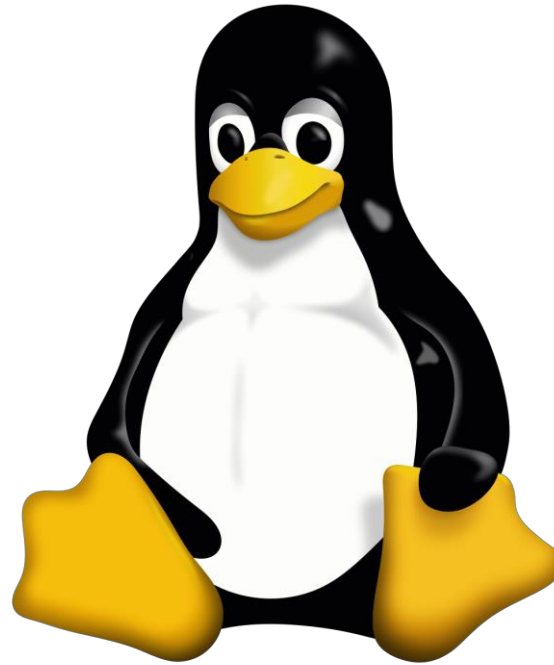


Linux Device Driver

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Linux Device Driver Model

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kernel_kobj

name = "kernel"
ref = ~
type = ~
set = ~
parent = ~
:

kobject

name = "kobj_ex"
ref = 1
type = *
set = null
parent = *
:

attribute []

name = "foo"
mode = 0664
:
name = "bar"
:

attr_group

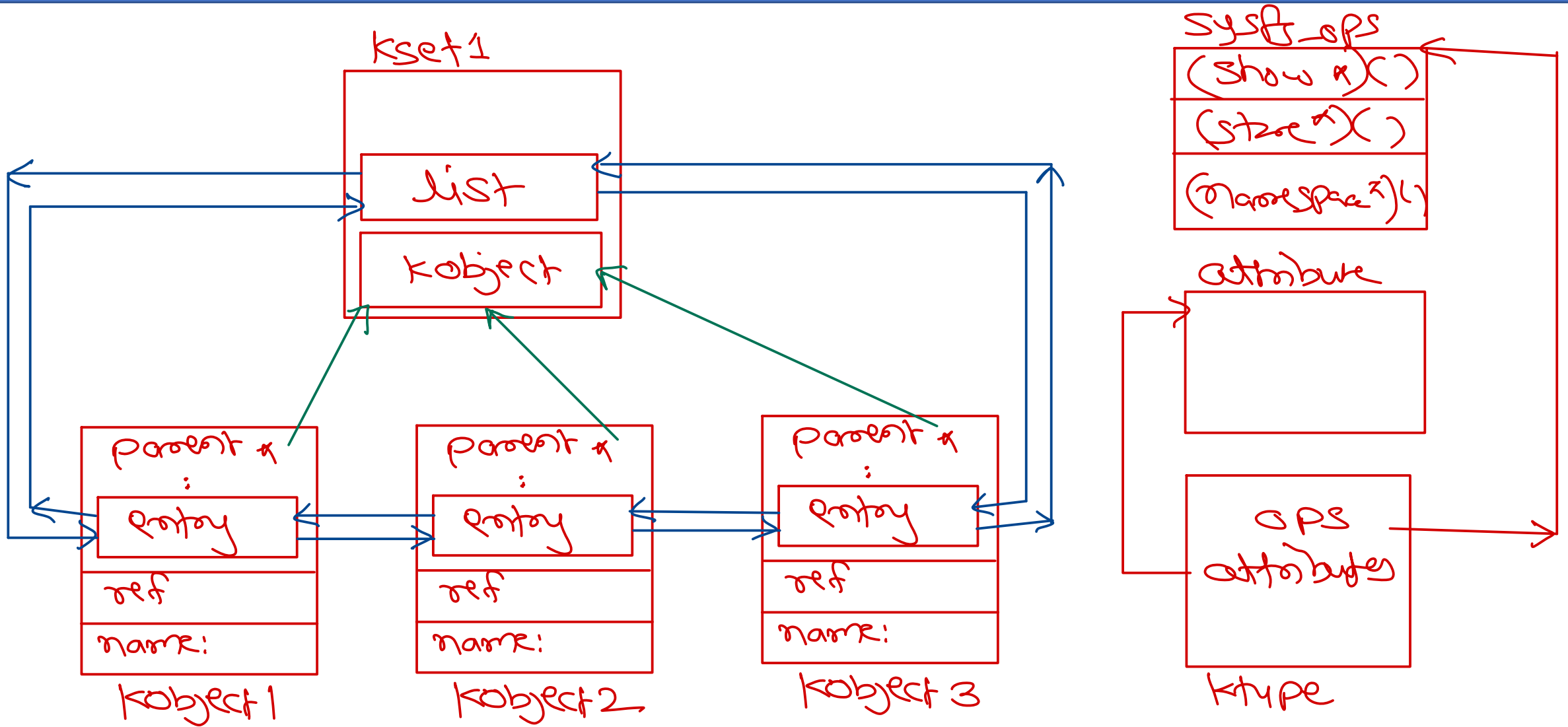
name = "sysattr"
attrs *

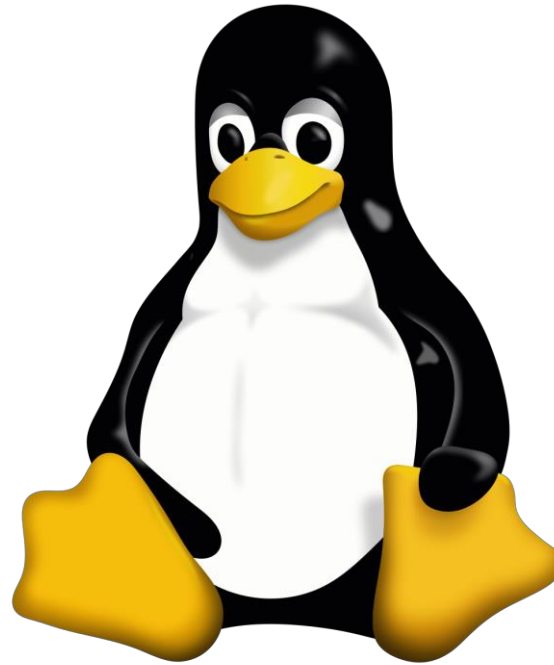
kobj_type (ktype)

(release)
(sysfs_ops)
def_attr

sysfs_ops

(show)()
(store)()
...





Linux Platform Bus

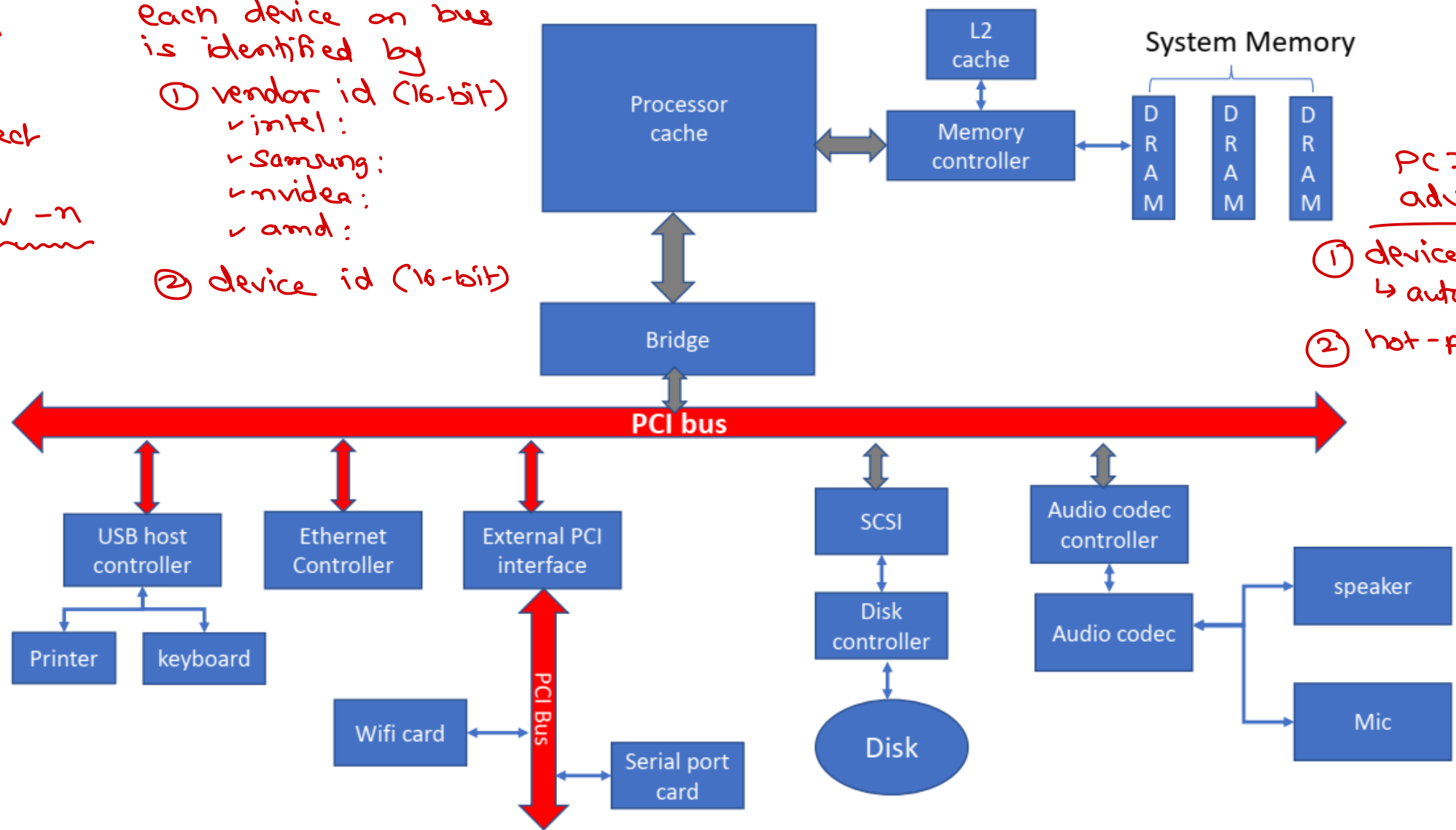
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PCI bus – PC architecture

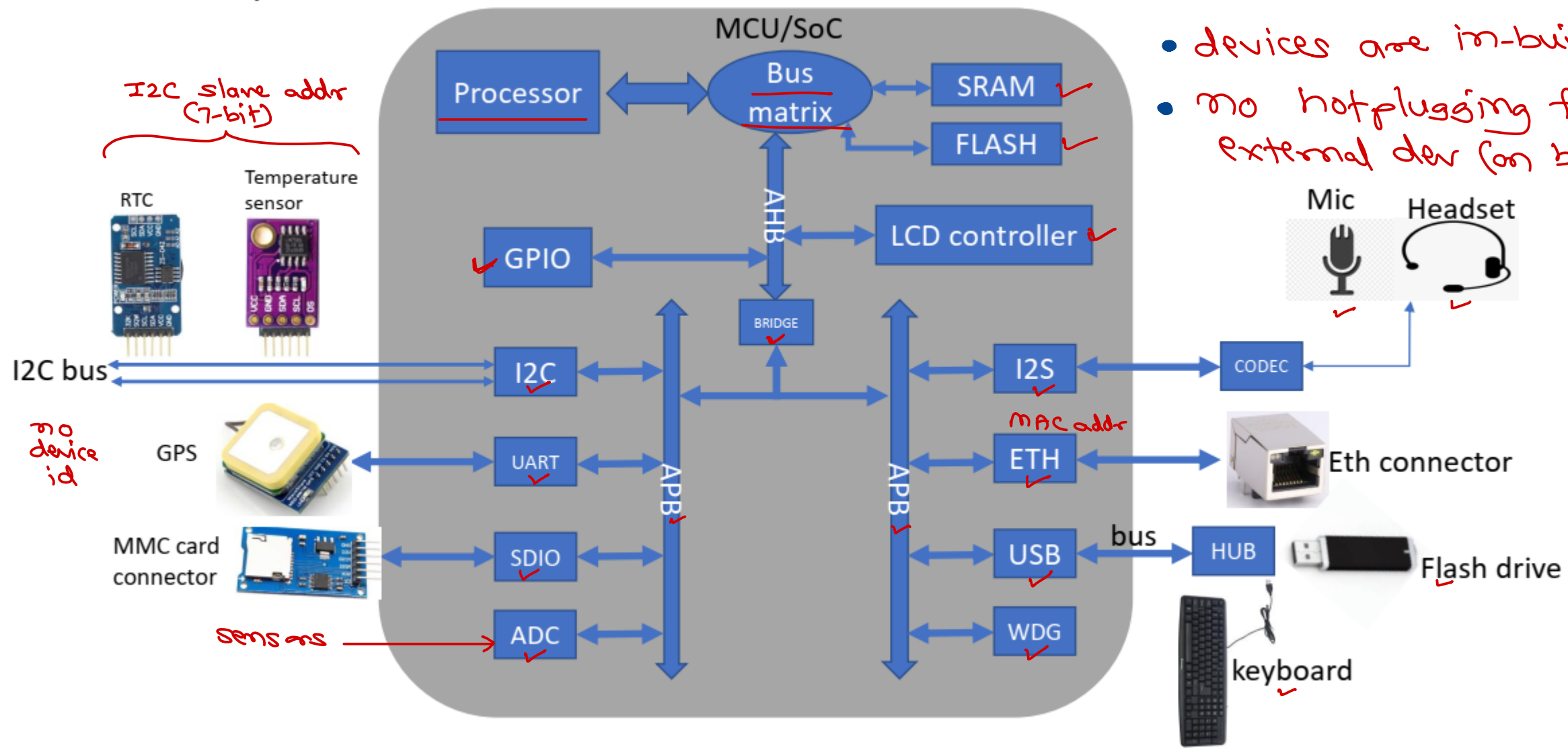
Peripheral Component Interconnect
lspci -v -n

each device on bus is identified by
① vendor id (16-bit)
 ✓ intel:
 ✓ samsung:
 ✓ nvidia:
 ✓ amd:
② device id (16-bit)



PCI bus advantages
① device identification
 ↳ auto-discoverable
② hot-plugging

Embedded – SoC



- devices are in-built
- no hotplugging for external dev (on bus).

struct kobject

- Keeping track of various C struct objects is common need throughout the kernel.
- From Linux kernel 2.5 *struct kobject* is added for following functionalities.
- It provides following functionalities
 - Reference counting
 - Manage list of objects
 - Locking of sets
 - Exporting object properties to sysfs
- To avail these functionalities embed kobject into the desired struct.
- kobject functions: `kobject_init()`, `kobject_get()`, `kobject_put()`, `kobject_add()`, `kobject_cleanup()`, `kobject_register()`, `kobject_unregister()`.

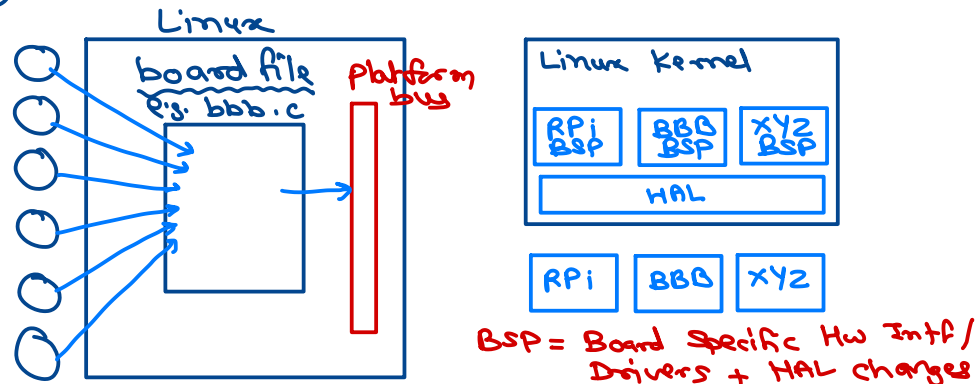
```
struct kobject {  
    const char *k_name;  
    struct kref kref;  
    struct list_head entry;  
    struct kobject *parent;  
    struct kset *kset;  
    struct kobj_type *ktype;  
    struct sysfs_dirent *sd;  
};
```



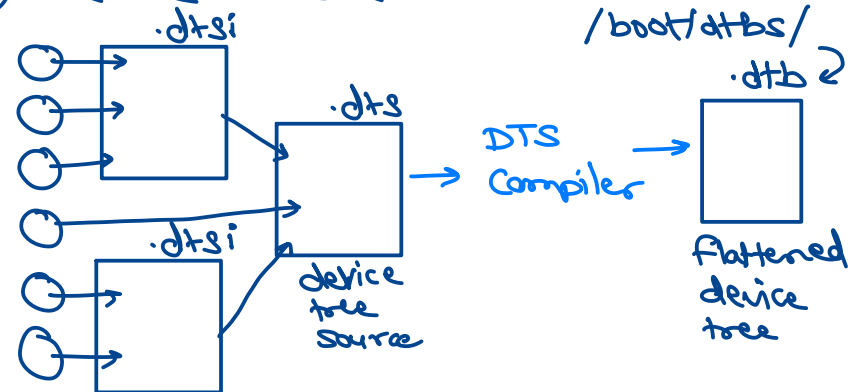
Platform bus, device and driver

- In Linux on PC architecture, most of the IO devices are connected over PCI and USB buses.
- PCI and USB buses are auto-discoverable (lspci, lsusb) and hot-pluggable (plug n play).
- Typical embedded Linux on ARM or other architecture do not have PCI bus.
- In embedded hardware (SoC) most of devices/buses are available on chip itself and are directly connected to CPU.
- Embedded buses like SPI, I2C, CAN, I2S are not discoverable/hot-pluggable.

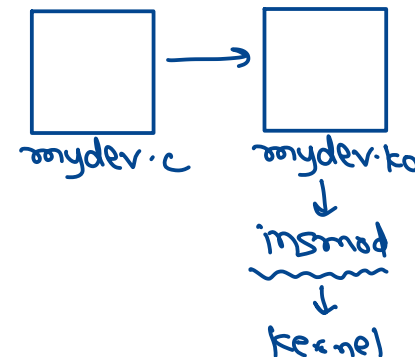
① Board File



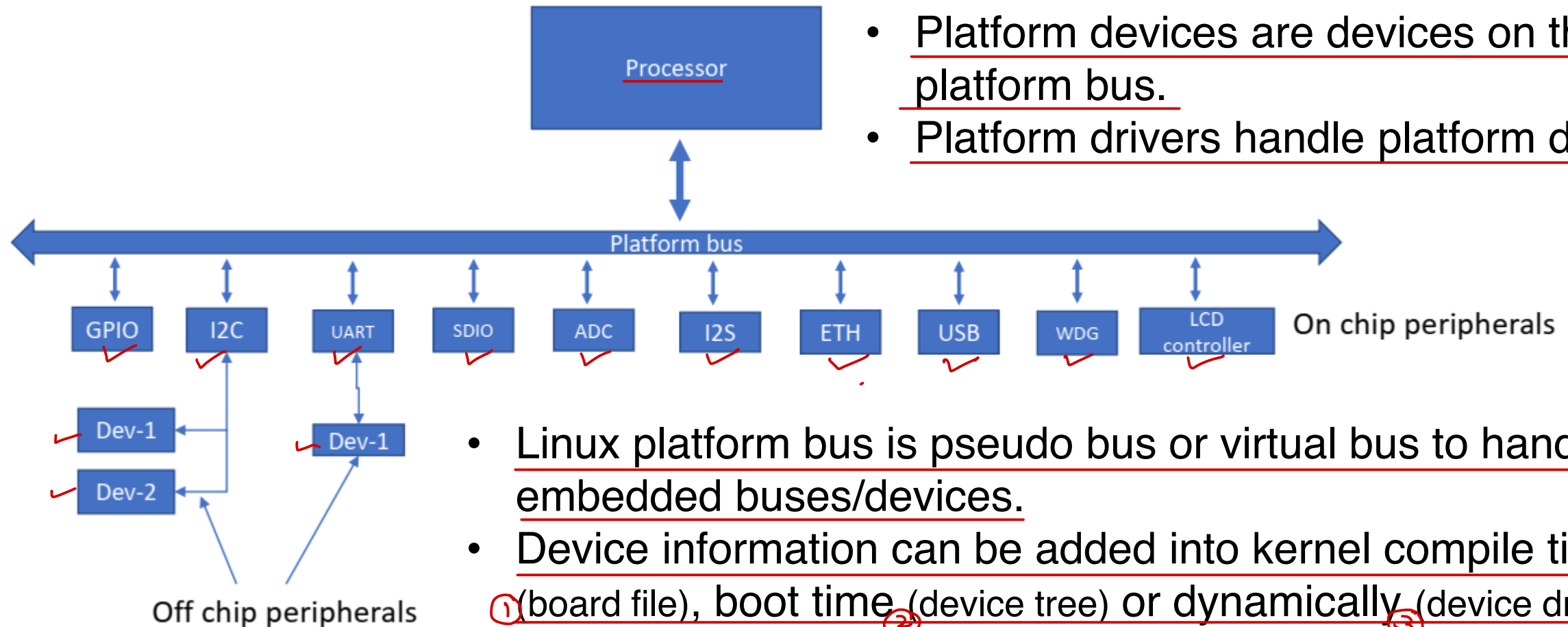
② Device tree (ksrc/arch/arm/boot/dts)



③ Device Driver



Platform bus

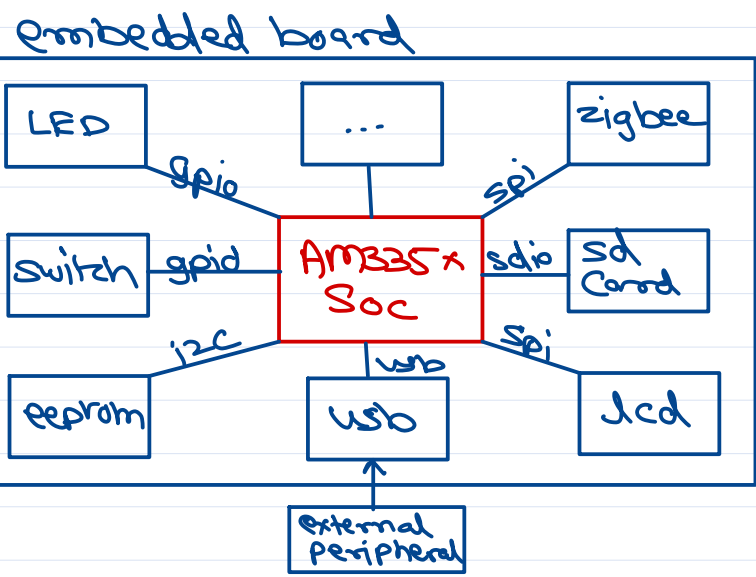


- Platform devices are devices on the platform bus.
- Platform drivers handle platform devices.

- Linux platform bus is pseudo bus or virtual bus to handle embedded buses/devices.
- Device information can be added into kernel compile time (board file), boot time (device tree) or dynamically (device driver).
 - Memory/IO address, IRQ number, Device Id, Device address, Pin configuration, Power/voltage information, etc.
- Device Tree: <https://www.kernel.org/doc/Documentation/devicetree/usage-model.txt>



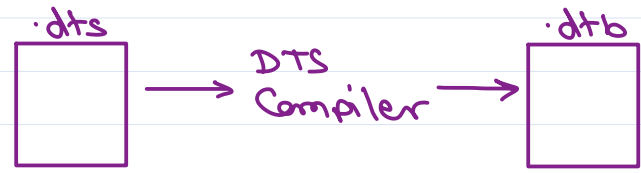
Device tree



- Embedded Buses/Connectivity
- ① USB
 - ② RS232
 - ③ SPI
 - ④ I2C
 - ⑤ CAN
- platform devices

board file
↳ board specific + probe drivers (recompile kernel for each board).
device tree source
↳ board specific describe data struct.

```
my-board-init()  
✓ add_device_serial()  
✓ add_device_spi()  
✓ add_device_eth()  
✓ add_device_i2cc()  
✓ add_device_gpio()  
+ device drivers (.ko)
```

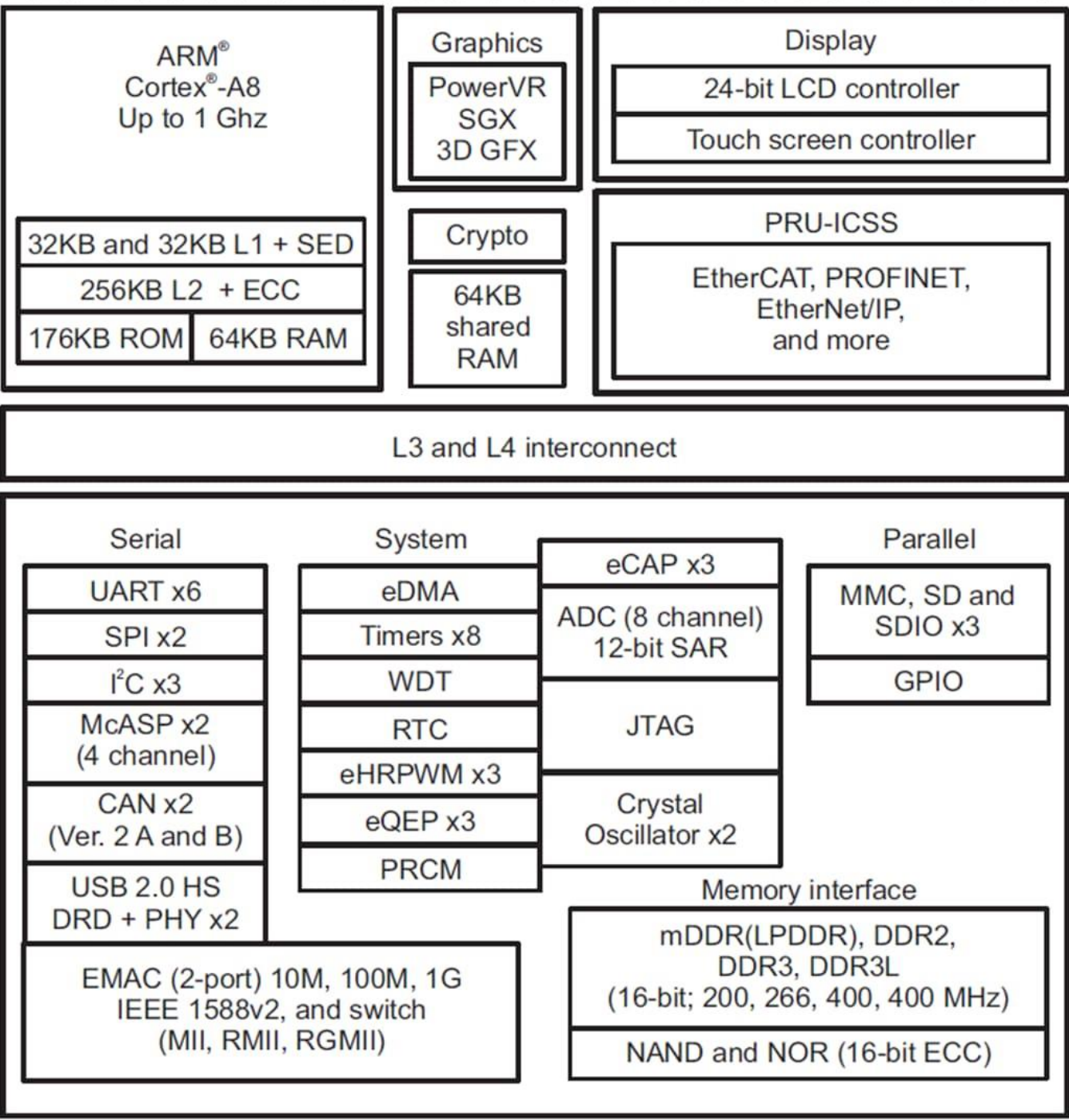
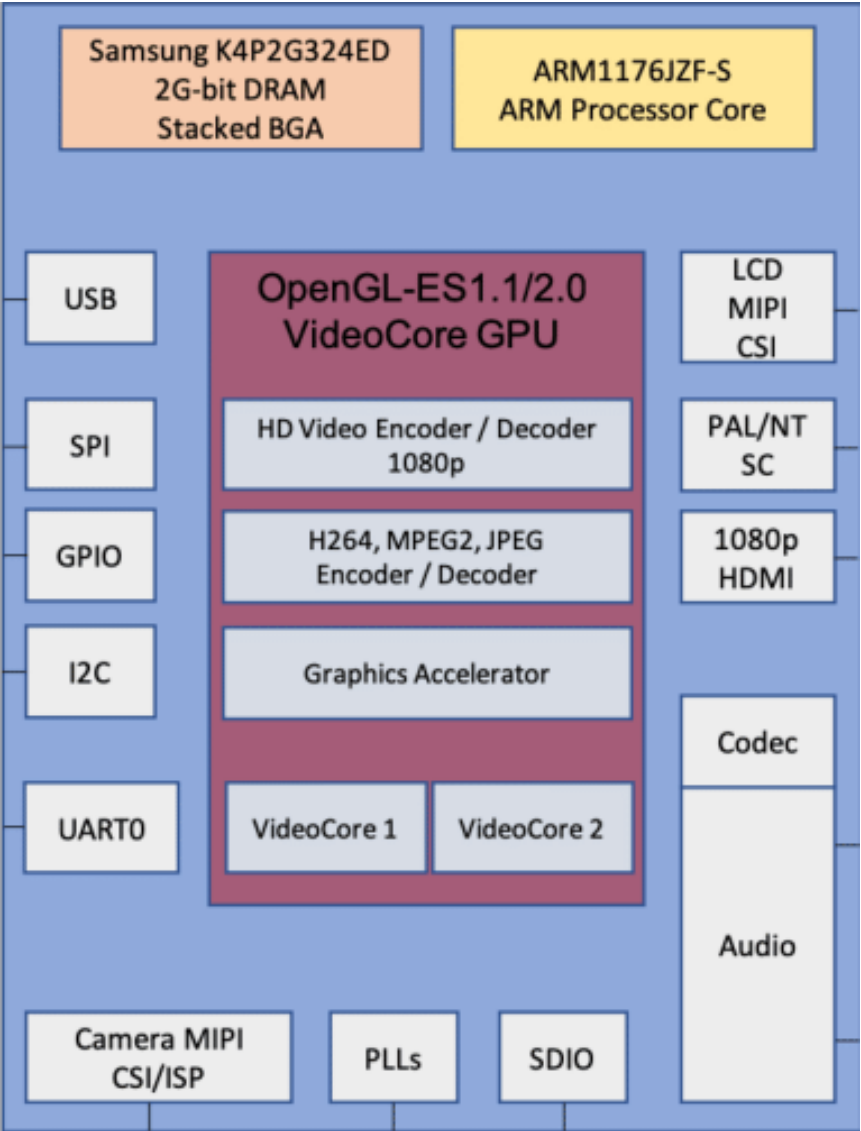


Same kernel can be used to init diff boards with diff dtb files.

BCM2835 & AM335x

BBB →

RPi →





Thank you!

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