

Parallel and Distributed Processing

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Outline

Course Information

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- Course goal and methodology
- Grading

Intro to parallel/distributed systems

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Why take this Course ?

Huge amounts of computing are now **parallel** or **distributed** ...

- Intel threw its hands up in the air:

Couldn't increase GHz much more without CPU temperatures reaching solar levels

- But we can still stuff more transistors (Moore's Law)
- Results: **Multicore & NUMA & GPU**

Your computer has become a **parallel/distributed** system

Why take this Course ?

Whole Internet thing...

- Most things are distributed, and more each day

My **phone** syncs its calendar with iCloud, which I can get on my **mac air** with an **app** or **web browser**, ...

- *Internet* and *mobile* have made area much more attractive and timely
- **Hard/unsolved**: not many (stable) deployed sophisticated parallel and distributed systems

Course Goal

Introduce you to (parallel & distributed) system design concepts and principles

- Modularity, Layering, Reliability, ...

Cover the design and evolutions of many important (parallel & distributed) computer systems

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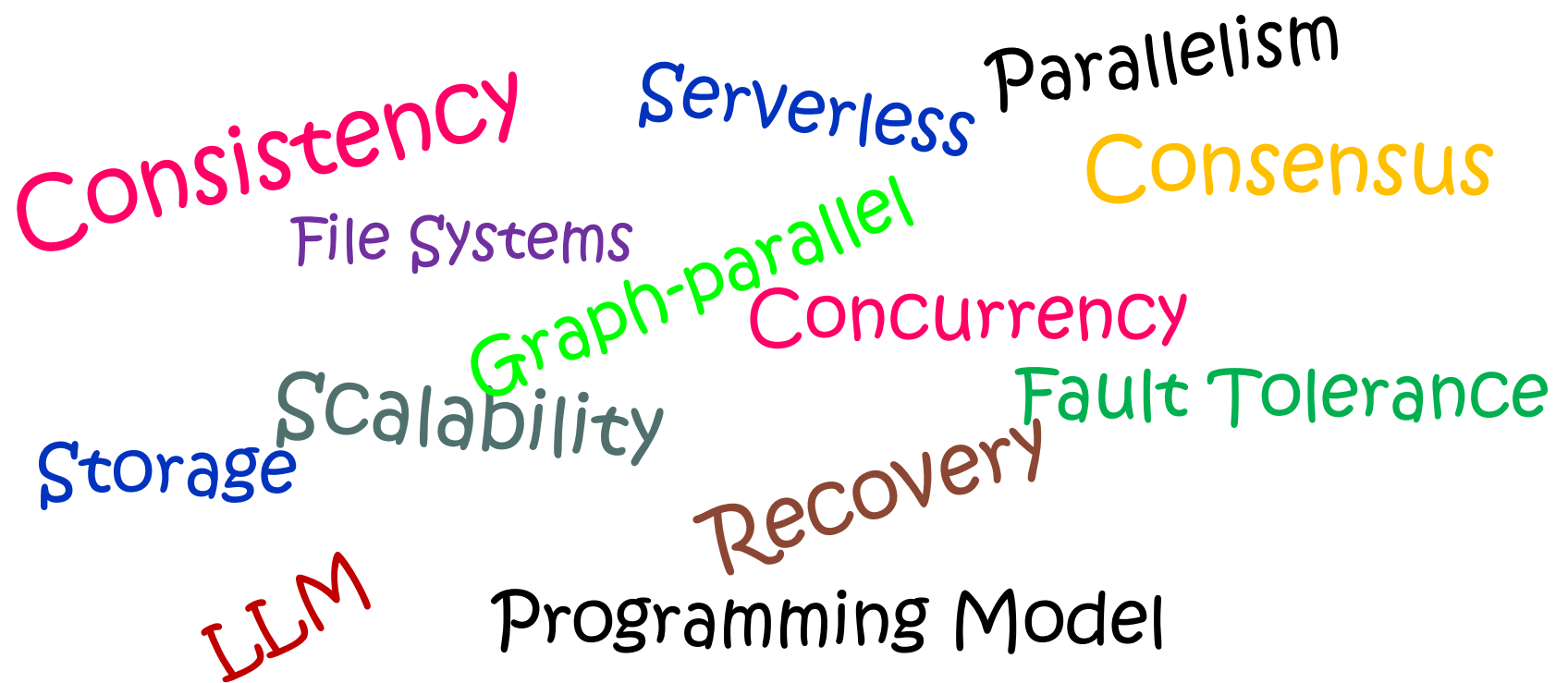
- Industry and Academic

Train yourself 😊

- Present paper & ask question
- Demo your idea & observation

Course Topics

Major: Distributed Systems



A word cloud of distributed systems topics. The words are arranged in a roughly circular pattern, each in a different color and orientation. The words include: Consistency (pink, top-left), Serverless (blue, top-center), Parallelism (black, top-right), Consensus (yellow, right), Concurrency (pink, bottom-right), Fault Tolerance (green, bottom-right), Recovery (brown, bottom-center), Programming Model (black, bottom-center), LLM (red, bottom-left), Scalability (teal, bottom-left), Storage (blue, bottom-left), Graph-parallel (green, center), and File Systems (purple, center).

Consistency

Serverless

Parallelism

Consensus

Concurrency

Fault Tolerance

Recovery

Programming Model

LLM

Scalability

Storage

Graph-parallel

File Systems

Methodology

Courses

- Topic Introduction (90min)
 - Study classical systems (*not very old*)
 - Discuss practically-oriented concepts

Stunningly impressive capabilities now seem mundane. But lots of great stuff going on under the hood ...

– David Andersen (CMU)

Methodology

Courses

- Topic Introduction (90min)
 - Study classical systems (*not very old*)
 - Discuss practically-oriented concepts
- Team Show (45min)
 - Present state-of-the-art systems (*at present*)
 - Demonstrate funny features
 - Team: 4 persons

Collaboration

Working together is important

- Discuss papers
- Find funny features to show
- Prepare presentation and demo

All members should understand entire paper and demo

Tentative Grading

Exam (45%)

Paper Quiz (10%)

- 10 times "synopsis + Q&A" before lecture

Team Show (45%)

- Presentation (20%)
- Demo (20%)
- Ask Questions (5%)

Tentative Grading

Paper Quiz: synopsis + Q&A

1. You must submit a synopsis before class:

- Overview of the main idea (two sentences)
- System used and how it was modified (one sentence)
- Workloads evaluated (one sentence)

NOTE: each review must be your own writing

- Don't copy text from the papers or other sources (e.g., DeepSeek, ChatGPT)

2. Answer questions of the paper

Tentative Grading

Presentation (22min+3min)

- Grading: Instructor (50%) + Classmates (50%)
- Slides Presentation
 - ✓ Basic(3): get the main idea cross
 - ✓ Organization(1): flow of slides, good timing
 - ✓ Style(1): easy to understand
- Oral Presentation
 - ✓ Basic(3): understandable, main idea comes
 - ✓ Clarity(1): clear explanation
 - ✓ Style(1): interesting, motivating

Tentative Grading

Demo (17min+3min)

- Grading: Instructor (50%) + Classmates (50%)
- Innovation
 - ✓ Basic(2): relevant, fully prepared
 - ✓ Attractive(2): irradiative, surprise
 - ✓ Robust (1): comprehensive, reproduction
- Presentation
 - ✓ Basic(3): understandable, main idea comes
 - ✓ Clarity(1): clear explanation
 - ✓ Style(1): interesting, motivating

Tentative Grading

Ask Questions

- After each *presentation* or *demo*
- Each valid question: 3~5 points
- Only consider best 1 question

- *Valid question*
 - ✓ Relevant
 - ✓ Meaningful
 - ✓ Important

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Building and Classifying Parallel and Distributed Systems

Flynn's Taxonomy (1966)

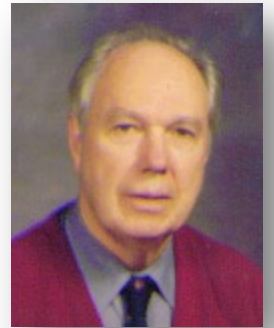
SISD

Number of **instruction** and **data** streams

- Traditional uniprocessor system

SIMD

- Array (vector) processor
- Examples: GPU, APU, SSE3, ...



Michael J. Flynn

MISD

- Generally not used and doesn't make sense

MIMD

- Multi-computers, each with PC, program, data
- **Parallel and Distributed systems**

Subclassifying MIMD

Memory

- Shared memory systems: **multiprocessors**
- No shared memory: **multicomputers**

Interconnect

- Bus
- Switch

Delay/Bandwidth

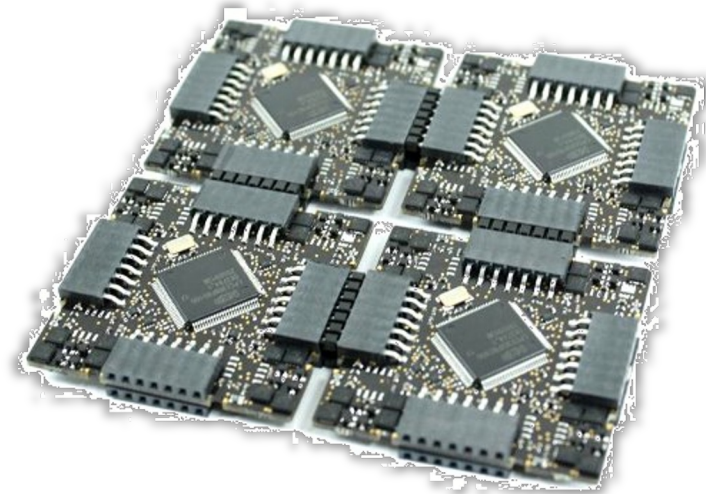
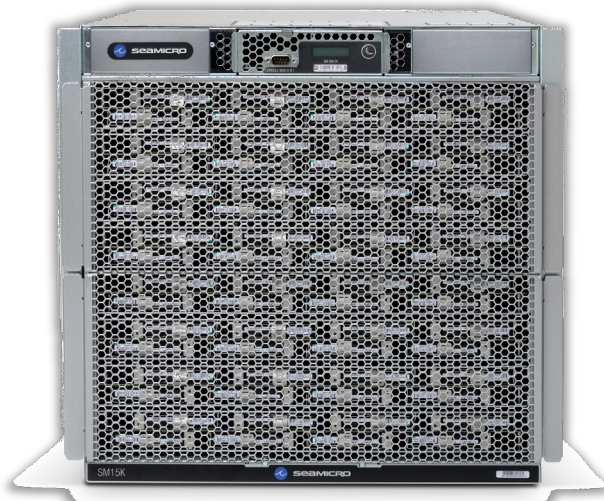
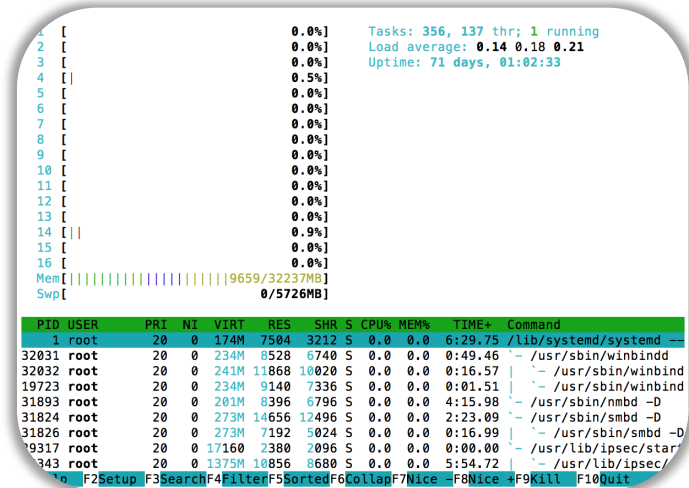
- Tightly coupled systems
- Loosely coupled systems

Parallel Systems: Multiprocessors

Shared memory

Shared clock

All-or-nothing failure



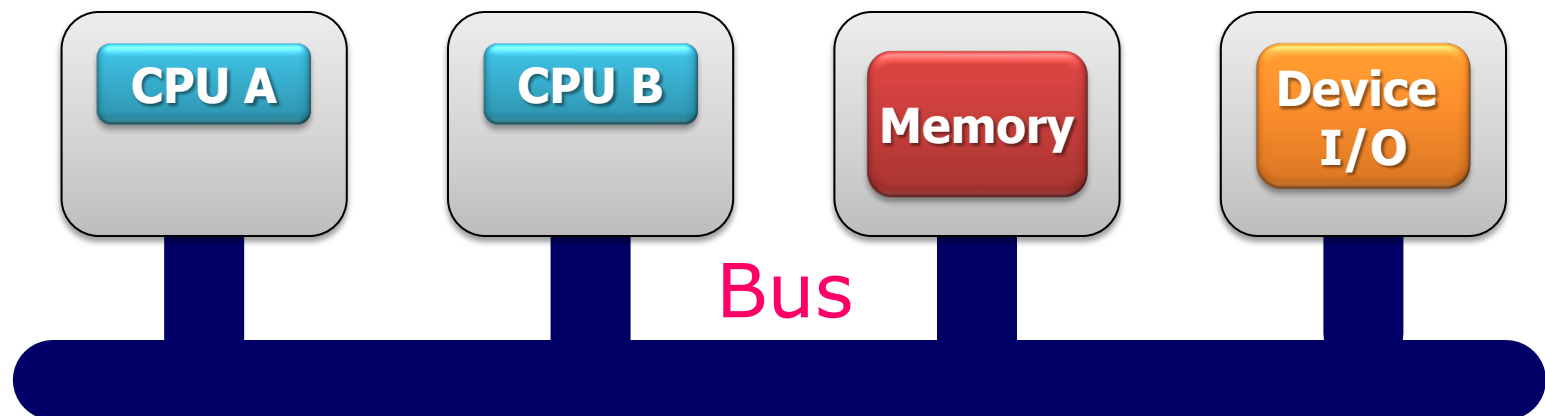
Bus-based Multiprocessors

SMP: Symmetric Multi-Processing

Characterized by

- UMA: Uniform Memory Access

Memory and peripherals are accessed via shared **bus**
System looks the same from any processor



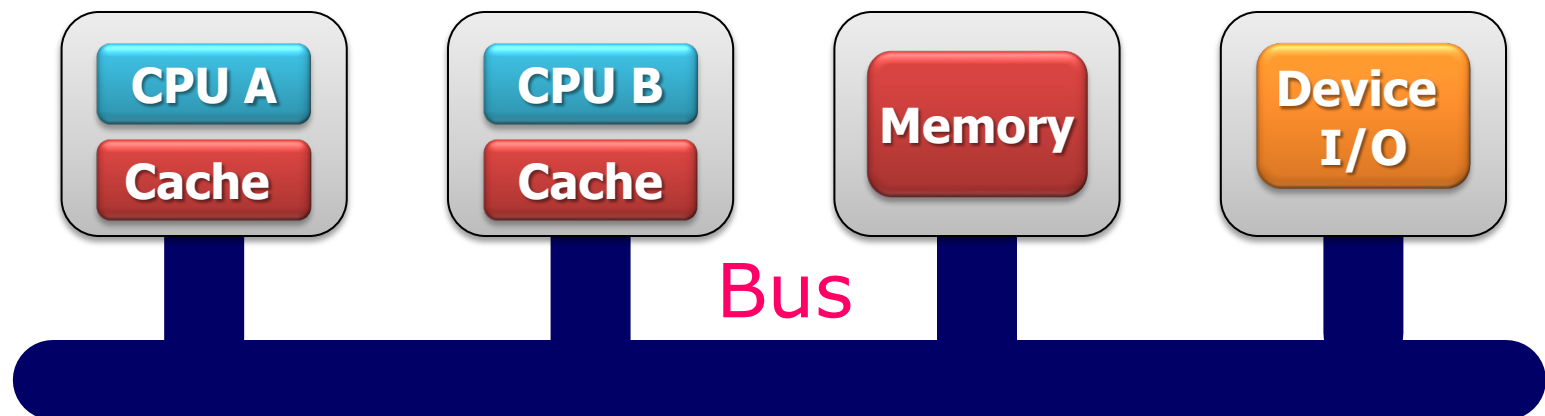
Bus-based Multiprocessors

How do we deal with bus overload & memory contention?

- Add local memory (cache)

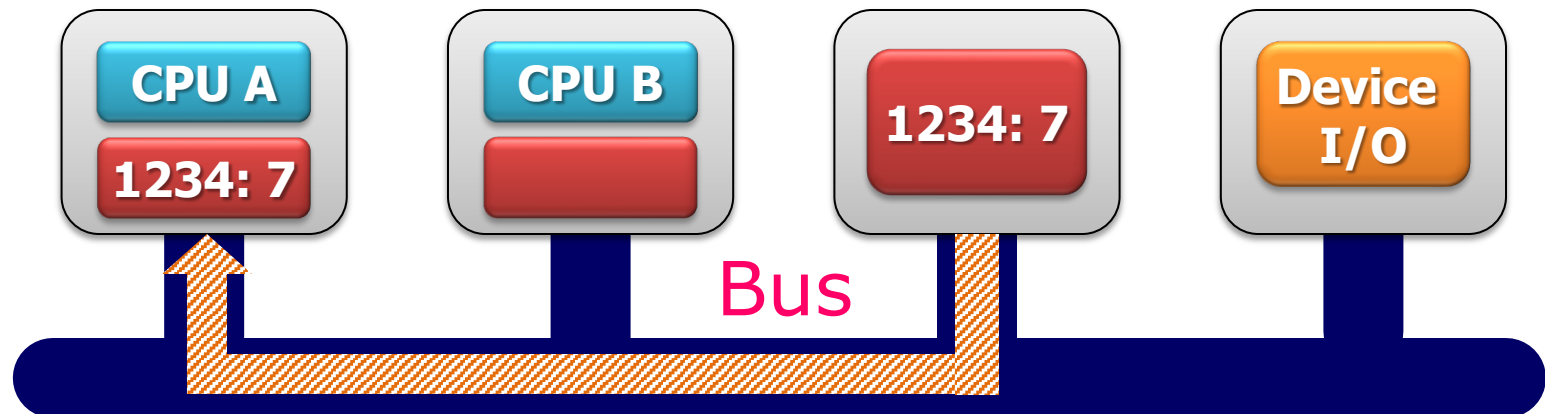
CPU reads/writes cache memory

- Access main memory only on cache miss



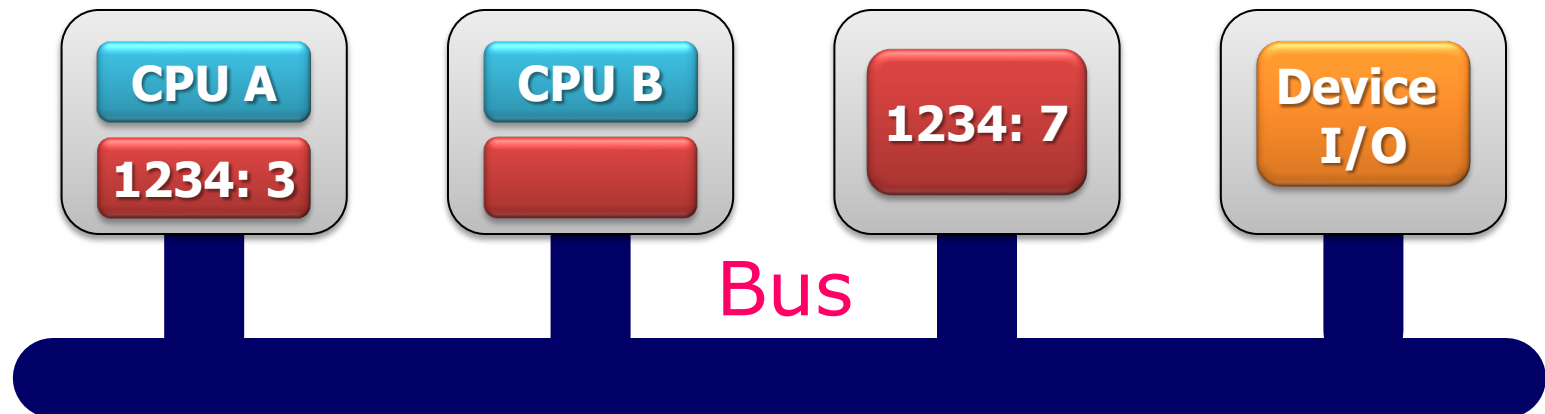
Working with a Cache

CPU A reads location 1234 from memory



Working with a Cache

CPU A modifies location 1234

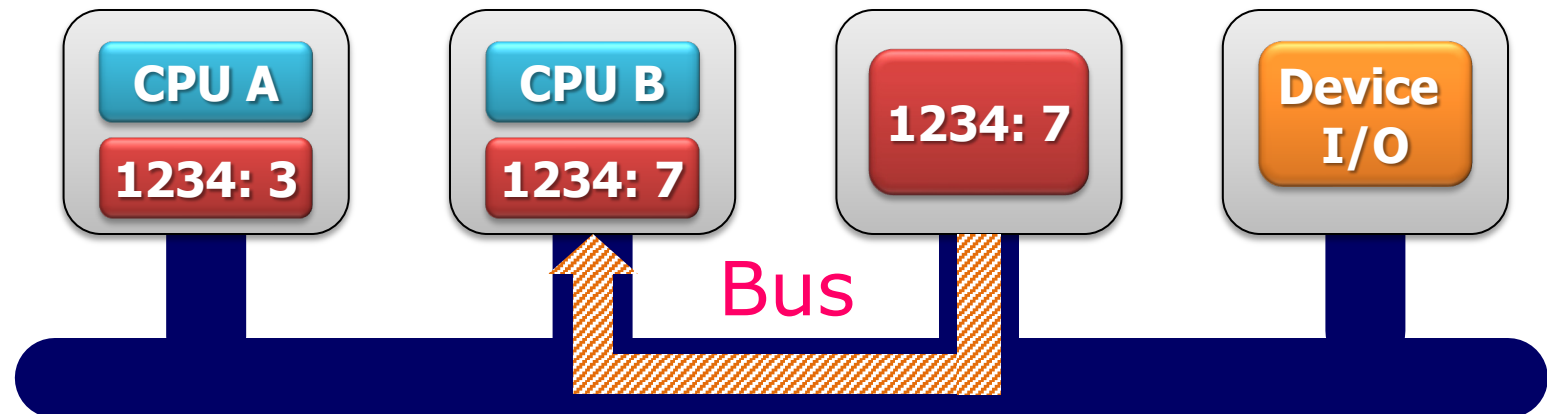


Working with a Cache

CPU B reads location 1234 from memory

Gets **stale** value

Memory not coherent!

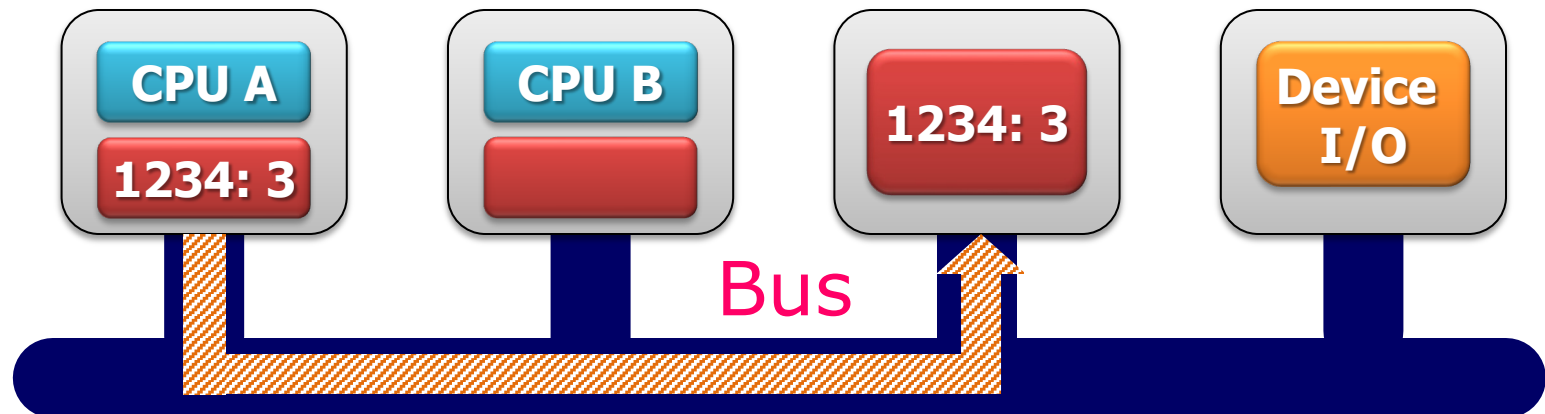


Working with a Cache

Fix coherency problem by writing all values through bus to main memory

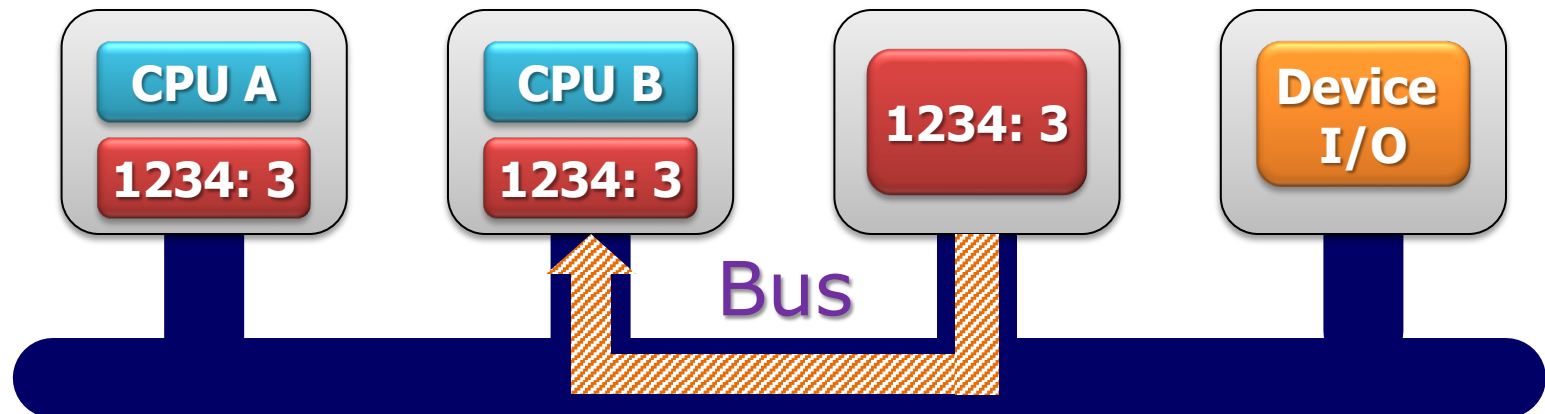
Write-through Cache

CPU A modifies location 1234, then **write-through** main memory is now coherent



Working with a Cache

CPU B reads location 1234 from memory

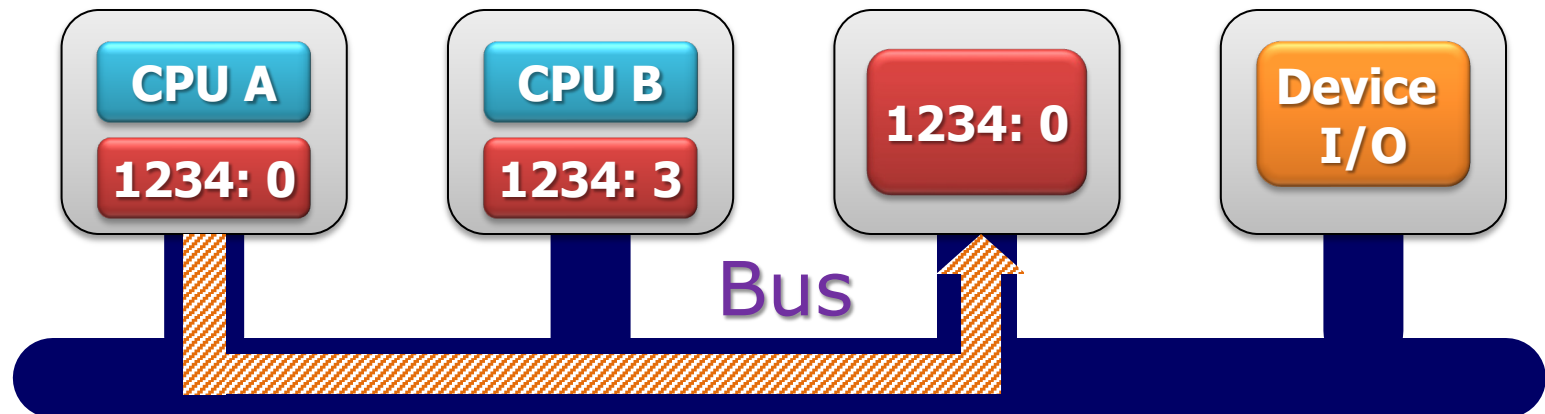


Working with a Cache

CPU A modifies location 1234 again

Cache on CPU B not **updated**

Memory not coherent!

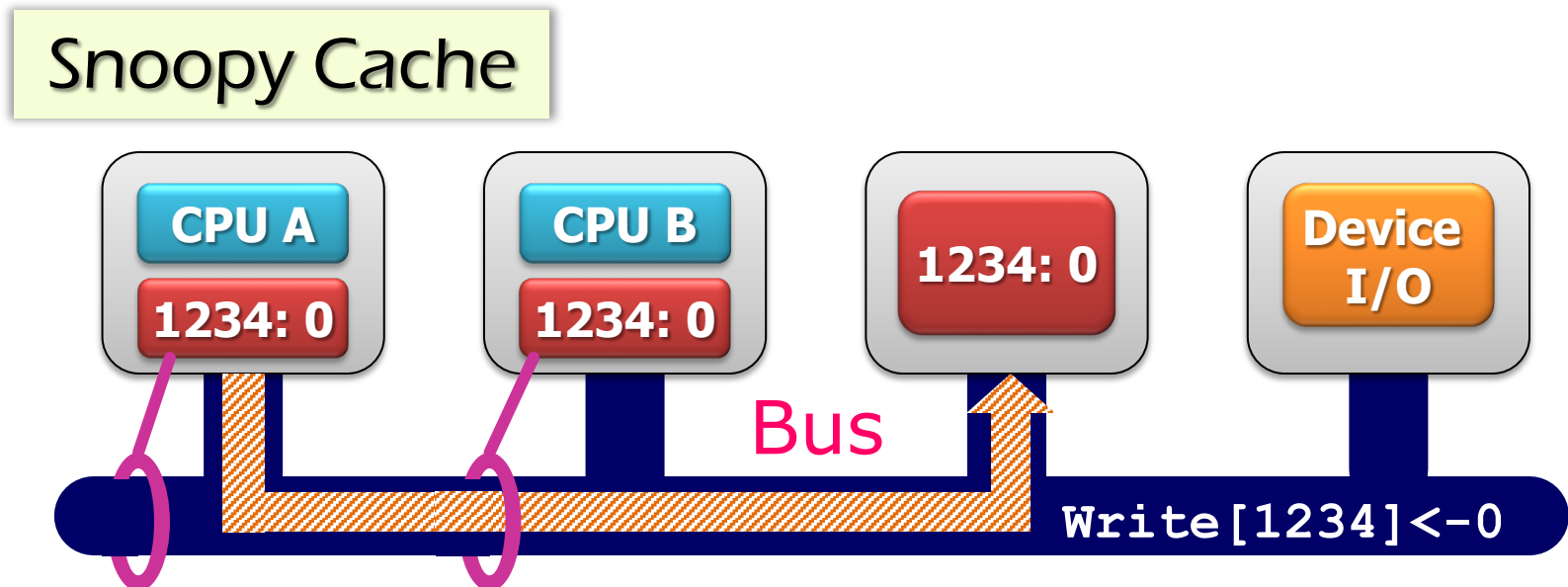


Working with a Cache

Add logic to each cache controller:

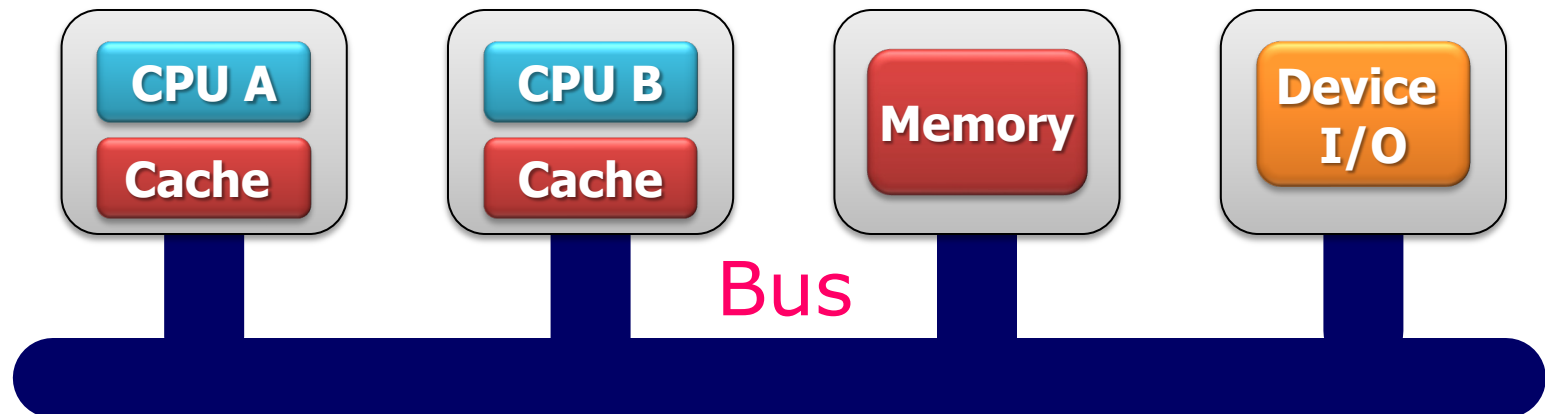
Monitor the bus for writes to memory

Virtually all bus-based architectures use a **snoopy** cache

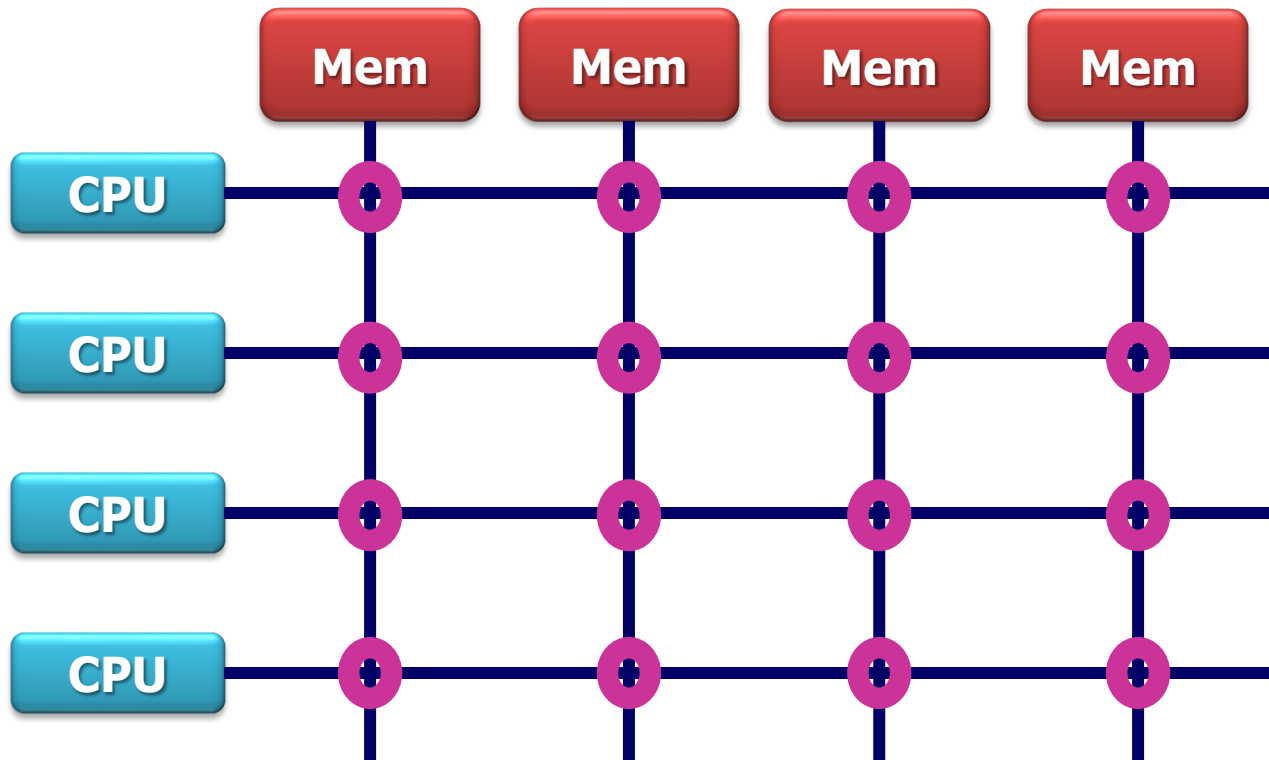


Switched multiprocessors

A bus-based architecture does not **scale** to a large number of CPUs (8+)



Switched multiprocessors



n^2 *crosspoint* switches

– expensive switching fabric

NUMA

Hierarchical Memory System

Each CPU has **local** memory: fast access

Other CPU's memory: slow access

Placement of code & data becomes difficult

- OS has to be aware of memory allocation and CPU scheduling

NUMA

SGI Origin's ccNUMA

AMD64 Opteron

- Each CPU gets a bank of DDR memory
- Inter-processor communications are sent over HyperTransport link

Intel Core i7

- Cores on the same package share memory via Integrated Memory Controller (IMC)
- Access memory from other nodes via Intel QuickPath Interconnect (QPI)

NUMA

Linux > 2.5 kernel

- Multiple run queues
- Structures for determining layout of memory and processors

Also supported in Windows, Oracle, ..

Distributed Systems

Multicomputers

or

Networked Computers

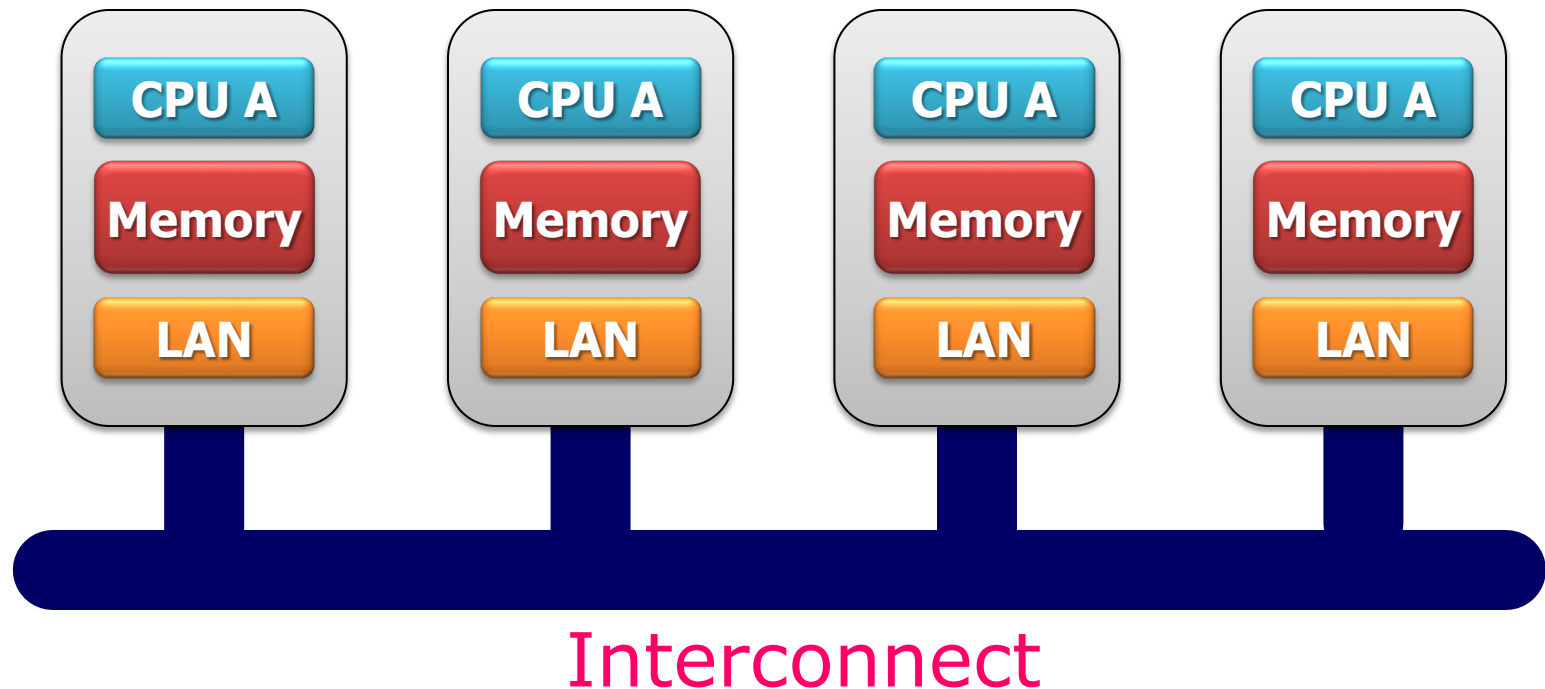
No shared clock

No shared memory

- Alternate communication mechanism needed
- Use network interconnect

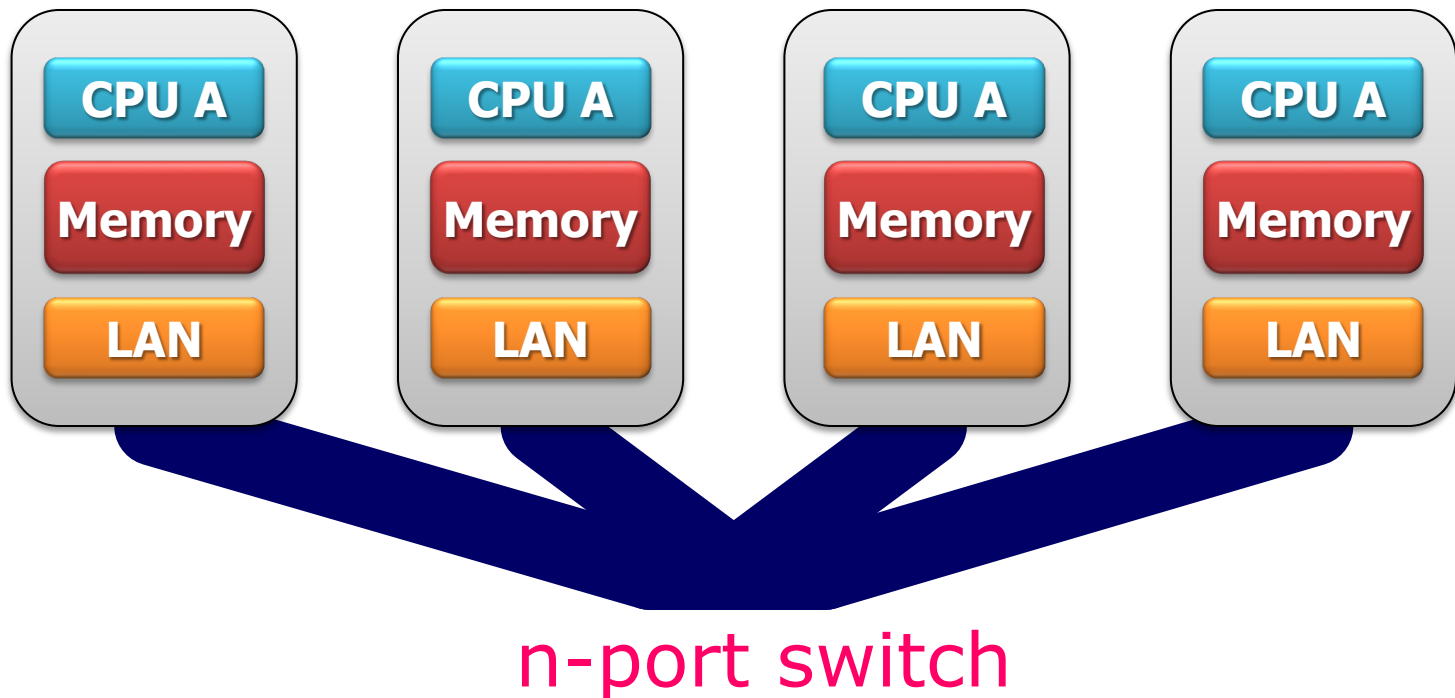
Bus-based Multicomputers

Collection of workstations on a LAN



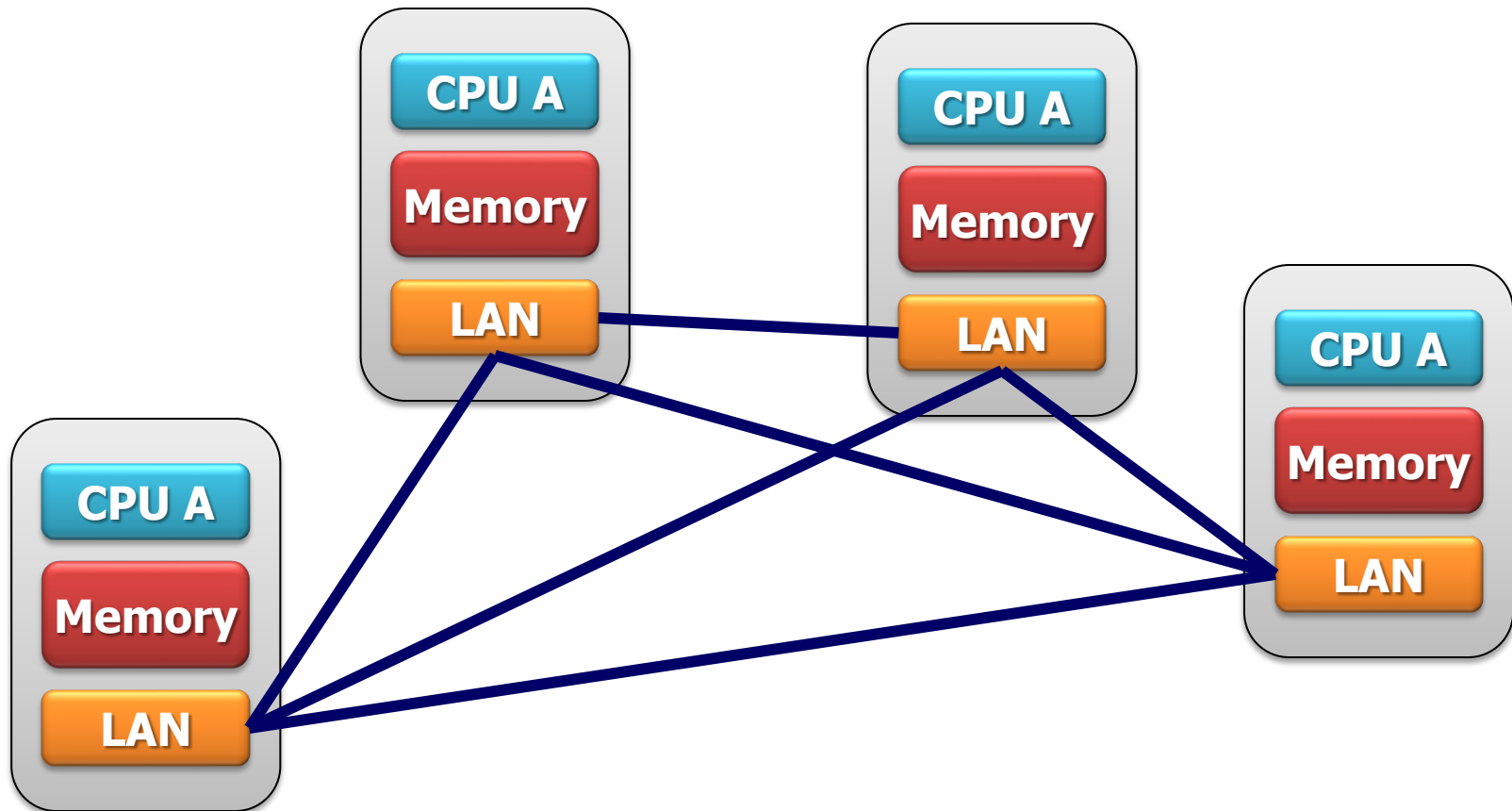
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Switched Multicomputers

Logical view: any-to-any communication



What is a Distributed Systems ?

A collection of **independent/autonomous** hosts connected through a communication network **working together** to perform **a service**

- No shared memory (must use the network)
- No shared clock

Examples

- Web servers
- Facebook
- Google search
- Producing an animated movie
- Amazon shopping cart
- Online game

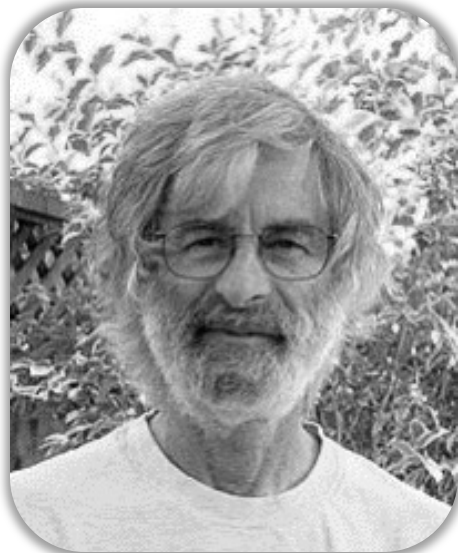
Single System Image

Collection of **independent** computers that appears as a single system to the user(s)

- Independent = autonomous
- Single system: user no aware of distribution

You know you have a **distributed** system when the **crash** of a computer you've never heard of stops you from getting any work done.

– Leslie Lamport



LESLIE LAMPORT

United States – 2013

CITATION

For fundamental contributions to the theory and practice of distributed and concurrent systems, notably the invention of concepts such as causality and logical clocks, safety and liveness, replicated state machines, and sequential consistency.

Distributed Software Service Models

Multiprocessor/Multicore OS

Multiple CPUs: UMA/NUMA

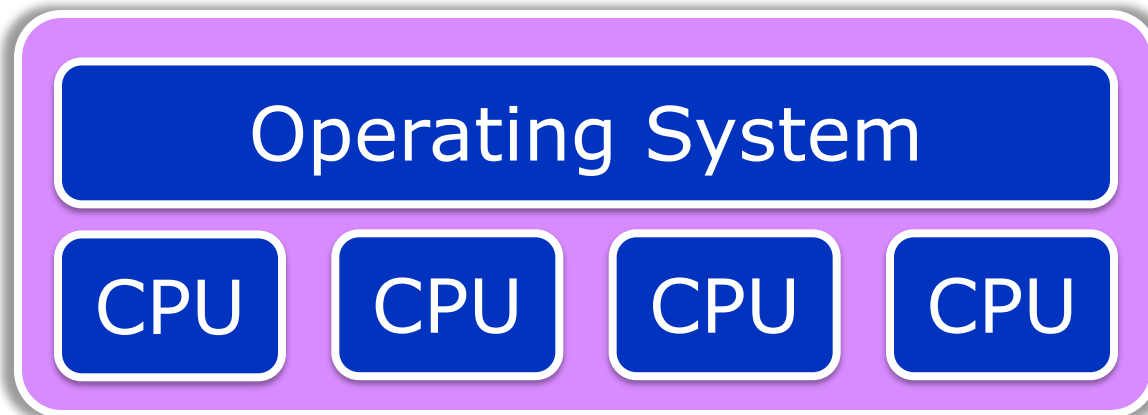
#Processors transparent to programs

Single OS and system image

Same communication mechanisms

- *Semaphores, shared memory, messages*

Networking not needed: we have shared memory



Network OS

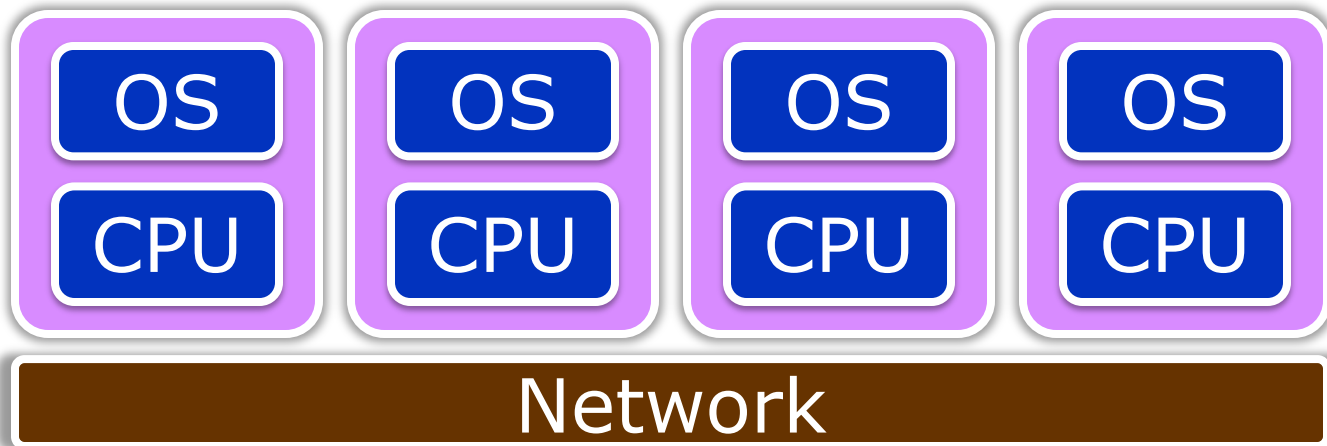
Autonomous nodes comm. via a network

Configurations may differ

Not a single system image

Distribution is explicit

Examples: Linux, Windows, OS X

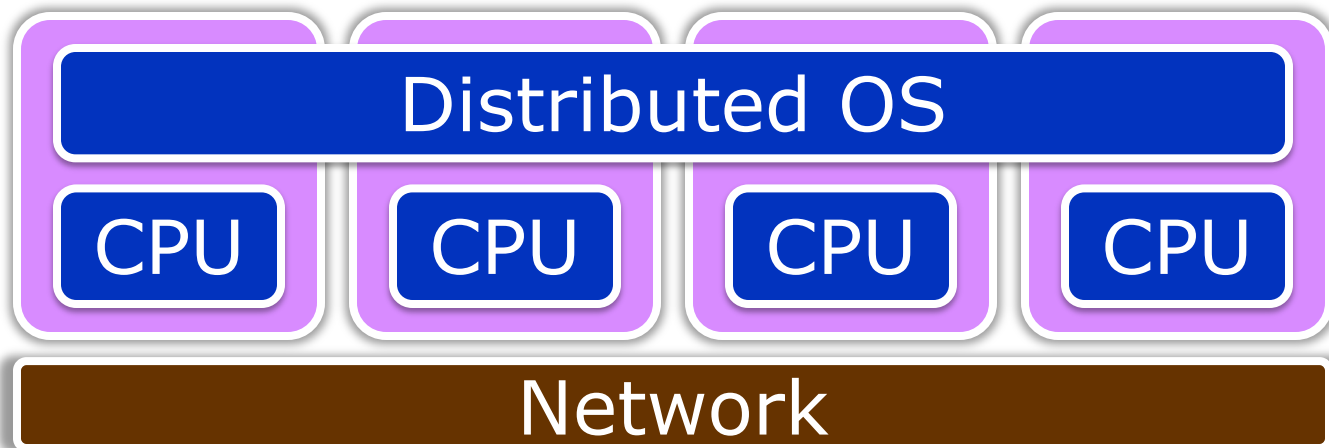


Distributed OS

Operating systems are aware of multiple systems and coordinate resource sharing

Single system image for file systems, processes, devices

Homogeneous hardware



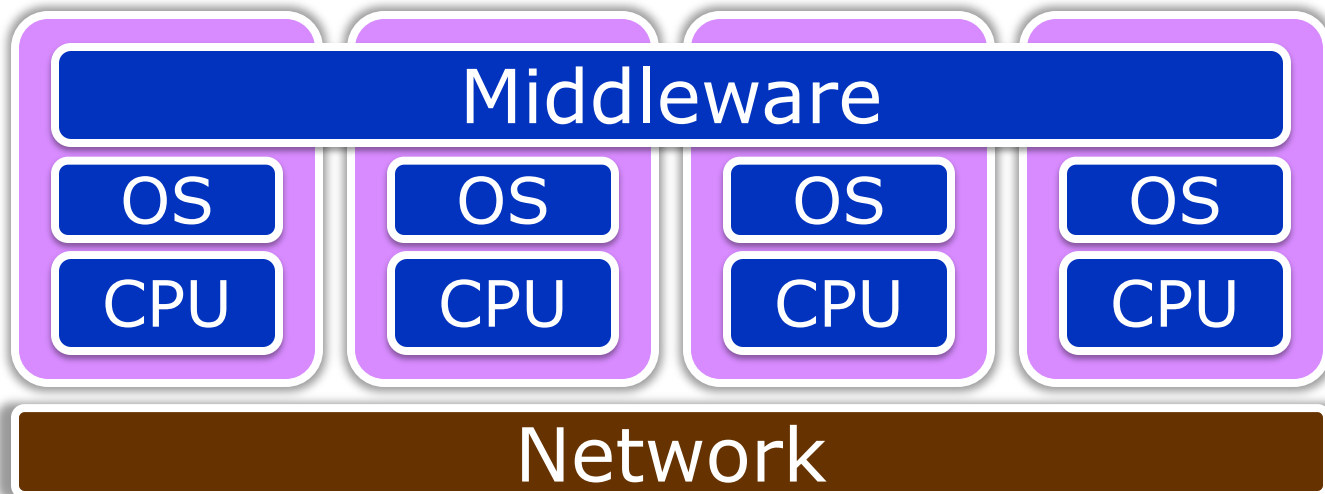
Middleware

User-level software (libraries): layer on top of network OS

Provides common interface for transparency of specific functions

Often OS-agnostic

Examples: PRC, RMI, .NET, MapReduce



Why build distributed systems?

Scalability

A system is said to be **scalable** if it can handle the **addition** of users and resources without suffering noticeable loss of **performance** or an increase in administrative **complexity**

– B. Clifford Neuman, 1994

Scalability considerations:

- ❑ #Components (users, data, CPUs): overloaded
- ❑ Geography: communication latency, bandwidth, reliability
- ❑ Administration: complexity

How can you get massive perf.?

Multiprocessor system don't scale

Disney's Cars 2 required 11.5 hours to render each frame (average) – some took 90 hours

- 12,500 cores on Dell render blades
- $\sim 152,640$ frames = 1,755,360 hours = 200ys

Google

- Approximately 1 billion queries per day
- Index > 25 billion web pages
- Hundreds of thousands of servers

Why build distributed systems?

Performance ratio

- Scaling multiprocessors may not be possible

Distributing applications may make sense

- ATMs, graphics, remote monitoring

Interactive communication & entertainment

- Work and play together: email, gaming, instant messaging, telephony

Remote content

- Web browsing, music & video downloads, IPTV

Mobility

Increased reliability

Transparency

High level: hide distribution from **users**

Low level: hide distribution from **software**

- **Location**: users don't care where resource are
- **Migration**: resources move at will
- **Replication**: users cannot tell whether there are copies of resources
- **Concurrency**: users share resources
- **Parallelism**: operations take place in parallel without user's knowledge

Problems

Designing dist. software can be difficult

- Operating systems handling distribution
- Programming language?
- Efficiency?
- Reliability?
- Administration?

Network

- Disconnect, loss of data, latency, bandwidth, ..

Security

- Want easy and convenient access

Design Issues

Reliability

- Availability: fraction of time system is usable
- Durability: data must not get lost

Performance

- Communication network may be slow and/or unreliable

Scalability

- Distributable vs. centralized algorithms
- Can we take advantage of having lots of computers?

Service Models

Centralized Model

No networking

Traditional time-sharing system

Direct connection of user terminals to system

One or several CPUs

Not easily scalable

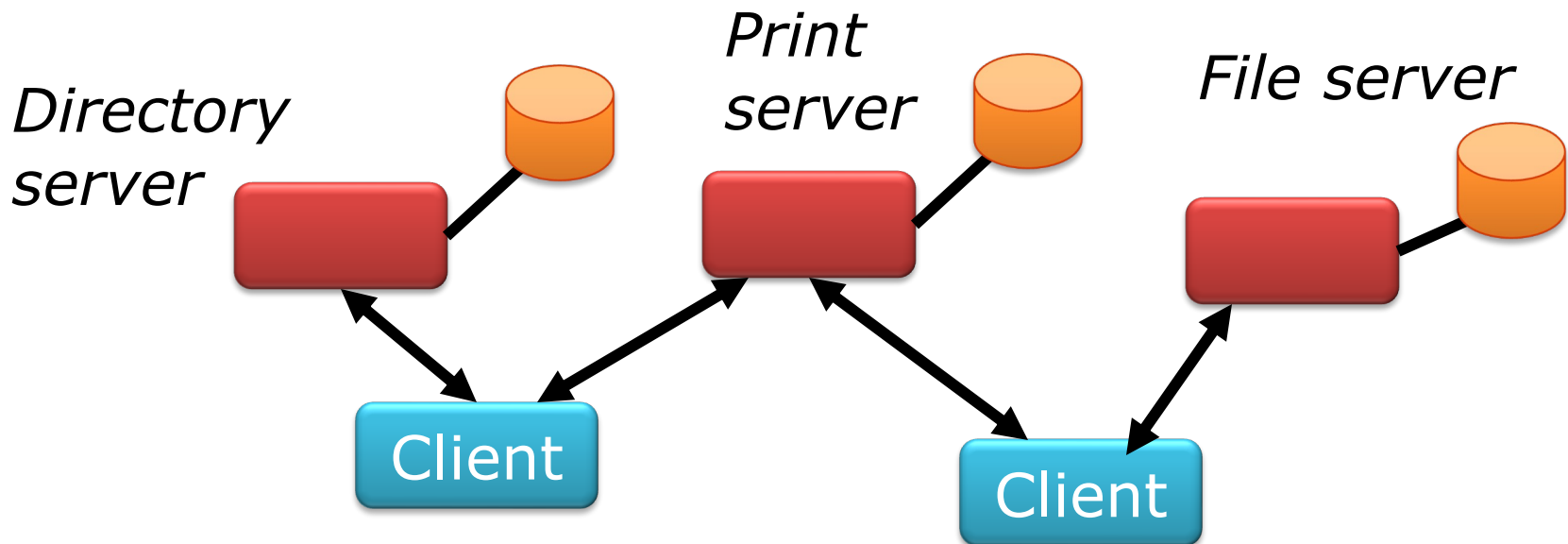
Limiting factor: #CPUs in system

- *Contention* for same resources

Client-server Model

Environment consists of clients and servers

- *Service*: task machine can perform
- *Server*: machine that performs the task
- *Client*: machine that is requesting the services



Peer-to-peer Model

Each machine on network has (mostly) equivalent capabilities

No machines are dedicated to serving others

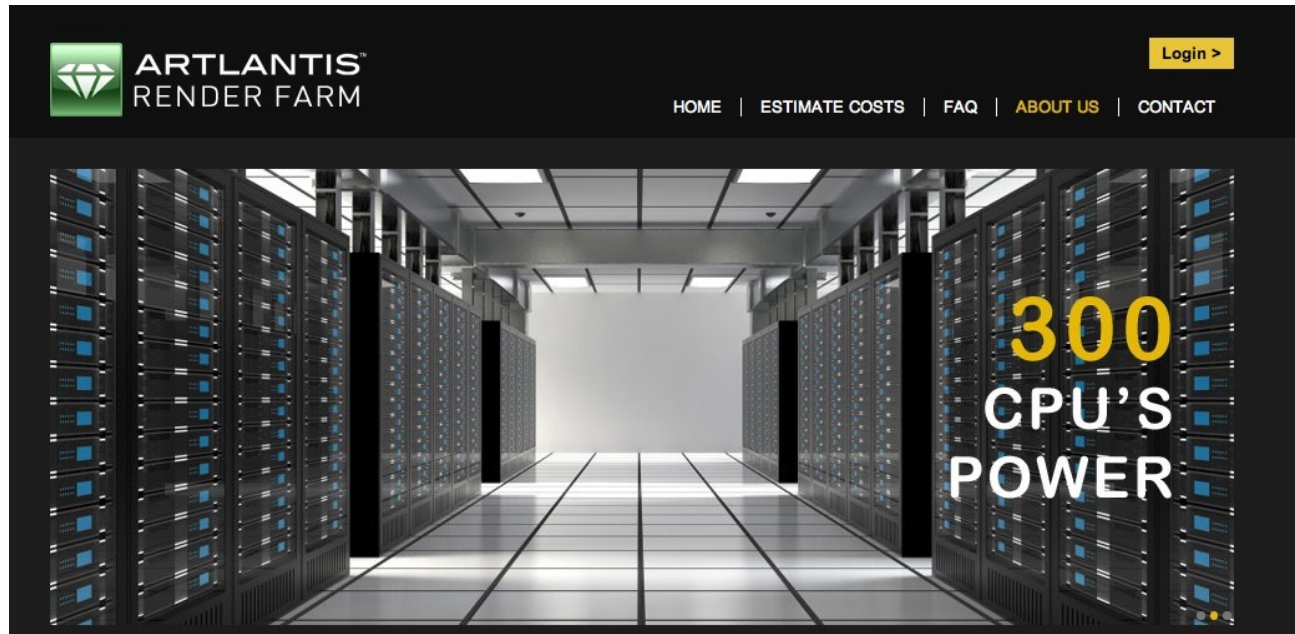
E.g. collection of PCs:

- Access other people's files
- Send/receive email (without server)
- Peer-to-peer file sharing
- SETI@home computation

Processor Pool Model

Collection of CPUs that can be assigned processes on demand

Example: Render farms



Cloud Computing Model

Provide users with **seamless** access to

- Computation
- Storage
- Communication

Heterogeneous and **geographically**
distributed systems

Build a “supercomputer” on the fly via
networked, loosely coupled computers

Cloud Computing Model

Offerings exist at various levels of abstraction

- Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)
 - e.g., Amazon EC2, Rackspace, UCloud
- Platform as a Service (PaaS)
 - e.g., Windows Azure, Heroku
- Software as a Service (SaaS)
 - e.g., Google AppEngine, Salesforce.com
- Function as a Service (FaaS)
 - e.g., Serverless computing

Case Study: Typical DataCenter

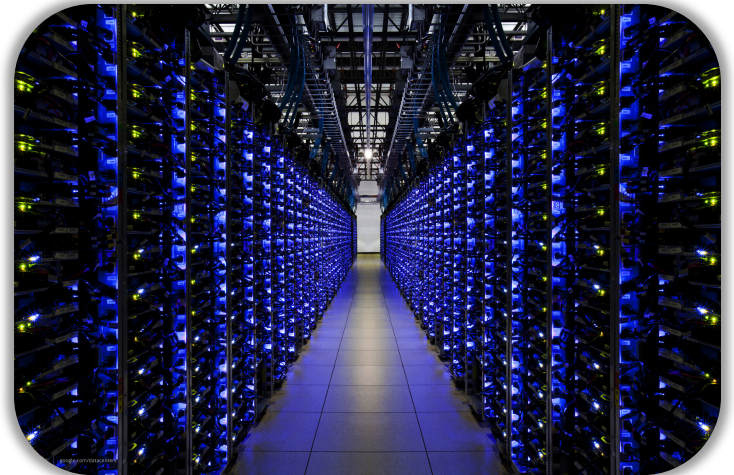
Typical DataCenter

10K-100K servers

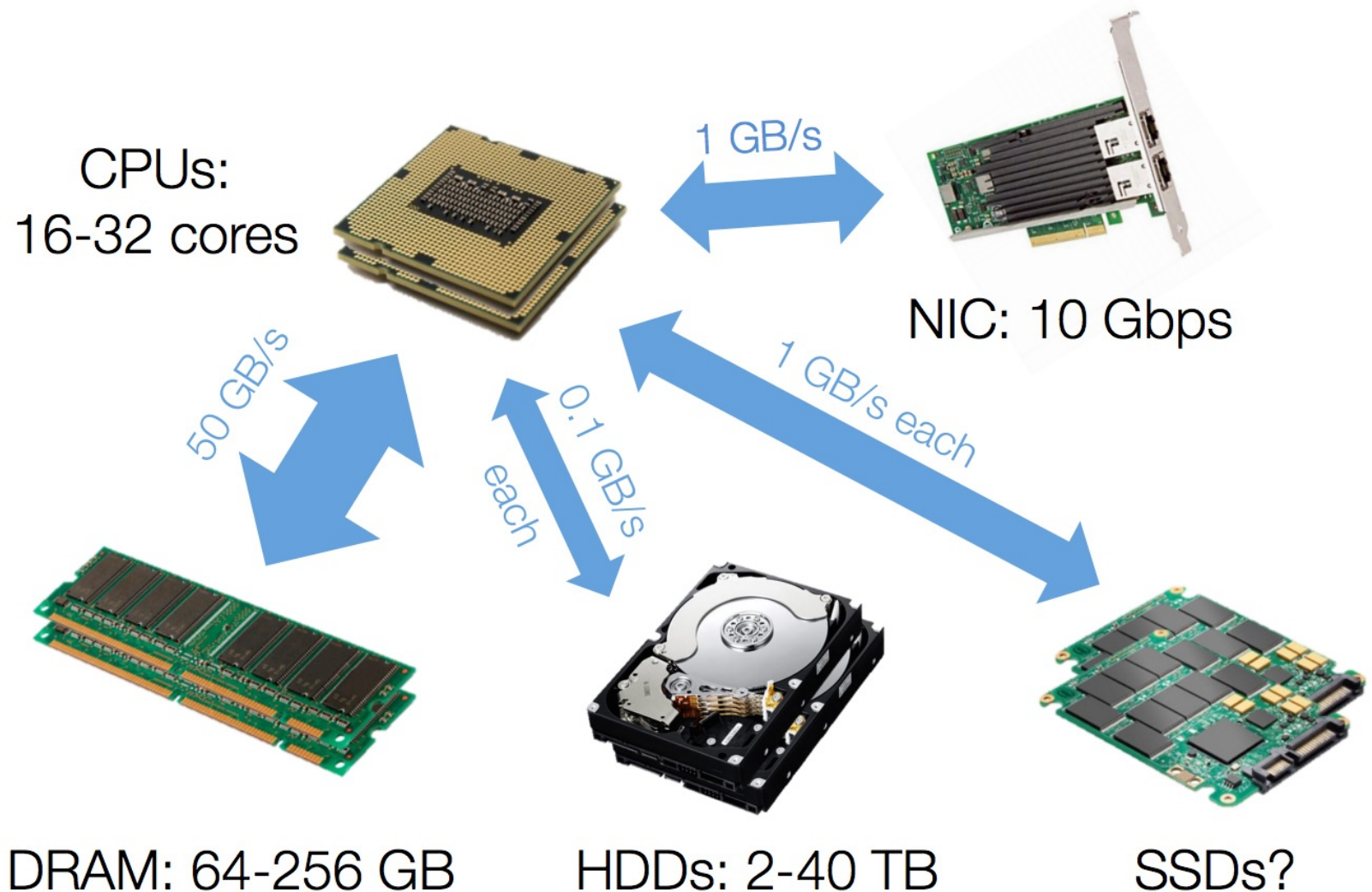
40 servers per rack

10 Gbps bandwidth in rack

10-100 MW of power



Typical DataCenter



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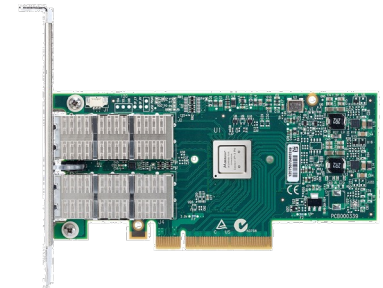
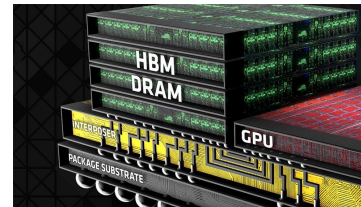
CPU



GPU/NPU



DRAM HBM



RDMA

A few rack-scale machines

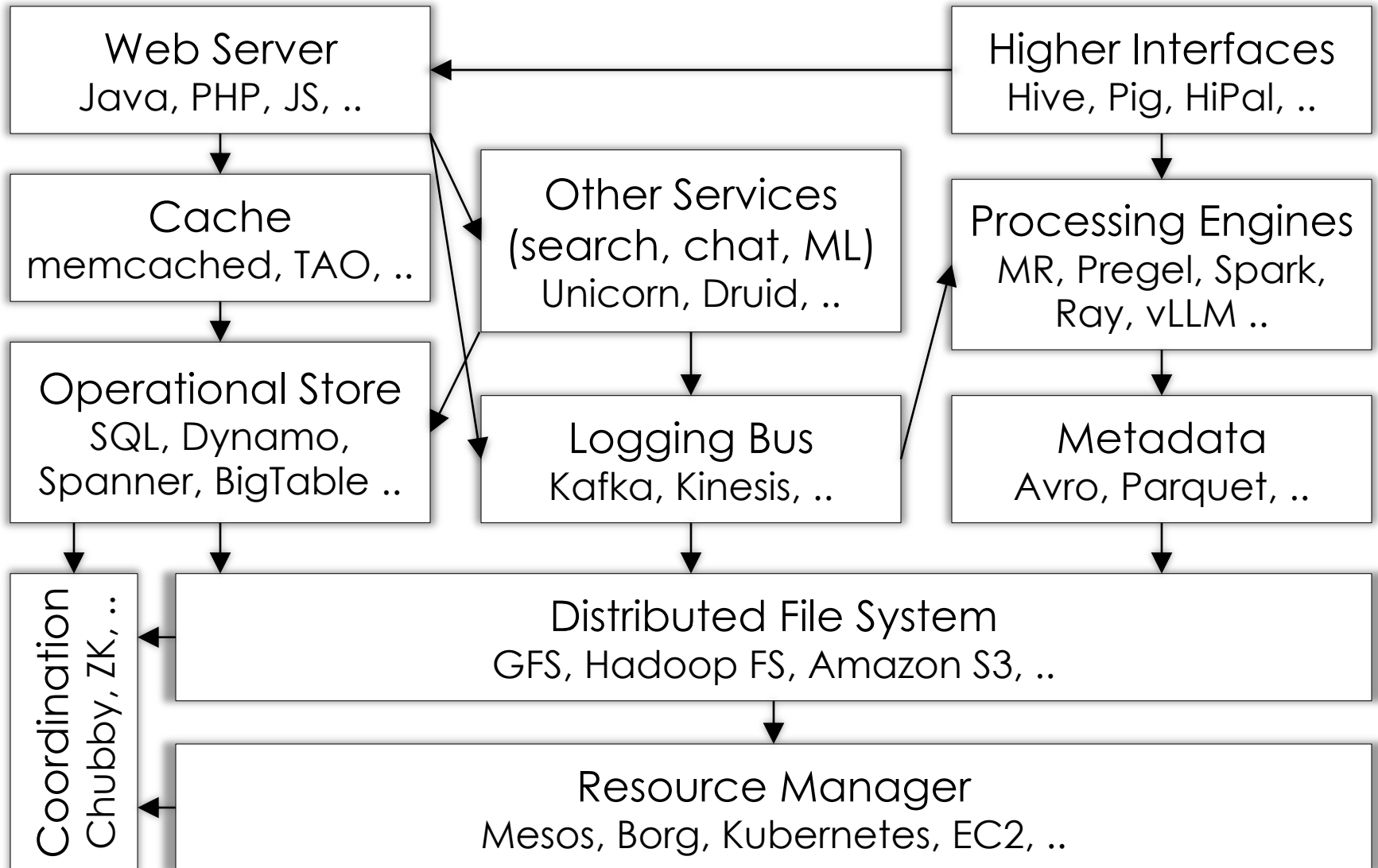
Types of Applications

Single big computation (e.g. BigData, LLM training)

Hosted apps for many tenants (e.g. Gmail, web hosting, cloud)

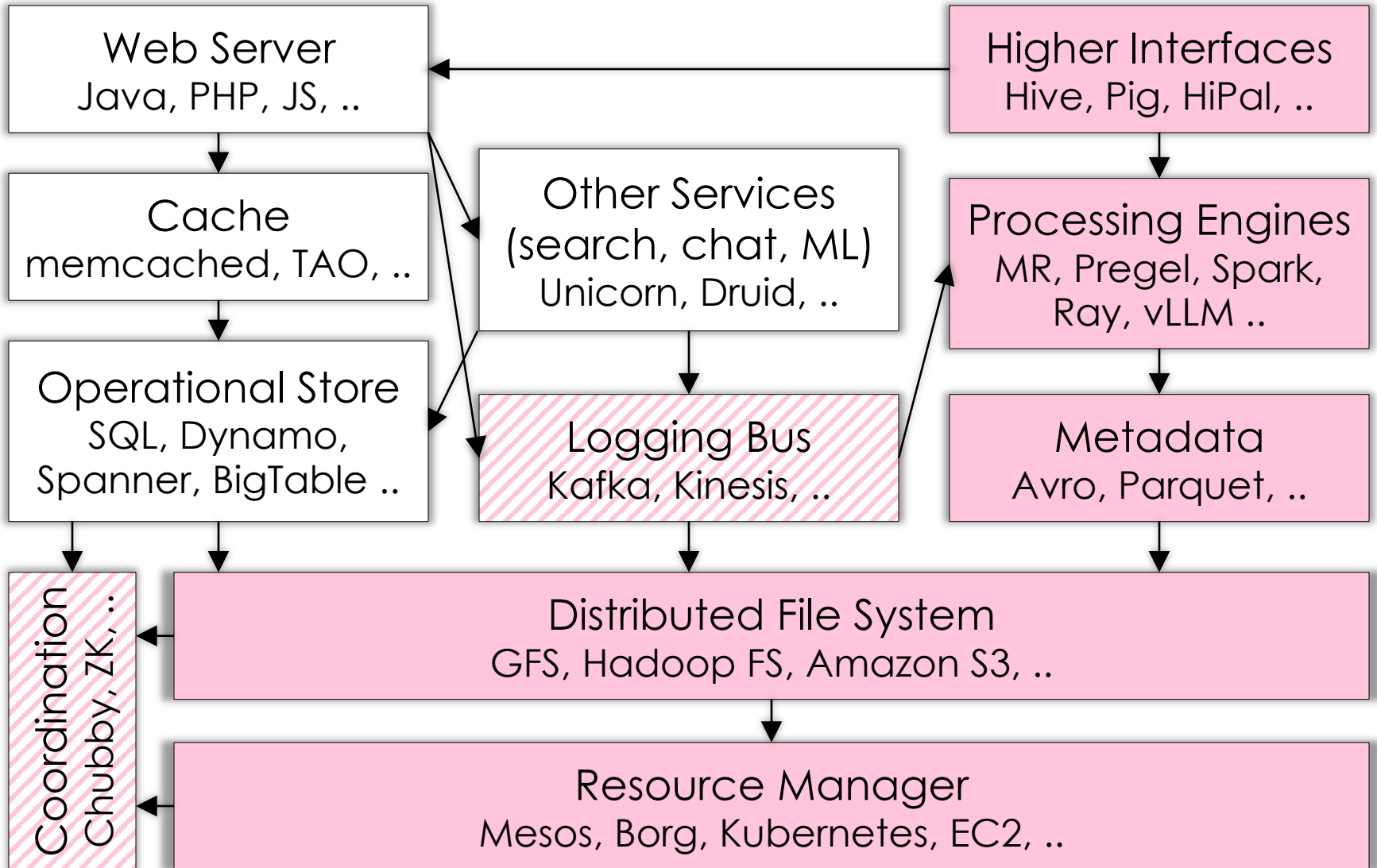
Single big multi-user app (e.g. Facebook, LLM serving)

Software Stack



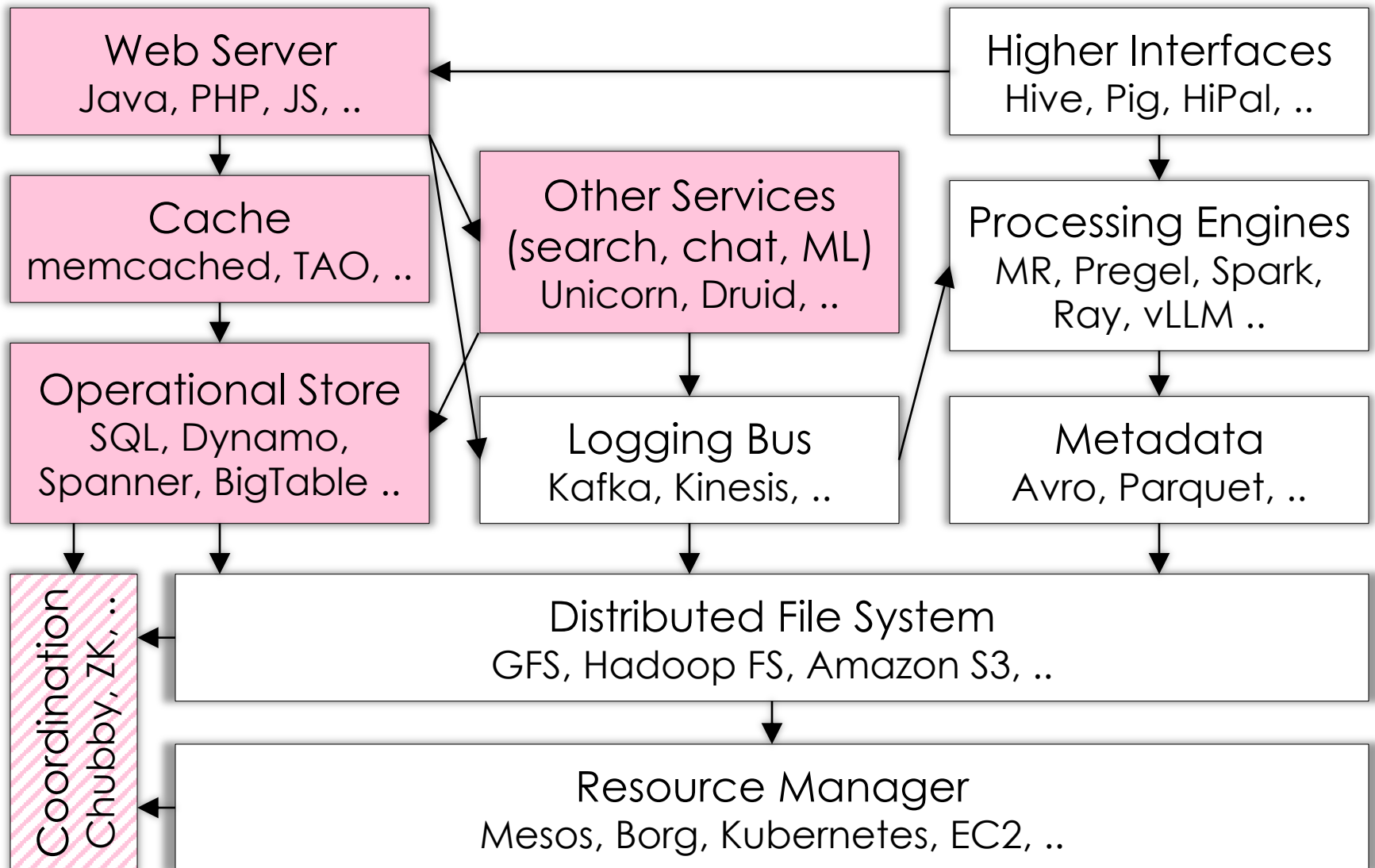
Software Stack

Data Processing

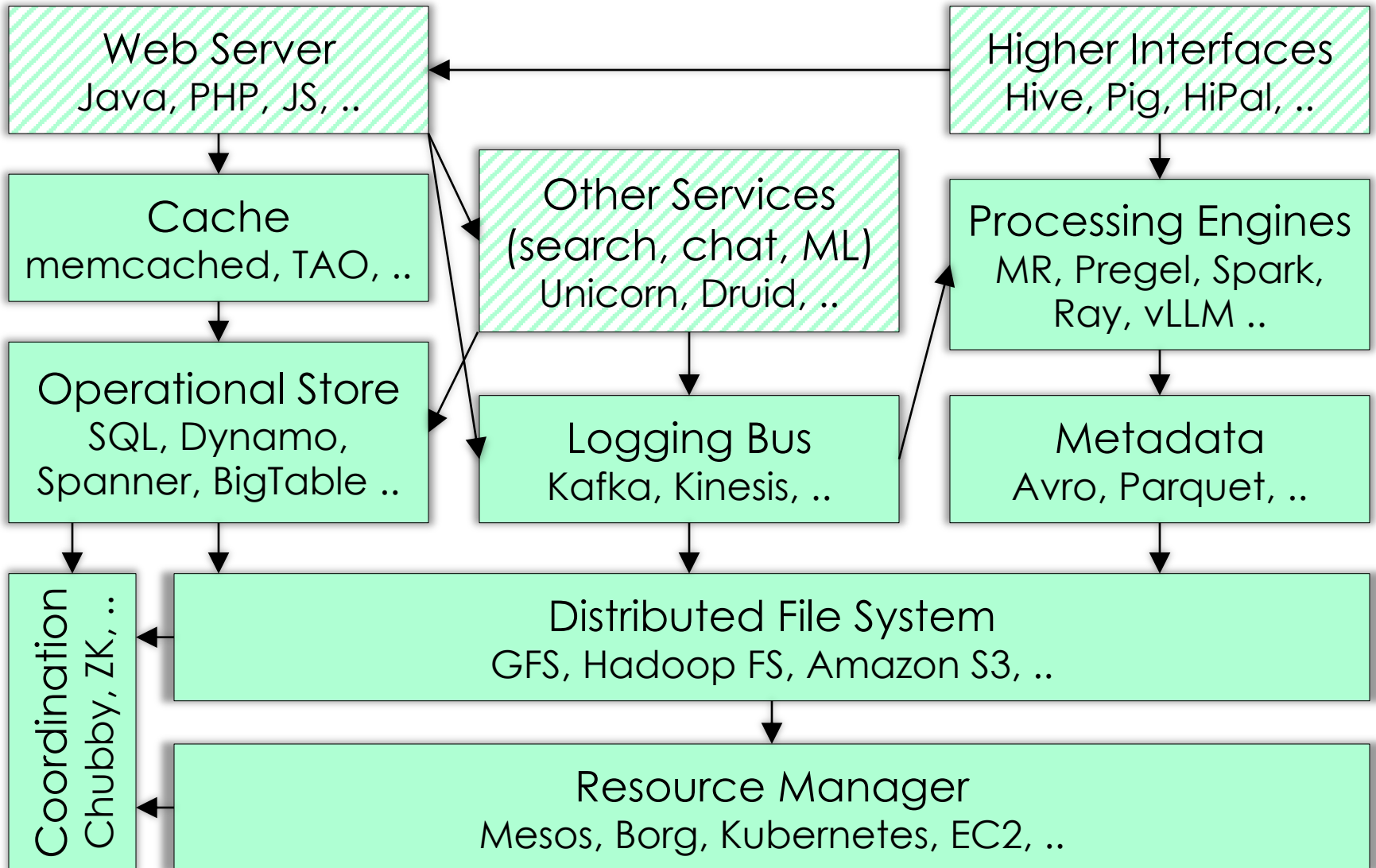


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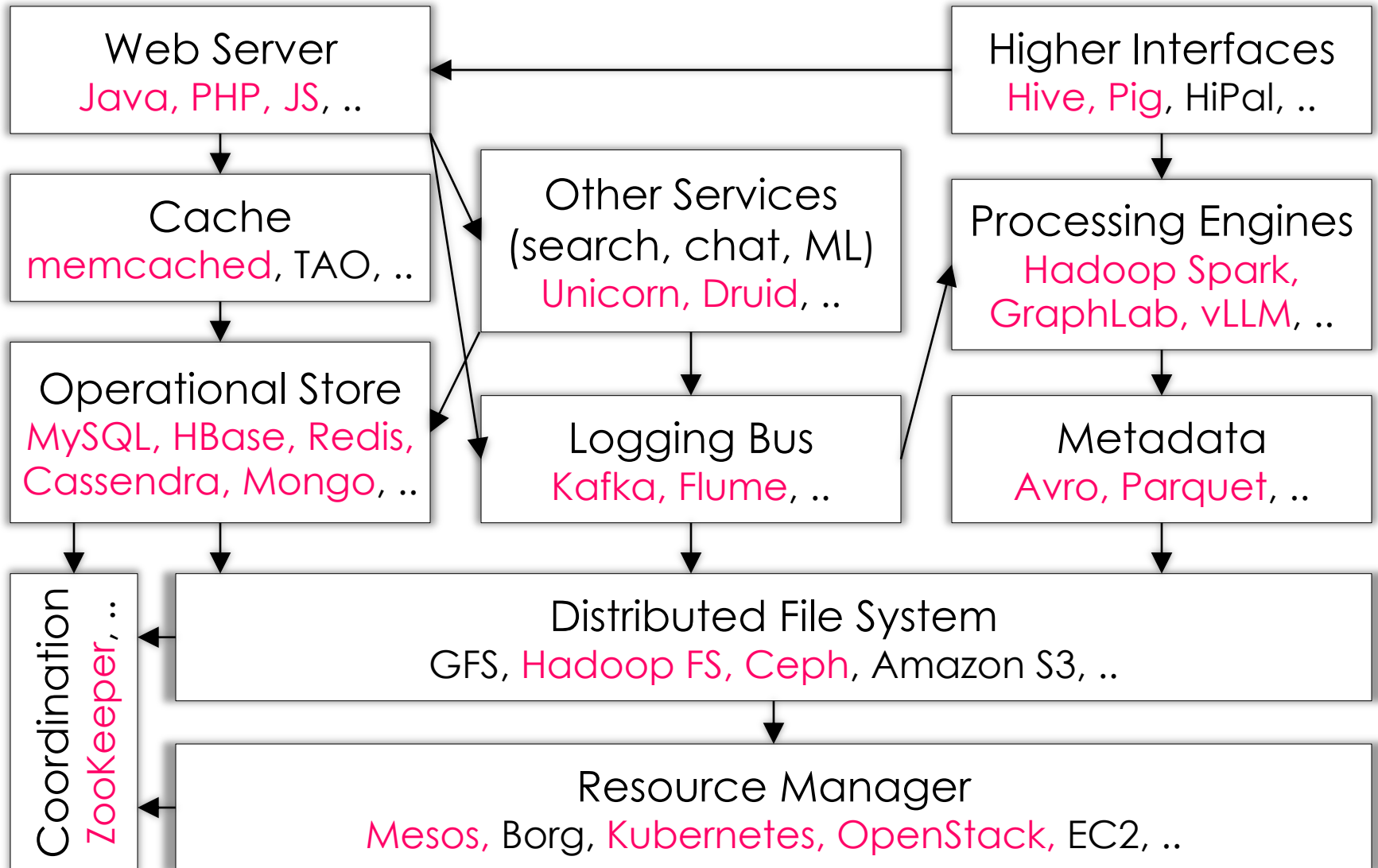
Online Apps



Offered by Cloud Services

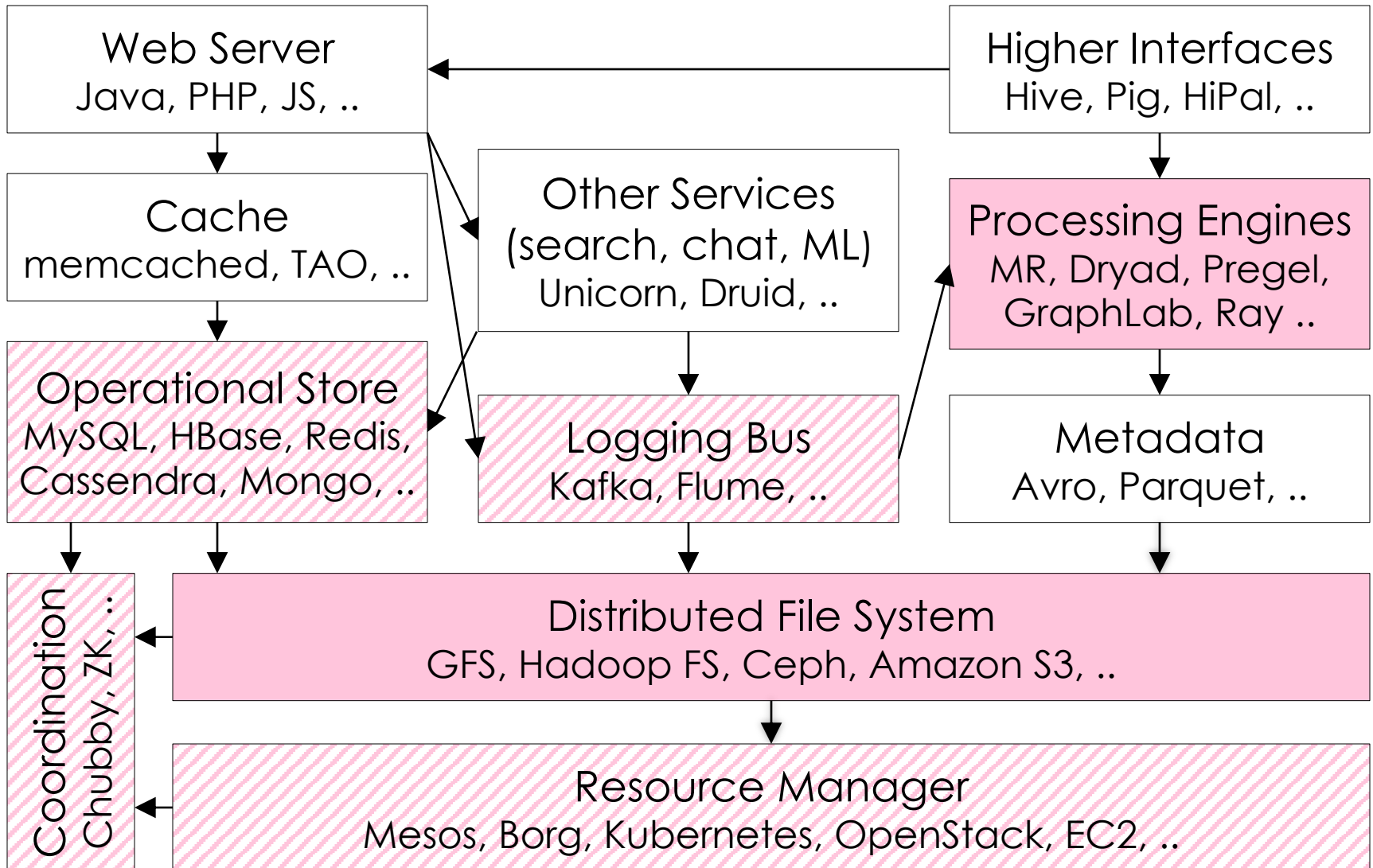


Available as Open Source



Software Stack

Appear in DS Course



Consistency

Serverless

Consensus

File Systems

Fault Tolerance

Graph

Concurrency

Topics in this courses

Scalability

Parallelism

Storage

Recovery

LLM

Programming Model

Course Schedule

Preliminary

- 3.02 Intro DS
- 3.09 Consistency: Sequential & Release
- 3.16 Consistency: Eventual & Causality
- 3.23 Crash Recovery & Logging
- 3.30 Concurrency Control
- 4.06 Holiday
- 4.13 Distributed Commit
- 4.20 Distributed Consensus

Course Schedule

Preliminary

- 4.27 Invitation Talk
- 5.04 Holiday
- 5.11 Distributed File System
- 5.18 Data-parallel Programming
- 5.25 Graph-parallel Processing
- 6.01 Parallelizing AI Systems — DP&TP
- 6.08 Parallelizing AI Systems — PP
- 6.15 Review

Next Lecture

Topic: Sequential/Release Consistency

THANKS