

# **CS 310** **Operating Systems**

## **Lecture 1: Operating System Introduction**

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  - Book: Operating Systems: Principles and Practice (2nd Edition) Anderson and Dahlin, Volume 1

# Read the following:

- Operating Systems: Principles and Practice (2nd Edition)  
Anderson and Dahlin
  - Volume 1, Kernel and Processes
    - Section: 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3

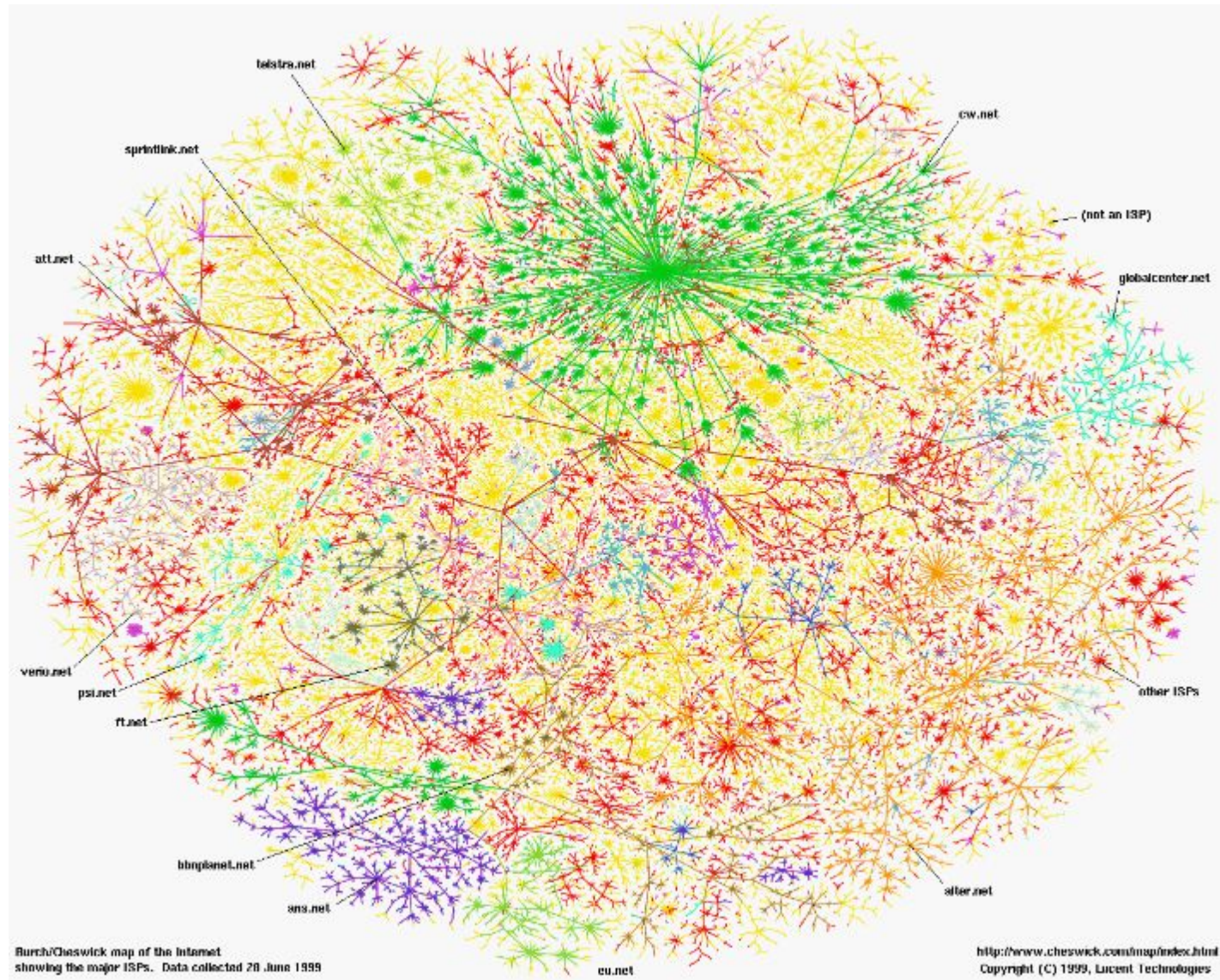
# We will study..

- What is an Operating System?
- OS Role: An Illusionist
- OS Role: A Referee
- OS Role: A Glue



**What is an Operating System?**

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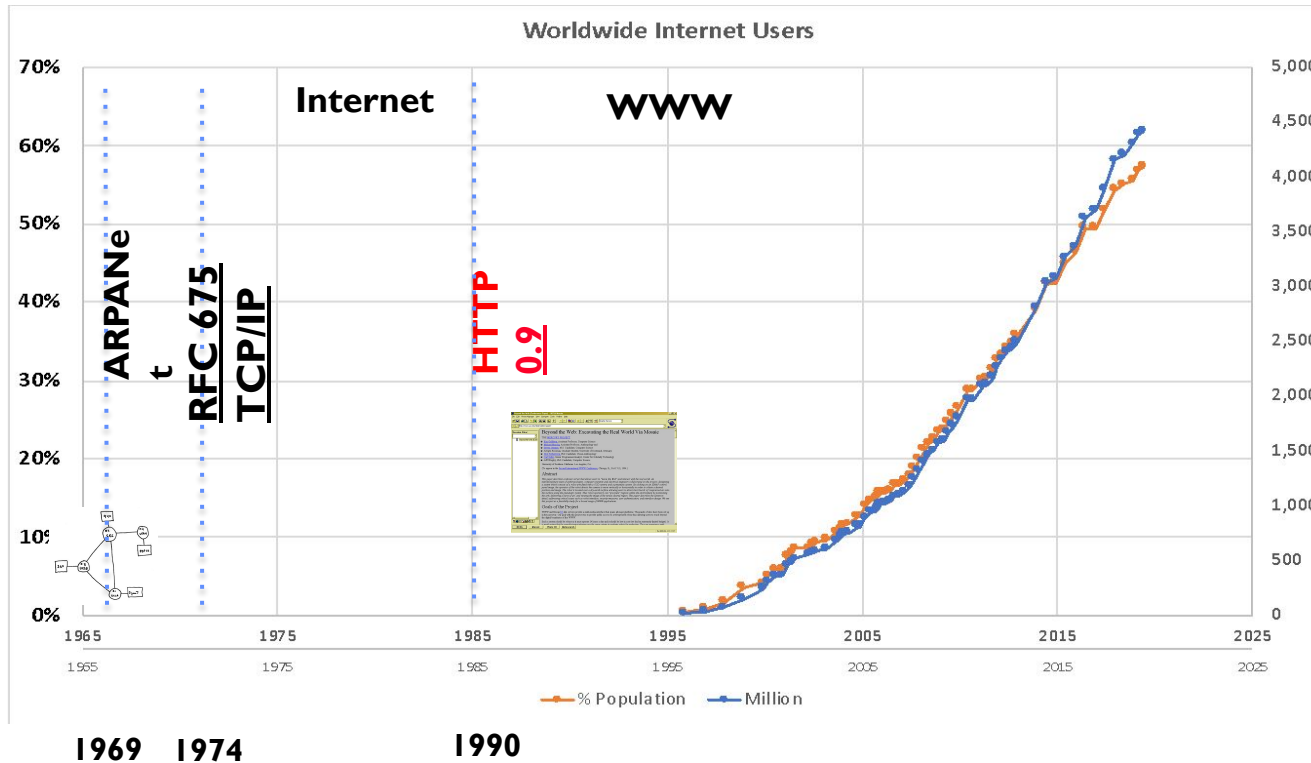




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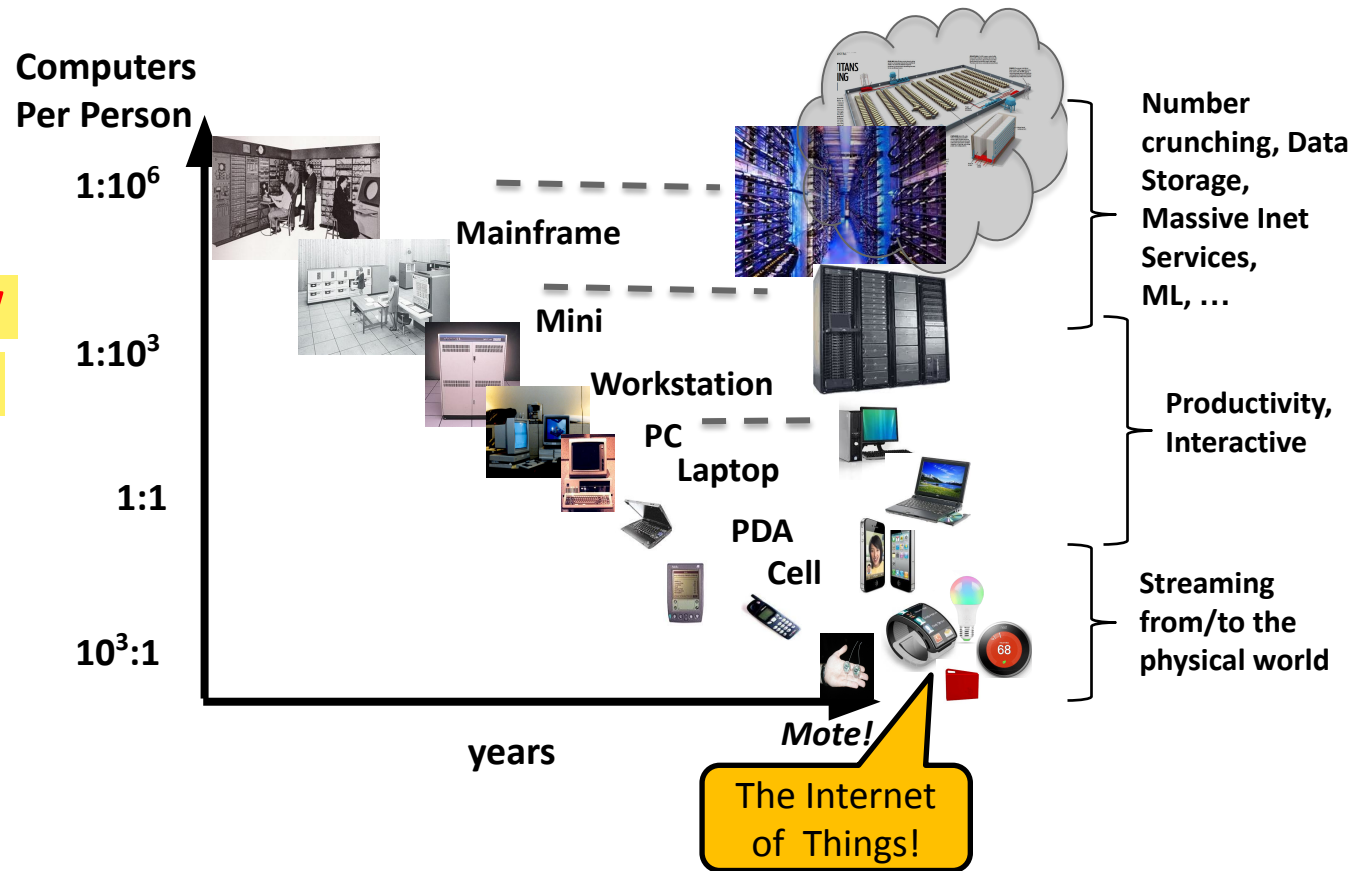
# Running Systems at Internet Scale





# Across Incredible Diversity

**Bell's Law: New  
computer class  
every 10 years**



# And Range of Timescales

## “Numbers that Everyone Should Know”

L1 cache reference	0.5 ns
Branch mispredict	5 ns
L2 cache reference	7 ns
Mutex lock/unlock	25 ns
Main memory reference	100 ns
Compress 1K bytes with Zippy	3,000 ns
Send 2K bytes over 1 Gbps network	20,000 ns
Read 1 MB sequentially from memory	250,000 ns
Round trip within same datacenter	500,000 ns
Disk seek	10,000,000 ns
Read 1 MB sequentially from disk	20,000,000 ns
Send packet CA->Netherlands->CA	150,000,000 ns

**One source of complexity in Computers: Dealing with components that are widely diverse in functionality and timing**

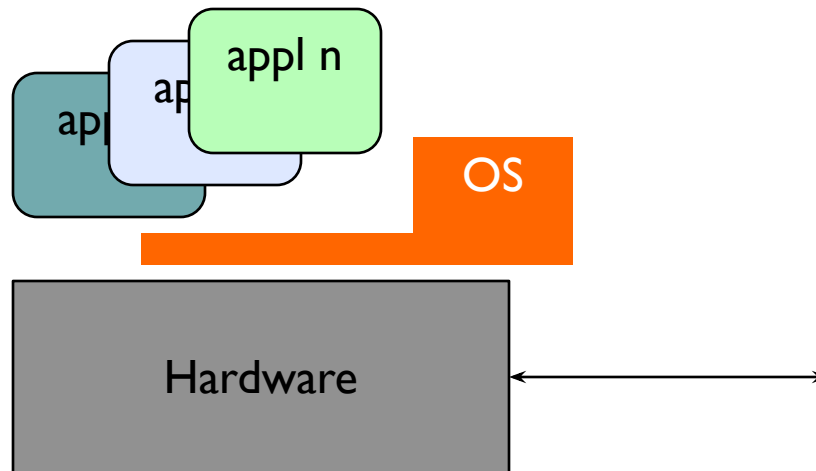
# Operating Systems are at the Heart of it All!

- Make the incredible advance in the underlying technology available to a rapidly evolving body of applications
  - Provide consistent abstractions to applications, even on different hardware
  - Manage sharing of resources among multiple applications
- The key building blocks:
  - Processes
  - Threads, Concurrency, Scheduling, Coordination
  - Address Spaces
  - Protection, Isolation, Sharing, Security
  - Communication, Protocols
  - Persistent storage, transactions, consistency, resilience
  - Interfaces to all devices

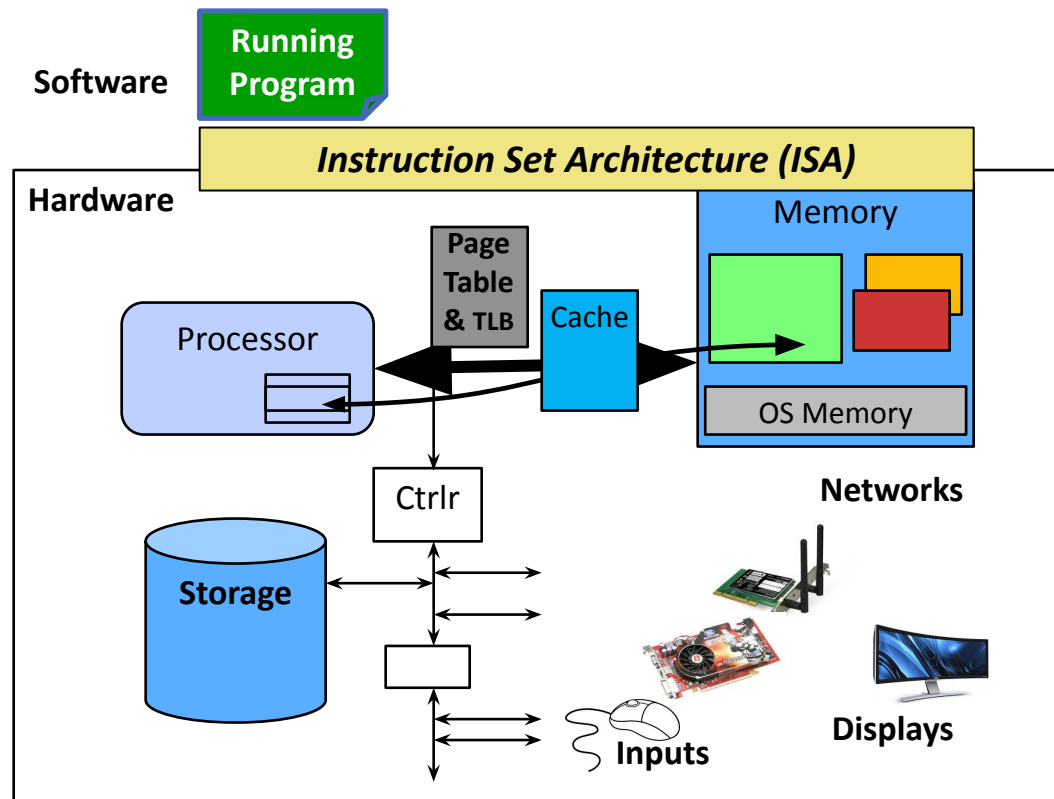
**But: What is an operating system?**

# What is an operating system?

- Special layer of software that provides application software access to hardware resources
  - Convenient abstraction of complex hardware devices
  - Protected access to shared resources
  - Security and authentication
  - Communication amongst logical entities



# Hardware/Software Interface



What you learned in CS 211 – Computer Architecture

The OS *abstracts* these hardware details from the application



# What does an Operating System do?

- We know:
  - Memory Management
  - I/O Management
  - CPU Scheduling
  - Communication support?
  - Multitasking/multiprogramming
- What about?
  - File System?
  - Multimedia Support?
  - User Interface?

# Definition of an Operating System

- No universally accepted definition
- “Everything a vendor ships when you order an operating system” is good approximation
  - But varies wildly
- 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**

# What is an Operating System?

## Role 1: Illusionist



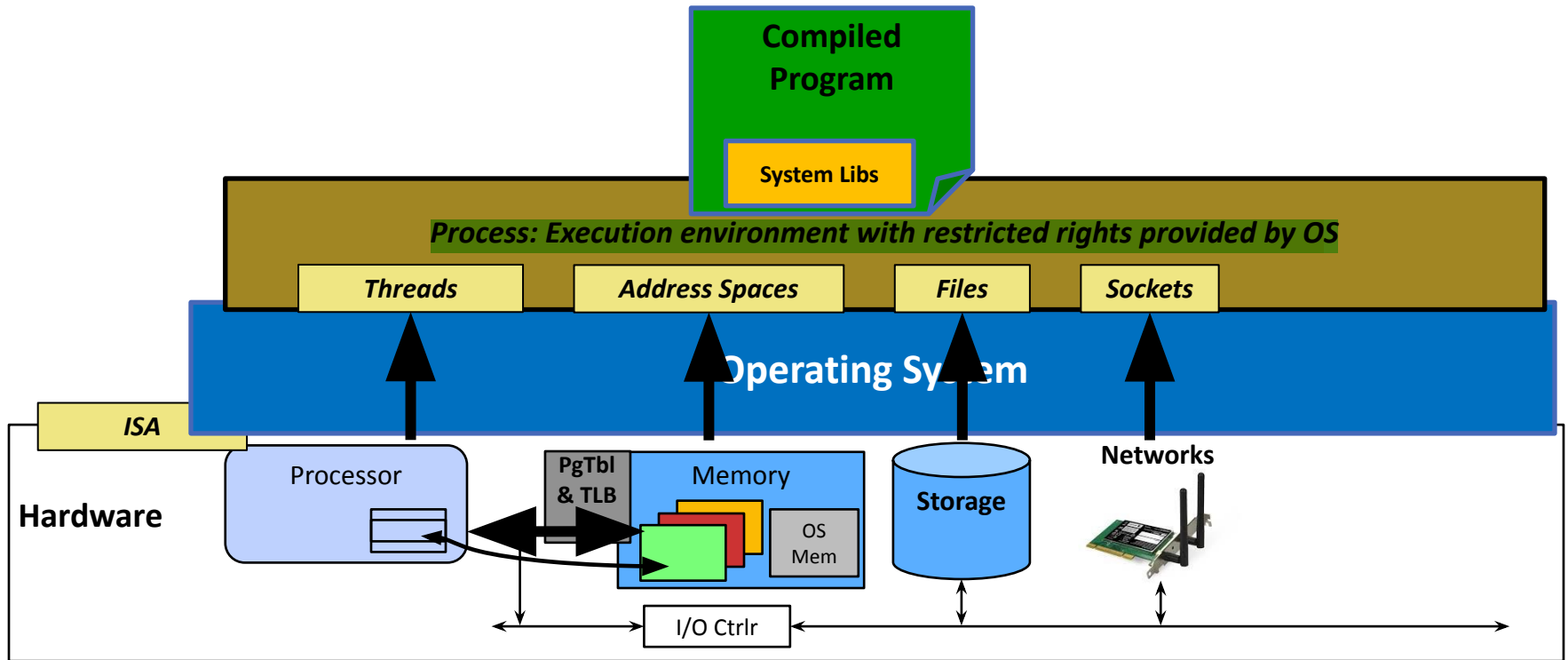
**Illusionist**

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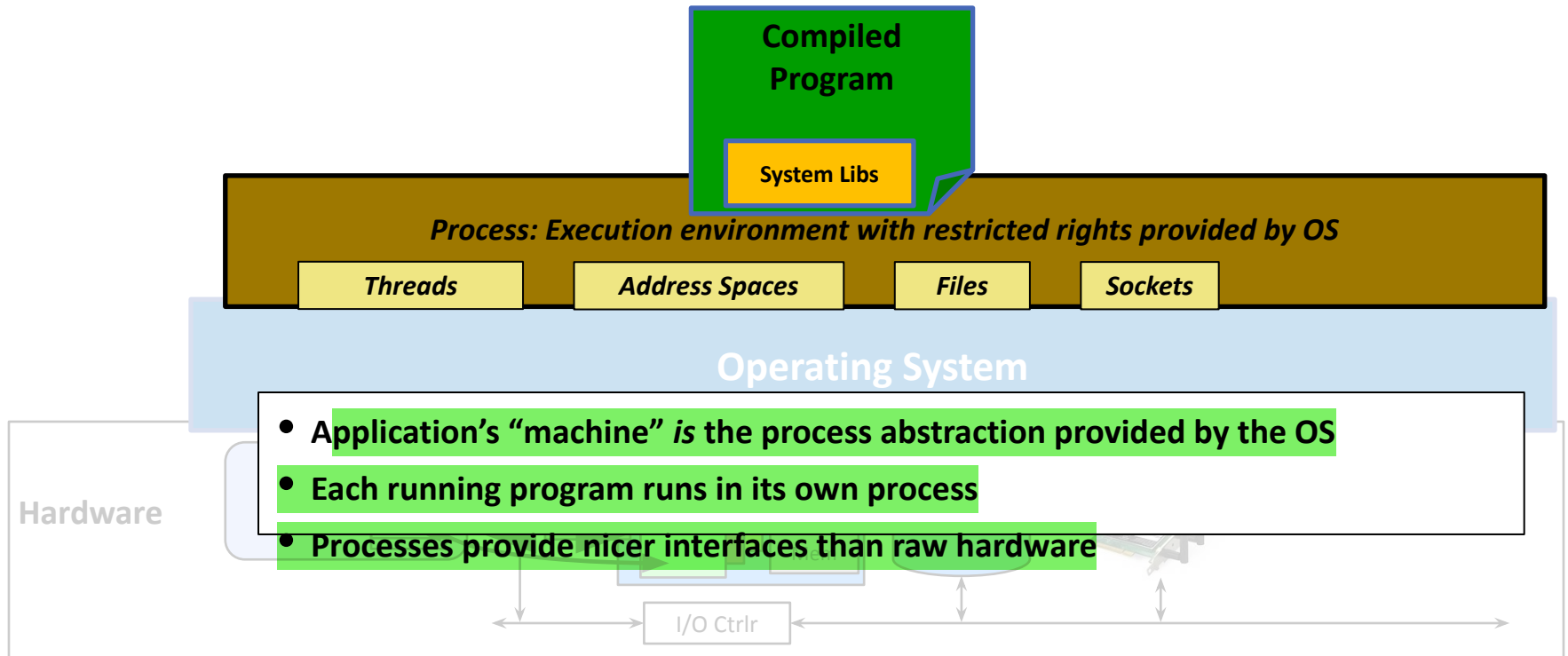
# What is an Operating System?

## An Illusionist !

# OS Basics: Virtualizing the Machine

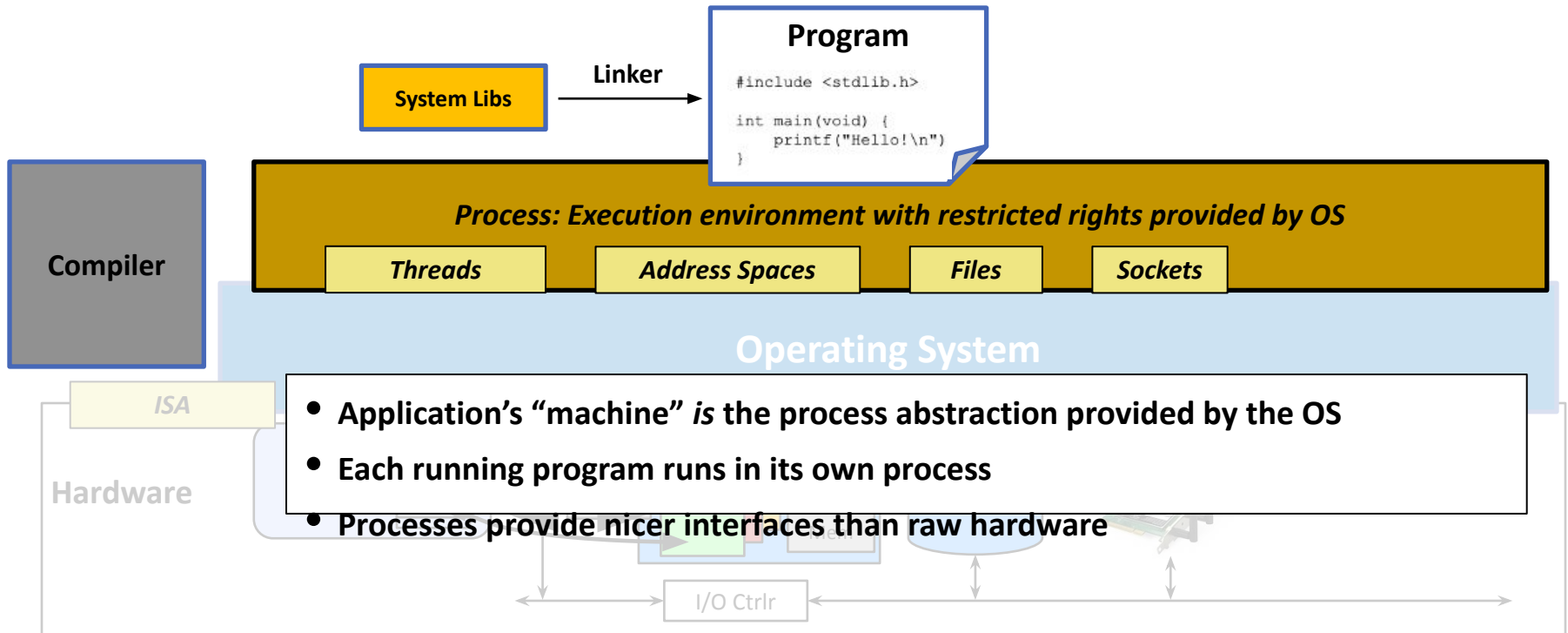


# Compiled Program's View of the World





# System Programmer's View of the World

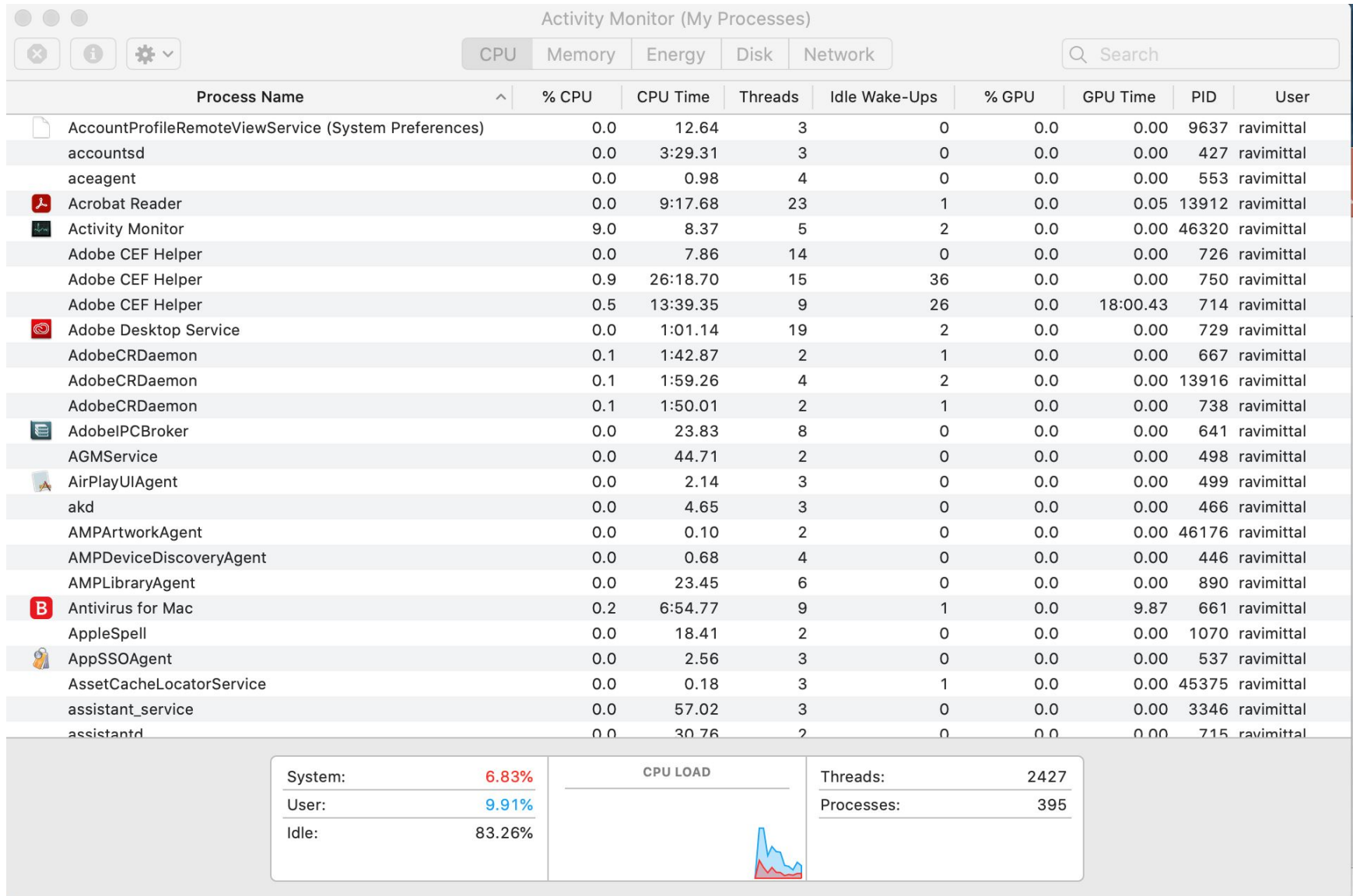


# What's in a Process?

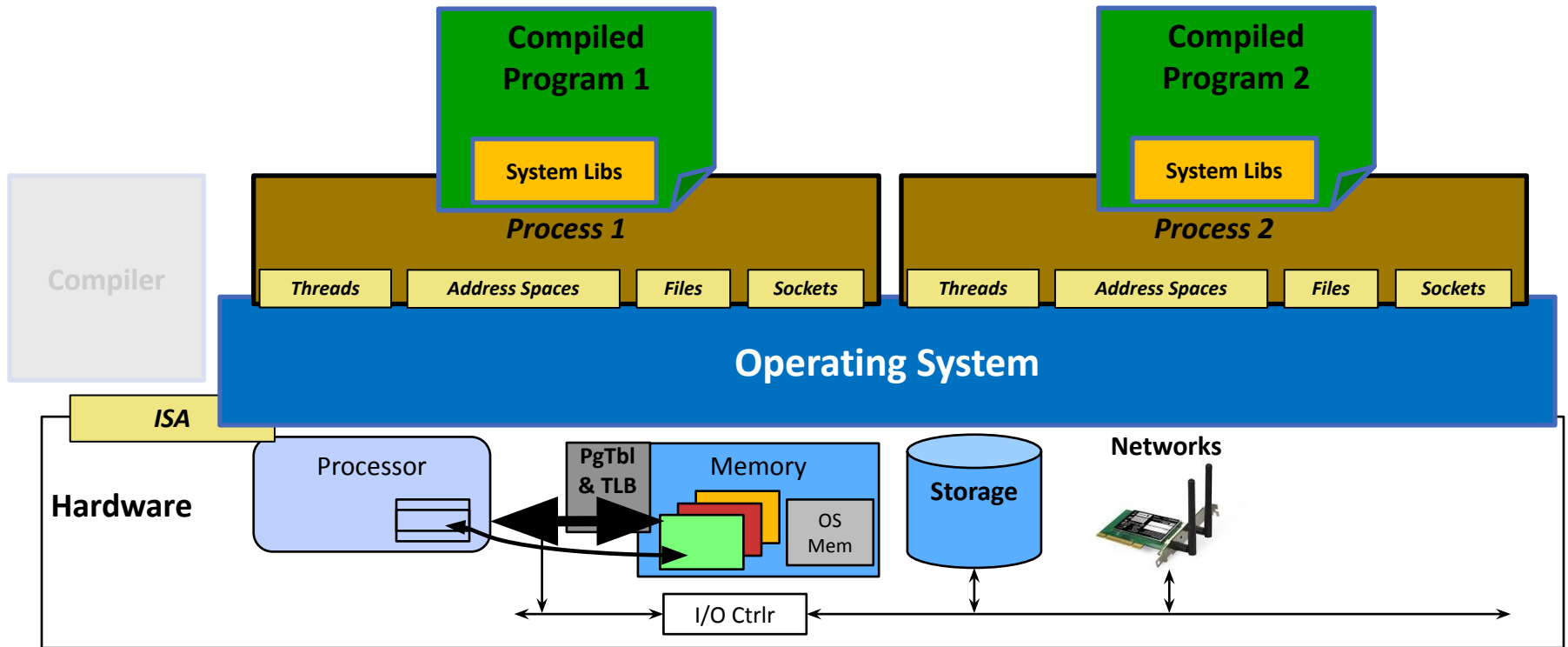
A process consists of:

- Address Space
- One or more threads of control executing in that address space
- Additional system state associated with it
  - Open files
  - Open sockets (network connections)
  - ...
- OS creates and runs process

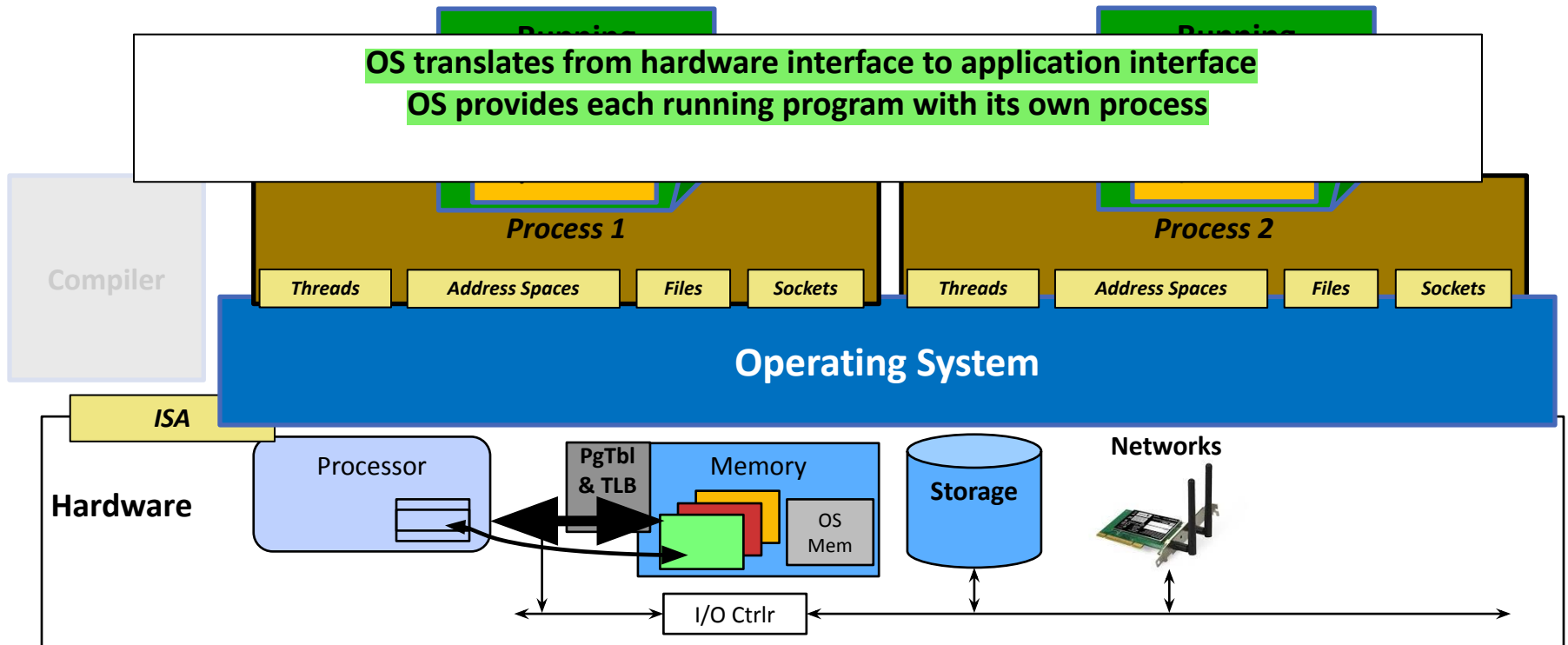
# For Example...Processes running on my laptop



# Operating System's View of the World



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**What is an Operating System?**  
**A Referee!**



# What is an Operating System?

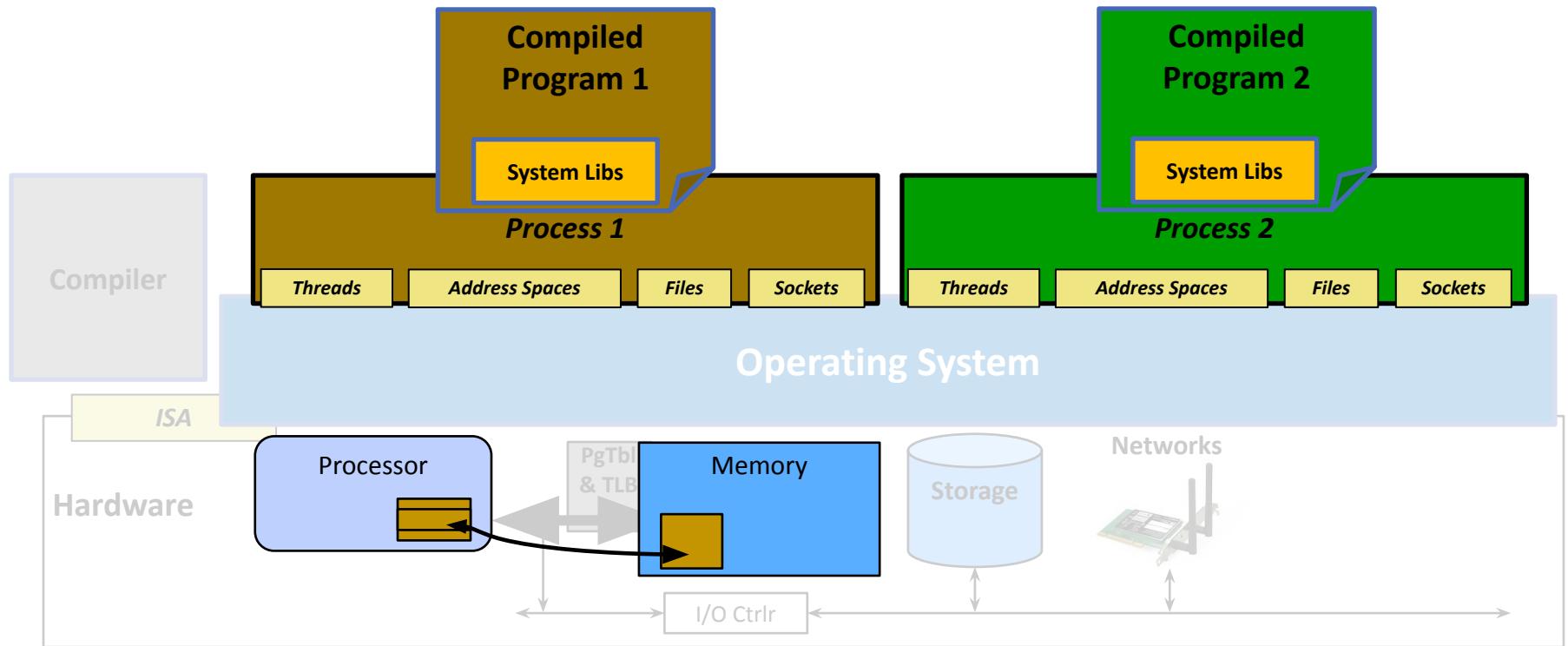
## Role 2: Referee



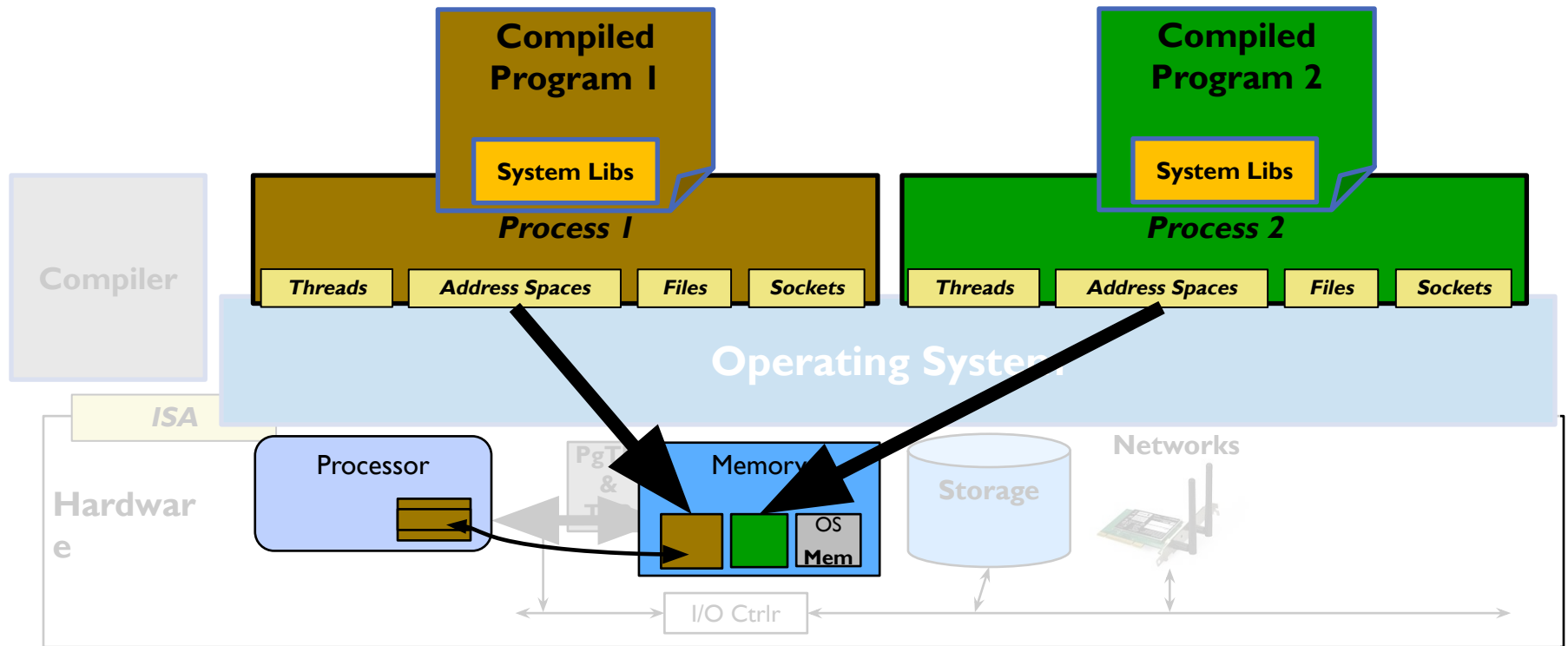
**Referee**

- **It must**
  - Manage protection, isolation, and sharing of resources
  - Resource allocation and communication
- It creates and runs processes

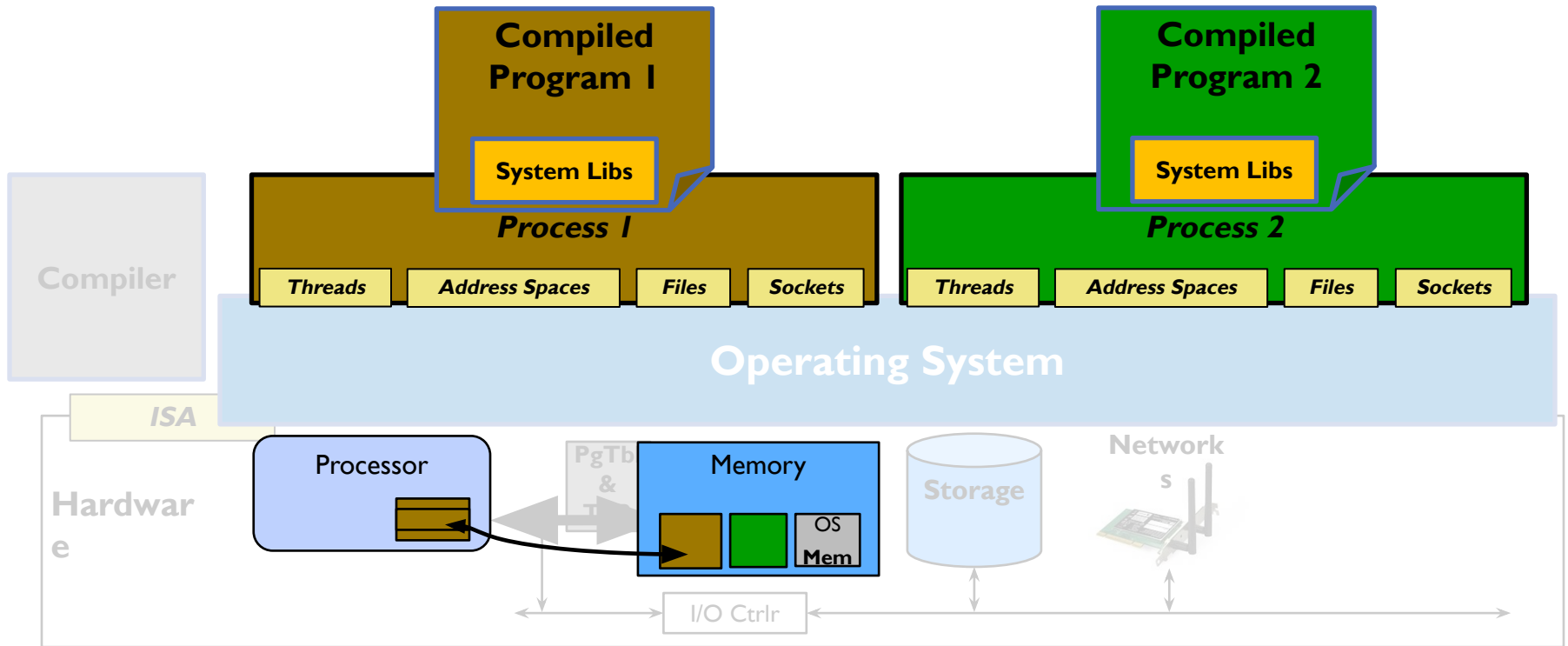
# OS Basics: Running a Process



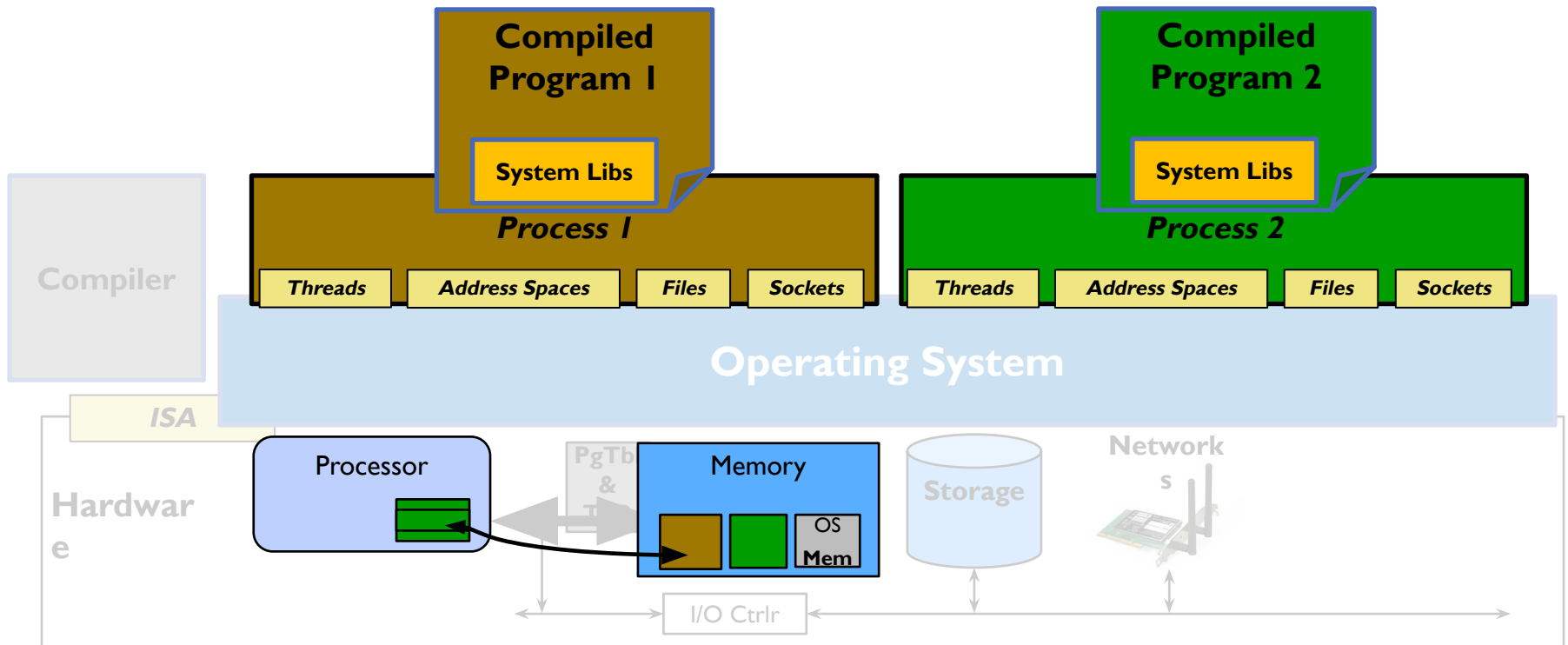
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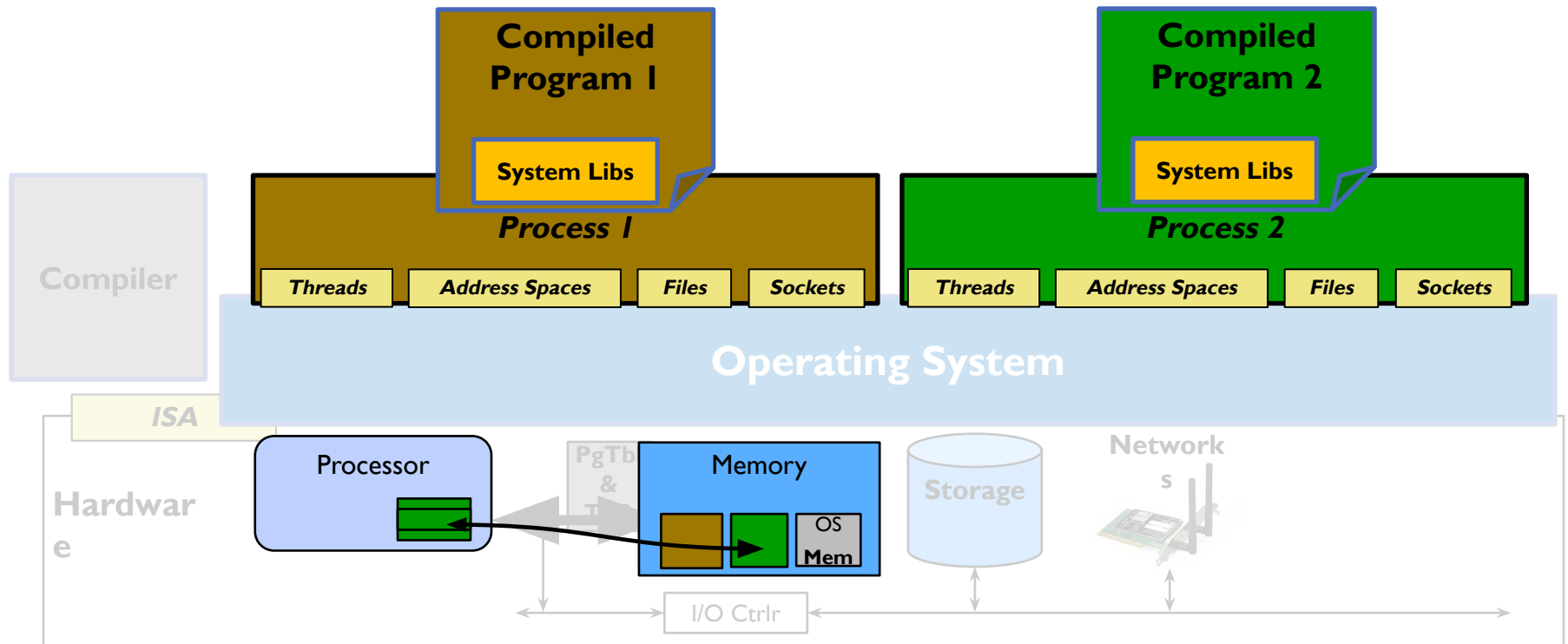
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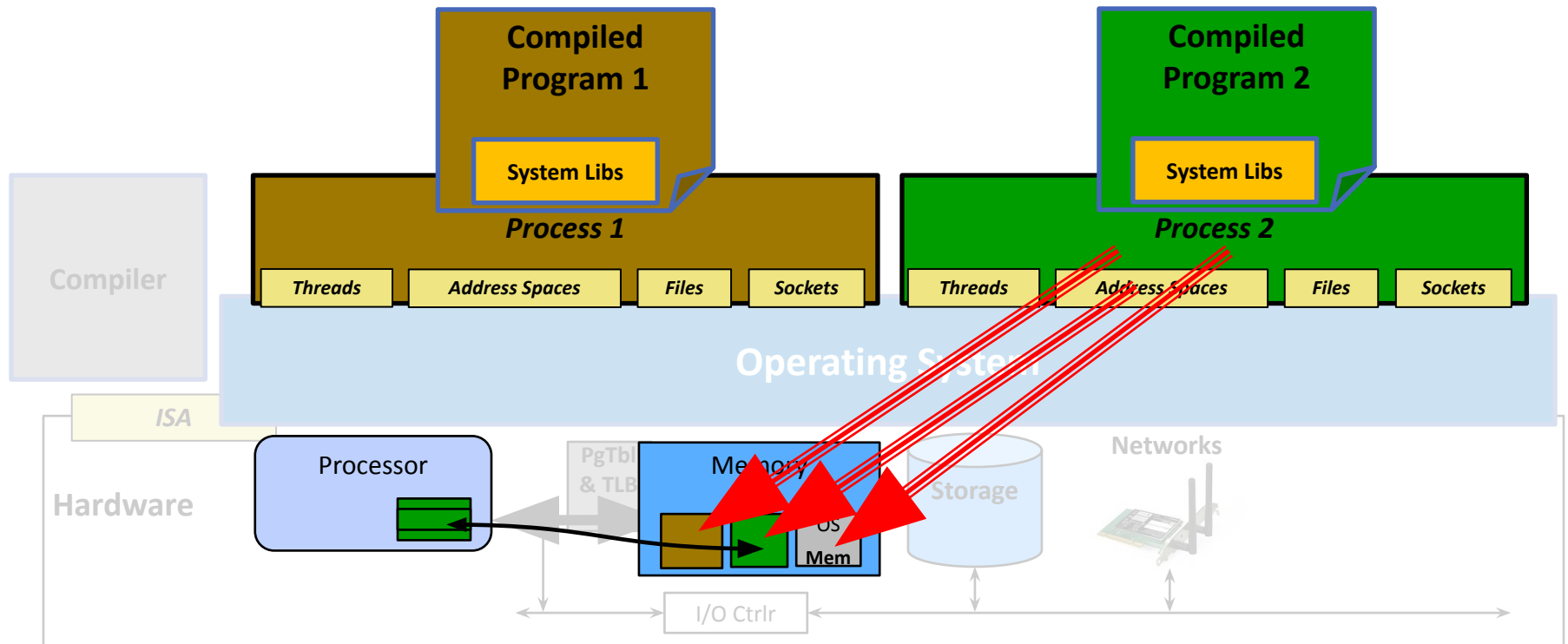


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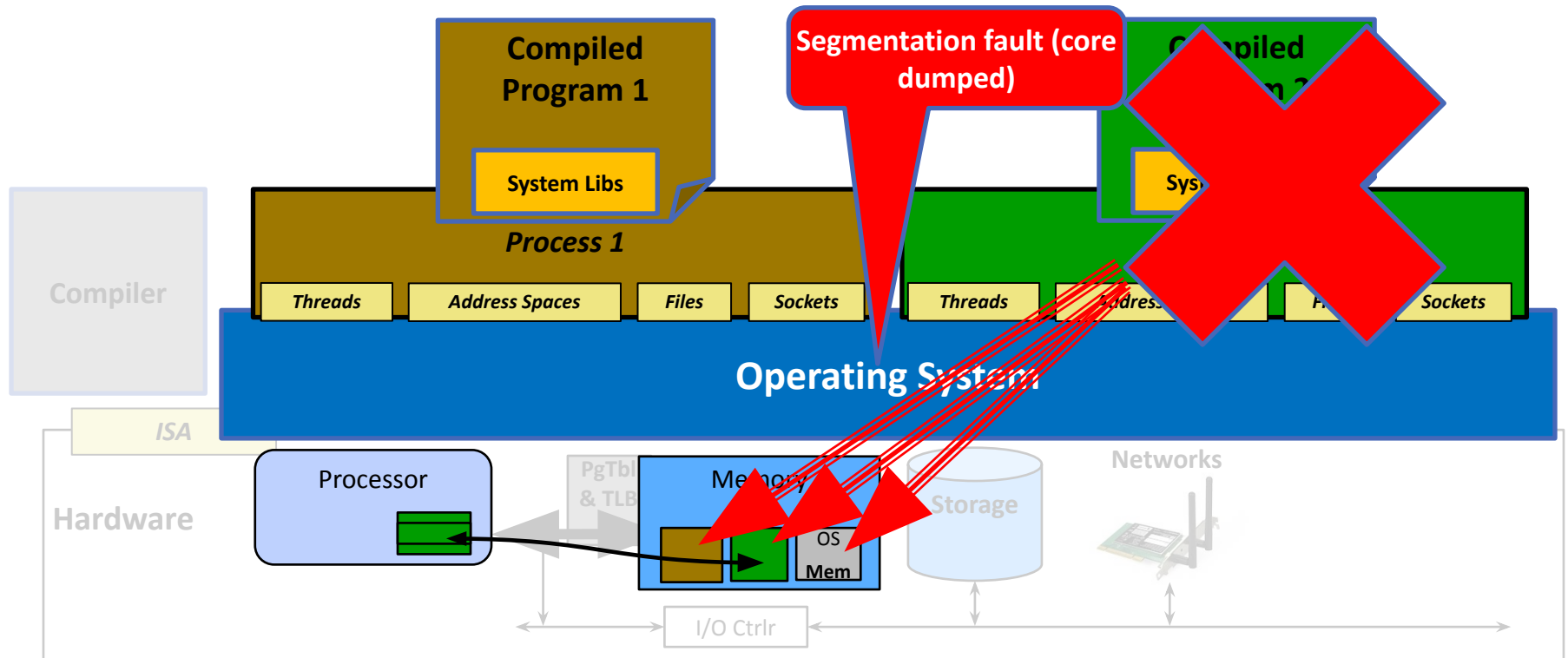




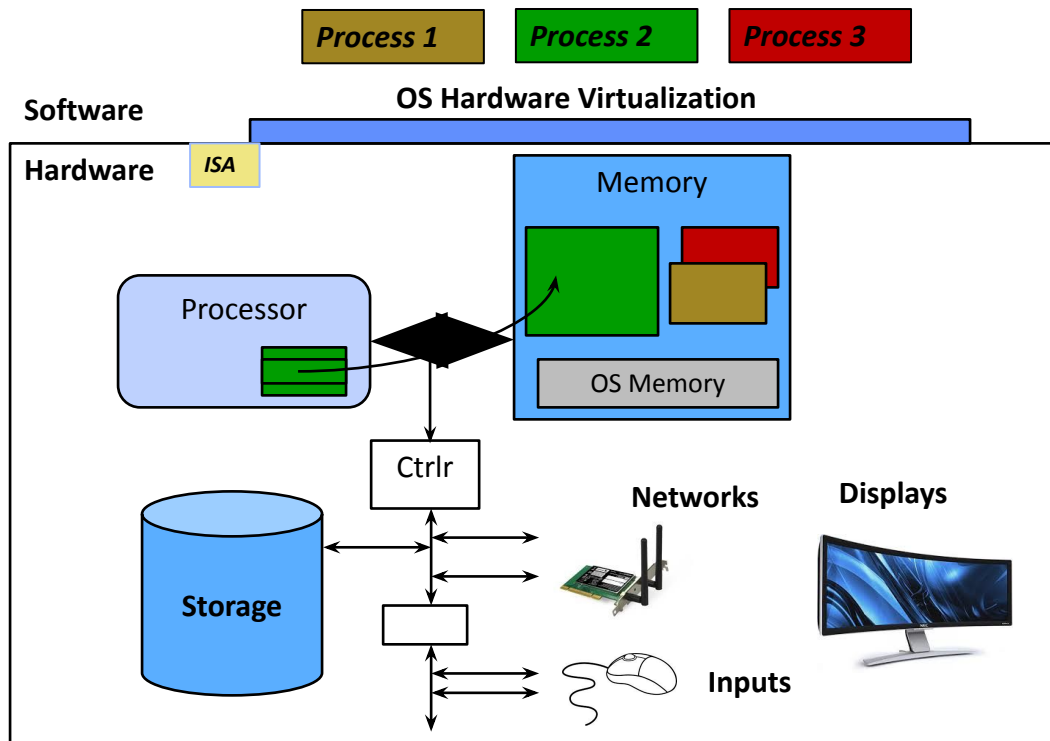
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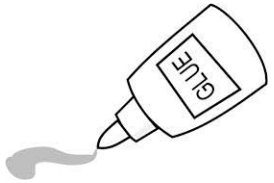


- OS isolates processes from each other
- OS isolates itself from other processes
- ... even though they are actually running on the same hardware!

What is an Operating System?  
**A Glue !**

# What is an Operating System?

## Role 3: Glue



- OS plays a key role in providing a set of common and standard services to applications
- It provides
  - The same look and feel
  - Common features like CTRL-C, CTRL-V
- Example: A webserver must be able to read file that a text editor wrote
  - Standard file format
  - Standard file and directory system
  - Standard way of applications to pass messages and share memories

# Example: File system in an OS

- Referee

- Prevents others from accessing the file system without permission
- Reuse storage space after files are deleted

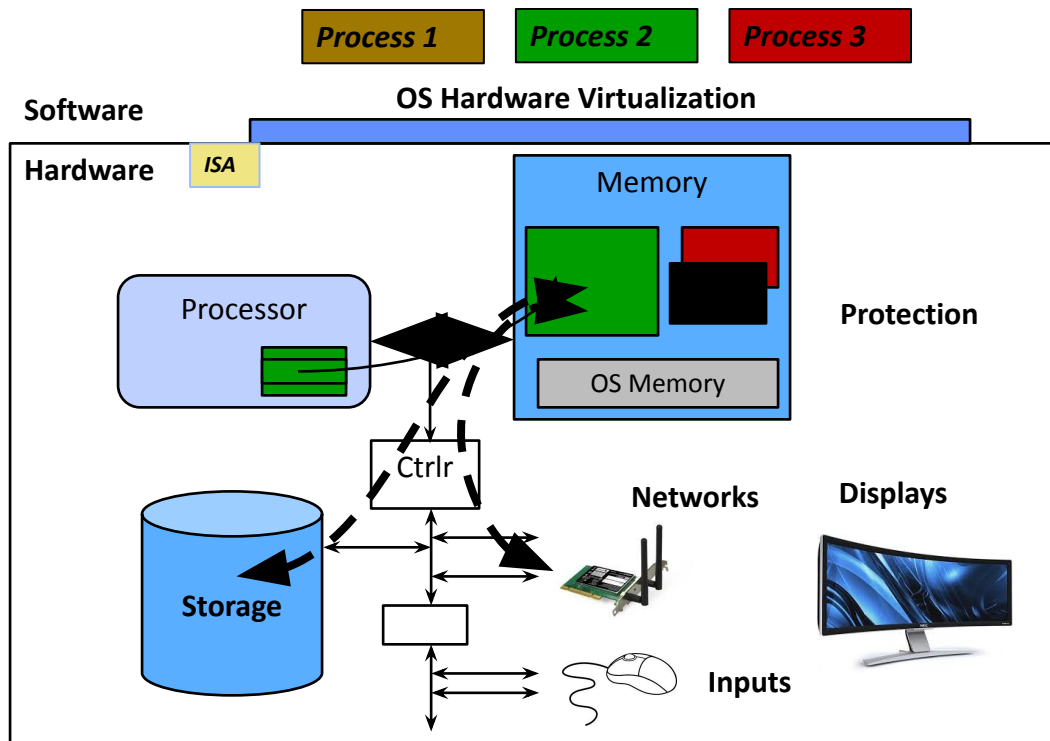
- Illusionist

- File grows and shrinks without user knowing about it
  - File can exist on RAID or multiple storage devices
    - Invisible to user
  - Files persist even during certain hardware faults

- Glue

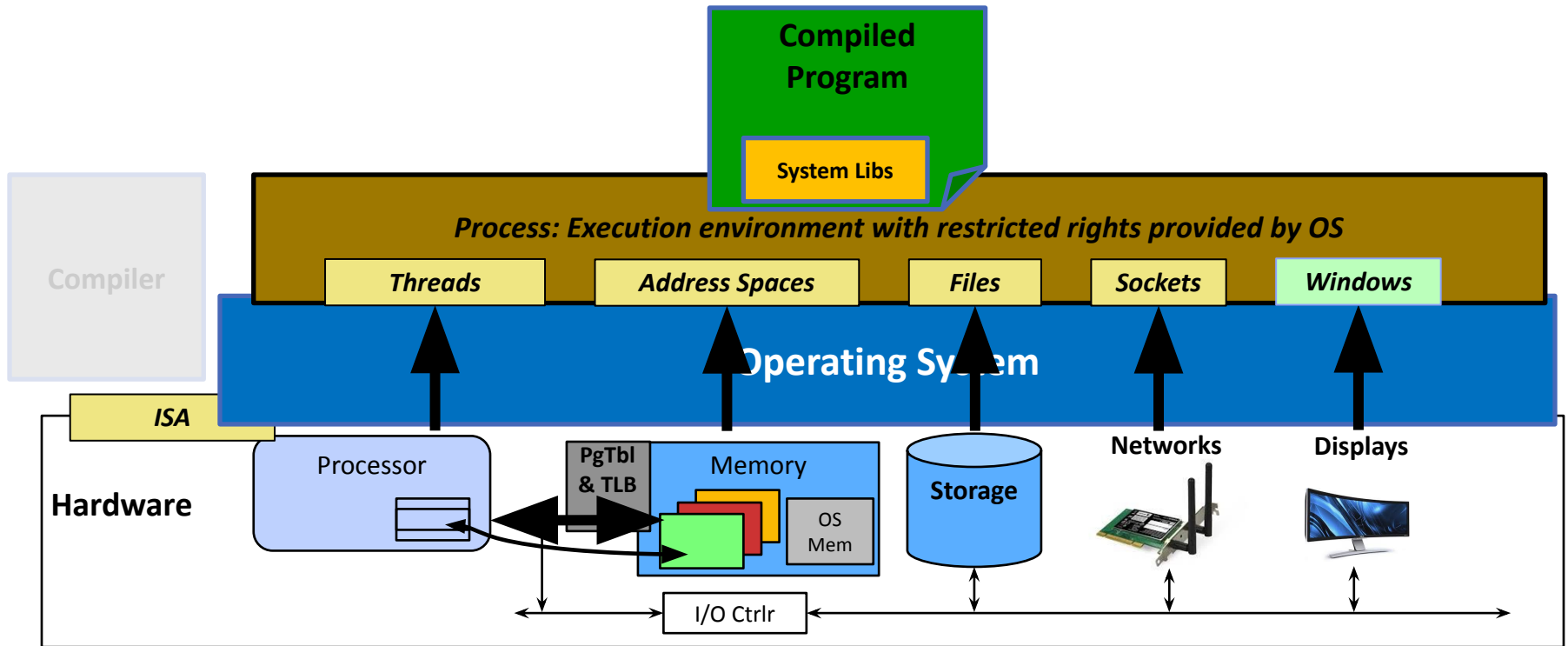
- Directories
- Standard APIs for file I/O

# OS Basics: I/O



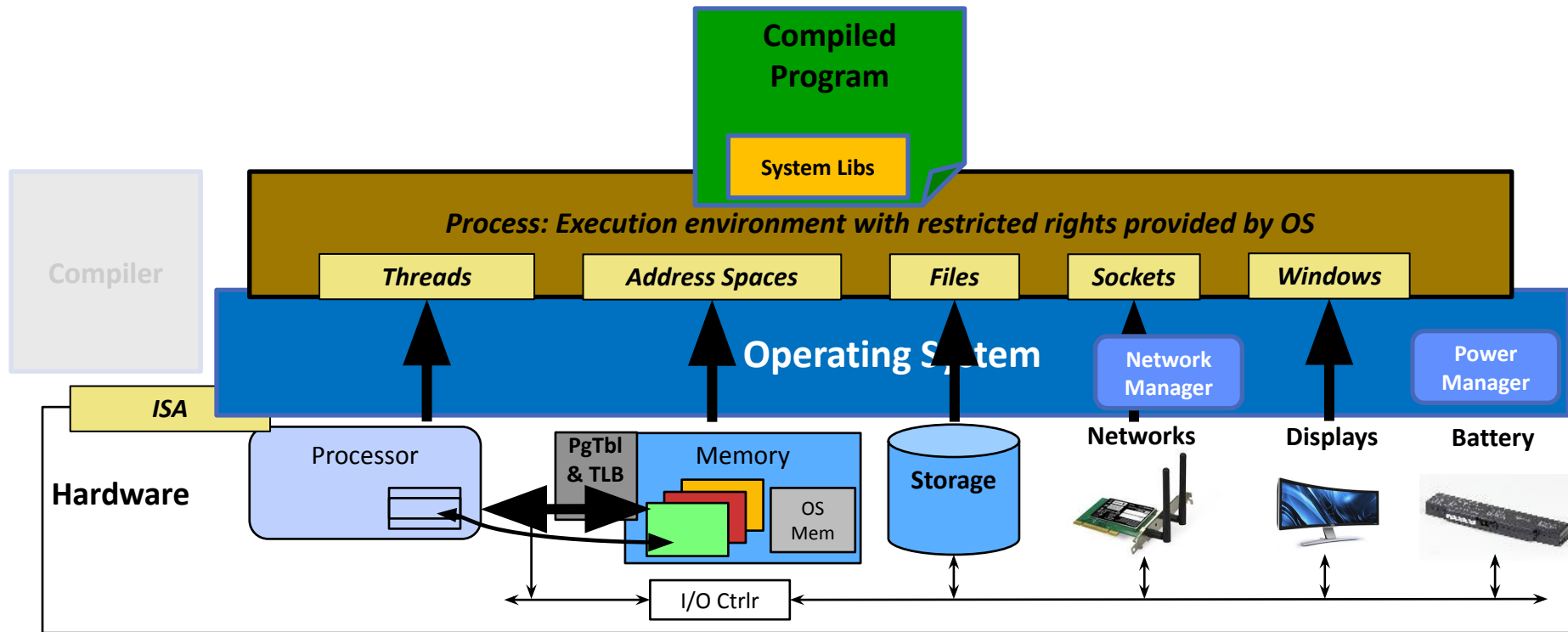
- OS provides common services in the form of I/O

# OS Basics: Look and Feel

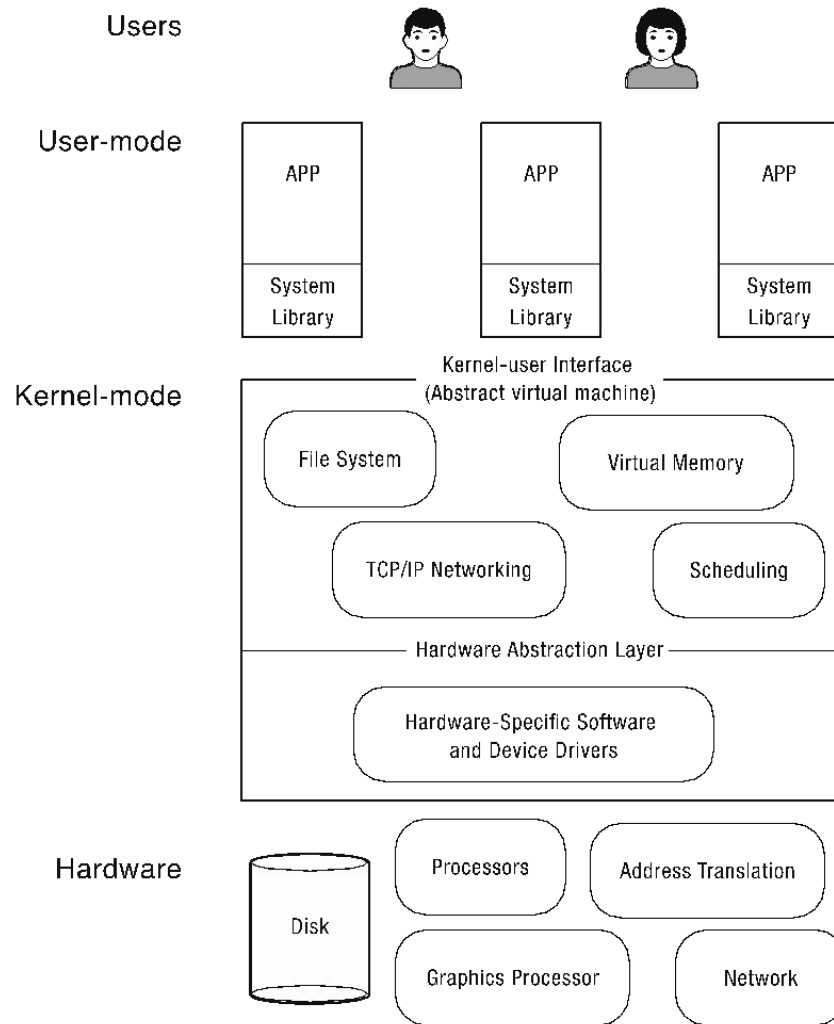




# OS Basics: Background Management



# Structure of General Purpose OS



# Summary: What is an Operating System?



- Referee

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- Provide clean, easy-to-use abstractions of physical resources
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- Glue

- Common services
  - Storage, Window system, Networking
  - Sharing, Authorization
  - Look and feel

