Operating System (OS)

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Historical Prospective

- Mainframe Systems
- Computer-system architecture
- Special-purpose Systems

System Category

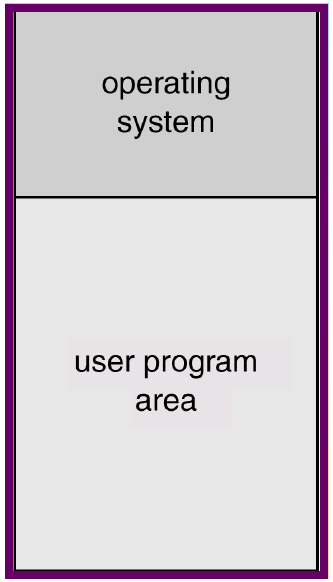
- Mainframe Systems
  - Batch
  - Multi-programming
  - Time-sharing
- Computer-system architecture
- Special-purpose Systems

Mainframe Systems

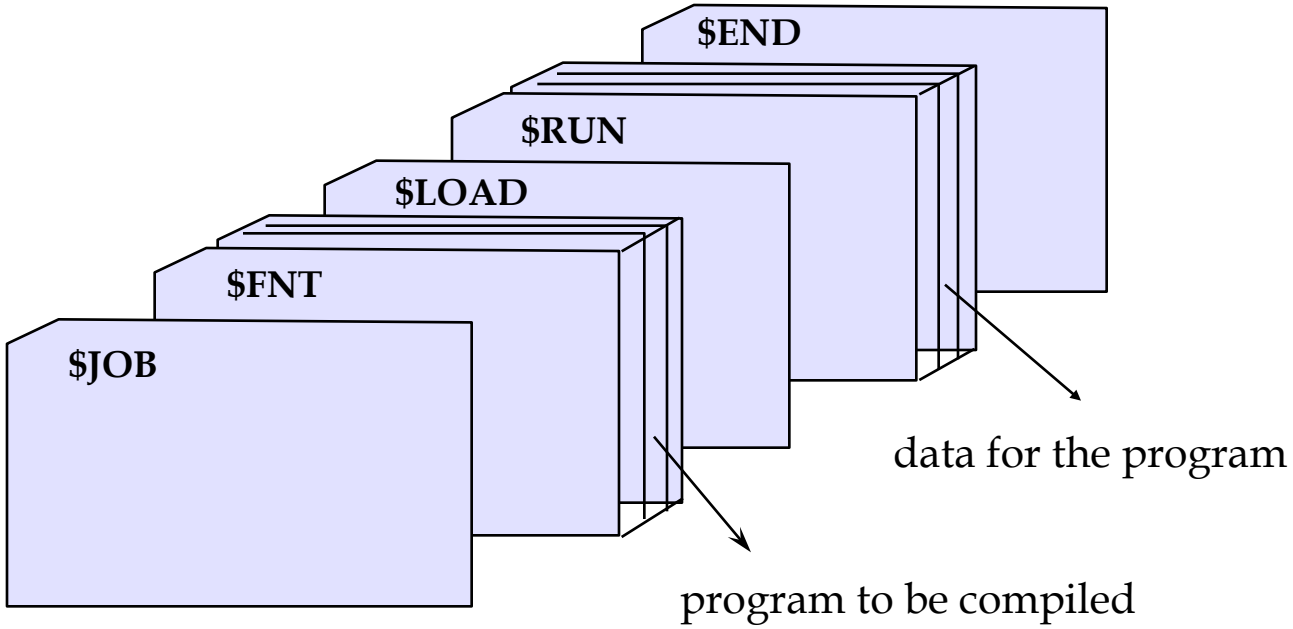
- One of the earliest computers
  - Slow I/O devices: card reader/printer, tape drivers
- Evolution:
  - Batch → Multi-programming → Time-shared
- Still exists in today's world…
  - For critical application with better **reliability & security**
  - Bulk data processing
  - Widely used in hospitals, banks

IBM 704 mainframe in 1954

Mainframe: Batch Systems



Memory layout



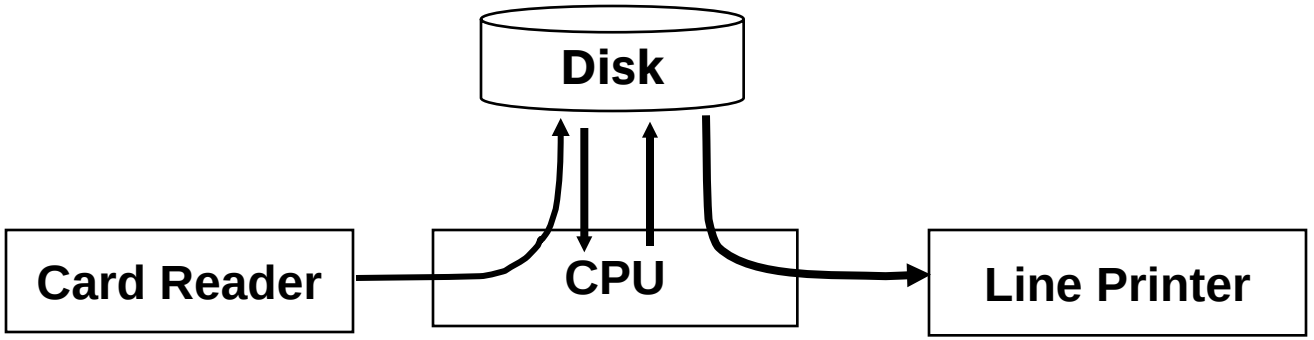
- Processing steps:
  - Users submit jobs (program, data, control card)
  - Operator sort jobs with similar requirements
  - OS simply transfer control from one job to the next

Mainframe: Batch Systems

- Drawbacks:
  - One job at a time
  - No interaction between users and jobs
  - CPU is often idle
    - I/O speed << CPU speed (at least 1:1000)
- OS doesn't need to make any decision

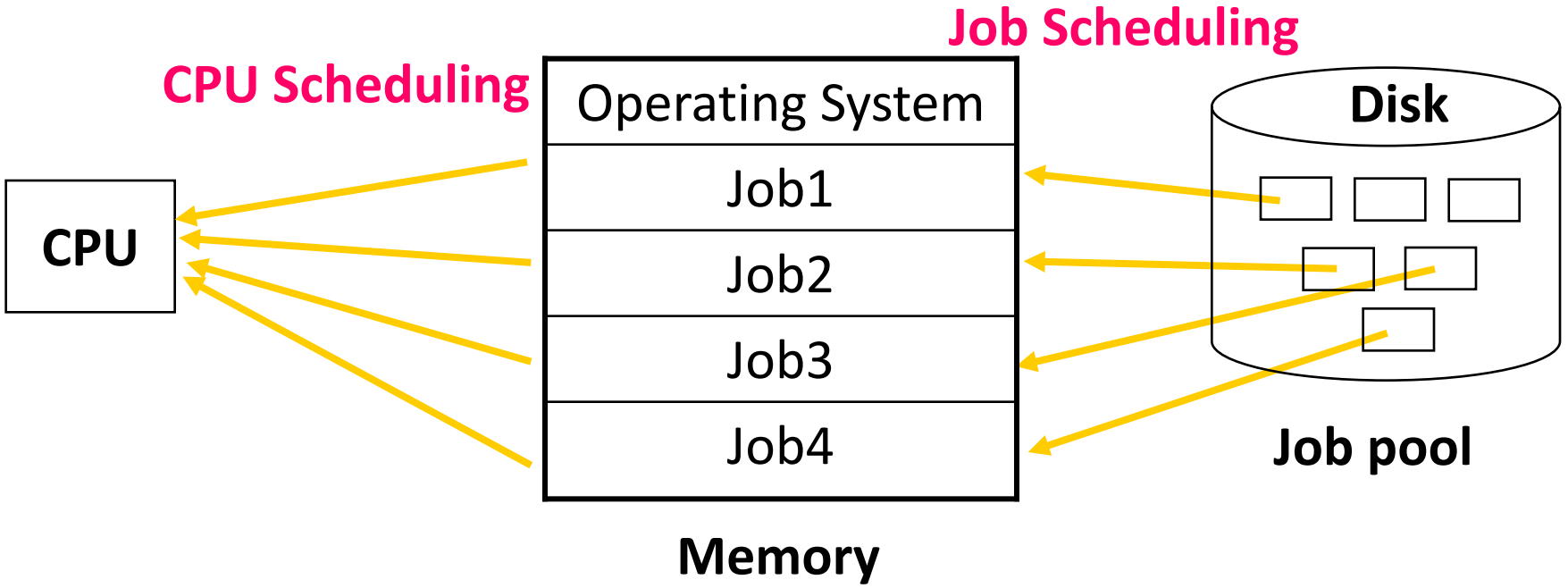
Mainframe: Multi-programming System

- Overlaps the I/O and computation of jobs
  - Keeps both CPU and I/O devices working at higher rates
- **Spooling** (Simultaneous Peripheral Operation On-Line)
  - I/O is done with no CPU intervention
  - CPU just needs to be notified when I/O is done



Mainframe: Multi-programming System

- Several jobs are kept in main memory at the same time, and the CPU is multiplexed among them



Mainframe: Multi-programming System

- OS tasks
  - Memory management (chap 9) – the system must allocate the memory to several jobs
  - CPU scheduling (chap6) – the system must choose among several jobs ready to run.
  - I/O system (chap13) – I/O routine supplied by the system, allocation of devices

Mainframe: Time-sharing System (Multi-tasking System)

- An interactive system provides direct communication between the users and the system
  - CPU switches among jobs so frequently that users may interact with programs
  - Users can see results immediately (response time < 1s)
  - Usually, keyboard/screen are used
- Multiple users can share the computer simultaneously
- Switch job when
  - finish
  - waiting I/O
  - a short period of time

Mainframe: Time-sharing System (Multi-tasking System)

- OS tasks
  - Virtual memory (chap 10) – jobs swap in and out of memory to obtain reasonable response time
  - File system and disk management (chap11,12) – manage files and disk storage for user data
  - Process synchronization and deadlock (chap7,8) – support concurrent execution of programs

Mainframe System Summary

	Batch	Multi-programming	Time-sharing (Multi-tasking)
System Model	Single user Single job	Multiple prog.	Multiple users Multiple prog.
Purpose	Simple	Resource utilization	Interactive Response time
OS features	N.A	CPU scheduling Memory Mgt. I/O system	File system Virtual memory Synchronization Deadlock

System Category

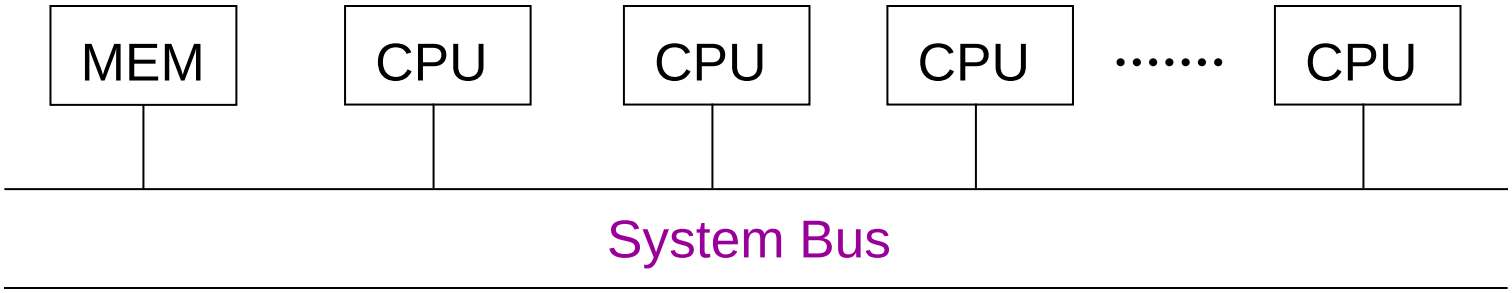
- Mainframe Systems
- Computer-system architecture
  - Desktop Systems: single processor
  - Parallel Systems: tightly coupled
  - Distributed Systems: loosely coupled
- Special-purpose Systems

Desktop Systems: Personal Computers

- Personal computers (PC) – computer system dedicated to a single user
- User convenience and responsiveness – GUI
- I/O devices – keyboards, mice, screens, printers
- Several different types of operating systems
  - Windows, MacOS, Unix, Linux
- Lack of file and OS protection from users
  - Worm, Virus

Parallel Systems

- A.k.a multiprocessor or ***tightly*** *coupled system*
  - More than one CPU/core in close communication
  - Usually communicate through **shared memory**
- Purposes
  - ***Throughput***, **Economical**, **Reliability**

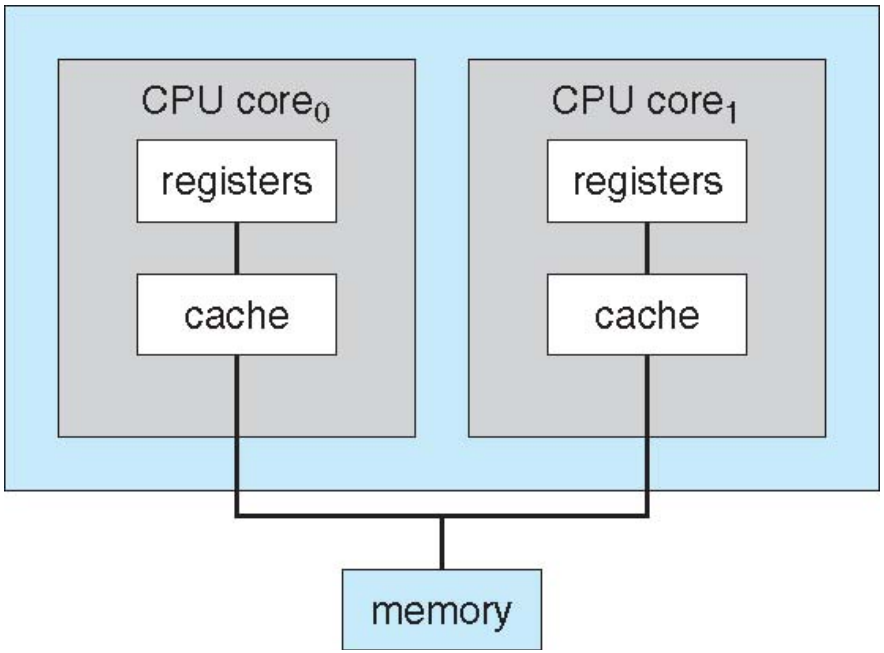


Parallel Systems

- Symmetric multiprocessor system (SMP)
  - Each processor runs the same OS
  - Most popular multiple-processor architecture
  - Require extensive synchronization to protect data integrity
- Asymmetric multiprocessor system
  - Each processor is assigned a specific task
  - One Master CPU & multiple slave CPUs
  - More common in extremely large systems

Multi-Core Processor

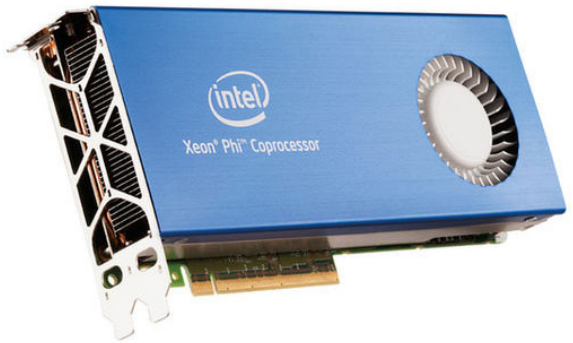
- A CPU with multiple cores on the same die (chip)
- On-chip communication is faster than between-chip communication
- One chip with multiple cores uses significantly less power than multiple single-core chips



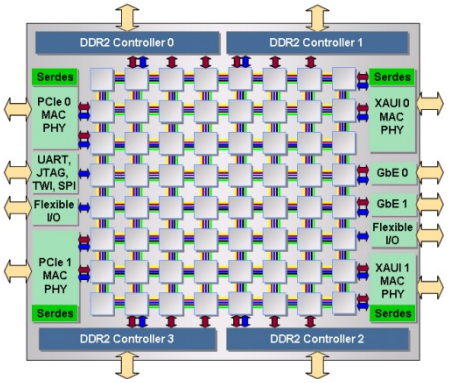
blade servers:
Each blade–processor board boots independently and run its own OS

Many-Core Processor

- Nvidia General-Purpose GPU
  - First release in Apr. 2008
  - Utilize a graphics processing unit (GPU)
  - **Single Instruction Multiple Data**
  - 2,880 thread processor, **1.43TGlops (x200 faster than a single Intel Core i7)**
  - 245 WATTS, Clock freq. 600~750 MHz
  - **$3000 USD**



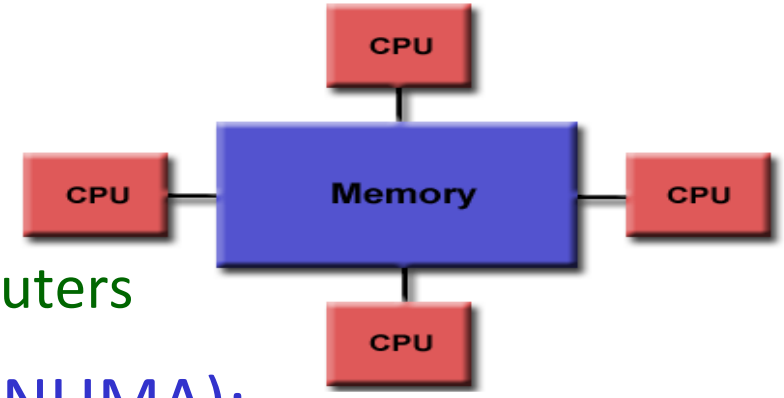
- Intel Xeon Phi
  - First release in Nov. 2012
  - A coprocessor computer architecture based on Intel Many Integrated Core (MIC)
  - 61 cores , 1.2TFlops, 300WATTS



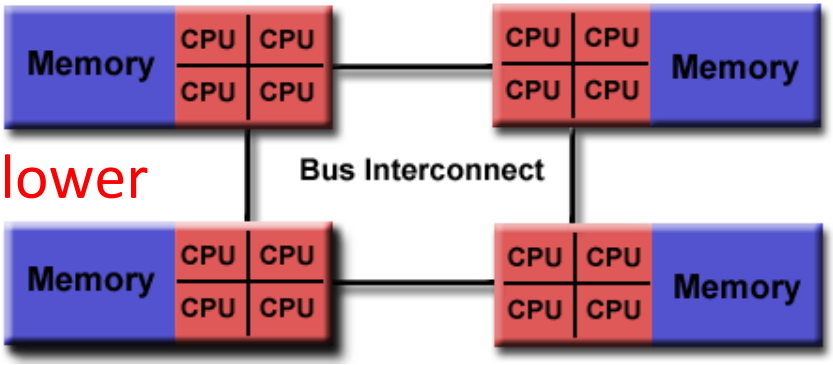
- TILE64
  - A mesh network of 64 "tiles“
  - Each tile houses a **general purpose** processor

Memory Access Architecture

- Uniform Memory Access (UMA):
  - Most commonly represented today by Symmetric Multiprocessor (SMP) machines
  - Identical processors
  - Equal access times to memory
  - Example: most commodity computers



- Non-Uniform Memory Access (NUMA):
  - Often made by physically linking two or more SMPs
  - One SMP can directly access memory of another SMP
  - Memory access across link is slower
  - Example: IBM Blade server

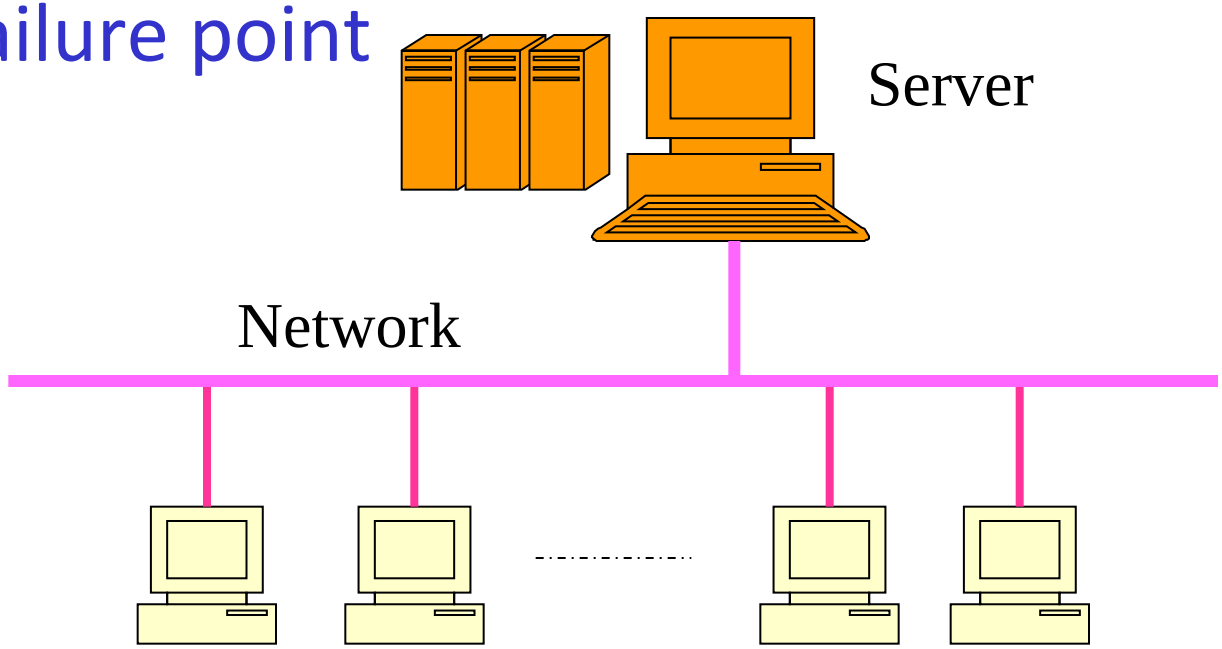


Distributed Systems

- Also known as ***loosely*** *coupled system*
  - Each processor has its own **local memory**
  - processors communicate with one another through various communication lines (I/O bus or **network**)
  - Easy to scale to large number of nodes (hundreds of thousands, e.g. Internet)
- Purposes
  - Resource sharing
  - Load sharing
  - Reliability
- Architecture: peer-to-peer or client-server

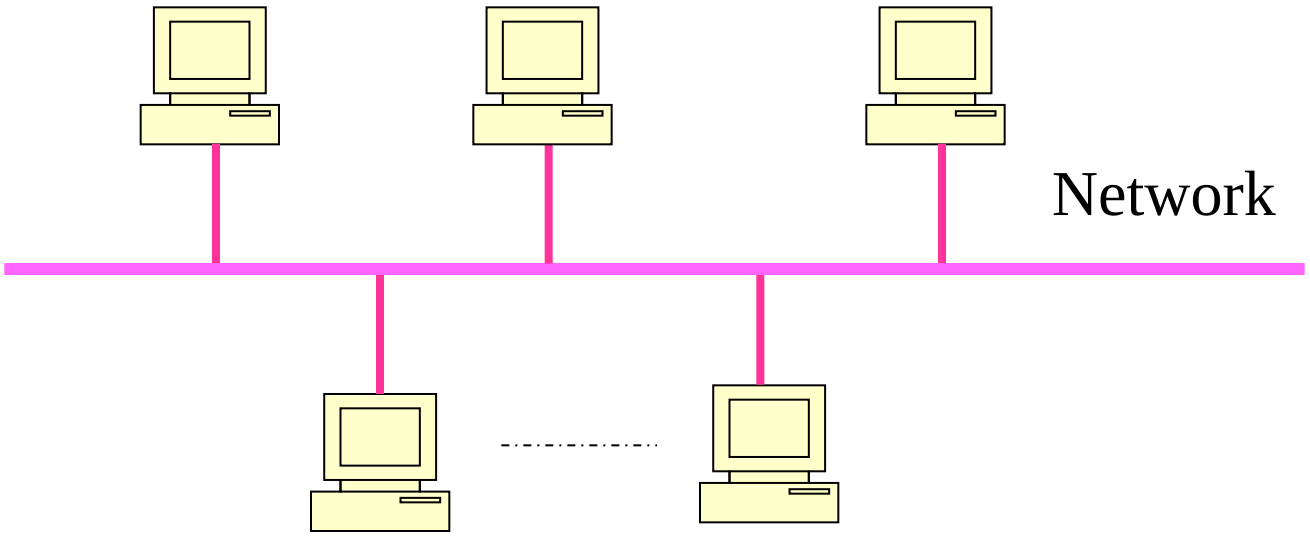
Client-Server Distributed System

- Easier to manage and control resources
- But, server becomes the bottleneck and single failure point



Peer-to-Peer Distributed System

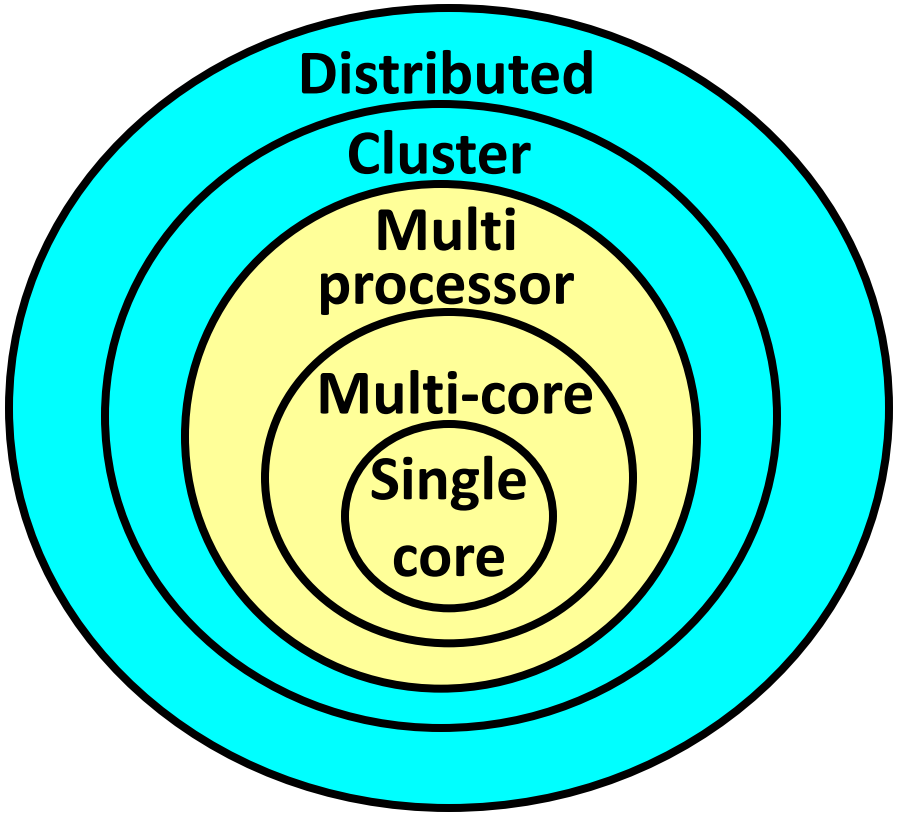
- Every machine is identical in its role in the distributed system – decentralized
- Example: ppStream, bitTorrent, Internet



Clustered Systems

- Definition:
  - Cluster computers share storage and are closely linked via a local area network (LAN) or a faster interconnect, such as InfiniBand (up to 300Gb/s).
- *Asymmetric clustering*: one server runs the application while other servers standby
- *Symmetric clustering*: two or more hosts are running application and are monitoring each other

System Architecture Summary



Tightly coupled

Loosely coupled

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- Computer-system architecture
- Special-purpose Systems
  - Real-Time Systems
  - Multimedia Systems
  - Handheld Systems

Real-Time Operating Systems (Chap19)

- Well-defined fixed-time constraints
  - "Real-time" doesn't mean speed,
    but *keeping* ***deadlines***
- Guaranteed response and reaction times
- Often used as a control device in a dedicated application:
  - Scientific experiments, medical imaging systems, industrial control systems, weapon systems, etc
- Real-time requirement: hard or soft

Soft vs. Hard Real-Time

- Soft real-time requirements:
  - Missing the deadline is unwanted, but is not immediately critical
  - A critical real-time task gets priority over other tasks, and retains that priority until it completes
  - Examples: multimedia streaming
- Hard real-time requirements:
  - Missing the deadline results in *a fundamental failure*
  - Secondary storage limited or absent, data stored in short term memory, or read-only memory (ROM)
  - Examples: nuclear power plant controller

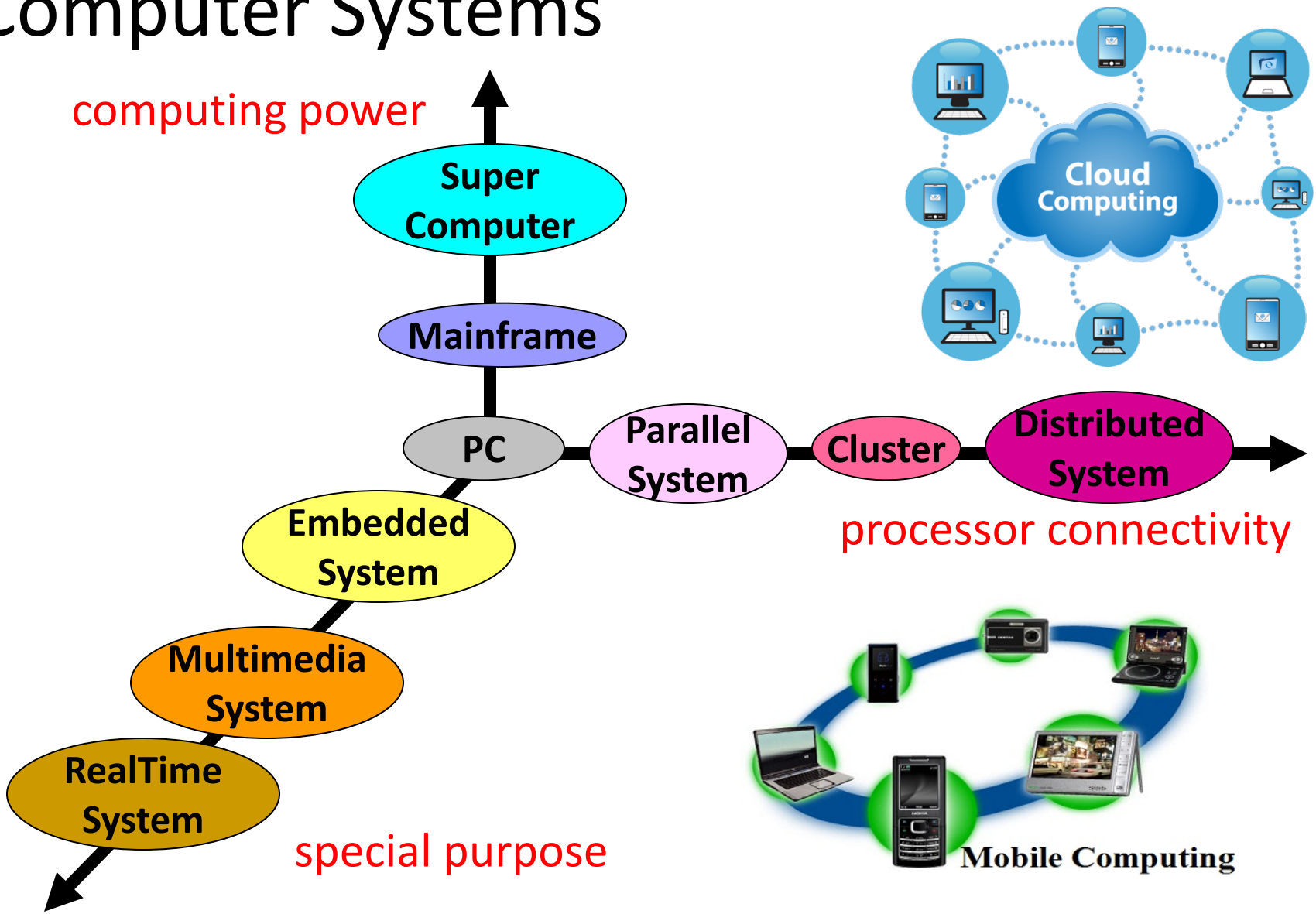
Multimedia Systems (Chap20)

- A wide range of applications including audio and video files (e.g. ppstream, online TV)
- Issues:
  - Timing constraints: 24~30 frames per second
  - On-demand/live streaming: media file is only played but not stored
  - Compression: due to the size and rate of multimedia systems

Handheld/Embedded Systems

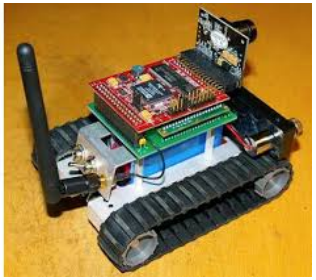
- Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs)
- Cellular telephones
- HW specialized OS
- Issues
  - Limited memory
  - Slow processors
  - Battery consumption
  - Small display screens

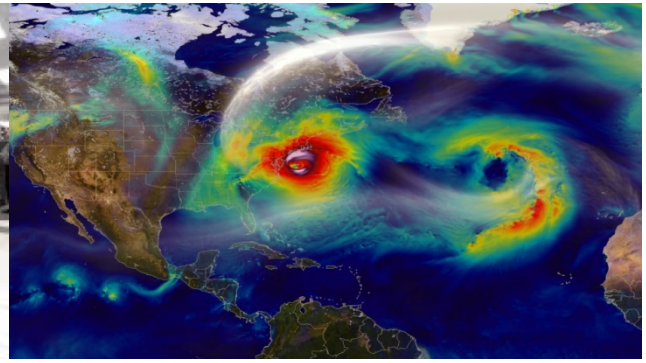
Computer Systems



Computer Systems

- Which system to use? How to use it?
- They have many things in common, but also with different design decisions for their OS.





Review Slides

- Mainframe system
  - Batch, **Multi-programming** and **Time-sharing**
- tightly coupled system vs. loosely coupled system
- NUMA vs. UMA
- Distributed system:
  - Client-server vs. P2P
- Real-time system:
  - Soft vs. Hard real-time