

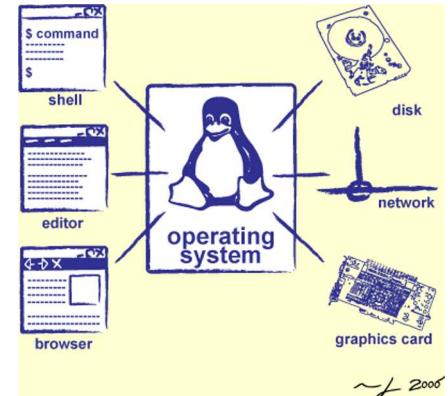
CS162
Operating Systems and
Systems Programming
Lecture I

What is an Operating System?

January 19th, 2021
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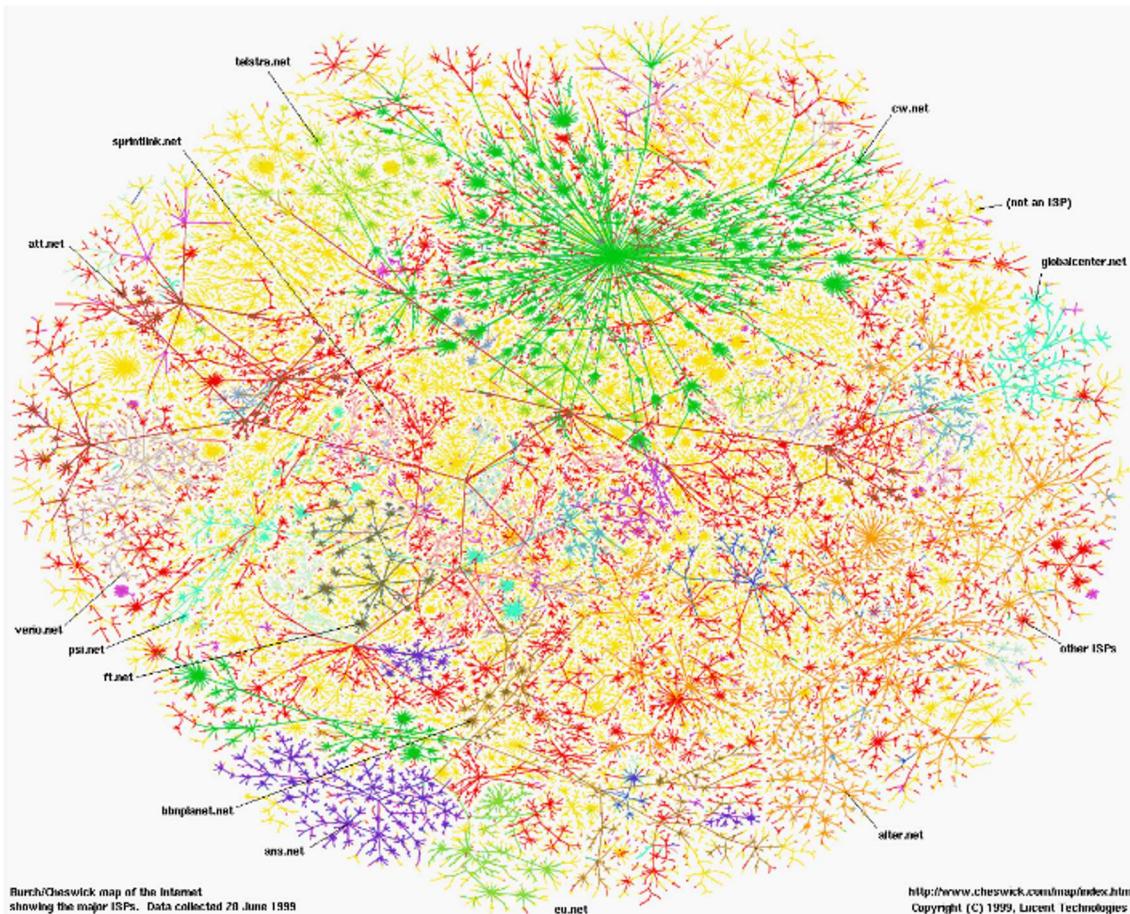
Goals for Today

- What is an Operating System?
 - And – what is it not?
- What makes Operating Systems so exciting?
- Oh, and “How does this class operate?”



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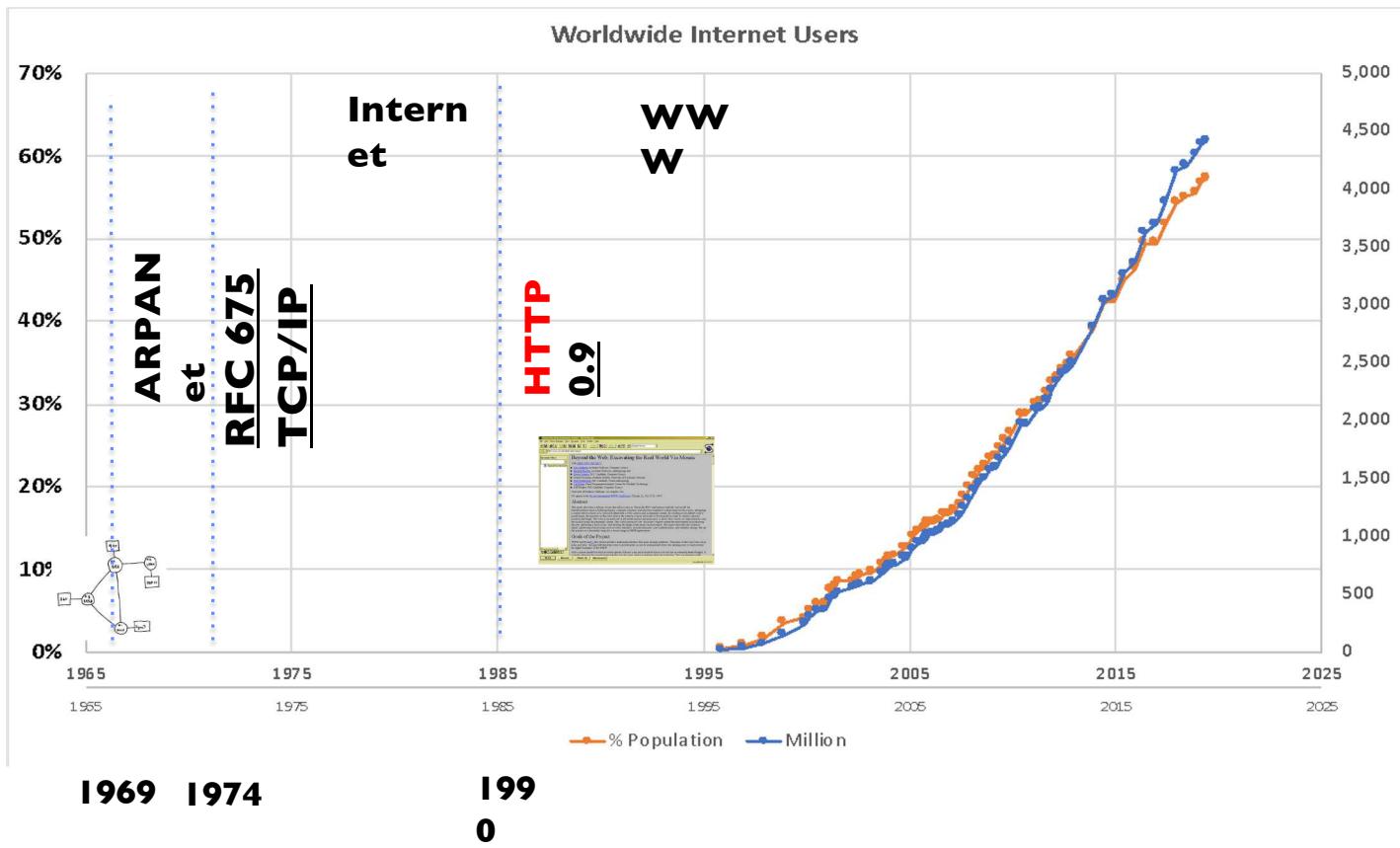
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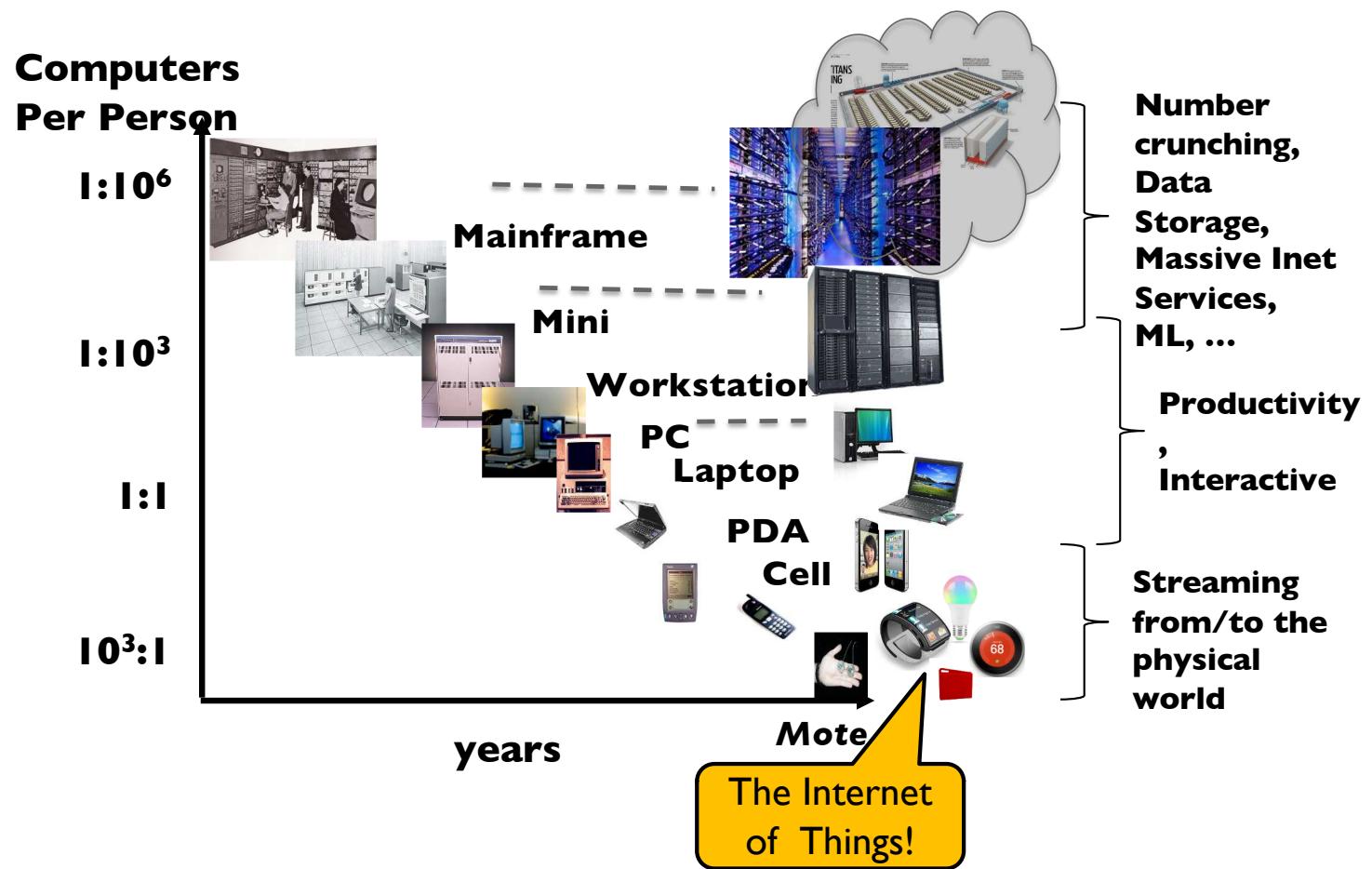


Running Systems at Internet Scale



Across Incredible Diversity

Bell's Law:
New
computer
class every
10 years



And Range of Timescales

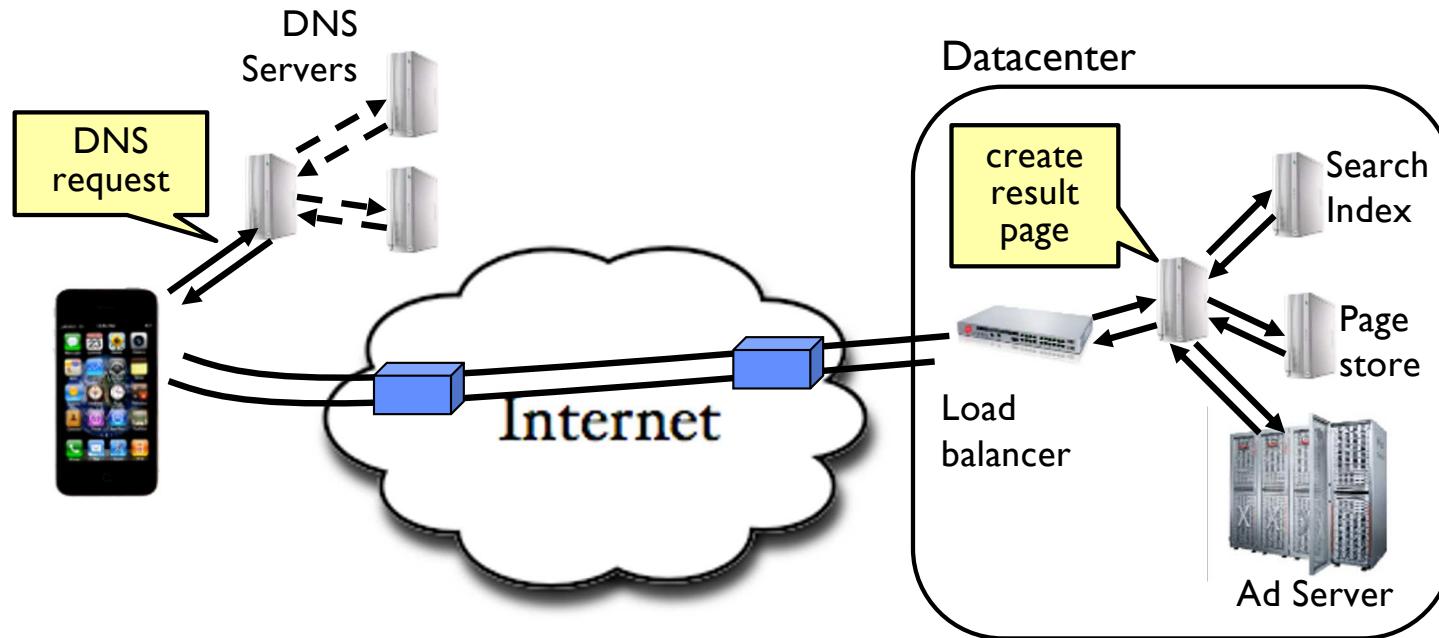
**Jeff Dean:
“Numbers
Everyone Should
Know”**

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

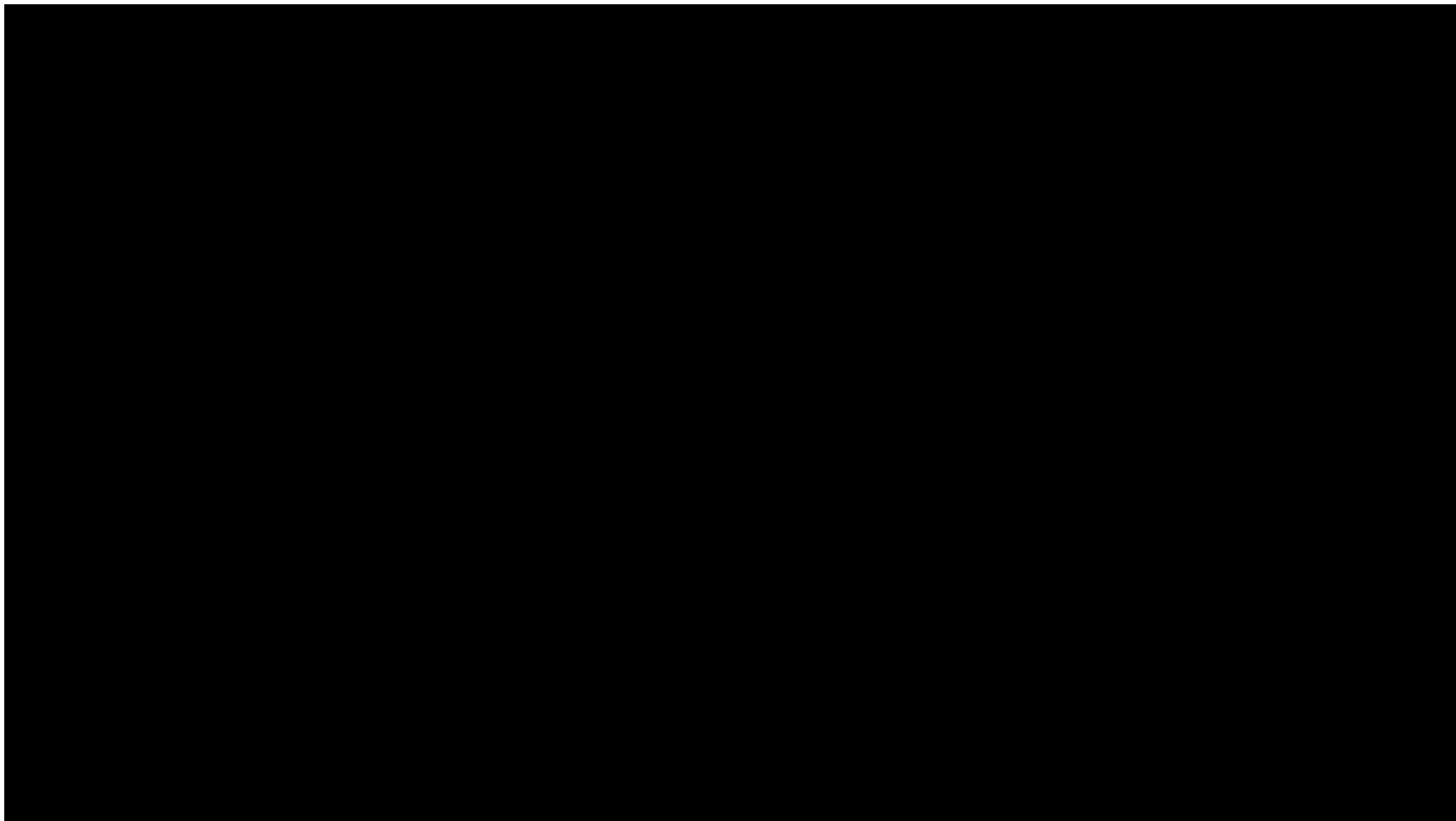
Operating Systems are at the Heart of it All!

- 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

Example: What's in a Search Query?



- Complex interaction of multiple components in multiple administrative domains
 - Systems, services, protocols, ...



But: What is an operating system?

What does an Operating System do?

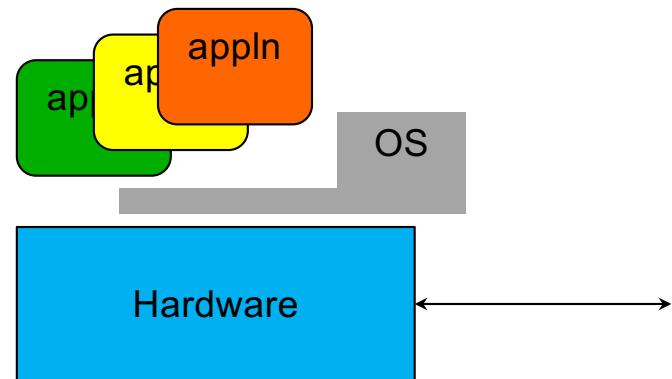
- Most Likely:
 - Memory Management
 - I/O Management
 - CPU Scheduling
 - Communications? (Does Email belong in OS?)
 - Multitasking/multiprogramming?
- What about?
 - File System?
 - Multimedia Support?
 - User Interface?
 - Internet Browser? ☺
- Is this only interesting to Academics??

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

One Definition of 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



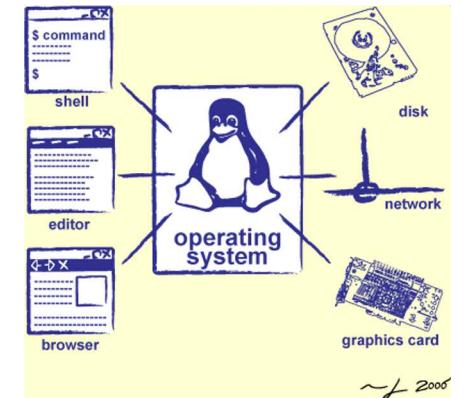
Operating System



**Switchboard
Operator**



**Computer
Operators**



**Operating
System**

Operating System

What makes something a **system**?

- Multiple interrelated parts
 - Each potentially interacts with the others
- Robustness requires an **engineering mindset**
 - Meticulous error handling, defending against malicious and careless users
 - Treating the computer as a concrete machine, with all of its limitations and possible failure cases

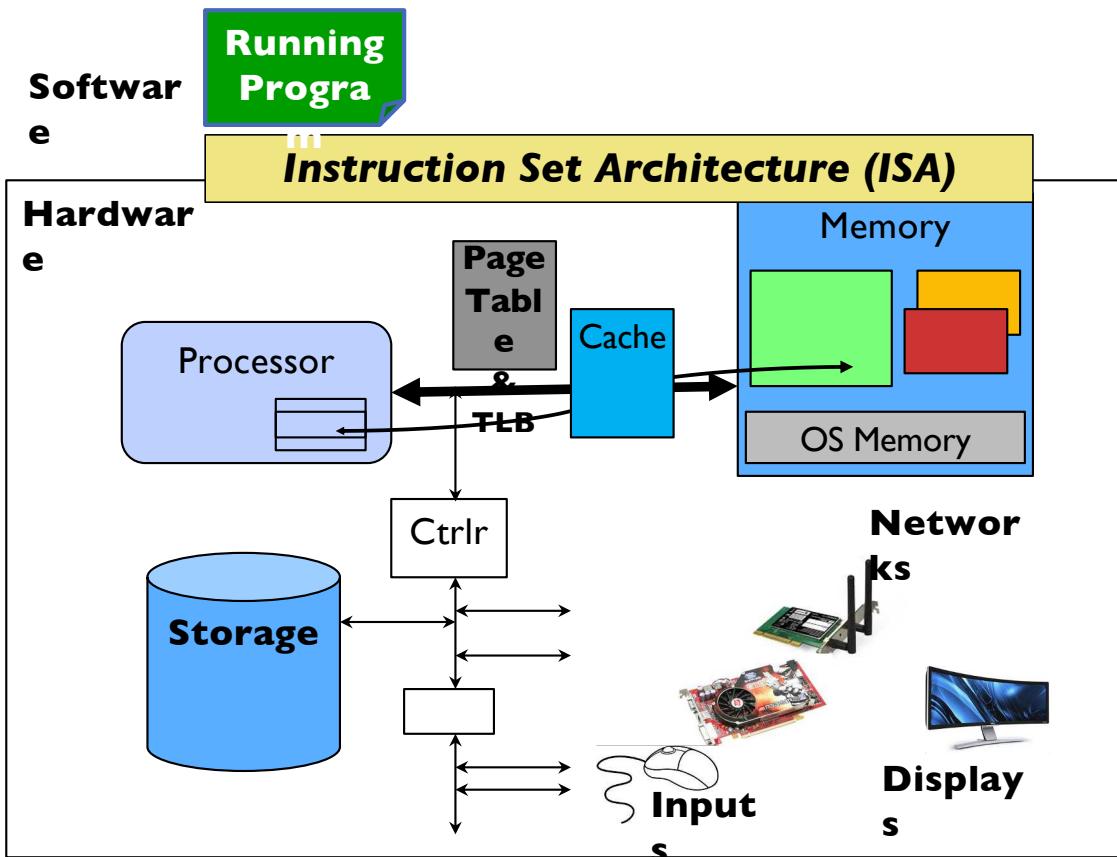
System programming is an important part of this class!



What is an operating system?

Illusionist

Hardware/Software Interface



**What you learned
in CS 61C – Machine
Structures (and C)**

**The OS abstracts
these hardware
details from the
application**

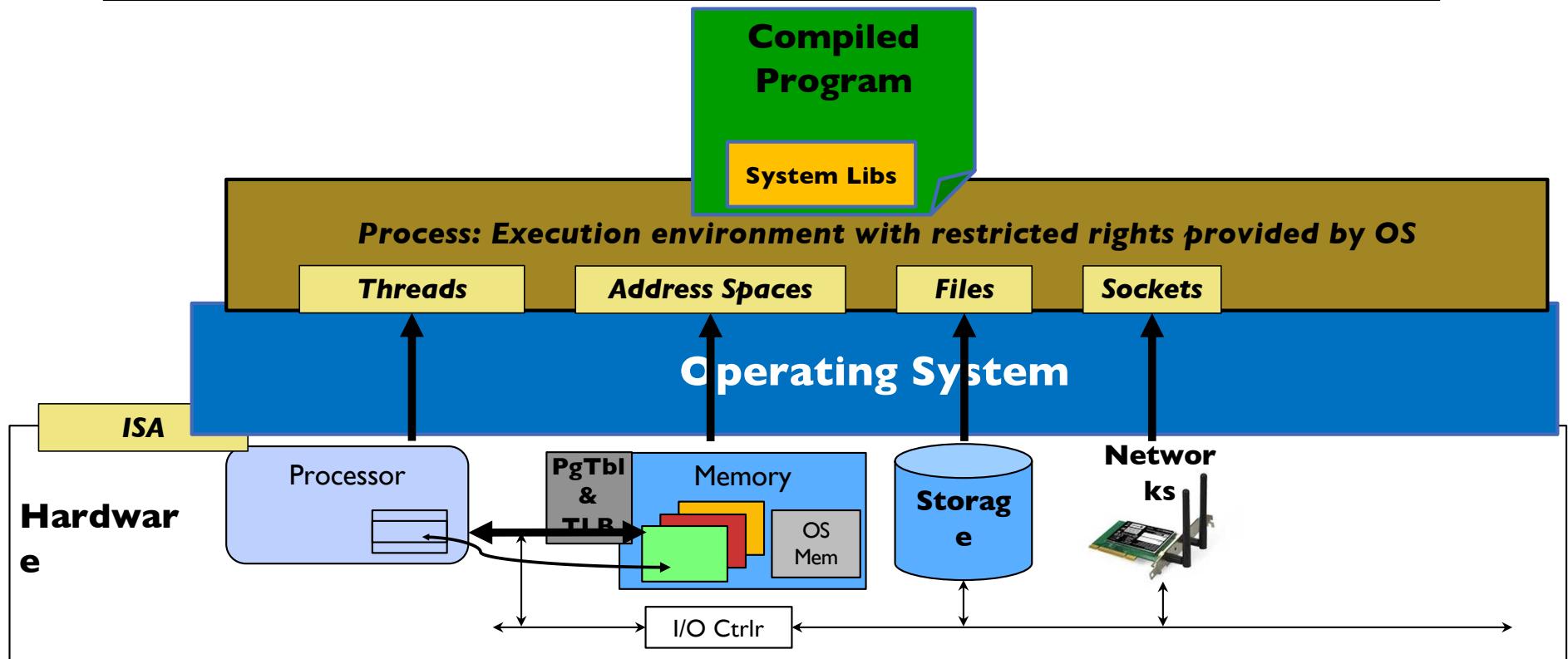
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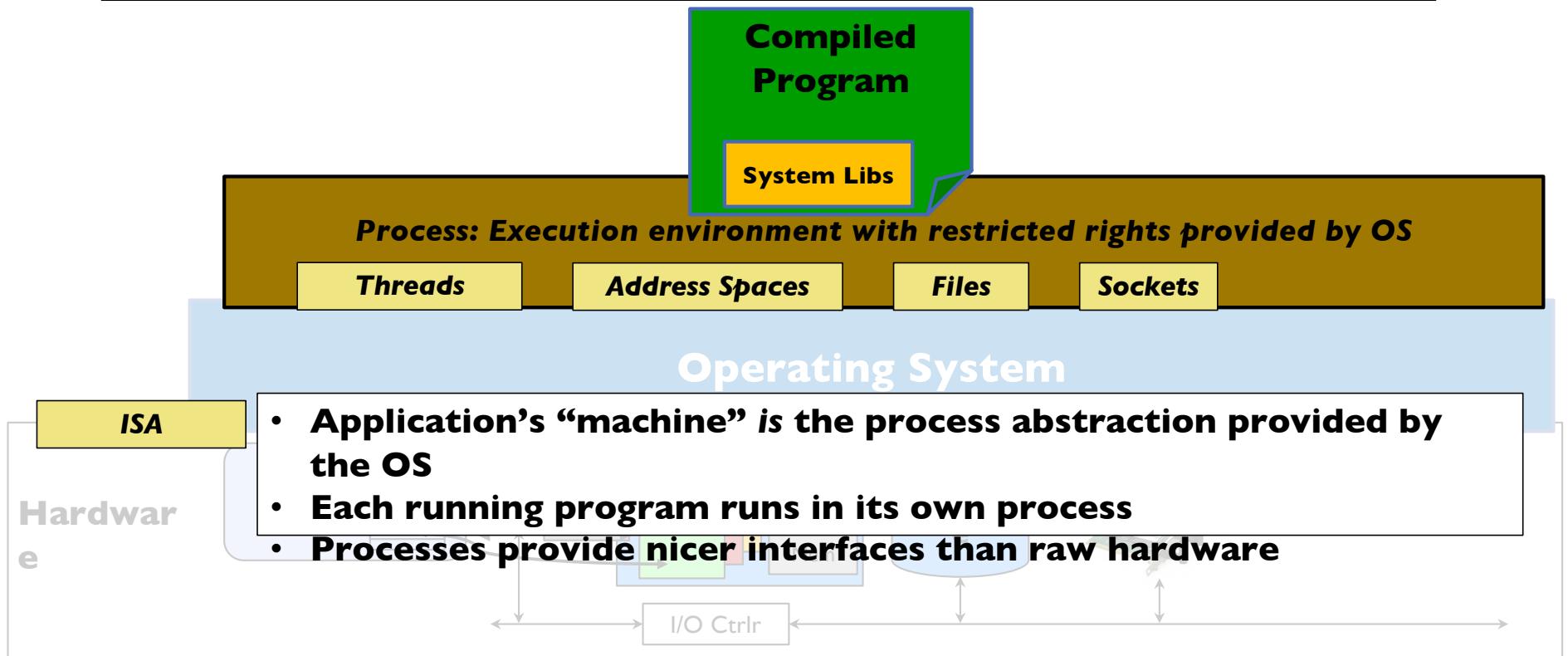


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 - » Infinite memory, dedicated machine
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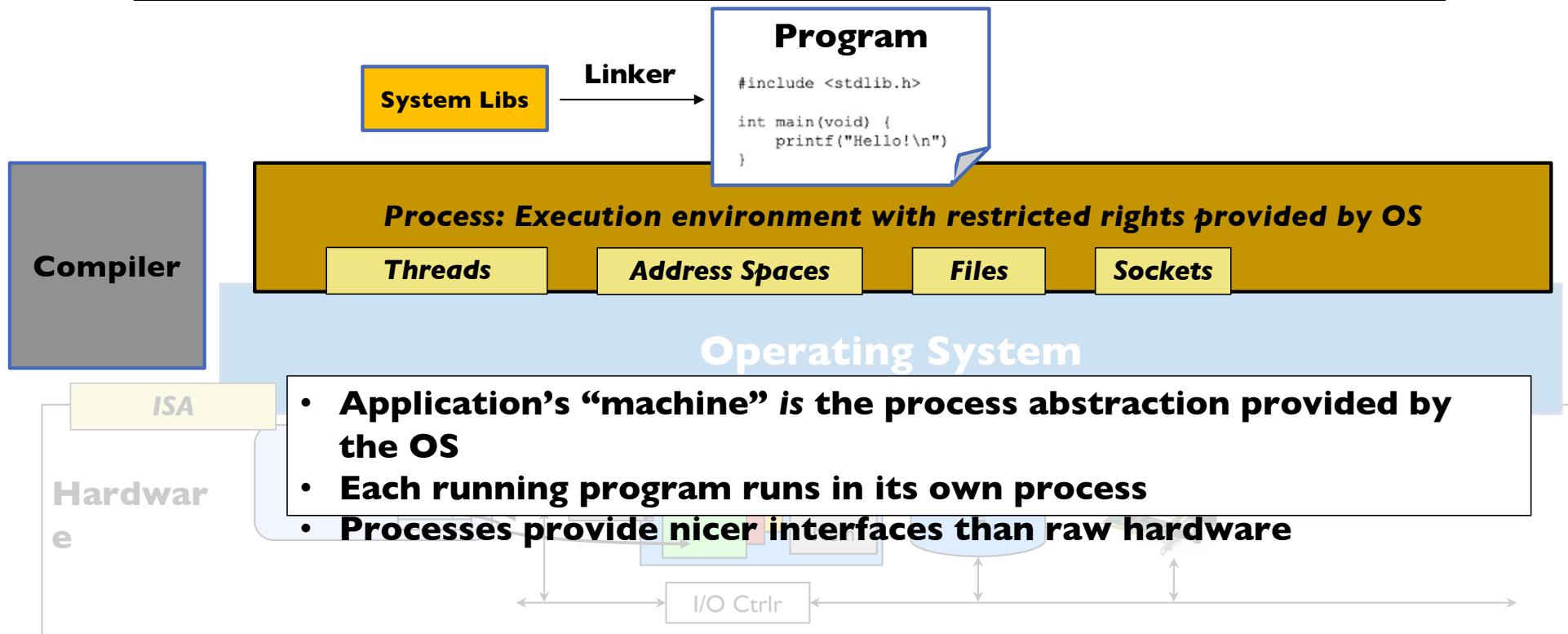
OS Basics: Virtualizing the Machine



Compiled Program's View of the World



System Programmer's View of the World

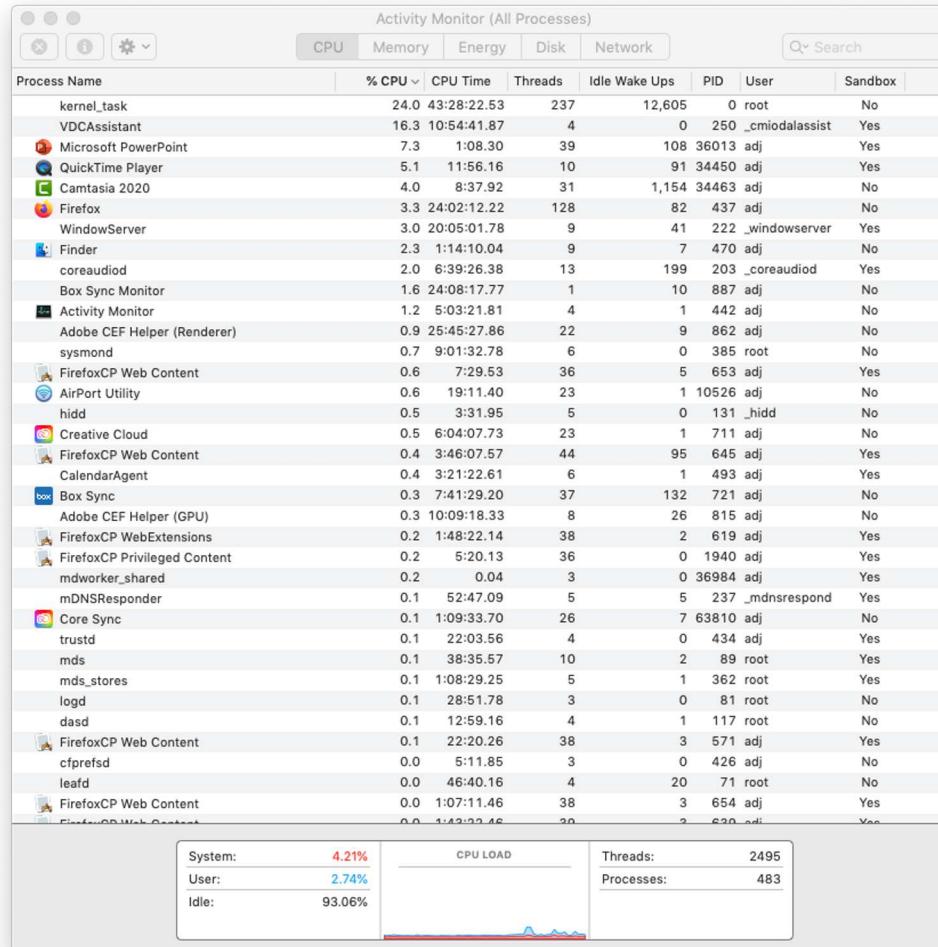


What's in a Process?

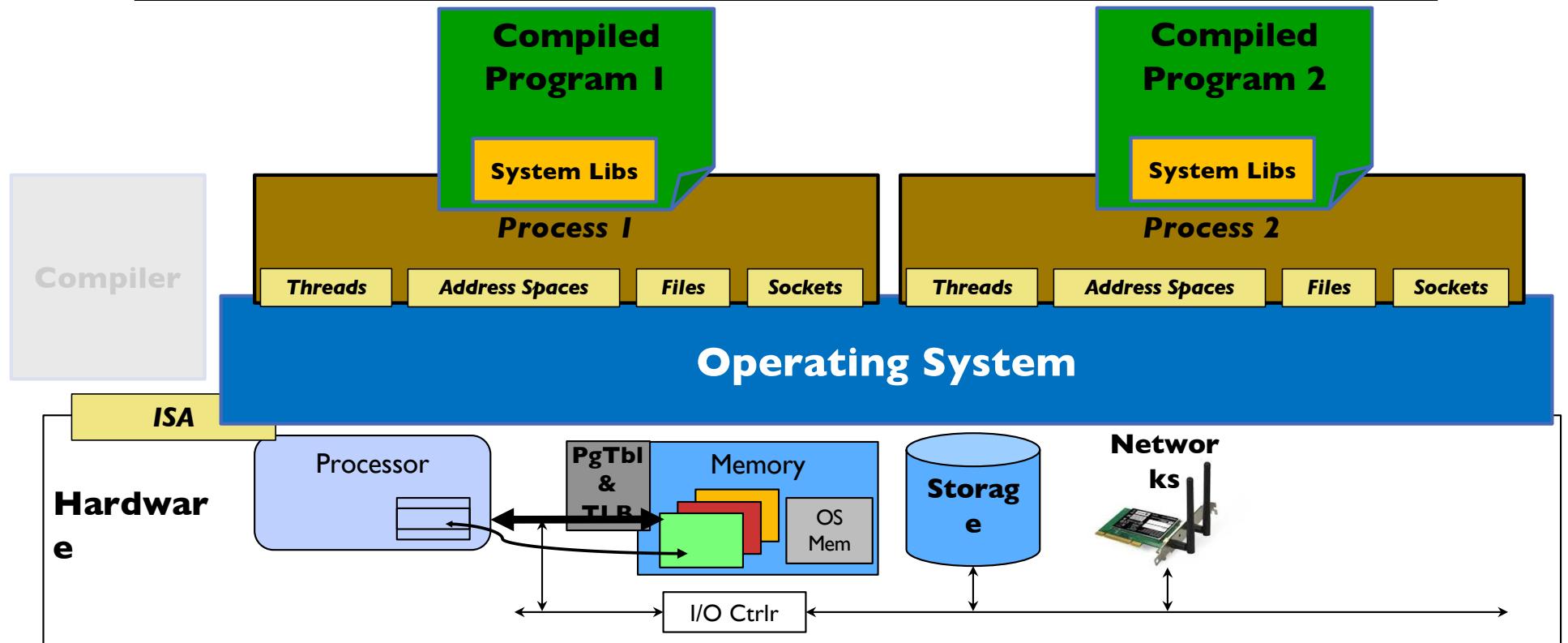
A process consists of:

- 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)
 - ...

For Example...

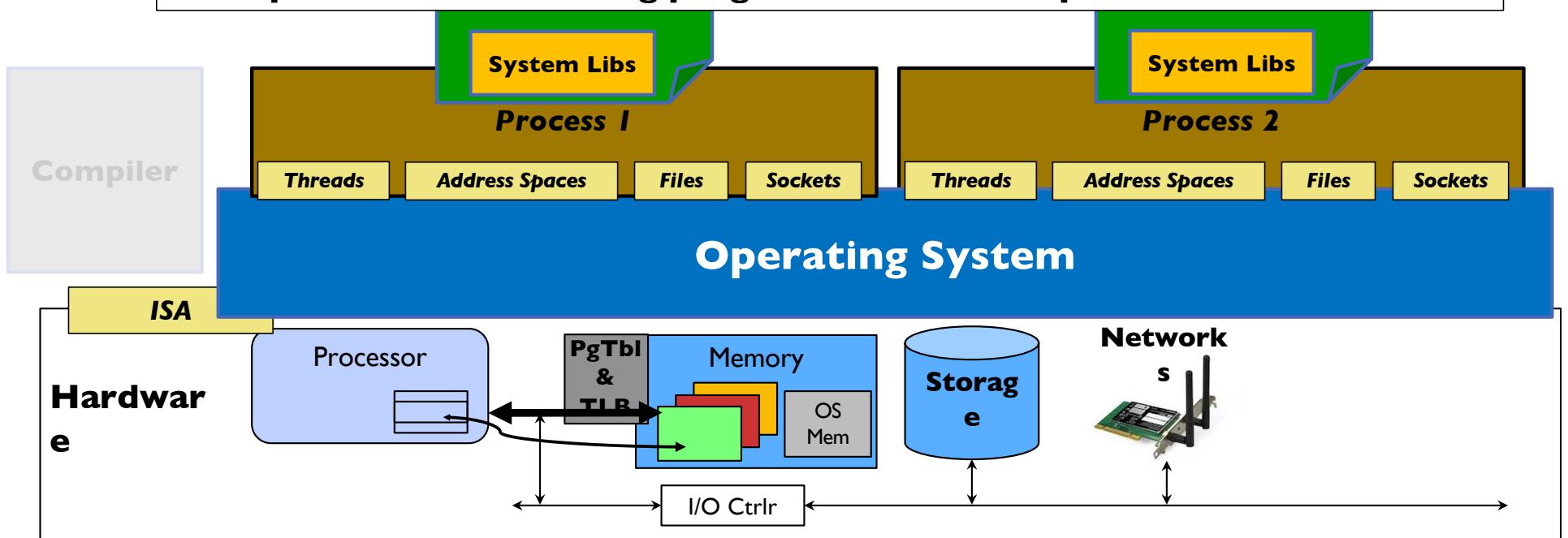


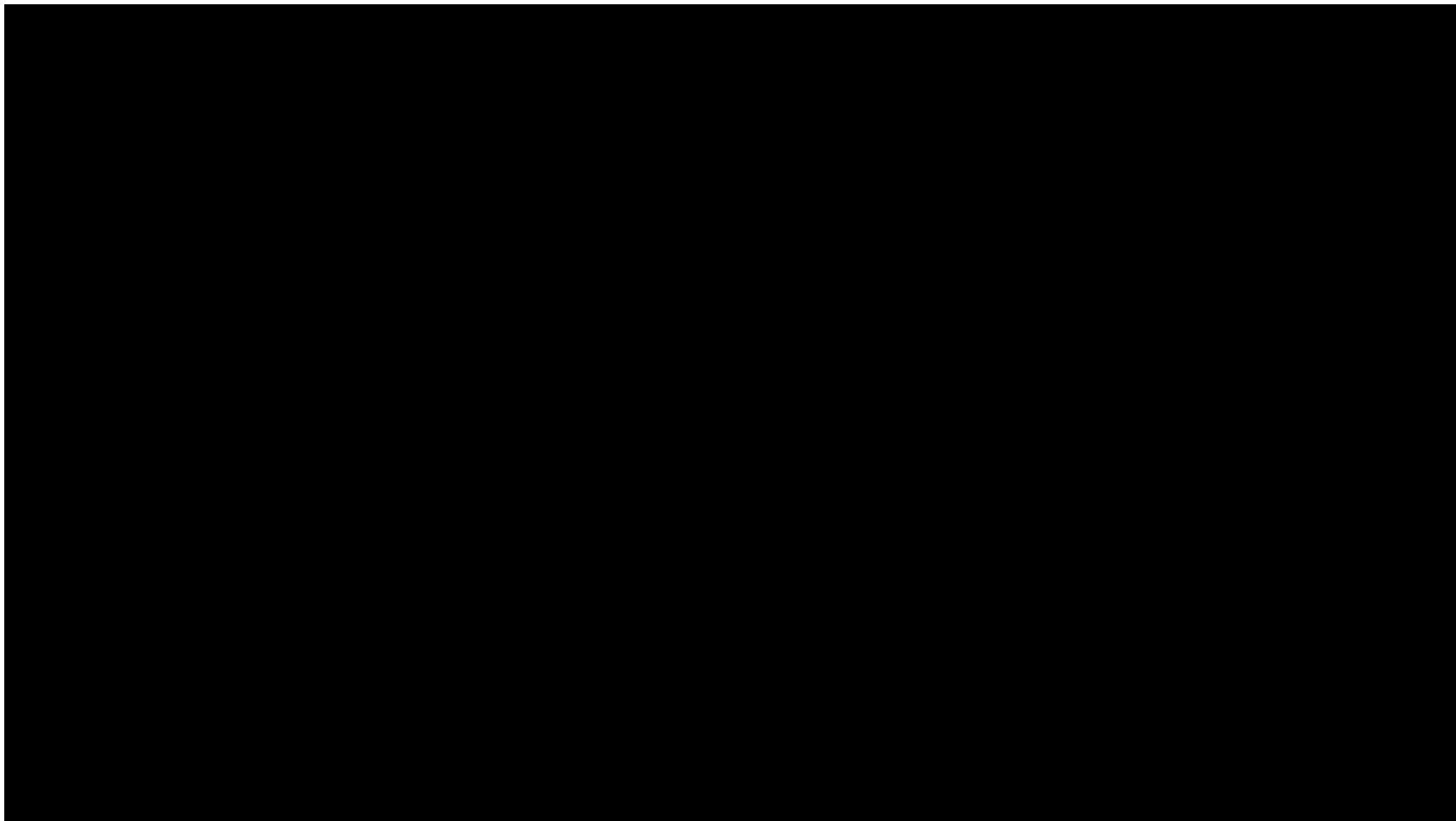
Operating System's View of the World



Operating System's View of the World

- OS translates from hardware interface to application interface
- OS provides each running program with its own process





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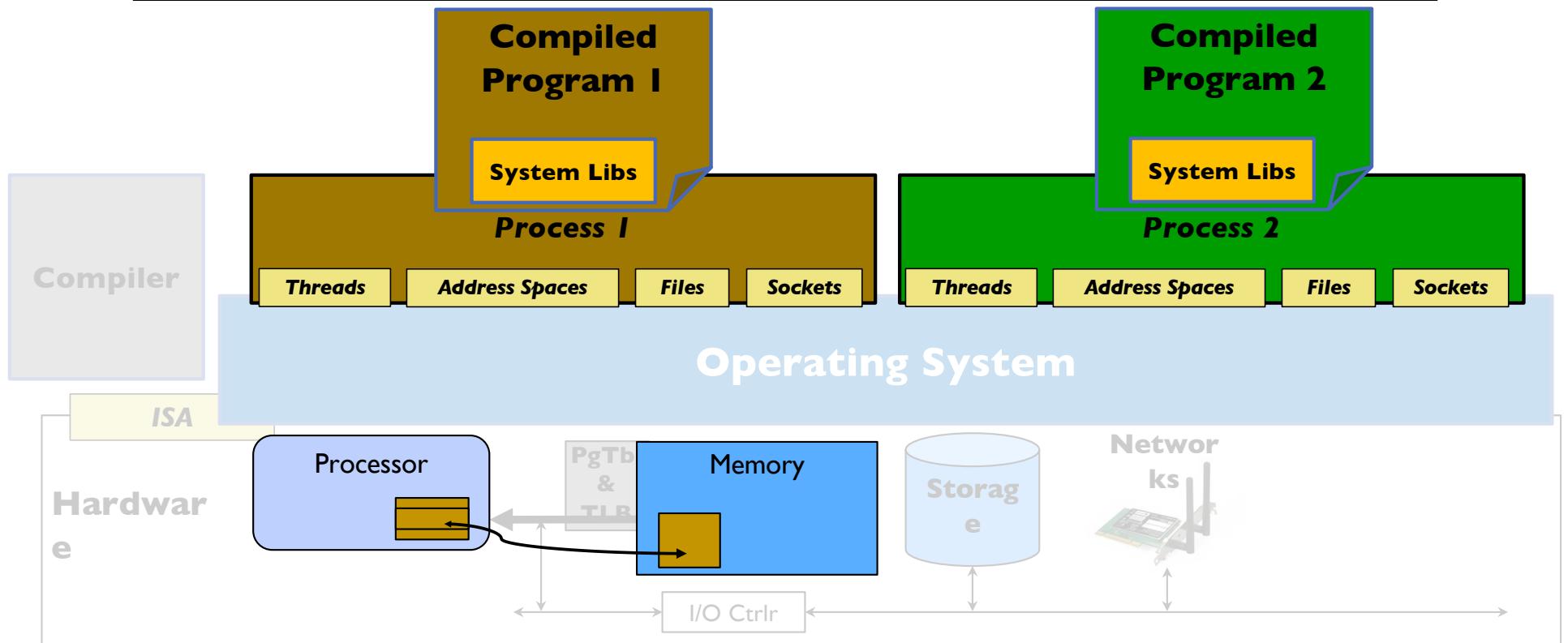
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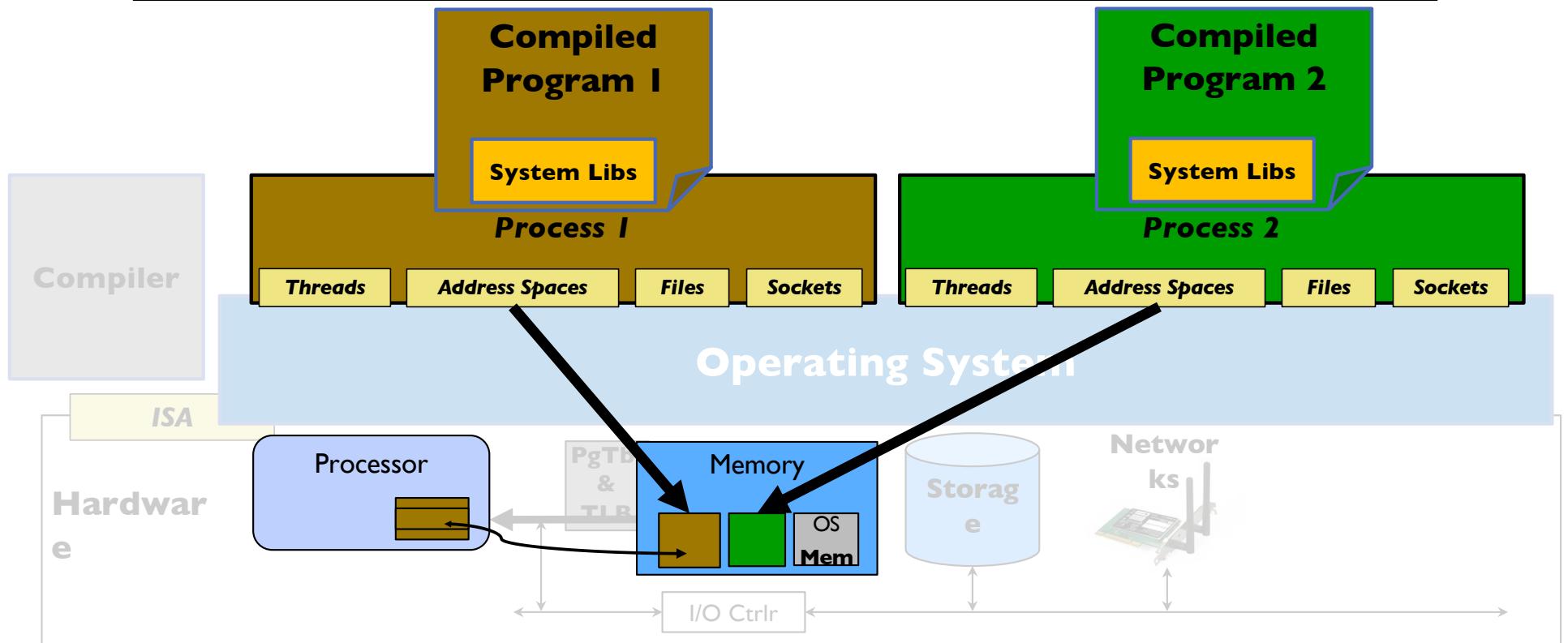


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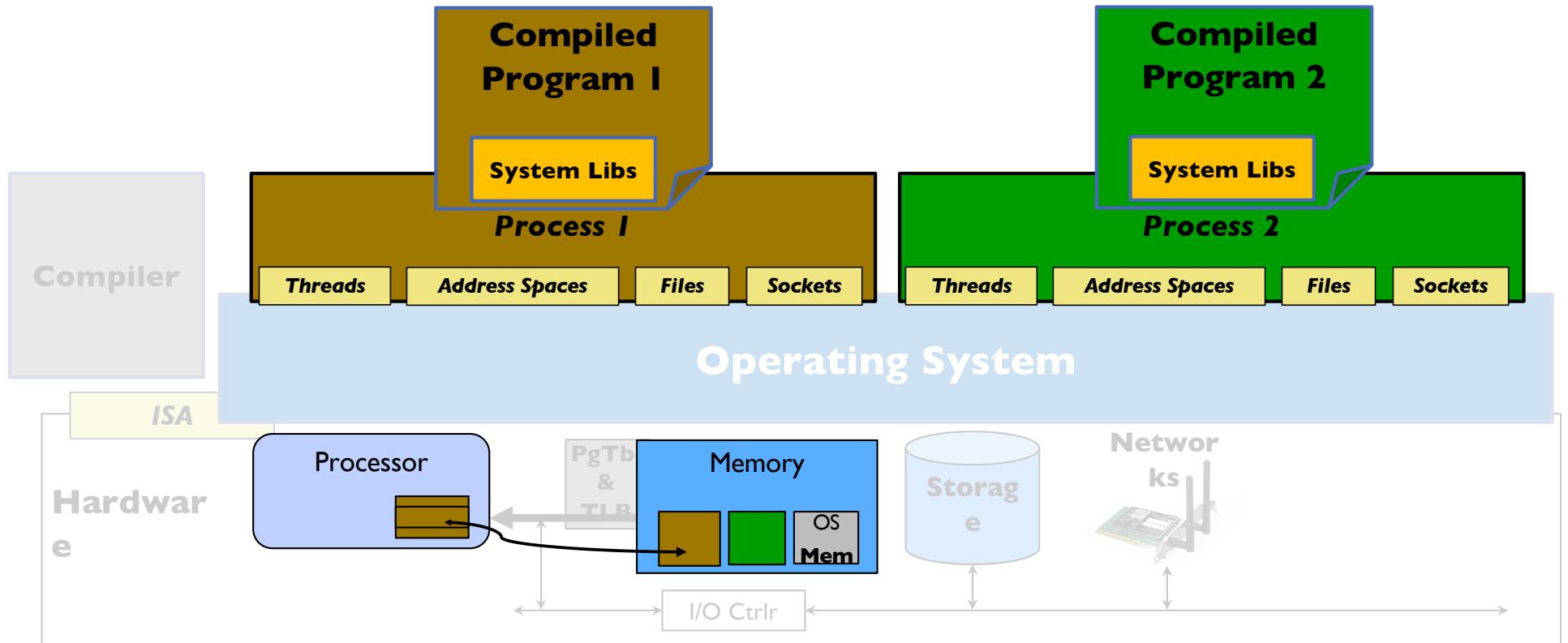
OS Basics: Running a Process



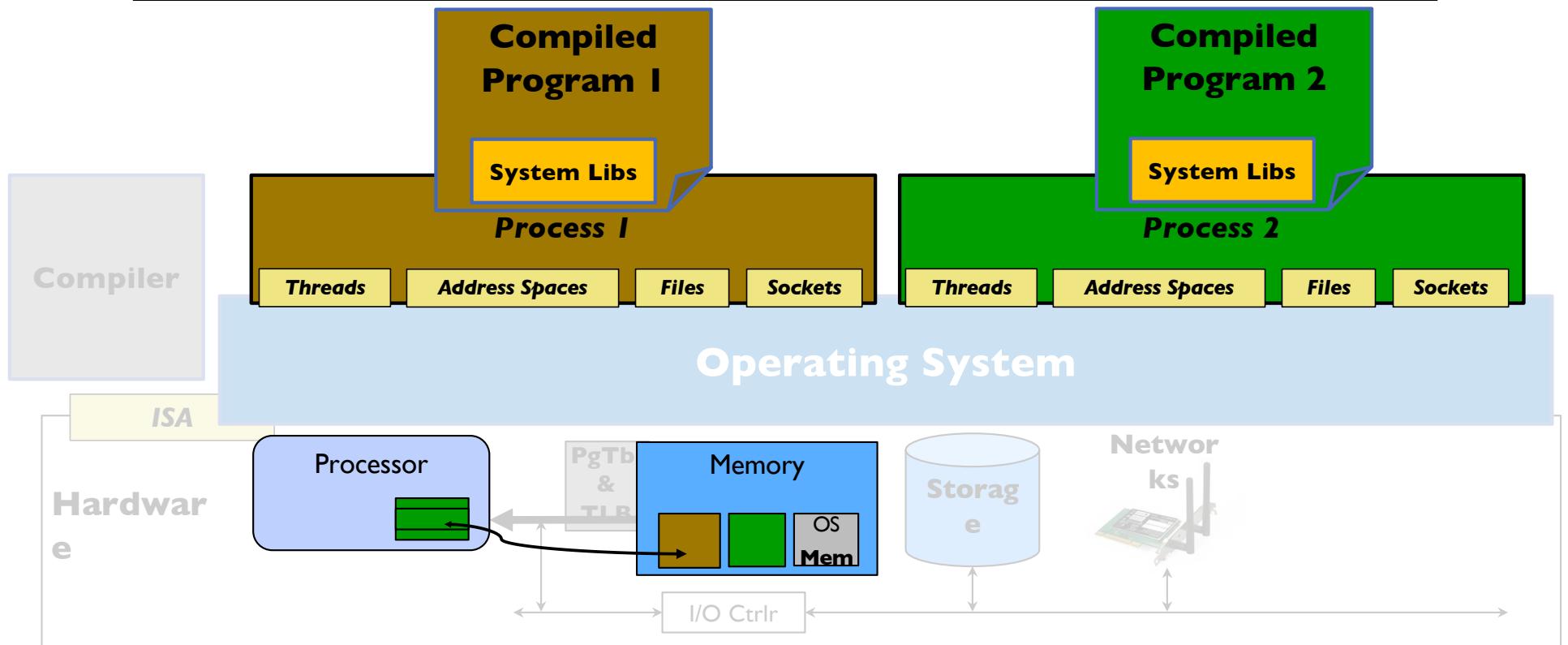
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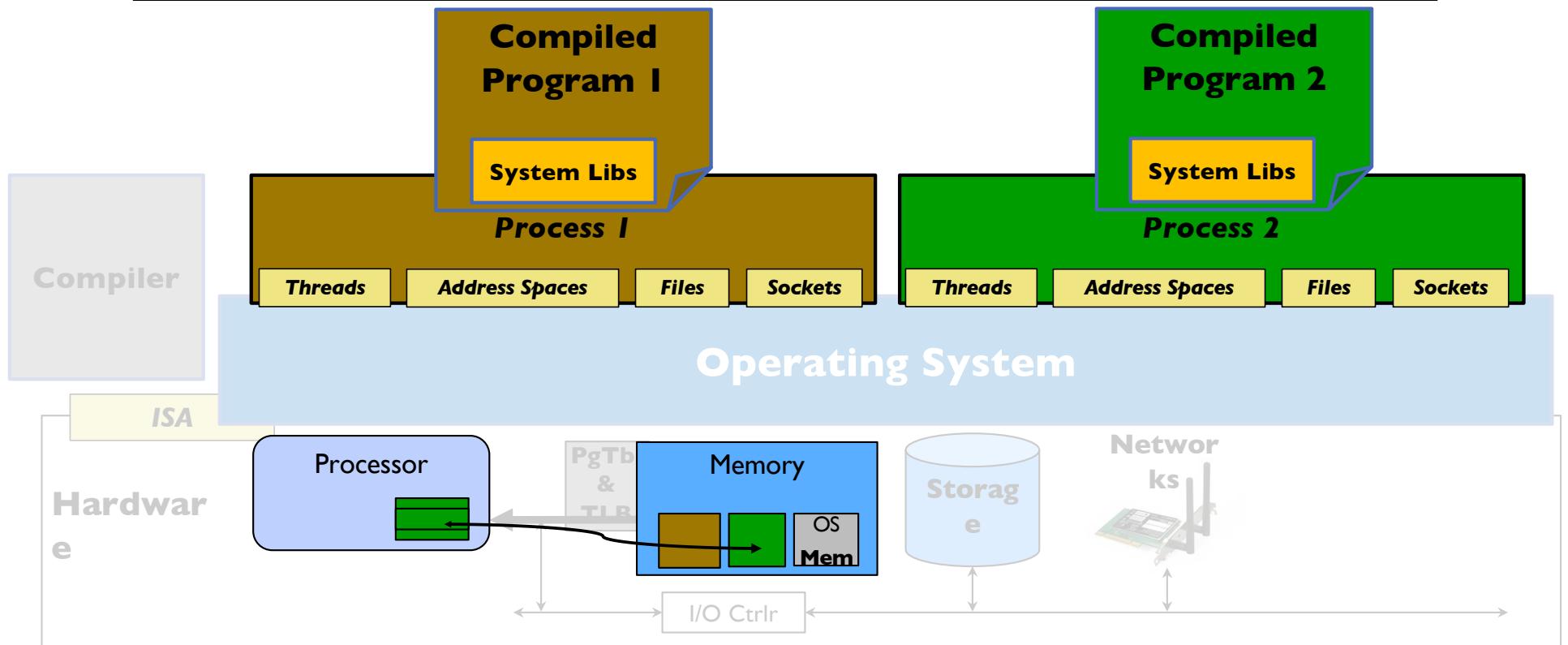
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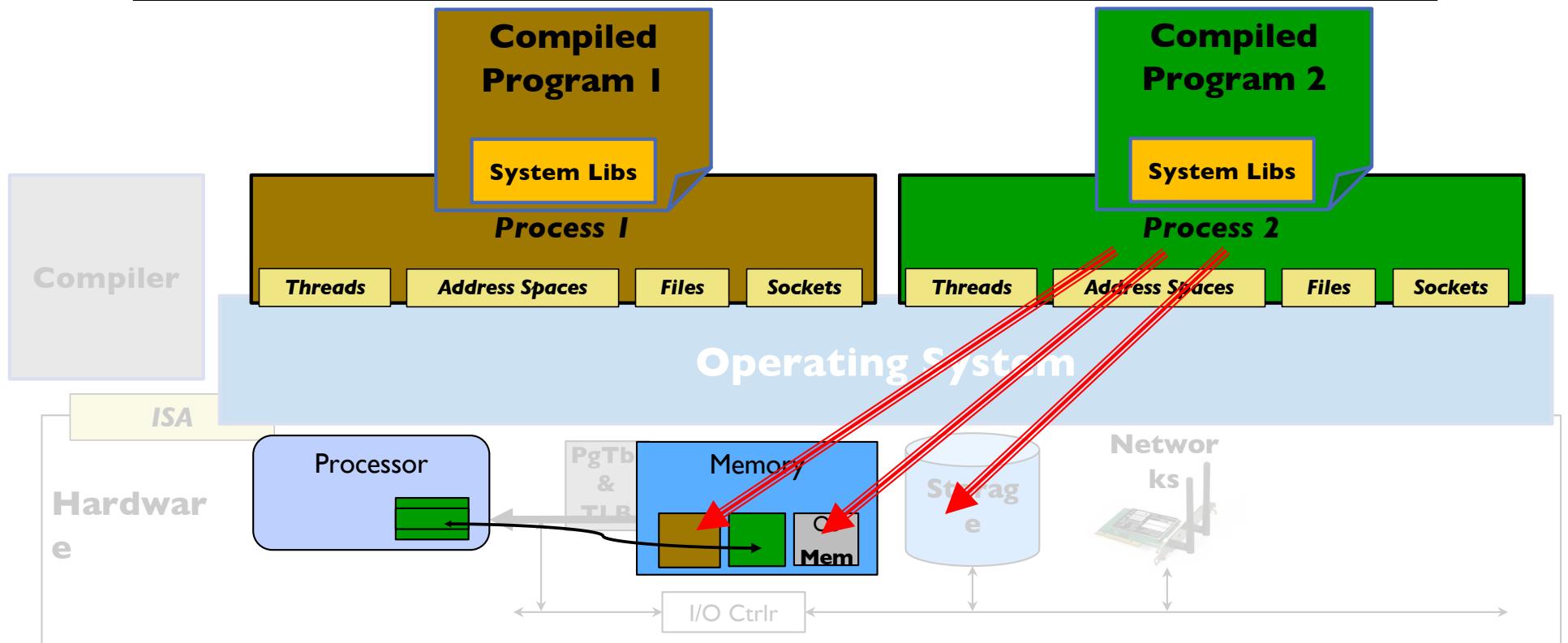
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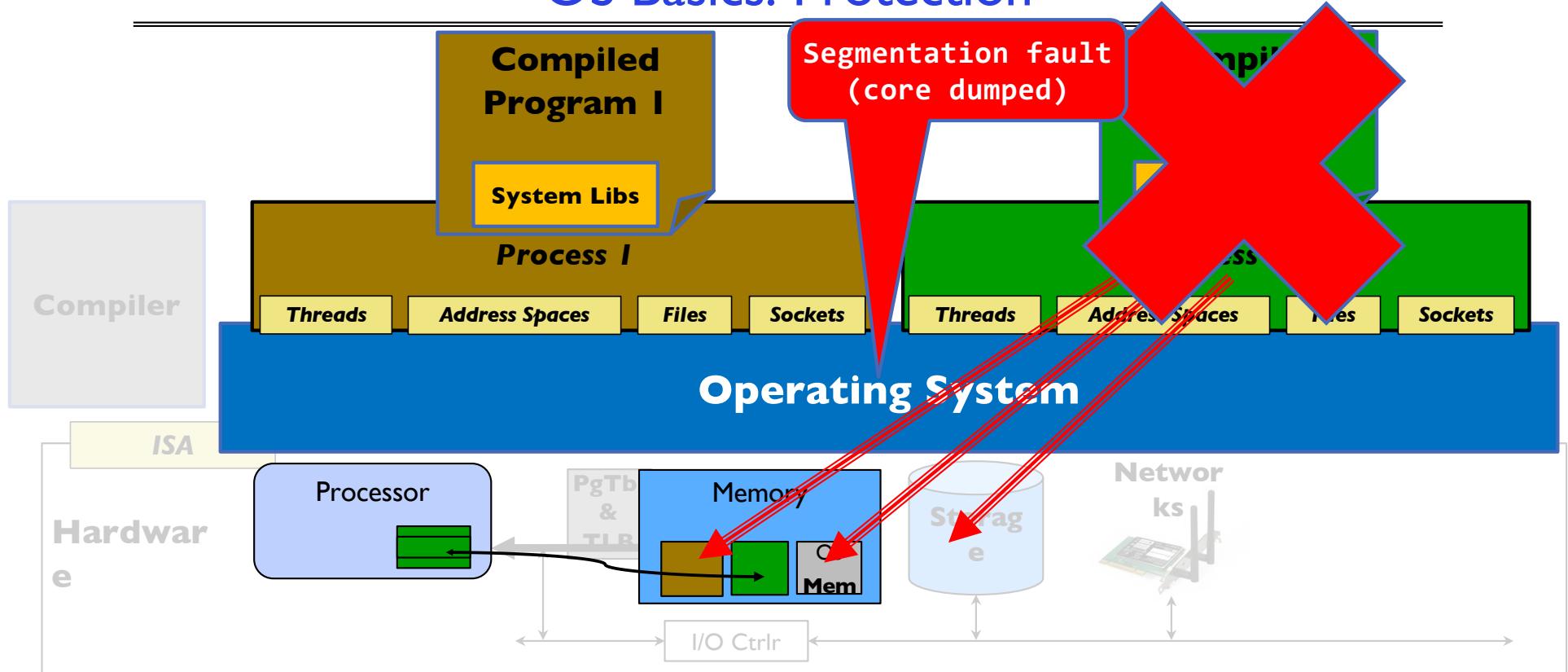
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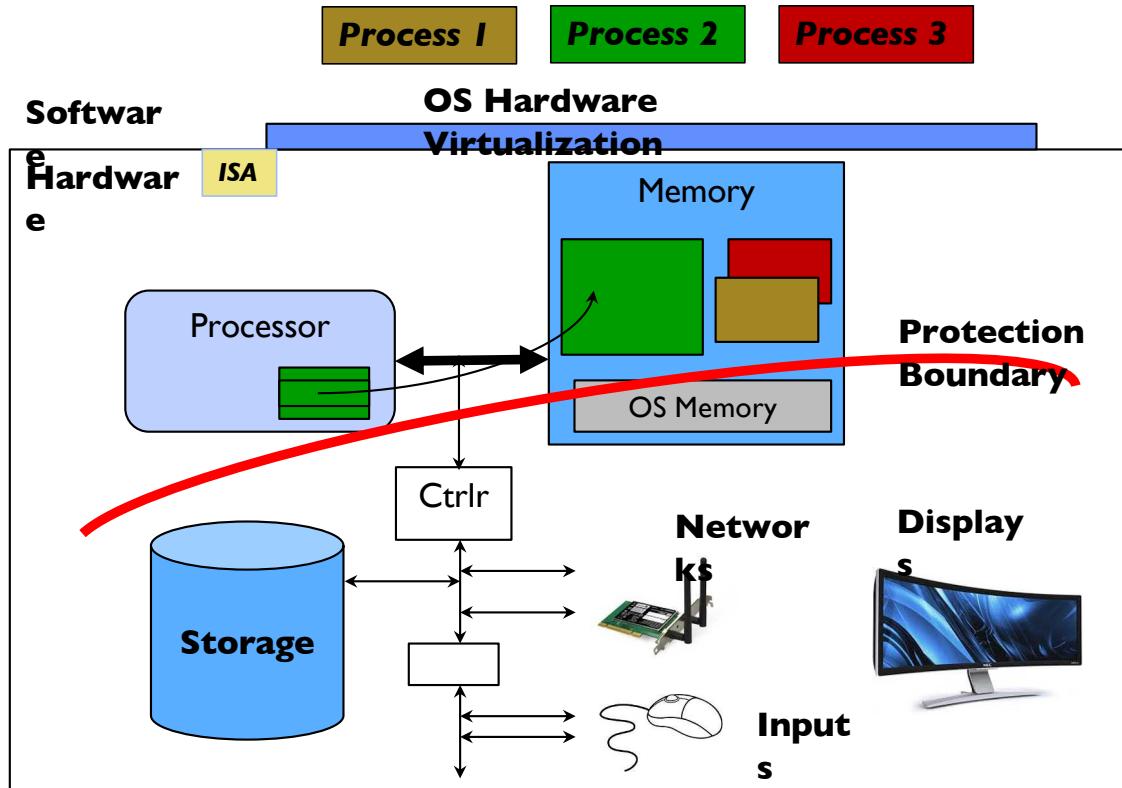
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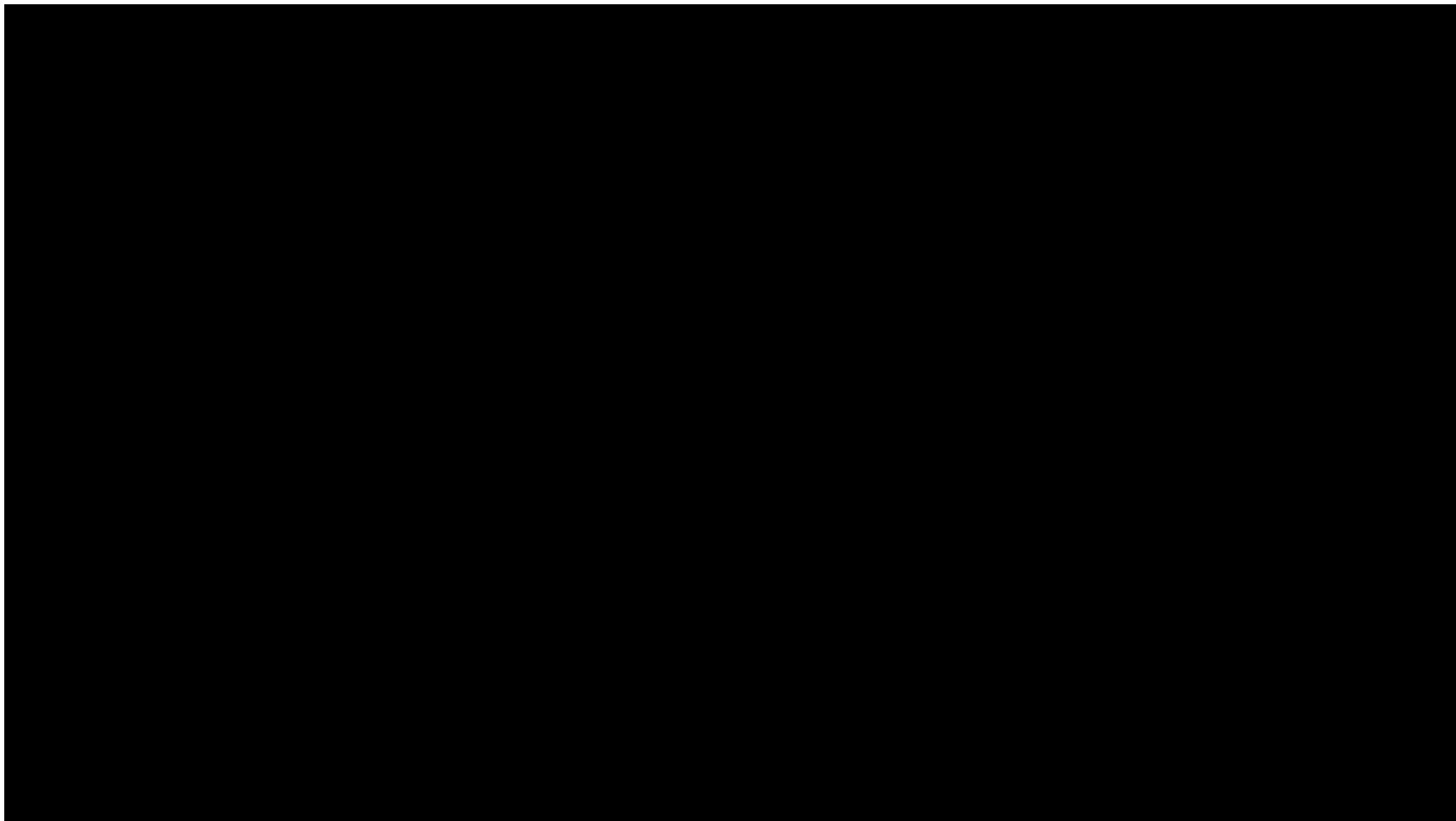
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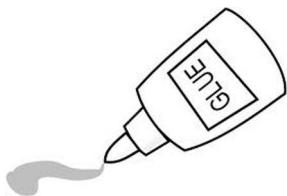
- **OS isolates processes from each other**
- **OS isolates itself from other processes**
- **... even though they are actually running on the same hardware!**



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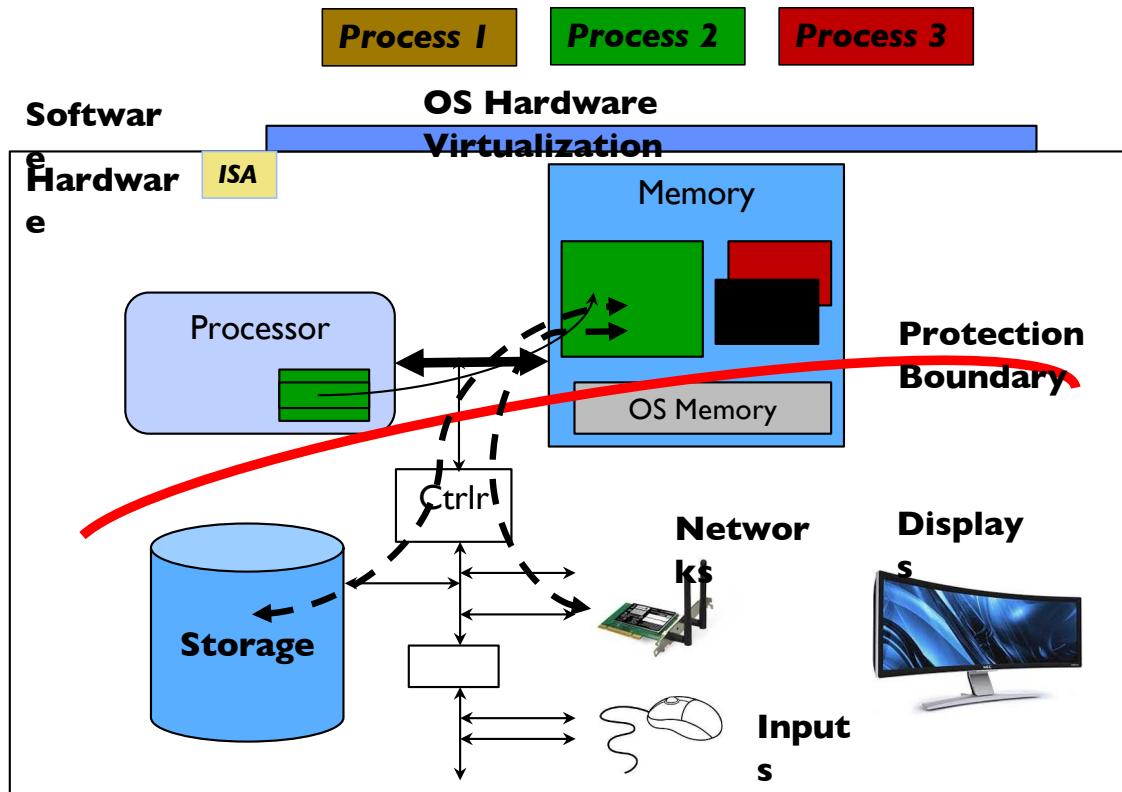
Glue

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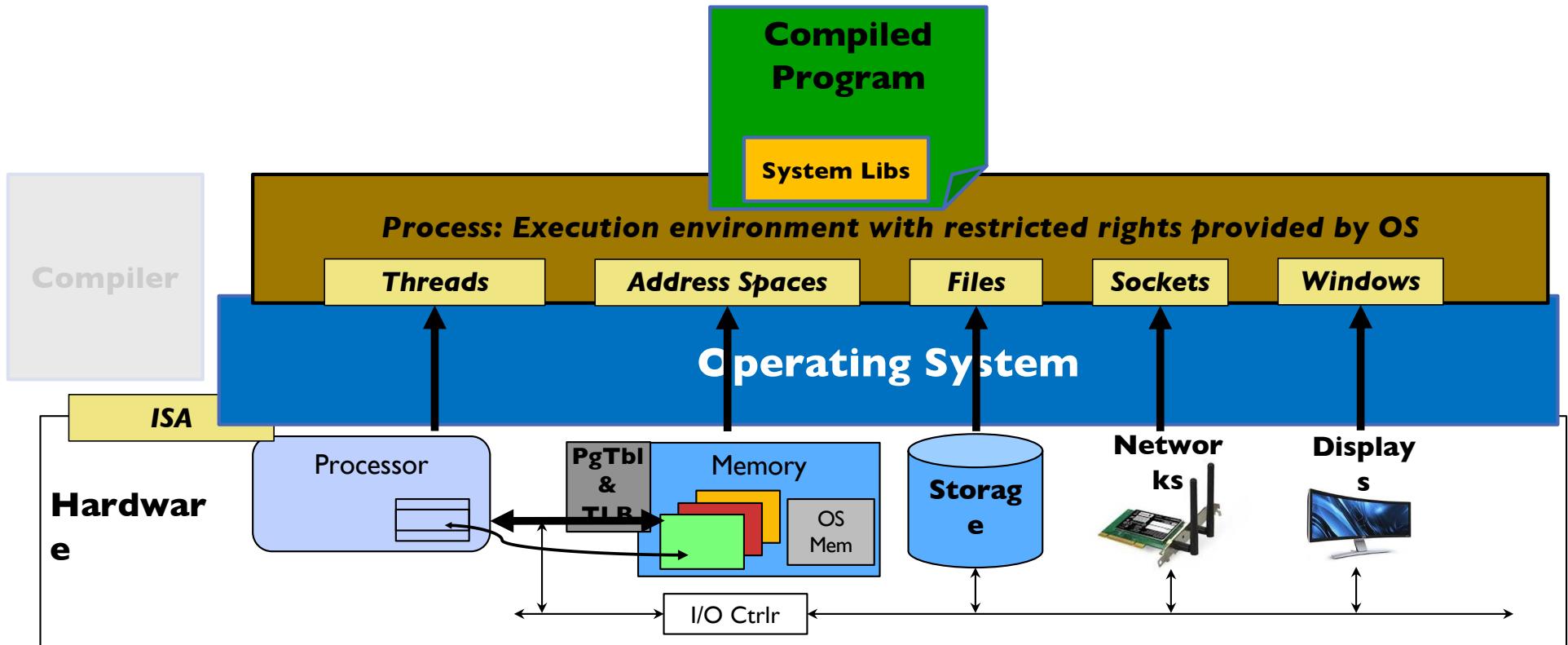
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 - » Sharing, Authorization
 - » Look and feel

OS Basics: I/O

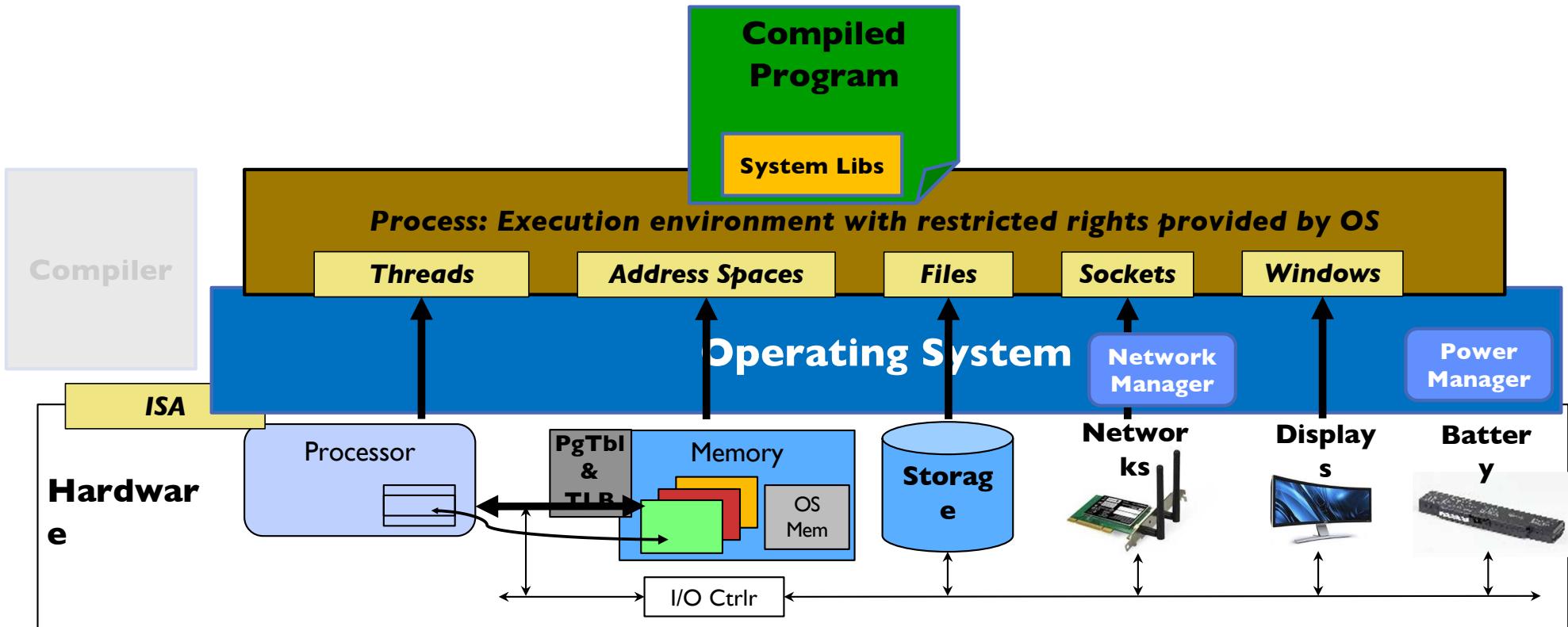


- **OS provides common services in the form of I/O**

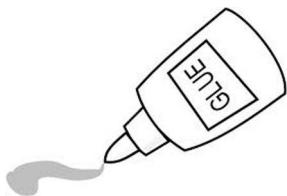
OS Basics: Look and Feel



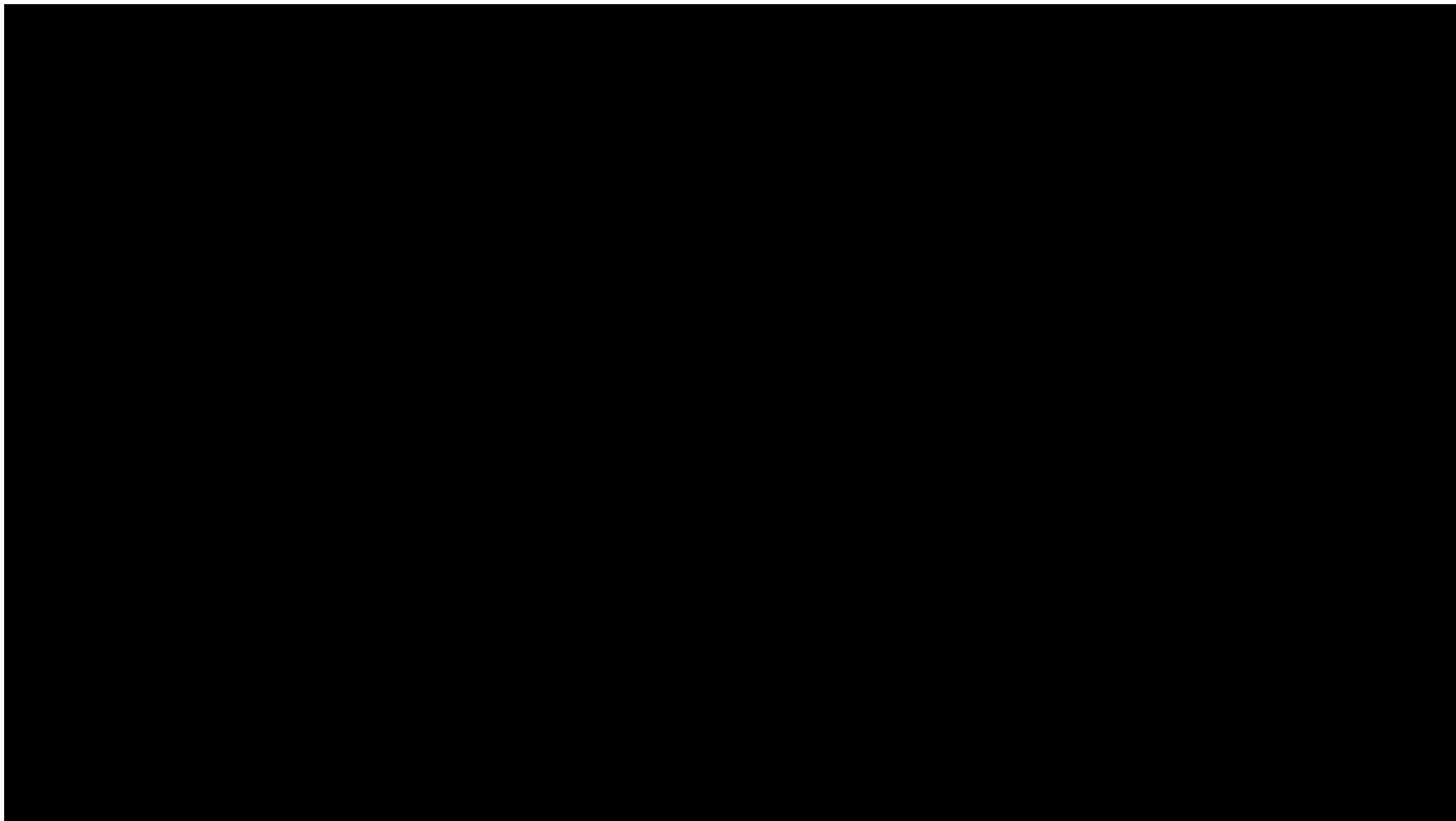
OS Basics: Background Management



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CS 162

Why take CS162?

- Some of you will actually design and build operating systems or components of them.
 - Perhaps more now than ever
- Many of you will create systems that utilize the core concepts in operating systems.
 - Whether you build software or hardware
 - The concepts and design patterns appear at many levels
- All of you will build applications, etc. that utilize operating systems
 - The better you understand their design and implementation, the better use you'll make of them.

Intros - Natacha Crooks

- Assistant Professor in the Data Science and Foundation Group, EECS
 - PhD from UT Austin in 2019
 - Started in 2020, no physical office yet ...
- Research Areas
 - Distributed Systems, Databases, and Privacy-Preserving Systems

Intros - Anthony D. Joseph

- Chancellor's Professor in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
 - 465 Soda Hall (RISE Lab), <http://www.cs.berkeley.edu/~adi/>
 - Campus Cyber-Risk Responsible Executive, co-chair EECS dept IT committee
- Research areas:
 - Modin (drop-in Pandas replacement), Fog Robotics (edge computing), Cancer Genomics/Precision Medicine (ADAM/Apache Spark), Secure Machine Learning (SecML), DETER security testbed
 - Previous: Cloud computing (Apache Mesos), Peer-to-Peer networking (Tapestry), Mobile computing, Wireless/Cellular networking
- Outside Activities
 - Big Data and Apache Spark BerkeleyX MOOCs ('15/'16 >240k students with >11% finishing)
 - Unite Genomics co-founder (focused on rare diseases treatments)

CS162 TAs: Sections TBA



Akshat Gokhale
(Head TA)



Alina Dan



William Hsu



Eleanor
Cawthon



Kevin Svetlitski



Allan Yu

Enrollment

- Class has 310 limit
 - Unable to make class larger
- This is an Early Drop Deadline course (January 29th)
 - If you are not serious about taking, please drop early
 - Department will continue to admit students as other students drop
 - Really hard to drop afterwards!
 - » Don't forget to keep up with work if you are still on the waitlist!
- We are serious about requiring CAMERAs
 - Zoom proctoring of exams
 - Required sections, design reviews, interactions with your group (screen shots!)
 - This is part of keeping people from falling off into /dev/null in cyberspace!
- On the waitlist/Concurrent enrollment ???
 - Unfortunately, we maxed out sections and TA Support
 - If people drop, we can move others off waitlist
 - Concurrent enrollment is after the waitlist

CS162 in the age of COVID-19



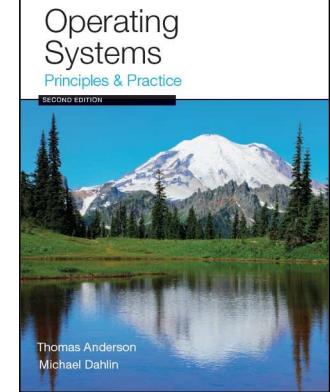
CS162 in the age of COVID-19

- Well, things are considerably different this term!
 - Many lessons learned from the Spring/Summer/Fall semesters
 - Everything is remote – all term!
- Most important thing: People, Interactions, Collaboration
 - How do we recover collaboration without direct interaction?
 - Remember group meetings?
- Must **Work** to bring everyone along (virtually)!
 - Cameras are essential components of this class
 - » Must have a camera and plan to turn it on
 - » Will need it for exams, discussion sections, design reviews, OH
 - Need to bring back personal interaction – even if it is virtual
 - » Humans not good at interacting text-only
 - » Virtual coffee hours with your group (camera turned on!)
 - Required attendance at: Discussion sections, Design Reviews
 - » With camera turned on!



Infrastructure, Textbook & Readings

- Infrastructure
 - Website: <http://cs162.eecs.berkeley.edu>
 - Piazza: <https://piazza.com/berkeley/spring2021/cs162>
 - Pre-recorded Lectures, Some Live Lectures (recordings available next day)
- Textbook: Operating Systems: Principles and Practice (2nd Edition)
Anderson and Dahlin
 - Suggested readings posted along with lectures
 - Try to keep up with material in book as well as lectures
- Supplementary Material
 - Operating Systems: Three Easy Pieces, by Remzi and Andrea Arpaci-Dusseau, available for free online
 - Linux Kernel Development, 3rd edition, by Robert Love
- Online supplements
 - See course website
 - Includes Appendices, sample problems, etc.
 - Networking, Databases, Software Engineering, Security
 - Some Research Papers!



Syllabus

- OS Concepts: How to Navigate as a Systems Programmer!
 - Process, I/O, Networks and Virtual Machines
- Concurrency
 - Threads, scheduling, locks, deadlock, scalability, fairness
- Address Space
 - Virtual memory, address translation, protection, sharing
- File Systems
 - I/O devices, file objects, storage, naming, caching, performance, paging, transactions, databases
- Distributed Systems
 - Protocols, N-Tiers, RPC, NFS, DHTs, Consistency, Scalability, multicast
- Reliability & Security
 - Fault tolerance, protection, security
- Cloud Infrastructure

Learning by Doing

- Individual Homeworks (2 weeks) - preliminary
 - 0. Tools & Environment, Autograding, recall C, executable
 - 1. Lists in C
 - 2. BYOS – build your own shell
 - 3. Memory allocation (MALLOC)
 - 4. Memory management
 - 5. Sockets & Threads in HTTP server
- Three (and ½) Group Projects
 - 0. Getting Started (Individual, before you have a group)
 - 1. User-programs (exec & syscall)
 - 2. Threads & Scheduling
 - 3. File Systems



Group Projects

- Project teams have 4 members!
 - Never 5, 3 requires serious justification
 - Must work in groups in “the real world”
 - Same section (at least same TA)
- Communication and cooperation will be essential
 - Regular meetings WITH CAMERA TURNED ON!
 - » Extra credit for screen shots of all of you together in zoom with camera enabled
 - Design Documents
 - Slack/Messenger/whatever doesn’t replace **face-to-face!**
- Everyone should do work and have clear responsibilities
 - You will evaluate your teammates at the end of each project
 - Dividing up by Task is the worst approach. Work as a team.
- Communicate with supervisor (TAs)
 - What is the team’s plan?
 - What is each member’s responsibility?
 - Short progress reports are required
 - **Design Documents: High-level description for a manager!**



Getting started

- Time-zone Survey!
 - We need to know where you are so that we can plan section/midterm times
- Start homework 0 and Project 0 right away (hopefully Today!)
 - Github account
 - Registration survey
 - Vagrant virtualbox – VM environment for the course
 - » Consistent, managed environment on your machine
 - Get familiar with all the cs162 tools
 - Submit to autograder via git
- Sections on Friday – attend any section you want
 - We'll assign permanent sections after forming project groups
 - Section attendance will be mandatory after we form groups
 - These section times will be adjusted after we have a better idea where people are

Preparing Yourself for this Class

- The projects will require you to be very comfortable with programming and debugging C
 - Pointers (including function pointers, void*)
 - Memory Management (malloc, free, stack vs heap)
 - Debugging with GDB
- You will be working on a larger, more sophisticated code base than anything you've likely seen in 6IC!
- Review Session on C/C++:
 - Monday, 1/25, Time and logistics TBA
- "Resources" page on course website
 - Ebooks on "git" and "C"
- C programming reference (still in beta):
 - <https://cs162.eecs.berkeley.edu/ladder/>
- First two sections are also dedicated to programming and debugging review:
 - Attend ANY sections in first two weeks

Grading (Tentative breakdown)

- 36% three midterms (12% each)
 - Thursday, 2/18, TBA, time set after survey
 - Thursday, 3/18, TBA, time set after survey
 - Thursday, 4/29, TBA, time set after survey
 - These will be ZOOM-Proctored. Camera REQUIRED.
- 36% projects
- 18% homework
- 10% participation (Sections, Lecture, ...)
- *No final exam*
- Projects
 - Initial design document, Design review, Code, Final design
 - Submission via `git push` triggers autograder

Personal Integrity

- UCB Academic Honor Code: "As a member of the UC Berkeley community, I act with honesty, integrity, and respect for others."

<https://asuc.org/honor-code-landing/>

CS 162 Collaboration Policy



- Explain a concept to someone in another group
- Discussing algorithms/testing strategies with other groups
- Discussing debugging approaches with other groups
- Searching online for generic algorithms (e.g., hash table)



- Sharing code or test cases with another group
- Copying OR reading another group's code or test cases
- Copying OR reading online code or test cases from prior years
- Helping someone in another group to debug their code

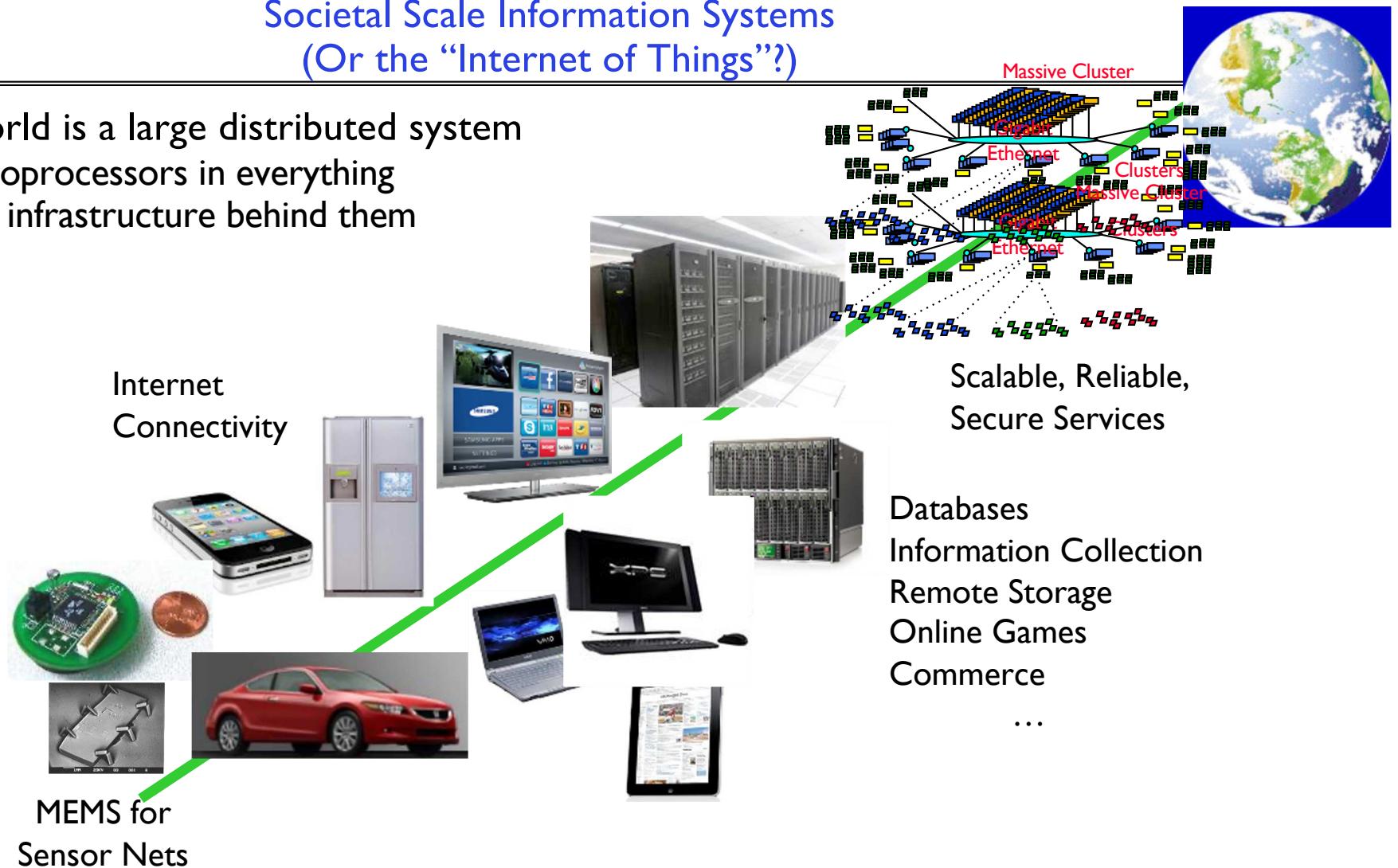
- We compare all project submissions against prior year submissions and online solutions and will take actions (described on the course overview page) against offenders
- Don't put a friend in a bad position by asking for help that they shouldn't give!



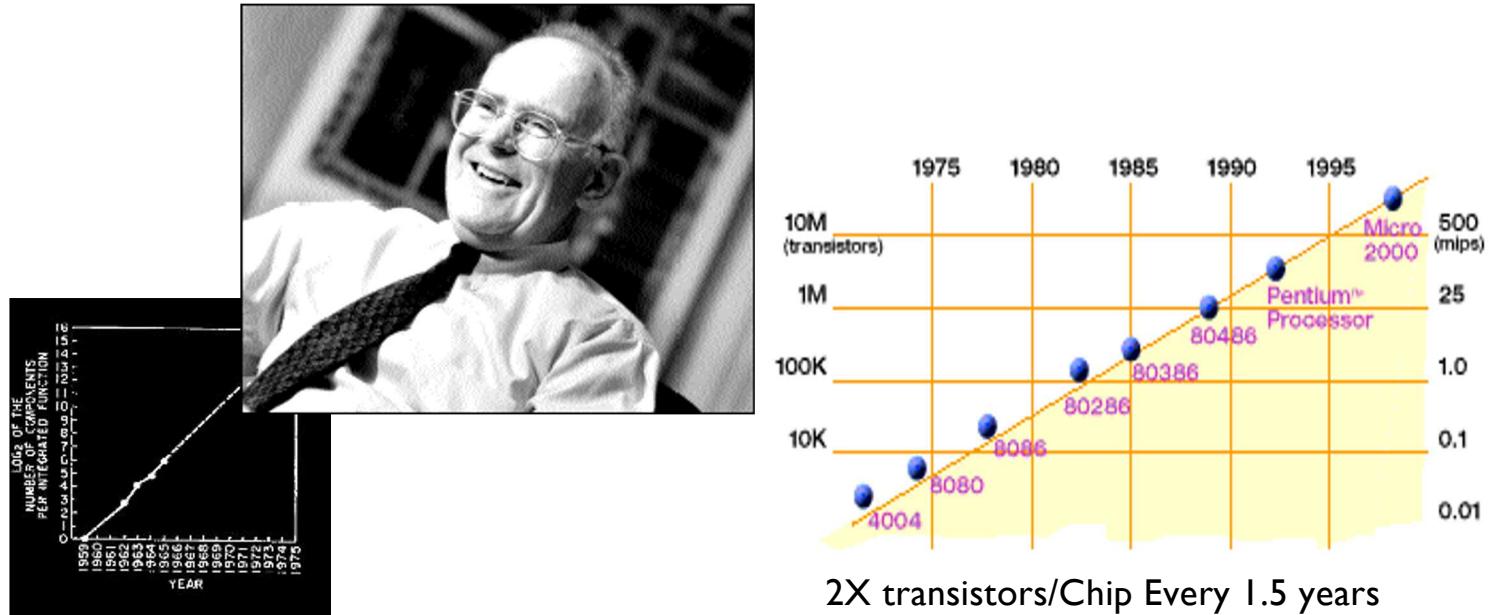
What makes Operating Systems Exciting and Challenging?

Societal Scale Information Systems (Or the “Internet of Things”?)

- The world is a large distributed system
 - Microprocessors in everything
 - Vast infrastructure behind them



Technology Trends: Moore's Law



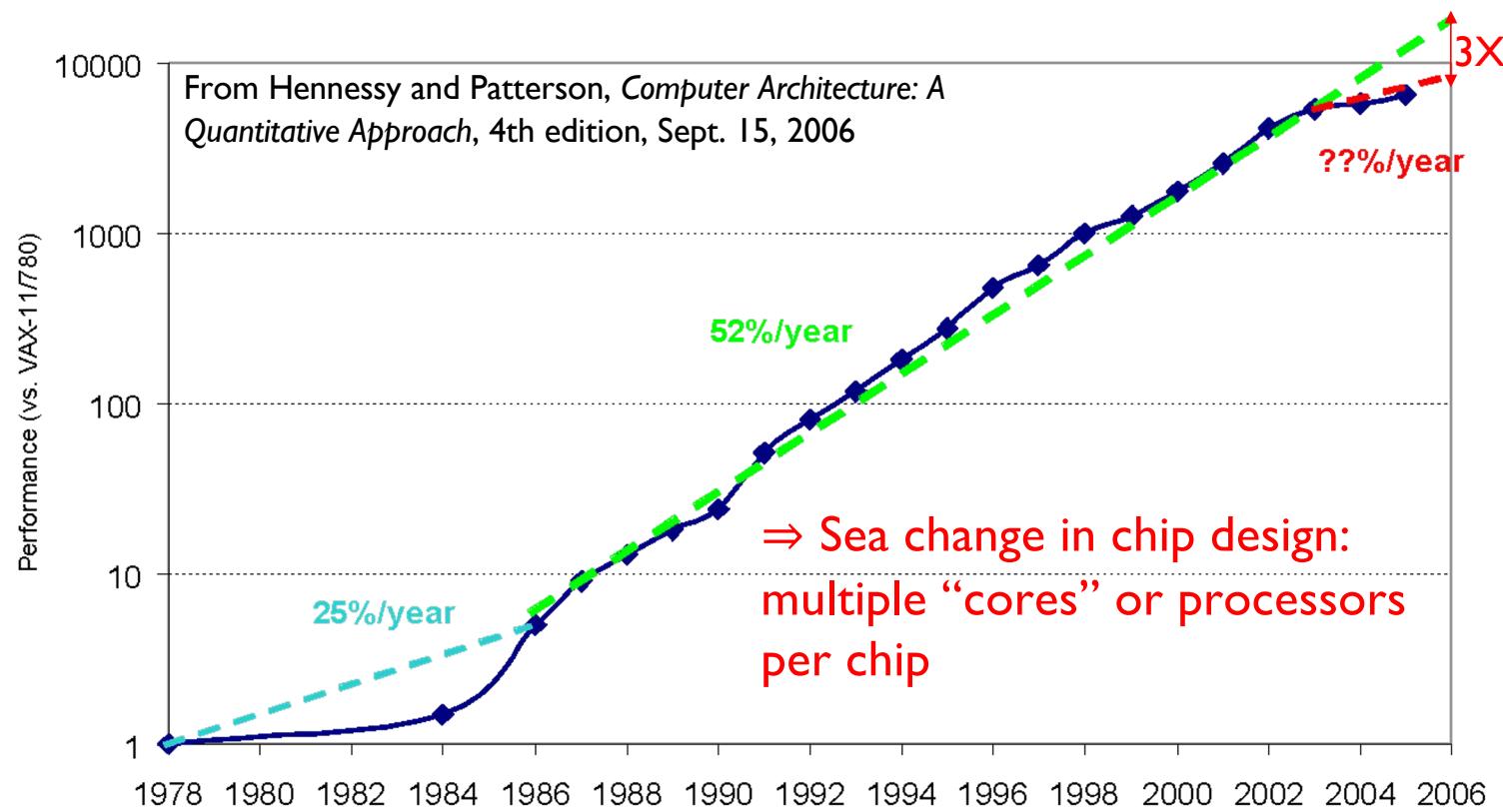
Gordon Moore (co-founder of Intel) predicted in 1965 that the transistor density of semiconductor chips would double roughly every 18 months

2X transistors/Chip Every 1.5 years

Called "Moore's Law"

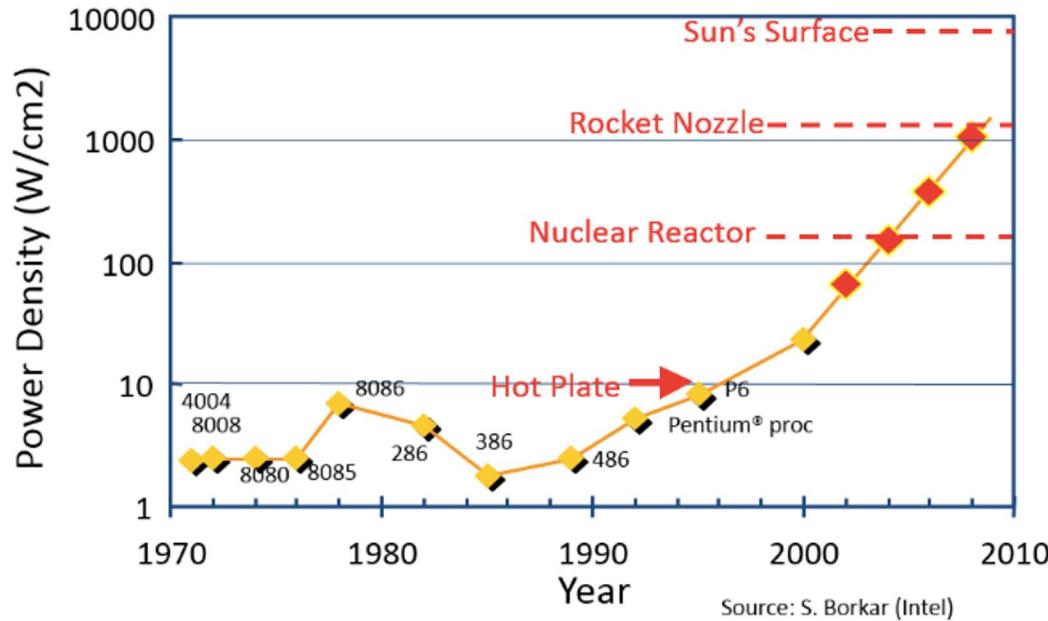
Microprocessors have become smaller, denser, and more powerful

Big Challenge: Slowdown in Joy's law of Performance



- VAX : 25%/year 1978 to 1986
- RISC + x86 : 52%/year 1986 to 2002
- RISC + x86 : ??%/year 2002 to present

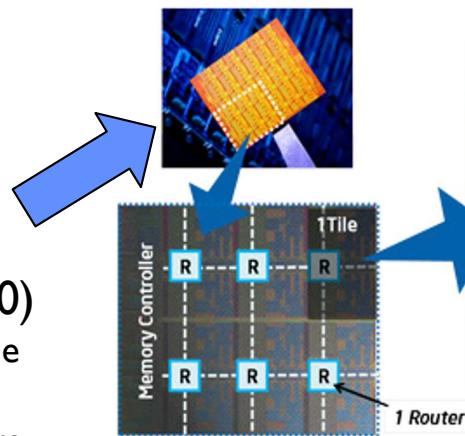
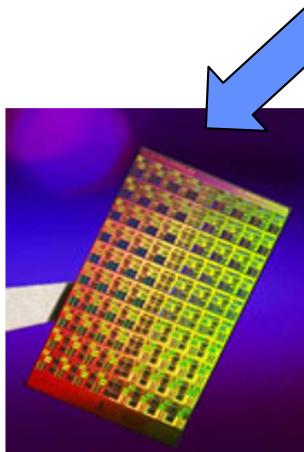
Another Challenge: Power Density



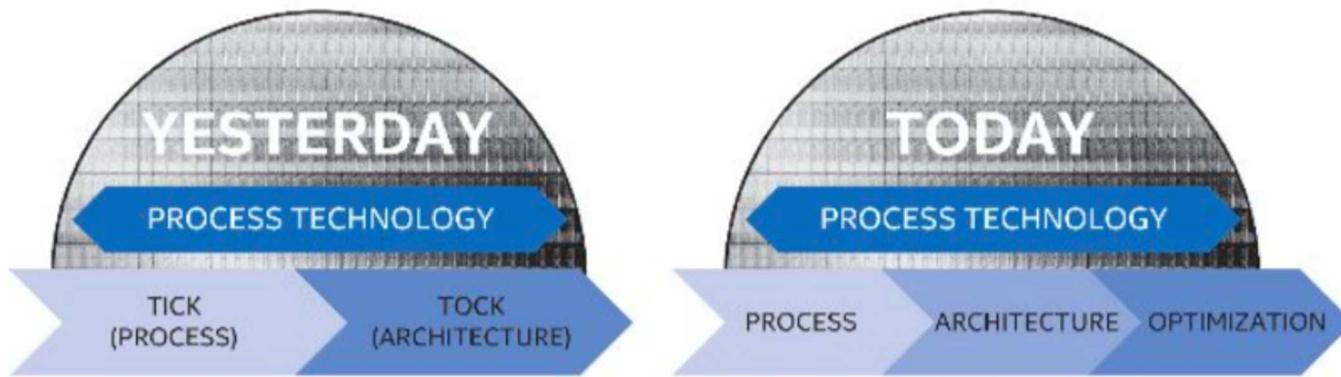
- Moore's law extrapolation
 - Potential power density reaching amazing levels!
- Flip side: battery life very important
 - Moore's law yielded more functionality at equivalent (or less) total energy consumption

ManyCore Chips: The future arrived in 2007

- Intel 80-core multicore chip (Feb 2007)
 - 80 simple cores
 - Two FP-engines / core
 - Mesh-like network
 - 100 million transistors
 - 65nm feature size
- Intel Single-Chip Cloud Computer (August 2010)
 - 24 “tiles” with two cores/tile
 - 24-router mesh network
 - 4 DDR3 memory controllers
 - Hardware support for message-passing
- How to program these?
 - Use 2 CPUs for video/audio
 - Use 1 for word processor, 1 for browser
 - 76 for virus checking???
- Parallelism must be exploited at all levels
- Amazon X1 instances (2016)
 - 128 virtual cores, 2 TB RAM

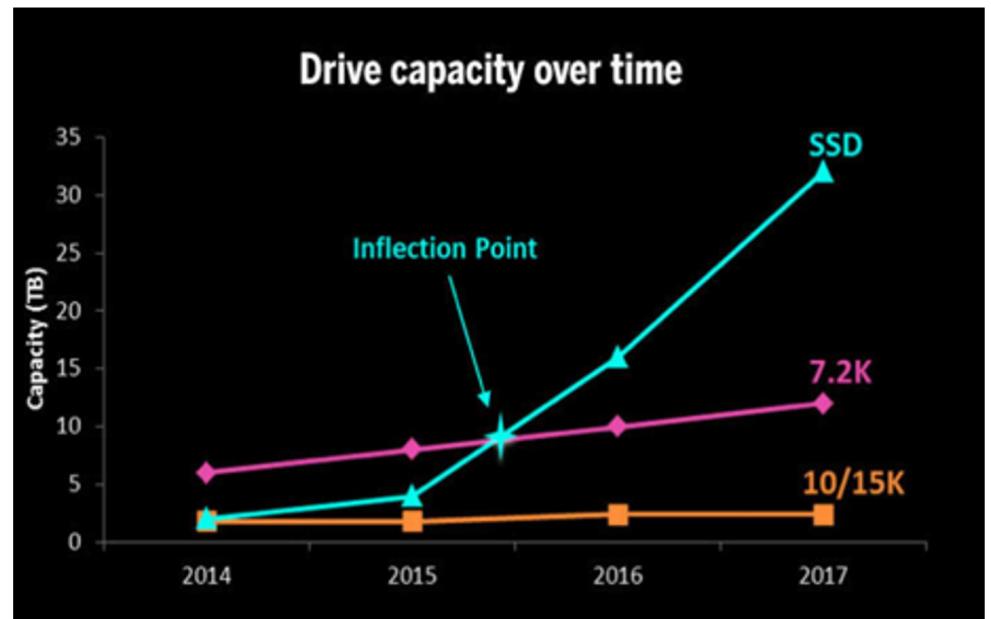
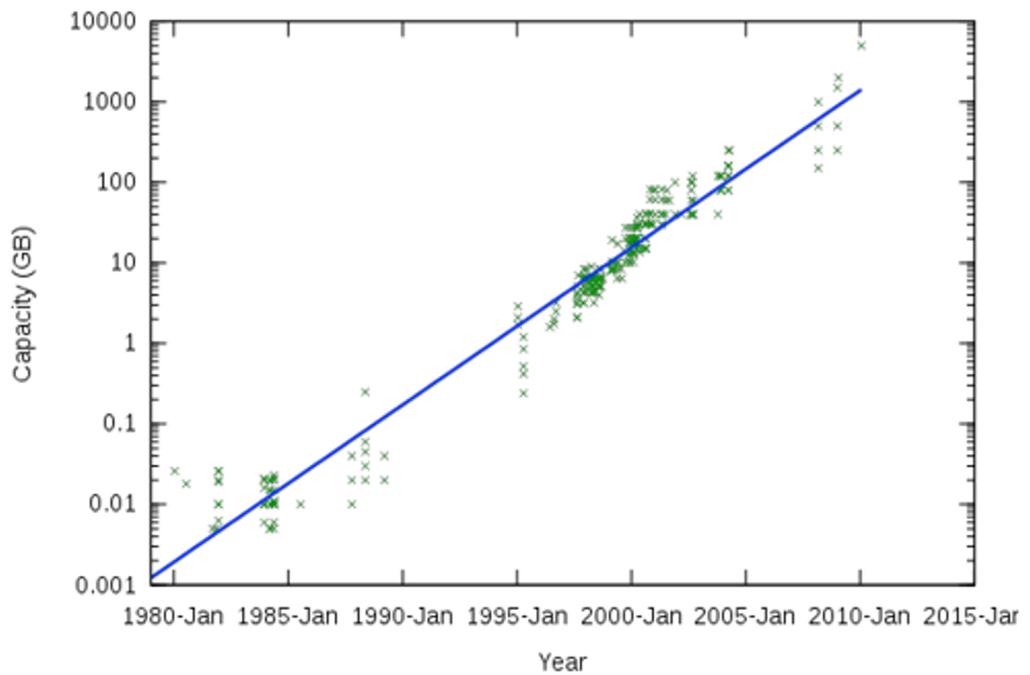


But then Moore's Law Ended...

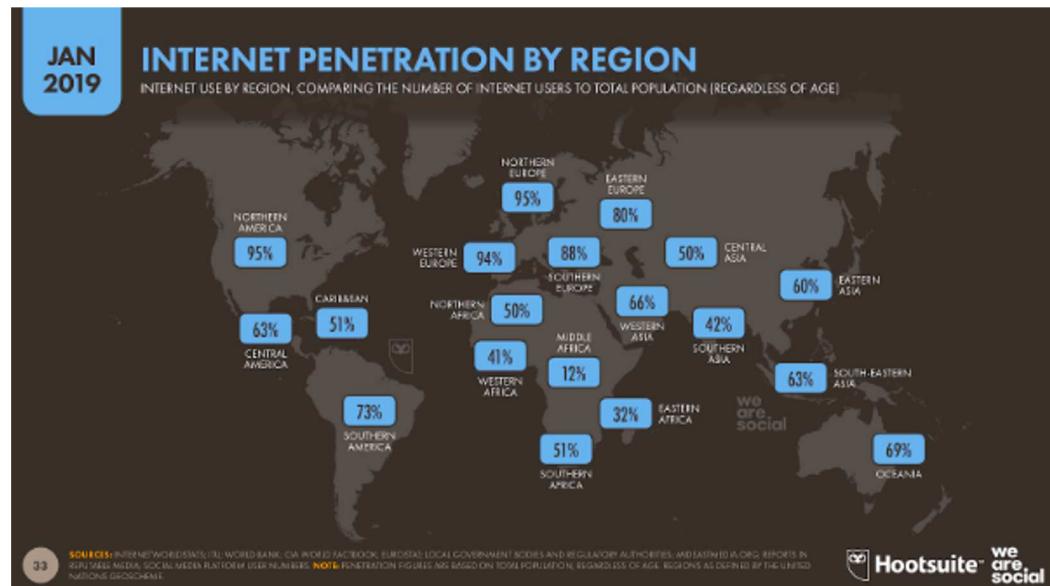


- Moore's Law has (officially) ended -- Feb 2016
 - No longer getting 2 x transistors/chip every 18 months...
 - or even every 24 months
- May have only 2-3 smallest geometry fabrication plants left:
 - Intel and Samsung and/or TSMC
- Vendors moving to 3D stacked chips
 - More layers in old geometries

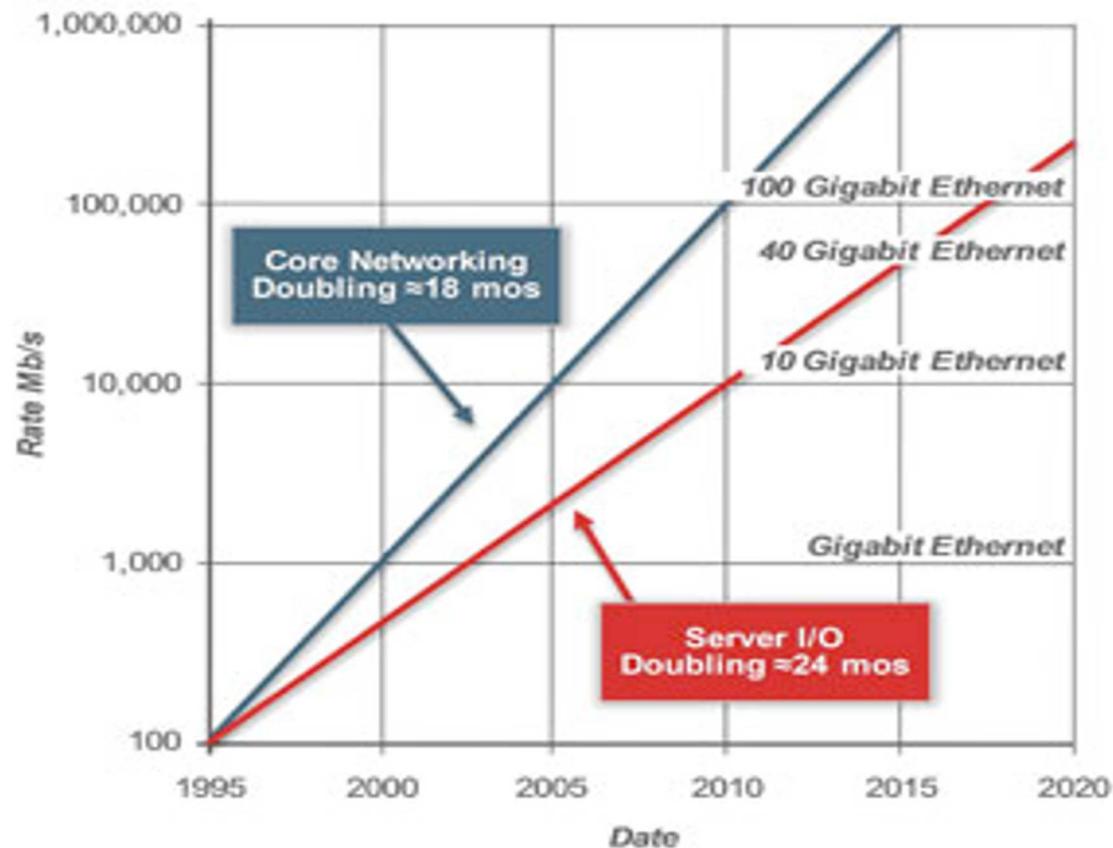
Storage Capacity is Still Growing!



Society is Increasingly Connected...



Network Capacity Still Increasing



(source: <http://www.ospmag.com/issue/article/Time-Is-Not-Always-On-Our-Side>)

Not Only PCs connected to the Internet

- In 2011, smartphone shipments exceeded PC shipments!
- 2011 shipments:

– 487M smartphones

1.53B in 2017

– 414M PC clients

262.5M in 2017

 » 210M notebooks

 » 112M desktops

 » 63M tablets

164M in 2017

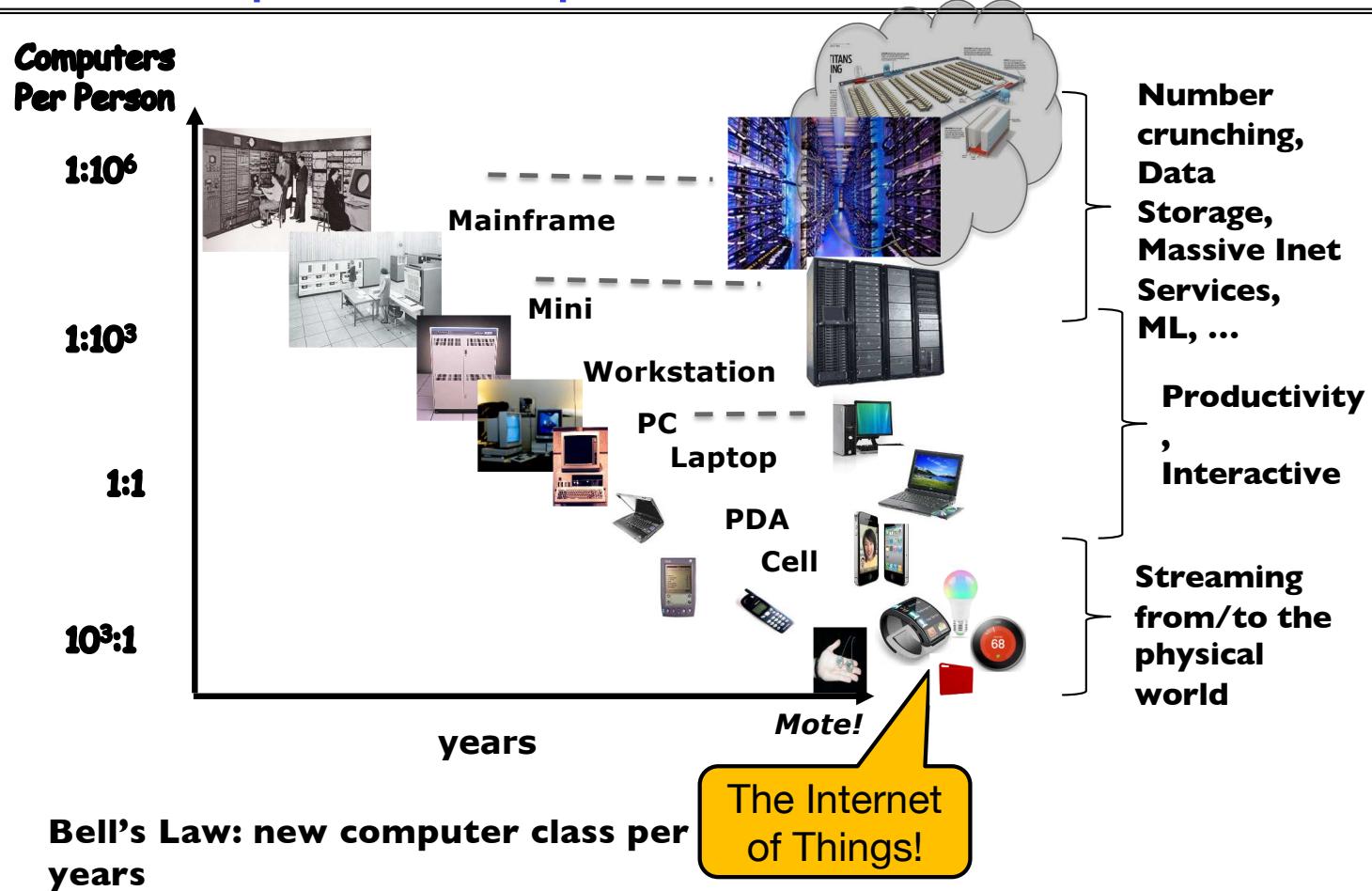
– 25M smart TVs

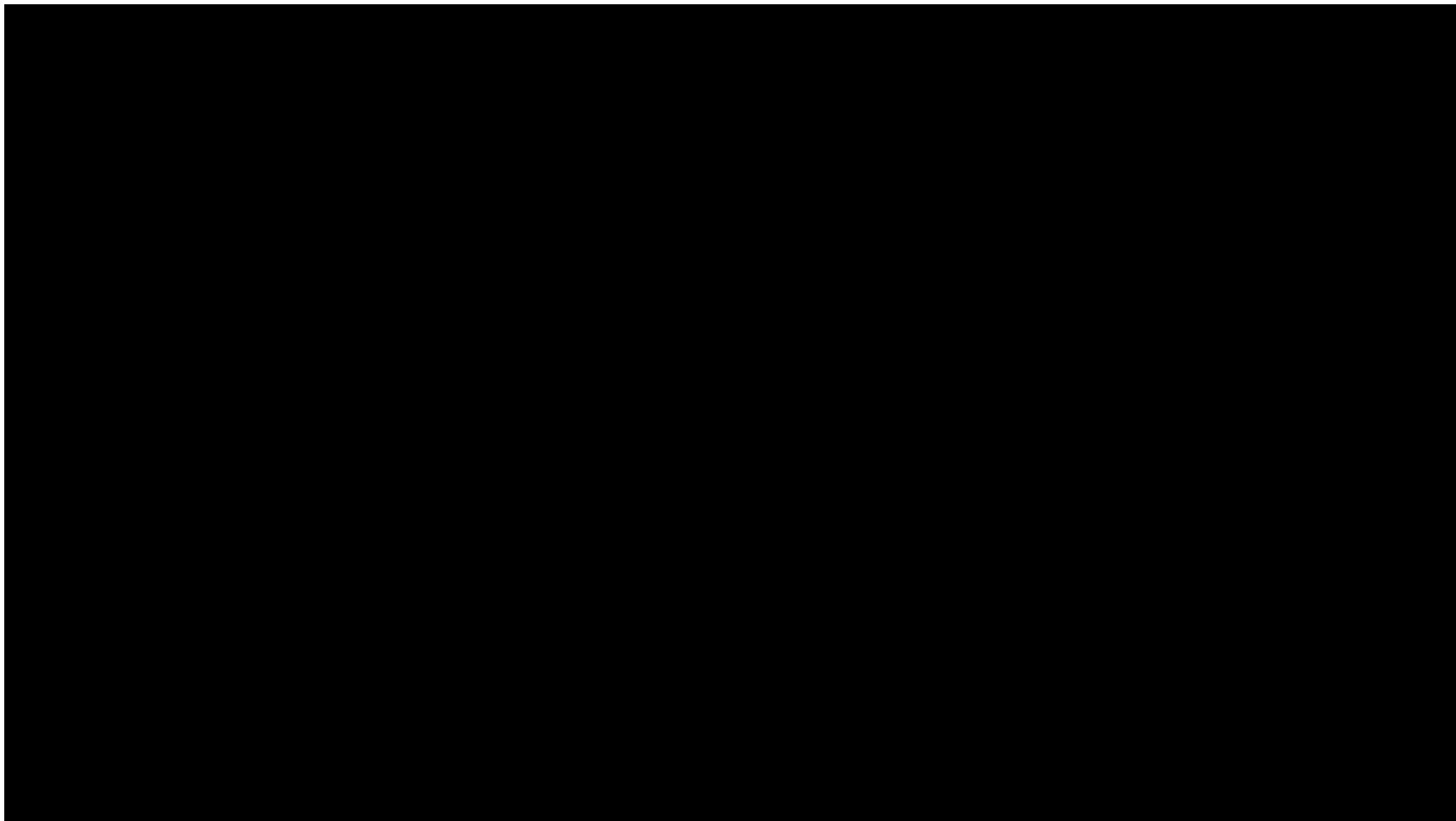
39.5M in 2017



- 4 billion phones in the world □ smartphones over next few years
- Then...

People-to-Computer Ratio Over Time





What is an Operating System?

What is an Operating System Again?



- Referee
 - Manage sharing of resources, Protection, Isolation
 - » Resource allocation, isolation, communication



- Illusionist
 - Provide clean, easy to use abstractions of physical resources
 - » Infinite memory, dedicated machine
 - » Higher level objects: files, users, messages
 - » Masking limitations, virtualization



Glue

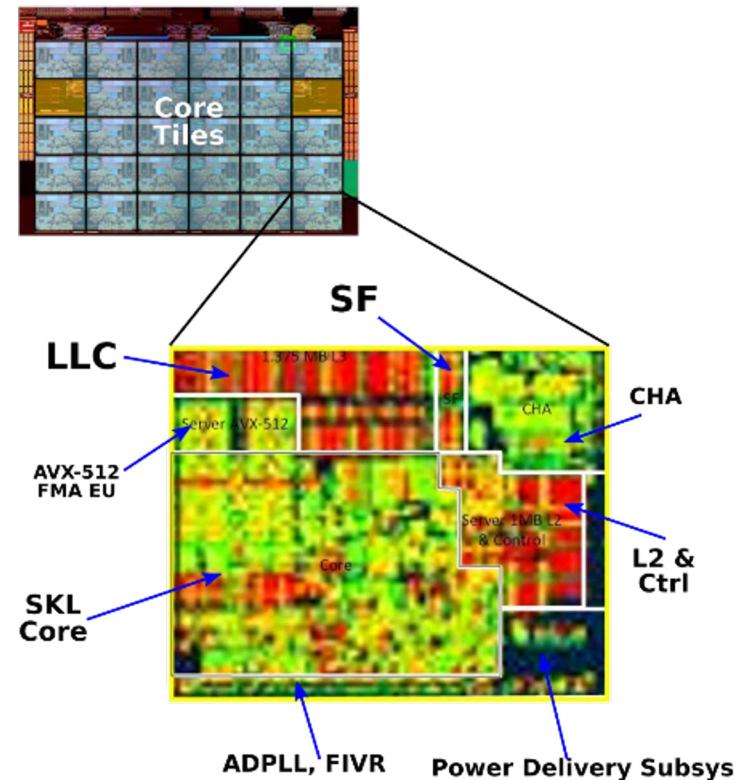
- Common services
 - » Storage, Window system, Networking
 - » Sharing, Authorization
 - » Look and feel

Challenge: Complexity

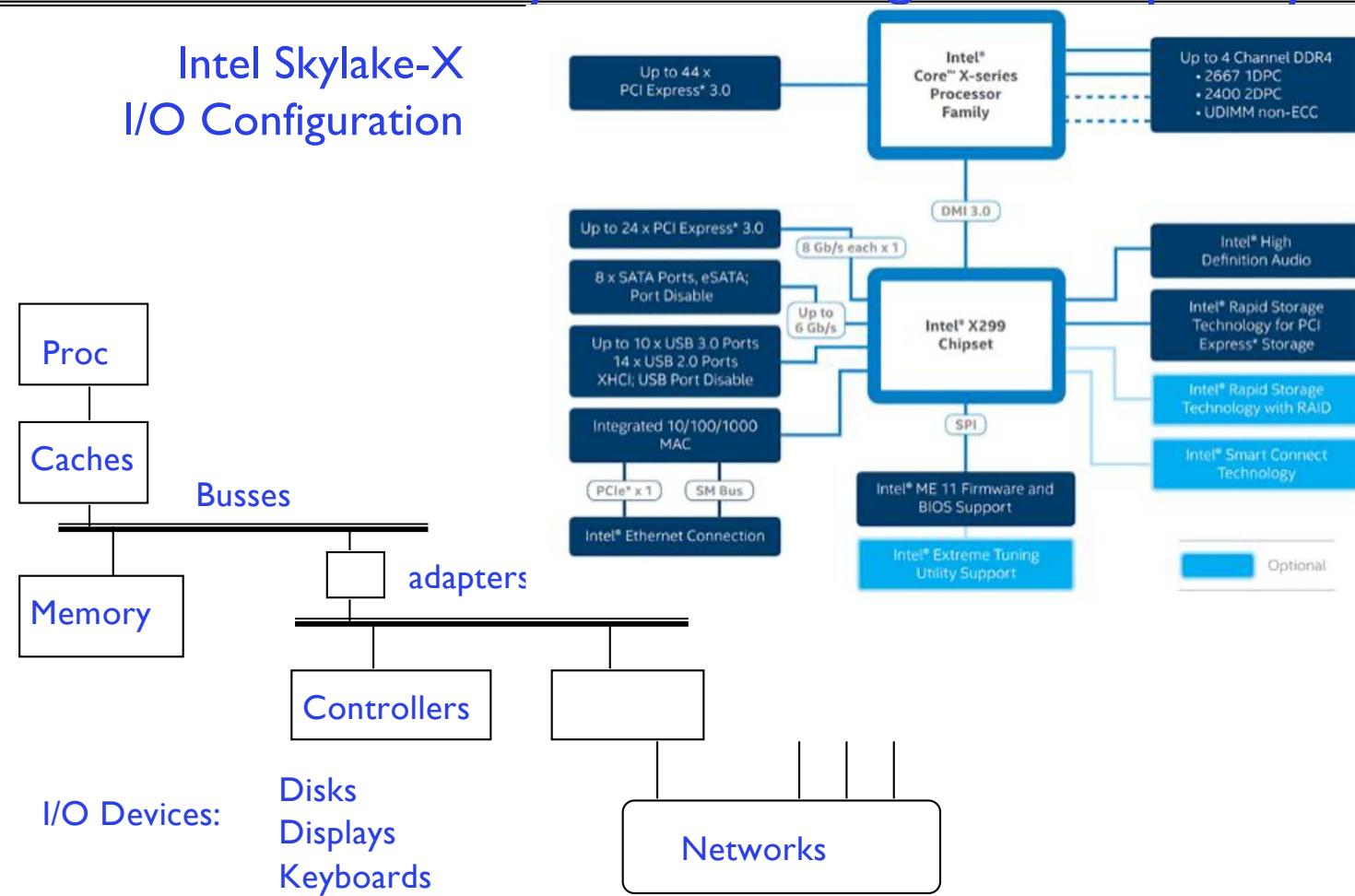
- Applications consisting of...
 - ... a variety of software modules that ...
 - ... run on a variety of devices (machines) that
 - » ... implement different hardware architectures
 - » ... run competing applications
 - » ... fail in unexpected ways
 - » ... can be under a variety of attacks
- Not feasible to test software for all possible environments and combinations of components and devices
 - The question is not whether there are bugs but how serious are the bugs!

The World Is Parallel: Intel SkyLake (2017)

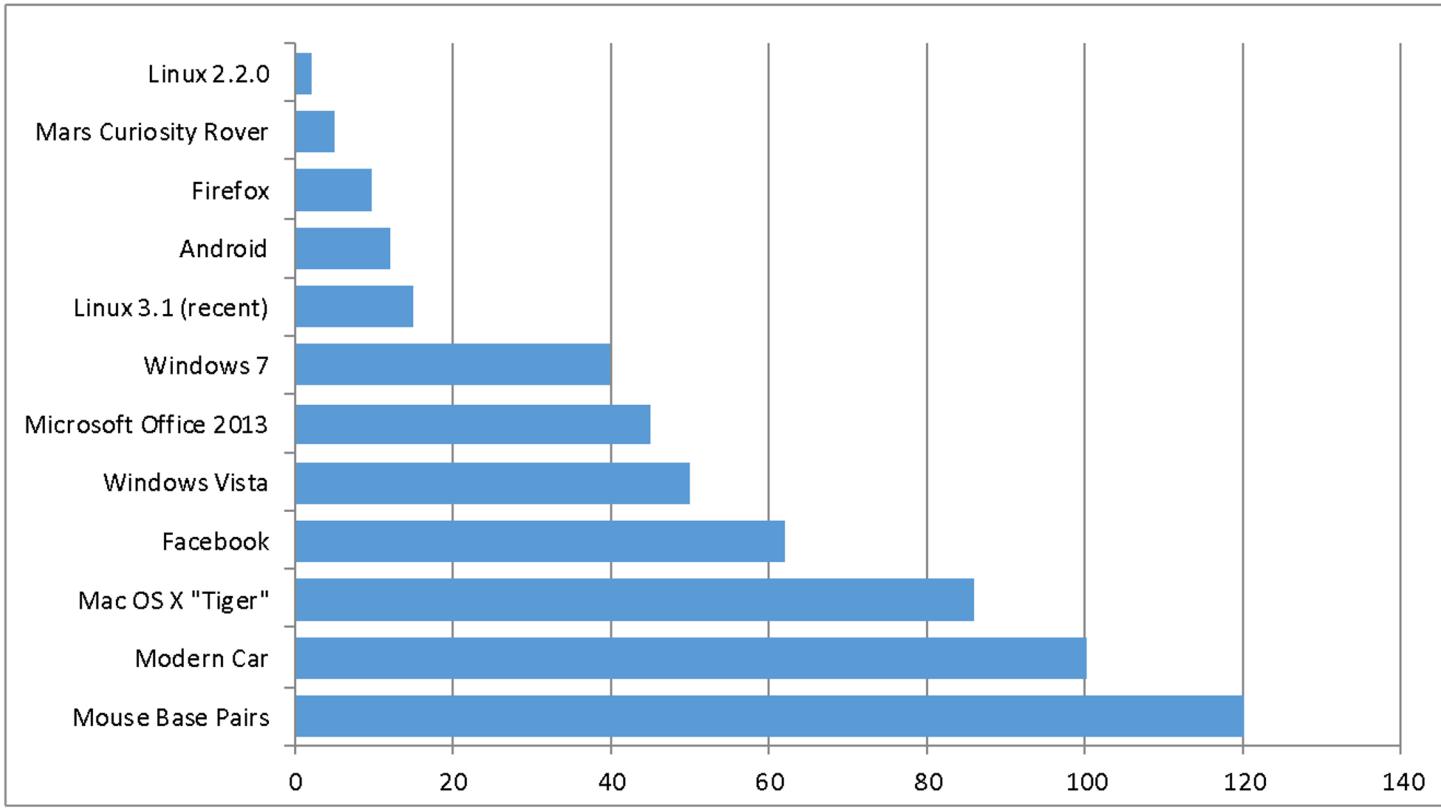
- Up to 28 Cores, 56 Threads
 - 694 mm² die size (estimated)
- Many different instructions
 - Security, Graphics
- Caches on chip:
 - L2: 28 MiB
 - Shared L3: 38.5 MiB (non-inclusive)
 - Directory-based cache coherence
- Network:
 - On-chip Mesh Interconnect
 - Fast off-chip network directly supports 8-chips connected
- DRAM/chips
 - Up to 1.5 TiB
 - DDR4 memory



HW Functionality comes with great complexity!



Increasing Software Complexity

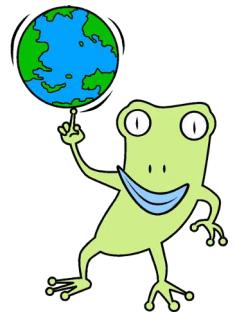


Millions of Lines of Code

(source <https://informationisbeautiful.net/visualizations/million-lines-of-code/>)

Example: Some Mars Rover (“Pathfinder”) Requirements

- Pathfinder hardware limitations/complexity:
 - 20Mhz processor, 128MB of DRAM, VxWorks OS
 - cameras, scientific instruments, batteries, solar panels, and locomotion equipment
 - Many independent processes work together
- Can’t hit reset button very easily!
 - Must reboot itself if necessary
 - Must always be able to receive commands from Earth
- Individual Programs must not interfere
 - Suppose the MUT (Martian Universal Translator Module) buggy
 - Better not crash antenna positioning software!
- Further, all software may crash occasionally
 - Automatic restart with diagnostics sent to Earth
 - Periodic checkpoint of results saved?
- Certain functions time critical:
 - Need to stop before hitting something
 - Must track orbit of Earth for communication
- A lot of similarity with the Internet of Things?
 - Complexity, QoS, Inaccessibility, Power limitations ... ?



Questions

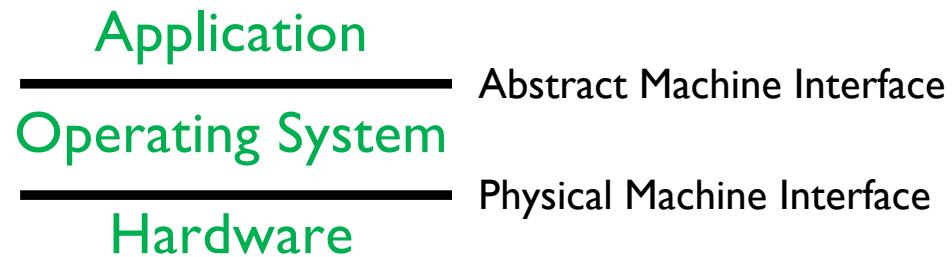
- Does the programmer need to write a single program that performs many independent activities?
- Does every program have to be altered for every piece of hardware?
- Does a faulty program crash everything?
- Does every program have access to all hardware?

Hopefully, no!

**Operating Systems help the
programmer write robust
programs!**

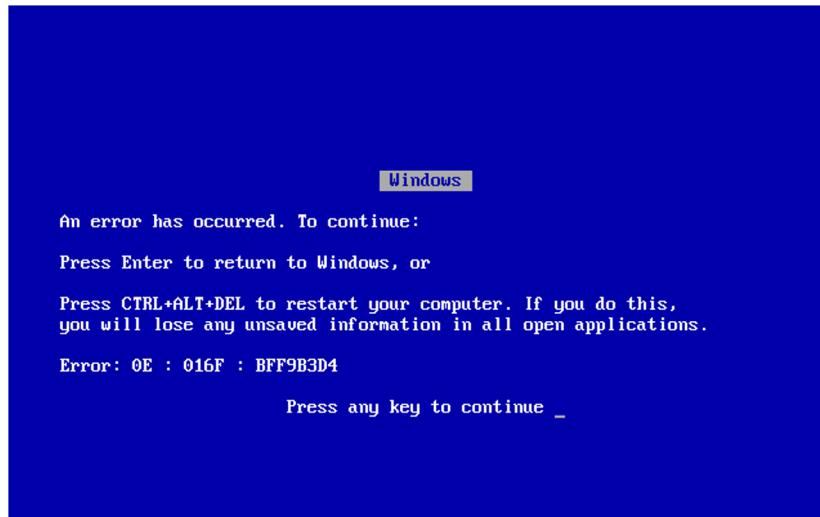
OS Abstracts the Underlying Hardware

- Processor → Thread
 - Memory → Address Space
 - Disks, SSDs, ... → Files
 - Networks → Sockets
 - Machines → Processes
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- OS as an *Illusionist*:
 - Remove software/hardware quirks (*fight complexity*)
 - Optimize for convenience, utilization, reliability, ... (*help the programmer*)
 - For any OS area (e.g. file systems, virtual memory, networking, scheduling):
 - What hardware interface to handle? (*physical reality*)
 - What's software interface to provide? (*nicer abstraction*)



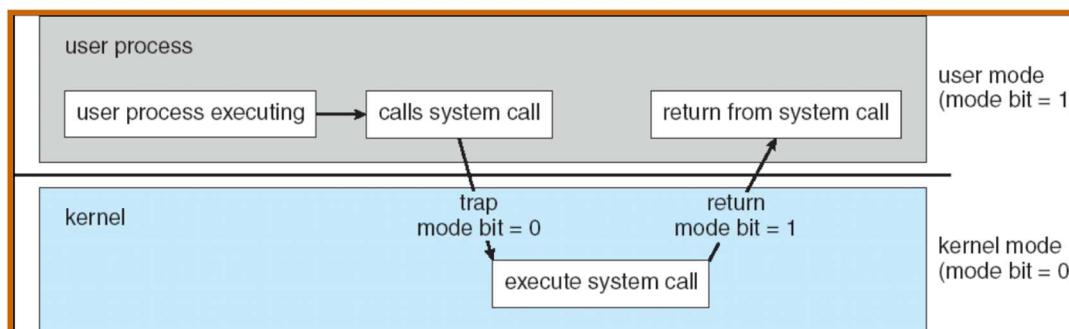
OS Protects Processes and the Kernel

- Run multiple applications and:
 - Keep them from interfering with or crashing the operating system
 - Keep them from interfering with or crashing each other

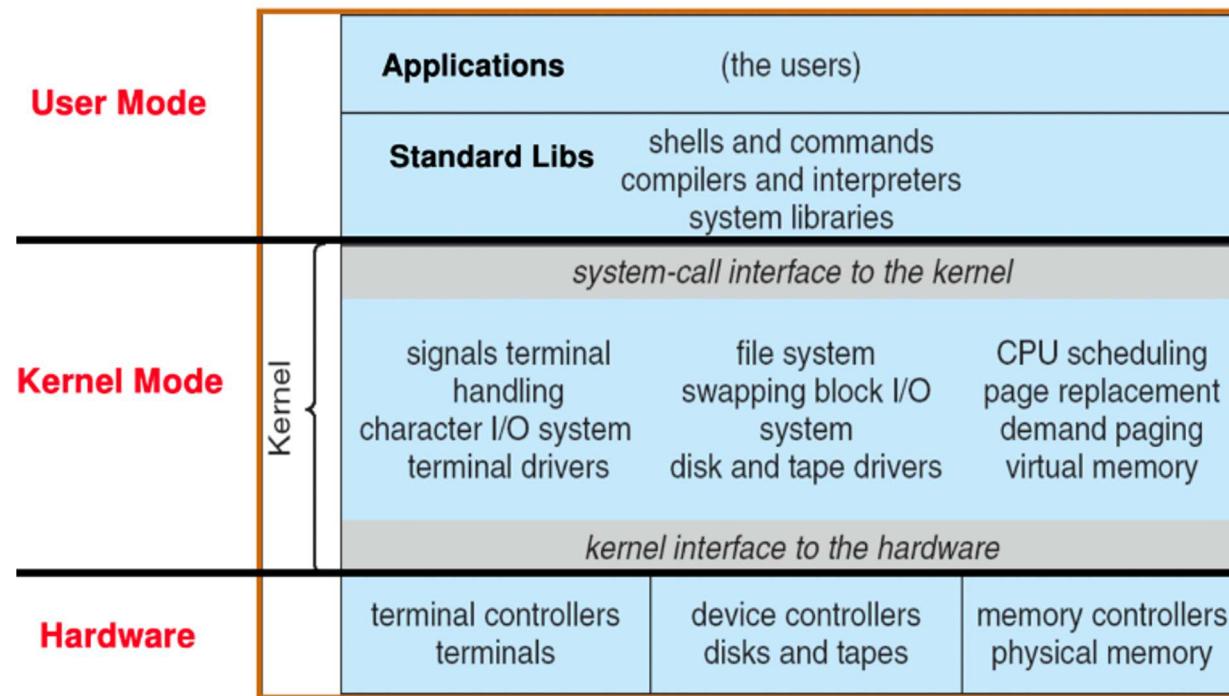


Basic Tool: Dual-Mode Operation

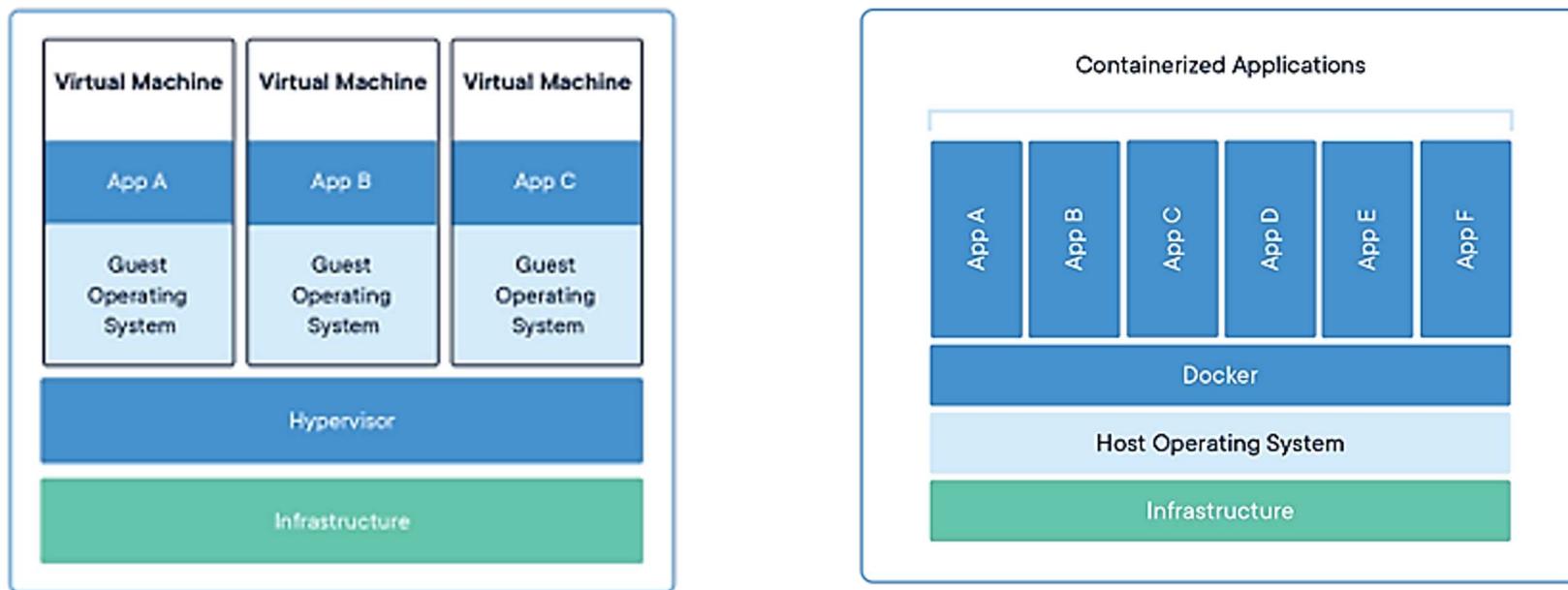
- Hardware provides at least two modes:
 1. Kernel Mode (or “supervisor” mode)
 2. User Mode
- Certain operations are **prohibited** when running in user mode
 - Changing the page table pointer, disabling interrupts, interacting directly w/ hardware, writing to kernel memory
- Carefully controlled transitions between user mode and kernel mode
 - System calls, interrupts, exceptions



UNIX System Structure



Virtualization: Execution Environments for Systems



Additional layers of protection and isolation can help further manage complexity

What is an Operating System,... Really?

- Most Likely:
 - Memory Management
 - I/O Management
 - CPU Scheduling
 - Communications? (Does Email belong in OS?)
 - Multitasking/multiprogramming?
- What about?
 - File System?
 - Multimedia Support?
 - User Interface?
 - Internet Browser? ☺
- Is this only interesting to Academics??

Operating System Definition (Cont.)

- 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

“In conclusion...Operating Systems:”

- Provide convenient abstractions to handle diverse hardware
 - Convenience, protection, reliability obtained in creating the illusion
- Coordinate resources and protect users from each other
 - Using a few critical hardware mechanisms
- Simplify application development by providing standard services
- Provide fault containment, fault tolerance, and fault recovery

- CS162 combines things from many other areas of computer science:
 - Languages, data structures, hardware, and algorithms