



# Computing Infrastructures

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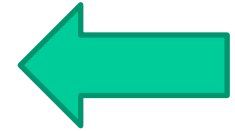


# The topics of the course: what are we going to see today?

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## A. HW Infrastructures:

- **System-level:** Computing Infrastructures and Data Center Architectures, Rack/Structure;
- **Node-level:** Server (computation, HW accelerators), Storage (Type, technology), Networking (architecture and technology);
- **Building-level:** Cooling systems, power supply, failure recovery



## B. SW Infrastructures:

- **Virtualization:** Process/System VM, Virtualization Mechanisms (Hypervisor, Para/Full virtualization)
- **Computing Architectures:** Cloud Computing (types, characteristics), Edge/Fog Computing, X-as-a service
- **Machine and deep learning-as-a-service**

## C. Methods:

- **Reliability and availability of datacenters** (definition, fundamental laws, RBDs)
- **Disk performance** (Type, Performance, RAID)
- **Scalability and performance of datacenters** (definitions, fundamental laws, queuing network theory)

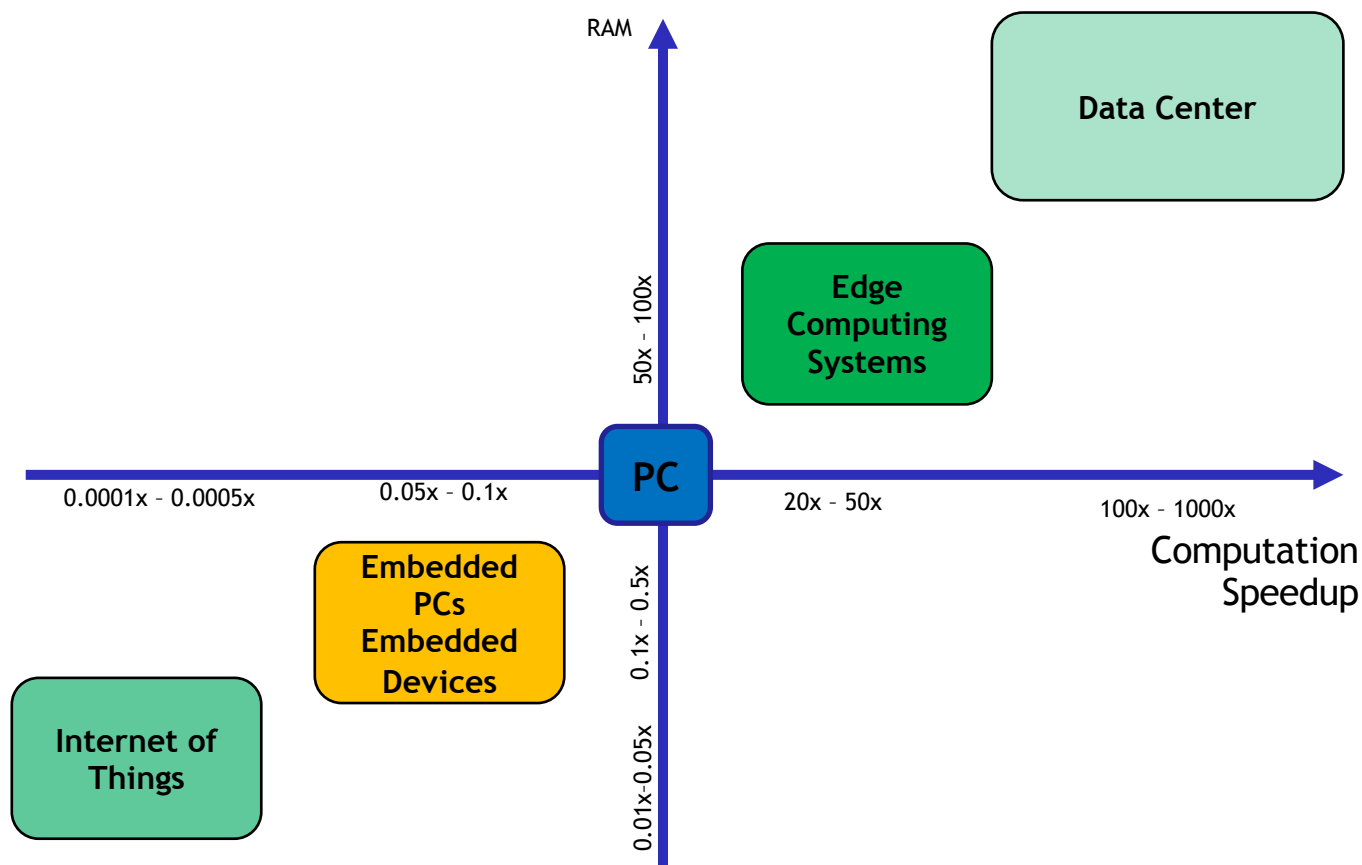


# What is a computing infrastructure?

Technological infrastructure that provides hardware and software for computation to other systems and services

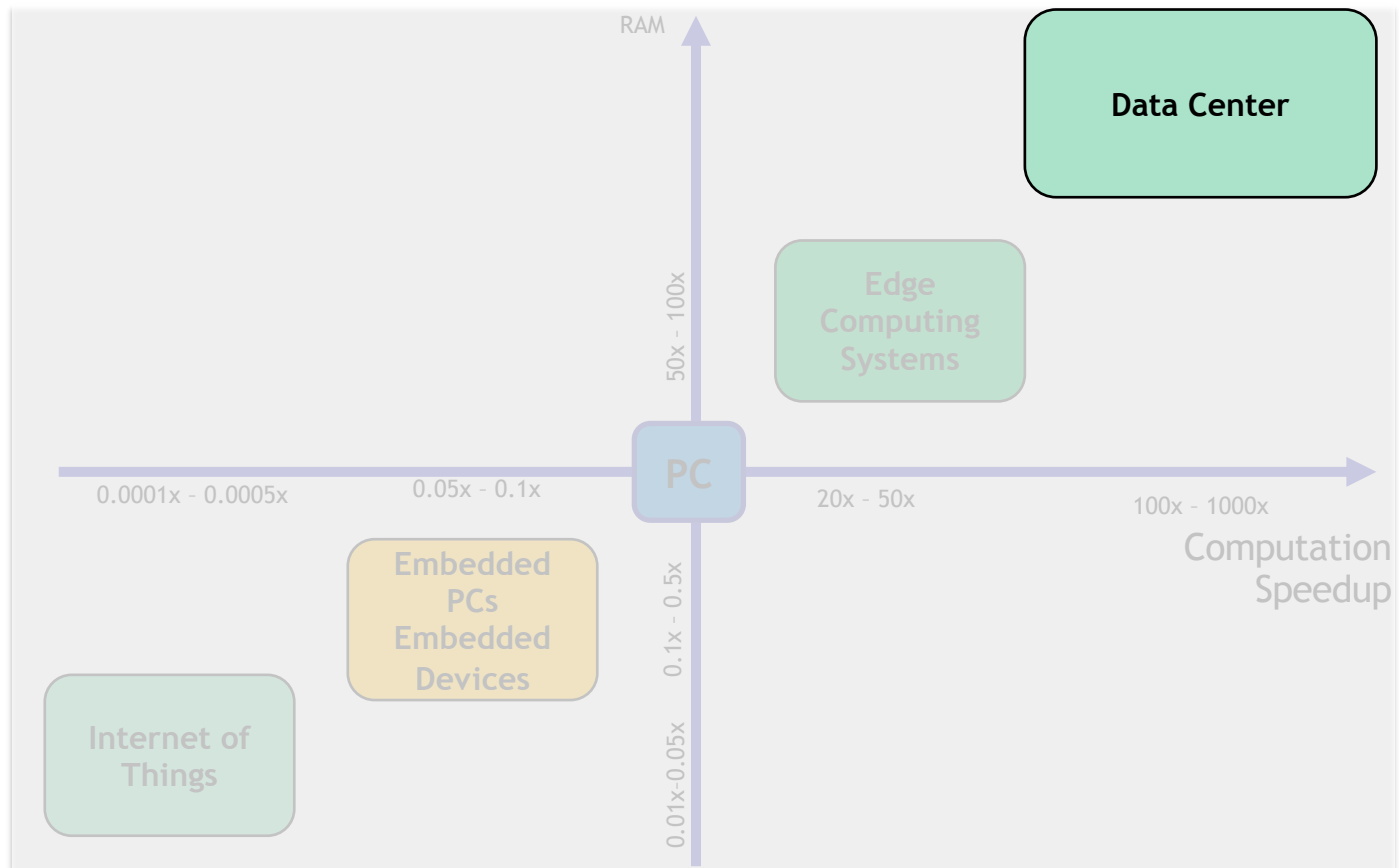


# Examples of Computing Infrastructures





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# Data Centers: a technological perspective



The Pionen White Mountains is a Swedish data center. This center is located in Stockholm and is one of the largest data centers in the world.



Server for Processing

Server for Storage

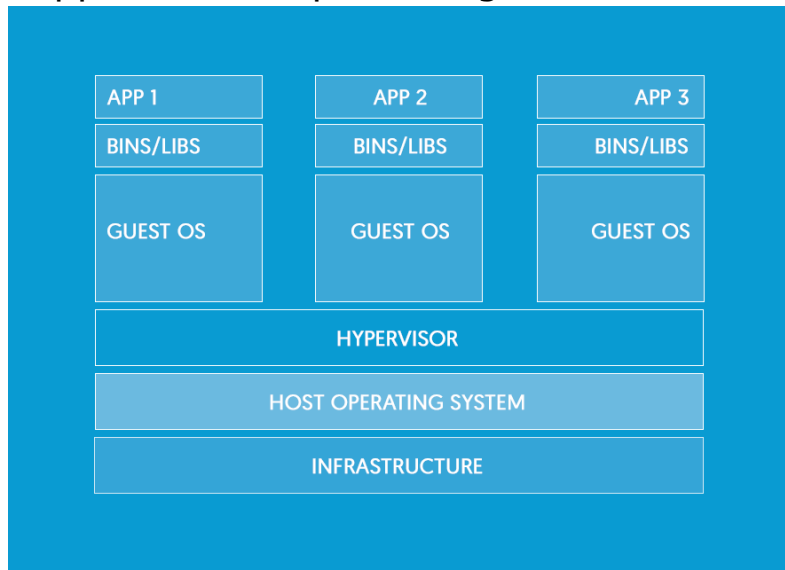
Server for  
Communication



# Virtual Machines and Containers

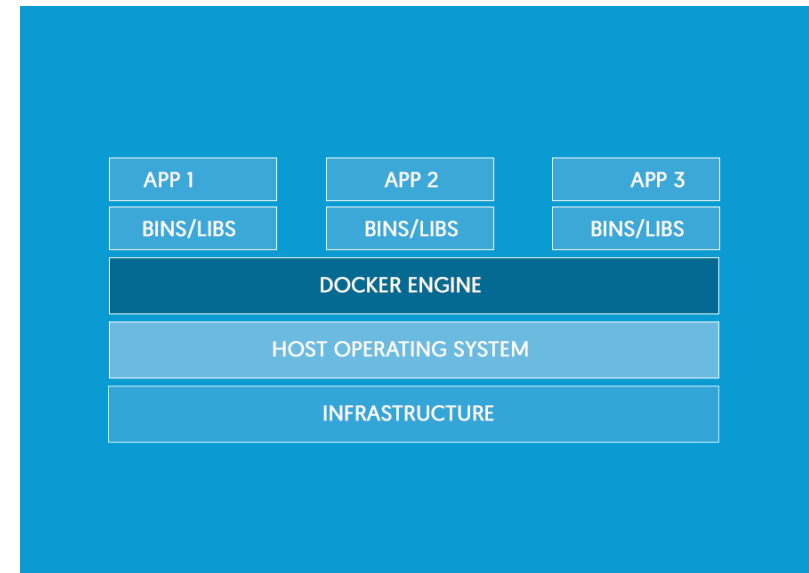
## VMs

Provide the full stack (OS, LIB, APP).  
Applications depend on guest OS.



## Containers

Applications are packaged with all their dependencies into a standardized unit for software development/deployment.





# Data Centers: advantages and disadvantages

- ✓ Lower IT costs
- ✓ High performance
- ✓ Instant software updates
- ✓ “Unlimited” storage capacity
- ✓ Increased data reliability
- ✓ Universal document access
- ✓ Device Independence

- Require a constant Internet connection
- Do not work well with low-speed connections
- Hardware Features might be limited
- Privacy and security issues
- High Power Consumption
- Latency in making decision





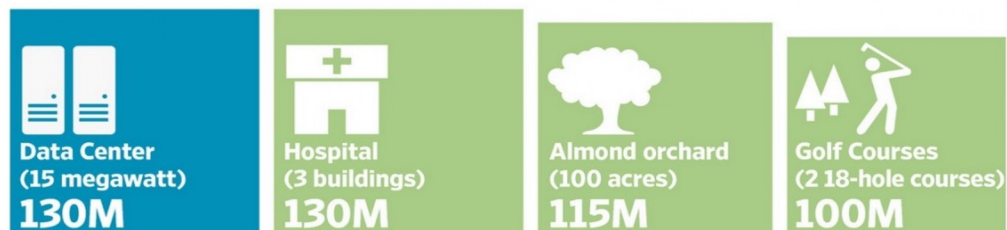
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**Approximate annual water usage, in gallons\***



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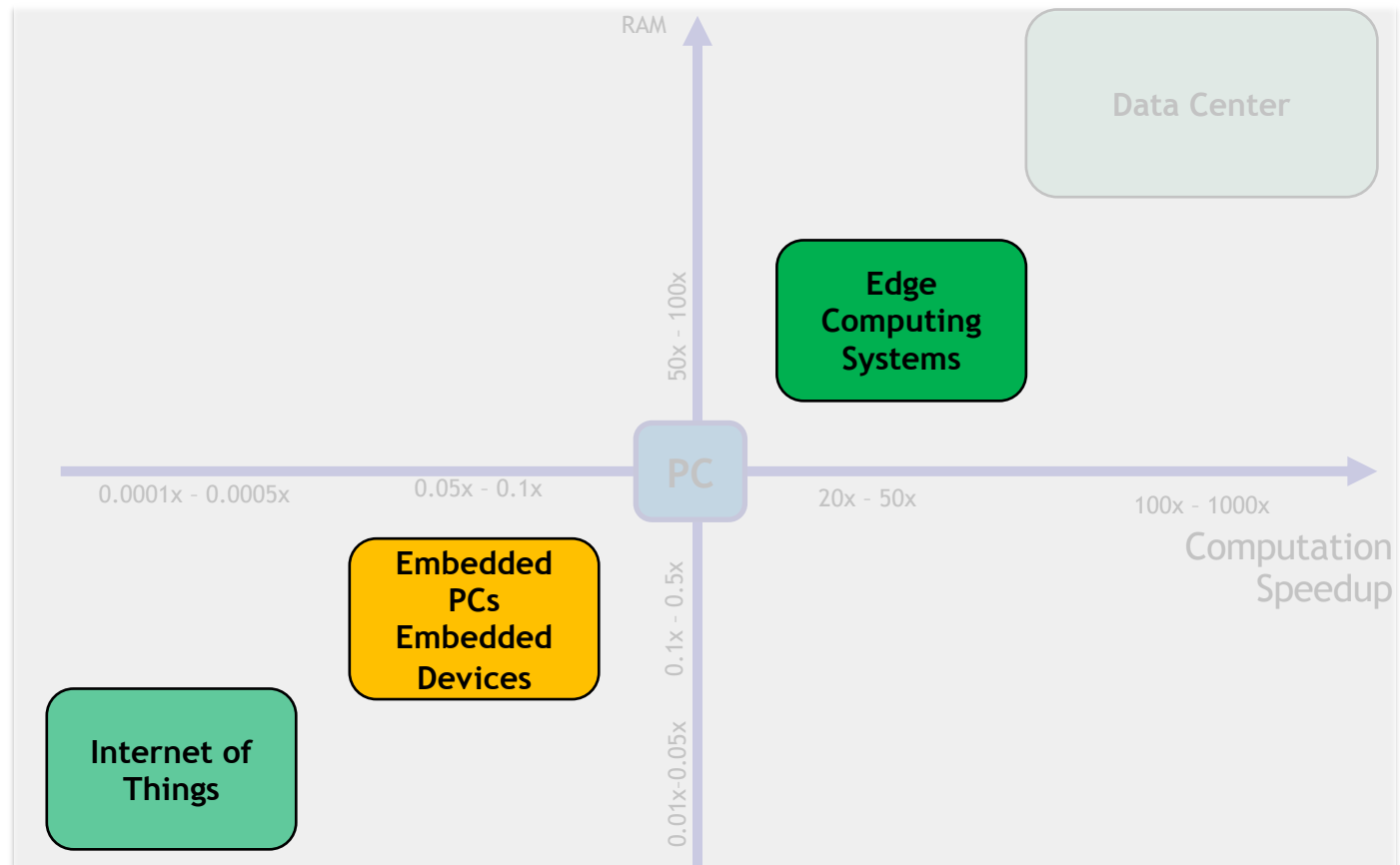
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Amortized Cost	Component	Sub-Components
~45%	Servers	CPU, memory, disk
~25%	Infrastructure	UPS, cooling, power distribution
~15%	Power draw	Electrical utility costs
~15%	Network	Switches, links, transit

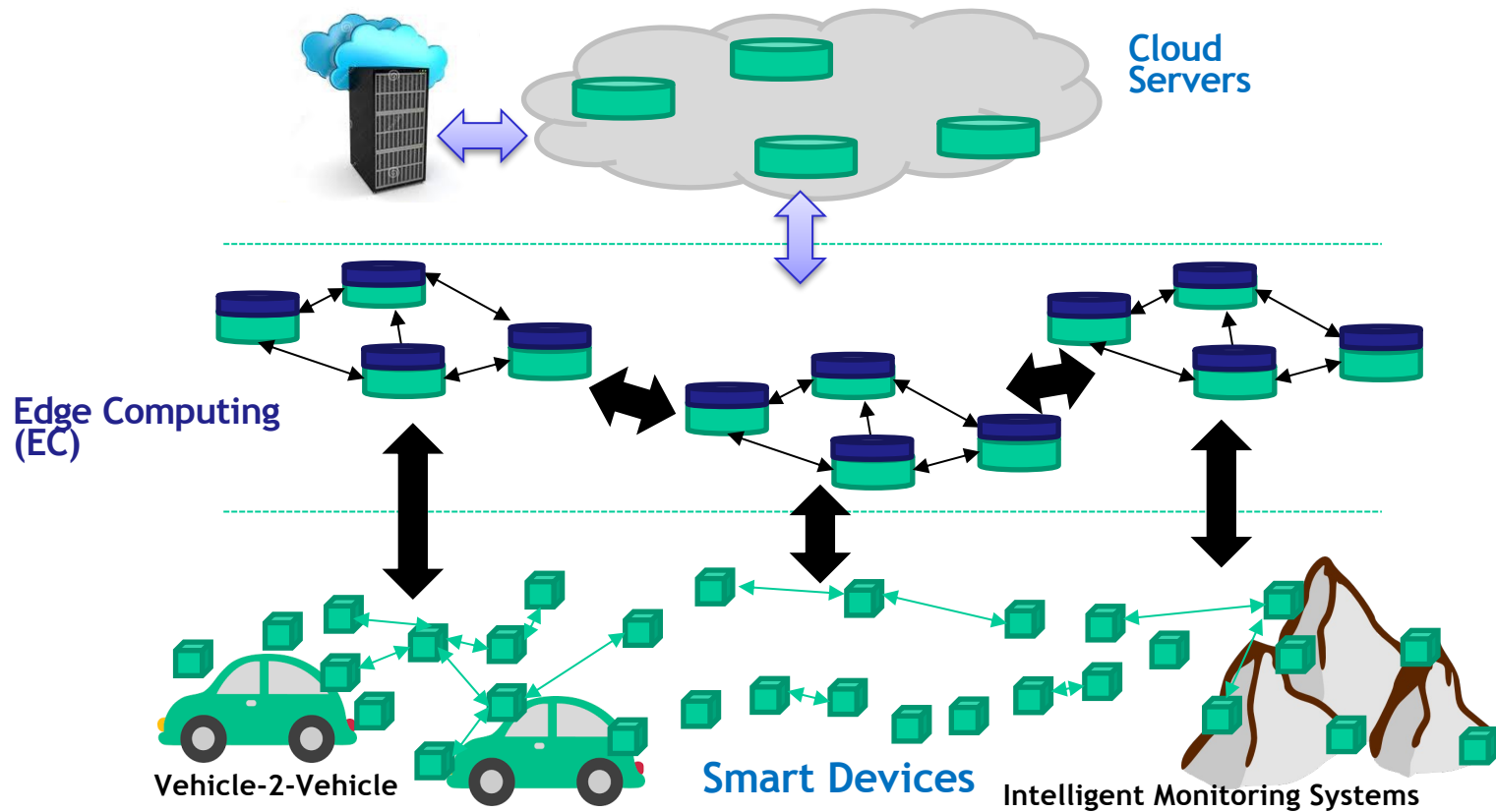






# Edge Computing, PC Embedded and IoT





# Edge/Fog Computing Systems



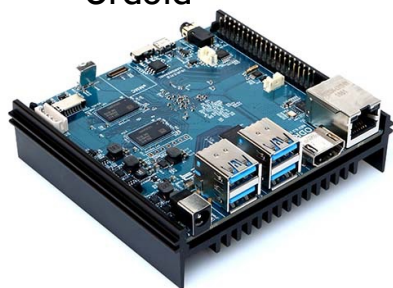
IoT Gateways	SYS-E50-9AP-WIFI	SYS-E100-9S-E	SYS-E300-8D	SYS-5018D-FN8T
				
Processor/Cache				
CPU	Intel® Atom® processor E3940 Single socket FCBGA 1296 9.5W, 4C	7th Generation Intel® Core i5-7300U Processor Single Socket FCBGA 1356 System-on-Chip CPU TDP support 15W	Intel® processor D-1518, 2.2GHz; CPU TDP support 35W FCBGA 1667: 4 Cores, 8 Threads / 6MB	Intel® Xeon® processor D-1518 2.2GHz; CPU TDP support 35W FCBGA 1667: 4 Cores, 8 Threads / 6MB
System Memory				
Memory Capacity	Up to 8GB Unbuffered non-ECC SO-DIMM DDR3L-1866MHz, in 1 DIMM socket	Up to 32GB Unbuffered non-ECC SO-DIMM, DDR4-2133MHz, in 2 DIMM slots	4x DDR4 DIMM sockets Supports up to 128GB DDR4 ECC RDIMM Supports up to 64GB DDR4 ECC/non-ECC UDIMM	4x DDR4 DIMM sockets Supports up to 128GB DDR4 ECC RDIMM Supports up to 64GB DDR4 ECC/non-ECC UDIMM
Memory Type	DDR3L up to 1866MHz	DDR4 up to 2133MHz	2133/1866/1600MHz ECC DR4 ECC RDIMM and ECC/Non-ECC UDIMM	2133/1866/1600MHz ECC DDR4 ECC RDIMM and ECC/Non-ECC UDIMM
DIMM Sizes	8GB, 4GB, 2GB	16GB, 8GB, 4GB	32GB, 16GB, 8GB, 4GB	32GB, 16GB, 8GB, 4GB
Memory Voltage	1.35 V	1.2 V	1.2 V	1.2 V

- ✓ High computational capacity
- ✓ Distributed computing
- ✓ Privacy and security
- ✓ Reduced Latency in making a decision

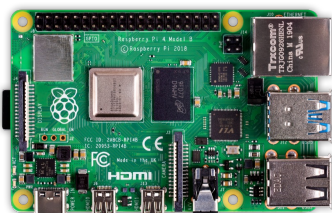
- Require a power connection
- Require connection with the Cloud



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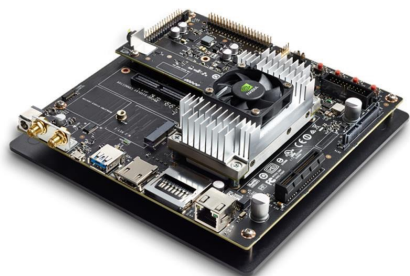
Raspberry



Platform	Raspberry Pi 3B
CPU	ARM11 @ 1.2 GHz
RAM	1024 MB

- ✓ Pervasive computing
- ✓ High performance unit
- ✓ Availability of development boards
- ✓ Programmed as PC
- ✓ Large community

- Pretty high power consumption
- (Some) HW design has to be done



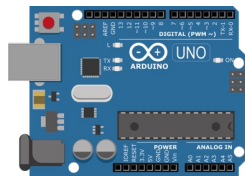
Jetson TX2



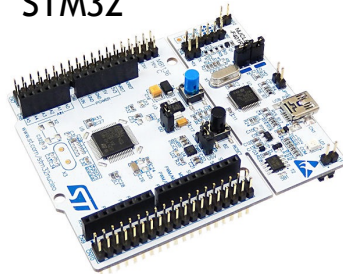
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Arduino



STM32



	STM32 L1 Series	STM32F4 Series
Domain	Ultra Low-Power	High-Performance
Flash Memory (kB)	32 to 512	64 to 2048
RAM Memory (kB)	4 to 80	32 to 320
CPU	ARM <sup>®</sup> Cortex <sup>®</sup> -M3	ARM <sup>®</sup> Cortex <sup>®</sup> -M4
Frequency (MHz)	32	84 to 180
Supply Voltage (V)	1.65 to 3.6	1.71 to 3.6
Supply Current ( $\mu A$ )	0.28 (0.28) to 230	1.1 (140) to 282

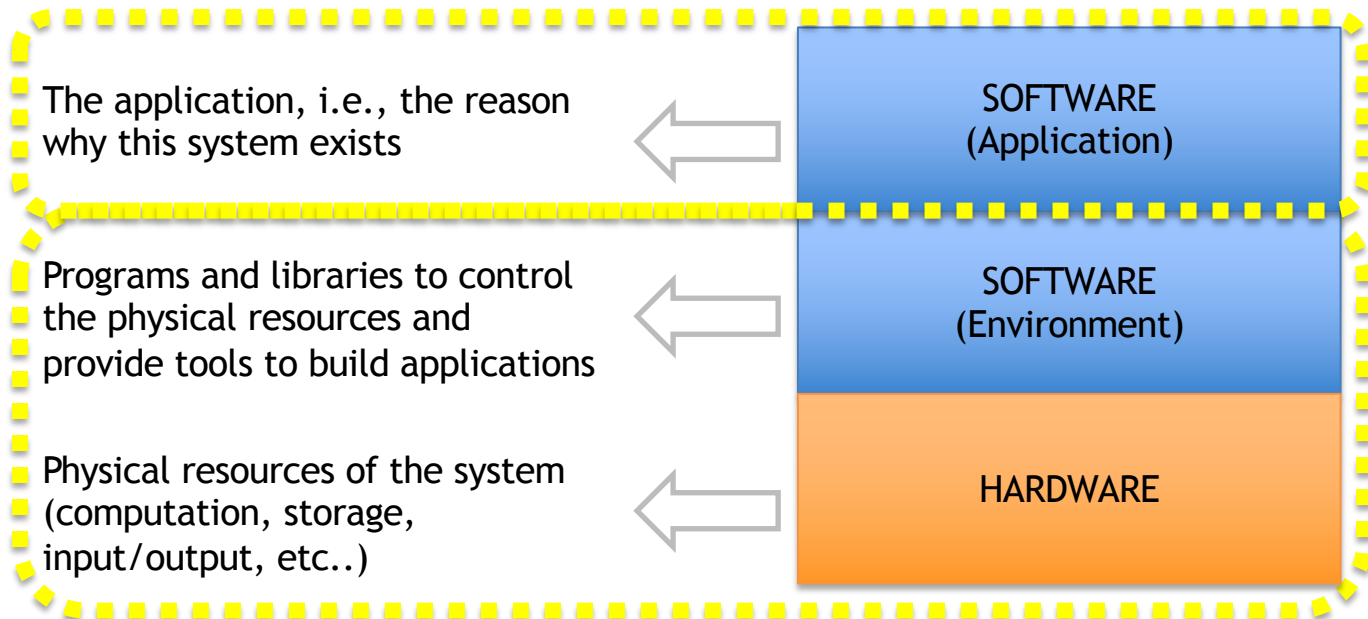
- ✓ Highly Pervasive
- ✓ Wireless connection
- ✓ Battery Powered
- ✓ Low costs
- ✓ Sensing and actuating

- Low computing ability
- Constraints on energy
- Constraints on memory (RAM/FLASH)
- Difficulties in programming





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