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Words in slides



Words in slides 1

□ User

- Renesas sells semiconductor devices to our customers, such as electronics products manufacturer, automotive manufacturer, industrial products manufacturer, etc.
- Customers design, manufacture, and sell their products to end customers.
- Sometimes we take the word 'user' as customer, not end customer.
 - User system (target system): Our customer's system. Electronic system.
 - User program (target program): Our customer's program.
 - User interface: Interface between customer's system and our (Renesas) tool

□ MCU and MPU

- MCU : Micro Controller Unit. Integrated 'single chip' device, such as M16C, H8/H8S, SH-2(2A) CPU, memory(ROM and RAM), and IO in one silicon
- MPU : Micro Processing Unit Integrated device including CPU, cache, and IO, such as SH-4(4A). External large size memory, Flash and DRAM

Words in slides 2

❑ Firmware

- Original meaning is ‘**software stored in some hardware**’ which is hard to rewrite, ie. software stored in ROM. In old days, memory is clearly divided into two type, one is RAM and the other one is ROM.
- Recently **flash memory is used widely** for software storage, and due to above historical reason, software stored in flash memory is also called ‘firmware’ in some case.

❑ Middleware

- Original meaning is ‘some software which is placed **between higher layer and lower layer**’.
- In **embedded application**, higher layer means ‘**application**’, and lower layer means ‘**driver**’.
- Example of middleware: audio/video codec (WMA / WMV / MP3 / MPEG / H.264), telecommunication codec (G.72x), protocol stack (TCP/IP), file system.

Words in slides 3

❑ BSP (Board Support Package)

- In embedded system, wide **variety of different hardware** (IO) is used, there is need for **software package which is dedicated to specific hardware platform**. Software package for such dedicated hardware is called 'BSP', as this is **prepared for specific board**.

❑ IPL (Initial Program Loader)

- IPL is firmware software which **runs just after hardware power on**.

❑ BIOS (Basic Input/Output System)

- BIOS is **firmware software for IBM-PC** compatible computer which runs just after hardware power on. This program identify and **initiate IO hardware**, such as HDD, CD drive, etc., and **provide standard IO access** software interface to higher level software, such as Windows OS.
- BIOS is very close to compact/simple OS(Operating System), but BIOS is not OS.

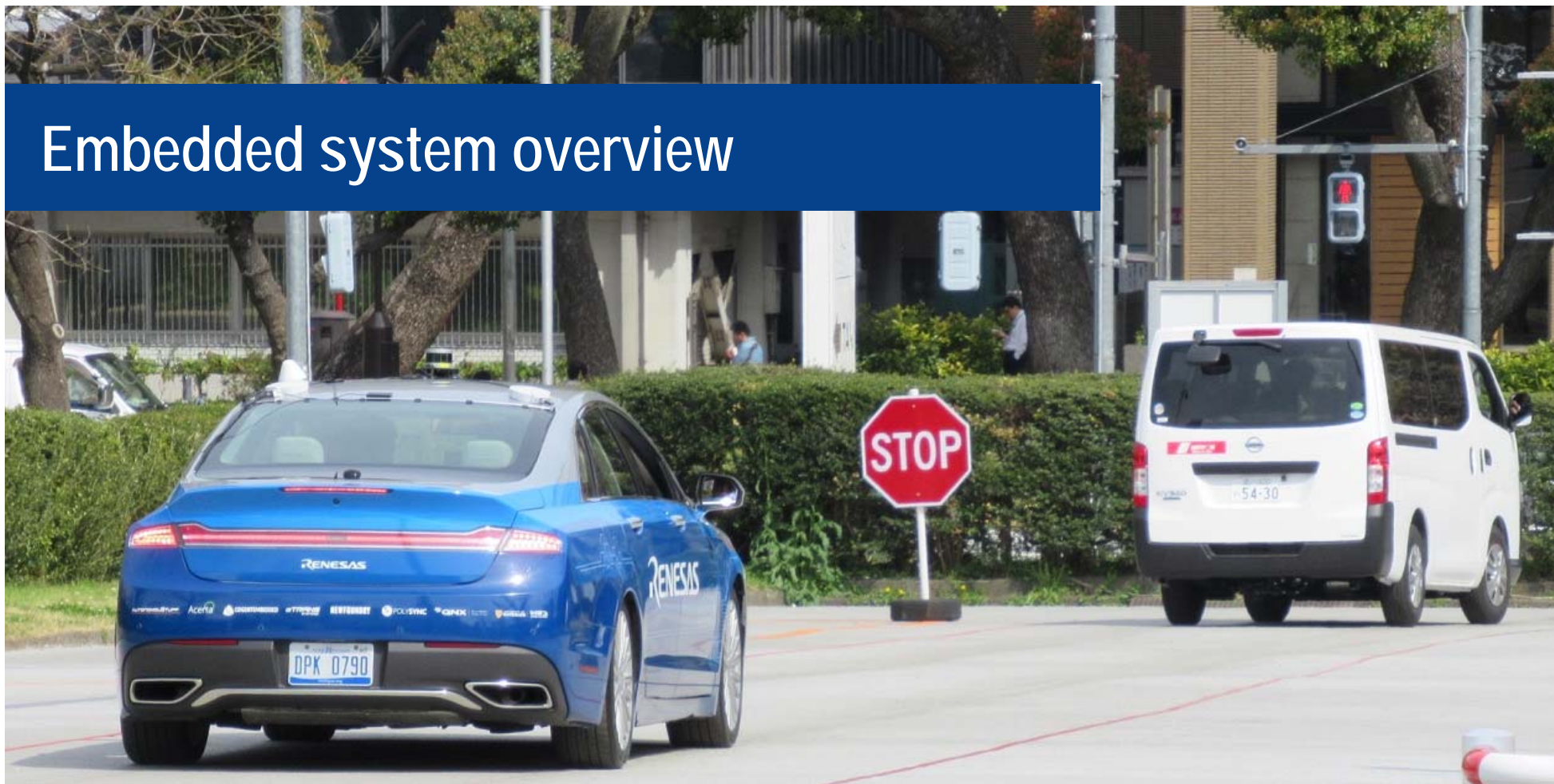
❑ CMOS (Complementary Metal-Oxide Semiconductor)

- P-MOS and N-MOS pair semiconductor digital logic circuit. Commonly used for current digital semiconductor devices. This word has no relation to any Operating System.

Words in slides 4

- ❑ MMU (Memory Management Unit)
 - A part of CPU. Provides address translation from logical (virtual) address to physical address
- ❑ OS (Operating System)
- ❑ RTOS (Real-Time Operating System)
 - Operating System for embedded application.
 - Hard real-time, multi-task
- ❑ Real-time
 - One of major demand in embedded system.
 - Time sensitive. Something must be done within pre-determined specific time period.
- ❑ Task: a part of application. Usually task runs on the device without MMU.
- ❑ Process: a part of application. Usually process runs on the device with MMU

Embedded system overview



Words in slides 4

- ❑ An embedded system is a **computer system with a dedicated function** within a larger mechanical or electrical system, often with real-time computing constraints. It is embedded as **part of a complete device** often including hardware and mechanical parts

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- ❑ Embedded systems are **very popular** nowadays



Differences between PC and Embedded System

PC





Embedded System








General usage	Dedicated function usage
Standard hardware configuration 	Specific hardware configuration
- Easy to install OS or new Software 	- Cannot change OS. - Need support of the Manufacturer to install new OS - Difficult to update Software.

Differences between PC and Embedded System

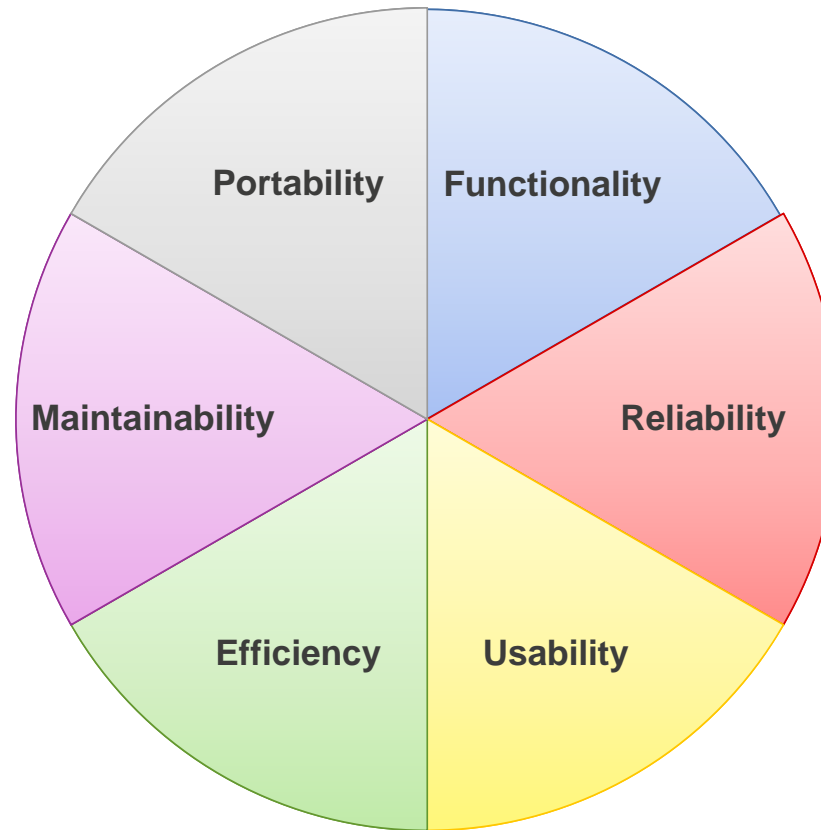
	Computer Software Dev.	Embedded Software Dev.
Value of performance	Total data throughput <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPU, GPU ??? • RAM ??? • HDD, SSD ??? • Gigaflop/Teraflop ??? 	Real-time performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time constraint ??? • Microsecond/Nanosecond ???
Software Visibility	Software are visible 	Almost users do not know which software is running <div data-bbox="1304 927 1724 1008">Software???</div> 

Differences between PC and Embedded System

	Computer Software Dev.	Embedded Software Dev.
Hardware resources to run SW	Rich hardware resources  GHZ GB TB	Limited hardware resources  MHZ KB/MB MB
Development environment	 Develop and run Software on PC	 Develop SW on PC and run on embedded device
Debugging support	No need special hardware Can use PC to debug Software	Need special Hardware 

Differences between PC and Embedded System

❑ How much QUALITY is important in Embedded System?



Reference Numbers (Typical Example) - Architecture Comparison

Architecture	8 Bit CPU	16 Bit CPU	32 Bit CPU
ALU data width	8 bit	16 bit	32 bit
Maximum Linear Address Space	64K (16 bit addressing)	16M (24 bit addressing)	4G (32 bit addressing)
Implemented Address Space (typical)	up to 64 K (on silicon)	128K to 1M or more (on silicon)	64M to 512M (external)
MMU (OS)	No	No	Yes
CPU Clock	10MHz	40 MHz	400MHz

Typical OS kernel size:

RTOS (uITRON)	Linux
10 ~ 20 KB	1 ~ 4 MB

*ALU: Arithmetic logic unit
MMU: Memory management unit*

Real-time operating systems (RTOS)

- ❑ Real-time operating system (RTOS) is an **operating system (OS)** intended to serve **real-time applications** which process data as it comes in, typically **without buffering delays**.
- ❑ **Key factors** in a real-time OS are **minimal interrupt latency** and **minimal thread switching latency**; a real-time OS is valued more for **how quickly or how predictably** it can respond than for the amount of work it can perform in a given period of time.
- ❑ Common RTOS:

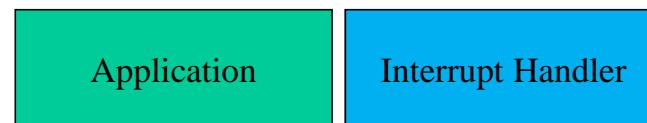


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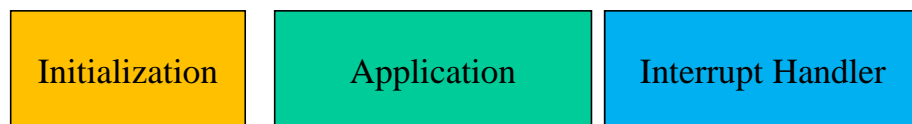
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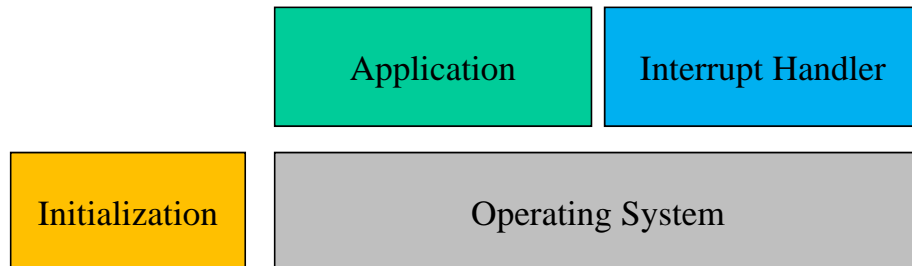
2. Application and Interrupt



3. Initialization, Application and Interrupt

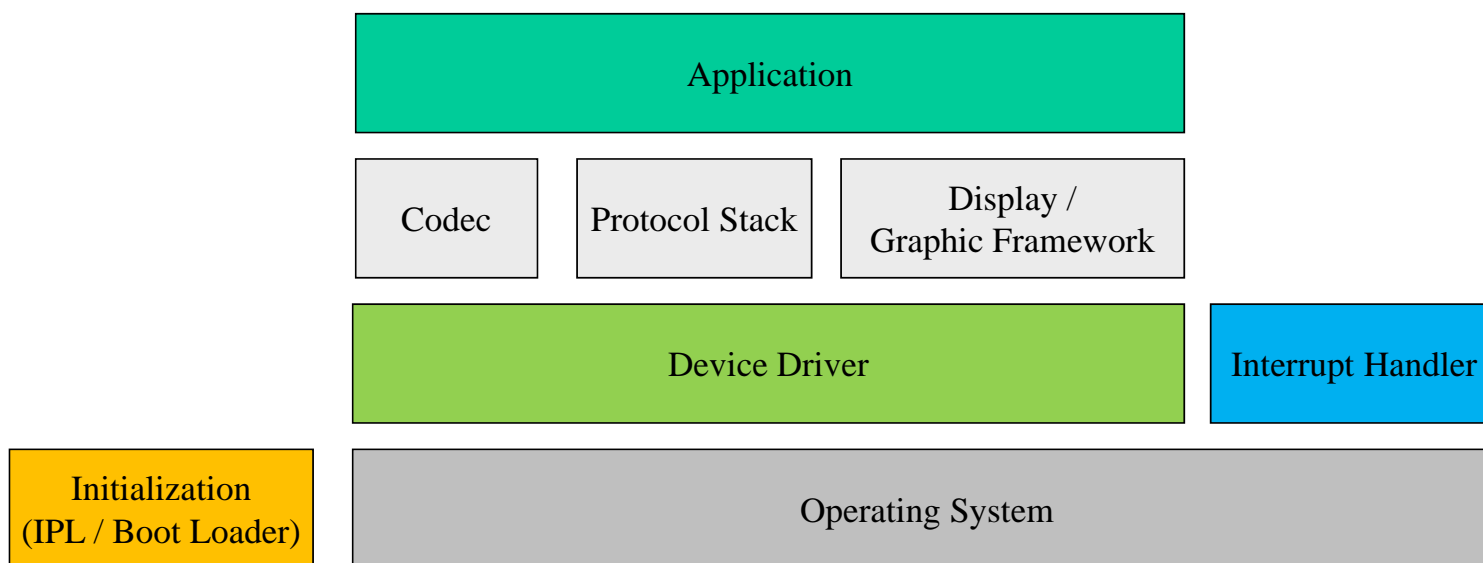


4. Initialization, Operating System, Application and Interrupt



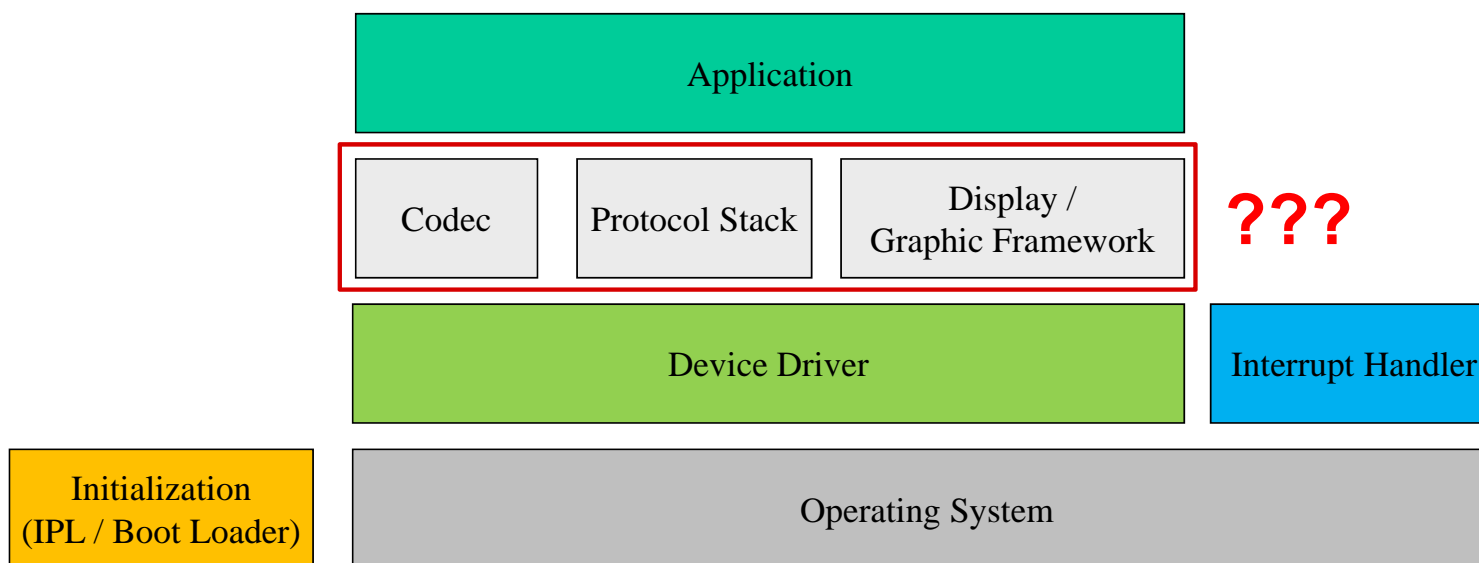
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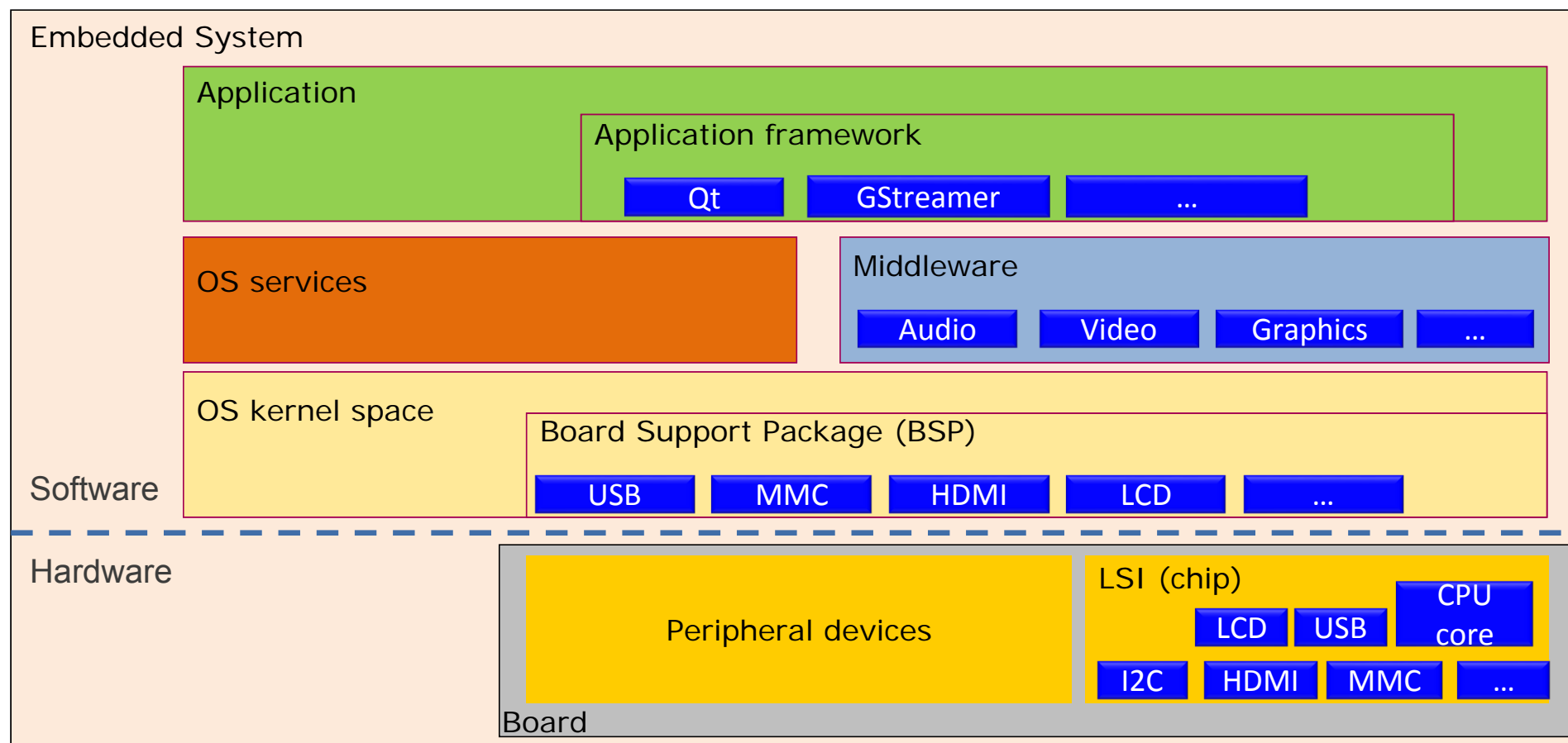


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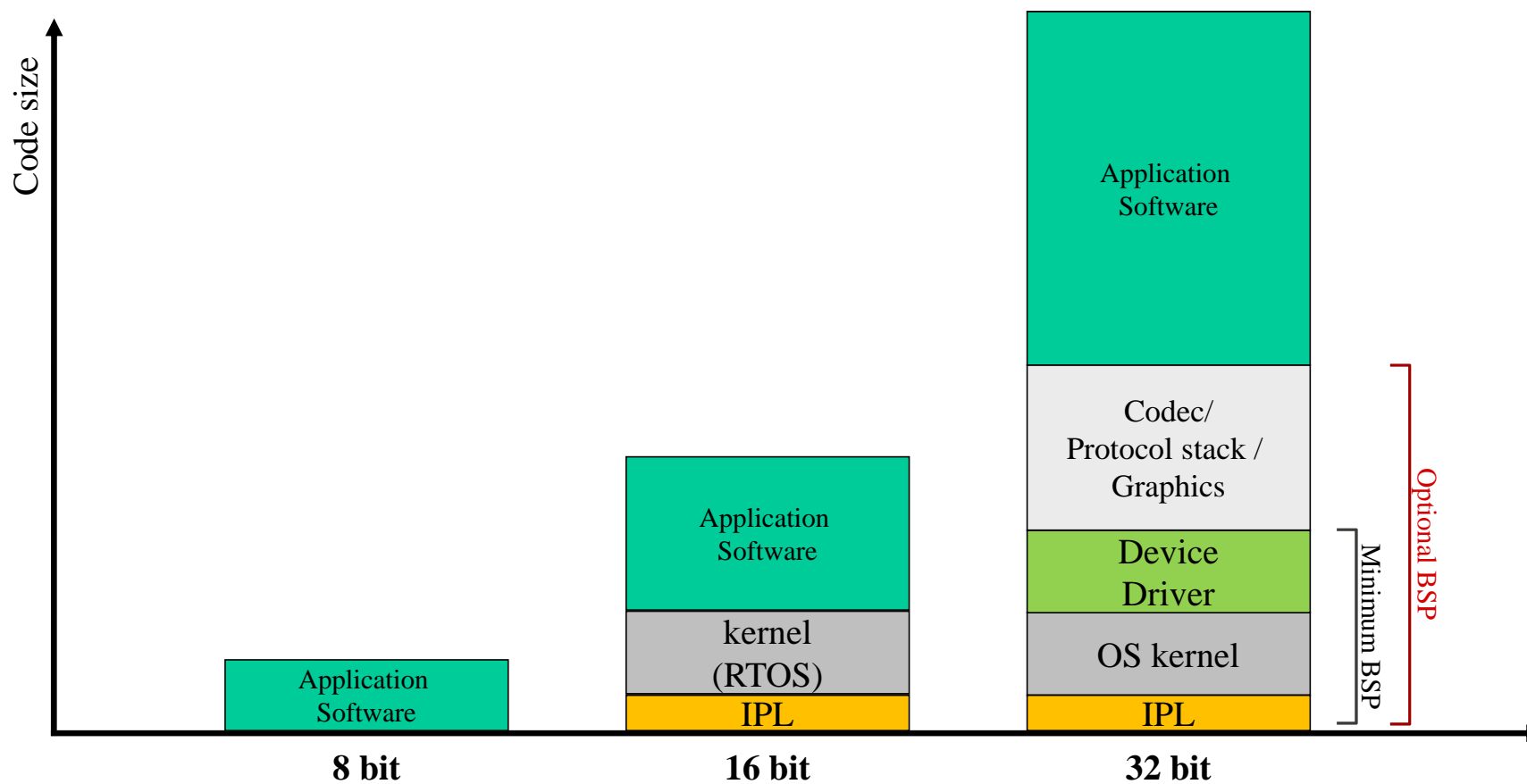
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Architecture of an Embedded System



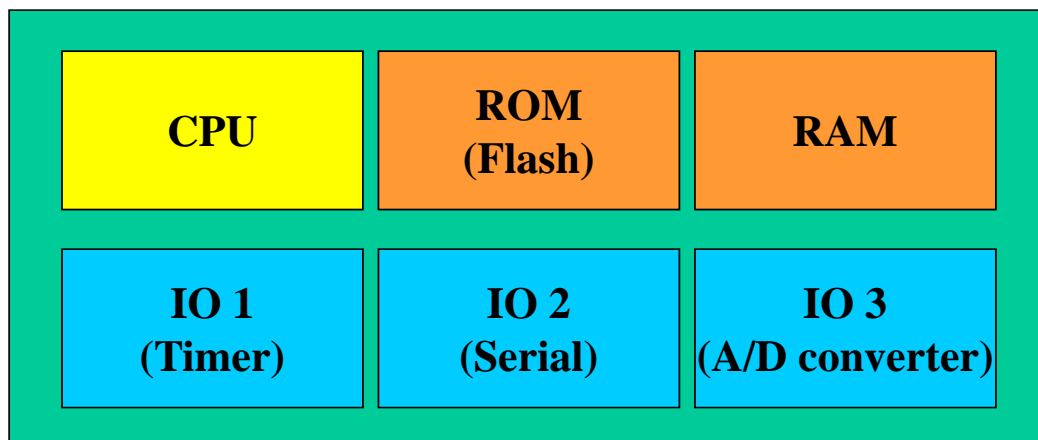
Code size and software structure examples



Type of Device – MCU and MPU

MCU: Micro Controller Unit (Or ‘Single Chip Micro Computer’)

All component is in one silicon ; CPU, memory (ROM and RAM), and IO



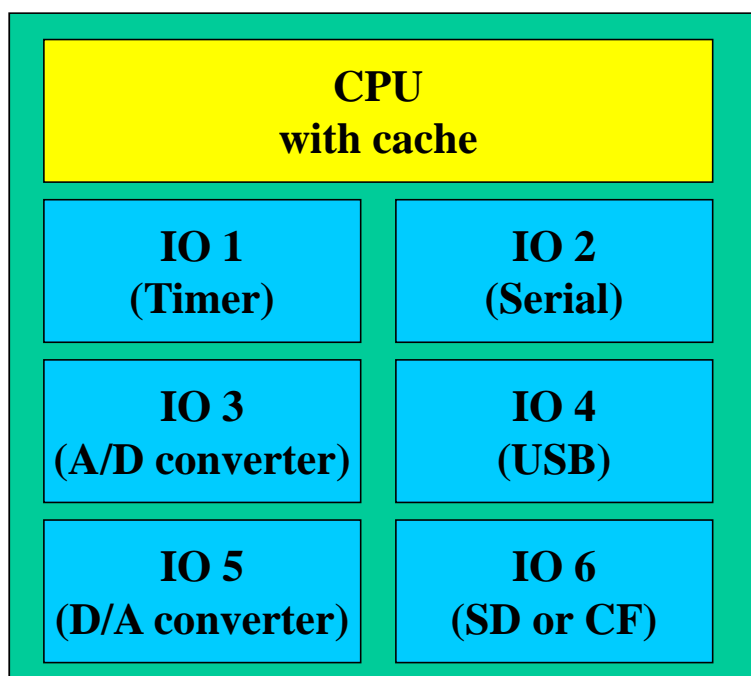
Smaller size of memory
Compact IO

MCU Device (Example)

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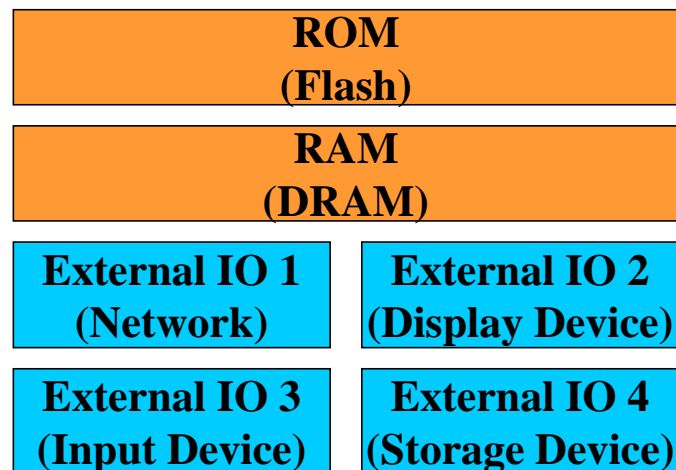
MCU: Micro Processor Unit

CPU, cache memory and IO, external memory



MPU Device (Example)

Larger size of memory
Rich IO

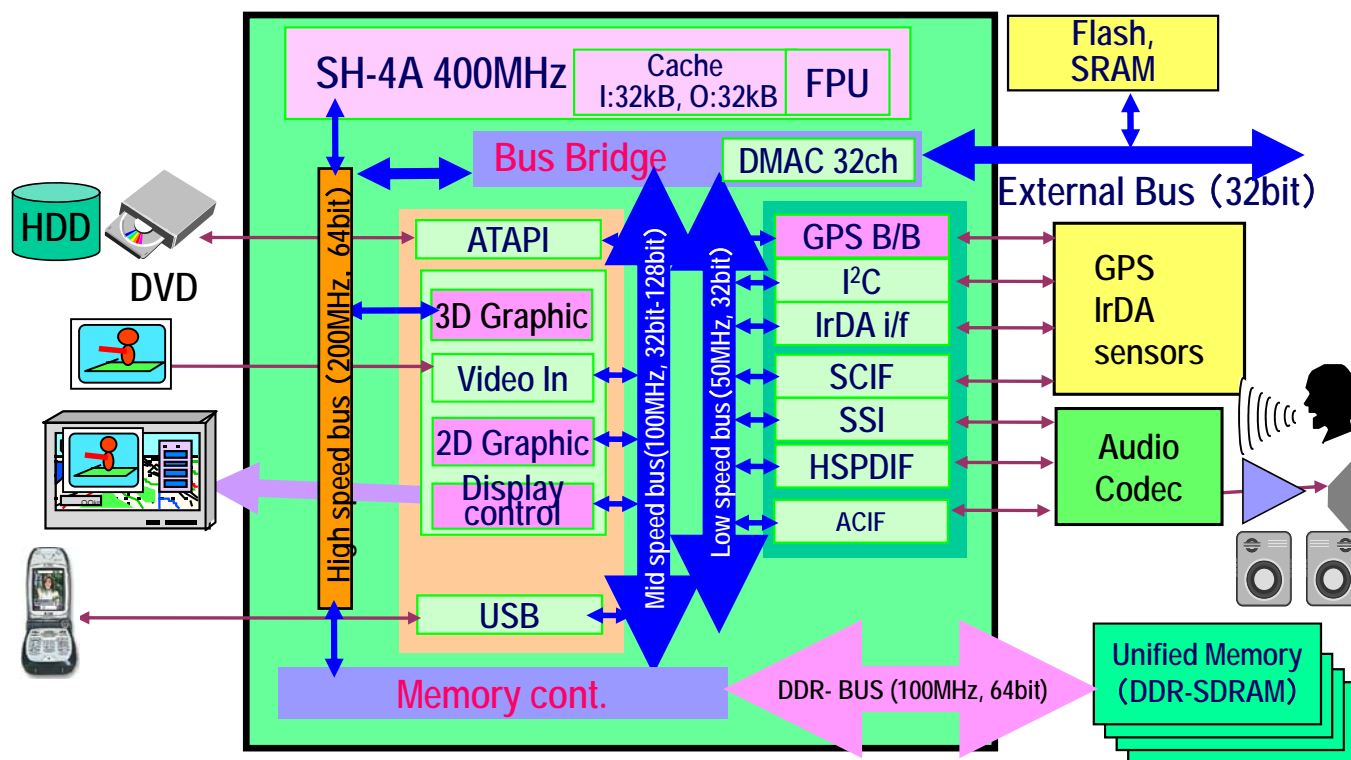


MPU Device Example – SH-Navi I (SH7770)

- ▶ SH-4A CPU core (upward compatible from SH-4)
- ▶ Various IP module
- ▶ Effective Bus structure



Effective Usage of software asset
Unified Hardware platform approach
(from low to High end system)



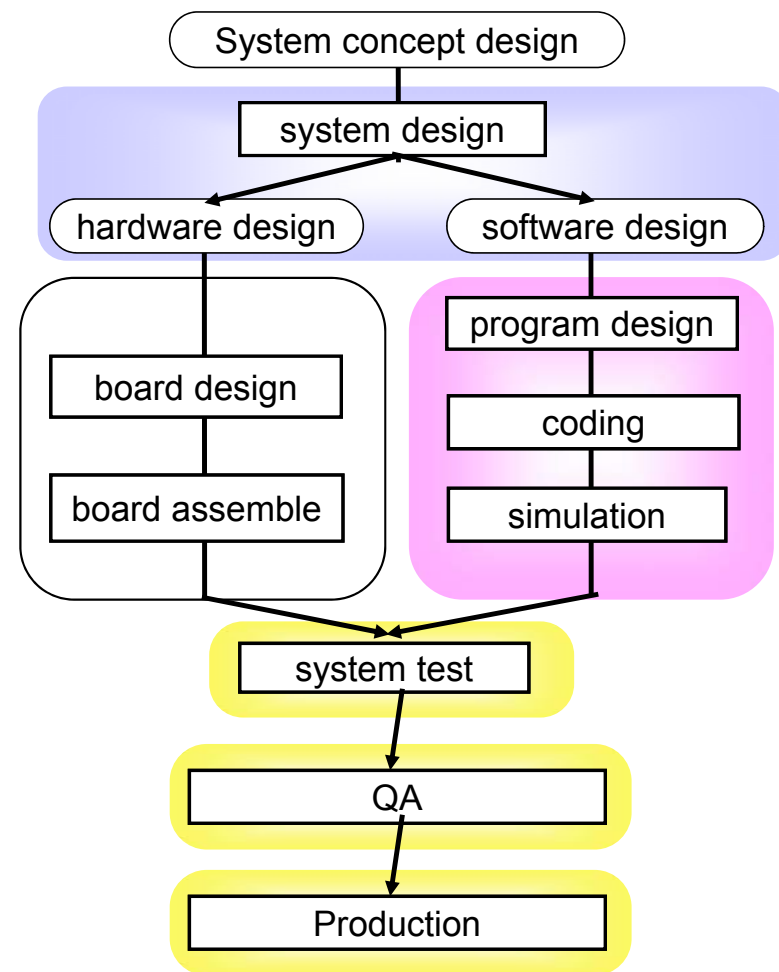
Embedded system development flow



Development flow

When you design the micro computer embedded system, you should design your system outline at first. And have to consider about.....

- How to reduce the product cost?
- How to reduce the development cost?
- How to improve the system quality?



System design target

When you design the micro computer embedded system, your targets are...

(1) How to reduce the **product cost**?

- Choose the **cost-competitive device** as a Renesas micro processor!
- Choose the **valued parts** to reduce the production cost.
- Re-programmable device as micro controllers with on-chip flash memory.

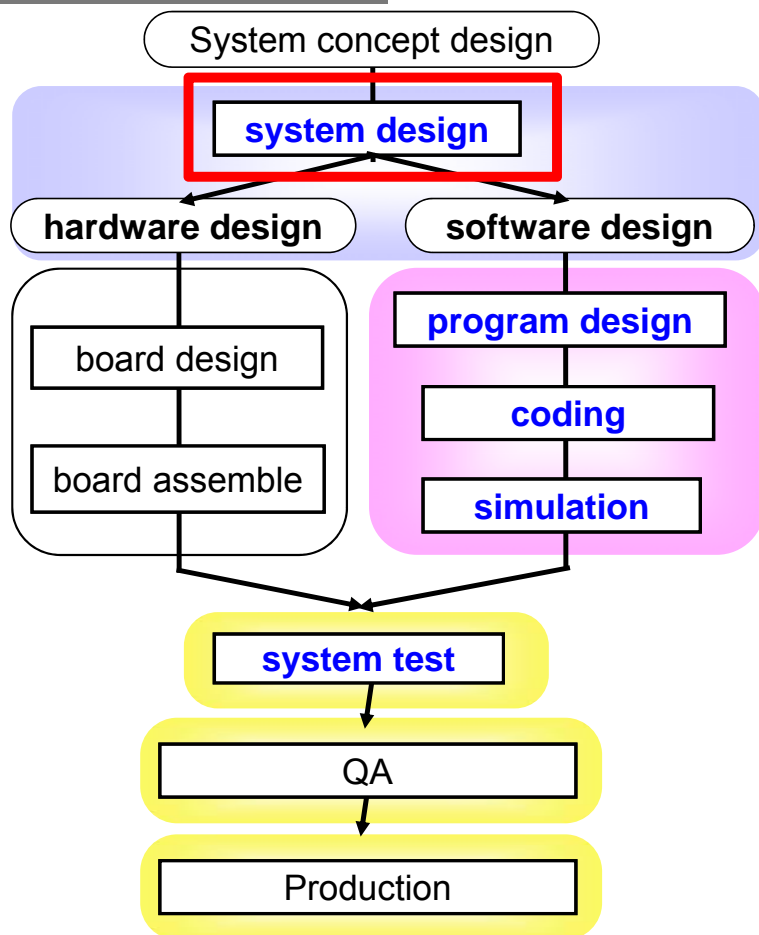
(2) How to reduce the **development cost**?

- You should **concentrate on your application**. You do not design all of your system. Your **system value is in your application!**
- Choose the **proper operating system** that is suitable for your system.
- Choose the **proper middleware** that is suitable for your system.

(3) How to improve the **system quality**?

- Choose the proper **tool and method** which conducts your system higher quality.
- Choose **proper debug tools** that show the debug information on your demand.

Development tools help your system design



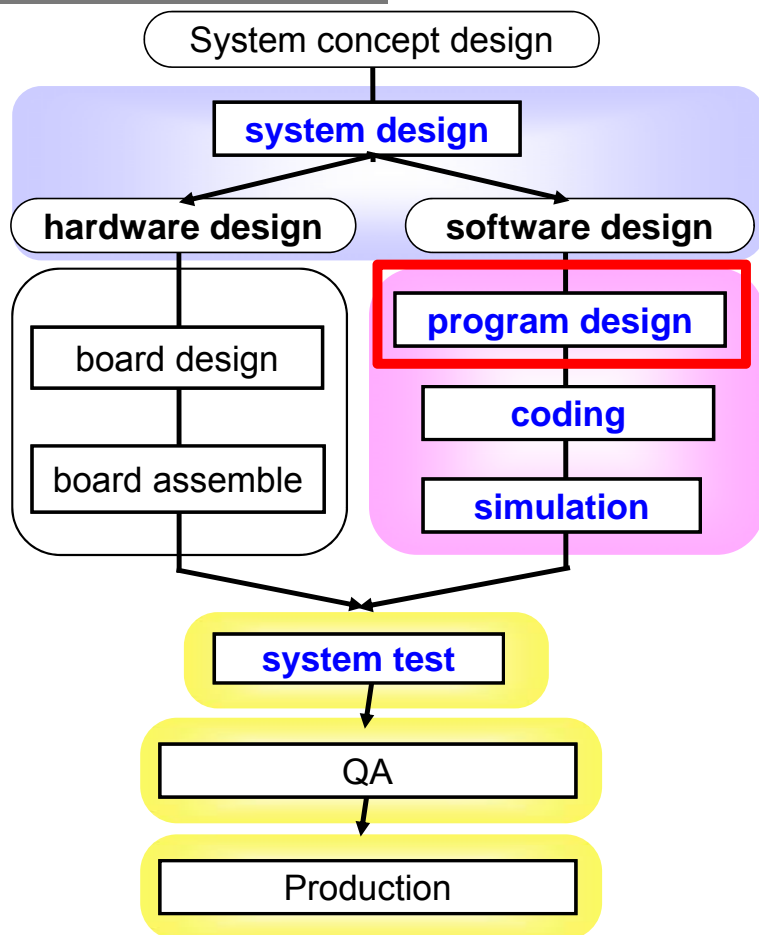
Not only function but also performance evaluation on reference platform is important.

- ✓ The reference platform is a board with microprocessor, memory and IOs.
- ✓ BSP is useful package for system / software evaluation.



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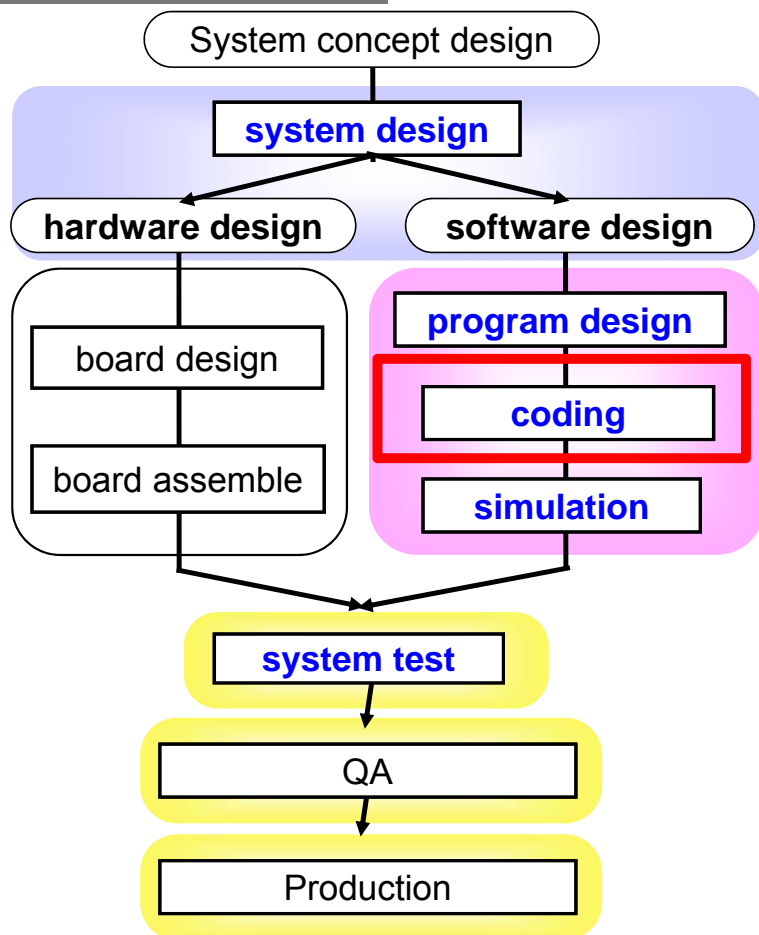
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When you start designing the software, it is possible to **take proper software sub-component** to reduce your software development cost and time, such as commercially available software package, legacy software in your previous product.

- ✓ If you will develop **complex and large software system**, OS (operating system) helps you to develop complex application quickly.

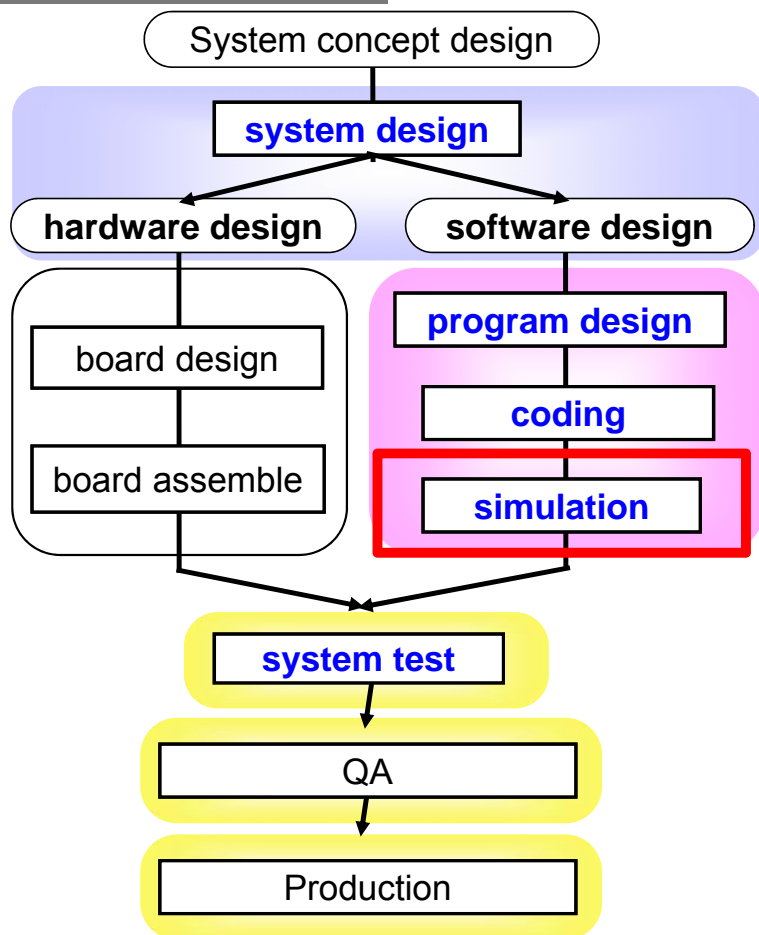
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You have to pay attention to **reduce the code size** for saving the memory space (in small memory size system), or to **higher execution speed** (performance), as hardware resources in embedded system is not rich (to reduce cost).

- ✓ C/C++ compiler provides you the code optimization to generate smaller and/or high performance code.

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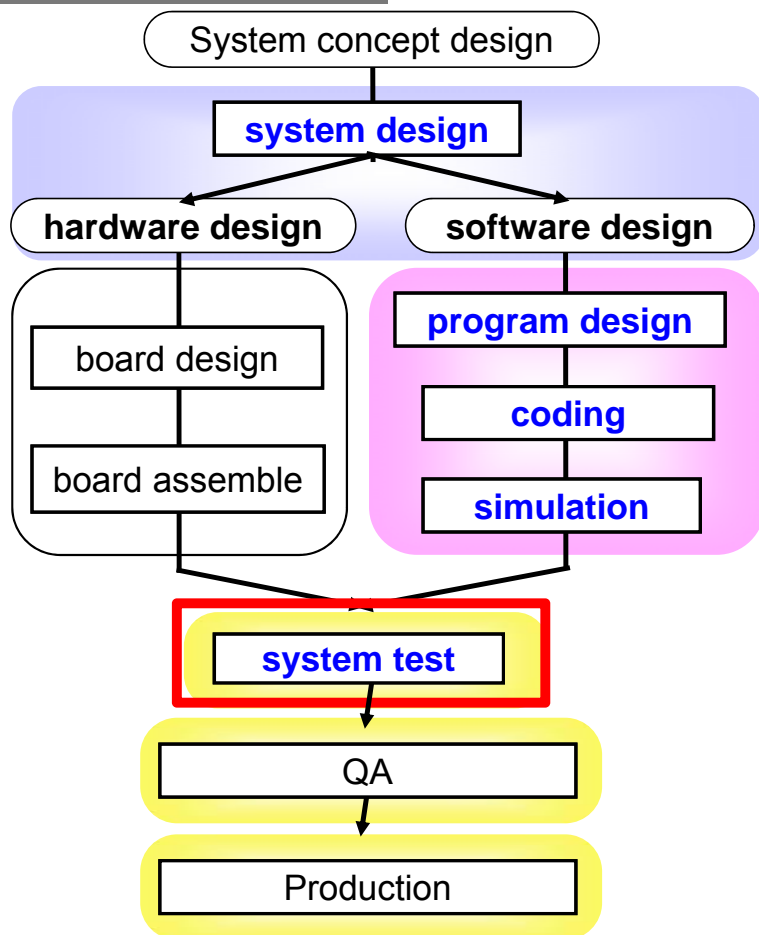
Simulator enables you to **run your code on host PC** (code is compiled for your target CPU, such as H8, M16C, SH-4, etc.)

It is better to test/debug your source code on simulator, to get better software quality.

Sometime, your target **hardware is not available** when you finished your coding, then **simulator is only one way** to test your code.

- ✓ Software must be tested in smaller unit first.
- ✓ Simulator gives you whole CPU resource view.
- ✓ Cycle accurate simulator gives you the certain software performance.

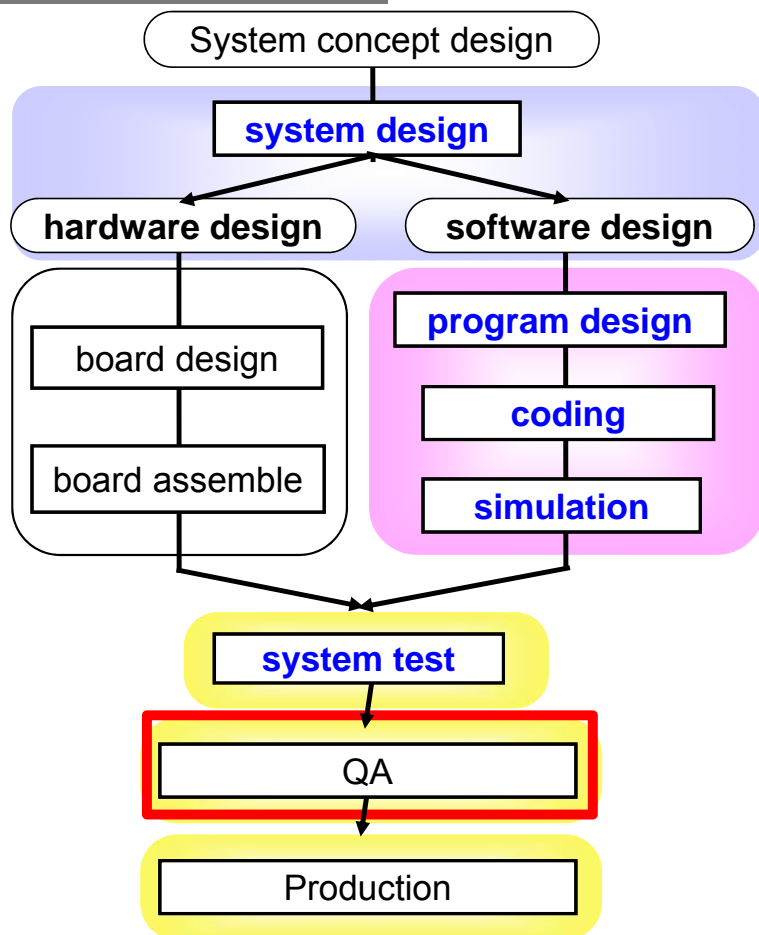
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When you finish software debug (and hardware debug), system test (run software on target hardware) must be done in properly.

- ✓ ICE (In-Circuit Emulator) gives you visibility of target hardware internal status, and gives you the control of target hardware.
- ✓ Basic hardware debug must be completed, before starting system test.

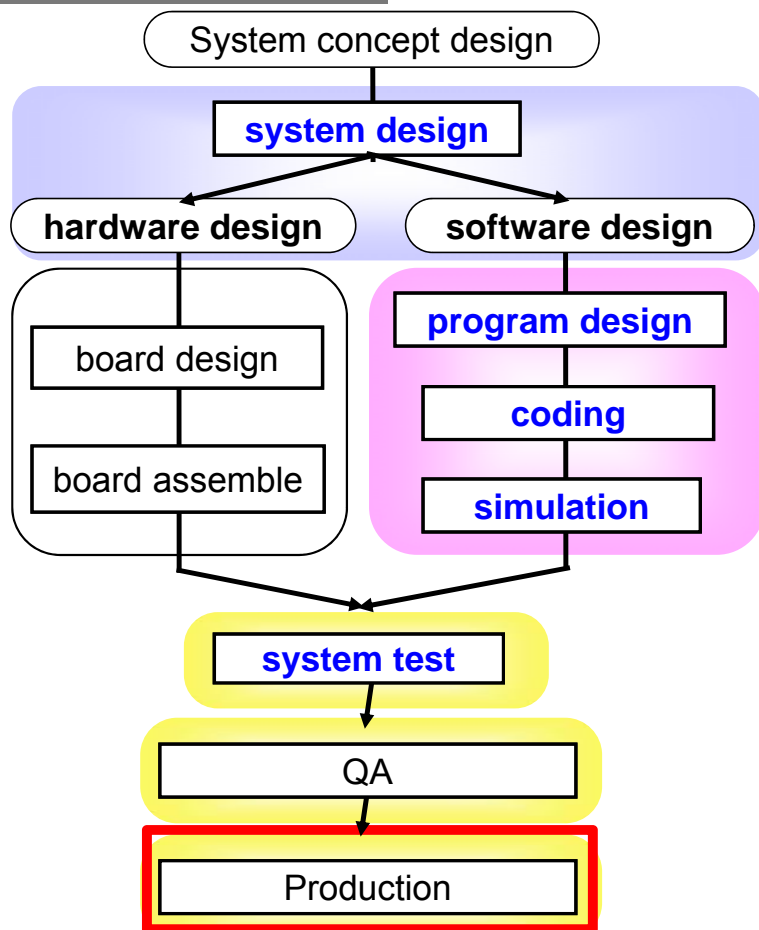
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You must **define test scenario** to get proper quality suitable for production.

- ✓ **Code coverage** is one of software quality index in test phase.
- ✓ Code coverage information tells you **how many instructions are tested (covered)** in specific test suites against all instructions in your source code.
- ✓ One important test criteria for high quality software is to **achieve 100% coverage**.

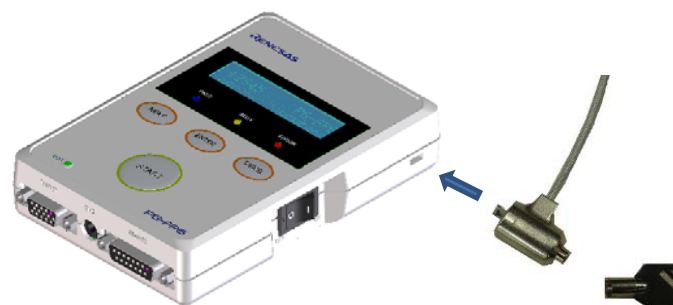
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When your product will go into mass production, your **code must be stored in target hardware** (many number of hardware).

In recent embedded system, most object code is stored in **flash memory**.

- ✓ **Flash programming tool** helps you to transfer object code from host PC to target memory (especially for flash memory in MCU) in production.



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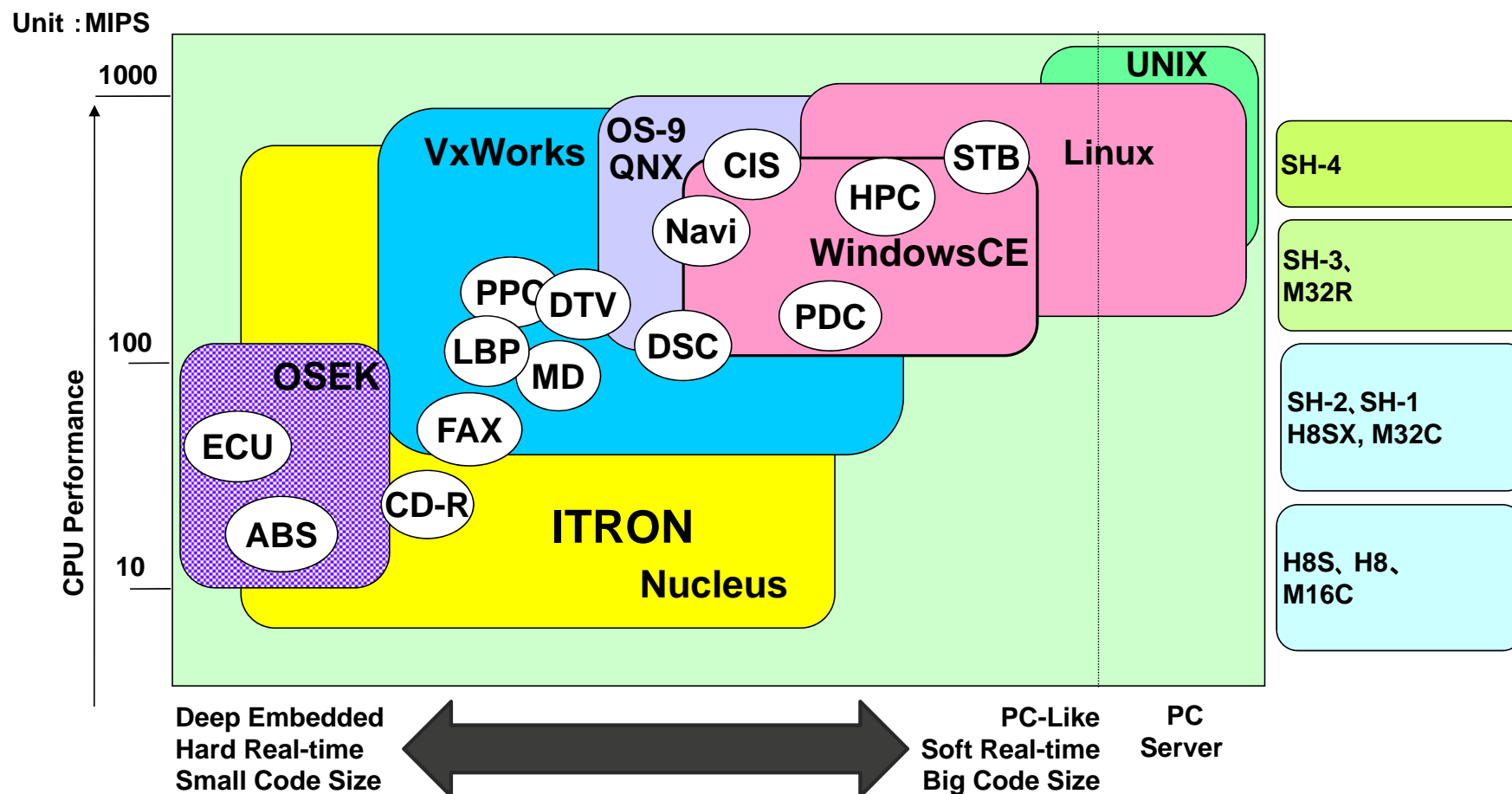
Operating System

- Embedded Operating System Overview
- Windows Embedded CE
- Linux

Embedded Operating System Overview

- ❑ Embedded Operating Systems for Renesas MCU and MPU
- ❑ Reasons for OS selection
- ❑ Kernel architecture difference
- ❑ Process, task and thread

Embedded Operating Systems for Renesas MCU and MPU



Criteria for OS selection

- ❑ Software richness: How many **drivers, middlewares, protocols** are provided/supported
- ❑ Foot print: Size of **memory**.
- ❑ Realtimeness, performance: **Response latency** against interrupts, **speed of task switch** (process re-scheduling), etc.
- ❑ Tool chain: Not only **compiler/debugger**, but also **other useful tools**, such as system configuration tool, performance analyzer, etc.
- ❑ Robustness and security: MMU protection, kernel/driver stability; Secure protocol support
- ❑ Technical support, BSP support, maintenance, update service
- ❑ Easiness: Easy to **port**, easy to **develop**
- ❑ Price, Legal (GPL, patents, 3rd party intellectual property rights, etc.)
- ❑ Others : There might be many other points

What is OS major function

Resource management

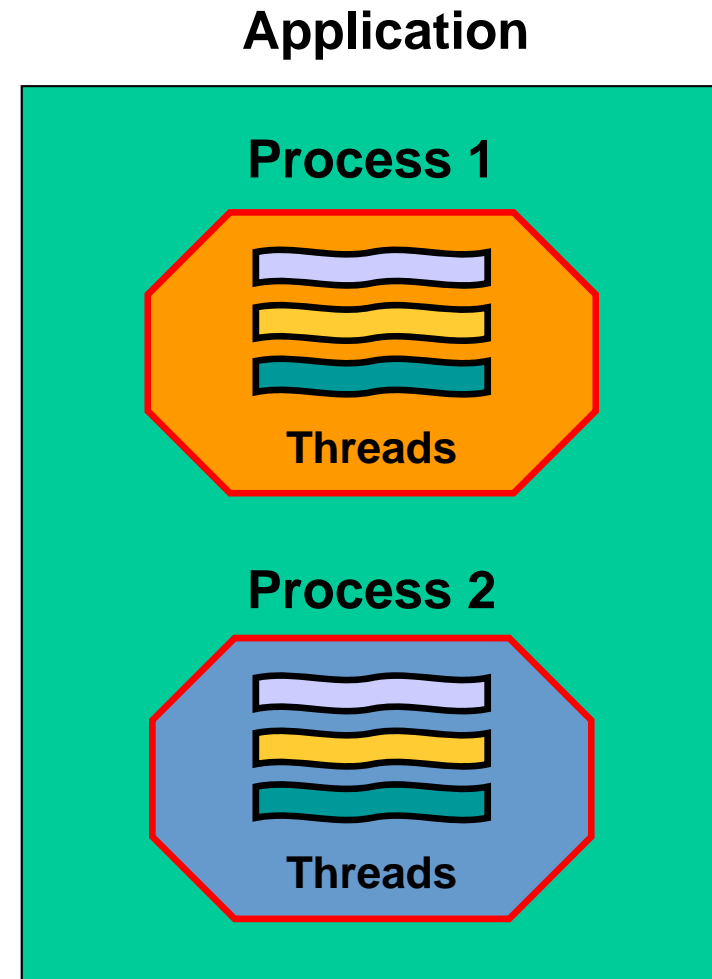
Each process/task uses memory and IO resources independently. OS has to **manage resource allocation properly**, otherwise resource conflict makes fatal error on the system.

Scheduling

Each process/task must be **executed in proper order**, to achieve low cost/high performance embedded system.

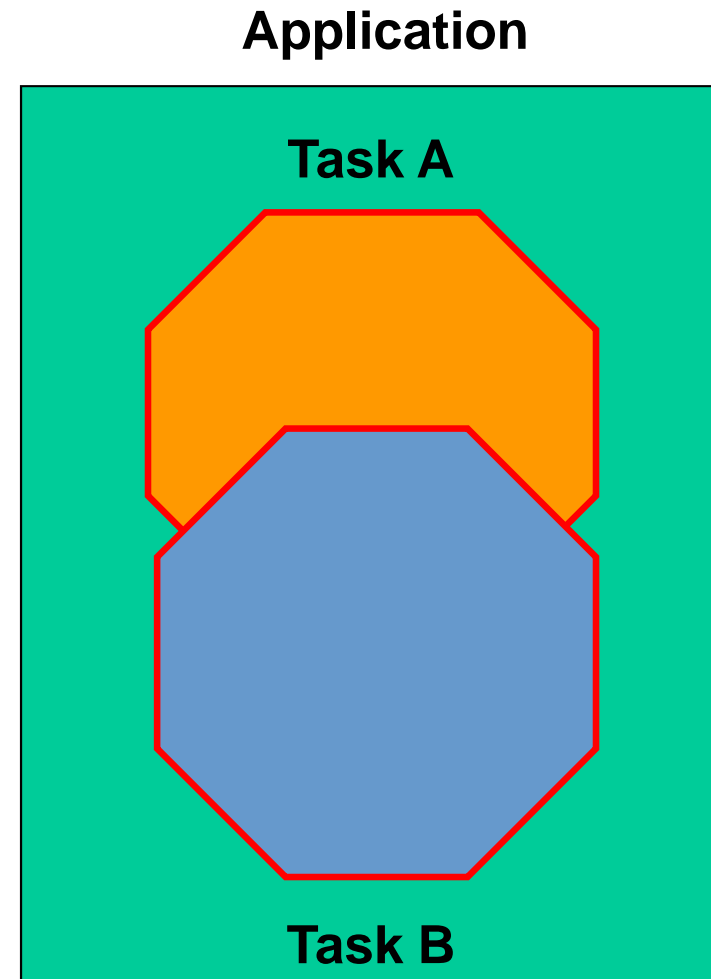
Process and thread

- ❑ Application is divided into **memory protected** units called processes
- ❑ Process is further divided into **internal, schedulable** units called threads
- ❑ Threads **share all of the same resources** (memory space included)



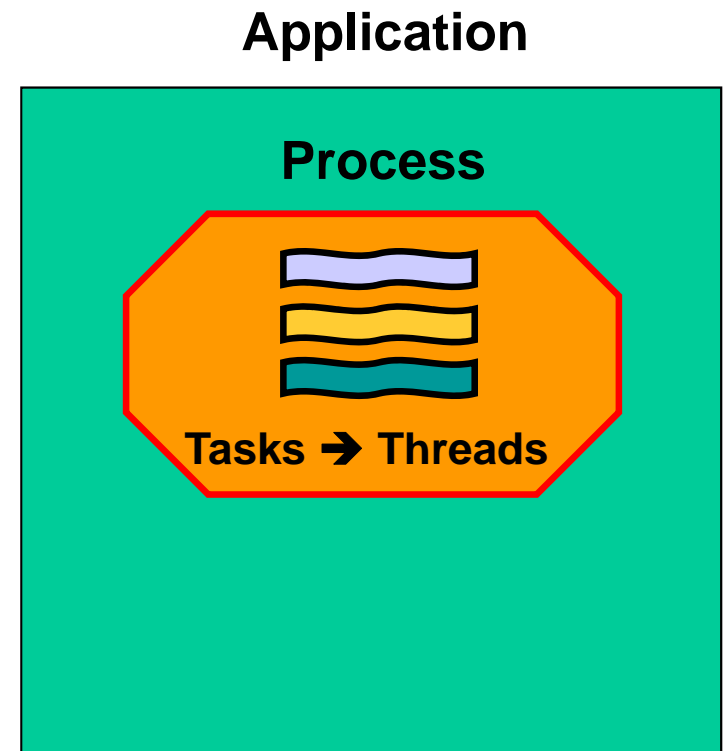
Task

- ❑ Application is divided into **non memory protected** units called task
- ❑ Tasks **share all of the same resources** (memory space included)



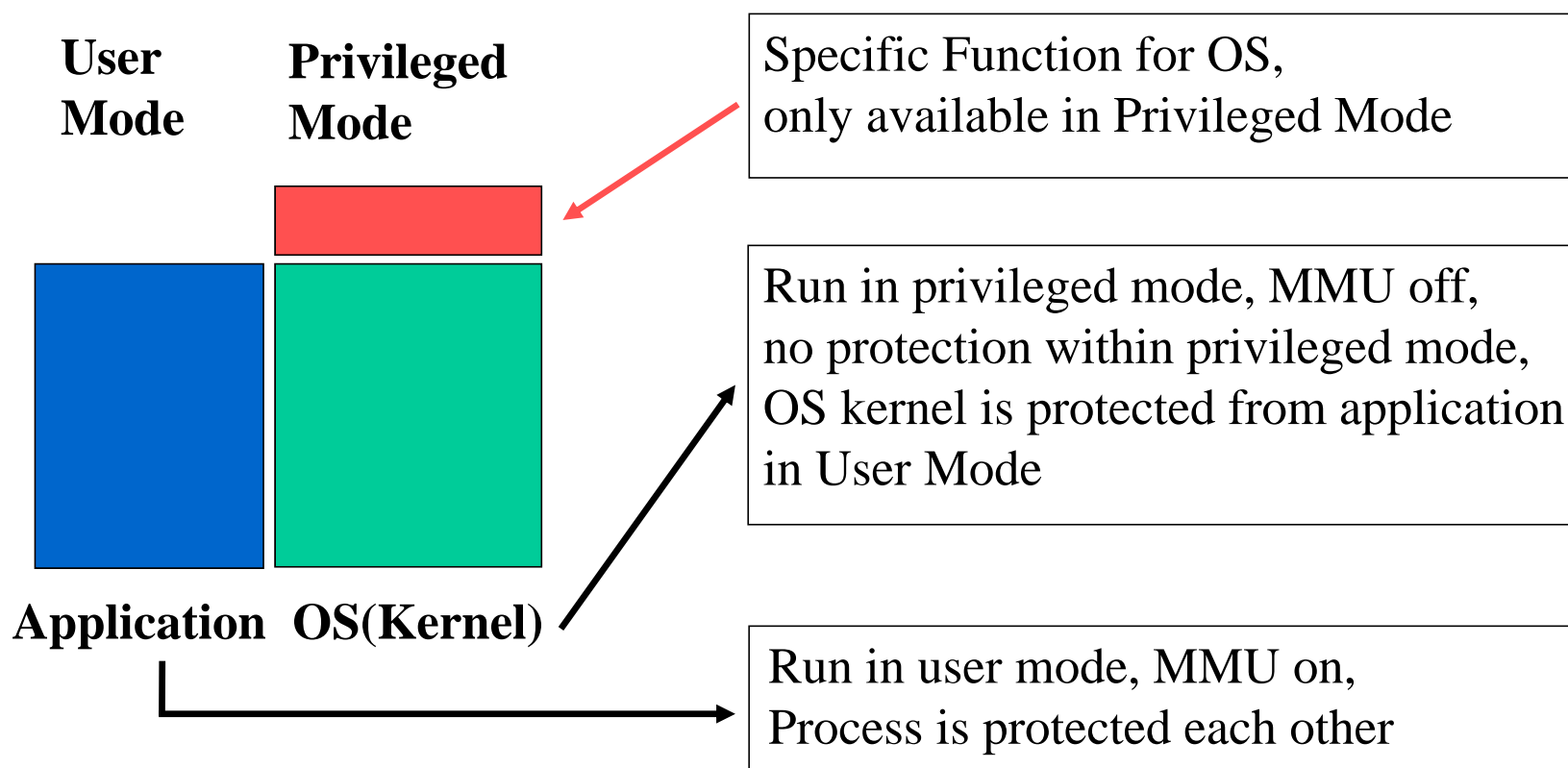
Process and thread

- ❑ Application porting from real-time kernel based system to Linux based one, such as ITRON → Linux
 - To share resources, each task is mapped as thread
 - One process in one application
 - Application itself may run as designer expected, but this implementation is not based on original process idea (Unix POSIX interface)
 - Performance (or other) problem may occur on this kind of migration



Programming model for High-end MPU

Programming model for SH-4, generic



MMU

MMU (with OS) provides memory protection and dynamic loading by following function:

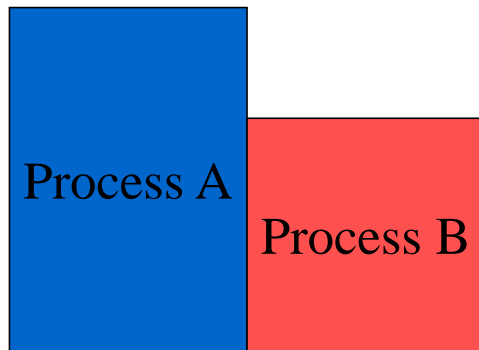
- ❑ Address translation, from logical (virtual) address to physical address
→ dynamic loading, physical address extension beyond 32 bit (32 bit CPU)
- ❑ Address translation is done in small address size unit called page, typical page size is 4 kByte/page
- ❑ Memory access type setting for page entry, RO/RW/EX, PV/US
→ protect the access beyond process,
protect the kernel from illegal access caused by application

RO : Read Only, RW : Read and Write, EX : Execute only
PV : Privileged mode, US : User mode

Example of memory mapping

Traditional model
(memory is smaller than process in application)

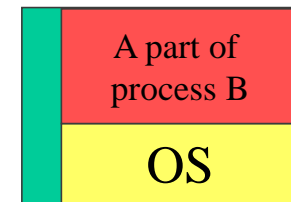
Application
(Logical Address)



Memory
(Physical address)

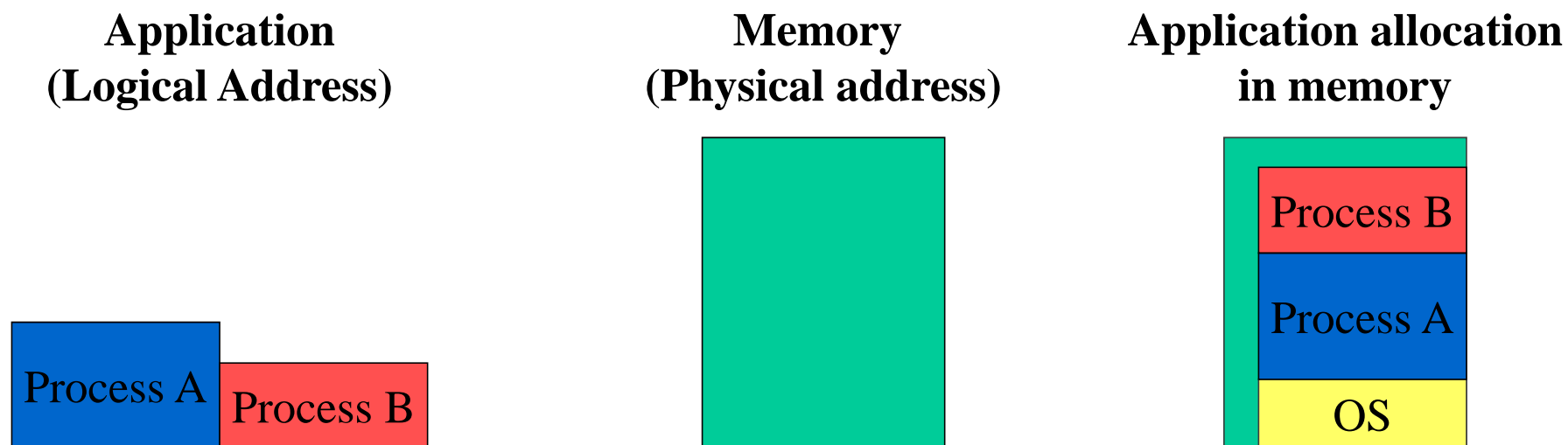


Application allocation
in memory



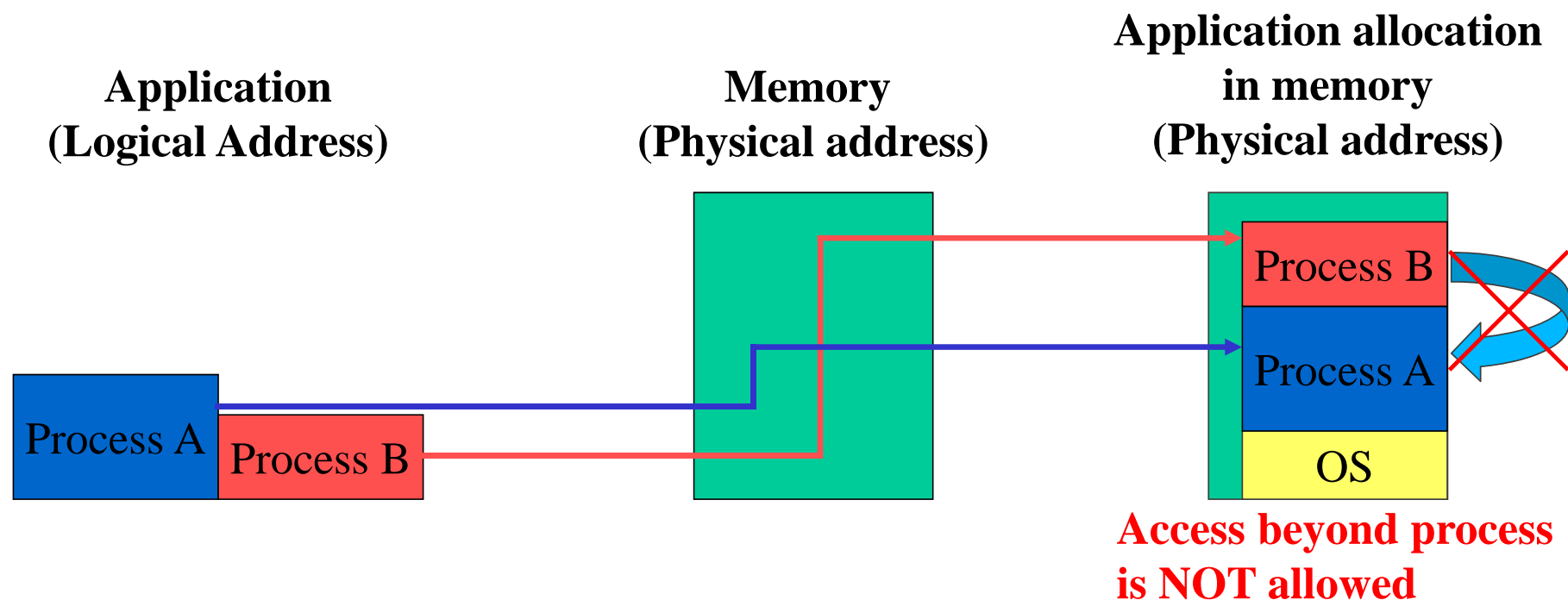
Example of memory mapping

**Memory model in modern embedded RTOS
(memory is large enough to place multiple process)**



Address translation by MMU

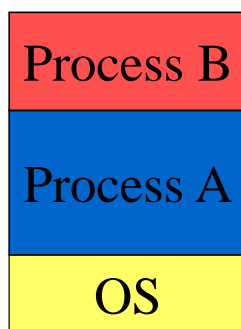
MMU will decide proper physical address for each application and OS,
Physical address is not same as Logical address in most cases.
Processes are protected thoroughly.



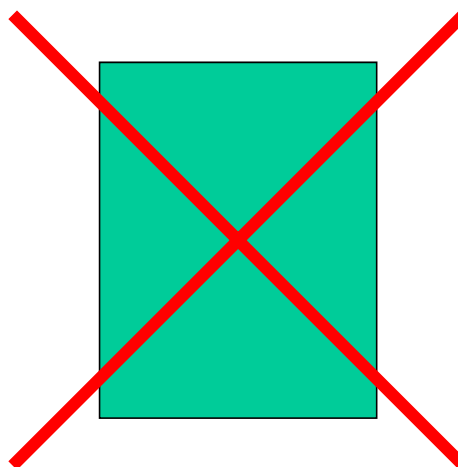
Address allocation in non-MMU device

Application software engineer have to decide proper physical address for each application and OS, when he/her compile and link the program. **Logical address must be same as physical address.**

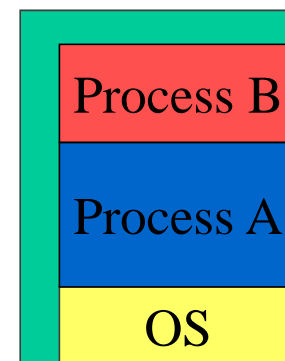
**Application
(Logical Address)**



No MMU



**Application allocation
in memory
(Physical address)**



Dynamic Link and Static Link

❑ with MMU

- Application software engineer **does not need to care about physical address**. Just compile, link and go.
- OS takes care of physical address resolution. **OS places each process into proper physical address through MMU**. → Dynamic link

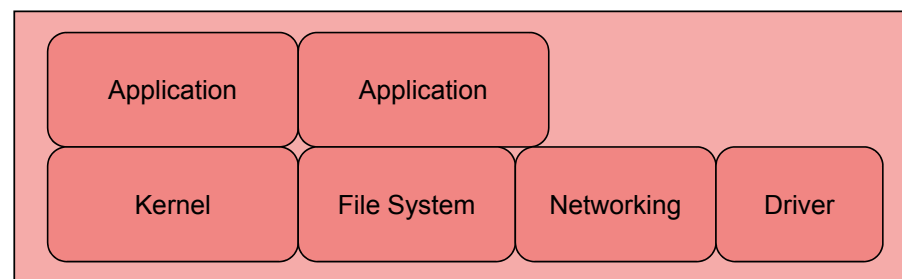
❑ without MMU

- Application software engineer **have to think about physical address** for his/her application.
- Application software engineer have to **specify correct physical address** on compile and link. → Static link

Kernel architecture example

Real-time kernel without MMU protection

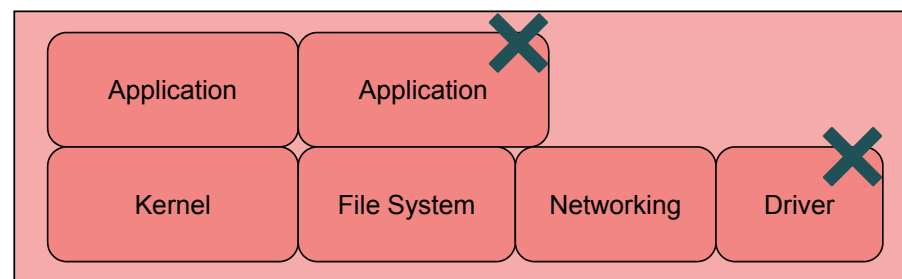
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- Application, driver, protocols are in kernel space



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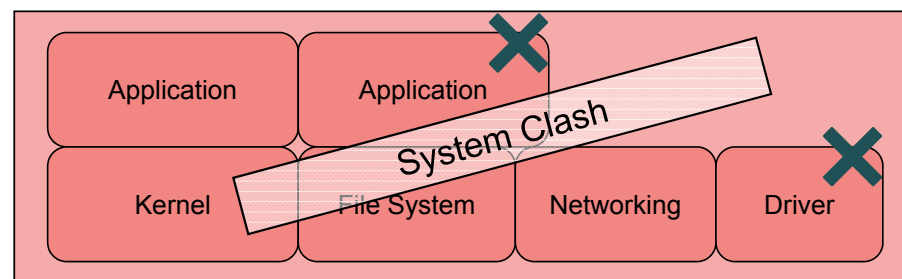
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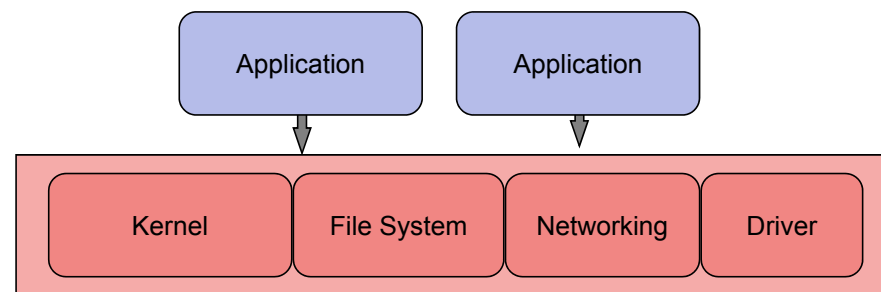
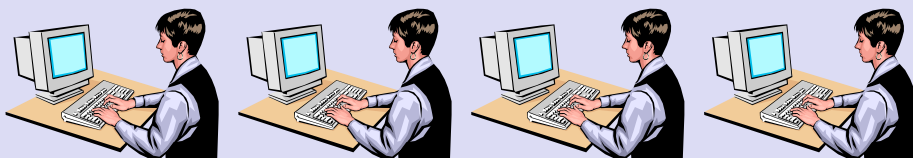
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Monolithic kernel (NT / Unix / Linux)

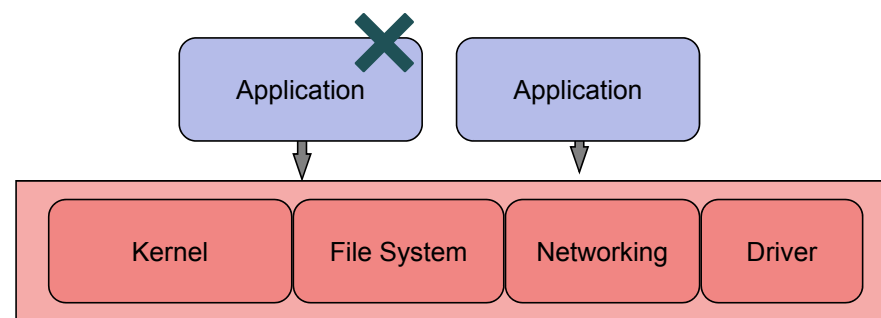
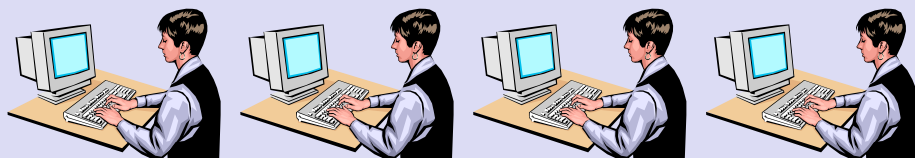
- Partial MMU protection
- Application is protected



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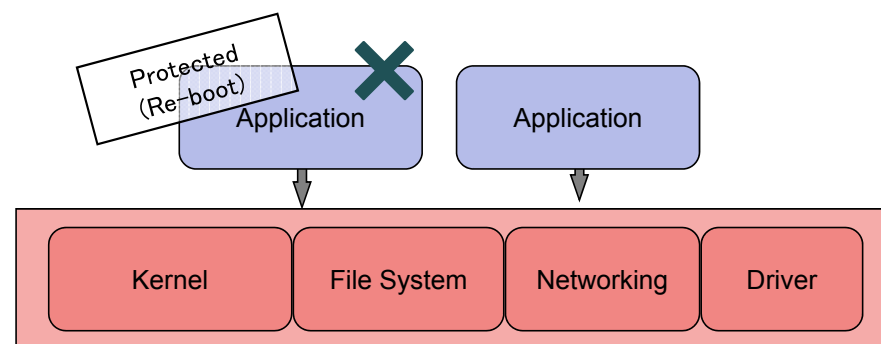
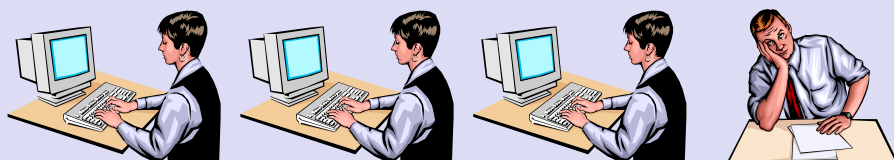
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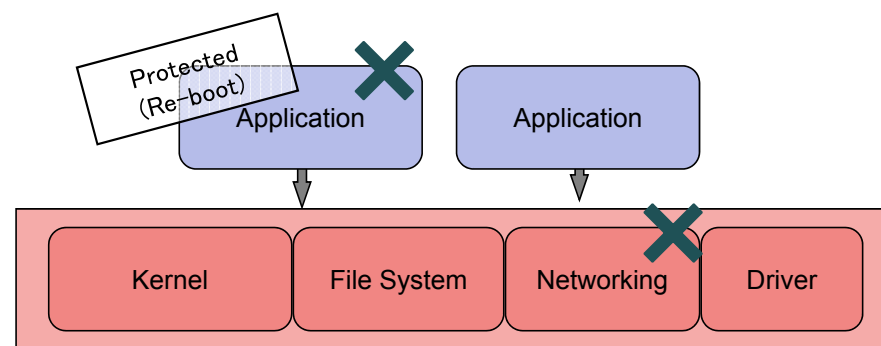
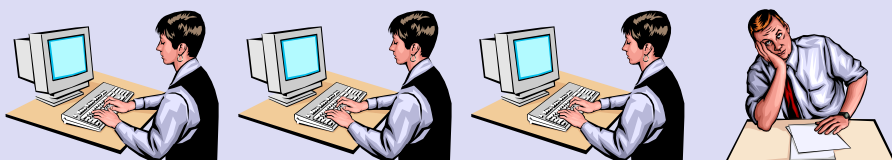
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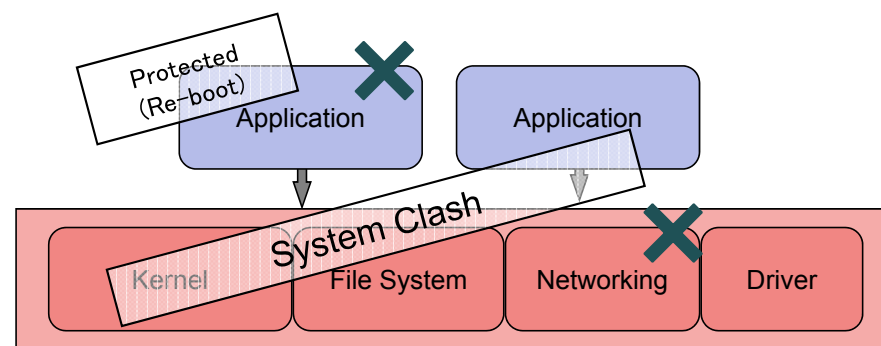
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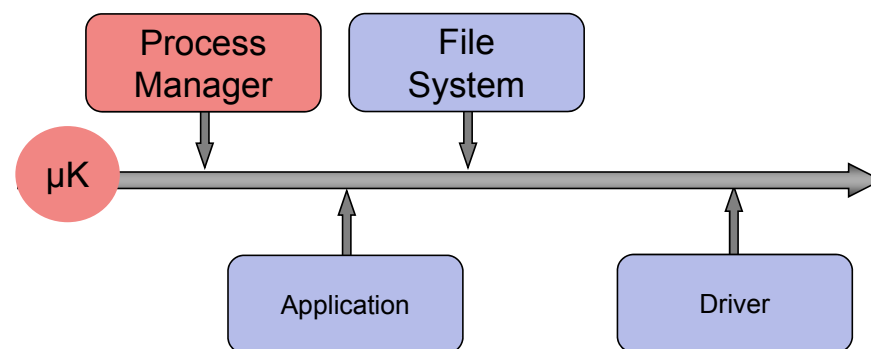
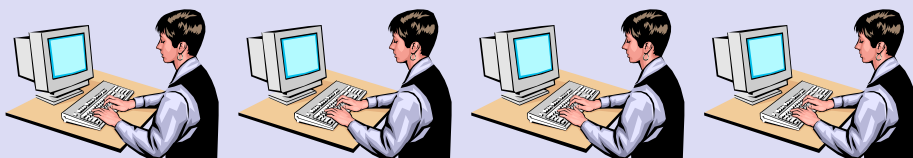
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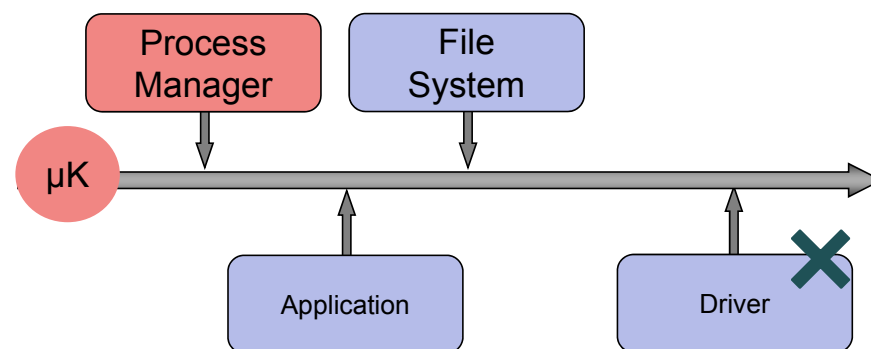
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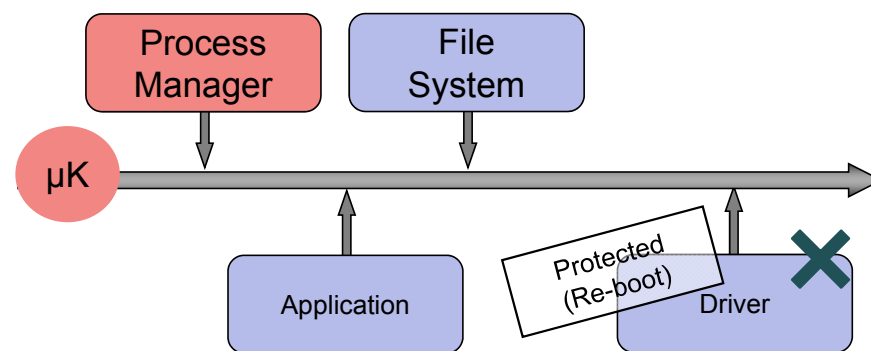
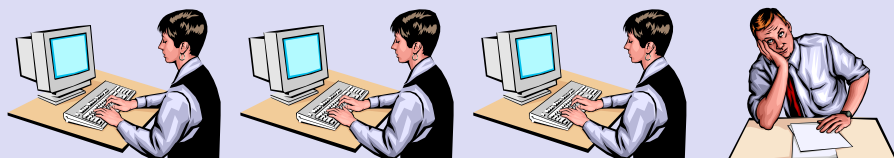
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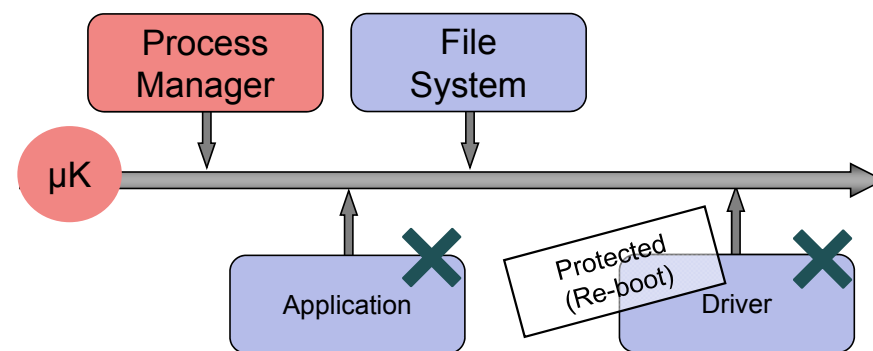
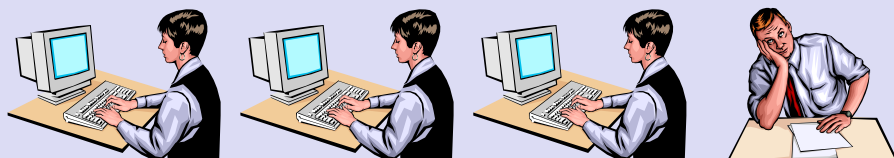
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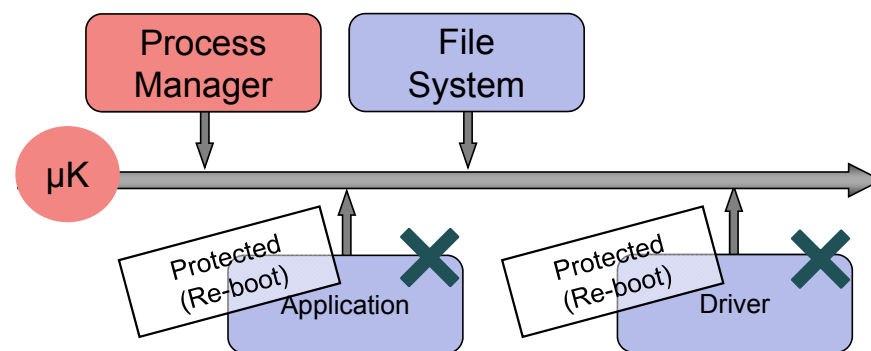
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Kernel architecture example

- ❑ Compact real-time kernel (real-time OS) vs. OS (with MMU protection)
 - Small size vs. larger size
 - No MMU protection vs. MMU protection
 - Fast vs. slow
 - Poor driver/protocols vs. rich driver/protocols
 - Lower price vs. higher price
 - Reliability, stability is also need to be considered
 - OS (or kernel) specification is different each by each, above classification is example for study purpose.

Windows CE

- ☐ History
- ☐ Windows Embedded CE 6.0 overview
- ☐ Development Environment and debug

Windows CE – History

❑ Windows CE 1.0	1996.11	Pegasus
❑ Windows CE 2.0	1997. 9	Alder
❑ Windows CE 3.0	2000. 4	Cedar
❑ Windows CE .NET 4.0	2002. 1	Talisker
❑ Windows CE .NET 5.0	2004. 7	Macallan
❑ Windows Embedded CE 6.0	2006. 9	Yamazaki
❑ ...		

Windows CE – Application specific package

- ❑ Windows Automotive (WA) V. 5.0 / V5.5 (2008)
 - Developed by Microsoft Japan. Widely used in Japan, and Asia
- ❑ Microsoft Auto (MS Auto) V. 3.0 (2008) / V. 4.0 (2009)
 - Developed by Microsoft US. Used in Europe, North America
- ❑ New OS for Automotive (2010)
 - Based on WinCE V7 (SMP capable)
 - Merged release of MS Auto and WA
 - Multi-core (SMP) and single-core support
 - Silverlight technology based new graphics system and tools
 - Automotive System Tool (Readyguard, Snap Shot Boot, etc.)
 - Mobile and multimedia capability inherited from MS Auto

Windows CE – Feature

- ❑ Win32 API
- ❑ New kernel : up to 2GB address space, up to 32000 process
 - High performance
 - High Reliability
- ❑ Supports 4 CPU architectures : x86, SH-4, ARM, MiPS
- ❑ Microsoft quality
- ❑ Network media device support
- ❑ DVR Engine : multiple digital video stream support

MiPS: Microprocessor without Interlocked Pipeline Stages

出典 : 「Windows Embedded CE 6.0 組み込みOS構築技法入門」
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Windows CE – Development environment

- ❑ Host Machine : Windows 2000, Windows XP, or Windows Vista
- ❑ Microsoft Visual Studio 2005
- ❑ Windows Embedded CE 6.0 Platform Builder
- ❑ Additional software
 - Install BSP, etc., for specific device/platform support

Windows CE – Debug

- ❑ KITL (Kernel Independent Transport Layer)
 - Connection interface between target hardware and Host PC (Platform Builder)
 - Serial or Ethernet connection
- ❑ Debug function on Platform Builder
 - Kernel debugger
 - Remote tool
 - Target control (command line for debug)
- ❑ eXDI (eXtended Debug Interface)
 - hardware assist (by ICE) debug function

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Linux

- ❑ Why Linux? What is Linux?
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- ❑ Porting Linux from x86 to SH
- ❑ Linux package
- ❑ Open source vs. commercial distribution
- ❑ Embedded Linux
- ❑ GPL
 - What is 'free'?
 - What is 'open source'?
 - What is 'as is'?

Why Linux?

- ☐ Network, file system are supported
- ☐ High compatibility between CPUs
- ☐ Many peripherals, protocols are supported
- ☐ Many existing software source code files are available
- ☐ Relatively easy to build prototype system
- ☐ Open source
- ☐ Free of charge

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The Linux kernel was conceived and created in 1991 by Linus Torvalds.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linux_kernel



Tux the penguin, mascot of Linux

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- Widely used distributions:



Linux vs. traditional embedded RTOS

Pros

- Wide range source code availability. Everyone has access to whole source code through internet
- Copy left: everyone can use it, no limitation for using Linux
- Free of charge (or seems to be free of charge)

Cons

- Kernel structure design concept, best match for PC, but...
 - Linux is TSS (Time Sharing System) based architecture
 - Slow latency against interrupts, process/task switch, etc.
 - Designed for x86 based PC architecture, not for embedded application
- Specification change / incompatibility
 - Linux specification is changing rapidly. Upward compatibility is not guaranteed. I.e., if you port some software onto another kernel, you must test it. Compatibility (that software should work on another kernel) is not guaranteed.
- Quality, guarantee
 - Linux quality is getting better, but no one provides formal guarantee
- GPL

Linux package components

❑ Kernel (vmlinux)

- Driver binary is statically linked to kernel
- Running in privileged mode on SuperH architecture (SH-4)

❑ RootFS (Root File System, or called 'User Land')

- On PC Linux, rootFS is placed on HDD. In embedded application, flash file system is popular than HDD file system
- Running in user mode on SuperH architecture (SH-4)

❑ Tool chain (gcc, binutils, glibc, etc.)

- Cross (on x86 Linux) and native (on SH-4 Linux) tool chain are available.
- Note that some gcc distribution includes newlib, not glibc, such as KPIT SH GCC.

❑ IPL (Initial Program Loader)

- Boot up, initialization of the system, loading kernel, etc.

Open source vs. commercial distribution

- ❑ Open source (kernel.org, fsf.org, etc.)
 - Free of charge
 - No warranty in any kind, user's own risk

- ❑ Commercial distribution (Red Hat Enterprise Linux, Montavista Linux, etc.)
 - NOT free of charge
 - Limited warranty (depends on contract/price)
 - Bug fix, update, consulting services are available

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Richard Matthew Stallman (aka. rms) lauched:



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What is 'free' in GPL

- ❑ Free is not only price in common understanding

- ❑ But also
 - Freedom of use
 - Freedom of distribution
 - Freedom of source code modification

- ❑ You have a choice to charge for your Linux based software package

What is 'open source' in GPL

- ❑ Not necessary to open 'source code' on web site
 - When you are using object code (modified by yourself) for your private use only, you do not need to open your source code
 - When you provide object code (modified by yourself) to limited person, such as Renesas employee, you need to open source code to the person who received object code.
Not necessary to open source code to other person.

What is 'as is' and 'warranty' in GPL

- ❑ Program is provided 'as is' based, without any kind of warranty.
 - No guarantee / commitment to achieve any kind of functionality / performance

- ❑ Entire risk is with you : the person who use Linux.

- ❑ Copyright holder nor any person (including the person who distributes Linux) never take any kind of responsibility.
 - Not necessary to fix bug / modify source code
 - Not necessary to investigate any problem
 - Not necessary to answer against any question
 - All re-action is based on voluntary

Real-time Operating System (Real-time multi-task kernel)



Real-time kernel vs. OS

Real-time kernel (or Real-time Operating System)

- mainly used for 16/32 bit MCU, such as M16C, H8/H8S, SH-2(2A)
- compact, smaller object size
- relatively fast
- No MMU support
- simple configuration
- static link

OS

- mainly used for 32 bit MPU, such as SH-4(4A)
- rich function support, larger object size
- relatively slow
- MMU support
- rich software sub-component support
- dynamic link

Note: above classification is example for study purpose, each OS/kernel has different function/specification/feature.

Real-time performance and multi-task control

❑ Real-time performance?

- Follow the constantly changing world we live in and control it with computer



Without real-time performance

- Need to **wait for ready to use for a dozen of seconds** after pressing start-up.
- User has to **wait for getting the process done.**



With real-time performance

- User **can use immediately** after pressing power-on.
- Video recording **starts just from the moment** user press the Record button.
- The motion and voice **must be synchronized** together.

❑ Multi-task?

- Executing task in parallel (or feel like parallel).

INDEPENDENCE Parallel operation (e.g.: in PC)

Spreadsheet

Mailer

Browser

Music player

SYNCHRONOUS Parallel operation (e.g.: in DVC)

Memory record

Button monitoring

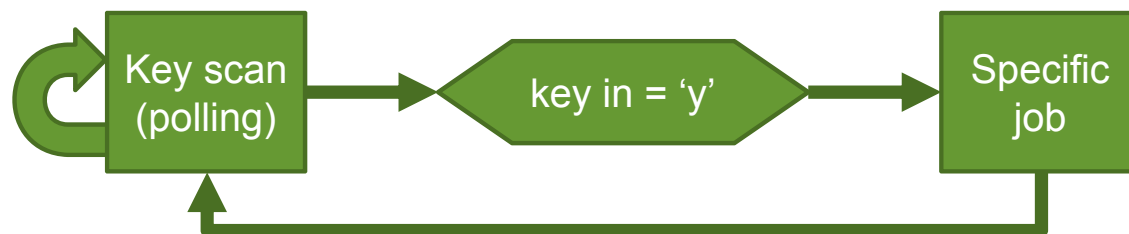
Power input

Voice input

Real time performance

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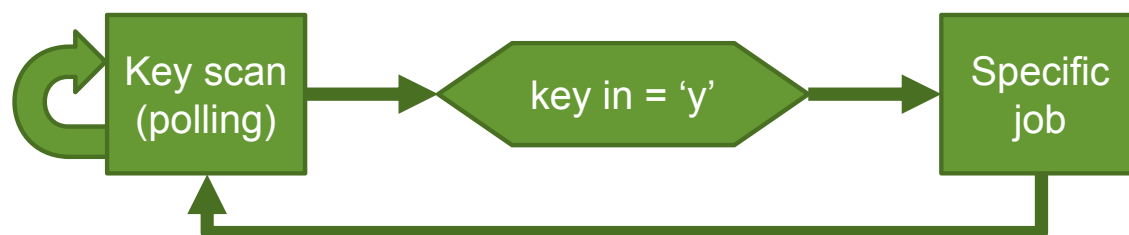
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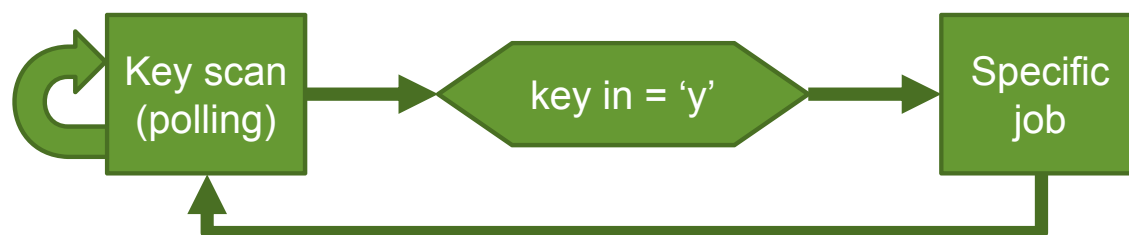
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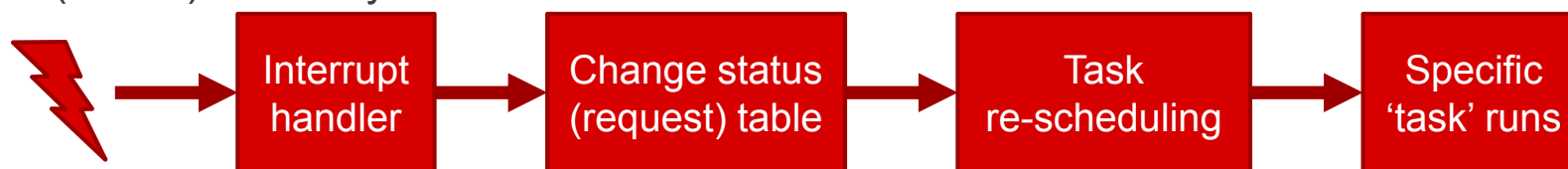
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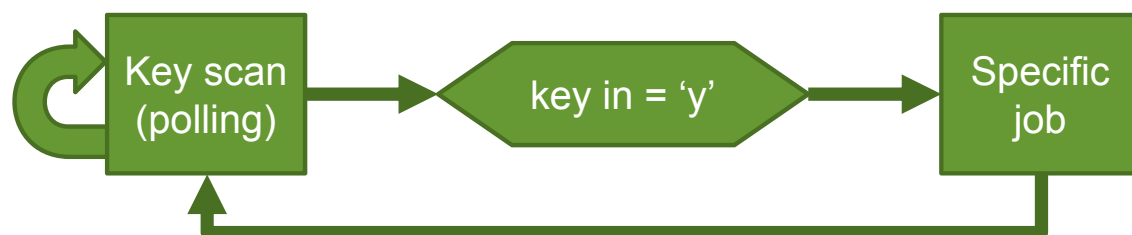
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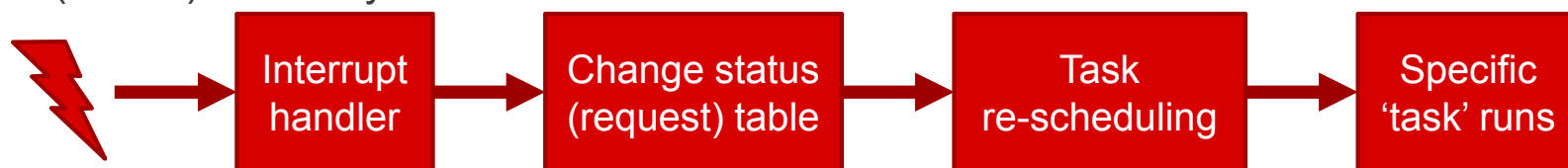
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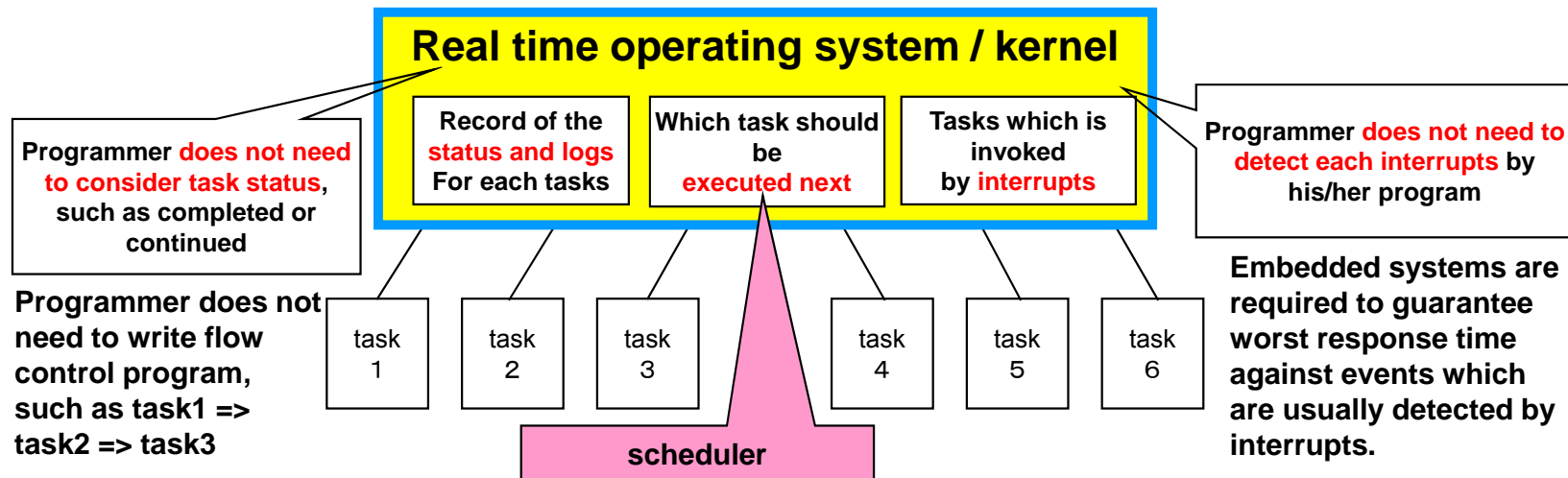


OS (kernel) based system :



Parallel processing under embedded real-time OS, kernel

- ❑ Need to register software groups (named 'task' which can be executed independently) to OS table
- ❑ Events (key input, timer overflow, etc.) generates interrupts and invokes related tasks



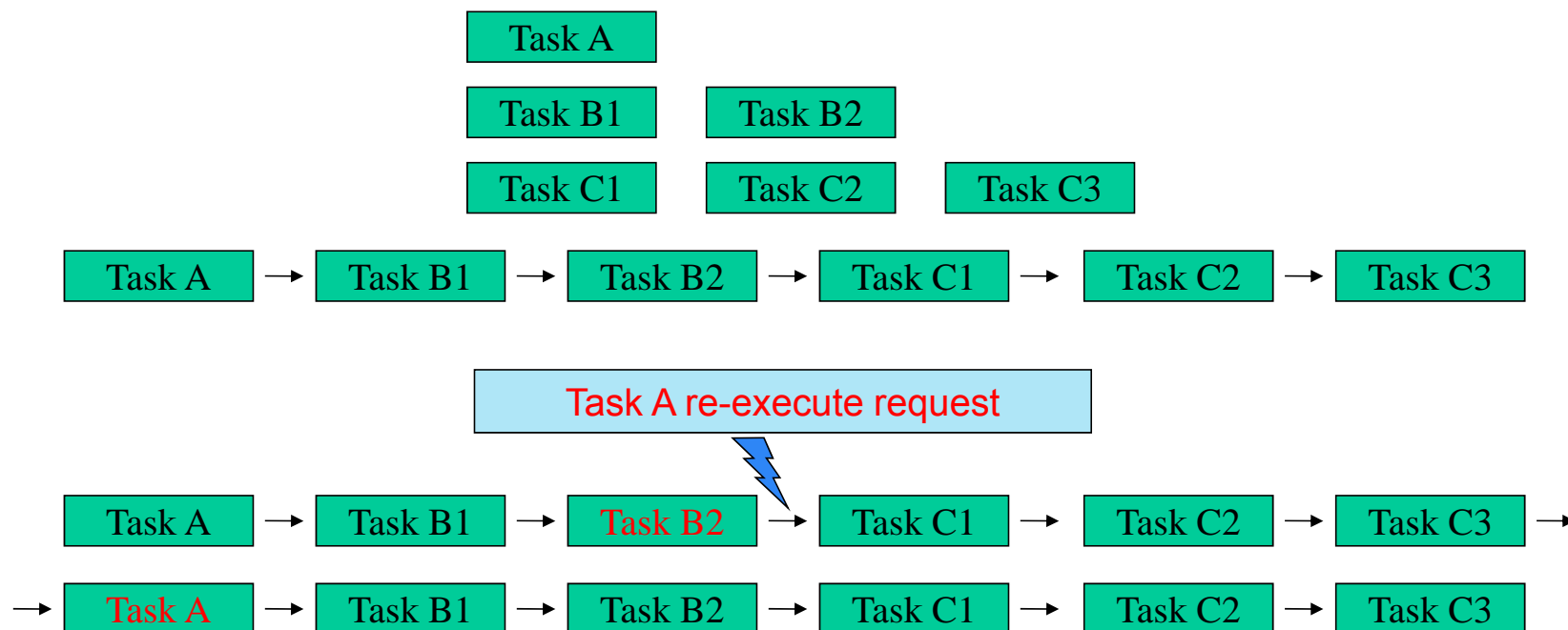
Application program is divided into several small groups which is called 'task'. Operating system provides **task control function**, i.e. CPU power is **time sliced** and in each small time slice, **task is executed under pre-defined order**.

There are **two major algorithm** for **time slice control**:

- **Time shearing system** is popular in **PC** application.
- **Priority control system** is popular in **embedded** application.

Scheduling: Priority and Round-robin

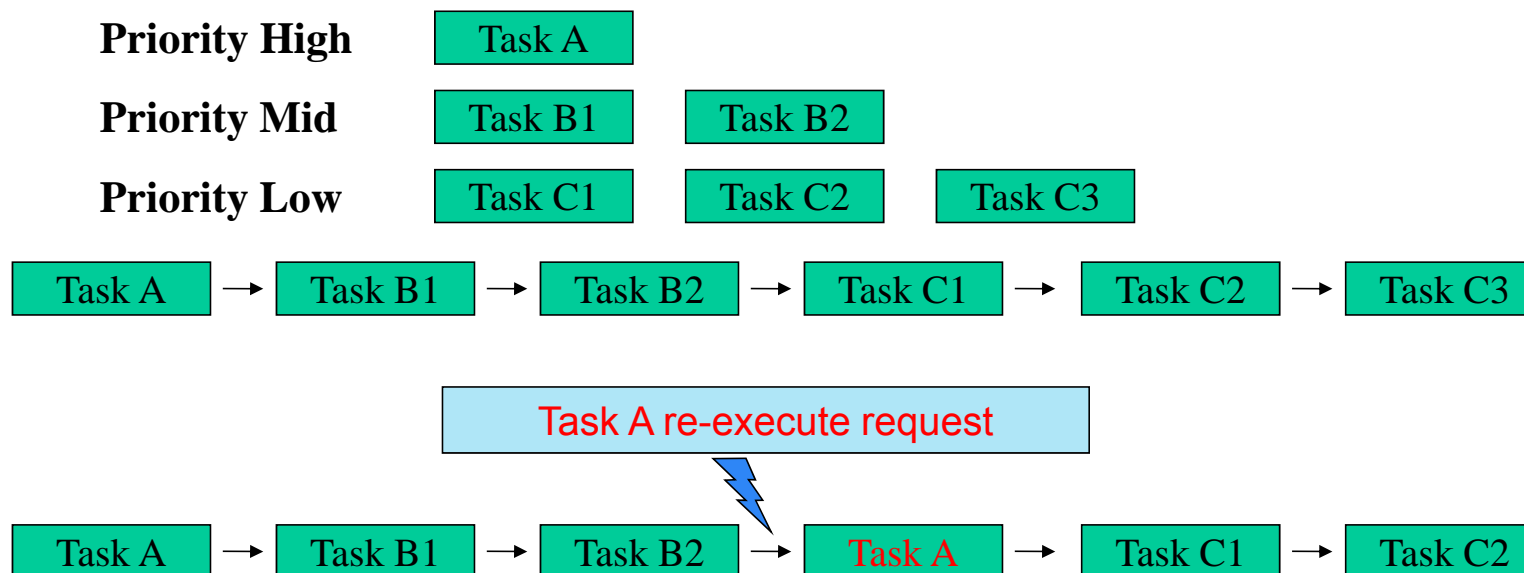
Round-robin scheduling : Common algorithm in computer system (or TSS: Time Sharing System)



Every task will be executed in long term time period, but response time (from request to complete) is longer than priority control.

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Priority scheduling : Major algorithm in embedded system

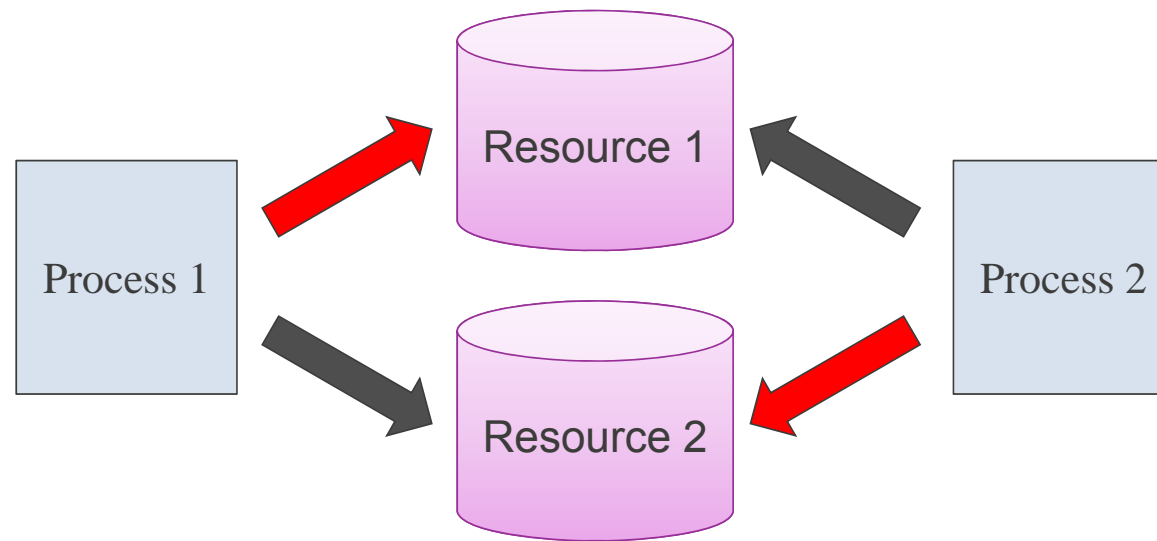




Response time (from request to complete) is shorter than round-robin, but lower priority task may not executed forever if higher priority task runs frequently.

Resource control

Deadlock

“If more than one resources are accessed from different process (task), there is always risk for deadlock”

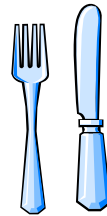


 Keeps to executing
 Needs to finish

Resource control – Deadlock



Mr. A



*Osechi – Japanese new year foods
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Mr. B

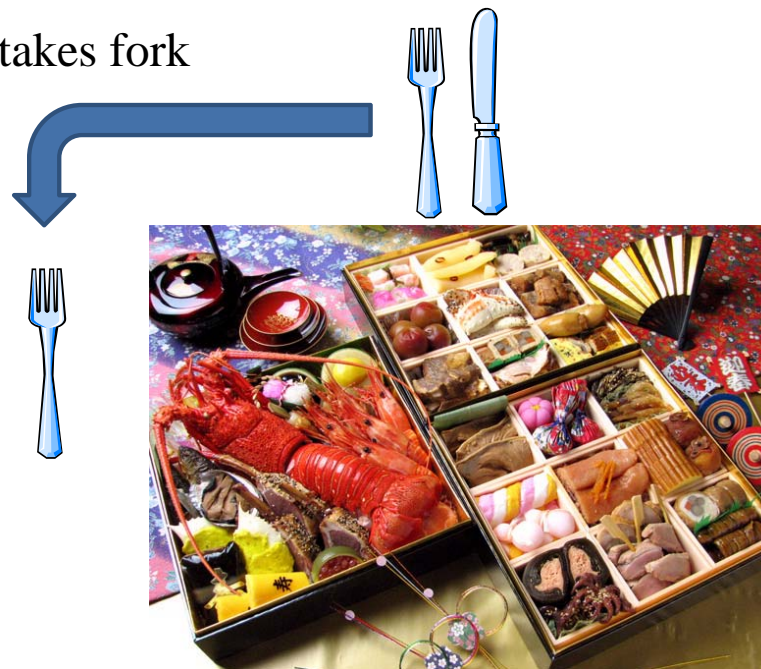
E.g. 2 (two) persons try to eat dinner, with sharing one fork and one knife.

Resource control – Deadlock

1 Mr. A takes fork



Mr. A

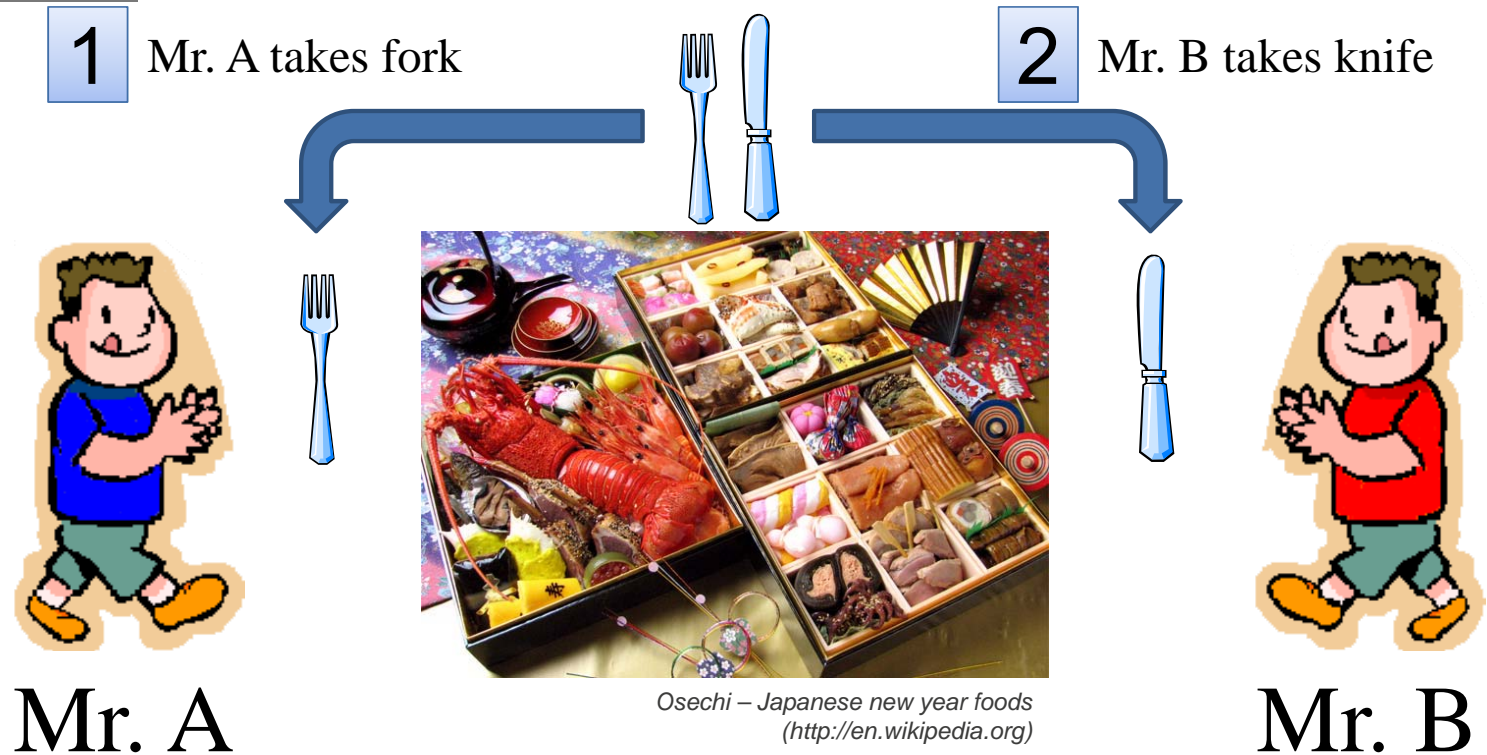


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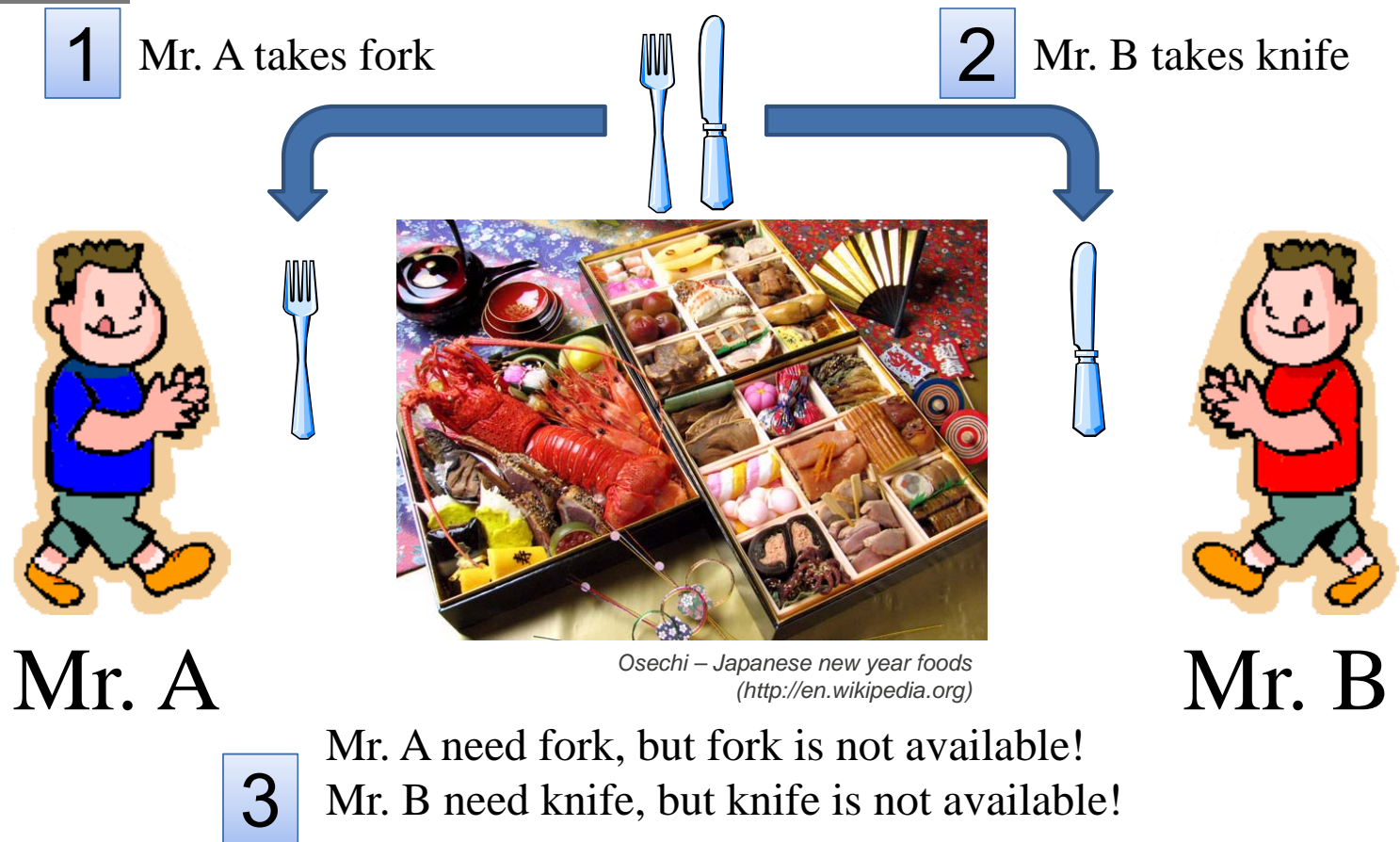


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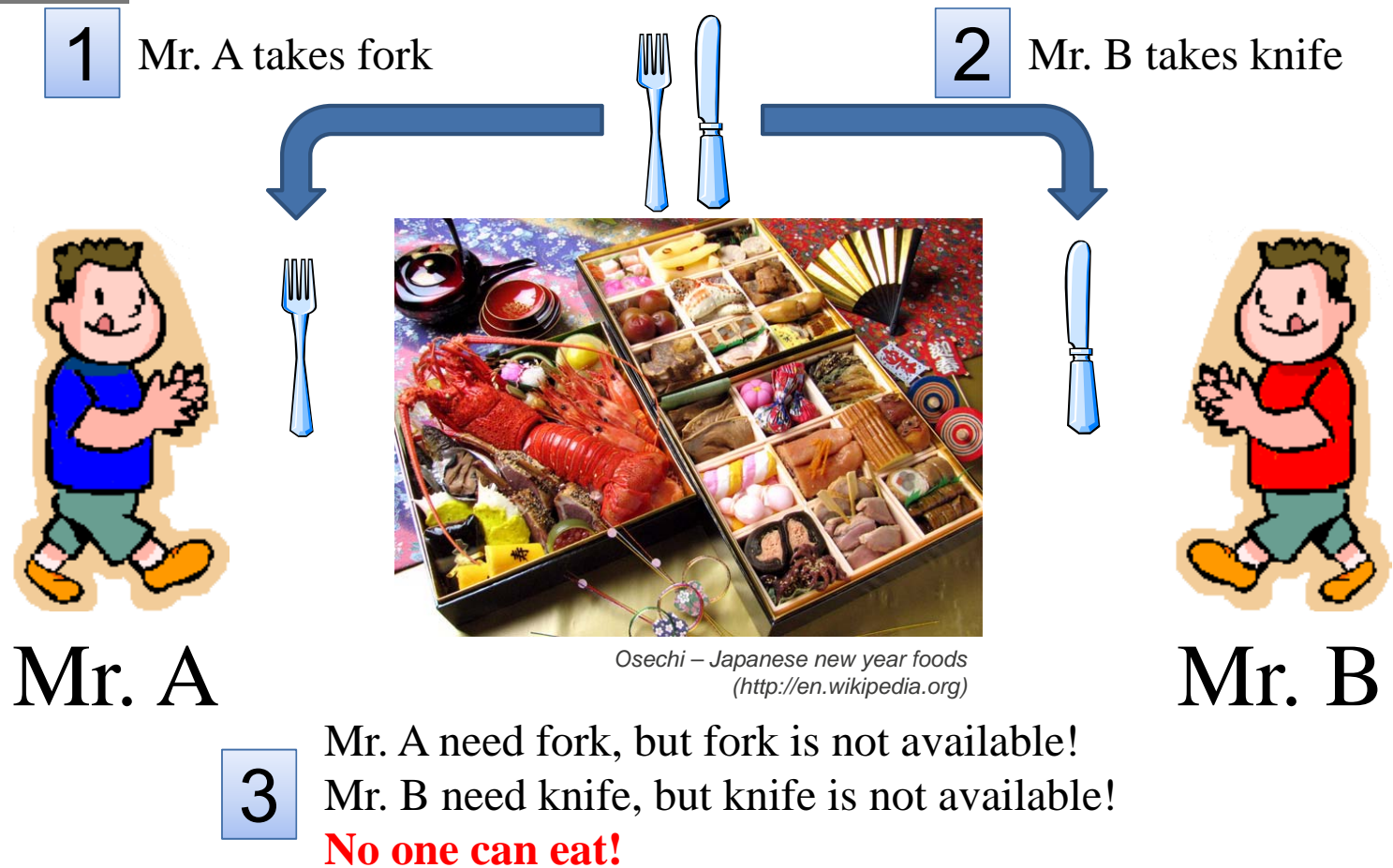
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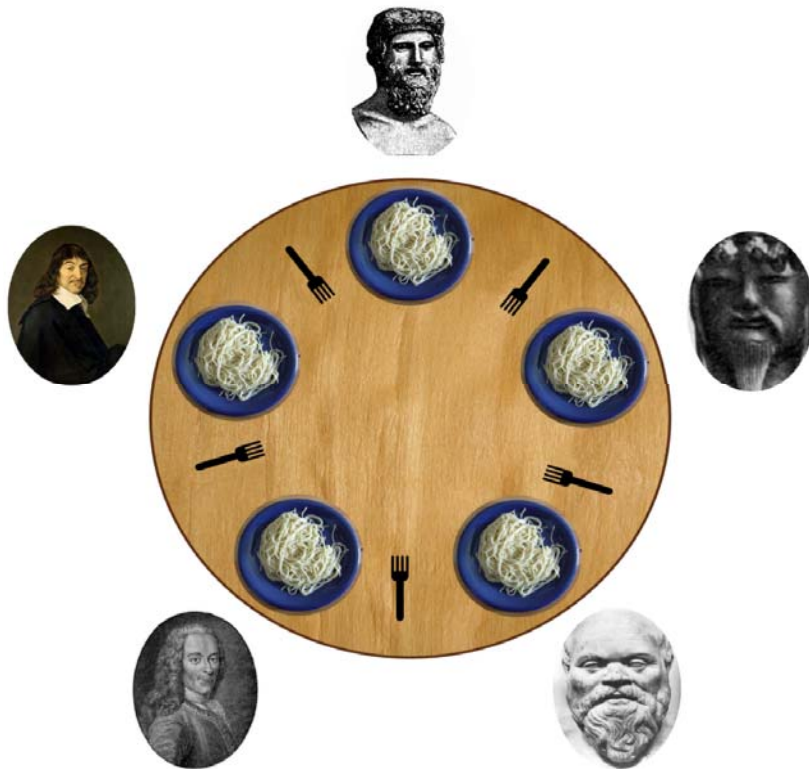
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An illustration of the dining philosophers problem.
Philosophers: Plato, Confucius, Socrates, Voltaire and Descartes

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dining_philosophers_problem)

Dining philosophers problem

The problem was designed to illustrate the challenges of avoiding deadlock, a system state in which no progress is possible. To see that a proper solution to this problem is not obvious, consider a proposal in which each philosopher is instructed to behave as follows:

- think until the left fork is available; when it is, pick it up;
- think until the right fork is available; when it is, pick it up;
- when both forks are held, eat for a fixed amount of time;
- then, put the right fork down;
- then, put the left fork down;
- repeat from the beginning.

Resource control – Deadlock

❑ Condition of deadlock (“Coffman conditions”)

- **Mutual Exclusion**: At least one resource must be held in a non-shareable mode. Only one process can use the resource at any given instant of time.
- **Hold and Wait or Resource Holding**: A process is currently holding at least one resource and requesting additional resources which are being held by other processes.
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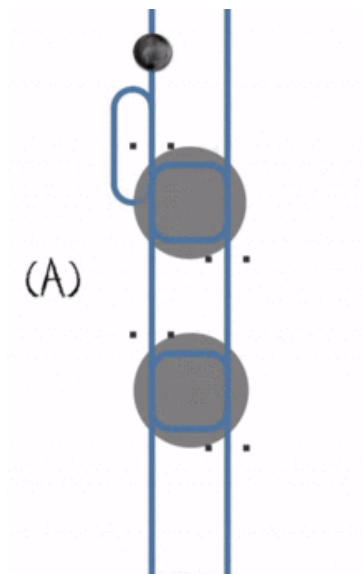
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Prevent one of the four Coffman conditions from occurring → Prevent Deadlock.

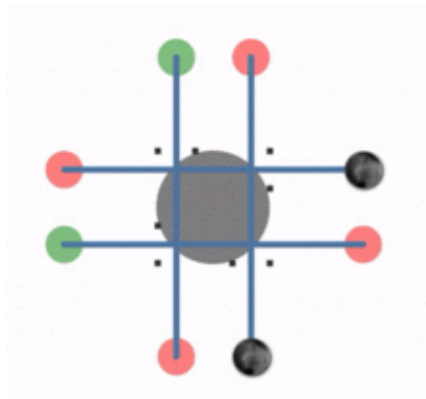
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Two processes competing for two resources in opposite order.

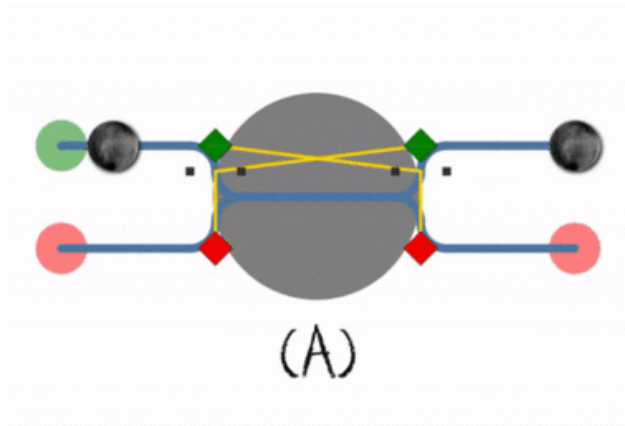
- a) 1 single process goes through.
- b) The later process has to wait.
- c) A deadlock occurs when the first process locks the first resource at the same time as the second process locks the second resource.
- d) The deadlock can be resolved by **cancelling and restarting the first process.**

Resource control – Deadlock



Four processes (blue lines) compete for one resource (grey circle), following a right-before-left policy. A deadlock occurs when all processes lock the resource simultaneously (black lines). **The deadlock can be resolved by breaking the symmetry.**

Resource control – Deadlock

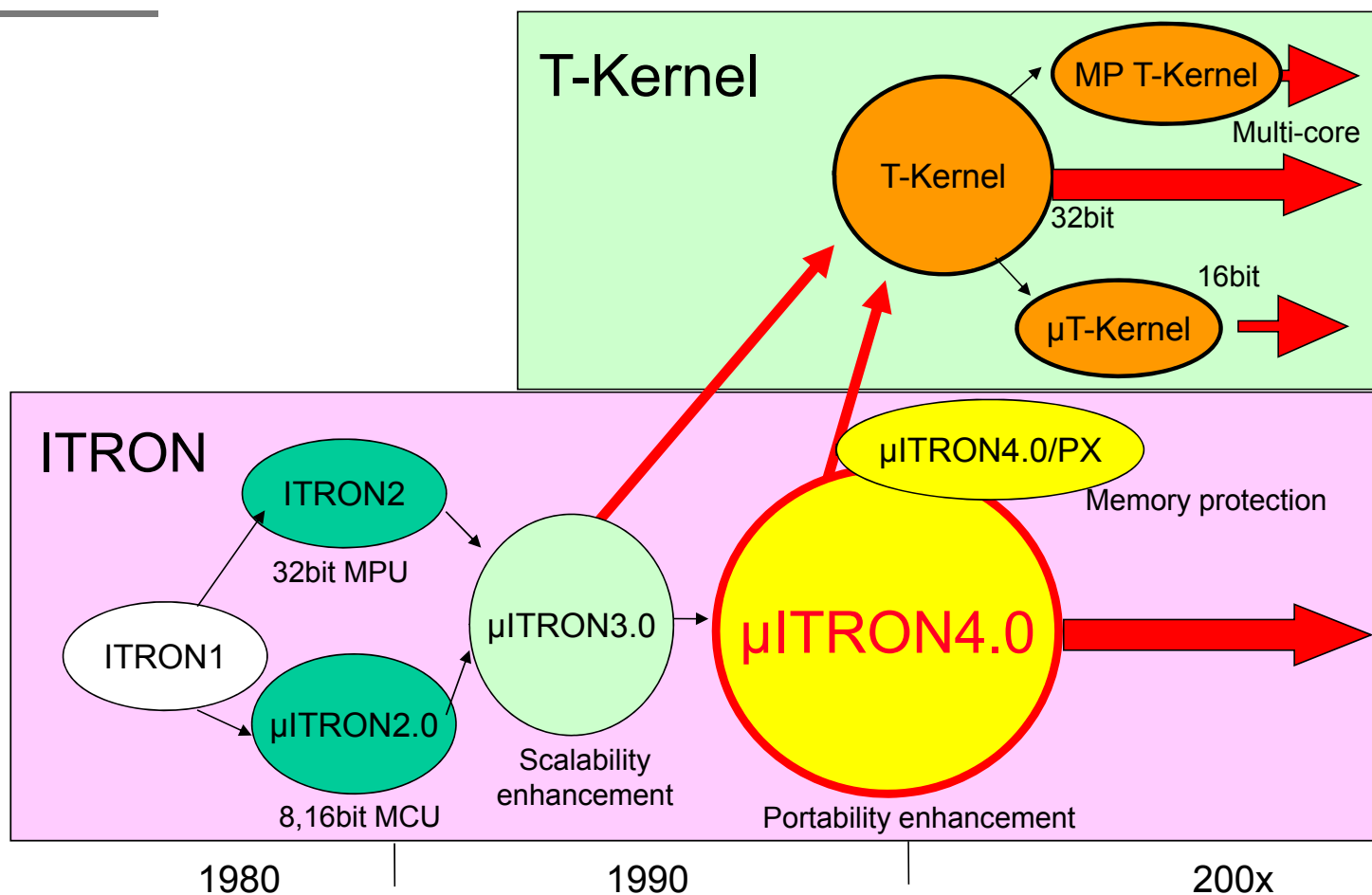


- a) Two processes competing for one resource, following a first-come, first-served policy.
- b) A deadlock occurs when both processes **lock the resource simultaneously**.
- c) The **deadlock can be resolved by breaking the symmetry of the locks**.
- d) The **deadlock can be prevented by breaking the symmetry of the locking mechanism**.

uITRON outline

- ❑ ITRON is a Japanese open standard for RTOS initiated in 1984 under guidance of Ken Sakamura, a University of Tokyo Professor. This project aims to **standardize the RTOS and related specifications for embedded systems**, particularly small-scale embedded systems. The ITRON RTOS is **targeted for consumer electronic devices**, such as mobile phones and fax machines. Various vendors sell their own implementations of the RTOS.
- ❑ μ ITRON (spelled uITRON or microITRON) are the name of RTOS specifications coming out of ITRON projects. ' μ ' means that the particular specification is meant for the smaller 8-bit or 16-bit CPU targets. Specifications are available for free. Commercial implementations are available, and offered under many different licenses.
- ❑ **Renesas Electronics Corp.** has been participated in the TRON project up to today since the project was established. [H1 series OS] is a real-time operating system for the Renesas H8/SH microcomputers which is compliant with uITRON specifications. Refer to the TRON Association website for detailed information on the ITRON specification and the μ ITRON specification.

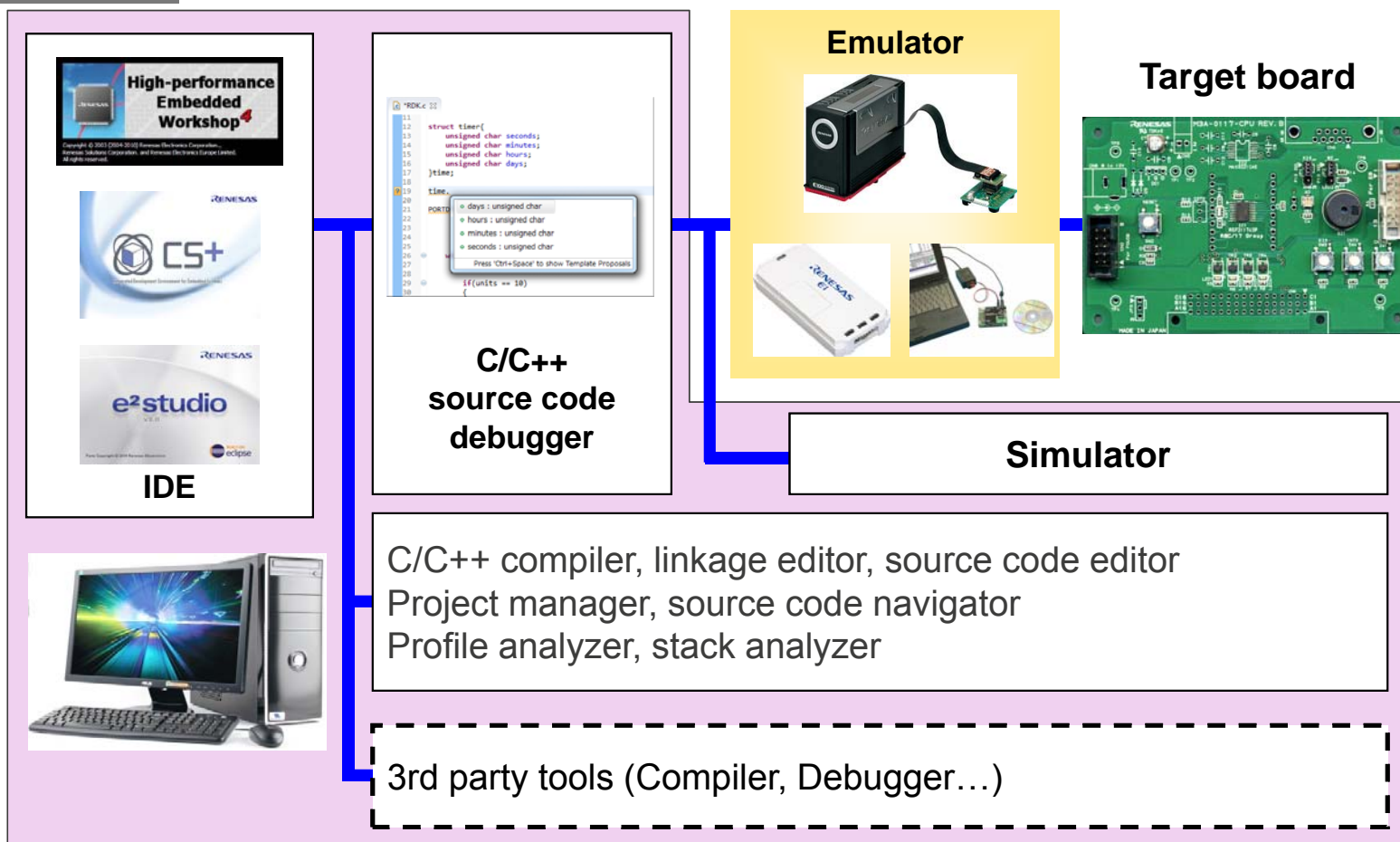
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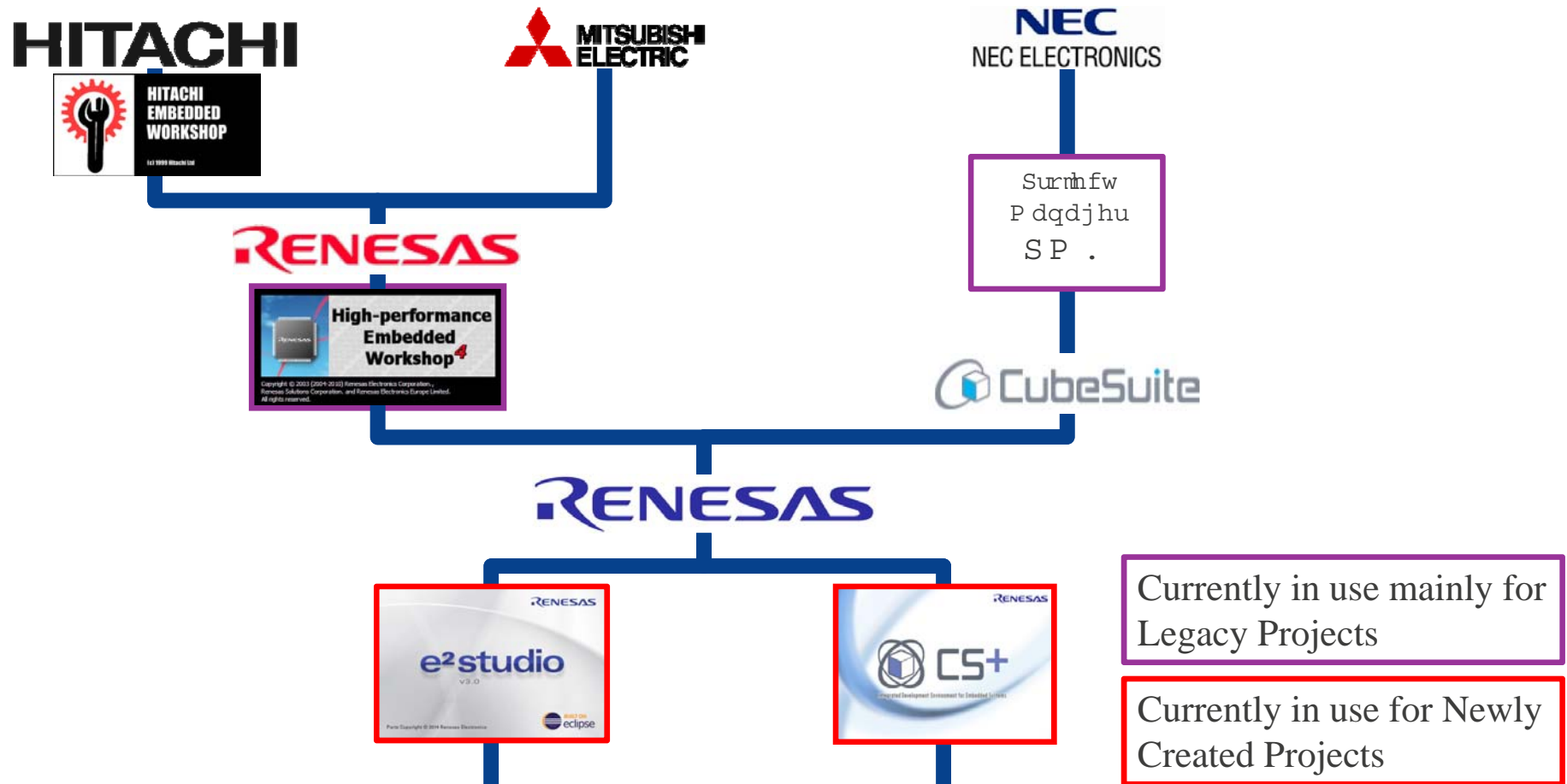
Integrate development environment



Development tools system configuration



Renesas IDE (Integrated Development Environment)



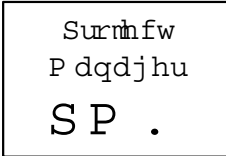
























Renesas IDE (Integrated Development Environment)

Development information

				
Latest version	V6.3x (2007)	V4.09.01 (Jun, 2012)	V6.00.00 (Jul, 2017)	V6.1.0.0 (Oct, 2017)
Plan of next version	<i>none</i>	<i>none</i>	V6.01.00 (Jan, 2018)	V6.2.0.0 (Jan, 2018)
Copyright	Full	Full	Full	Part
Development status	<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>Maintenance</i>	In development	In development

Renesas IDE (Integrated Development Environment)

Supported devices (current version)

			
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➔ Choose best device for product first. Then, selected suitable IDE.

Renesas IDE (Integrated Development Environment)

Supported Compilers

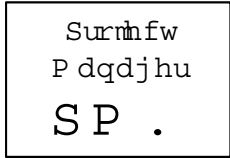



			
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Supported OS

			
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Renesas IDE (Integrated Development Environment)

Supported Renesas Debugger Tools

			
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➔ Refer section 8 and 9 for more information about Renesas Debugger Tool

Renesas IDE (Integrated Development Environment)

Porting projects among integrated development environments

Projects can be ported between the several IDEs in following directions:

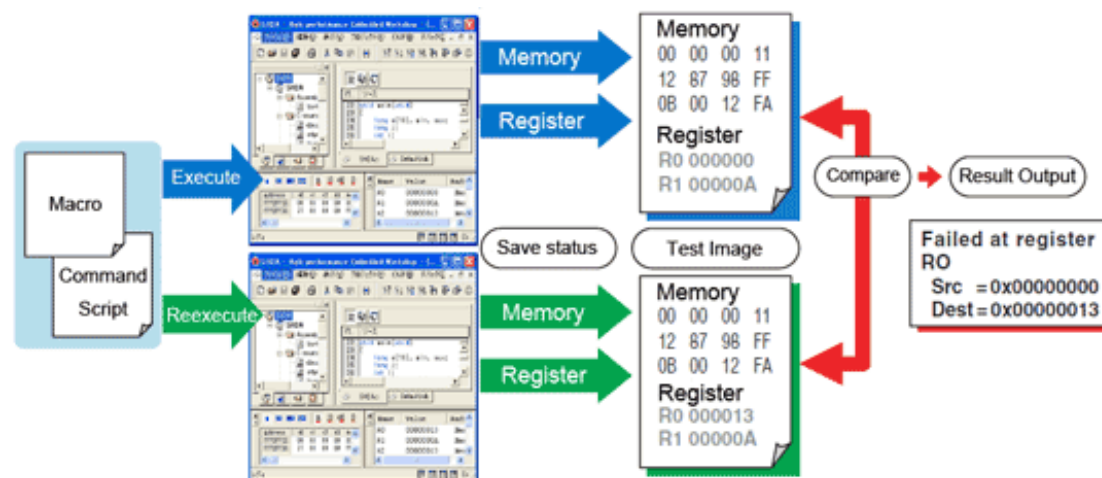


Renesas IDE (Integrated Development Environment)

Special feature – HEW

HEW has **long development time**, it is powerful and **supports advanced debugging features** such as code profiling, performance analysis, code coverage, trace features...

→ We are selecting the most suitable features to implement for newer IDE (CubeSuite+, e² studio)

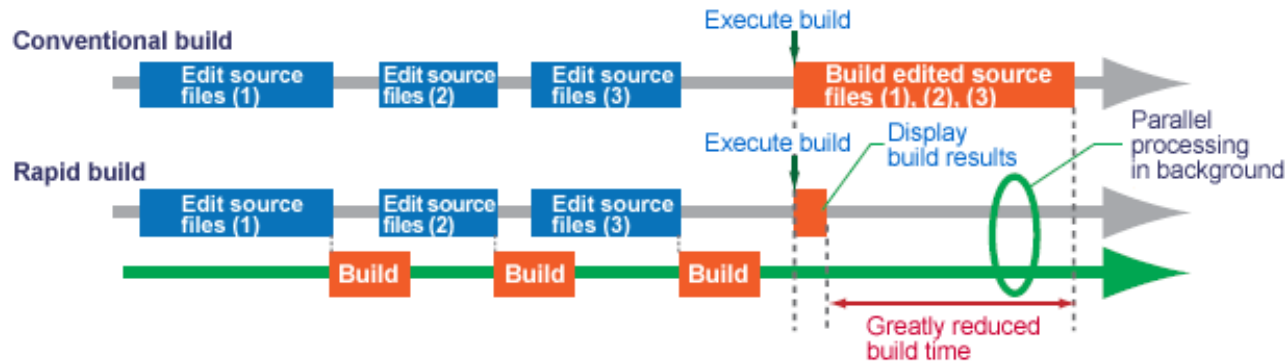


The test support function, if combined with **the macro generation support function**, becomes even more convenient. For example, if you have a test procedure prepared in a macro file and the expected value of test prepared in a test image file available, a series of repeat tests comprised of test execution and comparison of test result can be performed efficiently.

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Special feature – CubeSuite+

CubeSuite+ can be used with the [newly families as well as the conventional MCUs](#), RL78 family, RX family, V850 family, 78K0R, and 78K0. Renesas will continue to [expand the number of development tools supported](#) by CubeSuite+, persistently making your development environment better and faster.



Rapid build enables greatly reduced build time

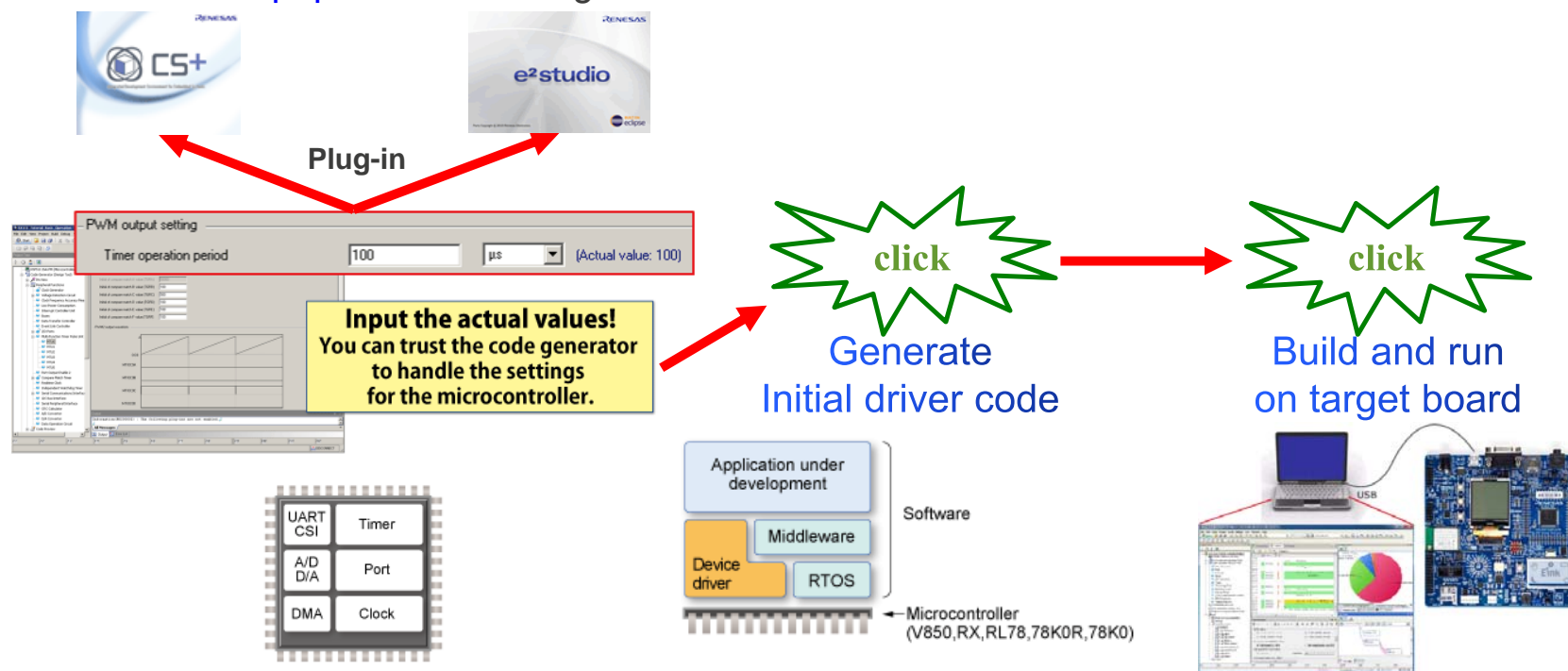
Conventional development environments require the user to edit all source files first, and then execute a build for the entire program, resulting in a lengthy build time.

CubeSuite+ features a "Rapid Build" function that automatically runs the build function in the background each time a source file is changed or saved, greatly reducing overall build time.

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Special feature – Code Generation (aka. CG)

Nowadays, **developers do not have much time to refer HW Manual** for coding (or they do not like to read). GC supports developers by **Simple GUI setting for creating Driver Code**. CG now is the **most popular** one among Renesas' tools.



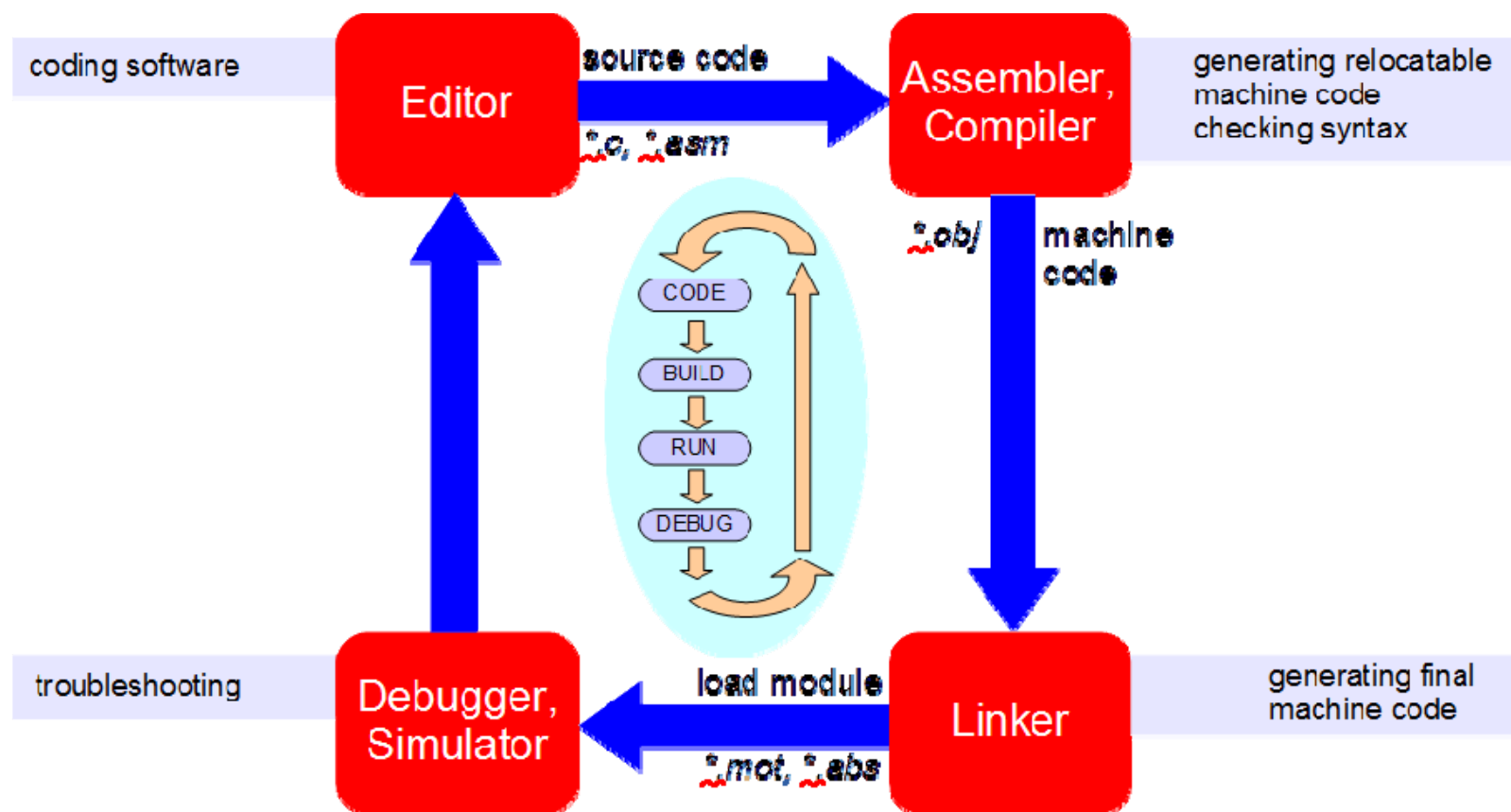


Cross software

- C/C++ compiler
- Linkage editor
- MISRA-C rule checker

Cross software

- ❑ We need **multiple-tools** to build Load Module from Source code.



C/C++ compiler

- ❑ The Renesas C/C++ Compiler is an **optimizing ANSI C and ANSI C++ compiler** for the **specific microprocessors**.
- ❑ In addition to full ANSI C support, the compiler provides **#pragma language extensions** and command-line switches to support target specific features and extended compiler functionality.
- ❑ The C/C++ compiler has powerful and reliable code generation facilities for the targets. A **variety of optimization features** allow you to generate highly optimized PROM code. In particular, code can be optimized for size or speed to match the requirements of the particular application being developed.

Linkage editor

❑ Outline

- Linkage editor input the object programs from the compiler or assembler and output the load modules or library files.

❑ Optimization

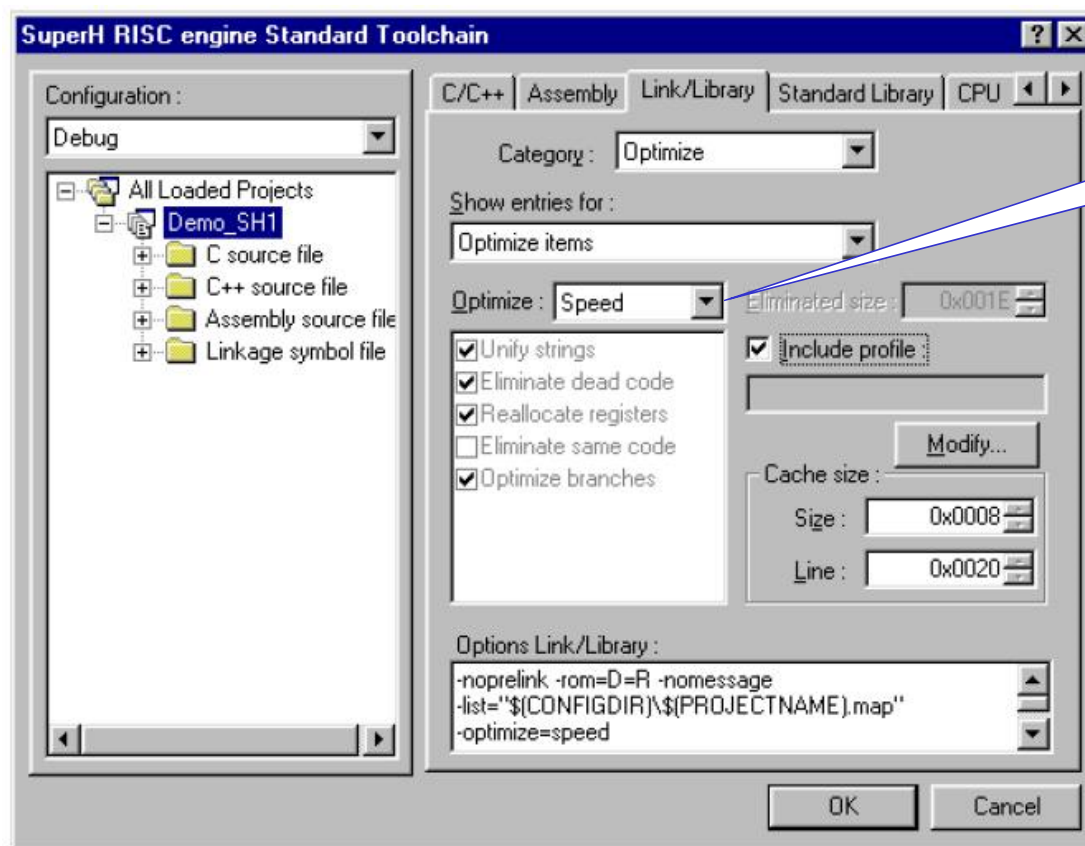
- Linkage editor [analyzing the relationship between the object programs](#).
- MAP optimizing: Optimizing linker re-compile the program using symbol allocated address defined by compiling or linking.
- Global optimization: Combine all compiler objects to an unique object file.

❑ Output file

- Linkage editor output the file in the specified format: Absolute(ELF), Motorola S-type, HEX type, Binary type and symbol reference list.

Linkage editor

Selection of speed optimize or size optimization



Speed/size
optimization

Linkage editor

Selection of debug easiness or optimized code

[optimize=0]

```
0000100c void func(int i){
          int data;
          data = i;
          arg(data);
          }
```

Name	Value	Type
i	H'00000002 { R4 }	(int)
data	Not available now.	

Local variables may not be visible in some cases, but code is **best optimized**. Suitable for **final object generation**.

[optimize=debug_only]

```
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          data = i;
          arg(data);
          }
```

Name	Value	Type
i	H'00000002 { R4 }	(int)
data	H'00000000 { FFFBFFFO }	(int)

Local variables are always visible, but code is **NOT best optimized**. Suitable for **algorithm debug**.

MISRA-C rule checker

- ❑ MISRA C is a set of software development guidelines for the C programming language developed by MISRA (Motor Industry Software Reliability Association). Its aims are to facilitate code safety, security, portability and reliability in the context of embedded systems. MISRA has evolved as a widely accepted model for best practices by leading developers in sectors including aerospace, telecom, medical devices, defense, railway, and others. There is also a set of guidelines for MISRA C++.
- ❑ MISRA C is not an open standard; the guideline documents must be bought by users or implementers.
- ❑ SQMlint is a tool to inspect C source codes according to MISRA C rules. Because SQMlint assists developers in source code review through automatic inspection, it helps to develop high-quality C source codes efficiently. Furthermore, because improper codes can be detected by only adding compile options, the user can correct such codes easily when correcting source code pointed by compiler error messages.

MISRA-C rule checker

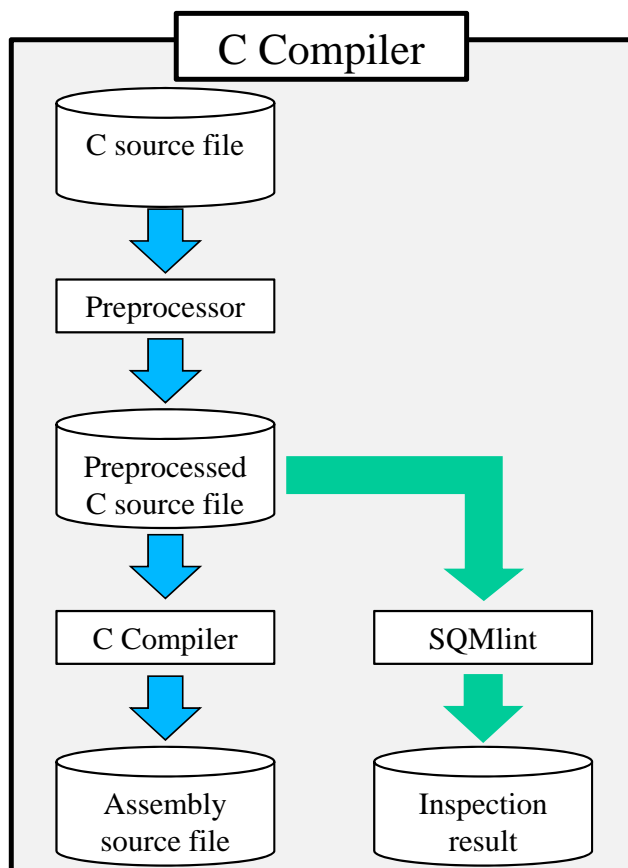
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- ❑ Inspection is possible by only adding options when compiling source files.
 - Source files can be inspected at the same time they are compiled.
 - There is no need to build an inspection-purpose environment.
 - Adaptable to special options of the Renesas C compiler.
- ❑ Can inspect in about less than half the compile time.
- ❑ Does not affect the compile results at all.
- ❑ Usable in Renesas IDE: HEW, CS+, e2 studio

MISRA-C rule checker

- ❑ MISRA C rule inspection during compilation
 - Source codes can be [inspected against MISRA C rules by only specifying options](#) when compiling the source files.
- ❑ Adaptable to special options of the Renesas C compiler
 - If special options such as one that handles the double type as float type are used, C source codes are inspected by taking the effects of those options into consideration.
- ❑ Usable in Renesas IDE
 - You can [make a tag jump](#) in Renesas IDE on the output results and correct the C source codes on the spot.
 - Therefore, deviations from MISRA C rules can be corrected in the same way as when correcting compile errors.
- ❑ Inspection results output in CSV format
 - The Inspection results are output in CSV format [usable in spreadsheet software](#), allowing you to put the inspection results in order easily.

MISRA-C rule checker



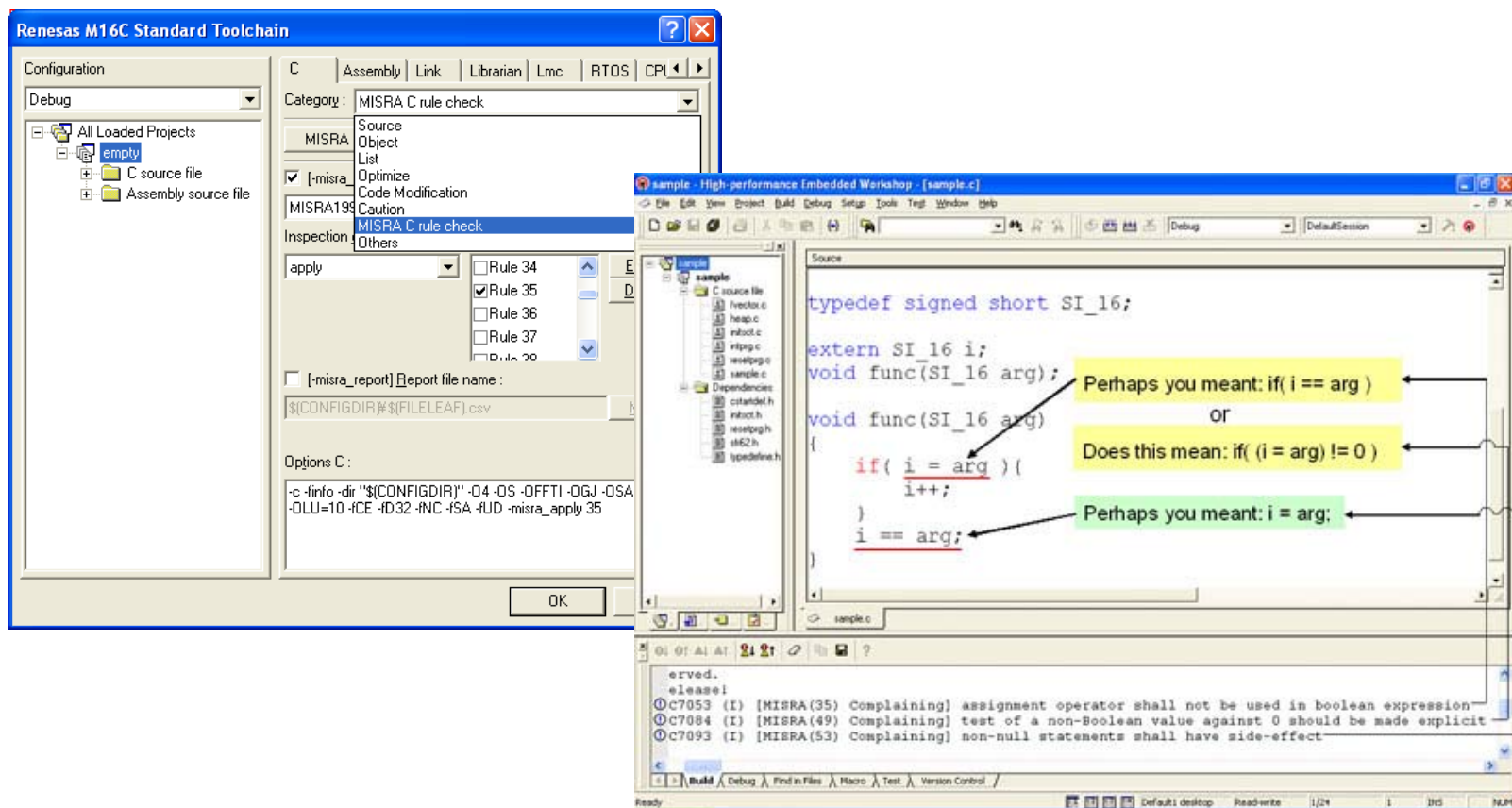
Number of MISRA C Rules which can be Inspected by SQMlint

Rule classification	MISRA C 1998	MISRA C 2004	MISRA C 2012
Required	67/93	79/122	
Advisory	19/34	13/20	
Total	86/127	92/142	79/143

MISRA-C:2012 contains 143 rules and 16 "directives"; each of which is classified logically into a number of categories.

MISRA-C rule checker

SQMLint is integrated in HEW



Simulation tools

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- Simulator features



Simulator outline

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Simulator features

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 - Support for ELF/DWARF object format
 - Support graphic display of [execution cycle](#) count and called count in function units
 - Provide [stack trace](#) function
 - Display [cache hit rate](#)
 - Display [state of pipeline](#)
 - Provide [extensive break point functionalities](#) (Pseudo interrupt is available)
 - Display [coverage information](#) in assembly source level
 - Provide debug function in visual display with [images and waveforms](#)
 - Display [memory access counts](#) in memory type units (embedded-memory or external memory)

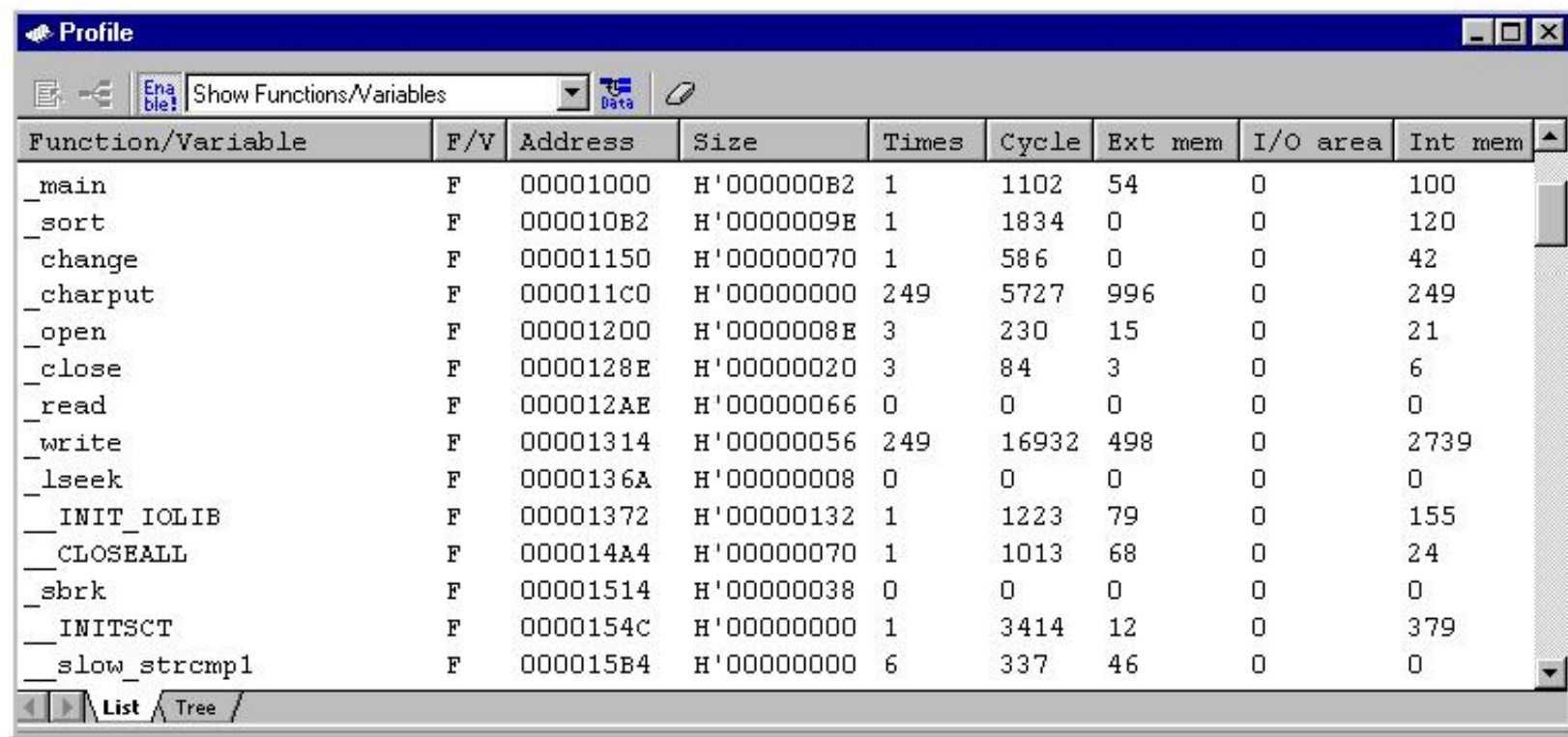
HEW Simulator Window Example

Trace window with pipeline execution status

Trace						
PTR	Cycle	Address	Code	Pipeline	Instruction	
-03913	0000003089	00002000	2FE6	FP DE	MOV.L	R14,@-R15
-03912	0000003090	00002002	4F22	FP DE	STS.L	PR,@-R15
-03911	0000003090	00002004	7FC8	FP DE	ADD	#H'C8,R15
-03910	0000003091	00002006	D26F	FP DE	MOV.L	@(H'01BC:8,PC
-03909	0000003092	00002008	2F26	FP DE	MOV.L	R2,@-R15
-03908	0000003093	0000200A	D36F	FP DE	MOV.L	@(H'01BC:8,PC
-03907	0000003093	0000200C	430B	FP DE	JSR	@R3
-03906	0000003094	0000200E	0009	FP DE	NOF	
-03905	0000003101	00002764	4F22	FP DE	STS.L	PR,@-R15
-03904	0000003102	00002766	66F3	FP DE	MOV	R15,R6
-03903	0000003103	00002768	7604	FP DE	ADD	#H'04,R6
-03902	0000003105	0000276A	6563	FP DE	MOV	R6,R5
-03901	0000003106	0000276C	7504	FP DE	ADD	#H'04,R5
-03900	0000003108	0000276E	6053	FP DE	MOV	R5,R0

HEW Simulator Window Example

Profile window after execute the program by simulator

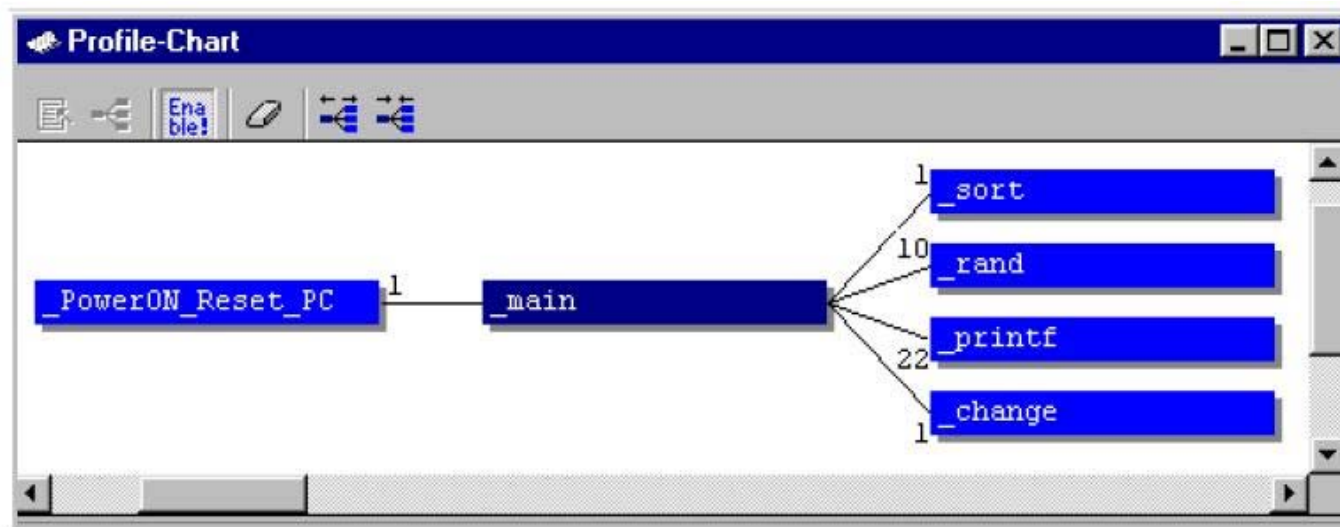


The screenshot shows the 'Profile' window of the HEW Simulator. The window has a title bar 'Profile' and a toolbar with icons for 'Enable!', 'Show Functions/Variables', and 'Data'. Below the toolbar is a table with the following columns: Function/Variable, F/V, Address, Size, Times, Cycle, Ext mem, I/O area, and Int mem. The table lists 16 functions and their execution statistics. At the bottom of the window, there are buttons for 'List' and 'Tree'.

Function/Variable	F/V	Address	Size	Times	Cycle	Ext mem	I/O area	Int mem
_main	F	00001000	H'000000B2	1	1102	54	0	100
_sort	F	000010B2	H'0000009E	1	1834	0	0	120
_change	F	00001150	H'00000070	1	586	0	0	42
_charput	F	000011C0	H'00000000	249	5727	996	0	249
_open	F	00001200	H'0000008E	3	230	15	0	21
_close	F	0000128E	H'00000020	3	84	3	0	6
_read	F	000012AE	H'00000066	0	0	0	0	0
_write	F	00001314	H'00000056	249	16932	498	0	2739
_lseek	F	0000136A	H'00000008	0	0	0	0	0
__INIT_IOLIB	F	00001372	H'00000132	1	1223	79	0	155
__CLOSEALL	F	000014A4	H'00000070	1	1013	68	0	24
_sbrk	F	00001514	H'00000038	0	0	0	0	0
__INIT_SCT	F	0000154C	H'00000000	1	3414	12	0	379
__slow_strncmp1	F	000015B4	H'00000000	6	337	46	0	0

HEW Simulator Window Example

Function calls chart after simulation



Evaluation boards



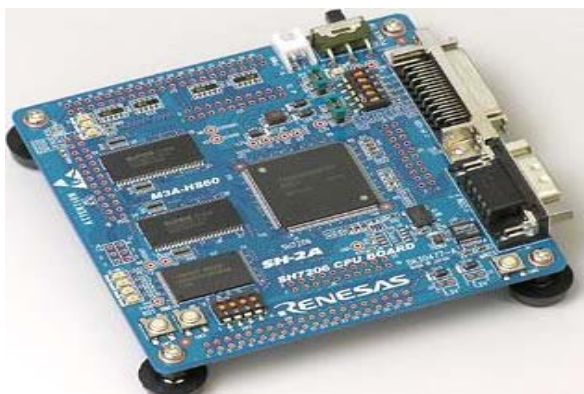
Renesas evaluation board

Renesas design and sell the evaluation board for the customers.

When Renesas start new product promotion, we **recommend Renesas evaluation board**, because this is available earlier than other board from other company.

Renesas evaluation board include the **minimum hardware** and **no monitor program**.

When you use, E10A-USB or other H-UDI interface emulator is required.



SH7206 evaluation board



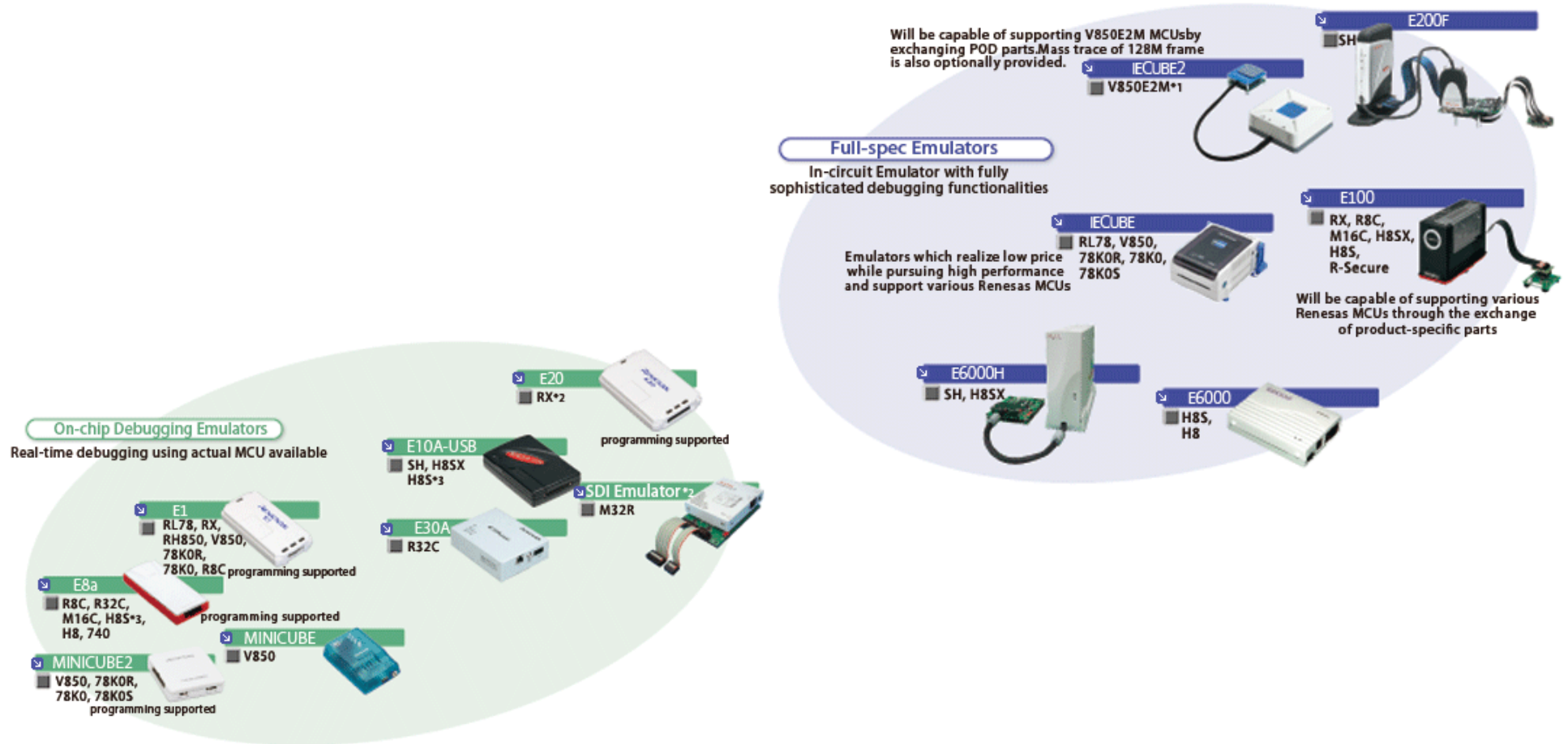
R-Car evaluation board



Emulation tools

- Emulator overview
- Popular debug function
- OCD (On-chip debugger) emulator
- Monitor debugger
- Test Support Function

What is Emulator?



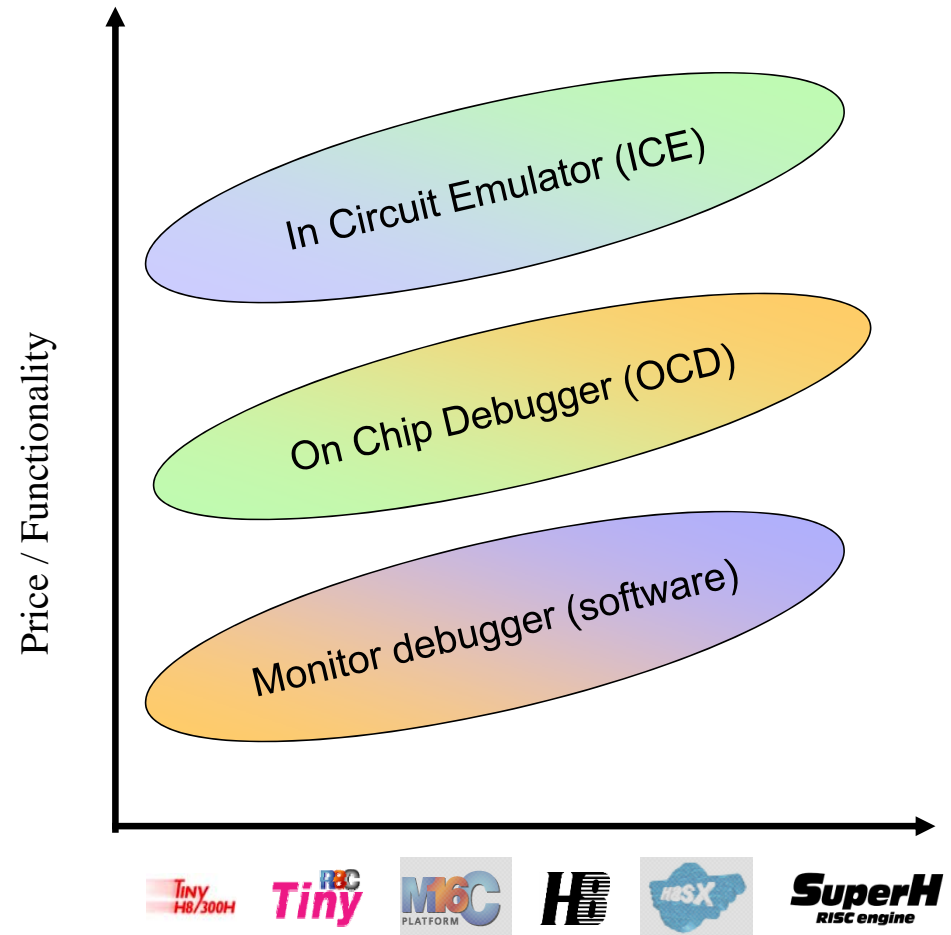
Emulator vs. Simulator

- ❑ What is Emulator's advantage against Simulator?
 - Debug with target hardware
 - Software for physical layer access, such as driver, ipl, etc.
 - Combinational bus operation by CPU and DMA (or any other bus master).
 - Interrupt collision detection
 - Non synchronous communication between two different hardware.
 - Any other timing critical scenario

- ❑ What is Simulator's advantage against Emulator?
 - Debug without target hardware (before target hardware ready)
 - Low cost
 - Precise CPU internal view, such as CPU pipeline operation view
 - Concentrate on software debug, independent from hardware bug

Emulator products

- ❑ Debug tool who provides debug function with target hardware, is divided into three (3) types of product.
 - **ICE (In-circuit emulator)** is **high functional/high price** debug tool.
 - **OCD (On-chip debugger)** is low cost ICE with reduced debug function. Currently **most popular debug tool** in the world.
 - **Monitor debugger** is **lowest price** debug solution by software. **Lower debug capability** than ICE/OCD.



Emulator products – Differences

❑ ICE (In-Circuit Emulator)

- Traditional debug tool
- High price, high functionality debug tool
- Target interface : IC socket on the target board
- Due to CPU clock speed up, it becomes [hard to develop ICE for high-end MPU](#), such as SH-4(4A), RH850

❑ OCD (On Chip Debugger)

- Mid price, mid functionality debug tool
- Target interface : JTAG connection (or serial)
- Production device includes DM(Debug Module)

❑ Monitor

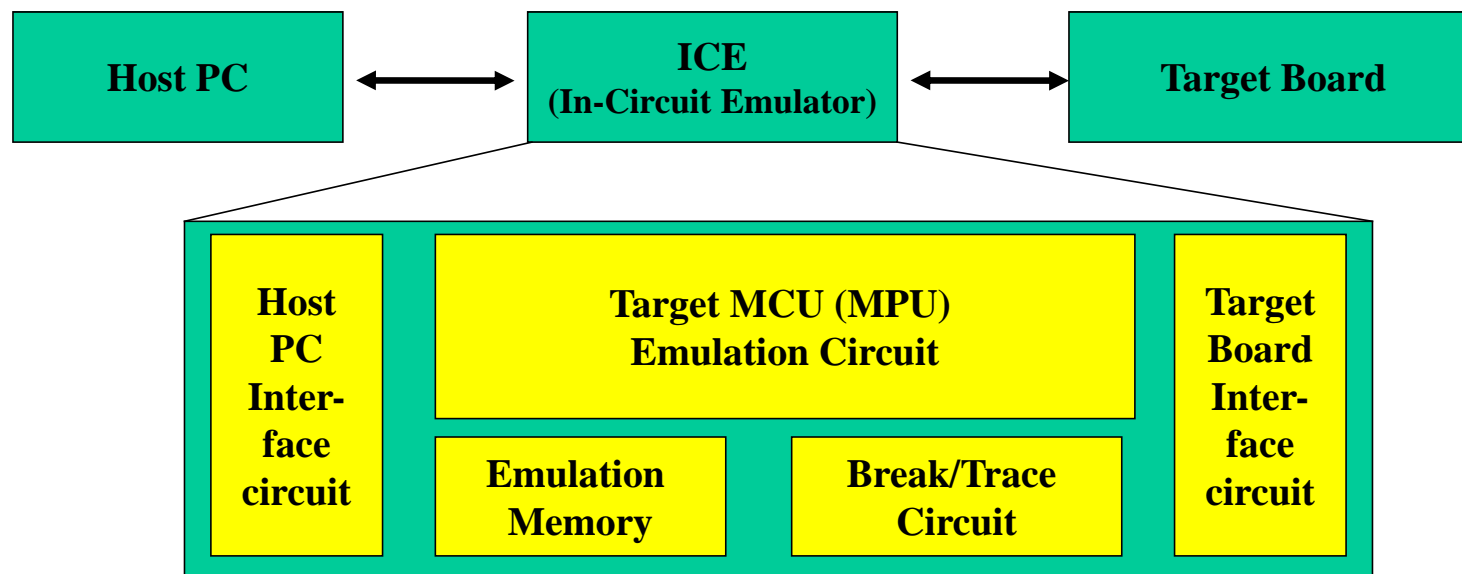
- Low price, low functionality debug tool
- Target interface : serial (or Ethernet)
- Traditional debug tool made by software.
- No specific hardware is required, but debug function is limited.

Popular debug function

- ❑ Breakpoint: Function to stop your program execution at the just point you want to stop
 - **Hardware Breakpoint:** Break function [supported by dedicated hardware](#). In most devices, [complex break condition](#), such as PC+operand address/data+read/write, is supported.
 - **Software breakpoint:** Break function [supported by code replacement](#). Complex break condition is not supported, just [PC break only](#).

- ❑ Trace
 - **PC(Program Counter) trace:** Shows back trace log of PC(Program Counter). After the break, you may find that PC is not the value of your expectation. Then you need to find why (and from where) program comes and stops here. Trace function gives you the useful information for analyzing the program flow.
 - **Data trace** is also available.

ICE



Sample:



E600H



M32100T5-SDI-E



E100



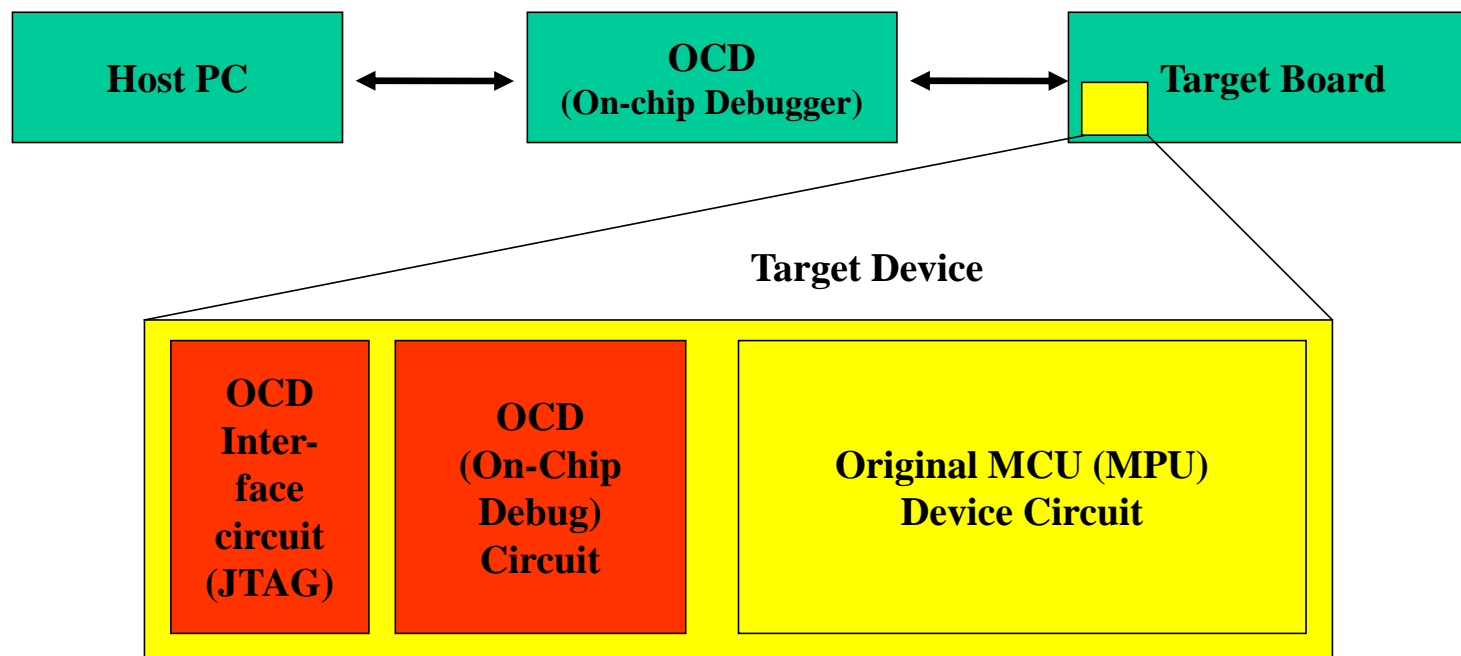
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ICE



- ❑ If the target board does not work correctly, ICE works fine without any problem. As this is **independent hardware to target board**.
- ❑ ICE has its memory (emulation memory) for target program, it is **possible to test software without target board**.

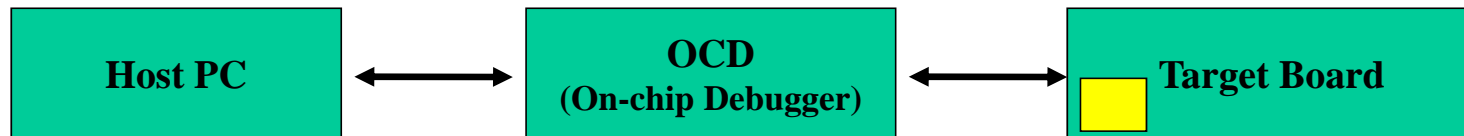
OCD



Sample:



OCD



- ☐ If target board hardware has problem, then OCD emulator does not work.
- ☐ There is no way to run target program, if target board does not work.

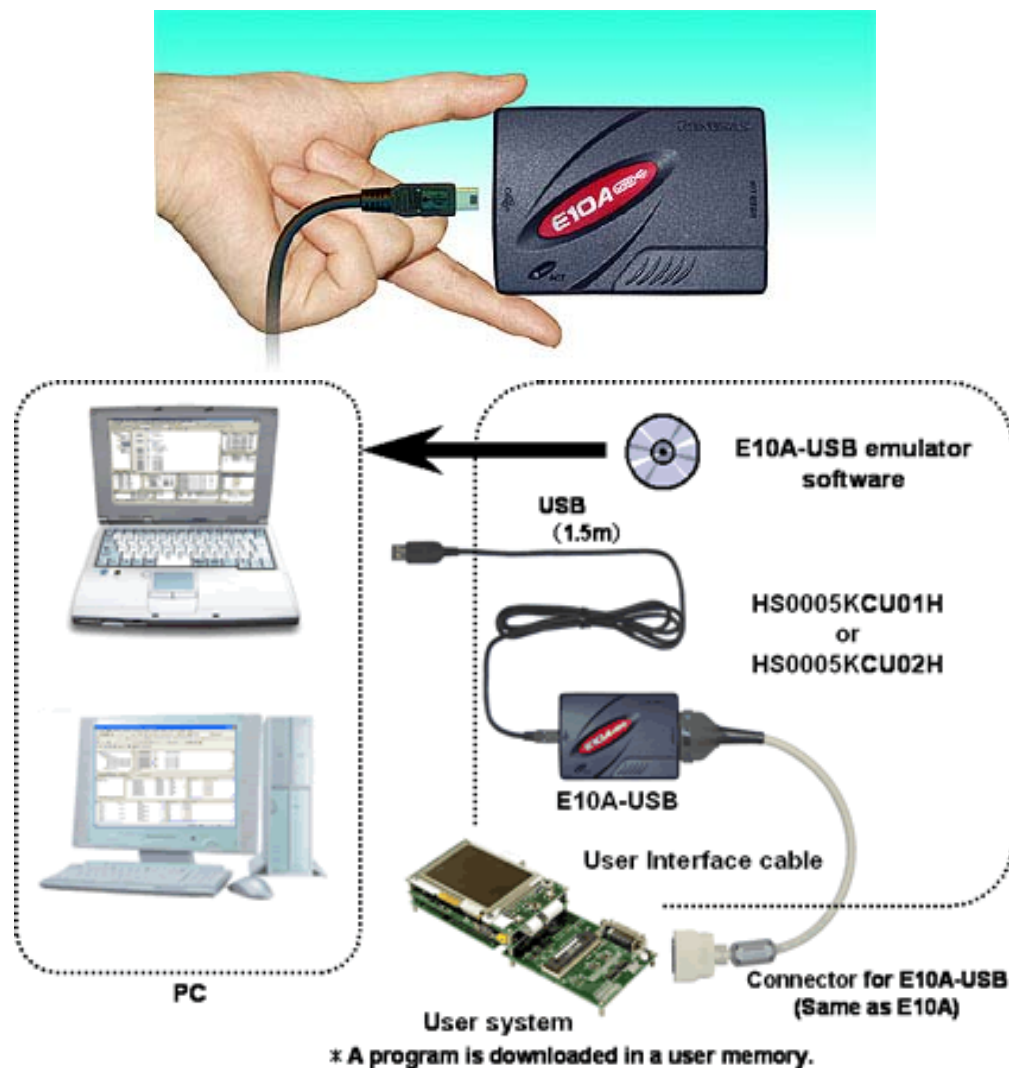
OCD

The OCD emulator offers **lower price than ICE**. Renesas OCD emulator price is from \$50 to \$1000.

There are several debug interfaces:

(1) JTAG(H-UDI): SH, H8SX, H8S

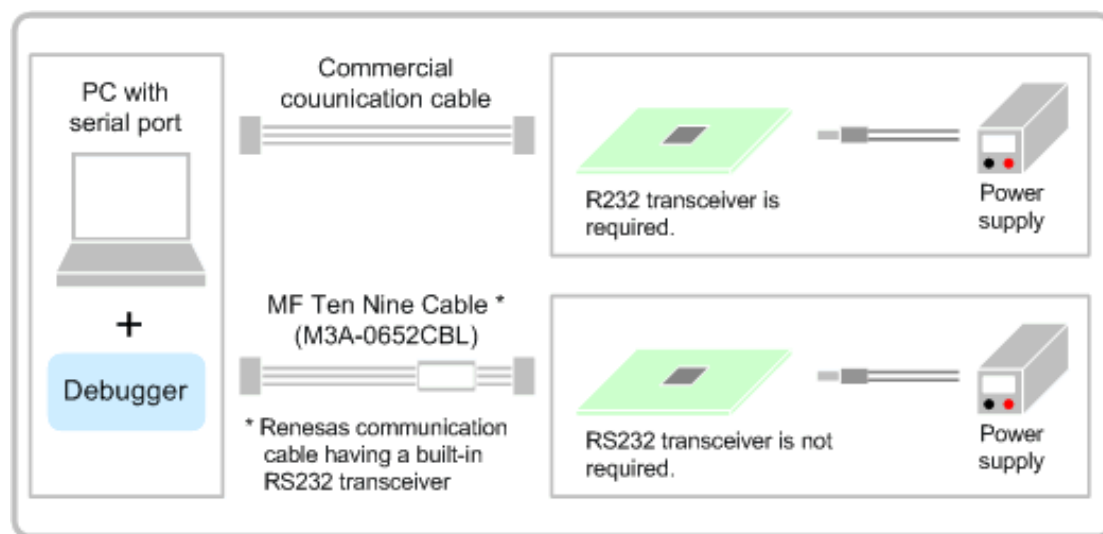
(2) UART:H8/Tiny, H8/SLP, R8C, M16C



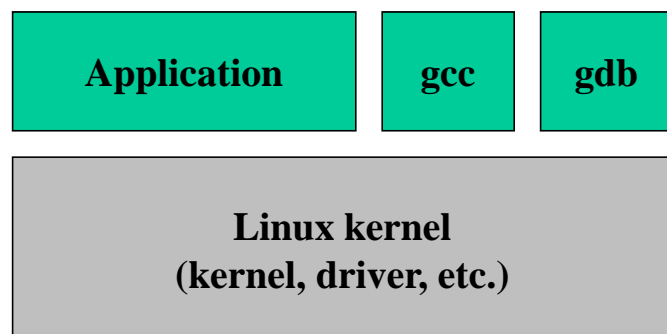
Monitor debugger

Monitor debugger **does not need any hardware assistance** (except interface cable between target hardware and host PC). After the monitor program is **downloaded into the target hardware**, the program starts **communication to host PC**. Most popular interface now is USB.

Monitor program does not work, when communication channel hardware is not working.



Debug function in Linux



On Linux system, debugger (gdb) is one application software.

Gdb works with kernel to provide debug function for application software engineer.

Standard IO (keyboard/mouse and display) is used for debug information communication.

Target hardware must have such standard IO, if debug function is required.

Test Support Function

- ❑ Primary goal of **debug is remove bug and make target program work** (functional debug).
- ❑ Beyond functional debug, you may need to work further in following two points:
 - Quality Assurance
 - Performance enhancement
- ❑ Emulator provides debug function not only for functional debug, but also for software quality improvement and performance enhancement.

Code Coverage

- ❑ Code coverage is **one of software quality index** in test phase.
- ❑ One important test **criteria for high quality software** is to achieve 100% C0 and/or C1 coverage.
- ❑ Some emulator supports C0 coverage function.

- ❑ For example, E200F Emulator (for SH-4A) support following coverage function.
 - C0 coverage (C1 coverage is NOT supported)
 - 4M Byte address range (default)
 - Prefetch cancel
 - Source code view with coverage result (executed / not executed)

C0 and C1 Coverage

- ❑ C0 coverage: How many lines (or instructions) are executed against all source lines (or all instructions).
- ❑ C1 coverage: How many branches are taken (or not taken) against all branch cases
- ❑ Coverage definition in C source level (statement) and assembly level (instruction) is different

Line	S..	Disassembly Address	Obj code	Label	Mixed
36					<code>printf("a[%d]=%ld\n",i,a[i]);</code>
		000012AA	2F26		MOV.L R2,@-R15
		000012AC	2FE6		MOV.L R14,@-R15
		000012AE	4B0B		JSR @R11
		000012B0	2FC6		MOV.L R12,@-R15
		000012B2	7F0C		ADD #H'0C,R15
		000012B4	7E01		ADD #H'01,R14
		000012B6	3E93		CMP/GE R9,R14
		000012B8	7D04		ADD #H'04,R13
		000012BA	8BEF		BF @H'129C:8

Example: 1 C statement equivalents to 9 Assembly instructions.

C0 and C1 Comparison

- ❑ C0 coverage 100%, but C1 coverage is NOT 100%

```
Statement A
Conditional Branch B
    (if true branch to 'Label1')
Statement C
Label1: Statement D
```

If conditional branch 'B is not taken' at the test case,
all statement is executed

→ C0 is 100%.

But, 'branch B taken' is not tested in such test case

→ C1 is NOT 100%

C0 and C1 Comparison

- ❑ C0 coverage is NOT 100%, but C1 coverage is 100%

```
Statement A
Conditional Branch B
    (if true branch to 'Lable1')
Statement C
Branch always
    (always branch to 'Lable2')
Statement D
Label11:  Statement E
Label12:  Statement F
```

Statement D can NOT be executed in any test case.

→ C0 is NOT 100%

Statement D must be removed from source code, or
need to change source code in proper way.

→ Do not release any 'dead' code in output.

Performance / Profile

- ❑ Performance enhancement can be achieved by hardware upgrade (takes higher frequency, wider bus, etc.) or software tuning. In high-end application, **there are many rooms for performance enhancement by software tuning**.

- ❑ Some emulator provides performance (or profile) function for software performance tuning. This function provides several useful information for performance enhancement, such as execution time information in specific function or specific address range (from start point to end point).
 - **CPU clock count** (or number of executed instructions) from specific start address to specific end address
 - number of **i-cache hit** (or number of i-cache miss hit)
 - number of **o-cache hit** (or number of o-cache miss hit)
 - number of **interrupt** (or number of exception)

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