

Memory Hierarchy

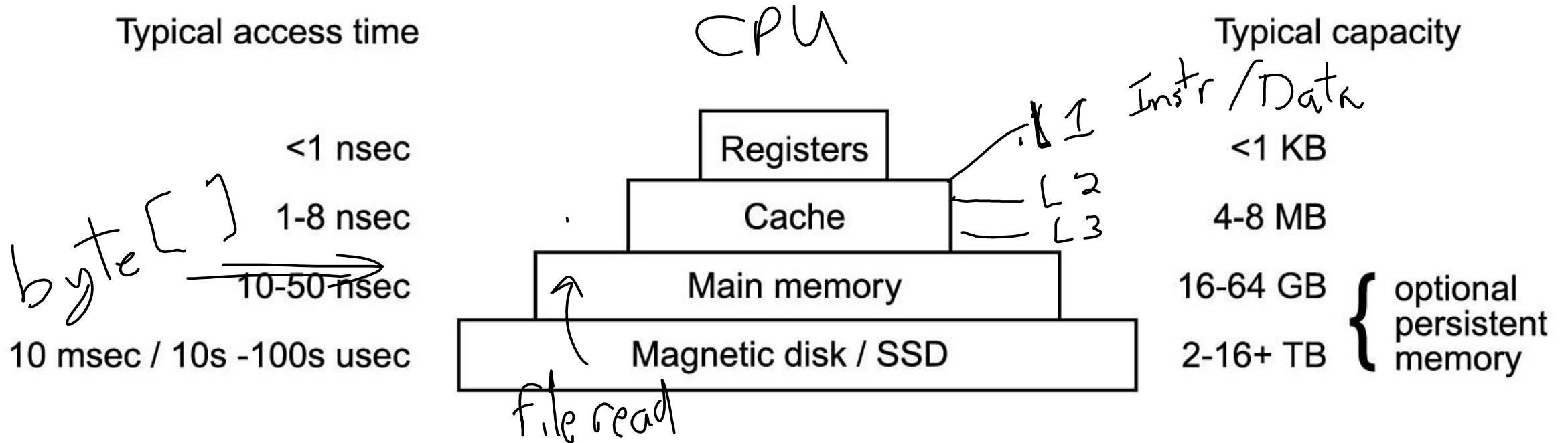


Figure 1.9 A typical memory hierarchy. The numbers are very rough approximations.

Multi-core CPU

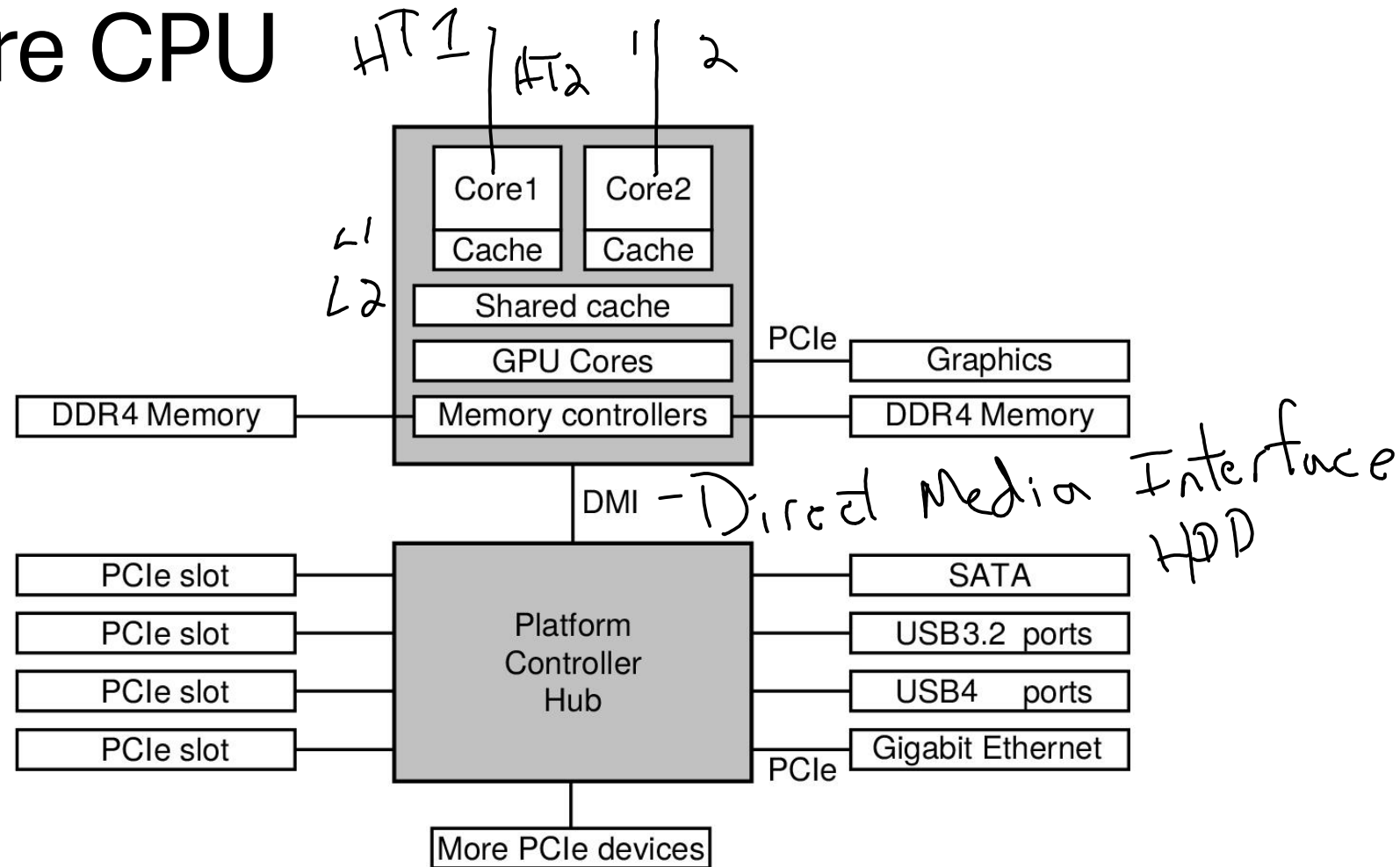


Figure 1.12 The structure of a large x86 system: many buses (e.g., cache, memory, PCIe, USB, SATA, and DMI)

CPU Operation

1. Fetch: get the next instruction from memory.
2. Decode: determine the operands.
3. Execute: run the instruction.
4. Write back: store the solution.

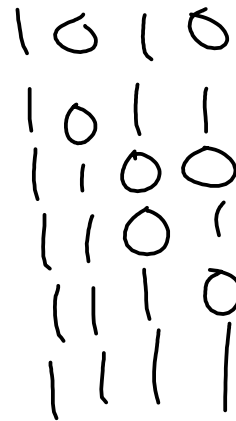
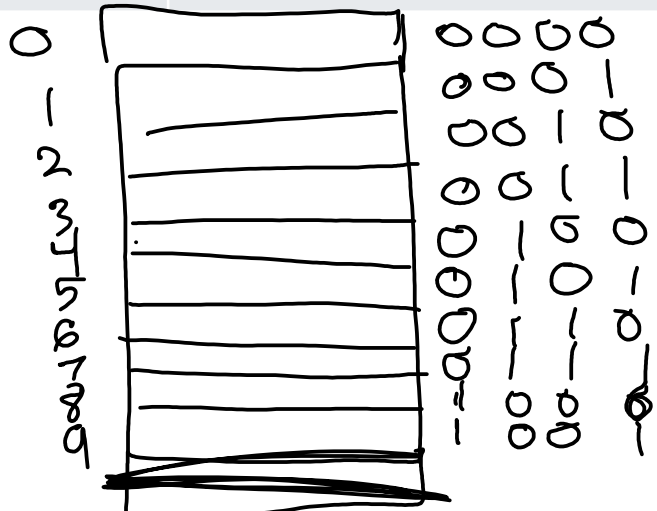
PC: program
counter
(register)

register

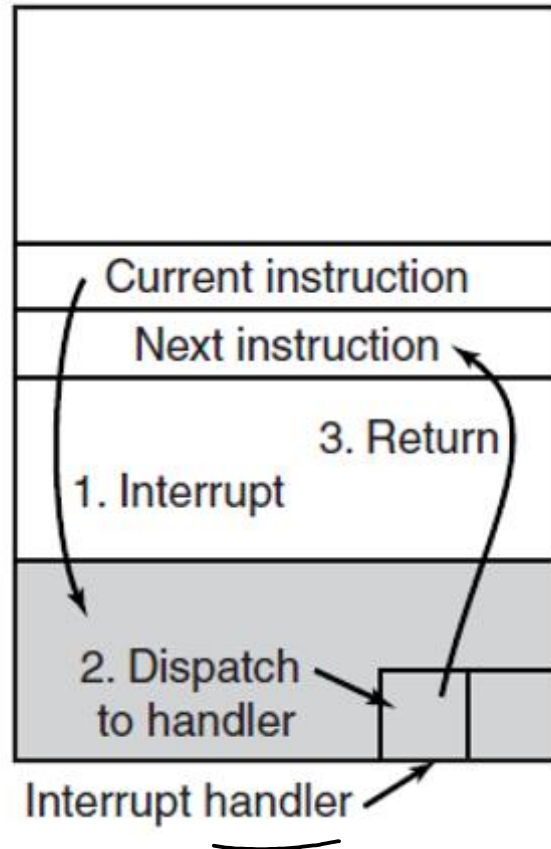
li	\$r2,	12		# \$r2 = 12
lw	\$r3,	x		# \$r3 = x
add	\$r1,	\$r2,	\$r3	# \$r1 = \$r2 + \$r3

Units

Prefix	Base 10	Value	Base 2	Value
Kilo	10^3	1,000	2^{10}	1,024
Mega	10^6	1,000,000	2^{20}	1,048,576
Giga	10^9	1,000,000,000	2^{30}	1,073,741,824
Tera	10^{12}	1,000,000,000,000	2^{40}	1,099,511,627,776
Peta	10^{15}	1,000,000,000,000,000	2^{50}	1,125,899,906,842,624
Exa	10^{18}	1,000,000,000,000,000,000	2^{60}	1,152,921,504,606,846,976



Interrupts (I/O)



How interrupts work

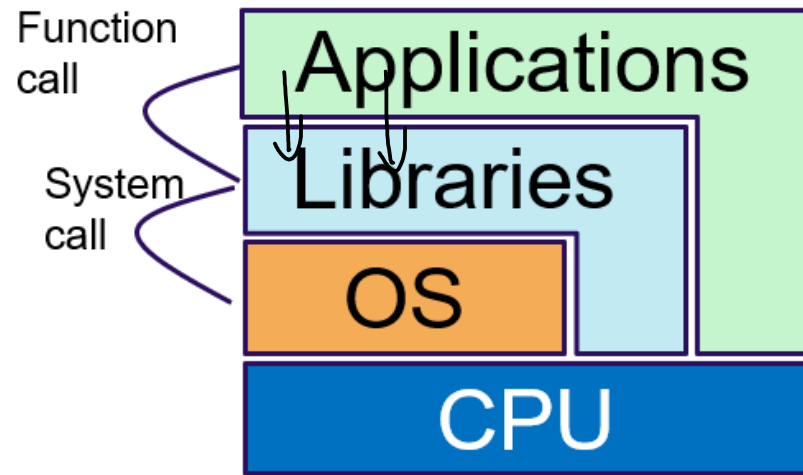
`in.NextInt()`

blocks
- I/O finishes
- runs your program

key strokes

Figure 1.11 (b) Interrupt processing involves taking the interrupt, running the interrupt handler, and returning to the user program.

System Calls



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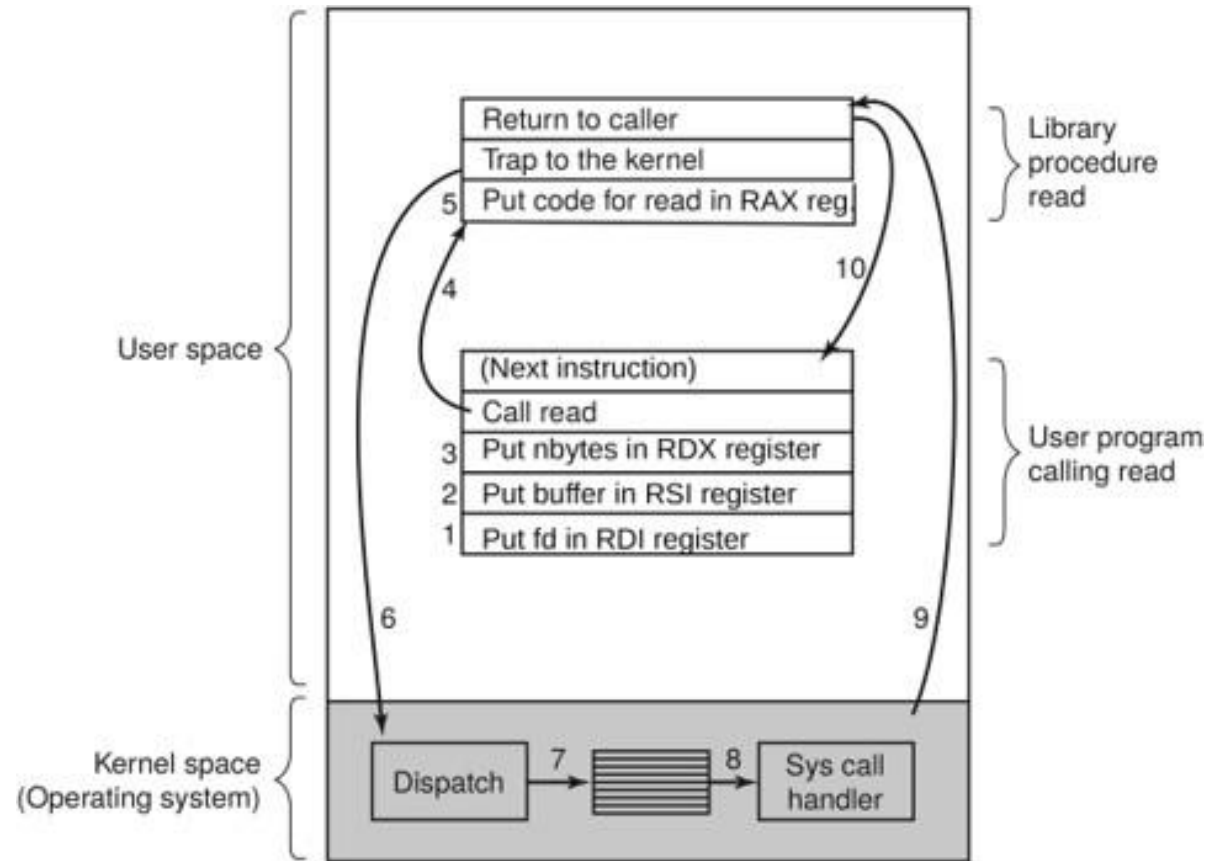


Figure 1.17 The 10 steps in making the system call `read(fd, buffer, nbytes)`.

Command Line Interface

- cat, more, less, grep, wc, ls, ps
- Getting help: apropos, man, -h, --help
- Redirects and pipes:
 - Overwrite: >, 2>, 2>&1, &>
 - Append: >>
 - Input: <
 - Pipe: |