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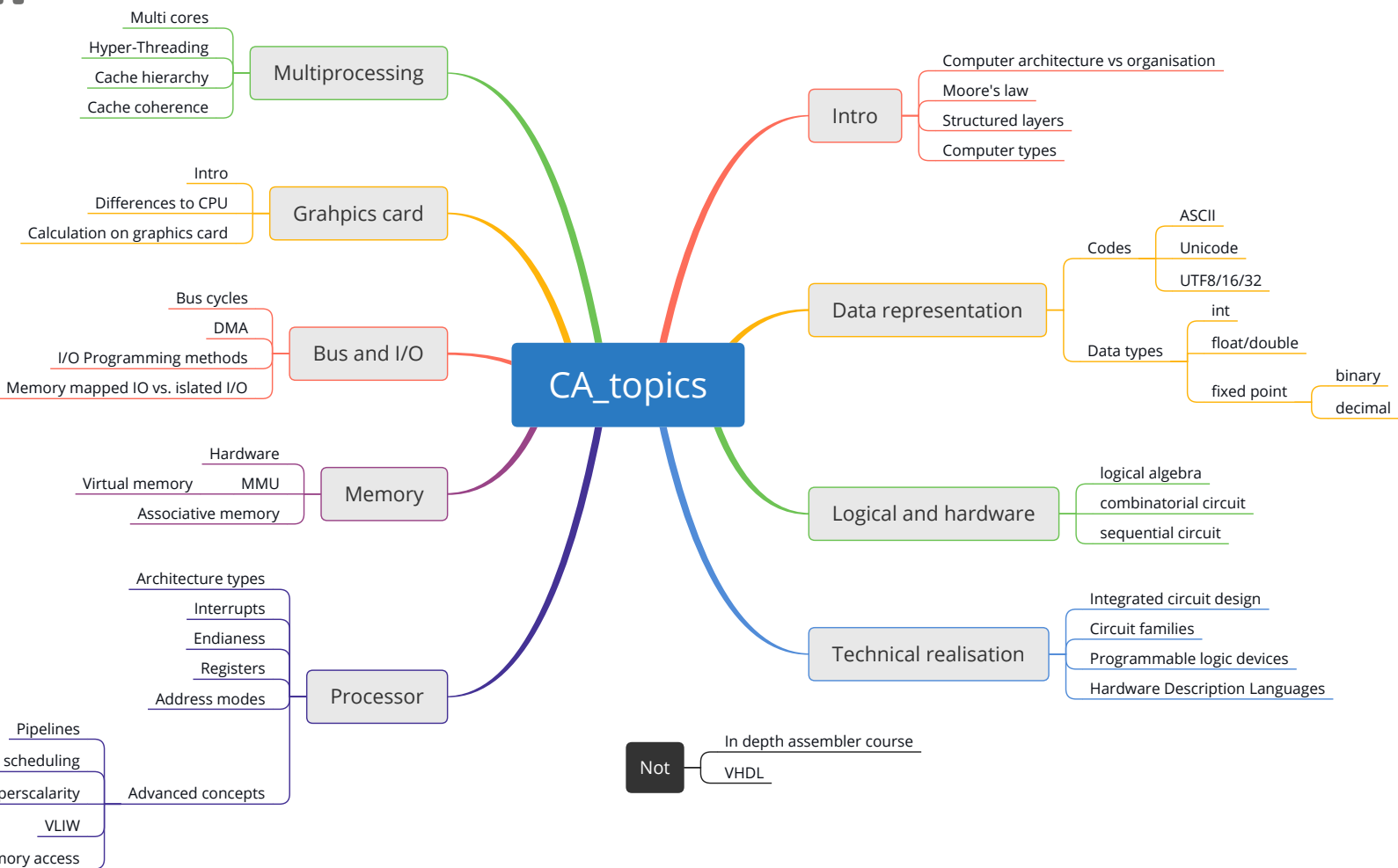
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CA 10 – Associative memory

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- Memory hierarchy
- Associative memory
- Translation lookaside buffer
- Cache
- Memory protection

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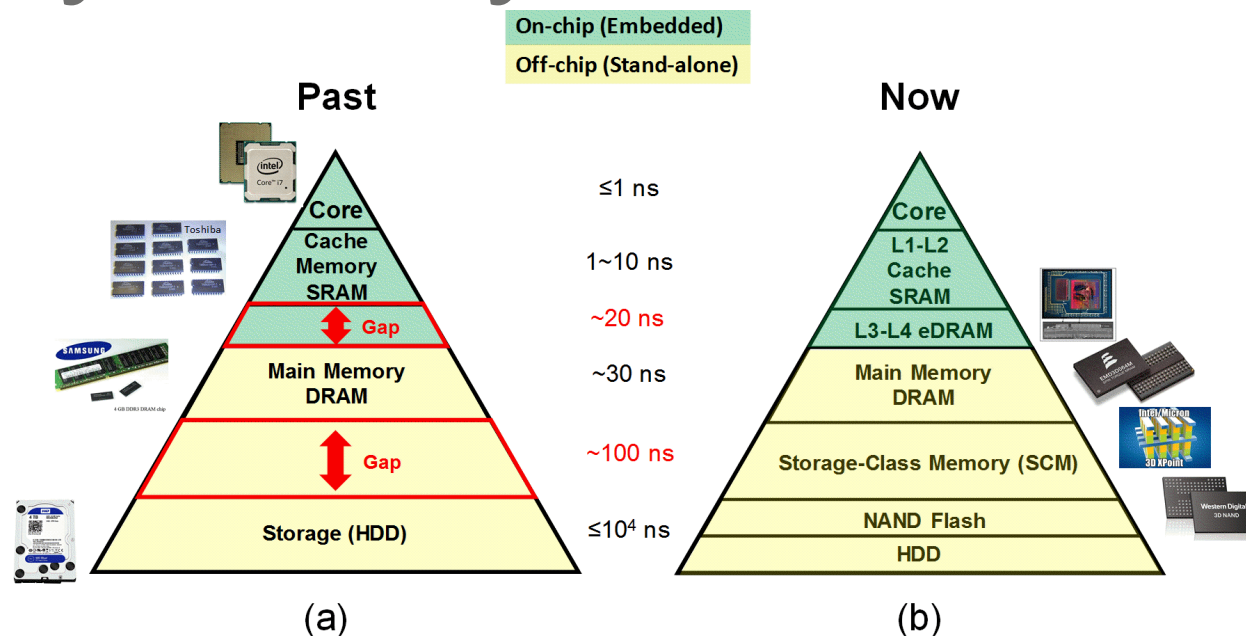


Figure 1.2: Example of memory hierarchy in an ICT system for the past (a) and for now (b). The speed of the component from bottom to top increases, while the storage volume decreases. Those components are divided into on-chip (embedded with compute circuitry on the same chip) and off-chip (stand-alone as a separate chip).

Associative memory

Key (address) Value (information)

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<i>key</i> ₄	<i>value</i> ₄
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In principle

- A key to value store (comparable to a JAVA hashtable/dictionary)
- Key: address
- Value: some information

Properties

- Search for key (address) is done in parallel in hardware!
- Access to information is **very fast**

Usage

- TLB
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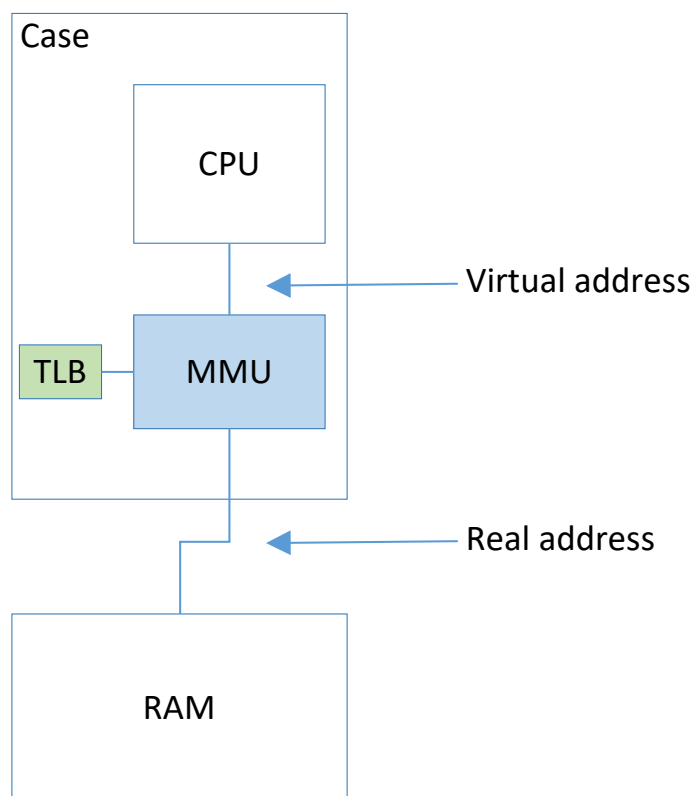


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Idea: Use an associative memory for address translation from virtual to real addresses: **TLB - Translation lookaside buffer**



Key (virt. adr.)	Value (real. adr.)
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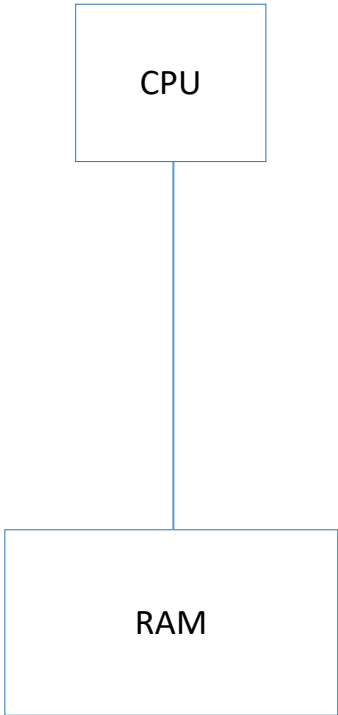
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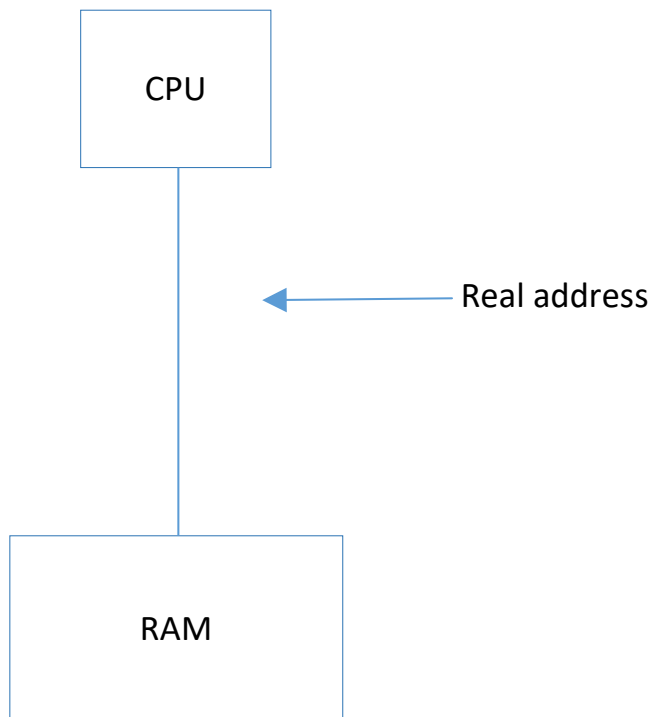
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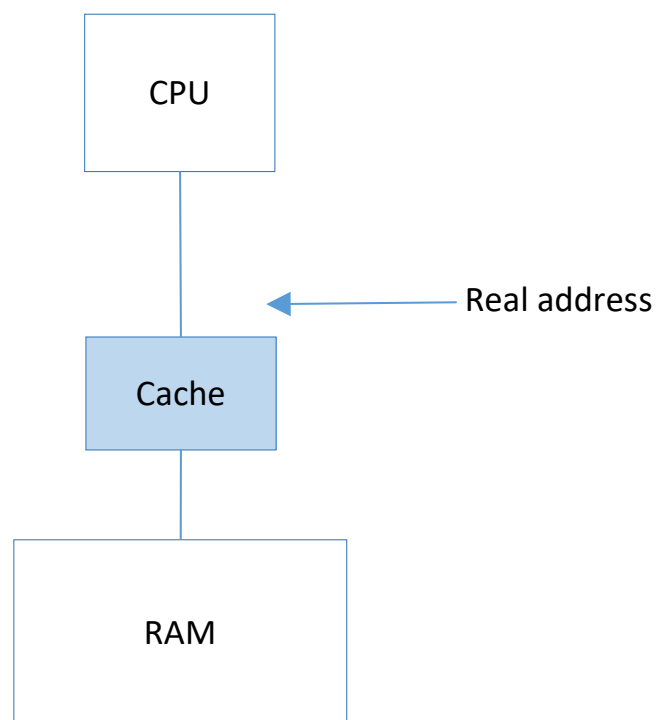


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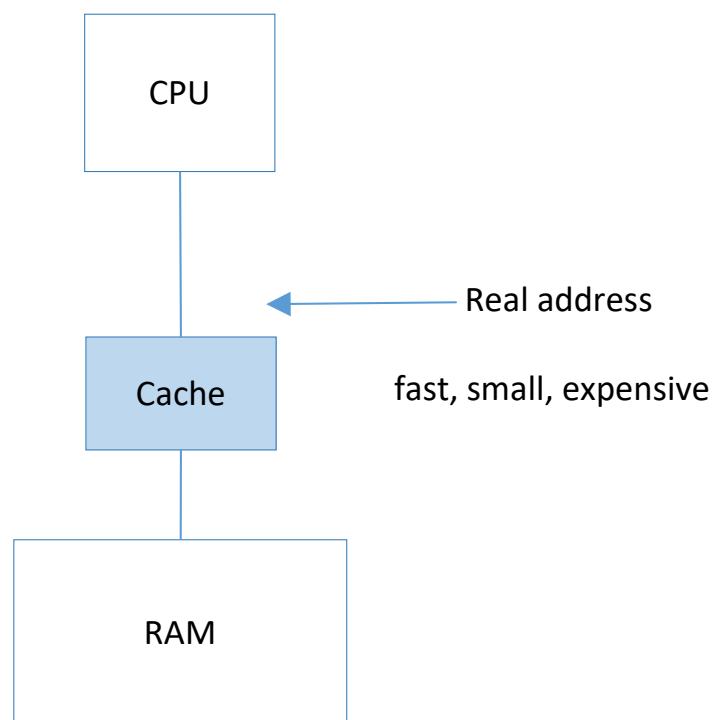


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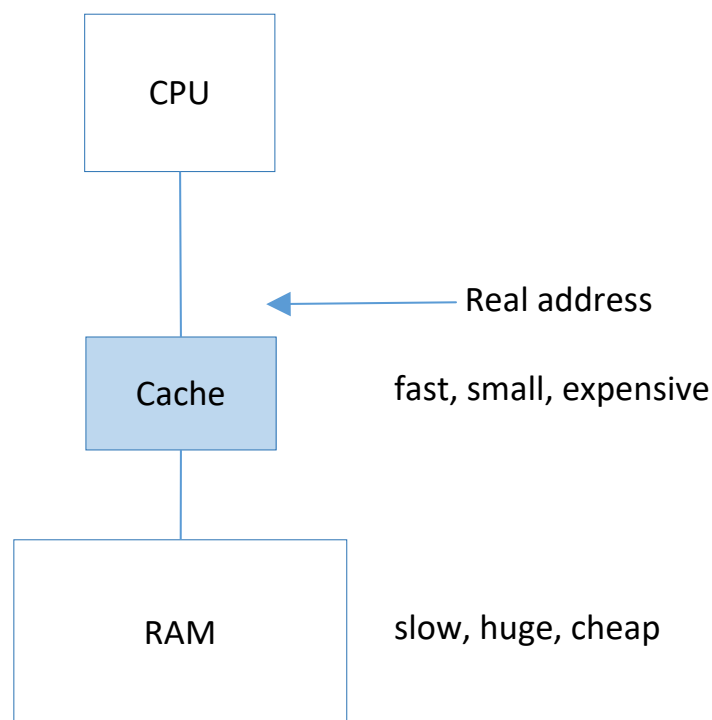


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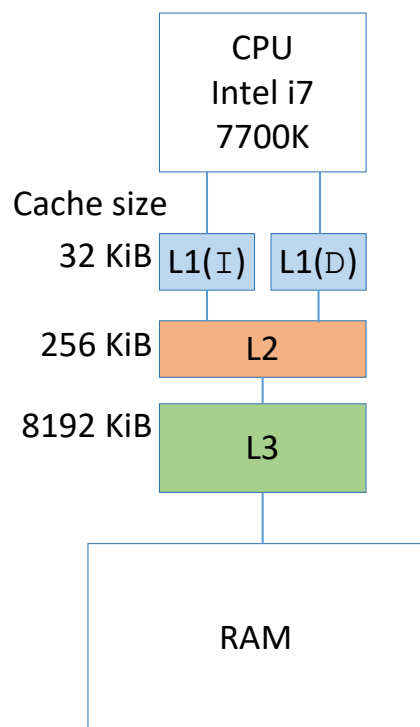
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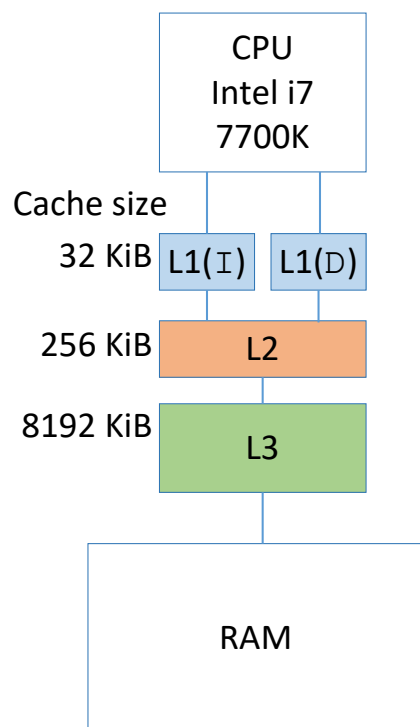
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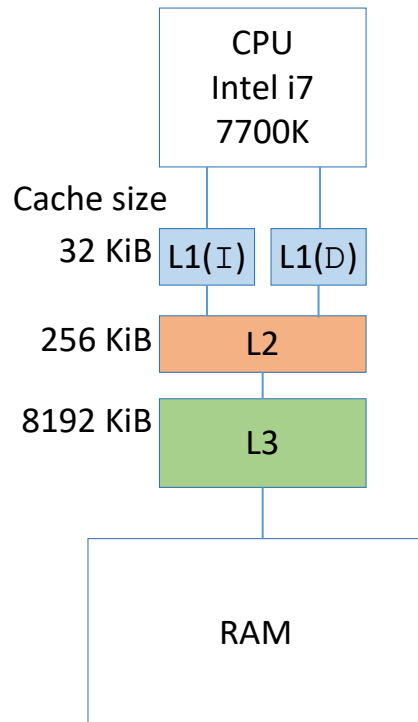
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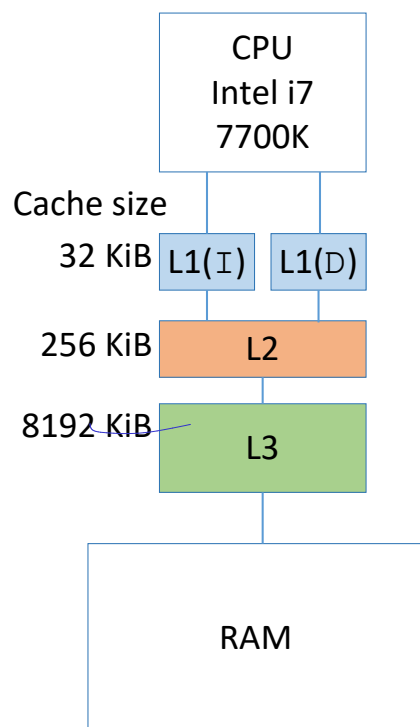
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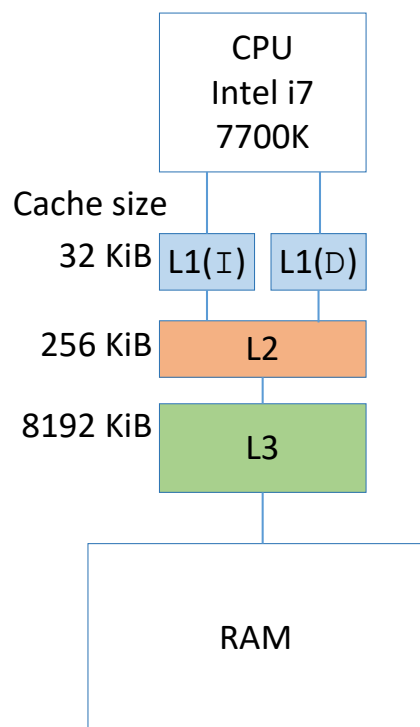
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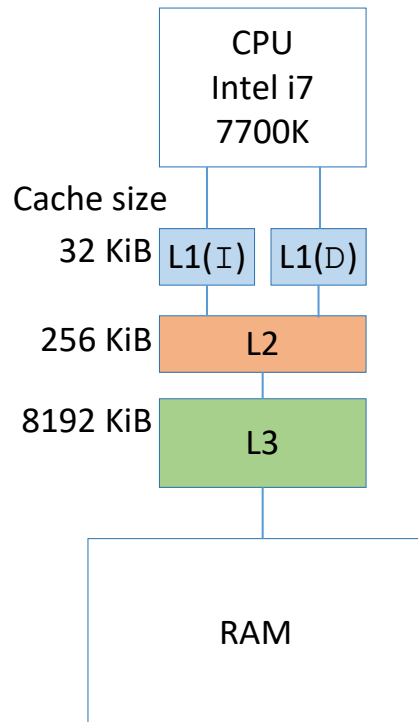
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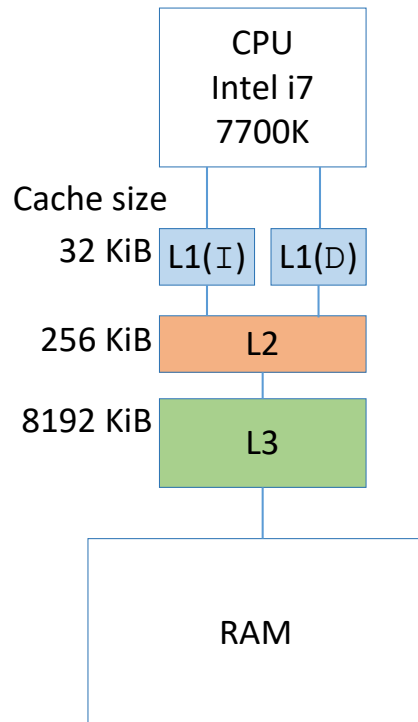
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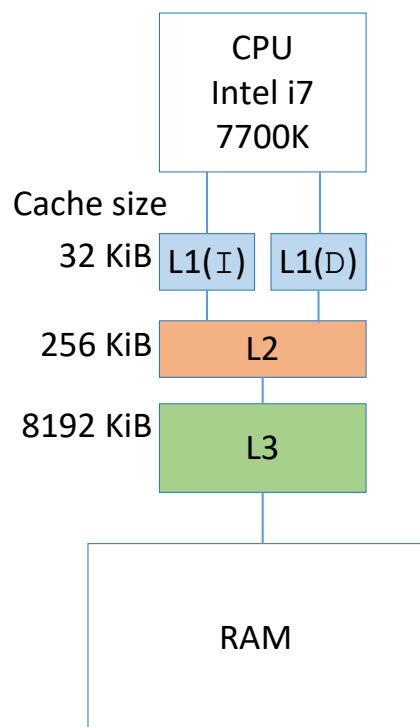
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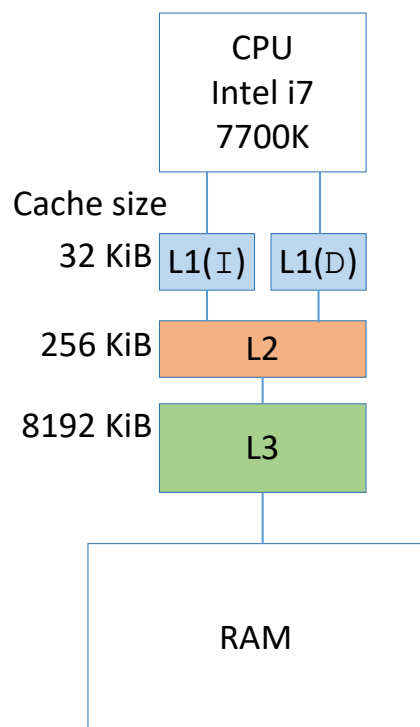
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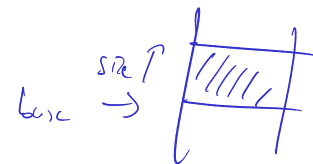
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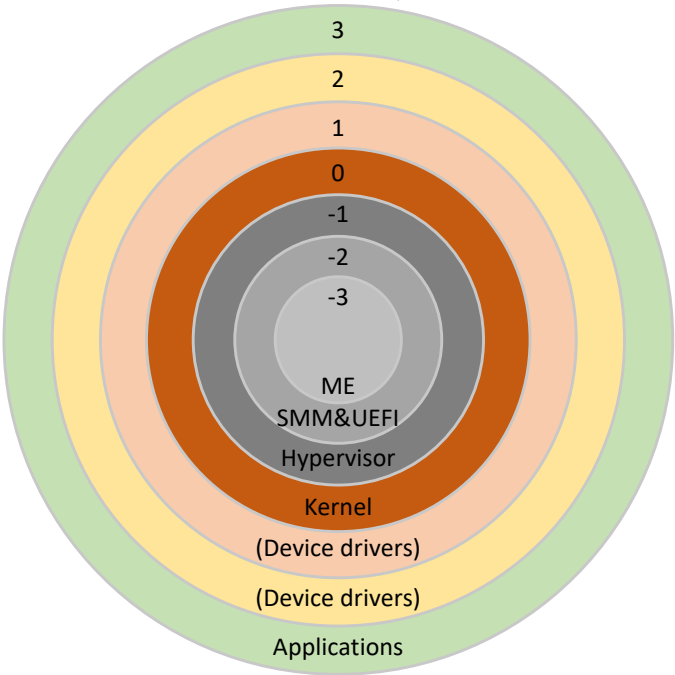
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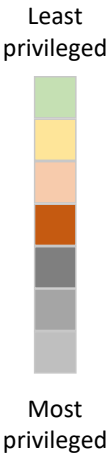
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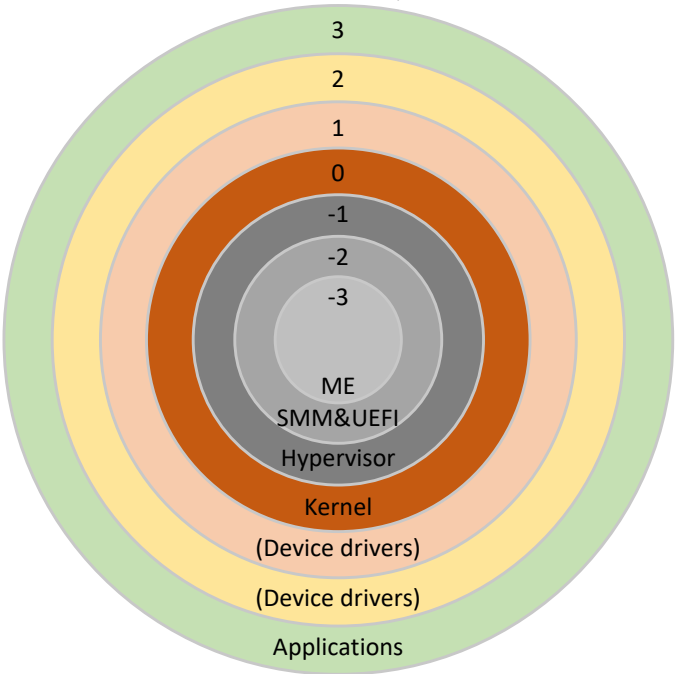


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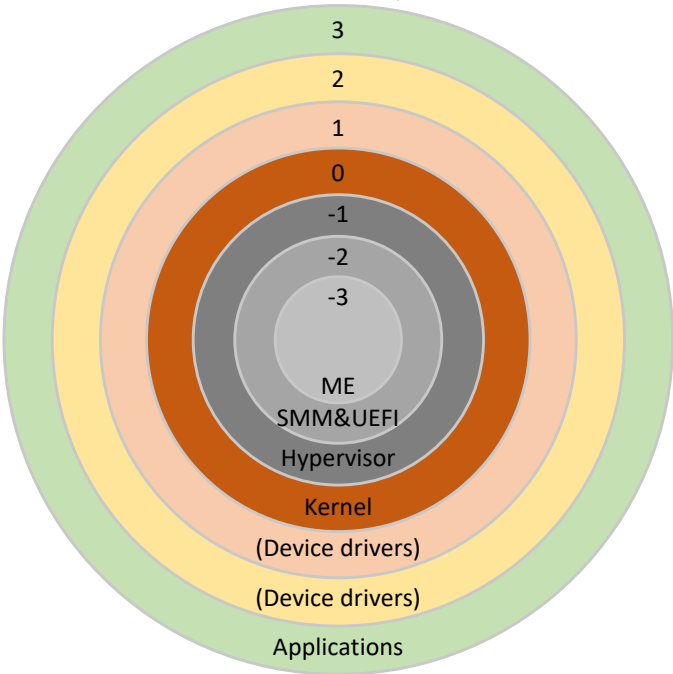
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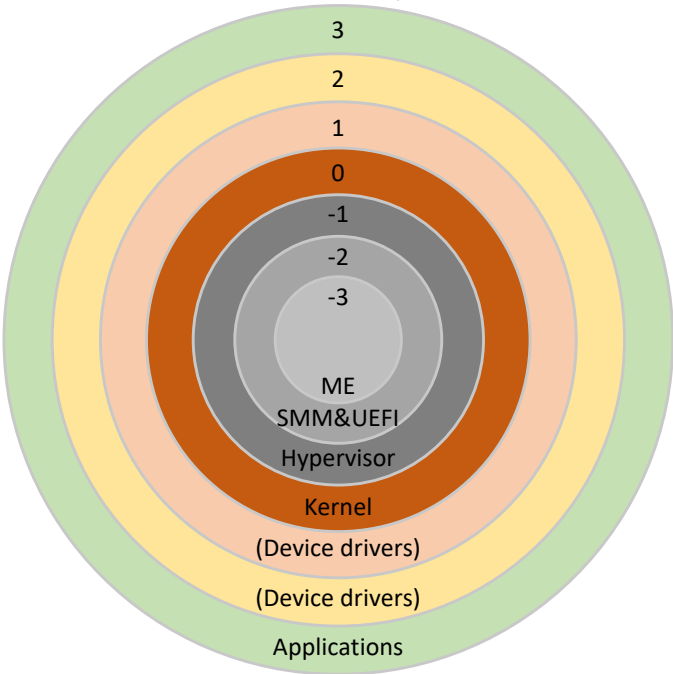
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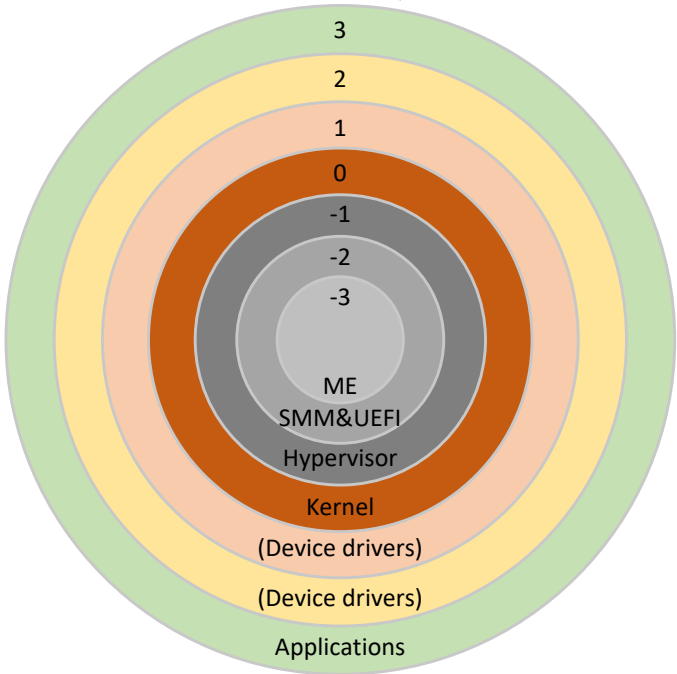
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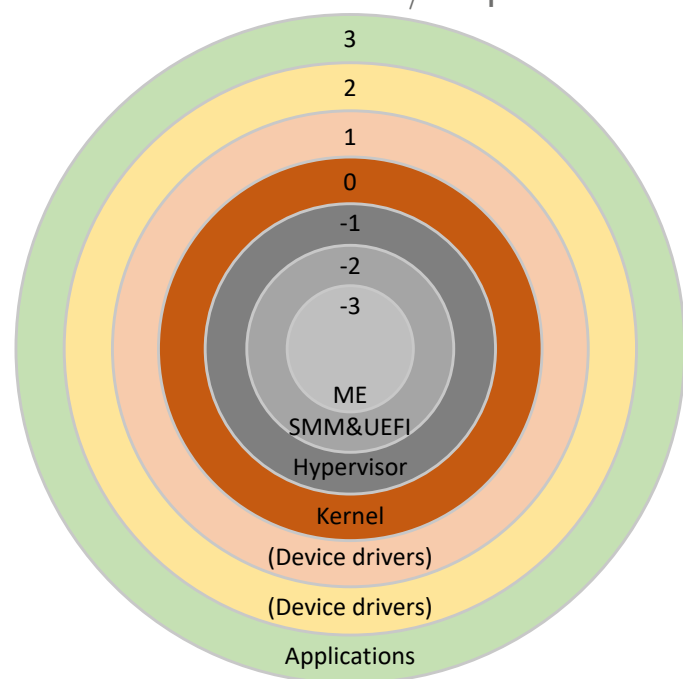
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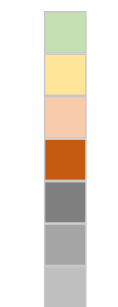
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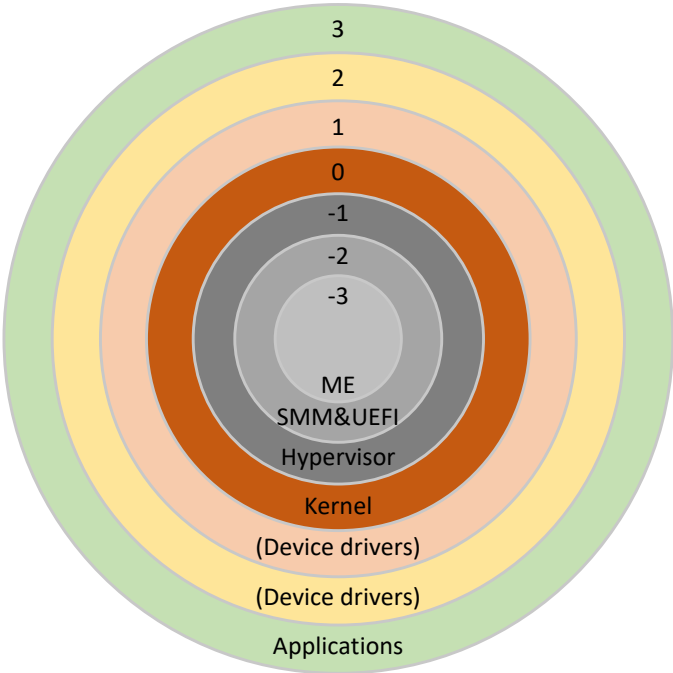
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