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COURSE NAME : 19CSB201 – OPERATING SYSTEMS

II YEAR/ IV SEMESTER

UNIT – V I/O Systems

Topic: STREAMS - Performance

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I/O Systems



- Overview
- I/O Hardware
- Application I/O Interface
- Kernel I/O Subsystem
- Transforming I/O Requests to Hardware Operations
- STREAMS
- Performance



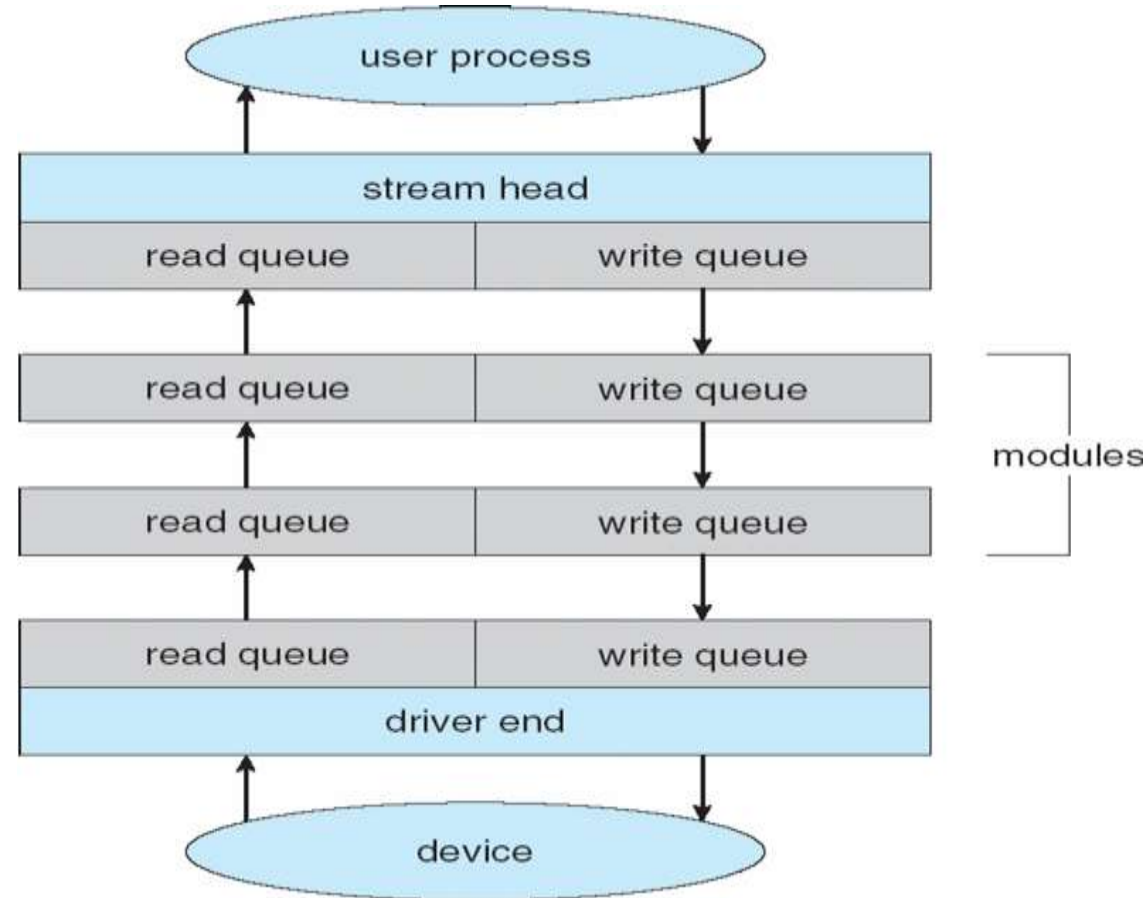
STREAMS



- **STREAM** – a full-duplex communication channel between a user-level process and a device in Unix System V and beyond
- A STREAM consists of:
 - STREAM head interfaces with the user process
 - driver end interfaces with the device
 - zero or more STREAM modules between them
- Each module contains a **read queue** and a **write queue**
- Message passing is used to communicate between queues
 - **Flow control** option to indicate available or busy
- Asynchronous internally, synchronous where user process communicates with stream head



The STREAMS Structure





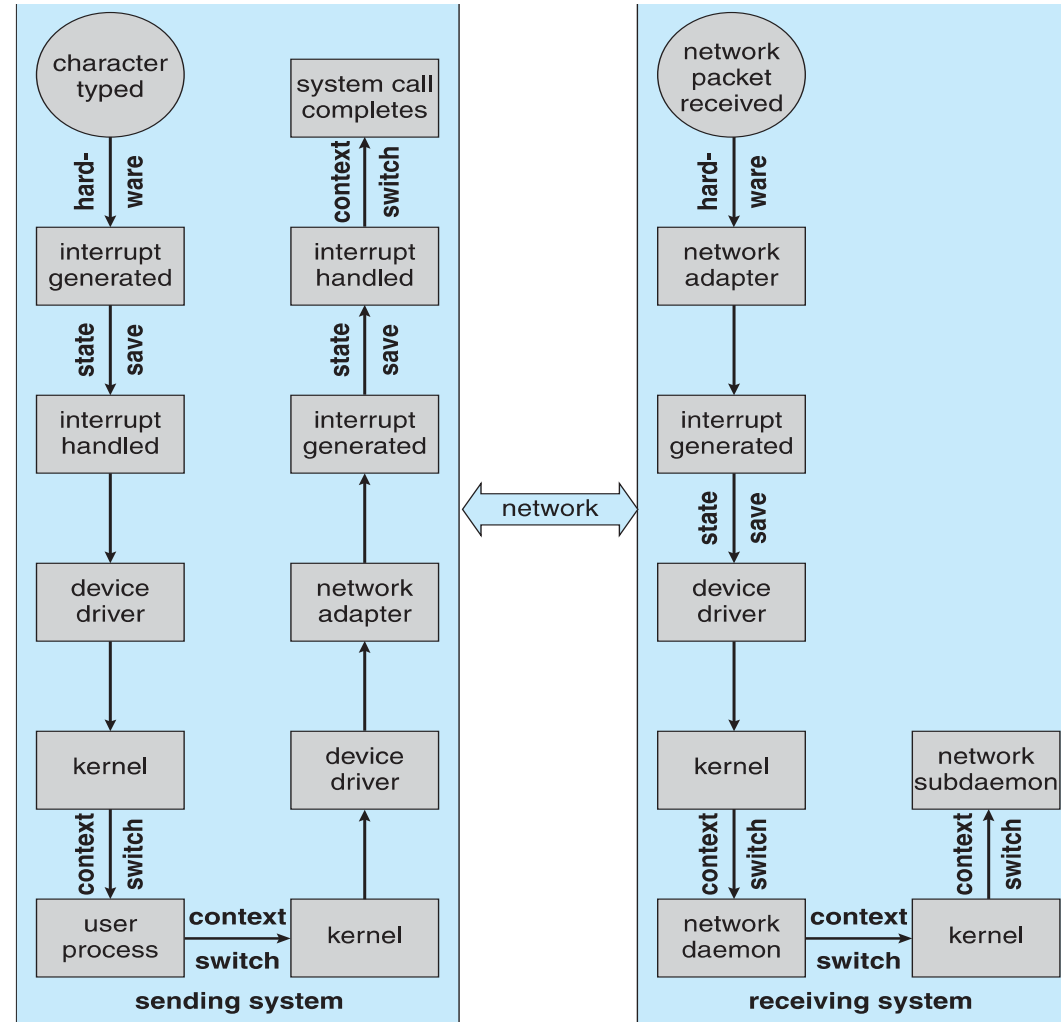
Performance



- I/O a major factor in system performance:
 - Demands CPU to execute device driver, kernel I/O code
 - Context switches due to interrupts
 - Data copying
 - Network traffic especially stressful



Intercomputer Communications



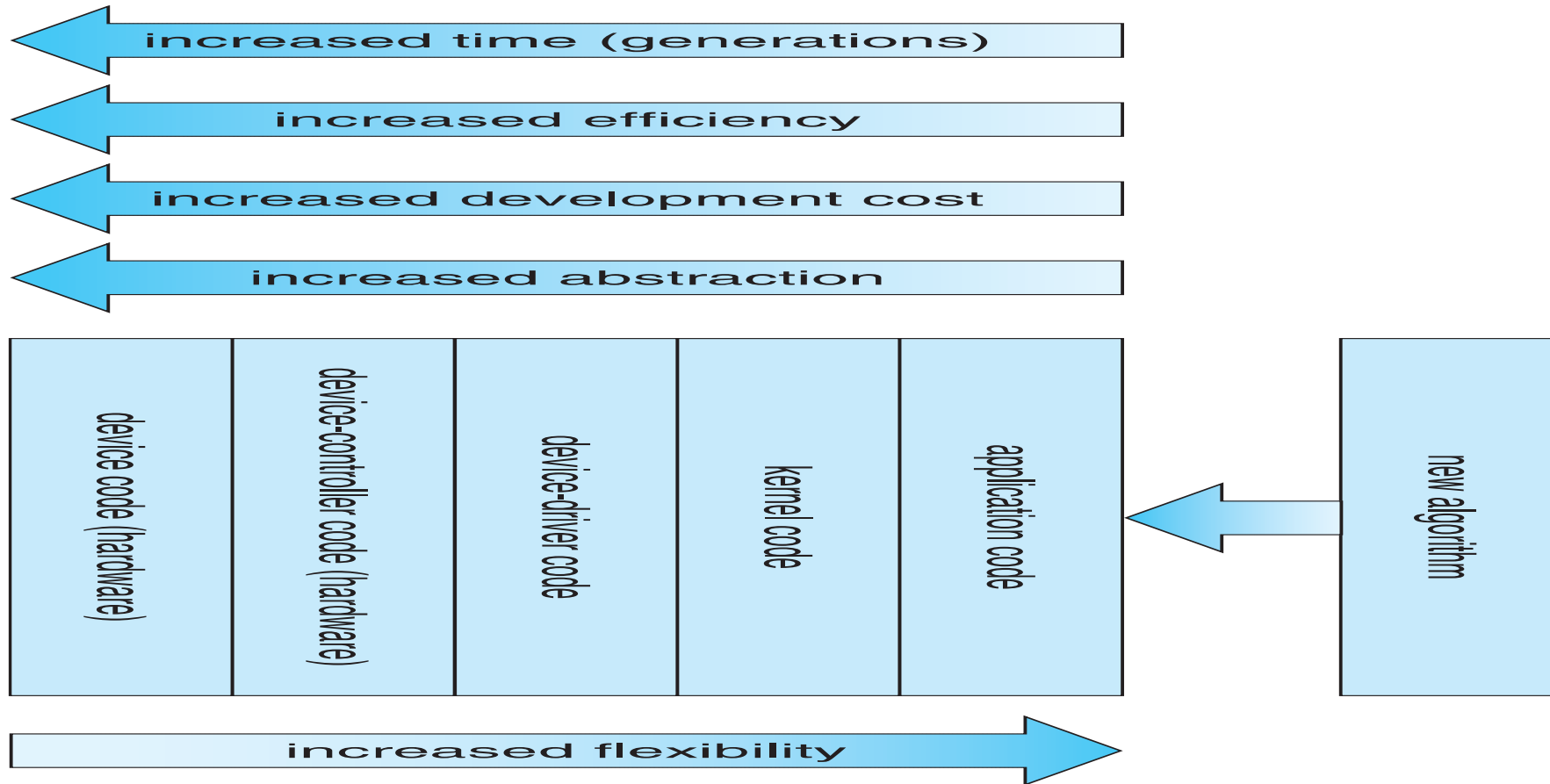


Improving Performance

- Reduce number of context switches
- Reduce data copying
- Reduce interrupts by using large transfers, smart controllers, polling
- Use DMA
- Use smarter hardware devices
- Balance CPU, memory, bus, and I/O performance for highest throughput
- Move user-mode processes / daemons to kernel threads



Device-Functionality Progression





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