

# Operating System

## Chapter 3

# I/O SYSTEMS



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# Basic Concepts – I/O Device

## ■ I/O Devices

- I/O devices (IODs) are the pieces of hardware used by a human (or other system) to communicate with a computer.
- They are one of the three main components of a computer
- Input or output devices that are connected to computer are called peripheral devices

## ■ IOD Types

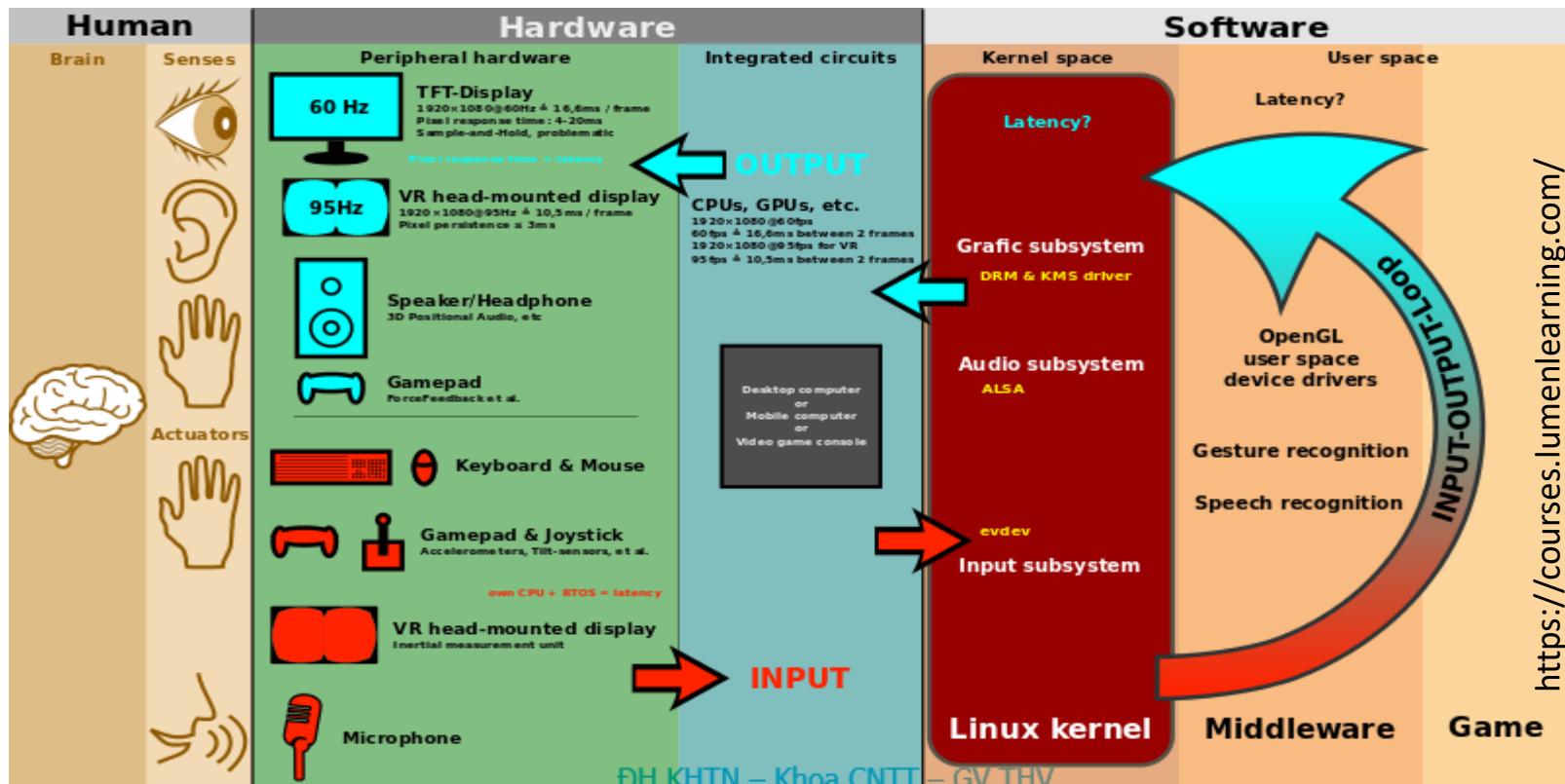
***There are many types and functions. Some general categories:***

- Input, Output and Input-Output peripherals
- Storage (*disk,..*), communications (*wifi,..*), user-interface (*mouse,..*)
- Block devices (*disk, camera,..*) and character devices (*kb, mouse,..*)
- Logical devices and physical devices

# Basic Concepts – I/O system

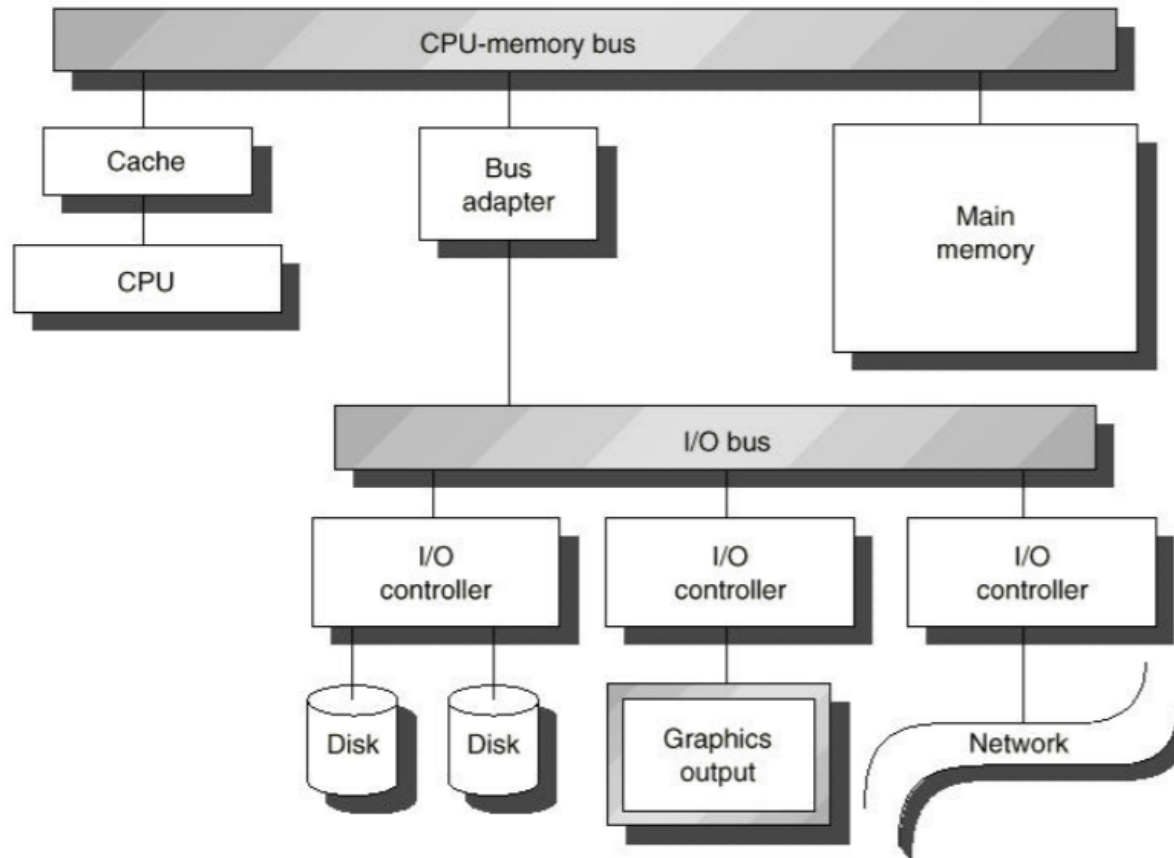
## ■ I/O System:

- Cover all stages - from building concepts, designing models, organizing systems, to functional implementation.
- Management of IODs is a very important part of the OS.



# Basic Concepts – Bus

## Typical Interface of I/O Devices



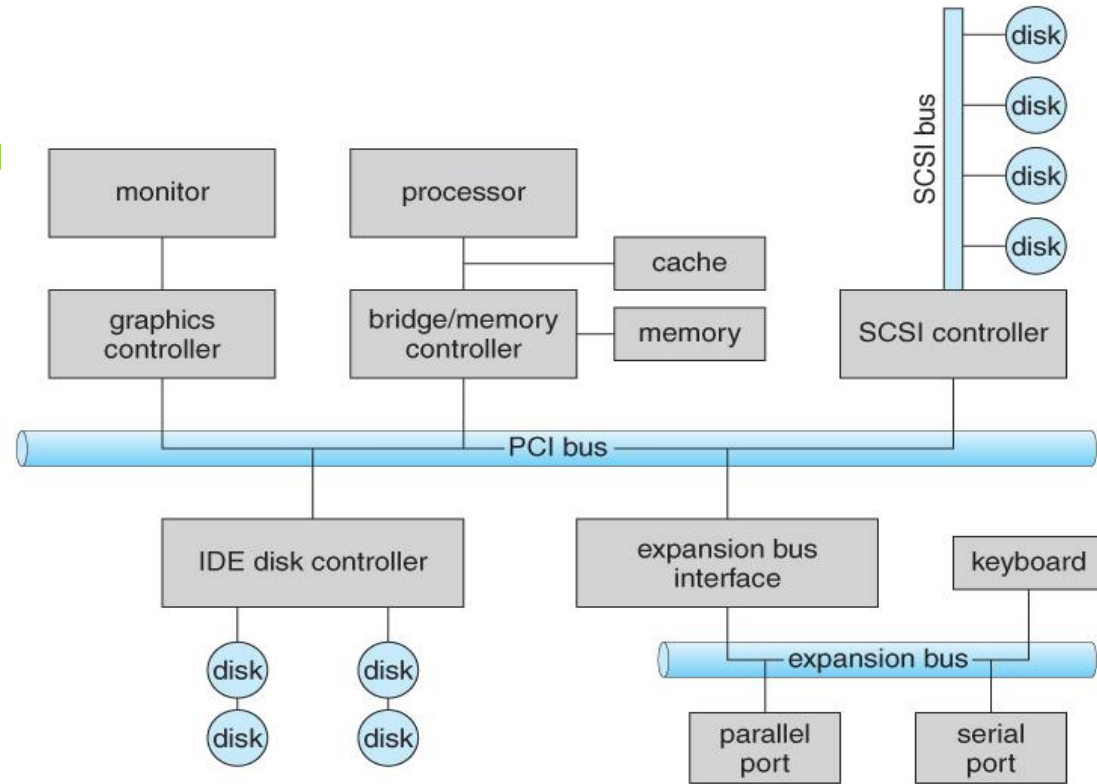
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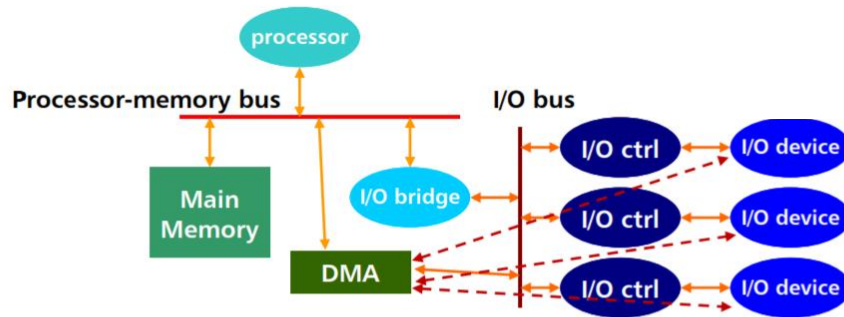
# Basic Concepts – Bus

## A typical PC bus structure:

[*"OS Concepts, 8th edition"* –A. Silberschatz, Chapter 13]



## I/O bus

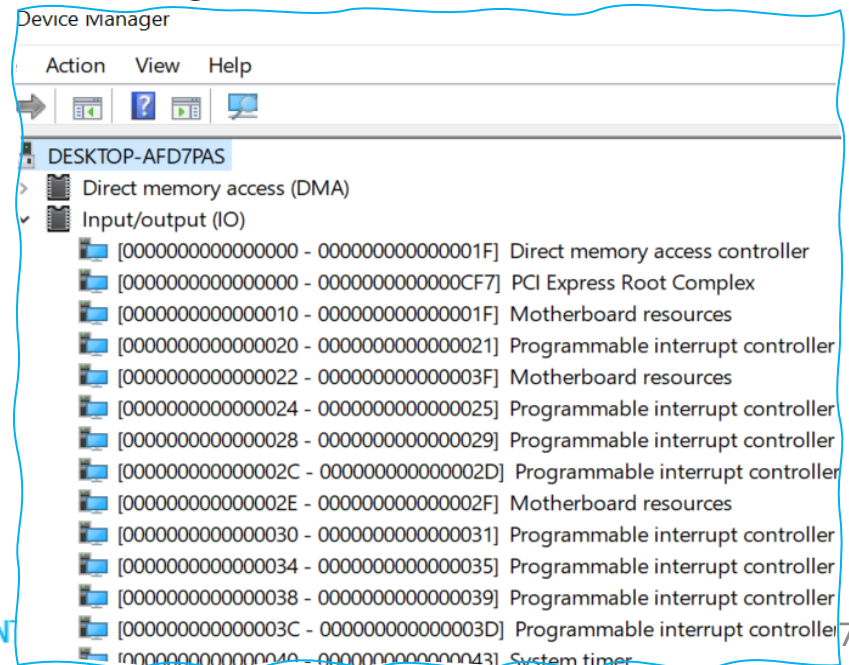


- **Processor-memory bus**
  - Masters: processor, I/O bridge (esp. DMA)
  - Slave: main memory
- **I/O bus**
  - Decouples memory and I/O bus transactions
  - Accommodates (slower) I/O devices and allows efficient data transfer using dedicated buffers and DMA

# Basic Concepts – Port

- **Physical Port:** a socket on the machine that IOD cable is plugged into.
- **(Logical) Port:** an addresses used to transfer data. A port references a separate memory space on peripheral boards. (*similar to memory-mapped peripherals that use blocks of memory*).
- Peripherals often use both methods: an I/O address for passing control signals and memory for transferring data.
- **IOD Port Locations on PCs:**

I/O address range (hexadecimal)	device
000–00F	DMA controller
020–021	interrupt controller
040–043	timer
200–20F	game controller
2F8–2FF	serial port (secondary)
320–32F	hard-disk controller
378–37F	parallel port
3D0–3DF	graphics controller
3F0–3F7	diskette-drive controller
3F8–3FF	serial port (primary)





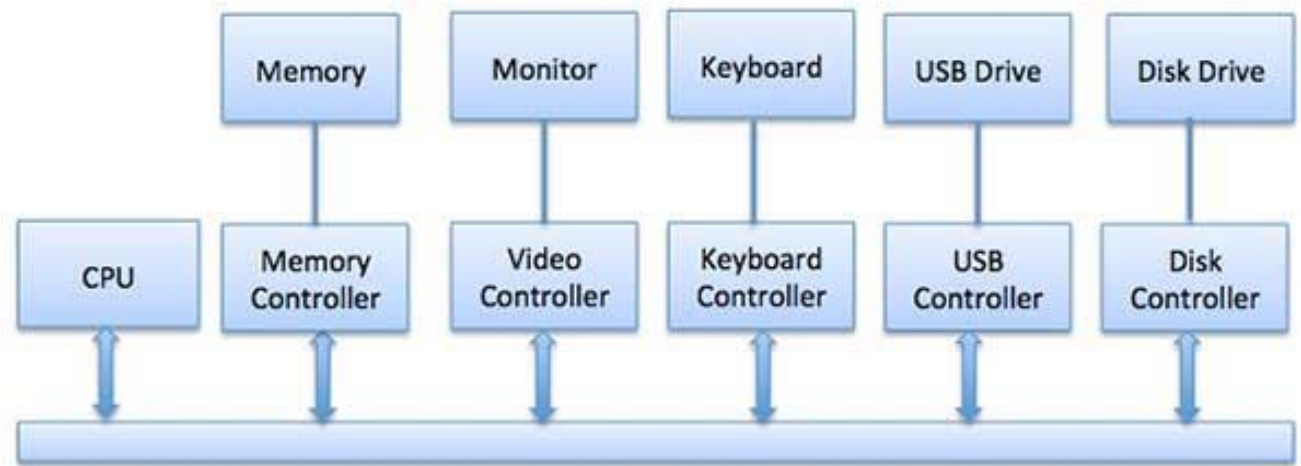
# Basic Concepts – Drivers

- Device Driver is a software module that operates /controls a particular type of device that is attached to a computer.
- A driver provides a software interface to IODs, enabling OSs and other programs to access hardware functions without needing to know precise details about the hardware being used.
- Driver communicate with IODs through the I/O bus
- Drivers are hardware dependent and OS-specific. They usually provide the interrupt handling required for any necessary asynchronous time-dependent hardware interface.



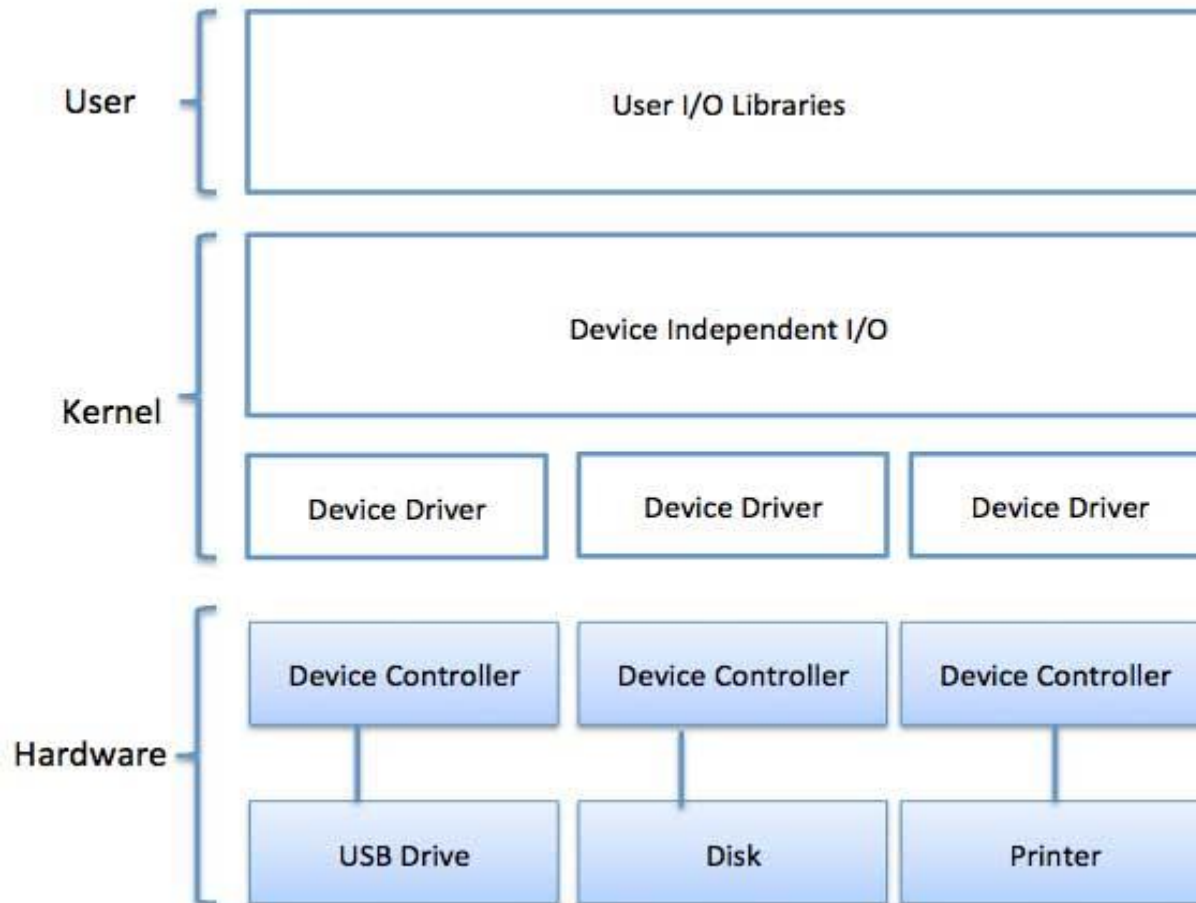
# Basic Concepts – Controller

- Device Controller works like an interface between IOD & Device driver
- Controller's tasks: convert bit stream to block of bytes, perform error correction as necessary, make available to main memory.



# Basic Concepts – Device Independent I/O

- A key concept in IO system design is known as device independence
- It is the process of making a software module able to function on a wide variety of devices regardless of the local hardware.

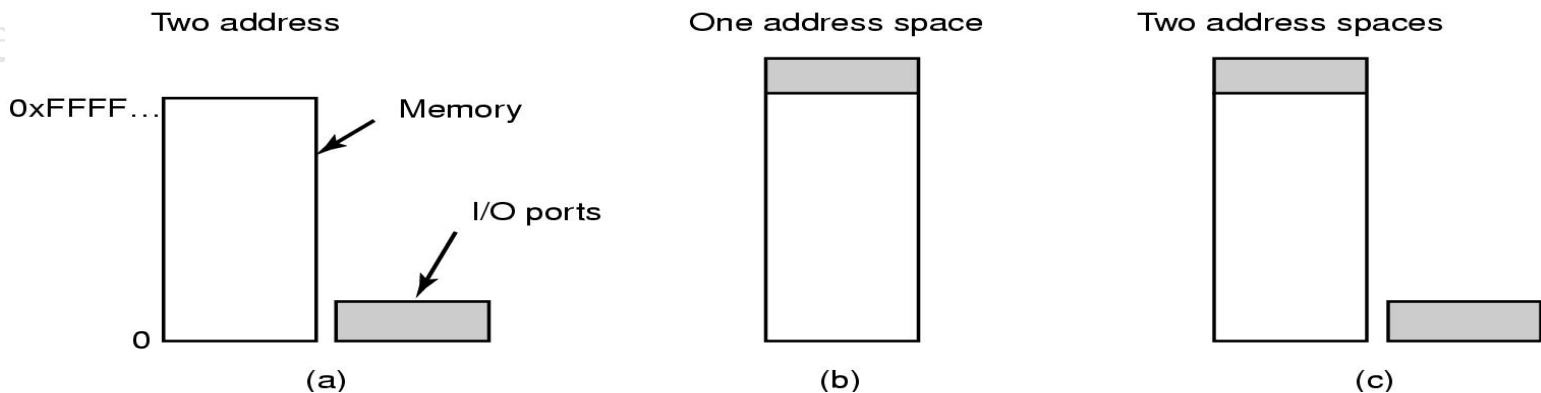


# Communication to IODs

- Synchronous vs Asynchronous I/O
  - **Synchronous I/O** – In this scheme CPU execution waits while I/O proceeds
  - **Asynchronous I/O** – I/O proceeds concurrently with CPU execution
- The CPU must have a way to pass information to and from an IOD. There are some approaches available to communicate with the CPU and IOD.
  - Registers associated with Port
  - Memory-mapped I/O
  - Direct memory access (**DMA**)
  - Special Instruction I/O

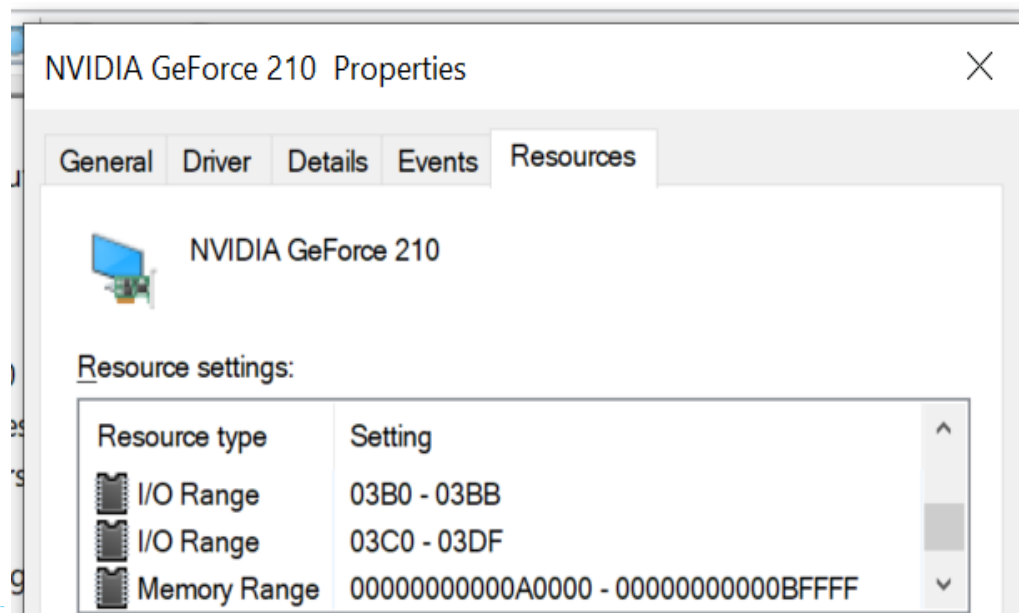
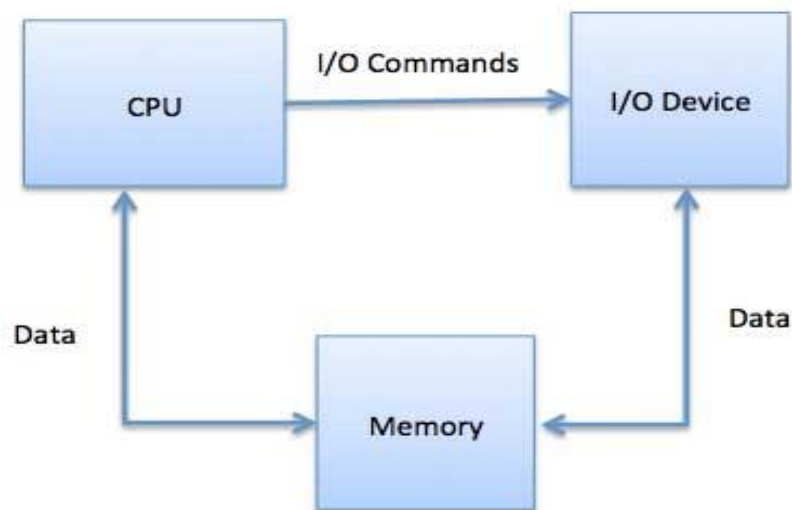
# Communication to IODs by Port

- One simple way of communicating with devices is through **Registers** associated with each Port:
  - **data-in register** is read by the host to get input from IOD.
  - **data-out register** is written by the host to send output.
  - **status register** has bits read by the host to ascertain the status of IOD, such as idle, ready for input, busy, error, transaction complete, etc.
  - **control register** has bits written by the host to issue commands or to change settings of the device such as parity checking, word length, or full- versus half-duplex operation



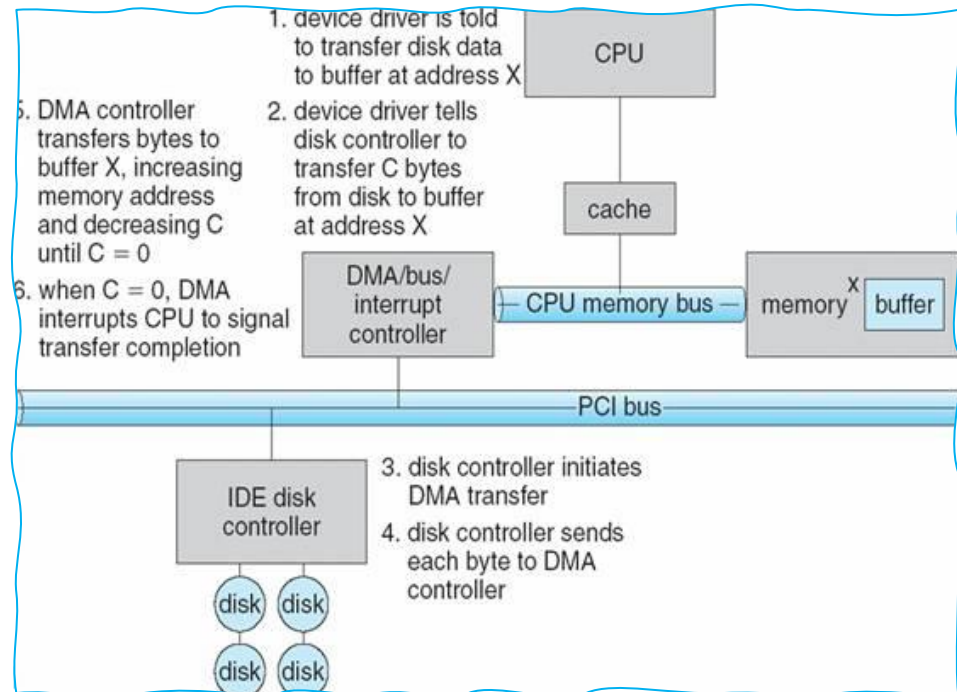
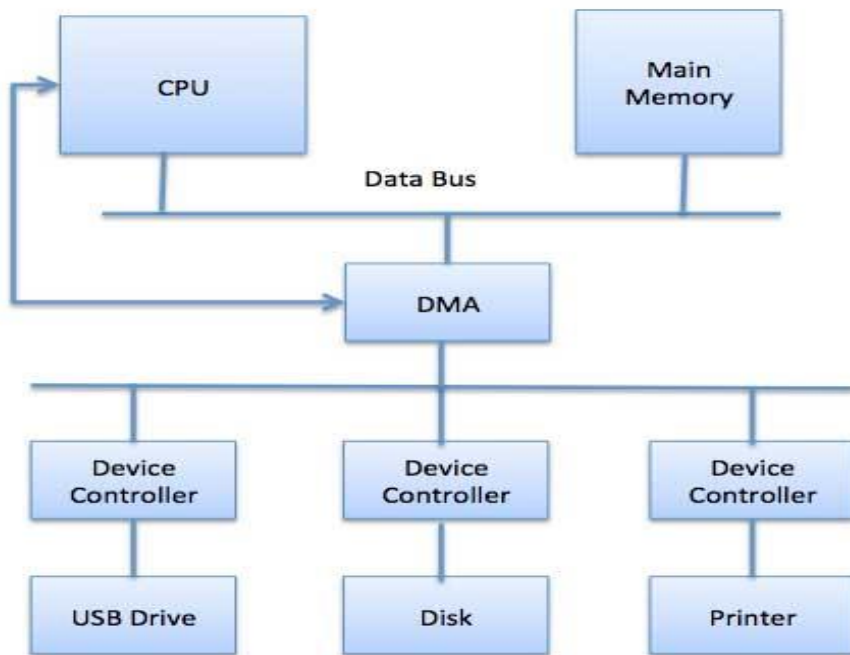
# Communication to IODs by Memory-mapped IO

- Most IODs can be considered as memories, with an “address” for reading /writing. A same address space is shared by memory & IODs
- The device is connected directly to main memory locations so that IOD can transfer block of data to/from memory without going through CPU.
- OS allocates buffer in memory and informs IOD to use that buffer to send data. IOD operates asynchronously with CPU, interrupts CPU when finished.



# Communication to IODs by DMA

- Slow devices like keyboard, mouse will generate an interrupt to the CPU after each byte is transferred.
- If a fast device (*such as a disk*) generated an interrupt for each byte, the OS will be overloaded and it must use DMA
- DMA module controls exchange of data between memory and IOD. CPU is only involved at the beginning & end of the transfer.



# Communication to IODs by Special Instruction

- This uses CPU instructions that are specifically made for controlling IODs.
- These instructions typically allow data to be sent to an IOD or read from an IOD.
  - In some case, data are stored in CPU register - no need to use memory.
- Basic IODs are usually programmed to control /read / write data via interrupt functions in ROM BIOS.



# Polling vs Interrupts I/O

- Polling

- The process of periodically checking status of the IOD to see if it is time for the next I/O operation, is called polling.
- The IOD simply puts the information in a Status register, and the processor must come and get the information.
- This is an inefficient method and much of the processors time is wasted on unnecessary polls.

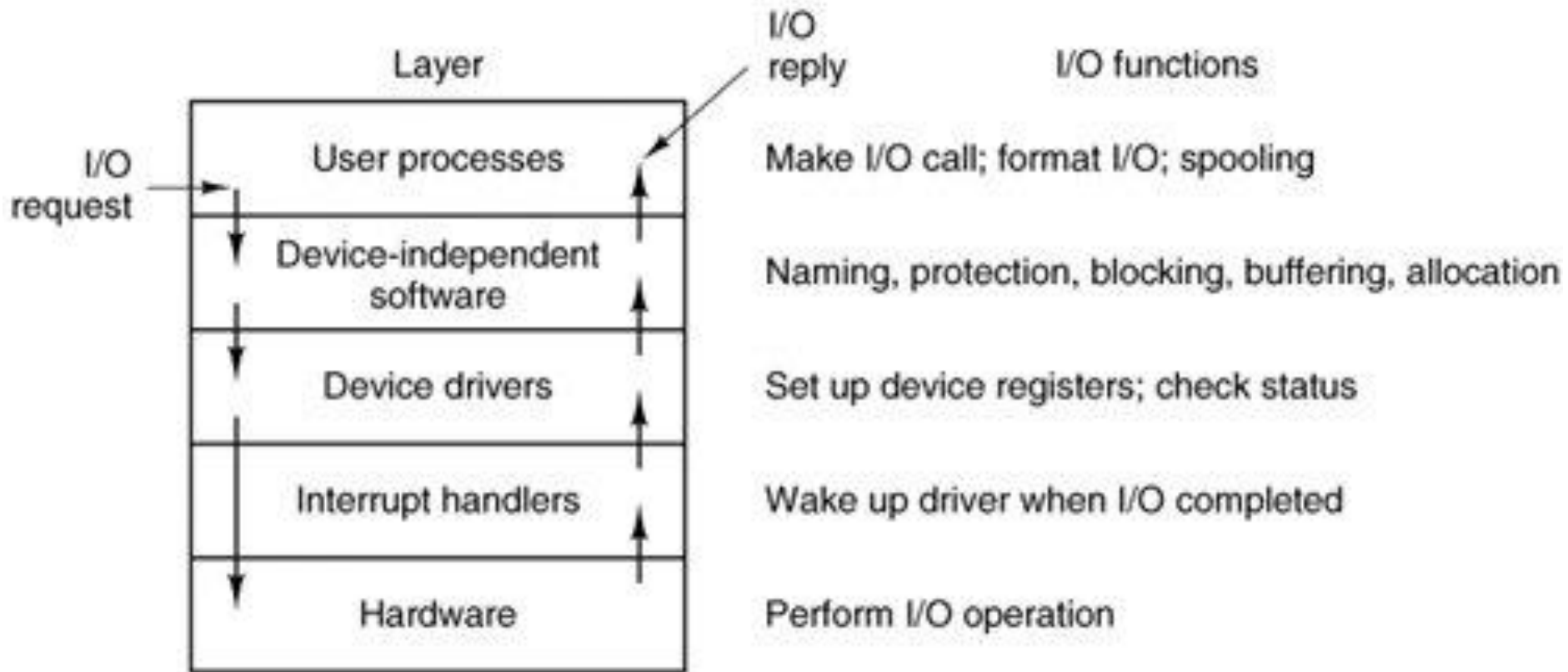
- Interrupts I/O

- A IOD controller puts an interrupt signal on the bus when it needs CPU's attention.
- When CPU receives an interrupt, it saves current state & invokes the appropriate interrupt handler using the interrupt vector.
- When the interrupting device has been dealt with, the CPU continues with its original task as if it had never been interrupted.

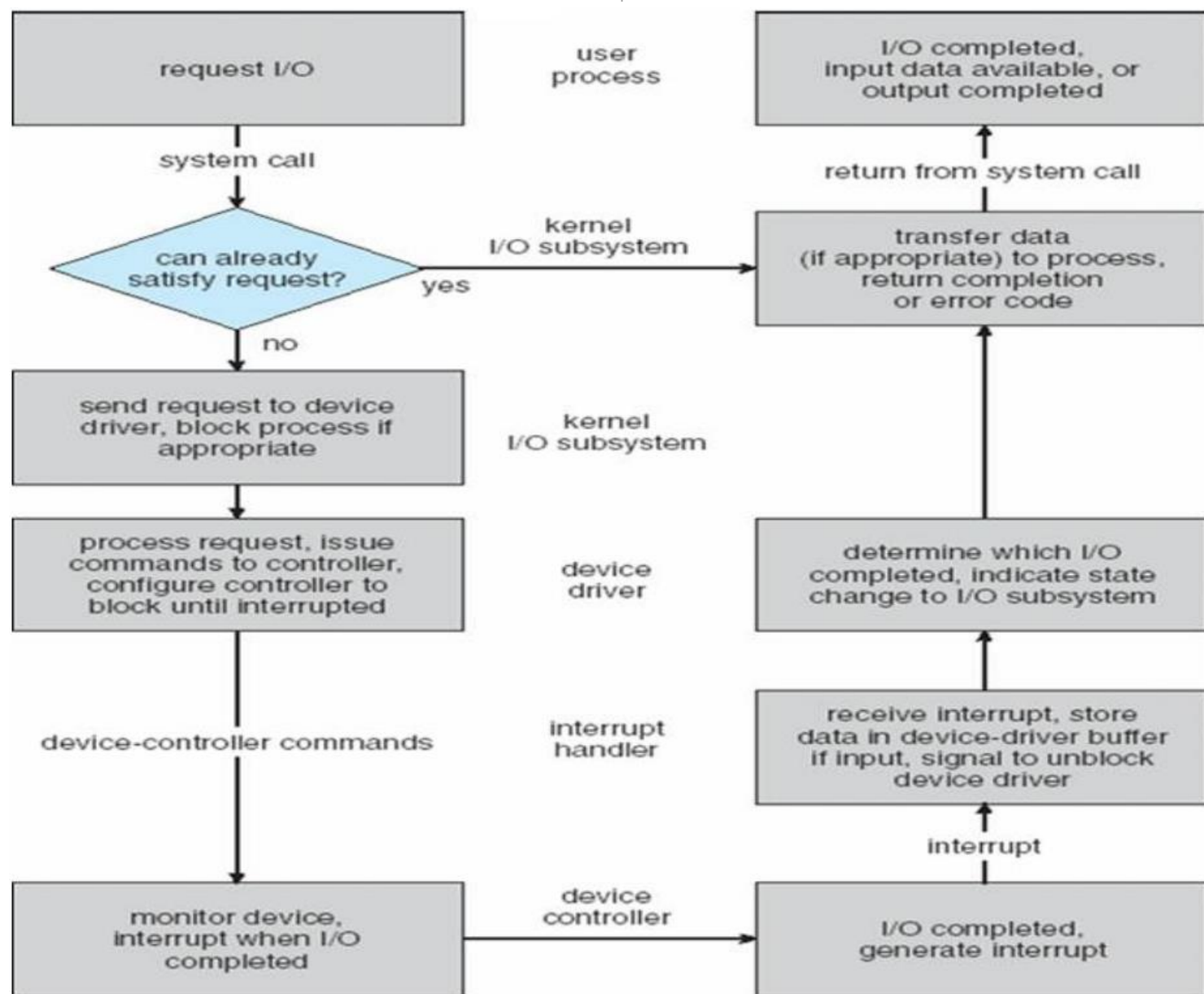
# BIOS & UEFI

- BIOS (*Basic Input Output System*) is a firmware used to perform hardware initialization during the booting process (power-on startup), and to provide runtime services for OSs and programs.
- The BIOS firmware comes pre-installed on PC's system board, and it is the first software to run when powered on. It initializes and tests hardware components, loads a boot loader from a mass memory device which then initializes an OS.
- Originally, BIOS firmware was stored in a ROM chip on the Mobo. After that, the BIOS contents are stored on flash memory (*ok!/ok?*)
- UEFI (*Unified Extensible Firmware Interface*) is a successor to the legacy BIOS. It provides several technical advantages over BIOS: Ability to use large disks (>2TB) with a GPT, CPU-independent architecture & drivers, Flexible pre-OS environment (including network capability), Modular design, Backward and forward compatibility.

# I/O Software Layers



# I/O Request Process



# Popular Signal and IODs

- Popular signal on computer?
- Popular physical ports on PC?
- Popular input devices on PC?
- Popular output devices on PC?

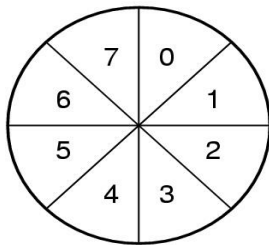
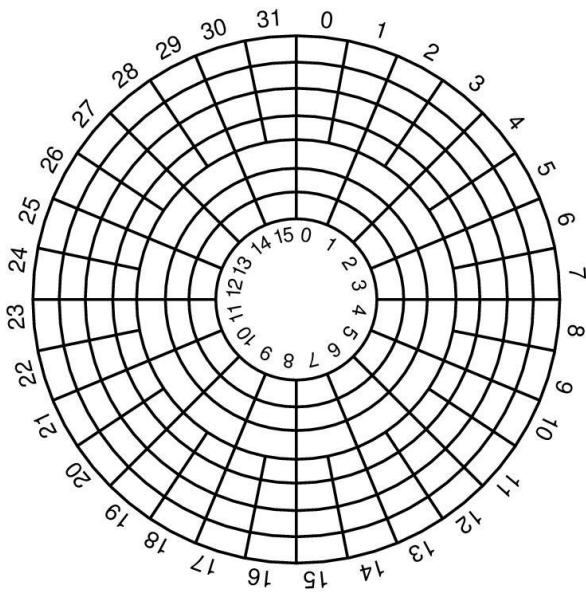
# Typical Ports Rate

PORT	Rate	
PS/2 port	12.0 kbit/s	1.5 kB/s
Serial RS-232 max	230.4 kbit/s	28.8 kB/s
Serial EIA-485 max.	35 Mbit/s	4.375 MB/s
Parallel (Centronics/IEEE 1284)	1 Mbit/s	125 kB/s
USB 1.0 full speed	12 Mbit/s	1.5 MB/s
USB 2.0 high speed	480 Mbit/s	60 MB/s
USB 3.0 SuperSpeed (aka usb3.1 Gen 1)	5 Gbit/s	625 MB/s
USB 3.1 SuperSpeed (aka usb3.1 Gen 2)	10 Gbit/s	1.25 GB/s
USB 3.2 SuperSpeed (USB 3.2 Gen 2x2)	20 Gbit/s	2.5 GB/s
USB 4	40 Gbit/s	5 GB/s
Thunderbolt	2 × 10 Gbit/s	2 × 1.25 GB/s
Thunderbolt 2	20 Gbit/s	2.5 GB/s
Thunderbolt 3 two links	40 Gbit/s	5 GB/s

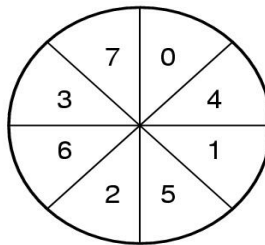
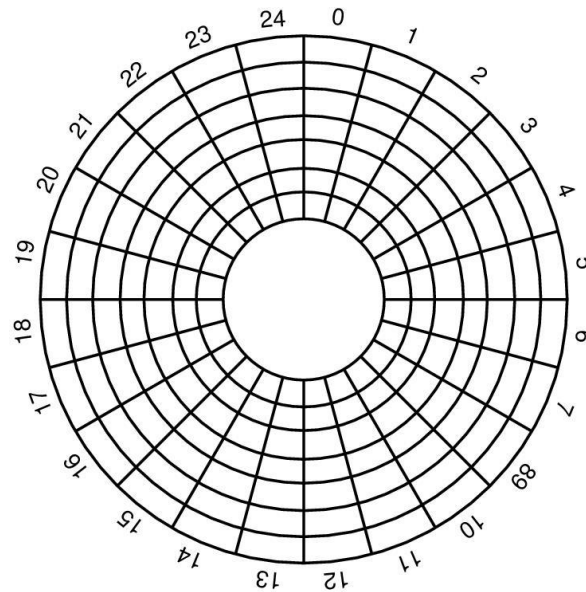
FireWire (IEEE 1394) 100	98.304 Mbit/s	12.288 MB/s
FireWire (IEEE 1394) 200	196.608 Mbit/s	24.576 MB/s
FireWire (IEEE 1394) 400	393.216 Mbit/s	49.152 MB/s
FireWire (IEEE 1394b) 800	786.432 Mbit/s	98.304 MB/s
FireWire (IEEE 1394b) 1600	1.573 Gbit/s	196.6 MB/s
FireWire (IEEE 1394b) 3200	3.1457 Gbit/s	393.216 MB/s
eSATA (SATA 300)	3 Gbit/s	300 MB/s
eSATA (SATA 600)	6 Gbit/s	600 MB/s
External PCI Express 2.0 ×1	4 Gbit/s	500 MB/s
External PCI Express 2.0 ×2	8 Gbit/s	1 GB/s
External PCI Express 2.0 ×4	16 Gbit/s	2 GB/s
External PCI Express 2.0 ×8	32 Gbit/s	4 GB/s
External PCI Express 2.0 ×16	64 Gbit/s	8 GB/s

# Disk Hardware

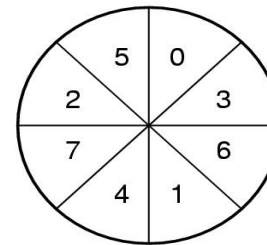
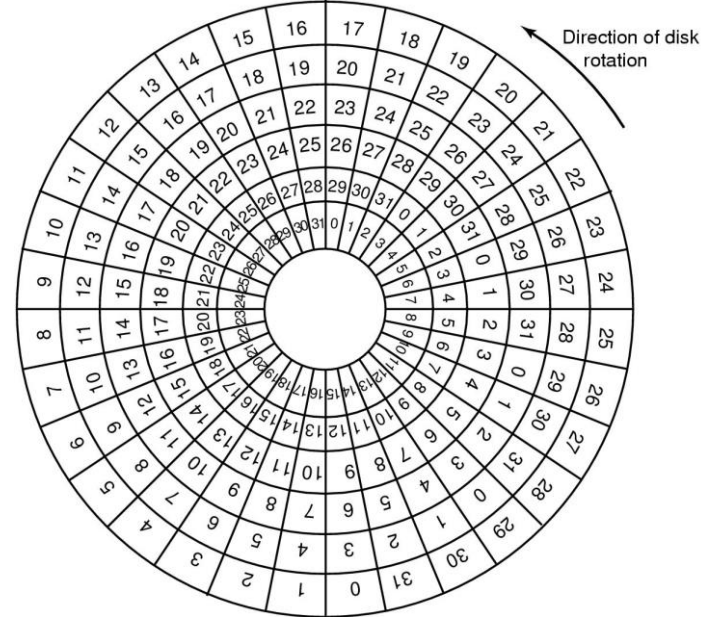
- Physical geometry of a disk with two zones
- A possible virtual geometry for this disk
- (a) No interleaving    (b) Single interleaving    (c) Double interleaving



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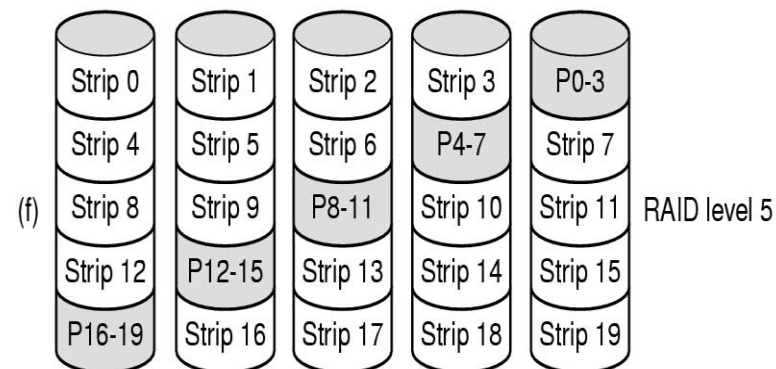
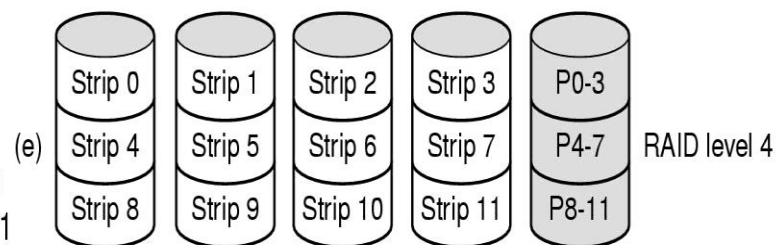
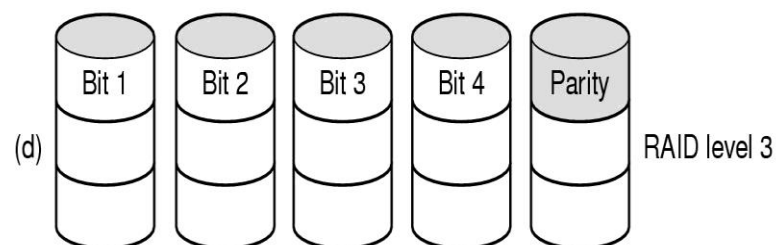
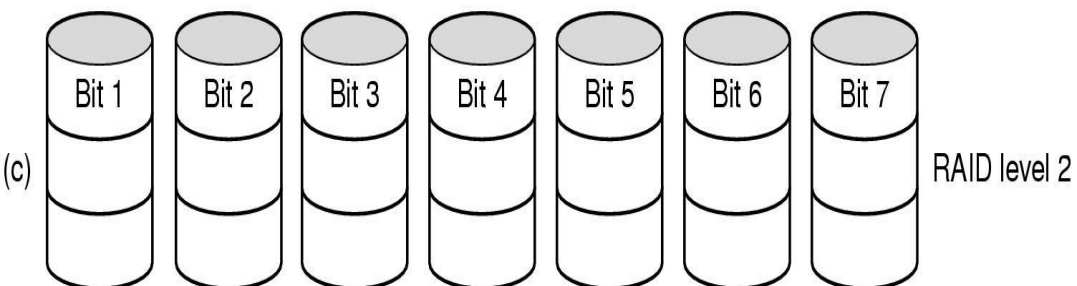
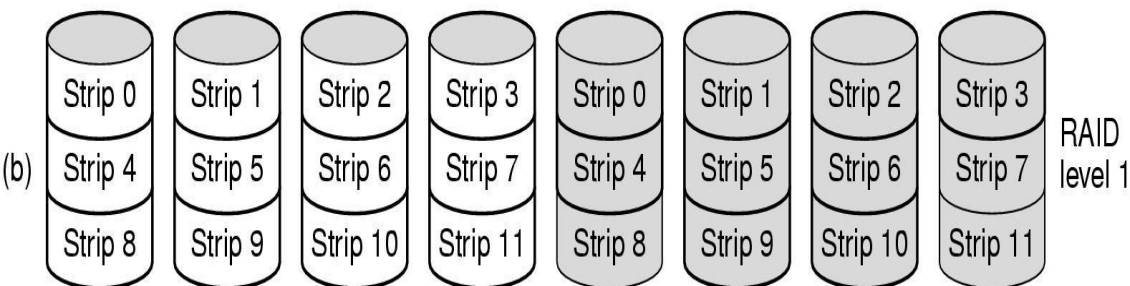
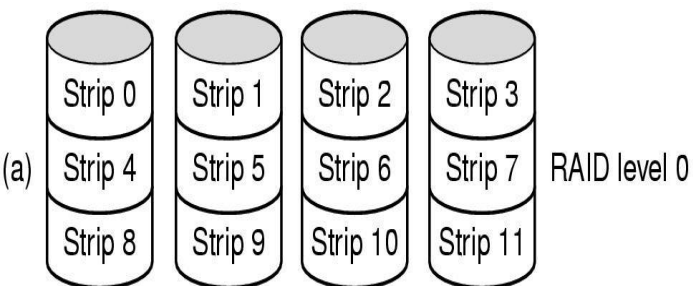
(b)



(c)



# Disk RAID



# Disk Arm Scheduling

- Time required to read or write a disk block determined by factors: Seek time, Rotational delay, Actual transfer time
- Error checking is done by controllers
- Shortest Seek First (SSF) and elevator disk scheduling:

