

◆ CPU (Central Processing Unit)

- The “brain” of the computer.
- Performs **calculations, decision-making, and instruction execution**.
- Has components like:
 - **ALU (Arithmetic Logic Unit)** → does math & logic.
 - **Control Unit (CU)** → directs operations.
 - **Registers** → very small, ultra-fast memory inside CPU.
- Very fast but has **small storage capacity**.

◆ RAM (Random Access Memory)

- The **main memory** of the computer.
- Stores **data and instructions temporarily** while the CPU is working.
- Contents are **volatile** → data is lost when power goes off.
- Much **larger in size** than CPU registers, but **slower**.

⚡ Simple Analogy

- **CPU** = A person working (the thinker).
- **RAM** = The desk or workspace where the person keeps books & papers while working.
 - Bigger desk (more RAM) → you can keep more things at once.
 - Faster thinker (faster CPU) → you can process tasks quicker.

✅ In short:

- **CPU = Processing power (executes instructions).**
- **RAM = Working memory (stores data/instructions temporarily).**

Do you want me to also explain how **CPU, RAM, and Storage (Hard Disk/SSD)** are connected (step by step data flow)?

◆ 1. Storage (HDD/SSD)

- Permanent memory (non-volatile).
 - Stores OS, apps, files, etc.
 - Very large in size, but **slowest** among memory types.
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◆ 2. RAM (Main Memory)

- Temporary memory, holds **programs and data currently in use**.
 - Much **faster** than storage, but still slower than CPU.
 - Volatile → data lost when power goes off.
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◆ 3. Cache Memory

- A **tiny, ultra-fast memory** located **inside or very close to the CPU**.
 - Stores **frequently used data/instructions** from RAM so CPU can access them quickly.
 - Levels:
 - **L1 Cache** → Smallest & fastest, inside CPU core.
 - **L2 Cache** → Bigger, slightly slower.
 - **L3 Cache** → Largest, shared among cores, slower than L1/L2 but still faster than RAM.
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◆ 4. CPU (Central Processing Unit)

- Executes instructions (calculations, logic, control).
 - Needs data quickly, so it first checks:
 1. **Cache** → If data is there (Cache Hit) → super fast.
 2. If not in cache (Cache Miss) → fetch from **RAM**.
 3. If not in RAM → fetch from **Storage (HDD/SSD)** → slowest.
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⚡ Data Flow Example

1. You open a game stored in **SSD/HDD**.
2. OS loads required files into **RAM**.
3. CPU fetches instructions/data from RAM.
4. Cache stores frequently accessed game data → CPU runs much faster without always waiting for RAM.