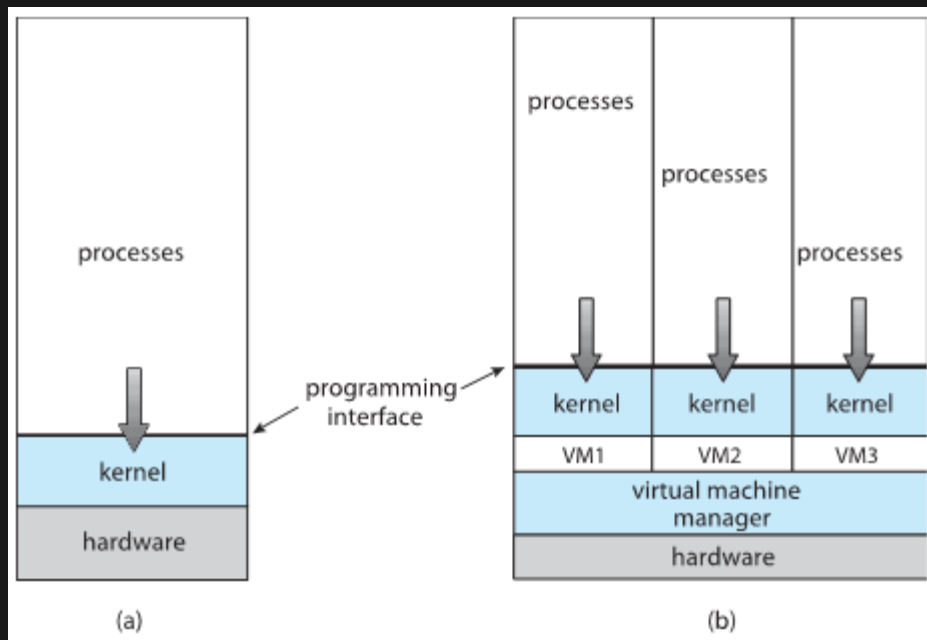
- All nodes act as **both clients and servers**
- Resources and services shared directly among peers
- Examples: file-sharing networks, blockchain networks



VIRTUALIZATION

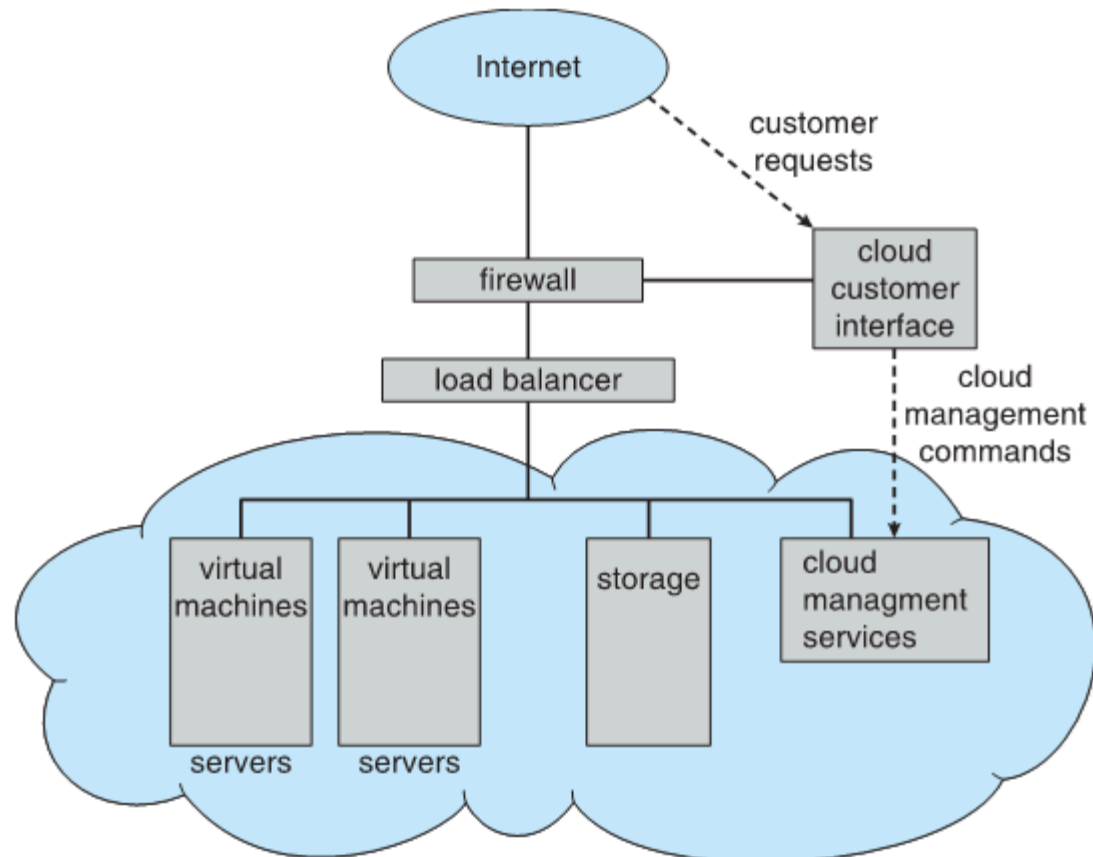
- Creates **virtual versions** of hardware, OS, storage, or networks
- Allows **multiple VMs** on a single physical host
- Improves resource utilization and isolation





CLOUD COMPUTING

- On-demand access to **compute, storage, and applications** over the internet
- Provides **scalability, pay-as-you-go models, and remote accessibility**
- Types: IaaS, PaaS, SaaS



REAL-TIME & EMBEDDED SYSTEMS

- Designed to respond to events within strict timing constraints
- Embedded in devices like sensors, controllers, and industrial machines
- Critical in applications like automotive, medical, and avionics systems

OPERATING SYSTEM SERVICES

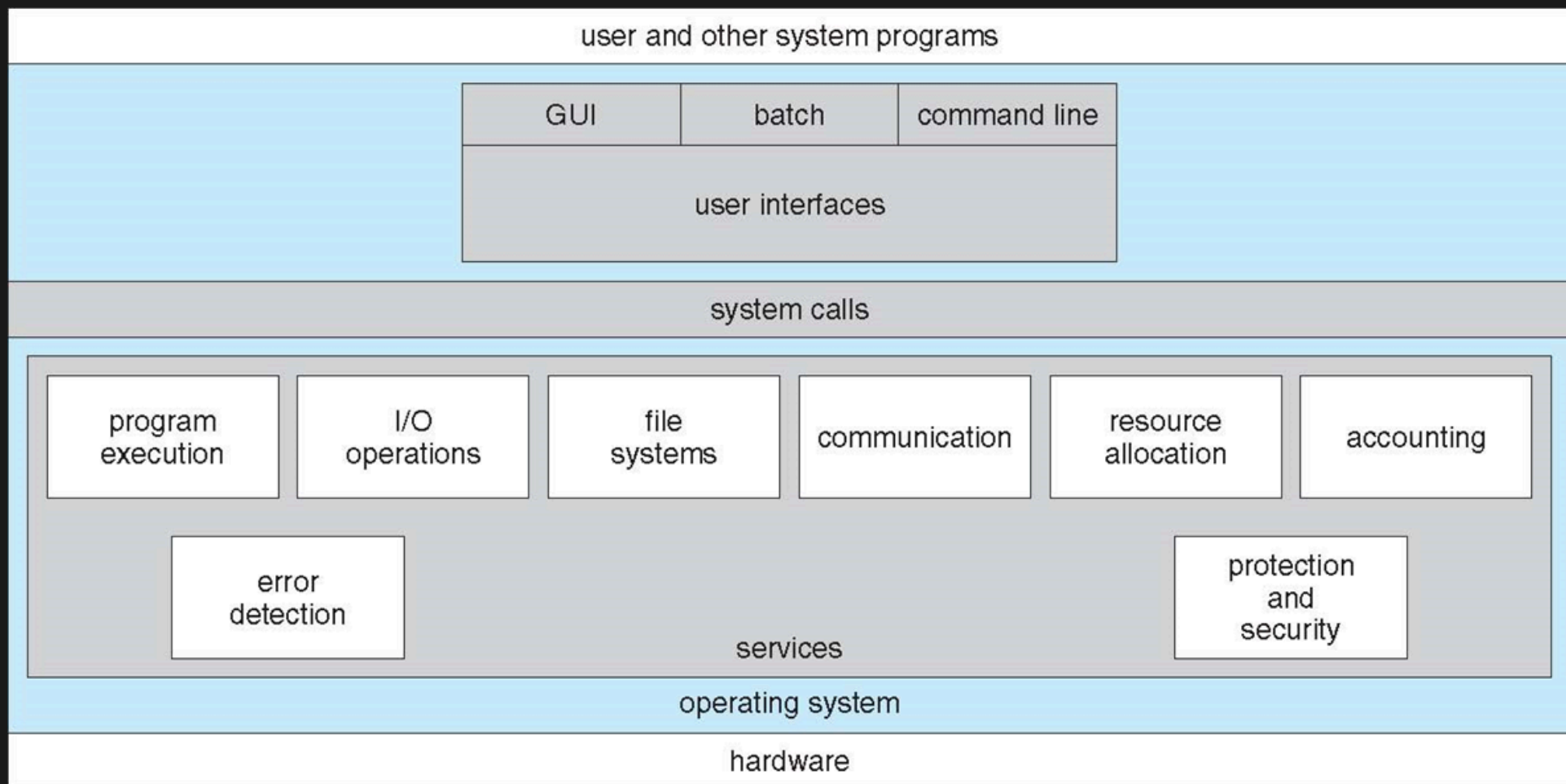
USER-ORIENTED SERVICES

- **User Interface (UI):** CLI, GUI, or batch
- **Program Execution:** load, run, and terminate programs
- **I/O Operations:** access files or I/O devices
- **File-System Manipulation:** read/write files, create/delete directories, permissions, search, listing
- **Communications:** exchange information via shared memory or message passing
- **Error Detection:** monitor CPU, memory, I/O, and user programs; ensure consistent computing

- **Debugging Facilities:** assist users and programmers

SYSTEM-ORIENTED SERVICES

- **Resource Allocation:** assign CPU, memory, storage, I/O devices to concurrent users/jobs
- **Accounting:** track user resource usage
- **Protection & Security:**
 - Control access to resources
 - Prevent interference among processes
 - User authentication and protection from external threats



SYSTEM CALLS

Programming Interface to OS Services

High-level languages like C/C++ provide interfaces to OS services.

Programs usually use an Application Programming Interface instead of calling system calls directly.

Access via APIs

APIs offer easier function calls and abstractions, reducing complexity and improving portability across systems.

Common APIs

Win32 API for Windows systems

POSIX API for UNIX/Linux/Mac OS X

Java API for programs running on the JVM

EXAMPLE

source file

destination file

Example System Call Sequence

Acquire input file name

Write prompt to screen

Accept input

Acquire output file name

Write prompt to screen

Accept input

Open the input file

if file doesn't exist, abort

Create output file

if file exists, abort

Loop

Read from input file

Write to output file

Until read fails

Close output file

Write completion message to screen

Terminate normally

SYSTEM CALL MAPPING

UNIQUE CALL NUMBERS

Each system call has a specific number used to index a system-call table.

SYSTEM CALL INTERFACE

LOOKUP AND EXECUTION

The system-call interface checks the table and invokes the corresponding kernel function.

It returns the status and any output produced by the call.

PROGRAMMER VIEW

NO NEED TO KNOW INTERNAL IMPLEMENTATION

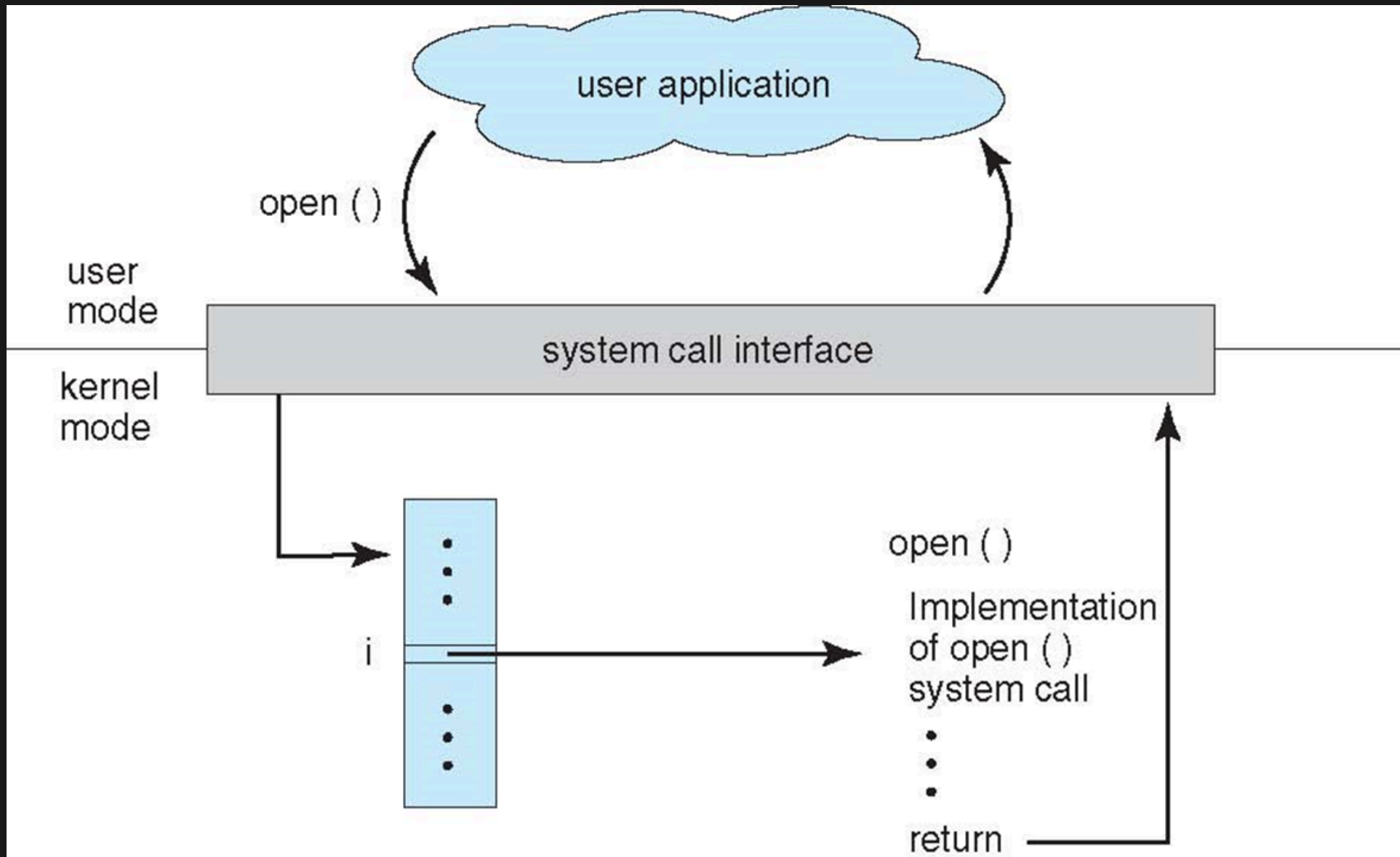
The programmer only needs to follow the API and understand the OS behavior.

Internal mechanics of the system call remain hidden.

API ABSTRACTION

RUN-TIME SUPPORT LIBRARY

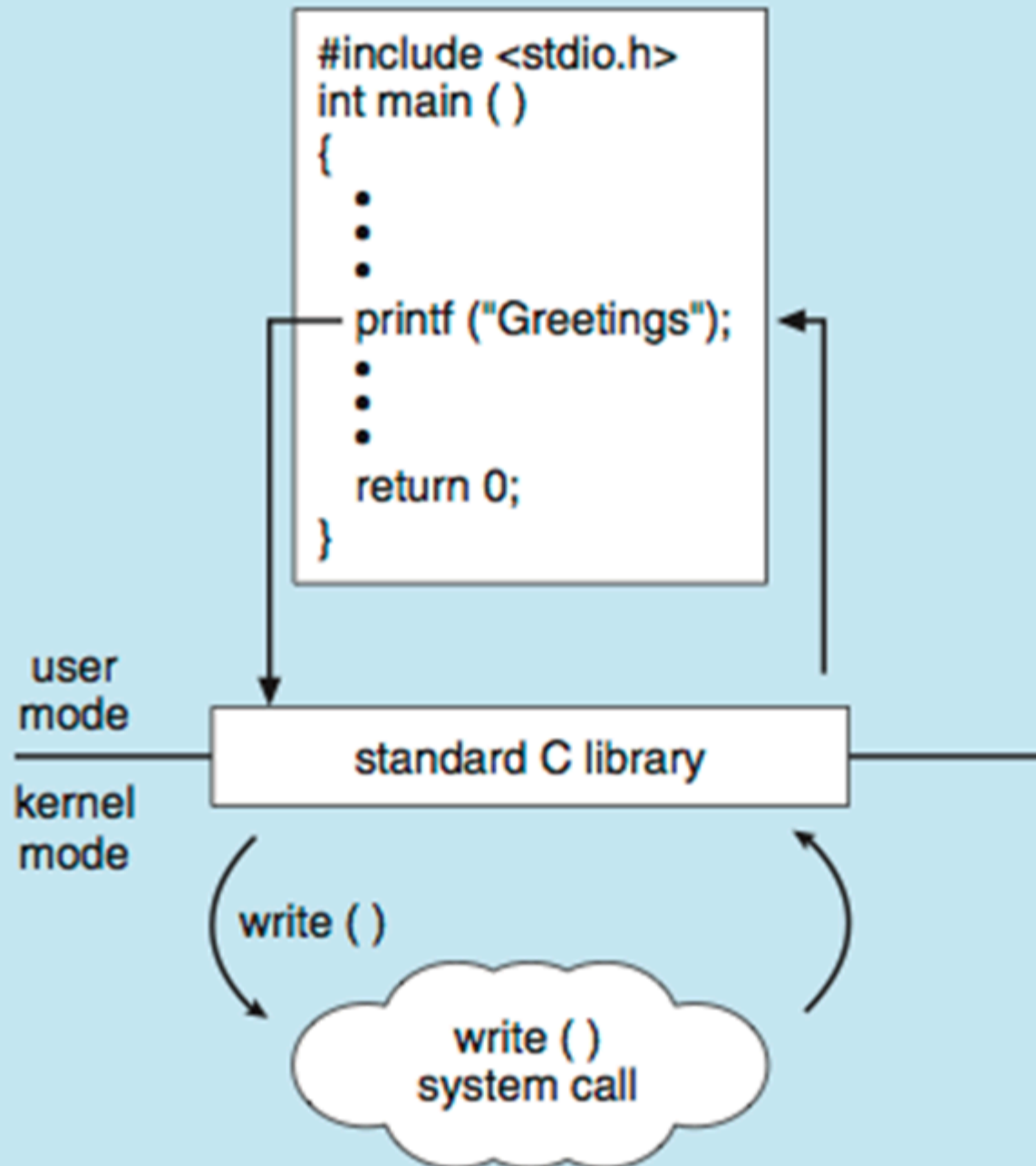
Most interaction with the OS is managed by a run-time support library that comes with the compiler.



Examples of Windows and Unix System Calls

	Windows	Unix
Process Control	CreateProcess() ExitProcess() WaitForSingleObject()	fork() exit() wait()
File Manipulation	CreateFile() ReadFile() WriteFile() CloseHandle()	open() read() write() close()
Device Manipulation	SetConsoleMode() ReadConsole() WriteConsole()	ioctl() read() write()
Information Maintenance	GetCurrentProcessID() SetTimer() Sleep()	getpid() alarm() sleep()
Communication	CreatePipe() CreateFileMapping() MapViewOfFile()	pipe() shmget() mmap()
Protection	SetFileSecurity() InitializeSecurityDescriptor() SetSecurityDescriptorGroup()	chmod() umask() chown()

or program-inverting printer)



OPERATING SYSTEM STRUCTURE

A general-purpose operating system is a very large program.

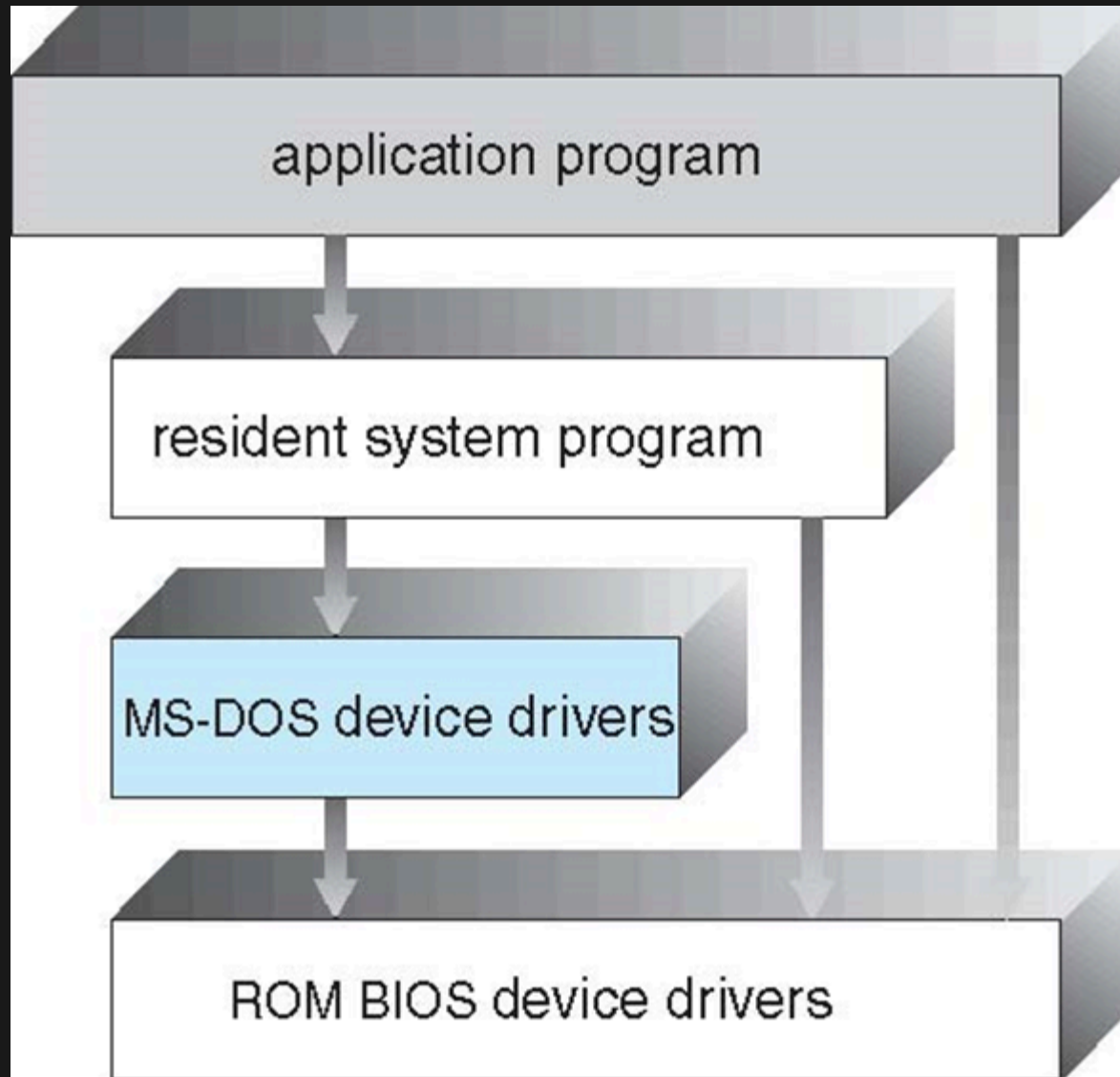
Different structural approaches include:

- Simple structure (e.g., MS-DOS)
- More complex monolithic structure (e.g., UNIX)
- Layered design providing abstraction
- Microkernel design (e.g., Mach)

MS-DOS Structure Design Goal MS-DOS was created to offer maximum functionality using minimal space.

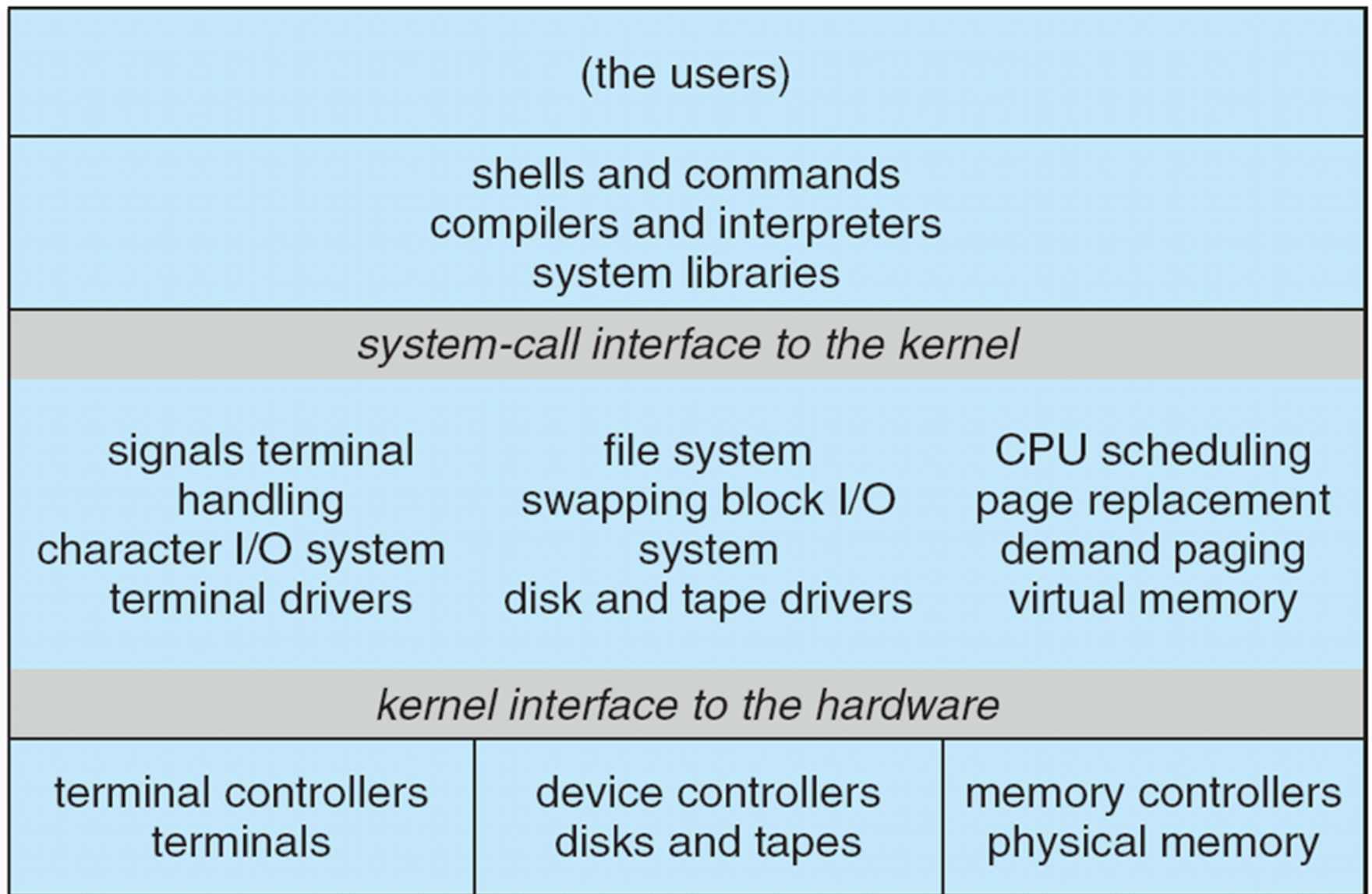
Lack of Modularity Organization It was not divided into separate, well-defined modules.

Interface Characteristics Poor Separation Although some structure exists, the interfaces and functionality levels are not clearly separated.



LINUX SYSTEM STRUCTURE / ARCHITECTURE

Kernel



GARY KILDALL

EARLY BACKGROUND

Gary Kildall was an American computer scientist and pioneer of personal computing.

He created CP/M, the first widely adopted OS for microcomputers.

CP/M AND INNOVATION BREAKTHROUGH

CP/M provided a standard OS interface for early 8-bit machines.

It inspired future OS designs, including MS-DOS.

IBM VISITS DIGITAL RESEARCH

MISSED MEETING

In 1980, IBM approached Digital Research to license CP/M for its upcoming PC.

A meeting failed due to scheduling and contract disagreements.

MICROSOFT STEPS IN

BILL GATES' OPPORTUNITY

With no agreement from Digital Research, IBM turned to Microsoft.

Microsoft acquired QDOS, modified it, and delivered what became MS-DOS.

WHY I MENTIONED

Kildall is often discussed when explaining MS-DOS
because:

- CP/M was its inspiration
- A single failed business deal changed the course of computing history









WHAT IS A PROCESS?

- A **process** is a program that is currently being executed.
- Its execution moves **step-by-step** in a **sequential flow**.

PROGRAM VS PROCESS

Program

- Passive
- Stored on disk as an executable file

Process

- Active in memory
- Has registers, stack, resources, etc.

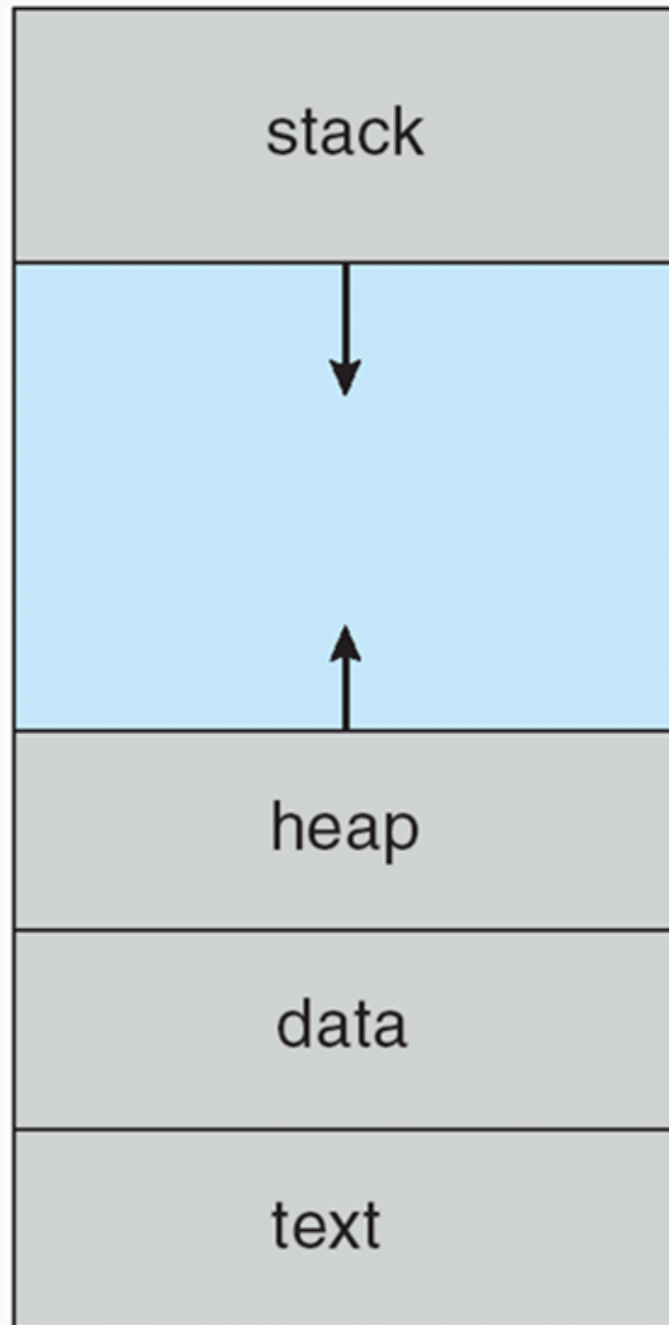
WHEN DOES A PROGRAM BECOME A PROCESS?

- When the executable file is loaded into memory.
- Operating system creates a process structure for it.

MULTIPLE PROCESSES FROM ONE PROGRAM

- The same program may run **multiple times**.
- Each execution is a **different process**.
- Example: Many users running the same application independently.

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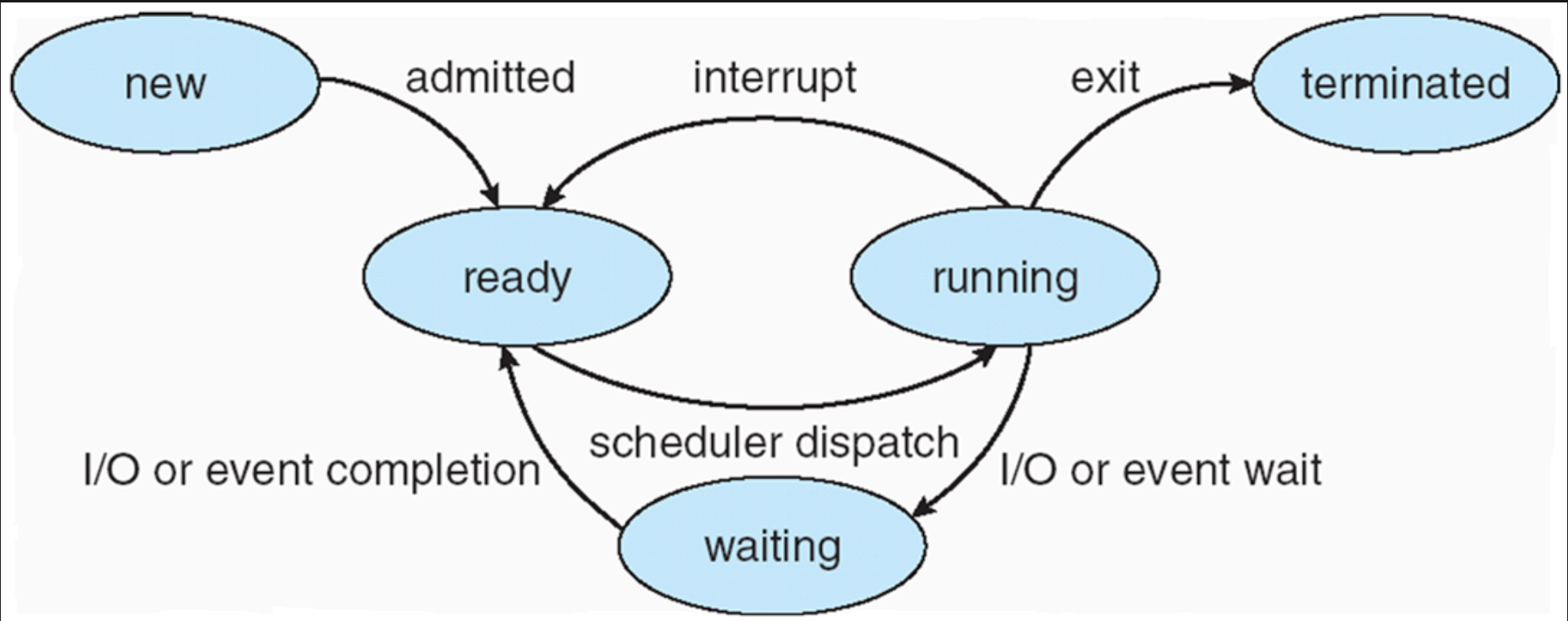
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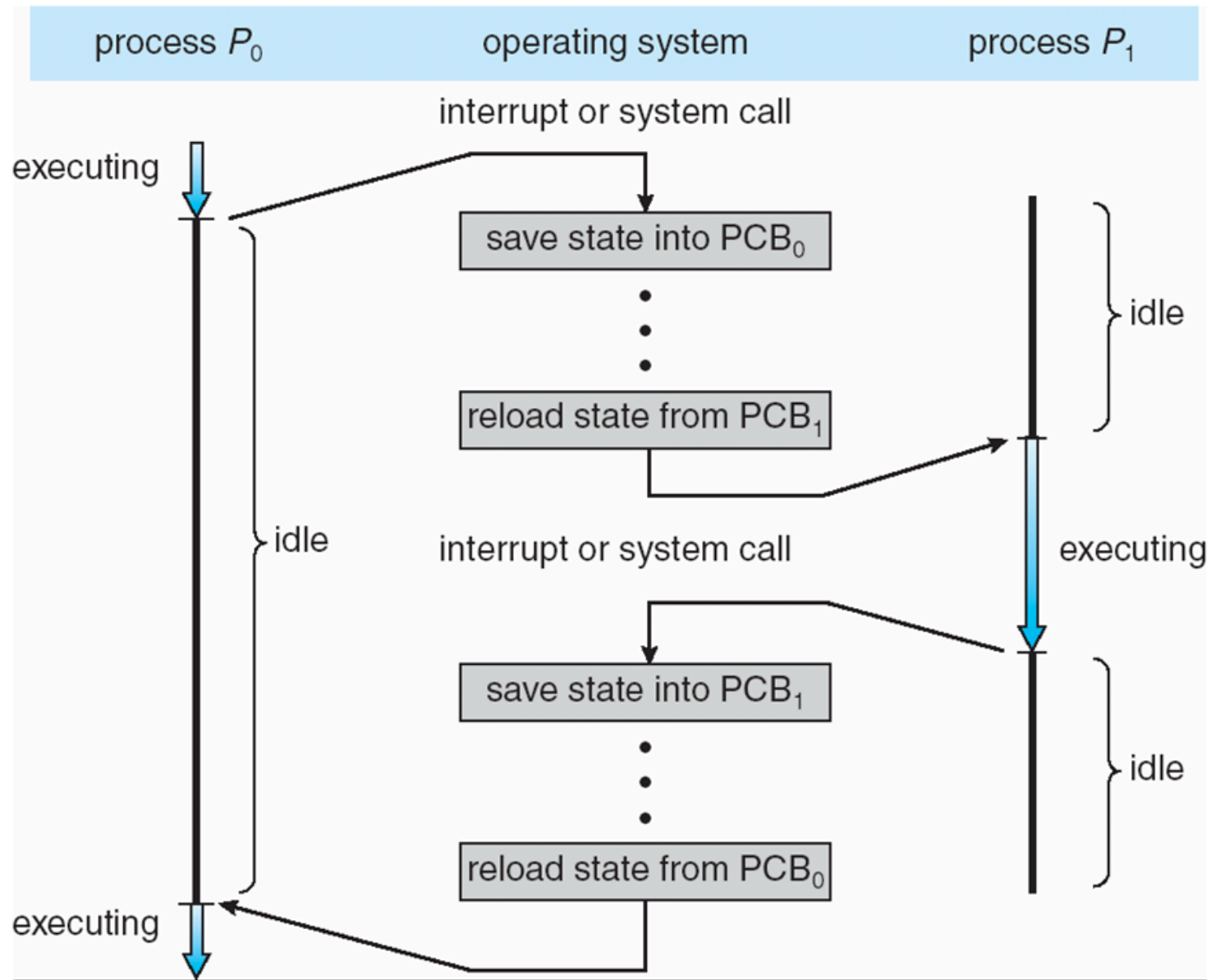
PROCESS STATES

- As a process runs, its state changes.
- Typical states used by operating systems.

PROCESS STATES

- **New:** Process is being created
- **Running:** Instructions are being executed
- **Waiting:** Waiting for an event
- **Ready:** Waiting for CPU assignment
- **Terminated:** Execution completed





Process Control Block (PCB) contains Information associated with each process (also called task control block)

- Process state – running, waiting, etc
- Program counter – location of instruction to next execute
- CPU registers – contents of all process centric registers
- CPU scheduling information- priorities, scheduling queue pointers

- Memory-management information – memory allocated to the process
- Accounting information – CPU used, clock time elapsed since start, time limits
- I/O status information – I/O devices allocated to process, list of open files

process state

process number

program counter

registers

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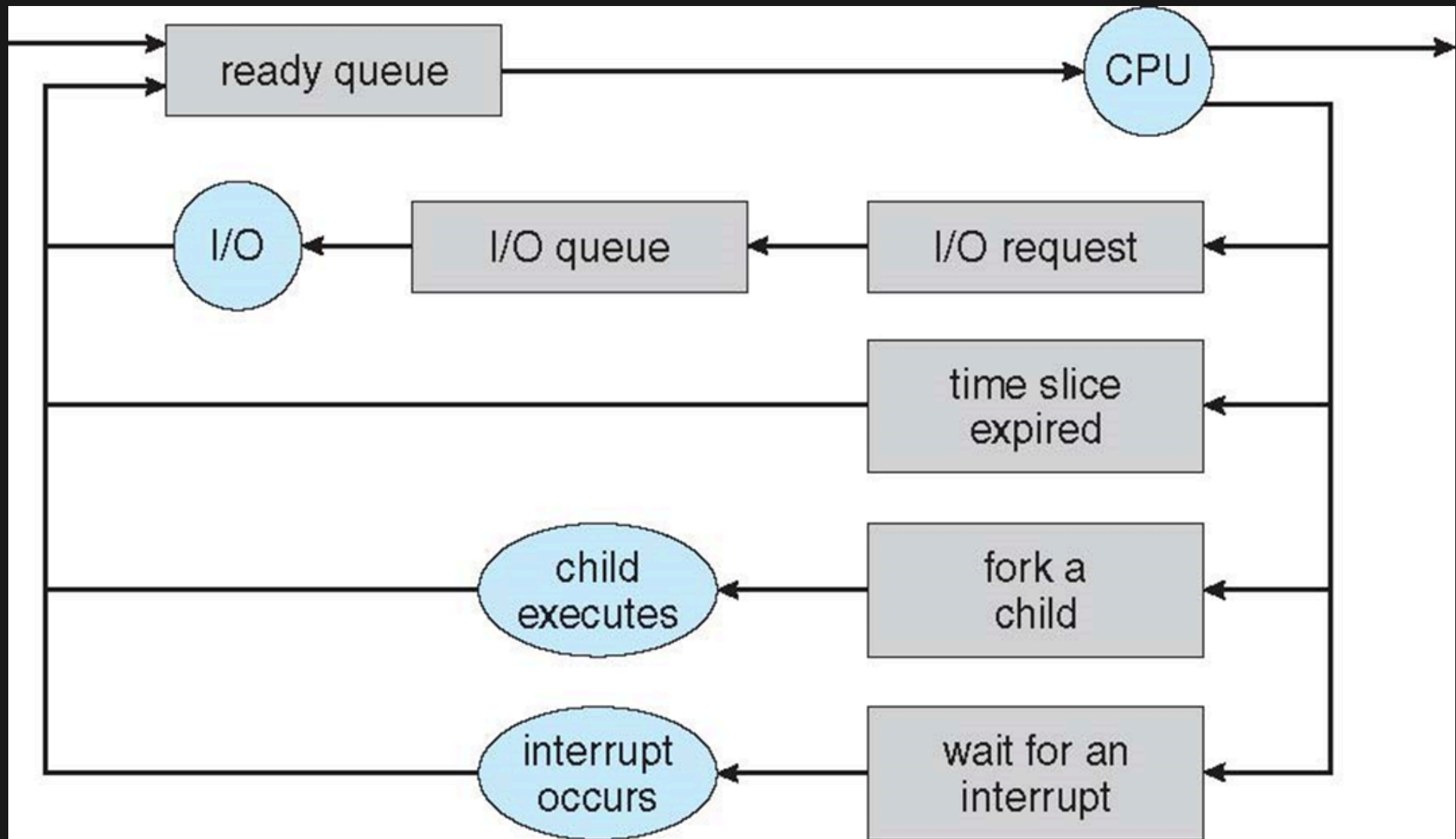
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CPU SCHEDULING BASICS

- Aim: maximize CPU usage by fast process switching
- Scheduler chooses the next process for CPU
- Processes move between different queues

SCHEDULING QUEUES

- **Job queue:** all system processes
- **Ready queue:** processes in memory waiting for CPU
- **Device queues:** processes waiting for I/O



SHORT-TERM SCHEDULER

- Chooses the next process for the CPU
- Allocates processor time
- Often the only scheduler in simple systems
- Runs very frequently (milliseconds), must be fast

LONG-TERM SCHEDULER

- Decides which processes enter the ready queue
- Runs much less often (seconds or minutes)
- Can afford slower decision-making

TYPES OF PROCESSES

- I/O-bound: spends more time performing input/output, many short CPU bursts
- CPU-bound: spends most time computing, few long CPU burst.

CPU SCHEDULING METRICS

TURNAROUND TIME

Time a process takes from arrival to completion.

Formula:

$$\text{Turnaround time} = \text{Completion time} - \text{Arrival time}$$

WAITING TIME

Time a process waits in the ready queue before CPU execution.

Formula:

$$\text{Waiting time} = \text{Turnaround time} - \text{Burst time}$$

AVERAGE WAITING TIME

Average time all processes spend waiting in the ready queue.

Formula:

$$\text{Average waiting time} = (\text{Total waiting time of all processes}) / (\text{Number of processes})$$

RESPONSE TIME

Time from process arrival until its first CPU execution.

Formula:

$\text{Response time} = \text{Start time} - \text{Arrival time}$

THROUGHPUT

Number of processes completed per unit time.

Formula:

Throughput = Number of processes
completed / Total execution time

Q1

Process	Arrival Time	Burst Time
P1	0	5
P2	2	3
P3	4	7
P4	6	2

Q2

Process	Arrival Time	Burst Time
P1	1	4
P2	3	6
P3	5	2
P4	7	8

Q3

Process	Arrival Time	Burst Time
P1	0	9
P2	1	5
P3	3	1
P4	4	4

Q4

Process	Arrival Time	Burst Time
P1	2	6
P2	4	3
P3	5	9
P4	8	2

Q5

Process	Arrival Time	Burst Time
P1	0	8
P2	1	2
P3	3	5
P4	6	4

DEADLOCK

MULTIPLE PROCESSES

Several processes run concurrently and compete for limited resources.

RESOURCE REQUESTS

A process asks for resources.
If unavailable, it moves to a **wait state**.

WAIT STATE ISSUE

A waiting process may stay stuck if the resources it needs are held by other waiting processes.

RESULT

Processes may never resume — a situation that can lead to **deadlock**.

SYSTEM MODEL

RESOURCE REQUEST RULE

A process must **request** a resource before using it and
release it after use.

RESOURCE LIMITS

A process cannot request more instances of a resource than the system actually has.

EXAMPLE

If the system has 2 printers, no process can request 3 printers.

DEADLOCK CHARACTERIZATION

Deadlock occurs when processes are stuck waiting for resources held by each other, with no progress possible.

FOUR NECESSARY CONDITIONS

1. **Mutual Exclusion** – Resources are non-shareable.
2. **Hold and Wait** – A process holds one resource and waits for another.
3. **No Preemption** – Resources cannot be forcibly taken away.
4. **Circular Wait** – A circular chain of processes exists, each waiting for a resource held by the next.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION GRAPH

DEFINITION

A deadlock can be represented using a **directed system resource-allocation graph**.

GRAPH STRUCTURE

The graph has:

- Vertices (V)
- Edges (E)

VERTEX TYPES

Vertices are divided into two sets:

- $P = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n\} \rightarrow$ all active processes
- $R = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_m\} \rightarrow$ all resource types

REQUEST EDGE

$$P_i \rightarrow R_j$$

Process P_i has requested resource R_j and is waiting for it.

ASSIGNMENT EDGE

$$R_j \rightarrow P_i$$

An instance of resource R_j is allocated to process P_i .

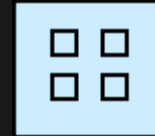
EDGE TYPES

- $P_i \rightarrow R_j \rightarrow \textit{Request edge}$
- $R_j \rightarrow P_i \rightarrow \textit{Assignment edge}$

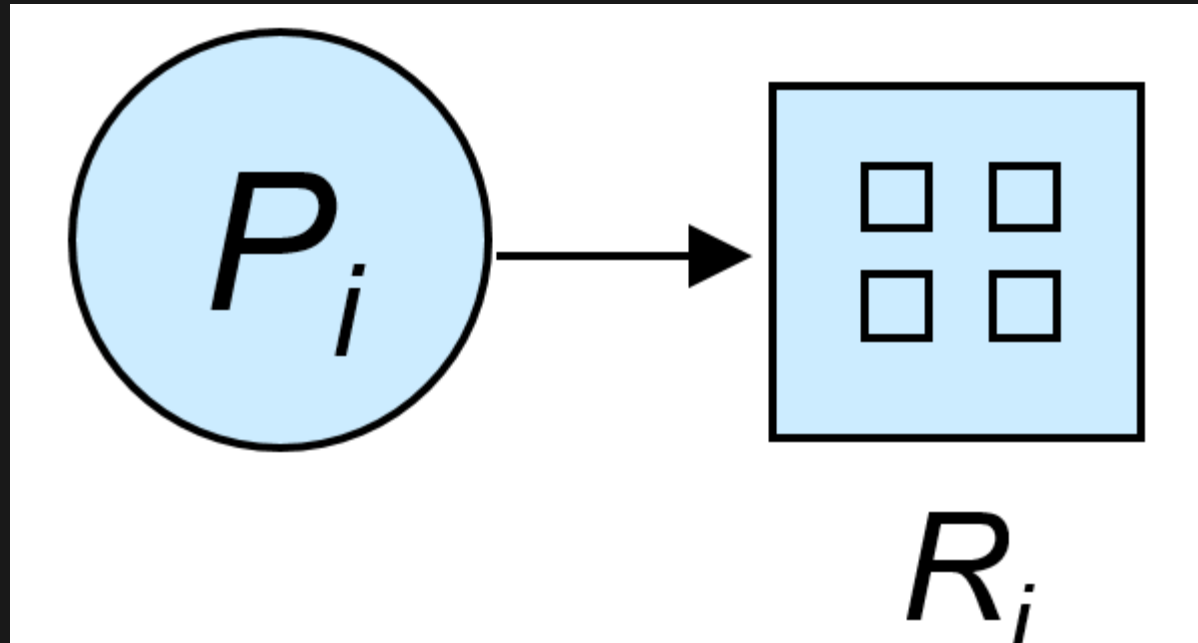
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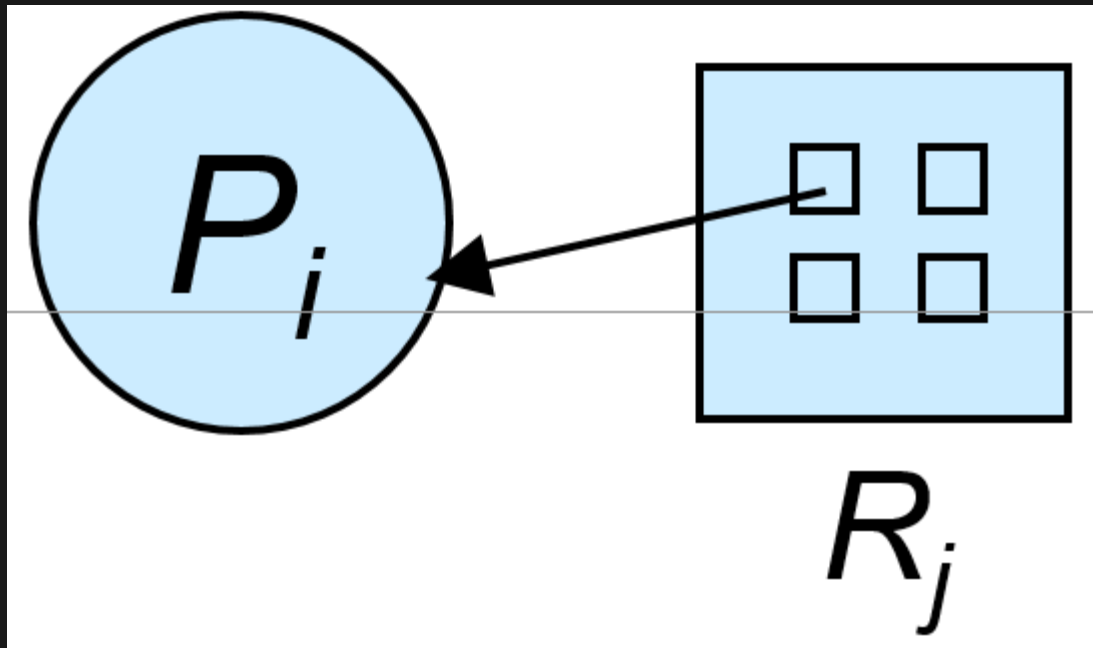
Resource Type with 4 instances

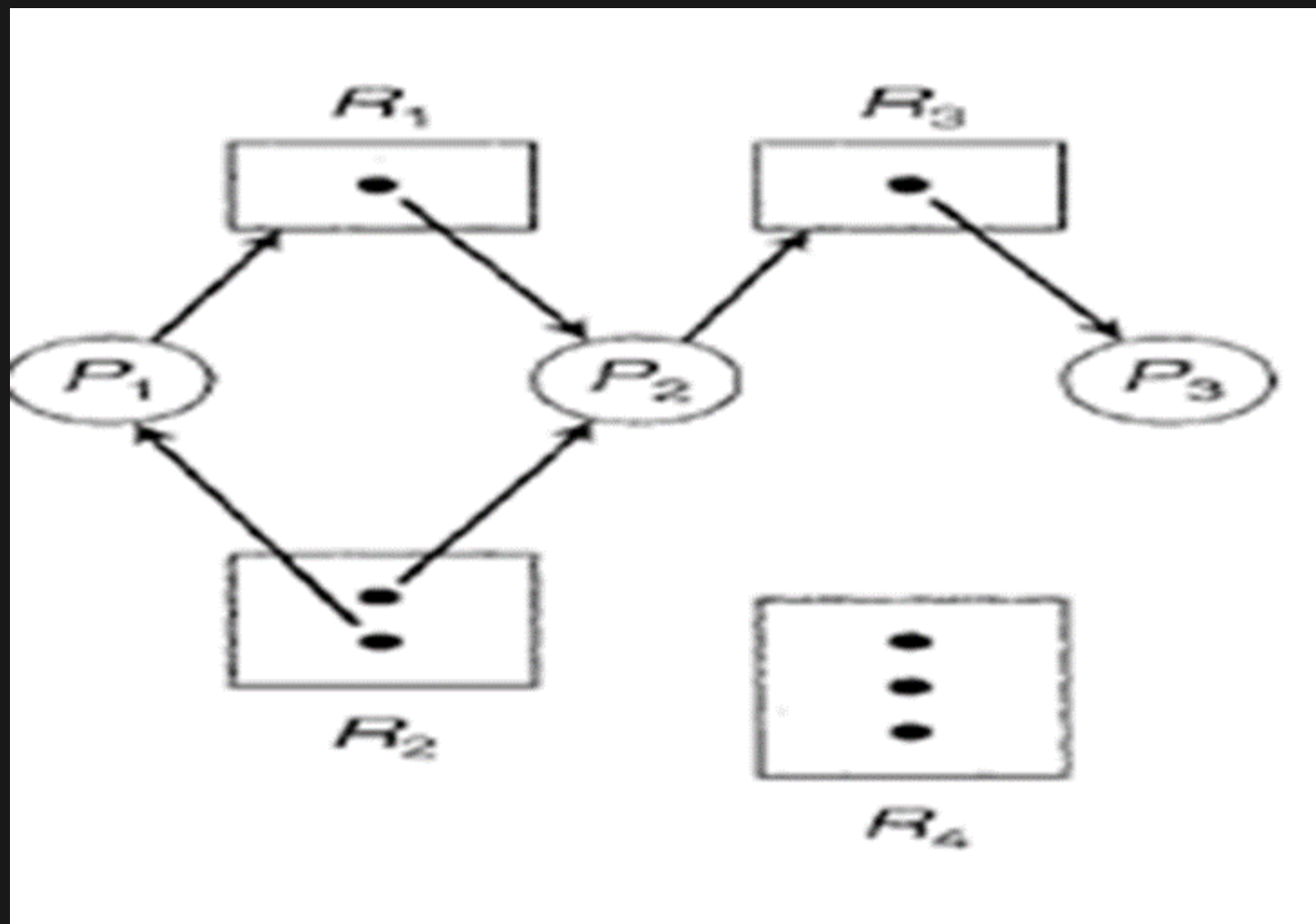


P_i requests instance of R_j

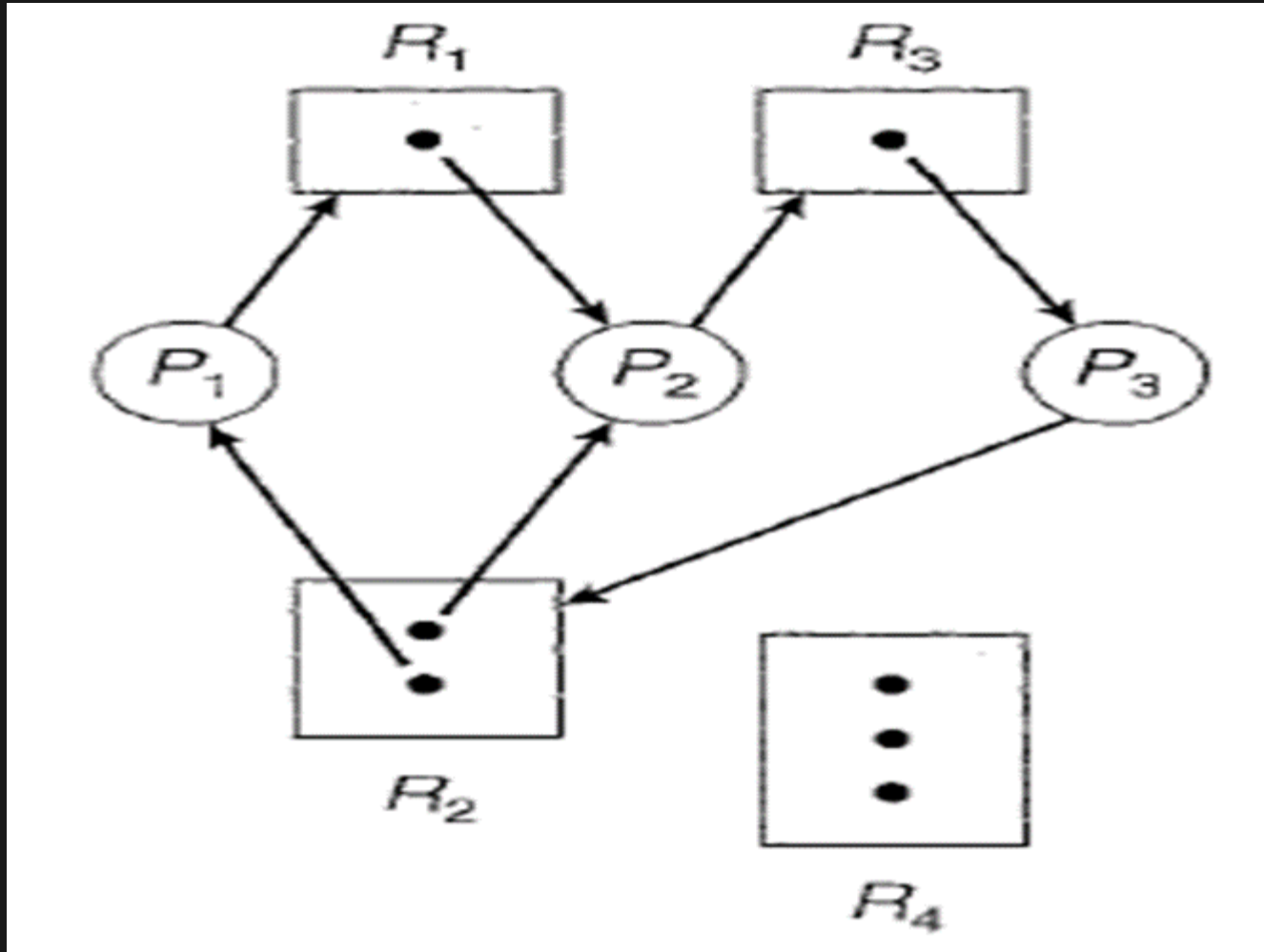


P_i is holding an instance of R_j

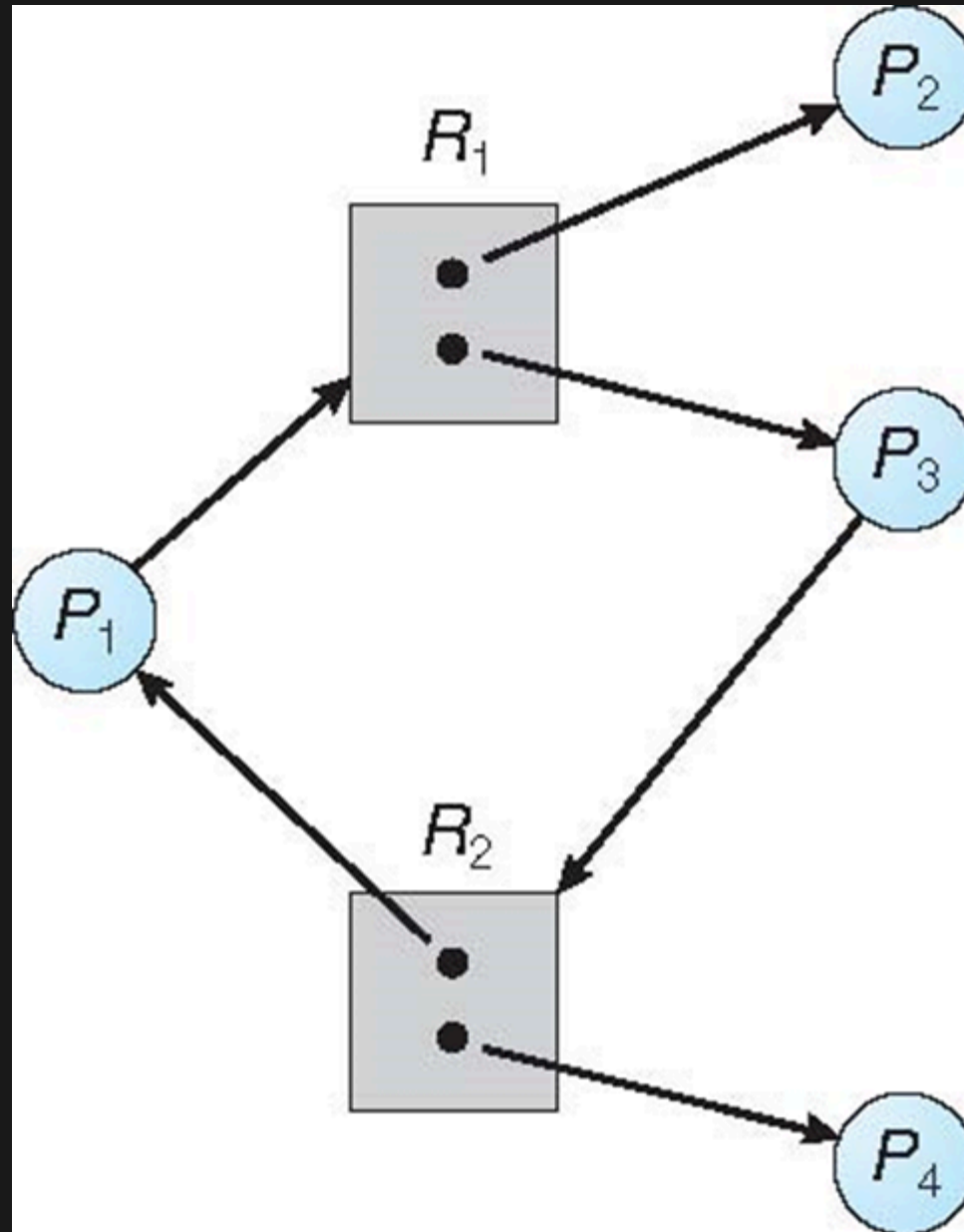


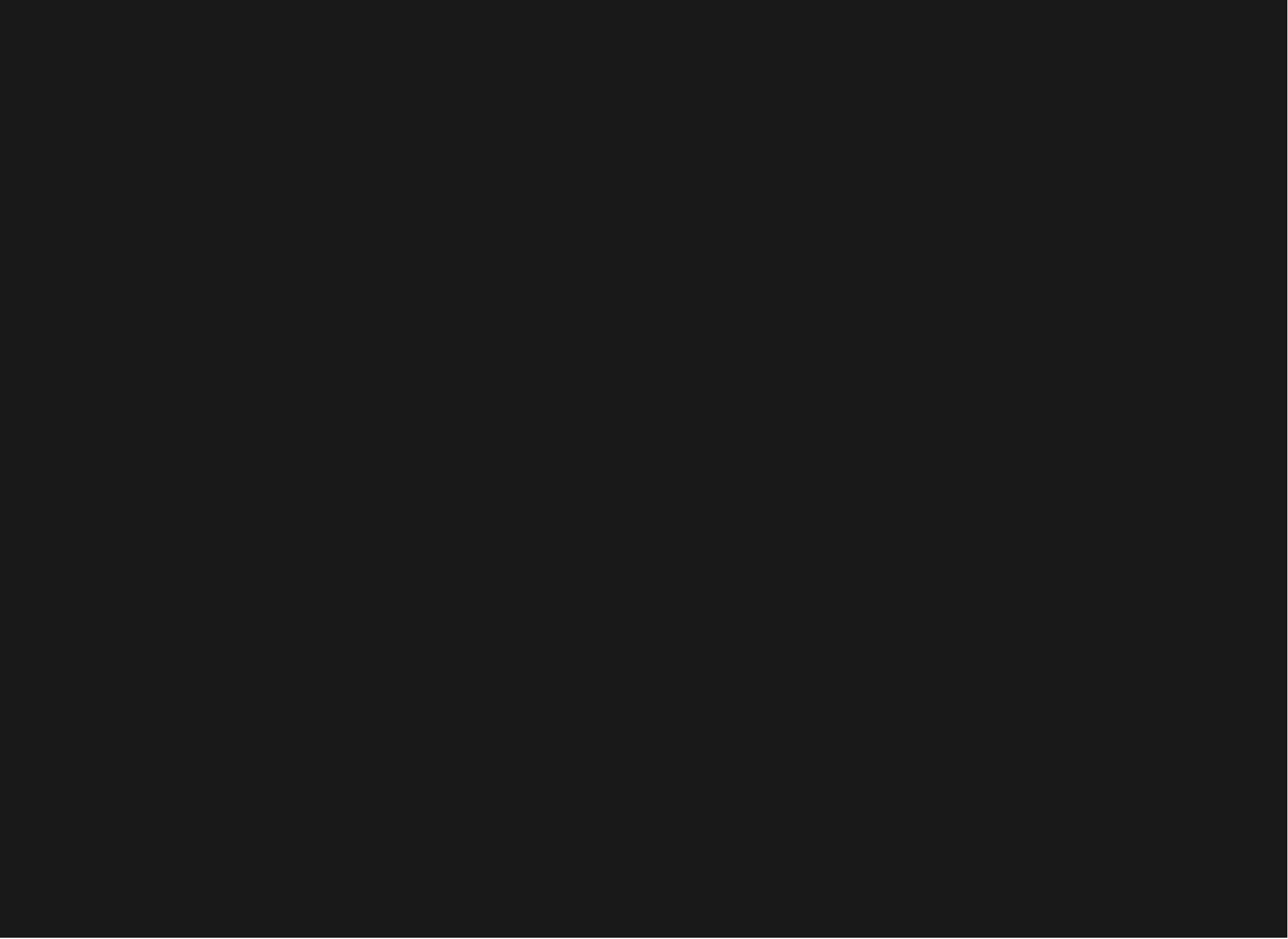


RAG WITH DEADLOCK



Graph With A Cycle But No Deadlock





METHODS FOR HANDLING DEADLOCKS

1. PREVENTION / AVOIDANCE

Use protocols that ensure the system **never** enters a deadlock state. (before occurrence)

2. DETECTION & RECOVERY

Allow deadlocks to occur, then **detect** and **recover** from them. (after occurrence)

3. IGNORE DEADLOCKS

Ignore the problem and pretend that deadlocks never occur in the system; used by most operating systems, including UNIX

DEADLOCK PREVENTION

Restrain the ways request can be made

- **Mutual Exclusion** – not required for sharable resources (e.g., read-only files); must hold for non-sharable resources

- **Hold and Wait** – must guarantee that whenever a process requests a resource, it does not hold any other resources
 - Require process to request and be allocated all its resources before it begins execution, or allow process to request resources only when the process has none allocated to it.
 - Low resource utilization; starvation possible

- **No Preemption –**

- If a process that is holding some resources requests another resource that cannot be immediately allocated to it, then all resources currently being held are released

- Preempted resources are added to the list of resources for which the process is waiting
- Process will be restarted only when it can regain its old resources, as well as the new ones that it is requesting

- **Circular Wait** – impose a total ordering of all resource types, and require that each process requests resources in an increasing order of enumeration

DEADLOCK AVOIDANCE

Requires that the system has some additional a priori
information available

- Simplest and most useful model requires that each process declare the maximum number of resources of each type that it may need

- The deadlock-avoidance algorithm dynamically examines the resource-allocation state to ensure that there can never be a circular-wait condition

- Resource-allocation state is defined by the number of available and allocated resources, and the maximum demands of the processes

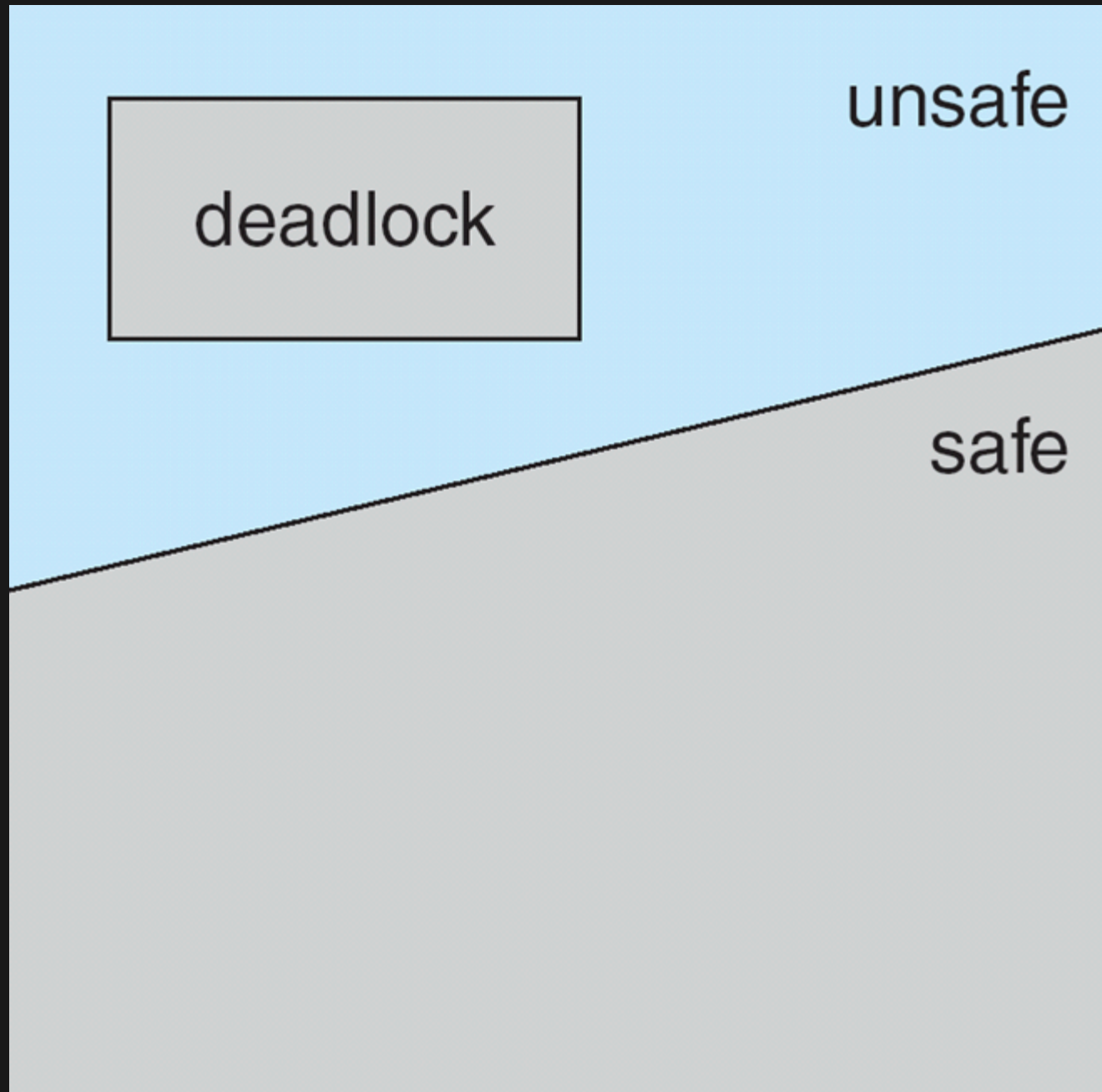
- For example, in a system with one tape drive and one printer, we might be told that process P will request first the tape drive, and later the printer, before releasing both resources. Process Q, on the other hand, will request first the printer, and then the tape drive.

SAFE STATE

When a process requests an available resource, system must decide if immediate allocation leaves the system in a safe state

- If a system is in safe state -> no deadlocks
- If a system is in unsafe state -> possibility of deadlock
- Avoidance -> ensure that a system will never enter an unsafe state.

SAFE, UNSAFE, DEADLOCK STATE



SINGLE INSTANCE OF A RESOURCE TYPE

- Use a resource-allocation graph

MULTIPLE INSTANCES OF A RESOURCE TYPE

- Use the banker's algorithm

BANKER'S ALGORITHM

Q1 Total resources = (A=11, B=6, C=9, D=7)

Process	Allocated			Max Need		
	A	B	C	A	B	C
P0	0	1	0	7	5	3
P1	2	0	0	3	2	2
P2	3	0	2	9	0	2
P3	2	1	1	2	2	2
P4	0	0	2	4	3	3

Q2 Available = (A = 3, B = 2, C = 1, D = 2)

Process	Allocated				Max Need			
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
P0	1	0	2	1	3	2	2	2
P1	2	1	0	2	4	3	1	3
P2	3	0	2	1	6	1	4	3
P3	2	2	1	0	3	4	3	1
P4	0	1	3	1	4	2	5	2

Refer <https://os.surajgowda.in/scheduling-algo> to
verify answers

