



# COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE

## 1 Introduction

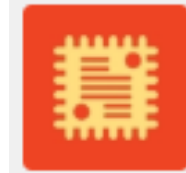
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- Web classroom: <http://ucilnica.fri.uni-lj.si>  
<https://padlet.com/rawall/RAWall>



RA VSP 2022/23

- MS Teams
  - Team enter code: **kygg8n7**

- Office hours: currently on Tuesdays at 18:15 in R2.40, 50

Possible changes will be posted to the web classroom. Announce over email.

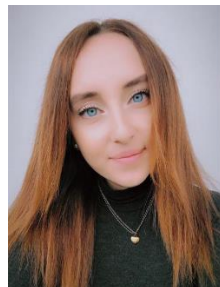
Announce: email or <https://calendly.com/rrozman/govorilne> (experimental)

## Team CA

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## ■ Literature:

- Lecture content, lab. exercises and slides (also in English)


- <http://ucilnica.fri.uni-lj.si>



- MS Teams (chat, lecture notes)

- Common (shared) notes – Gdocs

----- Skupni zapiski/Shared course notes -----

 [Computer Architecture - Crowd-sourced Shared Notes](#)

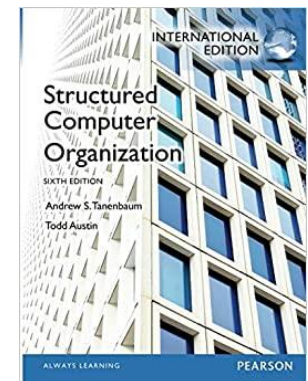
 [Računalniška arhitektura - Deljeni zapiski za skupno dopolnjevanje](#)

- Basic, includes more comprehensive content than needed:

- Dušan Kodek: ARHITEKTURA IN ORGANIZACIJA  
RAČUNALNIŠKIH SISTEMOV,  
Bi-TIM, 2008

- Additional (only certain parts):

- Andrew S. Tanenbaum: STRUCTURED COMPUTER  
ORGANIZATION, Sixth Edition  
Pearson Prentice Hall, 2013



## Important :


- There are no silly questions,
  - silly are just those that don't ask
- You're always welcome
- We all make efforts

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Predmet¤	4.53/5-[192/196]¤	4.65/5-[154/161]¤	4.54/5-[149/150]¤
Izvajalec¤	4.75/5-[192/196]¤	4.74/5-[154/161]¤	4.79/5-[149/150]¤

## Surveys (2018/21) - highlights:

- Kahoot! I learned a lot from kahoot and the RAwall.
- **OneNote notebooks** with notes, useful and interesting exercises, Kahoots, good pdfs
- Current news were often mentioned in the lectures, which encouraged critical and independent thinking
- Great emphasis is placed on understanding, and not on learning by heart
- The lecturer's energy, practical (life) examples
- A good learning system for foreign students
- ... the assistants and especially the professor can see that they don't care about our knowledge. Because of this, the quality of lectures and exercises is known.

## To Improve:

- Theory sometimes becomes difficult to understand, it is difficult to follow new concepts and ideas.
- Lecture material <> exercise
- CA "Not perfect, which is characteristic of everyone" 

## What's new in 2022:

- Live lectures and lab sessions (one lab session in English)

- <https://padlet.com/rawall/RAWall>
  - Questions, challenges, links, ...

- Platforms :

- e-classroom <http://ucilnica.fri.uni-lj.si>



Computer Architecture - Crowd-sourced Shared Notes

- MS Teams (board notes, communication)

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- Important :






- be active
- cooperate, talk, ask, comment, ...
- all major documents are translated into English
- testing of real-time Slovene-English translation – project ON
- please help us on English documents (typos, missing content, ...)





## Računalniška arhitektura

[Nadzorna plošča](#) / [Moji predmeti](#) / [ra](#)

### Splošno - General





-  [Splošne informacije - General info](#)
-  [Forum novic - News Forum](#)
-  [Forum - RA - vprašanja in odgovori - Q&A](#)
-  [Wiki RA](#)
-  [RAWall - Padlet komunikacijski kanal za predavanja](#)

### Izpitni roki - Exams 2022/2023

-  [Izpitni roki pravila - Exams Rules](#)
-  [Primeri prejšnjih izpitov - Selected previous exams](#)

### Predavanja/Lectures 2022/23

----- **Arhiv: Predavanja/Lectures 2021/22** -----

-  [RA-1 Uvod](#) Uploaded 6/10/21, 23.35
-  [RA-1 Introduction](#) Uploaded 6/10/21, 23.36
-  [RAM\\_pomnilnik\\_demo.circ](#) Uploaded 6/10/21, 23.37
-  [Pomen poznavanja računalniške arhitekture, Miha\\_Krajnc](#) Uploaded 14/10/21, 02.31



# MS Teams: chat, OneNote notebook

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Teams interface. On the left, the navigation pane shows the team 'RA VSP 2022/23' with various channels like 'Domača stran', 'Zvezek za predavanja', and 'Kanal'. The main area shows a OneNote notebook titled 'Zvezek za predavanja'. The notebook is open to a table of contents (Pregled vsebine - kazalo) with a list of lecture topics. The table of contents is structured as follows:

Pregled vsebine - kazalo	
Dobrodošli	Naslovnica
> _Collaboration Space	Pregled vsebine - kazalo
> _Knjižnica vsebine	1. Uvod
Uporaba knjižnice v...	1.1 Predmet RA
Predavanja - Lectures	Kako delati ?
> _Samo učitelj	1.2 Računalniki včeraj i...
	1.3 Osnove zgradbe in...
	1.4 Analogno – digital...
	1.5 8 pomembnih idej ...
	1.6 Praktična realizacij...

At the bottom of the table of contents, there are two buttons: 'Dodajte odsek' and 'Dodajte stran'.

# Chapter related content

<https://padlet.com/rawall/RAWall>

**RA Wall**  
Osnovni viri za tekoči teden, odprto za vprašanja, diskusijo in predloge...

**Stalni viri**

- FRI E-učilnica  
Računalniška arhitektura  
Na laboratorijskih vajah spoznamo zgrad... uni-lj
- MS Teams  
Team code: 1fxcj5

**Vsebina**

Title

- 1.Uvod :
- 1.1 Predmet RA
- 1.2 Računalniki včeraj in danes
- 1.3 Osnove zgradbe in delovanja računalnikov
- 1.4 Analogno – digitalno, zvezno diskretno
- 1.5 8 pomembnih idej v računalniški arhitekturi (in širše)
- 1.6 Praktična realizacija računalnikov

**Moja vprašanja**

- Katero srednjo šolo ste končali ?  
AnswerGarden \* Katero srednjo šolo ste ... AnswerGarden is a new minimalistic bra... answergarden
- Kako lahko predstavite/računate s številom  $\pi$  v računalniku ?  
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**Viri**

- Space shuttle Atlantis launch monitorin... by Dewesoft YouTube
- Intel: The Making of a Chip with 22nm/3D Transistors
- Intel: The Making of a Chip with 22nm/3... by Intel YouTube

**Vprašanja, komentarji**

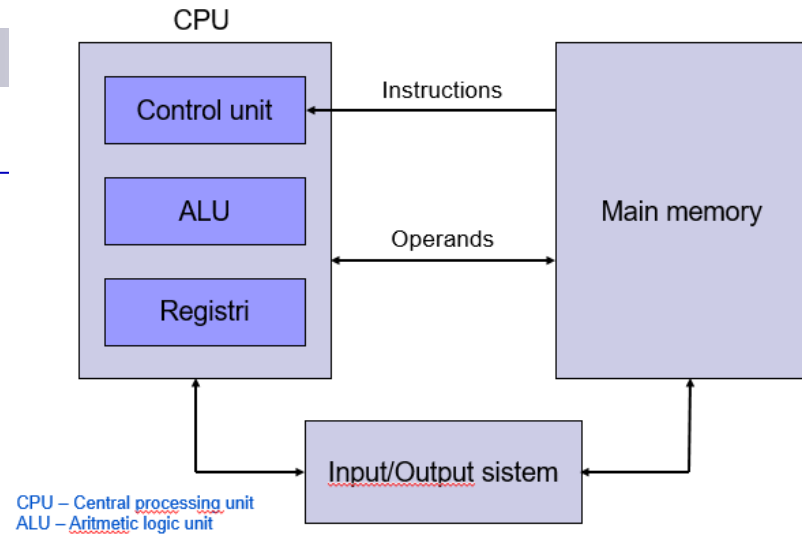
- Premik vprašanj in odgovorov  
Pomembnejša vprašanja in odgovore premikam na Wiki stran predmeta :
- Računalniška arhitektura  
Na laboratorijskih vajah spoznamo zgrad... uni-lj
- Pisava.size() ++  
1 comment  
Anonymous 10mo  
Ta oranžna barva se od zadaj ne vidi ce imate mogoče se kaksno drugo

What will you learn on the course of  
Computer Architecture?

Lectures, Lab sessions

## Lectures content:

- CA-1 Introduction
- CA-2 Development of computing machines
- CA-3 Basic computing principles
- CA-4 Assembly Instructions
- CA-5 Operands - representation of information
- CA-6 Structure and operation of CPU
- CA-7 CPU performance measurement
- CA-8 Memory
- CA-9 Memory hierarchy



## Laboratory work contents:

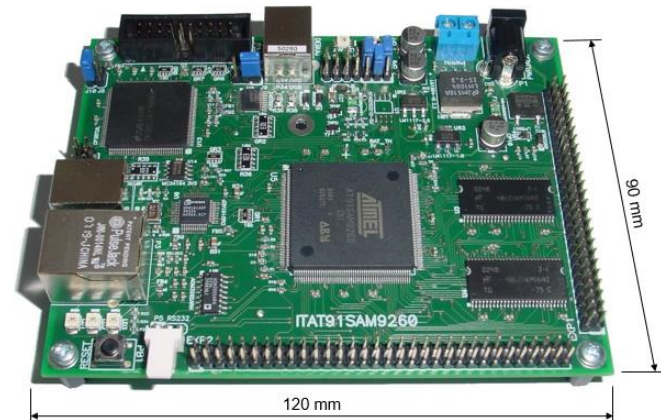
- Learn the **basics of computer architecture** from a practical point of view
- **Understand the inner workings of computers (ARM)** by programming in assembly language
- In-depth view:
  - into **computer operation**
  - into **program execution on computers**

Further knowledge upgrade -> Computer Organization elective course and other related courses

Computer STM32H750-DK



- FRI-SMS computer (somewhere in-between)
  - Microcontroller AT91SAM9260 of the ARM9 microcontroller family



# Why is Computer Architecture important ?

- 4 questions and
- 4 answers



# 1. Complete products (HW+SW)

## Success stories (HW+SW)



Make your home healthier,  
your office more productive

Uncover the simple solutions. With just a small, stylish, cordless  
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Winter 2013 batch available!

Potato Salad  
by Zack Danger Brown

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Chipolo - Bluetooth Item Finder for iPhone and Android  
by The Chipolo Team

5,329 backers  
\$293,014 pledged of \$15,000 goal  
0 seconds to go

Chipolo  
Nothing is lost.

GO:GLOBAL MEMBER | SPS SK200 AUTUMN BATCH 2014

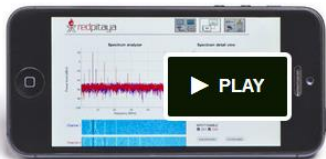
Chipolo  
Finalisti tekmovanja Start:up leta 2016



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OPEN INSTRUMENTS  
FOR EVERYONE



826 backers  
\$256,125 pledged of \$50,000 goal  
0 seconds to go

Funding period  
Jul 22, 2013 - Sep 20, 2013 (60 days)



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## 2. Why Comp.Arch., HW ?

- Because knowledge on computer architecture and operation leads to more efficient programming (programs).
  - Case 1: program code optimization regarding the operation of caches

```
/* Before */
for (j = 0; j < 100; j = j + 1)
    for (i = 0; i < 5000; i = i + 1)
        x[i][j] = 2 * x[i][j];

/* After */
for (i = 0; i < 5000; i = i + 1)
    for (j = 0; j < 100; j = j + 1)
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  - Case 2: program code optimization regarding the parallel execution

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0.53300	1876172.61

```
double results[st];  
  
for(int i = 0; i < st; ++i)  
{  
    results[i] = a[i] * b[i];  
}
```

```
float results[st];  
  
for(int i = 0; i < (st - 8); i += 8)  
{  
    __m256 i_a = _mm256_load_ps(&a[i]);  
    __m256 i_b = _mm256_load_ps(&b[i]);  
    __m256 i_c = _mm256_mul_ps(i_a, i_b);  
    _mm256_store_ps(&results[i], i_c);  
}  
  
for(int i = (st - 8); i < st; ++i)  
{  
    results[i] = a[i] * b[i];  
}
```

Code below is 4-times faster !

Reference: „Pomen poznavanja računalniške arhitekture“,  
avtor Miha Krajnc.

### 3. Why still assembly?

*„who still knows this  
language?“*

### 3. Why still assembly? One of the answers

[Dejan Črnica, Dewesoft]:

„because it's „polite“ to learn the *native language*, culture...“

Past Meetup

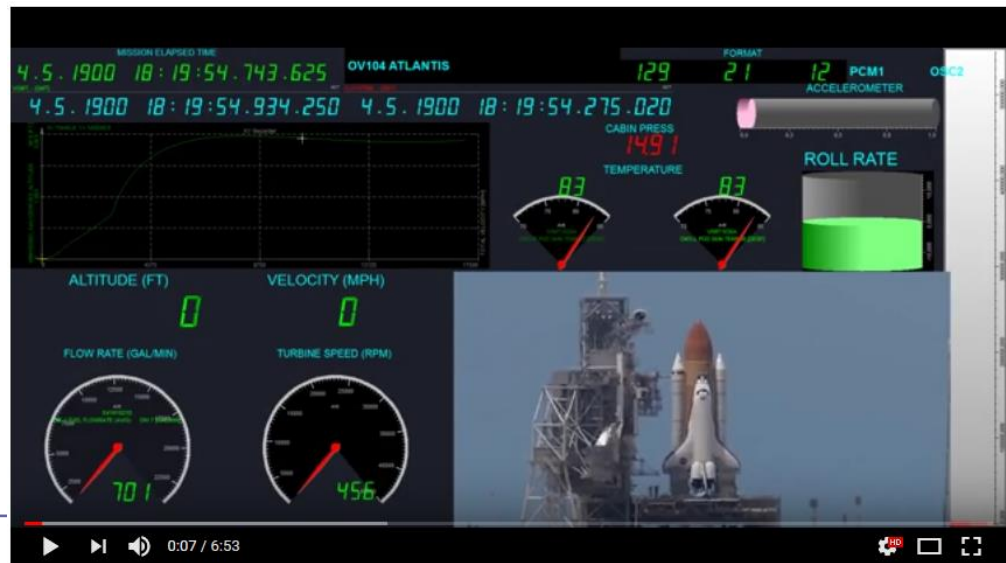
## Code optimization on modern processors [Dejan Črnica, Dewesoft]

„in our company developers „speak in assembly...“

Code optimization is important but often overlooked part of a software project. In this talk we will dive deep and discuss when and why to optimize code, how to approach optimization and how to design data structures and algorithms for scalable performance.

„by knowing the hardware and assembly we can speedup the code by **64x** !!!...“

Dejan Črnica Dejan Črnica is **lead software engineer at Dewesoft** (<https://www.dewesoft.com/careers>) since 2001. He has designed and implemented core modules of Dewesoft application with particular focus on application performance to keep software in front of competition.

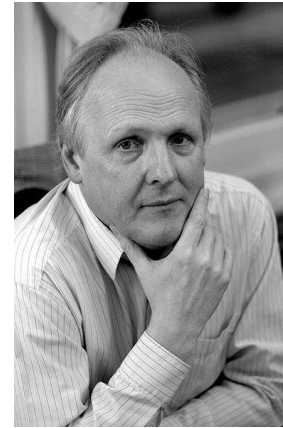
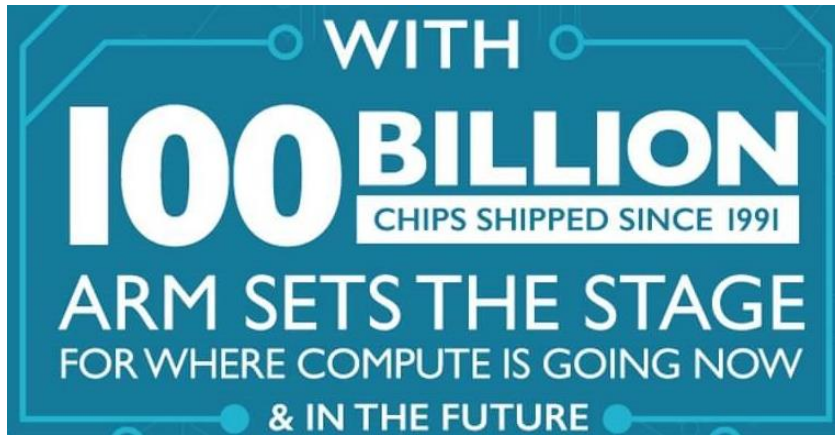


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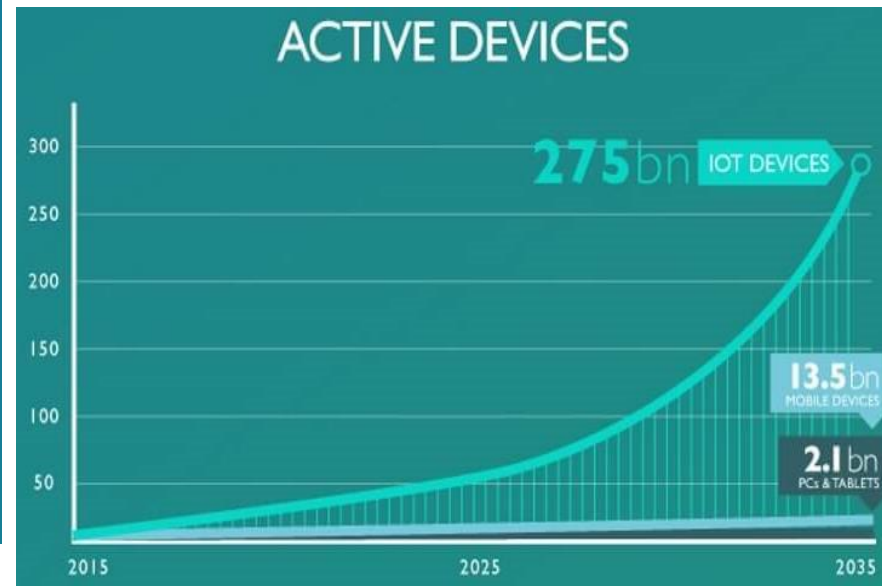
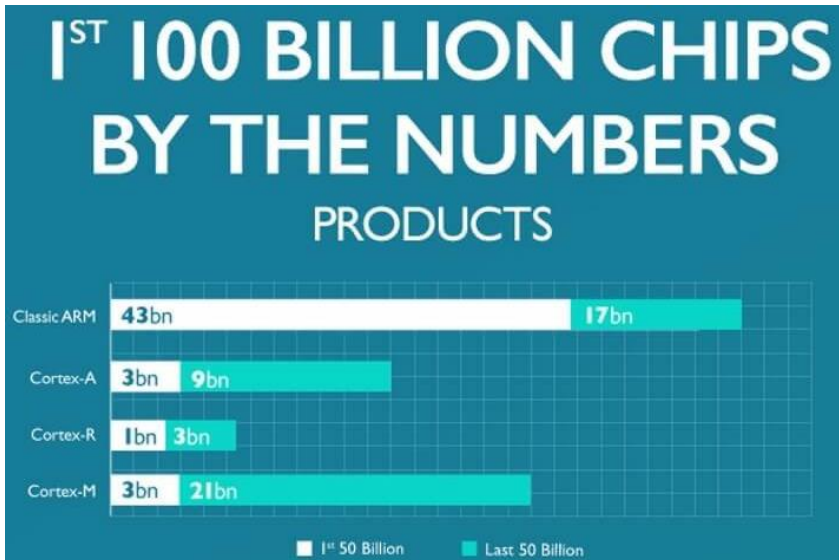
*Because ??? ...“*

## 4. Why the ARM architecture?

„Steve Furber on FRI“



principal designer of the BBC Micro and the ARM 32-bit RISC microprocessor.<sup>[15]</sup>



<https://community.arm.com/processors/b/blog/posts/inside-the-numbers-100-billion-arm-based-chips-1345571105>

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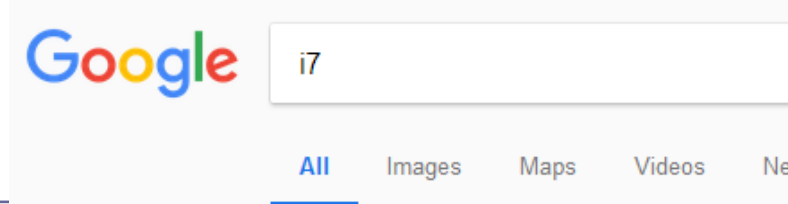
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- Development and use of computers: IT revolution (third revolution in our civilization)
- Extremely rapid evolution over the past 25 years
- Applications that were until recently „impossible“, suddenly became common:
  - Computers in automobiles (autonomous drive)
  - Mobile telephony
  - DNA analysis (The Human Genome Project)
  - The World Wide Web
  - Search engines (Google: i7  $\Rightarrow$   $\approx$  200.000.000 results in few tenths of a second)



- Huge difference in computer implementation:
  - Supercomputers Pros ?  
Cons ?
  - Simple computers on a chip
- Smaller differences in structure
- With every computer, even the simplest, we can calculate everything that can be calculated (is calculable).



- Currently the 3rd most powerful computer in the world :
  - SunwayTaihuLight National Supercomputing Center in Wuxi, China
  - 10.649.600 processors (cores)
  - 1.310.720 GB main memory
  - Performance 93 014 TFLOPS
  - Power consumption 15 371 kW (Hydro PowerPlant Medvode 26 700 kW)



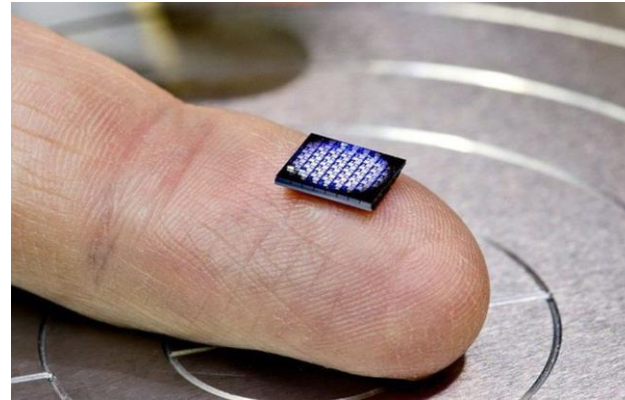
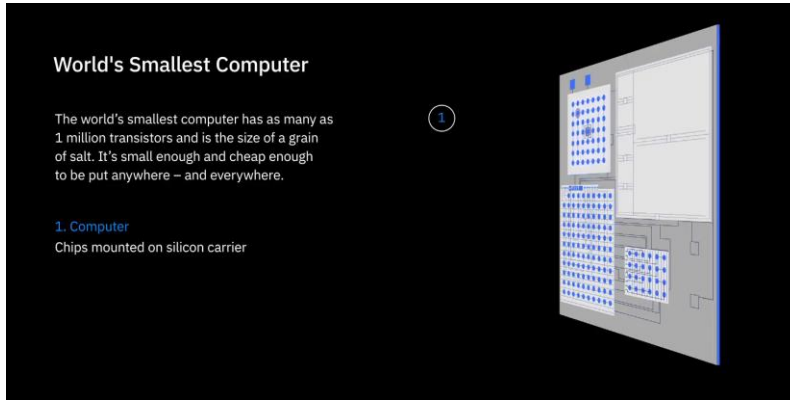
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  - SUPERCOMPUTER FUGAKU in Kobe, Japan
  - 7 630 848 cores
  - Performance 537 212 TFLOPS
  - Power consumption 29 899 kW (Hydro PowerPlant Medvode 26 700 kW)



<https://www.top500.org/lists/top500/2021/06/>

<https://www.r-ccs.riken.jp/en/fugaku/3d-models/>

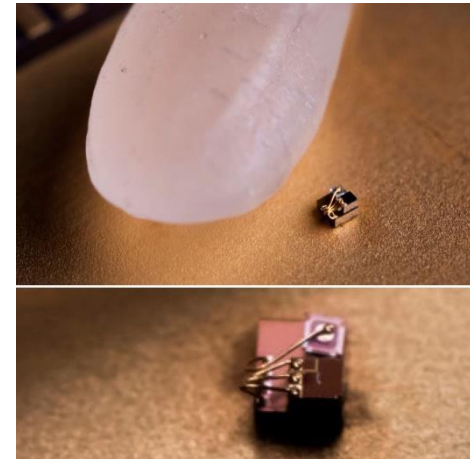
## ■ Currently the most miniature computer in the world (year 2018): ?



<https://www.research.ibm.com/5-in-5/crypto-anchors-and-blockchain/>

The university on Thursday said its engineers have produced a computer that's **0.3 mm x 0.3 mm** -- it would be dwarfed by a grain of rice. While it drew comparisons to IBM's own 1mm x 1mm computer, Michigan's team said the creation is about more than just size.

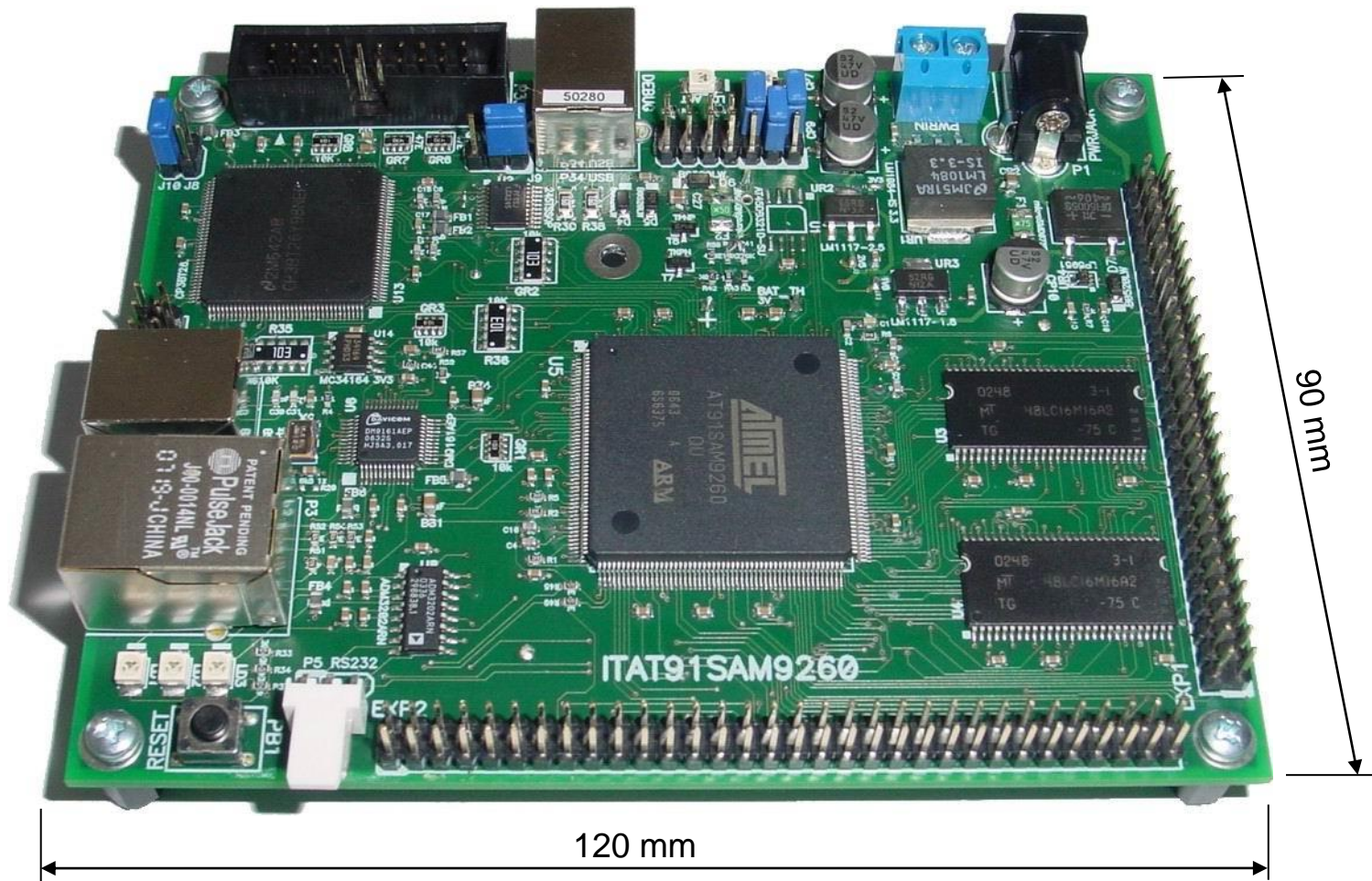
- Pros: Low power consumption
- Cons: Low performance



<https://news.umich.edu/u-m-researchers-create-worlds-smallest-computer/>



- FRI-SMS computer (somewhere in-between embedded and HPC)
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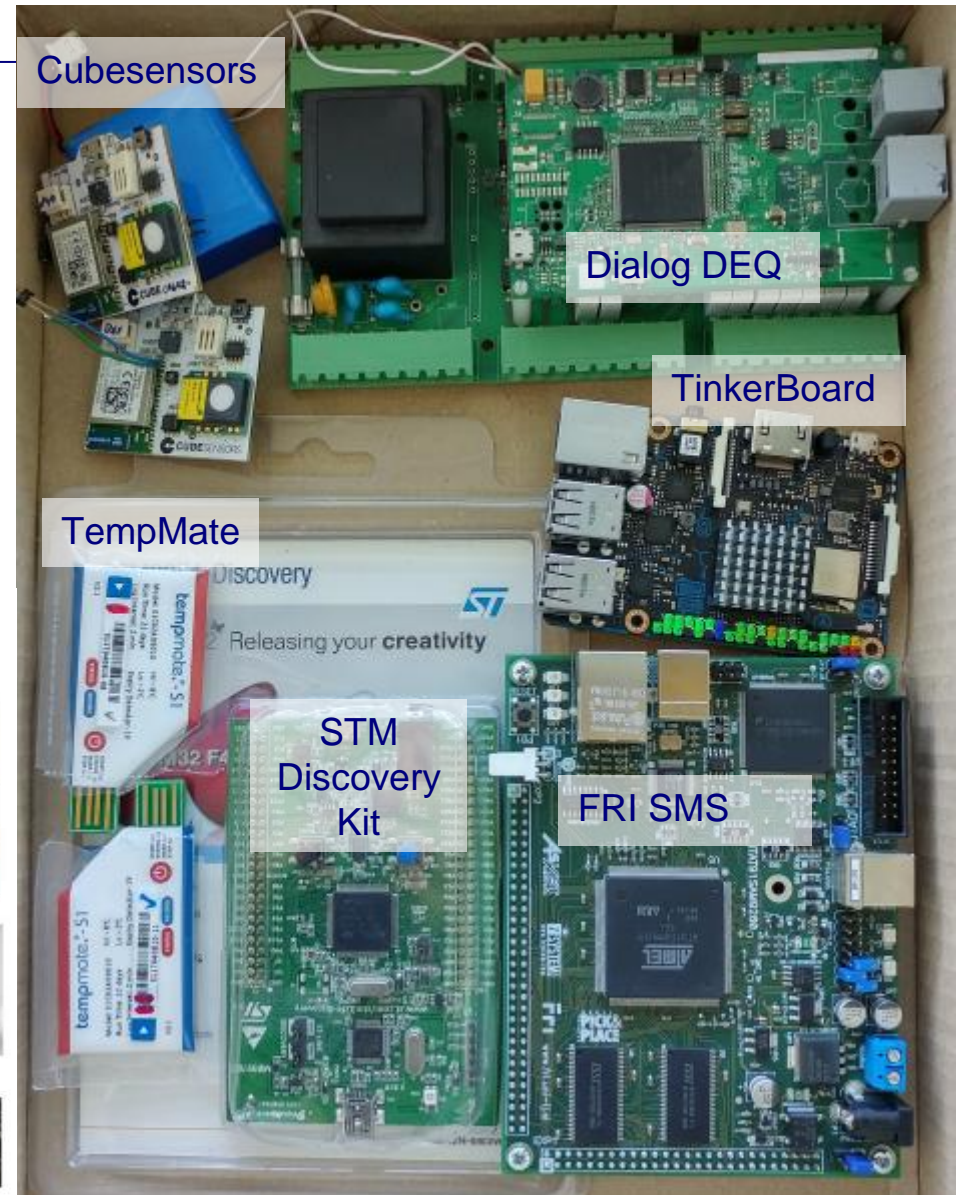
- Nowadays, computers can be attributed into three functional categories:
  - Personal Computers (laptop, tablet, . . .)
  - Servers
    - There are significant differences between servers in price and performance
      - A bit more powerful desktop computers on the low-end
      - Supercomputers with terabytes of main memory and petabytes of external storage on the high-end
  - Embedded computers
    - The most numerous group of computers
    - Microprocessors (or microcontrollers) in automobiles, mobile phones, gaming consoles, household appliances, audio and video equipment, ...

## Introduction

# Embedded computers (practical examples)

All systems (in right picture) are based on the ARM architecture.

### Examples of Embedded Systems



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Def: Computer architecture is

- consideration of the programmer's visible computer properties independently of its logical and physical realization [Kodek]
  - „... what programmers see on the assembly language level ...“

Def: Computer organization (also microarchitecture) :

- explores the logical structure and properties of the computer components and their interconnections [Kodek]
  - „ ... is the architecture of individual components ...“
  - „ ... is closer to the Hardware (HW) level ...“

One architecture can be realized with different types of organization and vice versa.



## Operation of (digital) computers

- Computer architecture is also the structure of computers as seen by the programmer in assembly code.
- Machine language consists of instructions which can be directly executed by the computer. Those instructions are also called machine code instructions.
- Machine instructions are native instructions built into computers. Computers from different manufacturers can generally have different machine code instructions.

*Computer „understands“ own machine instructions only !!!*

What is the computer doing ?  
(How does it work ?)

**Executing instructions !**

- A digital computer is a machine for solving problems by executing instructions which were set by programmers.
- The sequence of instructions which determines how the machine performs a specific task is called a program.
- The electronic circuit in the computer recognizes and directly executes only a limited set of machine code instructions into which every program has to be translated before the execution.
- Different processors can have different machine code instructions.

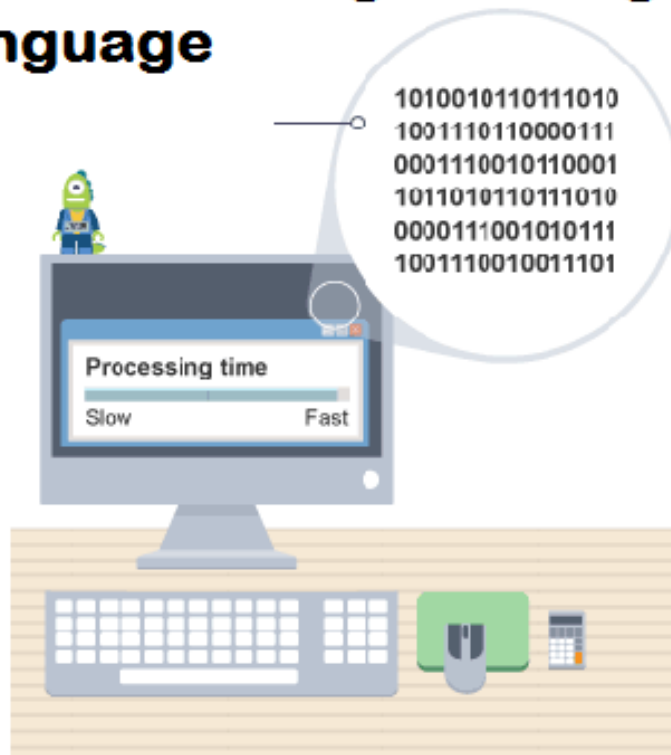
- Those basic instructions (machine instructions) are very simple, for example:
  - Addition of two numbers
  - Testing if a number is equal to zero
  - Copy data from one part of the memory to another.
- Any program that is written with some other instructions (e.g. instructions from Java, C++, VisualBasic,...) needs to be changed (translated) into those basic machine code instructions.

machine language

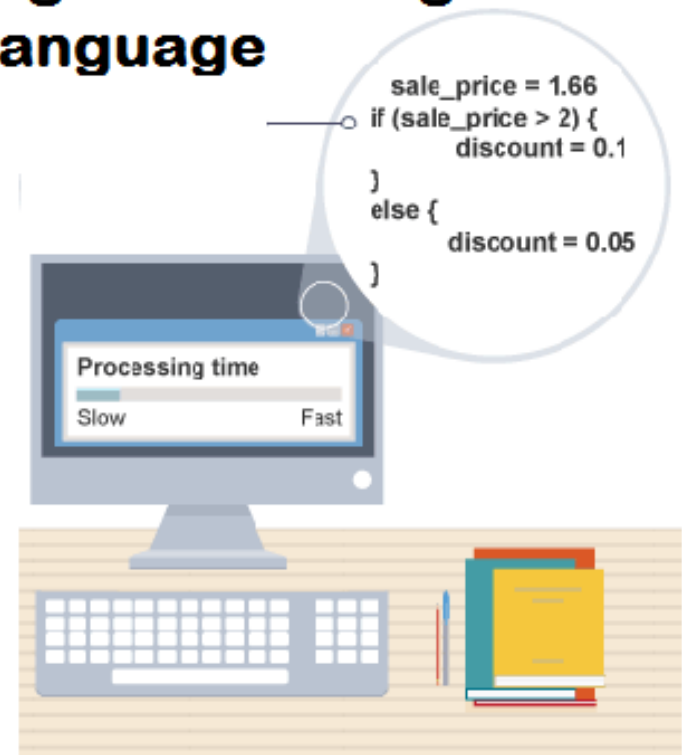
<-> high-level languages ?

- Portability vs speed

## Low Level Programming Language

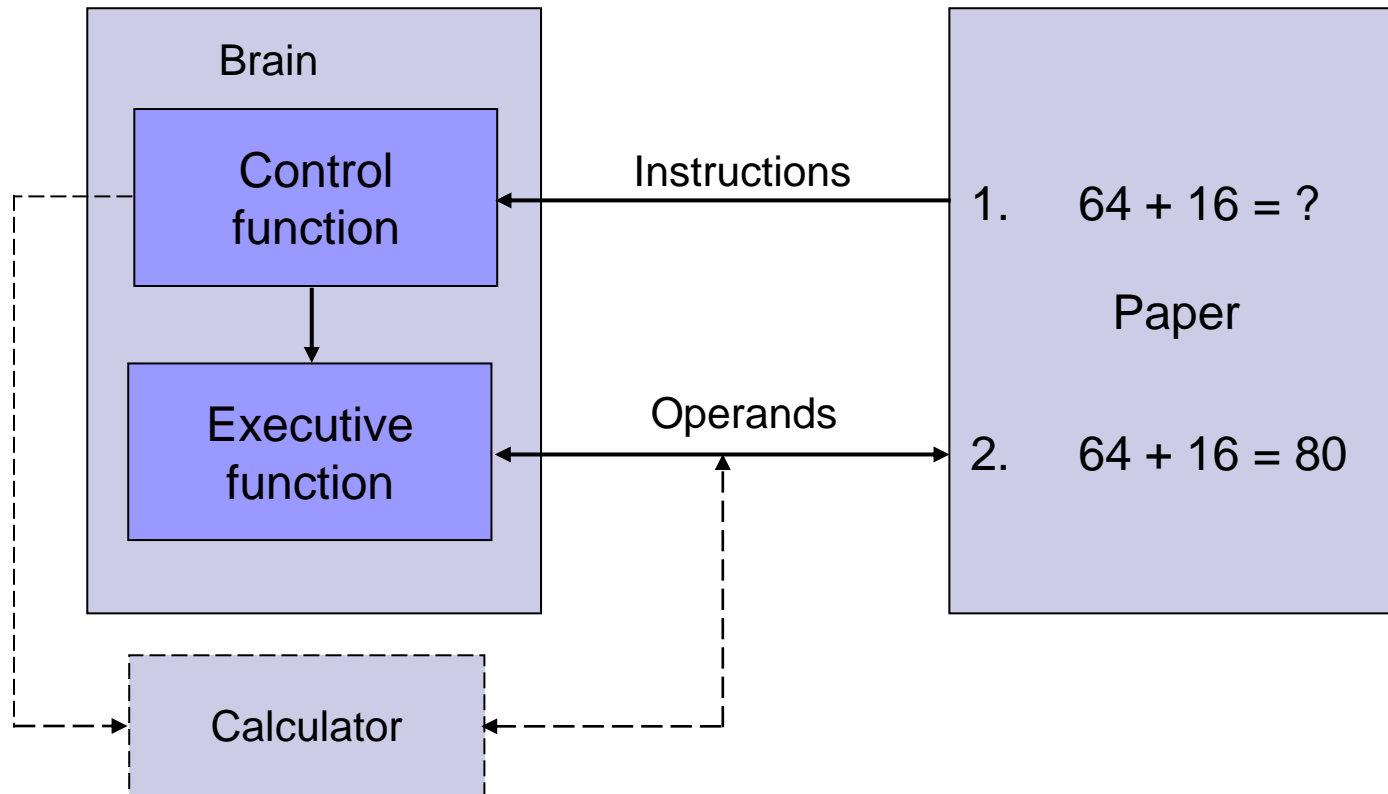


## High Level Programming Language



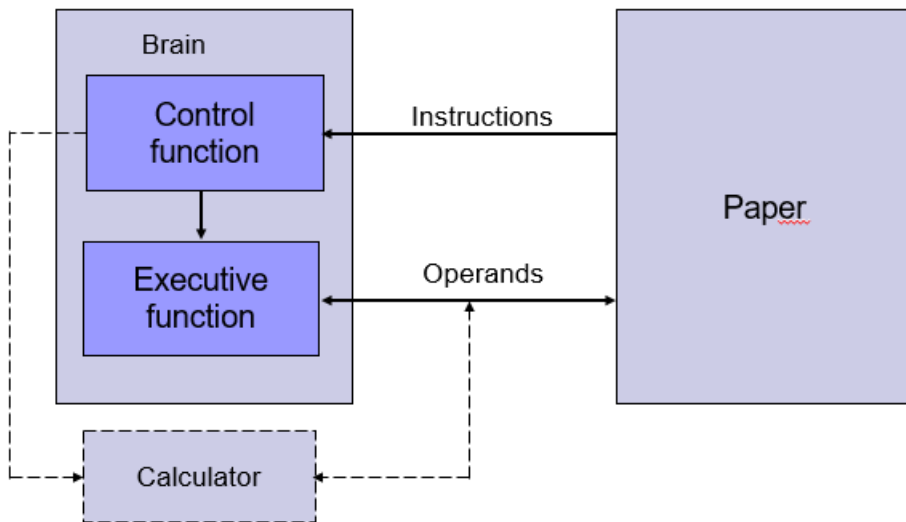
# The relation between manual and machine model of computing

# Manual computing

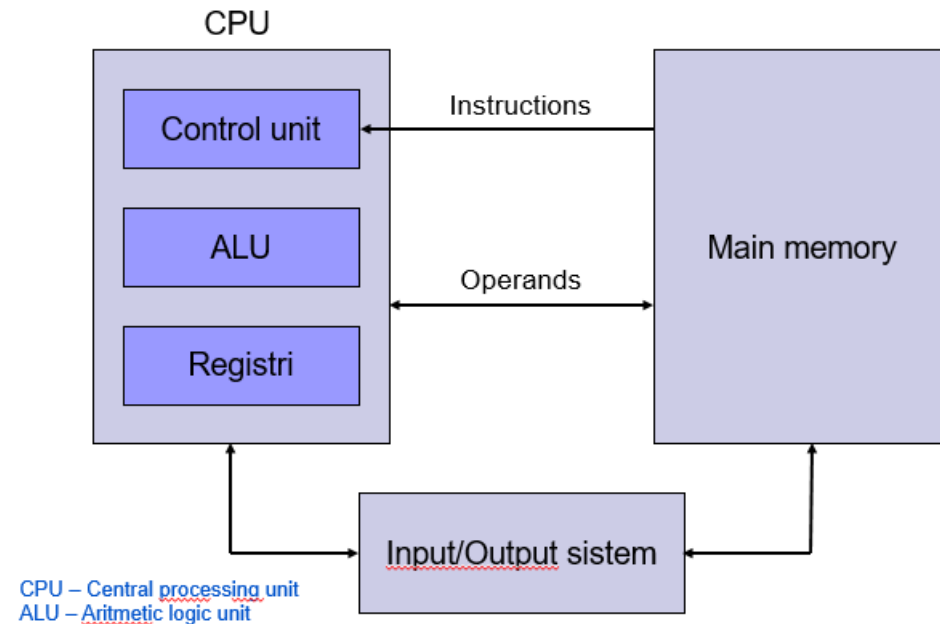


# Comparison between models of computing

Manual computing

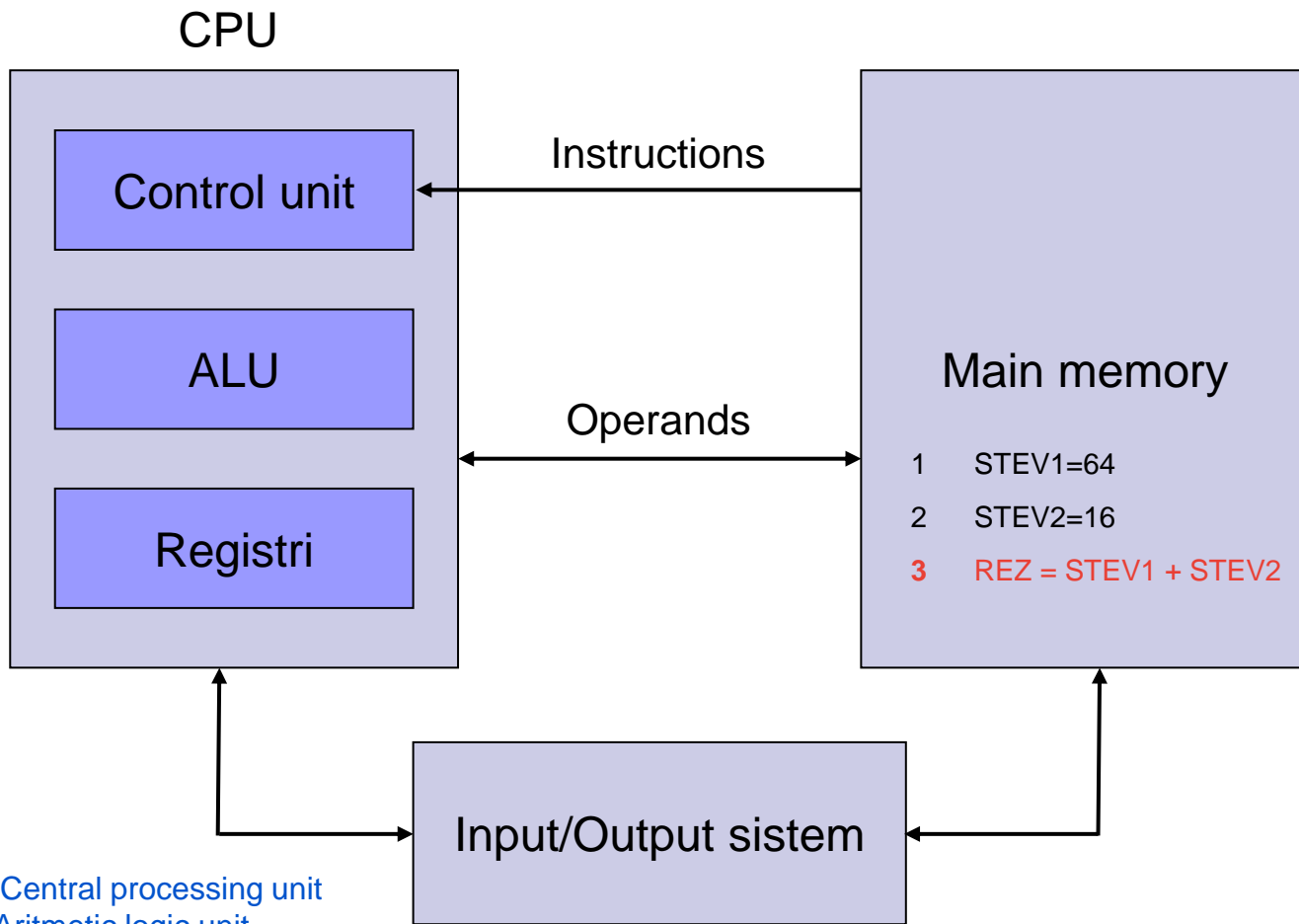


Structure of a typical computer



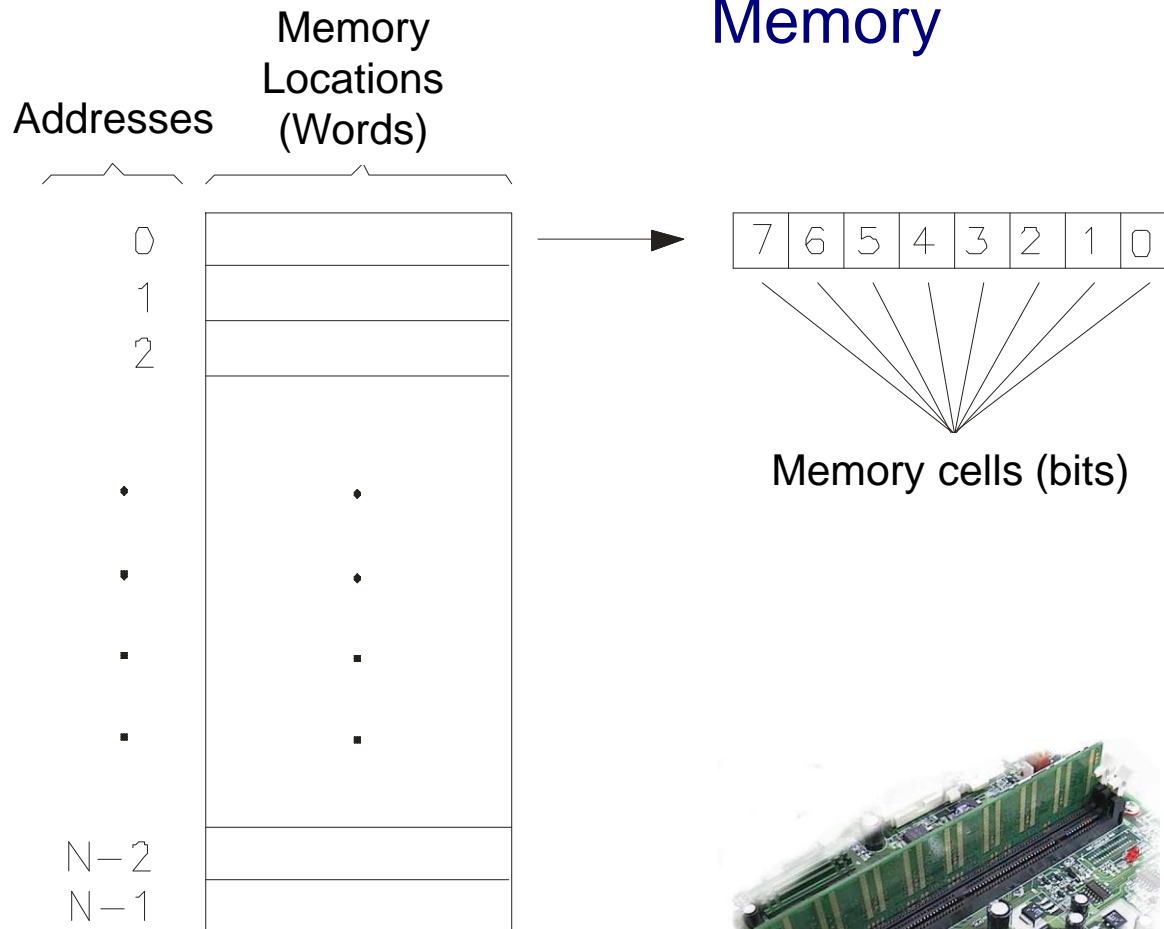


# Structure of a typical computer



CPU – Central processing unit  
ALU – Arithmetic logic unit

# Memory



# Memory

## Logisim EVO Demo

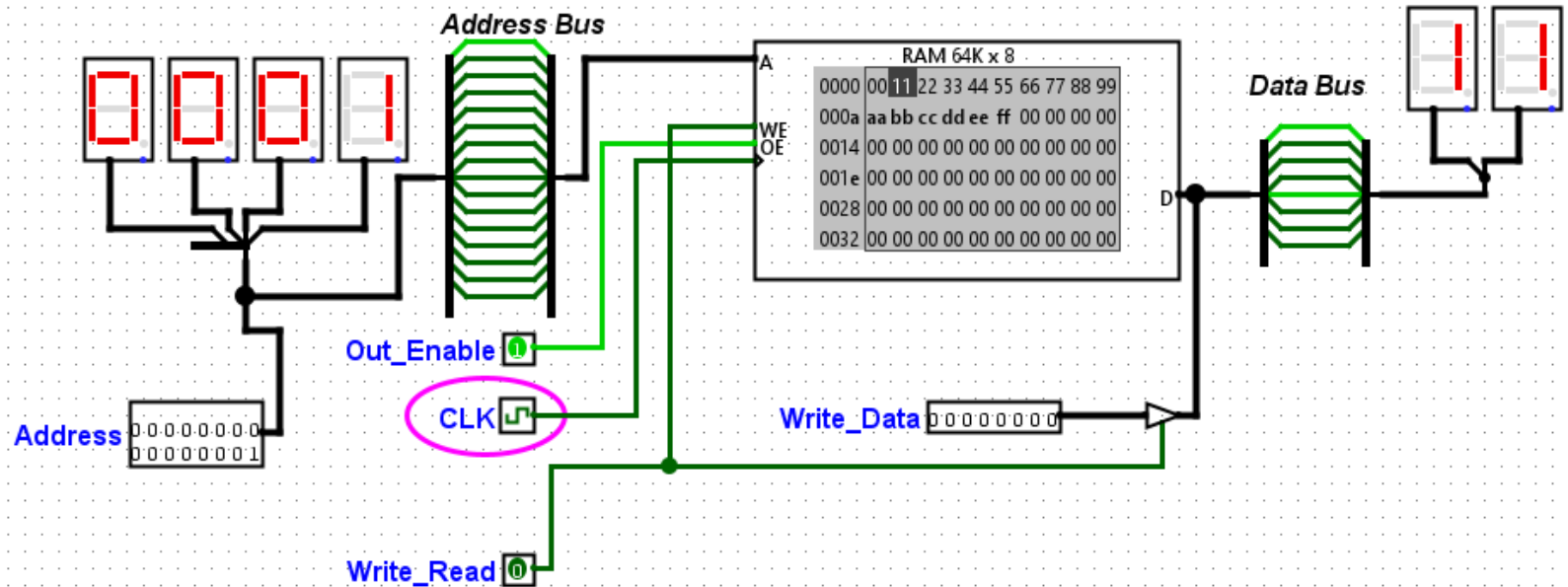
### Primer delovanja pomnilnika RAM

Branje :- nastavi naslov (Adress Bus)

- Out\_Enable = 1
- Write\_Read = 0
- CLK: 1 cikel (dva klika)

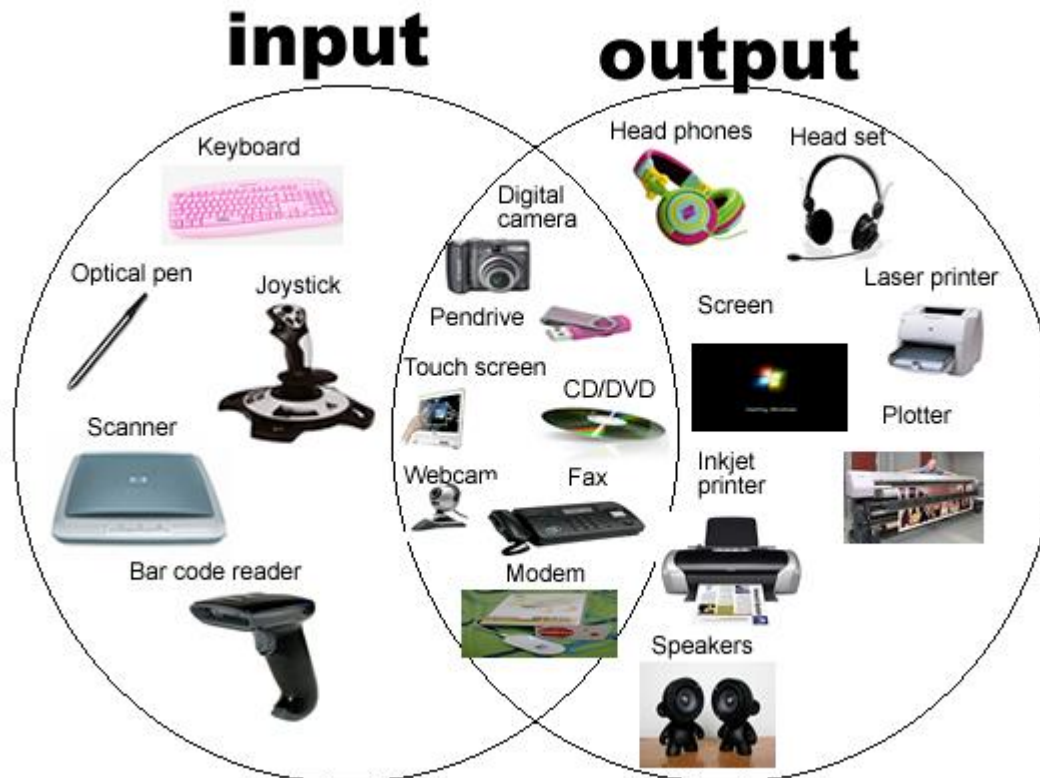
Pisanje :- nastavi naslov (Adress Bus)

- Write\_Data = podatek za vpis
- Out\_Enable = 0
- Write\_Read = 1
- CLK: 1 cikel (dva klika)



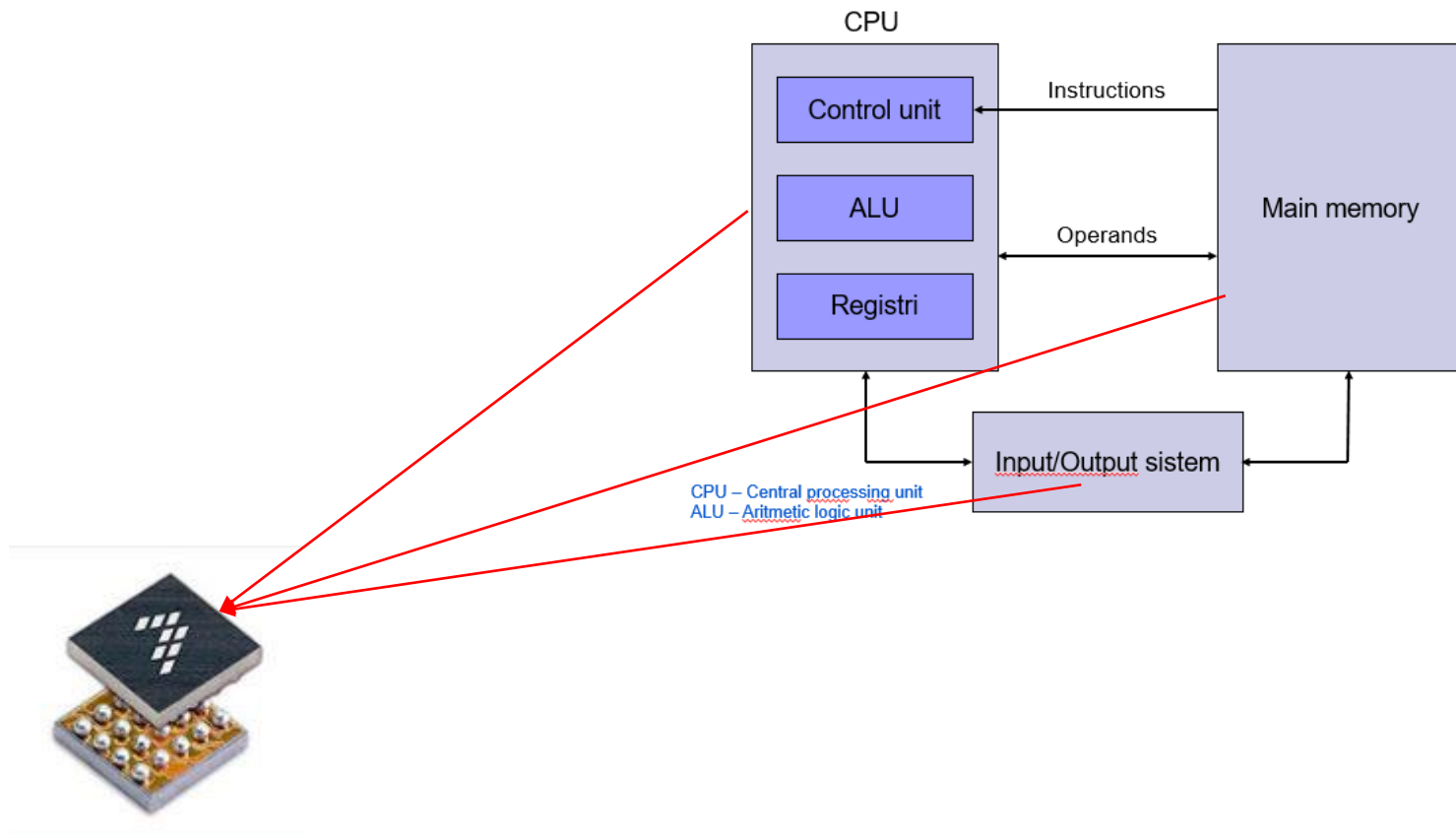
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# Input-Output system (devices)



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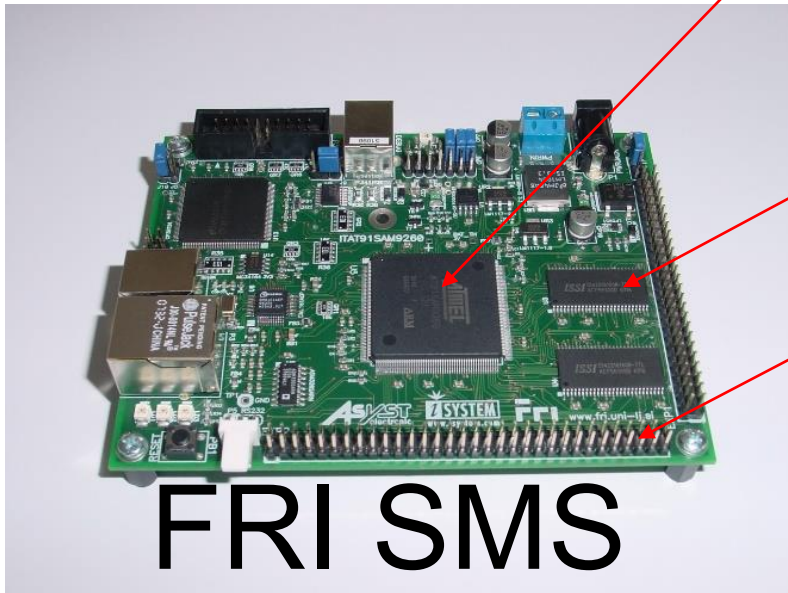
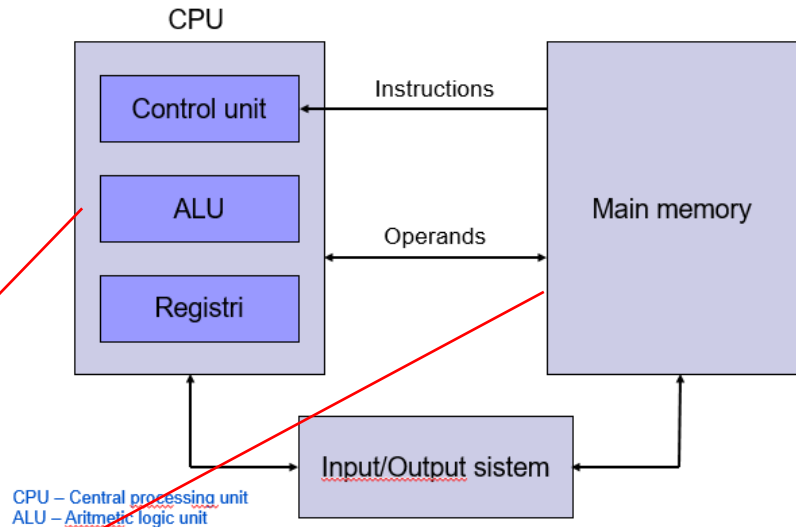
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# Microcontroller

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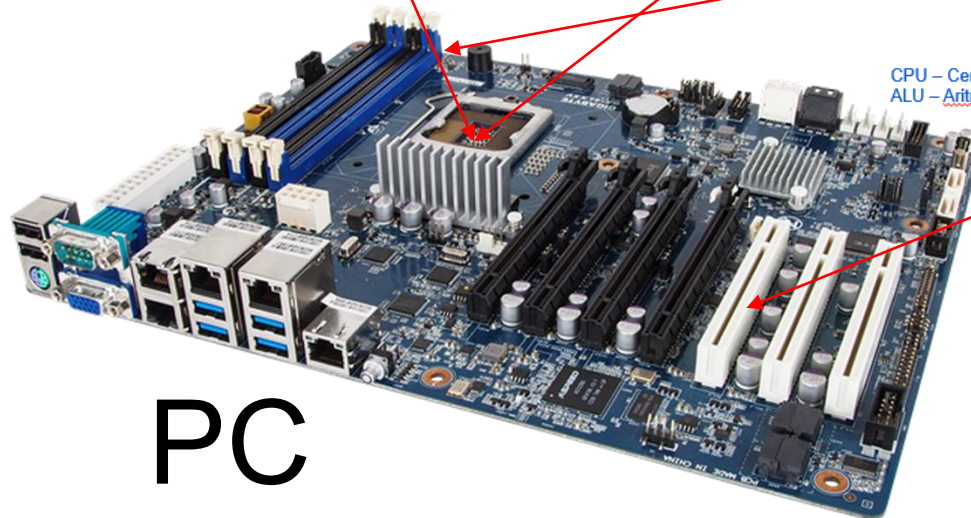
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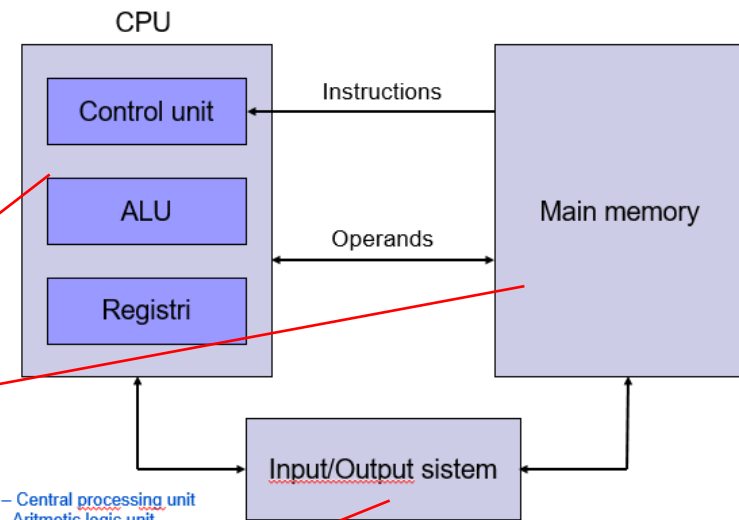
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# PC



CPU – Central processing unit  
ALU – Arithmetic logic unit

# Structure of a typical computer and addition of two numbers

## LAB -1

### Python

- 1 STEV1=64
- 2 STEV2=16
- 3 **REZ = STEV1 + STEV2**



### Assembler

```

STEV1: .word 0x10 // 32-bitna spr.
STEV2: .word 0x40 // 32-bitna spr.
VSOTA: .word 0 // 32-bitna spr.

adr r0, STEV1 // Naslov od STEV1 -> r0
ldr r1, [r0] // Vsebina iz naslova v r0 -> r1

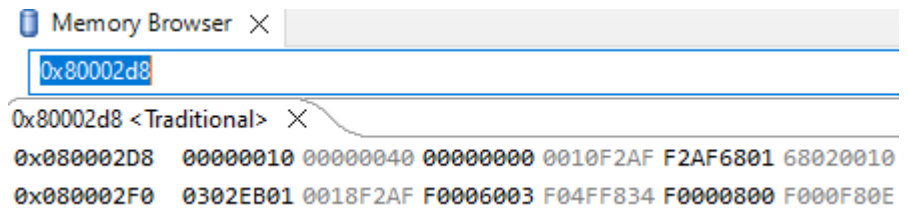
adr r0, STEV2 // Naslov od STEV2 -> r0
ldr r2, [r0] // Vsebina iz naslova v r0 -> r2

add r3,r1,r2 // r1 + r2 -> r3

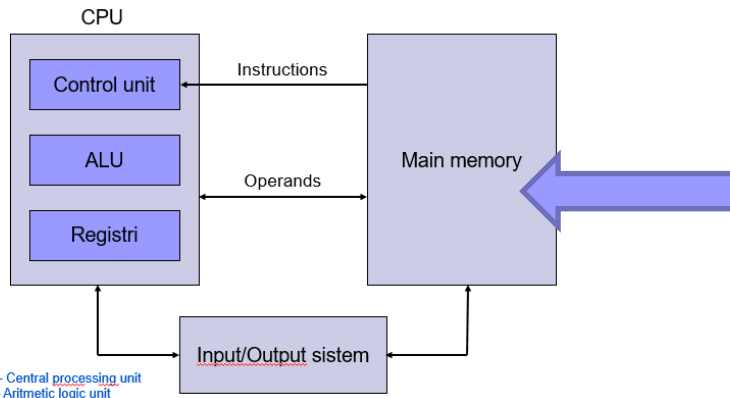
adr r0,VSOTA // Naslov od VSOTA -> r0
str r3,[r0] // iz registra r3 -> na naslov v r0
    
```



### Machine language



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# addition of two numbers(1. LAB session)

Python

Assembler

<http://goo.gl/YXQ5qN>

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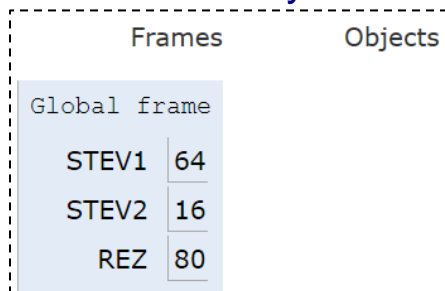
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```

<https://cpulator.01xz.net/?sys=arm&loadasm=share/sBe6EPC.s>

Variables in  
memory



# Python (case: REZ = STEV1 + STEV2)

## Adding variables in Python.

<http://goo.gl/YXQ5qN>

Python 2.7

```
1 STEV1=0x40
2 STEV2=0x10
3 REZ = STEV1 + STEV2
→ 4 print (" STEV1 = " + hex(STEV1) + "\n+STEV2 = " + hex(STE
```

Frames

Objects

Print output (drag lower right corner to resize)

Global frame

STEV1	64
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STEV2	16
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REZ	80
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```
STEV1 = 0x40
```

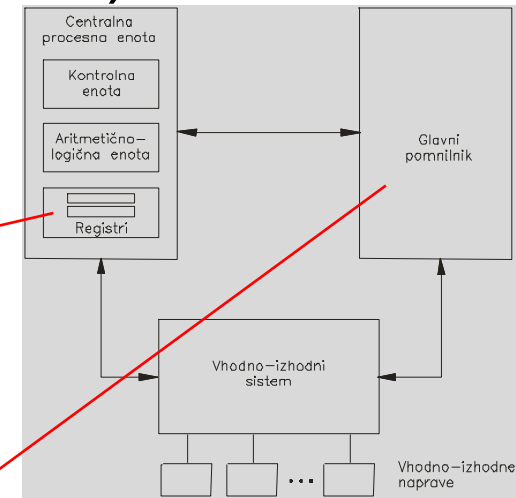
```
+STEV2 = 0x10
```

```
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REZ = 0x50
```

# Assembler (case: REZ = STEV1 + STEV2)

## CPUlator – online simulator

CPUlator



The screenshot shows the CPUlator interface with the following sections:

- Registers:** A list of registers (r0-r15, sp, lr, pc, cpsr, spsr) with their current values.
- Disassembly (Ctrl-D):** A table showing the current instruction being executed, including address, opcode, and disassembled instruction.
- Memory (Ctrl-M):** A table showing memory contents and ASCII values for a specific address range.

Address	Opcode	Disassembly
00000000	bge	0xfeaaaa00
00000001	bge	0xfeaaaa04
00000002	bge	0xfeaaaa08
00000003	bge	0xfeaaaa0c
00000004	STEV1:	andeq r0, r0, r0, LSL r0
00000005	STEV2:	andeq r0, r0, r0, ASR #32
00000006	VSOTA:	andeq r0, r0, r0, ASR r0
00000007	VSOTA: .word 0	// 32-bitna spr.
00000008	.global _start	
00000009	_start:	adr r0, STEV1 // Naslov od STEV1 -> r0
0000000a	adr	r0, 0x0 (0x0: STEV1)
0000000b	ldr	r1, [r0] // Vsebina iz naslova v r0 -> r1
0000000c	ldr	r1, [r0]
0000000d	adr	r0, STEV2 // Naslov od STEV2 -> r0
0000000e	adr	r0, 0x4 (0x4: STEV2)
0000000f	ldr	r2, [r0] // Vsebina iz naslova v r0 -> r2
00000010	ldr	r2, [r0]
00000011	add	r3, r1, r2 // r1 + r2 -> r3
00000012	add	r3, r1, r2
00000013	adr	r0, VSOTA // Naslov od VSOTA -> r0
00000014	adr	r0, 0x8 (0x8: VSOTA)
00000015	str	r3, [r0] // iz registra r3 -> na naslov v r0
00000016	str	r3, [r0]
00000017	end:	
00000018	bge	0xfeaaaa08
00000019	bge	0xfeaaaa0c
0000001a	bge	0xfeaaaa00
0000001b	bge	0xfeaaaa04
0000001c	bge	0xfeaaaa08

Address	Memory contents and ASCII
00000000	00000010 00000040 00000050 e24f0014
00000010	e5901000 e24f0018 e5902000 e0813002
00000020	e24f0020 e5803000 aaaaaaaaaa aaaaaaaaaa

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Comparisons:

Analog – digital

Continuous – discrete

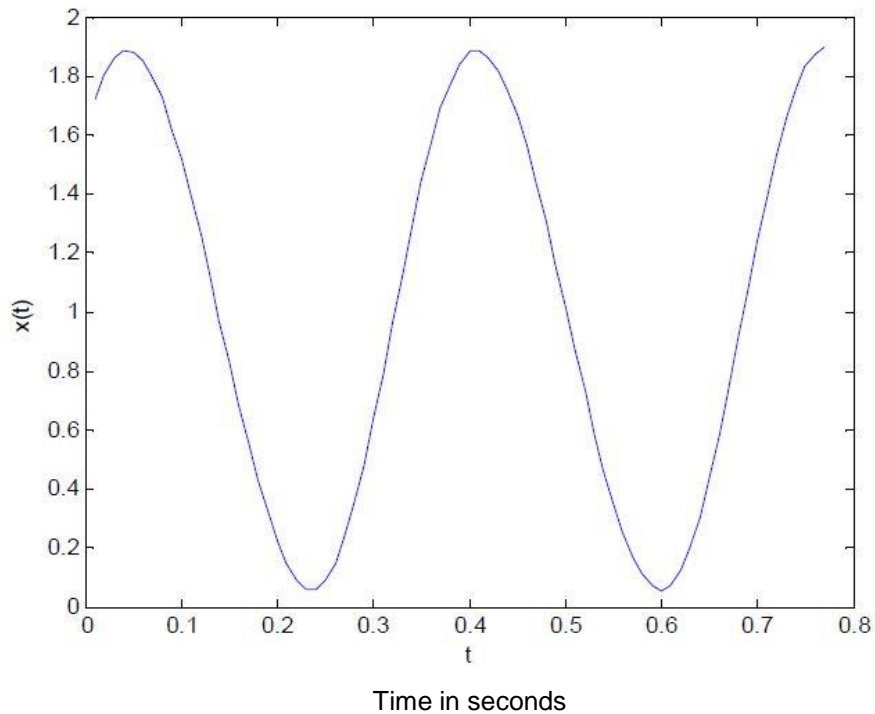
Analog –  
- continuous representation



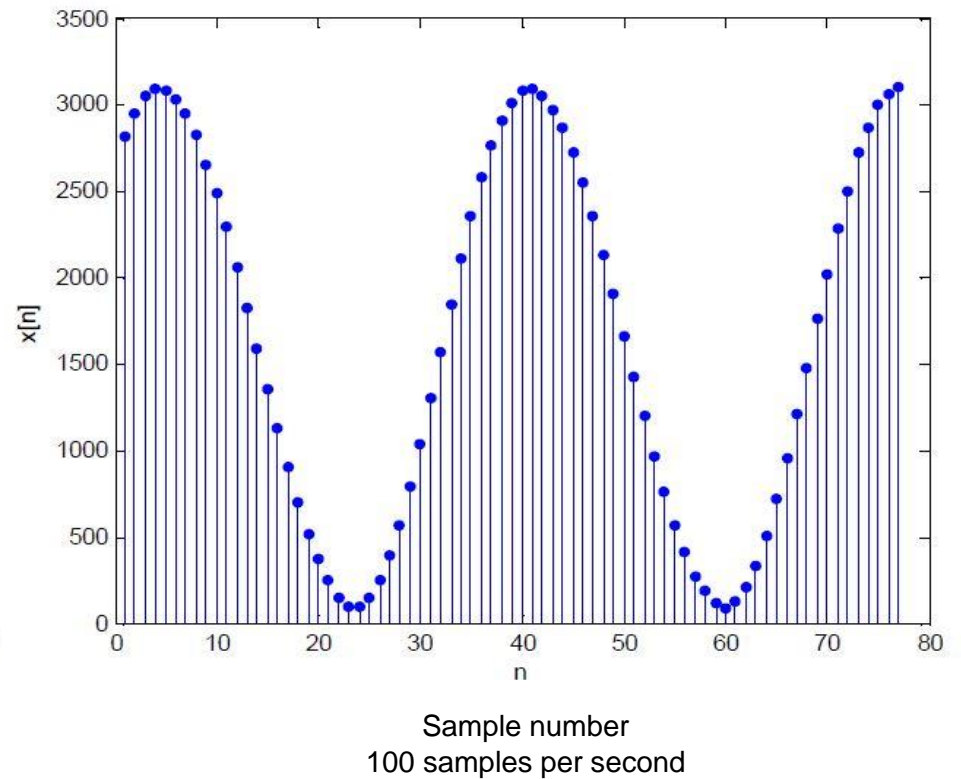
Digital –  
- discrete representation



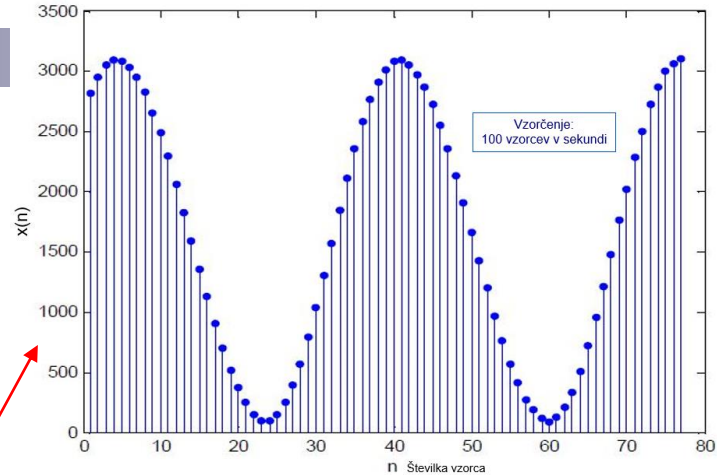
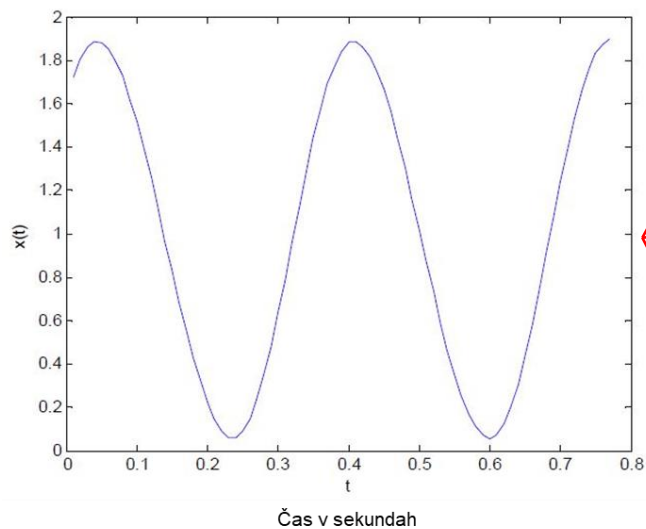
# Analog – - continuous representation



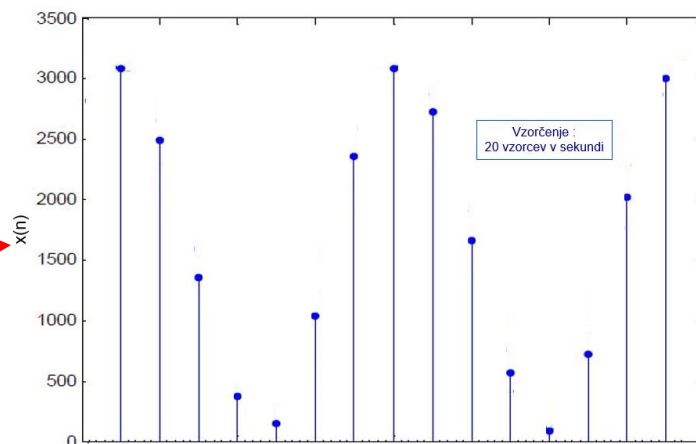
# Digital – - discrete representation



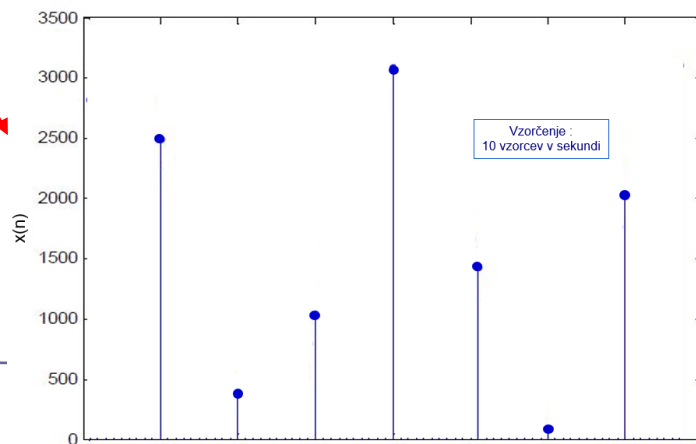
## Case 2: Signal sampling



100 samples/sec



20 samples/sec



10 samples/sec

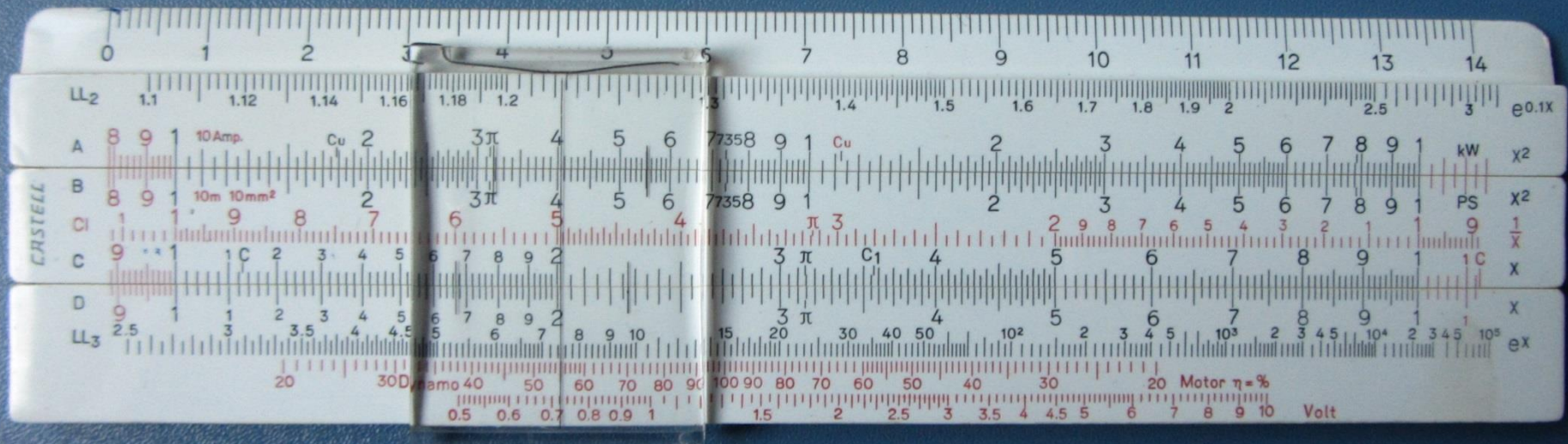




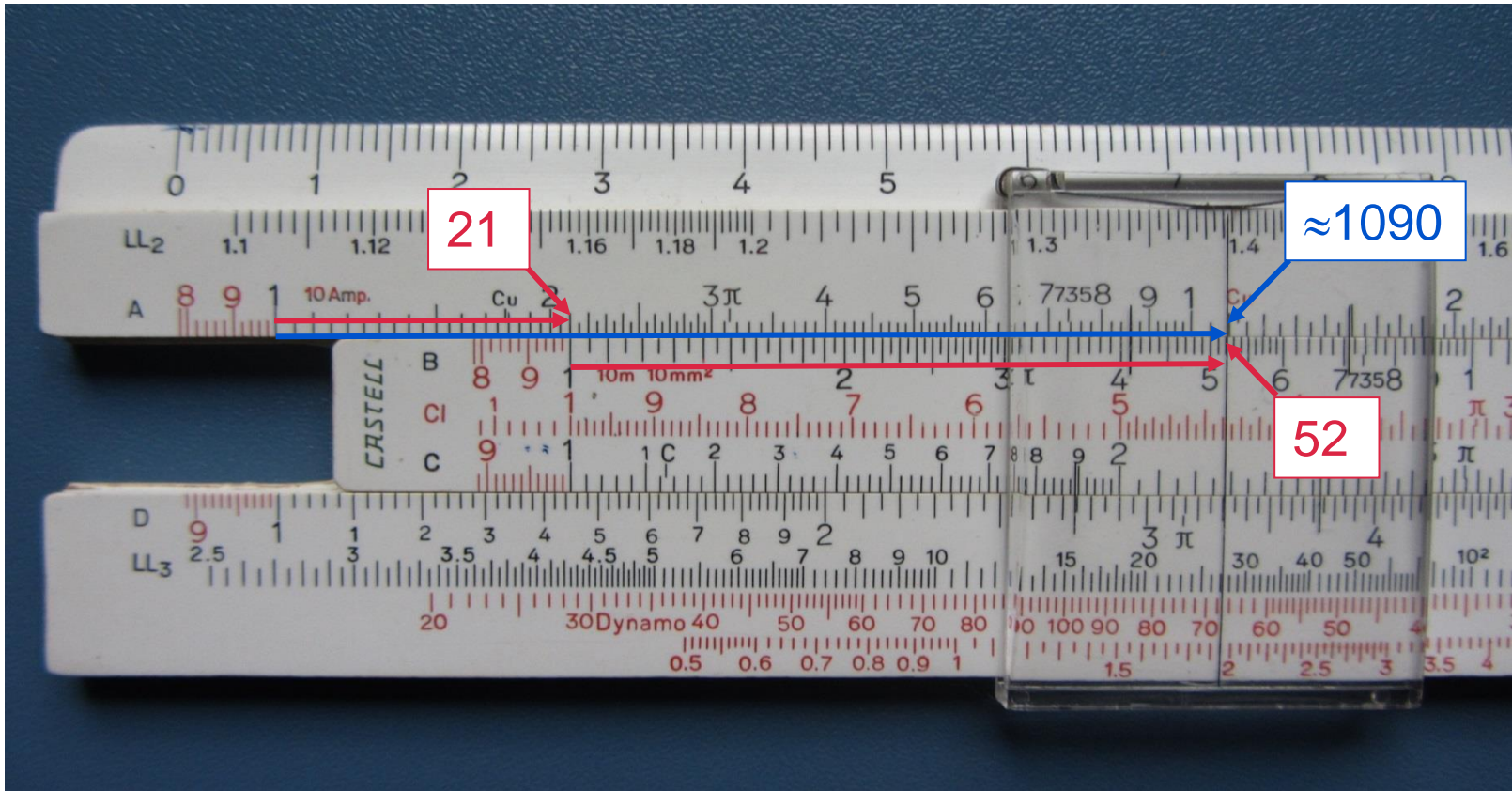
Analog computing – continuous presentation of numbers

Digital computing – discrete presentation of numbers

- Analog computing is carried out by representing numbers with some other physical quantity:
  - With a distance  $\Rightarrow$  Logarithmic calculator
  - Idea:  $\log_{10}(a \cdot b) = \log_{10} a + \log_{10} b$



- Example of multiplication of 21 x 52 with the logarithmic calculator:



$$21 \times 52 \approx 1090$$

Measured result

$$21 \times 52 = 1092$$

Exact result



## Introduction

- using continuous Voltage  $\Rightarrow$  Analog amplifier and computer





- Discrete computing with beads
- With digits from 0 to 9

### Digital computing

- With digits 0 and 1



- Binary numeral system:

- base number is 2
- digits 0 and 1

- binary digit = bit
- Bit = one of the two digits (0 or 1) of the binary numeral system
- Digital computer is built on top of a binary numeral system

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## 8 important ideas in computer architecture (and broader) [Patt]

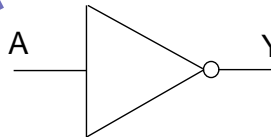
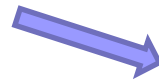
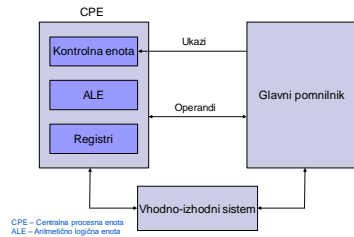
- Moore's law
  - Number of transistors in integrated circuits double every 18-24 months
- Abstraction as simplification
  - Design of hardware and software, programming languages, subprograms, ...
- Speed up common procedures
  - It's most profitable to speed up the most common used procedures
- More performance with parallelism
  - Considering the current technology evolution: it's the only way
- Performance with pipelines
  - Effective, transparent way to speed up the CPU
- Performance with speculations
  - „Better work according to some speculation than just do nothing - wait“
- Memory hierarchy
  - Compromise between memory speed and cost
- Reliability with redundancy
  - Cost of the backup system may be lower than the cost of failure



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# Theoretical model <-> Practical realization



Simbol

**mathematical (logical) view:** logic gate

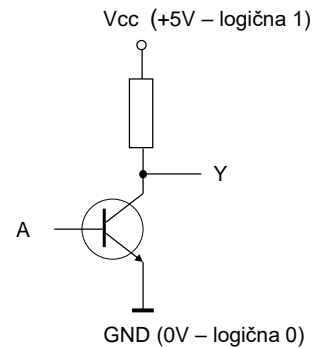
**logical level** 0,1  
*Mathematical ideal*

**electrical realization :** electrical circuit

**voltage levels**  $\approx 0V, \approx 3.3 (5) V$

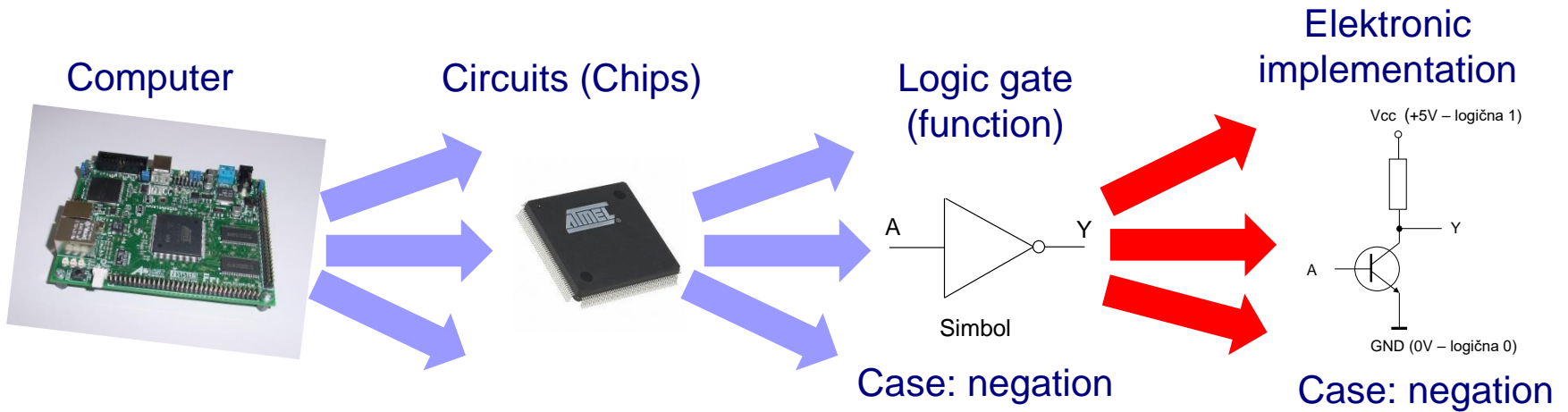
**Cons :**

- *analogue voltages*
- *time-delays*
- *noises*



**Electrical realization**

# Physical structure of the computer



# Information (instructions and operands) are in computers represented in binary system, with the help of electrical signals

- Two states (symbols) 0 and 1 are represented with two voltage levels.
  - **State 0** can be represented with low voltage (around 0V)
  - **State 1** can be represented with high voltage (up to +5V)
  
- Simple realization with a switch - example:
  - **State 0** – switch open – low voltage
  - **State 1** – switch closed – high voltage

- One switch can be in two states, state 0 or 1.
- Such a switch can memorize 1 bit of information.
- Basic memory cell can be imagined as such a switch. It shows its state and we can store 1 bit (0 or 1) of information into it.
- If we want to store more than only 1 bit of information, we need more cells.

# Realization of switches in the development of digital computers – technology evolution

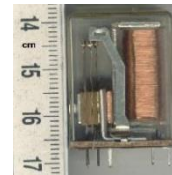
## Prefixes for units of measurement

Abbreviation	Name	Value	Exponent (scientific notation)
p	pico	0,000 000 000 001	$10^{-12}$
n	nano	0,000 000 001	$10^{-9}$
$\mu$	micro	0,000 001	$10^{-6}$
m	milli	0,001	$10^{-3}$
K	kilo	1 000	$10^3$
M	mega	1 000 000	$10^6$
G	giga	1 000 000 000	$10^9$
T	tera	1 000 000 000 000	$10^{12}$

## Realization of switches as the basic building block - summary:

- Electro-mechanical switch

- 1939: Relay,



switching time 1-10ms

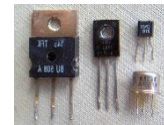
- Electrical switch

- 1945-1955: Vacuum tube,



switching time ~ 5 $\mu$ s

- 1955: Transistors → ,

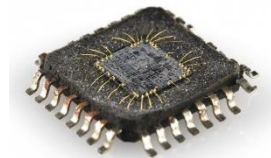
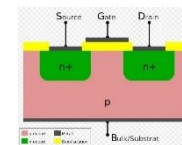


switching time ~10ns

- 1958: Integrated circuit - chip,
- 1980: VLSI integrated circuit
  - Very Large Scale Integration

switching time 2-10ns

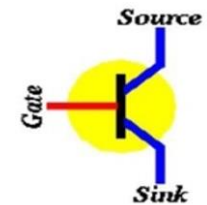
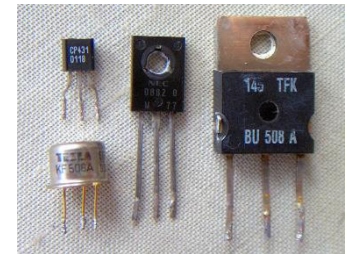
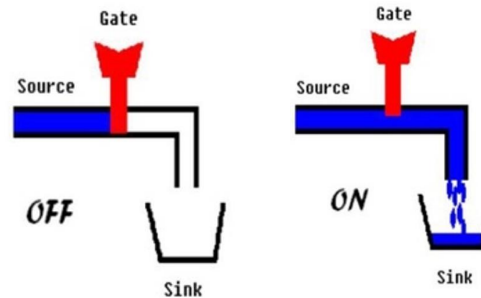
switching time < 0.1ns



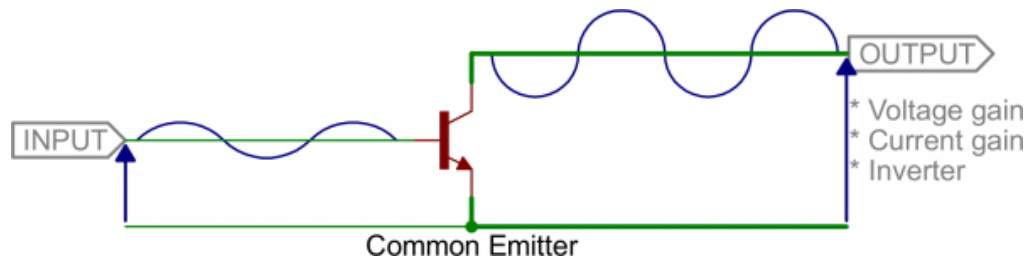


# Transistor can be used as :

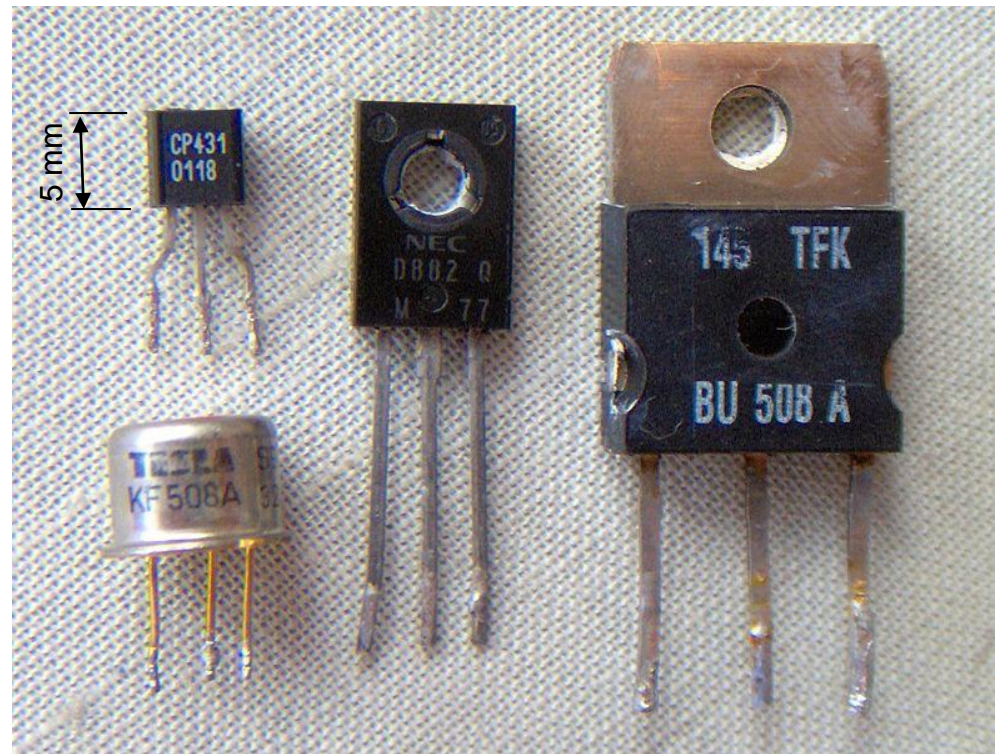
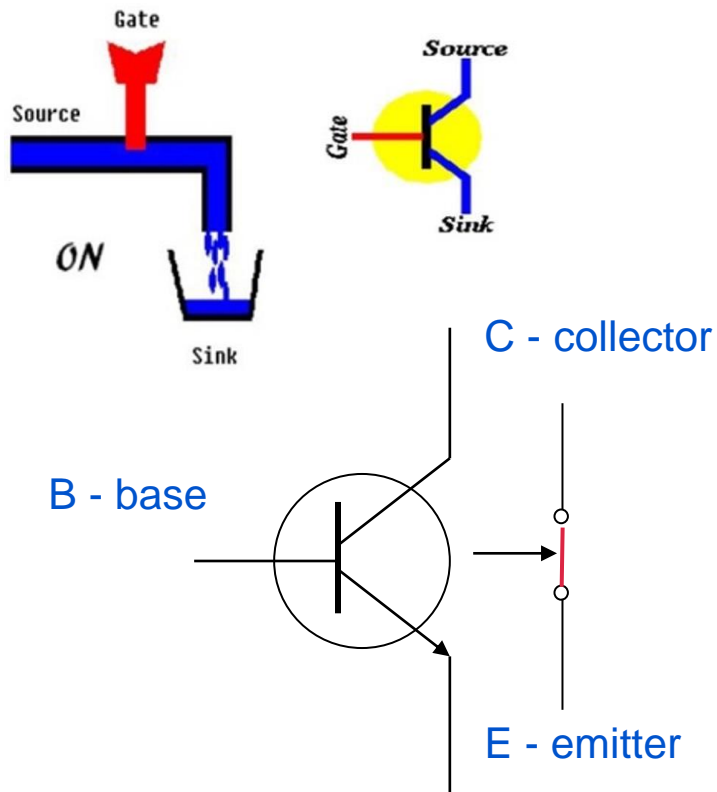
- Switch
  - In digital circuits



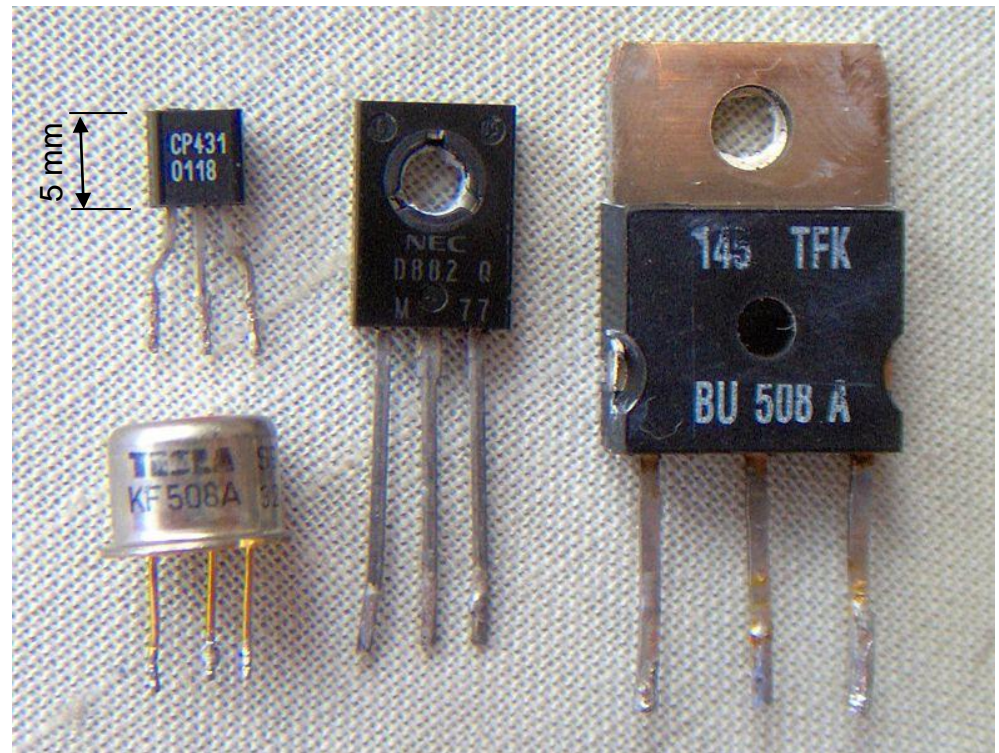
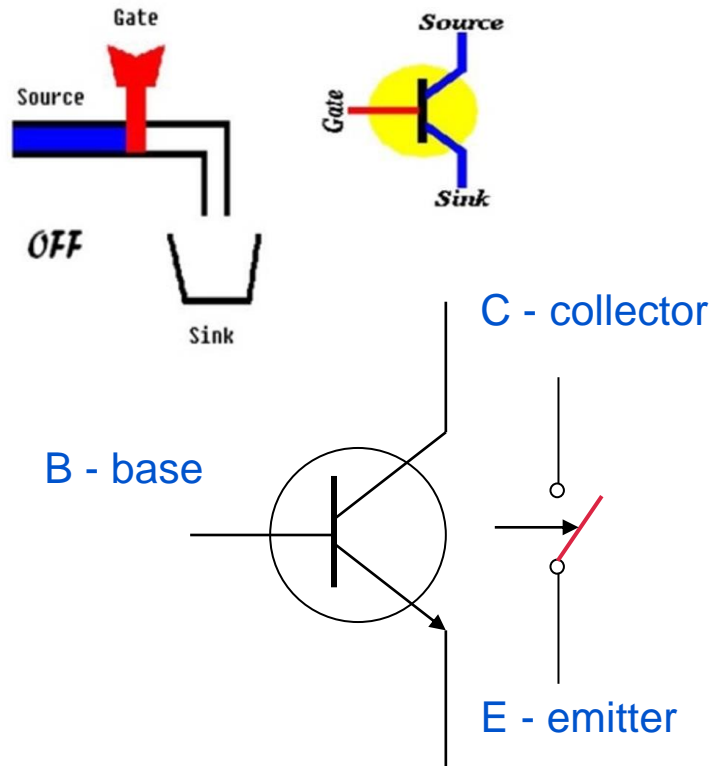
- Signal amplifier
  - Electronic circuits (amplifiers)



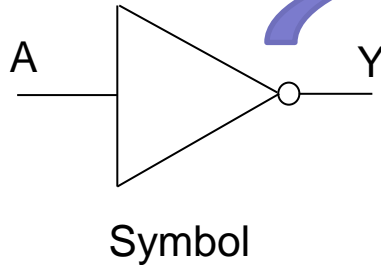
## □ Transistor as switch - ON



□ Transistor as switch - OFF



# Realization of the logical function NEGATION (NOT)

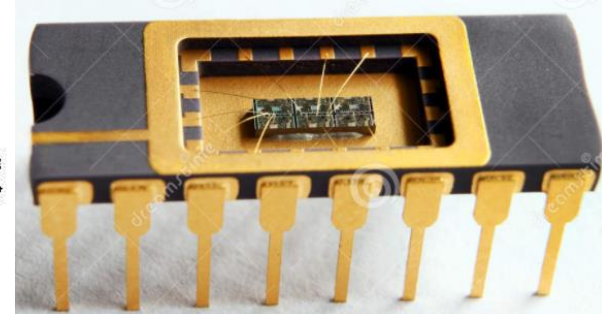
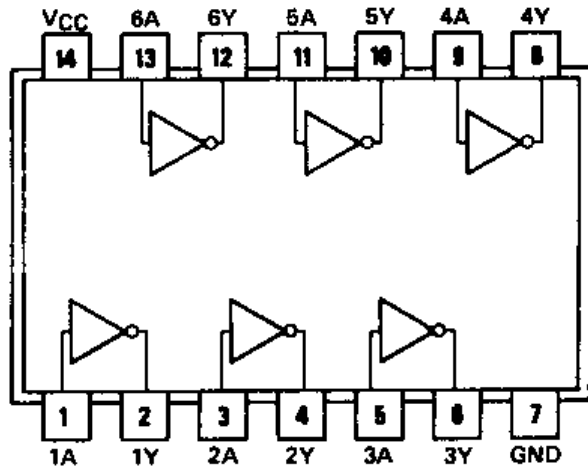


A	Y
0	1
1	0

Truth table

## IC (Integrated Circuit) with 6 negators

**7406**



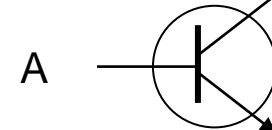
Vcc (+5V)



R - resistor



Y +5V ≡ 1  
0V ≡ 0

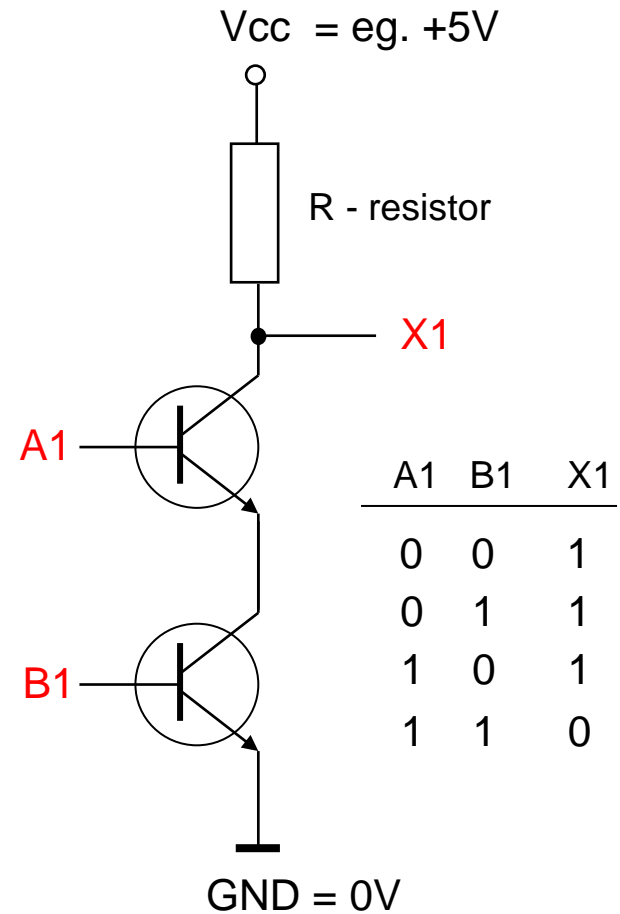
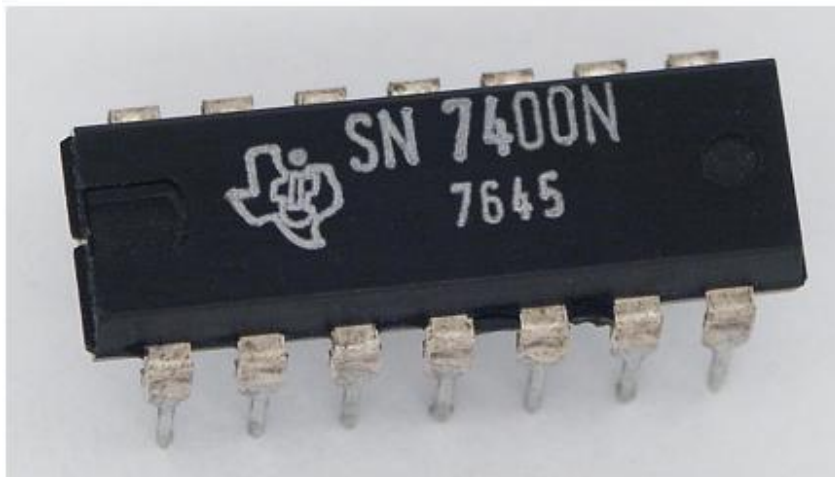
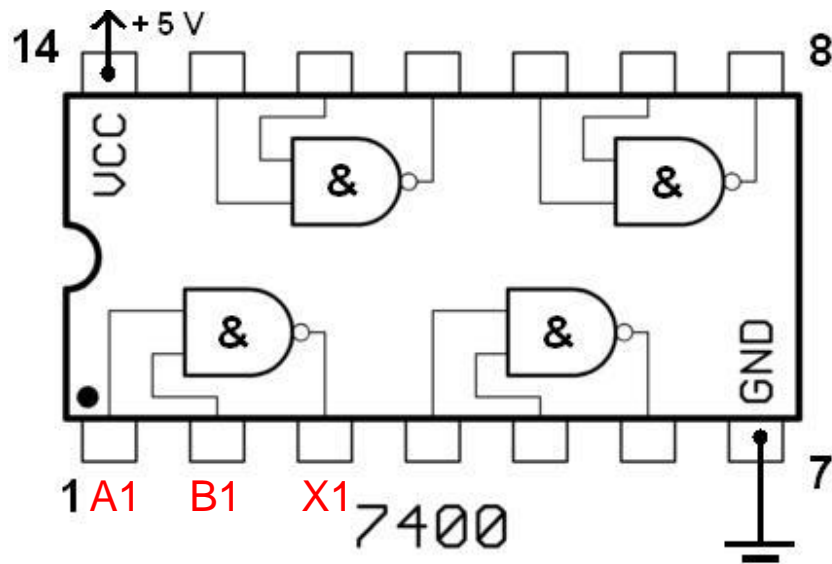


Transistor which acts like a switch

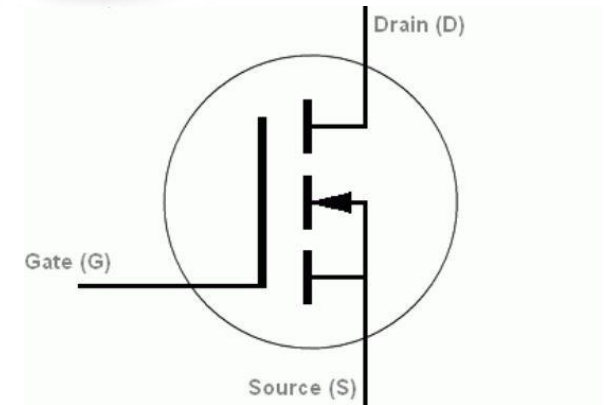
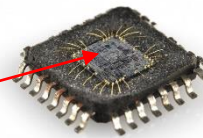
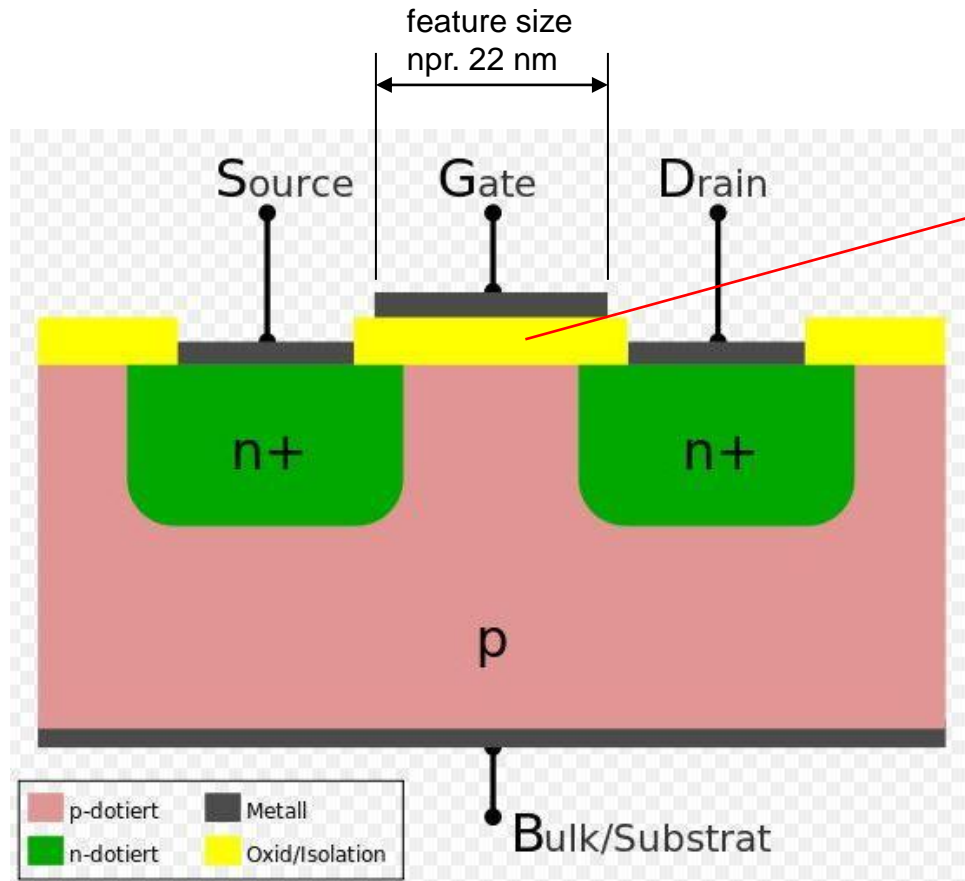
GND (0V)



# Realization of the logical function NAND (Negated conjunction)



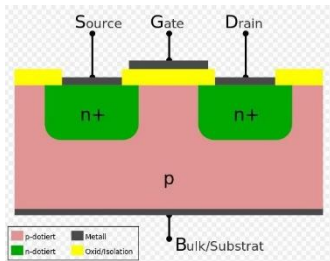
# Transistors as a part of the integrated circuit



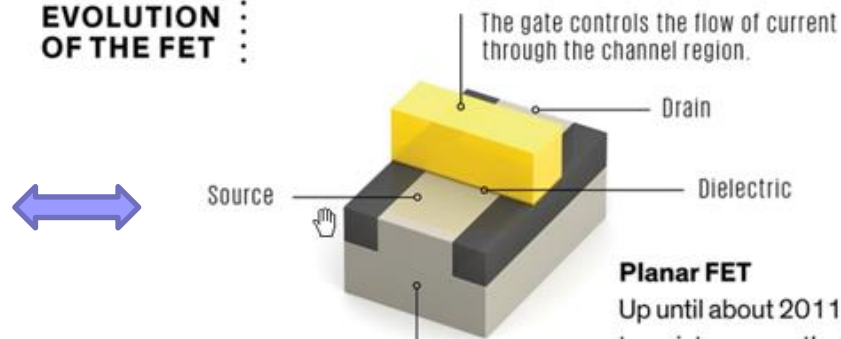
# Introduction

Transistors evolution in modern circuits:

- From 2D to 3D -> less space, higher density !!!



## EVOLUTION OF THE FET



planar 2D (horizontal)

### Planar FET

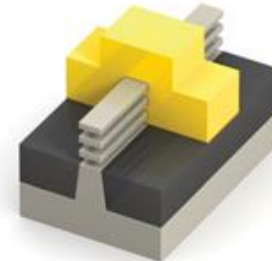
Up until about 2011, planar transistors were the best devices available.

Charge can leak through the channel region and waste power.



### FinFET

Surrounding the channel region on three sides with the gate gives better control and prevents current leakage.



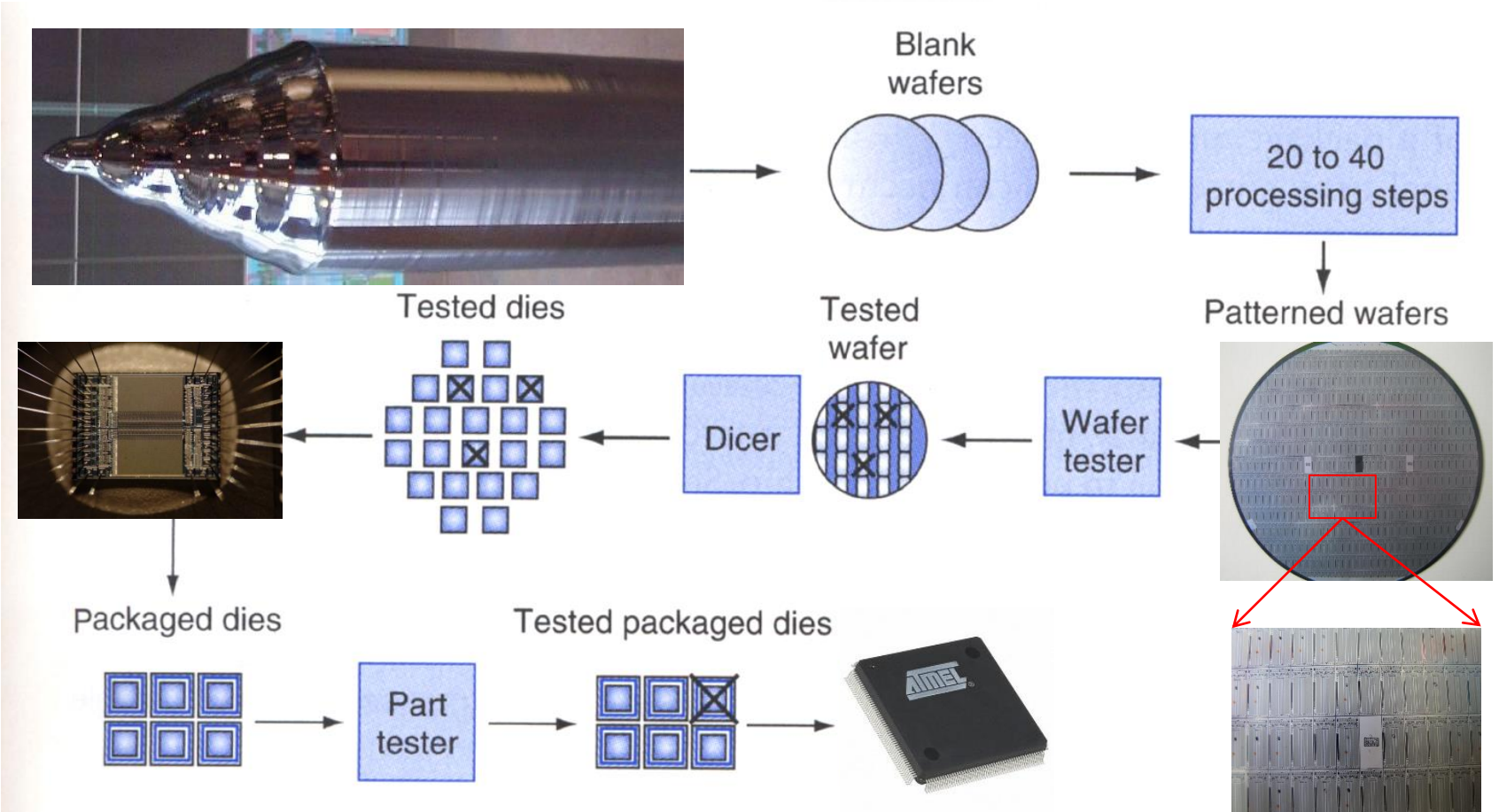
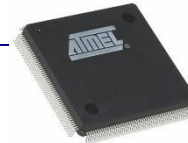
### Stacked nanosheet FET

The gate completely surrounds the channel regions to give even better control than the FinFET.

3D transistor (vertical)

Si atom's diameter is 0.24nm!!!

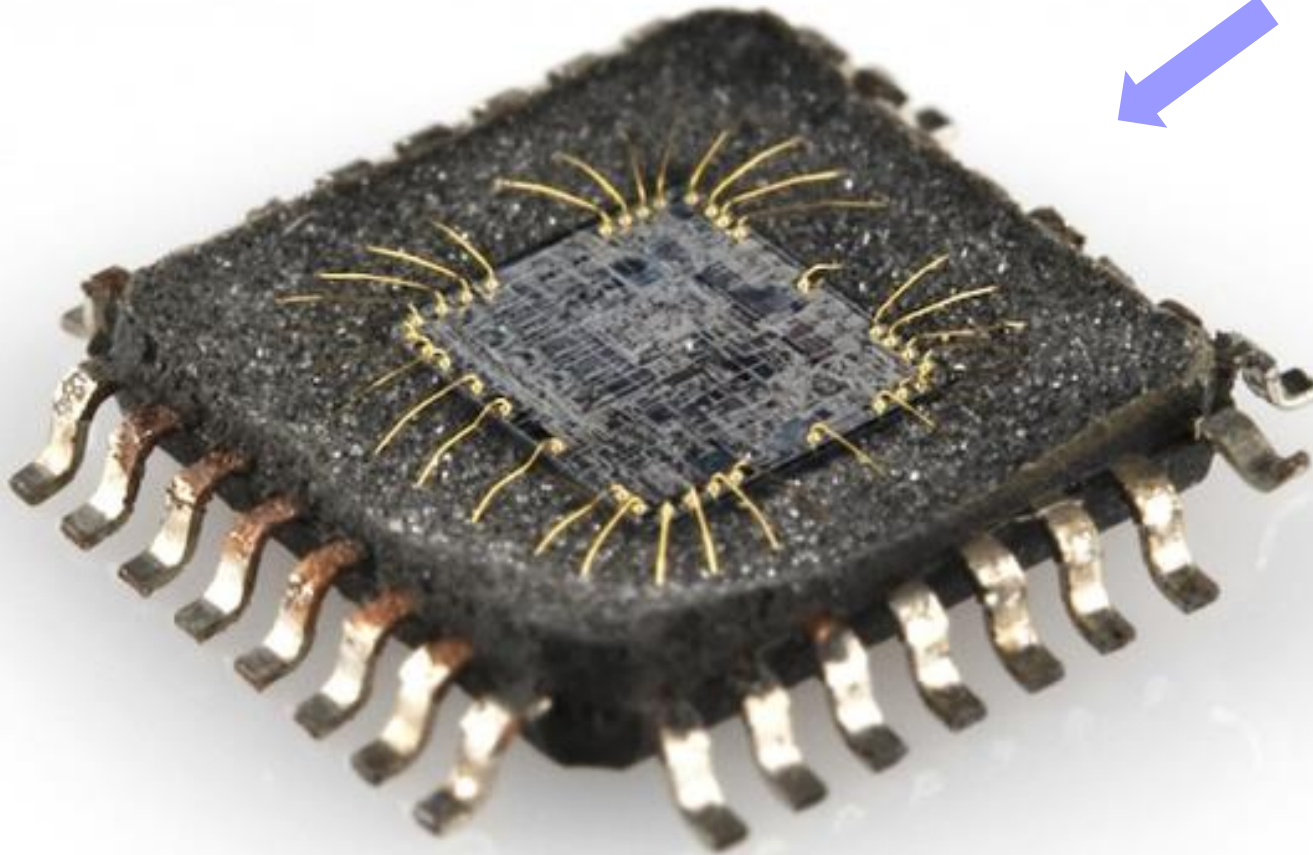
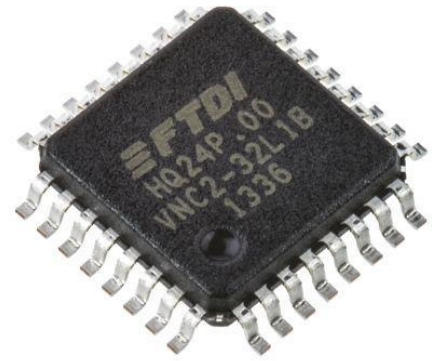
# The process of making a VLSI chip



David A. Patterson, John L. Hennessy:  
Computer Organization and Design, Fourth Edition



## VLSI chip - inside



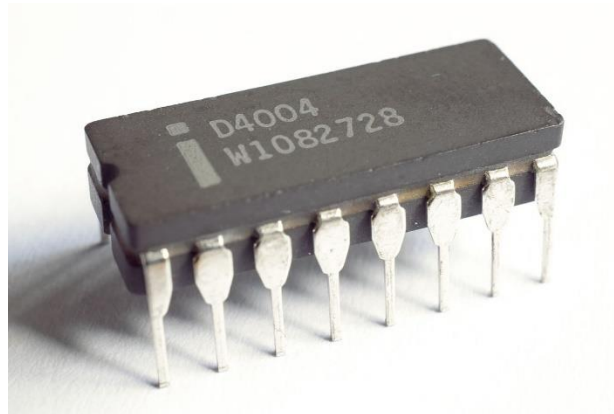
- ? nm process (feature size ? nm)
  - The parameter **feature size** in integrated circuits mostly determines the number of transistors on the integrated circuit and its properties.
  - Determines the smallest size of any object on the integrated circuit.
  - The object can be a part of the transistor, connection wire, space between two objects. The whole transistor is usually bigger.
  - The number of transistors on the chip depends on the size of the transistor. **The number of transistors is increasing quadratically according to the reduction of the parameter feature size**

## ■ Problems in contemporary VLSI technologies

- Switching speed of transistor is slowly progressing
- Density of transistors is increasing faster -> PARALLELISM
  - Density increase is more and more limited
- Reduction of elements' dimensions -> TROUBLE (heating, noises)
  - Excess heating dissipation -> COOLING
  - Lower resistance to interference

## Case 1:

- The first processor on a chip Intel 4004 (year 1971)
  - 2.250 transistors on a die size 3,2 x 4,2 mm
  - 10  $\mu\text{m}$  process (feature size 10  $\mu\text{m}$  =  $10 \times 10^{-6}$  m = 0,00001 m, human hair is approximately 100  $\mu\text{m}$  thick)
  - 16 connectors (pins)
  - Instruction execution time 10,8  $\mu\text{s}$  (= 0,0000108 s) or 21,6  $\mu\text{s}$
  - Power consumption 1,0 W
  - Price (according to nowadays standards) \$26

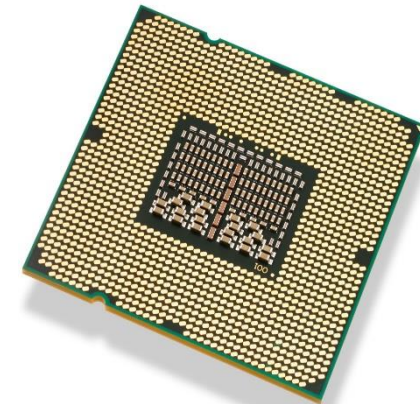
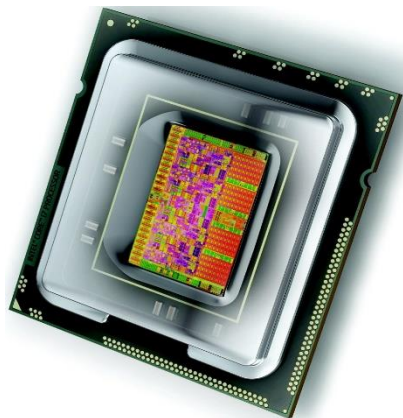
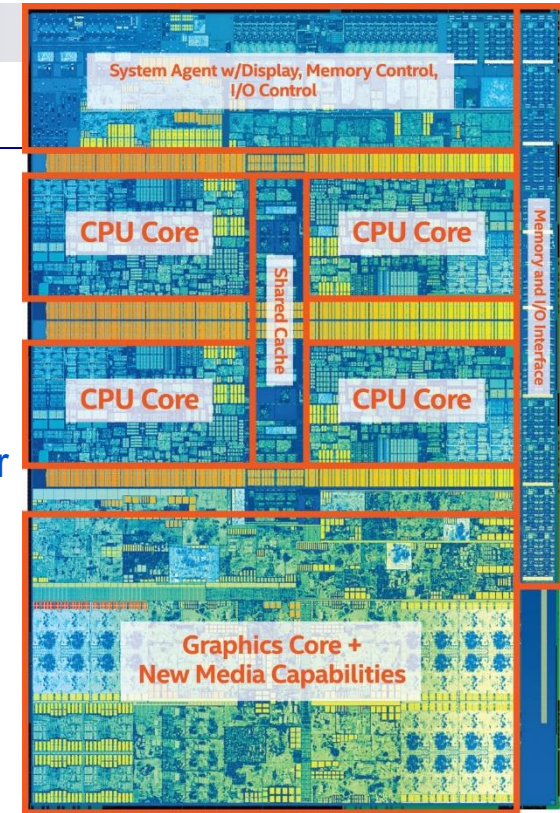


## Case 2:

### ■ Processor Intel i7 7700

(microarchitecture Kaby Lake 7th generation year 2017):

- Number of transistors - Intel doesn't disclose this number
- **14 nm** process ( $14\text{nm} = 14 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 0,000000014 \text{ m}$ )
- Size of the chip - Intel doesn't disclose this information
- 4 cores (4 processors, 8 threads), graphical processor
- **1155 connectors (pins)**
- Power consumption (TDP) **65 W**
- Recommended Price (Intel) 303 \$ - 312 \$





## Case 3:

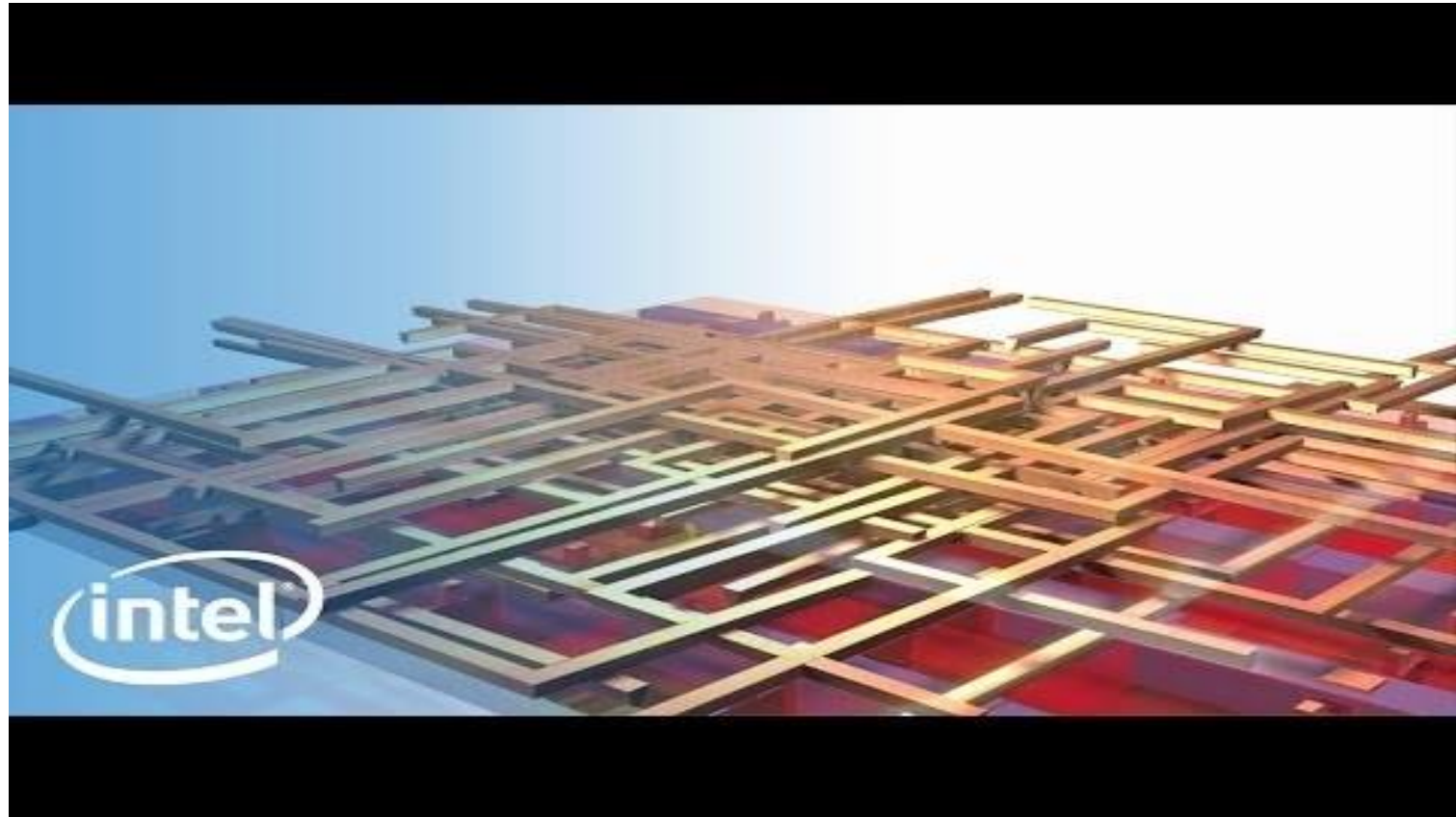
### ■ Processor Intel i9-11900

(microarchitecture Rocket Lake 11th generation year 2021):

- Number of transistors - Intel doesn't disclose this number
- **14 nm** process ( $14\text{nm} = 14 \times 10^{-9} \text{m} = 0,000000014 \text{m}$ )
- Size of the chip - Intel doesn't disclose this information
- 8 cores (16 threads), graphical processor
- **1200 connectors (pins)**
- Power consumption (TDP) **65 W**
- Recommended Price (Intel) 439 \$ - 449 \$



# Intel: The Making of a Chip with 22nm/3D Transistors (Youtube Video)



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