I/O techniques: programmed I/O, interrupt-driven I/O, DMA

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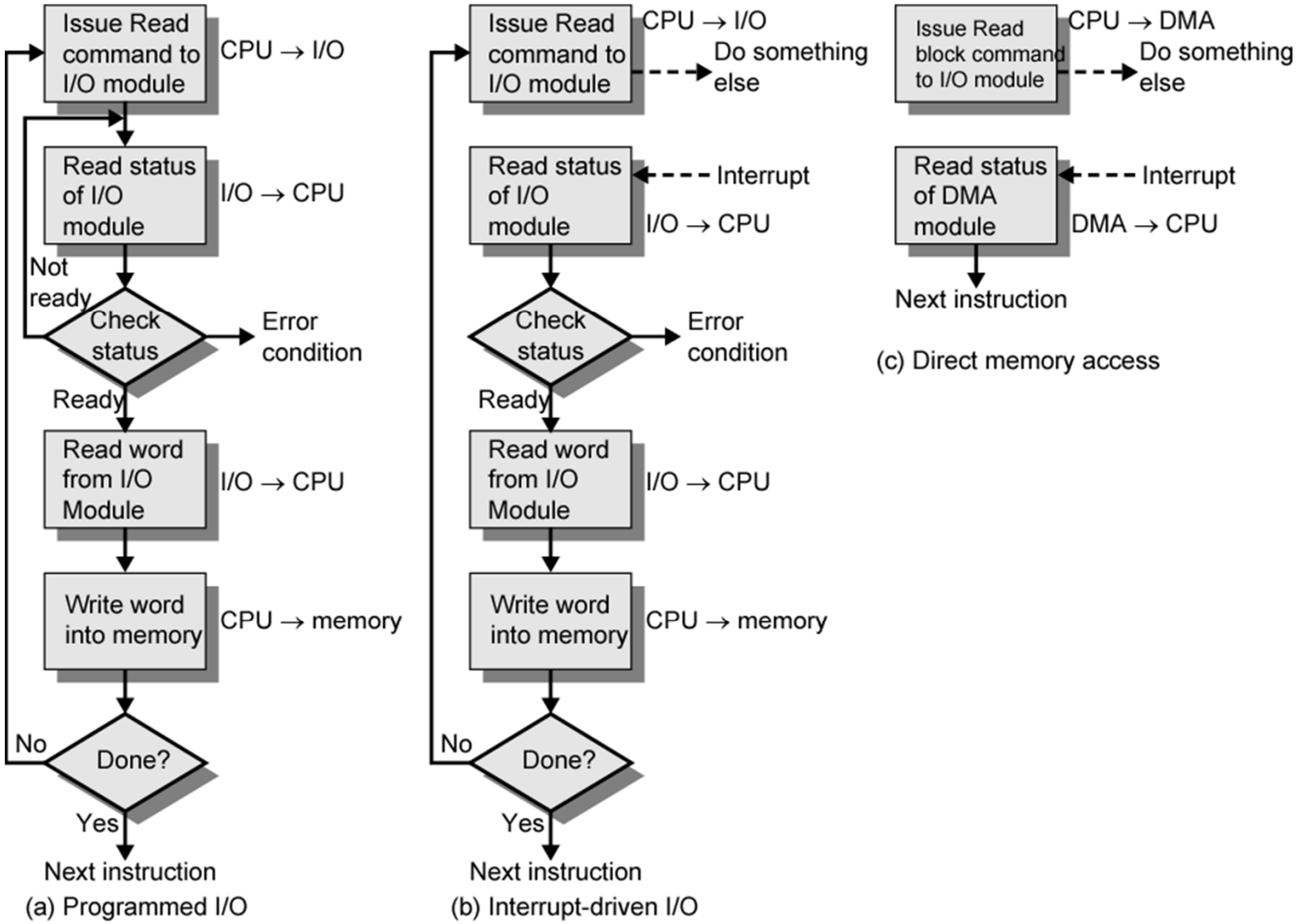
Input Output Techniques

- Programmed I/O
- Interrupt driven I/O
- Direct Memory Access (DMA)

Three Techniques for Input of a Block of Data



Programmed I/O

- CPU has direct control over I/O
  - Sensing status
  - Read/write commands
  - Transferring data
- CPU waits for I/O module to complete operation
- Wastes CPU time

Programmed I/O - detail

- CPU requests I/O operation
- I/O module performs operation and sets status bits after completion
- CPU checks status bits periodically.
- I/O module does not inform CPU directly that is it does not interrupt CPU
- CPU must wait

I/O Commands

- CPU issues address
  - Identifies module (& device if >1 per module)
- CPU issues command
  - Control - telling module what to do
    - e.g. spin up disk
  - Test - check status
    - e.g. power? Error?
  - Read/Write
    - Module transfers data via buffer from/to device

I/O Mapping

- Memory mapped I/O
  - Devices and memory share an address space
  - I/O looks just like memory read/write
  - No special commands for I/O
    - Large selection of memory access commands available
- Isolated I/O
  - Separate address spaces
  - Need I/O or memory select lines
  - Special commands for I/O
    - Limited set

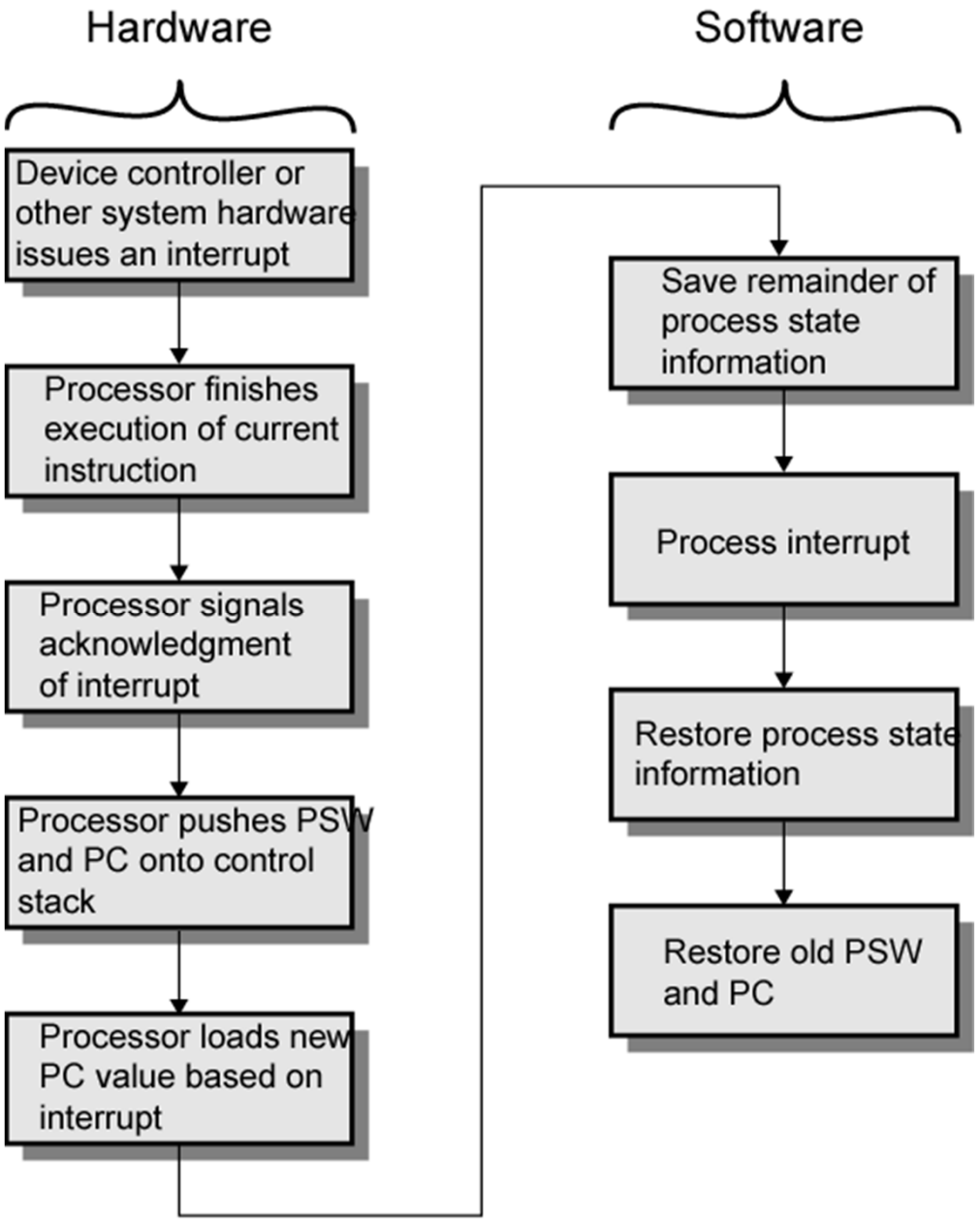
Interrupt Driven I/O

- Overcomes CPU waiting
- No repeated CPU checking of device
- I/O module interrupts when ready

Interrupt Driven I/O Basic Operation

- CPU issues read command
- I/O module gets data from peripheral while CPU does other work
- I/O module interrupts CPU after completion
- CPU requests data
- I/O module transfers data

Simple Interrupt Processing



CPU Viewpoint

- Issue read command
- Do other work
- Check for interrupt at end of each instruction cycle
- If interrupted:-
  - Save context (registers)
  - Process interrupt
    - Fetch data & store

Changes in Memory and Registers for an Interrupt