

#### ◆ 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**.
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#### ◆ 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**.
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#### ⚡ 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.
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✓ 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.