

#### **Topics**

- Computer Performance in light of
  - Power Wall
  - Complexity Wall
  - Moore's Law
  - Dennard Scaling
- Computing ideas in post-PC era
- What is meant by the Hardware / Software Interface
- Calculate Power dissipation
- Notion of Computer Performance



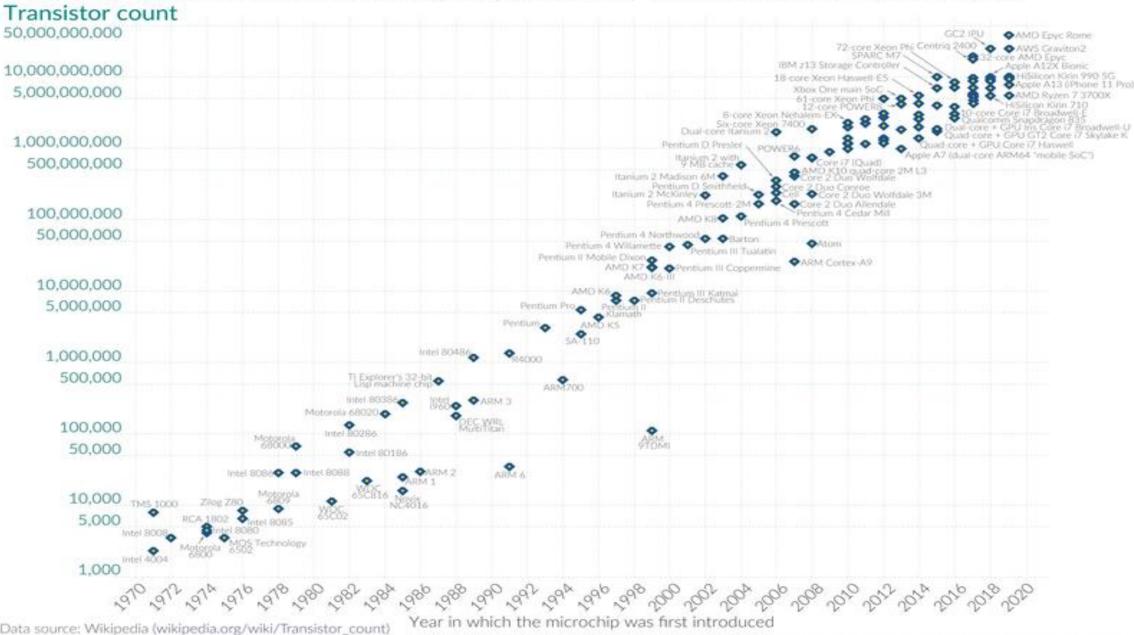
# Power Wall, and Complexity Wall

#### Moore's Law: The number of transistors on microchips doubles every two years Our World



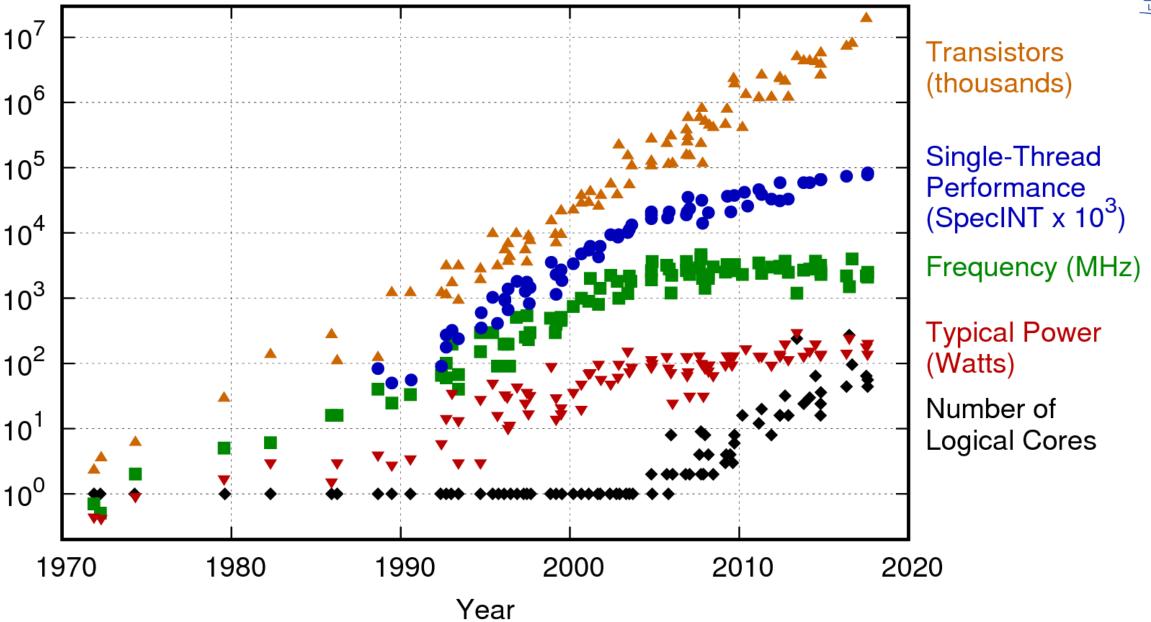
Moore's law describes the empirical regularity that the number of transistors on integrated circuits doubles approximately every two years.

This advancement is important for other aspects of technological progress in computing – such as processing speed or the price of computers.

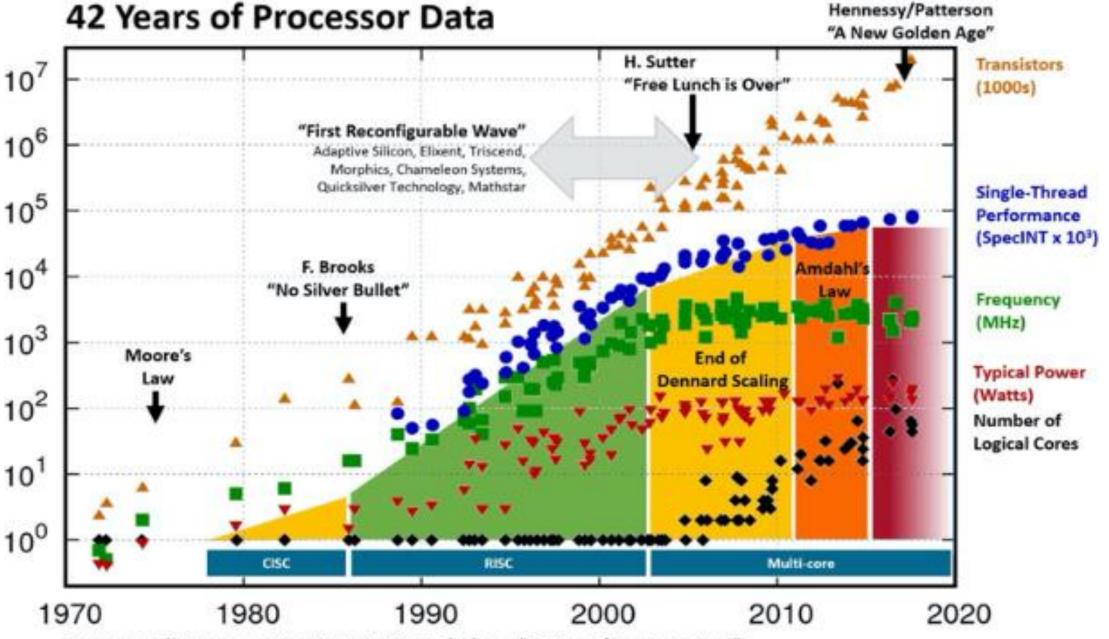


#### 42 Years of Microprocessor Trend Data





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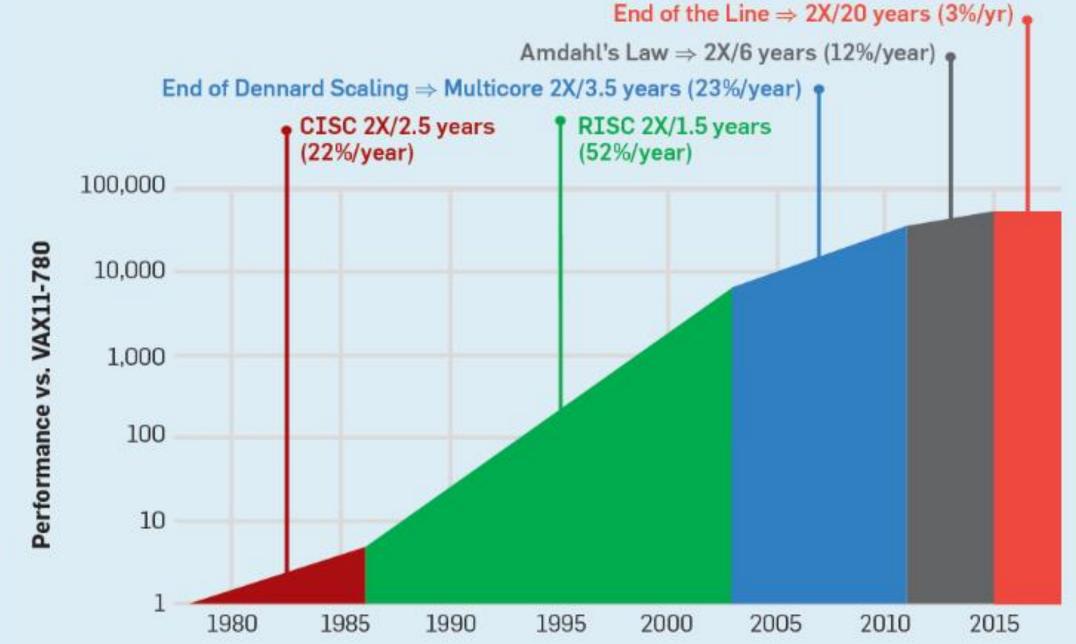


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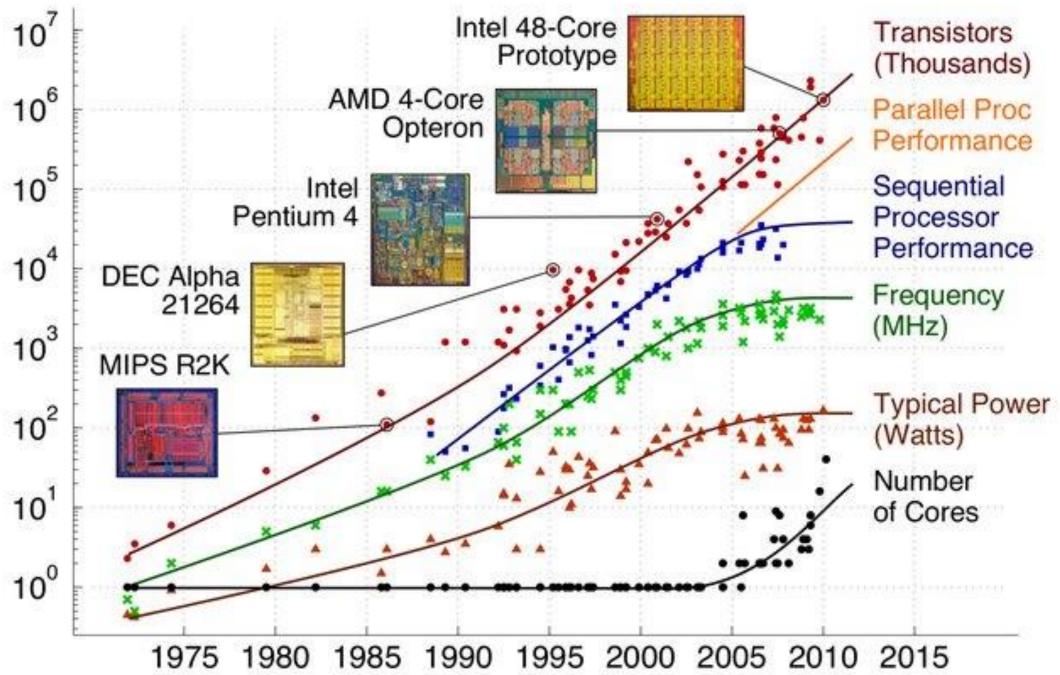
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# CPU Architecture Today Heat becoming un unmanageable problem



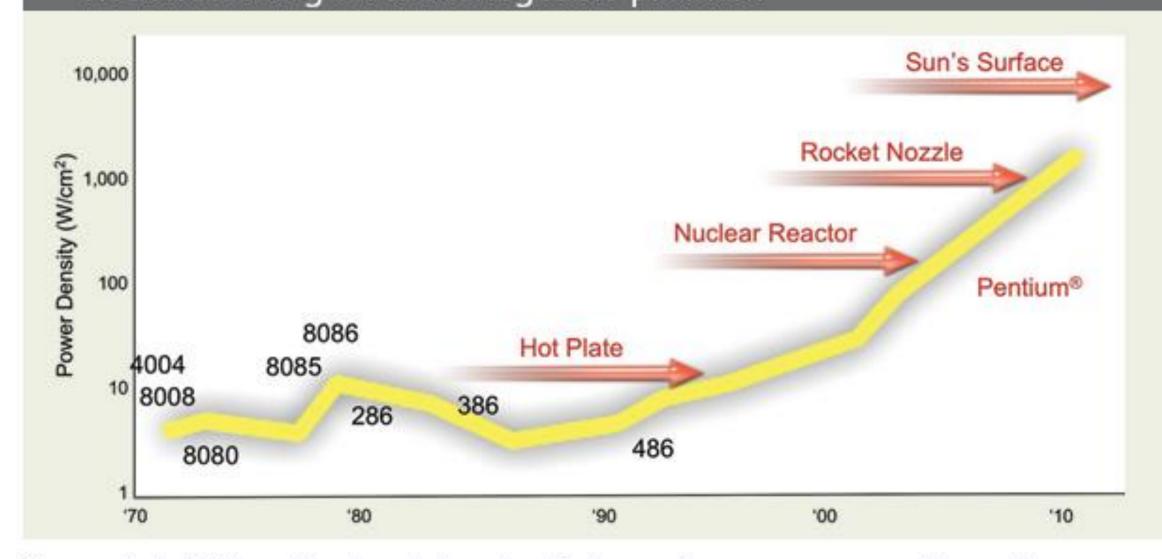


Figure 1. In CPU architecture today, heat is becoming an unmanageable problem. (Courtesy of Pat Gelsinger, Intel Developer Forum, Spring 2004)

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#### CPU: From GHz to multi-core



#### Moore's Law:

- the number of transistors on an IC doubles every two years.
  - Less space, more complexity.
  - Shorter gates, higher clock rate.

#### Strategy of the 80s and 90's:

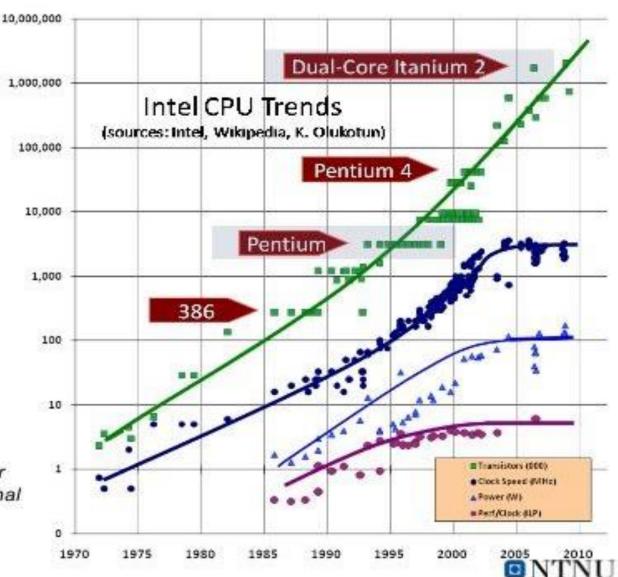
- · Add more complexity!
- Increase the clock rate!

#### Pollack's Rule:

 The performance increase is ~ square root of the increased complexity. [Borkar 2007]

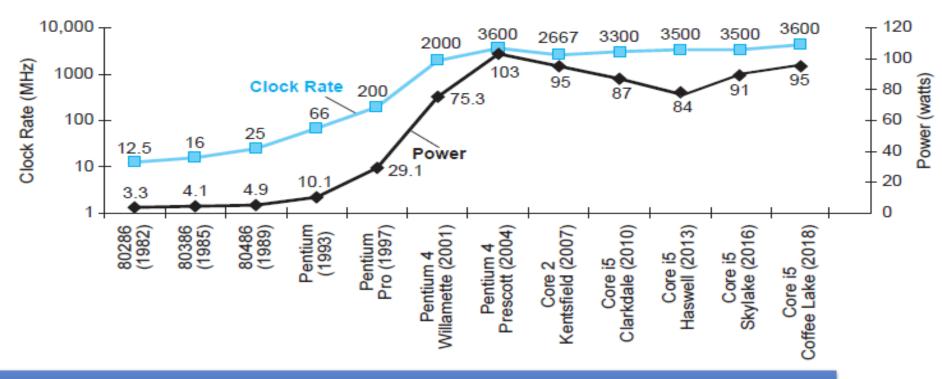
#### The Power Wall:

 Increasing clock rate and transistor current leakage lead to excess power consumption, while RC delays in signal transmission grow as feature sizes shrink. [Borkar et al. 2005]

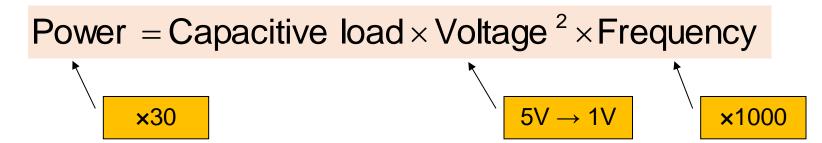


#### **CPU Power Trends**



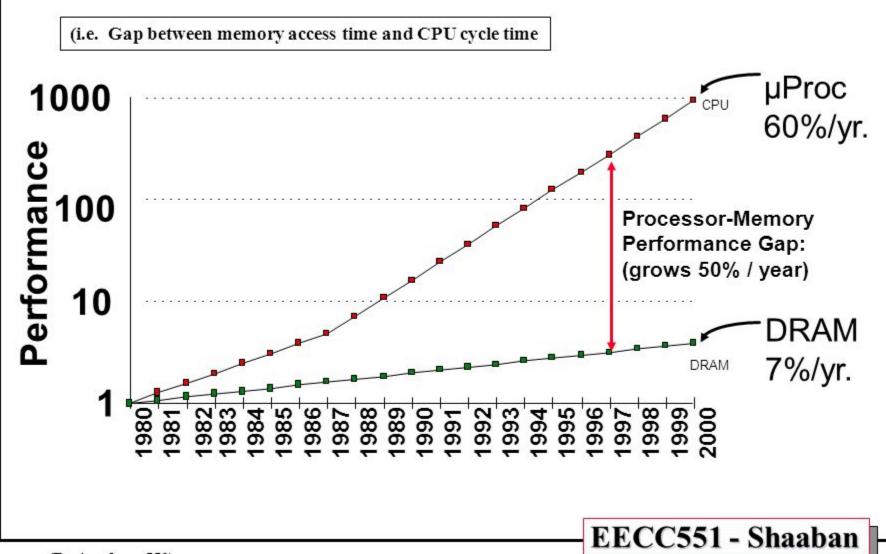


#### In CMOS IC technology









#### **Reducing Power**



- Suppose a new CPU has
  - 85% of capacitive load of old CPU
  - 15% voltage and 15% frequency reduction

$$\frac{P_{\text{new}}}{P_{\text{old}}} = \frac{C_{\text{old}} \times 0.85 \times (V_{\text{old}} \times 0.85)^2 \times F_{\text{old}} \times 0.85}{C_{\text{old}} \times V_{\text{old}}^2 \times F_{\text{old}}} = 0.85^4 = 0.52$$

- The power wall
  - We can't reduce voltage further
  - We can't remove more heat
- How else can we improve performance?

# Computing Ideas in Post-PC Era



# Current High-Performance Computing Architectures Post-Moore's-Law Era

Model Based Abstract Software Development for Complex Systems

Parallel Processing through Multicores

Instruction Level Parallelism through Pipelining

Speculation and Prediction in RISC Architecture

Performance Evaluation to make the 'Common Case Fast'

Use variety of memory hierarchies to improve performance

Cloud based Computing and Storage

Role of Network in Computer Performance



# Upcoming Computing Architectures Post-PC Era

- Mobile and Embedded Computing
- Domain Specific Architectures E.g. Google Tensor Processor
- Domain Specific Languages and Compilers E.g. Tensorflow
- Open Instruction Set Architectures RISC V
- Agile Computing through Reconfigurable Hardware and Customized Instructions
- Security in CPU Hardware

### The Scale in Computing



Decimal term	Abbreviation	Value	Binary term	Abbreviation	Value	% Larger
kilobyte	KB	10 <sup>3</sup>	kibibyte	KiB	210	2%
megabyte	MB	10 <sup>6</sup>	mebibyte	MiB	220	5%
gigabyte	GB	10 <sup>9</sup>	gibibyte	GiB	230	7%
terabyte	TB	1012	tebibyte	TiB	240	10%
petabyte	PB	1015	pebibyte	PiB	250	13%
exabyte	EB	1018	exbibyte	EiB	260	15%
zettabyte	ZB	1021	zebibyte	ZiB	270	18%
yottabyte	YB	1024	yobibyte	YiB	280	21%

**FIGURE 1.1** The 2<sup>x</sup> vs. 10<sup>y</sup> bytes ambiguity was resolved by adding a binary notation for all the common size terms. In the last column we note how much larger the binary term is than its corresponding decimal term, which is compounded as we head down the chart. These prefixes work for bits as well as bytes, so *gigabit* (Gb) is 10<sup>9</sup> bits while *gibibits* (Gib) is 2<sup>30</sup> bits.



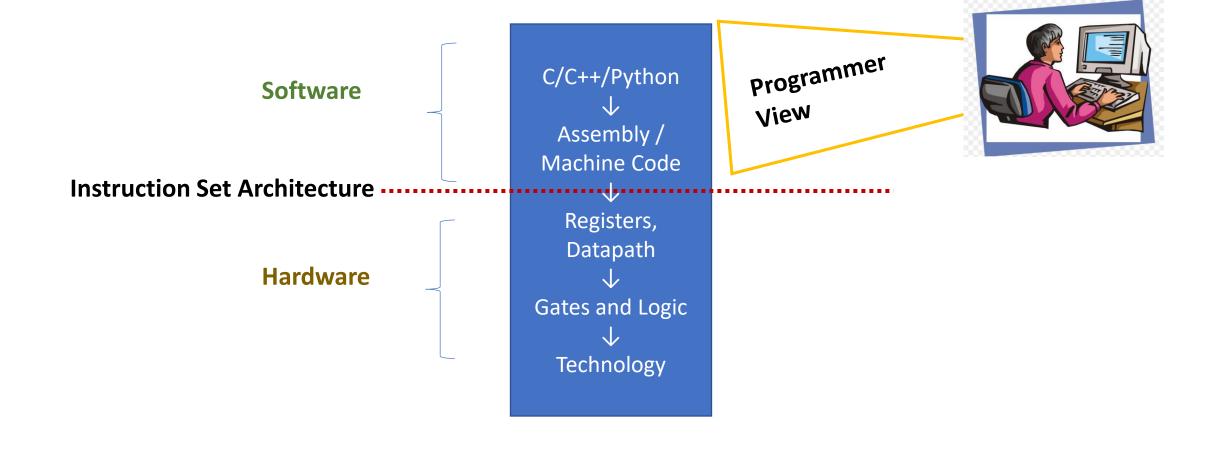
# The Hardware / Software Interface

#### **Interface of Hardware and Software**

Hardware or software component	How this component affects performance		
Algorithm	Determines both the number of source-level statements and the number of I/O operations executed		
Programming language, compiler, and architecture	Determines the number of computer instructions for each source-level statement		
Processor and memory system	Determines how fast instructions can be executed		
I/O system (hardware and operating system)	Determines how fast I/O operations may be executed		

#### **Hardware / Software Interface**





### Why Abstraction?

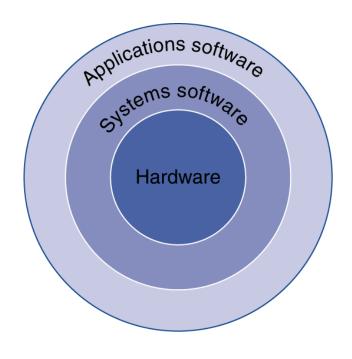


Delving into the depths reveals more information

 An abstraction omits unneeded detail, helps us cope with complexity

### **Below a Computer Program**

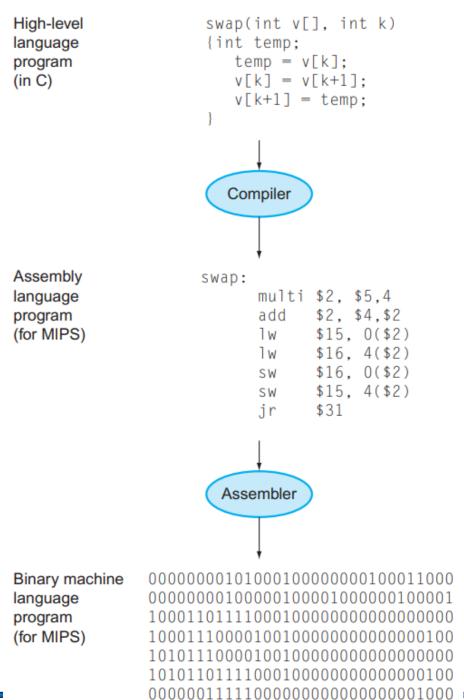




- Application software
  - Written in high-level language
- System software
  - Compiler: translates HLL code to machine code
  - Operating System: service code
    - Handling input/output
    - Managing memory and storage
    - Scheduling tasks & sharing resources
- Hardware
  - Processor, memory, I/O controllers

# Compiling a Program

**Example of Software Abstraction** 



#### What is an Instruction Set Architecture ISA?

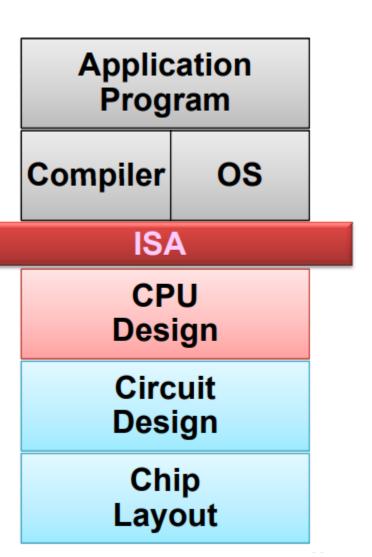


- Lowest level of Computer Architecture that is visible to a programmer
- ISA comprises instructions in Assembly Language and Corresponding Binary Machine Code
- It is the language of the CPU machine
- Primitive syntax compared to a high-level language
- It is easily interpreted and understood by the CPU
- Designed to maximize performance
- Designed to minimize cost and design time

### Role of ISA within a Computer



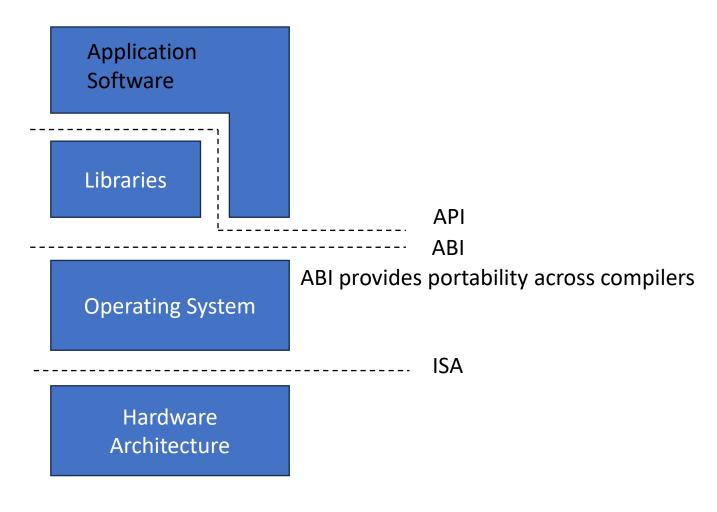
- Assembly Language View
  - Processor state (RF, mem)
  - Instruction set and encoding
- Layer of Abstraction
  - Above: how to program machine HLL, OS
  - Below: what needs to be built
    - tricks to make it run fast

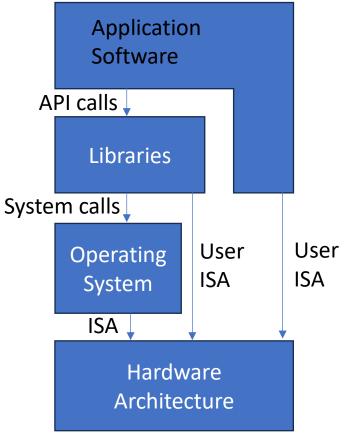


Key:

RF = Register File Mem = Memory HLL = High Level Language OS = Operating System

### Operating System Interface Software / Hardware



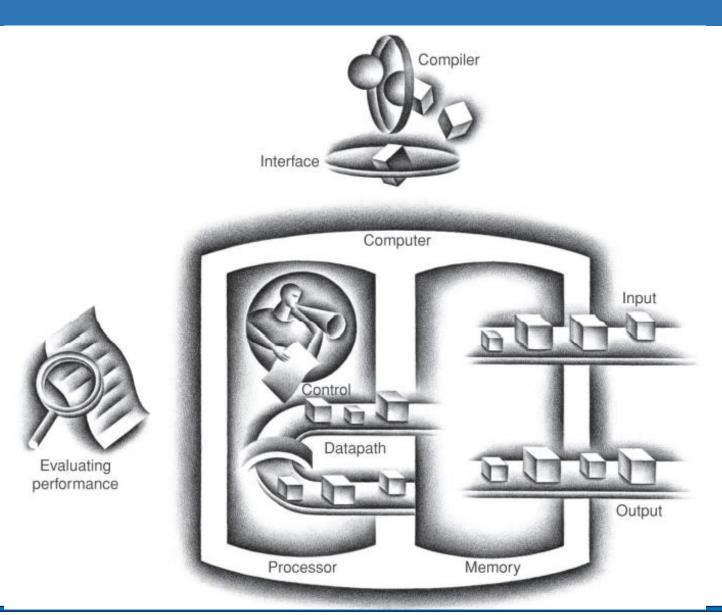




## Exploring Computer Organization

### **Typical Computer Organization**





#### Computer

**Main Components** 

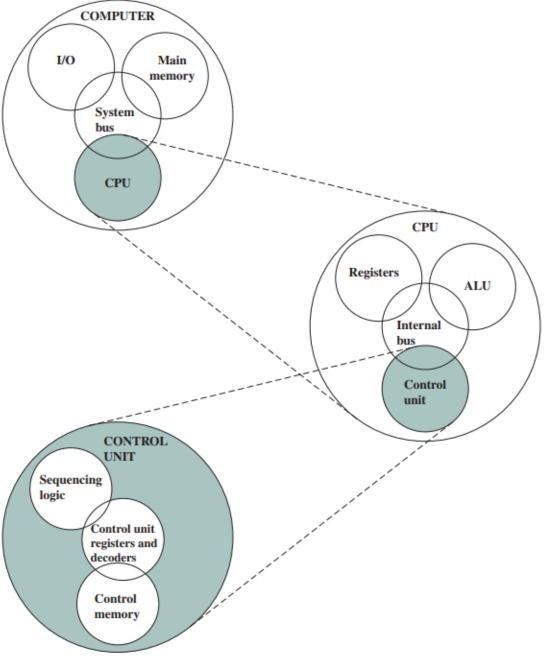
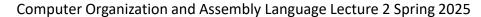


Figure 1.1 The Computer: Top-Level Structure



## A Multi-core Computer

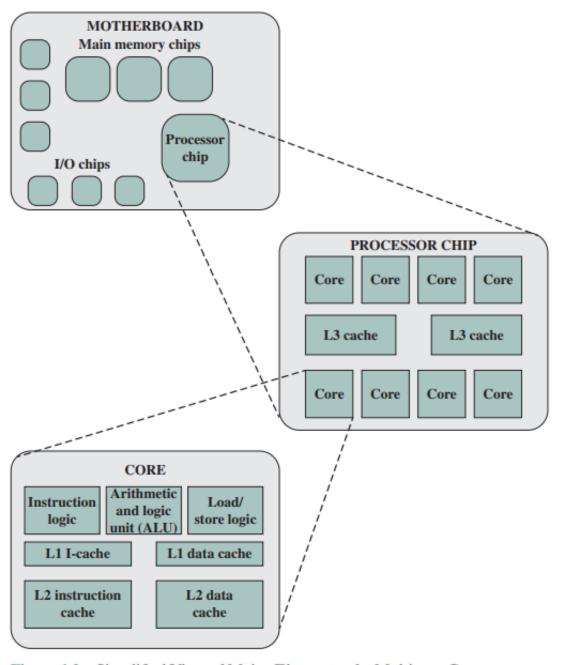
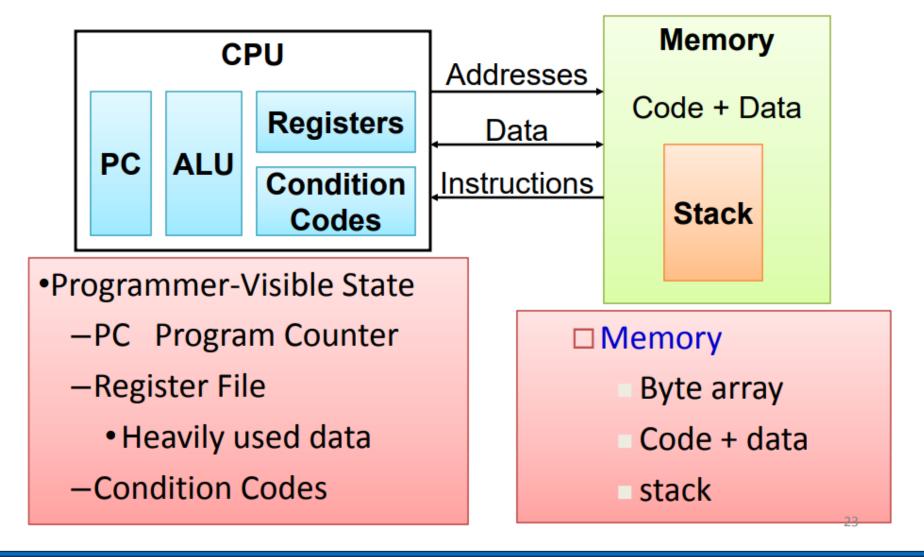


Figure 1.2 Simplified View of Major Elements of a Multicore Computer



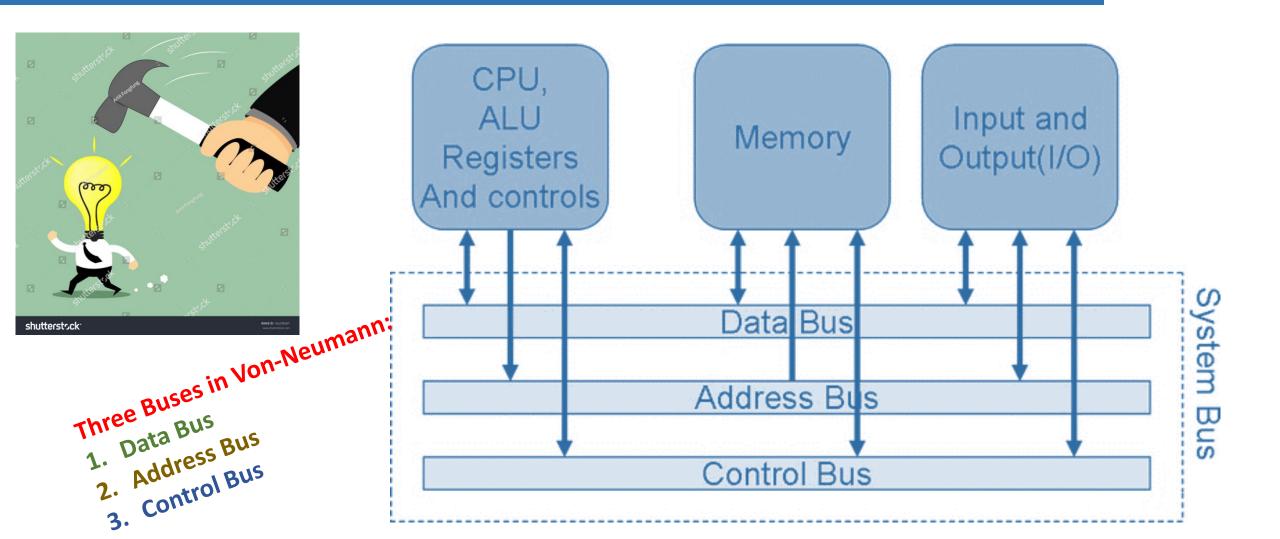
#### **Computer Abstraction**





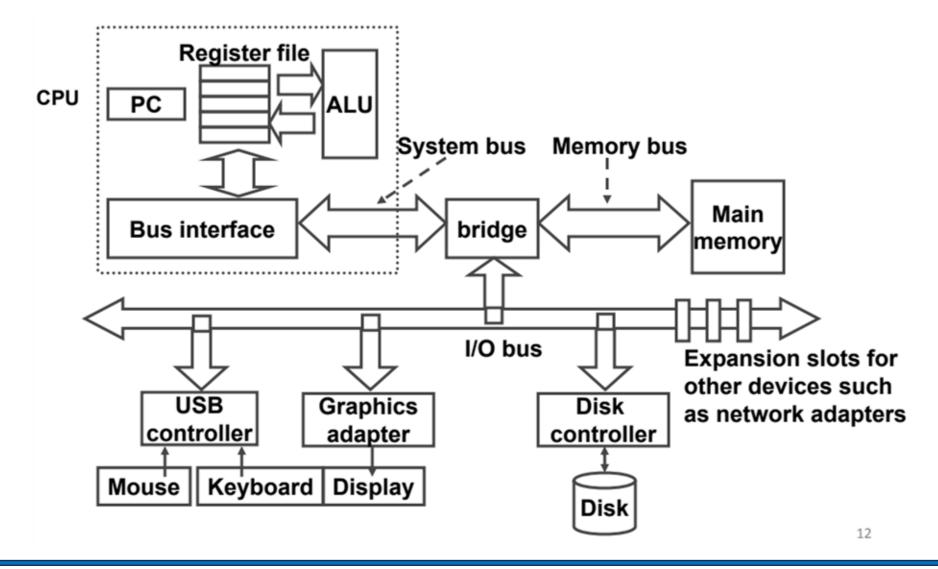
#### The Von-Neumann Architecture















#### Simple Computer Performance

- Time to execute a program in seconds
- Clock Speed of Computer MHz or GHz
- In terms of the width of Data Bus (16 bit, 32 bit, 64 bit)
- In terms of the size of different memory (8GB / 256GB)
  - Cache size
  - RAM
  - Hard disk
  - SSD, etc.
- In terms of multiple cores and multiple I/O available
- Software
  - Algorithm
  - Language / Compiler
  - Optimization Parallel, Vector, etc.

#### What is MIPS?



- MIPS is a leading example of RISC Architecture
- Used in many household products such as Nintendo, Sony, Mobile phones, Routers, etc.
- Simple and Small Instruction Set

MIPS = Microprocessor without Interlock Pipeline Stages ( )

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**MIPS** = **M**illion **I**nstructions **P**er **S**econd

#### What is MFLOPS

FLOPS = Floating Point Linear Operations Per Second

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= \frac{Number\ of\ executed\ floating\ point\ operations\ in\ a\ program}{Execution\ time\ \times 10^6}
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### Modern notion of computer performance

user



Software Performance

Programming Languages
Operating System
Compilers
Algorithms
Parallelism / Threads

Software optimization

Hardware Performance
Processor Architecture

Vector Processing Memory Hierarchy

Multicaras

Multicores

Network support

Hardware optimization

**Make Common Case FAST**