

Reminders

Bonus Assignment #1

- 1. In Logo, create a program that will write your first name.**
 - Each letter in your name should be a function.
 - Be as creative as you can be.
- 2. The deadline for this bonus assignment is on July 7, 2009, Tuesday.**
- 3. Submit the following (which are stapled) @ C-114.**
 - Source code
 - Actual Logo screen that contains your name.
- 4. What's the benefit? ☺**

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Something to Ponder

What has/have influenced the design of
programming languages?

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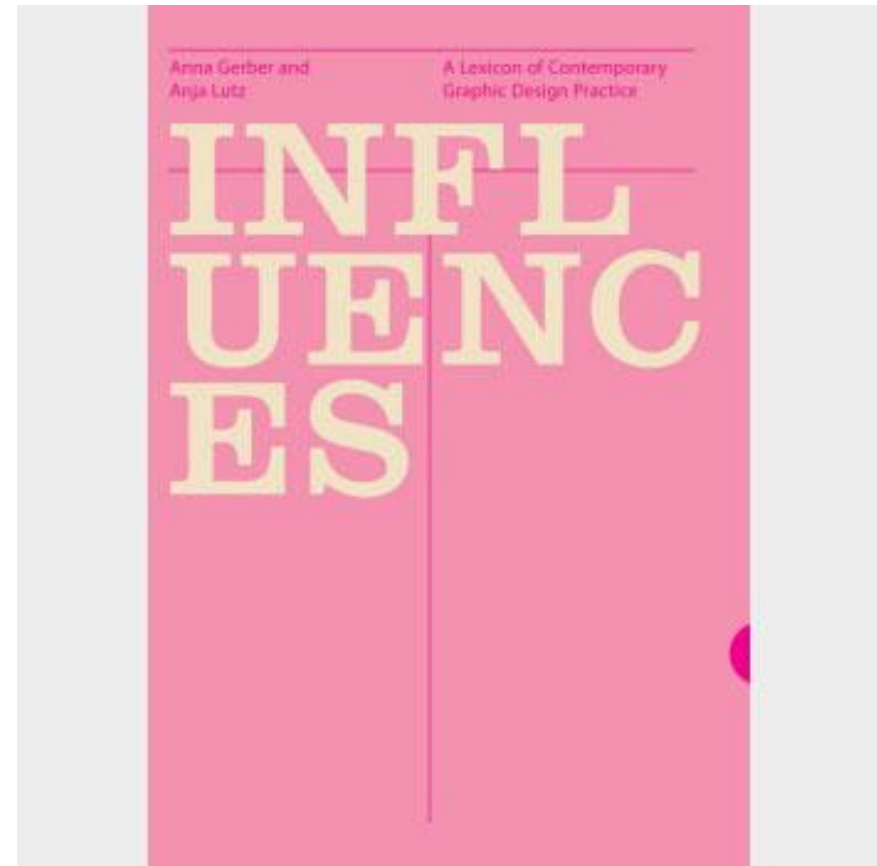
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Topics Covered

1. Influences on Language Design:

- Computer Architecture
- Program Design Methodologies

2. Impact of Computer Architectures



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Programming Methodologies

50's, 60's: Machine Efficiency

Late 60's: People Efficiency

- Better control structures
- Structured programming
- Top-down design
- Stepwise refinement

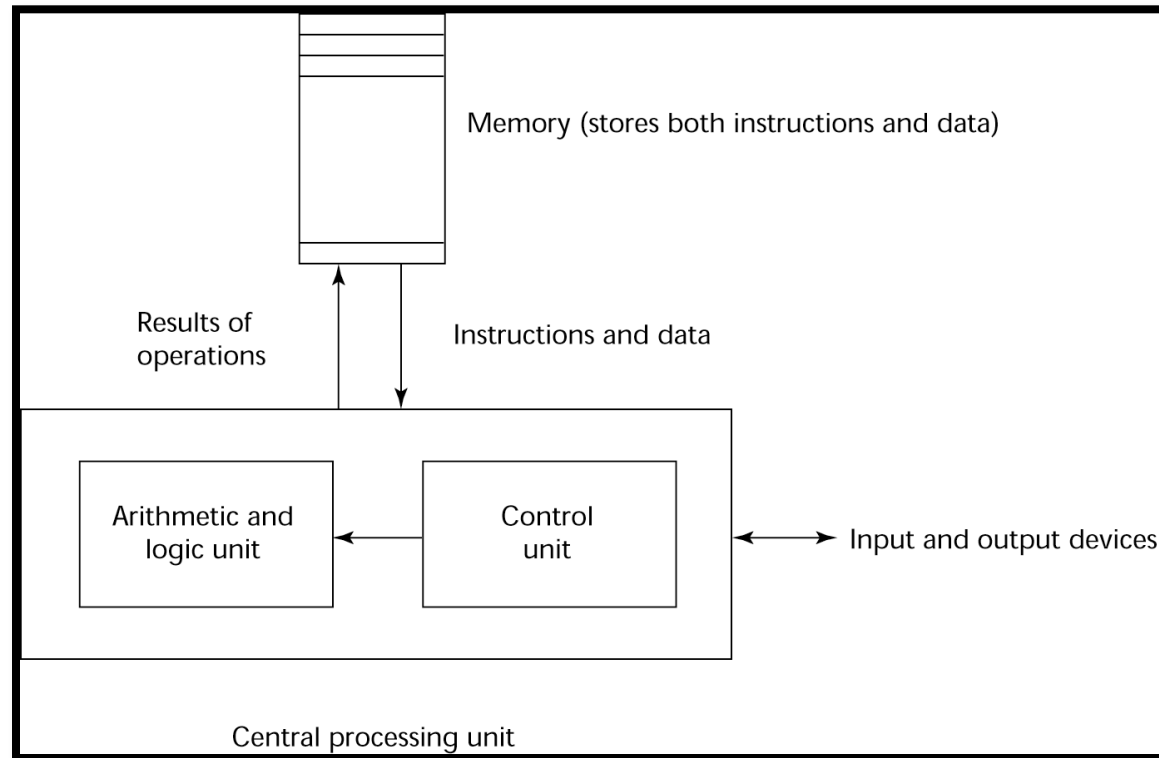
Late 70's: Process-Oriented,
Data-Oriented

Middle 80's: OOP



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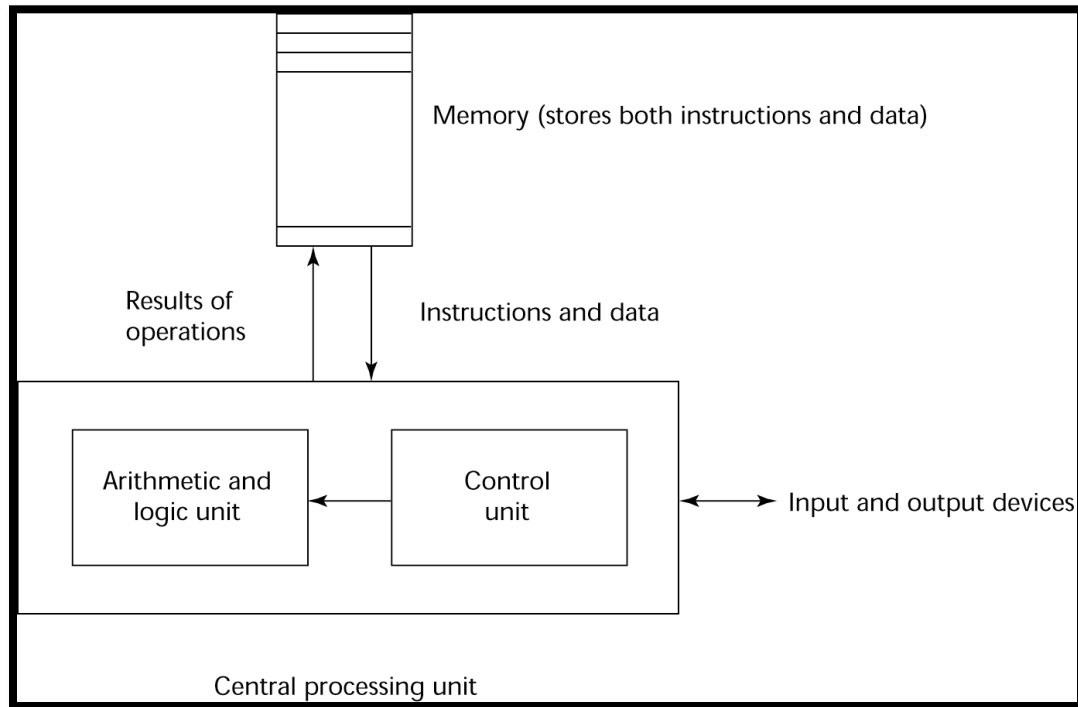
Computer Architecture : Von Neumann



- Imperative languages are based on VNA.
- Data and program are stored in same memory.
- Memory is separate from CPU.
- Instructions and data are piped from memory to CPU.

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Computer Architecture : Von Neumann



- Basis for imperative languages:
 - Variables model memory cells.
 - Assignment statements model piping.

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Impact of Computer Architectures

Operation of a Computer

- Computer Hardware
- Firmware Computers
- Translators and Software Simulation

Virtual Computers

- Virtual Computers and Language Implementations
- Hierarchies of Virtual Machines



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Operation of a Computer

Computer

- An integrated set of algorithms and data structures capable of storing and executing programs.
- Programs are executed on a hardware computer or a virtual computer.



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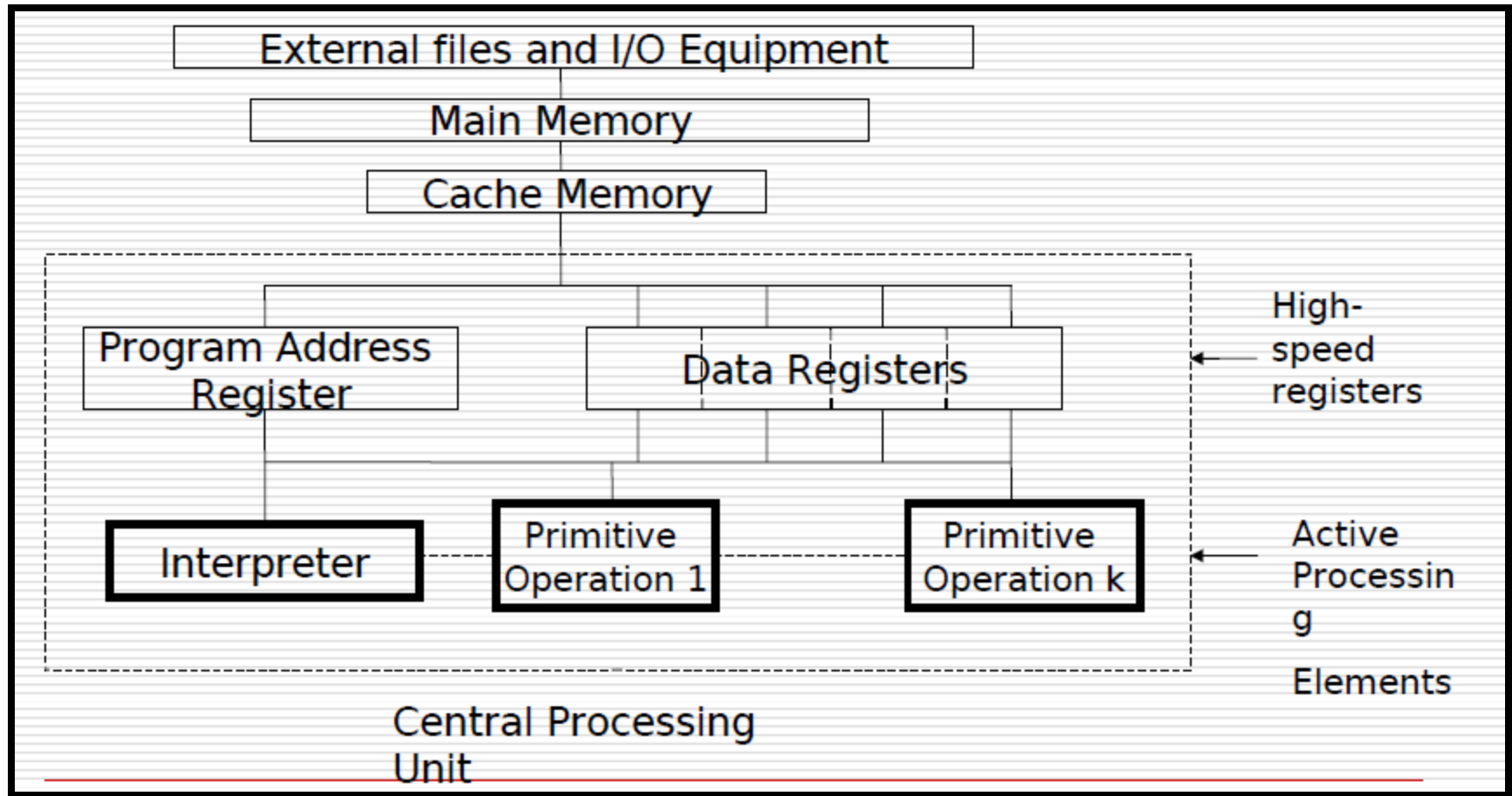
Major Components of a Computer



1. Data
2. Primitive Operations
3. Sequence Controls
4. Data Access
5. Storage Management
6. Operating Environment

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Organization of a Conventional Computer



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Computer Hardware

1. Data

❖ Data-Storages

- Main-memory
- Registers
- Cache
- External files

❖ Primitive Data Types

- Int
- Reals
- Fixed-length char strings
- Programs

2. Operations

- ❖ Arithmetic primitives
- ❖ Testing properties of data items
- ❖ Access/modify Data
- ❖ I/O
- ❖ Sequence control

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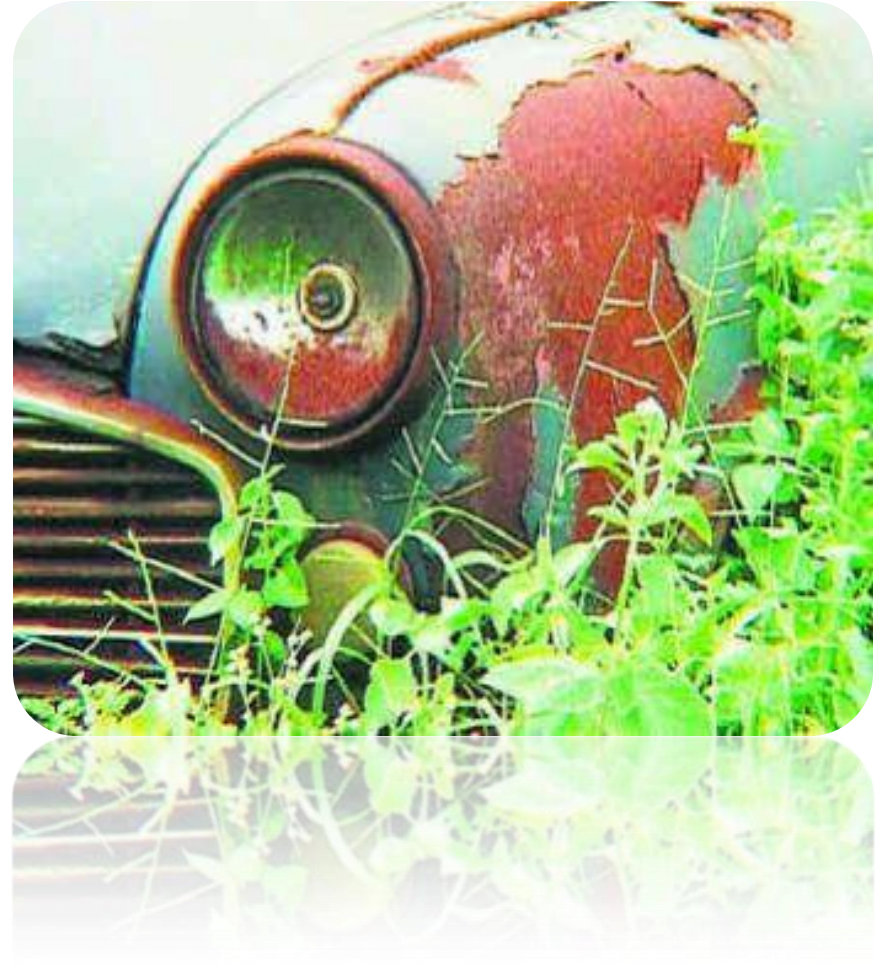
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3. Sequence Control

- ❖ Program Address
Register/Location Counter
- ❖ Fetch-Decode-Execute

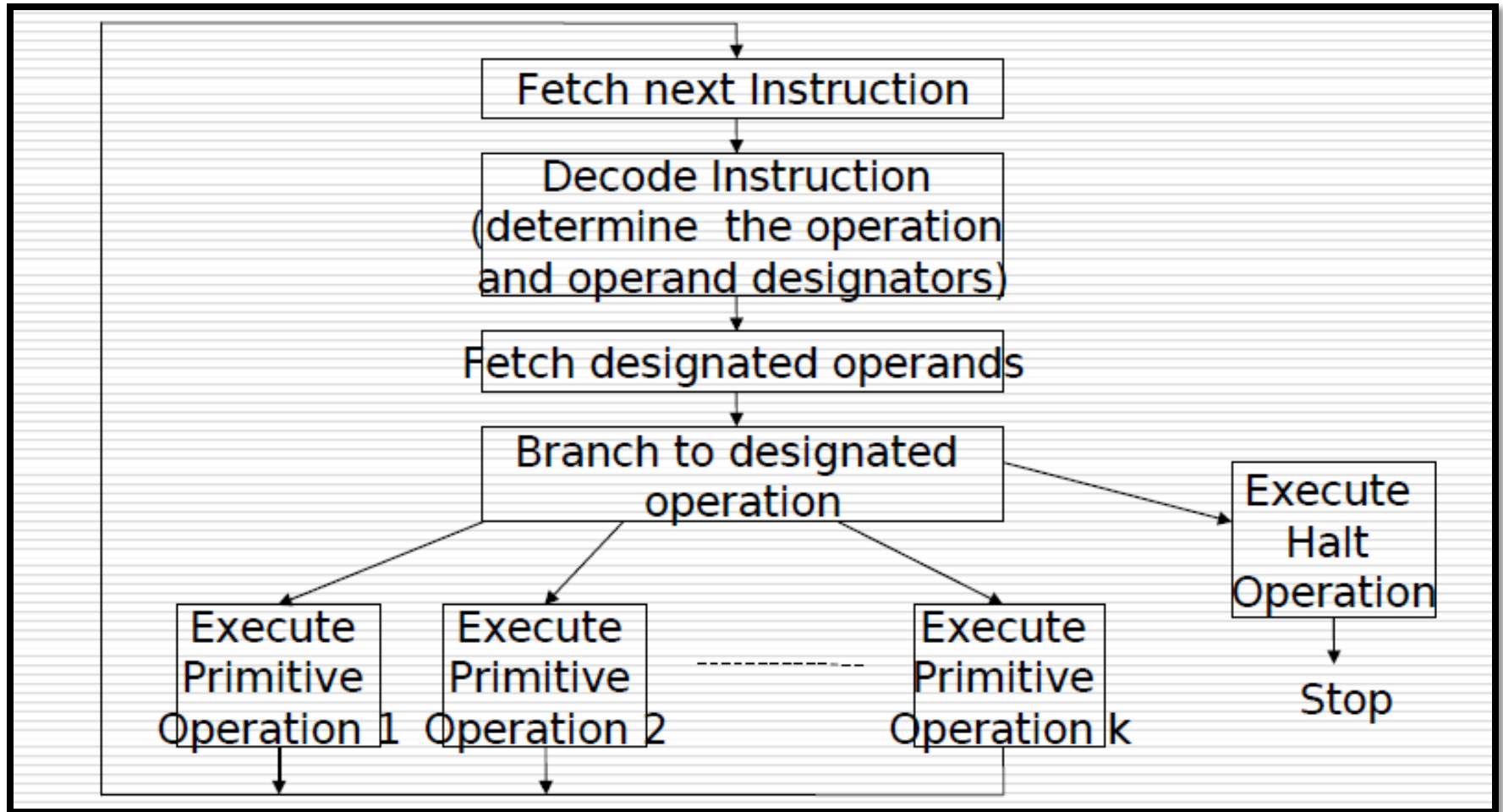
4. Data Access

- ❖ Operands –usually stored in registers
- ❖ Store results of operations
- ❖ Associate addresses with memory locations



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Fetch-Decode-Execute Cycle



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Computer Hardware

5. Storage Management

- ❖ Single-user
- ❖ Multiprogramming
- ❖ Paging/Dynamic Relocation
- ❖ Cache Memory

6. Operating Environment

- ❖ Peripheral storage
- ❖ I/O Devices



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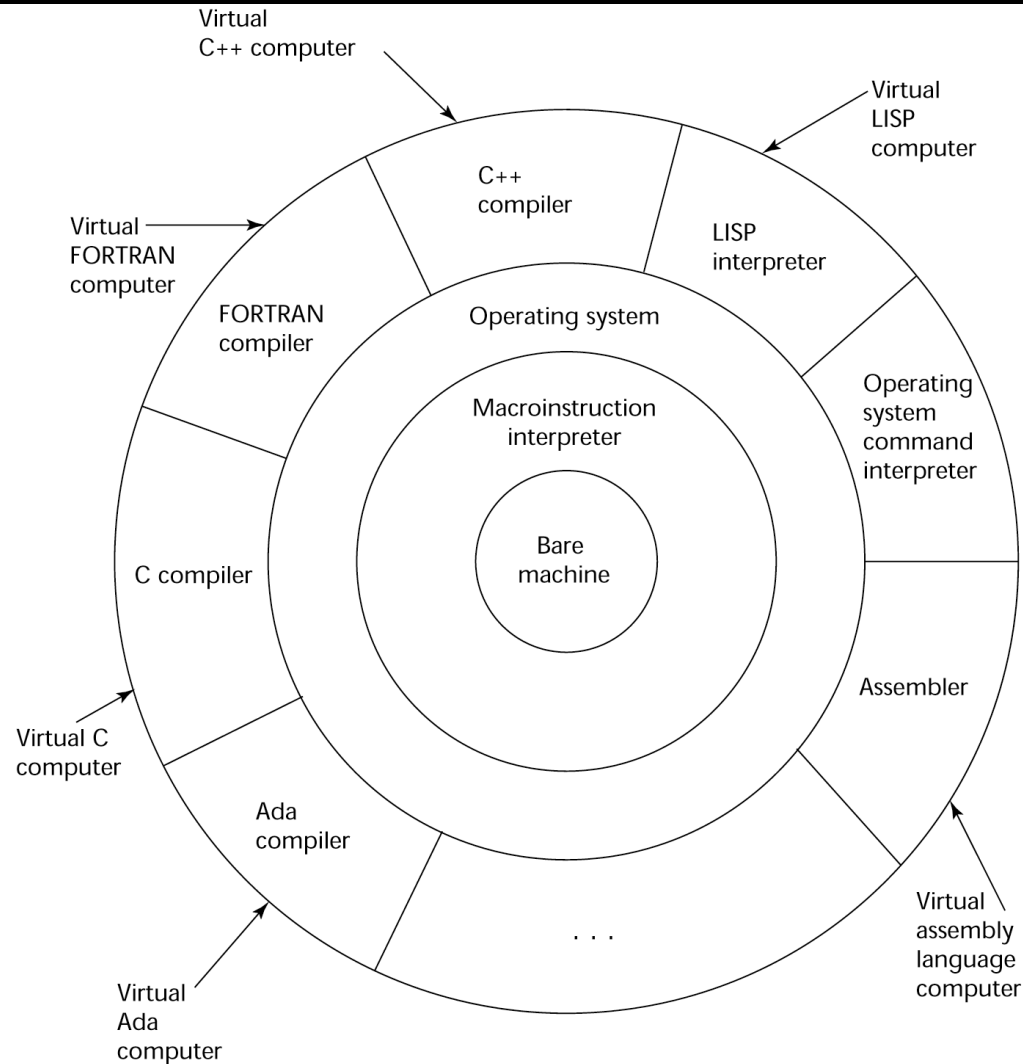
Firmware Computers



- An alternative to hardware realization of a computer.
- Simulated by a microprogram running on a special microprogrammable hardware computer.
- Extremely low-level set micro-instructions.
- Simple computers maybe programmed to look like any broad range computers.
- Microprogram simulates the operation of the desired computer.

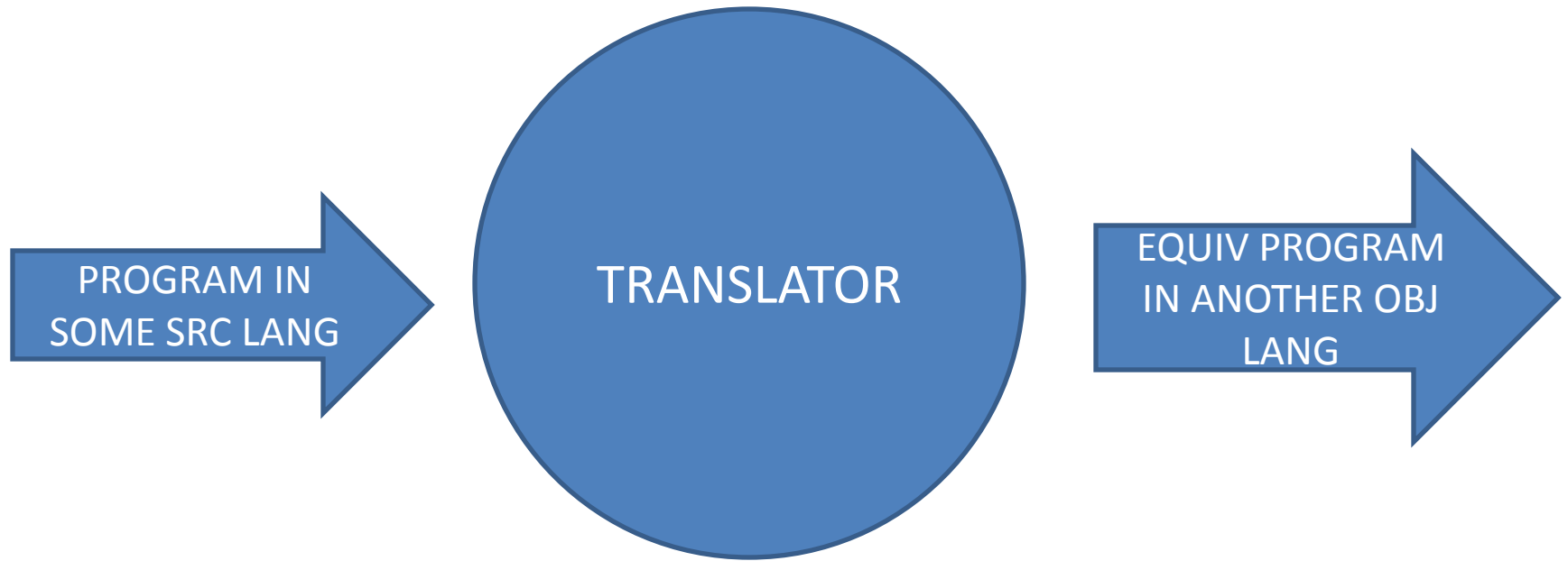
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Layered View of a Computer



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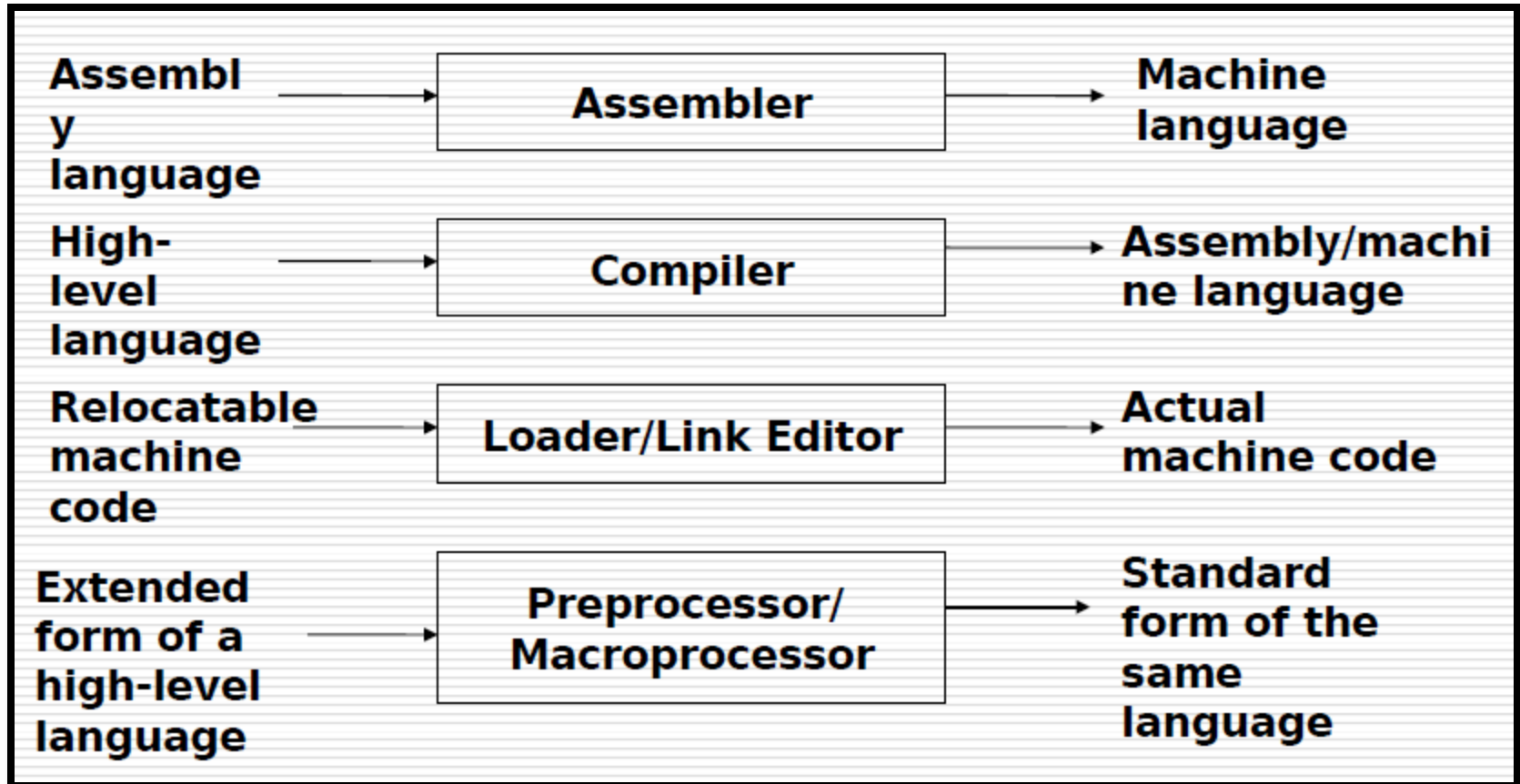
Translators



Why do we need to use a Translator?

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Translators

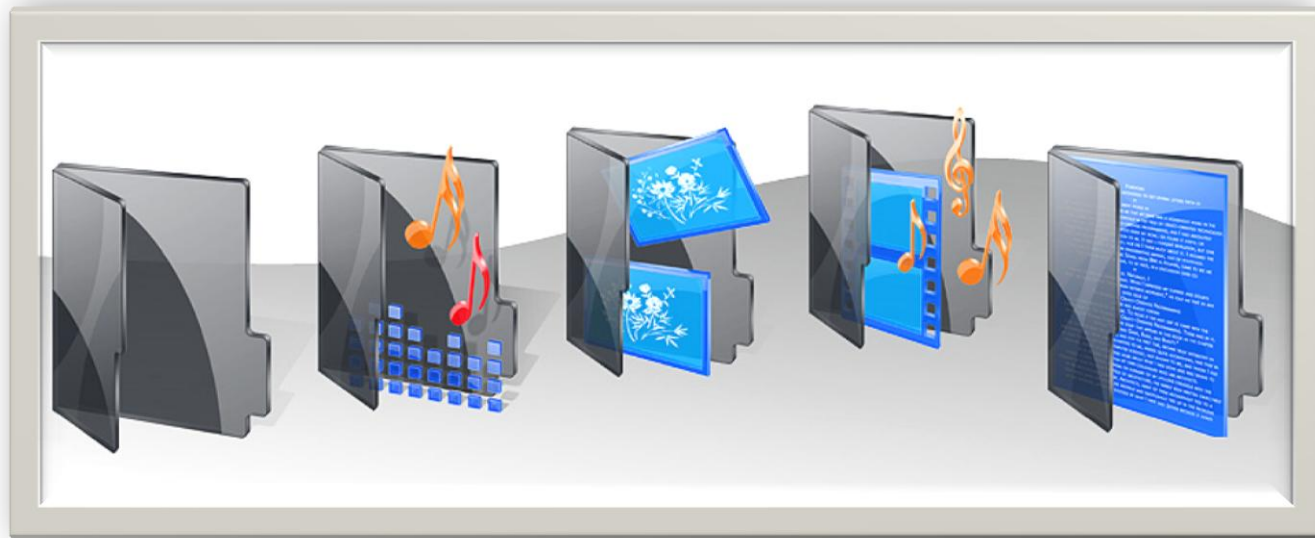


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Methods of Implementation

1. Compilation

- The high-level language is translated into another language usually assembly or machine
- The translator is called a compiler.



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Compilation Approaches

1. **High-level -> Machine**

- Compiler written to translate a high-level to machine.

2. **High-level -> Assembly -> Machine**

- Compiler written to translate high-level to assembly.
- The assembly language further translated to machine language using the assembler provided in every computer.

3. **High-level -> Intermediate -> Assembly or Machine**

- 'Half-compiler' written to translate high-level to intermediate.
- Then, another half-compiler written to translate from intermediate to assembly or machine.

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Notes on Compilation

- The object of compilation is to produce the machine language equivalent of the high-level language.
- It is the _____ which is ultimately executed.
- Total work is classified:
 - Compile-time
 - Run-time



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Methods of Implementation

2. Interpretation

- Method that simulates, through a program running on another host computer, a computer whose machine language is the high-level language.
- It is as if the instructions of the high-level language is executed directly.
- What do you call the 'one' which carries the interpretation?



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Compilation is a preferred method of implementation than interpretation.

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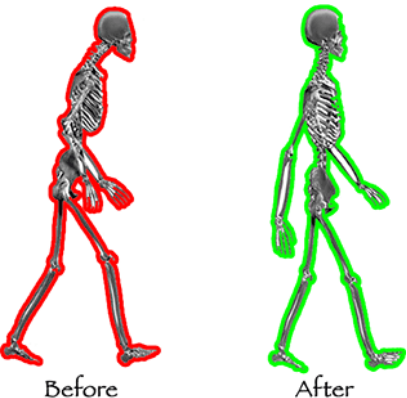
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Virtual Machines/Computers

Computers can be constructed either by hardware realization, firmware realization, software simulation or by a combination.

BEFORE...

- Build program to use hardware efficiently.
- Often use of machine language for efficiency

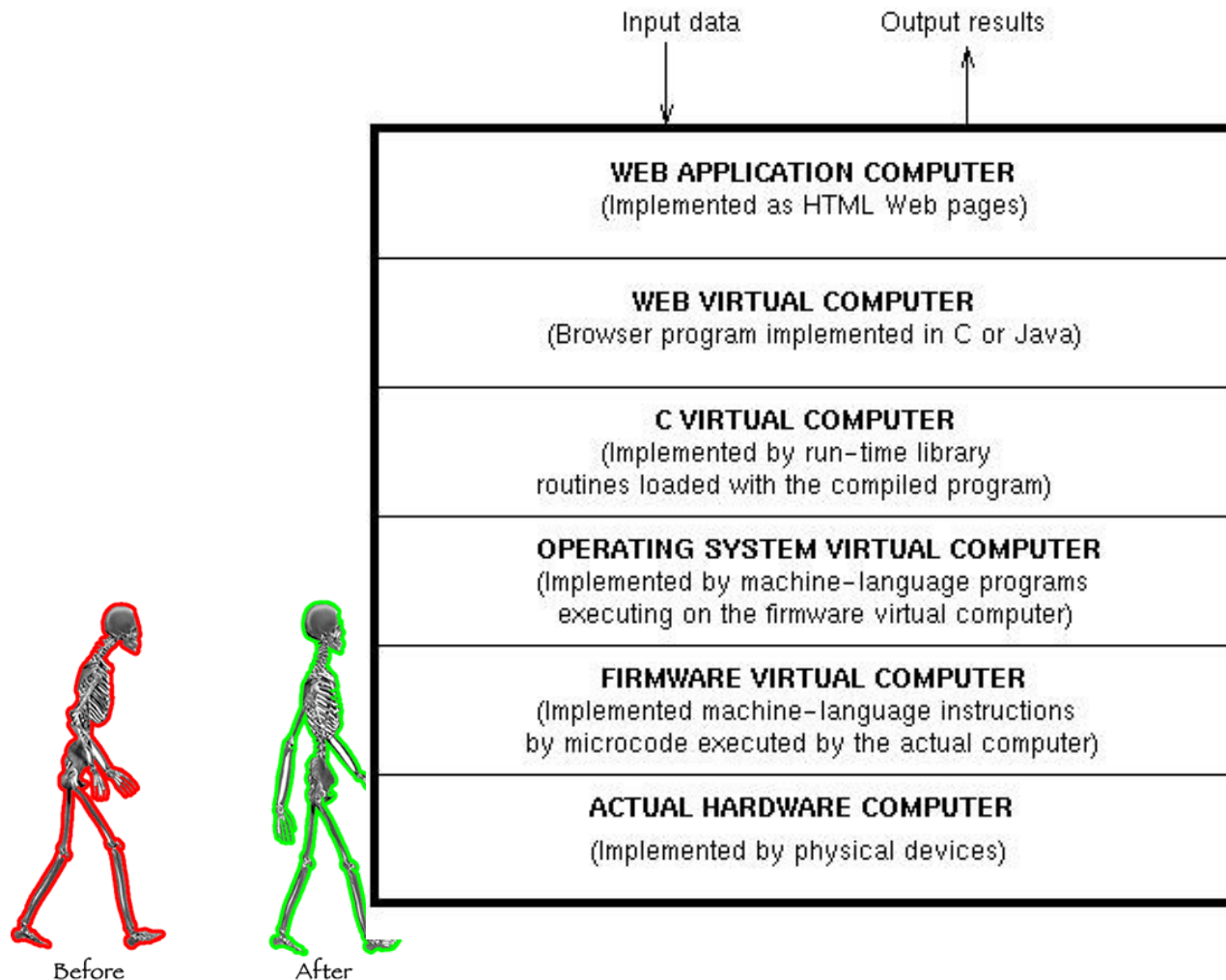


NOW...

- No longer write directly in machine language.
- Use of layers of softwares.
- **Concept of Virtual Machines.** Each layer is a machine that provides functions for the next layer

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Layers of Virtual Machines

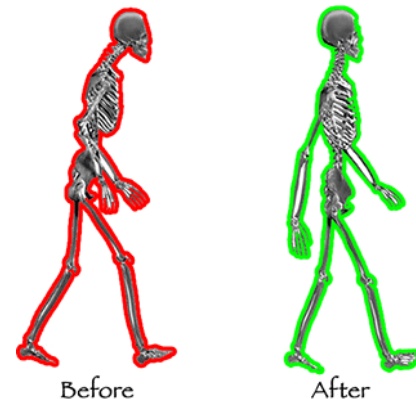


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Virtual Computers and Language Implementation

To implement a Programming Language:

- The implementor determines the underlying virtual computer.
- Implementor must also determine precisely what is to be done during translation of a program and what during execution.



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Factors Affecting Language Implementation

- Differences in each implementor's conception of the virtual machine.
- Differences in the facilities provided by the host computer.
- Differences in the choices made by each implementor as to how to simulate the virtual computer elements and how to construct the translation.

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